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colibri /kə'lɪb-rē or -lē/ *n* a type of hummingbird. [Sp *colibrí*, Fr *colibri*, said to be the Carib name]

colic /kə'lɪk/ *n* severe spasmodic pain in the abdomen without diarrhoea, due to an obstruction of the intestine, intestinal infection or excessive intestinal gas. [colon?]

■ **colicky** *adj* like, suffering from or causing colic.
□ **colicroot** *n* a N American bitter herb (*Aletris farinosa*) of the lily family; its root, formerly used to cure colic.

coliform¹ /kə'lɪ-fɔrm/ *adj* like a sieve. [L *cōlūm* a strainer]

coliform² see under **colon**².

colin /kə'lɪn/ *n* the Virginian quail. [Ety uncertain; perh Sp]

coliseum or **colosseum** /kə'l-ə-'sē-əm/ *n* a large building or stadium, used as a place of entertainment, named after the Flavian amphitheatre in Rome. [Med L, from L *colossus* (see **colossus**), from the huge statue of Nero near which the Flavian amphitheatre was built]

colitis see under **colon**².

coll /kɒl/ (*obs*) *vt* to embrace, hug. [Fr *coll*, from L *collum* the neck]

■ **coll'ing** *n* embracing.

■ **coll**. *abbrev.* colleague; collective; collector; college; colloquial.

collaborate /kə'l-ə-'b-ə-'t-əm/ *vi* to work in association (with); to assist or co-operate (with an enemy, esp one occupying one's country). [L *collaborāre*, -ātum, from *labōrāre* to work]

■ **collaborā'tion** *n*. **collaborā'tionism** *n* collaboration with an enemy. **collaborā'tionist** *n*. **collab'orative** *adj*. **collab'oratively** *adv*. **collab'orator** *n*.

collage /kə'l-ə-'ʒh/ *n* a picture made from scraps of paper and other odds and ends pasted up; any work or construction put together from assembled fragments. [Fr, pasting]

■ **collag'ist** *n*.

collagen /kə'l-ə-'ʒen/ *n* a protein in fibrous connective tissue, readily turned into gelatin. [Gr *kolla* glue, and *gen-*, the root of *gignesthai* to become]

■ **coll'agenase** *n* one of a group of enzymes that break down collagen. **collagen'ic** or **collag'eous** *adj*.

collapse /kə'l-ə-'ps/ *n* a falling away or breaking down; any sudden or complete breakdown or prostration. • *vi* to cave in; to close or fold up; to break down; to go to ruin; to lose heart; to drop in a state of exhaustion or unconsciousness. • *vt* to fold up or close. [L *collāpsus*, from *coll-* together, and *lāpi*, *lāpsus* to slide or fall]

■ **collap'sar** (*astron*) a black hole. **collapsibil'ity** or **collapsabil'ity** *n*. **collaps'ible** or **collaps'able** *adj* (*esp* of furniture) capable of being folded or dismantled.

collar /kə'l-ə-'r/ *n* something worn round the neck by a person, horse, dog, etc; the neck or (sometimes detachable) neckband of a garment; the part of an animal's skin or coat, or a bird's feathers, round the neck; a marking around an animal or bird's neck; a surrounding band; the junction of root and stem in a plant; a piece of meat rolled up and tied; a joint of bacon from the neck; an arrest (*sl*). • *vt* to seize by the collar; to put a collar on; to seize or arrest (*sl*). [Ofr *coller*, from L *collāre*, from *collum* the neck]

■ **coll'ard** *adj* having, or ornamented with, a collar; rolled up and bound with a string, as a piece of meat having the bones removed; captured. **collare'te** *n* a small collar for a garment. **coll'arless** *adj*.

□ **collar beam** *n* a horizontal piece of timber connecting or bracing two opposite rafters, to prevent sagging. **coll'arbone** *n* the clavicle, a bone connecting the shoulder blade and breastbone. **collar coil** *n* a choanocyte. **collared dove** *n* a dove (*Streptopelia decacotta*) of Europe and Asia, with light grey plumage marked with a narrow black stripe around the back of the neck. **collar stud** *n* a stud for fastening a shirt collar. **collar-work** *n* hard work by a draught horse pulling against the horse-collar; drudgery.

■ **have one's collar felt** (*sl*) to be arrested or apprehended by the police. **hot under the collar** *n* a state of agitation or anger.

coll'arco /kə'l-ə-'kə/ (*music*) *adj* and *adv* with the bow. [Ital]

collard /kə'l-ə-'r/ *n* colewort. [colewort]

collat. *abbrev.* collateral; collaterally.

collate /kə'l-ət/ *vt* to bring together for comparison; to examine and compare, eg books, and esp old manuscripts; to place (sheets of a book or document) in order for binding or stapling, and to examine with respect to completeness and sequence of sheets, etc; to merge (two or more files, sets of records, etc); to place in or confer a benefice upon. [L *collātum*, used as supine of *conferre*, from *pfx col-*, and *lātum* (from *ferre* to bring)]

■ **collā'table** *adj*. **collā'tion** *n* the act of collating; a bringing together for examination and comparison; the presentation of a clergyman to a benefice; a description of a book as collated; a light meal taken on fast-days in monasteries; any light meal. **collā'tive** *adj* having the power of conferring; of livings where the bishop and patron are one and the same person. **collā'tor** *n* a person who collates or compares;

a person who bestows or presents; a machine that merges sets of punched cards or separates cards from a set; a machine that puts copied or printed sheets into sequential sets.

collateral /kə'l-ət-'r-əl/ *adj* side by side; running parallel or together; corresponding; subsidiary, additional; descended from the same ancestor, through a different line. • *n* a collateral relation; a contemporary; a rival; an asset providing collateral security. [L *col-* and *latus*, *lateris* a side]

■ **collateral'ity** *n*. **collat'erially** *adv*.

