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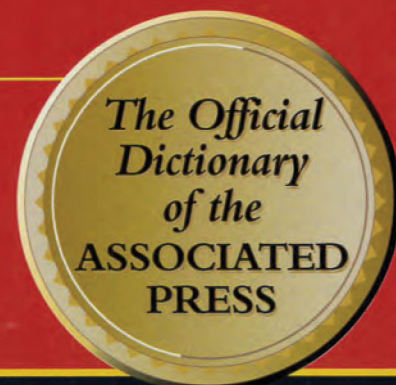
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entreaty and imply that the request is addressed to God or to a superior authority, **supplicate** in addition suggesting a kneeling or other abjectly prayerful attitude

ap·pear (ə pīr') *vi.* [ME *aperen* < OFr *aparoir* < L *apparere* < *ad-*, to + *perere*, to come forth, be visible; akin to Gr *peparein*, to display] 1 to come into sight 2 to come into being [freckles **appear** on his face every summer] 3 to become understood or apparent [it **appears** he's right] 4 to seem; look [to **appear** to be in good health] 5 to present oneself formally, as in court 6 to come before the public [he will **appear** in Hamlet] 7 to be published [the magazine **appears** monthly]

ap·pear·ance (-əns) *n.* [ME *aparaunce* < OFr *aparaunce* < LL *apparentia* < *apparere*, prec.] 1 the act or an instance of appearing 2 the look or outward aspect of a person or thing 3 anything that appears; thing seen 4 [Archaic] an apparition 5 an outward show; pretense [to give the **appearance** of being busy] 6 [pl.] the way things seem to be [from all **appearances** he's innocent] —**keep up appearances** to maintain an outward show of being proper, decorous, well-off, etc. —**make an appearance** 1 to put in an appearance 2 to appear publicly —**put in an appearance** to be present for a short time, as at a party, meeting, etc.

SYN.—**appearance** and **look** refer generally to the outward impression of a thing, but the former often implies mere show or pretense [an **appearance** of honesty], and the latter (often in the plural) refers specifically to physical details [the **look** of an abandoned house, good **looks**]; **aspect** also refers to physical details, esp. to facial features or expression [a man of handsome **aspect**] or to the distinguishing features at a given time or place [in spring the yard had a refreshing **aspect**]; **semblance**, which also refers to the outward impression as contrasted with the inner reality, usually does not imply deception [a **semblance** of order]; **guise** is usually used of a deliberately misleading appearance [under the **guise** of patriotism]

ap·pease (ə pēz') *vt.* —**peased'**, —**peas'-ing** [ME *apaissen* < OFr *apaissier* < *a-*, to + *pais* < L *pax*, PEACE] 1 to pacify or quiet, esp. by giving in to the demands of 2 to satisfy or relieve [water **appeases** thirst] —**SYN.** PACIFY —**ap·peas'-able adj.** —**ap·peas'er n.**

ap·pease·ment (-mənt) *n.* 1 an appeasing or being appeased 2 the policy of giving in to the demands of a hostile or aggressive power in an attempt to keep the peace

ap·pel (ə pel') *n.* [Fr, lit., an appeal, call < *appeler*, APPEAL] *Fencing* a slap or tap of the ball of the front foot as the first of two advancing steps in making a lunge

ap·pel·lant (ə pel'ənt) *adj.* [Fr < prp. of *appeler*, APPEAL] *Law* relating to appeals; appealing —*n.* a person who appeals, esp. to a higher court

ap·pel·late (-it) *adj.* [L *appellatus*, pp. of *appellare*, APPEAL] *Law* relating to or having jurisdiction to review appeals [an *appellate* court]

ap·pel·la·tion (ap'ə lā'shən) *n.* [L *appellatio* < pp. of *appellare*, APPEAL] 1 the act of calling by a name 2 a name or title that describes or identifies a person or thing; designation

ap·pel·la·tion con·trô·lée (ə pel lā syōn kōn trō lā') [Fr, controlled name] [often A-C-] a designation on the label of certain French wines, brandies, etc. guaranteeing that the contents meet established standards, as type of grape and location of vineyard

ap·pel·la·tive (ə pel'ə tiv) *adj.* [L *appellativus* < pp. of *appellare*, APPEAL] 1 having to do with the giving of names; naming 2 relating to a common noun: an earlier usage —*n.* 1 a name or title 2 a common noun: an earlier usage

