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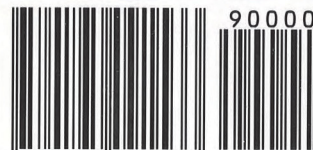
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au-toc-ra-cy /ötäk'räsē/ *n.* (*pl. -cies*) dictatorship [Gk *kratos* power]
au-to-crat /öt'əkrat'/ *n.* 1 absolute ruler 2 dictatorial person —**au-to-crat'ic** *adj.*; **au-to-crat'i-cal-ly** *adv.*
au-to-da-fé /out'ō də fā, öt'/ *n.* (*pl. au-tos-da-fé* /out'öz, öt'öz/) 1 *Hist.* ceremonial judgment of heretics by the Spanish Inquisition 2 public burning of heretics [Port: act of the faith]
au-to-di-dact /öt'ōdī'dakt/ *n.* self-taught person [Gk *didaktos* that may be taught]
au-to-graph /ötəgräf'/ *n.* 1 signature, esp. that of a celebrity —*v.* 2 sign or write on in one's own hand —**au-to-graph'ic** or **au-to-graph'i-cal** *adj.*; **au-to-graph'i-cal-ly** *adv.* [Gk *graphein* write]
au-to-im-mune /öt'ō-imyōn'/ *adj.* (of a disease) caused by antibodies produced against substances naturally present in the body
au-to-mate /öt'əmat'/ *v.* (*-mat-ed, -mat-ing*) convert to or operate by automation
au-to-mat-ic /öt'əmat'ik/ *adj.* 1 working by itself, without direct human intervention 2 done spontaneously 3 inevitable; unavoidable 4 (of a firearm) able to be loaded and fired continuously 5 (of a vehicle or its transmission) using gears that change automatically —*n.* 6 automatic machine, firearm, or tool 7 vehicle with automatic transmission —**au-to-mat'i-cal-ly** *adv.* [Gk, rel. to AUTOMATON]
au-to-mat'ic pi'lot *n.* device for keeping an aircraft or ship on a set course
au-to-ma-tion /öt'əmə'shən/ *n.* use of automatic manufacturing equipment
au-tom-a-tism /ötām'ötizəm/ *n.* involuntary, unthinking action [Gk, rel. to AUTOMATON]
au-tom-a-ton /ötām'ötän, -tən/ *n.* (*pl. -tons* or *-ta* /-tə/) 1 machine controlled automatically; robot 2 person acting like a robot [Gk: acting of itself]
au-to-mo-bile /öt'əməbēl, öt'əmöbēl'/ *n.* passenger vehicle with an engine and four wheels; car [Fr]
au-to-mo'tive *adj.* 1 of motor vehicles 2 powered by an internal engine
au-to-nom'ic ner'vous sys'tem /öt'ənom'ik/ *n.* nervous system controlling involuntary bodily functions, as respiration, heartbeat, etc. [Gk, rel. to AUTONOMOUS]
au-ton-o-mous /ötän'əməs/ *adj.* 1 having self-government 2 acting or free to act independently —**au-ton'o-mous-ly** *adv.* [Gk *nomos* law]
au-ton-o-my /ötän'əmə/ *n.* 1 self-government 2 personal freedom —**au-to-nom'ic** *adj.*
au-to-pi'lot *n.* AUTOMATIC PILOT
au-top-sy /öt'äp'sē/ *n.* (*pl. -sies*) post-mortem [Gk *autopsia* seeing with one's own eyes]
au-tumn /öt'əm/ *n.* 1 season between summer and winter 2 time of imminent decline —**au-tum-nal** /ötəm'nəl/ *adj.* [L *autumnus*]
aux-il-i-a-ry /ögzil'(y)ərē/ *adj.* 1 subsidiary; additional 2 giving help 3 supplementing —*n.* (*pl. -ries*) 4 auxiliary person or thing 5 (also **aux-il'i-a-ry verb'**) verb used to form tenses or moods of other verbs (e.g., *have* in *I have seen*) [L *auxilium* help]

