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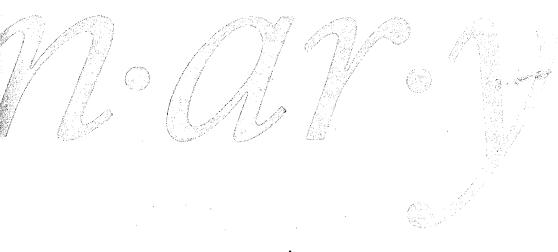
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om •ni• um -gath • er • um (ŏm ' nē-ɔm -gāth' ɔr -əm) n. A miscellaneous collection; a hodgepodge. [Lat. omnium, genitive pl. of omnis, all; see op * + E. gatherum (alteration of carther).]
om • ni • vore (ŏm' nə-vôr', • vōr') n. 1. An omnivorous person or animal. 2. One that takes in everything available, as with the mind. [< NLat. Omnivora, omnivores < neut. pl. of Lat. omnivorus, omnivorus, omnivorus, omnivorus. See omnivorus.

omnivorus, omnivorous. See omnivorous.]
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om*niv*o*rous (om-niv*or-as) adj. 1. Eating both animal and vegetable foods. 2. Taking in everything available. —om*niv*o*rous*ly adv. —om*niv*o*rous*ness n.

Om*o*lon (öm*o-lön*). A river of NE Russia flowing c. 965 km (600 mi) to the Kolyma R.

om*pha*los (öm*fa-lös*, -ləs) n., pl. -li (-lē). 1. The navel.

2. A central part; a focal point. [Gk. See nobh-*.]

Omsk (ômsk). A city of 5-central Russia at the confluence of the Irtysh and Om rivers; founded 1716 Pp. 1 108 000

Irtysh and Om rivers; founded 1716. Pop. 1,108,000. on (on, on) prep. 1.a. Used to indicate position above and supported by or in contact with: The vase is on the table. b. Used to indicate contact with or extent over (a surface) regardless of position: a picture on the wall. c. Used to indicate location at or along: a house on the highway. d. Used to indicate proximity: a town on the border. e. Used to indicate attachproximity: a toom on the volumer, e. Used to indicate attachment to or suspension from: beads on a string. f. Used to indicate figurative or abstract position: stopped on Chapter 2. Z.a. Used to indicate actual motion toward, against, or onto: the march on Washington. b. Used to indicate figurative or abstract motion toward, against, or onto: going on six o'clock. 3.a. Used to indicate occurrence at a given time: on July third. b. Used to indicate the particular occasion or circumstance: on arrival. 4.a. Used to indicate the object affected by actual, perceptible action: knocked on the door. b. Used to indicate the object affected by a figurative action: Have pity on them. c. Used to indicate the object of an action directed, tending, or moving against it: an attack on the fortess. d. Used to indicate the object of perception or thought: meditated on his actions. S. Used to indicate the agent or agency of a specified action: talked on the telephone. 6.a. Used to indicate a medicine or other corrective taken or undertaken routinely: went on a diet. b. Used to indicate a substance that is the cause of an addiction a habit or an to indicate the object affected by a figurative action: Have substance that is the cause of an addiction, a habit, or an altered state of consciousness: high on dope. 7. Used to indicate a constant of the constant of th dicate a source or basis: got by on promises. 8.a. Used to indicate the state or process of: on the way. b. Used to indicate the purpose of: travel on business. c. Used to indicate a means of conveyance: ride on a train. d. Used to indicate availability by means of: beer on tap. 9. Used to indicate belonging to: a nurse on the staff. 10. Used to indicate adbelonging to: a nurse on the staff. 10. Used to indicate addition or repetition: error on error. 11.a. Concerning; about: a book on astronomy. b. Concerning and to the disadvantage of some evidence on him. 12. Informal. In one's possession; with: not a cent on me. 13. At the expense of; compliments of: drinks on the house. — adv. 1. In or into a position or condition of being supported by or in contact with something: Put the coffee on. 2. In or into a position of being attached to or covering something: Put your clothes on. 3. In the direction of something: He looked on while the ship docked. 4.a. Toward or at a point lying ahead in space or time; forward: moved on to the next city. b. At or to a more distant point in time or space: later on. 5. In a continuous course: He worked on. 6.a. In or into performance or operation: Turn on worked on. 6.a. In or into performance or operation: Turn on the radio. b. In progress or action; in a state of activity: The show must go on. 7. In or at the present position or condition: hang on. 8. In a condition of being scheduled for or decided upon: a party on tonight. — adj. 1. Being in operation: The television is on. 2.a. Engaged in a given function or activity, such as a vocal or dramatic role: You're on in five minutes! b. Under or behaving as if under observation: A minister is always on. 3. Slang. Functioning or performing at a high degree of competence or energy: The goalie is really on. 4.a. Planned; intended: nothing on for tonight. b. Happening; taking place: The parade is on. — Idioms. be on to. Slang. To be aware of or have information about. on and off. Intermit worked on. 6.a. In or into performance or operation: Turn on be aware of or have information about. on and off. Intermittently. on and on. Without stopping; continuously. [ME <

