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country (koun'tree) *n.* Past tense and past participle of *count*. **1.** An adult singer having a range above that of tenor. **2.** A singer having a range above that of tenor. *—attributive.* Often used to denote a counter-tenor part; a counter-tenor arrangement. **3.** A level surface on a cabinet top. *—attributive.* **4.** A level surface on a cabinet top. *—attributive.* **5.** A level surface on a cabinet top. *—attributive.* **6.** A level surface on a cabinet top. *—attributive.* **7.** A level surface on a cabinet top. *—attributive.* **8.** A level surface on a cabinet top. *—attributive.* **9.** A level surface on a cabinet top. *—attributive.* **10.** A level surface on a cabinet top. *—attributive.* **11.** A level surface on a cabinet top. *—attributive.* **12.** A level surface on a cabinet top. *—attributive.* **13.** A level surface on a cabinet top. *—attributive.* **14.** A level surface on a cabinet top. *—attributive.* **15.** A level surface on a cabinet top. 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style of the southern rural United States or on the music of cowboys in the American West. Also called *country and western*.

country-seat (kūn'trē-sēt') *n.* An estate or mansion in the country.

country-side (kūn'trē-sīd') *n.* **1.** A rural region. **2.** The inhabitants of a rural region.

country singer *n.* Music. One who sings country music.

country-wide (kūn'trē-wīd') *adv. & adj.* Throughout a whole country; nationwide. *launched a fundraising campaign countrywide; a countrywide search.*

country-woman (kūn'trē-wūm'an) *n.* **1.** A woman from one's own country; a compatriot. **2.** A woman from a particular country. **3.** A woman who lives in the country or has country ways.

county (koun'tē) *n., pl. -ties.* **Abbr. co., co.** **1.** An administrative subdivision of a state in the United States. **2.a.** A territorial division exercising administrative, judicial, and political functions in Great Britain and Ireland. **b.** The territory under the jurisdiction of a count or earl. **3.** The people living in a county. [Middle English *countie*, territorial division, from Old French *conte*, the territory of a count, from Medieval Latin *comitatus*, from Late Latin, the office of count, from Latin, retinue, from *comes*, *comit-*, companion. See *ei-* in Appendix.] **—count/ty adj.**

county agent *n.* A government employee who serves as a consultant and adviser in a chiefly rural county on such matters as agriculture, education, and home economics.

county fair *n.* A fair usually held every year at the same location in a county, especially for the competitive showing of livestock and farm products.

county palatine *n., pl. counties palatine.* The domain of a count palatine in England or Ireland.

county seat *n.* A town or city that is the administrative center of its county.

county town *n.* Chiefly British. A county seat. Also called *shire town*.

country-wide (koun'tē-wīd') *adv. & adj.* Throughout a whole country; found at locations countrywide; a countrywide war on drugs.

coup (kōō) *n., pl. coups* (kōōz). **1.** A brilliantly executed stratagem; a masterstroke. **2.** A coup d'état. **3.** Among certain Native American peoples, a feat of bravery performed in battle, especially the touching of an enemy's body without causing injury. **—idiom. count coup.** Among certain Native American peoples, to ceremoniously recount one's exploits in battle. [French, stroke, from Old French *colp*, from Late Latin *colpas*. See *COPE*.]

coup de grâce (kōō' də grās') *n., pl. coups de grâce.* **1.** A deathblow delivered to end the misery of a mortally wounded victim. **2.** A finishing stroke or decisive event. [French *coup*, stroke + *de*, of + *grâce*, mercy.]

coup de main (də mās') *n., pl. coups de main.* A sudden action undertaken to surprise an enemy. [French *coup*, stroke, blow + *de*, of + *main*, hand.]

coup d'état (də-tā') *n., pl. coups d'état* or *coup d'états* (-də-tā'). The sudden overthrow of a government by a usually small group of persons in or previously in positions of authority. [French *coup*, blow, stroke + *de*, of + *etat*, state.]

coup de théâtre (də-tā-ā'trā) *n., pl. coups de théâtre.* **1.** A sudden, dramatic turn of events in a play. **2.** An unexpected and sensational event, especially one that reverses or negates a prevailing situation. [French *coup*, stroke + *de*, of + *theatre*, theater.]

coup d'oeil (də-tyā) *n., pl. coups d'oeil.* A quick survey; a glance. [French *coup*, stroke + *de*, of + *oeil*, eye.]

coupe (kōōp) *n.* **1.a.** A dessert of ice cream or fruit-flavored ice, garnished and served in a special dessert glass. **b.** The stemmed glass in which a coupe is served. **2.** A shallow, bowl-shaped dessert dish. [French, cup, from Late Latin *cuppa*.]

coupe (kōōp) *n.* Variant of *coupé* (sense 2).

cou-pé (kōō-pā') *n.* **1.** A closed four-wheel carriage with two seats inside and one outside. **2.** Also *coupe* (kōōp). A closed two-door automobile. [French, from past participle of *couper*, to cut, from *coup*, blow. See *COUP*.]

Cou-pe-rin (kōō-pā-rās', kōōp-rās'). **François.** 1663–1733. French composer who was court organist at Versailles during the reign of Louis XIV.

cou-ple (kūp'əl) *n.* **1.** Two items of the same kind; a pair. **2.** Something that joins or connects two things together; a link. **3.** (used with a sing. or pl. verb). **a.** Two people united, as by betrothal or marriage. **b.** Two people together. **4. Informal.** A few; several; a couple of days. **5. Physics.** A pair of forces of equal magnitude acting in parallel but opposite directions, capable of causing rotation but not translation. **—couple v. -pled, -pling, -ples, -ples, -tr.** **1.** To link together; connect. *coupled her refusal with an explanation.* **2.a.** To join as spouses; marry. **b.** To join in sexual union. **3. Electricity.** To link (two circuits or currents) as by magnetic induction. **—intr.** **1.** To form pairs; join. **2.** To unite sexually; copulate. **3.** To join chemically. **—couple adj.** *Informal.* Two or few; "Every couple years the urge strikes, to haul off to a new site" (Garrison Keillor). [Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *cupula*, bond, pair.]

SYNONYMS: couple, pair, brace, yoke. These nouns denote two individuals of the same kind together. *Couple* does not necessarily

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a pay	ou out
ai care	so took
a father	oo boot
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ir pier	hw which
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o tue	a about, item
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Stress marks: ' (primary), ' (secondary), as in dictionary (dik'shə-nē're)

