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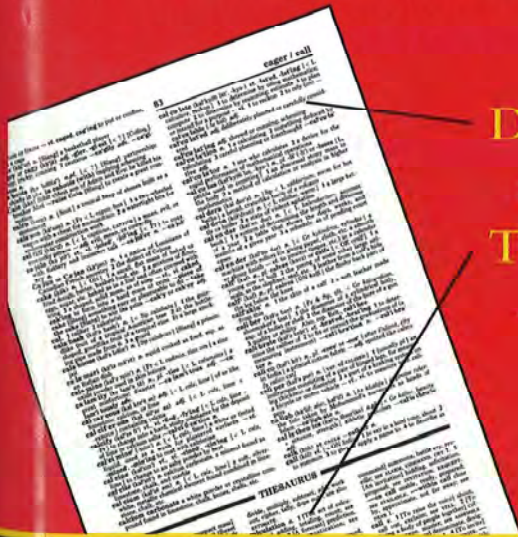
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rel *abbrev.* 1 relative(ly) 2 religion

re-lapse (ri laps'; for *n.*, usually *rē'laps*) *vi.* -lapsed', -laps'ing [See RE- & LAPSE] to slip back into a former state, esp. into illness after apparent recovery — *n.* a relapsing

re-late (ri lāt') *vt.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing [L *relatus*, brought back] 1 to tell the story of; narrate 2 to connect, as in thought or meaning — *vi.* to have some connection or relation (*to*)

re-lat'ed *adj.* connected by kinship, origin, marriage, etc.
re-la'tion *n.* 1 a narrating 2 a narrative; account 3 connection, as in thought or meaning 4 connection by blood or marriage 5 a relative 6 [*pl.*] the connections between or among persons, nations, etc. — *in* (or *with*) **relation** to concerning; regarding — **re-la'tion-ship** *n.*

re-la-tive (rel'a tiv) *adj.* 1 related each to the other 2 pertinent; relevant 3 comparative [living in *relative* comfort] 4 meaningful only in relationship ["cold" is a *relative* term] 5 *Gram.* that refers to an antecedent [a *relative* pronoun] — *n.* one related by blood or marriage — **re-la-tive-ly** *adv.*

relative humidity the ratio of the amount of moisture in the air to the maximum amount possible at the given temperature

re-la-tiv-i-ty (rel'a tiv'ə tē) *n.* 1 a being relative 2 *Physics* the theory of the relative, rather than absolute, character of motion, velocity, mass, etc., and the interdependence of matter, time, and space

re-lax (ri laks') *vt.*, *vi.* [L *re-*, back + *laxare*, loosen] 1 to make or become less firm, tense, severe, etc. 2 to rest, as from work — **re-lax'er** *n.*

re-lax'ant *adj.* causing relaxation, esp. of muscles — *n.* a relaxant drug

re-lax-a-tion (rē'lak sā'shən) *n.* 1 a relaxing or being relaxed 2 *a*) rest from work or effort *b*) recreation

re-lay (rē'lā'; for *v.*, also *ri lā'*) *n.* [L *re-*, back + *laier*, to leave] 1 a fresh supply of horses, etc., as for a stage of a journey 2 a relief crew of workers 3 a race (in full relay race) between teams, each member of which goes a part of the distance — *vt.* -layed', -lay'ing to get and pass on

re-lease (ri lēs') *vt.* -leased', -leas'ing [See RELAX] 1 to set free from confinement, work, pain, etc. 2 to let go (to release an arrow) 3 to permit to be issued, published, etc. — *n.* 1 a releasing, as from prison 2 a film, news story, etc. released to the public 3 a written surrender of a claim, etc.

