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according to subject, under such listings as *help wanted* — **classified advertisement**
class-i-fi (klas'fī) *vt.* -fied-, -fy'ing 1 to arrange in categories 2 to designate (government documents) as secret or for use by authorized persons only — **clas-si-fi-a-ble** *adj.* — **clas-si-fi-ca-tion** *n.* — **clas-si-fi'er** *n.*
class-mate *n.* a member of the same class at a school or college
class-room *n.* a room in a school or college in which classes are taught
class-y *adj.* -i-er, -iest [Inf.] first-class; esp. in style; elegant — **class-i-ness** *n.*
clat-ter (klat'tər) *vi.*, *vt.* [ME *clateren*] to make or cause to make a clatter — *n.* 1 a rapid succession of loud, sharp noises 2 a tumult; hubbub
clause (klōz) *n.* [< L *claudere*, to close] 1 a group of words containing a subject and a finite verb; see DEPENDENT CLAUSE, INDEPENDENT CLAUSE 2 a provision in a document — **claus'al** *adj.*
claus-tro-pho-bia (klōs'trō fō'bē ə) *n.* [< L *claustrum*, enclosed place + -PHOBIA] an abnormal fear of being in an enclosed or confined place — **claus-tro-pho-bic** *adj.*
clav-i-chord (klav'fī kōrd') *n.* [< L *clavis*, key + *choria*, string] a stringed musical instrument with a keyboard, predecessor of the piano
clav-i-cle (klav'fī kəl) *n.* [< L *clavis*, key] a bone connecting the breastbone with the shoulder blade
clav-ier (klāv'vīər) *n.* [Fr < L *clavis*, key] any stringed keyboard instrument
claw (klō) *n.* [OE *clawu*] 1 a sharp, hooked nail on an animal's or bird's foot 2 the pincers of a lobster, etc. — *vt.*, *vi.* to scratch, clutch, tear, etc. with or as with claws
clay (klā) *n.* [OE *clæg*] 1 a firm, plastic earth, used in making bricks, etc. 2 a) earth b) the human body — **clay-ey** *adj.* **clay-i-er**, **clay-i-est**
clean (klēn) *adj.* [OE *clæne*] 1 a) free from dirt and impurities; unsoiled b) free from disease, radioactivity, pollutants, etc. 2 morally pure 3 fair; sportsmanlike 4 neat and tidy 5 well-formed 6 clear 7 thorough — *adv.* [Inf.] completely — *vt.*, *vi.* to make or be made clean — **clean up** 1 to make neat 2 [Inf.] to finish 3 [Slang] to make much profit — **come clean** [Slang] to confess — **clean/ly** *adv.* — **clean/ness** *n.*
clean-cut *adj.* 1 with a sharp edge or outline 2 well-formed 3 trim, neat, etc.
clean-er *n.* a person or thing that cleans; specif., one who gets-cleans clothing
cleanly (klen'le) *adj.* -li-er, -li-est 1 keeping oneself or one's surroundings clean 2 always kept clean — **clean/li-ness** *n.*
clean room a room designed to be nearly 100% free of dust, pollen, etc.
