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■ see SUCCEED 2. □ **supervenient** see SUPPLEMENTARY.

**supervise** /sə'pərviz/ **v. tr.** 1 superintend; oversee the execution of (a task, etc.). 2 oversee the actions or work of (a person). □ **supervision** /-vīzhən/ **n.** **supervisor** **n.** **supervisory** **adj.** [med.L *supervidēns supervis-* (as SUPER-, *vidēre* see)]  
 ■ oversee, overlook, watch (over), manage, run, control, superintend, govern, direct, head, be in or have charge of, handle, keep an eye on, administer. □ **supervision** see leadership (LEADER). **supervisor** overseer, foreman, manager, controller, superintendent, superior, director, chief, head, administrator; invigilator; *collaq.* boss, super, *Brit.* *collaq.* gaffer, *sl.* honcho, *Brit. sl.* governor, **supervisory** managerial, administrative, executive.  
**superwoman** /sə'pərwo'mən/ **n.** (*pl.* -women) *collaq.* a woman of exceptional strength or ability.  
**supinate** /sə'pināt/ **v. tr.** put (a hand or foreleg, etc.) into a supine position (cf. PRONATE). □ **supination** /-nāshən/ **n.** [back-form, *f.* *supinatio* f. L *supinari* f. *supinare* f. *supinus*: see SUPINE]  
**supinator** /sə'pinātər/ **n.** *Anat.* a muscle in the forearm effecting supination.  
**supine** **adj.** & **n.** • **adj.** *sə:pīn/* 1 lying face upwards (cf. PRONE). 2 having the front or ventral part upwards; (of the hand) with the palm upwards. 3 inert; indolent; morally or mentally inactive. • **n.** /sə:pīn/ a Latin verbal noun used only in the accusative and ablative cases, esp. to denote purpose (e.g., *mirabile dicū* wonderful to relate). □ **supineness** /-pīnēs/ **adv.** **supineness** **n.** [L *supinus*, rel. to *super*: (*n.*) f. LL *supinum* neut. (reason unkn.)]  
 ■ adj. 1 face upwards, flat (on one's back); lying (down), recumbent, *Bot.* & *Zool.* decumbent. 2 indolent, lazy, lethargic, idle, listless, indifferent, apathetic, unconcerned, uninterested, torpid, languid, languorous, sluggish, slothful, phlegmatic, lymphatic, lackadaisical, inert, inactive, passive, motionless, inanimate, spiritless, abject. □ **supineness** see STUPOR.  
**supper** /sə:pər/ **n.** a light evening meal. □ sing for one's supper do something in return for a benefit. □ **supperless** **adj.** [ME f. OF *soper*, *super*]  
 ■ see MEAL.  
**supplant** /səplānt/ **v. tr.** dispossess and take the place of, esp. by underhand means. □ **supplanter** **n.** [ME f. OF *supplanter* or L *supplantare* trip up (as sun-, *planta* sole)]  
 ■ replace, displace, oust, turn out, eject, remove, expel, dismiss, unseat, supersede, take the place of, substitute for.  
**supple** /sə:pəl/ **adj.** & **v.** • **adj.** (**supplier**, **supplest**) 1 flexible; pliant; easily bent. 2 compliant; avoiding overt resistance; artfully or servilely submissive. • **v. tr.** & **intr.** make or become supple. □ **suppleness** **n.** [ME f. OF *supple* ult. f. L *supplex* *supplicis* submissive]  
 ■ adj. 1 flexible, pliant, bendable, elastic, resilient, pliable; willowy, lithé, limber, nimble, lissome, graceful, athletic, *archaic* flexile. 2 tractable, compliant, yielding, accommodating, obliging, complaisant, acquiescent, submissive, unresistant, unresisting, servile, obsequious, ingratiating, fawning, toadying. □ **suppleness** see **flexibility** (FLEXIBLE).  
**supplejack** /sə:pəljak/ **n.** any of various strong twining tropical shrubs, esp. *Berchemia scandens*. [SUPPLE + JACK<sup>1</sup>]  
**supinely** var. of **SUPPLY<sup>2</sup>**.  
**supplement** **n.** & **v.** • **n.** /səplimənt/ 1 a thing or part added to remedy deficiencies (*dietary supplement*). 2 a part added to a book, etc., to provide further information. 3 a separate section, esp. a color magazine, added to a newspaper or periodical. 4 *Geom.* the amount by which an angle is less than 180° (cf. COMPLEMENT). • **v. tr.** also /səplimēnt/ provide a supplement for. □ **supplemental** /-mēnt'l/ **adj.** **supplementally** **adv.** **supplementation** /-mentāshən/ **n.** [ME f. L *supplementum* (as sub-, *plēre* fill)]  
 ■ n. 1 addition, extension, appendage, adjunct, appurtenance, accessory, prosthetic; surcharge, extra; supplementation, suppletion. 2 addendum, addition, appendix, epilogue, end piece, postscript, codicil, rider,

insert, continuation, annex. 3 insert, appendix, extra; (color) magazine, *Brit.* color supplement. • v. add to, extend, augment, *colloq.* boost; complement, esp. *Brit.* top up.  
 □ **supplemental** see **SUPPLEMENTARY**.