aux-in /ök'sən/ *n.* plant hormone that regulates growth
AV *abbr.* audiovisual
a-vail /əvāl'/ *v.* 1 help; be of use 2 make use of; profit by —*n.* 3 use; profit [L *valere* be strong]
a-vail-a-ble /əvā'ləbəl/ *adj.* at one's disposal; obtainable —**a-vail'a-bil'i-ty** *n.*
av-a-lanche /av'əlanch'/ *n.* 1 rapidly sliding mass of snow and ice on a mountain 2 sudden overwhelming amount [Fr]
a-vant-garde /äv'än(t)'gärd, av'-/ *n.* 1 pioneers or (esp. artistic) innovators —*adj.* 2 new; pioneering [Fr: vanguard]
av-a-ri-cious /av'(ə)rəs/ *n.* extreme greed for wealth —**av'a-ri'ci-ous** /-rış'əs/ *adj.* [L *avarus* greedy]
a-vast /əvast'/ *interj.* stop! [Du *houd vast* hold fast]
av-a-tar /av'ətär'/ *n.* (in Hindu mythology) descent of a deity, etc., to earth in bodily form [Skt: descent]
avdp. *abbr.* avoidupois
Ave. *abbr.* Avenue
A-ve Ma-ri-a /ä'vā märē'ə/ *n.* RC Ch. name of a prayer [L: Hail, Mary]
a-venge /əvenj'/ *v.* (*-venged, -veng-ing*) 1 inflict retribution on behalf of 2 take vengeance for (an injury) —**a-veng'er** *n.* [OFr fr. L *vindicare*]
av-e-nue /av'ən(y)öö'/ *n.* 1 broad, esp. tree-lined, road or street 2 approach [Fr fr. L *ad-venire* come to]
a-ver /əvər'/ *v.* (*-verred, -ver-ring*) assert; affirm —**a-ver'ment, a-ver'ral** *n.* [L *verus* true]
av-er-age /av'(ə)rīj/ *n.* 1 usual amount, extent, or rate 2 amount obtained by adding two or more numbers and dividing by how many there are —*adj.* 3 usual; ordinary 4 mediocre 5 constituting an average —*v.* (*-aged, -ag-ing*) 6 amount on average to 7 do on average 8 estimate the average of 9 **average out (at)** result in an average (of) 10 **on average** as an average rate or estimate [Ar: damaged goods]
 • Usage: See note at MEAN³.
A-ver-ro-ës /əver'ō-ēs, av'ərō-/ *c.* 1126-98; Spanish-born Islamic philosopher, judge, and physician (Arabic name **ibn-Rushd**)
a-verse /əvərs'/ *adj.* opposed; disinclined [L *vertere vers-* turn]
 • Usage: See note at ADVERSE.
a-ver-sion /əvər'ZHən, -shən/ *n.* 1 dislike or unwillingness 2 object of this
a-vert /əvərt'/ *v.* 1 turn away (one's eyes or thoughts) 2 prevent or ward off (esp. danger)
avg. *abbr.* average
a-vi-an /ä'vēən/ *adj.* relating to or characteristic of birds [L *avis* bird]
a-vi-ar-y /ä'vē-er'ē/ *n.* (*pl. -ries*) large cage or building for keeping birds [L *avis* bird]
a-vi-a-tion /ä'vē-ä'shən/ *n.* science or practice of flying aircraft [L, rel. to AVIARY]
a-vi-a-tor /ä'vē-ät'ər/ *n.* person who flies aircraft —**a-vi-a'trix** /-triks/ *n. fem.*
A-vi-cen-na /av'əsən'ə/ 980-1037; Persian-born Islamic philosopher and physician (Arabic name **ibn-Sina**)
av-id /av'id/ *adj.* eager; greedy —**a-vid'i-ty** *n.*; **av'id-ly** *adv.* [L *avere* crave]

trad'ing post' *n.* store in a remote or unsettled region

tra-di-tion /trə'diʃən/ *n.* **1a** custom, opinion, or belief handed down to posterity **b** this process of handing down **2** artistic, literary, etc., principles based on experience and practice **3** valued convention or observance —**tra-di-tion-al** *adj.*; **tra-di-tion-al-ly** *adv.* [L *tradere* -dit- hand on; betray]

tra-di-tion-al-ism' *n.* respect or support for tradition —**tra-di-tion-al-ist** /-ist/ *n.* & *adj.*

tra-duce /trə'dʊs/ *v.* (-duced, -duc-ing) speak ill of; slander —**tra-duce-ment**, **tra-duc'er** *n.* [L *trans-* across, *ducere* lead]

traf'fic /traf'ik/ *n.* **1** vehicles moving on a public highway, in the air, or at sea **2** trade, esp. illegal **3** comings and goings **4** dealings between people, etc. (*had no traffic with them*) **5a** transmitted messages **b** volume of these —*v.* (-ficked, -fick-ing) **6** (usu. foll. by *in*) deal in something, esp. illegally **7** deal in; barter —**traf'fic-er** *n.* [Fr *fr.* It]

traf'fic cir'cle *n.* circular area at the junction of usu. three or more roads to allow the passage of vehicles from one road to another

