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committee, board of directors, etc. □ **chairman-ship** *n.*

chair-person /cháirpərsən/ *n.* chairman or chairwoman.

chaise longue /sháyz lóng, shéz/ *n.* reclining chair with a lengthened seat forming a leg rest.

cha-let /shaláy, shálay/ *n.* 1 small house, bungalow, or hut, esp. with an overhanging roof. 2 Swiss cowherd's hut, or wooden cottage, with overhanging eaves.

chal-ice /chális/ *n.* 1 wine cup used in the Communion service. 2 literary goblet.

chalk /chawk/ • *n.* 1 white, soft, earthy limestone. 2 similar substance (calcium sulfate), sometimes colored, used for writing or drawing. • *v.tr.* 1 rub, mark, draw, or write with chalk. 2 (foll. by *up*) a write or record with chalk. **b** register (a success, etc.). □ **chalk-y** /cháwkee/ *adj.* (**chalk-i-er**, **chalk-i-est**) **chalk'i-ness** *n.*

chal-lenge /chálinj/ • *n.* 1 a summons to take part in a contest or a trial of strength, etc. **b** summons to prove or justify something. 2 demanding or difficult task. 3 Law objection made to a jury member. • *v.tr.* 1 a invite to take part in a contest, game, debate, duel, etc. **b** invite to prove or justify something. 2 dispute; deny. 3 a stretch; stimulate (*challenges him to produce his best*). **b** (as **challenging adj.**) demanding; stimulatingly difficult. 4 Law object to (a jury member, evidence, etc.). 5 (as **challenged adj.**) disabled. □ **chal'enge-a-ble** *adj.* **chal'eng-er** *n.*

cham-ber /cháymbər/ *n.* 1 a hall used by a legislative or judicial body. **b** body that meets in it. 2 (in *pl.*) judge's room. 3 enclosed space in machinery, etc. (esp. the part of a gun bore that contains the charge). 4 a cavity in a plant or in the body of an animal. **b** compartment in a structure. 5 poet. or archaic room, esp. a bedroom. □ **chamber of commerce** association to promote local commercial interests.

cham-ber-lain /cháymbər-lin/ *n.* officer managing a royal or noble household.

cham-ber-maid /cháymbərmayd/ *n.* housemaid who cleans bedrooms, esp. in a hotel, etc.

cha-me-le-on /kəmeélyən/ *n.* small lizard having the power of changing color. □ **cha-me-le-on-ic** /-leeónik/ *adj.*

cham-ois /shámeé/ *n.* (*pl.* same /-eez/) 1 agile goat antelope native to Europe and Asia. 2 a soft leather from sheep, goats, deer, etc. **b** a piece of this or similar soft material used for polishing, etc.

cham-o-mile /káməmil, -meel/ *n.* (also **cam'o-mile**) aromatic plant with daisylike flowers. □ **chamomile tea** infusion of its dried flowers used as a tonic.

champ¹ /champ/ *v.* 1 *tr.* & *intr.* munch or chew noisily. 2 *tr.* (of a horse, etc.) work (the bit) noisily between the teeth.

champ² /champ/ *n.* *sl.* champion.

cham-pagne /shampáyn/ *n.* 1 white sparkling wine, originally from Champagne in France. 2 pale cream or straw color.

cham-pi-on /chámpeen/ • *n.* 1 person, animal, plant, etc., that has defeated or surpassed all rivals in a competition, etc. 2 person who fights or argues for a cause or on behalf of another person. • *v.tr.* support the cause of; defend; argue in favor of.

cham-pi-on-ship /chámpeenship/ *n.* 1 (often in *pl.*) contest for the position of champion. 2 position of champion.

chance /chans/ • *n.* 1 a possibility. **b** (often in *pl.*) probability (*the chances are against it*). 2 opportunity (*didn't have a chance to speak*). 3 the way things happen; fortune; luck (*we'll just leave it to chance*). • *adj.* fortuitous; accidental (*a chance meeting*). • *v.* 1 *tr. colloq.* risk (*we'll chance it and go*). 2 *intr.* happen without intention (*I chanced to find it*). □ **by any chance** as it happens; perhaps. **by chance** without design; unintentionally. **chance on** (or **upon**) happen to find, meet, etc. **stand a chance** have a prospect of success, etc.

