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demigod. -hero'ic a. -hero'ically adv, her'oism n. -he'ro-worshipper n.

hierarch

her'oin n. strongly addictive narcotic drug derived from morphine.

her'on n. long-legged, long-necked wading bird. -her'onry n. place where herons breed.

her'pes n. any of several skin diseases, including shingles (herpes zoster) and cold sores (herpes simplex).

herr'ing n. familiar sea-fish. -herr'ingbone n. stitch or pattern of zigzag lines. hertz n. (radio) unit of frequency.

hes'itate v.i. hold back, feel, show, indecision; be reluctant. -hes'itant a. hes'itantly adv. -hes'itancy n. indecision, doubt. -hesita'tion n.

hess'ian n. coarse jute cloth.

het'erodox a. not orthodox. -het'erodoxy n.

heterody'ning n. (radio) superimposing of a wave on another of different length to produce a beat of audible frequency.

heteroge'neous a. composed of diverse elements. -heterogene'ity n.

hew v.t. and i. chop or cut with ax or sword. -hew'er n.

hex'agon n. figure with six sides, angles. -hexag'onal a. -hexam'eter n. verse line of six feet.

hey'day n. bloom, prime, height of one's vigor, success.

hia'tus n. gap in a series; break between two vowels, esp. in consecutive words. Hiber'nian a. of, pert. to Ireland, Irish

(person). **-hibernianism, Hiber**'nicism*n*. Irish idiom.

hibernate v.i. pass the winter, esp. in torpor. -hiberna'tion n. hibis'cus n, tropical plant of the mallow

family.

hiccup n. spasm of the breathing organs with an abrupt sound. -v.i. have this. hick n. farmer; unsophisticated country

person. -a. hick'ory n. N. Amer. tree like walnut with

tough wood and edible nuts.

hidal'go n. lesser Spanish nobleman: hide n. skin, raw or dressed. -hide bound a. with skin tight to body as cattle. (sl.) prejudiced, narrow-minded.

hide n. old measure of land.

hide v.t. put or keep out of sight; conceal, keep secret. -v.i. conceal oneself. hid'den a. revolting. hid'eous a. repulsive, hideously adv.

hie v.i. and refl. go quickly; betake (oneself).

hierarch (-k) n. chief priest. -hi'erarchy n. graded priesthood or other organization.
-hierarch'ical a. -hierat'ica. of the priests

disease or condition relating to inflammation of the liver.

hep'tagon n. plane figure with seven sides, angles. -heptag'onal a. -hep'tarchy (-ki) n. rule by seven. -hep'tateuch (-tuk) n. first seven books of the Old Testament. her pron. obj., possess., of she. -herself', emphatic, reflex, of she, her; in her proper

character.

her'ald n. officer who makes royal proclamations, arranges ceremonies, keeps records of genealogies and those entitled to armorial bearings, etc.; messenger, envoy. -v.t. announce; proclaim the approach of .-heral'dic a. -her'aldry n. science of heraldic bearings.

herb n. plant with a soft stem which dies down after flowering; plant of which parts are used for medicine, food or scent. herba'ceous (-shus) a. of or like a herb. herb'age n. herbs; grass, pasture. herb'al a. of herbs. -n. book on herbs. herb'alist n. writer on herbs; dealer in medicinal herbs. -herbar'ium n. collection of dried plants. -herb'y a. of herbs.

Hercu'lean a. very strong; very difficult. herd n. number of animals feeding or traveling together; large number of people (in contempt); herdsman. -v.i. go to a herd. -v.t. tend (a herd); crowd together. herds'man n.

here adv. in this place; at or to this point. hered'ity n. tendency of an organism to transmit its nature to its descendants. **hered'itary** a. descending by inheritance; holding office by inheritance; that can be transmitted from one generation to another. -hered'itarily adv. -heredit'ament n. something that can be inherited. -heritable a. that can be inherited. -her'itage n. that which may be or is inherited; portion or lot.

her'esy n. opinion contrary to the orthodox opinion. -here'siarch originator or leader of a heresy. -her'etic n. holder of a heresy. -heret'ical a. heret'ically adv.

hermaph'rodite n. person or animal with the characteristics of both sexes.

hermet'ic a. of alchemy; sealed. hermet'ic sea'ling, airtight closing of a vessel by melting the edges together, etc.; hermet'ically adv.

her'mit n. person living in solitude, esp. from religious motives. -her'mitage n. his abode. -her'mit-crab' n. kind of crab living in discarded mollusk shells.

hern'ia n. protrusion of an internal organ through the wall of tissue that encloses it;

he'ro n. illustrious warrior; one greatly regarded for achievements or qualities chief man in a poem, play, or story;