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right: palmate compound leaf

com·po (kôm'pô) *n.*, *pl.* **-pos** Any of various combined substances, such as mortar or plaster, formed by mixing ingredients. [Short for COMPOSITION.]

com·po·nent (kôm-pô'nant) *n.* 1. A constituent element, as of a system. See *Syns at element*. 2. A part of a mechanical or electrical complex. 3. *Mathematics* One of a set of two or more vectors having a sum equal to a given vector. 4. Any of the minimum number of substances required to specify completely the composition of all phases of a chemical system. *adj.* Being or functioning as a constituent or an ingredient. [*< Lat. componens, componēt-, pr. part. of compōnere, to put together: com-, com- + pōnere, to put; see apo- in App.*] —**com·po·nent·ial** (kôm'pô-nên'shəl) *adj.*

com·port (kôm-pôrt', -pôrt') *v.* **-port·ed, -port·ing, -ports** —*tr.* To conduct (oneself) in a particular manner. —*intr.* To agree, correspond, or harmonize. [ME *comporten* < OFr. *comporter*, to conduct < Lat. *comportare*, to bring together: *com-, com- + portare*, to carry; see *per-* in App.]

com·port·ment (kôm-pôrt'ment, -pôrt'-) *n.* Deportment.

com·pose (kâm-pôz') *v.* **-posed, -pos·ing, -pos·es** —*tr.* 1. To make up the constituent parts of; constitute or form. See *Usage Note at comprise*. 2. To make or create by putting together parts or elements. 3. To create or produce (a literary or musical piece). 4. To make (oneself) calm or tranquil. 5. To settle or adjust; reconcile. *They managed to compose their differences.* 6. To arrange aesthetically or artistically. 7. *Printing* To arrange or set (type or matter) to be printed). —*intr.* 1. To create a literary or musical piece. 2. *Printing* To set type. [ME *composen* < OFr. *composer*, alteration (influenced by *poser*, to put, place) of Lat. *compōnere*; see *COMPONENT*.]

com·posed (kâm-pôz'd) *adj.* Serenely self-possessed. —**com·pos·ed·ly** (-pô'zid-lee) *adv.* —**com·pos·ed·ness** *n.*

com·pos·er (kâm-pô'zər) *n.* One that composes, esp. music.

com·pos·ing stick *n.* A small shallow tray, usu. metal and with an adjustable end, in which type is set by hand.

com·pos·ite (kâm-pôz'it) *adj.* 1. Made up of distinct components; compound. 2. *Mathematics* Having factors; factorable. 3. *Botany* Of or relating to the composite family. 4. *Composite Architecture* Of or relating to the Composite order. *n.* 1. A structure or entity made up of distinct components. See *Syns at mixture*. 2. A complex material in which two or more distinct, structurally complementary substances combine to produce structural or functional properties not present in any individual component. 3. *Botany* A composite plant. 4. *Mathematics* The application of one function to another. [Fr. < OFr. < Lat. *compositus*, *p. part. of compōnere, to put together. See COMPONENT.*] —**com·pos·ite·ly** *adv.* —**com·pos·ite·ness** *n.*

composite family *n.* The largest family of flowering plants, the Compositae (Asteraceae), characterized by many small flowers arranged in a head looking like a single flower and subtended by an involucre of bracts.

composite number *n.* An integer exactly divisible by at least one positive integer other than itself or 1.

Composite order *n.* *Architecture* A classical order formed by superimposing Ionic volutes on a Corinthian capital.

com·po·si·tion (kôm'pô-zish'ən) *n.* 1a. The combining of distinct parts or elements to form a whole. b. The manner in which such parts are combined or related. c. General makeup: the changing composition of the electorate. d. The result or product of composing; a mixture or compound. 2. Arrangement of artistic parts so as to form a unified whole. 3a. The art or act of composing a musical or literary work. b. A work of music, literature, or art, or its structure or organization. 4. A short essay, esp. one written as an academic exercise. 5. *Law* A settlement whereby the creditors of a debtor about to enter bankruptcy agree to the discharge of their respective claims on receipt of a lesser amount than that actually owed. 6. *Linguistics* The formation of compounds from separate words. 7. *Printing* Typesetting. [ME *composicioun* < OFr. *composition* < Lat. *compositio, composition-* < *compositus*, *p. part. of compōnere, to put together. See COMPONENT.*] —**com·po·si·tion·al** *adj.* —**com·po·si·tion·al·ly** *adv.*

com·pos·i·tive (kâm-pôz'it-iv) *adj.* Synthetic; compounded.

com·pos·i·tor (kâm-pôz'it-ər) *n.* One that sets written material into type; a typesetter. [ME *compositour* < Lat., writer, compiler < *compōnere, compos-*, to put together. See *COMPONENT*.] —**com·pos·i·to·ri·al** (-tôr'ē-əl, -tôr'-) *adj.*

com·pos men·tis (kôm'pôs mên'tis) *adj.* Of sound mind; sane. [Lat. : *compos*, having mastery of + *mentis*, genitive of *mens*, mind.]

com·post (kôm'pôst') *n.* 1. A mixture of decaying organic matter used to fertilize soil. 2. A composition; a mixture. *tr.v.* **-post·ed, -post·ing, -posts** 1. To fertilize with a mixture of decaying organic matter. 2. To convert (vegetable matter) to compost. [ME *composte* < OFr., mixture, compost < Lat. *compositum*, mixture < neut. *p. part. of compōnere, to put together. See COMPONENT.*]

com·post·ing toilet (kôm'pô'st'ing) *n.* A toilet that uses little or no water, connected to a tank in which waste material is decomposed by aerobic bacteria.

