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with a third used as a crossbar. The Romans regarded subjugation as the worst possible humiliation.

- sub-junc-tive** (süb-jüŋk'tiv) *adj.* Of or being a verb form or set of forms used to express uncertainty, desire, contingency, or unlikelihood. —**sub-junc-tive** *n.*
- sub-let** (süb-lét') *v.* 1. To rent (property held by lease) to another. 2. To subcontract (work). —**sub-let'** *n.*
- sub-li-mate** (süb-'la-mät') *v.* **-mat-ed, -mat-ing.** 1. *Chem.* To pass or cause to pass from a solid to a gas or from a gas to a solid without becoming a liquid. 2. To modify the expression of (e.g., an impulse) so as to be socially acceptable. —**sub-'li-ma'tion** *n.*
- sub-lime** (sü-blim') *adj.* 1. Noble; lofty. 2. Inspiring awe; awesome. —**u.-limed, -lim-ing.** *Chem.* To sublimate. —**sub-lim'i-ty** (sü-blím-'tē) *n.*
- sub-lim-i-nal** (süb-lím-'a-näl) *adj.* Not within the area of conscious perception or awareness. —**sub-lim'i-nal-ly** *adv.*
- sub-lu-na-ry** (süb-'loo-'na-rē) *adj.* Located beneath the moon.
- sub-ma-chine gun** (süb-'mä-shēn') *n.* An automatic or semiautomatic gun fired from the hip or shoulder.
- sub-mar-gin-al** (süb-'mār-'ja-näl) *adj.* Being below a required minimum <submarginal living conditions>
- sub-ma-rine** (süb-'mä-rēn', süb-'mä-rēn') *adj.* Being or growing beneath the surface of the sea; undersea. —*n.* 1. A ship capable of operating submerged. 2. A large sandwich on a long split roll filled with layers of meat, cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, and condiments.
- sub-ma-rin-er** (süb-'mä-rē-'när, -mä-r'ä-) *n.* A crew member of a submarine.
- sub-merge** (süb-mürj') *v.* **-merged, -merg-ing.** 1. To place or plunge under the surface of a liquid, esp. water. 2. To cover with water. —**sub-merg'i-ble** *adj.* —**sub-merg-ence** *n.*
- sub-mer-se** (süb-mürs') *v.* **-mersed, -mers-ing.** To submerge. —**sub-mer'si-ble** *adj.* —**sub-mer'sion** *n.*
- sub-mi-cro-scop-ic** (süb-'mī-'krä-sköp-'ik) *adj.* Too small to be seen with an optical microscope.
- sub-min-i-a-ture** (süb-'mín-'ē-ä-choör', -chär) *adj.* Extremely small.
- sub-mit** (süb-mīt') *v.* **-mit-ted, -mit-ting.** 1. To surrender to the authority, discretion, or will of another. 2. To commit to the decision, consideration, or judgment of another. 3. To offer as a suggestion or opinion. 4. To acquiesce. —**sub-mis'sion** *n.* —**sub-mis'sive** *adj.* —**sub-mit'tal** *n.*
- sub-nor-mal** (süb-nör-'mäl) *adj.* Being less than normal. —**sub-'nor-mal'i-ty** *n.*
- sub-or-bit-al** (süb-ör-'bi-täl) *adj.* Of, being, or involving less than one orbit.
- sub-or-di-nate** (sü-bör-'dn-ē) *adj.* 1. Of lower rank or class; inferior. 2. Subject to the control or authority of another. 3. Dependent on other elements in a sentence <a subordi-

- nate clause> —*n.* One that is subordinate. * *syns:* INFERIOR, JUNIOR, SUBALTERN, UNDERLING —*u.* (-nät') **-nat-ed, -nat-ing.** 1. To put in a lower rank or class. 2. To make subservient. —**sub-ör-'di-na'tion** *n.* —**sub-ör-'di-na'tive** *adj.*
- sub-orn** (sü-börn') *v.* To induce to commit an unlawful act, esp. perjury. —**sub-ör-na'tion** *n.* —**sub-ör-n'er** *n.*
- sub-plot** (süb-'plöt') *n.* A secondary plot in drama or fiction.
- sub-poe-na** (sü-pē-'nä) *n.* A legal writ requiring the person named in it to appear in court. —*v.* To serve with a subpoena.
- sub-ro-sa** (süb-rö-'zä) *adv.* In secret; covertly <negotiations held sub rosa>
- sub-rout-ine** (süb-'rōt-'tēn') *n.* *Computer Sci.* A set of instructions that performs a specific task for a main routine.