rel-e-gate (rel'ə gāt') *vt.* -gat'ed, -gat'ing [L *re-*, away + *legare*, send] 1 to exile or banish (*to*) 2 to consign or assign, esp. to an inferior position 3 to refer or hand over for decision — **rel-e-ga'tion** *n.*

re-lent (ri lent') *vi.* [L *re-*, again + *lentus*, pliant] to become less severe, stern, or stubborn; soften

re-lent'less *adj.* 1 harsh; pitiless 2 not letting up; persistent — **re-lent'less-ly** *adv.* — **re-lent'less-ness** *n.*

re-le-vant (rel'ə vānt) *adj.* [See RELIEVE] relating to the matter under consideration; pertinent — **re-le-vance** or **re-le-van-cy** *n.*

re-li-a-ble (ri lī'ə bəl) *adj.* that can be relied on; dependable — **re-li-a-bil'i-ty** *n.* — **re-li-a-bly** *adv.*

re-li'ance (-əns) *n.* 1 a relying 2 trust, dependence, or confidence 3 a thing relied on — **re-li'ant** *adj.*

re-lic (rel'ik) *n.* [See RELINQUISH] 1 an object, custom, etc. surviving from the past 2 a souvenir 3 [*pl.*] ruins 4 the venerated remains, etc. of a saint

re-lief (ri lēf') *n.* 1 a relieving of pain, anxiety, a burden, etc. 2 anything that lessens tension, or offers a pleasing

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REVIVAL 1.

relapse *n.* reversion, recidivism, return; see LOSS 3.

relapse *v.* lapse, retrogress, fall, backslide, revert, regress, suffer a relapse, deteriorate, degenerate, fall from grace, fall off, weaken, sink back, fall into again, slip back, slide back, be overcome, give in to again.

relate *v.* 1 [Tell] recount, recite, retell; see DESCRIBE, REPORT 1. 2 [Connect] bring into relation, associate, correlate; see COMPARE 1. — **relate** to be associated with, be connected with, affect; see CONCERN 1, REFER 1.

related *a.* 1 [Told] described, narrated, recounted; see TOLD. 2 [Connected] associated, in touch, with, linked, tied up, knit together, allied, affiliated, complementary, analogous, correspondent, akin, alike, like, parallel, correlated, intertwined, interrelated, similar, mutual, dependent, interdependent, interwoven, of that ilk, in the same category, reciprocal, interchangeable. 3 [Akin] kindred, of the same family, germane, fraternal, cognate, consanguine, of one blood; see also sense 2.

relation *n.* 1 [Relationship] connection, association, similarity; see RELATIONSHIP. 2 [A relative] family connection, sibling, kin; see RELATIVE. — *in* **relation** to concerning, with reference to, about; see REGARDING.

relationship *n.* relation, connection, tie, association, affinity, likeness, link, kinship, bond, dependence, relativity, proportion, rapport, analogy, homogeneity, interrelation, correlation, nearness, alliance, relevance, accord, hookup[®], contact; see also SIMILARITY. — *Ant.* DIFFERENCE, dissimilarity, oppositeness.

relative *a.* dependent, contingent, applicable; see RELATED 2, RELEVANT. — **relative** to with respect to, concerning, relating to; see ABOUT 2.

relative *n.* kin, family connection, relation, member of the family, blood relation, next of kin, sibling, kinsman, kinswoman. *Relatives* include the fol-

lowing: mother, father, parent, grandmother, grandfather, grandparent, grandchild, grandson, granddaughter, great-grandmother, great-grandfather, ancestor, aunt, uncle, great-aunt, great-uncle, cousin, first cousin, second cousin, distant cousin, wife, husband, spouse, daughter, son, child, stepchild, stepparent, half brother, half sister, stepfather, stepmother, biological parent, adoptive parent, descendant, nephew, niece, brother, sister, kinsman, kinswoman, in-law[®], mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law.

relatively *a.* comparatively, approximately, nearly; see ALMOST.

relax *v.* repose, recline, settle back, make oneself at home, breathe easy[®], take one's time, take a break, sit around[®], stop work, lie down, unbend, be at ease, take a breather[®]; see also REST 1.

relaxation *n.* repose, reclining, loosening; see REST 1.

relaxed *a.* untroubled, carefree, at ease; see COMFORTABLE 1.

relay *v.* communicate, transfer, send forth, transmit, hand over, hand down, turn over, deliver, pass on; see also CARRY 1, SEND 1.

release *n.* 1 [Freedom] liberation, discharge, freeing; see FREEDOM 2. 2 [That which has been released; usually, printed matter] news story, publicity, news flash; see PROPAGANDA, STORY.

