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away from control. 3. the act of running away. 4. a decisive or easy victory. 5. a young person, esp. a teenager, who has run away from home. —adj. 6. having run away, escaped. 7. (of a horse or other animal) having escaped from the control of the rider or driver. 8. pertaining to or accomplished by running away or sloping; a runaway marriage. 9. easily won, as a contest; a runaway victory at the polls. 10. unchecked; rampant; runaway prices. 11. Informal. deserting or revolting against one's group, duties, expected conduct, or the like, esp. to establish or join a rival group, change one's life drastically, etc.: *The runaway delegates nominated their own candidate.* [1605-15; n., adj. use of v. phrase *run away*]  
—Syn. 9. absolute, complete, perfect.

**run/away star**, *Astron.* a star with an unusually high proper motion, believed to result from its ejection from a nearby binary system when its companion star underwent a supernova explosion. [1965-70]

**run-back** (run/bak/), n. 1. *Football.* a run made by a player toward the goal line of the opponents after receiving a kick, intercepting a pass, or recovering an opponent's fumble. 2. the distance covered in making such a run. 3. *Tennis.* the space on a tennis court between the base line and the backstop. [1905-10; n. use of v. phrase *run back*]

**run/bat/ted in**, *Baseball.* a runner advanced to home for a score by a particular player at bat, as when he or she gets a hit or a walk with the bases loaded; a category important in individual offensive statistics. Abbv: R.B.I.

**run/cible spoon** (run/sə bəl), a forklife utensil with two broad prongs and one sharp, curved prong, as used for serving hors d'oeuvres. [*runcible*, term coined in 1871 by Edward Lear]

**Run/cle** (run/sə), n. **Robert Alexander Kennedy**, born 1921, English clergyman; archbishop of Canterbury 1980-91.

**run/ci-nate** (run/sə nit, -nət/), adj. (of a leaf) pinnately incised, with the lobes or teeth curved backward. [1770-80; < L *runcinatus* (spp. of *runcinate* to plane), equiv. to *runcinatus* carpenter's plane + -atus -ATE']



runcinate leaf

**Run/di** (rōon/dē), n., pl. **-dis**, (esp. collectively) **-di** for 1. a member of a people constituting virtually the entire population of Burundi. 2. Also called **Kirundi**, the Bantu language of the Rundi people, closely related to Ruanda.

**run/dle** (run/dl), n. 1. a rung of a ladder. 2. a wheel or similar rotating object. [1275-1325; ME; var. of **ROUNDLE**]

**run/d-let** (run/dlit), n. 1. an old British measure of capacity, about 15 imperial gallons (68 liters). 2. a small caulk. [1350-1400; ME *roudelet*; see **ROUNDLER**]

**run-down** (run/dəwn/), adj. 1. fatigued; weary; exhausted. 2. in a state of poor health: *He was in a run-down condition from months of overwork.* 3. in neglected condition; fallen into disrepair: a run-down house. 4. (of a spring-operated device) not running because it is unwound. [1675-85; adj. use of v. phrase *run down*]  
—Syn. 3. seedy, tacky, shabby, deteriorated.

**run-down** (run/dəwn/), n. 1. a quick review or summary of main points of information, usually oral: *This brief rundown of past events will bring you up to date.* 2. *Baseball.* a play in which a base runner is caught between bases by two or more players of the opposing team who toss the ball back and forth in an effort to tag the runner out. 3. *Com.* runoff (def. 4). [1905-10, Amer.; n. use of v. phrase *run down*]

**Rund-stedt** (rōon/stet, rōond-/; Ger. rōnt/ahet), n. **Karl Ru-dolf Gerd von** (kārnl rōō/dōlf gerd fən), 1875-1953, German field marshal.

**runes** (rōon), n. 1. any of the characters of certain ancient alphabets, as of a script used for writing the Germanic languages, esp. of Scandinavia and Britain, from c200 to c1200, or a script used for inscriptions in a Turkic language of the 6th to 8th centuries from the area near the Orkhon River in Mongolia. 2. something written or inscribed in such characters. 3. an aphorism, poem, or saying with mystical meaning or for use in casting a spell. [1675-85; < ON *rūn* a secret, writing, runic character; c. OE *rūn* (ME *rune*, obs. E *rūn*). See **ROUND**]  
—**rune**'like', adj.