chan-cel /chánsəl/ *n.* part of a church near the altar.

chan-cel-ler-y /chánsələree, chánslə-/ *n.* (*pl.* **-ies**) 1 a position, office, staff, department, etc., of a chancellor. **b** official residence of a chancellor. 2 office attached to an embassy or consulate.

chan-cel-lor /chánsələr, chánsler/ *n.* 1 government official of various kinds; head of the government in some European countries, e.g., Germany. 2 chief administrator at certain universities. □ **chan'cel-lor-ship** *n.*

chan-cery /chánsəree/ *n.* (*pl.* **-ies**) 1 (in full **court of chancery**) court of equity. 2 administrative office for a diocese. 3 office attached to an embassy or consulate.

chanc-y /chánsee/ *adj.* (**chanc-i-er**, **chanc-i-est**) subject to chance; uncertain; risky. □ **chanc'i-ly** *adv.* **chanc'i-ness** *n.*

chan-de-li-er /shándəléer/ *n.* ornamental branched hanging support for several candles or electric lightbulbs.

change /chaynj/ • *n.* 1 a making or becoming different. **b** alteration or modification. 2 a money given in exchange for money in larger units or a different currency. **b** money returned as the balance of that given in payment. 3 new experience; variety (*for a change*). 4 substitution of one thing for another (*change of scene*). • *v.* 1 *tr.* & *intr.* undergo, show, or subject to change; make or become different. 2 *tr.* a take or use another instead of (*changed trains*). **b** give up or get rid of in exchange (*changed the car for a van*). 3 *tr.* a give or get change in smaller denominations for (*can you change a ten-dollar bill?*). **b** exchange (a sum of money) for (*changed his dollars for pounds*). 4 *tr.* & *intr.* put fresh clothes or coverings on (*changed into something loose*). 5 *tr.* give and receive; exchange (*we changed places*). □ **change hands** 1 pass to a different owner. 2 substitute one hand for another. **change one's tune** 1 voice a different opinion from that expressed previously. 2 change one's style of language or manner. □ **change'ful** *adj.* **chang'er** *n.*

change-a-ble /cháynejəbəl/ *adj.* 1 irregular; inconstant. 2 that can change or be changed. □ **change-a-bil'i-ty** *n.* **change'a-ble-ness** *n.* **change'a-bly** *adv.*

change-less /cháynjilis/ *adj.* unchanging.

change-ling /cháynjiljng/ *n.* child believed to be substituted for another by stealth, esp. in folklore.

change-o-ver /cháynjövr/ *n.* change from one system or situation to another.

chan-nel /chánəl/ • *n.* 1 a length of water wider

than a strait, joining two larger areas, esp. seas. **b** (the **Channel**) the English Channel between Britain and France. **2** medium of communication; agency. **3** *Broadcasting* band of frequencies used in radio and television transmission, esp. as used by a particular station. **4** course in which anything moves; direction. **5** a natural or artificial hollow bed of water. **b** navigable part of a waterway. • *v. tr.* guide; direct.

chant /chant/ • *n.* **1** spoken singsong phrase. **2** *Mus.* a short musical passage in two or more phrases used for singing unmetrical words, e.g., psalms, canticles. **b** song, esp. monotonous or repetitive. • *v.* sing or intone (a psalm, etc.).

chan-teuse /shaantōz/ *n.* female singer of popular songs.

chan-ti-cleer /chántikléer, shán-/ *n.* name given to a domestic cock, esp. in fairy tales, etc.

