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Signs and Symbols



**brown** (brown) n. [ME < OE brûn.] One of a group of colors between red and yellow in hue that are medium to low in lightness and low to moderate in saturation. —adj. -er, -est. 1. Of the color brown. 2. Deeply suntanned. —v. browned, brown-ing, browns. —vt. To

Deeply suntanned. — v. browned, brown-ing, browns. — vi. To make brown, esp. to cook until brown. — vi. To become brown. — brown sign n. A brownish, chiefly marine alga of the division Phaeophyta, including the rockweeds and the kelps. brown bagging n. 1. The practice of taking one's own liquor into a public establishment, as a restaurant, where setups are available. 2. The practice of taking one's lunch to work use in a brown paper has The practice of taking one's lunch to work, usu, in a brown paper bag. -brown bagger n

brown bear n. A large bear, Ursus arctos of Alaska and northern

Eurasia, with brown to yellowish fur.

brown Bet.ty (bet.e) n. [Betty, nickname for Elizabeth.] Baked pudding made with apples, bread crumbs, raisins, sugar, and spices. brown bread n. 1. A bread made of a dark flour. 2. A steamed bread usu. made of cornmeal, flour, and molasses.

brown coal n. Lignite.

brown dwarf n. A celestial body that resembles a star but does not emit light because it is too small to ignite internal nuclear fusion. The planet Jupiter is a small brown dwarf.

brown fat n. Adipose tissue whose oxidation is a major source of

heat in mammals.

brown-field (broun'feld') n. An abandoned, usu. contaminated property that has the potential for redevelopment.

Brown i an motion (brou ne on) n. [After Robert Brown (1773—1858).] Random motion of microscopic particles suspended in a liquid or gas, caused by collision with molecules of the surrounding

Brownian movement n. Brownian motion.

brown-ie (brou'ne) n. 1. A kindly sprite believed to do helpful work at night. 2. Brownie. A member of the Girl Scouts from seven to

nine years old. 3. A bar of moist, often nur-filled chocolate cake. **Brownie point** n. [From the practice of awarding points for achievement by Brownies in the Girl Scouts.] Credit considered as earned, esp. by impressing a superior favorably.

Browning automatic rifle (brou'ning) n. [After John M.

Browning (1855–1926).] A .30 caliber air-cooled, automatic or semi-automatic, gas-operated, magazine-fed rifle.

Browning machine gun n. [After John M. Browning (1855-1926).] A .30 or .50 caliber belt-fed, water-cooled machine gun. brown lung disease n. Byssinosis.

brown-nose or brown-nose (brown noz') vt. -nosed, -nosing, -nos-es. Informal. To curry favor with: fawn on. -brown'-nose' n. -brown'nos' er n.
brown-out (broun'out') n. [BROWN + (BLACK)OUT.] A reduction or

cutback in electric power, esp. as a result of a shortage. brown patch n. A disease of grasses caused by a fungus, Pellicularia

filamentosa, that results in circular dying areas.

**brown rat** n. The Norway rat. **brown rice** n. Unpolished rice, retaining the germ and the yellowish outer layer containing the bran.

brown rot n. 1. A disease of fruit, as peaches, caused by fungi of the genus Monolinia. 2. A disease of citrus trees, caused by fungi of the genus Phytophthora.

Brown shirt n. [Transl. of G. Braunhemd.] A storm trooper. brown stone (broun stone) n. 1. A brownish-red sandstone used as

a building material. 2. A house built or faced with brownstone. brown study n. A state of reverie or deep thought. brown sugar n. Sugar whose crystals retain a thin coating of dark

syrup.

brown-tail moth (broun'tal') n. A small white and brown moth Euproctis phaeorrhoea, whose larvae damage shade-tree foliage and cause an irritating skin rash.

brown thrasher n. A North American bird, Toxostoma rufum, with a dark-streaked breast and reddish-brown back **brown trout** n. A widely naturalized European freshwater game fish, Salmo trutta, with speckled sides.

fish, Salmo trutta, with speckied sides.

browse (brouz) v browsed, browsing, browses. [Perh. < Fr. broust, young shoot < OFr. brost, of Germanic orig.] -vi. 1. a. To inspect leisurely and casually. b. To read superficially: skim. 2. To feed on vegetation, as leaves or young shoots. -vi. 1. To look over casually. 2. a. To nibble: crop. b. To graze on. -n. 1. Young twigs, leaves, and tender shoots of plants or shrubs that are fit for animals to east 2. A near of browsing. -vi and -vi and -vi browsing. -vi and -vi browsing.

eat 2. An act of browsing. —brows'a-ble adj. brows-er (brou'zər) n. 1. One that browses. 2. Computer Sci. A program that accesses and displays files and other data available on the