**runes** (rōon), n. *Literary.* a poem, song, or verse. [1865-70; < Finnish *runo* poem, canto < Scand. See **RUNE**']

**runed** (rōond), adj. having runes inscribed: a runed ornament. [1885-90; **RUNE**' + -ED']

**runesmith** (rōon/smith/), n. a student, writer, transcriber, or decipherer of runes. [1865-70; **RUNE**' + SMITH]

**runes-stone** (rōon/stōn/), n. a stone bearing one or more runic inscriptions. [1850-55]

**run-flat** (run/flāt/), adj. (of an automobile tire) constructed so as not to deflate completely after a puncture so that a motorist can still drive the vehicle for some distance. [1945-50]

**ring**<sup>1</sup> (ring), v. pt. and pp. of **ring**<sup>1</sup>.

**ring**<sup>2</sup> (ring), n. 1. one of the crosspieces, usually rounded, forming the steps of a ladder. 2. a rounded or shaped piece fixed horizontally, for strengthening purposes, as between the legs of a chair. 3. a spoke of a wheel. 4. a stout stick, rod, or bar, esp. one of rounded section, forming a piece in something framed or constructed. 5. a stage in a scale, level in a hierarchy, etc.;

degree: *He rose a few rungs in the company.* [bef. 1000; ME; OE *hrung*; c. Goth *hrunga* rod, G *Runge*] —**ring**'less, adj.

**Rung/e-Kut/ta meth/od** (rōōng's kōōt/ā), *Math.* a numerical method involving successive approximations, used to solve differential equations. [1925-30; named after Carl D. T. Runge (1856-1927) and W. Kutta (1867-1944), German mathematicians]

**runic** (rōō/nik), adj. 1. consisting of or set down in runes; *runic inscriptions.* 2. having some secret or mysterious meaning; *runic rhyme.* 3. (of ornamental knots, figures, etc.) of an interlaced form seen on ancient monuments, metalwork, etc., of the northern European peoples. 4. of the ancient Scandinavian class or type, as literature or poetry. [1655-65; **RUNE**' + -IC]

**run-in** (run/in/), n. 1. a quarrel; argument. 2. *Print.* matter that is added to a text, esp. without indenting for a new paragraph. —adj. 3. *Print.* added to a text without indenting. [1900-05; n., adj. use of v. phrase *run in*]

**Run-jeet Singh** (run/jit sing/). See **Ranjit Singh**.

**run-less** (run/les), adj. *Baseball.* without having scored a run; without runs: a runless inning. [1920-25; **RUN** + -LESS]

**run-nel** (run/nl), n. 1. a small stream; brook; rivulet. 2. a small channel, as for water. Also **run-let** (run/nlit). [1570-80; **RUN** (n.) + -el dim. suffix]

**run-ner** (run/or/), n. 1. a person, animal, or thing that runs, esp. as a racer. 2. a messenger. 3. a messenger of a bank or brokerage house. 4. *Baseball.* See **BASE RUNNER**. 5. *Football.* the ball-carrier. 6. a person whose business it is to solicit patronage or trade. 7. a person acting as collector, agent, or the like, for a bank, broker, etc. 8. something in or on which something else runs or moves. 9. either of the long, blade-like strips of metal or wood on which a sled or sleigh slides. 10. the blade of an ice skate. 11. the rotating system of blades driven by the fluid passing through a reaction turbine. 12. the rotating member of a pair of millstones. Cf. **bed stone**. 13. a roller on which something moves along. 14. *Furniture.* a. a sliding piece, as a looper, b. rocker (def. 1). 15. an operator or manager, as of a machine. 16. a long, narrow rug, suitable for a hall or passageway. 17. a long, narrow strip of line, embroidery, lace, or the like, placed across a table. 18. *Bot.* a. a slender stolon that runs along the surface of the ground and sends out roots and leaves at the nodes, as in the strawberry. b. a plant that spreads by such stems. 19. *Metal.* any of the channels through which molten metal flows. 20. a smuggler. 21. a vessel engaged in smuggling. 22. a person who takes, transmits, and often pays off bets for a bookmaker or a numbers pool. 23. *Ichthyol.* a jurel, *Carax eryos*, inhabiting waters from Cape Cod to Brazil. 24. *Building Trades.* a horizontal longitudinal timber resting upon the uprights of a staging and supporting the footing pieces. 25. *Theat.* a piece of carpet or matting placed in the wings for deadening offstage sounds. 26. a tackle or part of a tackle consisting of a line rove through a single block and fixed at one end. See **diag.** under **tackle**. [1250-1300; ME; see **RUN**, -ER']