Cha-nu-kkah var. of HANUKKAH.

cha-os /káyos/ *n.* utter confusion. □ **chaos theory** *Math.* the study of the apparently random behavior of deterministic systems. □ **cha-ot-ic** /kayótik/ *adj.* **cha-ot'ic-al-ly** *adv.*

chap¹ /chap/ • *v.* (**chapped**, **chap-pling**) **1 intr.** (esp. of the skin; also of dry ground, etc.) crack in fissures, esp. because of exposure and dryness. **2 tr.** (of the wind, cold, etc.) cause to chap. • *n.* (usu. in *pl.*) crack in the skin.

chap² /chap/ *n.* man; boy; fellow.

chap. *abbr.* chapter.

chap-ar-ral /sháparál, cháp-/ *n.* dense, tangled brushwood.

chap-el /chápəl/ *n.* **1** place for private Christian worship in a large church or esp. a cathedral, with its own altar and dedication. **2** place of worship attached to a private house or institution.

chap-er-on /sháperōn/ (also **chap'er-one**) • *n.* **1** person, esp. an older woman, who ensures propriety by accompanying a young unmarried woman on social occasions. **2** person who takes charge of esp. young people in public. • *v. tr.* act as a chaperon to. □ **chap-er-on-age** /sháperōnij/ *n.*

chap-lain /cháplín/ *n.* member of the clergy attached to a private chapel, institution, ship, regiment, etc. □ **chap'lain-cy** *n.* (*pl.* -cies).

chap-let /cháplit/ *n.* **1** garland or circlet for the head. **2** string of 55 beads (one-third of the rosary number) for counting prayers, or as a necklace. □ **chap'let-ed** *adj.*

chap-ter /cháptər/ *n.* **1** main division of a book. **2** period of time (in a person's life, a nation's history, etc.). **3** local branch of a society.

char /chaar/ *v.* (**charred**, **char-rlng**) **1** make or become black by burning; scorch. **2** burn to charcoal.

char-ac-ter /káríktər/ *n.* **1** collective qualities or characteristics, esp. mental and moral, that distinguish a person or thing. **2** a moral strength (*has a weak character*). **b** reputation, esp. good reputation. **3** a person in a novel, play, etc. **b** part played by an actor; role. **4** *colloq.* person, esp. an eccentric or outstanding individual (*he's a real character*). **5** printed or written letter, symbol, or distinctive mark (*Chinese characters*). □ **char'ac-ter-less** *adj.*

char-ac-ter-is-tic /káríktərístík/ • *adj.* typical; distinctive (*with characteristic expertise*). • *n.* distinguishing feature or quality. □ **char-ac-ter-is'ti-cal-ly** *adv.*

char-ac-ter-ize /káríktəríz/ *v. tr.* **1** a describe the character of. **b** describe as. **2** be characteristic of. **3** impart character to. □ **char-ac-ter-i-za'tion** *n.*

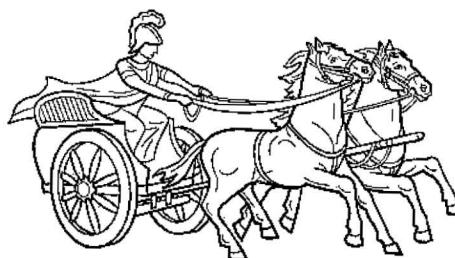
cha-rade /sharáyđ/ *n.* **1** (usu. in *pl.*, treated as *sing.*) game of guessing a word from a written or acted clue given for each syllable and for the whole. **2** absurd pretense.

char-coal /chárkōl/ *n.* **1** a amorphous form of carbon consisting of a porous black residue from partially burned wood, bones, etc. **b** piece of this used for drawing. **2** drawing in charcoal. **3** (in full **charcoal gray**) dark gray color.

charge /chaarj/ • *v. 1 tr.* **a** ask (an amount) as a price. **b** ask (a person) for an amount as a price. **2 tr. **a** debit the cost of to (a person or account). **b** debit (a person or an account). **3 tr. **a** accuse (of an offense) (*charged him with theft*). **b** make an accusation that. **4 tr. instruct or urge. **5 tr. entrust with. **6 a intr.** make a rushing attack. **b tr.** make a rushing attack on. **7 tr. **a** give an electric charge to (a body). **b** store energy in (a battery). **8 tr.** load or fill, as with fuel, emotion, etc. • *n.* **1** a price asked for goods or services. **b** financial liability or commitment. **2** accusation, esp. against a defendant. **3** a task, duty, or commission. **b** care, custody, responsible possession. **c** person or thing entrusted; minister's congregation. **4** a impetuous rush or attack, esp. in a battle. **b** signal for this. **5** appropriate amount of material to be put into a receptacle, mechanism, etc. **6** a property of matter causing electrical phenomena. **b** quantity of this carried by a body. **7** exhortation; directions; orders. □ **charge account** credit account at a store, etc. **charge card** credit card for which the account must be paid in full when a statement is issued. **in charge** having command. **take charge** assume control or direction. □ **charge'a-ble** *adj.***********

