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- senior high school** *n*: a school usu. including grades 10 to 12
- seniority** \sēn-ˈyŏr-ə-tē\ *n* 1: the quality or state of being senior 2: a privileged status owing to length of continuous service
- senior master sergeant** *n*: a noncommissioned officer in the air force ranking next below a chief master sergeant
- seni-ti** \ˈse-nə-tē\ *n*, *pl* **seniti** — see *pa'anga* at MONEY table
- sen-na** \ˈse-nə\ *n* 1: CASSIA 2; *esp*: one used medicinally 2: the dried leaflets or pods of a cassia used as a purgative
- sen-sa-tion** \sen-ˈsā-shən\ *n* 1: awareness (as of noise or heat) or a mental process (as seeing or hearing) due to stimulation of a sense organ; *also*: an indefinite bodily feeling 2: a condition of excitement; *also*: the thing that causes this condition
- sen-sa-tion-al** \shə-nəl\ *adj* 1: of or relating to sensation or the senses 2: arousing an intense and usu. superficial interest or emotional reaction — **sen-sa-tion-al-ly** *adv*
- sen-sa-tion-al-ism** \nə-ˈli-zəm\ *n*: the use or effect of sensational subject matter or treatment — **sen-sa-tion-al-ist** \nə-ˈlist\ *adj* or *n* — **sen-sa-tion-al-istic** \sā-shə-nə-ˈlis-tik\ *adj*
- sen-sa-tion-al-ize** \nə-ˈlīz\ *vb* -ized; -izing 1: to present in a sensational manner
- sense** \sens\ *n* 1: semantic content: MEANING 2: the faculty of perceiving by means of sense organs; *also*: a bodily function or mechanism (as sight, hearing, or smell) basically involving a stimulus and a sense organ 3: SENSATION, AWARENESS 4: INTELLIGENCE, JUDGMENT 5: OPINION (the ~ of the meeting) — **sense-less** *adj* — **sense-less-ly** *adv*
- sense** *vb* sensed; **sens-ing** 1: to be or become aware of (~ danger); *also*: to perceive by the senses 2: to detect (as radiation) automatically
- sense organ** *n*: a bodily structure (as an eye or ear) that receives stimuli (as heat or light) which excite nerve cells to send information to the brain
- sen-si-bil-i-ty** \sen-sə-ˈbi-lə-tē\ *n*, *pl* -ties: delicacy of feeling: SENSITIVITY
- sen-si-ble** \sen-sə-bəl\ *adj* 1: capable of being perceived by the senses or the mind; *also*: capable of receiving sense impressions 2: AWARE, CONSCIOUS 3: REASONABLE, RATIONAL — **sen-si-bly** \-blē\ *adv*
- sen-si-tive** \sen-sə-tiv\ *adj* 1: subject to excitation by or responsive to stimuli 2: having power of feeling 3: of such a nature as to be easily affected 4: TOUCHY (a ~ issue) — **sen-si-tive-ness** *n* — **sen-si-tiv-i-ty** \sen-sə-ˈti-və-tē\ *n*
- sensitive plant** *n*: any of several mimosas with leaves that fold or droop when touched
- sen-si-tize** \sen-sə-ˈtiz\ *vb* -tized; -tizing: to make or become sensitive or hypersensitive — **sen-si-ti-za-tion** \sen-sə-tə-ˈzā-shən\ *n*
- sen-sor** \sen-ˈsŏr, -sŏr\ *n*: a device that responds to a physical stimulus
- sen-so-ry** \sen-sə-rē\ *adj*: of or relating to sensation or the senses
- sen-su-al** \sen-shə-wəl\ *adj* 1: relating to gratification of the senses 2: devoted to the pleasures of the senses — **sen-su-al-ist** *n* — **sen-su-al-i-ty** \sen-shə-ˈwa-lə-tē\ *n* — **sen-su-al-ly** *adv*
- sen-su-ous** \sen-shə-wəs\ *adj* 1: relating to the senses or to things that can be perceived by the senses 2: VOLUPTUOUS — **sen-su-ous-ly** *adv* — **sen-su-ous-ness** *n*
- send** *past and past part of SEND*
- sen-te** \ˈsen-tē\ *n*, *pl* **li-cen-te** or **li-sen-te** \li-ˈsen-tē\ — see *loti* at MONEY table