runner of strawberry

**run/ner bean**, *Brit.* See **string bean** (defs. 1, 2). [1780-90]

**run/ner foot**, *Furniture.* a foot having the form of a bar connecting the corresponding front and rear legs of a piece. Also called **bar foot**.

**run/ner's high**, a state of euphoria experienced during prolonged running or other forms of aerobic, sustained exercise, attributed to an increase of endorphins in the blood.

**run/ner's knee**, chondromalacia.

**run-ner-up** (run/or up/), n., pl. **run-ners-up**. 1. the competitor, player, or team finishing in second place, as in a race, contest, or tournament. 2. **runners-up**, the competitors who do not win a contest but who place ahead of the majority of the contestants and share in prizes or honors, as those who place second, third, and fourth, or in the top ten. [1835-45]

**run-ning** (run/ing/), n. 1. the act of a person, animal, or thing that runs. 2. managing or directing the running of a business. 3. an act or instance of racing: *the 113th running of the Kentucky Derby.* 4. the condition of a track or surface to be run or raced on; footing: *Our track team had muddy running today.* 5. the amount, quality, or type of a liquid flow. 6. in the running, a. participating or entered as a competitor. b. under consideration as a candidate or possible choice: *Who is still in the running for the directorship?* c. among the winners or those making a good showing. 7. out of the running, a. not competing in a contest or race. b. not among the winners or runners-up in a contest or race: *to finish out of the running.* —adj. 8. galloping, racing, moving, or passing rapidly. 9. (of a horse) a. going or proceeding rapidly at the gait of a gallop. b. taught to proceed at a gallop. 10. creeping or climbing, as plants: *a running vine.* 11. moving or proceeding easily or smoothly. 12. moving when pulled or hauled, as a rope. 13. slipping or sliding easily, as a knot or a noose. 14. operating or functioning, as a machine. 15. (of measurement) linear; straight-line. 16. curvilinear, as handwriting. 17. flowing, as a stream. 18. liquid or fluid. 19. present; current: *the running month.* 20. prevalent, as a condition or state: *running prices.* 21. going or carried on continuously; sustained: *a running commentary.* 22. extending or repeated continuously: *a running pattern.* 23. performed with or during a run: *a running*

*leap.* 24. discharging pus or other matter: *a running sore.* 25. *Naut.* noting any of various objects or assemblages of objects that may be moved in ordinary use: *running bowsprit; running gaff.* 26. *Naut. Mach.* a. noting any block of a tackle that moves. b. noting the part of the fall of a tackle that moves through the blocks (opposed to *standing*). —adv. 27. in succession; consecutively: *He slept badly for three nights running.* [1150-1200; ME; see **RUN**, -ING', -ING']

**run/ning back**, *Football.* an offensive back, as a halfback or fullback, whose principal role is advancing the ball by running with it on plays from scrimmage.

**run/ning board**, a small ledge, step, or footboard, formerly beneath the doors of an automobile, to assist passengers entering or leaving the car. [1810-20, in sense "platform from which a large pole boat is poled," Amer.]

**run/ning bond**, a brickwork bond having successive courses of overlapping stretchers. Also called **stretcher bond**.

**run/ning broad' jump**. See **long jump**.

**run/ning dog**, *Disparaging.* 1. (esp. in Chinese Communist propaganda) a. a person or institution subservient to counter-revolutionary interests. b. a manipulable, servile follower; lackey: *to be reviled as a running dog of the colonialists.* 2. *Archi.* See **VITRUVIAN SCROLL**. [1925-30; in political sense, trans. of Chin *zōngū*]

**run/ning Eng'lish**, *Billiards.* the giving of English or spin to the cue ball to enable it to bounce in the direction of a certain angle. Cf. **reverse English** (def. 1).

