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Offensive. Down syndrome. [From Mongolian, term used in a classification for mentally retarded people, devised around ethnic lines by John L.H. Down (1828-1896), British phy-Mon-gol-oid (mơng'ga-loid', mơn'-) adj. 1. Anthropology. Ot relating to, or being a major human racial division traditiontlly distinguished by physical characteristics such as yellowishbrown skin pigmentation, straight black hair, dark eyes with pronounced epicanthic folds, and prominent cheekbones and ircluding peoples indigenous to central and eastern Asia. No longer in scientific use. 2. Characteristic of or resembling a Mongol. 2. Also mongoloid. Offensive. Of or relating to Down syndrome. - Mongoloid n. 1. Anthropology. A member of the Mongoloid recial division. No longer in scientific use. 2. Also mongoloid. mon'go. A person affected with Down syndrome.
mon'goose (morng'goos', morn'-) n., pl. -goos*es. Any of and related World carnivorous mammals of the genus Herpestes ind related genera, having a slender agile body and a long tail and noted for the ability to seize and kill venomous snakes. [Marathi manguis, of Dravidian origin.]
mon'grel (mŭng'gral, mŏng'-) n. 1. An animal or a plant renulting from various interbreedings, especially a dog of mixed or ir varieties, especially a mixture that is different breeds, groups, ar varieties, especially a mixture that is or appears to be inconproous. - mongrel adj. Of mixed origin. [Probably from Middle Inglish mong, mixture, from Old English gemang. See mag- in Appendix.] -mon*grel'ism $n$. - mon'grel-ly adv.
mon'grel•ize (mŭng'grə-līz', moัng'-) tr.v. -ized, -iz•ing, drees. To make mongrel in race, nature, or character. -mon'greli'za'tion (-gra-lī-zā'shən) $n$.
mon-ick•er (mŏn'I-kər) $n$. Variant of moniker.
mon-ied (mŭn'ēd) $a d j$. Variant of moneyed.
mon'ies (mŭn'ēz) n. A plural of money.
mon-i•ker or mon-ick-er (mŏn'İ-kər) $n$. Slang. A personal nume or nickname. [Probably from Shelta munik, name, possibly Itteration of Irish Gaelic ainm, from Old Irish. See nô-men- in appendix.]
mo•nil'i•al (mə-nil'ē-al) adj. Of, relating to, or caused by a hingus of the genus Monilia (or Candida): monilial infections
 New Latin Monīlia, type genus (from Latin monille, necklace) + -insis.
mo•nil•准form (mō-nill'ə-fôrm') adj. Resembling a string of the roots of certain plants or the antennae of certain [Latin monile, necklace + -FORM.] -mo•nil/i•form'ly
mon-ish (mǒn/ǐsh) tr.v. -ished, -ish-ing, -ish-es. To admonish; warn. [Middle English monesten, monishe, from Old French monester, from Vulgar Latin *monestäre, alteration of Latin mo"hre, to warn. See men- ${ }^{1}$ in Appendix.]
mo nism (mō'ň̌z'əm, mơn'ı̌'əm) n. Philosophy. 1. The view in metaphysics that reality is a unified whole and that all existing things can be ascribed to or described by a single concept or systam. 2. The doctrine that mind and matter are formed, or reduc ible to, the same ultimate substance or principle of being -mo/nist $n$. -mo•nis'tic (mō-nǐs'tīk, mơ-) adj. -mo*nis' ti-cal-ly adv
mo ni fition (mō-nĭsh'ən, mə-) n. 1. A warning or an intimaCautionary adving imminent, especially of impending danger. 2 Cautionary advice or counsel; an admonition. 3. A formal order from a bishop or an ecclesiastical court to refrain from a specified offense. 4. A summons or citation in civil or admiralty law Middle English monicioun, from Old French monicion from Latis monitiō, monitiōn-, from monitus, past participle of monēre, to wam. See men- ${ }^{1}$ in Appendix.]
mon-i•for (moัn 1 i-tar) n. 1. One that admonishes, cautions, or reminds, especially with respect to matters of conduct. 2. A pupil who assists a teacher in routine duties. 3.a. A usually electronic device used to record, regulate, or control a process or system. b. A receiver, such as a screen or speaker, that is used to check the quality or content of an electronic transmission: followed the hoadcast on the television monitor. c. Computer Science. A device that accepts video signals from a computer and displays infrmation on a screen. 4. Computer Science. A program that observes, supervises, or controls the activities of other programs. 5. An articulated device holding a rotating nozzle with which a jet of water is regulated, used in mining and firefighting. 6.a. A heavily ironclad warship of the 19th century with a low, flat deck and une or more gun turrets. b. A modern warship designed for mastal bombardment. 7. Biology. Any of various tropical caraivorous lizards of the family Varanidae, living in the East Indies, wuthern Asia, Africa, Australia, and New Guinea and ranging in length from several centimeters to 3 meters ( 10 feet). -monitor 4. -fored, -for-ing, -fors. -tr. 1. To check the quality or con teat of (an electronic audio or visual signal) by means of a receive. 2. To check by means of an electronic receiver for significant content, such as military, political, or illegal activity: monitor a respected criminal's phone conversations. 3. To keep track of ystematically with a view to collecting information: monitor the bear population of a national park; monitored the political views of the people. 4. a. To test or sample on a regular or ongoing basis: monitored the city's drinking water for impurities. b. To (air or an object's surface, for example) for radiation inten-

