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use: a note to help or jog the memory: one of the notes in a diary (this book... was assembled from his diaries, notes, and letters - New Yorker) b: MEMENTO, REMINDER 2 a (1): a brief or informal note in writing of some transaction or an outline of an intended instrument; an instrument drawn up in a brief and compendious form (2): the clause beginning a record in the former Court of King's Bench in proceedings by bill (3): MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION (4): the body of exceptions making up the clause in a marine insurance policy exempting the insurer wholly or partially from liability for loss on various articles b (1): a statement by the shipper of the terms of a shipment sent with the privilege of return if not sold - used esp. in the jewelry trade (2): the third or duplicate copy of a bill of lading 3 a: an informal diplomatic communication; *specif*: a written statement from a department of state or a ministry of foreign affairs to an embassy or legation used esp. for routine transmissions or inquiries and never bearing a signature b: a usu. brief informal communication typically written for interoffice circulation on paper headed memorandum (depend on countless memoranda for giving directions and for exchanging essential information - Milton Hall) c: a routine publication by an authorized military headquarters containing directive, advisory, or informative matter

memorandum n \ 'mɛ-mə-ri-ə-dəm / -s: to make a memorandum of memorandum decision or memorandum opinion n 1: a brief opinion of a court or a judge announcing the result of litigation without an extended discussion of the principles involved but sometimes with the citation of precedents - compare PER CURIAM DECISION 2: an opinion of the Tax Court of the U. S. that is ordered not to be published but that is authoritative as a precedent 3: an opinion of a court or a judge announcing the conclusions reached on the issues of fact and of law and giving directions as to the matters to be set forth in an order, judgment, or decree to be entered 4: an opinion of a court or a judge setting forth the conclusions reached on issues of fact and of law and containing the actual order, judgment, or decree of the court or judge

memorandum of association Eng law: a document resembling articles of association in the U. S. which in case of a company to be formed legally must be executed and filed to form the charter of the company

mem-o-r-a-tive \ 'mɛ-mə-rə-tɪv / -s: adj [ME memoratīf, fr. MF, fr. LL memoratīvus, fr. L memoratus (past part. of memorare to remind) + -ivus -ive - more at MEMORABLE] 1 archaic: COMMEMORATIVE 2: relating to the memory (powers perfected by experience... estimative and ~ powers - C.P. of Kant)

me-mo-ri-al \ 'mɛ-mə-ri-əl / -s: adj [ME, fr. L memorialis, fr. memoria memory + -ialis -al - more at MEMORY] 1: serving to preserve remembrance: COMMEMORATIVE (a ~ building) (a ~ sketch) (a ~ showing of an artist's work) 2: of or relating to memory; utilizing, caused by, or done from memory (the scene had been gotten by shorthand or ~ method - C.A. Greer) (the bad quarto... is a ~ reconstruction - Leo Kirschbaum) (~ contamination of a manuscript)

2: memorial n \ 'mɛ-mə-ri-əl / -s: [ME, fr. LL memoriale, fr. L, neut. of memorialis, adj.] 1 obs: MEMORY, REMEMBRANCE, RECOLLECTION (1) something that serves to preserve memory or knowledge of an individual or event (2) TRACE (the form in which he expresses his emotion bears no ~ of any external form that may have provoked it - Clive Bell) (a ~ of those stormy feuds... is the thick oak door with its square hole - Brian Fitzgerald) (their bones remain... as ~ of a noble attempt - W.E. Swinton) (2): something that is kept to preserve the memory of a person or event: KEEPSAKE, MEMENTO (carved walking stick, umbrella and best black hat still remained, sacred ~s - Rex Ingamells) (revive the liking for wearing ~s of the dead - Joan Evans) (3): something designed to commemorate or preserve the memory of a person or event (this two-volume ~ to his father... was published - Current Biog.) (to visit this ~ to a former slave is a rewarding experience - Oscar Schisgal) (Walker Memorial is the student center - Visitor's Guide to Mass. Inst. of Tech.) (the mound... should be regarded as a ~ rather than an interment - F.M. Stanton) (the state's history is well recorded in 17 historic ~s - Melvin Beck) b: COMMEMORATION 2 3 a: RECORD, MEMOIR (the text of the ~ that accompanied the map - Marjorie S. Douglas) b: MEMORANDUM, NOTE (present a long ~ to the emperor - Times Lit. Supp.); *specif*: a legal abstract c (1): a statement of facts addressed to a government or some other authority accompanied with a petition or remonstrance (submitted a ~ to Congress - Joseph Dorfman) (2): a similar statement presented to a nongovernmental body; also: a pleading before the Permanent Court of International Justice in which a case is set forth including facts, law, and submissions

