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- 1.** A druggist; pharmacist. **2.** See **pharmacy**.  
**2.** [*< Gk. apothēkē, storehouse.*]
- ap•o•thegm** (ăp'ə-thēm') ▶ *n.* A proverb; maxim. [*Gk. apophthegma < apophthengesthai, speak plainly.*] — **ap'•o•theg•mat'ic** (-thēg-măt'ik) *adj.*
- ap•o•them** (ăp'ə-thēm') ▶ *n.* The perpendicular distance from the center of a regular polygon to any of its sides. [*apo-*, off + *Gk. thema, something set down.*]
- a•poth'e•o•sis** (ə-pōth'ē-ō'sis, ăp'ə-thē'ə-sis) ▶ *n., pl. -ses* (-sēz') **1.** Exaltation to divine rank or stature; deification. **2.** An exalted or glorified example. [*< Gk. apotheoun, deify.*] — **a•poth'e•o•size'** *v.*
- app** (ăp) ▶ *n. Informal* A computer application.
- Ap•pa•la•chi•a** (ăp'ə-lă'chē-ə, -chă, -lăch'ē-ə, -lăch'ə) A region of the E US including the Appalachian Mts.
- Ap•pa•la•chi•an Mountains** (ăp'ə-lă'chē-ən, -chən, -lăch'ē-ən, -lăch'ən) A mountain system of E North America extending SW from E Canada to central AL.
- ap•pall** (ə-pŏl') ▶ *v.* To fill with horror or dismay. [*< OFr. apalir, grow pallid, faint.*] — **ap•pall'ing•ly** *adv.*
- ap•pa•loo•sa** (ăp'ə-lōō'sə) ▶ *n.* A horse having a spotted rump. [?]
- ap•pa•rat•us** (ăp'ə-răt'əs, -răt'əs) ▶ *n., pl. -us* or **-uses** **1a.** The means by which a function or task is performed. **b.** A political organization or movement. **2a.** A machine or machinery. **b.** A group of materials or devices used for a particular purpose: *dental apparatus*. See **Syns** at **equipment**. **3.** A system. [*< Lat. apparatus, prepare.*]
- ap•par•el** (ə-păr'əl) ▶ *n.* Clothing, esp. outer garments. ▶ *v. -eled, -el-ing* or **-elled, -el-ing.** To clothe or dress. [*< OFr. appareillier, prepare.*]
- ap•par•ent** (ə-păr'ənt, -păr'-) ▶ *adj.* **1.** Readily seen; visible. **2.** Readily understood; obvious. **3.** Appearing as such but not necessarily so. [*< Lat. apparere, appear.*] — **ap•par'ent•ly** *adv.*
- Syns:** *apparent, clear, clear-cut, distinct, evident, manifest, obvious, patent, plain* *adj.*
- ap•pa•ri•tion** (ăp'ə-rish'ən) ▶ *n.* **1.** A ghost. **2.** A sudden or unusual sight. [*< Lat. apparere, appear.*] — **ap'pa•ri'tion•al** *adj.*
- ap•peal** (ə-pēl') ▶ *n.* **1.** An earnest request. **2.** An application to a higher authority: *an appeal to reason*. **3. Law a.** The transfer of a case from a lower to a higher court for a new hearing. **b.** A request for a new hearing. **4.** The power of attracting interest: *a city with appeal for tourists*. ▶ *v.* **1.** To make an earnest request, as for help. **2.** To have recourse. **3. Law** To make or apply for an appeal. **4.** To be attractive. [*< Lat. appellare, entreat.*] — **ap•peal'a•ble** *adj.* — **ap•peal'er** *n.* — **ap•peal'ing•ly** *adv.*
- ap•pear** (ə-pîr') ▶ *v.* **1.** To become visible. **2.** To come into existence. **3.** To seem. See **Syns** at **seem**. **4.** To seem likely. **5.** To come before the public. **6. Law** To present oneself before a court. [*< Lat. apparere.*]
- ap•pear•ance** (ə-pîr'əns) ▶ *n.* **1.** The act of appearing. **2.** Outward aspect: *an untidy appearance*. **3.** A pretense.