release *v.* liberate, let go, acquit; see FREE.

released *a.* 1 [Freed] discharged, dismissed, liberated; see FREE 1, 2. 2 [Announced] broadcast, stated, made public; see PUBLISHED.

relent *v.* soften, comply, relax; see YIELD 1.

relentless *a.* unmerciful, vindictive, hard; see RUTHLESS.

relevance *n.* connection, significance, pertinence; see IMPORTANCE.

relevant *a.* suitable, appropriate, fit, proper, pertinent to, becoming, pertinent to, apt, applicable, important, fitting, congruous, cognate,

related, conforming, concerning, compatible, accordant, referring, harmonious, correspondent, consonant, congruent, consistent, correlated, associated, allied, relative, connected, to the point, bearing on the question, having direct bearing, having to do with, related to, on the nose. — *Ant.* IRRELEVANT, WRONG, not pertinent.

reliability *n.* dependability, trustworthiness, constancy, loyalty, faithfulness, sincerity, devotion, honesty, authenticity, steadfastness, fidelity, safety, security.

reliable *a.* firm, unimpeachable, sterling, strong, positive, stable, dependable, sure, solid, staunch, decisive, unequivocal, steadfast, definite, conscientious, constant, steady, trustworthy, faithful, loyal, good, true, devoted, tried, trusty, honest, honorable, candid, truehearted, responsible, high-principled, sincere, altruistic, determined, reputable, careful, proved, respectable, righteous, decent, incorrupt, truthful, upright, regular, all right, kosher[®], OK[®], on the up and up[®], true-blue, safe, sound, guaranteed, certain, substantial, secure, unquestionable, conclusive, irrefutable, incontestable, unfailing, infallible, authentic, competent, assured, workable, foolproof, surefire. — *Ant.* DANGEROUS, insecure, undependable.

reliably *a.* assuredly, presumably, certainly; see PROBABLY, SURELY.

reliance *n.* confidence, trust, hope; see FAITH 1.

relic *n.* 1 [Something left from an earlier time] vestige, trace, survival, heirloom, antique, souvenir, keepsake, curio, memento, curiosity, token, testimonial, evidence, monument, trophy, remains, artifact, remembrance, bric-a-brac. 2 [A ruin] remnant, residue, remains, broken stone; see also DESTRUCTION 2, RUIN 2.

relief *n.* 1 [The act of bringing succor] alleviation, softening, comforting; see COMFORT 2. 2 [Aid] assistance, support, maintenance; see HELP 1. 3 [A relieved state of mind] satisfaction, relaxation, ease, release, happiness, contentment, cheer, restfulness, a

change 3 aid, esp. by a public agency to the needy 4 release from work or duty, or those bringing it 5 the projection of sculptured forms from a flat surface 6 the differences in height, collectively, of land forms shown as by lines on a map (relief map) — *adj.* Baseball designating a pitcher who replaces another during a game — *in relief* carved so as to project from a surface

re-lieve (ri lēv') *vt.* -lieved', -liev'ing [*<* L *re-*, again + *levare*, to raise] 1 to ease (pain, anxiety, etc.) 2 to free from pain, anxiety, a burden, etc. 3 to give or bring aid to 4 to set free from duty or work by replacing 5 to make less tedious, etc. by providing a pleasing change — *relieve oneself* to urinate or defecate

re-li-gion (ri lij'ən) *n.* [*<* L *religio*, holiness] 1 belief in and worship of God or gods 2 a specific system of belief, worship, etc., often involving a code of ethics

re-li-gi-ous-ty (-ē əs'ə tē) *n.* a being religious, esp. excessively or sentimentally religious

re-li-gious (-əs) *adj.* 1 devout; pious 2 of or concerned with religion 3 conscientiously exact; scrupulous — *n., pl. -gious* a monk or nun — *re-li-gious-ly adv.*

re-lin-quish (ri lin'kwish) *vt.* [*<* L *re-*, from + *linquere*, to leave] 1 to give up (a plan, etc.) or let go (one's grasp, etc.) 2 to renounce or surrender (property, a right, etc.) — *re-lin-quish-ment n.*

