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of *verificare*; see **VERIFY**, -ATE<sup>1</sup> + -iōn- -ION] → **ver/i-fi-ca/tive**, **ver/i-fi-ca/to-ry**, **adj.**

**ver-i-fied** (ver'ə fid'), **adj.** confirmed as to accuracy or truth by acceptable evidence, action, etc. [1585-95; **VERIFY** + -ED<sup>1</sup>]

**ver-i-fy** (ver'ə fi/), **v.t.**, **-fied**, **-fy-ing**. **1.** to prove the truth of, as by evidence or testimony; confirm; substantiate: *Events verified his prediction.* **2.** to ascertain the truth or correctness of, as by examination, research, or comparison: *to verify a spelling.* **3.** to act as ultimate proof or evidence of; serve to confirm. **4. Law.** a. to prove or confirm (an allegation). b. to state to be true, esp. in legal use, formally or upon oath. [1275-1325; ME *verifien* < MF *verifier* < ML *verificāre*, equiv. to *veri-*, comb. form of *verus* true + *-ficāre -ry*] → **ver/i-fi-a-ble/ity**, **ver/i-fi-a-ble-ness**, **n.** —**ver/i-fi-a-ble**, **adj.** —**ver/i-fi'er**, **n.** —**Syn.** **2.** authenticate, validate.

**ver-i-ly** (ver'ə li), **adv.** in truth; really; indeed. [1250-1300; ME; see **VERY**, -LY]

**ver-i-sim-i-lar** (ver'ə sim'ə lər), **adj.** having the appearance of truth; likely; probable: *a verisimilar tale.* [1675-85; < L *verisimilis* (*veri*, gen. sing. of *verum* truth, + *similis* like) + -AR<sup>1</sup>] → **ver/i-sim/i-lar-ly**, **adv.**

**ver-i-sim-i-lit-ude** (ver'ə si mil'i tōd', -tyōōd'), **n.** **1.** the appearance or semblance of truth; likelihood; probability: *The play lacked verisimilitude.* **2.** something, as an assertion, having merely the appearance of truth. [1595-1605; < L *verisimilitudo*, equiv. to *veri* (gen. sing. of *verum* truth) + *similitudo* SIMILITUDE]

**ver-ism** (ver'iz əm, ver'-), **n.** the theory that rigid representation of truth and reality is essential to art and literature, and therefore the ugly and vulgar must be included. [1890-95; < L *ver(um)* truth + -ISM; cf. **VERISMO**] → **ver/ist**, **n.**, **adj.** —**ver-ist/ic**, **adj.**

**ver-ism-o** (və riz'mō; It. vè rēz'mō), **n.** the use of everyday life and actions in artistic works; introduced into opera in the early 1900's in reaction to contemporary conventions, which were seen as artificial and untruthful. [1905-10; < It. *realismo*, equiv. to *ver(o)* true (< L *verus*) + -ismo -ISM]

**Ver-is-si-mo** (və rē'si mō), **n.** **É-ri-co Lo-pes** (e'ri-kō lō'pēs), born 1905, Brazilian novelist.

**ver-i-ta-ble** (ver'i tə bəl), **adj.** **1.** being truly or very much so: *a veritable triumph.* **2. Obs.** true, as a statement or tale. [1425-75; late ME < AF, MF; see **VERRY**, -ABLE] → **ver/i-ta-ble-ness**, **n.** —**ver/i-ta-bly**, **adv.** —**Syn.** **1.** real, genuine; utter. See **AUTHENTIC**.

