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one or more pairs of wheels and springs to carry and guide one end (as of a railroad car) in turning sharp curves — **truck-ful** \-fū\ *n*
truck w (1748) : to load or transport on a truck ~ *vi* 1 : to transport goods by truck 2 : to be employed in driving a truck 3 : to roll along esp. in an easy untroubled way

truck-age \-tra-kij\ *n* (1830) 1 : conveyance by truck 2 : money paid for conveyance on a truck

truck-er \-tra-kər\ *n* [trūk] (1598) 1 : one that barbers 2 *Scott* : PEDDLER

trucker n [trūk] (1878) 1 : one whose business is transporting goods by truck 2 : a truck driver

truck farm n [trūk] (1866) : a farm devoted to the production of vegetables for the market — **truck farmer n**

truck-ing n (1809) : the process or business of transporting goods on trucks

truck-le \-tra-kəl\ *vi* **truck-led**; **truck-ling** \-k(ə)-liŋ\ [fr. the lower position of the truckle bed] (1667) : to act in a subservient manner : SUBMIT *syn* see **PAWN** — **truck-ler** \-k(ə)-lər\ *n*

truckle bed *n* [truckle small wheel, pulley, fr. ME *trocle*, fr. L *trochlea* block of pulleys] — more at **TROCHLEA** (15c) : TRUNDLE BED

truckle-line \-trak-līn\ *n* (1924) : a transportation line using trucks

truck-load \-lod, -lod\ *n* (1862) 1 : a load or amount that fills or could fill a truck 2 : the minimum weight required for shipping at truckload rates

truck-man \-mən\ *n* (1787) 1 : **TRUCKER** 2 : a member of a fire department unit that operates a hook and ladder truck

truck-master \-mas-tər\ *n* (1637) *archaic* : an officer in charge of trade with Indians esp. among the early settlers

truck stop n (ca. 1951) : a facility, esp. for trucks that is usu. by a highway and that includes a diner, fuel pumps, and a garage

truck system n (1830) : the system of paying wages in goods instead of cash

tru-culence \-tra-kya-lən(t)s also \-tri- (1872) : the quality or state of being truculent

tru-cu-len-cy \-lan(t)-sē\ *n* (1569) : TRUCULENCE

tru-cu-len-ty \-lan(t)-sē\ *adj* [L *trulentus*, fr. *truc-*, *trux* savage; perh. akin to *tristis* dejected person] (ca. 1540) 1 : feeling or displaying ferocity : CRUEL, SAVAGE 2 : DEADLY, DESTRUCTIVE 3 : scathingly harsh : VITRIOLIC 4 : aggressively self-assertive : BELLIGERENT — **tru-cu-len-ty** *adv*

trudge \-traj\ *vb* **trudged**; **trudg-ing** [origin unknown] *vi* (1547) : to walk or march steadily and usu. laboriously (trudged through deep snow) ~ *vi* : to trudge along or over — **trudg-er n**

trudge n (1835) : a long tiring walk : TRAMP

trudgeon stroke \-trə-jən\ *n* [John Trudgen 1902 Eng. swimmer] (1895) : a swimming stroke consisting of alternating overarm strokes and a scissors kick

true \-tri\ *adj* **tru-er**; **tru-est** [ME *trewe*, fr. OE *trēowe* faithful; akin to OHG *giriwi* faithful, OIr *derb sure*, and prob. to Skt *dārūna* hard, *daru* wood — more at **TREE**] (bef. 12c) 1 *a* : STEADFAST, LOYAL *b* : HONEST, JUST *c* *archaic* : TRUTHFUL 2 *a* (1) : being in accordance with the actual state of affairs (~ description) (2) : conformable to an essential reality (3) : fully realized or fulfilled (dreams come ~) *b* : IDEAL, ESSENTIAL *c* : being that which is the case rather than what is manifest or assumed (the ~ dimension of the problem) *d* : CONSISTENT (~ to character) 3 *a* : properly so called (~ love) (the ~ faith) (the ~ stomach of ruminant mammals) *b* (1) : possessing the basic characters of and belonging to the same natural group as (a whale is a ~ but not a typical mammal) (2) : TYPICAL (the ~ cats) 4 : LEGITIMATE, RIGHTFUL (our ~ and lawful king) 5 *a* : that is fitted or formed or that functions accurately *b* : conformable to a standard or pattern : ACCURATE 6 : determined with reference to the earth's axis rather than the magnetic poles (~ north) 7 : logically necessary 8 : NARROW, STRICT (in the ~ sense) 9 : corrected for error — **true-ness n**

true adv (14c) 1 : in accordance with fact or reality 2 *a* : without deviation (the bullet flew straight and ~) *b* : without variation from type (breed ~)