□ **collateral damage** *n* (*milit euphem*) civilian casualties or damage to property etc that was not a military target. **collateral security** *n* an additional and separate security for repayment of money borrowed.

colleague¹ /kə'l-ēg/ *n* a person associated with another in some employment. [Fr *collègue*, from L *collega*, from *col-* and *legere* to choose]

■ **colleagueship** *n*.

colleague² /kə'l-ēg/ (*obs*) *vi* (**colleagu'ing** /kə'l-ēg-'ɪŋg/; **colleagued** /kə'l-ēgd/) to ally; to conspire. [Ofr *colliguer* to join in alliance, from L *colligāre* to bind together]

collect /kə'l- or kə'l-ekt/ *vt* to assemble or bring together; to put (one's thoughts) in order; to receive payment of; to call for and remove; to collide with (*Aust* and *NZ inf*). • *vi* to come together; to accumulate.

• *n* /kɒl/ a short prayer, specific to the liturgies of the Western Church, consisting of one sentence, conveying one main petition. • *adj* and *adv* /-ekt/ (*N Am*); of a telephone call, telegram, etc) paid for by the recipient. [L *colligere*, *collēctum*, from *legere* to gather]

■ **collect'able** or **collect'ible** *adj* of interest to a collector. • *n* any item of interest to a collector; one of a set of toys or ornaments each purchasable separately but priced and marketed in such a way as to encourage the purchase of all or much of the range. **collectā'nea** *n pl* a collection of passages from various sources; a miscellany.

collect'ed *adj* gathered together; (of a poet's or other writer's works) assembled in one volume, one set of volumes, etc; composed, cool. **collect'edly** *adv*. **collect'edness** *n* self-possession; coolness. **collect'ing** *n* and *adj*. **collect'ion** *n* the act of collecting; the gathering of contributions, esp of money; the money collected; money intended for collection in church; an accumulation; an assemblage; a book of selections; a regular removal of rubbish for disposal, or letters from a postbox for delivering; composure; (*in pl*) an examination at the end of the terms in certain colleges; the range of new fashion clothes shown by a couturier. **collect'ive** *adj*

considered as forming one mass or sum; congregated; common; denoting a number or group (of people, animals, etc) (*grammar*). • *n* a gathering, assemblage; a unit of organization in a collectivist system; loosely, a group of people who run a business, etc, for their mutual benefit, often with no specifically designated jobs. **collect'ively** *adv*.

collect'ivism *n* the economic theory that industry should be carried on with a collective capital, a form of socialism; a system embodying this. **collect'ivist** *n* and *adj*. **collect'ivistic** *adj*. **collect'ivity** *n*.

collectivizā'tion *n*. **collect'ivize** or **-ise** *vt* to give a collectivist organization to. **collect'or** or *n* something which or someone who collects; a person who seeks to acquire and set together examples or specimens, as of books, minerals, curiosities; any electrode that collects electrons that have already fulfilled their function, as in a screen grid; the outer section of a transistor which delivers a primary flow of charge carriers; in India, the chief official of a district, collecting revenue and acting as a magistrate. **collect'orate** or **collect'orship** *n*.

□ **collecting box** *n* a box for specimens used by naturalists in the field; a box for receiving money contributions. **collective agreement** *n* one reached by collective bargaining. **collective bargaining** *n* negotiation on pay and conditions of service between one or more trade unions on one side and an employer or association of employers on the other. **collective farm** *n* a state-controlled farm consisting of a number of small-holdings operated on a co-operative basis. **collective fruit** *n* (*bot*) a multiple fruit, one derived from several flowers, eg fig, mulberry. **collective noun** *n* a singular noun referring to a group of people or things. **collective responsibility** *n* the convention that all decisions of a cabinet, committee, etc are presented and treated as being unanimous. **collective security** *n* general security among nations to be achieved through guarantee of each nation's security by all. **collective unconscious** *n* (*psychol*) the part of the unconscious mind that originates in ancestral experience. **collector's item** or **piece** *n* an object beautiful, valuable, interesting, etc enough to be sought for or included in a collection.

■ **collect on delivery** (*N Am*) cash on delivery.

colleen /kə'l-ēn or kə'l-ēn/ *n* a girl, specif an Irish girl. [Irish *caillin*]

college /kə'l-ij/ *n* an incorporation, company or society of persons joined together generally for a specific function, often having exclusive privileges; a body or society that is a member of a university or is coextensive with a university; an institution for higher,