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laparoscopic — laparoscopy (lap'ar ə skop'ic) ... laparoscopic (lap'ar ə skop'ic) ...

laparotomy (lap'ar ə tōm') ... laparotomy (lap'ar ə tōm') ...

laparotomy (lap'ar ə tōm') ... laparotomy (lap'ar ə tōm') ...

laparotomy (lap'ar ə tōm') ... laparotomy (lap'ar ə tōm') ...

La Paz (lə päs'; Eng. la päs') ... La Paz (lə päs'; Eng. la päs') ...

lap belt' (in a motor vehicle) a seat belt ... lap belt' (in a motor vehicle) a seat belt ...

lap board (lap'bōrd', -bōrd'), n. a thin, flat board ... lap board (lap'bōrd', -bōrd'), n. a thin, flat board ...

lap child', South Midland and Southern U.S. a child ... lap child', South Midland and Southern U.S. a child ...

lap dissolve', Motion Pictures. dissolve (def. 17). ... lap dissolve', Motion Pictures. dissolve (def. 17). ...

lap dog', a small pet dog that can easily be held in the ... lap dog', a small pet dog that can easily be held in the ...

lap dove/tail joint'. See half-blind joint. ... lap dove/tail joint'. See half-blind joint. ...

lapel (lə pel'), n. either of the two parts of a garment ... lapel (lə pel'), n. either of the two parts of a garment ...

lapel mike', a small microphone that may be clipped ... lapel mike', a small microphone that may be clipped ...

La Prouse (lə pā rūz'), Jean François de ... La Prouse (lə pā rūz'), Jean François de ...

lapful (lap'fŭl), n. pl. -fuls. as much as the lap can ... lapful (lap'fŭl), n. pl. -fuls. as much as the lap can ...

lapidary (lap'i der'ē), n. pl. -aries, adj. —n. 1. ... lapidary (lap'i der'ē), n. pl. -aries, adj. —n. 1. ...

lapidate (lap'i dāt'), v.t., -dat-ed, -dat-ing. 1. to pelt ... lapidate (lap'i dāt'), v.t., -dat-ed, -dat-ing. 1. to pelt ...

lapidifly (lə pid'ə fī'), v.t., v.i., -fled, -fly-ing. ... lapidifly (lə pid'ə fī'), v.t., v.i., -fled, -fly-ing. ...

lapillus (lə pil'əs), n. pl. -pilli (-pil'i). a small stony ... lapillus (lə pil'əs), n. pl. -pilli (-pil'i). a small stony ...

lap-in (lap'in; Fr. la pan'), n. pl. lap-ins (lap'inz; Fr. ... lap-in (lap'in; Fr. la pan'), n. pl. lap-ins (lap'inz; Fr. ...

lapis (lap'is, lə'pīs), n. pl. lap-ides (lap'i dēz'). 1. ... lapis (lap'is, lə'pīs), n. pl. lap-ides (lap'i dēz'). 1. ...

lapis lazuli (lap'is laz'ŭl'ē, -lī', laz'ŭd'ō, laz'ŭ- ... lapis lazuli (lap'is laz'ŭl'ē, -lī', laz'ŭd'ō, laz'ŭ- ...

lap joint', 1. Also called plain lap. a joint, as between ... lap joint', 1. Also called plain lap. a joint, as between ...

Laplace (lə plas'), n. Pierre Simon (pyer sē mōn') ... Laplace (lə plas'), n. Pierre Simon (pyer sē mōn') ...

Laplace's equation, Math. the second-order partial ... Laplace's equation, Math. the second-order partial ...

Laplace's transform, Math. a map of a function, as ... Laplace's transform, Math. a map of a function, as ...

Lapland (lap'land'), n. a region in N Norway, N Sweden, ... Lapland (lap'land'), n. a region in N Norway, N Sweden, ...



lap link', a chain link for joining two lengths of chain, ... lap link', a chain link for joining two lengths of chain, ...

lap microphone. See lapel mike. ... lap microphone. See lapel mike. ...

La Porte (lə pōrt', pōrt'), n. 1. a city in NW Indiana. ... La Porte (lə pōrt', pōrt'), n. 1. a city in NW Indiana. ...

Lapp (lap), n. 1. Also called Lap-lander (lap'lan'dər, ... Lapp (lap), n. 1. Also called Lap-lander (lap'lan'dər, ...

Lapp page (lap'ij), n. Law. an overlapping of part or all ... Lapp page (lap'ij), n. Law. an overlapping of part or all ...

