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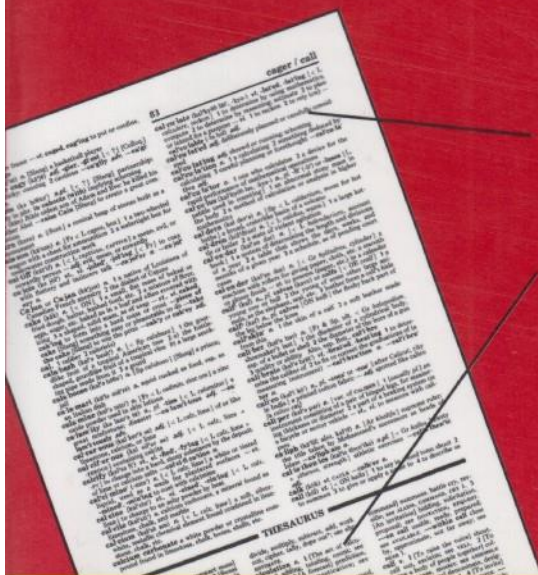
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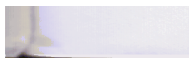
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or rank 2 to further the growth, establishment, sales, etc. of —**pro-mo'tion** *n.* —**pro-mo'tion-al** *adj.*

pro-mot'er *n.* one who begins, organizes, and furthers an undertaking

prompt (prämpt) *adj.* [*< L pro-, forth + emere, take*] 1 ready, punctual, etc. 2 done, spoken, etc. without delay —*vt.* 1 to urge into action 2 to remind (a person) of something he or she has forgotten; specif., to help (an actor, etc.) with a cue 3 to inspire —**prompt'er** *n.* —**prompt'ly** *adv.* —**prompt'ness** or **prompt'i-tude** *n.*

prom-ul-gate (präm'əl gāt', prō mul'gāt') *vt.* -gat'ed, -gat'ing [*< L promulgare, publish*] 1 to make known officially 2 to make widespread —**prom-ul-ga'tion** *n.*

pron *abbrev.* 1 pronoun 2 pronunciation

prone (prōn) *adj.* [*< L pronus*] 1 lying face downward or prostrate 2 disposed or inclined (to) [*prone to error*]

prong (prōŋ) *n.* [*ME pronge*] 1 any of the pointed ends of a fork; tine 2 any projecting part —**pronged** *adj.*

prong'horn' *n.* an animal of the W U.S. having curved horns and resembling both the deer and the antelope

pro-noun (prō'noun') *n.* [*< L pro, for + nomen, noun*] *Gram.* a word used in place of a noun (Ex.: *I, he, them, ours, which, yourself, anyone*) —**pro-nom'i-nal** (-nām'i nəl) *adj.*

pro-nounce (prō nouns', prō-) *vt.* -nounced', -nounc'ing [*< L pro-, before + nuntiare, announce*] 1 to declare officially, solemnly, etc. 2 to utter or articulate (a sound or word) —**pro-nounce'a-ble** *adj.*

pro-nounced' *adj.* clearly marked; decided [*a pronounced change*]

pro-nounce'ment *n.* a formal statement, as of an opinion

pron-to (prän'tō) *adv.* [*Sp: see PROMPT*] [*Slang*] at once; quickly

pro-nun-ci-a-tion (prō nun'sē ā'shən, prō-) *n.* 1 the act or manner of pronouncing words 2 an accepted way of pronouncing a word; also, a rendering of this in symbols

proof (prūf) *n.* [*see PROBE*] 1 a proving or testing of something 2 evidence that establishes the truth of something 3 the relative strength of an alcoholic liquor 4 *Photog.* a trial print of a negative 5 a sheet printed from set type, for checking errors, etc. —*adj.* of tested strength in resisting: with *against*

-proof (prūf) [*< prec.*] *combining form* 1 impervious to [*waterproof*] 2 protected from [*rustproof*] 3 resistant to [*fireproof*]

proof'read' (-rēd') *vt., vi.* to read and mark corrections on (printers' proofs, etc.) —**proof'read'er** *n.*

prop¹ (prāp) *n.* [*< MDu proppe*] a support, as a pole, placed under or against something: often used figuratively —*vt.* **propped**, **prop'ping** 1 to support with or as

with a prop: often with *up* 2 to lean (something) *against* a support

prop² (prāp) *n.* PROPERTY (sense 4)

prop³ (prāp) *n.* short for PROPELLER

prop⁴ *abbrev.* 1 proper(ly) 2 property 3 proposition 4 proprietor

prop-a-gan-da (prāp'ə gan'də) *n.* [*ModL: see fol.*] 1 any widespread promotion of particular ideas, doctrines, etc. 2 ideas, etc. so spread —**prop-a-gan'dist** *n., adj.* —**prop-a-gan'dize'** (-diz'), -dized', -diz'ing, *vt., vi.*

prop-a-gate (prāp'ə gāt') *vt.* -gat'ed, -gat'ing [*< L propago, slip (of a plant)*] 1 to cause (a plant or animal) to reproduce itself 2 to reproduce (itself): said of a plant or animal 3 to spread (ideas, customs, etc.) —*vi.* to reproduce: said of plants or animals —**prop-a-ga'tion** *n.*

pro-pane (prō'pān') *n.* a gaseous hydrocarbon obtained from petroleum, used as a fuel

pro-pel (prō pel', prō-) *vt.* -pelled', -pel'ling [*< L pro-, forward + pellere, to drive*] to drive onward or forward

pro-pel'lant or **pro-pel'lent** *n.* one that propels; specif., the fuel for a rocket

pro-pel'ler *n.* a device having two or more blades in a revolving hub, for propelling a ship or aircraft

