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to common words and phrases

sensible argument) — **sen-si-ble-ness** *n* — **sen-si-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

sen-si-tive \ˈsen-sət-iv\ *adj* 1 : capable of responding to stimulation (<*sensitive* structures of the ear) 2 : easily or strongly affected, impressed, or hurt (<a *sensitive* child) 3 : readily changed or affected by the action of a certain thing (<plants *sensitive* to light) — **sen-si-tive-ly** *adv* — **sen-si-tive-ness** *n*

sen-si-tiv-i-ty \ˌsen-sə-ˈtiv-ət-ē\ *n* : the quality or state of being sensitive

sen-so-ry \ˈsen-sə-rē\ *adj* : of or relating to sensation or the senses (<*sensory* nerves)

sen-su-al \ˈsen-cho-wəl\ *adj* : relating to the pleasing of the senses

sent *past of SEND*

ˈsen-tence \ˈsent-ns\ *n* 1 : JUDGMENT 1 2 : punishment set by a court (<served a *sentence* for robbery) 3 : a group of words that makes a statement, asks a question, or expresses a command, wish, or exclamation 4 : a mathematical statement (as an equation) in words or symbols

ˈsentence *vb* **sen-tenced**; **sen-tenc-ing** : to give a sentence to (<the judge *sentenced* the prisoner)

sen-ti-ment \ˈsent-ə-mənt\ *n* 1 : a thought or attitude influenced by feeling (<a strong religious *sentiment*) 2 : OPINION 1 3 : tender feelings of affection or yearning

sen-ti-men-tal \ˌsent-ə-ˈment-l\ *adj* 1 : influenced strongly by sentiment 2 : primarily affecting the emotions (<*sentimental* music)

sen-ti-nel \ˈsent-n-əl\ *n* : SENTRY

sen-try \ˈsen-trē\ *n*, *pl* **sentries** : a person (as a soldier) on duty as a guard

se-pal \ˈsē-pəl, ˈsep-əl\ *n* : one of the specialized leaves that form the calyx of a flower

ˈsep-a-rate \ˈsep-ə-rāt\ *vb* **sep-a-rat-ed**; **sep-a-rat-ing** 1 : to set or keep apart (<*separate* an egg yolk from the white) 2 : to make a distinction between (<*separate* fact from fiction) 3 : to cease to be together : PART

synonyms SEPARATE, PART, and DIVIDE mean to break into parts or to keep apart. SEPARATE may suggest that things have been put into groups, or that a thing has been removed from a group, or that something has been inserted between like things (<*separate* the good eggs from the bad ones) (<a fence *separates* the two yards). PART suggests that the things to be separated are closely

joined in some way (<only death could *part* the two friends). DIVIDE suggests separating by cutting or breaking into pieces or sections (<*divide* the pie into six equal portions).

ˈsep-a-rate \ˈsep-ə-rāt, ˈsep-rāt\ *adj* 1 : set or kept apart (<the motel contains fifty *separate* units) 2 : divided from each other (<where church and state are *separate*) 3 : not shared : INDIVIDUAL (<we were each busy with our *separate* concerns) 4 : having independent existence (<the *separate* pieces of a puzzle)

sep-a-rate-ly \ˈsep-ə-rāt-lē\ *adv* : apart from others

sep-a-ra-tion \ˌsep-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act of separating : the state of being separated 2 : a point or line at which something is divided

sep-a-ra-tor \ˈsep-ə-rāt-ər\ *n* : a machine for separating cream from milk

Sep-tem-ber \sep-ˈtem-bər\ *n* : the ninth month of the year

Word History The first Roman calendar had only ten months. The first month was March. The seventh month was September. The Latin name for this month came from the Latin word that meant "seven." When January and February were later added September kept its name, even though it became the ninth month. English *September* comes from the Latin name of the month.

sep-tet \sep-ˈtet\ *n* : a group or set of seven
sep-ul-cher or **sep-ul-chre** \ˈsep-əl-kər\ *n* : GRAVE, TOMB

se-quel \ˈsē-kwəl\ *n* 1 : an event that follows or comes afterward : RESULT 2 : a book that continues a story begun in another

se-quence \ˈsē-kwəns\ *n* 1 : the condition or fact of following or coming after something else 2 : RESULT 1, SEQUEL 3 : the order in which things are or should be connected, related, or dated

se-quin \ˈsē-kwən\ *n* : a bit of shiny metal or plastic used as an ornament usually on clothing

se-quoia \si-ˈkwoi-ə\ *n* 1 : a California tree that grows almost 100 meters tall and has needles as leaves and small egg-shaped cones 2 : REDWOOD

\ə\ about	\aʊ\ out	\ɪ\ tip	\ɔ\ saw	\u\ foot
\ər\ further	\ch\ chin	\ɪ\ life	\ɔɪ\ coin	\y\ yet
\ə\ mai	\e\ pet	\j\ job	\th\ thin	\yū\ few
\t\ take	\ē\ easy	\ŋ\ sing	\th\ this	\yū\ cure
\ə\ cot, cart	\g\ go	\ɒ\ bone	\ʊ\ food	\zh\ vision