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& *adj.* circling in a direction opposite to the movement of the hands of a clock.

count-er-cul-ture /kówn-tər-kul-chər/ *n.* way of life, etc., opposed to that usually considered normal.

count-er-es-pi-o-nage /kówn-tə-rés-pé-ə-nāzh, -nij/ *n.* action taken to frustrate enemy spying.

count-er-feit /kówn-tər-fít/ • *adj.* made in imitation; not genuine; forged. • *n.* forgery; imitation. • *v. tr.* imitate fraudulently; forge. □ **count-er-feit-er** *n.*

count-er-in-tel-li-gence /kówn-tər-inté-li-jəns/ *n.* = COUNTERESPIONAGE.

count-er-mand • *v. tr.* /kówn-tər-mánd/ revoke (an order or command). • *n.* /kówn-tər-mánd/ order revoking a previous one.

count-er-meas-ure /kówn-tər-mé-zhər/ *n.* action taken to counteract a danger, threat, etc.

count-er-pane /kówn-tər-payn/ *n.* bedspread.

count-er-part /kówn-tər-paart/ *n.* 1 complement or equivalent to another. 2 duplicate, esp. of a document.

count-er-point /kówn-tər-poynt/ • *n.* 1 *Mus.* a art or technique of combining melodies according to fixed rules. 2 melody played in conjunction with another. 3 contrasting argument, theme, etc., used to set off the main element. • *v. tr.* 1 *Mus.* add counterpoint to. 2 set (an argument, etc.) in contrast to (a main element).

count-er-poise • *n.* /kówn-tər-poyz/ 1 counterbalance. 2 state of equilibrium. • *v. tr.* /kówn-tər-póyz/ 1 counterbalance. 2 compensate.

count-er-pro-duc-tive /kówn-tər-prə-dúktiv/ *adj.* having the opposite of the desired effect.

count-er-rev-o-lu-tion /kówn-tər-é-və-lú-shən/ *n.* revolution opposing a former one or reversing its results. □ **count-er-rev-o-lu-tion-ary** *adj.* & *n.* (*pl.* -ies).

count-er-sign /kówn-tərsín/ • *v. tr.* add a ratifying signature to (a document). • *n.* watchword or password. □ **count-er-sig-na-ture** /-síg-nə-chər/ *n.*

count-er-sink /kówn-tərsíngk/ *v. tr.* (*past* and *past part.* -sunk) 1 enlarge and bevel (the rim of a hole) so that a screw or bolt can be inserted flush with the surface. 2 sink (a screw, etc.) in such a hole.

count-er-ten-or /kówn-tər-tén-ər/ *n.* 1 highest adult male singing voice. 2 singer with this voice.

count-er-top /kówn-tər-tóp/ *n.* horizontal, flat work surface, as in a kitchen.

count-er-vail /kówn-tər-váyl/ *v.* 1 *tr.* counterbalance. 2 *tr.* & *intr.* oppose forcefully and usu. successfully.

count-er-weight /kówn-tər-wayt/ *n.* counterbalancing weight.

count-ess /kówn-tis/ *n.* 1 wife or widow of a count or an earl. 2 woman holding the rank of count or earl.

count-less /kówn-tlis/ *adj.* too many to be counted.

count-ri-fied /kún-trífid/ *adj.* rustic, esp. of manners, appearance, etc.

count-ry /kúntree/ *n.* (*pl.* -tries) 1 nation or its territory. 2 (often *attrib.*) rural area. 3 land of a person's birth or citizenship. 4 region associated with a particular person, feature, etc. (*Elvis country*; *mountain country*). 5 national population, esp. as voters. □ **country and western** popular music originating in the southern US. **country**

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club golfing and social club. **country cousin** often *derog.* countrified person.

count-ry-man /kúntreemán/ *n.* (*pl.* -men; *fem.* **count-ry-wom-an**, *pl.* -wom-en) person of one's own country.

count-ry-side /kúntreesíd/ *n.* 1 rural area. 2 rural areas in general.

count-ry-wide /kúntreewíd/ *adj.* extending throughout a nation.

count-ty /kówntee/ *n.* (*pl.* -ties) 1 political and administrative division of a state, as in the US. 2 administrative divisions of some countries. □ **county seat** administrative capital of a county.

coup /kōō/ *n.* (*pl.* **coups** /kōōz/) 1 successful stroke or move. 2 = COUP D'ÉTAT.

coup de grâce /kōō də grās/ *n.* finishing stroke, esp. to kill a wounded animal or person.

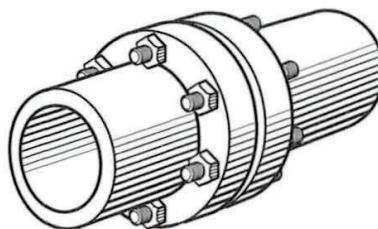
coup d'é-tat /kōō day-tá/ *n.* violent or illegal seizure of power.

coupe /kōōp/ *n.* two-door car with a hard top.

cou-ple /kúpəl/ • *n.* 1 a two. 2 about two (*a couple of hours*). 2 a married or engaged pair. 3 pair of partners in a dance, etc. • *v.* 1 *tr.* link together. 2 *tr.* associate in thought or speech. 3 *intr.* copulate.

cou-plet /kúplit/ *n.* two successive lines of verse, usu. rhyming and of the same length.

cou-pling /kúpling/ *n.* link connecting machinery parts, railroad cars, etc.



COUPLING

cou-pon /kōōpon, kyōō-/ *n.* 1 discount voucher presented at purchase. 2 detachable ticket or form entitling holder to payment, goods, a discount, services, etc.

cour-age /kōrij, kūr-/ *n.* ability to disregard fear; bravery.

cou-ra-geous /kə-rájəs/ *adj.* brave; fearless. □ **cou-ra'-geous-ly** *adv.*

cou-ri-er /kōōreər, kór-, kūr-/ *n.* special messenger.

course /kawrs/ • *n.* 1 onward movement or progression. 2 direction taken. 3 a ground on which a race, etc., takes place. 4 series of hurdles, etc., to be crossed in a race, etc. 5 series of lessons, etc., in a particular subject. 6 each successive part of a meal. 7 stretch of land or water. 8 line of conduct. 9 horizontal layer of brick, stone, etc. 10 water channel. • *v. intr.* (esp. of liquid) run, esp. fast. □ **in the course of** during. **matter of course** natural or expected thing. **of course** naturally; as is or was to be expected. **run its course** (esp. of an illness) complete its natural development.

cours-er /káwrsər/ *n.* poet. swift horse.

court /kawrt/ • *n.* 1 (in full **court of law**) a judicial body hearing legal cases. 2 = COURTROOM. 2