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**log-ger-head** \lŏ-gər-,hed, 'lä-\ n : a large sea turtle of subtropical and temperate waters — **at loggerheads** : in a state of quarrelsome disagreement

**log-gia** \lŏ-jē-ə, 'lŏ-jä\ n, pl **loggias** \lŏ-jē-əz, 'lŏ-jäz\ : a roofed open gallery

**log-ic** \lŏ-jik\ n 1 : a science that deals with the rules and tests of sound thinking and proof by reasoning 2 : sound reasoning 3 : the arrangement of circuit elements for arithmetical computation in a computer — **log-i-cal** \-ji-kəl\ adj — **log-i-cal-ly** \-jik(ə)-lē\ adv — **lo-gi-cian** \lŏ-'ji-shən\ n

**lo-gis-tics** \lŏ-'jis-tiks\ n sing or pl : the procurement, maintenance, and transportation of matériel, facilities, and personnel — **lo-gis-tic** \-tik\ or **lo-gis-ti-cal** \-ti-kəl\ adj

**log-jam** \lŏg-'jam, 'läg-\ n 1 : a deadlocked jumble of logs in a watercourse 2 : DEADLOCK — **logjam** vt

**logo** \lŏ-gŏ\ n, pl **log-os** \-gŏz\ : an identifying symbol (as for advertising)

**logo-type** \lŏ-gŏ-'tīp, 'lä-\ n : LOGO

**log-roll-ing** \-,rŏ-līŋ\ n : the trading of votes by legislators to secure favorable action on projects of individual interest

**lo-gy** \lŏ-gē\ also **log-gy** \lŏ-gē, 'lä-\ adj **lo-gi-er**; **-est** : deficient in vitality : SLUGGISH

**loin** \lŏin\ n [ME *loyne*, fr. AF *loigne*, fr. VL \**lumbea*, fr. L *lumbus*] 1 : the part of the body on each side of the spinal column and between the hip and the lower ribs; also : a cut of meat from this part of an animal 2 pl : the pubic region; also : the organs of reproduction

**loin-cloth** \-,klŏth\ n : a cloth worn about the loins often as the sole article of clothing in warm climates

**loi-ter** \lŏi-tər\ vb 1 : LINGER 2 : to hang around idly ♦ **Synonyms** DAWDLE, DALLY, PROCRASTINATE, LAG, TARRY — **loi-ter-er** n

**loll** \lŏl\ vb 1 : DROOP, DANGLE 2 : LOUNGE

**lol-la-pa-loo-za** \lŏ-lə-pə-'lŏ-zə\ n : something extraordinarily impressive or outstanding

**lol-li-pop** or **lol-ly-pop** \lŏ-li-'pāp\ n : a lump of hard candy on a stick

**lol-ly-gag** \lŏ-lē-'gag\ vb **-gagged**; **-gag-ging** : DAWDLE

**Lond** abbr London

**lone** \lŏn\ adj 1 : SOLITARY (a ~ sentinel) 2 : SOLE, ONLY (the ~ theater in town) 3 : ISOLATED (a ~ tree)

**lone-ly** \lŏn-lē\ adj **lone-li-er**; **-est** 1 : being without company 2 : UNFREQUENTED (a ~ spot) 3 : LONESOME — **lone-li-ness** n

**lon-er** \lŏ-nər\ n : one that avoids others **lone-some** \lŏn-səm\ adj 1 : sad from lack of companionship 2 : REMOTE; also : SOLITARY (a ~ road) — **lone-some-ly** adv — **lone-some-ness** n

**long** \lŏŋ\ adj **long-ger** \lŏŋ-gər\; **long-est** \lŏŋ-gəst\ 1 : extending for a con-

a specified length 3 : extending over a considerable time; also : TEDIOUS ( ~ lectures) 4 : containing many items in a series (a ~ list) 5 : being a syllable or speech sound of relatively great duration 6 : extending far into the future 7 : well furnished with something — used with *on*

