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defect, etc.) existing from birth. □□ **con·gen′i·tal·ly** *adv.*

con·ger /kónggər/ *n.* large marine eel.

con·ge·ries /kənjéereez, kónjə-/ *n.* (*pl.* same) disorderly collection; mass or heap.

con·gest /kənjést/ *v.tr.* (esp. as **congested** *adj.*) affect with congestion. □□ **con·ges′tive** *adj.*

con·ges·tion /kənjés-chən/ *n.* abnormal accumulation or obstruction.

con·glom·er·ate • *adj.* /kənglómərət/ gathered into a rounded mass. • *n.* /kənglómərət/ **1** heterogeneous mass. **2** group or corporation. • *v.* /kənglómərayt/ collect into a coherent mass. □□ **con·glom·er·a·tion** /-ráyshən/ *n.*

con·grat·u·late /kəngráchəlayt, -gráj-, kəng-/ *v.tr.* express pleasure at the good fortune or excellence of (a person). □□ **con·grat·u·la·to·ry** /-lətáwree/ *adj.*

con·grat·u·la·tion /kəngráchəláyshən, -gráj-, kəng-/ *n.* **1** congratulating. **2** (usu. *pl.*) expression of this.

con·gre·gate /kónggrigayt/ *v.* collect or gather into a crowd or mass.

con·gre·ga·tion /kónggrigáyshən/ *n.* **1** gathering of people, esp. for religious worship. **2** body of persons regularly attending a particular church, etc.

con·gre·ga·tion·al /kónggrigáyshənəl/ *adj.* **1** of a congregation. **2** (**Congregational**) of or adhering to Congregationalism, a Christian denomination of churches that are largely self-governing. □□ **Con·gre·ga′tion·al·ist** *n.*

con·gress /kónggris/ *n.* **1** formal meeting of delegates for discussion. **2** (**Congress**) national legislative body of the US. □□ **con·gres·sion·al** /kəngréshən'l/ *adj.*

con·gress·man /kónggrismən/ *n.* (*pl.* **-men**; *fem.* **con·gress·wom·an**, *pl.* **-wom·en**) member of the US Congress.

con·gru·ent /kónggrōōənt, kəngrṓō-/ *adj.* **1** suitable; agreeing. **2** *Geom.* coinciding when superimposed. □□ **con′gru·ence** *n.*

con·gru·ous /kónggrōōəs/ *adj.* suitable; fitting. □□ **con·gru′i·ty** *n.* **con′gru·ous·ly** *adv.*

con·ic /kónik/ *adj.* of a cone. □□ **con′i·cal** *adj.* **con′i·cal·ly** *adv.*

co·ni·fer /kónifər, kṓ-/ *n.* any cone-bearing tree or shrub, usu. evergreen. □□ **co·nif·er·ous** /kə-nífərəs/ *adj.*

conj. *abbr.* conjunction.

con·jec·ture /kənjékchər/ • *n.* formation of an opinion on incomplete information. • *v.* guess. □□ **con·jec′tur·al** *adj.*

con·join /kənjóyn/ *v.* join; combine.

con·joint /kənjóynt/ *adj.* associated; conjoined. □□ **con·joint′ly** *adv.*

con·ju·gal /kónjəgəl/ *adj.* pertaining to marriage. □□ **con·ju·gal·i·ty** /-gálitee/ *n.* **con′ju·gal·ly** *adv.*

con·ju·gate • *v.* /kónjəgayt/ **1** *tr. Gram.* give the different forms of (a verb). **2** *intr.* **a** unite. **b** become fused. • *adj.* /kónjəgət, -gayt/ joined together; fused.

con·ju·ga·tion /kónjəgáyshən/ *n. Gram.* system of verbal inflection. □□ **con·ju·ga′tion·al** *adj.*

con·junct /kənjúngkt/ *adj.* joined together; associated.

con·junc·tion /kənjúngkshən/ *n.* **1** joining; connection. **2** *Gram.* connective word (e.g., *and, but, if*). **3** combination (of events or circumstances).

con·junc·ti·va /kónjungktívə, kənjúngktivə/ *n.* (*pl.* **con·junc·ti·vas** or **con·junc·ti·vae** /-vee/) *Anat.* mucous membrane of the eye. □□ **con·junc·ti′val** *adj.*

con·junc·tive /kənjúngktiv/ *adj.* **1** serving to join; connective. **2** *Gram.* of the nature of a conjunction.

con·junc·ti·vi·tis /kənjúngktivítis/ *n.* inflammation of the conjunctiva.

con·jure /kónjər/ *v.* **1** *tr.* call upon (a spirit) to appear. **2** *tr.* evoke. **3** *intr.* perform seemingly magical tricks. □ **conjure up** produce as if by magic.

conk /kongk/ *v.tr. sl.* hit on the head, etc. □ **conk out** **1** (of a machine, etc.) break down. **2** (of a person) be exhausted and give up; faint.

