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ight. **7.** An area of unified light, shade, or color in a paint-;;g. **8.** *Phann.* A thick pasty mixture containing drugs from -.&ich pills are formed. **9. masses.** The body of common 3:0ple or people of low socioeconomic status. - *tr. & intr.v.* .:rassed, mass•ing. mass•es. To gather or be gathered into ..:Jass. - *adj.* **1.** Of, relating to, characteristic of, directed at, r attended *by* a large number of people. **2.** Done or carried a::. on a large scale. **3.** Total; complete. [ME *masse* < OFr. Lat. *massa* < Gk. *maza.* See mag-•,]

e s also mass (mas) *n* **1.a.** The liturgy of the Eucharist, esp. a die Roman Catholic Church. **b.** The sacrament of the Eu-::arist. Z. A musical sening of certain parts of the Mass. [ME *"CSSe* < OE *m'F3sse* < VLat. *•messa* < Llat. *missa* < Lat., z:::.. p.part. of *mittere,* to send away, dismiss.}

lz!s. *abbr.* Massachusetts.

•sa •chu •sett also Mas•sa •chu •set (mas'a-choo' sit, <:: 11, *pl.* **Massachusett** or **•setts** also **Massachuset** or –5!'ts. 1. A member of an extinct Native American people ...ced along Massachusetts Bay from Plymouth north to Sa-c, r. **2.** The Algonquian language of the Massachusett. (< the <:zssachusett name of Great Blue Hill south of Boston.]

tzs-•sa•chu•setts (mas'o-choo'slts). A state of the NE U.S.; ..c::.:itted as one of the original Thirteen Colonies in 1788. It -.:,s settled by the Pilgrims of the *Mayflower* in 1620. Cap. -<S:on. Pop. 6,029,051.

Aa!ssachusetts Bay. An inlet of the Atlantic off E MA ex-g from Cape Ann to Cape Cod.

-::ll!" Sa•cre (maslJ-kJr) 11 **1.** The act or an instance of cruel, -=iscriminate killing of a large number of human beings. ::: be slaughter of a large number of animals. **3.** *lllformal.* A defeat. - *tr.v.* -cred (-kord), -cring (-kring, -kar-ing), - = . **1.** To kill indiscriminately and wantonly. **2.** *Informal.* ¼feat decisively. [Fr. < OFr. *macecle, macecre,* butchery, **.acibles.] -masTsa•crer** (-kar-ar, -kror) 11

-;:z•sage (mo-sazh', -saj') 11 The rubbing or kneading of '-c::s of the body to aid circulation or relax the muscles. - .,,. **-saged. -sag•ing, -sag•es. 1.** To give a massage to. :. To rreat by means of a massage. 3. To coddle or cajole. -_ o manipulate (data, for example): *Pollsters massaged the w.:hers.* [Fr. < *masser,* to massage< Ar. *masaha,* to stroke, acaiot or *massa,* to touch.] -mas•sag'er tr:

-:1!!!529e parlor 11 **1.** An establishment that offers therapeutic z::s&1ge. 2. An establishment that offers illicit sexual services ::det- the guise of therapeutic massage.

.11!5:•-sa•sau•ga (mas¹o-so' g•J 11 A small, variably colored .::3esnake *(Sistrurus catenatus)* found in parts of the United iEm:s, Canada, and Mexico. [After the *Mississagi,* a river of .2 Ontario, Canada.]

-sa•soit (mas'o-soit'). 1580?-1661. Wampanoag leader aided the Pilgrim colonists.

"2S5 **defect** 11 The amount by which the mass of an atomic -.de.Js is less than the sum of the masses of irs nucleons.

-:z.•se (ma-sa¹) *n. Games.* A stroke in billiards made by strik-;,. die cue ball off center with the cue held nearly vertically. ◆ < p.parc. of *masser,* to make a masse shot < *masse,* mace a:: early form of billiard cue) < OFr., club. See MACE1]

-aES-en•er•gy equivalence (mi!s'en'or-je) 11 The physical ,zeiple that a measure of the energy of a system is its mass, apressed by Einstein's equation, $E = mc^2$, where E is ::z=gy, m the equivalent mass, and c the spcyed of light.