cleanse (klenz) *vt.* **cleansed**, **cleans'ing** [OE *clensian*] to make clean, pure, etc. — **cleans'er** *n.*
clean-up *n.* 1 a cleaning up 2 elimination of crime

clear (klīr) *adj.* [< L *clarus*] 1 free from clouds; bright 2 transparent 3 easily seen or heard; distinct 4 keen or logical [a clear mind] 5 not obscure; obvious 6 certain; positive 7 free from guilt 8 free from deductions; net 9 free from debt 10 free from obstruction; open — *adv.* 1 in a clear way 2 completely — *vt.* 1 to make clear 2 to free from impurities, blemishes, etc. 3 to make lucid; clarify 4 to open [to clear a path] 5 to get rid of 6 to prove the innocence of 7 to pass or leap over, by, etc., esp. without touching 8 to be passed or approved by 9 to give approval to; authorize 10 to make as profit 11 **Banking** to pass (a check, etc.) through a clearinghouse — *vi.* 1 to become clear 2 **Banking** to pass through a clearinghouse; said as of a check — **clear away** (or off) to remove so as to leave a cleared space — **clear out** [Inf.] to depart — **clear up** to make or become clear — **in the clear** 1 free from obstructions 2 [Inf.] guiltless — **clear/ly** *adv.* — **clear/ness** *n.*
clear-ance (-əns) *n.* 1 the clear space between a moving object and that which it is passing 2 official approval or authorization
clear-cut *adj.* 1 clearly outlined 2 distinct; definite 3 with all its trees cut down
clear-ing *n.* an area of land cleared of trees
clearing-house *n.* 1 an office maintained by several banks for exchanging checks, balancing accounts, etc. 2 a central office, as for exchanging information
cleat (klēt) *n.* [ME *clere*] a piece of wood or metal fastened to something to strengthen it or give secure footing
cleav-age (klev'ij) *n.* 1 a cleaving; dividing 2 a cleft; fissure; division 3 the hollow between a woman's breasts
cleave (klev) *vt.*, *vi.* **cleaved** or **cleft** or **clove**, **cleaved** or **cleft** or **clo/ven**, **cleav'ing** [OE *clēofan*] to divide by a blow; split; sever — **cleav-a-ble** *adj.*
cleave (klev) *vi.* **cleaved**, **cleav'ing** [OE *clēofan*] 1 to adhere; cling (to) 2 to be faithful (to)
cleav-er (klev'ər) *n.* a heavy cutting tool with a broad blade, used by butchers
cleft (klef) *n.* [Fr < L *clavis*, key] a symbol used at the beginning of a musical staff to indicate the pitch of the notes
cleft (klef) *n.* [< OE *clēofan*: see CLEAVE] an opening or hollow made by or as if by cleaving; crevice
cleft (klef) *vt.*, *vi.* *alt. pt. & pp. of CLEAVE*
—adj. split; divided
—cleft lip a vertical cleft in the upper lip, often accompanying a CLEFT PALATE
cleft palate a cleft from front to back along the middle of the roof of the mouth, due to incomplete prenatal development
cle-m-a-tis (klem'ə tis) *n.* [< Gr *klēma*, vine] a vine of the buttercup family, with brightly-colored flowers
cle-m-en-cy (klem'ən sē) *n.* mercy; forbearance

Clem-ens (klem'ənz), **Sam-u-el Lang-horne** (sam'yoo əl ləŋ'hōrn) (pseud. *Mark Twain*) 1835-1910; U.S. writer & humorist
clem-ent (-ənt) *adj.* [L *clēmentis*] 1 lenient 2 mild; said as of weather
clench (klench) *vt.* [< OE *(be)clencan*, to make cling] 1 to close (the teeth or fist) firmly 2 to grip tightly — *n.* a firm grip
Cle-o-pa-tra (kle'ō pə'trə, kle'ō-) 69?-30 B.C.; queen of Egypt (51-49; 48-30)
clere-story (klir'stōr'ē) *n.*, *pl.* -ries [< ME *cler*, clear + *storie*, story (of a building)] the upper part of a wall, as of a church, having windows for lighting the central space
clergy (klur'jī) *n.*, *pl.* -gies [see CLERK] the body of people ordained or recognized by a religious community as spiritual or ritual leaders
clergy-man (-mən) *n.*, *pl.* -men (-mən) a man who is a member of the clergy
clergy-woman *n.*, *pl.* -wom'en a woman who is a member of the clergy
cler-ical (kler'ik) *n.* a member of the clergy
cler-ical (kler'ik) *adj.* 1 of the clergy or one of its members 2 of office clerks or their work
cler-icalism (-iz'm) *n.* a policy or system giving political power to the clergy — **cler-ical-ist** *n.*
clerk (klark) *n.* [< Gr *klērikos*, a cleric] 1 a lay member of a church with minor duties 2 an office worker who types, files, etc. 3 an official who keeps the records of a court, town, etc. 4 a salesclerk — *vi.* to work as a salesclerk
Cleveland (klev'lənd), (Stephen) Grover (gro'vər) 1837-1908; 22d and 24th president of the U.S. (1885-89; 1893-97)
Cleveland (klev'lənd) city and port in NE Ohio
clever (klev'ər) *adj.* [? < Norw *kløver*] 1 skillful; adroit 2 intelligent; ingenious; smart — **clever-ly** *adv.* — **clever-er**, **clever-ness** *n.*
clevis (klev'is) *n.* [see CLEAVE] 1 a U-shaped piece of iron with holes for a pin, for attaching one thing to another
clew (klō) *n.* [OE *clūwen*] 1 a ball of thread or yarn 2 *archaic* *sp. of CLUE*
clinch (kle'shə) *n.* [Fr < *pp. of clincer*, to stereotyped] a trite expression or idea
clinch-ed (kle'shəd') *adj.* trite; stereotyped
click (klik) *n.* [echoic] a slight, sharp sound like that of a door latch snapping into place — *vi.*, *vt.* to make or cause to make a click
client (kli'ənt) *n.* [< L *cliens*, follower] 1 one for whom a lawyer, accountant, etc. is acting 2 a customer
client-tele (kli'ən tel') *n.* [Fr < L *clientela*, patronage] all one's clients or customers, collectively
cliff (klif) *n.* [OE *clif*] a high, steep face of rock
cliff-hanger or **cliff-hanger** *n.* a suspenseful film, story, situation, etc.
