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2 UK = soccer 3 Can **CANADIAN FOOTBALL** a game that is similar to US football but takes place on a larger field, has 12 players on each team, and uses three rather than four plays to advance at least ten yards or score **4 BALL GAME** any game in which two teams kick or carry a ball into a goal or over a line, e.g., rugby, Australian rules, or Gaelic football **5 BALL USED IN FOOTBALL** the large oval ball used in the game of football **6 PROBLEM PASSED AROUND** a point or problem that is used as an excuse for argument by opposing groups, without any real attempt at finding a solution **7 BRIEFCASE WITH NUCLEAR CODES** the briefcase that holds the nuclear codes available to the President of the United States (informal) —**foot-ball-er** *n*

foot-bath /fʊt bæθ/ (*plural* -baths, -bæθz) *n* 1 a bowl used when bathing the feet, or a shallow pool where people can disinfect their feet before entering a swimming pool **2** the action of bathing the feet

foot-board /fʊt bɔːrd/ *n* 1 a vertical part across the bottom end of a bedstead **2** a board or small platform used to support the feet in a vehicle

foot-boy /fʊt bɔɪ/ *n* a boy employed as a servant or page

foot brake *n* a brake operated by pressing a pedal with the foot, especially in a motor vehicle

foot-bridge /fʊt brɪdʒ/ *n* a narrow bridge suitable for people walking and not for vehicles

foot-drag-ger *n* a person who is slow or reluctant to do what is required (informal) —**foot-drag-ging** *n*

foot-er /fʊt ɜː/ *n* 1 a piece of text, such as a title or date, below the main text on a page, especially one that is automatically inserted on each page by word-processing software **2** somebody or something of a specified height or length in feet (usually in combination) *o Both of her sons were six-footers.* **3** ARCHIT. BUILDING = footing *n.* **5**

foot-fall /fʊt fɔːl/ *n* the sound made by somebody's foot striking the ground as he or she walks

foot fault *n* a fault committed in tennis by a server whose foot touches any part of the baseline or court before the ball has been hit —**foot-fault** *vi*

foot-gear /fʊt ɡeə/ *n* coverings worn on the feet, especially shoes and boots

foot-hill /fʊt hɪl/ *n* a hill at the bottom of a higher mountain or mountain range and forming part of the approaches to it (often plural)

foot-hold /fʊt hɔːld/ *n* 1 a place or thing that will support the foot of a climber, especially a crack, hollow, or ledge in a rock face **2** a secure starting position from which further advances can be made *o The company has gained a foothold in the multimedia industry.*

foot-ing /fʊt ɪŋ/ *n* 1 STABILITY OF FEET a stable secure position for or placement of the feet when standing or walking *o He lost his footing on the icy slope.* **2** BASE FOR PROGRESS a foundation or basis for further advancement or development *o The project began on a firm financial footing.* **3** STATUS the status or condition of something, often in relation to something else *o The government moved swiftly to place the armed forces on a war footing.* **4** RELATIONSHIP the position or status of people in relation to one another *o I'm glad to be back on a friendly footing with her.* **5** FOUNDATION the foundation or base of a structure such as a wall or column **6** CONDITION OF SURFACE the condition of a surface, e.g., that of a racetrack, for walking or running **7** TOTAL the total of a column of figures

foot-ile /fʊt ɪl/ (-tled, -tling, -tles) *vi* (informal) **1** ACT AIMLESSLY to waste time doing unnecessary or unimportant things **2** ACT OR TALK POINTLESSLY to talk nonsense, or behave in a pointless way *o He foot-iled all afternoon.* **3** NONSENSE silly nonsense (Late 19C. < ?) —**foot-iler** *n*

foot-less /fʊt lɛs/ *adj* **1** WITHOUT FEET lacking a foot or feet **2** LACKING SUBSTANCE lacking a firm foundation or basis *o footless speculation* **3** LACKING SKILL lacking competence or ability *o a footless plan to set things right* —**foot-less-ly** *adv* —**foot-less-ness** *n*

