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set \-'set\ *vb* 1: TROUBLE, HARASS 2: ASSAIL; *also* SURROUND
setting *adj*: persistently present
side \bi-'sid\ *prep* 1: by the side of (sit ~ me) 2 BESIDES 3: not relevant to
side *adv*, *archaic*: BESIDES
sides \bi-'sīdz\ *prep* 1: other than 2: together with
sides *adv* 1: as well: ALSO 2: MOREOVER
siege \bi-'sēj\ *vb*: to lay siege to; *also*: to press with requests — **besieger** *n*
smear \-'smīr\ *vb*: SMEAR
smirch \-'smīrch\ *vb*: SMIRCH, SOIL
som \bē-'zəm\ *n*: BROOM
sot \bi-'sāt\ *vb* **besot**; **besotting** 1: INFATUATE
 !: to make dull esp. by drinking
spatter \-'spa-tər\ *vb*: SPATTER
speak \bi-'spēk\ *vb* -**spoke** \-'spōk\; -**spo-ken** \-'spō-kən\; -**speak-ing** 1: PREARRANGE 2: ADDRESS
 !: REQUEST 4: INDICATE, SIGNIFY 5: FORETELL
sprinkle \-'sprīng-kəl\ *vb*: SPRINKLE
st \bēst\ *adj*, *superlative of GOOD* 1: excelling all others 2: most productive (as of good or satisfaction)
 !: LARGEST, MOST
st *adv*, *superlative of WELL* 1: in the best way 2 MOST
st *n*: something that is best
st *vb*: to get the better of: OUTDO
stial \bēs-'chəl\ *adj* 1: of or relating to beasts 2: resembling a beast esp. in brutality or lack of intelligence
stiality \bēs-'chē-'a-lə-tē, 'bēs-\ *n*, *pl* -**ties** 1: the condition or status of a lower animal 2: display or gratification of bestial traits or impulses
stiar \bēs-'chē-'er-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**aries**: a medieval allegorical or moralizing work on the appearance and habits of animals
stir \bi-'stər\ *vb*: to rouse to action
st man *n*: the principal groomsman at a wedding
stow \bi-'stō\ *vb* 1: PUT, PLACE, STOW 2: to present as a gift — **bestowal** *n*
stride \bi-'strīd\ *vb* -**strode** \-'strōd\; -**strid-den** \-'strīd-ən\; -**strid-ing**: to ride, sit, or stand astride
et \bet\ *n* 1: something that is wagered, risked, or pledged usu. between two parties on the outcome of a contest; *also*: the making of such a bet 2: OPTION (the back road is your best ~)
et *vb* **bet** *also* **betted**; **betting** 1: to stake on the outcome of an issue or a contest (**bet** \$2 on the race) 2: to make a bet with 3: to lay a bet
et *abbr* between
eta \bā-'tə\ *n*: the 2d letter of the Greek alphabet — B or β
eta blocker \-'blā-kər\ *n*: any of a group of drugs that tend to decrease heart action and increase coronary blood flow
eta-carotene \-'kar-ə-'tēn\ *n*: an isomer of carotene found in dark green and dark yellow vegetables and fruits
etake \bi-'tāk\ *vb* -**took** \-'tūk\; -**taken** \-'tā-kən\; -**tak-ing**: to cause (oneself) to go
eta particle *n*: a high-speed electron; *esp*: one emitted by a radioactive nucleus
eta ray *n* 1: BETA PARTICLE 2: a stream of beta particles
etel \bēt-'l\ *n*: a climbing pepper whose leaves are chewed together with lime and betel nut as a stimulant esp. by southern Asians
etel nut *n*: the astringent seed of an Asian palm that is chewed with betel leaves
ête noire \bet-'nwār, 'bāt-\ *n*, *pl* **bêtes noires** \same or -'nwārz\ [F, lit., black beast]: a person or thing strongly disliked or avoided
ethel \be-'thəl\ *n* [Heb *bēth'el* house of God]: a place of worship esp. for seamen
ethink \bi-'thīŋk\ *vb* -**thought** \-'thót\; -**think-ing**: REMEMBER; *also*: PONDER