Conn. *abbr.* Connecticut.

con·nect /kənékt/ *v.* **1 a** *tr.* join (one thing with another). **b** *intr.* be joined or joinable. **2** *tr.* associate mentally or practically. **3** *intr.* (of a train, etc.) be timed such that passengers can transfer (*to another train, etc.*). **4** *tr.* put into communication. **5** *intr. colloq.* hit or strike effectively. □□ **con·nec′tor** *n.*

con·nec·tion /kənékshən/ *n.* **1** connecting; being connected. **2** meeting point. **3** link, esp. by telephone. **4** connecting train, flight, etc. **5** (often in *pl.*) relevant or helpful acquaintance. **6** relation of ideas.

con·nec·tive /kənéktiv/ *adj.* serving or tending to connect, esp. of body tissue.

conn·ing tow·er /kóning/ *n.* **1** superstructure of a submarine containing the periscope. **2** pilothouse of a warship.

con·nive /kənív/ *v.intr.* **1** (foll. by *at*) disregard or tacitly consent to (a wrongdoing). **2** conspire.

con·nois·seur /kónəsṓr/ *n.* expert judge in matters of taste.

con·note /kənṓt/ *v.tr.* imply in addition to the literal or primary meaning. □□ **con·no·ta′tion** *n.* **con·no·ta·tive** /kónətaytiv, kənṓtətiv/ *adj.*

¶ **Connote** means 'suggest': *"Mother" connotes warmth, concern, and security.* **Denote** refers to the literal meaning: *"Mother" denotes a female who has given birth.*

con·nu·bi·al /kənṓbeeəl, kənyṓō-/ *adj.* of or relating to marriage. □□ **con·nu′bi·al·ly** *adv.*

con·quer /kóngkər/ *v.tr.* **1 a** overcome militarily. **b** be victorious. **2** overcome (a habit, challenge, etc.) by effort. □□ **con′quer·a·ble** *adj.* **con′quer·or** *n.*

con·quest /kóngkwest/ *n.* **1** conquering; being conquered. **2** something won. **3** person whose affection has been won.

con·quis·ta·dor /konkwístədawr, kongkéstə-/ *n.* (*pl.* **con·quis·ta·dor·es** /-dáwrez/ or **con·quis·ta·dors**) conqueror, esp. a 16th-c. Spanish conqueror of Mexico and Peru.

con·san·guin·e·ous /kónsanggwíneeəs/ *adj.* descended from the same ancestor; akin. □□ **con·san·guin′i·ty** *n.*

con·science /kónshəns/ *n.* moral sense of right and wrong. □ **in all conscience** by any reasonable standard.

con·sci·en·tious /kónshee-énshəs/ *adj.* diligent

lop•sid•ed /lópsídid/ *adj.* unevenly balanced. □□ **lop′sid•ed•ly** *adv.* **lop′sid•ed•ness** *n.*

lo•qua•cious /lōkwáyshəs/ *adj.* talkative. □□ **lo•qua′cious•ly** *adv.* **lo•qua′cious•ness** *n.* **lo•quac•i•ty** /-kwásitee/ *n.*

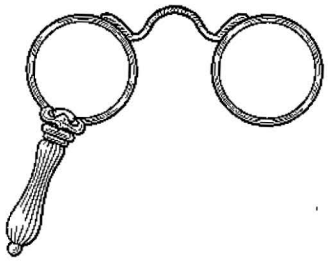
lord /lawrd/ • *n.* **1** master or ruler. **2** *hist.* feudal superior, esp. of a manor. **3** (in the UK) person with the title *Lord*, esp. a marquess, earl, viscount, or baron. **4** (**Lord**) (often prec. by *the*) God or Christ. • *int.* (**Lord**) expressing surprise, dismay, etc. □ **lord it over** domineer. **lord over** rule over. **Lord's Prayer** prayer taught by Jesus to his disciples. **Lord's Supper** the Eucharist.

lord•ly /láwrdlee/ *adj.* (**lord•li•er, lord•li•est**) **1** haughty; imperious. **2** suitable for a lord. □□ **lord′li•ness** *n.*

lord•ship /láwrdship/ *n.* **1** (usu., **Lordship**) title used in addressing or referring to a lord, etc. **2** dominion; rule; ownership.

lore /lawr/ *n.* traditions and knowledge on a subject.

lor•gnette /lawrnyét/ *n.* (in *sing.* or *pl.*) pair of eyeglasses or opera glasses held by a long handle.