foot-lights /fʊt lɪts/ *npl* 1 a row of lights along the front of the stage in a theater, directed away from the audience and toward the performers **2** the theater as a profession

foot-ling /fʊt lɪŋ/ *adj* (informal) **1** having no importance or serious usefulness **2** lacking skill or competence

foot-lock-er /fʊt lɒk ɜː/ *n* a strong case or box for personal belongings kept at the foot of somebody's bed, especially in a barracks or dormitory

foot-loose /fʊt lʊs/ *adj* free to go anywhere and do anything because not limited by personal ties or responsibilities

foot-man /fʊt mæn/ (*plural* -men) *n* 1 a man employed as a servant, especially a servant in uniform in a mansion or palace **2** a low metal stand, usually with four legs, for utensils in a fireplace

foot-mark /fʊt mɑːrk/ *n* = footprint *n.* **1**

foot-note /fʊt nɒt/ *n* 1 INFORMATION AT FOOT OF PAGE a note at the bottom of a page, giving further information about something mentioned in the text above **2** ADDITIONAL DETAIL an extra comment or information added to what has just been said *o As a footnote, let me say that I only found this out yesterday.* **3** MINOR DETAIL a relatively unimportant part of a larger issue or event *o His career, considered glorious at the time, is now but a footnote in history.* **4** (-not-ed, -not-ing, -notes) SUPPLY WITH FOOTNOTES to provide a text with footnotes, or provide a footnote for a particular reference within the text

foot-pad /fʊt pæd/ *n* somebody who robs people who are traveling on foot (archaic) [Late 17C. < obsolete pad "path, highwayman" < Dutch.]

foot-pad /fʊt pæd/ *n* a flat structure at the end of a leg of a spacecraft, designed to prevent the craft sinking into the surface it has landed on

foot pas-sen-ger *n* a passenger on a car ferry who is not traveling with a motor vehicle

foot-path /fʊt pæθ/ (*plural* -paths, -pæθz, -pæθs) *n* a narrow path for people on foot *o Please keep to the footpath.*

foot-pound *n* a unit of work equal to the work done by lifting a mass of one pound vertically against gravity through a distance of one foot

foot-pound-sec-ond *adj* relating or belonging to a system of measurements based on the foot, pound, and second as base units of length, mass, and time

foot-pound-sec-ond u-nits, **foot-pound-sec-ond system of u-nits** *n* MEASURE, PHYS = fps units

foot-print /fʊt prɪnt/ *n* 1 OUTLINE OF FOOT a mark made by the foot of a person or animal or a shoe, especially an indentation on something soft like snow or a dirty mark on a floor *o footprints in the ground below the window* **2** SPACE OCCUPIED BY MACHINE the area covered by something, especially the amount of space a piece of computer hardware occupies on a desk, floor, or other surface **3** BROADCAST RANGE the area over which something occurs or is effective, e.g., the area where a signal from a communications satellite can be received

foot-race /fʊt reɪs/, **foot race** *n* a race run by people on foot

foot-rest /fʊt rɛst/ *n* a support for both feet when sitting down, e.g., beneath a desk, or for one foot while standing, e.g., a low rail at a bar

foot-rope /fʊt rɒp/ *n* 1 a rope to which the lower edge of a sail is stitched **2** a rope fixed beneath a ship's yard for sailors to stand on as they furl a sail

foot rot /fʊt rɒt/, **foot-rot** *n* 1 a bacterial infection of sheep and cattle that causes inflammation of the hooves **2** a fungal disease that causes the roots and base of a plant to rot

foot rule *n* a strip of wood, metal, or plastic, used for measuring and drawing straight lines, that is one foot long or is marked in feet

foot-sie /fʊt siː/ *n* a form of flirtation in which people use their feet to touch the feet and legs of somebody else, especially done secretly while sitting at a table (informal) *o play footsie* **1** to engage in footsie (informal) **2** to collaborate with another person or organization, often in an underhand way (informal)

