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reless communications devices, quickly from one condition to another. **1.** A sculpture consisting of a move, esp. in response to a cell phone. [*< Lat. mobilis.*] (*-bīl'ī-tē*) *n.*

n. A house trailer installed on a site as a home.

'ba-līz') *v.* **-lized, -liz-ing** **1.** To be or capable of movement. **2.** To prepare for or as if for war. **'tion** *n.*

'stər) *n.* A member of a criminal organization.

'skʰə-sīn) *n.* **1.** A soft leather shoe. **2.** A water moccasin. [Of *Vīr-an* orig.]

'a) *n.* **1a.** A rich pungent Arabian coffee beverage flavored with milk. **2a.** A flavoring of coffee mixed with milk. **3.** A dark olive brown. [After *'a*]

'v **1.** To treat with ridicule or derision. **2.** To imitate in derision. **3.** To mock. *adv.* **mod-er-ly** *adv.* Simulated; sham. [*< -mod'er n.* —*mod'ery n.* —*mod'ery n.*]

'mōk'hī-rō'ik) *n.* A satirical or burlesque of the heroic manner or style. **-he-ro'ic** *adj.*

'mōk'īng-būrd') *n.* A gray and white bird of N America and the Caribbees the sounds of other birds.

n. Any of numerous deciduous trees with white, usu. fragrant flowers.

nock-up (*mōk'ūp')* *n.* A usu. model of a machine or structure for demonstration or testing.

Fashionable style of dress. *adv.* **-to-date.** [*< MODERN.*]

1a. A manner, way, or method of functioning; status. **2.** A fashion or style. **3. Mus.** Any of the elements of the diatonic tones of a scale. **Statistics** The number in a distribution that occurs most frequently. [*< Lat. statistica* *adj.*]

n. **1.** A small representation of an object, usu. built to scale. **2.** A schematic diagram that accounts for its known features. **3.** An example of a style or design. **5.** An example of a model. **6.** One who poses for an artist. **Models** clothes. *adv.* **1.** Being or acting. **2.** Worthy of imitation; exemplary. **-el-ing** also **-elled, -elling** **1.** To construct a model (of). **2.** To display or exhibit. **3.** To serve as a model. [*< Lat. modus, measure.*]

'm) *n.* A device that transmits data using a modulated carrier wave. (*-mod'ul-ator*) *n.*

'mōd'ər-īt) *adj.* **1.** Not excessive or moderate. **3.** Average or mediocre. **4.** Radical views or measures. *n.* **5.** Moderate views or opinions. **'-ated, -at-ing** **1.** To make or become more intense, or violent. **2.** To moderate. [*< Lat. moderatus,*

p.p. of *moderari*, to moderate.] —*mod'er-ate-ly* *adv.* —*mod'er-a-tion* *n.*

Syns: qualify, temper *v.*

mod'er-a-tor (*mōd'ə-rā'tər*) *n.* **1.** One that moderates. **2.** A presiding officer.

mod'ern (*mōd'ərn*) *adj.* **1a.** Of or relating to recent times or the present. **b.** Characteristic of the present; up-to-date. **2.** Of or relating to a recently advanced style or technology. [*< LLat. modernus.*] —*mod'ern n.* —*mod'ern-i-ty* (*mō-dūr'nī-tē, mō-*) *n.* —*mod'ern-i-za-tion* *n.* —*mod'ern-ize'* *v.*

Modern English *n.* English since about 1500.

Modern Greek *n.* Greek since the early 1500s.

Modern Hebrew *n.* The Hebrew language as used from the 1700s on, and an official language of Israel.

mod'ern-ism (*mōd'ər-nīz'əm*) *n.* **1.** Modern thought, character, or practice. **2.** often **Modernism** The use of innovative forms of expression that distinguish many styles in the arts and literature of the 1900s. —*mod'ern-ist* *n.* —*mod'ern-is'tic* *adj.*

mod'est (*mōd'ist*) *adj.* **1.** Having or showing a moderate estimation of oneself. **2a.** Retiring; shy. **b.** Observing conventional proprieties; decent. **3a.** Free from ostentation. See *Synonyms* at **plain**. **b.** Not extreme; moderate: *a modest price*. [*Lat. modestus.*] —*mod'est-ly* *adv.* —*mod'es-ty* *n.*

mod'i-cum (*mōd'i-kəm*) *n.* A small or token amount. [*< Lat. modicus, moderate.*]

mod'i-fy (*mōd'ī-fī')* *v.* **-fied, -fy-ing** **1.** To change or become changed; alter. **2.** To make or become less extreme, severe, or strong. **3. Gram.** To qualify or limit the meaning of. [*< Lat. modificare, to limit.*] —*mod'i-fi-ca-tion* *n.* —*mod'i-fi'er* *n.*

mod-ish (*mō'dish*) *adj.* Conforming to the current fashion: stylish. —*mod'ish-ly* *adv.*

mo'diste (*mō-dēst')* *n.* One who produces, designs, or deals in women's fashions. [*Fr.*]

mod'u-late (*mōj'ə-lāt')* *v.* **-lat-ed, -lat-ing** **1.** To regulate or adjust to a certain degree. **2.** To change or vary the pitch, intensity, or tone of. **3. Mus.** To pass from one tonality to another by harmonic progression. **4. Electron.** To vary the frequency, amplitude, phase, or other characteristic of (electromagnetic waves). **5. Chem.** To act on (a receptor) as an agonist, antagonist, or both. [*< Lat. modulus, measure.*] —*mod'u-la-tion* *n.* —*mod'u-la-tor* *n.*

mod'ule (*mōj'ool*) *n.* **1.** A standardized component of a system designed for easy assembly or flexible use. **2.** A self-contained assembly of electronic components and circuitry. **3.** A self-contained unit of a spacecraft that performs a specific task. [*Lat. modulus, dim. of modus, measure.*] —*mod'u-lar* *adj.*

mo-dus op'er-an-di (*mō'dəs ɒp'ə-rān'dē, -dī')* *n., pl. mo-di operandi* (*mō'dē, -dī*) A method of operating or functioning. [*NI Lat.*]