com·po·sure (kâm-pô'zhər) *n.* A calm or tranquil state of

mind; self-possession. [*< COMPPOSE.*]

com·pote (kôm'pôt) *n.* 1. Fruit stewed or cooked in syrup. 2. long-stemmed dish used for holding fruit, nuts, or candy. [*< OFr. composte, mixture < Lat. composita, fem. p. part. of compōnere, to put together. See COMPONENT.*]

com·pound (kôm'pound', kâm-, kôm'pound') *v.* **-pound·ed, -pound·ing, -pounds** —*tr.* 1. To combine so as to form a substance. 2. To produce or create by combining two or more ingredients or parts. 3. To settle (a debt, for example) by agreeing to pay an amount less than the claim; adjust. 4. To compute (interest) on the principal and accrued interest. 5. To add to; increase. —*intr.* 1. To form a compound. 2. To come to terms; agree. —**com·pound·er** (kôm'pound', kâm-, kôm'pound') *n.* 1. Consisting of two or more substances, ingredients, elements, or parts. 2. *Botany* Consisting of more than one part. *n.* 1. A combination of two or more elements or parts. See *Syns at mixture*. 2. *Linguistics* A word that consists either of two or more elements that are independent words, such as *loudspeaker*, or of specially modified combining forms of words, such as Greek *philosophia*, *philosophy*, *philos-*, "loving," and *sophia*, "wisdom." 3. *Chemistry* A substance consisting of atoms or ions of two or more different elements in definite proportions that cannot be separated by physical means. 4. *Botany* a. A leaf whose blade is divided into two or more distinct leaflets. b. A pistil composed of two or more united carpels. [Alteration of ME *compounen* < OFr. *componre, compōnere*, to put together < Lat. *compōnere*. See *COMPONENT*.] —**com·pound·a·ble** *adj.* —**com·pound·er** *n.*

com·pound (kôm'pound') *n.* 1. A building or buildings set off and enclosed by a barrier. 2. An enclosed area used for prisoners of war. [Alteration of Malay *kampung*, village.]

com·pound-com·plex sentence (kôm'pound-kôm'plaks) *n.* A sentence consisting of at least two coordinate independent clauses and one or more dependent clauses.

compound eye *n.* The eye of most insects and some crustaceans, which is composed of many light-sensitive elements, each receiving a portion of an image.

compound fraction *n.* See *Complex fraction*.

compound fracture *n.* A fracture in which broken bone fragments lacerate soft tissue and protrude through an open wound in the skin.

compound interest *n.* Interest computed on the accumulated unpaid interest as well as on the original principal.

compound lens *n.* See *Lens* 2.

compound microscope *n.* A microscope consisting of an objective and an eyepiece at opposite ends of an adjustable tube.

compound number *n.* A quantity that is expressed in terms of two or more different units, such as 10 pounds 5 ounces or 3 feet 4 inches.

compound sentence *n.* A sentence of two or more coordinate independent clauses, often joined by a conjunction or conjunctional adverb.

com·pra·dor also **com·pra·dore** (kôm'pră-dôr') *n.* 1. A person between; an intermediary. 2. A native-born agent in China or certain other Asian countries formerly employed by a foreign business to help with commercial transactions. [Port. < LLat. *comparator*, buyer < Lat. *comparare*, to buy: *com-, com-* + *para-*, to get.]

com·pre·hend (kôm'pri-hënd') *tr.v.* **-hend·ed, -hend·ing, -hends** 1. To take in the meaning, nature, or importance of; grasp. See *Syns at apprehend*. 2. To take in as a part; include. [ME *comprehenden* < Lat. *comprehendere*: *com-, com-* + *prehendere*, to grasp; see *ghend-* in App.] —**com·pre·hend·ible** *adj.* —**com·pre·hend·ing·ly** *adv.*

com·pre·hen·si·ble (kôm'pri-hên'si-bəl) *adj.* Readily comprehended or understood; intelligible. —**com·pre·hen·si·bly** *adv.*

com·pre·hen·sion (kôm'pri-hên'shan) *n.* 1a. The act or process of grasping the meaning, nature, or importance of; understanding. b. The knowledge that is acquired in this way. 2. Capacity to include. 3. *Logic* The sum of meanings and corresponding implications inherent in a term. [ME *comprehensioun* < Lat. *comprehensio, comprehensio-* < *comprehensus*, *p. part. of comprehendere, to comprehend. See COMPREHEND.*] —**com·pre·hen·sive** (kôm'pri-hên'siv) *adj.* 1. So large in scope or content as to include much: a *comprehensive history*. 2. Making by or showing extensive understanding. *n.* An examination covering the entire field of major study. Often used in the plural. [LLat. *comprehensivus*, conceivable < Lat. *comprehensus, p. part. of comprehendere, to comprehend. See COMPREHEND.*] —**com·pre·hen·sive·ly** *adv.* —**com·pre·hen·sive·ness** *n.*

com·press (kâm-près') *tr.v.* **-pressed, -press·ing, -press·es** 1. To press together. 2. To make more compact by or as if by pressure. 3. *Computer Science* To transform (data) to minimize the space required for storage or transmission. *n.* (kôm'pres') 1. *Medicine* A soft pad applied with pressure to a body part to control hemorrhage or supply heat, cold, moisture, or medication. 2. A machine for compressing material. [ME *compressen* < OFr. *compresser* < LLat. *compressare*, freq. of Lat. *comprimere*, to compress < *com-* + *primere*, to press.]

com·pressed (kâm-près't') *adj.* 1. Pressed together or into a smaller volume or space. 2. *Biology* Flattened, esp. laterally or lengthwise.

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