- sub-scribe** (süb-'skrib') *v.* **-scribed, -scrib-ing.** 1. To sign (one's name) to a document. 2. To give testimony, attestation, or consent by signing one's name. 3a. To pledge to contribute. b. To contribute. 4. To be in agreement <don't subscribe to your opinion> 5. To contract to pay for and receive a periodical at regular intervals. —**sub-scrib'er** *n.*
- sub-script** (süb-'skript') *n.* A symbol or letter written next to and slightly below another character.
- sub-scrip-tion** (süb-'skrip-'shän) *n.* 1. The act of signing one's name; signature. 2. A purchase by signed order, as for issues of a periodical.
- sub-se-quent** (süb-'sēkwät) *adj.* Following in order or time; succeeding. —**sub-se-quent-ly** *adv.* —**sub-se-quent-ness** *n.*
- sub-ser-vi-ent** (süb-sür-'vē-änt) *adj.* 1. Subordinate, as in condition or function. 2. Servile; submissive. —**sub-ser'vi-ence** *n.* —**sub-ser'vi-ent-ly** *adv.*
- sub-set** (süb-'sēt') *n.* A mathematical set each of whose members is included within another set.
- sub-side** (süb-'sid') *v.* **-sid-ed, -sid-ing.** 1. To move to a lower level; descend. 2. To sink to the bottom of a liquid; settle. 3. To become less agitated or intense; abate. —**sub-sid-ence** *n.*
- sub-sid-i-ar-y** (süb-'sid-'ē-är'ē) *adj.* 1. Providing support or assistance. 2. Secondary, as in importance; subordinate. 3. Of or relating to a subsidy. —*n., pl. -ies.* One that is subsidiary, esp. a company owned and controlled by another.
- sub-si-dize** (süb-'si-diz') *v.* **-dized, -diz-ing.** To provide or aid with a subsidy.
- sub-si-dy** (süb-'si-dē) *n., pl. -dies.* A financial grant, as that given by a government to a private undertaking or to another country.
- sub-sist** (süb-'sist') *v.* 1. To exist or continue in existence. 2. To have or receive what is necessary to maintain life.
- sub-sis-tence** (süb-'sis-'təns) *n.* 1. The means necessary to maintain life. 2. Existence. —**sub-sis'tent** *adj.*

- sub-soil** (süb-'soil') *n.* The layer of earth just beneath the surface soil.
- sub-son-ic** (süb-'sön-'ik) *adj.* 1. Of or having less than audible frequency. 2. Of, relating to, or being a speed less than that of sound in a designated medium.
- sub-stance** (süb-'stəns) *n.* 1a. Matter that occupies space and has mass. b. Matter of a particular constitution or kind. 2a. Essential character; essence. b. The most basic or important quality or part; gist <the substance of the sermon> 3. Actuality; reality <an idea without substance> 4. Material belongings; property.
- substance abuse** *n.* Excessive use of addictive substances, esp. alcohol or narcotics.
- sub-stan-dard** (süb-'stän-'dard) *adj.* Being below a standard or norm.
- sub-stan-tial** (süb-'stän-'shäl) *adj.* 1. Having substance; material. 2. Not imaginary; real. 3. Solid and firm; strong. 4. Providing sustenance; nourishing <a substantial breakfast> 5. Considerable <a substantial snowfall> 6. Moderately wealthy; well-to-do. —**sub-stan'tial-ly** *adv.*
- sub-stan-ti-ate** (süb-'stän-'shē-är') *v.* **-at-ed, -at-ing.** To support with proof; verify. —**sub-stan'ti-a'tion** *n.*
- sub-stan-tive** (süb-'stän-'tiv) *adj.* 1. Substantial; real. 2. Of, relating to, or being the essence of something; essential. —*n.* 1. A noun. 2. A group of words functioning as a noun. —**sub-stan-tive-ly** *adv.*
- sub-sta-tion** (süb-'stä-'shän) *n.* A subsidiary station, as of a post office.
- sub-sti-tute** (süb-'sti-tōt', -tyōt') *n.* One that takes the place of another. * *syns:* ALTERNATE, PINCH HITTER, REPLACEMENT, STAND-IN, SUB, SURROGATE —*v.* **-tut-ed, -tut-ing.** 1. To use or put in the place of another. 2. To act as a substitute. —**sub-sti-tu'tion** *n.*
- sub-strate** (süb-'strät') *n.* 1. The substance on which an enzyme acts. 2. A substratum.
- sub-stra-tum** (süb-'strä-'täm, -strät-'äm) *n.* 1. A layer that lies beneath. 2. Subsoil.