etide \bi-'tīd\ *vb*: to happen to
etimes \bi-'tīmz\ *adv*: in good time: EARLY syn soon, seasonably, timely
etoken \bi-'tō-kən\ *vb* 1: PRESAGE 2: to give evidence of syn indicate, attest, bespeak, testify
etray \bi-'trā\ *vb* 1: to lead astray; *esp*: SEDUCE 2: to deliver to an enemy 3: ABANDON 4: to prove unfaithful to 5: to reveal unintentionally; *also*: SHOW, INDICATE syn mislead, delude, deceive, beguile — **etrayal** *n* — **etray-er** *n*
etroth \bi-'trōth, -'trōth\ *vb*: to promise to marry — **etrothal** *n*
etrothed *n*: the person to whom one is betrothed
eteter \bē-'tər\ *adj*, *comparative of GOOD* 1: greater than half 2: improved in health 3: more attractive, favorable, or commendable 4: more advantageous or effective 5: improved in accuracy or performance
eteter *vb* 1: to make or become better 2: SURPASS, EXCEL
eteter *adv*, *comparative of WELL* 1: in a superior manner 2: to a higher or greater degree; *also*: MORE
eteter *n* 1: something better; *also*: a superior esp. in merit or rank 2: ADVANTAGE
eteter *verbal auxiliary*: had better (you ~ hurry)
eteterment \bē-'tər-mənt\ *n*: IMPROVEMENT
eteter or eteter \bē-'tər\ *n*: one that bets
etween \bi-'twēn\ *prep* 1: by the common action of (earned \$10,000 ~ the two of them) 2: in the interval separating (an alley ~ two buildings); *also*: in intermediate relation to 3: in point of comparison of (choose ~ two cars)
etween *adv*: in an intervening space or interval
etwixt \bi-'twīkst\ *adv or prep*: BETWEEN
etvel \bē-'vəl\ *n* 1: a device for adjusting the slant of the surfaces of a piece of work 2: the angle or slant that one surface or line makes with another when not at right angles
etvel *vb* -**eled** or -**elled**; -**eling** or -**elling** 1: to cut or shape to a bevel 2: INCLINE, SLANT
etverage \bēv-'rīj\ *n*: a drinkable liquid
etvy \bē-'vē\ *n*, *pl* **etvies** 1: a large group or collection 2: a group of animals and esp. quail together
etwail \bi-'wāl\ *vb*: LAMENT syn deplore, bemoan, grieve, moan, weep
etware \-'wār\ *vb*: to be on one's guard: be wary of
etwilder \bi-'wīl-dər\ *vb*: PERPLEX, CONFUSE syn mystify, distract, puzzle — **etwilderment** *n*
etwitch \-'wīch\ *vb* 1: to affect by witchcraft 2: CHARM, FASCINATE syn enchant, attract, captivate — **etwitchment** *n*
etvay \bā-'vā\ *n* 1: a former Turkish provincial governor 2: the former native ruler of Tunis or Tunisia
eteyond \bē-'ānd\ *adv* 1: FARTHER 2: BESIDES
eteyond *prep* 1: on or to the farther side of 2: out of the reach or sphere of 3: BESIDES
etzel \bē-'zəl, 'bē-\ *n* 1: a rim that holds a transparent covering (as on a watch) 2: the faceted part of a cut gem that rises above the setting
et *abbr* boldface
et or **B** *Gen* *abbr* brigadier general
etbang \bāŋ\ *n* [Hindi *bhāng*]: a mildly intoxicating preparation of the leaves and flowering tops of uncultivated hemp
et *symbol* bismuth
etBIA *abbr* Bureau of Indian Affairs
etian-nu-al \(')bi-'an-yə-wəl\ *adj*: occurring twice a year — **etian-nu-al-ly** *adv*
etias \bī-'əs\ *n* 1: a line diagonal to the grain of a fabric 2: PREJUDICE, BENT
etias *adv*: on the bias: DIAGONALLY
etias *vb* **etiased** or **etiased**; **etias-ing** or **etias-ing**: PREJUDICE
etathlon \bī-'ath-lən, -'län\ *n*: a composite athletic contest consisting of cross-country skiing and target shooting with a rifle