re-lish (rel'ish) *n.* [*<* OFr *relais*, something remaining] 1 an appetizing flavor 2 enjoyment; zest /to listen with relish/ 3 a food, as pickles or raw vegetables, served with a meal to add flavor 4 a condiment of chopped pickles, spices, etc. for use as on hot dogs — *vt.* to enjoy; like

re-live (rē liv') *vt.* -lived', -liv'ing to experience again (a past event) as in the imagination

re-lo-cate (rē lō'kāt') *vt., vi.* -cat'ed, -cat'ing to move to a new location — *re-lo-ca-tion n.*

re-luc-tant (ri luk'tənt) *adj.* [*<* L *re-*, against + *luctari*, to struggle] 1 unwilling; disinclined 2 marked by unwillingness [a reluctant answer] — *re-luc-tance n.* — *re-luc-tant-ly adv.*

re-ly (ri lī') *vi.* -lied', -ly'ing [*<* L *re-*, back + *ligere*, bind] to trust or depend: used with *on* or *upon*

rem (rem) *n., pl. rem* [r(œntgen) *e*(quivalent), *m*(an)] a dose of ionizing radiation with a biological effect equal to one roentgen of X-ray

REM (rem) *n., pl. REMs* [r(apid) *e*(ye) *m*(ovement)] the rapid, jerky movement of the eyeballs during stages of sleep associated with dreaming

re-main (ri mən') *vi.* [*<* L *re-*, back + *manere*, to stay] 1 to be left over when the rest has been taken away, etc. 2 to stay 3 to continue /to remain a cynic/ 4 to be left to be done, said, etc.

re-main'der *n.* 1 those remaining 2 what is left when a part is taken away 3 what is left when a smaller number is subtracted from a larger 4 what is left undivided when a number is divided by another that is not one of its factors

re-mains' *pl.n.* 1 what is left after use, destruction, etc. 2 a dead body

re-mand (ri mand') *vt.* [*<* L *re-*, back + *mandare*, to order] to send back (a prisoner, etc.) into custody

re-mark (ri mār'k') *vt.* [*<* Fr *re-*, again + *marquer*, to mark] 1 to notice, or observe 2 to say or write as a comment — *vt.* to make a comment: with *on* or *upon* — *n.* a brief comment

re-mark'a-ble *adj.* worthy of notice; extraordinary — *re-mark'a-bly adv.*

Rem-brandt (rem'brant') 1606-69; Du. painter & etcher

re-me-di-al (ri mē'dē əl) *adj.* 1 providing a remedy 2 for correcting deficiencies: said as of some courses of study

re-me'di-ate' (-āt') *vt. -at'ed, -at'ing* to provide a remedy for

rem-e-dy (rem'ə dē) *n., pl. -dies* [*<* L *re-*, again + *mederi*, heal] 1 any medicine or treatment for a disease 2 something to correct a wrong — *vt. -died, -dy-ing* to cure, correct, etc.

re-mem-ber (ri mem'bər) *vt.* [*<* L *re-*, again + *memorare*, bring to mind] 1 to think of again 2 to bring back to

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load off one's mind; see also COMFORT. 4 [The person or thing that brings relief] diversion, relaxation, consolation, solace, reinforcement, supplies, food, shelter, clothing, release, respite, remedy, nursing, medicine, medical care, redress, reparations, indemnities, variety, change, cure; see also HELP 1. 5 [The raised portions of a sculptural decoration or map] projection, contour, configuration; see DECORATION 2.

relieve *v.* 1 [To replace] discharge, throw out, force to resign; see DISMISS. 2 [To lessen; said especially of pain] assuage, alleviate, soothe, comfort, allay, divert, free, ease, lighten, soften, diminish, mitigate, console, cure, aid, assist; see also DECREASE 2, HELP.

relieved *a.* 1 [Eased in mind] comforted, solaced, consoled, reassured, satisfied, soothed, relaxed, put at ease, restored, reconciled, appeased, placated, alleviated, mollified, disarmed, pacified, adjusted, propitiated, breathing easy*; see also COMFORTABLE 1.—*Ant.* SAD, worried, distraught. 2 [Deprived of something, or freed from it] replaced, dismissed, separated from, disengaged, released, made free of, rescued, delivered, supplanted, superseded, succeeded, substituted for, exchanged, interchanged. 3 [Lessened; said especially of pain] mitigated, palliated, softened, assuaged, eased, abated, diminished, salved, soothed, lightened, alleviated, drugged, anesthetized.