- ap•pease** (ə-pēz') ▶ *v. -peased, -peas-ing* **1.** To satisfy or relieve: *appease one's thirst*. **2.** To pacify (an enemy) by granting concessions
- [*< OFr. apesier.*] — **ap•peas'a•ble** *adj.* — **ap•peas'ment** *n.* — **ap•peas'er** *n.*
- ap•pel•lant** (ə-pēl'ənt) ▶ *adj.* Appellate. ▶ *n.* One who appeals a court decision.
- ap•pel•late** (ə-pēl'it) ▶ *adj.* Empowered to hear judicial appeals and review court decisions. [*< Lat. appellare, entreat.*]
- ap•pel•la•tion** (ăp'ə-lă'shən) ▶ *n.* A name or title. [*< Lat. appellare, entreat.*]
- ap•pend** (ə-pënd') ▶ *v.* **1.** To add as a supplement. **2.** To attach. [*Lat. appendere, hang upon.*]
- ap•pend•age** (ə-pēn'dij) ▶ *n.* **1.** Something attached to a larger entity. **2. Biol.** A subordinate external body part or organ, as an arm or tail.
- ap•pen•dec•to•my** (ăp'ən-dēk'tō-mē) ▶ *n., pl. -mies.* Surgical removal of the vermiform appendix.
- ap•pen•di•ci•tis** (ə-pēn'dī-sī'tis) ▶ *n.* Inflammation of the vermiform appendix.
- ap•pen•dix** (ə-pēn'diks) ▶ *n., pl. -dix•es* or **-dix•es** (-dī-sēz') **1.** Supplementary material at the end of a book. **2. Anat.** The vermiform appendix. [*Lat. < appendere, hang upon.*]
- ap•per•tain** (ăp'ər-tān') ▶ *v.* To belong as a part. [*< LLat. appertinere, pertain.*]
- ap•pe•tite** (ăp'i-tīt') ▶ *n.* **1.** A desire for food or drink. **2.** A strong wish or urge. [*< Lat. appetere, strive after.*] — **ap'pe•ti'tive** *adj.*
- ap•pe•tiz•er** (ăp'i-tī'zər) ▶ *n.* A food or drink served before a meal.
- ap•pe•tiz•ing** (ăp'i-tī'zīng) ▶ *adj.* Stimulating the appetite. — **ap'pe•tiz'ing•ly** *adv.*
- ap•plaud** (ə-plŏd') ▶ *v.* To express approval (of), esp. by clapping hands. — **ap•plaud'a•ble** *adj.* — **ap•plaud'er** *n.*
- Syns:** *applaud, cheer, root v.*
- ap•plause** (ə-plŏz') ▶ *n.* Approval expressed esp. by the clapping of hands. [*< Lat. applaudere, applaus-, applaud.*]
- ap•ple** (ăp'əl) ▶ *n.* **1.** A deciduous tree having alternate white or pink flowers. **2.** Its firm, edible, usu. rounded fruit. — **idiom:** **apple of (one's) eye** One that is treasured: *Her son is the apple of her eye.* [*< OE æppel.*]
- ap•ple•jack** (ăp'əl-jăk') ▶ *n.* Brandy distilled from hard cider.
- ap•ple•sauce** (ăp'əl-sŏs') ▶ *n.* **1.** Apples stewed to a pulp. **2. Slang** Nonsense.
- ap•plet** (ăp'līt) ▶ *n.* A computer application with limited features and memory requirements. [APPL(ICATION) + -ET.]
- ap•pli•ance** (ə-plī'əns) ▶ *n.* A device, esp. one operated by gas or electricity, designed for household use. [*< APPLY.*]
- ap•pli•ca•ble** (ăp'lī-kə-bəl, ə-plīk'ə-) ▶ *adj.* That can be applied; appropriate. — **ap'pli•ca•bil'i•ty** *n.* — **ap'pli•ca•bly** *adv.*
- ap•pli•cant** (ăp'lī-kənt) ▶ *n.* One who applies.
- ap•pli•ca•tion** (ăp'lī-kă'shən) ▶ *n.* **1.** The act of applying. **2.** Something applied. **3.** The act of putting something to a special use. **4.** The capacity of being usable; relevance. **5.** Close attention; diligence: *shows application to her work*. **6a.** A request, as for employment. **b.** The form on which such a request is made. **7. Comp. Sci.** A computer program with a user interface. ▶ *adj.* also **applications** *Comp. Sci.* Of or being a program designed for a specific task.