**ver-i-tas** (və'ni tās'; Eng. ver'i tās', -tās'), **n.** Latin. truth.

**ver-i-té** (və rē tā'), **n.** French. **1.** truth; truthfulness. **2.** See **CINÉMA VÉRITÉ**.

**ver-i-ty** (ver'i tē), **n.**, **pl. -ties** for **2.** **1.** the state or quality of being true; accordance with fact or reality: *to question the verity of a statement.* **2.** something that is true, as a principle, belief, idea, or statement: *the eternal verities.* [1325-75; ME < L *veritas*, equiv. to *ver(us)* true + -itas -ITY]

**ver-juice** (vər'jōōs'), **n.** **1.** an acid liquor made from the sour juice of crab apples, unripe grapes, etc., formerly much used for culinary and other purposes. **2.** sourness as of temper or expression. —**adj.** Also, **ver'juiced**. **3.** of or pertaining to verjuice. **4.** sour in temper, expression, etc. [1275-1325; ME *verjus* < MF *verjus*, equiv. to *vert* green (< L *viridis*) + *jus* JUICE]

**Ver-kh-ne-u-dinsk** (vərkh'nə ōō'dinsk; Russ. vyirkhny ōō'dyinsk), **n.** former name of **Ulan Ude**.

**Ver-laine** (vər len'), **n.** **Paul** (pōl), 1844-96, French poet.

**Ver-meer** (vər mēr'; Du. vər mār'), **n.** **Jan** (yān), (*Jan van der Meer van Delft*), 1632-75, Dutch painter.

**ver-mell** (vər'mel, -məl or, esp. for **2.** vər māl'), **n.** **1.** vermilion red. **2.** metal, as silver or bronze, that has been gilded. —**adj.** **3.** of the color vermilion. [1350-1400; ME < MF < LL *vermiculus* kermes (insect and dye); L: larva, grub; see **VERMICULE**]

**vermi-**, a combining form meaning "worm," used in the formation of compound words: *vermifuge*. [comb. form of L *vermis* WORM]

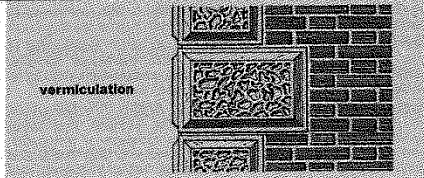
**ver-mi-an** (vər'mē ən), **adj.** **1.** resembling or of the nature of a worm. **2.** of or pertaining to worms. [1875-80; < L *vermi(s)* WORM + -AN]

**ver-mi-cel-li** (vər'mi chel'ē, -sel'ē), **n.** a kind of pasta in the form of long, slender, solid threads, resembling spaghetti but thinner. Cf. **MACARONI** (def. 1). [1660-70; < It. pl. of *vermicello*, dim. of *verme* worm < L *vermis*]

**ver-mi-cide** (vər'mə sid'), **n.** a substance or agent used to kill worms, esp. a drug used to kill parasitic intestinal worms. [1840-50; **VERMI-** + -CID<sup>2</sup>] → **ver/mi-cid'al**, **adj.**

**ver-mic-u-lar** (vər mik'yə lər), **adj.** **1.** of, pertaining to, or done by worms. **2.** consisting of or characterized by sinuous or wavy outlines or markings resembling the form or tracks of a worm. [1645-55; < ML *vermicularis*, equiv. to L *vermicul(us)* VERMICULE + -aris -AR<sup>1</sup>] → **ver-mic-u-lar-ly**, **adv.**

**ver-mic-u-late** (v. vər mik'yə lāt'; **adj.** vər mik'yə lit, -lāt'), **v.**, **-lated**, **-lat-ing**, **adj.** —**v.t.** **1.** to work or ornament with wavy lines or markings resembling the form or tracks of a worm. —**adj.** Also, **ver-mic-u-lat-ed** (vər mik'yə lāt'id). **2.** worm-eaten, or appearing as if worm-eaten. **3.** vermicular. **4.** sinuous; tortuous; intricate: *vermiculate thought processes.* [1595-1605; < L *vermiculatus* (ptp. of *vermiculāre* to be worm-eaten). See **VERMICULE**, -ATE<sup>1</sup>] → **ver-mic-u-la-tion**, **n.**



**ver-mi-cule** (vər'mi kyōōl'), **n.** **Zool.** a small, worm-like structure. [1705-15; < L *vermiculus* larva, maggot. See **VERMI-**, -CULE<sup>1</sup>]