traf'fic jam' *n.* traffic congestion

traf'fic light' *n.* signal controlling road traffic by colored lights

trag-e-dy /traj'ədē/ *n.* (*pl.* -dies) **1** serious accident, disaster, etc.; great misfortune **2a** play dealing with tragic events and ending unhappily, esp. with the downfall of the protagonist **b** such plays as a genre —**tra-ge-di-an** /trə'jēdēən/ *n.* [Gk *tragōidia* goat song]

trag-ic /traj'ik/ *adj.* **1** disastrous; greatly distressing; very sad **2** of tragedy —**trag'i-cal-ly** *adv.*

trag-i-com-e-dy /traj'ikəm'ədē/ *n.* (*pl.* -dies) play or situation with a mixture of comedy and tragedy —**trag-i-com'ic** *adj.*

trail /trāl/ *n.* **1** track or scent left by a moving thing, person, etc. **2** beaten path, esp. through a wild region **3** line of people or things following behind something —*v.* **4** draw or be drawn along behind, esp. on the ground **5** walk wearily (behind) **6** follow the trail of; pursue **7** be losing in a contest **8** (usu. foll. by *off*) grow dimmer or weaker **9** (of a plant, etc.) grow or hang over a wall, along the ground, etc. [Fr or LGer]

trail-blaz'er /trāl'blā'zər/ *n.* **1** person who marks a new track through wild country **2** pioneer —**trail'blaz-ing** *n.*

trail'er *n.* **1** scenes from a film used to advertise it in advance **2** vehicle towed by another **3** such a vehicle equipped with living accommodations

train /trān/ *v.* **1a** teach (a person, animal, oneself, etc.) a specified skill, esp. by practice **b** undergo this process (*trained as a teacher*) **2** guide toward or achieve physical fitness by exercise, diet, etc. **3** make (the mind, eye, etc.) discerning through practice, etc. **4** point or aim (a gun, camera, etc.) —*n.* **5** series of railroad cars drawn by an engine **6** thing dragged along behind or forming the back part of a dress, robe, etc. **7** succession or series of people, things, events, etc. **8** train of thought sequence or direction in one's thinking process —**train-ee'**, **train'ing** *n.* [L *trahere* draw]

train'er *n.* **1** person who prepares horses, ath-

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letes, etc., for competition **2** aircraft or simulator used to train pilots

traipse /trāps/ *v.* (*traipsed*, *traips-ing*) *Colloq.* tramp or trudge wearily

trait /trāt/ *n.* characteristic [L *tractus*, rel. to TRACT¹]

trait-tor /trā'tər/ *n.* person who is treacherous or disloyal, esp. to his or her country —**trait'tor-ous** *adj.*; **trait'or-ous-ly** *adv.*; **trait'or-ous-ness** *n.* [L *tradere* betray]

tra-jec-to-ry /trə'jek'tərē/ *n.* (*pl.* -ries) path of an object moving under given forces [L *trans-* across, *jacere* throw]

tram-mel /tram'əl/ *n.* **1** (usu. *pl.*) impediment; hindrance **2** triple dragnet for fishing —*v.* (-meled or -melled, -mel-ing or -mel-ing) **3** hamper [MedL *tremaculum*]

tramp /tramp/ *v.* **1a** walk heavily and firmly **b** go on foot, esp. a distance **2** tread on; trample; stamp on —*n.* **3** itinerant vagrant or beggar **4** sound of a person, or esp. people, walking, marching, etc. **5** long walk **6** Slang. Derog. promiscuous woman [ME *trampen*]

tram-ple /tram'pəl/ *v.* (-pled, -pling) tread under foot or crush in this way [fr. TRAMP]

tram-po-line /tram'pəlēn/ *n.* **1** strong fabric sheet connected by springs to a horizontal frame, used for gymnastic jumping —*v.* (-lined, -lin-ing) **2** use a trampoline [It *trampolino*]

trance /trans/ *n.* **1** sleeplike state without response to stimuli; hypnotic or cataleptic state **2** abstracted or stuporous state [L *transire* pass over]

tran-quil /trāŋ'kwil/ *adj.* (*quil-er* or *quil-ler*, *quil-est* or *quil-lest*) calm; serene; undisturbed —**tran-quil'i-ty** or **tran-quil'li-ty** *n.*; **tran'quil-ly** *adv.* [L]

tran-quil-ize /trāŋ'kwəlīz/ *v.* (also **tran'quil-lize'**) (-*quil-ized* or *quil-lized*, *quil-iz-ing* or *quil-liz-ing*) make tranquil, esp. by a drug, etc.

