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volved; partial.

detached/ escape/ment, *Horol.* an escapement having a balance or pendulum that moves independently of the mechanism during a large part of each oscillation.

de-tach-ment (di tach'mənt), *n.* 1. the act of detaching. 2. the condition of being detached. 3. aloofness, as from worldly affairs or from the concerns of others. 4. freedom from prejudice or partiality. 5. the act of sending out a detached force of troops or naval ships. 6. the body of troops or ships so detached. [*< F détachement*. See DETACH, -MENT]

de-tail (*n.* di tāl', dē'tāl; *v.* di tāl'), *n.* 1. an individual or minute part; an item or particular. 2. particulars collectively; minutiae. 3. attention to or treatment of a subject in individual or minute parts: *to postpone detail and concentrate on a subject as a whole*. 4. intricate, finely wrought decoration. 5. See **detail drawing**. 6. any small section of a larger structure or whole, considered as a unit. 7. *Mil.* a. an appointment or assignment, as of a small group of men or an officer, for a special task. b. the party or person so selected: *the kitchen detail*. c. a particular assignment of duty. 8. the property of an image or of a method of image production to make small, closely spaced image elements individually distinguishable. 9. *Archaic.* a narrative or report of particulars. 10. **in detail**, item by item; with particulars: *The résumé stated his qualifications in detail*. —*v.t.* 11. to relate or report with complete particulars; tell fully and distinctly. 12. to mention one by one; specify; list: *He detailed the events leading up to the robbery*. 13. *Mil.* to appoint or assign for some particular duty: *We were detailed to patrol the border*. 14. to provide with intricate, finely wrought decoration: *lingerie detailed with lace and embroidery*. [*< F détail*, deriv. of OF *detailler* to cut in pieces, equiv. to *de-* + *tailler* to cut; see TAILOR]

de/tail draw/ing, a drawing, at relatively large scale, of a part of a building, machine, etc., with dimensions or other information for use in construction.

de-tailed (di tāld', dē'tāld), *adj.* 1. having numerous details: *a detailed problem*. 2. thorough in the treatment of details; minute: *a detailed report*. [DETAIL + -ED²] —**de-tailed-ly** (di tāld'/lē, -tā'/lid-), *adv.* —**de-tailed/-ness**, *n.*

-sepal
polysepalous.

sep-a-ra-ble (sep'ər ə bəl, sep'rə-), *adj.* 1. capable of being separated, parted, or dissociated. 2. *Math.* containing a countable dense subset. [*< L sēparābil(is) equiv. to sēpar(āre) (to) SEPARATE + -ābilis -ABLE*]
—**sep'a-ra-bil/i-ty**, **sep'a-ra-ble-ness**, *n.* —**sep'a-ra-bly**, *adv.*

sep-a-rate (*v.* sep'ə rāt'; *adj., n.* sep'ər it), *v., -rated, -rat-ing, adj., n.* —*v.t.* 1. to keep apart or divide, as by an intervening barrier, space, etc.: to separate two fields by a fence. 2. to put, bring, or force apart; part: to separate two fighting boys. 3. to set apart; disconnect; dissociate: to separate church and state. 4. to remove or sever from association, service, etc.: separated from his wife; separated from the army. 5. to sort, part, divide, or disperse (an assemblage, mass, compound, etc.), as into individual units, components, elements, etc. 6. to take by parting or dividing; extract (usually fol. by from or out): to separate metal from ore. —*v.i.* 7. to part company; withdraw from personal association (often fol. by from): to separate from a church. 8. (of a married pair) to stop living together but without getting a divorce. 9. to draw or come apart; become divided, disconnected, or detached. 10. to become parted from a mass or compound: Cream separates from milk. 11. to take or go in different directions: We have to separate at the crossroad. —*adj.* 12. detached, disconnected, or disjoined. 13. unconnected; distinct; unique: two separate questions. 14. being or standing apart; dispersed: two separate houses; The desert has widely separated oases. 15. existing or maintained independently: separate organizations. 16. individual or particular: each separate item. 17. not shared; private: Waiter, we'll have separate checks. My brother and I have separate rooms. 18. (sometimes *cap.*) noting or pertaining to a church or other organization no longer associated with the original or parent organization. —*n.* 19. Usually, **separates**, women's outer garments that may be worn in combination with a variety of others to make various ensembles, as matching and contrasting blouses, skirts, and sweaters, etc. Cf. **coordinate** (def. 6). 20. offprint (def. 1). 21. a bibliographical unit, as an article, chapter, or other portion of a larger work, printed from the same type but issued separately, sometimes with additional pages. [*late ME < L sēparāt(us) (ptp. of sēparāre), equiv. to sē- SE- + par- put + -ātus -ATE*]
—**sep'a-rate-ly**, *adv.* —**sep'a-rate-ness**, *n.*

—**Syn.** 1, 2. sever, sunder, split. **SEPARATE**, **DIVIDE** imply a putting apart or keeping apart of things from each other. To **SEPARATE** is to remove from each other things previously associated: to separate a mother from her children. To **DIVIDE** is to split or break up carefully according to measurement, rule, or plan: to divide a cake into equal parts. 3. disjoin, disengage. 9. unattached, severed. 12. discrete. 13. withdrawn, secluded, isolated. 15. independent. —**Ant.** 1-3. unite, connect.

sep'arate but e'qual, pertaining to a racial policy by which Negroes are segregated but granted equal opportunities and facilities, as for education, transportation, jobs, etc.

sep'arated broth'er, *Rom. Cath. Ch.* a non-Catholic, esp. a Protestant