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was assassinated by a freedman in connivance with his empress and officers of the court.

Dom·ré·my-la-Pu·celle (dôn-rā-mē-lā-pū-sē'l/). A village in northeastern France on the Meuse River east of Troyes. Joan of Arc was born here.

don¹ (dôn) *n.* 1. **Don.** *Abbr. D.* Used as a courtesy title before the name of a man in a Spanish-speaking area. 2. *Chiefly British.* A head, tutor, or fellow at a college of Oxford or Cambridge.

3. A college or university professor. 4. The leader of an organized-crime family. 5. *Archaic.* An important personage. [Spanish dialectal and Italian, both from Latin *dominus*, lord. See *domin-* in Appendix.]

don² (dôn) *tr.v.* **donned, don·ning, dons.** 1. To put on (clothing). 2. To assume or take on: *donned the air of the injured party.* [Middle English, contraction of *do on*, to put on. See *do¹*.]

do·ña (dô'nyā) *n.* Used as a courtesy title before the name of a woman in a Spanish-speaking area. [Spanish, from Latin *domina*, feminine of *dominus*, lord. See *don¹*.]

do·nate (dô'nāt', dô-nāt') *tr.v.* **-nat·ed, -nat·ing, -nates.** To present as a gift to a fund or cause; contribute. [Back-formation from *DONATION*.] — *do'na·tor n.*

do·na·tel·lo (dôn·a-tē'lō, dô'nā-tē'lō). 1386?–1466. Italian sculptor renowned as a pioneer of the Renaissance style with his natural, lifelike figures, such as the bronze statue *David*.

do·na·tion (dô-nā'shən) *n.* 1. The act of giving to a fund or cause. 2. A gift or grant; a contribution. [Middle English *donacioun*, gift, benefice, from Old French, from Latin *donātio*, *donation*, from *donatus*, past participle of *donare*, to give, from *donum*, gift. See *do-* in Appendix.]

Don·a·tist (dôn·a-tist, dô'nā-) *n.* A member of a rigorist, schismatic Christian sect, strongly opposed by Saint Augustine, that arose in North Africa in the fourth century A.D. and believed in sanctity as requisite for church membership and administration of all sacraments. [Medieval Latin *Donatista*, after *Donatus*, fourth-century A.D. ecclesiastic and rival claimant of the bishopric of Carthage.] — *Don'a·tism n.*

don·a·tive (dô'nā-tiv, dô'nā-) *n.* A special donation. — *donative adj.* Marked by, constituting, or subject to donation. [Latin *donativum*, from neuter of *donativus*, of a donation, from *donatus*, past participle of *donare*, to give. See *DONATION*.]

Don·bas (dôn'bās). See *Donets Basin*.

Don·cas·ter (dông'ka-star). A borough of north-central England northeast of Sheffield. A manufacturing center, it is the site of a famous annual horse race, the St. Leger. Population, 81,900.

done (dūn) *v.* Past participle of *do¹*. — *done adj.* 1. Having been carried out or accomplished; finished: *a done deed*. 2. Cooked adequately. 3. Socially acceptable: *Spitting on the street is just not done in polite society*. 4. *Informal.* Totally worn out; exhausted. — *idiom.* **done for.** *Informal.* Doomed to death or destruction. — *done·ness n.*

do·nee (dô-nē') *n.* The recipient of a gift. [*DON(OR)* + *-EE¹*.]

Do·nets (da-nets', dû-nyets'). A river rising in western Russia and flowing about 1,046 km (650 mi) through the eastern Ukraine to join the Don River.

Donets Basin also **Don·bas** (dôn'bās). A major industrial region of eastern Ukraine and southeast Russia north of the Sea of Azov and west of the Donets River. Developed after the 1870's, it is one of the densest industrial concentrations in the world.