foot-slog /fʊt slɒɡ/ (-slogged, -slog-ging, -slogs) *vi* to march, tramp, or trudge on foot, especially over difficult ground such as thick mud —**foot-slog-ger** *n* —**foot-slog-ging** *n*

foot sol-dier *n* a soldier who fights principally on foot, not on horseback or in a vehicle

foot-sore /fʊt sɔːr/ *adj* with feet that are painful or tired, usually from too much walking —**foot-sore-ness** *n*

foot-stall /fʊt stɔːl/ *n* 1 the pedestal or base of a structure, especially a pillar or statue **2** a stirrup on a side-saddle

foot-step /fʊt stɛp/ *n* 1 SOUND OF FEET the sound made when somebody's foot hits the ground in walking *o I heard footsteps on the stairs.* **2** MOVEMENT OF FOOT the action

of raising a foot and putting it down somewhere else while walking **3** DISTANCE COVERED BY STEP the distance covered by a single step in walking **4** MARK MADE BY FOOT a mark left by the sole of a foot or shoe **5** STEP OR STAIR a single step or stair on which to put a foot while moving up or down **6** follow in somebody's footsteps to take the same course in life or work as another person in the past

foot-stone /fʊt stɒn/ *n* a memorial stone at the foot of a grave

foot-stool /fʊt stʊl/ *n* a low stool, often with a padded top, on which to rest the feet while sitting down

foot-wall /fʊt wɔːl/ *n* the rock layer that lies immediately beneath a vein of ore or other mineral deposit or a fault plane

foot-way /fʊt weɪ/ *n* a narrow path or walk for people on foot, e.g., beside a road or railroad

foot-wear /fʊt weɪ/ *n* coverings worn on the feet, especially shoes, boots, sandals, or slippers, but often including socks or stockings

foot-well /fʊt wɛl/ *n* the hollow space below a motor vehicle's dashboard where people in the front seats can put their feet

foot-work /fʊt wɜːk/ *n* 1 MOTION OF FEET the movement of the feet in sports or dancing, especially when skillfully done **2** SKILLFUL MANEUVERING skillful or devious maneuvering in order to achieve or avoid something (informal) *o Their fancy footwork helped get them out of the problem.* **3** WORK THAT INVOLVES WALKING work that involves a lot of moving around, especially on foot

foot-worn /fʊt wɔːrn/ *adj* **1** worn down or made thin by being walked on by many people for a long time **2** = footsore

foo yung /fʊ yʌŋŋ, -yʌŋŋ, -yʌŋŋ/, **foo young**, **fu yung** *n* UK **foo** = egg **foo yung** (Mid-20C. < Cantonese *fo yung* "hibiscus.")

foo-zle /fʊz ɪ/ *vt* (-zled, -zling, -zles) to do something badly or clumsily, especially to bungle a shot in golf *o He foo-zled the shot.* **2** something done badly or clumsily, especially a bungled shot in golf (Mid-19C. < ?) —**foo-zler** *n*

fop /fɒp/ *n* a man who is so obsessed by fashion and vain about his own appearance that he becomes ridiculous [15C. < ?] —**fop-per-y** *n* —**fop-pish** *adj* —**fop-pish-ly** *adv* —**fop-pish-ness** *n*

for /fɔː/ *unstressed* /fɔː/ *CORE MEANING:* a preposition indicating that something is directed at somebody, done to benefit somebody, or done on somebody's behalf *o Look — there's a letter for you.* *o I'd do anything for you.* *o The lawyer acted for some of the heirs.*

