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collaboration

something: The results collaborated the success of the new method. The two words are not interchangeable.

collaboration /kə lə'bɒrə'sjən/ n 1. the act of working together with one or more people in order to achieve something 2. the betrayal of others by working with an enemy, especially an occupying force —collaborationist n, adj

collaborative divorce n Am a divorce in which the terms are agreed upon by both spouses and their solicitors prior to presenting the final agreement to a judge without a trial

collage /kə lə'ʒɑːʒ, kə'lɑːʒi/ n 1. PICTURE WITH PIECES STUCK ON SURFACE a picture made by sticking cloth, pieces of paper, photographs, and other objects onto a surface 2. ART OF MAKING COLLAGES the art of making pictures by sticking cloth, pieces of paper, photographs, and other objects onto a surface 3. COMBINATION OF DIFFERENT THINGS a combination of different things [Early 20C. < French coller 'to glue' < coller 'glue' < Greek kollō] —collage vt —collagist n

collagen /kə'lɒjən/ n a fibrous protein found in skin, bone, and other connective tissues [Mid-19C. < French collagène < Greek kollō 'glue'] —collagenic /kə'lɒjənɪk/ adj —collagenous /kə'lɒjənəs/ adj

collagenase /kə'lɒjənəz/ n any enzyme that breaks down collagen

collapsar /kə ləp'sɑːr/ n ASTRON same as black hole (sense 1) [Late 20C. < collapse]

collapse /kə ləp's/ v (-lapses, -lapsing, -lapsed) 1. vt FALL DOWN to fall down suddenly, generally as a result of damage, structural weakness, or lack of support 2. vt FALL DOWN to fall or come to an end suddenly 3. vt PARTNERSHIP nearly collapsed under the strain 3. vi FALL SUDDENLY to fall or faint because of illness, exhaustion, or weakness 4. vi COLLAPSED FROM OVERWORK 4. vi SUDDENLY SET OR LIE DOWN to sit or lie down suddenly and relax completely, or give way to emotion 5. vi COLLAPSED INTO an armchair 5. vi BEND DOUBLE WITH EMOTION to bend over double or otherwise contort the body, typically in the throes of emotion such as laughter or crying 6. vt ENLARGED to fold up or become flat from lack of pressure or loss of air, or cause something such as a parachute to do this 7. vt FOLD SOMETHING TO MAKE IT SMALLER to fold something up so that it is smaller or takes up less space, or fold up in this way 8. n 1. FAILURE OR END a failure or sudden end to something 2. n THE ABRUPT COLLAPSE OF THE CAMPAIGN 2. FALLING DOWN the act of falling down suddenly, generally as a result of damage, structural weakness, or lack of support 3. n THE ROOF WAS IN DANGER OF COLLAPSE 3. DECREASE IN VALUE a sudden reduction or decrease in value 4. n THE THREATENED COLLAPSE OF THE YEN 4. SUDDEN ILLNESS a sudden onset of severe illness, resulting in hospitalization or bed rest 5. n A STATE OF NERVOUS COLLAPSE [Mid-18C. BACK-FORMED < collapsed < Latin collapsus, past participle of collāpi 'fall together' < collāpi 'to fall'] —collapsible /kə ləp'səbəl/ adj

collar /kə'lɑːr/ n 1. GARMENTS NECKBAND the upright or turned-over neckband of a coat, jacket, dress shirt, or blouse 2. BAND ROUND NECK OF ANIMAL a leather, plastic, fabric, or metal band placed round the neck of an animal to identify it or attach it to a lead 3. AREA RESEMBLING COLLAR an area round the neck of a bird or part of a ring-shaped device or part on a shaft that guides, seats, or restricts another mechanical part 6. NECKLACE a close-fitting necklace or one that lies flat over the shoulders 7. ORNAMENTAL INSIGNIA OF OFFICE an ornamental chain or band worn round the neck as a badge of office or insignia of knighthood 8. MEAT FROM NECK A CUT OF MEAT, especially bacon, taken from an animal's neck 9. POLICE ARREST an arrest made by a police officer (slang) 10. vt (-lars, -laring, -lared) 1. FIND OR STOP SOMEONE TO IDENTIFY or stop somebody you want to talk to (informal) 2. CATCH SOMEONE TO catch somebody and hold him or her to prevent escape (slang) 3. MAKE POLICE ARREST to arrest a criminal suspect (slang) 4. PUT COLLAR ON SOMETHING to put a collar on something such as an animal, a garment, or a machine part 5. FOOD PICKLE AND ROLL MEAT to pickle meat by soaking it in salt or brine with seasonings and flavouring ingredients, then rolling, boiling,

