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forming part of commercial asbestos. [German *Chrysotil*: Greek *khryso-*, *chryso-* + Greek *tilos*, something plucked (< *tillain*, to pluck).]

chthonic (thŏn'ik) also **chtho-ni-an** (thŏ'nĕ-ən) *adj.* Greek *Mythology* Of or relating to the underworld. [*<* Greek *khthonios*, of the earth < *khthōn*, earth; see *dhghem-* in App. I.]

Chuang Tzu (chwāng' dzū) also **Zhuang-zi** (jwāng'dzū) c. 369–286 B.C. Chinese Taoist philosopher who advocated a skeptical approach to knowledge and a willing acceptance of change as a means of unifying oneself with the Tao.

chub¹ (chüb) *n.*, *pl.* **chub** or **chubs** **1.** Any of various usually stout-bodied freshwater fishes of the family Cyprinidae, especially a Eurasian species, *Leuciscus cephalus*. **2.** Any of various other fishes, such as several freshwater whitefishes of the genus *Coregonus* or various marine fishes of the family Kyphosidae. [Middle English *chubbe*.]

chub² (chüb) *n.* A hermetically sealed plastic tube used for packaging products such as ground meat or caulk. [Perhaps back-formation < *CHUBBY*.]

chub-by (chüb'ē) *adj.* **-bi-er**, **-bi-est** Rounded and plump. See Synonyms at **fat**. ♦ *n.*, *pl.* **-bies** **1.** Informal A chubby person. **2.** Vulgar Slang An erection of the penis. [Probably < *CHUB* (from the plumpness of the fish).] —**chub'/bi-ly** *adv.* —**chub'/bi-ness** *n.*

Chu-but (chā-bōot', chō-) A river rising in the Andes of southwest Argentina and flowing about 805 km (500 mi) eastward to the Atlantic Ocean.

chuck¹ (chük) *tr.v.* **chucked**, **chuck-ing**, **chucks** **1.** To pat or squeeze fondly or playfully, especially under the chin. **2a.** To throw or toss: *chucked stones into the water*. **b. Informal To throw out; discard: *chucked my old sweater*. **c. Informal To force out; eject: *chucking out the troublemakers*. **3.** Informal To give up; quit: *chucked her job*. ♦ *n.* **1.** An affectionate pat or squeeze under the chin. **2.** A throw, toss, or pitch. [Variant of *chock*, possibly < French *choc*, knock, blow; see *SHOCK*¹.]****

chuck² (chük) *n.* **1.** A cut of beef extending from the neck to the ribs and including the shoulder blade. **2a.** A clamp that holds a tool or the material being worked in a machine such as a lathe. **b.** A clamping device for holding a drill bit. **3.** Informal Food. [Dialectal *chuck*, lump, perhaps variant of *CHOCK*.]

chuck³ (chük) *intr.v.* **chucked**, **chuck-ing**, **chucks** To make a clucking sound. ♦ *n.* A clucking sound. [Middle English *chucken*, of imitative origin.]

chuck-a-luck (chük'ə-lük') *n.* A gambling game in which players bet on the possible combinations of three thrown dice. [Probably *CHUCK*¹ + *LUCK*.]

chuck-hole (chük'hōl') *n.* See **pothole** (sense 1). [Probably < *CHUCK*¹.]

chuck-le (chük'əl) *intr.v.* **-led**, **-ling**, **-les** **1.** To laugh quietly or to oneself. **2.** To cluck or chuck, as a hen. ♦ *n.* A quiet laugh of mild amusement or satisfaction. [Probably frequentative of *CHUCK*².] —**chuck/ler** *n.* —**chuck'/le-some** *adj.* —**chuck'/ling-ly** (-ling-lē) *adv.*

chuck-le-head (chük'əl-héd') *n.* Informal A stupid, gauche person; a blockhead. [Possibly < *CHUCK*².] —**chuck'/le-head'ed** *adj.*

chuck wagon *n.* A wagon equipped with food and cooking utensils, as on a ranch or in a lumber camp.

chuck-wal-la (chük'wŏl'ə) *n.* Any of several large herbivorous lizards of the genus *Sauromalus* of the southwest United States and Mexico, especially *S. ater*. [American Spanish *chacahualla* < *Cahuilla* *tcáxwal*.]

