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opposite the control wheel wheel wheel wheel *n. a landing wheel under the nose of

aircraft. ant. nozēj ▶adj. & v. variant spelling of Nosy

to all noshing or snacking. Dearly 20th cent. (de-tage a snack bar); Yiddish.

sahery /nāsherē/ >n. (pl. -er-les) informal a restau-

show in a person who has made a reservation, wking or appointment but neither keeps nor can-

| nozing | nozing | n. a rounded edge of a step or

ing ■ a metal shield for such an edge.

combal | nāsəˈkömēəl| ≥ adj. Medicinə (of a disend) originating in a hospital. ▷ mid 19th cent.: freek nosokomos 'person who tends the sick' +

ode /'nās,ôd/ ►n. (in homeopathy) a preparation abstances secreted in the course of a disease, and the treatment of that disease. Plate 19th m Greek nosos 'disease' + -ODE1,

ography /nô'sāgrafe/ ▶n. the systematic de-ton of diseases. ▶mid 17th cent.: from Greek disease' + GRAPHY. —no-so-graph-ic /,nōsana- adj

•••ology /nō'sālojē/ ▶n. the branch of medical scidealing with the classification of diseases osolog-i-cal /,nase'läjikel/ adj. —no-sol-o-gist

adja na'stalje; no-/ n. a sentimental longing and affection for the past, typically for a periplec with happy personal associations: I was with acute nostalgia for my days in college. It the donor of these feelings or tendencies, esp. in the college form: an evening of TV nostalgia. of these feelings or tendencies, esp. in straight form: an evening of TV nostalgia. Ish cent (in the sense 'acute homesickness'):

Lilin (translating German Heimweh 'homesis), from Greek nostos 'return home' + algos nos-tal-gist /-jist/ n.

algic |na'stalijik; no-| ▶adj. characterized by or feelings of nostalgia.

algic person, to see classmates' E-mail address-tes pay \$36 a year. —nos-tal-gi-cal-iy /nâ-/6, no-l ach.

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naslák/ ►n. Biology a microorganism comsalak| ▶n. Biology a microorganism com-daded filaments that aggregate to form a outmass, growing in water and damp places to fix nitrogen from the atmosphere. Nostoc division Compohenteria. ▶name inor, division Cyanobacteria. ⊳name iny Paracelsus.

nastos | • n. (pl. -toi |-,toi|) poetic/literary a ada mus

/ˌnôstrə'dāməs; ˌnästrə'dāməs/ French French astrologer and physician; name of Michel de Nostredame. His cryptic and apocalyptic predictions in rhyming quatrains appeared in two collections, in 1555 and 1558, and their interpretation continues to be the subject of

Nos-trat-ic /nä'stratik/ ▶n. a hypothetical phylum of languages of which the principal members are the Indo-European, Semitic, Altaic, and Dravidian fami

► adj, of or relating to this language phylum. ▷1960s: from German nostratisch, based on Latin nostras, nostrat- 'of our country.'

nos-tril /'nastrol/ ▶n. either of two external openings of the nasal cavity in vertebrates that admit air to the lungs and smells to the olfactory nerves. DOId English nosterl, nosthyrl, from nosu 'nose' + thŷr[e]l 'hole.' -nos-trilled adj. [in combination] .

nos-trum /'nästrəm/ ▶n. a medicine, esp. one that is not considered effective, prepared by an unqualified person. a pet scheme or favorite remedy, esp. one for bringing about some social or political reform or improvement.

nos-y /'nōzē/ (also nos-ey) informal ▶adj. (nos-i-er, nos-i-est) (of a person or their behavior) showing too much curiosity about other people's affairs: he had to whisper to avoid being overheard by their nosy neighbors.