- ap•pli•ca•tor** (ăp'lī-kă'tər) ▶ *n.* An instrument for applying something

- pro•duc•tive** (prə-dūk'tiv, prō-) ▶ *adj.* **1.** Producing or capable of producing. **2.** Producing abundantly. See Syns at **fertile**. — **pro•duc•tive•ly** *adv.* — **pro•duc•tiv/i•ty** (prō'dūk-tiv'i-tē, prōd'ək-) *n.* — **pro•duc•tive•ness** *n.*
- pro•em** (prō'ēm) ▶ *n.* An introduction; preface. [*< Gk. prooimion.*]
- pro•fane** (prō-fān', prō-) ▶ *adj.* **1.** Marked by contempt or irreverence for what is sacred. **2.** Nonreligious; secular. **3.** Vulgar; coarse. ▶ *v.* — **-faned, -fan•ing** **1.** To treat with irreverence. **2.** To put to an improper, unworthy, or degrading use; abuse. [*< Lat. profanus.*] — **pro•fa•na'tion** (prōf'ə-nā'shən) *n.* — **pro•fan'a•to'ry** (-fān'ə-tōr'ē, -tōr'ē) *adj.* — **pro•fane'ness** *n.*
- pro•fan•i•ty** (prō-fān'i-tē, prō-) ▶ *n., pl. -ties* **1.** The condition or quality of being profane. **2.** Obscene or irreverent language.
- pro•fess** (prə-fēs', prō-) ▶ *v.* **1.** To affirm openly; declare. **2.** To make a pretense of. **3.** To claim skill in or knowledge of. **4.** To affirm belief in. [*< Lat. profiteri.*] — **pro•fess'ed•ly** *adv.*
- pro•fes•sion** (prə-fēsh'ən) ▶ *n.* **1.** An occupation requiring training and specialized study. **2.** The body of qualified persons in an occupation or field: *the teaching profession*. **3.** An act of professing; declaration. **4.** An avowal of faith or belief.
- pro•fes•sion•al** (prə-fēsh'ə-nəl) ▶ *adj.* **1.** Of or engaged in a profession. **2.** Engaging in a given activity as a source of livelihood. ▶ *n.* A person following a profession. — **pro•fes•sion•al•ly** *adv.*
- pro•fes•sion•al•ism** (prə-fēsh'ə-nəl-iz'əm) ▶ *n.* Professional status, methods, character, or standards.
- pro•fes•sion•al•ize** (prə-fēsh'ə-nəl-iz') ▶ *v.* — **-ized, -iz•ing.** To make professional. — **pro•fes•sion•al•i•za'tion** *n.*
- pro•fes•sor** (prə-fēs'ər) ▶ *n.* **1.** A college or university teacher of the highest rank. **2.** A teacher or instructor. — **pro•fes•so'ri•al** (prōf'i-sōr'ē-əl, -sōr'-, prōf'i-) *adj.* — **pro•fes•so'ri•al•ly** *adv.* — **pro•fes•sor•ship** *n.*
- pro•fer** (prōf'ər) ▶ *v.* To offer for acceptance. [*< OFr. profir.*] — **pro•ffer** *n.*
- pro•fi•cient** (prə-fish'ənt) ▶ *adj.* Expert in an art, vocation, or area of learning. [*< Lat. proficere, progress.*] — **pro•fi•cien•cy** *n.*
- pro•file** (prō'fil') ▶ *n.* **1.** A side view of an object or a structure, esp. of the human head. **2.** An outline; silhouette. See Syns at **outline**. **3.** Degree of exposure to public notice; visibility: *kept a low profile*. **4.** A brief biographical essay. [*< Ital. profilare, draw in outline.*] — **pro•file** *v.*
- pro•fit** (prōf'it) ▶ *n.* **1.** An advantageous gain or return; benefit. **2.** often **profits** The return received on an investment or a business undertaking after all charges or expenses have been paid. ▶ *v.* **1.** To make a gain or profit. **2.** To derive advantage; benefit. See Syns at **benefit**. [*< Lat. profectus.*] — **pro•fit'a•bil'i•ty** *n.* — **pro•fit'a•ble** *adj.* — **pro•fit'a•bly** *adv.*
- pro•fit•eer** (prōf'i-tēr') ▶ *n.* One who makes excessive profits on goods in short supply. — **pro•fit•eer'** *v.*