Lapp-reen-ran-ta (läp'ren rän tä), n. a city in SE ... Lapp-reen-ran-ta (läp'ren rän tä), n. a city in SE ...

lappet (lap'it), n. 1. a small lap, flap, or loosely hanging ... lappet (lap'it), n. 1. a small lap, flap, or loosely hanging ...

lappet weaving, weaving into which an embroidered ... lappet weaving, weaving into which an embroidered ...

Lappish (lap'ish), n. 1. Lapp (def. 2). —adj. 2. Also, ... Lappish (lap'ish), n. 1. Lapp (def. 2). —adj. 2. Also, ...

L'Après-midi d'un Faune (Fr. la prə mē də dœn fœn'), ... L'Après-midi d'un Faune (Fr. la prə mē də dœn fœn'), ...

lap robe', a blanket, fur covering, or the like, used to ... lap robe', a blanket, fur covering, or the like, used to ...

lapsable (lap'sə bəl), adj. liable to lapse. Also, lapsible. ... lapsable (lap'sə bəl), adj. liable to lapse. Also, lapsible. ...

Lap-sang (läp'säng', lap'säng'), adj. noting a kind of ... Lap-sang (läp'säng', lap'säng'), adj. noting a kind of ...

lapse (laps), n., v., lapsed, laps-ing. —n. 1. an accidental ... lapse (laps), n., v., lapsed, laps-ing. —n. 1. an accidental ...

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lap-sus ca-la-mi (läp'sdōs käl'lä mē'; Eng. lap'səs kal'ə mi', -mē'), Latin. a slip of the pen. ... lap-sus ca-la-mi (läp'sdōs käl'lä mē'; Eng. lap'səs kal'ə mi', -mē'), Latin. a slip of the pen. ...

lap-sus lin-guae (läp'sdōs ling'gwä; Eng. lap'səs ling'gwä'), Latin. a slip of the tongue. ... lap-sus lin-guae (läp'sdōs ling'gwä; Eng. lap'səs ling'gwä'), Latin. a slip of the tongue. ...

Lap-tev Sea' (lap'tef, -tev; Russ. lä'ptyif), an arm of the Arctic Ocean N of the Russian Federation in Asia, ... Lap-tev Sea' (lap'tef, -tev; Russ. lä'ptyif), an arm of the Arctic Ocean N of the Russian Federation in Asia, ...

lap-top (lap'top'), n. a portable, usu. battery-powered microcomputer small enough to rest on the user's lap. ... lap-top (lap'top'), n. a portable, usu. battery-powered microcomputer small enough to rest on the user's lap. ...

La Puen-te (lä pwen'tē, -tä), a city in SW California, E of Los Angeles, 30,882. ... La Puen-te (lä pwen'tē, -tä), a city in SW California, E of Los Angeles, 30,882. ...

La-pu-ta (lə pyōt'ä), n. an imaginary flying island in Swift's Gulliver's Travels, the inhabitants of which engaged in a variety of ridiculous projects and pseudo-scientific experiments. —La-pu-tan, adj., n. ... La-pu-ta (lə pyōt'ä), n. an imaginary flying island in Swift's Gulliver's Travels, the inhabitants of which engaged in a variety of ridiculous projects and pseudo-scientific experiments. —La-pu-tan, adj., n. ...

lap-wing (lap'wīng'), n. 1. a large Old World plover, Vanellus vanellus, having a long, slender, upcurved crest, an erratic, flapping flight, and a shrill cry. 2. any of several similar, related plovers. [bef. 1050; ME, var. (by assoc. with wing) of lapwinke, OE hlēapwince plover. See LEAP, WINK] ... lap-wing (lap'wīng'), n. 1. a large Old World plover, Vanellus vanellus, having a long, slender, upcurved crest, an erratic, flapping flight, and a shrill cry. 2. any of several similar, related plovers. [bef. 1050; ME, var. (by assoc. with wing) of lapwinke, OE hlēapwince plover. See LEAP, WINK] ...

la-que-us (lä'kwē əs, lak'wē-), n., pl. la-que-i (lä'kwē-ī, -kwē ē', lak'wē ī', -wē ē'). Anat. lemniscus. [< L. noose] ... la-que-us (lä'kwē əs, lak'wē-), n., pl. la-que-i (lä'kwē-ī, -kwē ē', lak'wē ī', -wē ē'). Anat. lemniscus. [< L. noose] ...

L'Aqu-ila (lä'kwē lä), n. Aquila. ... L'Aqu-ila (lä'kwē lä), n. Aquila. ...

lar (lä), n., pl. lar-es (lä'rēz, lä'rēz) for 1, lars for 2. 1. (cap.) Rom. Religion. any of the Lares. 2. Zool. See white-handed gibbon. [1580-90; < L.] ... lar (lä), n., pl. lar-es (lä'rēz, lä'rēz) for 1, lars for 2. 1. (cap.) Rom. Religion. any of the Lares. 2. Zool. See white-handed gibbon. [1580-90; < L.] ...