•v. [intrans.] pry into something: they don't nosy into your business like some people. —nosi-ly /-zəlē/ adv. -nos-i-ness n

Nos-y Par-ker (also nos-y Park-er) ▶n; informal an overly inquisitive person. Pearly 20th cent.: from the picture postcard caption, "The adventures of Nosey Parker," referring to a peeping Tom in Hyde Park, London.

not /nāt/ *adv. 1 (also n't joined to a preceding verb) used with an auxiliary verb or "be" to form the negative: he would not say | she isn't there | didn't you tell me? used in some constructions with other verbs: [with infinitive] he has been warned not to touch | the pain of not knowing | she not only wrote the text but also re-searched the photographs. 2 used as a short substitute for a negative clause: maybe I'll regret it, but I hope not | "Don't you keep in touch?" "I'm afraid not." | they would-n't know if I was telling the truth or not. 3 used to express the negative of other words: not a single attempt was made | treating the symptoms and not the cause | "How was it?" "Not so bad." used with a quantifier to exclude a person or part of a group: not all the poems are serious. less than (used to indicate a surprisingly small quantity): the brakes went on not ten feet from him, 4 used in understatements to suggest that the opposite of a following word or phrase is true: the not too distant future | not a million miles away. Informal, humorous following and emphatically negating a statement: that sounds like quality entertainment—not. [a usage popularized by the film Wayne's World.]

• n. (often NOT) Electronics a Boolean operator with

only one variable that has the value one when the variable is zero and vice versa. • (also **not gate**) a circuit that produces an output signal only when there is not a signal on its input.

► adj. (often Not) Art (of paper) not hot-pressed, and having a slightly textured surface. ▷Middle English: contraction of the adverb NOUGHT.

► PHRASES □ not at all 1 used as a polite response to thanks. 2 definitely not: "You don't mind?" "Not at all." — not but what archaic nevertheless: not but what the picture has its darker side. — not half see HALF. □ not least see LEAST. □ not quite see QUITE. □ not that it is not to be inferred that: I'll never be allowed back—not that I'd want to go back. □ not a thing noth-

ing at all. □ not very see VERY.

no•ta be•ne /'nōte 'benē/ (abbr:n.b. or N.B.) ▶ v. (in imperative] formal observe carefully or take special no-tice (used in written text to draw attention to what

follows). ▷Latin, literally 'note well!' no-ta-bil-i-ty /,nōte'bilitē/ ▶n. (pl. -ties) a famous or important person: I have met a number of new notabilities including Henry Moore, the sculptor.

no·ta·ble |'nōtəbəl| ▶adj. worthy of attention or no-tice; remarkable: the gardens are notable for their collection of magnolias and camellias | the results, with one notable exception, have been superb.

▶n. (usu, notables) a famous or important person: businessmen and local notables. ▷Middle English: from Old French, from Latin notabilis 'worthy of note, from the verb notare 'to note, mark.'

no-ta-bly /'nōtəblē/ ▶adv. especially; in particular; a diet low in animal fat protects against potentially fatal diseases, notably diabetes. in a way that is striking or re markable: [as submodifier] such a statement is notably absent from the administration's proposals.

no·tam /'nŏtəm/ (also No·tam) ▶n. a written

notification issued to pilots before a flight, advising them of circumstances relating to the state of flying. ≥1940s: from no(tice) t(o) a(ir)m(en).

no-taph-i-ly /nō'tafəlē/ ▶n, the collecting of banknotes as a hobby. -no-ta-phil-ic / nōtə filik/ adj. -no-taph

no·ta·rize /ˈnötəˌrīz/ ▶v. [trans.] have (a document) le-

galized by a notary, no-ta-ry /'nôterē/ (in full notary public) ▶n. (pl. -ries) a person authorized to perform certain legal formali-ties, esp. to draw up or certify contracts, deeds, and other documents for use in other jurisdictions. >Middle English (in the sense 'clerk or secretary'): from Latin notarius 'secretary,' from nota 'mark. -no·tar-i·al /nō'terēəl/ adj.