char-ger /chárjər/ *n.* **1** cavalry horse. **2** apparatus for charging a battery. **3** person or thing that charges.

char-i-ot /cháríeet/ *n.* *hist.* two-wheeled vehicle drawn by horses, used in ancient warfare and racing. □ **char-i-o-teer'** *n.*



CHARIOT

cha-ris-ma /karízimə/ *n.* (*pl.* **cha-ris-ma-ta** /-mə-tə/) **1** ability to inspire followers with devotion and enthusiasm. **2** attractive aura; great charm. □ **char-is-mat-ic** /kárízmátík/ *adj.* **char-is-mat'ic-al-ly** *adv.*

char-i-ta-ble /chárítəbəl/ *adj.* **1** generous in giving to those in need. **2** of, relating to, or connected with a charity or charities. **3** apt to judge favorably of persons, acts, and motives. □ **char'i-ta-ble-ness** *n.* **char'i-ta-bly** *adv.*

hour-ly /ówrlee/ • *adj.* 1 done or occurring every hour. 2 reckoned hour by hour (*hourly wage*).
• *adv.* 1 every hour. 2 frequently; continually.

house • *n.* /hows/ (*pl.* /hówziz, -siz/) 1 a building for human habitation. **b** (*attrib.*, often in *comb.*) (of an animal) kept in, frequenting, or infesting houses (*house cat*; *housefly*). 2 building for a special purpose (*opera house*; *summer house*). 3 (often in *comb.*) building for keeping animals or goods (*henhouse*). 4 royal family or dynasty (*House of York*). 5 business or institution. 6 a legislative or deliberative assembly. **b** building where it meets. **c** (*the House*) the House of Representatives. 7 a audience in a theater, movie theater, etc. **b** theater. 8 *Astrol.* sign of the zodiac. • *v.tr.* /howz/ 1 provide (a person, a population, etc.) with a house or other accommodation. 2 store (goods, etc.). 3 enclose or encase (a part or fitting). □ **House of Lords** (in the UK) chamber of Parliament composed of peers and bishops. **House of Representatives** lower house of the US Congress and other legislatures. **like a house on fire** 1 vigorously; fast. 2 successfully; excellently. **on the house** at the management's expense; free.

house-boat /hówsbót/ *n.* boat fitted for living in.

house-break-ing /hówsbrayking/ *n.* breaking into a building, esp. in daytime, to commit a crime. □ **house-breaker** *n.*

house-bro-ken /hówsbrókən/ *adj.* (of pets) trained to excrete only outdoors or only in proper places.

house-coat /hówskót/ *n.* woman's informal indoor robe.

house-dress /hówsdres/ *n.* inexpensive dress of simple design suitable for wear while doing housework.

house-fly /hówsfli/ *n.* common fly.

house-hold /hóws-höld/ *n.* 1 occupants of a house regarded as a unit. 2 house and its affairs. □ **household word** (or *name*) familiar name, person, or thing. □ **house'hold-er** *n.*

house-hus-band /hóws-hazbənd/ *n.* married man whose main job is managing household duties.

house-keep-er /hówskeepər/ *n.* person employed to manage a household.

house-keep-ing /hówskeeping/ *n.* 1 management of household affairs. 2 operations of maintenance, record keeping, etc., in an organization.

house-maid /hówsmaid/ *n.* female servant in a house.

house-plant /hówsplant/ *n.* plant grown indoors.

house-ware /hówswarez/ *n.pl.* small articles for furnishing a home, such as dishware, glassware, and small appliances.

house-warm-ing /hówswareming/ *n.* party celebrating a move to a new home.

house-wife /hóws-wif/ *n.* (*pl.* -wives) woman (usu. married) managing a household.
□ **house'wife-ly** *adj.*

house-work /hóws-wærk/ *n.* regular housekeeping chores.

hous-ing /hówsing/ *n.* 1 a dwellings collectively. **b** provision of these. 2 shelter; lodging. 3 rigid casing, esp. for machinery, etc.