true n (1812) 1 : TRUTH, REALITY — *usu.* used with *the* 2 : the quality or state of being accurate (as in alignment or adjustment) — *used in the phrases in true and out of true*

true v **trued**; **true-ing** also **tru-ing** (1841) : to make level, square, balanced, or concentric : bring or restore to a desired mechanical accuracy or form (~ up a board) (~ up an engine cylinder)

true believer n (ca. 1820) 1 : one who professes absolute belief in something 2 : a zealous supporter of a particular cause

true bill n (1769) : a bill of indictment endorsed by a grand jury as warranting prosecution of the accused

true-blue adj (1674) 1 : marked by unswerving loyalty (as to a party) 2 : GENUINE (a ~ romantic)

true blue n [fr. the association of blue with constancy] (1762) : one who is true-blue

true-born \-tri-ˈbɔrn\ *adj* (1591) : genuinely such by birth (a ~ Englishman — Shak.)

true bug n (1895) : BUG 1c

true-false test \-hər-təʃ\ *n* (1924) : a test consisting of a series of statements to be marked as true or false

true-heart-ed \-hər-təd\ *adj* (15c) : FAITHFUL, LOYAL — **true-heart-ed-ness n**

true-life \-tri-ˈli\ *adj* (1926) : true to life (a ~ story)

true-love \-tri-ˈləv\ *n* (14c) : one truly beloved or loving : SWEETHEART

true lover's knot n (1615) : a complicated ornamental knot not readily united and symbolic of mutual love — called also *truelove knot*; see **KNOT** illustration

true-penny \-tri-ˈpe-nē\ *n* (1595) : an honest or trusty person

true rib n (1741) : one of the ribs having costal cartilages connected directly with the sternum and in humans constituting the first seven pairs

true seal n (1923) : HAIR SEAL

truf-file \-tra-fəl, -tri-ˈfəl\ *n* [modif. of MF *truffe*, fr. OProv *trufa*, fr. (assumed) VL *tufer*; akin to L *tuber* swelling, truffe — more at **TUBER**] (1591) 1 : the usu. dark and rugose edible subterranean fruiting body of several European ascomycetous fungi (esp. genus *Tuber*); also : one

of these fungi 2 : a candy made of chocolate, butter, sugar, and sometimes liqueur shaped into balls and often coated with cocoa

truf-ful \-fəld\ *adj* (1837) : cooked, stuffed, or garnished with truffles

trug \-trəg\ *n* [origin unknown] (ca. 1864) *chiefly Brit* : a shallow rectangular gardening basket

tru-ism \-tri-i-zəm\ *n* (1708) : an undoubted or self-evident truth; esp. : one too obvious for mention — **tru-is-tic** \-tri-i-s-tik\ *adj*

trull \-trul\ *n* [G *Trulle*, fr. MHG; akin to MHG *trulle* lout — more at **TROLL**] (1519) : PROSTITUTE, TRUMPET

truly \-tri-lē\ *adv* (131c) 1 *a* : INDEED — often used as an intensive (~, she is fair) or interjectionally to express astonishment or doubt *b* : without feigning, falsity, or inaccuracy in truth or fact 2 : in all sincerity : SINCERELY — often used with *yours* as a complimentary close 3 : in agreement with fact : TRUTHFULLY 4 : with exactness of construction or operation 5 : in a proper or suitable manner

trump \-tramp\ *n* [ME *trompe*, fr. OF, of Gmc origin; akin to OHG *trumba*, *trumpa* trumpet] (14c) 1 *a* : TRUMPET *b* *chiefly Scot* : JEW'S HARP 2 : a sound of or as if of trumpeting (the ~ of doom)

trump n [alter. of *triumph*] (1529) 1 *a* : a card of a suit any of whose cards will win over a card that is not of this suit *b* : the suit whose cards are trumps for a particular hand — often used in pl. 2 : a decisive overriding factor or final resource 3 : a dependable and exemplary person

trump vi (1586) 1 : to get the better of : OUTDO 2 : to play a trump (on a card or trick) when another suit was led ~ *vi* : to play a trump when another suit was led

trump card n (1822) : **TRUMP** 1a, 2

trumped-up \-tramp(p)-tʃəp\ *adj* (1728) : fraudulently concocted : SPURIOUS (~ charges)

trump-ery \-tramp-p(ə)-rē\ *n* [ME *tromperie* deceit; fr. MF, fr. *tromper* to deceive] (15c) 1 *a* : worthless nonsense *b* : trivial or useless articles : JUNK (a wagon loaded with household ~ — Washington Irving) 2 *archaic* : tawdry finery — **trump-ery adj**

