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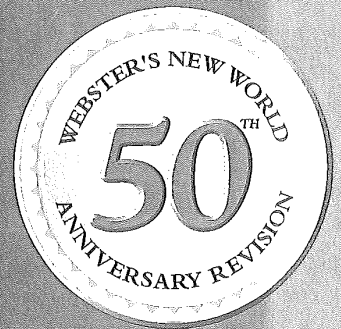
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catcher *11 *Bowling a*) the act of knocking down all the pins on the first bowl *b*) the score made in this way 12 *Geol., Mining* the trace of a rock bed, fault, or vein on the horizontal, at right angles to the direction of dip —**be struck with** to be attracted to or impressed by —**have two strikes against one** [Informal] to be at a decided disadvantage: from the three strikes permitted a batter in baseball —**(out) on strike** striking: see STRIKE (*vi.* 13) —**strike down** 1 to cause to fall by a blow, etc.; knock down 2 to do away with; undo, cancel, etc. 3 to have a disastrous or disabling effect upon: said of illness, etc. —**strike dumb** to amaze; astound; astonish —**strike hands** 1 to show agreement by clasping hands 2 to make a bargain, contract, etc. —**strike home** 1 to deliver an effective or crippling blow 2 to achieve a desired or significant effect —**strike it rich** 1 to discover a rich deposit of ore, oil, etc. 2 to become rich or successful suddenly —**strike off** 1 to separate, or remove, by or as by a blow or cut 2 to remove from a record, list, etc.; erase; expunge 3 to print —**strike out** 1 to make by hitting or striking 2 to originate; produce; devise 3 to aim or strike a blow; hit out 4 to remove from a record, etc.; erase; expunge 5 to begin moving or acting; start out *6 *Baseball a*) to be put out as the result of three strikes *b*) to put (a batter) out by pitching three strikes *7 to be a failure —**strike up** 1 to begin or cause to begin playing, singing, sounding, etc. 2 to begin (a friendship, conversation, etc.) 3 to emboss (metal, decorative figures, etc.)

strike-bound (strikt'bound') *adj.* closed or hampered because of striking employees [*a strikebound plant*]

strike-breaker (-brāk'er) *n.* a person who is active in trying to break up a strike, as by working as a scab, supplying scabs for the employer, intimidating strikers, etc. —**strike'break'ing n.**

strike fault *Geol.* a fault running parallel to the strike of the strata that it cuts

***strike-out** (-out') *n.* *Baseball* an out made by a batter charged with three strikes

striker (stri'kər) *n.* 1 a person who strikes; specif., *a*) a worker who is on strike *b*) an assistant who wields the heavy sledgehammer for a blacksmith 2 a thing that strikes, as the clapper in a bell, the striking device in a clock, etc. *3 *a*) *U.S. Army* an enlisted man doing extra-duty work for an officer for extra pay *b*) *U.S. Navy* an enlisted man who is working to qualify for a rating 4 *Soccer* the forward and main scorer of a soccer team

***strike zone** *Baseball* the area over home plate, between the batter's knees and armpits, through which the ball must be pitched for a strike to be called by the umpire

striking (stri'kiŋ) *adj.* 1 that strikes or is on strike 2 very noticeable or impressive; unusual, outstanding, remarkable, etc. —**SYN.** NOTICEABLE —**strikingly adv.**

striking price in an option contract, the specified price at which a stock, commodity, etc. may be bought or sold; the price at which an investor can exercise profitably a put or call

Strimond (strē mōn') *Gr. name for STRUMA*

Strind-berg (strind'bərg, strin'-; *Swed* strin'bar'y'), (Johan) August 1849-1912; *Swed.* dramatist & novelist