LORGNETTE

lor•i•keet /láwrikeet, lór-/ *n.* small, brightly colored parrot.

lo•ris /láwris/ *n.* (*pl.* same) small, tailless, large-eyed nocturnal lemur of Asia.

lose /looz/ *v.tr.* (*past* and *past part.* **lost** /lawst, lost/) **1** be deprived of or cease to have, esp. by negligence. **2** be deprived of (a person, pet, etc.) by death. **3** become unable to follow, grasp, or find. **4** let or have pass from one's control or reach. **5** be defeated in (a game, lawsuit, battle, etc.). **6** evade; get rid of (*lost our pursuers*). **7** cause (a person) the loss of (*will lose you your job*). **8** (in *passive*) disappear; perish. □ **be lost** (or **lose oneself**) **in** be engrossed in. **be lost on** be wasted on; not appreciated by. **be lost without** have great difficulty if deprived of. **get lost** *sl.* (usu. in *imper.*) go away. **lose one's cool** *colloq.* lose one's composure. **lose face** be humiliated. **lose heart** be discouraged. **lose one's nerve** become timid or irresolute. **lose out** (often foll. by *on*) *colloq.* not get a fair chance or advantage (in). **lose one's temper** become angry. **losing battle** effort in which failure seems certain. **lost cause 1** enterprise, etc., with no chance of success. **2** person one can no longer hope to influence. □□ **los′a•ble** *adj.* **los′er** *n.*

¶ See note at LOOSE.

loss /laws, los/ *n.* **1** losing; being lost. **2** person, thing, or amount lost. **3** detriment or disadvantage resulting from losing. □ **at a loss 1** (sold, etc.) for less than was paid for it. **2** puzzled; uncertain. **be at a loss for words** not know what to say. **loss leader** item sold at a loss to attract customers.

lost *past* and *past part.* of LOSE.

lot /lot/ • *n.* **1** *colloq.* (prec. by *a* or in *pl.*) **a** large number or amount (*a lot of people*; *lots of fun*). **b** *colloq.* much (*a lot warmer*). **2 a** each of a set of objects used in making a chance selection. **b** this method of deciding (*chosen by lot*). **c** share or responsibility resulting from it. **3** destiny, fortune, or condition. **4** plot; allotment of land. **5** article or set of articles for sale at an auction, etc. □ **bad lot** person of bad character. **cast** (or **draw**) **lots** decide by lots. **a whole lot** *colloq.* very much.

¶ Avoid spelling two words as one: "alot," as in *I like skating alot.*

lo•thar•i•o /lōtháireeō/ *n.* rake or libertine.

lo•tion /lóshən/ *n.* medicinal or cosmetic liquid preparation applied externally.

lot•ter•y /lótəree/ *n.* (*pl.* **-ies**) **1** game in which numbered tickets are sold and prizes are won by the holders of numbers drawn at random. **2** thing whose success is governed by chance.

lot•to /lótō/ *n.* **1** game of chance involving the drawing of numbers. **2** lottery.

lo•tus /lótəs/ *n.* **1** mythological plant inducing luxurious languor when eaten. **2** type of water lily. □ **lotus-eater** person given to indolent enjoyment. **lotus position** cross-legged position of meditation with the feet resting on the thighs.

loud /lowd/ • *adj.* **1** strongly audible; noisy. **2** (of colors, etc.) gaudy; obtrusive. • *adv.* loudly. □ **out loud** aloud. **loud′ly** *adv.* **loud′ness** *n.*

loud-mouth /lówdmowth/ *n. colloq.* noisily self-assertive, vociferous person. □□ **loud′mouthed** *adj.*

loud•speak•er /lówdspeékər/ *n.* apparatus that converts electrical impulses into sound, esp. music and voice.

Lou Gehr•ig's dis•ease /lōō gérigz/ *n.* = AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS.