pro-pen-si-ty (prō pen'sə tē) *n., pl. -ties* [*< L propendere, hang forward*] a natural inclination or tendency

prop-er (prāp'ər) *adj.* [*< L proprius, one's own*] 1 specially suitable; appropriate; fitting 2 naturally belonging (to) 3 conforming to a standard; correct 4 decent; decorous 5 in the most restricted sense [*Chicago proper* (i.e., apart from its suburbs)] 6 designating a noun that names a specific individual, place, etc. (Ex.: *Bill, Paris*) —**prop'er-ly** *adv.*

prop-er-ty (prāp'ər tē) *n., pl. -ties* [*see prec.*] 1 ownership 2 something owned, esp. real estate 3 a characteristic or attribute 4 any of the movable articles used in a stage setting —**prop'er-tied** (-tēd) *adj.*

prop'h-e-cy (prāf'ə sē) *n., pl. -cies* [*see PROPHET*] 1 prediction of the future, as by divine guidance 2 something predicted

prop'h-e-sy' (-sī') *vt., vi. -sied', -sy'ing* 1 to predict as by divine guidance 2 to predict in any way

prop'h-et (prāf'it) *n.* [*< Gr pro-, before + phanai, speak*] 1 a religious leader regarded as, or claiming to be, divinely inspired 2 one who predicts the future —**prop'h-et-ess** *fem.n.*

pro-phet-ic (prō fet'ik, prō-) *adj.* 1 of or like a prophet 2 like or containing a prophecy —**pro-phet'i-cal-ly** *adv.*

pro-phy-lac-tic (prōfə lak'tik) *adj.* [*< Gr pro-, before + phylassein, to guard*] preventive or protective; esp., preventing disease —*n.* 1 a prophylactic medicine, device, etc. 2 a condom

pro-phy-lax'is (-lak'sis) *n., pl. -lax'es'* (-sēz') 1 prophylactic treatment 2 *Dentistry* a cleaning of the teeth to remove plaque and tartar

THESAURUS

promotion *n.* 1 [Advancement in rank] preferment, elevation, raise, improvement, advance, lift, betterment, ennobling, favoring. —*Ant.* REMOVAL, demotion, lowering. 2 [Improvement] advancement, progression, development; see IMPROVEMENT 1, INCREASE.

prompt *a.* early, timely, precise; see PUNCTUAL.

prompt *v.* 1 [To instigate] arouse, provoke, inspire; see INCITE, URGE 2. 2 [To suggest] bring up, indicate, imply; see PROPOSE 1.

promptly *a.* on time, punctually, hastily; see IMMEDIATELY, QUICKLY.

prone *a.* inclined, predisposed, disposed; see LIKELY 4.

prong *n.* spine, spur, spike; see FASTENER.

pronoun *n.* Pronouns include the following: personal, possessive, demonstrative, relative, definite, indefinite, interrogative, intensive, reflexive, reciprocal, compound, emphatic, negative, universal.

pronounce *v.* 1 [To speak formally] proclaim, say, assert; see DECLARE. 2 [To articulate] enunciate, say phonetically, vocalize; see UTTER.

pronounced *a.* notable, noticeable, clear; see DEFINITE 2, OBVIOUS 1, 2,

UNUSUAL 1.

pronouncement *n.* report, declaration, statement; see ANNOUNCEMENT.

pronunciation *n.* articulation, utterance, voicing; see DICTION.

proof *n.* 1 [Evidence] demonstration, verification, case, reasons, exhibits, credentials, data, warrant, confirmation, substantiation, attestation, corroboration, affidavit, facts, witness, testimony, deposition, trace, record, criterion. 2 [Process of proving] test, attempt, assay; see TRIAL 2.

prop¹ *n.* aid, assistance, strengthener; see POST.

propaganda *n.* promotion, publicity, advertisement, plug*, evangelism, proselytism, ballyhoo, disinformation, spin, PR.

propel *v.* impel forward, move, thrust; see DRIVE 2.

propellant *n.* charge, gunpowder, combustible; see EXPLOSIVE, FUEL.

propeller *n.* Propellers include the following: screw, Archimedean, fish-tail, variable-pitch, feathering, marine, airplane, two-bladed, three-bladed, four-bladed, weedless, pusher, pulling.

propensity *n.* talent, capacity, competence; see ABILITY.

proper *a.* 1 [Suitable] just, decent, fitting; see FIT 1. 2 [Conventional]

customary, usual, decorous; see CONVENTIONAL 1, 3. 3 [Prudish] prim, precise, strait-laced; see PRUDISH.

properly *a.* correctly, fitly, suitably; see WELL 3.

property *n.* 1 [Possessions] belongings, lands, assets, holdings, inheritance, capital, equity, investments, goods and chattels, earthly possessions, real property, personal property, taxable property, resources, private property, public property, wealth; see also BUSINESS 4, ESTATE, FARM, HOME 1. 2 [A piece of land] section, quarter section, subdivision, site, estate, tract, part, farm, park, ranch, homestead, yard, grounds, frontage, acres, acreage, premises, campus, grant, field, claim, holding, real estate, plot; see also LOT 1.

prophecy *n.* prediction, prognostication, augury; see IDEA 1.

prophecy *v.* predict, prognosticate, divine; see FORETELL.

prophet *n.* seer, oracle, soothsayer, prophetess, seeress, clairvoyant, wizard, augur, sibyl, sorcerer, predictor, forecaster, prognosticator, diviner, medium, witch, palmist, fortuneteller, magus, astrologer, horoscoped, channeler, spiritualist, table-rapper*.

prophetic *a.* predictive, occult, clairvoyant, oracular, sibylline.

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