To act as a monitor. [Latin, from monēre, to warn. See men- ${ }^{1}$ in Appendix.] -mon'i-for-ship' $n$.
 or performed by monitors. 2. Monitory. -mon'i fo'ri•al-ly $a d v$.
mon•i•to -ry (mơn'ǐ-tôr'ē, -tôr'ē) adj. Conveying an admonition or a warning: a monitory glance. -monitory $n$., pl. -ries. A letter of admonition, such as one from a bishop or an ecclesiastical court. [Middle English monitorie, letter of admonition, admonitory, from Medieval Latin monitōria, admonition, from feminine of Latin monitōrius, monitory, from monitor, monitor. See MONITOR.]
monk (mŭngk) n. A man who is a member of a brotherhood living in a monastery and devoted to a discipline prescribed by his order: a Carthusian monk; a Buddhist monk. [Middle English munk, from Old English munuc, from Late Latin monachus, from Late Greek monakhos, from Greek, single, from monos. See men- ${ }^{4}$ in Appendix.]

## Monk (mŭngk), George. See George Monck.

Monk, Thelonious Sphere. 1917-1982. American jazz pianist and composer whose spare piano style and unusual harmonic sense made him one of the most influential modern jazz musicians.
monk-er-y (mŭng'kə-rē) n., pl. -ies. 1. Monastic life or practices. 2. Monks considered as a group. 3. A monastery
mon-key (mŭng'kē) n., pl. -keys. 1. Any of various longtailed, medium-sized members of the order Primates, including the macaques, baboons, guenons, capuchins, marmosets, and tamarins and excluding the anthropoid apes and the prosimians. 2. One that behaves in a way suggestive of a monkey, as a mischievous child or a mimic. 3. The iron block of a pile driver. 4. Slang. A person who is mocked, duped, or made to appear a fool: They made a monkey out of him. 5. Slang. Drug addiction: have a monkey on one's back. -monkey $v$. -keyed, -key-ing, -keys. - intr. Informal. 1. To play, fiddle, trifle, or tamper with something. 2. To behave in a mischievous or apish manner: Stop monkeying around! -tr. To imitate or mimic; ape. [Origin un known.]
monkey bars pl.n. A three-dimensional structure of poles and bars on which children can play, as in a playground; a jungle gym monkey bread $n$. The hanging, gourdlike fruit of the baobab. monkey business $n$. Slang. Silly, mischievous, or deceitful acts or behavior.
mon-key-faced owl (mŭng'kē-fāst') $n$. See barn owl.
monkey flower $n$. Any of various herbs or shrubs of the genus Mimulus, having variously colored, two-lipped flowers. [From the pattern of spots on its flowers.]
monkey jacket $n$. 1. A short, tight-fitting jacket, traditionally worn by sailors. 2. See mess jacket. [From its resemblance to the jacket worn by an organ grinder's monkey.]
monkey pot $n$. 1.a. Any of various tropical American trees of the genus Lecythis, having a large, woody, urn-shaped pod that dehisces by a lid. b. The fruit of this tree. 2. A cylindrical or barrel-shaped melting pot used in making flint glass.
mon-key-puz*zle (mŭng'kē-pǔz'al) n. A coniferous evergreen tree (Araucaria araucana) native to Chile, having intricately ramifying branches covered with overlapping, leathery, lanceolate, prickle-tipped leaves. [Perhaps from the obstacle its intertwined branches would pose.]
mon•key•shine (mŭng'kē-shīn') n. Slang. A mischievous or playful trick; a prank. Often used in the plural: laughed at my
daughter's monkeyshines. daughter's monkeyshines.
monkey wrench n. 1. A hand tool with adjustable jaws for turning nuts of varying sizes. 2. Informal. Something that disrupts: He threw a monkey wrench into our plans. [Origin unrupts: He
known.]
monk•fish (mŭngk'fīsh') $n$., $p l$. monkfish or -fish•es. See goosefish. [Perhaps from the cowled appearance of its head.] Mon-Khmer (mōn'kměr') n. A subfamily of the AustroAsiatic language family that includes Mon, Khmer, and other languages of southeast Asia
monk-hood (mŭngk'hơod') n. 1. The character, condition, or profession of a monk; monasticism. 2. Monks considered as a group.
monk-ish (mŭng'kish) $a d j$. 1. Of, relating to, or characteristic of monks or monasticism. 2. Inclined to self-denial; ascetic. -monk'ish•ly $a d v$. - monk'ish•ness $n$.
monk's cloth (mŭngks) $n$. A heavy cotton cloth in a coars basket weave, now used chiefly for draperies
monks•hood (mŭngks'hö̋d') n. 1. See aconite. 2. A slender, erect, poisonous perennial herb (Aconitum napellus) native to northern Europe, having violet flowers and whose dried leaves and roots yield aconite. Also called wolfsbane.
Mon 'mouth (mŏn'math), Duke of. Title of James Scott. 1649 1685. English pretender to the throne. The illegitimate son of Charles II, he led a rebellion after the succession of the Catholic James II but was defeated in battle, captured, and beheaded.
Mon'net (mō-nā'), Jean. 1888-1979. French economist and politician who laid the plans for the Common Market.
mon'O1 (mǒn'ō) n. Informal. Infectious mononucleosis
mon•O2 (mon'õ) adj. Informal. Monaural; monophonic.
[Short for MONOPHONIC.]


Thelonious Monk
Photographed in 1949

monkey
Javan macaque
Macaca irus

monkey bars

monkey wrench