•se•net (m3s¹; -n3/, m3.s-nii.l), Jules Emile Frederic. 2-1912. French composer of the opera *Thais* (1894).

-:e::se•ter (m;-sC1t;r, m3-) *n* **A** muscle in the cheek that - s the jaws during chewing. [Nlat. < Gk. *masiitiir* < *mai,* to chew.] - mas¹se•terl ic (m3s'i-ter'ik) *adj.*

"85.•-seur (mii-sUr', mc-) 11 A man who gives massages pro-1:aD:lally. (Fr. < *masser,* ro massage. See :\MASSAGE]

111!-Seuse (mii-srez') 11 A woman who gives massages pro-Hy. [Fr., fem. of *masseur,* masseur. See MASSEUR.]

•cot (mas1i-kot¹, -ko') 11 **1.** The mineral form of lead ..oxide, PbO. **2.** A yellow powder, PbO, used as a pigment. *masticot* < OFr., perh. < Oltal. *marzacotto,* potter's e-e (perh. < Sp. *mazacote,* mortar), poss. < Ar. 1i11iya, perh. of Gk. orig.]

la!-sf (ma-sefr) *n* 1. A mountain or compact group of con-.i::ai mountains forming an independent portion of a range. large section of the earth's crust that is more rigid than sz:rrounding rock and has been moved or displaced as a ac.. ffr., massive, massif < OFr. See MASSIVE]

-s: Cen •tral (mii-sefr sen-teal r, s3r;-). A mountainous - : m of S-cemral France rising to 1,887.3 m (6,188 ft).

-s •lon (mi\s¹o-b n, -Ion'). A city of NE OH \X of Can-?op. 31,007.

-sine (ma-sen'), Uonide. 1896-1979. Russian-born - i:. choreographer whose ballets include *Parade* (1917).

te-so•ger (miis'in-jar), **Philip.** 1583-1640. English play-=i¢:t best known for *A New Way to Pay Old Debts* (c. 1:S).

"Z!-5ive (mas¹iv) *adj.* 1. Consisting of or making up a large aas; bulky, heavy, and solid. **2.** Large or imposing, as in ..a;crity, scope, or degree. **3.** Large in comparison with the .-.l amount. **4.** *Patho/.* Affecting a large area of bodily tissue; widespread and severe. 5. *Mineral.* Lacking internal crystalline structure; amorphous. **6.** *Geo/.* \Vithout internal structure or layers and homogeneous in composition. Used of a rock. [ME *massif*< OFr. < *masse,* mass. See MASS] - **mas'•sive•ly** *adv.* - **mas'sive•ness** *n.*

Mas•sive (masliv), Mount. A peak, 4,398.4 m (14,421 fr), in the Sawatch Range of the Rocky Mrs. in central CO.

mass•less (masl!:s) *adj.* Having a mass of zero.

mass medium 11, *pl.* **mass media. A** means of public communication to a large audience.

mass noun *n* A noun, such as *sand, oil,* or *honesty,* that denotes a substance or concept indivisible into countable units and is preceded in English indefinite constructions by modifiers such as *some* or *much* rather than *a* or *one.*

mass number 11 **The** sum of the number of neutrons and protons in an atomic nucleus.

mass production 11 The manufacture of goods in large quantities, often using standardized designs and assembly-line techniques. - **mass¹-pro•ducT** (miis¹pro-dəos') *v.*

mass spectrograph 11 **An** instrument used to determine the masses of atoms or molecules, in which an electromagnetic field separates ions accordjng to their masses and rhe resulting spectrum is recorded on a photographic plate.

mass•y (miis'e) *adj.* -i•er, -i••est. Having great mass or bulk.

mast¹ (mast) *n* **1.** *Naut.* A tall vertical spar that rises from the keel or deck of a sailing vessel to support the sails and running rigging. **2.a.** A vertical pole. **b.** A tall vertical antenna, as for a radio. **3.** A captain's mast. [ME < OE *ma,st.J*

mast² (m3st) *n.* The nuts of forest trees accumulated on the ground, used esp. as food for swine. [ME < OE *ma,st.J*

mast- *pref* Var. of **masto-.**

mas•ta•ba also **mas•ta•bah** (mas'to-bo) 11 An ancient Egyptian tomb with a rectangular base, sloping sides, and a flat roof. **[Ar.** *ma$/abah,* stone bench.]

