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signature is attached **b**: a sum subscribed or pledged **3**: an arrangement for providing, receiving, or making use of something of a continuing or periodic nature on a prepayment plan: as **a**: a purchase by prepayment for a certain number of issues (as of a periodical) **b**: application to purchase securities of a new issue **c**: a method of offering or presenting a series of public performances **d** *Brit*: membership dues

sub-set \(\frac{1}{2} \) by -set \(n \) (1902) 1: a set each of whose elements is an element of an inclusive set 2: DIVISION, PORTION \(a \sim \text{ of our commutation} \)

of celebrities.)
sub-set (sbab-set) n (1902) 1: a set each of whose elements is an element of an inclusive set 2: DIVISION, PORTION (a ~ of our community)
sub-shrub \-ishrab, esp Southern -israb\ n (1851): a perennial plant having woody stems except for the terminal part of the new growth which is killed back annually; also: a low shrub
sub-side \sab-'sid\ w is ub-sid-ed; sub-sid-ing [L subsidere, fr. sub-+
sider to sit down, sink; akin to L sedère to sit — more at stri] (1607) 1
: to sink or fall to the bottom: SETILE 2: to tend downward: DESCEND; esp: to flatten out so as to form a depression 3: to let oneself
settle down: SINK (subsided into a chair) 4: to become quiet or less
(as the fever ~s) (my anger subsided) \$yn\$ see ABATE — sub-siddence \sab-'si-da'p(t)s, 'sab-sa-dan(t)s\ n
sub-sid-la-ri-ity \sab-si-de-er-a-te, sab-si-\ n (1936) 1: the quality or
state of being subsidiary 2: a principle in social organization: functions which subordinate or local organizations perform effectively belong more properly to them than to a dominant central organization
sub-sid-la-ri-ity \sab-'si-de-er-a-'e, 'si-da-re' adj [L subsidiarius, fr. subsidium reserve troops] (1543) 1 a: furnishing aid or support: AUNILIARY (~ details) b: of secondary importance (a ~ stream) 2: of,
relating to, or constituting a subsidy (a ~ payment to an ally) — subsid-la-ri-ly \-\si-de-'er-a-ie' adv
subsidiury n, pl -ar-ies (1603): one that is subsidiary; esp: a company
wholly controlled by another
sub-si-dise Brit var of SUBSIDIZE
Sub-si-dy \-\sab-sa-da' za-sian, -2-\ n - sub-si-diz-er) were troops, support, assistance of by payment of a
subsidy b: to aid or promote (as a private enterprise) with public
money (~ soybean farmers) (~ public transportation) — sub-si-diza-tion \-\sab-sa-da'-za-sian, -2-\ n - sub-si-diz-er) more at sub-, sri] (14c): a grant or gift of money: as a: a sum of
money formerly granted by the British Parliament to the crown and
talsed by special taxation b: money granted by one state to another
c: a grant b

sub spe-cle ae-ter-ni-ta-tis \sub-'spe-ke-₁a-₁-₁-ter-na-'ta-ts\ adv [NL, lit., under the aspect of eternity] (1895): in its essential or universal

sub spe-cle ae-ter-ni-ta-tis \sub-'spe-kē-,ā-j-ter-no-'tā-təs\ ady [NL] lit., under the aspect of eternity] (1895): in its essential or universal form or nature

sub-spe-cles \sub-ispē-shēz, -sēz\ n [NL] (1699): a subdivision of a specles: as a : a category in biological classification that ranks immediately below a species and designates a population of a particular geographic region genetically distinguishable from other such populations of the same species and capable of interbreeding successfully with them where its range overlaps theirs b: a named subdivision (as a race or variety) of a taxonomic species c: SUBGROUP! \(\lambda \) polltical

\(\sub-sub-spe-clf-ic\) \(\sub-spi-'sj-fik\) \(adi \)

sub-stage \(\sub-sil\) \(n \) (R88): an attachment to a microscope by means of which accessories (as mirrors, diaphragms, or condensers) are held in place beneath the stage of the instrument

sub-stance \(\sub-sub-stan(t) \simp\) n [ME, fr. AF, fr. L substantia, fr. substant-, substants, prp. of substane to stand under, fr. sub- + stare to stand — more at STAND] (14c) 1 a: essential nature: ESENCE b: a fundamental or characteristic part or quality \(c \) Christian Science: \(\text{GOD} \) 1b 2 a: ultimate reality that underlies all outward manifestations and change b: practical importance: MEANING, USEFULINSS \(\text{the} \). \(\text{bill} \)—which will be without \(\sigma \) in the sense that it will authorize nothing more than a set of ideas —Richard Reeves\(\sigma \) a; physical material from which something is made or which has discrete existence b: matter of particular or definite chemical constitution \(c : \sigma \) something (as drugs or alcoholic beverages) deemed harmful and usu, sub-ject to legal restriction \(\text{possession} \) of a controlled \(\sigma \sigma \) substance \(\sigma \) misstance: in respect to essentials: Fundamentally substance \(\text{Prist} \) n (1934): a neuropeptide that consists of 11 amino acid

TALLY substance P n (1934): a neuropeptide that consists of 11 amino acid residues, that is present in the nervous system and gastrointestinal tract, that causes the contraction of smooth muscle and dilation of blood vessels, and that acts as a potent neurotransmitter esp. in the transmission of signals from pain receptors Sub-stan-dard A-day A-

stan-th-a-tion _stan(t)-she-la-shon\n — sub-stan-th-a-tive _stan(t)-she-la-tiv\ adj\
sub-stan-ti-val_sab-sten-lti-val\ adj\ (ca. 1832): of, relating to, or serving as a substantive — sub-stan-liv-la-ly_va-le\ ady\
sub-stan-tive\ (vab-stan-tive\) n [ME substantif\ r. AF sustentif\, fr. sustentif\, adj\, having or expressing substante\, fr. AF sustentif\, fr. sustentif\, adj\, having or expressing substance\, fr. LL substantival\, fr. Lsubstantial\ (14c): NOUN\, broad\ vab-stan-tiv\, vad\ [ME\, tr.\] as sub-stan-tiv\ adf\ [ME\, fr.\] AF sustentif\ (14c)\ i\ being\ a totally\ independent\ entit\ 2\ a\ la\ als\ i\ she\ tan-tiv\ adf\ [ME\, fr.\] AF sustentif\ (14c)\ i\ being\ a\ totally\ independent\ entit\ 2\ a\ la\ si\ s\ i\ per\ als\ i\ no\ i\ no

\a\ abut \a\ kitten, F table \ar\ further \a\ ash \a\ ace \a\ mop, mar \n\sing \o\go \o\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\ the \ii\loot \u\foot \y\ yet \zh\ vision, beige \k, n, ce, ue, \y\ see Guide to Pronunciation