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commendation commit

3. To commit to the care of another; entrust. [ME commenden < Lat. commendare: com-, com- + mandare, to entrust; see man-2*.] — com-mend/a-ble adj. — com-mend/a-ble ness n. — com-mend/a-bly adv. — com-

com·men·da·tion (kom'ən-da'shən) n. 1. The act of com-

mending. 2. Something, as an award, that commends. com·men·sal (ks-men'sal) Biol. — adj. Of, relating to, or characterized by commensalism. — n. An organism participating in a commensal relationship. [ME, sharing a meal < Med.Lat. commēnsālis: Lat. com-, com- + Lat. mēnsa, ta-ble.] — com-men/sal·ly adv.

com·men·sal·ism (kə-měn/sə-lĭz/əm) n. Biol. A symbiotic relationship between two organisms of different species in which one derives some benefit while the other is unaffected.

com·men·su·ra·ble (kɔ-men/sər-ə-bəl, -shər-) adj. 1. Measurable by a common standard. 2. Commensurate; proportionate. 3. Math. Exactly divisible by the same unit an integral number of times. Used of two quantities. [LLat. commēnsūrābilis : Lat. com-, com- + mēnsūrābilis, measurable (< mēsūrāre, to measure; see commensurate).] — com·men'su·ra·bil'i·ty n. — com·men'su·ra·bly adv.

com men su rate (ka-men sar-it, -shar-) adj. 1. Of the same size, extent, or duration as another. 2. Corresponding in size size, extent, or duration as another. 2. Corresponding in size or degree; proportionate. 3. Measurable by a common standard; commensurable. [LLat. commėnsūrātus: Lat. com., com. + mėnsūrātus < p.part. of mėnsūrātu, to measure (< Lat. mėnsūra, measure; see Measure).] — com. men/su. rately adv. — com. men/su. rat/tion n. com. men/su. rat/tion n.

explanation, an illustration, or a criticism of a passage in a book or other writing; an annotation. b. A series of annota-tions or explanations. 2.a. A statement of fact or opinion, esp. one that expresses a personal reaction or attitude. b. An implied conclusion or judgment. 3. Talk; gossip. 4. Comp. Sci. Text in a program that does not function in the program itself but is used by the programmer to explain instructions. -v.
-ment·ed, -ment·ing, -ments. - intr. 1. To make a comment; remark. 2. To serve as a judgmental commentary. -tr. To make comments on; annotate. [ME < LLat. commentum, interpretation < Lat., contrivance < neut. p.part. of comminīscī, to devise. See men-1*.]

Syns: comment, observation, remark. The central meaning shared by these nouns is "an expression of fact, opinion,

ing snared by these nouns is an expression of fact, opinion, or explanation": an unpleasant comment about me; an observation about the movie; an offensive remark.

com-men-tary (köm/ən-ter/ē) n., pl. -ies. 1. A series of explanations or interpretations. 2. An expository treatise or series of annotations; an excegesis. Often used in the plural. 3. An apt explanation or illustration. 4. A personal narrative; a memoir. Often used in the plural. -com'men tar'i al (-târ / ē-əl) adj.

com·men·tate (kom/ən-tat/) v. -tat·ed, -tat·ing, -tates. - intr. To serve as commentator. - tr. To make a running commentary on. [Back-formation < commentator.]

com·men·ta·tor (kom/on-ta/tor) n. 1. A broadcaster or writer who reports and analyzes events in the news. 2. One who writes or delivers a commentary or commentaries.

com·merce (kom/ərs) n. 1. The buying and selling of goods, esp. on a large scale, as between cities or nations. See Syns at esp. on a large scale, as between cities of nations, see syns at business. 2. Intellectual exchange or social interaction.