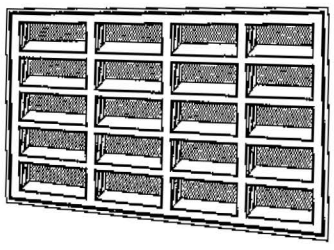
lounge /lownj/ • *v.intr.* **1** recline comfortably; loll. **2** stand or move about idly. • *n.* **1** place for lounging. **2** waiting room. **3** sofa. □ **lounge lizard** *colloq.* person who frequents bars, etc. □□ **loung′er** *n.*

louse /lows/ *n.* **1** (*pl.* **lice** /līs/) parasitic insect. **2** *sl.* (*pl.* **lous•es**) contemptible person. □ **louse up** *sl.* botch.

lous•y /lówzee/ *adj.* (**lous•i•er, lous•i•est**) **1** infested with lice. **2** *colloq.* very bad; disgusting. **3** *colloq.* well supplied; teeming (with). □□ **lous′i•ly** *adv.* **lous′i•ness** *n.*

lout /lowt/ *n.* boorish person. □□ **lout′ish** *adj.*

lou•ver /lóovər/ *n.* each of a set of overlapping slats that admit air and light and exclude rain. □□ **lou′vered** *adj.*



LOUVER

ant. **2** medical graduate engaged in specialized practice under supervision in a hospital. • *adj.* **1** residing; in residence. **2** having quarters at one's workplace, etc. (*resident housekeeper*). **3** located in; inherent. **4** (of birds, etc.) nonmigratory.

res·i·den·tial /rézidénshəl/ *adj.* **1** suitable for or occupied by private houses (*residential area*). **2** pertaining to or used as a residence (*residential hotel*). □□ **res·i·den′tial·ly** *adv.*

re·sid·u·al /rizíjōōəl/ • *adj.* **1** left as a residue. **2** *Math.* resulting from subtraction. • *n.* **1** residual quantity. **2** (in *pl.*) pay to performers for reruns of taped shows, etc. □□ **re·sid′u·al·ly** *adv.*

res·i·due /rézidōō, –dyōō/ *n.* what is left over or remains; remainder.

re·sign /rizín/ *v.* **1** *intr.* give up office, one's employment, etc. **2** *tr.* surrender; hand over (a right, charge, task, etc.). **3** *refl.* reconcile (oneself) to the inevitable.

res·ig·na·tion /rézignáyshən/ *n.* **1** resigning, esp. from one's job or office. **2** document, etc., conveying this. **3** uncomplaining endurance of a sorrow or difficulty.

re·signed /rizínd/ *adj.* having resigned oneself; submissive, acquiescent. □□ **re·sign·ed·ly** /–zínidlee/ *adv.* **re·sign′ed·ness** *n.*

re·sil·ient /rizílyənt/ *adj.* **1** resuming its original shape after bending, compression, etc. **2** readily recovering from a setback. □□ **re·sil′ience** *n.* **re·sil′ien·cy** *n.* **re·sil′ient·ly** *adv.*

res·in /rézin/ *n.* **1** adhesive substance secreted by some plants. **2** (in full **syn·thet′ic res′in**) organic compound made by polymerization, etc., and used in plastics, etc. □□ **res′in·ous** *adj.*

re·sist /rizíst/ • *v.* **1** *tr.* withstand the action or effect of. **2** *tr.* abstain from (pleasure, temptation, etc.). **3** *tr.* strive against; refuse to comply with (*resist arrest*). **4** *intr.* offer opposition; refuse to comply. • *n.* protective coating of a resistant substance. □□ **re·sist′ant** *adj.* **re·sist′er** *n.* **re·sist′i·ble** *adj.* **re·sist·i·bil′i·ty** *n.*

re·sis·tance /rizístəns/ *n.* **1** resisting; refusal to comply. **2** power of resisting (*resistance to wear and tear*). **3** ability to withstand disease. **4** impeding or stopping effect exerted by one thing on another. **5** *Physics* property or measure of hindering the conduction of electricity, heat, etc. **6** (in full **re·sist′ance move′ment**) secret organization resisting authority, esp. in an occupied country.

re·sis·tor /rizístər/ *n. Electr.* device having resistance to the passage of an electrical current.