chuck-will's-wid-ow (chük'wīlz-wīd'ō) *n.* A nightjar (*Caprimulgus carolinensis*) resembling the whip-poor-will and found in southeast North America, Central America, and northern South America. [Imitative of its call.]

chud-dar (chüd'ər) *n.* **1.** A chador. **2.** A cotton shawl traditionally worn in India by men and women. [Hindi *caddar* and Urdu *çaddar*, both < Persian *çaddar*, variant of *çador*, *çadar*; see *CHADOR*.]

chu-fa (chōō'fə) *n.* A sedge (*Cyperus esculentus*) sometimes cultivated for its edible nutlike tubers, and often occurring as a weed. [Spanish < earlier *chufa*, mockery, joke (probably used of the tubers because they were considered to be of little value and perhaps also influenced by *trufa*, truffle), alteration of *chufra* < *chufalar*, to whistle, ridicule < Vulgar Latin **sufilāre*, alteration of Latin *sibilāre*, *sifilāre*, to hiss, whistle at.]

chuff¹ (chűf) *n.* A rude, insensitive person; a boor. [Middle English *chuffe*.]

chuff² (chűf) *intr.v.* **chuffed**, **chuf-fing**, **chuffs** To produce or move with noisy puffing or explosive sounds: "Switch engines *chuffed* impatiently in busy rail yards" (Robert Paul Jordan). ♦ *n.* A noisy puffing or explosive sound, such as one made by a locomotive. [Imitative.]

chuff³ (chűf) *n.* Chiefly British Vulgar Slang **1.** The buttocks. **2.** The anus.

chug¹ (chűg) *n.* A dull explosive sound, usually short and repeated, made by or as if by a laboring engine. ♦ *intr.v.* **chugged**, **chug-ging**, **chugs** **1.** To make dull explosive sounds. **2.** To move or travel while making dull explosive sounds. [Imitative.] —**chug/ger** *n.*

chug² (chűg) *tr.* & *intr.v.* **chugged**, **chug-ging**, **chugs** Slang To chugalug.

Chu-gach Mountains (chōō'gäch', -gāsh') A range of the Coast Ranges in southern Alaska extending eastward from Cook Inlet to the Canadian border and rising to 4,016 m (13,176 ft).

chua-a-lua (chűə'ə-lűə') Slang *v.* **-luaed**, **-lua-ina**, **-luas** —*tr.*

Chuk-chi also **Chuk-chee** (chōōk'chē) *n.*, *pl.* **Chukchi** or **-chis** also **Chukchee** or **-chees** **1.** A member of a people of northeast Siberia. **2.** The language of the Chukchi, noted for being pronounced differently by men and women. [Russian, *pl.* of *chukcha* < Chukchi *chawchaw*.]

Chukchi Peninsula A peninsula of extreme northeast Russia across the Bering Strait from northwest Alaska. It borders on the **Chukchi Sea**, a section of the Arctic Ocean.

Chu-kiang (chōō'kyāng', jōō'gyāng') See **Pearl River** (sense 2).

chuk-ka (chük'ə) *n.* A short, ankle-length boot having two or three pairs of eyelets. [Alteration of *CHUCKER* (so called because polo players wear a similar boot).]

chuk-ker also **chuk-kar** (chük'ər) *n.* One of the periods of play, lasting 7½ minutes, in a polo match. [Hindi *cakkar*, circle, turn < Sanskrit *cakram*; see *k'el-* in App. I.]

chum¹ (chűm) *n.* An intimate friend or companion. ♦ *intr.v.* **chummed**, **chum-ming**, **chums** **1a.** To be an intimate friend. **b.** To display good-natured friendliness: *chummed around with the other teammates*. **2.** To share the same room, as in a dormitory. [Perhaps short for *chamber fellow*, roommate.]

chum² (chűm) *n.* Bait usually consisting of oily fish ground up and scattered on the water. ♦ *v.* **chummed**, **chum-ming**, **chums** —*intr.* To scatter such bait in order to lure fish. —*tr.* To lure (fish) with such bait. [Origin unknown.]

chum³ (chűm) *n.* A chum salmon.