ibib \bīb\ *n*: a cloth or plastic shield tied under the chin to protect the clothes while eating
ibib *abbr* Bible; biblical
ibibelot \bē-'bē-'lō\ *n*, *pl* **ibibelots** \same or -'lōz\ : a small household ornament or decorative object
ibible \bī-'bəl\ *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. ML *biblia*, fr. Gk, pl. of *biblion* book, fr. *byblos* papyrus, book, fr. *Byblos*, ancient Phoenician city from which papyrus was exported] 1 *cap*: the sacred scriptures of Christians comprising the Old and New Testaments 2 *cap*: the sacred scriptures of Judaism; *also*: those of some other religion 3: a publication that is considered authoritative for its subject — **ibiblical** \bī-'bli-kəl\ *adj*
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ibibliography \bī-'blē-'ā-grə-fē\ *n*, *pl* -**phies** 1: the history or description of writings or publications 2: a list of writings (as on a subject or of an author) — **ibibliographer** \-fər\ *n* — **ibibliographic** \-ə-'grā-fik\ *also* **ibibliographical** \-fī-kəl\ *adj*
ibibliophile \bī-'blē-'ə-fīl\ *n*: a lover of books
ibibulous \bī-'byə-ləs\ *adj* 1: highly absorbent 2: fond of alcoholic beverages
ibicameral \bī-'ka-mə-rəl\ *adj*: having or consisting of two legislative branches
ibicarb \(')bī-'kārb, 'bī-\ *n*: SODIUM BICARBONATE
ibicarbon-ate \(')bī-'kār-bə-'nāt, -nət\ *n*: an acid carbonate
ibicarbonate of soda: SODIUM BICARBONATE
ibicentenary \bī-'sen-'te-nə-rē, bī-'sent-'n-er-ē\ *n*: BICENTENNIAL — **ibicentenary** *adj*
ibicentennial \bī-'sen-'te-nē-əl\ *n*: a 200th anniversary or its celebration — **ibicentennial** *adj*
ibiceps \bī-'seps\ *n*, *pl* **ibiceps** *also* **ibicepses** [NL, fr. L, two-headed, fr. *bi-* two + *caput* head]: a muscle (as in the front of the upper arm) having two points of origin
ibicker \bī-'kər\ *n*: ALTERCATION
ibicker *vb*: to engage in a petty quarrel
ibicoastal \bī-'kōst-'l\ *adj*: living or working on both the East and West coasts of the U.S.
ibiconcave \bī-(ə)'kän-'kāv, (')bī-'kän-'kāv\ *adj*: concave on both sides
ibiconvex \bī-(ə)'kän-'veks, (')bī-'kän-'veks\ *adj*: convex on both sides
ibicuspid \bī-'kas-pəd\ *n*: PREMOLAR
ibicycle \bī-'si-kəl\ *n*: a light 2-wheeled vehicle with a steering handle, saddle, and pedals
ibicycle *vb* -**ycled**; -**ycling** \-si-k(ə)-līŋ, -sī-\ : to ride a bicycle — **ibicycler** \-k(ə)-lər\ *n* — **ibicyclist** \-k(ə)-līst\ *n*
ibid \bīd\ *vb* **bade** \bād, 'bād\ or **bid**; **bid-den** \bīd-'ən\ or **bid** *also* **bade**; **bid-ding** 1: COMMAND, ORDER 2: INVITE 3: to give expression to 4: to make a bid: OFFER — **bid-der** *n*
bid *n* 1: the act of one who bids; *also*: an offer for something 2: INVITATION 3: an announcement in a card game of what a player proposes to accomplish 4: an attempt to win or gain (a ~ for mayor)
bid-dable \bī-'dā-bəl\ *adj* 1: OBEДИENT, DOCILE 2: capable of being bid
bid-dy \bī-'dē\ *n*, *pl* **bid-dies**: HEN; *also*: a young chicken
bid-e \bīd\ *vb* **bode** \bōd\ or **bid-ed**; **bided**; **bid-ing** 1: to wait for 2: WAIT, TARRY 3: DWELL
bid-det \bī-'dā\ *n*: a bathroom fixture used esp. for bathing the external genitals and the posterior parts of the body
bid-directional \bī-'dā-'rek-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj*: involving, moving, or taking place in two usu. opposite directions — **bid-directional-ly** *adv*
bid-en-nial \bī-'e-nē-əl\ *adj* 1: taking place once in two years 2: lasting two years 3: producing leaves the first year and fruiting and dying the second year — **biennial** *n* — **bid-en-nial-ly** *adv*
bid-en-nium \bī-'e-nē-əm\ *n*, *pl* -**ni-ums** or -**nia** \-ə\ [L, fr. *bi-* two + *annus* year]: a period of two years