Strine (strin) *n.* [*<* (AUSTRALIAN: pronunciation) [Informal] [Austral. & N.Z.] the variety of English spoken in Australia

string (strin) *n.* [ME *streng* < OE, akin to *Ger* *strang*: see STRONG] 1 *a*) a thin line of twisted fiber used for tying, pulling, fastening, etc.; slender cord or thick thread *b*) a narrow strip of leather or cloth for fastening shoes, clothing, etc.; lace [*apron strings*] 2 a length or loop of like things threaded, strung, or hung on a string [*a string of pearls*] 3 *a*) a number of things arranged in a line or row [*a string of houses*] *b*) any series of things in close or uninterrupted succession [*a string of victories*] 4 *a*) a number of racetracks belonging to one owner *b*) a number of business enterprises under one ownership or management [*a string of gift shops*] *5 any of the groupings of players on a team according to ability the **first string** is more skilled than the **second string**, etc. 6 *a*) a slender cord of wire, gut, nylon, etc. stretched on a musical instrument and bowed, plucked, or struck to make a musical sound *b*) [*pl.*] all the stringed instruments of an orchestra, quintet, etc. played with a bow *c*) [*pl.*] the players of such instruments 7 *a*) strong, slender organ, structure, etc. resembling a string; specif., *a*) [Archaic] an animal nerve or tendon *b*) a fiber of a plant, esp. one connecting the two halves of a bean pod *8 [Informal] a condition, limitation, or proviso attached to a plan, offer, donation, etc.: *usually used in pl.* 9 *Archit.* *a*) one of the inclined boards under a stairs, notched to support the treads and risers *b*) STRINGCOURSE *10 *Billiards a*) a line indicated but unmarked across the table at one end, from behind which the cue ball must be played after being out of play (in full **string line**) *b*) the act of stroking the cue ball so that it rebounds from the far cushion to stop as close as possible to the string line, for determining the order of play 11 *Particle Physics* in string theory, any of various extremely tiny, one-dimensional, vibrating stringlike particles thought to be the basic units of matter —**vt. strung, string'ing** 1 to fit or provide with a string or strings [*to string a longbow, a violin, etc.*] 2 to thread or bead on a string 3 to tie, pull, fasten, hang, lace, etc. with a string or strings 4 to adjust or tune the strings of (a musical instrument) by tightening, etc. 5 to make tense, nervous, or keyed (*up*) 6 to remove the strings from (beans, etc.) 7 to arrange or set forth in a row or successive series 8 to stretch or extend like a string [*to string a cable*] —**vi.** 1 to form into a string or strings 2 to stretch out in a line; extend; stretch; move or progress in a string 3 to serve as a stringer (*for a newspaper, magazine, etc.*) 4 *Billiards* LAG¹ (*vi.* 4) —**adj.** of or composed for stringed instruments [*string quartet*] —**on a (or the) string** completely under one's control or subject to one's whims —**pull strings** 1 to get someone to use influence in one's behalf, often secretly 2 to direct action of others, often secretly —***string along** [Informal] 1 to follow faithfully or

accept trustingly 2 to go along or agree 3 to fool, trick, or keep in an uncertain state, as by promises —**string up** [Informal] to kill by hanging —**string'less adj.**

string band a band of stringed instruments, as guitar, banjo, violin, etc., playing folk or country music —**string'band' adj.**

string bass DOUBLE BASS

***string bean** 1 SNAP BEAN 2 [Informal] a tall, skinny person

string bikini a skimpy bikini having often a triangular covering part held in place by narrow, string-like ties

string-board (strin'bōrd') *n.* a board placed along the side of a staircase to cover the ends of the steps: see STAIRCASE, *illus.*

string-course (-kōrs') *n.* a decorative, horizontal course of brick or stone set in the wall of a building

stringed (strind') *adj.* designating a musical instrument, as the violin, guitar, zither, or harp, often made of wood, in which the tone or tones are produced by a vibrating string: cf. STRING (*n.* 6)

string-gency (strin'jen sē) *n., pl. -cies* the quality or state of being stringent; strictness; severity

string-gendo (strin jen'dō) *adj., adv.* [It < *stringere*, to tighten, bind < L: see STRICT] *Musical Direction* with accelerated tempo, as toward a climax

string-gent (strin'jent) *adj.* [L *stringens*, prp. of *stringere*, to draw tight: see STRICT] 1 rigidly controlled, enforced, etc.; strict; severe *2 tight in loan or investment money [*a stringent money market*] 3 compelling; convincing [*stringent reason*] —**strin'gently adv.** —**strin'gent-ness n.**

