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nise (kām'pre miz) *n.* [ME & OFr *compromis* < LL *issum*, a compromise, mutual promise < L *compromissus*, *promittere*, to make a mutual promise to abide by an decision < *com-*, together + *promittere*, to promise] 1 a situation in which each side gives up some demands or makes concessions 2 a) an adjustment of opposing principles, systems, modifying some aspects of each b) the result of such an adjustment 3 something midway between two other things in quality, etc. 4 a) exposure, as of one's reputation, to danger, or, etc. b) a weakening, as of one's principles —*vt.* *mis-* 1 to settle or adjust by concessions on both sides open to danger, suspicion, or disrepute 3 to weaken or give up principles, ideals, etc.) as for reasons of expediency —*vi.* a compromise or compromises —*com'pro-mis'er n.*  
 (kämp'tan) 1 Arthur Hol-ly (hāl'e) 1892-1962; U.S. physicist 1887-1954; U.S. physicist; brother of Arthur Taylor  
 (kämp'tan) [after G. D. Compton, a founder of the Univ. of Calif. in SW Calif.; suburb of Los Angeles: pop. 81,000] *n.* [altered (infl. by Fr *compte*, an < CONTROLLER] CONTROLLER (sense 1, esp. in government < *com'pro-ter-ship n.*  
 (käm pul'shen) *n.* [ME & LL *compulsio* < L *compul-* *compellere*: see COMPEL] 1 a compelling or being com-pelled; constraint 2 that which compels; driving force 3 an irresistible, repeated, irrational impulse to perform  
 (-siv) *adj.* [ML *compulsivus*] of, having to do with, or from compulsion —*com-pul'sively adv.*  
 (-sə rē) *adj.* [ML *compulsorius* < LL *compulsor*, one compelled] 1 that must be done, undergone, etc.; obligatory; 2 compelling; coercive —*com-pul'sor-ily adv.* —*com-pul'sor-ily n.*  
 (-tion (käm pulk'shen) *n.* [ME *compunctio* < OFr *com-* < LL *compunctio*, a pricking (in LL (Ec), the pricking of conscience) < L *compunctus*, pp. of *compungere*, to prick, sting < *stern-* + *pungere*, to prick; see POINT] 1 a sharp feeling of regret brought on by a sense of guilt; twinge of conscience; 2 a feeling of slight regret for something done —*SYN.* PUN-CE, QUALM —*com-punc'tious adj.* —*com-punc'tiously adv.*  
 (-gation (käm'pər gā'shen) *n.* [LL *compurgatio*, a purifying purgatus, pp. of *compurgare*, to purge, purify < *com-*, + *purgare*, to PURGE] the former practice of clearing an accused person by the oaths of others testifying to his innocence  
 (-gator (käm'pər gāt'ər) *n.* [ML: see prec.] one who testi-fies in a compurgation  
 (-tion (käm'pyūt' tā'shen) *n.* [ME *computacioun* < L *com-* 1 the act of computing; calculation 2 a method of com-puting a result obtained in computing; computed amount —*com-putational adj.*  
 (-put'əbəl) *vt.* —*put'ed*, —*put'ing* [L *computare* < *com-*, putare, to reckon, orig., to prune; see PURE] 1 to determine the amount, etc.) by arithmetic; calculate 2 to determine or calculate by using a computer —*vi.* 1 to determine a number, etc. 2 to use a computer —*n.* computation; chiefly in the sense of computing —*SYN.* CALCULATE —*com-putability n.* —*computable adj.*  
 (-puter (käm pyūt'ər) *n.* 1 a person who computes 2 a device for computing; specif., an electronic machine which, by means of instructions and information, performs rapid, often com-plex calculations or computes, correlates, and selects data: see also COMPUTER, DIGITAL COMPUTER  
 (-puter-ese (käm pyūt'ər ēz') *n.* the jargon used in computer programming; see -ESE  
 (-puter-ize (-pyūt'ər iz') *vt.* —*ized*', —*iz'ing* 1 to equip with computers so as to facilitate or automate procedures 2 to rate, produce, etc. by means of an electronic computer —*puter-ization n.*  
 (-missioner  
 (-rade (käm'rad; -rəd) *n.* [Fr *camarade* < Sp *camarada*, cham-ber < L *camera*; see CAMERA] 1 a friend; close companion 2 a person who shares interests and activities in common with others; 3 associate: used as a form of address, as in a Communist  
 (-rade [C-] [Colloq.] a Communist; esp., a fellow Communist —*ASSOCIATE* —*com'radely (-rəd lē) adj.* —*com'rade-ship' (-rəd-ship) n.*  