**ver-mic-u-lite** (vər mik'yə lit'), **n.** any of a group of platy minerals, hydrous silicates of aluminum, magnesium, and iron, that expand markedly on being heated; used in the expanded state for heat insulation and as a plant growth medium. [1815-25, Amer.; **VERMICUL(AR)** + -ITE<sup>1</sup>]

**ver-mi-cul-ture** (vər'mi kul'chər), **n.** the raising and production of earthworms and their by-products. [**VERMI-** + CULTURE]

**ver-mi-form** (vər'mə fōrm'), **adj.** resembling a worm in shape; long and slender. [1720-30; < ML *vermiformis*. See **VERMI-**, -FORM]

**ver-mi-form appen-dix**, **Anat., Zool.** a narrow, blind tube protruding from the cecum, having no known useful function, in humans being 3 to 4 in. (8 to 10 cm) long and situated in the lower right-hand part of the abdomen. See **diag.** under **INTESTINE**. Also called **APPENDIX**. [1770-80]

**ver-mi-form proc/ess**, **1.** See **vermiform appendix**. **2.** the vermis. [1830-40]

**ver-mi-fuge** (vər'mə fyōōj'), **adj.** **1.** serving to expel worms or other animal parasites from the intestines, as a medicine. —**n.** **2.** a vermifuge medicine or agent. [1690-1700; **VERMI-** + FUGE]

**ver-mil-ion** (vər mil'yən), **n.** **1.** a brilliant scarlet red. **2.** a bright-red, water-insoluble pigment consisting of mercuric sulfide, once obtained from cinnabar, now usually produced by the reaction of mercury and sulfur. —**adj.** **3.** of the color vermilion. —**v.t.** **4.** to color with or as if with vermilion. [1250-1300; ME *vermiloun*, *vermilion* < AF, OF *verm(e)illon*, equiv. to *vermeil* VERMIL + -on n. suffix]

**Ver-mil-ion** (vər mil'yən), **n.** a town in N Ohio. 11,012.

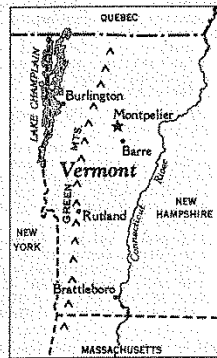
**vermil-ion rock/fish**, a scarlet-red rockfish, *Sebastes miniatus*, inhabiting waters along the Pacific coast of North America; important as a food fish. Also called **rasher**.

**ver-min** (vər'min), **n.**, **pl. ver-min**. **1.** noxious, objectionable, or disgusting animals collectively, esp. those of small size that appear commonly and are difficult to control; as flies, lice, bedbugs, cockroaches, mice, and rats. **2.** an objectionable or obnoxious person, or such persons collectively. **3.** animals that prey upon game, as coyotes or weasels. [1300-50; ME *vermyne* < AF, MF *vermin*, *vermine* < VL \**verminum*, \**vermina*, based on L *vermi-*; see **VERMINATE**]

**ver-mi-nate** (vər'mə nāt'), **v.t.**, **-nated**, **-nating**. **1.** to become infested with vermin, esp. parasitic insects. **2.** Archaic. to breed or infest with vermin. [1685-95; < L *verminatus*, ptp. of *verminare* to be infested with maggots, to have racking pains, equiv. to *vermin(a)* racking pain + -atus -ATE<sup>2</sup>; dual sense of *verminare* by association with *vermis* worm, maggot, *vermin*, being taken, perh. erroneously, as an extended s. of this word] → **ver/mi-na-tion**, **n.**

**ver-min-ous** (vər'mə nəs), **adj.** **1.** of the nature of or resembling vermin. **2.** of, pertaining to, or caused by vermin; *verminous diseases*. **3.** infested with vermin, esp. parasitic vermin: *verminous shacks*. [1610-20; < L *verminosus* infested with maggots; see **VERMINATE**, -OUS] → **ver/min-ous-ly**, **adv.** —**ver/min-ous-ness**, **n.**

**ver-mis** (vər'mis), **n.**, **pl. -mes** (-mēz). **Anat.** the median lobe or division of the cerebellum. See **diag.** under **BRAIN**. [1885-90; < NL; L: worm; so called from its shape]



**ver-mouth** (vər mōōth'), **n.** in which herbs, roots, barks, etc., have been steeped. [1800-11; *Wermuth* (now *Wermut*) abs.