1 prep AIMED AT intended to be received or used by or aimed at somebody *o It's for you — it's a present.* *o advice for first-time buyers* **2** prep TO THE BENEFIT of intending or intended to benefit somebody or something *o She would make any sacrifice for the cause.* **3** prep ON BEHALF of on behalf of or instead of somebody or something *o Would you mind making my apologies for me?* **4** prep IN THE SERVICE of in the service or employment of somebody or something *o She works for a large company.* **5** prep TOWARD in the direction of *o The following day, we headed for Paris.* **6** prep LASTING indicating how long something lasts, continues, or extends *o The interview only lasted for a few minutes.* *o There was fog for the next mile or so.* **7** prep BECAUSE OF indicating a reason why something happens or is done *o I did it for love.* **8** prep DESIGNED WITH A PURPOSE indicating the purpose of an object, action, or activity *o That towel is for drying your hands.* **9** prep LINKS CONCEPTS used to link two concepts, one of which is the object of the other *o a cause for concern* *o a passion for opera* **10** prep IN EXCHANGE for at a cost of or giving or receiving something in exchange *o I got this hat in the market for next to nothing* **11** prep INSTEAD OF instead of or in place of something, sometimes mistakenly *o You'll have to find a stand-in for him while he's away.* *o I took her for the boss.* **12** prep GIVEN WHAT IS USUAL with reference to the normal characteristics of something *o It's very warm for April.* **13** prep INDICATING OCCASION at, or planned to be at, a particular time, or on a particular occasion *o The meeting was scheduled for four o'clock.* *o Will you be home for Christmas?* **14** prep INDICATES COMPARISON indicating a comparison or equivalence between two things *o Pound for pound, the elephant's energy consumption is the lowest of all land animals.* **15** prep IN ORDER TO GET in order to get, achieve, have, keep, or become something *o Lee's hoping for promotion.* *o He was searching for a place to sit.* **16** prep DESPITE in spite of or notwithstanding something *o He enjoyed himself very much, for all his complaining.* **17** prep

INDICATES RESPONSIBILITY indicating that somebody has the right or responsibility to do something. *○ I can't help you — it's for you to decide.* 18 *prep* HAVING THE SAME MEANING having the same meaning as another word or phrase. *○ The everyday term for rubella is German measles.* 19 *prep* INDICATES CROSS-REFERENCE indicating that information can be found elsewhere. *○ For further details, consult the owner's manual.* 20 *adv, prep* IN SUPPORT OF in favor of or in support of something. *○ (prep) Who's for the motion and who's against it?* *○ (adv) Ten voted for, and eleven against.* 21 *conj* BECAUSE because, seeing that (*formal*). *○ I left in haste, for I was already late for the appointment.* [Old English, < Indo-European, "forward"]

CORRECT USAGE See *because*.

for. abbr 1 foreign 2 forestry

for- prefix 1 away, down, falsely *○ forfend* *○ forswear* 2 completely, extremely *○ forgather* [Old English; related to *for* "before, in place of" (see *FOR*)]

fo-ra plural of *forum*

for-age /fawrij/ *n* 1 **FOOD FOR ANIMALS** food for animals, especially crops grown to feed horses, cattle, and other livestock 2 **SEARCH** a search or the process of searching for something, especially a search for food and supplies or a search among a varied collection of things 3 **RAID BY SOLDIERS** a raid carried out by soldiers, especially to seize food or supplies ■ *v* (-aged, -ag-ing, -ag-es) 1 *vi* **WANDER AROUND SEARCHING** to go from place to place looking for food and supplies 2 *vt* **RAID FOR FOOD** to raid a place, especially for food or supplies 3 *vi* **SEARCH** to search or try to find something. *○ He foraged around in the drawer and pulled out a faded photograph.* 4 *vt* **FIND BY SEARCHING** to obtain something, especially food, from a place by searching or rummaging. *○ She foraged a half-eaten cake from the trash can.* 5 *vt* **FEED ANIMALS** to give fodder to horses, cattle, or other animals [14C. < Old French *fourrage* < *fuerre* "fodder, straw" < Germanic.] — **for-ag-er** *n*

For-a-ker /fawrakər/ mountain in the Alaska Range in S Alaska. Height: 17,400 ft./5,304 m.