 (-rade in arms a fellow soldier  
 (-rade-ry (käm'rad rē) *n.* [altered (after COMRADE) < CAMARA-ry, var. of CAMARADERIE  
 (-rade-ry (käm'sat) *n.* [C-] [COM(MUNICATION) + SAT(ELLITE)] trade for any of various communications satellites for relaying radio wave transmissions, as of telephone and television signals  
 (-stock-ery (käm'stāk'ər ē, kum'-) *n.* [after A. Comstock (1844-1923), U.S. self-appointed censor: prob. coined by George Bernard Shaw] ruthless suppression of plays, books, etc. alleged to be offensive or dangerous to public morals  
 (-stock-ly (käm'stāk, kum'-) [after H. T. Comstock (1820-1859) who held first claim to it] rich deposits of silver & gold discovered in W Nev.; virtually depleted by 1890  
 (-stock-ly (käm't) *n.* [Fr] COUNTS —*com-tesse (kōn tes') n.fem.* (kōnt, E kömt), (Isidore) Au-guste (Marie François Xavier) Com-te-an (käm'tē ən, kōm'-) *adj.* [L < Gr *kōmos*, festival] Gr. & Rom. Myth. a god of festivity and revelry  
 (-stock-ly (käm't) *adv.* [contr. < L *contra*, against] against; in opposition

[to argue a matter pro and con] —*n.* a reason, vote, position, etc. in opposition  
 (-con' (kän) *vt.* *con'ned*, *con'ning* [ME *connen*, to be able < OE *connan*; see CAN] 1 to peruse carefully; study; fix in the memory  
 (-con' (kän) *vt.*, *n.* *con'ned*, *con'ning* CONN  
 (-con' (kän) *adj.* [Slang] CONFIDENCE [a con man] —*vt.* *con'ned*, *con'ning* [Slang] 1 to swindle (a victim) by first gaining his confidence 2 to trick or fool, esp. by gift persuasion —*n.* [Slang] the act or an instance of conning; swindle; trick  
 (-con' (kän) *n.* [Slang] short for CONVICT  
 (-con- (kän, kan) *prefix COM-*: used before *c*, *d*, *g*, *j*, *n*, *q*, *s*, *t*, *v*, and sometimes *f* [*condominium*, *confrere*]  
 (-con abbrev. 1 [L *contra*] against 2 consolidated 3 consul 4 continued 5 [L *conjunx*] wife  
 (-con-na-kry (kän'nə krē; Fr kō nə krē') capital of Guinea: seaport on the Atlantic: pop. 763,000  
 (-con-amo-re (kän'nə mōrē; It kōn ä mōrē) [It, lit., with love] 1 Musical Direction tenderly 2 with enthusiasm or devotion  
 (-Conan Doyle, Sir Arthur see DOYLE, Sir Arthur Conan  
 (-Con-nant (kō'nənt), James Bryant 1893-1978; U.S. chemist & educa-tor  
 (-con-na-tion (kō'nə'shen) *n.* [L *conatio*, an attempt < pp. of *conari*, to undertake, attempt < IE base \**ken-*, to strive] Psychol. any inclina-tion, drive, or desire to do something —*con-na'tional (-nə'shə-nəl) adj.*  
 (-con-na-tive (kän'nə tiv, kōn'-) *adj.* 1 having to do with conation 2 Linguist. expressing endeavor or effort: said of an aspect of certain verbs, as in Arabic  
 (-con-na-tus (kō'nät'əs) *n., pl.* *con-na'tus* [L < *conari*: see CONATION] a directed effort; natural tendency or striving  
 (-con-brio (kän brē'ō, kan) [It] Musical Direction with spirit; spirit-ually  
 (-con-ca-na-va-lin A (kän'kə nav'ə lan ā') a lectin isolated from jack bean that agglutinates red blood cells, human cancer cells, etc. and causes resting cells to divide: used to stimulate or test the activity of certain cells, as T cells  
 (-con-cat-einate (kən kat'n ət, kən-) *adj.* [LL *concatenatus*, pp. of *concatenare*, to link together < L *com-*, together + *catenare* < *catena*, a CHAIN] linked together; connected —*vt.* —*in-ated*, —*in-ating* to link together or join, as in a chain  
 (-con-cat-e-na-tion (kən kat'n ə'shen, kən-) *n.* [LL *concatenatio*: see prec.] 1 a linking together or being linked together in a series 2 a series of things or events regarded as causally or dependently con-nected  
 (-con-cave (kän käv'; also, & for *n.* usually, kən'käv') *adj.* [ME & OFr < L *concavus*, hollow < *com-*, intens. + *cavus*, hollow; see CAVE] hollow and curved like the inside half of a hollow ball —*n.* a concave surface; line, object, etc.: see LENS, illus. —*vt.* —*caved'*, —*cav'ing* to make concave —*con-cave'ly adv.* —*con-cave'ness n.*  
 (-con-cav-ity (kän käv'ə tē, kən-) *n.* [ME & OFr *concavite* < LL *concavitas*] 1 the quality or condition of being concave 2 *pl.* -ties a concave surface, line, etc.  
