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super-woman (soō'pə wōm'ən), n., pl. -wom-en. 1. a woman of extraordinary or superhuman powers. 2. a woman who copes successfully with the simultaneous demands of a career, marriage, and motherhood. [SUPER- + WOMAN]

—Usage. See *woman*.

super-nate (soō'pə nāt'), v., -nat-ed, -nat-ing. —v.t. 1. to turn to a supine position; rotate (the hand or foot) so that the palm or sole is upward. —v.i. 2. to become supinated. [1825-35; < L *supinatus* (ptp. of *supinare* to lay face up). See *SUPINE*, -ATE']

super-nation (soō'pə nāsh'ən), n. 1. rotation of the hand or forearm so that the palmar surface is facing upward (opposed to pronation). 2. a comparable motion of the foot, consisting of adduction followed by inversion. 3. the position assumed as the result of this rotation. [1660-70; SUPERINATE + -ATION]

super-na-tor (soō'pə nāt'ər), n. Anat. a muscle used in supination. [1605-15; < NL; see *SUPINATE*, -TOR]

supine (adj. soō'pin'; n. soō'pin), adj. 1. lying on the back, face or front upward. 2. inactive, passive, or inert, esp. from indolence or indifference. 3. (of the hand) having the palm upward. —n. 4. (in Latin) a noun form derived from verbs, appearing only in the accusative and the dative ablative, as *dicū* in *mirabilē dicū*, "wonderful to say." 5. (in English) the simple infinitive of a verb preceded by to. 6. an analogous form in some other language. [1480-1500; < L *supinus* lying face up, inactive] —*Supine-ly*, adv. —*Supine-ness*, n.

supp., 1. supplement. 2. supplementary. Also, *suppli-*.

sup-pawn (soō'pōn'), n. Hudson Valley. cormorant muan. [1785-95, Amer.; < New York D *suppaen*, *sappon* < Munsee Delaware *su-pa-n*; see *SAMP*]

Supp'ē (soō'pē'; Ger. zōp'ē), n. Franz von (shants fan), 1819-95, Austrian composer.

sup-pa-da-no-um (soō'pē dā'nō əm), n., pl. -no-a (t-hə ə). a shelf affixed to a cross for supporting the feet of the crucified. [1860-65; < ML, n. use of neut. of LL *suppedaneus* under the feet, equiv. to *sup-* + *pedis* (of pēs) root + *-aneus* (-an-us) -AN + -eūs -ous]

sup-per (soō'pər), n. 1. the evening meal, often the principal meal of the day. 2. any light evening meal, esp. one taken late in the evening; an *after-the-theater supper*. 3. of or pertaining to supper: a supper party. [1225-75; ME *supper* < OF *sooper*, n. use of *sooper* to SUP'] —*sup-per-less*, adj.

sup-per club, a nightclub, esp. a small, luxurious one. [1920-25]

sup-per-time (soō'pər tīm'), n. the time at which supper is served, usually between the hours of 5 and 7 P.M. [1225-75; ME *soper tyme*. See *SUPPER*, *TIME*]

sup-plant (soō plant', -plānt'), v.t. 1. to take the place of (another), as through force, scheming, strategy, or the like. 2. to replace (one thing) by something else. [1250-1300; ME *supplanter* < L *supplantare* to trip up, overthrow. See *sup-*, *PLANT*] —*sup-plant-a-tion* (soō'plān-tā'shən), n. —*sup-plant'er*, n.

