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for converting electromagnetic waves or signals into audio or visual form (telephone ~)

receiver-ship \-ˈʃɪp\ *n* 1: the office or function of a receiver 2: the condition of being in the hands of a receiver

recentcy \ˈrēs-ə-n-sē\ *n*: RECENTNESS

recent \ˈrēs-ənt\ *adj* 1: of the present time or time just past (~ history) 2: having lately come into existence: NEW, FRESH 3 *cap*: HOLOCENE — **recently** *adv* — **recent-ness** *n*

receptacle \ri-ˈsep-ti-kəl\ *n* 1: something used to receive and hold something else: CONTAINER 2: the enlarged end of a flower stalk upon which the parts of the flower grow 3: an electrical fitting containing the live parts of a circuit

reception \ri-ˈsep-shən\ *n* 1: the act of receiving 2: a social gathering at which guests are formally welcomed

reception-ist \ri-ˈsep-shə-nɪst\ *n*: a person employed to greet callers

receptive \ri-ˈsep-tɪv\ *adj*: able or inclined to receive; *esp*: open and responsive to ideas, impressions, or suggestions — **receptively** *adv* — **receptiveness** *n* — **receptivity** \ri-ˈsep-tɪ-və-tē\ *n*

receptor \ri-ˈsep-tər\ *n* 1: one that receives; *esp*: SENSE ORGAN 2: a chemical group or molecule in the outer cell membrane or in the cell interior that has an affinity for a specific chemical group, molecule, or virus

→ **recess** \ˈrē-ses, ri-ˈsēs\ *n* 1: a secret or secluded place 2: an indentation in a line or surface (as an alcove in a room) 3: a suspension of business or procedure for rest or relaxation

²**recess** *vb* 1: to put into a recess 2: to make a recess in 3: to interrupt for a recess 4: to take a recess

recession \ri-ˈse-shən\ *n* 1: the act of receding: WITHDRAWAL 2: a departing procession (as at the end of a church service) 3: a period of reduced economic activity

recessional \ri-ˈse-shə-nəl\ *n* 1: a hymn or musical piece at the conclusion of a service or program 2: RE-SESSION 2

¹**recessive** \ri-ˈse-sɪv\ *adj* 1: tending to recede 2: producing or being a bodily characteristic that is masked or not expressed when a contrasting dominant gene or trait is present (~ genes) (~ traits)

²**recessive** *n*: a recessive characteristic or gene; *also*: an individual that has one or more recessive characteristics

recherché \rə-ˈʃer-ˈʃhā, -ˈʃeər-ˈʃhā\ *adj* [F] 1: CHOICE, RARE 2: excessively refined

reclivism \ri-ˈsi-də-ˈvɪ-zəm\ *n*: a tendency to relapse into a previous condition; *esp*: relapse into criminal behavior — **reclivist** \-vɪst\ *n*

recip *abbr* reciprocal; reciprocity

recipere \ˈre-sə-(ə)pē\ *n* [L, take, imperative of *recipere* to take, receive, fr. *re-* back + *capere* to take] 1: a set of instructions for making something from various ingredients 2: a method of procedure: FORMULA

recipient \ri-ˈsi-pē-ənt\ *n*: one that receives

¹**reciprocal** \ri-ˈsi-prə-kəl\ *adj* 1: inversely related 2: MUTUAL, SHARED 3: serving to reciprocate 4: mutually corresponding — **reciprocally** *adv*

²**reciprocal** *n* 1: something in a reciprocal relationship to another 2: one of a pair of numbers (as $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{3}{2}$) whose product is one

reciprocate \-ˈkæt\ *vb* -**cat-ed**; -**cat-ing** 1: to move backward and forward alternately 2: to give and take mutually 3: to make a return for something done or given — **reciprocation** \-si-prə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

reciprocity \ˈre-sə-ˈprə-sə-tē\ *n*, *pl* -**ties** 1: the quality or state of being reciprocal 2: mutual exchange of privileges (as trade advantages between countries)

recital \ri-ˈsɪt-əl\ *n* 1: an act or instance of reciting: ACCOUNT 2: a public reading or recitation (a poetry ~) 3: a concert given by a musician, dancer, or

dance troupe 4: a public exhibition of skill given by music or dance pupils — **recital-ist** \-ɪ-ɪst\ *n*