for-am /fawram/ *n* = *foraminifer* [Early 20C. Shortening.]

fo-ra-men /fə rəymən/ (*plural* -ram-i-na /rəmmənəl/ or -ra-mens) *n* a natural opening or cavity in a human or animal body, usually one through which blood vessels and nerves pass through bone [Late 17C. < Latin, < *forare* "bore a hole."] — **fo-ram-i-nal** /fə rəmmənəl/ *adj* — **fo-ram-i-nous** *adj*

fo-ra-men mag-num /fə rəymən mægnum/ *n* the opening at the base of the skull through which the spinal cord passes to become the medulla oblongata of the brain [Late 19C. < Latin, "large opening."]

fo-ra-men o-val-e /fə rəymən ə vālee, -vālee, -vālee/ *n* an opening in the wall between the two sides of the fetal heart that allows blood to pass from right to left [Mid-19C. < Latin, "oval opening."]

fo-ram-i-na plural of *foramen*

for-a-min-i-fer /fawra minnəfər/ (*plural* -fer-a /-ə/ or -fers) *n* a large, mainly marine protozoan that has a shell perforated with many small holes through which temporary cytoplasmic protrusions (pseudopodia) project. Order: Foraminifera. [Mid-19C. < modern Latin *Foraminifera* (*plural*) < Latin *foramen* (see *FORAMEN*) + *-fer* "bearing."] — **fo-ram-i-nif-er-al** /fə rəmmə nɪffərəl/ *adj* — **fo-ram-i-nif-er-ous** *adj*

for-as-much as /fawraz mʊch əz/ *conj* since or in view of the fact that (*archaic*)

for-ay /faw rəj/ *n* 1 **SUDDEN RAID** a sudden attack or raid by a military force 2 **EXPLORATION** an attempt at some new occupation or activity. *○ the ex-player's first foray into management* 3 **BRIEF JOURNEY** a short trip or visit to a place, usually for a particular purpose. ■ *v* 1 *vi* **MAKE INCURSION** to make a sudden attack or raid 2 *vt* **MAKE RAID ON** to raid or loot a place [14C. Back-formation < *forayer* < Old French *fourier* < *fuerre* (see *FORAGE*).] — **for-ay-er** *n*

forb /fawrb/ *n* any broad-leaved herbaceous plant that is not a grass, especially one that grows in a prairie or meadow [Early 20C. < Greek *phorbē* "food" < *pherbein* "feed."]

for-bade, **for-bad** past tense of *forbid*

for-bear /fawr báir, fər-/ (**-bore** /-bawr/, **-borne** /-bawrn/, **-bear-ing**, **-bears**) *v* (*formal*) 1 *vi* to not do or say something that you could do or say, especially when this shows self-control or consideration for the feelings of others. *○ I forbore to criticize their efforts, though criticism*

was well deserved. 2 *vt* to tolerate something with patience or endurance. *○ patiently forbore their failures* [Old English *forberan*, literally "bear against"] — **for-bear-er** *n* — **for-bear-ing** *adj* — **for-bear-ing-ly** *adv*

CORRECT USAGE As a verb *forbear* is the only spelling. As a noun *forebear* is preferred.

for-bear² *n* = *forebear*

for-bear-ance /fawr báirəns, fər-/ *n* 1 **PATIENCE** patience, tolerance, or self-control, especially in not responding to provocation (*formal*) 2 **REFRAINING FROM ACTION** the fact of deliberately not doing or saying something when you could do or say it (*formal*) 3 **REFRAINING FROM LEGAL RIGHT** the fact of not exercising a legal right, especially of not insisting on payment of a debt at the due date and giving the debtor more time to pay