**vermouth/ cassis'**, a m vermouth, crème de cassis, cracked ice. [< F; see **VERM**]

**Vern** (vürn), **n.** a male give

**Ver-na** (vür'nə), **n.** a fema

**ver-nac-u-lar** (vər nak'yə language) native or indigenous (learned). **2.** expressed or wr of a place, as literary work using such a language: *a ve pertaining to such a languag ordinary language.* **6.** of, pei of architectural vernacular.

the common name for a pla disease) endemic. —**n.** **9.** th of a place. **10.** the language class or profession. **11.** a v sion. **12.** the plain variety o by ordinary people. **13.** the, or plant as distinguished fr **14.** a style of architecture e techniques, decorative featu ticular historical period, regi any medium or mode of expr taste or indigenous styles. [1 household, domestic, native *naculus*, dim. of *verna* slave hold, though derivation uncl lar-ly, **adv.** —**Syn.** **9, 10.** See **LANGUAG**

**ver-nac-u-lar-ism** (vər nal 1. a vernacular word or exp vernacular. [1840-50; **VERNA**

**ver-nac-u-lar-ize** (vər nal -izəd, -iz-ing), **v.t.** to translate in liar to a people. Also, esp. [1815-25; **VERNACULAR** + -I tion, **n.**

**ver-nal** (vər'nəl), **adj.** **1.** of, nal sunshine. **2.** appearing, nal migratory movements. **3** ing spring; springlike: *vernal* or characteristic of youth: *ve L vernalis*, equiv. to *vernus* -nus; **adj.** suffix] + -alis -AL<sup>1</sup> —**Syn.** **4.** youthful, fresh, r

**ver'nal e'quinox**, **1.** See Also called **ver'nal point'**. ti time of the vernal equinox.

**ver-nal-ize** (vər'nəl iz'), **v.t.** the growth period of (a plant) treatment of it, its seeds, or **ver'nal-ize'**. [1820-30; **VER za'tion**, **n.**

**ver-nation** (vər nā'shan), i the foliage leaves within the *nation*- (s. of *vernatio*), equ *vernare* to be verdant; see **V**

**Verne** (vürn; Fr. vèrn), **n.** 1828-1905, French novelist. of **Vernon**.

**Ver-ner** (vür'nər, vür'-; I **A-dolph** (kāl ä'dolf'), 1846 male given name, form of **W**

**Ver-ner's law'**, **Ling.** the a regularity behind some a Germanic languages to Grimm Germanic voiceless fricative tween voiced sounds if the in was not accented in Proto-In

**Ver-net** (vər nē'), **n.** **1.** C zef'), 1714-89, French painte **Jean Hor-ace** (ä mēl' zhān painter.

**Ver-neuil/ proc/ess** (vür process for making synthetic etc., by the fusion at high compounds. Also called **flam after A.V.L. Verneuil**, 19th-c

**ver-ni-cle** (vür'ni kəl), **n.** ( [1325-75; ME < OF < ML v in -cula CULE<sup>1</sup>) of *veronica* v

**ver-ni-er** (vür'nē ər), **n.** **1.** small, movable, graduated sc fixed graduated scale of a sex etc., and used for measuring the divisions of the fixed scal **2. Mach.** an auxiliary device ratus a higher adjustment ac with a vernier: *a vernier be after P. VERNIER]*

**Ver-nier** (vür'nē ər; Fr. v 1580-1637, French mathemat

**ver'nier cal/iper**, a calip ing across one another, one h the other a vernier. Also cal [1875-80]