recitation \ˈre-sə-ˈtā-shən\ *n* 1: RECITING, RECITAL 2: delivery before an audience usu. of something memorized 3: a classroom exercise in which pupils answer questions on a lesson they have studied

recite \ri-ˈsɪt\ *vb* -**cit-ed**; -**cit-ing** 1: to repeat verbatim (as something memorized) 2: to recount in some detail: RELATE 3: to reply to a teacher's questions on a lesson — **reciter** *n*

reckless \ˈre-kləs\ *adj*: lacking caution: RASH *syn* hasty, brash, hotheaded, thoughtless — **recklessly** *adv* — **recklessness** *n*

reck-on \ˈre-kən\ *vb* 1: COUNT, CALCULATE, COMPUTE 2: CONSIDER, REGARD 3 *chiefly dial*: THINK, SUPPOSE, GUESS

reck-on-ing *n* 1: an act or instance of reckoning 2: a settling of accounts (day of ~)

reclaim \ri-ˈklām\ *vb* 1: to recall from wrong conduct: REFORM 2: to change from an undesirable to a desired condition (~ marshy land) 3: to obtain from a waste product or by-product 4: to demand or obtain the return of — **reclaimable** *adj* — **reclamation** \ri-klə-ˈmā-shən\ *n*

recline \ri-ˈklɪn\ *vb* -**clined**; -**clin-ing** 1: to lean or incline backward 2: to lie down: REST

recliner \ri-ˈklɪ-nər\ *n*: a chair with an adjustable back and footrest

recluse \ˈre-ˌklūs, ri-ˈklūs\ *n*: a person who leads a secluded or solitary life: HERMIT

recognition \ˈre-kə-ˈɡnɪ-shən\ *n* 1: the act of recognizing: the state of being recognized: ACKNOWLEDGMENT 2: special notice or attention

recognition-ance \ri-ˈkə-ˈnə-zəns\ *n*: a promise recorded before a court or magistrate to do something (as to appear in court or to keep the peace) usu. under penalty of a money forfeiture

recognize \ˈre-kə-ˈnɪz\ *vb* -**nized**; -**niz-ing** 1: to acknowledge (as a speaker in a meeting) as one entitled to be heard at the time 2: to acknowledge the existence or the independence of (a country or government) 3: to take notice of 4: to acknowledge with appreciation 5: to acknowledge acquaintance with 6: to identify as previously known 7: to perceive clearly: REALIZE — **recognizable** \ˈre-kə-ˈnɪ-zə-bəl\ *adj* — **recognizably** \-blē\ *adv*

¹**recoil** \ri-ˈkōɪl\ *vb* 1: to draw back: RETREAT 2: to spring back to or as if to a starting point *syn* shrink, flinch, wince, quail, blanch

²**recoil** \ˈrē-ˌkōɪl, ri-ˈkōɪl\ *n*: the action of recoiling (as by a gun or spring)

recoil-less \-ˌkōɪl-ləs, -ˈkōɪl\ *adj*: venting expanding propellant gas before recoil is produced (~ gun)

recollect \ˈre-kə-ˈlekt\ *vb*: to recall to mind: REMEMBER *syn* recall, remind, reminisce, bethink

recollect-ion \ˈre-kə-ˈlek-shən\ *n* 1: the act or power of recollecting 2: something recollected

recombinant DNA \ˈ(ə)rē-ˈkām-bə-nənt\ *n*: genetically engineered DNA prepared in vitro by joining together DNA fragments usu. from more than one species of organism

recommend \ˈre-kə-ˈmend\ *vb* 1: to present as deserving of acceptance or trial 2: to give in charge: COMMIT 3: to make acceptable 4: ADVISE, COUNSEL — **recommendable** \-ˈmen-də-bəl\ *adj*

recom-men-da-tion \ˈre-kə-mən-ˈdā-shən\ *n* 1: the act of recommending 2: something recommended 3: something that recommends

¹**recom-pense** \ˈre-kəm-pens\ *vb* -**pensed**; -**pens-ing** 1: to give compensation to: pay for 2: to return in kind: REQUITE *syn* reimburse, indemnify, repay, compensate

²**recompense** *n*: COMPENSATION

reconcile \ˈre-kən-ˈsɪl\ *vb* -**ciled**; -**cil-ing** 1: to cause to be friendly or harmonious again 2: ADJUST, SETTLE (~ differences) 3: to bring to submission or accep-