ap·pel·lee (ap'ə lē', ə pel'ē') *n.* [Fr *appelé*, pp. of *appeler*, APPEAL] *Law* the respondent in an appeal

ap·pend (ə pend') *vt.* [ME *appenden* < OFr *apendre* < L *appendere* < *ad-*, to + *pendere*, hang: see SPIN] to attach or affix; add as a supplement or appendix

ap·pend·age (ə pen'dij) *n.* 1 anything appended; adjunct 2 any subordinate or external organ or part of a plant or animal, as a branch, tail, or limb

ap·pend·ant or **ap·pend·ent** (-dənt) *adj.* [Fr, prp. of *appendre*, APPEND] 1 attached or added as an appendage 2 associated with as a consequence 3 *Law* belonging to as a subsidiary right —*n.* 1 an appendage 2 *Law* a subsidiary right attached to and passing with a major one

★**ap·pen·dec·tomy** (ap'en dek'tə mē) *n., pl.* —**mies** [APPEND(IX) + -ECTOMY] the surgical removal of the vermiform appendix

★**ap·pen·di·ci·tis** (ə pen'dē sīt'is) *n.* [APPENDIX + -ITIS] inflammation of the vermiform appendix

ap·pen·di·cle (ə pen'di kəl) *n.* [L *appendicula*, dim. of *appendix*, APPENDIX] a small appendage or appendix

ap·pen·dicu·lar (ap'en dik'yōō lər, -yə) *adj.* of an appendix or appendage; specif., of a limb or the limbs of a vertebrate

ap·pen·dix (ə pen'diks) *n., pl.* —**dixes** or —**di·ces'** (-də sēz') [L, appendage < *appendere*, APPEND] 1 additional or supplementary material at the end of a book or other writing 2 *Anat.* an outgrowth of an organ; esp., the VERMIFORM APPENDIX: see INTESTINE, ILLUS.

Ap·pen·zell (ap'en zel'; Ger ā'pən tsel') canton of NE Switzerland: 161 sq mi (417 sq km); pop. 60,000: divided into two politically independent half cantons

ap·per·ceive (ap'ər sēv') *vt.* —**ceived'**, —**ceiv'-ing** [ME *aperceiven* < OFr *aperceivre* < L *ad-*, to + *percipere*, PERCEIVE] 1 *Psychol.* to assimilate and interpret (new ideas, impressions, etc.) by the help of past experience 2 [Obs.] to perceive

ap·per·cep·tion (-sep'shən) *n.* [Fr *aperception* < *apercevoir*, prec.] 1 the act or process of perceiving 2 the state or fact of the mind in being conscious of its own consciousness —**ap·per·cep·tive adj.** **ap·per·tain** (ap'ər tain') *vi.* [ME *apertenen* < OFr *apertenir* < LL *appertinere* < *ad-*, to + *pertinere*: see PERTAIN] to belong properly as a function, part, etc.; have to do with; relate; pertain

ap·pe·stat (ap'ə stat') *n.* a brain mechanism or region that regulates the appetite: thought to be in the hypothalamus

ap·pe·tency (ap'ə tən sē) *n., pl.* —**cies** [L *appetentia*, a longing after < prp. of *appetere*: see fol.] 1 a strong desire; craving; appetite 2 an instinctive tendency; propensity 3 a natural attraction, as between some chemical elements; affinity Also **ap·pe·tence** (-təns)

ap·pe·tite (ap'ə tit') *n.* [OFr *apetit* < L *appetitus*, eager desire for < *appetere*, to strive after < *ad-*, to + *petere*, desire: see FEATHER] 1 a desire to satisfy some craving of the body; specif., a desire for food, or, sometimes, a desire for some specific food 2 any strong desire or craving [an *appetite* for knowledge] —**ap·pe·ti·tive** (-tit'iv) *adj.*

ap·pe·tizer (-tī'zər) *n.* [fol. + -ER] 1 a small portion of a tasty food or a drink to stimulate the appetite at the beginning of a meal 2 a bit of something that excites a desire for more

ap·pe·tiz·ing (-tī'zīŋ) *adj.* [transl. of Fr *appétissant*, formed as if prp. of **appetissier* < base of *appétit*, APPETITE] 1 stimulating the appetite 2 savory; delicious —**ap·pe·tiz·ing·ly adv.**