 (-con-ca-vo-con-cave (kän kä'vō kən käv') *adj.* concave on both sides, as some lenses  
 (-con-ca-vo-con-vox (-kän veks') *adj.* 1 concave on one side and con-convex on the other 2 Optics designating a lens whose concave face has a greater degree of curvature than its convex face, so that the lens is thinnest in the middle  
 (-con-ceal (kən sēl') *vt.* [ME *concelen* < OFr *concelere* < L *concelare*, to hide < *com-*, together + *celare*, to hide < IE base \**kel*, to hide, conceal > HALL, HULL, Gr *kalyptein*] 1 to put out of sight; hide 2 to keep from another's knowledge; keep secret —*SYN.* HIDE' —*con-ceal'a-ble adj.* —*con-ceal'er n.* —*con-ceal'men't n.*  
 (-con-cede (kən sēd') *vt.* —*ced'ed*, —*ced'ing* [L *concedere* < *com-*, with + *cedere*, to go, grant, CEDE] 1 to admit as true or valid; acknowledge [to concede a point in argument] 2 to admit as cer-tain or proper [to concede victory to an opponent] 3 to grant as a right or privilege —*vi.* 1 to make a concession \*2 to acknowledge defeat in an election —*con-ced'er n.*  
 (-con-ceive (kən sēt') *n.* [ME *conceite* < *conceiven*, CONCEIVE] 1 orig., a) an idea; thought; concept b) personal opinion 2 an exaggerated opinion of oneself, one's merits, etc.; vanity 3 [C-] [It *conceito*, of same ult. orig.] a) a fanciful or witty expression or notion; often, specif., a striking and elaborate metaphor, sometimes one regarded, esp. formerly, as strained and arbitrary b) the use of such expres-sions in writing or speaking 4 a flight of imagination; fancy 5 a small, imaginatively designed item —*vt.* 1 [Obs.] to think or imag-ine 2 [Brit. Dial.] to think well of; take a fancy to —*SYN.* PRIDE  
 (-con-ceit-ed (-id) *adj.* 1 having an exaggerated opinion of oneself, one's merits, etc.; vain 2 [Obs.] whimsical; fanciful —*con-ceit'ed-ly adv.* —*con-ceit'ed-ness n.*  
 (-con-ceive-able (kən sēv'ə bəl) *adj.* [ME] that can be conceived, understood, imagined, or believed —*con-ceive-abil'ity n.* —*con-ceive-ably adv.*  
 (-con-ceive (kən sēv') *vt.* —*ceived'*, —*ceiv'ing* [ME *conceiven* < OFr *conceivre* < L *concipere* (pp. *conceptus*), to take in, receive < *com-*, together + *capere*, to take: see HAVE] 1 to become pregnant with; cause to begin life 2 to form or develop in the mind 3 to hold as one's conviction or opinion; think; imagine 4 to understand; appre-hend, ate, car; ten, Eve; is, ice; gō, hōm, look, tō; oil, out; up, fur; a for unstressed vowels, as *a* in ago, *u* in focus; ' as in Latin (*ist'*); chin; she; zh as in azure (*azh'er*); thin, *the*; *r* as in ring (*rɪŋ*) In etymologies: \* = unattested; < = derived from; > = from which  
 \* = Americanism See inside front and back covers