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hap-haz-ard \hə-'haz-əd\ n [hap + hazard] (1575) : CHANCE 1
haphazard *adj* (1671) : marked by lack of plan, order, or direction
hap-haz-ard-ly *adv* — **hap-haz-ard-ly** *adv* — **hap-**
haz-ard-ness n — **hap-haz-ard-ry** \zə-'dri\ n
hap-ki-do \həp-'kē-dō\ n [Korean, fr. hap- together, joined + ki breath,
energy + lo way, ard] (1973) : a Korean martial art based on kicking
motions and incorporating elements of aikido
haplo- or **haplo-** *comb form* [NL, fr. Gk, fr. haploos, fr. ha- one (akin to
homo- same) + -ploos multiplied by; akin to L -plex -fold — more at
SAME -FOLD] 1 : single (haplology) 2 : haploid (haplont)
hap-less \hə-'pləs\ *adj* (14c) : having no luck : UNFORTUNATE — **hap-**
less-ly *adv* — **hap-less-ness** n
hap-loid \hə-'plōid\ *adj* [ISV, fr. Gk haploides single, fr. haploos]
(1908) : having the gametic number of chromosomes typically includ-
ing one of each pair of homologous chromosomes — compare DIPLOID
— **haploid** n — **hap-loi-dy** \hə-'plōi-dē\ n
hap-loi-o-gy \hə-'plō-i-ŋ\ n (1895) : contraction of a word by omis-
sion of one or more similar sounds or syllables (as in mineralogy for hy-
pothetical mineralogy or \prā-'blē\ for probably)
hap-lont \hə-'plānt\ n [ISV] (1920) : an organism (as some primitive al-
gae) having a diploid zygote that undergoes meiosis to produce haploid
cells — **hap-lon-tic** \hə-'plān-tik\ *adj*
hap-lo-type \hə-'plō-'tīp\ n (1969) : a group of alleles of different genes
(as of the major histocompatibility complex) that are closely related
that are closely related to be inherited usu. as a unit
hap-ly \hə-'plē\ *adv* (14c) : by chance, luck, or accident
hap-pen \hə-'pən\ *vi* **hap-pened**; **hap-pen-ing** \hə-'pən-ŋ\, *fr. hap-*
pen [ME, fr. hap- 'I'm going your way' 2 : to come into being or occur as an
event, process, or result (mistakes will ~) 3 : to do, encounter, or at-
tain something by or as if by chance (I ~ to know the answer) 4 a
: to meet or discover something by chance (~ed upon a system that
worked — Richard Corbin) b : to come or go casually : make a
chance appearance (he might ~ by at any time) 5 : to come esp. by
way of injury or harm (I promise nothing will ~ to you)
hap-pen-chance \hə-'pən-'tʃans\, \hə-'pən-'m\ n (1876) : HAPPEN-
STANCE
1 **happening** n (1551) 1 : something that happens : OCCURRENCE 2
: an event or series of events designed to evoke a spontaneous reaction
to sensory, emotional, or spiritual stimuli 3 : something (as an event)
that is particularly interesting, entertaining, or important
2 **happening** *adj* (1977) 1 : very fashionable : IN (a ~ hairstyle) 2
: offering much stimulating activity (a ~ dance club)
hap-pen-stance \hə-'pən-'stans\, \hə-'pən-'m\ n [*happen* + circum-
stance] (1897) : a circumstance esp. that is due to chance — **hap-pen-**
stance *adj*
hap-pi-ly \hə-'pī-lē\ *adv* (14c) 1 a : in a fortunate manner b : as if
fortunately happens (~, some boyhood pleasures don't change — P. A.