3. Sexual intercourse. [Fr. < OFr. < Lat. commercium: com-, com- + merx, merc-, merchandise.]

Com-merce City (köm/ars). A city of N-central CO, a suburb of Denyer Pop. 16.466

of Denver. Pop. 16,466. com•mer•cial (kə-mûr/shəl) adj. 1.a. Of or relating to commerce. b. Engaged in commerce. c. Involved in work that is intended for the mass market. 2. Of, relating to, or being goods, often unrefined, produced and distributed in large quantities for use by industry. **3.** Having profit as a chief aim. **4.** Sponsored by an advertiser or supported by advertising. -n. An advertisement on television or radio. $-\cos m$ cial · ly adv.

commercial bank n. A bank whose principal functions are to

receive demand deposits and make short-term loans. com·mer·cial·ism (kə-mûr/shə-lĭz/əm) n. 1. The practices, methods, aims, and spirit of commerce or business. 2. An attitude that emphasizes tangible profit or success. — com-mer/cial-ist n. — com-mer/cial-is/tic adj.

com·mer·cial·ize (kə-mûr/shə-līz/) tr.v. -ized, -iz·ing, -iz· es. 1. To apply business methods to for profit. 2.a. To do, exploit, or make chiefly for financial gain. b. To sacrifice the quality of for profit. — com·mer/cial·i·za/tion (-shə-lī-zā/shon) n.

commercial paper n. Short-term, unsecured, discounted, and negotiable notes sold by one company to another in order to satisfy immediate cash needs.

commercial traveler n. A traveling sales representative.

com•mie also Com•mie (kŏm'ē) n. Informal. A Communist. [Short for Соммиліsт.]

com·mi·na·tion (kom'o-na'shon) n. A formal denunciation. [ME comminacioun < Lat. comminatio, commination- <

comminatus, p.part. of comminari, to threaten : com-, comminatus, p.part. of comminatus, or the activity (kaminari, to threaten; see menace.] — com·min/a·to/ry (kamin/a·to/re, tor/e, kom/l-na-) adj.

Com·mines (kô-mēn/), Philippe de. See Philippe de Comines, activity (kaminari, kaminari, kominatus) (kô-mēn/a), Philippe de. See Philippe de Comines, activity (kaminari, kaminari, kominatus) (kô-men/a), comines (kô-men/a

com*mines (ko-men'), rimippe de. See rimippe de contines.

com*min*gle (ko-ming'gol) v. -gled, -gling, -gles. - intr. To
become blended. - tr. To cause to blend together; mix.

com*mi*nute (kŏm'ə-nōot', -nyōot') tr.v. -nut*ed, -nutting
-nutes. To reduce to powder; pulverize. [Lat. comminutere,
comminute: com-, com + minuere, to lessen; see mel.z.;

- com'mi•nu'tion n.

com·mis·er·ate (kə-miz/ə-rāt') v. -at·ed, -at·ing. -ates tr. To feel or express sorrow or pity for; sympathize with - intr. To feel or express sympathy. [Lat. commiseran, commiserat-: com-, com + miserari, to pity (< miser wretched).] - com·mis/era/tive adj. - com·mis/era/tive adj. - com·mis/era/tor n. com·mis·er·a·tion (kə-miz/ə-rā/shən) n. The feeling or ex-

pression of pity or sorrow.

com·mis·sar (kom'i-sar') n. 1.a. An official of the Communist Party in charge of political indoctrination and the en-forcement of party loyalty. b. The head of a commissariat in the Soviet Union until 1946. 2. A person who tries to control public opinion. [Russ. komissar < Ger. Kommissar, deputy < Med.Lat. commissarius, agent. See commissary.]

com·mis·sar·i·at (köm'i·sar eiti n. 1. A department of an army that provides supplies. 2. A food supply. 3. A major government department in the Soviet Union until 1946. [Ft.]