—Syn. 1. remove, succeed. See *replace*.

sup-ple (soō'pəl), adj. -pler, -piest, v., -pled, -pling. —adj. 1. bending readily without breaking or becoming deformed; pliant; flexible: a *supple* bough. 2. characterized by ease; limber; lithe: *supple* movements. 3. characterized by ease, responsiveness, and adaptability in mental action. 4. compliant or yielding. 5. obsequious; servile. —v.t. 6. to make or become supple. [1250-1300; (adj.) ME *supple* flexible, compliant < OF; soft, yielding, lithe < L *supplici-* (s. of *supplex*) submissive, suppliant, equiv. to *sup-* + *sup-* + *-plic-*, variously explained as skin to *plicare* to fold, bend (thus meaning "bent over"; cf. *COMPLEX*), or to *plicare* to PLACATE (thus meaning "in the attitude of suppliant"). (v.) ME

COINCIDE ETYMOLOGY KEY: <, descended or borrowed from; >, whence; b., blend of; c., cognate with; cf., compare; deriv., derivative; equiv., equivalent; imit., imitative; obl., oblique; r., replacing; s., stem; sp., spelling; spolled; resp., respelling; respelled; trans., translation; ?, origin unknown; ?, unattested; ?, probably earlier than. See the full key inside the front cover.

su'por-sə-vor', adj.: -ly, adv.;

-ness, n.

su'por-so-ver/i-ty, n.

su'por-sox/u-al/i-ty, n.

su'por-sharp', adj.

su'por-ship/mont, n.

su'por-show', n.

su'por-sig-nit/i-cont, adj.: -ly, adv.

su'por-sig-nit/ant, adj.: -ly, adv.

su'por-sim-pli/city, n.

su'por-sim/pli-fy', v.t.: -fled,

-fy-ing.

su'por-sin-car/i-ty, n.

su'por-sin-gui-lar, adj.

su'por-size', n., adj.

su'por-sized', adj.

su'por-slouth', n.

su'por-slick', adj.

su'por-smart', adj.: -ly, adv.:

-ness, n.

su'por-soft', adj.

su'por-so/lar, adj.

su'por-so/omn, adj.: -ly, adv.:

-ness, n.

su'por-so-lem/i-ty, n.

su'por-so-lic/i-tation, n.

su'por-so-phic/i-cat/ed, adj.

su'por-sov/er-align, adj.: -n.

su'por-sov/er-align-ty, n.

su'por-spo/cial, adj.: -n.

su'por-spo/cial-i-zation, n.

su'por-spo/cial-i-za/tion, n.

supple to soften, deriv. of the n. (cf. OF *asplirir*) —*sup-ple-ness*, n.

sup-ple-jack (soō'pəl jak'), n. 1. a strong, pliant cane or walking stick. 2. any of various climbing shrubs with strong stems suitable for making walking sticks. [1715-25; *SUPPLE* + *JACK*']

sup-ple-ly (soō'pə lē, soō'pəlē), adv. supply†.

sup-ple-men-t (n. sup'plə mant; u. sup'plə ment'), n. 1. something added to complete a thing, supply a deficiency, or reinforce or extend a whole. 2. a part added to a book, document, etc., to supply additional or later information, correct errors, or the like. 3. a part, usually of special character, issued as an additional feature of a newspaper or other periodical. 4. Gram. the quantity by which an angle or an arc falls short of 180° or a semicircle. —v.t. 5. to complete, add to, or extend by a supplement. 6. to form a supplement or addition to. 7. to supply (a deficiency). [1350-1400; ME < L *supplémentum* that by which anything is made full, equiv. to sup. sup- + plé (s. of *plēre* to fill; see FULL) + -mentum -ment'] —*sup-ple-men-t'er*, n.

—Syn. 2. addendum, epilogue, postscript. See *appendix*. 3. See *complement*.

sup-ple-men-tal (soō'plə men'təl), adj. 1. supplemental. 2. nonscheduled (def. 2). 3. (of a pleading, an affidavit, etc.) added to furnish what is lacking or missing. —n. 4. anything that is supplemental: *supplements* attached to the bill in committee. [1655-1665; *SUPPLEMENT* + -AL'] —*sup-ple-men-tal-ly*, adv.

—Syn. 2. implore, crave, solicit, beseech. See *appeal*.

sup-ple-ca-tion (soō'pli kā'shən), n. an act or instance of supplicating; humble prayer, entreaty, or petition. [1350-1400; ME < L *supplication-* (s. of *supplicatio*) See *SUPPLICATE*, -ION]

sup-ple-ly (soō'pli), v., -plied, -ply-ing, n., pl. -plies.