- pro•fli•gate** (prōf'li-gīt, -gāt') ▶ *adj.* **1.** Given over to immorality; dissolute. **2.** Recklessly wasteful; extravagant. ▶ *n.* A profligate person. [*< Lat. profligare, to ruin.*] — **pro•fli•ga•cy** (-gə-sē) *n.*
- pro for•ma** (prō fōr'mə) ▶ *adj.* Done as a formality; perfunctory. [*< NLat. pro formā.*]
- pro•found** (prə-found', prō-) ▶ *adj.* — **-er, -est** **1.** Extending to or coming from a great depth; deep. **2.** Coming as if from the depths of one's being: *profound contempt*. **3.** Thoroughgoing; far-reaching. **4.** Penetrating beyond what is superficial or obvious. **5.** Unqualified: *a profound silence*. [*< Lat. profundus.*] — **pro•found'ly** *adv.* — **pro•fun'di•ty** (fūn'di-tē) *n.*
- pro•fuse** (prə-fyūs', prō-) ▶ *adj.* **1.** Plentiful; copious. **2.** Giving or given freely and abundantly; extravagant. [*< Lat. profusus, p.part. of profunderē, pour forth.*] — **pro•fuse'ly** *adv.* — **pro•fuse'ness** *n.* — **pro•fu'sion** (-fyūs'zhən) *n.*
- Syns:** *profuse, exuberant, lavish, lush, luxuriant, prodigal, riotous* **Ant:** *spare* *adj.*
- pro•gen•i•tor** (prō-jén'i-tər) ▶ *n.* **1.** A direct ancestor. See Syns at **ancestor**. **2.** An originator of a line of descent. **3.** An originator; founder. [*< Lat. progenitor.*]
- prog•e•ny** (prōj'ə-nē) ▶ *n.* Offspring or descendants. [*< Lat. progeniēs.*]
- pro•ges•ter•one** (prō-jēs'tə-rōn') ▶ *n.* A steroid hormone secreted by the ovary before implantation of the fertilized ovum. [*PRO-<sup>1</sup> + GES(TATION) + STER(OL) + -one, suff.*]
- prog•na•thous** (prōg'nə-thəs, prōg-nā'-) ▶ *adj.* Having jaws that project forward to a marked degree. [*< PRO-<sup>2</sup> + Gk. gnathos, jaw.*] — **prog'na•thism** *n.*
- prog•no•sis** (prōg-nō'sis) ▶ *n., pl. -ses* (-sēz). A prediction, esp. of the probable course and outcome of a disease. [*< Gk.*]
- prog•nos•tic** (prōg-nōs'tik) ▶ *adj.* Of or useful in prognosis. ▶ *n.* **1.** A forecast or prediction. **2.** A portent; omen. [*< Gk. prognōstikos, foreknowing.*]
- prog•nos•ti•cate** (prōg-nōs'ti-kāt') ▶ *v.* — **-cat•ed, -cat•ing.** To predict according to present indications or signs; foretell. — **prog•nos'ti•ca'tion** *n.* — **prog•nos'ti•ca'tor** *n.*
- pro•gram** (prō'grām', -grəm) ▶ *n.* **1a.** A listing of the order of events and other information for a public presentation. **b.** The presentation itself. **2.** A scheduled radio or television show. **3.** An ordered list of events or procedures to be followed; schedule. **4. Comp. Sci.** A set of coded instructions that enables a machine, especially a computer, to perform a desired sequence of operations. ▶ *v.* — **-grammed, -gram•ming** or **-gramed, -gram•ing** **1.** To include or schedule in a program. **2.** To design a program for. **3.** To provide (a computer) with a set of instructions. [*< Gk. programma, public notice : PRO-<sup>2</sup> + graphein, write.*] — **pro•gram'ma•ble** *adj.* — **pro•gram'mat'ic** (-grə-māt'ik) *adj.*
- pro•gramme** (prō'grām', -grəm) ▶ *n. & v.* *Chiefly Brit.* Var. of **program**.
- pro•gram•mer** or **pro•gram•er** (prō-grām'ər) ▶ *n.* One who programs, esp. one who writes computer programs.
- pro•gram•ming language** (prō'grām'ing, -grə-ming) ▶ *n.* An artificial language that can be translated into machine language and executed by a computer.
- prog•ress** (prōg'rēs', -rəs, prō'grēs') ▶ *n.* **1.** Movement, as toward a goal. **2.** Development