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- silver maple** *n* : a No. American maple with deeply cut leaves that are green above and silvery white below
- silver nitrate** *n* : a soluble compound used in photography and as an antiseptic
- silver-ware** \ˈsɪl-vər-ˌwer\ *n* : FLATWARE
- sim** *abbr* simulation; simulator
- sim-i-an** \ˈsi-mē-ən\ *n* : MONKEY, APE — **simian** *adj*
- simian immunodeficiency virus** *n* : HIV
- sim-i-lar** \ˈsi-mə-lər\ *adj* : sim-respondence or resemblance • **Synonyms** ALIKE, AKIN, COMPARABLE, PARALLEL — **sim-i-lar-i-ty** \ˈsi-mə-ˈlēr-ə-tē\ *n* — **sim-i-lar-ly** *adv*
- sim-i-le** \ˈsi-mə-(,)lē\ *n* [ME, fr. L, likeness, comparison, fr. neut. of *similis* like, similar] : a figure of speech in which two dissimilar things are compared by the use of *like* or *as* (as in "cheeks like roses")
- sim-il-i-tude** \sə-ˈmi-lə-ˌtūd-, -ˌtyūd\ *n* : LIKENESS, RESEMBLANCE
- sim-mer** \ˈsi-mər\ *vb* **sim-mered**; **sim-mer-ing** 1 : to stew at or just below the boiling point 2 : to be on the point of bursting out with violence or emotional disturbance — **simmer** *n*
- simmer down** *vb* : to become calm or peaceful
- si-mo-nize** \ˈsi-mə-ˌnīz\ *vb* **-nized**; **-nizing** : to polish with or as if with wax
- si-mo-ny** \ˈsi-mə-nē-, ˈsi-\ *n* [ME *symonie*, fr. AF *simonie*, fr. LL *simonia*, fr. *Simon* Magus sorcerer of Samaria in Acts 8:9-24] : the buying or selling of a church office
- sim-pa-ti-co** \sim-ˈpā-ti-, kō-, -ˈpa-\ *adj* : CONGENIAL, LIKABLE
- sim-per** \ˈsim-pər\ *vb* : to smile in a silly manner — **simper** *n*
- sim-ple** \ˈsim-pəl\ *adj* **sim-pler** \-pə-lər\; **sim-plest** \-pə-ləst\ [ME, fr. AF, plain, uncomplicated, artless, fr. L *simplicis*, *simplex*, lit., single; L *simplicis* fr. *sim-* one + *-plex* multiplied by; L *simplex* fr. *sim-* + *-plex* -fold] 1 : free from dishonesty or vanity : INNOCENT 2 : free from ostentation 3 : of humble origin or modest position 4 : STUPID 5 : not complex : PLAIN (a ~ melody) (a ~ directions) 6 : lacking education, experience, or intelligence 7 : developing from a single ovary (a ~ fruit) • **Synonyms** EASY, FACILE, LIGHT, EFFORTLESS — **sim-ple-ness** *n* — **sim-ple-ly** *adv*
- simple interest** *n* : interest paid or computed on the original principal only of a loan or on the amount of an account
- sim-ple-ton** \ˈsim-pəl-tən\ *n* : FOOL
- sim-ple-i-ty** \sim-ˈpli-sə-tē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** 1 : lack of complication : CLEARNESS 2 : CANDOR, ARTLESSNESS 3 : plainness in manners or way of life 4 : SILLINESS, FOLLY
- sim-ple-ty** \ˈsim-plə-, fī\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to make less complex — **sim-ple-fi-ca-tion** \sim-plə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*
- sim-ple-tic** \sim-ˈplis-tik\ *adj* : excessively simple : tending to overlook complexities (a ~ solution)
- sim-u-late** \ˈsim-yə-lāt\ *vb* **-lated**; **-lat-ing** : to give or create the effect or appearance of : IMITATE; *also* : to make a simulation of — **sim-u-la-tor** \ˈsim-yə-lā-tər\ *n*
- sim-u-la-tion** \ˈsim-yə-ˈlā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act or process of simulating 2 : an object that is not genuine 3 : the imitation by one system or process of the way in which another system or process works
- si-mul-ta-ne-ous** \ˈsɪ-məl-ˈtā-nē-əs-, ˈsi-\ *adj* : occurring or operating at the same time — **si-mul-ta-ne-ous-ly** *adv* — **si-mul-ta-ne-ous-ness** *n*
- sin** \ˈsɪn\ *n* 1 : an offense esp. against God 2 : FAULT 3 : a weakened state of human nature in which the self is estranged from God — **sin-less** *adj*
- sin** *vb* **sinned**; **sin-ning** : to commit a sin — **sin-ner** *n*
- sin** *abbr* sine
- since** \ˈsɪns\ *adv* 1 : from a past time until now 2 : backward in time : AGO 3 : after a time in the past
- since** *conj* 1 : from the time when 2 : seeing that : BECAUSE
- since** *prep* 1 : in the period after (changes made ~ the war) 2 : continuously from (has been here ~ 1980)
- sin-cere** \sin-ˈsir\ *adj* **sin-cer-er**; **sin-cer-est** 1 : free from hypocrisy : HONEST 2 : GENUINE, REAL — **sin-cere-ly** *adv* — **sin-cer-i-ty** \-ˈser-ə-tē\ *n*
- sine** \ˈsɪn\ *n* [ML *sinus*, fr. L, curve] : the trigonometric function that is the ratio between the side opposite an acute angle in a right triangle and the hypotenuse
- si-ne-cure** \ˈsi-ni-ˌkyūr-, ˈsi-\ *n* : a paying job that requires little or no work
- si-ne die** \ˈsi-ni-ˈdī-, ē-, ˈsi-nā-ˈdē-, ā\ *adv* [L, without day] : INDEFINITELY (the meeting adjourned *sine die*)
- si-ne qua non** \ˈsi-ni-ˌkwā-ˈnān-, ˈnōn\ *n*, *pl* **sine qua nons** *also* **sine qui-bus non** \ˈkwi-(,)būs-\ [LL, without which not] : something indispensable or essential
- sin-ew** \ˈsin-yü\ *n* 1 : TENDON 2 : physical strength — **sin-ewy** *adj*
- sin-ful** \ˈsin-fəl\ *adj* : marked by or full of sin : WICKED — **sin-ful-ly** *adv* — **sin-ful-ness** *n*
- sing** \ˈsɪŋ\ *vb* **sang** \ˈsɑŋ\ or **sung** \ˈsʊŋ\; **sung**; **sing-ing** 1 : to produce musical tones with the voice; *also* : to utter with musical tones 2 : to make a prolonged shrill sound (locusts ~ing) 3 : to produce harmonious sustained sounds (birds ~ing) 4 : CHANT, INTONE 5 : to write poetry; *also* : to celebrate in song or verse 6 : to give information or evidence — **sing-er** *n*
- sing** *abbr* singular
- singe** \ˈsɪŋj\ *vb* **singed**; **singe-ing** : to scorch lightly the outside of; *esp* : to remove the hair or down from usu. by passing over a flame
- sin-gle** \ˈsɪŋ-gəl\ *adj* 1 : UNMARRIED 2 : being alone : being the only one 3 : having only one feature or part 4 : made for one person • **Synonyms** SOLE, UNIQUE, LONE, SOLITARY, SEPA-