Wileman) 2 *archaic* : by chance 3 : in a happy manner or state 4
: in an adequate or fitting manner : SUCCESSFULLY
hap-pi-ness \hə-'pī-nəs\ n (15c) 1 *obs* : good fortune : PROSPERITY
2 a : a state of well-being and contentment : JOY b : a pleasurable or
satisfying experience 3 : FELICITY, APTNESS
hap-py \hə-'pī\ *adj* **hap-pi-er**; **-est** [ME, fr. hap] (14c) 1 : favored by
luck or fortune : FORTUNATE (a ~ coincidence) 2 : notably fitting,
effective, or well adapted : FULCRUM (a ~ choice) 3 a : enjoying
or characterized by well-being and contentment (the ~ happiest person
I know) (a ~ childhood) b : expressing, reflecting, or suggestive of
happiness (~ ending) c : GLAD, PLEASED (I'm ~ to meet you) d
: having or marked by an atmosphere of good fellowship : FRIENDLY
(a ~ office) 4 a : characterized by a dazed irresponsible state (a
punch-happy boxer) b : impulsively or obsessively quick to use or do
something (trigger-happy) c : enthusiastic about something to the
point of obsession : OBSESSED (education-conscious and statistics
happy — Helen Rowen) *syn* see LUCKY, FIT
happy camper n (1984) : one who is content
hap-py-go-lucky \hə-'pī-gō-'lō-ki\ *adj* (1856) : blithely unconcerned
: CAREFREE
happy hour n (1959) : a period of time during which the price of
drinks (as at a bar) is reduced or hors d'oeuvres are served free
happy hunting ground n (1837) 1 : the paradise of some American
Indian tribes to which the souls of warriors and hunters pass after
death to spend a happy hereafter in hunting and feasting 2 : a choice
or profitable area of activity or exploitation
happy talk n (1973) 1 : informal talk among the participants in a tele-
vision news broadcast; also : a broadcast format featuring such talk 2
: optimistic talk
Haps-burg or **Habs-burg** \həps-'bɜrg\, \həps-'bɜrg\ *adj* [*Habsburg*,
Aargau, Switzerland] (ca 1861) : of or relating to the German royal
house to which belong the rulers of Austria from 1278 to 1918, the rul-
ers of Spain from 1516 to 1700, and many of the Holy Roman emperors
— **Hapsburg** n
hap-ten \həp-'ten\ n [G, fr. Gk haptein to fasten] (1921) : a small sepa-
rable part of an antigen that reacts specif. with an antibody but is inca-
pable of stimulating antibody production except in combination with a
carrier protein molecule — **hap-ten-ic** \həp-'ten-ik\ *adj*
hap-tic \həp-'tik\ *adj* [ISV, fr. Gk haptēsthai to touch] (ca 1890) 1
: relating to or based on the sense of touch (a ~ person)
2 : characterized by the sense of touch (a ~ person)
hap-to-glo-bin \həp-'tō-'glō-'bīn\ n [ISV, fr. Gk haptein + ISV hemoglo-
bin] (1941) : any of several forms of an alpha globulin found in blood
serum that can combine with free hemoglobin in the plasma and there-
by prevent the loss of iron into the urine
hara-kiri also **hari-kari** \hə-'rī-'kī-'rī\, \hə-'rī-'kī\ n [Jp harakiri, fr. haru
belly + kiri cutting] (1840) 1 : ritual suicide by disembowelment prac-
ticed by the Japanese samurai or formerly decreed by a court in lieu of
the death penalty 2 : SUICIDE 1b
har-ange \hə-'raŋ\ n [MF arenge, fr. OH aringo, fr. aringere to speak
in public, fr. aringo public assembly, of Gmc origin; akin to OHG hring
ring] (ca 1533) 1 : a speech addressed to a public assembly 2 : a
ranting speech or writing 3 : LECTURE
har-angue *vb* **har-angued**; **har-anguing** *vi* (1640) : to make a har-