Lar-a-mie (lä'rə mē), n. 1. a city in SE Wyoming, 24,410. 2. Fort. See Fort Laramie. ... Lar-a-mie (lä'rə mē), n. 1. a city in SE Wyoming, 24,410. 2. Fort. See Fort Laramie. ...

Lar'amie Range', a mountain range in N Colorado and SE Wyoming. Highest peak, Laramie Peak, 9020 ft. (2749 m). ... Lar'amie Range', a mountain range in N Colorado and SE Wyoming. Highest peak, Laramie Peak, 9020 ft. (2749 m). ...

lar-ri-i-um (lə rār'ē əm), n., pl. -rari-a (-rār'ē ə). (in an ancient Roman home) a shrine for the Lares. [1700-10; < LL lararium; see LARES, -ARY] ... lar-ri-i-um (lə rār'ē əm), n., pl. -rari-a (-rār'ē ə). (in an ancient Roman home) a shrine for the Lares. [1700-10; < LL lararium; see LARES, -ARY] ...

la-ra-za (lä rä'zä), (sometimes caps.) Spanish. 1. (used with a plural v.) Mexican Americans collectively. 2. (used with a singular v.) Mexican-American culture. ... la-ra-za (lä rä'zä), (sometimes caps.) Spanish. 1. (used with a plural v.) Mexican Americans collectively. 2. (used with a singular v.) Mexican-American culture. ...

lar-board (lä'r'bōrd', -bōrd'; Naut. lä'r'bōrd), Naut. —n. 1. (formerly) port² (def. 1). —adj. 2. (formerly) port² (def. 2, 3). [1300-50; ME laddeborde (perh. lit., loading side; see LADE, BOARD); later larborde (by analogy with starboard)] ... lar-board (lä'r'bōrd', -bōrd'; Naut. lä'r'bōrd), Naut. —n. 1. (formerly) port² (def. 1). —adj. 2. (formerly) port² (def. 2, 3). [1300-50; ME laddeborde (perh. lit., loading side; see LADE, BOARD); later larborde (by analogy with starboard)] ...

lar-cen-er (lä'r'sən ə), n. a person who commits larceny. Also, lar-cen-ist. [1625-35; LARCENY + -ER] ... lar-cen-er (lä'r'sən ə), n. a person who commits larceny. Also, lar-cen-ist. [1625-35; LARCENY + -ER] ...

lar-cen-ous (lä'r'sən əs), adj. 1. of, resembling, or characteristic of larceny. 2. guilty of larceny. [1735-45; LARCENY + -OUS] —lar-cen-ous-ly, adv. ... lar-cen-ous (lä'r'sən əs), adj. 1. of, resembling, or characteristic of larceny. 2. guilty of larceny. [1735-45; LARCENY + -OUS] —lar-cen-ous-ly, adv. ...

lar-cen-y (lä'r'sən ə), n., pl. -nies. Law. the wrongful taking and carrying away of the personal goods of another from his or her possession with intent to convert them to the taker's own use. Cf. grand larceny, petty larceny. [1425-75; late ME < AF larcin theft (< L. larcinium robbery, equiv. to latrocīn(ari) to rob, orig. serve as mercenary soldier (deriv. of latrō hired soldier, robber) + -ium (-ium) + -y²] ... lar-cen-y (lä'r'sən ə), n., pl. -nies. Law. the wrongful taking and carrying away of the personal goods of another from his or her possession with intent to convert them to the taker's own use. Cf. grand larceny, petty larceny. [1425-75; late ME < AF larcin theft (< L. larcinium robbery, equiv. to latrocīn(ari) to rob, orig. serve as mercenary soldier (deriv. of latrō hired soldier, robber) + -ium (-ium) + -y²] ...

larch (lärch), n. 1. any coniferous tree of the genus Larix, yielding a tough durable wood. 2. the wood of such a tree. [1540-50; earlier larche < MHG < L. larch (s. of larix) larch] —larch'er, adj. ... larch (lärch), n. 1. any coniferous tree of the genus Larix, yielding a tough durable wood. 2. the wood of such a tree. [1540-50; earlier larche < MHG < L. larch (s. of larix) larch] —larch'er, adj. ...

larch saw-fly, a red and black sawfly, Pristiphora erichsonii, the larvae of which infest and feed on the leaves of larch. ... larch saw-fly, a red and black sawfly, Pristiphora erichsonii, the larvae of which infest and feed on the leaves of larch. ...