Med.Lat. commissarius, agent. See commissary.]

com·mis·sar·y (kŏm/ĭ-sēr/ē) n., pl. -ies. 1.a. A supermarket

for military personnel and their dependents, usu. located on a military installation. b. A store where food and equipment are sold, as in a mining camp. 2. A lunchroom or cafeteria, espone in a film or television studio. 3. A person to whom a special duty is given by a higher authority; a deputy. ME commissarie, agent < Med.Lat. commissarius < Lat. com

missus, entrusted. See commission.]
com·mis·sion (kə-mish/ən) n. 1.a. The act of granting certain powers or the authority to carry out a particular task or duty.

b. The authority so granted. c. The matter or task so authorized. d. A document conferring such authorization. 2.a. A group of people officially authorized to perform certain duties or functions. b. Often Commission. A ruling council within the Mafia. 3. The act of committing or perpetrating: 4. A fee or percentage allowed to a sales representative or an agent for services rendered. **5.a.** An official document issued by a gor-ernment, conferring on the recipient the rank of a commis-sioned officer in the armed forces. **b.** The rank and powers so conferred. — tr.v. -sloned, -slon-ing, -slons. 1. To grant a commission to. 2. To place an order for. 3. To put (a ship into active service. — *Idioms*. in commission. 1. In active service. Used of a ship. 2. In use or in usable condition on commission. With a sales commission serving as full or partial recompense for the work done. out of commission.

1. Not in active service. Used of a ship. 2. Not in use or in working condition. [ME commission < Lat. commission.] commission < commissus, p.part. of committere, to entrus. See commit.] — com·mis/sion·al adj.

com·mis·sion·aire (ko-mish'o-nar') n. Chiefly British. A uniformed attendant. [Fr. < Med.Lat. commissionārius < Lat. commissio, commission, commission. See commission.] com•mis•sioned officer (ka-mīsh¹and) n. An officer who holds a commission and ranks as a second lieutenant or above

in the U.S. Army, Air Force, or Marine Corps or as an ensign or above in the U.S. Navy or Coast Guard.

com•mis•sion•er (ka-mish/a-nar) n. 1. A member of a commission. 2. A person authorized by a commission to perform certain duties. 3. A governmental official in charge of a department. 4. Sports. An official selected by an athletic association or league to exercise administrative or regulatory pow

ers over it. — com·mis'sion·er·ship' n.
commission merchant n. One that buys and sells goods for

others on a commission basis.

commission plan n. Municipal government in which legislative and administrative functions and powers are vested in an an administrative functions. elected commission rather than in a mayor and city counc com·mis·sure (kom/o-shoōr/) n. 1. A line or place at which two things join. 2. Anat. a. A tract of nerve fibers passiffrom one side to the other of the spinal cord or brain. b. The point or surface where two parts, such as the eyelids, join of form a connection. [ME < Lat. commission < commission part of commission to commission of commission to commission of commission to commission of commissions.] p.part. of committere, to join. See commrt.] - com'mis*su'

com·mit (kə-mit/) v. -mit·ted, -mit·ting, -mits. -tr. 1.1 do, perform, or perpetrate. 2. To put in trust or charge; ctrust. 3. To place officially in confinement or custody. 4. consign for future use or reference or for preservation put into a place to be kept safe or to be disposed of. 6.3. Is make known the views of (oneself) on an issue, b. To bind obligate, as by a pledge. 7. To refer (a legislative bill, as example) to a committee. — intr. To pledge or obligate one own self. [ME committee < Lat. committee : come, committee; to send 1 — committee ble additional committee of the committ mittere, to send.] - com·mit/ta·ble adj.

om mit ment (ka-mit mont) n. 1. The act or committing, esp.: a. The act of referring a le committee. D. Official consignment, as to a priorder authorizing consignment to a prison. 2. do: b.: Something pledged, esp. an engageme prolying financial obligation. 3. The state of emotionally or intellectually to someone or so om mit tal (ka-mit'l) n. 1. The act of entrust on-mit-tal (ka-mit/l) n. 1. The act of entruse of an instance of committing to confinement, pledging oneself to a particular view or position-mit-tee (ka-mit/ē) n. 1. A group of people gated to perform a function. See Usage Nonnoun. 2. Archaic. A person to whom a trus-committed. [< ME committe, trustee < AN committee, to commit < Lat. committere. See occom-mit-tee-man (ka-mit/ē-man, -mān/l) n. is a member of a committee. 2. A man who is is a member of a committee. 2. A man who is of a ward or precinct.