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and pressing it [14C. Via Old French coller < Latin collare < collum 'neck'] —collared adj —collarless adj 7. vt HOT UNDER THE COLLAR angry, irritated, or generally agitated (informal)

collarbone /kə'lɑːr bəʊn/ n ANAT same as clavicle (sense 1)

collard /kə'lɑːd/ n N Am a variety of kale with a crown of smooth edible leaves [Mid-18C. Alteration of colewort]

collared dove n a fawn-coloured bird of the pigeon family that has a black collar round its neck. Native to: Near East, central and northern Europe. Latin name: Streptopelia decaocto.

collate /kə lə'teɪt/ v (-lates, -lating, -lated) vt 1. PUT PAGES IN ORDER to assemble pages in the correct order 2. COMPARE INFORMATION to bring together pieces of information and compare them in detail 3. VERIFY PAGE SEQUENCING to verify the correct sequencing and completeness of the pages in a book 4. ADMIT CLERGY TO BENEFICE to admit a member of the clergy to a benefice [Mid-16C. < Latin collat, past participle of conferre 'bring together' < ferre 'bring'] —collator n

collateral /kə lə'tɛrəl/ n 1. PROPERTY AS SECURITY AGAINST LOAN property or goods used as security against a loan and forfeited if the loan is not repaid 2. DESCENDANT FROM DIFFERENT LINE a relative descended from the same ancestor as another person but through a different set of parents, grandparents, and other forebears 3. ACCOMPANYING accompanying but secondary 4. COLLATERAL ISSUES 2, ADDITIONAL additional to and in support of something 5. COLLATERAL EVIDENCE 3, WITH PROPERTY AS SECURITY obtained by putting up property or goods as security, to be forfeited if the loan cannot be paid 6. DESCENDED FROM SAME ANCESTOR having the same ancestor but descended through a different set of parents, grandparents, and other forebears 5. PARALLEL running side by side in parallel or corresponding in some way, e.g. in size [14C. < medieval Latin collateralis, literally 'side by side with' < Latin lateralis 'on the side' (see LATERAL)] —collaterally /kə lə'tɛrəlɪ/ n —collaterally adv

collateral damage n unintended damage to civilian life or property during a military operation

collateralize /kə lə'tɛrəl aɪz/ (-izes, -izing, -ized) vt to pledge property or goods as security for a loan —collateralization /kə lə'tɛrəl aɪzə'sjən/ n

collation /kə lə'sjən/ n 1. COMPARISON OF INFORMATION a detailed comparison between different items or forms of information 2. ASSEMBLY OF PAGES IN ORDER the assembling of pieces of paper in the right order, particularly the sections of a book prior to binding 3. TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION OR BOOK the technical description of a book, including its bibliographical details and information about its physical construction, or the act of compiling such a description 4. LIGHT MEAL a light meal or refreshment 5. A GOLD COLLATION 5. APPOINTMENT OF CLERGY the appointment of clergy to a benefice 6. READING OF RELIGIOUS TEXT the reading of a religious text to a gathering of monks [14C. < Latin collation- 'a bringing together' < collat- (see COLLECT)]

collative /kə lə'sjətɪv/ adj describes an ecclesiastical benefice to which a member of the clergy is appointed

colleague /kə'lɛɡ/ n a person somebody works with, especially in a professional or skilled job [Early 16C. Via French < Latin collega 'person somebody commissions with' < legare 'commission, entrust' < lex 'law']

collect /kə lɛkt/ v (-lects, -lecting, -lected) 1. vt GATHER THINGS IN ONE PLACE to bring things together 2. COLLECTED UP my belongings and left 2. vt KEEP THINGS OF SAME TYPE to obtain and keep objects of a similar type because of their interest, value, or beauty 3. vt FETCH SOMEBODY OR SOMETHING to go to get people or objects and bring them somewhere 4. They collected me from the airport 4. vt TAKE MONEY OR PRIZE to take the money or prize to which a person is entitled 5. vt ASK FOR DONATIONS to ask for money from people for a particular purpose 6. vt ACCUMULATE to gather and gradually accumulate in a place 7. vt GRADUALLY ASSEMBLE to come together gradually in a place and form a group or crowd of people 8. By now an angry crowd had collected 8. COLLECT YOURSELF vt GET CONTROL OF YOURSELF to gain or regain control of yourself and deliberately calm yourself or prepare yourself psychologically 9. vt GET MONEY to obtain money that is due, e.g. from an insurance policy 10. vt ANZ

collective

TRANSP COLLIDE WITH SOMETHING to be in collision with another vehicle or person (informal) 11. ADV N Am same as reverse charges 12. ADV N Am same as reverse-charge [Mid-16C. Directly or via French < medieval Latin collectus < Latin collect, past participle of colligere 'gather together' < legere 'gather']