lard (lärd), n. 1. the rendered fat of hogs, esp. the internal fat of the abdomen. —v.t. 2. to apply lard or grease to. 3. to prepare or enrich (lean meat, chicken, etc.) with pork or fat, esp. with lardons. 4. to supplement or enrich with something for improvement or ornamentation: a literary work larded with mythological allusions. [1300-50; ME (v.), late ME (n.) < MF larder (v.), lard (n.) < L. lard(i)um bacon fat; akin to Gk lardinos fat (adj.)] —lard'like, adj. ... lard (lärd), n. 1. the rendered fat of hogs, esp. the internal fat of the abdomen. —v.t. 2. to apply lard or grease to. 3. to prepare or enrich (lean meat, chicken, etc.) with pork or fat, esp. with lardons. 4. to supplement or enrich with something for improvement or ornamentation: a literary work larded with mythological allusions. [1300-50; ME (v.), late ME (n.) < MF larder (v.), lard (n.) < L. lard(i)um bacon fat; akin to Gk lardinos fat (adj.)] —lard'like, adj. ...

lar-da-ceous (lärd'äshəs), adj. lardlike; fatty. [1815-25; LARD + -ACEOUS] ... lar-da-ceous (lärd'äshəs), adj. lardlike; fatty. [1815-25; LARD + -ACEOUS] ...

lard-ass (lärd'äs), n. Slang (vulgar). 1. a person having unusually large buttocks. 2. any very fat person. Also, lard'-ass'. [LARD + ASS'] ... lard-ass (lärd'äs), n. Slang (vulgar). 1. a person having unusually large buttocks. 2. any very fat person. Also, lard'-ass'. [LARD + ASS'] ...

lard-er (lärd'ər), n. 1. a room or place where food is kept; pantry. 2. a supply of food. [1275-1325; ME < AF; OF lardier. See LARD, -ER] ... lard-er (lärd'ər), n. 1. a room or place where food is kept; pantry. 2. a supply of food. [1275-1325; ME < AF; OF lardier. See LARD, -ER] ...

lard'er bee'tle, a black beetle, Dermestes lardarius, the larvae of which feed on dried meats, hides, furs, etc. [1865-70, Amer.] ... lard'er bee'tle, a black beetle, Dermestes lardarius, the larvae of which feed on dried meats, hides, furs, etc. [1865-70, Amer.] ...

Lard-ner (lärd'nər), n. Ring-gold Wil-mer (ring'göld/wil'mər), 1885-1933, U.S. short-story writer and journalist. ... Lard-ner (lärd'nər), n. Ring-gold Wil-mer (ring'göld/wil'mər), 1885-1933, U.S. short-story writer and journalist. ...

lard' oil', a colorless or yellowish oil expressed from lard, used chiefly as a lubricant for cutting tools. [1835-45] ... lard' oil', a colorless or yellowish oil expressed from lard, used chiefly as a lubricant for cutting tools. [1835-45] ...

lard-don (lärd'dn), n. a strip of fat used in larding, esp. as drawn through the substance of meat, chicken, etc., with a kind of needle or pin. Also, lard-doon (lärd'dōn'). [1400-50; late ME lardun < MF lardon piece of pork, equiv. to lard LARD + -on n. suffix] ... lard-don (lärd'dn), n. a strip of fat used in larding, esp. as drawn through the substance of meat, chicken, etc., with a kind of needle or pin. Also, lard-doon (lärd'dōn'). [1400-50; late ME lardun < MF lardon piece of pork, equiv. to lard LARD + -on n. suffix] ...

lard-y (lärd'ē), adj. lard-er, lard-est. 1. like or consisting of lard; lardy pastry. 2. fat or becoming fat; a diet designed for the lardy figure. [1880-85; LARD + -Y] ... lard-y (lärd'ē), adj. lard-er, lard-est. 1. like or consisting of lard; lardy pastry. 2. fat or becoming fat; a diet designed for the lardy figure. [1880-85; LARD + -Y] ...

lard-y-dar-dy (lärd'ä dār'dē), adj. Chiefly Brit. Slang. characterized by excessive elegance. [1860-65; after LARD; for sp. with r, cf. ARVO] ... lard-y-dar-dy (lärd'ä dār'dē), adj. Chiefly Brit. Slang. characterized by excessive elegance. [1860-65; after LARD; for sp. with r, cf. ARVO] ...

CONCISE PRONUNCIATION KEY: act, äpe, däre, pärt; set, equal; if, ice; ox, över, ördor, öil, böök, bööt; out, up, ürge; child; sing, shoe; thin; that; zh as in treasure. ə = a as in alone, e as in system, i as in machine.