res·o·lute /rézəlōōt/ *adj.* determined; firm of purpose. □□ **res·o·lute′ly** *adv.* **res·o·lute′ness** *n.*

res·o·lu·tion /rézəlōōshən/ *n.* **1** resolute temper or character. **2** thing resolved on; intention (*New Year's resolutions*). **3** formal expression of opinion or intention by a legislative body, etc. **4** solving of a problem, doubt, or question. **5** separation into components. **6** optical clarity or sharpness.

re·solve /rizólv/ • *v.* **1** *intr.* make up one's mind; decide firmly. **2** *tr.* (of an assembly or meeting) pass a resolution by vote. **3** *intr.* & *tr.* separate or cause to separate into constituent parts. **4** *tr.* solve; explain; settle (doubt, argument, etc.). • *n.* firm mental decision or intention. □□ **re·solv′a·ble** *adj.* **re·solv·a·bil′i·ty** *n.* **re·solv′er** *n.*

re·solved /rizólvd/ *adj.* resolute; determined.

res·o·nant /rézənənt/ *adj.* **1** (of sound) echoing; resounding. **2** (of a body, room, etc.) tending to reinforce or prolong sounds. **3** (of a place) resounding. □□ **res′o·nance** *n.* **res′o·nant·ly** *adv.*

res·o·nate /rézənayt/ *v.intr.* produce or show resonance; resound. □□ **res′o·na·tor** *n.*

re·sorb /risáwrb, –záwrb/ *v.tr.* absorb again. □□ **re·sorb′ence** *n.* **re·sorb′ent** *adj.* **re·sorp·tion** /–sáwrpshən, –záwrp–/ *n.*

re·sort /rizáwrt/ • *n.* **1** place frequented for recreation, health, etc. **2 a** thing to which one has recourse; expedient; measure. **b** recourse (to). • *v.intr.* turn (to) as an expedient (*resorted to threats*). □ **as a last resort** when all else has failed.

re·sound /rizówND/ *v.intr.* **1** (of a place) ring or echo. **2** *intr.* produce echoes; go on sounding.

re·sound·ing /rizównding/ *adj.* **1** in senses of RESOUND. **2** unmistakable; emphatic (*a resounding success*). □□ **re·sound′ing·ly** *adv.*

re·source /re′esawrs, –zawrs, risáwrs, –záwrs/ *n.* **1** expedient or device. **2** (usu. in *pl.*) means available; asset. **3** (in *pl.*) country's collective wealth. **4** (often in *pl.*) skill in devising expedients. □□ **re·source′ful** *adj.* **re·source′ful·ly** *adv.* **re·source′ful·ness** *n.*

re·spect /rispékt/ • *n.* **1** deferential esteem felt or shown toward a person or quality. **2** heed or regard. **3** aspect, particular, etc. **4** reference; relation (*morality that has no respect to religion*). **5** (in *pl.*) greetings; polite messages (*give them my respects*). • *v.tr.* **1** regard with deference, esteem, or honor. **2 a** avoid interfering with, harming, etc. **b** treat with consideration. □ **with all due respect** mollifying formula preceding an expression of one's disagreement with another's views. **with respect to** regarding. □□ **re·spect′er** *n.*

re·spect·a·ble /rispéktəbəl/ *adj.* **1** decent and proper in appearance and behavior. **2** fairly competent (*a respectable effort*). **3** reasonably good in condition, appearance, number, size, etc. (*a respectable salary*). □□ **re·spect·a·bil′i·ty** *n.* **re·spect′a·bly** *adv.*

re·spect·ful /rispéktfŏŏl/ *adj.* showing deference (*stood at a respectful distance*). □□ **re·spect′ful·ly** *adv.* **re·spect′ful·ness** *n.*

re·spect·ing /rispékting/ *prep.* with regard to; concerning.

re·spec·tive /rispéktiv/ *adj.* concerning or appropriate to each of several individually (*go to your respective places*). □□ **re·spec′tive·ly** *adv.*

res·pi·ra·tion /réspiráyshən/ *n.* **1 a** breathing. **b** single breath. **2** *Biol.* in organisms, absorption of oxygen and release of energy and carbon dioxide.

res·pi·ra·tor /réspiraytər/ *n.* **1** apparatus worn over the face to purify, warm, etc., inhaled air. **2** *Med.* apparatus for maintaining artificial respiration.