**supplementary** /səplimēn'terē/ **adj.** forming or serving as a supplement; additional. □ **supplementarily** **adv.**  
 ■ additional, added, annexed, adjunct, news; supplemental, supportive, contributory, ancillary, secondary, subordinate, attached, appended, subsidiary, auxiliary, accessory; extraneous, adventitious, supervenient, extra, excess, further; *Linguistics* suppletive.  
**suppletion** /səplēshən/ **n.** the act or an instance of supplementing, esp. *Linguistics* the occurrence of unrelated forms to supply gaps in conjugation (e.g., *went* as the past of *go*). □ **suppletive** **adj.** [ME f. OF f. med.L *suppletio* -onis (as **SUPPLY<sup>1</sup>**)]  
 ■ see **SUPPLEMENT** **n.** 1. □ **suppletive** see **SUPPLEMENTARY**.

**suppliant** /səplēənt/ **adj.** & **n.** • **adj.** 1 supplicating. 2 expressing supplication. • **n.** a suppling person. □ **suppliantly** **adv.** [ME f. F *supplier* beseech f. L (as **SUPPLICATE**)]  
 ■ adj. see **suppliant** adj. (**SUPPLICATE**). • n. see **suppliant** n. (**SUPPLICATE**).  
**supplicate** /səplikāt/ **v. 1.** **n.** petition humbly to (a person) or for (a thing). 2 **intr.** ( foll. by *to*, *for*) make a petition. □ **supplicant** **adj.** & **n.** **supplication** /-āshən/ **n.** **supplicatory** **adj.** [ME f. L *supplicare* (as sub-, *plicare* bend)]  
 ■ 1 see PETITION **v.** 2. □ **supplicant** (**adj.**) supplicatory, suppliant, imploring, solicitous, importunate, mendicant. (**n.**) applicant, suppliant, petitioner, beseecher, suitor, aspirant, beggar, mendicant; *Law* pleader, appellant, plaintiff. **supplication** entreaty, petition, prayer, appeal, pleading, plea, request, suit, solicitation, obsecration.  
**supply**<sup>1</sup> /sə:pīl/ **v. & n.** • **v. tr.** (-ies, -ied) 1 provide or furnish (a thing needed). 2 (often foll. by *with*) provide (a person, etc., with a thing needed). 3 meet or make up for (a deficiency or need, etc.). 4 fill (a vacancy, place, etc.) as a substitute. • **n.** (*pl.* -ies) 1 the act or an instance of providing what is needed. 2 a stock, store, amount, etc., of something provided or obtainable. (*a large supply of water; the gas supply*). 3 (in *pl.*) the collected provisions and equipment for an army, expedition, etc. b *Brit.* a grant of money by Parliament for the costs of government. c *Brit.* a money allowance to a person. 4 (often attrib.) a person, esp. a schoolteacher or clergyman, acting as a temporary substitute for another. 5 (attrib.) providing supplies or a supply (**supply officer**). □ **in short supply** available in limited quantity, **supply and demand** *Econ.* quantities available and required as factors regulating the price of commodities. **supply-side** *Econ.* denoting a policy of low taxation and other incentives to produce goods and invest. □ **supplier** **n.** [ME f. OF *sō(u)pleir*, etc., f. L *supplēre* (as sub-, *plēre* fill)]  
 ■ **v.** 1, 2 furnish, provide, give, endow, donate, present, purvey, deliver, come up with, yield, contribute, distribute, sell; stock, accommodate, afford, equip, outfit, gear (up), rig (out), fit (out), provision, fulfill, minister (with), esp. *Brit.* kit out or up; victual.  
 3 satisfy, meet, replenish, fill. • **n.** 1 provision, purveyance, distribution, delivery. 2 stock, stockpile, store, inventory, quantity, reservoir, reserve, cache, hoard, accumulation, fund. 3 (**supplies**) a see KIT<sup>1</sup> **n.** 1, PROVISION **n.** 2. 4 see SUBSTITUTE **n.** 1a. □ **in short**  
**supply** see **LIMITED** 1. □ **supplier** see **DEALER**, **DONOR**.  
**supply**<sup>2</sup> /sə:pīl/ **adv.** (also **suppletive** /səplētiv/) in a supple manner.  
**support** /sə:pərt/ **v. & n.** • **v. tr.** 1 carry all or part of the

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