Ap·pian Way (ap'ē ən) [after the Roman censor Appius Claudius Caecus, by whom it was begun in 312 B.C.] ancient Roman paved highway from Rome to Capua to Brundisium (Brindisi): c. 350 mi (563 km)

ap·plaud (ə plōd') *vt., vi.* [L *applaudere* < *ad-*, to + *plaudere*, to clap hands, strike] 1 to show approval or enjoyment (of) by clapping the hands or by cheering, stamping the feet, etc. 2 to praise; approve; commend —**ap·plaud'er n.** —**ap·plaud'·ing·ly adv.**

ap·plause (ə plōz') *n.* [L *applausus*, pp. of *applaudere*, prec.] approval or praise, esp. as shown by clapping hands, cheering, etc.

ap·ple (ap'əl) *n.* [ME *appel* < OE *æppel*, fruit, apple (also, eyeball, anything round); akin to OIr *aball* (Welsh *afall*), apple tree] 1 a round, firm, fleshy, edible fruit with a green, yellow, or red skin and small seeds 2 any of the trees (genus *Malus*) of the rose family bearing this fruit, widely distributed in temperate regions 3 any of various plants bearing applelike fruits, or growths, as the May apple, love apple, etc. —**the Apple the BIG APPLE**

★**apple butter** a smooth, sweet, thick spread made from apples stewed with spices

apple cart a huckster's handcart for selling apples in the street, etc. —**upset the (or someone's) apple cart** to disrupt a procedure, spoil someone's plans, etc.

apple·cheeked (ap'əl chēkt') *adj.* [Informal] 1 having rosy cheeks; ruddy 2 showing childlike innocence, freshness, enthusiasm, etc.

apple green a clear yellowish green

★**apple·jack** (-jak') *n.* [APPLE + JACK] brandy distilled from fermented cider

★**apple maggot** 1 a fruit fly larva (*Rhagoletis pomonella*) that infests apples and other fruits 2 the winged adult stage of this fruit fly

apple of discord 1 *Gr. Myth.* a golden apple marked "For the most beautiful," claimed by Athena, Hera, and Aphrodite, and awarded by Paris to Aphrodite: in return, she helps him kidnap the beautiful Helen, thus starting the Trojan War 2 anything causing trouble, discord, or jealousy

apple of one's eye 1 the pupil of one's eye 2 any person or thing that one cherishes

apple·pie (ap'əl pī') *adj.* [Informal] of or characteristic of certain values, as wholesomeness or decency, esp. when regarded as being particularly American

apple·pie order [Informal] neat, orderly condition

★**apple polisher** [Slang] a person who curries favor by gifts, flattery, etc., as a child bringing his teacher an apple

apple·sauce (-sōs') *n.* 1 a dessert or relish made of apples cooked to a pulp in water or, sometimes, puréed in a blender ★2 [Slang] nonsense; hokum

Apple·seed (ap'əl sēd'), **Johnny** (name for John Chapman) 1774-1845; U.S. frontiersman who planted apple trees throughout the Midwest

Ap·ple·ton (ap'əl tən) [after S. Appleton (died 1853), Boston philanthropist & father-in-law of founder of a local university] city in E Wis.: pop. 66,000

Appleton layer [after Sir Edward Appleton (1892-1965), Eng scientist] the F₂ layer of the ionosphere: see F LAYER

ap·pli·ance (ə pli'əns) *n.* 1 [Rare] the act of applying; application 2 a device or machine for performing a specific task, esp. one that is worked mechanically or by electricity [stoves, irons, etc. are household *appliances*] —**SYN.** IMPLEMENT

ap·pli·cable (ap'li kə bəl, ə plīk'ə) *adj.* [ML *applicabilis*: see APPLY & -ABLE] that can be applied; appropriate —**SYN.** RELEVANT —**ap·pli·cabil'ity** (-bil'ə tē) *n.*

ap·pli·cant (ap'li kənt) *n.* [L *applicans*, prp. of *applicare*, APPLY] a person who applies, as for employment, help, etc.

ap·pli·ca·tion (ap'li kə'shən) *n.* [ME *applicacioun* < L *applicatio*, a applying, joining to < pp. of *applicare*, APPLY] 1 the act of applying; specif., a) the act of putting something on [the *application* of cosmetics] b) the act of putting something to use [a job calling for the *application* of many skills] 2 anything applied, esp. a remedy 3 a way of applying or method of applying or using; specific use [a scientific principle having many *applications* in industry] 4 an