re·spire /rispír/ *v.* **1** *tr.* & *intr.* breathe. **2** *intr.* inhale and exhale air. **3** *intr.* (of a plant) carry out respiration. □□ **res·pi·ra·to·ry** /réspərətawree, rispírə–/ *adj.*

res·pite /réspit/ *n.* **1** interval of rest or relief. **2** delay permitted before discharge of obligation or suffering of penalty.

re·splen·dent /rispléndənt/ *adj.* brilliant; dazzlingly or gloriously bright. □□ **re·splen′dence** *n.* **re·splen′den·cy** *n.* **re·splen′dent·ly** *adv.*

re·spond /rispónd/ *v.* **1** *intr.* answer; reply. **2** *intr.*

sleep•walk /sleepwawk/ *v.intr.* walk or perform other actions while asleep. □□ **sleep'walk•er** *n.* **sleep'walk•ing** *n.*

sleep•y /sleepee/ *adj.* (**sleep•i•er, sleep•i•est**) **1** drowsy; ready for sleep. **2** quiet; inactive. □□ **sleep'i•ly** *adv.* **sleep'i•ness** *n.*

sleet /sleet/ • *n.* snow and rain falling together. • *v.intr.* (prec. by *it* as subject) sleet falls (*it is sleeting*). □□ **sleet'y** *adj.*

sleeve /sleev/ *n.* **1** part of a garment that covers an arm. **2** cover of a phonograph record. **3** tube enclosing a rod or smaller tube. □ **up one's sleeve** concealed but in reserve. □□ **sleeved** *adj.* (also in *comb.*). **sleeve'less** *adj.*

sleigh /slay/ • *n.* = SLED. • *v.intr.* travel on a sleigh.

sleight /slīt/ *n.* □ **sleight of hand 1** dexterity, esp. in conjuring or fencing. **2** display of dexterity.

slen•der /sléndər/ *adj.* (**slen•der•er, slen•der•est**) **1 a** of small girth or breadth. **b** gracefully thin. **2** relatively small or scanty; inadequate. □□ **slen'der•ly** *adv.* **slen'der•ness** *n.*

slept *past* and *past part.* of SLEEP.

sleuth /slōōth/ *colloq. n.* detective.

slew[1] /slōō/ (also **slue**) • *v.* turn or swing forcibly to a new position. • *n.* such a change of position.

slew[2] *past* of SLAY.

slew[3] /slōō/ *n. colloq.* large number or quantity.

slice /slīs/ • *n.* **1** thin piece or wedge cut off or out. **2** share; part. **3** *Golf & Tennis* slicing stroke. • *v.* **1** *tr.* cut into slices. **2** *tr.* cut (a piece) off. **3** *intr.* cut (as) with a knife. **4** *tr.* **a** *Golf* strike (the ball) so that it deviates away from the striker. **b** (in other sports) propel (the ball) forward at an angle. □□ **slice'a•ble** *adj.* **slic'er** *n.* (also in *comb.*).

slick /slik/ • *adj. colloq.* **1 a** skillful or efficient. **b** superficially or pretentiously smooth and dexterous. **c** glib. **2 a** sleek; smooth. **b** slippery. • *n.* patch of oil, etc., esp. on the sea. • *v.tr. colloq.* **1** make sleek or smart. **2** flatten (one's hair, etc.). □□ **slick'ly** *adv.* **slick'ness** *n.*

slick•er /slíkər/ *n.* **1** *colloq.* usu. *derog.* **a** plausible rogue. **b** (in full **city slicker**) smart and sophisticated city dweller. **2** raincoat of smooth material.

slide /slīd/ • *v.* (*past* and *past part.* **slid** /slid/) **1 a** *intr.* move along a smooth surface with continuous contact. **b** *tr.* cause to do this (*slide the drawer into place*). **2** *intr.* move quietly; glide. • *n.* **1 a** act or instance of sliding. **b** decline. **2** inclined plane down which children, goods, etc., slide. **3 a** piece of glass holding an object for a microscope. **b** mounted transparency viewed with a projector. □ **let things slide** be negligent; allow deterioration. **slide rule** ruler with a sliding central strip, graduated logarithmically for making rapid calculations. **sliding scale** scale of fees, taxes, wages, etc., that varies according to some standard. □□ **slid'er** *n.*

slight /slīt/ • *adj.* **1 a** inconsiderable; of little significance. **b** barely perceptible. **c** inadequate; scanty. **2** slender; frail-looking. • *v.tr.* treat disrespectfully; neglect. • *n.* failure to show due respect. □□ **slight'ing•ly** *adv.* **slight'ish** *adj.* **slight'ly** *adv.* **slight'ness** *n.*