Do·netsk (da-netsk', dû-nyets'). A city of eastern Ukraine east-southeast of Kiev. Founded c. 1870, it is the leading industrial center of the region. Population, 1,073,000.

dông¹ (dông, dōng) *n.* See table at *CURRENCY*. [Vietnamese, from Chinese *tóng*, copper coin.]

dông² (dông, dōng) *n.* *Vulgar Slang.* A penis. [Origin unknown.]

Dō·nitz (dô'nits), *Karl*. See *Karl Doenitz*.

Don·i·zet·ti (dôn·i-zet'ti, dô'nē-zet'ti), *Gaetano*. 1797–1848. Italian composer of some 75 operas, including *Lucia di Lammermoor* (1835).

don·jon (dôn'jan, dūn'-) *n.* The fortified main tower of a castle; a keep. [Variant of *DUNGEON*.]

Don Juan (dôn wōn', hwōn', jōw'an) *n.* 1. A libertine; a profligate. 2. A man who is an obsessive seducer of women. [After Don Juan, legendary 14th-century Spanish nobleman and libertine.]

don·key (dông'kē, dūng'-, dōng'-) *n.*, *pl. -keys.* 1. The domesticated ass (*Equus asinus*). 2. *Slang.* An obstinate person. 3. A stupid person. [Perhaps from the name *Duncan* or of imitative origin.]

donkey engine *n.* 1. A small auxiliary steam engine used for hoisting or pumping, especially aboard ship. 2. A small locomotive.

donkey's tail (dông'kēz, dūng'-, dōng'-) *n.* See *burro's tail*.

don·key·work (dông'ke-würk', dūng'-, dōng'-) *n.* *Slang.* Hard physical labor.

don·na (dôn·nā, dô'nā) *n.* Used as a courtesy title before the name of a woman in an Italian-speaking area. [Italian, from Latin *domina*. See *DORA*.]

Donne (dân), *John*. 1572–1631. English metaphysical poet and divine who served as chaplain to James I and dean of Saint Paul's Cathedral (after 1611). His works include *Divine Poems* (1607).

don·née (dô-nā', dô-) *n.* 1. A set of literary or artistic principles or assumptions on which a creative work is based: "*He worked outward from the donnée toward the expression of some general theme or idea*" (Hugh Honour). 2. A set of notions, facts, or conditions that governs and shapes an act or a way of life: "*His heart, his mind, his body, composed the donnée of his life*" (Louis Auchincloss). [French, from feminine past participle of *donner*, to give, from Old French, from Latin *donāre*. See *DONATE*.]

Don·ner Pass (dôn'ar). A pass, 2,162.1 m (7,089 ft) high, in the Sierra Nevada of eastern California near Lake Tahoe. It is named after the Donner Party of westward migrants whose survivors supposedly practiced cannibalism after being trapped in a snowstorm near here in October 1846.

don·nish (dôn'ish) *adj.* Of, relating to, or held to be characteristic of a university don; bookish or pedantic. See *Synonyms at pedantic*.

don·ny·brook (dôn'ē-brōōk') *n.* An uproar; a free-for-all. See *Synonyms at brawl*. [After *Donnybrook* fair, held annually in Donnybrook, a suburb of Dublin, Ireland, and noted for its brawls.]

do·nor (dô'nar) *n.* 1. One that contributes something, such as money, to a cause or fund. 2. *Medicine.* One from whom blood, tissue, or an organ is taken for use in a transfusion or transplant. 3. *Electronics.* An element introduced into a semiconductor with a negative valence greater than that of the pure semiconductor. [Middle English, from Anglo-Norman *donour*, from Latin *donator*, from *donare*, to give. See *DONATION*.]

donor card *n.* A card, usually carried on one's person, authorizing the use of one's bodily organs for transplantation in the event of one's death.

do·no·thing (dô'nūth'ing) *Informal adj.* Offering no initiative for change, especially in politics. — *do-nothing n.* An idle or lazy person. — *do¹-no·thing·ism n.*

Don·o·van (dôn'a-vən), *William Joseph*. Known as "Wild Bill." 1883–1959. American army officer and public official who founded and directed (1942–1945) the Office of Strategic Services, an intelligence-gathering agency that was a forerunner of the CIA.