: done as if by a machine : AUTOMATIC **syn** instinctive, impulsive, spontaneous — **mechanically** \k(ə)lē *adv*

mechanical drawing *n* : drawing done with the aid of instruments

mechanics \mi-ˈka-niks *n sing or pl 1* : a branch of physics that deals with energy and forces and their effect on bodies **2** : the practical application of mechanics (as to the operation of machines) **3** : mechanical or functional details

mechanism \ˈme-kə-ˈni-zəm *n 1* : a piece of machinery; *also* : a process or technique for achieving a result **2** : mechanical operation or action **3** : the fundamental processes involved in or responsible for a natural phenomenon (the visual ~)

mechanistic \ˈme-kə-ˈnis-tik *adj 1* : mechanically determined (~ universe) **2** : MECHANICAL — **mechanistically** \-ti-k(ə)lē *adv*

mechanize \ˈme-kə-ˈnīz *vb -nized; -nizing 1* : to make mechanical **2** : to equip with machinery esp. in order to replace human or animal labor **3** : to equip with armed and armored motor vehicles — **mechanization** \ˈme-kə-nə-ˈzā-shən *n* — **mechanizer** *n*

med *abbr 1* medical; **2** medicine **3** medieval **4** medium

MED *abbr* master of education

medal \ˈmed-əl *n* [MF *medaille*, fr. OIt *medaglia* coin worth half a denarius, medal, fr. (assumed) VL *medalis* half, alter. of LL *medialis* middle, fr. L *medius*] **1** : a small usu. metal object bearing a religious emblem or picture **2** : a piece of metal issued to commemorate a person or event or to award excellence or achievement

medalist or **medalist** \ˈmed-əl-ist *n 1* : a designer or maker of medals **2** : a recipient of a medal as an award

medallion \mə-ˈdāl-yən *n 1* : a large medal **2** : a tablet or panel bearing a portrait or an ornament

meddle \ˈmed-əl *vb meddled; meddling* : to interfere without right or propriety — **meddler** \ˈmed-əl-ər *n*

meddlesome \ˈmed-əl-səm *adj* : inclined to meddle

media \ˈmē-dē-ə *n, pl medi-ās* : MEDIUM **4**

medial \ˈmē-dē-əl *adj* : occurring in or extending toward the middle

median \ˈmē-dē-ən *n 1* : a value in an ordered set of values below and above which there are an equal number of values **2** : MEDIAN STRIP

median *adj 1* : being in the middle or in an intermediate position **2** : relating to or constituting a statistical median

median strip *n* : a strip dividing a highway into lanes according to the direction of travel

mediate \ˈmē-dē-ɪ-ət *vb -ated; -ating 1* : to act as an intermediary; *esp* : to work with opposing sides in order to resolve (as a dispute) or bring about (as a settlement) **2** : to bring about, influence, or transmit (as a physical process or effect) by acting as an intermediate or controlling agent or mechanism **syn** intercede, intervene, interpose, interfere — **mediation** \ˈmē-dē-ɪ-ə-shən *n* — **mediator** \ˈmē-dē-ɪ-ə-tər *n*

medic \ˈme-dik *n* : one engaged in medical work; *esp* : CORPSMAN

medicable \ˈme-di-kə-bəl *adj* : CURABLE

medicaid \ˈme-di-ˈkæd *n, often cap* : a program of financial assistance for medical care designed for those unable to afford regular medical service and financed jointly by the state and federal governments

medical \ˈme-di-kəl *adj* : of or relating to the science or practice of medicine or the treatment of disease — **medically** \-k(ə)lē *adv*

medical examiner *n* : a public officer who performs autopsies on bodies to find the cause of death