Internet and other networks.
bru-cel-lo-sis (broo'sa-lo'sis) n. [NLat. Brucella, genus name, after Sir David Bruce (1855-1931) + osts.] 1. Undulant fever. 2. A disease of cattle caused by the bacillus Brucella abortus and resulting in abortions in newly infected animals.

bru-cine (bröð/ser, stn) n. (After James Bruce (1730–1794).] A poisonous white crystalline alkaloid, C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>2H <sub>2</sub>O, derived from

nux vomica seeds

bruin (brōo'ln) n. [Du., brown.] A bear. bruise (brōoz) v. bruised, bruis-ing, bruis-es. [ME bruisen < OE

brysan, to crush, and OFr. bruisier, to crush.] -vt. 1. To injure with. out breaking or rupturing. 2. To mar or dent. 3. To pound into fragments: CRUSH 4. To hurt, esp. psychologically.—vi. To experience of undergo bruising.—n. 1. An injury in which the skin is not broken; contuston. 2. An injury, esp. to one's feelings.

bruis-er (broot zer) n. Slang. A large, powerfully built man.

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bruit (broot) vt. bruit.ed, bruit.ing, bruits. [< ME, noise < Ofr., p.part. of bruire, to roat.] To spread news of : REPEAT. -n. 1. Archaic, a. A rumor, b. A clamor, 2. Med. An abnormal sound heard during auscultation.

bru mal (broo' mal) adj. [Lat. brumalis < bruma, winter.] Of, relat-

ing to, or occurring in winter.

brume (broom) n. [Fr., ult. < Lat. bruma, winter.] Heavy mist or fog.

-bru'mous (broo'mes) adj.

brum:ma-gem (brûm '2-jam) adj. [Alteration of Birmingham, England (from the counterfeit coins made there in the 17th cent.).] Gaudy : tawdry. -n. Something cheap and showy

brunch (brunch) n. (BR(EARFAST) + (L)UNCH.] A meal eaten as a combination of breakfast and lunch.

**bru-net** (broo-net') adj. (Fr. < OFr. < brun, brown, of Germanic orig.] 1. Of a dark coloring or complexion. 2. Having dark brown or black hair or eyes. -n. A person with brown hair.

bru-nette (broo-net') adj. Having dark or brown hair. -n. A girl or

woman with dark or brown hair. **Brun-hild** (broon hilt') n. [G.] A queen of Iceland in Germanic legend who is won as a bride by Gunther.

brunt (brunt) n. [ME.] 1. The main impact, force, or burden, as of a blow. 2. Obs. A violent attack.

brush (brush) n. [ME brusshe < OFr. brosse, perh. < brosse, brushwood.) 1. A device consisting of bristles fastened into a handle, for scrubbing, polishing, or painting. 2. The act of using a brush. 3. A light touch in passing: GRAZE. 4. A brief encounter <a brush with the law> 5. A bushy tail. 6. A sliding connection completing a circuit between a fixed and a moving conductor. -v. brushed, brush-ing, brusha fixed and a moving conductor. —v. brushed, brush: ng, brush: ng, brush: ns. —vt. 1. To use a brush on so as to clean, polish, or groom. 2. To apply with or as if with motions of a brush. 4. To dismiss abruptly. 5. To touch lightly in passing. —vi. 1. To use or apply a brush. 2. To move past something so as to touch it lightly. —brush up. To refresh one's memory. —brush/er n. —brush/y adj.

\* SYNS: BRUSH, FLICK, GLANCE, GRAZE, SKIM n. core meaning: light and momentary contact with another < the brush of a bird's wing against a leaf>

brush2 (brush) n. [ME brusshe < OFr. brosse, brushwood.] 1. a. A thicket of shrubs or bushes. b. Land covered by brush. 2. Cut or broken branches. - brush'y adj.

brush discharge n. A faintly visible, relatively slow crackling dis

charge of electricity without sparking. brushed (brusht) adj. Of or designating fabrics that have a nap pro-

brush-fire (brush/fir') n. A fire in low-growing scrubby trees and

brush.
brushfire war n. A relatively insignificant and limited military action, usu. for harrassment.
brush-off (brüsh'ol', 'ol') n. Slang. An abrupt dismissal.
brush-wood (brüsh'wood') n. BRUSH?
brush-work (brüsh'wood') n. BRUSH?
brush-work (brüsh'work') n. 1. Work done with a brush. 2. The way in which an artist applies paint.
brusque also brusk (brüsk) adj. [Fr. < Ital. brusco.] Rudely abrupt:
BRUNT —brusque\*ly adv. —brusque\*ness n.
brus-que\*ric (brüs'kə-re') n. [Fr. < brusque, brusque.] Curtness:
brussque-ess