angue : DUCALIM ~ *vt* : to address in a harangue (*haranguing*
me ... on the folly of my ways — Jay Jacobs) — **har-angue** *er* n

har-rass \hə-'ras\, \hə-'rəs\ *vt* [F harasser, fr. MF, fr. harer to set a
dog on, fr. OF hare, interj. used to incite dogs, of Gmc origin; akin to
OHG hier here — more at HERB] (1617) 1 a : EXHAUST, FATIGUE b
(1) : to annoy persistently (2) : to create an unpleasant or hostile situ-
ation for esp. by uninvited and unwelcome verbal or physical conduct
2 : to worry and impede by repeated raids (~ed the enemy) *syn* see
WORRY — **har-rass-er** n — **har-rass-ment** \hə-'rəs-mənt\ n
har-bin-ger \hə-'bɪn-ŋər\ n [ME herberge, fr. AF, host, fr. herberge
camp, lodgings, of Gmc origin; akin to OHG heriberg] (14c) 1 *archaic*
: a person sent ahead to provide lodgings 2 a : one that pioneers in
or initiates a major change : PRECURSOR b : one that presages or
foreshadows what is to come *syn* see FORERUNNER
har-binger *vt* (1646) : to be a harbinger of : PRESAGE
har-bor \hə-'bɔr\ n [ME herberge, herberwe, fr. OE herebeorg military
quarters, fr. here army (akin to OHG heri) + beorg refuge; akin to OE
burg fortified town — more at HARRY, BOROUGH] (12c) 1 : a place of
security and comfort : REFUGE 2 : a part of a body of water protected
and deep enough to furnish anchorage; esp : one with port facilities —
har-bor-ful \hə-'bɔr-fəl\ *adj*
har-bor *vb* **har-bored**; **har-bor-ing** \hə-'bɔr-ŋ\ *vi* (12c) 1 a : to give
shelter or refuge to b : to be the home or habitat of (the ledges still ~
rattlesnakes); broadly : CONTAIN 2 2 : to hold esp. persistently in the
mind : CHERISH (~ed a grudge) ~ *vi* 1 : to take shelter in or as if in
a harbor 2 : LIVE — **har-bor-er** \hə-'bɔr-ər\ n
har-bor-age \hə-'bɔr-ŋ\ n (15c) : SHELTER, HARBOR
har-bor-mas-ter \hə-'bɔr-'mas-tər\ n (1769) : an officer who executes
the regulations respecting the use of a harbor
harbor seal n (1766) : a small hair seal (*Phoca vitulina*) of oceanic
coasts in the northern hemisphere that often ascends rivers
har-bor-side \hə-'bɔr-'sīd\ *adj* (1924) : located next to a harbor
har-bour chiefly Brit var of HARBOR
hard \hərd\ *adj* [ME, fr. OE heard; akin to OHG hart hard, Gk kratos
strength] (bef. 12c) 1 a : not easily penetrated : not easily yielding to
pressure b : of cheese : not capable of being spread : very firm 2 a of
liquor (1) : having a harsh or acid taste (2) : strongly alcoholic b
: characterized by the presence of salts (as of calcium or magnesium)
that prevent lathering with soap (~ water) 3 a : of or relating to ra-
diation of relatively high penetrating power : having high energy (~ X
rays) b : having or producing relatively great photographic contrast
rays) c : convertible into gold : stable in value c : usable as cur-
rency (paid in ~ cash) d : of currency : readily acceptable in interna-
tional trade e : being high and firm (~ prices) 5 a : firmly and
closely twisted (~ yarns) b : having a smooth close napless finish (a
~ worsted) 6 a : physically fit (in good ~ condition) b : resistant
to stress or disease c : free of weakness or defects 7 a (1) : FIRM,
DEFINITE (reached a ~ agreement) (2) : not speculative or conject-
ural : FACTUAL (~ evidence) (3) : important or informative rather
than sensational or entertaining (~ news) b : CLOSE, SEARCHING
(gave a ~ look) c : free from sentimentality or illusion : REALISTIC