for-bid /fər bɪd, fawr-/ (**-bade** /fər bád, fawr-, -báyd/ or **-bad** /fər bád, fawr-, **-bid-den** /fər bɪdd'n, fawr-/ or **-bid**, **-bid-ding**, **-bids**) *vt* 1 **ORDER NOT TO DO** to tell somebody, especially forcefully, not to do or have something. *○ I forbid you to mention his name.* 2 **NOT ALLOW** to state authoritatively that something must not be done. *○ The rules of the game strictly forbid the use of a dictionary.* 3 **MAKE IMPOSSIBLE** to make something impossible or prevent it from happening (*formal*). *○ Discretion forbids me to mention any names.* [Old English *forbēdan*, literally "command against"] — **for-bid-dance** *n* — **for-bid-der** *n* *○* God or heaven(s) or Lord forbid used to express the hope that something will not happen or be done

for-bid-den /fər bɪdd'n, fawr-/ *adj* 1 **NOT PERMITTED** not allowed by order of somebody or by law. *○ That's a forbidden subject in this company.* 2 **OUT OF BOUNDS** to which entry is not allowed or allowed only to a certain person or group of people. *○ This part of the temple was forbidden to everybody except the high priest.* 3 **IMPROBABLE OR DISALLOWED AS ENERGY LEVEL** describes an energy level or transition in a quantum mechanical system that is either highly improbable or disobeys selection rules and is therefore not allowed

For-bid-den City *n* a walled complex of buildings (1421–1911) in Beijing, China, that includes the former Imperial Palace

for-bid-den fruit (*plural* *for-bid-den fruits* or *for-bid-den fruit*) *n* something desired or pleasurable that somebody is not allowed to have or do, especially some form of sexual indulgence that is illegal or considered immoral [< the fruit, forbidden to Adam and Eve, of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:17)]

for-bid-ding /fər bɪddɪŋ, fawr-/ *adj* 1 **HOSTILE** presenting an appearance that seems hostile or stern. *○ The mountains looked distant and forbidding.* 2 **UNINVITING** appearing to involve a great deal of unpleasantness or difficulty. *○ the forbidding prospect of further difficulties ahead* 3 **DANGEROUS OR THREATENING** appearing to present a danger or threat. *○ a rocky and forbidding shore* — **for-bid-ding-ly** *adv* — **for-bid-ding-ness** *n*

forbēding incorrect spelling of *foreboding*

for-bore past tense of *forbear*¹

for-borne past participle of *forbear*¹

force /fawrs/ *n* 1 **STRENGTH** the power, strength, or energy that somebody or something possesses. *○ Trees were blown down by the force of the storm.* 2 **PHYSICAL POWER** physical power, effort, or violence used against somebody or something that resists. *○ The use of force should be a last resort.* 3 **EFFECTIVENESS** the condition of being effective, valid, or applicable. *○ The new regulations come into force next week.* 4 **NONPHYSICAL POWER** power or strength that is intellectual or moral rather than physical. *○ swayed by the force of your argument* 5 **SOMEbody OR SOMETHING WITH GREAT INFLUENCE** somebody or something that has great power or influence, especially in a particular field. *○ She remained a force in local politics until her death.* 6 **GROUP ORGANIZED TO FIGHT** a body of military personnel, ships, or aircraft brought together to fight in a battle or a war. *○ A naval task force has been sent to the area.* 7 **POLICE OFFICERS** a professional body of police officers. *○ He left the force in 1985.* 8 **PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER** a group of people who work together for a particular purpose. 9 **INFLUENCE THAT MOVES** (symbol *F*) a physical influence that tends to change the position of an object with mass, equal to the rate of change in momentum of the object 10 **WIND STRENGTH** the strength of the wind, especially as measured on the Beaufort scale, from 0 to 12 (often in combination). *○ a force nine gale* ■ **FORC-ES** *np/* ORGANIZED MILITARY SERVICE the professional military organizations belonging to a particular