tran'quil-izer *n.* (also **tran'quil-liz'er**) drug used to diminish anxiety

trans- *prefix* **1** across; beyond **2** on or to the other side of **3** through [L]

trans. *abbr.* **1** transaction **2** transfer **3** transitive **4** (also **transl.**) translated; translation; translator **5** transmission **6** transportation **7** transpose; transposition **8** transverse

trans-act /tranzakt/ *v.* perform or carry out (business) [L, rel. to ACT]

trans-ac'tion *n.* **1a** business agreement or deal **b** transacting of business, etc. **2** (*pl.*) published reports of the proceedings of a learned society

trans-at-lan-tic /tranzətlan'tik/ *adj.* **1** on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean **2** crossing the Atlantic

trans-ceiv'er /transē'vər/ *n.* combined radio transmitter and receiver

tran-scend /transend/ *v.* **1** be beyond the range or grasp of (human experience, reason, belief, etc.) **2** excel; surpass [L *scandere* climb]

tran-scen'dent *adj.* **1** excelling; surpassing **2** transcending human experience —**tran-scen'dence**, **tran-scen'den-cy** *n.*

tran-scen-den-tal /trānsəndent'l/ *adj.* **1** *Philos.* a priori; not based on experience; in-

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- veg-e-ta-ble** /vej'(ə)təbəl/ *n.* 1 plant, esp. a herbaceous one used for food 2 *Colloq. Derog.* a *Offens.* mentally incapacitated person **b** dull or inactive person —*adj.* 3 of, derived from, or relating to plant life or vegetables as food [L, rel. to VEGETATE]
- veg-e-tar-i-an** /vej'ətər'ēən/ *n.* 1 person who does not eat meat or fish —*adj.* 2 excluding animal food, esp. meat —**veg-e-tar'i-an-ism** *n.* [fr. VEGETABLE]
- veg-e-tate** /vej'ətāt'/ *v.* (-tat-ed, -tat-ing) 1 live an uneventful or monotonous life 2 grow as plants do —**veg-e-ta-tive** /-tīv/ *adj.* [L *vegetare* animate]
- veg-e-ta-tion** *n.* plants collectively; plant life [MedL, rel. to VEGETATE]
- veg-gie** /vej'ē/ *n.* *Colloq.* 1 vegetarian 2 vegetable
- ve-he-ment** /vē'həmənt/ *adj.* showing or caused by strong feeling; ardent —**ve-he-mence** *n.*; **ve-he-ment-ly** *adv.* [L *vehemens*, -ment- fr. *vehere* carry]
- ve-hi-cle** /vē'(h)ikəl/ *n.* 1 means of or device for conveyance 2 medium for expression or action 3 liquid, etc., as a medium for suspending pigments, drugs, etc. —**ve-hic-u-lar** /vēhik'yələr/ *adj.* [L *vehere* carry]
- veil** /vāl/ *n.* 1 piece of usu. transparent net attached to a woman's hat, headpiece, etc. 2 part of a nun's headdress 3 thing that hides or disguises —*v.* 4 cover with a veil 5 take the veil become a nun [L *velum*]
- veiled** /vāld/ *adj.* 1 having a veil 2 partly concealed or hidden; disguised
- vein** /vān/ *n.* 1a any of the tubes conveying blood to the heart **b** (in general use) any blood vessel 2 rib of an insect's wing or leaf 3 streak of a different color in wood, marble, cheese, etc. 4 fissure in rock filled with ore 5 specified character or tendency; mood —**veined** *adj.*; **vein'y** *adj.* (-i-er, -i-est) [L *vena*]
- Ve-láz-quez** /vəlas'kəs, -k(w)ez'/, Diego 1599–1660; Spanish painter
- Vel-cro** /vel'krō'/ *n.* *Tdmk.* fastener consisting of two strips of fabric that cling when pressed together [blend fr. Fr *velours* *croché* hooked velvet]
- veld** /velt/ *n.* (also **veldt** /velt/) *S. Afr.* open country [Afr. rel. to FIELD]
- vel-lum** /vel'əm/ *n.* 1a fine parchment, orig. calfskin **b** manuscript on this 2 smooth writing paper imitating vellum [Fr *velin*, rel. to VEAL]
- ve-loc-i-ty** /vələs'ətē/ *n.* (pl. -ties) speed, esp. of inanimate things [L *velox* swift]