OE an, on. See an-*.] Usage Note: To indicate motion toward a position, both on and onto can be used, but onto indicates clearly motion initiated from an outside point, as in He ran onto the field. He ran on the field may mean that his running began on the field. In constructions where on is an adverb attached to a verb, it should not be joined with to to form the single word onto:
move on to (not onto) new subjects. • In their uses to indicate Spatial relations on and upon are often interchangeable: It rests on (or upon) a table. To indicate a relation between two things, however, instead of between an action and an end Point, upon cannot always be used: Hand me the book on (not upon) the table. Similarly, upon cannot always be used in place of on when the relation is not spatial: a book on (not

(Non) birds. (Nabbr. 1. also O.N. Old Norse. 2. Ontario. on suff. 1.a. Subatomic particle: baryon. b. Unit; quantum:

photon. 2. Basic hereditary unit: codon. [< 10N.]
-on² suff. Inert gas: radon. [NLat. < (arc]on.]
-on³ suff. A chemical compound that is not a ketone, or a compound that contains oxygen in a carbonyl group: para-

compound that contains oxygen in a carbonyl group: parathion. [Alteration of -one.]

On • a • ger (on' a - jor) n. 1. A wild ass (Equus hemionus subsp. onager) of central Asia having an erect mane and a broad black stripe along its back. 2. An ancient and medieval stone-propelling siege engine. [ME < LLat. < Lat. < Gk. onagros: onos, ass + agrios, wild; see agro-*.]

on-air (on'ar', on'-) adj. Spoken, occurring, or used during broadcasting or while being recorded for broadcasting.

o-nan'sim (o'na-niz'sm) n. 1. Masturbation. 2. Coitus interruptus. [After Onan, son of Judah (Genesis 38:9).] — o'nan ist n. — o'nan is'tic adj.

ist n. — o'nan·is/tic adj.

O·nas·sis (ō-năs/ĭs, ō-nā/sīs), Jacqueline Lee Bouvler Ken-

O•nas•sis (ō-nās¹is, ō-nā¹sis), Jacqueline Lee Bouvier Kennedy. See Jacqueline Lee Bouvier Kennedy.

On•board or on-board (ŏn-bōrd¹, -bōrd¹, ôn-) adj. Carried aboard a vehicle or vessel. — on•board adv.

Once (wūns) adv. 1. One time only: once a day. 2. At one time in the past; formerly. 3. At any time; ever: Once known, never forgotten. 4. By one degree of relationship: my first cousin once removed. — n. A single occurrence; one time: Once will have to do. — conj. As soon as; if ever; when: Once he goes, we can clean up. — adj. Having been formerly; former: the once capital. — Idiom. at once. 1. All at one time; simultaneously. 2. Immediately; instantly. [ME ones < ime; ime once capital. — raiolit at once in its interest on, one < OE ān. Sec ol-no-*]
once-o-ver (wūns/ō/vər) n. Informal. A quick but comprehen-

sive survey or performance.
on•cho•cer•cl•a•sis (ŏng'kō-sər-kī/a-sīs) n. A tropical dis-On•cno•cer•ci•a•sis (ông'kō-sər-ki/ə-sis) n. A tropical disease caused by infestation with filarial worms of the genus Onchocerca and characterized by nodular swellings on the skin and lesions of the eyes. [NLat.: Onchocerca, genus name (Gk. onkos, barb + Gk. kerkos, tail) + -usis.]
 On•co•gene (ön'kə-jen, öng'-) n. A gene that causes the transformation of normal cells into cancerous tumor cells, esp. a viral gene that transforms a host cell into a tumor cell. [Cl.