stringer (strin'er) *n.* 1 a person or thing that strings 2 a long piece of timber used as a support; specif., *a*) a horizontal timber connecting upright posts in a frame *b*) STRINGPIECE 3 a long, lightweight structural member of an airplane fuselage, rocket, etc. *4 a string or metal line with clips on which caught fish are strung *5 a person serving as a part-time, local correspondent for a newspaper, magazine, etc. *6 a person ranked according to ability [*second-stringer*]

string-halt (strin'holt') *n.* a condition in horses causing one or both hind legs to jerk spasmodically in walking —**string'halt'ed adj.** or **string'halt'y**

string-piece (-pēs') *n.* a long, horizontal timber for supporting a framework, as at the edge of a floor

string quartet 1 a quartet of players on stringed instruments, usually first and second violins, a viola, and a violoncello 2 a composition for such a group

***string theory** *Particle Physics* any theory in which a STRING (*n.* 11) is considered to be the basic unit of matter

***string tie** a narrow necktie, usually tied in a bow

stringy (strin'ē) *adj.* **string'er, string'i-est** 1 like a string or strings; long, thin, wiry, sinewy, etc. 2 consisting of strings or fibers 3 having tough fibers [*stringy meat, celery, etc.*] 4 forming strings; viscous; ropy [*stringy molasses*] —**string'i-ness n.**

strip¹ (stript) *vt.* **stripped, strip'ping** [ME *strepēn* < OE *stripan*, akin to *streffen*, to strip off < IE **streub-* < base **ster-*, to streak, stroke > STRIKE] 1 to remove (the clothing or covering) of or from (a person); make naked; undress 2 to deprive or dispossess (a person or thing) of (honors, titles, attributes, etc.) 3 to despoil of wealth, property, etc.; plunder; rob 4 to pull, tear, or take off (a covering, skin, etc.) from (a person or thing) 5 to make bare or clear by removing fruit, growth, removable parts, etc. [*to strip a room of furniture*] 6 to take apart (a firearm, etc.) piece by piece, as for cleaning; dismantle 7 to break or damage the thread of (a nut, bolt, or screw) or the teeth of (a gear) 8 to remove the last milk from (a cow) with a stroking movement of the thumb and forefinger 9 to remove the large central rib from (tobacco leaves) or the leaf from (the stalk) —**vi.** 1 to take off all clothing; undress *2 to perform a striptease —***n. short for STRIPEASE**

SYN.—**strip** implies the pulling or tearing off of clothing, outer covering, etc. and often connotes forcible or even violent action and total deprivation [*to strip paper off a wall, stripped of sham*]; **denude** implies that the thing stripped is left exposed or naked [*land denuded of vegetation*]; **divest** implies the taking away of something with which one has been clothed or invested [*an official divested of authority*]; **bare** simply implies an uncovering or laying open to view [*to bare one's head in reverence*]; **dismantle** implies the act of stripping a house, ship, etc. of all of its furniture or equipment [*a dismantled factory*]

strip² (stript) *n.* [altered (infl. by prec.) < STRIPE] 1 a long, narrow piece, as of land, ribbon, wood, etc. *2 *short for* COMIC STRIP 3 *short for* AIRSTRIP 4 *Philately* a vertical or horizontal row of three or more attached stamps —**vt.** to cut or tear into strips

strip cropping crop planting in which wide rows of heavy-rooted plants are alternated with loose-rooted plants so as to lessen erosion, as on a hillside

stripe (stript) *n.* [*<* MLowG & MDu *stripe* < IE **streib-* < base **ster-* > STRIP²] 1 a long, narrow band, mark, or streak, differing in color, texture, or material from the surrounding area 2 [*often pl.*] a fabric or garment with a pattern of parallel stripes 3 a strip of cloth or braid, as a chevron, bar, or curve, worn on the sleeve as of a military uniform to indicate rank or length of service 4 a distinctive type, kind, or sort [*a man of his stripe*] 5 [Archaic] *a*) a stroke with a whip, etc. *b*) a long welt on the skin —**vt. striped, strip'ing** to mark with a stripe or stripes

striped (stript, stri'pid) *adj.* having a stripe or stripes

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