3: memorial arch n: TRIUMPHAL ARCH
memorial day n, usu cap M&D 1: May 30 formerly observed as a legal holiday in most states of the U. S. in commemoration of dead servicemen - called also Decoration Day 2: the last Monday in May observed as a legal holiday in most states of the U. S. 3: CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY 4: any of several days set aside for the public commemoration of war dead

me-mo-ri-al-ist \ 'mɛ-mə-ri-əl-ɪst / -s: n 1: a person who writes or signs a memorial (the ~s are not entitled to be heard - T.E. May) 2: a writer of memorials or memoirs (France's amplest secret ~ - Janet Flanner); *specif*: one who writes a commemorative memoir (critics of the work rather than ~s of the man - Times Lit. Supp.)

me-mo-ri-al-iza-tion \ 'mɛ-mə-ri-əl-ɪ-zā-shən / -s: the act or an instance of memorializing or the state of being memorialized (won ~ glamour for future ~ - J.F. Dobie)

me-mo-ri-al-ize \ 'mɛ-mə-ri-əl-ɪ-zɪz / -s: v 1: to address or petition by a memorial; present a memorial to (~ the governors and legislatures of the several states - E.M. Carroll) 2: COMMEMORATE (memorialized by an avenue bearing his name - David Dempsey) - me-mo-ri-al-iz-er \ -zər / -s

me-mo-ri-al-ly \ 'rɛ-ə-lɪ / -s: adv: by memory; as a memorial
memorial mass n, often cap both Ms: a Roman Catholic requiem mass offered on *specif*. appointed days of the year for the repose of a dead person's soul

memorial park n: CEMETERY
memorial rose n: a vigorous prostrate or trailing evergreen rose (Rosa wichuriana) of eastern Asia with large fragrant white flowers in clusters of few to many

memorial service n: a commemorative service of worship held for a dead person

memorial stamp n: a commemorative stamp
me-mo-ri-a tech-ni-ca \ 'mɛ-mə-ri-ə-tek-nɪ-kə / -s: n [NL, lit., artificial memory]; an artificial aid to the memory; a mnemonic aid (evidence the survival of the fittest)