mast cell *n.* A cell found in connective tissue that releases substances such as histamine in response to injury or inflammation of bodilv tissues. [Partial transl. of Ger. *Mastzelle* : *Mast,* food, mast (< MHGer. < OHGer.) + *Zelle,* cell.]

mas•tec•to•my (mii-steklto-me) 11, *pl.* **-mies.** Surgical removal of all or part of a breast, sometimes including excision of the underlying pectoral muscles and regional lymph nodes, usu. performed as a treatment for cancer.

mas•ter {m3.s't;)r) *n* 1. One that has control over another or others. **2.** The owner of a slave or an animal. **3.** One who has control over or ownership of something. 4. The captain of a merchant ship. **S.** An employer. **6.** A man who is the head of a household. **7.** One who defeats another; a victor. **8.a.** One whose teachings or doctrines are accepted by followers. b. Master. Jesus. 9. A male reacher, schoolmaster, or tutor. **10.** One who holds a master's degree. **11.a. An** artiSt or a performer of great and exemplary skill. **b.** An old master. 12. A worker qualified ro reach apprentices and carry on the craft independently. **13.** An expert. **14.a.** Used formerly as a title for a man holding a naval office ranking next below a lieutenant on a warship. b. Used as a title for a man who serves aS the head or presiding officer of certain societies, clubs, orders, or institutions. **c.** *Chiefly British.* Used as a title for any of various male law court officers. d. Master. Used as a title for any of various male officers having specified duties concerning the management of rhe British royal household. **e. Master.** Used as a courtesy title before the given or full name of a boy. **f.** *Archaic.* Used as a form of address for a man; mister. **15.** Master. A man who owns a pack of hounds or is the chief officer of a hunt. **16.** An original from which copies can be made. - *adj.* **1.** Of, relating to, or characteristic of a master. 2. Principal or predominant. 3. Controlling all other parts of a mechanism. **4.** Highly skilled or proficient. **5.** Being an original from which copies are made. - *tr.v.* **-tered, -ter•ing, -ters. 1.** To act as or be the master of. **2.** To make oneself a master of: *mastered the language.* **3.** To over•come or defeat: *mastered his addiction.* **4.** To reduce to subjugation; break or tame (an animal, for example). **5.** To produce a master audio recording for. **6.** To season or age (dyed goods). [ME < OE *magister, m,egister* and OFr. *maistre,* both < Lat. *magister.* See meg-•.] - masiter•dom 11

mas•ter-at-arms (mas I tor-ot-iirmzl) 11, *pl.* **mas•ters-at-**arms (m3slt;)rz.-). A petty officer assigned to maintain order.

master chief petty officer 11 An officer of the highest non-commissioned rank in the U.S. Navy or Coast Guard.

mas•ter•ful (miisltor-fal) *adj.* **1.** Given to playing the master; imperious or domineering. **2.** Fit co command. **3.** Revealing mastery or skill; expert: *a masterful technique.* - maslter• **ful•ly** *adv.* - **maslter•ful•ness** 11

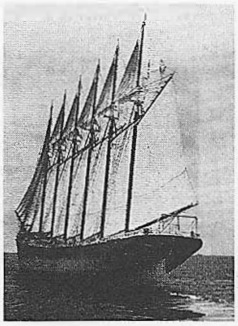
master gunnery sergeant *n.* A noncommissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps ranking above master sergeant and equivalent to a sergeant major.

master key *n* A key that opens each of a given set of locks.

mas•te.c•ly (masltor-le) *adj.* Having or showing the knowledge or skill of a master. - *adv.* With the skill of a master. -mas1ter•li•ness *n*

master mariner 11 See master 4.

mas•ter•mind (maslror-mind¹) *n.* A highly intelligent person,



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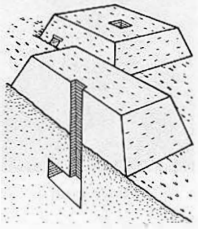
Mertie B. Crowley



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