medication \ˈmi-ˈdi-kə-mənt, ˈme-di-kə-*n* : a substance used in therapy

medicare \ˈme-di-ˈker *n, often cap* : a government

program of financial assistance for medical care esp. for the aged

medicate \ˈme-də-ˈkæt *vb -cated; -cating* : to treat with medicine

medication \ˈme-də-ˈkā-shən *n 1* : the act or process of medicating **2** : MEDICINE **1**

medicinal \mə-ˈdis-ˈnəl *adj* : tending or used to cure disease or relieve pain — **medicinally** *adv*

medicine \ˈme-də-sən *n 1* : a substance or preparation used in treating disease **2** : a science and art dealing with the prevention and cure of disease

medicine ball *n* : a heavy stuffed leather ball used for conditioning exercises

medicine man *n* : a priestly healer or sorcerer esp. among the American Indians : SHAMAN

medico \ˈme-di-ˈkō *n, pl -cos* : a medical practitioner or student

medieval or **medieval** \ˈmē-dē-ˈē-vəl, ˈmē-, ˈmē-ˈdē-vəl *adj 1* : of, relating to, or characteristic of the Middle Ages **2** : extremely outmoded or antiquated — **medievalism** \-və-ˈli-zəm *n* — **medievalist** \-list *n*

mediocre \ˈmē-dē-ˈō-kər *adj* [ME, fr. MF, fr. L *mediocris*, fr. *medius* middle + *ocris* stony mountain] : of moderate or low quality : ORDINARY — **mediocrity** \-ˈā-kra-tē *n*

meditate \ˈme-də-ˈtāt *vb -tated; -tating 1* : to muse over : CONTEMPLATE, PONDER **2** : INTEND, PLAN — **meditation** \ˈme-də-ˈtā-shən *n* — **meditatively** *adv*

Mediterranean \ˈme-də-tə-ˈrā-nē-ən, -ˈrā-nyən *adj* : of or relating to the Mediterranean Sea or to the lands or people around it

medium \ˈmē-dē-əm *n, pl mediums or media* \-dē-ə [L] **1** : something in a middle position; *also* : a middle position or degree **2** : a means of effecting or conveying something **3** : a surrounding or enveloping substance **4** : a channel or system of communication, information, or entertainment **5** : a mode of artistic expression **6** : an individual held to be a channel of communication between the earthly world and a world of spirits **7** : a condition or environment in which something may function or flourish

medium *adj* : intermediate in amount, quality, position, or degree

mediumistic \ˈmē-dē-ə-ˈmis-tik *adj* : of, relating to, or being a spiritualistic medium

medley \ˈmed-lē *n, pl medleys 1* : HODGEPODGE **2** : a musical composition made up esp. of a series of songs

medulla \mə-ˈdū-lə *n, pl -las or -lae* \-(ə)lē, -lī *n* : an inner or deep anatomical part; *also* : the posterior part (*medulla oblongata* \-i-ä-ˈblōŋ-ˈgā-tə) of the vertebrate brain that is continuous with the spinal cord

meed \ˈmēd *n* : a fitting return

meek \ˈmēk *adj 1* : characterized by patience and long-suffering **2** : deficient in spirit and courage **3** : MODERATE — **meekly** *adv* — **meekness** *n*

meer-schaum \ˈmir-shəm, -ˈshəm *n* [G, fr. *Meer* sea + *Schaum* foam] : a tobacco pipe made of a light white clayey mineral

meet \ˈmēt *vb met* \ˈmet; **meeting 1** : to come upon : FIND **2** : JOIN, INTERSECT **3** : to appear to the perception of **4** : OPOSE, FIGHT **5** : to join in conversation or discussion; *also* : ASSEMBLE **6** : to conform to **7** : to pay fully **8** : to cope with **9** : to provide for **10** : to be introduced to

meet *n* : an assembling esp. for a hunt or for competitive sports

meet *adj* : SUITABLE, PROPER

meeting \ˈmē-tiŋ *n 1* : an act of coming together : ASSEMBLY **2** : JUNCTION, INTERSECTION

meeting-house \-ˈhauz *n* : a building for public assembly and esp. for Protestant worship

mega- or **meg-** *comb form 1* : great : large (*megahit*)