mem-o-ry \ 'mɛ-m(ə)r-ē, -rɪ / -s: [ME memorie, fr. MF memorie, fr. L memoria, fr. memoria mindfull + -ia -y; akin to OE geminnor well-known, minorian to remember, L memoria to muse, brood, L mora delay, OIr alrimer prohibition, Gk mēmōra trouble, Skt smarati he remembers; basic meaning: to remember] 1 a archaic: a ceremony of commemoration; a service for the dead b obs: a historical or biographical record c obs: MEMORIAL, MEMENTO 2 a (1): the power or process of reproducing or recalling what has been learned and retained esp. through nonconscious associative mechanisms; conscious or unconscious evocation of things past (semantic reception is associated with great use of ~ - Norbert Wiener) (seems lost in thought or ~ - E.A. McCourt) (in ~, one images or reproduces his whole state of mind on the remembered occasion - Richard Taylor) (2): this power regarded as vested in an individual: an individual's capacity for reproducing or recalling what has been learned and retained (has a good ~ for faces) (rely on the faulty ~ of a cross section of people - S.L. Payne) (his ~ annoyed him... it did not work willingly any more - Stuart Cloete) (3): the process of reproducing or recalling what has been learned as manifested in some special way or as associated with some bodily process (visual ~) (muscular ~) (a persistent modification of structure or of behavior resulting from an organism's activity or from its passively acquired experience c (1): the totality of what has been learned and retained esp. as evidenced by recall and recognition (drew on his ~ to supply the needed names) (even birds and animals have an ancestral ~ - Horizon) (2): the function of memory regarded as a compartment or chamber in which images, perceptions, or learning are stored (filling their ~ with a lumber of words - R.L. Stevenson) (the invisible storehouse in nothingness, called ~ - Walter Sorell & Denver Lindley) (retain in their ~ the preceding movements - George Balanchine) (a richly stored ~) 3 a (1): commemorative remembrance (a statue erected in ~ of the hero) (has been held in ~ in Ireland - Maxwell Nurnberg & Morris Rosenblum) (a local museum dedicated to the ~ of the celebrity - Amer. Guide Series: Maine) (2): a person or thing held in commemorative remembrance (his deeds are the country's proudest memories) b: the fact or condition of being remembered (~ of such upheavals goes back to remote antiquity) (persecutions which were of recent ~ - K.S. Latourette) 4 a: a particular act of recalling something learned or experienced: the fact or a condition of recalling; REMEMBRANCE, RECOLLECTION, RECALL (woke with... complete ~ of where she had been - Pearl Buck) (have no ~ of that incident) (recited the poem from ~) b (1): an image, impression, or other mental trace of someone or something known or experienced: the content of something remembered (my first ~ is one of being held up to a window - George Danglefield) (the ~ of his voice as distinct in her mind as it ever had been in her ear - Glenway Wescott) (pleasant memories of an Italian summer) (the ~ of the captain's wife had not left him - Carson McCullers) (memories of the Japanese occupation... created a heritage of ill will - R.H. Fifield) (have written down their ~ of one such occasion - F.I. Cobb) (made the town's isolation a ~ - Amer. Guide Series: Texas) (the course is a ~ mark is no longer even a ghost - Norman Nathan) (the depression is only a bad ~) (2): the total impression or generalized image of a person preserved in remembrance, history, or tradition: posthumous opinion (this ruler left behind him golden memories) (a prince of glorious ~) (3): the character, personality, or achievements of a person as preserved in remembrance (the man whose ~ the Royal Irish Academy honors - Geard O'Sullivan) (his ~ recalled the most wonderful and exciting... adventures - R.H. Davis) (hates her ~ and all other women - Lucy M. Montgomery) c: the time within which past events can be or are remembered (within the ~ of living men) 5: CONCENTRATION 5 6 a: a component in an electronic computing machine (as a computer) in which information (as data or program instructions) may be inserted and stored and from which it may be extracted when wanted b: a device external to a computer for the insertion, storage, and extraction of information 7 a: a capacity for showing effects recognized as the result of past treatment - used esp. of materials (the wire begins to turn in the other direction corresponding to the first twisting - the ~ of the recent short-term handling has been obliterated by that of the more remote but longer lasting and therefore more impressive one - Bernhard Gross) b: a capacity for returning to a former condition (as after being stretched) - used esp. of a material (the ~ will resume the material to resume the shape it had when you purchased it - Road Mag.)

SYN REMEMBRANCE, RECOLLECTION, REMINISCENCE, MIND, SOUVENIR: MEMORY applies both to the faculty of remembering and to what is remembered, sometimes remembered dearly or cherished (a very good memory) (a memory training course) (it was the merest memory now, vague and a little sweet, like the remembrance of some exceptional spring day - John Galsworthy) REMEMBRANCE can be the same as MEMORY but more often refers to the act of remembering and usu. to a particular act of remembering esp. something pleasant or cherished in memory, or it may apply to the state of being remembered (the only moments I've lived my life to the full and that live in remembrance unfaded - W.W. Gibson) (the vivid remembrance of an almost identical setting one evening - Henry Miller) (the remembrance of things past - Shak.) (the remembrance of the event always brought a pang of regret) RECOLLECTION is like REMEMBRANCE but carries a strong suggestion of more voluntary and sometimes effortful recalling to mind, and it may apply to the thing remembered in this way (they have a tendency to forget the facts of the present in their fond recollection of the past - S.M. Crothers) (you ask me to put down a few recollections of your father - W.E.H. Lecky) REMINISCENCE may refer to remembrance of something long past, esp. as remembered casually and accidentally; it is closely synonymous with RECOLLECTION in references to what is remembered (would use all the techniques of modern psychology in his analyses of the subconscious; the phenomena of involuntary reminiscence fascinate him - B.M. Woodbridge) (the author's own reminiscences of childhood and youth are a good deal less pretentious and more amusing than this model - Times Lit. Supp.) MIND in this sense commonly appears only in a few idiomatic phrases (to keep in mind) (out of sight, out of mind) SOUVENIR may still be used as a synonym of REMEMBRANCE (the shirt suddenly came to her mind full of souvenirs which awakened - Arnold Bennett)