religion *n.* 1 [All that centers about human beings' belief in or relationship with a superior being or beings] belief, devotion, piety, spirituality, persuasion, godliness, sense of righteousness, morality, theology, faithfulness, devoutness, creed, myth, superstition, doctrine, cult, denomination, mythology, communion, sect,

fidelity, conscientiousness, religious bent, ethical standard; see also FAITH 2. 2 [Organized worship or service of a deity] veneration, adoration, consecration, sanctification, prayer, rites, holy sacrifice, incantation, holiday, observance, orthodoxy; see also CEREMONY 2. *Religions include the following:* Christianity, Buddhism, Zen Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Zoroastrianism, Shintoism, Confucianism, Taoism, Jainism, Bahá'ism, nature worship, Wicca, paganism, Sikhism, monotheism, ancestor worship, voodoo, Santería, deism, theism, polytheism, dualism; see also CHURCH 3. —*get religion** become converted, believe, change; see REFORM 2, 3.

religious *a.* 1 [Pertaining to religion] ethical, spiritual, moral, ecclesiastical, clerical, theological, canonical, divine, supernatural, holy, sacred, churchly, theistic, deistic, priestly, pontifical, pastoral, ministerial.—*Ant.* WORLDLY, secular, earthly. 2 [Devout] pious, puritanical, sanctimonious, pietistic, godly, god-fearing, orthodox, reverend, reverential, believing, faithful, fanatic, evangelistic, revivalistic, churchgoing; see also HOLY 1. 3 [Scrupulous] methodical, minute, thorough; see CAREFUL.

relish *n.* 1 [A condiment] flavoring, accent, pickle. *Relishes include the following:* catsup or ketchup, piccalilli, cucumber relish, pickle relish, mincemeat, pickled pears, pickled peaches, chutney, chili sauce, hot sauce, cranberry sauce. 2 [Obvious delight] gusto, joy, great satisfaction; see ZEAL.

relish *v.* enjoy, fancy, be fond of; see LIKE 1, 2.

reluctance *n.* disinclination, qualm, hesitation; see DOUBT.

reluctant *a.* disinclined, loath,

unwilling, averse, opposed, tardy, backward, adverse, laggard, remiss, slack, squeamish, demurring, grudging, involuntary, uncertain, hanging back, hesitant, hesitating, diffident, with bad grace, indisposed, disheartened, discouraged, queasy.—*Ant.* WILLING, eager, disposed.

rely on (or **upon**) *v.* hope, have faith in, count on; see TRUST 1.

remain *v.* 1 [To stay] linger, abide, reside; see SETTLE 5. 2 [To endure] keep on, go on, prevail; see CONTINUE 1, ENDURE 1. 3 [To be left] remain standing, endure, outlast; see SURVIVE 1.

remainder *n.* remaining portion, leftovers, residue, remains, relic, remnant, dregs, surplus, leavings, balance, residuum, excess, overplus, scrap, fragment, small piece, carry-over, rest, residual portion, average, salvage.

remains *n.* corpse, cadaver, relics; see BODY 2.

remake *v.* change, revise, alter; see CORRECT.

remark *n.* statement, saying, utterance, annotation, note, mention, reflection, illustration, point, conclusion, consideration, talk, observation, expression, comment, assertion, witticism.

remark *v.* say, mention, observe; see SAY, TALK 1.

remarkable *a.* exceptional, extraordinary, uncommon; see UNUSUAL 1.

remarkably *a.* exceptionally, singularly, notably; see ESPECIALLY, VERY.

remedy *n.* 1 [A medicine] antidote, pill, drug; see MEDICINE 2, TREATMENT 2. 2 [Effective help] relief, cure, redress, support, improvement, solution, plan, panacea, cure-all, assistance, counteraction; see also RELIEF 4.

remedy *v.* cure, help, aid; see HEAL.

remember *v.* 1 [To recall] recol-