- ve-lour** /vəloər'/ *n.* (also **ve-lours**', pronunc. same) plushlike fabric [Fr]
- ve-lum** /vē'ləm/ *n.* (pl. -la /-lə/) SOFT PAL-ATE
- vel-vet** /vel'vit/ *n.* 1 soft fabric with a thick, short pile 2 furry skin on a growing antler —*adj.* 3 of, like, or soft as velvet —**vel'vet-y** *adj.* [L *villus* tuft; down]
- vel-ve-teen** /vel'vəten'/ *n.* cotton fabric with a pile like velvet
- ve-nal** /vən'əl/ *adj.* corrupt; able to be bribed; involving bribery —**ve-nal'i-ty** /-nal'itē/ *n.*; **ve-nal-ly** *adv.* [L *venalis* for sale]
- vend** /vend/ *v.* offer (small wares) for sale —**vend'i-ble** *adj.*; **ven'dor** or **vend'er** *n.* [L *vendere* sell]
- ven-det-ta** /vendet'ə/ *n.* prolonged bitter quarrel or blood feud [It fr. L, rel. to VINDICTIVE]
- vend'ing ma-chine** *n.* coin-operated machine selling small items
- ve-neer** /vənēr'/ *n.* 1 thin covering of fine wood, etc. 2 deceptively pleasing appearance —*v.* 3 apply a veneer to [Ger *furnieren* to furnish]
- ven-er-a-ble** /ven'(ə)rəbəl/ *adj.* entitled to respect on account of character, age, etc. —**ven'er-a-bil'i-ty** /-bil'itē/ *n.* [L, rel. to VENERATE]
- ven-er-ate** /ven'ərāt'/ *v.* (-at-ed, -at-ing) respect deeply —**ven'er-a-tion**, **ven'er-a-tor** *n.* [L *venerari* worship]
- ve-ne-re-al** /vənēr'ēəl/ *adj.* 1 of sexual desire or intercourse 2 transmitted through sexual intercourse (*venereal disease*) [L *venus ven-eris* sexual love]
- ve-ne-tian blind** /vənē'shən/ *n.* window blind of adjustable horizontal slats
- Ve-ne-zia** /vənēt'sēə/ *n.* see VENICE
- Ven-e-zue-la** /ven'əz(ə)wā'lə/ *n.* republic in N South America on the Caribbean Sea. Capital: Caracas. Pop. 20,184,000 —**Ven-e-zue-lan** *n.* & *adj.*
- ven-geance** /ven'jəns/ *n.* 1 punishment inflicted for wrong to oneself or one's cause; revenge 2 with a vengeance to a high or excessive degree [Fr *venger* fr. L *vindicare* avenge]
- venge-ful** *adj.* vindictive; seeking vengeance —**venge-ful-ly** *adv.* [obs. *venge* avenge, rel. to VENGEANCE]
- ve-ni-al** /vē'nēəl/ *adj.* pardonable; not mortal (*venial sin*) —**ve-ni-al'i-ty** /-al'itē/ *n.*; **ve-ni-al-ly** *adv.* [L *venia* grace]
- Ven-ice** /ven'is/ *n.* (Italian name *Venezia*) seaport in NE Italy. Pop. 317,800 —**Ve-ne-tian** *n.* & *adj.*
- ven-i-son** /ven'isən/ *n.* deer's flesh as food [L *venatio* hunting]
- Venn' di'a-gram** /ven/ *n.* diagram using overlapping and intersecting circles to show the relationships between mathematical sets [for J. Venn, English logician]
- ven-om** /ven'əm/ *n.* 1 poisonous fluid of snakes, spiders, etc. 2 malignity —**ven'om-ous** *adj.*; **ven'om-ous-ly** *adv.* [L *venenum*]
- ve-nous** /vē'nəs/ *adj.* of, full of, or contained in veins [L, rel. to VEIN]
- vent**¹ /vent/ *n.* 1 opening allowing the passage of air, etc. 2 outlet; free expression —*v.* 3 make a vent in 4 give free expression to 5 **vent one's spleen** scold or express displeasure, esp. without cause [L *ventus* wind]
- vent**² *n.* slit in a garment [Fr *fente* fr. L *findere* split]
- ven-ti-late** /vent'lat'/ *v.* (-lat-ed, -lat-ing) 1 cause air to circulate freely in (a room, etc.) 2 air (a question, grievance, etc.) 3a *Med.* oxygenate (the blood) **b** admit or force air into (the lungs) —**ven-ti-la-tion** *n.* [L *ventilare* blow, winnow, rel. to VENT¹]
- ven-ti-la-tor** *n.* appliance or aperture for ventilating a room, etc.
- ven-tral** /ven'trəl/ *adj.* of or on the abdomen [L *venter* belly]
- ven-tri-cle** /ven'trikəl/ *n.* hollow part of an organ, esp. the lower chambers of the heart