memory book n 1: SCRAPBOOK (not so much a book of memoirs as a memory book - New Yorker) 2: a small album for autographs

MEMS pl of MEM
mē-māhī \ 'mɛ-mə-ah-ē / -s: n [Hindi mem-sāhīb, fr. E mem + Hindi sāhīb - more at SAHIB]: a foreign woman of the white race and some social status living in India (growing up to be another nice infuriating superior English - H.E. Bates); *esp*: the wife of an English official or other white man of some social status in colonial India (found the white ~s more violently intoxicated with... race poison than their men - Edmond Taylor) (this is a ~s book, recalling... the last years of that ascendancy in India - Times Lit. Supp.) (hours designed for British officials and their ~s - Christopher Rand)

mēn pl of MAN
mēn-ə-mēn-ə \ 'mɛ-nə-mə-nə / -s: n [Gk mēn month - more at MOON]: menstruation (menopausal ~)

mē-nac-can-ite \ 'mɛ-nək-ən-ɪt / -s: n [Irreg, fr. Manaccan, Cornwall, England + E -ite]: ILMENITE - mē-nac-can-ite \ 's-ɪt-ɪk / -s: adj
men-ace \ 'mɛ-nəs əlso -nɪs / -s: [ME manace, menasse, fr. MF manacer, menace, fr. L minacia, fr. minac-, minax projecting, threatening (fr. minari to project, threaten) + -ia -y - more at MOUNT] 1 a: a show of intention to inflict harm: a threatening gesture, statement, or act (~s of damnation - T.S. Eliot) (spitting angry ~s at her - Arnold Bennett) (waded advance with simulated ~ - Osbert Lancaster) (exploding in ~s and threats of vengeance - George Meredith) b: threatening import, character, or aspect: THREAT (ominous silence of the woods held no ~ for her - Osbert Sitwell) (the ~ of the European war to American interests - C.B. Forcy) (the sky became leaden with vague ~ - Adrian Bell) (with a hysterical cry of ~ - C.G.D. Roberts) c: the condition of being threatened: a threatening atmosphere or situation (in the ~ and confusion of the... postwar period - Hans Weigel) (impending evil (as a sense of ~, of unease, runs through their conversation - T.H. White, b.1915) 2 a: someone or something that represents a threat: DANGER (tuberculosis and syphilis were major ~s - T.H. Fielding) (the intoxicated motorist is a ~ to life and limb - Wayne Hughes) (the ~s of air, such as tornado and whirlwind - Osbert Sitwell) b: a person whose actions or idiosyncrasies cause intense annoyance or discomfort (that boy's a ~) (her friends were beginning to find her a ~ - Guy McCrone)

2: menace \ 'vɛd-ɛd-ɪng / -s: [ME manacen, menacen, fr. MF manacer, menacer, fr. manace, menace, n.] vt 1 a: to make a show of intention to harm: make a threatening gesture, statement, or act against (menaced him with immediate expulsion - G.E. Shaw) b: to threaten the infliction of ~ offer threat of (menacing the emperor's displeasure - S.T. Coleridge) (the menaced him - H.R. Trevor-Baker) 2: to represent or pose a threat to: ENDANGER (the ferries were menaced by floating mines - P.W. Thompson) (mature bolls are menaced by the army worm - Amer. Guide Series: Ark.) (~ vi: to make a threatening gesture, statement, or act (the few snakes that ~ with their mouths open - C.H. Curran & Carl Kauffeld) SYN see THREATEN