**run/ning fix**, *Navig.* a fix made from a moving vessel or aircraft from observations made at different times, the course and distance run between the observations being considered. [1915-20]

**run/ning gaff**, *Naut.* the hoisting gaff.

**run/ning gear**, the working components of a motor-driven or steam-driven vehicle other than those used to develop or transmit power, as wheels, axles or springs, as distinguished from the body. [1655-65, Amer.]

**run/ning hand**, script or calligraphy characterized by uniformly slanted letters that are written quickly and connected by long, continuous strokes of the pen. [1640-50]

**run/ning head**, *Print.* a descriptive word, phrase, title, or the like, usually repeated at the top of each page of a book, periodical, etc. Also called **running title**. [1830-40]

**run/ning joke**, 1. a joke or humorous allusion used recurrently in a play, film, television skit, etc., for a cumulative comic effect. 2. a subject, reference, remark, etc., that is a continual source of humor. Also called **running gag**.

**run/ning knot**, a knot made around and so as to slide along a part of the same rope, thus forming a noose (**run/ning noose**) that tightens as the rope is pulled. [1640-50]

**run/ning light**, any of various lights required to be displayed by a vessel or aircraft operating between sunset and sunrise. [1880-85]

**run/ning mar'tingale**, martingale (def. 2).

**run/ning mate**, 1. a candidate for an office linked with another and more important office, as for the vice-presidency. 2. a horse entered in a race in which another, more important, horse from the same stable, or belonging to the same owner, is run. 3. a close companion. [1865-70, Amer.]

**run/ning myr'tle**, the periwinkle, *Vinca minor*.

**run/ning pine**, a ground pine, *Lycopodium clavatum*.

**run/ning rhythm**, *Pros.* the usual English verse rhythm created by a succession of metrical feet each of which consists of a stressed syllable and one or two unstressed ones. Also called **common rhythm**. Cf. **sprung rhythm**. [1880-85]

**run/ning rig'ging**, *Naut.* 1. rigging for handling sails, yards, etc. (contrasted with *standing rigging*). 2. rigging for handling cargo. [1660-70]

**run/ning room**, 1. the space between a racer and the nearby competitors in a running race, esp. enough to run and maneuver as desired. 2. the space or leeway permitting ample freedom and flexibility to operate, maneuver, or perform without impairment. [1980-85]

**run/ning start**, 1. *Sports.* a start, as in the hop, step, and jump or the running broad jump, in which a contestant begins moving before reaching the starting or take-off point. 2. an initial advantage in undertaking something; a head start: *His background gave him a running start in business.* [1925-30]

**run/ning stitch**, a sewing stitch made by passing the needle in and out repeatedly with short, even stitches. [1840-50]

**run/ning sto'ry**, *Journalism.* 1. a story continued in subsequent issues of a newspaper or magazine; serial. 2. a story sent to the compositor in takes.

**run/ning text**, the body of text in a newspaper, magazine, or the like, as distinguished from the heads, illustrations, etc.

**run/ning time**, *Motion Pictures.* the length or duration, usually expressed in minutes, of a feature film: *The running time of the average film is 90-100 minutes.* [1950-55]

**run/ning ti'tle**, *Print.* See **running head**. [1660-70]

**run-ny** (run/s), adj., **-n-er**, **-n-est**. 1. tending to run

CONCRETE PRONUNCIATION KEY: act, cups, dārs, pūrt; set, equal; if, ice; ox, über, öder, oil, book, bööt, out; up, urge, child; sing, shoe; thin, that; zh as in treasure. a = a as in alone, e = as in system, i = as in easily, o = as in gallop, u = as in circus; \* as in fire (fīr), hour (ou'r), and n can serve as syllabic consonants, as in cradle (krād'l), and button (but'n). See the full key inside the front cover.