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with him. **4** having enough money to live on without worrying: *We're not rich, but we are comfortable.* —**comfortably** *adv.*

**com-fort-er** /'kʌmfətə/ *n.* [C] a thick cover for a bed → see picture at **BED**<sup>1</sup>

**com-fy** /'kʌmfi/ *adj.* *spoken* COMFORTABLE

**com-ic**<sup>1</sup> /'kʌmɪk/ *adj.* funny or amusing: *a comic actress* | *At least Marlene was there to give us comic relief* (=make us laugh in a serious situation).

**comic**<sup>2</sup> *n.* [C] **1** a COMEDIAN **2** a COMIC BOOK **3** the comics [plural] the part of a newspaper that has COMIC STRIPS

**com-i-cal** /'kʌmɪkəl/ *adj.* funny, especially in a strange or unexpected way —**comically** *adv.*

**'comic book** *n.* [C] a magazine that tells a story using pictures that are drawn like comic strips

**'comic strip** *n.* [C] a series of pictures that are drawn inside boxes and tell a story

**THESAURUS**

drawing, picture, sketch, cartoon  
→ see Thesaurus box at **DRAWING**

**com-ing**<sup>1</sup> /'kʌmɪŋ/ *n.* **1** the coming of sth/sb the time when something or someone arrives or begins: *With the coming of the railroad, the town changed considerably.* **2** comings and goings the movements of people as they arrive and leave places

**coming**<sup>2</sup> *adj.* [only before noun] happening soon: *the coming winter*

**com-ma** /'kʌmə/ *n.* [C] the mark (,) used in writing to show a short pause

**com-mand**<sup>1</sup> /kə'mænd/ *n.* **1** [U] the control of a group of people or a situation: *How many officers are under your command?* | *Who is in command here?* **2** [C] an order that must be obeyed: *Shoot when I give the command.* **3** command of sth knowledge of something, especially a language, or the ability to use something: *Fukiko has a good command of English.* **4** [C] an instruction to a computer to do something

**command**<sup>2</sup> *v.* **1** [I,T] to tell someone officially to do something, especially if you are a military leader, king, etc.: *The captain commanded the crew to remain on the main deck.* **2** [T] to get attention, respect, etc. because you are important or popular: *He commands one of the highest fees in Hollywood.*

**com-man-dant** /'kʌmən,dant/ *n.* [C] the chief officer in charge of a military organization

**com-man-deer** /,kʌmən'dɪr/ *v.* [T] to officially take someone's property for military use: *The hotel was commandeered for use as a war hospital.*

**com-mand-er, Commander** /kə'mændə/ *n.* [C] **1** an officer in charge of a military organization or group **2** an officer who has a middle rank in the Navy

**com-mand-ing** /kə'mændɪŋ/ *adj.* [only before noun] **1** having authority or confidence which makes people respect and obey you: *his commanding presence* **2** being in a position from which you are likely to win a race or competition easily: *Stevens has a commanding lead in the polls.*

**com-mand-ment** /kə'mændmənt/ *n.* [C] one of ten rules given by God in the Bible that tell people how they should behave

**com-man-do** /kə'mændou/ *n.* plural **com-man-dos** [C] a soldier who is specially trained to make quick attacks into enemy areas

**com-mem-o-rate** /kə'memə'reɪt/ *v.* [T] to remember someone or something by a special action, ceremony, object, etc.: *The monument commemorates those who died during the war.*

—**commemoration** /kə,memə'reɪʃən/ *n.* [U]

—**commemorative** /kə'memərə'tɪv/ *adj.*

**com-mence** /kə'mens/ *v.* [I,T] *formal* to begin:

*Work on the building will commence soon.*

**com-mence-ment** /kə'mensmənt/ *n.* **1** [C,U] a ceremony at which COLLEGE OF HIGH SCHOOL students receive their DIPLOMAS [= graduation] **2** [U] *formal* the beginning of something

**com-mend** /kə'mend/ *v.* [T] *formal* to praise someone or something publicly or formally: *The three firefighters were commended for their bravery.*

**com-mend-a-ble** /kə'mendəbəl/ *adj.* *formal* deserving praise: *Baldwin answered with commendable honesty.* —**commendably** *adv.*

**com-men-da-tion** /,kʌmən'deɪʃən/ *n.* [C] *formal* an honor or prize given to someone for being brave or successful

**com-men-su-rate** /kə'mensərɪt, -ʃərɪt/ *adj.* *formal* matching something else in size, quality, or length of time: *The salary is commensurate with experience* (=the salary for the job is higher if you have experience).

**com-ment**<sup>1</sup> /'kʌmənt/ *n.* **1** [C,U] an opinion that you give about someone or something: *Does anyone have any questions or comments?* | *He made rude comments about her.* **2** no comment *spoken* said when you do not want to answer a question, especially in public

**comment**<sup>2</sup> *v.* [I,T] to give an opinion about someone or something: *The police have refused to comment on the case.*

**com-men-tar-y** /'kʌmən,təri/ *n.* plural **com-mentaries** [C,U] **1** a spoken description of an event, given while the event is happening, especially on the television or radio: *the commentary on the World Series* **2** a book or article that explains or discusses something, or the explanation itself: *political commentary* **3** be a sad commentary on sth to be a sign or example of how bad a situation is: *It's a sad commentary on our culture that we need constant entertainment.* [C]