HOV *abbr.* high-occupancy vehicle.

hove *past* of HEAVE.

hov-el /húvəl, hóv-/ *n.* small miserable dwelling.

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hov-er /húvər, hóvər/ *v.intr.* 1 (of a bird, helicopter, etc.) remain in one place in the air. 2 wait close at hand; linger.

hov-er-craft /húvərkraft, hóv-/ *n.* (*pl.* same) vehicle that travels over land or water on a cushion of air provided by a downward blast.

how /how/ • *interrog. adv.* 1 by what means; in what way (*how do you do it?*). 2 in what condition, esp. of health (*how is the patient?*). 3 to what extent (*how far is it?*; *how did they play?*). • *rel. adv.* in whatever way. • *conj. colloq.* that (*told us how he'd been in Canada*). □ **how about** would you like (*how about a game of chess?*). **how do you do?** formal greeting.

how-dah /hówdə/ *n.* seat for riding on an elephant or camel.

how-ev-er /hówévər/ *adv.* 1 a in whatever way (*do it however you want*). **b** to whatever extent (*must go however inconvenient*). 2 nevertheless.

how-it-zer /hówitsər/ *n.* short cannon for high-angle firing of shells at low velocities.

howl /howl/ • *n.* 1 long, doleful cry of a dog, wolf, etc. 2 prolonged wailing noise, e.g., as made by a strong wind. 3 loud cry of pain or rage. 4 yell of derision or merriment. • *v.* 1 *intr.* make a howl. 2 *intr.* weep loudly. 3 *tr.* utter (words) with a howl.

howl-er /hówlər/ *n. colloq.* glaring mistake.

how-so-ev-er /hówsō-évər/ *adv.* 1 in whatever way. 2 to whatever extent.

hoy-den /hóyd'n/ *n.* boisterous girl.

h.p. *abbr.* (also *hp*) horsepower.

HQ *abbr.* headquarters.

HR *abbr.* (also *H.R.*) 1 House of Representatives. 2 home run.

hr. *abbr.* hour.

HS *abbr.* high school.

Hs *symp. Chem.* hassium.

HST *abbr.* 1 Hawaii(an) Standard Time.

http *abbr.* (also **HTTP**) *Computing* hypertext transfer protocol, the standard for hypertext data distributed via the World Wide Web.

hub /hub/ *n.* 1 central part of a wheel, rotating on or with the axle. 2 center of interest, activity, etc.

hub-bub /húbub/ *n.* 1 confused noise. 2 disturbance.

hub-by /húbee/ *n.* (*pl.* -bies) *colloq.* husband.

hu-bris /hyóbris/ *n.* arrogant pride or presumption. □ **hu-bris'tic** *adj.*

huck-le-ber-ry /húkəlberee/ *n.* (*pl.* -ries) 1 low-growing N. American shrub. 2 blue or black fruit of this.

huck-ster /húkstər/ • *n.* 1 peddler or hawker. 2 publicity agent, esp. for broadcast material. • *v.* 1 *intr.* bargain; haggle. 2 *tr.* carry on a petty traffic in.

HUD /hud/ *abbr.* (Department of) Housing and Urban Development.

hud-dle /húd'l/ • *v.* 1 *tr.* & *intr.* crowd together. 2 *intr.* & *refl.* coil one's body into a small space.

• *n.* 1 confused or crowded mass. 2 *colloq.* close or secret conference (esp. in **go into a huddle**). 3 *Football* gathering of the players of one team to receive instructions about the next play.

hue /hyoo/ *n.* 1 a color or tint. **b** variety or shade