Chu-mash (chōō'māsh) *n.*, *pl.* **Chumash** or **-mash-es** A member of any of a group of Hokan-speaking Native American peoples formerly inhabiting the southern California coastal region around Santa Barbara and the northern Channel Islands, with a small present-day population near Santa Barbara.

chum-my (chűm'ē) *adj.* **-mi-er**, **-mi-est** Intimate; friendly. —**chum'/mi-ly** *adv.* —**chum'/mi-ness** *n.*

chump¹ (chűmp) *n.* **1.** A gullible person; a dupe. **2.** A stupid or foolish person; a dolt. [Perhaps blend of *CHUNK* and *LUMP*¹ or *STUMP*.]

chump² (chűmp) *tr.* & *intr.v.* **chumped**, **chump-ing**, **chumps** To chew or make a chewing movement. [Variant of *CHAMP*¹.]

chump change *n.* Slang A small amount of money.

chum salmon *n.* A Pacific salmon (*Oncorhynchus keta*) valued as a food and game fish, having tiny specks on the back and large teeth in spawning males. Also called *dog salmon*. [Chinook jargon *cam*, spotted, striped < Lower Chinook *c'ám*, *c'ám-*, variegated.]

Chung-king (chōōng'king', jōōng'ging') See **Chongqing**.

chunk (chűngk) *n.* **1.** A thick mass or piece: *a chunk of ice*. **2.** Informal A substantial amount: *won quite a chunk of money*. **3.** A strong stocky horse. ♦ *v.* **chucked**, **chunk-ing**, **chunks** —*tr.* To form into chunks. —*intr.* To make a dull clacking sound: *listened to the rundown copier chunk along*. [Perhaps variant of *CHUCK*².]

chunk-y (chűng'kē) *adj.* **-i-er**, **-i-est** **1.** Short and thick; stocky. **2.** Heavy or bulky; *chunky shoes*; *chunky gold jewelry*. **3.** Containing small thick pieces: *chunky peanut butter*; *chunky soup*. —**chunk'/i-ly** *adv.* —**chunk'/i-ness** *n.*

Chun-nel (chűn'al) *n.* An underground rail tunnel that runs below the English Channel and connects Great Britain and France. [*CH(ANNEL)*¹ + (*T*)UNNEL.]

chup-pah also **hup-pah** (khŏōp'ə, khŏō-pā') *n.*, *pl.* **chup-pahs** or **chup-poth** (khŏō-pŏt', -pŏs') or **chup-pot** (khŏō-pŏt', -pŏs') also **hup-pahs** or **hup-poth** (khŏō-pŏt', -pŏs') or **hup-pot** (khŏō-pŏt', -pŏs') A canopy on four posts held over the couple being married during a traditional Jewish wedding ceremony. [Hebrew *huppá*, covering, canopy, bridal chamber < *hāpap*, to surround, cover; see *happ* in App. II.]

church (chűrch) *n.* **1.** A building for public, especially Christian worship. **2.** Often **Church** **a.** The company of all Christians regarded as a spiritual body. **b.** A specified Christian denomination: *the Presbyterian Church*. **c.** A congregation. **3.** Public divine worship in a church; a religious service: *goes to church at Christmas and Easter*. **4.** The clerical profession; clergy. **5.** Ecclesiastical power as distinguished from the secular: *the separation of church and state*. ♦ *tr.v.* **churched**, **church-ing**, **church-es** To conduct a church service for, especially to perform a religious service for (a woman after childbirth). ♦ *adj.* Of or relating to the church; ecclesiastical. [Middle English *chirche* < Old English *cirice*, ultimately < Medieval Greek *kūriakon* < Late Greek *kūriakon* (*dōma*), the Lord's (house), neuter of Greek *kūriakos*, of the lord < *kūrios*, lord; see *keuə-* in App. I.]

Church, Frederic Edwin 1826–1900. American painter and leader of the Hudson River School. His works include *Heart of the Andes* (1859).

churched (chűrch) *adj.* Belonging to or participating in a church. ♦ *n.* (used with a *pl. verb*) People who belong to or participate in a church considered as a group. Often used with *the*.

Church Father or **church father** *n.* Any of the authoritative early writers in the Christian church who formulated doctrines and codified religious observances.

church-go-er (chűrch'gŏ'ər) *n.* One who attends church. —**church'/go-ing** *adj.* & *n.*

Chur-chill (chär'chil', chűrch'hil'), **Caryl** Born 1938. British playwright. Her best-known work, *Cloud 9* (1979), is considered a landmark of feminist and postmodern literature.

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Sir Winston Churchill
photographed in 1953

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