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coroner ['kor ⇒ næ] n. a public official who determines the cause of someone's death. ♦ The coroner established the time and cause of death. ♦ The death certificate was signed by the coroner.

corporal ['Kor prəl] 1. n. the lowest rank of noncommissioned officer in the military, just below a sergeant. ↓ I can't help you. Please talk to the corporal. ↓ The sergeant ordered the corporal to wake him up in the morning. 2. corporal punishment n. punishment in which the person being punished is made to suffer physical pain. (No plural form in this sense.) ↓ The state does not allow the use of corporal punishment in schools. ↓ My grandfather felt that corporal punishment was usually very effective.

corporate ['kor prit] adj. of or about a corporation. (Adv: corporately.) ♦ The young intern set out to succeed in the corporate world. ♦ The personnel director decides the company's corporate policies.

corporation [kor pə 're fən] n. a business, firm, or company. ♦ Mary works for a corporation that produces computers. ♦ The corporation I work for was bought by a competing company.

corps ['kor] n. a military group that is trained for a special duty. (Treated as singular.) ♦ Bill left home and joined the Marine Corps. ♦ Susan worked for the Peace Corps for two years in Central America.

corpse ['korps] n. a dead body. ♦ A corpse was found in the park. ♦ The mortician dressed and made up the corpse.

corpulent ['korp jə lənt] adj. fat; obese. (Adv: corpulently.) ♦ The doctor advised the corpulent patient to diet and exercise. ♦ The famous painter was known for painting corpulent women.

corpuscle ['kor pəs əl] n. a red blood cell or a white blood cell. ♦ The biologist examined hundreds of corpuscles under a microscope. ♦ Red corpuscles float freely in the bloodstream.

corral [kə 'ræl] 1. n. a fenced area where horses and cattle are kept. ♦ A corral behind the barn had three horses in it. ♦ The ranchers built several corrals for their livestock. 2. tv. to put livestock into ①. ♦ The cowboys corralled the cattle to brand them. ♦ The rancher corralled the animals at night for their protection. 3. tv. to surround someone or something; to capture someone or something. (Figurative on ②.) ♦ The boss corralled Dave in the hall and asked why his report wasn't finished. ♦ The hunt ended when the hounds corralled the fox.

correct [kə 'rɛkt] **1.** adj. right; without error; true. (Adv: correctly.) ♦ The correct answers are given at the back of the workbook. \(\) Mary's response to the teacher's question was correct. 2. adj. proper; acceptable. (Adv: correctly.) ♦ Writing a thank-you note is the correct response to receiving a gift. I learned the correct way to wrap a gift. 3. tv. to mark answers on a test as right or wrong; to point out the mistakes. ♦ Mary likes teaching but hates to correct papers. ♦ The teacher corrected the students' grammar. 4. tv. to fix a mistake; to change a wrong answer to the right answer; to make something right. ♦ I corrected my mistake in the report and resubmitted it. ♦ The astronomer corrected the settings on the telescope. 5. stand corrected idiom to admit that one has been wrong. ♦ I realize that I accused him wrongly. I stand corrected. • We appreciate now that our conclusions were wrong. We stand corrected.

corrected [kə 'rek tid] adj. repaired; made right; amended; made more accurate. • The corrected sentence read much better. • I would like read the corrected version when you have finished.

correction [kə 'rekt ʃən] 1. n. a change that is made when something wrong is replaced with something right.

♦ Corrections of the errors in the newspaper are published in later editions. ♦ My teacher's corrections on my paper were written in red ink. 2. n. jailing; imprisonment. (Sometimes plural.) ♦ Each state has a department of corrections. ♦ The State House of Correction is really a jail.

correctness [kə 'rekt nəs] n. the degree of rightness of something, such as an answer or statement. (No plural form in this sense.) ♦ I was not sure of the correctness of my answer. ♦ Mary questioned the correctness of Tom's actions.

correlate 1. ['kor \ni let] tv. to establish and show a relationship between two things. • The scientist could not correlate the data with his hypothesis. • The article correlated population growth and sociological factors. 2. ['kor \ni let] iv. to be related to something else. • Fatigue often correlates to a hidden disease. • This graph correlates with the description in the text. 3. ['kor \ni let] n. something that is related to something else; one of a pair of related things. • Fatigue and cancer are often correlates. • Poverty is a correlate of the lack of education.

correlated ['kor ê let 1d] adj. related to each other; showing a relationship between two things. \$ The researcher examined the correlated effects of pollution and industry on the environment. \$ Smoking and alcohol were correlated factors in John's ailment.

correlation [kor ə 'le ʃən] n. a clear relationship between things that correlate. ♦ There seems to be a correlation between cancer and excessive radiation. ♦ The scientist's paper showed a correlation of the data to his hypothesis.