- sub-struc-ture** (süb-'strük-'chär) *n.* An underlying support; foundation.
- sub-sune** (süb-'sōm') *v.* **-sumed, -sum-ing.** To place in a larger or more comprehensive category.
- sub-ten-ant** (süb-'tēn-'änt) *n.* One that rents property, as a house, from a tenant.
- sub-tend** (süb-'tēnd') *v.* *Math.* To be opposite to and delimit <The hypotenuse subtends a right angle>
- sub-ter-fuge** (süb-'tär-'fyōōj') *n.* A trick or tactic used to escape, evade, or conceal.
- sub-ter-ra-ne-an** (süb-'tär-'nä-än) *adj.* 1. Located, being, or operating underground. 2. Hidden; secret <subterranean plots>
- sub-text** (süb-'tēkst') *n.* The implicit meaning or theme of a literary text.
- sub-tile** (süb-'tir') *n.* 1. A subordinate and often explanatory title, as of a book. 2. A printed translation of foreign-language dialogue projected at the bottom of a movie screen.

- sub-tle** (süb-'tlē) *adj.* **-tler, -tlest.** 1. Difficult to detect or analyze; barely perceptible. 2. Marked by or having sharp discernment; keen. 3a. Expert; skillful. b. Sly; crafty. —**sub-tle-ty** *n.* —**sub-tly** *adv.*
- sub-to-tal** (süb-'tōt') *n.* The total of part of a series of numbers. —**sub-to'tal** *v.*
- sub-tract** (süb-'trakt') *v.* To take away (e.g., one number from another) by deducting. —**sub-trac'tion** *n.*
- sub-tra-hend** (süb-'trä-hēnd') *n.* A quantity to be subtracted from another.
- sub-trop-i-cal** (süb-'tröp-'i-käl) *adj.* Of, relating to, or being geographic areas adjacent to the tropics.
- sub-urb** (süb-'ürb') *n.* 1. A small, usu. residential community near a city. 2. Suburbs. A residential area in the vicinity of a city. —**sub-ur'ban** (sü-bür-'bän) *adj.*
- sub-ur-ban-ite** (sü-bür-'bä-nit') *n.* Someone who lives in a suburb.
- sub-ur-bi-a** (sü-bür-'bē-ä) *n.* 1. Suburbs. 2. Suburbanites as a cultural class.
- sub-ven-tion** (süb-'vēn-'shän) *n.* A subsidy; endowment.
- sub-vert** (süb-'vürt') *v.* 1. To overthrow. 2. To corrupt the character or morals of. —**sub-ver'sion** *n.* —**sub-ver'sive** *adj.*
- sub-way** (süb-'wä') *n.* 1. An underground passage. 2. An underground railroad, esp. one powered by electricity.
- suc-ceed** (sək-'sēd') *v.* 1a. To come next in order or time; follow. b. To replace another in an office or position. 2. To accomplish or achieve something desired, intended, or attempted.
- suc-cess** (sək-'sēs') *n.* 1. The achievement of something desired, intended, or attempted. 2. The gaining of fame or prosperity. 3. One that succeeds. —**suc-cess'ful** *adj.* —**suc-cess'ful-ly** *adv.*
- suc-ces-sion** (sək-'sēsh-'än) *n.* 1. The process or act of following in order. 2. A group of persons or things that follow in order; sequence. 3. The sequence, right, or act of succeeding to a title, throne, or estate.
- suc-ces-sive** (sək-'sēs-'iv) *adj.* Following in uninterrupted order; consecutive. —**suc-ces'sive-ly** *adv.* —**suc-ces'sive-ness** *n.*
- suc-ces-sor** (sək-'sēs-'är) *n.* One that succeeds another, as to a throne.
- suc-cinct** (sək-'sɪŋkt') *adj.* Marked by brevity; concise. —**suc-cinct'ly** *adv.*
- suc-cor** (sük-'är) *n.* Assistance; aid. —**suc-'cor** *v.*
- suc-co-tash** (sük-'ä-täsh') *n.* A mixture of cooked corn and lima or shell beans.
- suc-cour** (sük-'är) *n., esp. Brit. var. of succor.*
- suc-cu-bus** (sük-'yā-büs) *n., pl. -bus-es or -bi(-bi', -bē')* An evil spirit supposed to have sexual intercourse with a sleeping man.
- suc-cu-lent** (sük-'yā-länt) *adj.* 1. Full of sap or juice; juicy. 2. Having fleshy stems or leaves that conserve moisture. —*n.* A succulent plant, as a cactus. —**suc'cu-lence** *n.* —**suc'cu-lent-ly** *adv.*