**long** adv : for or during a long time

**long** n : a long period of time

**long** vb **longed**; **long-ing** \lŏŋ-ŋ\ : to feel a strong desire or wish ♦ **Synonyms** YEARN, HANKER, PINE, HUNGER, THIRST

**long** abbr longitude

**long-boat** \lŏŋ-'bŏt\ n : a large boat usu. carried by a merchant sailing ship

**long-bow** \-,bŏ\ n : a wooden bow drawn by hand and used esp. by medieval English archers

**long-gev-i-ty** \län-'je-və-tē\ n [LL *longaevitas*, fr. L *longaevus* long-lived, fr. *longus* long + *aevum* age] : a long duration of individual life; also : length of life

**long-hair** \lŏŋ-'her\ n 1 : a lover of classical music 2 : HIPPIE 3 : a domestic cat having long outer fur — **long-haired** \-,herd\ or **long-hair** adj

**long-hand** \-,hand\ n : HANDWRITING

**long-horn** \-,hŏrn\ n : any of the cattle with long horns formerly common in the southwestern U.S.

**long hundredweight** n, Brit — see WEIGHT table

**long-ing** \lŏŋ-ŋ\ n : a strong desire esp. for something unattainable — **long-ing-ly** adv

**long-i-tude** \län-'jə-'tūd, -,tyūd\ n : angular distance expressed usu. in degrees east or west from the prime meridian through Greenwich, England

**long-i-tu-di-nal** \län-'jə-'tū-dŏ-n-əl, -'tyūd-\ adj 1 : extending lengthwise 2 : of or relating to length — **long-i-tu-di-nal-ly** adv

**long-range** \lŏŋ-'rāŋj\ adj 1 : relating to or fit for long distances 2 : involving a long period of time

**long-shore-man** \lŏŋ-'shŏr-mən\ n : a laborer at a wharf who loads and unloads cargo

**long-suf-fer-ing** \-'sə-frɪŋ, -fə-rɪŋ\ adj : patiently enduring lasting offense or hardship

**long-term** \lŏŋ-'tɜrm\ adj 1 : extending over or involving a long period of time 2 : constituting a financial obligation based on a term usu. of more than 10 years ( ~ bonds)

**long-time** \lŏŋ-'tīm\ adj : of long duration ( ~ friends)

**long ton** n — see WEIGHT table

**long-ueur** \lŏn-'gœr\ n, pl **longueurs** \same or -'gœrz\ [F, lit., length] : a dull tedious portion (as of a book)

**long-wind-ed** \lŏŋ-'win-dəd\ adj : tediously long in speaking or writing

**loo-fah** \lŏ-fə\ n : a sponge consisting of the fibrous skeleton of a gourd

**look** \lŏk\ vb 1 : to exercise the power of vision : SEE ( ~ what I won) 2 : EX-

<sup>1</sup>**med** \ˈmed\ *adj* : MEDICAL (<~ school)  
<sup>2</sup>**med** *n* : MEDICINE 1 — usu. used in pl.  
<sup>3</sup>**med** *abbr* 1 medical; medicine 2 medieval 3 medium  
**MEd** *abbr* master of education  
**med-al** \ˈme-dəl\ *n* [MF *medaille*, fr. OIt *medaglia* coin worth half a denarius, medal, fr. 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  
**med-al-ist** or **med-al-ist** \ˈme-dəl-ist\ *n* 1 : a designer or maker of medals 2 : a recipient of a medal as an award  
**me-dal-lion** \mə-ˈdāl-yən\ *n* 1 : a large medal 2 : a tablet or panel bearing a portrait or an ornament  
**med-dle** \ˈme-dəl\ *vb* **med-dled**; **med-dling** : to interfere without right or propriety — **med-dler** \ˈme-dəl-ər\ *n*  
**med-dle-some** \ˈme-dəl-səm\ *adj* : inclined to meddle  
**med-e-vac** also **med-i-vac** \ˈme-də-ˈvæk\ *n* 1 : emergency evacuation of the sick or wounded 2 : a helicopter used for medevac  
**me-dia** \ˈmē-dē-ə\ *n*, *pl* **me-di-as** 1 : MEDIUM 4 2 *sing* or *pl* in *constr* : MASS MEDIA  
**me-di-al** \ˈmē-dē-əl\ *adj* : occurring in or extending toward the middle  
<sup>1</sup>**me-di-an** \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  
<sup>2</sup>**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  
**me-di-ate** \ˈmē-dē-ˌāt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** 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 \* **Synonyms** INTERCEDE, INTERVENE, INTERPOSE, INTERFERE — **me-di-a-tion** \ˈmē-dē-ˈā-shən\ *n* — **me-di-a-tor** \ˈmē-dē-ˌā-tər\ *n*  
**med-ic** \ˈme-dik\ *n* : one engaged in medical work; *esp* : CORPSMAN  
**med-i-ca-ble** \ˈme-di-kə-bəl\ *adj* : CURABLE  
**Med-ic-aid** \ˈme-di-ˌkād\ *n* : 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  
**med-i-cal** \ˈme-di-kəl\ *adj* : of or relating to the science or practice of medicine or the treatment of disease — **med-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*  
**medical examiner** *n* : a public officer who performs autopsies on bodies to find

