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- shoulders and to which the pants are fastened
- sus-pense** \sə-'spens\ *n* 1: SUSPENSION 2: mental uncertainty: ANXIETY 3: excitement as to an outcome — **sus-pense-ful** *adj*
- sus-pen-sion** \sə-'spen-shən\ *n* 1: the act of suspending; the state or period of being suspended 2: the state of a substance when its particles are mixed with but undissolved in a fluid or solid; *also*: a substance in this state 3: something suspended 4: the system of devices supporting the upper part of a vehicle on the axles
- sus-pen-so-ry** \sə-'spen-sə-rē\ *adj* 1: SUSPENDED; *also*: fitted or serving to suspend something 2: temporarily leaving undetermined
- sus-pi-cion** \sə-'spi-shən\ *n* 1: the act or an instance of suspecting something wrong without proof 2: TRACE, SOUPÇON (a ~ of garlic) ♦ **Synonyms** MISTRUST, UNCERTAINTY, DOUBT, SKEPTICISM
- sus-pi-cious** \sə-'spi-shəs\ *adj* 1: open to or arousing suspicion 2: inclined to suspect 3: showing suspicion — **sus-pi-cious-ly** *adv*
- sus-tain** \sə-'stān\ *vb* 1: to provide with nourishment 2: to keep going: PROLONG (~ed effort) 3: to hold up: PROP 4: to hold up under: ENDURE 5: SUFFER (~ a broken arm) 6: to support as true, legal, or valid 7: PROVE, CORROBORATE — **sus-tain-able** \səs-'tā-nə-bəl\ *adj*
- sus-tenance** \səs-tə-nəns\ *n* 1: FOOD, NOURISHMENT 2: a supplying with the necessities of life 3: something that sustains or supports
- su-ture** \sü-'chər\ *n* 1: material or a stitch for sewing a wound together 2: a seam or line along which two things or parts are joined by or as if by sewing
- SUV** \es-'yü-'vè\ *n* [sport-utility vehicle]: a vehicle similar to a station wagon but built on a light-truck chassis
- su-zer-ain** \sü-zə-'ron, -rān\ *n* [F] 1: a feudal lord 2: a nation that has political control over the foreign relations of another nation — **su-zer-ain-ty** \-tē\ *n*
- svc** or **svce** *abbr* service
- svelte** \svelt\ *adj **svelt-er**; **svelt-est** [F, fr. It *svolto*, fr. pp. of *svellere* to pluck out, modif. of L *evellere*, fr. *e-* out + *vellere* to pluck]: SLENDER, LITHE*
- svgs** *abbr* savings
- SW** *abbr* 1 shortwave 2 southwest
- swab** \swäb\ *n* 1: MOP 2: a wad of absorbent material esp. for applying medicine or for cleaning; *also*: a sample taken with a swab 3: SAILOR
- swab** *vb* **swabbed**; **swab-bing**: to use a swab on: MOP
- swad-dle** \swä-'dī\ *vb* **swad-dled**;
- swag-ger** \swa-'gər\ *vb* 1: to walk with a conceited swing or strut 2: BOAST, BRAG — **swagger** *n*
- Swahili** \swä-'hē-lē\ *n*: a language that is a trade and governmental language over much of eastern Africa and the Congo region
- swain** \swān\ *n* [ME *swein* boy, servant, fr. ON *sveinn*] 1: RUSTIC; *esp*: SHEPHERD 2: ADMIRER, SUITOR
- SWAK** *abbr* sealed with a kiss
- swal-low** \swä-'lə\ *n*: any of numerous small long-winged migratory birds that often have a deeply forked tail
- swallow** *vb* 1: to take into the stomach through the throat 2: to envelop or take in as if by swallowing 3: to accept or believe without question, protest, or anger
- swallow** *n* 1: an act of swallowing 2: an amount that can be swallowed at one time
- swal-low-tail** \swä-'lə-'tāl\ *n* 1: a deeply forked and tapering tail like that of a swallow 2: TAILCOAT 3: any of various large butterflies with the border of each hind wing usu. drawn out into a process resembling a tail — **swal-low-tailed** \-,tāld\ *adj*
- swam** *past of* SWIM
- swa-mi** \swä-'mē\ *n* [Hindi *svāmī*, fr. Skt *svāmin* owner, lord]: a Hindu ascetic or religious teacher
- swamp** \swämp\ *n*: a spongy wetland — **swamp** *adj* — **swampy** *adj*
- swamp** *vb* 1: to fill or become filled with or as if with water 2: OVERWHELM 3
- swamp-land** \-,lānd\ *n*: SWAMP
- swan** \swān\ *n*, *pl* **swans** *also* **swan**: any of various heavy-bodied long-necked mostly pure white swimming birds related to the geese
- swank** \swaŋk\ or **swanky** \swaŋ-'kē\ *adj* **swank-er** or **swank-i-er**; **-est**: showily smart and dashing; *also*: fashionably elegant
- swank** *n* 1: PRETENTIOUSNESS 2: ELEGANCE
- swans-down** \swānz-'daun\ *n* 1: the very soft down of a swan used esp. for trimming 2: a soft thick cotton flannel
- swan song** *n*: a farewell appearance, act, or pronouncement
- swap** \swäp\ *vb* **swapped**; **swap-ping**: TRADE, EXCHANGE — **swap** *n*
- sward** \swörd\ *n*: the grassy surface of land
- swarm** \swórm\ *n* 1: a great number of honeybees leaving together from a hive with a queen to start a new colony; *also*: a hive of bees 2: a large crowd
- swarm** *vb* 1: to form in a swarm and depart from a hive 2: to throng together: gather in great numbers
- swart** \swórt\ *adj*: SWARTHY
- swar-thy** \swór-'thē, -thē\ *adj* **swar-thi-**