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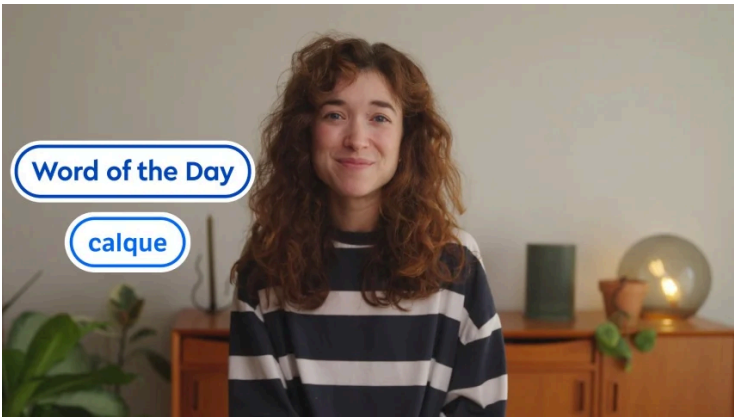
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subset

[suhb-set]Phonetic (Standard)IPA

noun

- 1a [set](#) that is a part of a larger [set](#).
- 2*Mathematics.*, a [set](#) consisting of elements of a given [set](#) that can be the same as the given [set](#) or smaller.



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Origin of **subset**¹

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Example Sentences

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I had this moment of synthesis and went, “We’re not an element; we’re the human beings. Everything else is a subset of us, including all the data.”

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She said limitations on data sharing were increasingly important as the “federal government is attempting to weaponize state data to actively prosecute a subset of Californians.”

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