viral gene that transforms a host cell into a tumor cell, [Gk,

onkos, mass, tumor; see oncology + Gene.]
on·co·gen·e·sis (ön/kō-jēn/i-sis, ŏng'-) n. The formation
and development of tumors. [Gk. onkos, mass, tumor; see
nek-2* + - GENESIS.] - on'co·gen'ic adj. - on'co·ge·nic'i-ty (-j-nīs'-t-ē) n.

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on*col*o*gy (ön-köl'ə-jē, öng-) n. The branch of medicine that deals with tumors. [Gk. onkos, mass, tumor; see nek-2* + -Locy.] - on'co*log'i*cal (-kə-löj'i'kəl), on'co*log'i*c (-lŏj'ik) adj. - on*col'o*gist n.

on•com•ing (ŏn' kūm'ing, ŏn'-) adj. Coming nearer; approaching. — n. An approach; an advance.
on•cor•na•vi•rus (ŏn-kōr'nə-vi'rəs, ŏng-) n. Any of a group of viruses that contain single-stranded RNA and produce tumors in birds and approach [College Parts and College Parts and Colleg mors in birds and mammals. [Gk. onkos, mass, tumor; see ONCOLOGY + RNA + VIRUS.]

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one (wun) adj. 1. Being a single entity, unit, object, or living being; not two or more. 2. Characterized by unity; undivided.

3.a. Of the same kind or quality: animals of one species.

b. Forming a single entity of two or more components. 4. Being a single member of a roung category or kind. ing a single member or element of a group, category, or kind. 5. Being a single thing in contrast with or relation to another or others of its kind: One day is just like the next. 6. Ocor others of its kind: One day is just tike the next. o. Occurring or existing as something indefinite, as in time or position: He will come one day. 7. Occurring or existing as something particular but unspecified, as in time past: late one evening. 8. Informal. Used as an intensive: That is one fine day. 9. Reign the only individual of a presided as in the order. dog. 9. Being the only individual of a specified or implied kind. -n. 1. The cardinal number, represented by the symbol 1, designating the first unit in a series. 2. A single person or thing, a unit. -pron. 1. An indefinitely specified individual: one of her cousins. 2. An unspecified individual; anyone: One doesn't know. -idloms, at one. In accord or unity. one and all Envryone one by one. Living the series of and all. Everyone. one by one. Individually in succession. [ME < OE än. See oi-no-*.]

Usage Note: When constructions headed by one appear Usage Note: When constructions neaded by one appear as the subject of a sentence or relative clause, there may be a question whether the verb should be singular or plural, as in One of every ten rotors was found defective. Although the plural were is sometimes used in such sentences, an earlier survey found that the singular was preferred by a large majority of the Usage Panel. • In the sentence The defeat turned out to be one of the most costly blows that were ever inflicted out to be one of the most costly blows that were ever inflicted on our forces, most grammarians would hold that the plural were is correct, inasmuch as the subject of the verb is the plural noun blows. However, constructions of this sort are often used with a singular verb even by the best writers. Note also that when the phrase containing one is introduced by the also that when the phrase containing one is introduced by the definite article, the verb in the relative clause must be singular. He is the only one of us who has (not have) already taken Latin. See Usage Note at he 1.

One suff. 1. A ketone: acetone. 2. A chemical compound containing the second of the second

taining oxygen, esp. in a carbonyl group: lactone. [Perh. < Gk. -onē, fem. patronymic suff.] one-act-er (wun'āk'tər) n. A play consisting of only one act. 953

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