country. *○ Were you in the forces?* ■ *vt* (**forced**, **forc-ing**, **forc-es**) 1 **COMPEL** to use superior strength, violence, or any kind of physical or mental power to make somebody or yourself do something against his, her, or your own will or inclination. *○ The weather forced us to turn back.* *○ She forced herself to be polite to him.* 2 **MOVE WITH STRENGTH** to use physical strength or violence to move something or somebody that puts up resistance. *○ If the key won't turn easily, don't force it.* *○ I had to force the last bit of toothpaste out of the tube.* *○ She forced the dog back into the house.* 3 **CREATE BY STRENGTH** to create something, e.g., a way through something, using physical strength or another kind of power. *○ They forced a path through the jungle.* 4 **OBTAIN BY PRESSURE** to obtain something or make something happen by using physical or mental pressure. *○ She's been trying to force a confrontation all week.* 5 **BREAK OPEN** to open something that is locked or jammed by using power or effort, often breaking or damaging it in the process. *○ This door has been forced.* 6 **STRAIN** to produce or use something in a strained or unnatural way. *○ Just agree with whatever she says and try to force a smile.* 7 **MAKE PLANT MATURE** to cause a plant to flower or mature before its normal time. 8 **RAPE** to subject somebody to rape (dated). 9 **PUT RUNNER OUT** to put out a runner in baseball on a force play 10 **CREATE A RUN** to create a run in baseball by walking a batter when the bases are full 11 **MAKE PLAYER PLAY CERTAIN WAY** to give a player in a game no choice but to play a particular card or make a particular bid or move [13C. < Old French, < Latin *fortis* "strong."] — **force-a-ble** *adj* — **force-less** *adj* — **forc-er** *n* *○* in force 1 in a large or strong group 2 effective or valid *○* join forces to combine together or combine with somebody else for a joint effort **force down** *vt* 1 to eat or drink something very reluctantly, often because pressured to do so or to avoid offending somebody 2 to compel an aircraft to land, usually because of lack of fuel, damage, or bad weather **force on**, **force up-on** *vt* to make somebody or a group of people accept something unwillingly. *○ This method was forced upon us by head office.*

forced /fawrs/ *adj* 1 **NOT NATURAL** not natural or spontaneous, but produced by an act of will. *○ The courtiers greeted the king's witicism with forced laughter.* 2 **NECESSARY** not done voluntarily but out of necessity 3 **COMPELLED** done because somebody who has power requires it — **forc-ed-ly** /fawrsədlee/ *adv* — **forc-ed-ness** /-sədnəs/ *n*

forced la-bor *n* work that somebody is made to do against his or her will, often as a punishment or to repay a debt

forced land-ing *n* an unscheduled landing that a pilot is compelled to make, usually because of an emergency

forced march *n* a march made as quickly as possible and without the normal amounts of rest

force-feed *vt* 1 to make people or animals swallow food, against their will, e.g., by putting it directly down their throat through a funnel or tube 2 to make people study or learn things, often without fully understanding or appreciating them, that they might reject if given the choice

force field *n* in science fiction, an invisible protective barrier around something

force-ful /fawrsfəl/ *adj* 1 possessing or characterized by strength and power 2 tending to make a powerful impression on people or to persuade people. *○ a forceful argument for merging our businesses* — **force-ful-ly** *adv* — **force-ful-ness** *n*

force-land *vt* to land an aircraft before it gets to its destination because of an emergency. *○ The pilot had to force-land in a field.*

force ma-jeure /fawrs maa zhūr/ *n* 1 an unexpected event that crucially affects somebody's ability to do something and can be put forward in law as an excuse for not having carried out the terms of an agreement (*formal*) 2 a force that is superior in power or impossible to resist [Late 19C. < French, "superior force."]

force-march *vt* to make soldiers or prisoners march somewhere in the shortest possible time and without the normal amounts of rest. *○ The infantry escaped by force-marching back to the river crossing.* *○ The captured personnel were force-marched north.*

force-meat /fawrs meēt/ *n* finely chopped meat, fish, or vegetables mixed with other ingredients and used as a stuffing or garnish [Late 17C. < variant of *farce*.]

force of hab-it *n* the ability of a pattern of behavior that has become habitual to reassert itself automatically even in situations where it is no longer appropriate