Don Qui·xo·te (dôn' kē-hō'tē, kwik'sat) *n.* An impractical idealist bent on righting incorrigible wrongs. [After *Don Quixote*, hero of a satirical chivalric romance by Miguel de Cervantes.]

Don River (dôn). A river of western Russia flowing about 1,963 km (1,220 mi) generally south then west into the northeast Sea of Azov.

don't¹ (dönt). 1. Do not. 2. *Non-Standard.* Does not. — *don't² n.*, *pl. don'ts* (dönts). A statement of what should not be done: *a list of the do's and don'ts*.

do·nut (dô'nūt', -nət) *n.* Variant of *doughnut*.

doo·dad (dô'dād') *n.* *Informal.* An unnamed or nameless gadget or trinket.

doo·dle (dô'dl) *v.* **-dled, -dling, -dles. —intr.** 1. To scribble aimlessly, especially when preoccupied. 2. To kill time. — *tr.* To draw (figures) while preoccupied. — *doodle n.* A figure, design, or scribble drawn or written absent-mindedly. [English dialectal, to fritter away time, perhaps from *doodle*, fool. See *DOODLEBUG*.]

WORD HISTORY: One might wonder what, if any, connection exists among *Yankee Doodle*, a *doodlebug*, and the *doodle* that one draws when one is bored or abstracted. The word *doodle* in the latter two uses may come from a Low German word meaning "fool." "Fool," the first (and now probably obsolete) sense of the word *doodle* to be recorded in English (1628), would seem naturally to have been used in *Yankee Doodle*, the name of a tune composed in 1755 to mock the American colonists. However, the origin of *Doodle* in this expression is unknown; it may be from *tootle*, because the piece was apparently composed originally for flute or fife. In the case of *doodlebug*, it is thought that *doodle*, meaning "simpleton," is the first part of the insect name. The sense "absent-minded scrawl" may come directly from the sense "fool" or from a British dialectal verb, meaning "to cheat, fritter time away," that was derived from the noun sense "fool."

doo·dle·bug (dô'dl-büg') *n.* 1. See *ant lion* (sense 2). 2. A divining rod. [Perhaps dialectal *doodle*, fool, simpleton (from Low German *dudel-*) + *BUG*.]

doo·doo (dô'dôo') *n.* *Slang.* Fecal matter or something likened to it. [Of baby-talk origin.]

doo·hick·ey (dô'hik'ē) *n.*, *pl. -eys.* *Informal.* An unnamed gadget or trinket. [Perhaps *DOO(DAD)* + *HICKEY*.]

Doo·lit·tle (dô'litt'l), *Hilda*. Pen name H.D. 1886–1961. American poet whose imagist verse was published in works such as *Sea Garden* (1916) and *Helen in Egypt* (1961).

Doolittle, James Harold. Known as "Jimmy." 1896–1993. American army officer and aviator who commanded daring bombing raids of Tokyo and other Japanese cities in April 1942.

doom (dōm) *n.* 1. A decision or judgment, especially an official condemnation to a severe penalty. 2. Fate, especially a tragic or ruinous one. 3. Inevitable destruction or ruin. 4. Judgment Day. 5. A statute or ordinance, especially one in force in Anglo-Saxon England. — *doom tr.v.* **doomed, doom·ing, dooms.** 1. To condemn to ruin or death. See *Synonyms at condemn*. 2.



donkey
Equus asinus



donor
An aphoresis donor

ă pat	oi boy
ā pay	ou out
ā care	ōo took
ā father	ōō boot
ē pet	ū cut
ē be	ūr urge
ī pit	th thin
ī pie	th this
īr pier	hw which
ō pot	zh vision
ō toe	ā about, item
ō paw	♦ regionalism

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