slim /slim/ • *adj.* (**slim•mer, slim•mest**) **1 a** of long, narrow shape. **b** gracefully thin. **2** slight; insufficient. • *v.* (**slimmed, slim•ming**) **1** *intr.* become slimmer by dieting, exercise, etc. **2** *tr.* make slim or slimmer. □□ **slim'ly** *adv.* **slim'mer** *n.* **slim'ming** *n.* & *adj.* **slim'mish** *adj.* **slim'ness** *n.*

slime /slīm/ • *n.* thick slippery or sticky substance. • *v.tr.* cover with slime. □□ **slim'i•ly** *adv.* **slim'i•ness** *n.* **slim'y** *adj.* (**slim•i•er, slim•i•est**).

sling /sling/ • *n.* **1** strap, etc., to support or raise a hanging weight. **2** bandage looped around the neck to support an injured arm. **3** straplike device for flinging a stone or other missile. • *v.tr.* (*past* and *past part.* **slung** /slung/) **1** *colloq.* throw. **2** suspend with a sling.

sling•shot /slingshot/ *n.* forked stick, etc., with elastic for shooting stones, etc.

slink /slingk/ *v.intr.* (*past* and *past part.* **slunk** /slungk/) move in a stealthy or guilty manner.

slink•y /slíngkee/ *adj.* (**slink•i•er, slink•i•est**) **1** stealthy. **2** (of a garment) close-fitting and flowing; sinuous. **3** gracefully slender. □□ **slink'i•ly** *adv.* **slink'i•ness** *n.*

slip[1] /slip/ • *v.* (**slipped, slip•ping**) **1** *intr.* slide unintentionally, esp. for a short distance; lose one's footing or balance. **2** *intr.* go or move with a sliding motion. **3** *intr.* escape by being slippery or hard to hold. **4** *intr.* **a** go unobserved or quietly. **b** (foll. by *by*) (of time) go by rapidly or unnoticed. **5** *intr.* **a** make a careless or casual mistake. **b** fall below standard. **6** *tr.* (foll. by *on, off*) pull (a garment) hastily on or off. **7** *tr.* escape from; give the slip to. • *n.* **1** act or instance of slipping. **2** accidental or slight error. **3 a** petticoat. **b** pillowcase. **4** bay in a dock for mooring a vessel. □ **let slip** utter inadvertently. **slip-on** *adj.* (of shoes or clothes) that can be easily slipped on and off. • *n.* slip-on shoe or garment. **slipped disk** disk between vertebrae. **slip up** *colloq.* make a mistake.

slip[2] /slip/ *n.* **1** small piece of paper. **2** cutting taken from a plant for grafting or planting; scion. □ **slip of a** small and slim.

slip[3] /slip/ *n.* clay in a creamy mixture with water, for decorating earthenware.

slip•cov•er /slipkəvər/ • *n.* **1** removable fabric covering for usu. upholstered furniture. **2** jacket or slipcase for a book. • *v.tr* cover with a slipcover.

slip•knot /slípnot/ *n.* knot that can be undone by a pull.

slip•page /slípij/ *n.* act, amount, or instance of slipping.

slip•per /slípər/ *n.* **1** light, loose, comfortable indoor shoe. **2** light slip-on shoe for dancing, etc.

slip•per•y /slípəree/ *adj.* **1** difficult to hold. **2** (of a surface) causing sliding or slipping by its smoothness or slickness. **3** unreliable; unscrupulous. □□ **slip'per•i•ness** *n.*

slip•shod /slípshod/ *adj.* **1** careless; unsystematic. **2** slovenly.

slip-up /slípəp/ *n.* mistake; blunder.

slit /slit/ • *n.* straight, narrow incision or opening. • *v.tr.* (**slit•ting**; *past* and *past part.* **slit**) **1** make a slit in. **2** cut into strips. □□ **slit'ter** *n.*

slith•er /slíthər/ • *v.intr.* slide unsteadily. • *n.* instance of slithering. □□ **slith'er•y** *adj.*

sli•ver /slívər/ • *n.* long, thin piece cut or split off; splinter. • *v.* **1** break off as a sliver. **2** break or form into slivers.

slob /slob/ *n. colloq.* lazy, untidy person. □□ **slob'bish** *adj.*