—v.t. 1. to furnish or provide (a person, establishment, place, etc.) with what is lacking or requisite; to supply someone clothing; to supply a community with electricity. 2. to furnish or provide (something wanting or requisite); to supply electricity to a community. 3. to make up, compensate for, or satisfy (a deficiency, loss, need, etc.); *The TVA supplied the need for cheap electricity*. 4. to fill or occupy as a substitute, as a vacancy, a pulpit, etc. *During the summer local clergymen will supply the pulpit*. —v.i. 5. to fill the place of another, esp. the pulpit of a church, temporarily or as a substitute: Who will supply until the new minister arrives? —n. 6. the act of supplying, furnishing, providing, satisfying, etc. to begin the supply of household help. 7. something that is supplied: *The storm cut off our water supply*. 8. a quantity of something on hand or available for use, stock or stores: *Did you see our new supply of shirts?* 9. Usually, supplies. a provision, stock, or store of food or other things necessary for maintenance. to lay in supplies for the winter. 10. Econ. the quantity of a commodity that is in the market and available for purchase or that is available for purchase at a particular price. 11. *supplies*, Mil. a. all items necessary for the equipment, maintenance, and operation of military command, including food, clothing, arms, ammunition, fuel, materials, and machinery. b. procurement, distribution, maintenance, and salvage of supplies. 12. a person who fills a vacancy or takes the place of another, esp. temporarily. 13. *supplies*. Obs. reinforcements. 14. Obs. aid. [1325-75; (v.) ME *supplien* < MF *supplier*, var. of *suppleur* < L *supplēre* to fill up, equiv. to sup. sup- + plēre to fill (see FULL); (n.) late ME aid, succor, deriv. of the v.] —*sup-plier*, n.

sup-ple-ment/ary stor'y, Journalism. follow-up (def. 3b).

sup-ple-men-ta-tion (soō'plə mon tā'shən, -mon-), n. 1. the act or process of supplementing. 2. the state of being supplemented. 3. something that supplements. [1655-65; *SUPPLEMENT* + -TION]

sup-ple-tion (soō'plə shən), n. Gram. the use in inflection or derivation of an allomorph that is not related in form to the primary allomorph of a morpheme, as the use of *better* as the comparative of *good*. [1275-1325; ME *supplementation*, supplement < ML *supplētio* (s. of *supplētū*) a filling up, equiv. to *supplēre* (s. ptp. of *supplēre* to make complete), sup. sup- + *plēre* s. of *plēre* to fill (see FULL) + *-tio* ptp. suffix + -shən] —*sup-ple-tive* (soō'plə tiv, sup'pli tiv), adj. Gram. 1. serving as an inflected form of a word with a totally different stem, as *went*, the suppletive past of *go*. 2. including one or more such forms: a *suppletive paradigm*. 3. characterized by the use of such forms: *suppletive inflection*. [1810-20; < ML *supplētūs*, equiv. to *supplētūs* (ptp. of *supplēre* to fill up; see *SUPPLE*) + *-tūs* -ive]

sup-ple-to-ry (soō'li tōr'ē, -tōr'ē), adj. supplying a deficiency. [1620-30; < LL *supplētorius*, equiv. to *supplēre* (see *SUPPLE*) + *-torius* -ORY'] —*sup-ple-to/rily*, adv.

su'por-sub-sist', v.i., -sized, su'por-sub-sist', v.i.

su'por-sub-sist/til/az-tion, n.

su'por-spec/i-fic-a-tion, n.

su'por-suf-fi/cien-cy, n.

su'por-su/fi-clent, adj.; -ly, adv.

su'por-su/fi-fate, n.

su'por-su/fi-fat-ed, adj.

su'por-su/fi-fat-ing, adj.

su'por-su/fi-rez/əd, adj.

su'por-su/fi-rez-ing, adj.

su'por-su/fi-rez-od, adj.

su'por-su/fi-rez-od, adj.

su'por-su/fi-rez-ing, adj.

su'por-su/fi-rez-ing,