Brus-sels carpet (brus alz) n. [After Brussels, Belgium.] A machine-made carpet consisting of small colored woolen loops that

form a heavy patterned pile. Brussels sprout n. 1. A variety of cabbage, Brassica oleracea gemmifera, having a stout stem studded with budlike heads. 2. Brussels sprouts. The small edible heads of the Brussels sprout.

brut (broot) adj. [Fr. < OFr., rough < Lat. brutus, heavy.] Very dry, as

champagne. bru-tal (broot'l) adj. 1. Characteristic of a brute : MEAN <a brutel

attack> 2. Disconcertingly accurate <the brutal statistics> 3. Harsh <a brutal wind> 4. Cruelly insensitive <a brutal lie> — bru-tal', i-ty n. — bru-tal-ly adv.

bru-tal-ize (broot'l-iz') vt. -ized, -iz-ing, -iz-es. 1. To make

brutal 2. To treat brutally. — bru'tali-iza'tion n.
brute (broot) n. [< ME, nonhuman < OFr. brut < Lat. brutus, stupid!
1. An animal other than a human being: BEAST. 2. A brutal person - adi. 1. Of or relating to beasts: ANIMAL 2. Typical of a brute, esp.
a. Completely instinctive or physical <br/>
- brute strength > b. Displaying a lack of reason or intelligence. c. Savage: cruel. - brute'ism n. brutify (broo'ta-fi') vt. a) vi. -fied, -fy-ing, -fies. To brutalize or become brutalized.

brut-ish (broo'tish) adj. 1. Of or befitting a brute. 2. Showing a lack

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of reason or intelligence. 3. \_brut'ish.ly adv. -brut Bryn.hild (brin'hild') n. [ON Bryn-hild (brin'hild') n. [On from an enchanted sleep by Sipryo-pref. [NLat. < Gk. brn bry-ol-o-gy (bri-ol'z-je) n. log'i-cal (-z-lōj'i-kal) adj. bry-o-ny (bri'z-ne) n. pl. -r The black bryony. 2. The white their strict is the second of the bry.o.phyte (bri's-fit') n. P

Bryophyta, including the true bry o.phyt'ic (-fit'ik) ac bry.o.zo.an (bri'ə.zō'ən) n. bruon, moss + Gk. zōa, pl. o aquatic animals of the phylum form mosslike or branching co

Bryth on (brith on, on') n. [ Cornwall, Wales, or Cumbria. 2 guage

Bry thon ic (bri thon ik) a Brythons or their language. that includes Welsh, Breton, at B-school (bē'skool') n. A sc bub (bub) n. [Prob. short for BI of familiar address for a man c bub-ble (bub'ol) n. [< ME walled sphere of liquid contain trapped in a liquid or solid, as it something bubbling. 4. Som ephemeral, as an abortive sche nc dome. -v. -bled, -bling bubbles. 2. To move or flow wi animation or excitement < bub

bubble and squeak n. [In Chiefly Brit. Cabbage and por bubble bath n. 1. A perfun make it foam. 2. A bath conta bubble chamber n. An appi particles or inferring the paths amination of trails of bubbles

bubbles. - bub/bly adj.

heated liquid. bubble gum n. Chewing gur bubble memory n. A comp represented by the presence of bub-bler (bub/lar) n. A drinl upward through a small nozzl bub-bly (bub'le) n., pl. -bli-bub-by (boob'e, boob'e) n., woman's breast.

bu·bo (boo'bo, byoo'-) n., pl bon.] An inflamed swelling of groin. — bu.bon'ic (-bon'ik bubonic plague n. A cor caused by bacteria of the genu infected rats and marked by c

bue-eal (buk/əl) adj. [< Lar cheeks or mouth cavity. buc.ca.neer (buk's-nir') ; meat < boucan, barbecue fran ca·neer' v. (-neered, -nee buck (buk) n. [ME bukke < animals, as the deer or rabbit. young man. b. A fop. -v but rear up or leap forward sudden ward with the head lowered: jerks: 1017. 4. To resist stubbo To strive doggedly <bucking for burden) by bucking, 2. To but charge into (an opponent's lin bornly and directly : struggle summon one's courage. - adj itary category <a buck private buck 2 (buk) n. [Short for sa

fore a poker player next in lin accountability or blame to and buck and wing n. A fast so legs and heel clicking.

covered frame for vaulting in buck<sup>3</sup> (bůk) n | Short for buck<sup>4</sup> (bůk) n | Short for buck<sup>4</sup> (bůk) n

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