climac-ter-ic (kli mak'tər'ik, kli' mak'tər'ik) *n.* [< Gr *klīmax*, ladder] a crucial period in life; esp., menopause — *adj.* crucial
climate (kli'mat) *n.* [< Gr *klima*, region] 1

the prevailing weather conditions of a place 2 the prevailing conditions, as of society, at a particular place and time — **clim-at-ic** (-mat'ik) *adj.*
climax (kli'maks') *n.* [L < Gr *klīmax*, ladder] 1 the final, culminating element in a series; highest point of interest, excitement, etc. 2 the turning point of action in a drama, etc. 3 an orgasm — *vt.*, *vi.* to reach, or bring to, a climax — **clim-at-ic** (-mak'tik) *adj.*
climb (klīm) *vi.*, *vt.* **climbed**, **climb'ing** [OE *climban*] 1 to move up by using the feet and, often, the hands 2 to ascend gradually 3 to move (*down, over, along*, etc.) using the hands and feet 4 to grow upward on (a wall, etc.) — *n.* 1 a climbing 2 a thing or place to be climbed — **climb-a-ble** *adj.* — **climb'er** *n.*
clime (klīm) *n.* [see CLIMATE] [Old Poet.] a region, esp. with regard to climate
clinch (klinch) *vt.* [var. of CLENCH] 1 to fasten (a driven nail, etc.) by bending the projecting end 2 to settle (an argument, bargain, etc.) definitely — *vi.* 1 **Boxing** to grip the opponent with the arms so as to hinder punching effectiveness 2 [Slang] to embrace — *n.* a clinching
clinch-er *n.* 1 one that clinches 2 a decisive point, argument, act, etc.
cling (klin) *vi.* **clung**, **cling'ing** [OE *clingan*] 1 to adhere; hold fast, as by embracing 2 to be or stay near 3 to be emotionally attached — **cling'er** *n.* — **cling-y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est
clinic (klin'ik) *n.* [< Gr *klīnē*, bed] 1 the teaching of medicine by treatment of patients in the presence of students 2 a place where medical specialists practice as a group 3 an outpatient department, as in a hospital 4 an intensive session of group instruction, as in a certain skill
clin-i-cal (-i kəl) *adj.* 1 of or connected with a clinic or sickbed 2 having to do with the treatment and observation of patients, as distinguished from theoretical study 3 purely scientific; detached — **clin-i-cal-ly** *adv.*
clin-i-cian (kli nish'ən) *n.* one who practices clinical medicine, psychology, etc.
clink (klinj) *vi.*, *vt.* [echoic] to make or cause to make a slight, sharp sound, as of glasses striking together — *n.* 1 such a sound 2 [Inf.] a jail
clinker (klīŋ'kər) *n.* [Du *klīnker*] 1 a hard mass of fused stony matter, formed as from burned coal 2 [Slang] a mistake
Clinton (klint'n), **Bill** (bil) (legal name William Jefferson Clinton; born William Jefferson Blythe IV) 1946- ; 42d president of the U.S. (1993-2001)
clip (klip) *vt.* **clipped**, **clip'ping** [< ON *klippa*] 1 to cut, as with shears 2 to cut short 3 to cut the hair of 4 [Inf.] to hit sharply 5 [Slang] to swindle — *vi.* to move rapidly — *n.* 1 a clipping 2 an excerpt from a film, videotape, etc. 3 a rapid pace 4 [Inf.] a quick, sharp blow
clip (klip) *vi.*, *vt.* **clipped**, **clip'ping** [OE *clippan*, to embrace] to grip tightly; fasten — *n.*