Mo-ga-di-shu (*mō'gə-dē'shoo, -dīsh'oo, mō'-*) The capital of Somalia, on the Indian Ocean.

mo-gul' (*mō'gəl*) *n.* A hard mound or bump on a ski slope. [*Prob. of Scand. orig.*]

mo-gul' (*mō'gəl, mō-gūl')* *n.* **1.** A rich or powerful person. **2.** Mogul Var. of *Mughal*. [*< Urdu Muḡal, MUGHAL.*]

mo-hair (*mō'hār')* *n.* **1.** The long silky hair of

the Angora goat. **2.** Fabric or yarn made from this hair. [*< Ar. muḥayyar.*]

Mo-ham-med (*mō-hām'id, -hā'mīd, mōo-*) See **Muhammad**.

Mo-hawk (*mō'hōk')* *n., pl. -hawk or -hawks*

1. A member of a Native American people formerly of NE New York, now in S Ontario and extreme N New York. **2.** The Iroquoian language of the Mohawk.

Mo-he-gan (*mō-hē'gan*) *n., pl. -gan or -gans*

1. A member of a Native American people formerly of E Connecticut, now in SE Connecticut and Wisconsin. **2.** The Algonquian language of the Mohegan.

Mo-hi-can (*mō-hē'kən*) *n.* Var. of **Mahican**.

Mohs scale (*mōz*) *n.* A scale for classifying minerals based on relative hardness, ranging from 1 for the softest to 10 for the hardest. [After Friedrich Mohs (1773–1839).]

moi-e-ty (*mōi'ī-tē*) *n., pl. -ties* **1.** A half. **2.** A portion or share. [*< LLat. medietas.*]

moil (*moil*) *v.* To work hard; toil. [*< OFr. moillier, moisten.*] —*moil n.* —*moil'er n.*

moi-ré (*mōw-rā', mō-*) *n.* **1.** Fabric, esp. silk, with a wavy or rippled pattern. **2.** A similar pattern pressed on cloth by engraved rollers. [*Fr. < p.p. of moirer, to water.*] —*moi-ré' adj.*

moist (*moist*) *adj.* **-er, -est** **1.** Slightly wet; damp. **2.** Humid. **3.** Marked by considerable rainfall. **4.** Juicy or succulent. [*< Lat. mucus, moldy.*] —*mois'ten* (*mōi'sən*) *v.* —*mois'tly* *adv.* —*mois'tness n.*

mois-ture (*mōis'chər*) *n.* Diffused or condensed liquid; dampness. —*mois'tur-ize'* *v.* —*mois'tur-iz'er n.*

Mo-ja-ve Desert (*mō-hā'vē*) An arid region of S CA and NV SE of the Sierra Nevada.

mo-jo (*mō'jō')* *n., pl. -jos or -joes* **1.** A magic charm or spell. **2.** An amulet worn by adherents of hoodoo or voodoo. **3.** An ability or quality that causes one to excel. [*Perh. of African orig.*]

mol *abbr. Chem. mole*

mo-lal (*mō'ləl*) *adj.* Being a solution having one mole of solute in 1,000 grams of solvent. —*mo-lal'i-ty* (*mō-lāl'ī-tē*) *n.*

mo-lar (*mō'lər*) *n.* A tooth with a broad crown for grinding food, located behind the bicuspids. [*< Lat. molāris, of a mill, grinding.*] —*mo-lar* *adj.*

mo-las-ses (*mə-lās'īz*) *n.* A thick brownish syrup produced in refining raw sugar. [*< LLat. mellaceum, must.*]

mold' (*mōld*) *n.* **1.** A hollow form or matrix for shaping a fluid or plastic substance. **2.** A frame or model for forming or shaping something. **3.** Something made in or shaped on a mold. **4.** General shape or form. **5.** Distinctive shape, character, or type. *v.* **to shape in or on a mold.** [*< Lat. modulus, dim. of modus, measure.*] —*mold'a-ble* *adj.* —*mold'er n.*

mold' (*mōld*) *n.* **1a.** Any of various fungi that contribute to the decay of organic matter. **b.** The growth of such fungi. **2.** Any of various other organisms that resemble fungi. *v.* **To become moldy.** [*ME moulde.*]

mold' (*mōld*) *n.* Loose soil rich in humus and fit for planting. [*< OE molde.*]

Mol-da-vi-a (*mōl-dā'vē-ə, -dāv'yə*) **1.** A historical region of E Romania E of Transylvania. **2.** See **Moldova**. —*Mol-da-vi-an* *adj. & n.*