(good ~ sense) d : lacking in responsiveness : OBDURATE, UNFEL-
ING (a ~ heart) 8 a (1) : difficult to bear or endure (~ luck) (~
times) (2) : OPPRESSIVE, INEQUITABLE (sales taxes are ~ on the
poor) (a ~ restriction) b (1) : lacking consideration, compassion, or
gentleness : CALLOUS (a ~ greedy landlord) (2) : INCORRIGIBLE,
TWOUL (a ~ gang) c (1) : harsh, severe, or offensive in tendency or
effect (said some ~ things) (2) : RESENTFUL (~ feelings) (3)
: STRICT, UNRELENTING (drives a ~ bargain) d : INCREMENT (~
winter) e (1) : intense in force, manner, or degree (~ blows) (2)
: demanding the exertion of energy : calling for stamina and endurance
(~ work) (3) : performing or carrying on with great energy, intensi-
ty, or persistence (a ~ worker) f : most unyielding or thoroughgoing
(the ~ political right) 9 a : characterized by sharp or harsh outline,
rigid execution, and stiff drawing b : sharply defined : STARK (~
shadows) c : lacking in shading, delicacy, or resonance (~ singing
tones) d : sounding as in arcing and geese respectively — used of c
and e : suggestive of toughness or insensitivity (~ eyes) 10 a (1)
: difficult to accomplish or resolve : TROUBLESOME (~ problems)
(the true story was ~ to come by) (2) : difficult to comprehend or
explain (a ~ concept) b : having difficulty in doing something (~
of hearing) c : difficult to magnetize or demagnetize 11 : being at
once additive and gravely detrimental to health (such ~ drugs as her-
oin) 12 : resistant to biodegradation (~ detergents) (~ pesticides)
such as DDT) 13 : being, schooled in, or using the methods of the
natural sciences and esp. of the physical sciences (a ~ scientist) 14
of money : contributed (as by individuals or political action commit-
tees) directly to a particular candidate or campaign
syn HARD, DIFFICULT, ARDUOUS mean demanding great exertion or
effort. HARD implies the opposite of all that is easy (farming is hard
work). DIFFICULT implies the presence of obstacles to be surmounted
or puzzles to be resolved and suggests the need of skill, patience, or
courage (the difficult ascent of the main face of the mountain). ARDU-
OUS stresses the need of laborious and persevering exertion (the ardu-
ous task of rebuilding).
2 **hard** *adv* (bef. 12c) 1 a : with great or utmost effort or energy : STREN-
UOUSLY (were ~ at work) (the children played ~) b : in a violent
manner : FIERCELY c : to the full extent — usu. used in nautical di-
rections (steer ~ about) d : to an immoderate degree (hitting the
bottle ~) e : in a searching, close, or concentrated manner (stared
~ at me) 2 a : in such a manner as to cause hardship, difficulty, or
pain b : with rancor, bitterness, or grief (took the defeat ~) 3 : in a
firm manner : TIGHTLY 4 : to the point of hardness (frozen ~) 5
: close in time or space (stands ~ by the river)
hard-and-fast \hərd-'n-'fəst\ *adj* (1867) : not to be modified or evad-
ed : STRICT (a ~ rule)
hard-ass \hərd-'æs\ n (1961) *often vulgar* : a tough, demanding, or un-
compromising person — **hard-assed** \hərd-'æs-təd\ *adj*, *often vulgar*

\ə\ abut \ə\ kitten, F table \ər\ further \ə\ ash \ə\ acc \ə\ mop, mar
\ə\ out \ch\ chin \ə\ bet \e\ easy \ə\ go \ə\ hit \ə\ ice \ə\ job
\ə\ sing \ə\ go \ə\ law \ə\ boy \th\ thin \th\ the \ə\ too \ə\ foot
\ə\ yet \zh\ vision, beige \k, n, æ, u, e, \ə\ see Guide to Pronunciation