no-tate /'nō,tāt/ Þv. (kans.) write (something, typically music) in notation. ▷early 20th cent.: backformation from NOTATION. —no-ta-tor /-,tātēr/ n., no-ta-tion /nō'tās+ən/ ▶n. 1 a series or system of writ-

ten symbols used to represent numbers, amounts, or elements in something such as music or mathematics: algebraic notation, **2** a note or annotation: he noticed the notations in the margin. **3** short for SCALE OF NOTATION (See SCALE³ sense 2). Dlate 16th cent.: from Latin notatio(n-), from the verb notare, from nota 'mark.'—no-ta-tion-al /-nel| adj.

not-be-ing $\triangleright n$ nonexistence.

notch /näcH/▶n. 1 an indentation or incision on an edge or surface: there was a notch in the end of the arrow for the bowstring. each of a series of holes for the tongue of a buckle: he tightened his belt an extra notch.

a nick made on something in order to keep a score or record: he had a six-gun with four notches in it for guys he had killed. a point or degree in a scale; her opinion of Nicole dropped a few notches. 2 a deep, narrow mountain pass.

▶v. [trans.] 1 make notches in: [as adj.] (notched) notched bamboo sticks. ■ secure or insert by means of notches: she notched her belt tighter. **2** score or achieve (something): she notched her second major championship. >mid 16th cent.: probably from Anglo-Norman French noche, variant of Old French osche, of unknown origin. -notcher n.

notch-back /'näcH,bak/ >n. a car with a back that extends approximately horizontally from the bottom of the rear window so as to make a distinct angle with it.

notch fil-ter ▶n. Electronics a filter that attenuates sig-

nals within a very narrow band of frequencies. notch•y /'nächē/ ▶adj. (notch•i•er, notch•i•est) Brit. (of a manual gear-changing mechanism) difficult to use because the lever has to be moved accurately (as if into a narrow notch).

note /nōt/ ▶n, 1 a brief record of facts, topics, or thoughts, written down as an aid to memory: Pil make a note in my diary | Robyn arranged her notes on the lectern. • a short comment on or explanation of a word or passage in a book or article; an annotation: see note iv above. 2 a short informal letter or written message: I left her a note explaining where I was going, an official letter sent from the representative of one government to another. I usu. with adj.] a short official document that certifies a particular thing; you need a sick note from your doctor. 3 Brit, a banknote: a ten-pound note. 4 a single tone of definite pitch made by a musical instrument or the human voice: the last notes of the symphony died away, ■ a written sign representing the pitch and duration of such a sound.

a key of a piano or similar instrument: black notes | white notes.

a bird's song or call, or a single tone in this: the tawny owl has a harsh flight note. 5 [in sing.] a particular quality or tone that reflects or expresses a mood or attitude: there was a note of scorn in her voice | the decade could have ended on an optimistic note. ■ any of the basic components of fragrance or

note: any of the basic components of fragrance or flavor: the fresh note of bergamot.

• *v. [trans.] 1 notice or pay particular attention to (something): noting his mother's unusual gaiety [with clause] please note that you will not receive a reminder that final payment is due. ■ remark upon (something), typically in order to draw someone's attention to it:

we noted eadler the difficulties inharms in this exertion. ▶v. [trans.] we noted earlier the difficulties inherent in this strategy.

2 record (something) in writing: he noted down her address on a piece of paper. DMiddle English (sense 4 of the noun and sense 1 of the vorb): from Old French note (noun), noter (verb), from Latin nota 'a mark,' no-

Pronunciation Key \ni ago; \ni r over; $'\ni$ or $,\ni$ up; $'\ni$ r or $,\ni$ fur; a hat; \bar{a} rate; \bar{a} car; \in ch chew; \in let; \bar{e} see; \in (\ni)r air; i fit; ī by; i(ə)r ear; NG sing; ō go; ô for; oi boy; ŏo good; ōo goo; ou out; SH she; TH thin; TH then; (h)w why; ZH vision