menacing adj [fr. pres. part. of 2: menace]: presenting, suggesting, or constituting a menace: THREATENING (unemployment reached ~ proportions - P.E. James) (his all-knowing and rather ~ smile - Louis Auchincloss) (the prospect of a third world war is so ~ - John Strachey) (chamber was somber and almost ~ - Dorothy Sayers) MEN-AC-ING-ly adv
men-acme \ 'mɛn-ə-ŋ / -s: n [men- + acme]: the portion of a woman's life during which menstruation occurs
menad var of MAENAD

men-a-di-one \ 'mɛ-nə-dī-ŋ / -s: n [methyl + naphthoquinone + -dione]: a yellow crystalline compound C₁₁H₈O₂ that is usu. made by oxidation of beta-methylnaphthalene, that has the biological activity of natural vitamin K to which it is chemically related, and that is often administered in the form of a water-soluble white crystalline addition compound with calcium bisulfite; 2-methyl-1,4-naphthoquinone - called also vitamin K

mē-nā-do-nese \ 'mɛ-nā-dō-nē-zə, -ēs / -s: pl menadonese cap [Menado (Manado) residency in Celebes, Indonesia + E -nese (as in Japanese)]: an Indonesian native or inhabitant of Manado in Indonesian Celebes
mē-nage \ ('mɛ-nā-ŋ, -nā-ŋ) / -s: n [F ménage, fr. OF mesnage dwelling house, fr. (assumed) VL mansionaticum, fr. L mansion-, mansio habitation, dwelling - more at MANSION] 1 a: a domestic establishment; HOUSEHOLD (a respectable ~ - F.A. Swinerton) (an unstable ~ - Harry Levin) (add one or two concubines to his ~ - John Blofeld) b: a place in which a person keeps his house or that is managed like a household; QUARTERS (lunch with the young men at their mess - as all communal ~s appear to be called in the East - Evelyn Waugh) (apartment, an eight-room ~ on the fourteenth floor - E.J. Kahn) (very formal, and very well kept, whereas I had expected to find myself in an entirely Bohemian ~ - George Copeland) c: domestic management; HOUSEKEEPING (accommodates our democratic ~ to the taste of the richest and most extravagant plebeian among us - W.D. Howells) 2 a: a savings club organized in some Scottish and English communities so that each member pays in a set sum each week and the total sum is paid to a different member each week b: dial Brit: the selling of goods (as cloth) on installments often by an itinerant vendor

ménage à trois \ 'mɛ-nā-ŋ-ə-trwā / -s: n [F lit., household of three]: an arrangement in which three persons (as a married couple and the lover of one of the couple) share sexual relations esp. while they are living together (leaves a feeble young husband to become part of a Bohemian ménage à trois - Times Lit. Supp.) (a more or less harmonious ménage à trois - Edmund Wilson)

mē-nag-er-ie \ 'mɛ-nā-ŋ(ə)r-ē, -rɪ əlso -ə-zh- / -s: n [F ménagerie, fr. MF menagerie management of a household or a farm, place where animals are tended, fr. menage household + -erie -ry] 1 a: a place where animals are kept and trained esp. for exhibition b: collection of wild or foreign animals in cages or enclosures; esp: one kept for exhibition (as with a circus) c obs: AVIARY 2: a varied group or collection of persons or things that are strange, odd, or startling or foreign to one's experience (a wonderful ~ of royal hangers-on - V.S. Pritchett)

mē-nag-er-ist \ 'rɪ-st / -s: n: the proprietor or manager of a menagerie
mē-nai-on \ 'mɛ-nā-ŋ-ən / -s: n, pl mē-nā-ŋ-ə \ 'mɛ-nā-ŋ-ən / -s: n [fr. neut. of ménaios monthly, fr. Gk mēn month - more at MOON] usu cap: a collection of hymns and collects for all days of the year in the Eastern Orthodox Church arranged in calendar order and usu. divided into 12 volumes each for a different month and each containing the proper of the immovable feasts of Christ or the saints for the month; also: any of these volumes
menald \ 'mɛn-ld, 'mɛn- / -s: adj [origin unknown]: SPECKLED,