**me-di-ca-ment** \mi-ˈdi-kə-mənt, ˈme-di-kə-\ *n* : a substance used in therapy  
**Medi-care** \ˈme-di-ˌker\ *n* : a government program of financial assistance for medical care esp. for the aged  
**med-i-cate** \ˈme-də-ˌkāt\ *vb* **-cat-ed**; **-cat-ing** : to treat with medicine  
**med-i-ca-tion** \ˌme-də-ˈkā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act or process of medicating 2 : MEDICINE 1  
**me-dic-i-nal** \mə-ˈdi-sən-əl\ *adj* : tending or used to cure disease or relieve pain — **me-dic-i-nal-ly** *adv*  
**med-i-cine** \ˈme-də-sən\ *n* 1 : a substance or preparation used in treating disease 2 : a science and art dealing with the prevention, alleviation, 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  
**med-i-co** \ˈme-di-ˌkō\ *n*, *pl* **-cos** : a medical practitioner or student  
**me-di-e-val** also **me-di-ae-val** \ˌmē-dē-ˈē-vəl, ˌme-, mē-ˈdē-vəl\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or characteristic of the Middle Ages 2 : having a quality (as cruelty) associated with the Middle Ages 3 : extremely outmoded or antiquated — **me-di-e-val-ism** \-və-ˌli-zəm\ *n* — **me-di-e-val-ist** \-list\ *n*  
**me-di-o-cre** \ˌmē-dē-ˈō-kər\ *adj* [MF, fr. L *mediocris*, fr. *medius* middle + *ocris* stony mountain] : of moderate or low quality : ORDINARY — **me-di-oc-ri-ty** \-ˈā-krə-tē\ *n*  
**med-i-tate** \ˈme-də-ˌtāt\ *vb* **-tat-ed**; **-tat-ing** 1 : to muse over : CONTEMPLATE, PONDER 2 : to engage in deep mental exercise directed toward a heightened level of spiritual awareness 3 : INTEND, PLAN — **med-i-ta-tion** \ˌme-də-ˈtā-shən\ *n* — **med-i-ta-tive** \ˈme-də-ˌtā-tiv\ *adj* — **med-i-ta-tive-ly** *adv*  
**Med-i-ter-ra-nean** \ˌme-də-tə-ˈrā-nē-ən, -ˈrā-nyən\ *adj* : of or relating to the Mediterranean Sea or to the lands or people around it  
<sup>1</sup>**me-di-um** \ˈmē-dē-əm\ *n*, *pl* **mediums** or **me-dia** \-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  
<sup>2</sup>**medium** *adj* : intermediate in amount, quality, position, or degree  
**me-di-um-is-tic** \ˌmē-dē-ə-ˈmis-tik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being a spiritualistic medium  
**medivac** *var* of MEDEVAC  
**med-ley** \ˈmed-lē\ *n*, *pl* **medleys** 1

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