committee of the whole n. The whole member

slative body sitting as a committee to consider om mit tee wom an (ka-mit e-woom an) n who is a member of a committee. 2. A woman

leader of a ward or precinct.
om mix (kɔ-miks', kŏ-) v. -mixed, -mix-i intr. To be or become mixed. -tr. To cause t ommixt, mixed < Lat. commixtus, p.part. of c mix: com-, com- miscère, to mix; see meit om·mix•ture (kɔ-miks¹chər, kō-) n. 1. The ac mixing: 2. The result of mixing; a mixture. om·mode (kɔ-mod¹) n. 1. A low cabinet or che

often elaborately decorated and usu, standing or tet. 2.a. A movable stand or cupboard contains bowl b. A chair enclosing a chamber pot. c. woman's ornate headdress, fashionable around commode, convenient < Lat. commodus. See commodo: di-ous (ka-mō/dē-as) adj. 1. Space 2. Archaic. Suitable; handy. [ME, convenient commodiosus < Lat. commodus: com-, con measure; see med.*.] — com·mo' di·ous·ly mo/di·ous·ness n.

m·mod·i·ty (kə-mŏd'i-tē) n., pl. -ties. 1. Son that can be turned to commercial or other adva article of trade or commerce, esp. an agricultus product, that can be transported. 3. Advant 4. Obsolete. A quantity; lot. [ME commodite venience < Lat. commoditâs < commodus, co DMMODIOUS.

om·mo·dore (kŏm/ɔ-dôr', -dōr') n. 1.a. A for soned rank in the U.S. Navy that is above capta rar admiral. b. One who holds this rank. 2.2 captain of a naval squadron or merchant fleet. sding officer of a yacht club. [Obsolete command Du. komandeur, commander < Fr. commander omander, to command. See command.

m·mo·dus (kŏm/ə-dəs), Lucius Aelius Aureliu 192. Emperor of Rome (180–192) who was m

192. Emperor of Rome (180–192) who was monspiracy led by his mistress.

cm.mon (köm!on) adj. -er, -est. 1.a. Belonging shared equally by two or more; joint. b. Of or recommunity as a whole; public. See Syns at generation with the standard of the standard taquently or habitually; usual. b. Most widely larty. 4. Having no special designation, stati 5a. Not distinguished by superior or noteworthistics; average. b. Of no special quality; standardocre or inferior quality; second-rate. 6. Unrefin manner; vulgar. 7. Gram. a. Either masculine gender. b. Representing one or all of the m class; not designating a unique entity. -n. 1. con ommon people; commonalty. 2. commons. (of S. or pl. v.) a. The political class composed of the parliamentary representatives of this c buse of Commons. 4. A tract of land belonging. a community as a whole. 5. The legal right of the lands or waters of another, as for fishing the lands or waters of another, as for fishing the lands or water of the lands or water of the lands Deally at a university or college. 7. Combined the common service used for a particular class and of the common service used for a particular class and of the common service used for a particular class and of the common services. See mel-18 the common services are mel-18 thanks and common services are mel-18 thanks and common services are mel-18 thanks and common services are mel-18 thanks are mell-18 thanks fon ly adv. — com/mon ness n.

son-ty adv. — com/mon·ness n. mon·age (kom/ə-nij) n. 1. The right to past sommon land. 2. The state of being held in a common land. 2. The state of being held in a common land. 2. The state of a certain son al-i-ty (kom/ɔ-nal/i-te) n. pl. -ties. ssion along with another or others of a certain of attributes. 2. See commonalty 1.

amon al-ty (kom/o-nol-te) n., pl. -ties. 1. To some as opposed to the upper classes. 2. A body corporation. 3. An entire group. [ME communications] amanale < Med. Lat. communications. See Communications. community. See communal.]