- sen-tence** \ˈsent-əns, -ənz\ *n* [ME, fr. MF, fr. L *sententia*, lit., feeling, opinion, fr. *sentire* to feel] 1: the punishment set by a court 2: a grammatically self-contained speech unit that expresses an assertion, a question, a command, a wish, or an exclamation
- sen-tence** *vb* **sen-tenced**; **sen-tenc-ing**: to impose a sentence on
- sen-ten-tious** \sen-ˈten-çəs\ *adj*: using wise sayings or proverbs; *also*: using pompous language
- sen-tient** \ˈsen-çənt, -chē-ənt\ *adj*: capable of feeling: having perception
- sen-ti-ment** \ˈsen-tə-mənt\ *n* 1: FEELING; *also*: thought and judgment influenced by feeling: emotional attitude 2: OPINION, NOTION
- sen-ti-men-tal** \sen-tə-ˈment-ə\ *adj* 1: influenced by tender feelings 2: affecting the emotions *syn* bathetic, maudlin, mawkish, mushy — **sen-ti-men-tal-ism** *n* — **sen-ti-men-tal-ist** *n* — **sen-ti-men-tal-i-ty** \-men-tə-lə-tē, -mənt\ *n* — **sen-ti-men-tal-ly** *adv*
- sen-ti-men-tal-ize** \-ˈment-ə-līz\ *vb* -ized; -izing 1: to indulge in sentiment 2: to look upon or imbue with sentiment — **sen-ti-men-tal-i-za-tion** \-ˈment-ə-lə-ˈzā-shən\ *n*
- sen-ti-mo** \sen-ˈtē-(ə)mō\ *n*, *pl* -mos — see *peso* at MONEY table
- sen-ti-nel** \ˈsent-ən-əl\ *n* [MF *sentinelle*, fr. It *sentinella*, fr. *sentina* vigilance, fr. *sentire* to perceive, fr. L] 1: one that watches or guards
- sen-try** \ˈsen-trē\ *n*, *pl* **sentries**: SENTINEL, GUARD
- sep** *abbr* separate, separated
- Sep** *abbr* September
- SEP** *abbr* simplified employee pension
- sep-al** \ˈsē-pəl, ˈse-\ *n*: one of the modified leaves comprising a flower calyx
- sep-a-ra-ble** \se-pə-rə-bəl\ *adj*: capable of being separated
- sep-a-rate** \se-pə-ˈrāt\ *vb* -rat-ed; -rat-ing 1: to set or keep apart: DISCONNECT, SEVER 2: to keep apart by something intervening 3: to cease to be together: PART
- sep-a-rate** \se-prət, -pə-rət\ *adj* 1: not connected 2: divided from each other 3: SINGLE, PARTICULAR (the ~ pieces of the puzzle) — **sep-a-rate-ly** *adv*
- sep-a-rate** *n*: an article of dress designed to be worn interchangeably with others to form various combinations
- sep-a-ra-tion** \se-pə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* 1: the act or process of separating: the state of being separated 2: a point, line, means, or area of division 3: a formal separating of a married couple by agreement but without divorce
- sep-a-rat-ist** \se-prə-tist, ˈse-pə-ˈrā-\ *n*: an advocate of separation (as from a political body) — **sep-a-rat-ism** \se-prə-ˈti-zəm\ *n*
- sep-a-ra-tive** \se-pə-ˈrā-tiv, ˈse-prə-tiv\ *adj*: tending toward, causing, or expressing separation
- sep-a-ra-tor** \se-pə-ˈrā-tŏr\ *n*: one that separates; *esp*: a device for separating cream from milk
- sepia** \ˈsē-pē-ə\ *n*: a brownish gray to dark brown color
- sep-sis** \sep-səs\ *n*, *pl* **sep-ses** \sep-ˈsēz\: a toxic condition due to spread of bacteria or their products in the body
- Sept** *abbr* September
- Septem-ber** \sep-ˈtem-bər\ *n* [ME *Septembre*, fr. OF & OE, both fr. L *September* (seventh month), fr. *septem* seven]: the 9th month of the year having 30 days
- sep-tic** \ˈsep-tik\ *adj* 1: PUTREFACTIVE 2: relating to or characteristic of sepsis
- sep-tic-e-mia** \sep-tə-ˈsē-mē-ə\ *n*: BLOOD POISONING
- septic tank** *n*: a tank in which sewage is disintegrated by bacteria
- sep-tu-a-ge-nar-i-an** \sep-ˈtū-ə-jə-ˈner-ē-ən, -ˈtyū-\ *n*: a person whose age is in the seventies — **sep-tu-a-genarian** *adj*
- Sep-tu-a-gint** \sep-ˈtū-ə-jənt, -ˈtyū-\ *n*: a Greek version of the Old Testament prepared in the 3d and 2d centuries B.C. by Jewish scholars
- sep-tum** \sep-təm\ *n*, *pl* **sep-ta** \-tə\: a dividing wall or