trumpet \-tramp-pət\ *n* [ME *trompette*, fr. MF, fr. OF *trompe* trumpet] (14c) 1 *a* : a wind instrument consisting of a conical or cylindrical usu. metal tube, a cup-shaped mouthpiece, and a flared bell; *specif* : a valved brass instrument having a cylindrical tube with two turns and a usual range from F sharp below middle C upward for 2½ octaves *b* : a musical instrument (as a cornet) resembling a trumpet 2 : a trumpet player 3 : something that resembles a trumpet or its tonal quality : as *a* : a funnel-shaped instrument (as a megaphone) for collecting, directing, or intensifying sound *b* (1) : a stentorian voice (2) : a penetrating cry (as of an elephant) — **trumpet-like adj**

trumpet vi (1530) 1 : to blow a trumpet 2 : to make a sound suggestive of that of a trumpet ~ *vi* : to sound or proclaim on or as if on a trumpet

trumpet creeper n (1818) : a No. American woody vine (*Campsis radicans* of the family Bignoniaceae, the trumpet-creeper family) having pinnate leaves and large typically red trumpet-shaped flowers

trump-pet-er \-tramp-pə-tər\ *n* (15c) 1 *a* : a trumpet player; *specif* : one that gives signals with a trumpet *b* : one that praises or advocates : EULOGIST, SPOKESMAN 2 *a* : any of a genus (*Psophia* of the family Psophiidae) of several large gregarious long-legged long-necked So. American birds related to the cranes *b* : any of an Asian breed of pigeons with a rounded crest and heavily feathered feet

trumpeter swan n (1834) : a rare pure white No. American wild swan (*Cygnus bucinator*) that is noted for its sonorous voice and is sometimes considered a subspecies (*C. cygnus bucinator*) of the whooper swan

trumpet flower n (ca. 1731) 1 : any of various plants (as a trumpet creeper or a datura) with trumpet-shaped flowers 2 : the flower of a trumpet flower

trumpet honeysuckle n (1731) : a No. American honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*) with coral-red or orange flowers having a trumpet-shaped corolla

trumpet vine n (1709) : TRUMPET CREEPER

trump up vi (1695) 1 : to concoct esp. with intent to deceive : FABRICATE, INVENT 2 *archaic* : to cite as support for an action or claim

trunc-ate \-trəŋ-kət, -trən-\ *adj* [L *truncatus*, pp. of *truncare* to shorten, fr. *truncus* trunk] (1716) : having the end square or even (the ~ leaves of the tulip tree)

truncate v **trunc-at-ed**; **trunc-at-ing** (ca. 1727) 1 : to shorten by or as if by cutting off 2 : to replace (an edge or corner of a crystal) by a plane — **trunc-ation** \-trən-kā-shən, -trən-\ *n*

trunc-at-ed \-kə-təd\ *adj* (ca. 1704) 1 : having the apex replaced by a plane section and esp. by one parallel to the base (~ cone) 2 *a* : cut short : CURTAILED *b* : lacking an expected or normal element (as a syllable) at the beginning or end : CATALECTIC

trunc-cheon \-trən-chen\ *n* [ME *tronchoun*, fr. MF *tronchon*, fr. (assumed) VL *truncion*, *truncio*, fr. L *truncus* trunk] (14c) 1 : a shatterd spear or lance 2 *a* *obs* : CLUB, BLUDGEON *b* : BATON 2 *c* : a police officer's billy club

trunc-ion v (1597) *archaic* : to beat with a troncheon

trun-dle \-trən-dəl\ *vb* **trun-dled**; **trun-dling** \-trən(d)-liŋ\ *trun-dling* \-trun-dliŋ\ *adj* (1598) 1 *a* : to propel by causing to rotate : *trun-dle* *b* *archaic* : to cause to revolve : SPIN 2 : to transport in or as if in a wheeled vehicle : HAUL, WHEEL ~ *vi* 1 : to progress by revolving 2 : to move on or as if on wheels : ROLL — **trun-dler** \-trən(d)-lər, -trən-dər\ *n*

trundle n [fr. *trundle* small wheel, alter. of earlier *trendle*, fr. ME, circle, ring, wheel, fr. OE *trendel*; akin to OE *trendan* to revolve — more at **TREND**] (1851) 1 : TRUNDLE BED 2 : the motion or sound of something rolling 3 : a round or oval wooden tub

trundle bed n (1542) : a low bed usu. on casters that can be rolled or slid under a higher bed when not in use — called also *trundle bed*

trunk \-trʌŋk\ *n* [trunk, fr. ME *tronche*, a curly-tailed dog; fr. L *truncus* trunk, torso] (15c) 1 *a* : the main stem of a tree apart from limbs



trumpet creeper

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