SYNONYMS collect, accumulate, gather, amass, assemble, stockpile, hoard

CORE MEANING: to bring dispersed things together collect to bring things together, or to make a collection of similar things as a hobby 2. Our eyes, ears, and nose collect information about distant objects. 3. He started collecting stamps at the age of nine. 4. accumulate to obtain a large amount of something over a period of time 5. Merchants began to accumulate wealth in the form of gold bullion. 6. An enormous amount of material about such families has been accumulated over the past century. 7. gather to bring together people or things to form a group, or compile something such as information or ideas from various sources 8. We gathered the children at the entrance to the exhibition. 9. She was gathering flowers as we strolled round the garden. 10. They are gathering together more information on the subject. 11. amass to bring a large quantity of things together over time 12. the growing evidence that is being amassed by investigators 13. He is thought to have amassed a fortune of hundreds of millions of dollars. 14. assemble to bring people or things together, or gather together in one place 15. one of the greatest orchestras ever assembled 16. Assemble all the ingredients before starting to cook. 17. All the guests will be assembling in the hall at 12. 18. stockpile to collect and store large amounts of things such as equipment or weapons for future use 19. UN resolutions that banned the country from stockpiling, developing, or using weapons of mass destruction 20. hoard to collect and store, often secretly, large amounts of things such as food or money for future use 21. She carefully hoarded the extra money she made. 22. At the first hint of a supply problem, people start hoarding dry goods.

collect<sup>2</sup> /kə'lɛktɪv/ n a short formal prayer that can vary according to the day, said before the reading of the epistle in some Christian church services [13C. Via Old French < late Latin collecta 'assembly' < Latin collect- (see COLLECT<sup>1</sup>)]

collectable /kə lɛktə'bəl/, collectible n an object of a type that is valued or sought after by collectors 11. adj good for collecting or popular with collectors and much sought after

collectanea /kə'lɛktə'nɪə/ npl a selection of pieces of writing by an author or by several authors [Mid-17C. < Latin, 'things collected' < form of collectanus 'collected' < collect- (see COLLECT<sup>1</sup>)]

collected /kə lɛktɪd/ adj 1. CALM AND COMPOSED calm and in control of yourself 2. BROUGHT TOGETHER AS WHOLE gathered together in one book or set of volumes as the whole of an author's work or work of a particular type 3. RIDING CONTROLLED IN GAIT moving with a controlled gait —collectedly adv —collectedness n

collectible n, adj another spelling of collectable

collection /kə lɛkʃən/ n 1. GROUP OF THINGS OR PEOPLE a group of things or people together in one place 2. SEVERAL DIFFERENT WORKS TOGETHER a number of different pieces of writing or music together in one book, CD, or record 3. OBJECTS HELD BY COLLECTOR a set of objects collected for their interest, value, or beauty 4. PAINTINGS OR OBJECTS IN MUSEUM all the paintings or objects of one kind held by an art gallery or museum 5. TAKING OF DONATIONS the act of taking money due or given 6. They took up a collection for him when he was in hospital 6. TAKING OF MONEY IN CHRISTIAN CHURCH the act of accepting money from worshippers in a Christian church service, or the money collected 7. TAKING THE TAKING OF SOMETHING on a regular basis, e.g. letters from postboxes by the Post Office, or refuse from buildings 8. GATHERING TOGETHER the act of gathering things together (formal) 9. RANGE OF NEW CLOTHES a range of newly designed clothes for a particular season 10. the spring collection [14C. Via French < Latin collection- < collect- (see COLLECT<sup>1</sup>)]

collection agency n a business that collects payments on loans that are in arrears or on unpaid bills

collective /kə lɛktɪv/ adj 1. SHARED BY ALL made or shared by everyone in a group 2. COLLECTED TO FORM WHOLE collected together to form a whole or added up to form a total from different sources or groups 3.