correspond [kor ə 'spand] 1. iv. to match. ♦ The peak on this graph corresponds to an increase in sales last year. ♦ Unfortunately, these sets of figures don't seem to correspond. 2. iv. [for two people] to exchange letters. ♦ The two poets corresponded for many years without ever meeting. ♦ Bill corresponded with us by postcard while we were out of the country.

correspondence [kor ə 'span dəns] 1. correspondence between n. + prep. phr. the similarity between two things; the likeness of two things; the resemblance of two things. ◆ There is close correspondence between my handwriting and yours. ◆ There is no correspondence between these two medicines. They are completely different. 2. n. letters; records of communication. (No plural form in this sense.) ◆ Jane saved all of her grandmother's correspondence. ◆ The archives of the historical society are filled with old correspondence.

correspondent [kor ə 'span dənt] 1. n. someone who exchanges letters with someone else. • Mary has never met her correspondent, but they are close friends. • Susan is expecting a letter from her correspondent any day. 2. n. a reporter who transmits news stories or reports from a distant location to the home office. • A news correspondent in Egypt reports on politics there. • The foreign correspondent filed a report to the news agency.

corridor ['kor ə də²] 1. n. a hallway; a passage between two rows of rooms. ♦ The high school's corridors were lined

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sports. • The gymnast fell from the apparatus and landed on the mat. • The wrestler was knocked down to the mat.

3. n. a tangled mass of hair, weeds, strings, or other things. • I had to cut the mats from my dog's fur because I couldn't comb through them. • Mats of weeds ruined the vegetable garden. 4. tv. to tangle hair, weeds, strings, and other similar things. • The waves matted my hair on one side of my head. • You should comb your hair because the wind matted it.

matador ['mæt ə dor] n. someone, almost always a male, who fights and kills bulls for sport in a large arena; a bullfighter. (From Spanish.) • The matador waved a red cape at the bull. • The bull tossed the matador into the air.

match ['mætʃ] 1. n. a sporting event. ♦ Spectators at tennis matches must remain quiet. ♦ Do you want to go to a boxing match tonight? 2. n. someone or something that is the equal of or just like someone or something else. • I made a match by pairing the three of clubs with the three of spades. These two guys are a perfect match in a basketball game. 3. n. a thin stick with a chemical substance on one end, which, when struck against a hard surface, creates fire. ♦ Do you have any matches? I lost my lighter. ♦ I lit the candle with a match. 4. tv. [for something] to be exactly like something else; to fit something exactly; to go with something well. \(\) That shirt matches your pants perfectly. Vour opinions match mine very closely. 5. match with tv. + prep. phr. to make a match ② of one thing with something else. I can't seem to match these shoes with any belts. • The designer matched the color of the curtains with the carpet. 6. iv. to be exactly alike; to go together well; to fit together well; to harmonize. ♦ I can't find any socks that match. \ These marble tiles don't match. One is bigger than the other. 7. a match for someone or something idiom someone or some creature that is the equal of someone or some other creature, especially in a contest. ♦ My older brother is no match for me; he's much weaker. \(\psi\) Your horse is no match for mine in a race. Mine will always win. 8. meet one's match idiom to meet one's equal; to encounter one's equal. • John played tennis with Bill yesterday, and it looks as if John has finally met his match. ♦ Listen to Jane and Mary argue. I always thought that Jane was loud, but she has finally met her match. 9. strike a match idiom to light (3) by rubbing it on a rough surface. Mary struck a match and lit a candle. ♦ When Sally struck a match to light a cigarette, Jane said quickly, "No smoking, please." 10. whole shooting match idiom the entire affair or organization. ♦ John's not a good manager. Instead of delegating jobs to others, he runs the whole shooting match himself. ♦ There's not a hard worker in that whole shooting match.

matchbox ['mæt∫ baks] n. a small container that holds matches. • I threw out the matchbox because it got wet. • I lit a match by striking it along the side of the matchbox.

matched ['mætʃt] adj. meant to go together; part of a set. ♦ I bought a matched pair of salt and pepper shakers. ♦ I won a set of matched luggage on the game show.

matching ['mætʃ ɪŋ] adj. going along with well; looking good together; harmonizing with. ♦ The twins wore matching clothes. ♦ I was careful to wear matching socks to the interview.

matchless ['mætʃ ləs] adj. the best; without a match. (Ady: matchlessly.) • Our country's military system is matchless. • For years, the champion boxer was matchless.

matchmaker ['mæt] mek æ] n. someone who arranges or tries to arrange marriages or dates. § The matchmaker slyly persuaded John and Susan to go on a date. § I hate it when my mother tries to be a matchmaker.

mate ['met] 1. n. the sexual partner of a living creature. ♦ The male peacock attracts mates by spreading his long tail feathers. ♦ A female black widow spider kills her mate after copulation. 2. n. a spouse; a husband or a wife. • The company picnic is open to workers and their mates. ♦ I taught my mate how to bowl. 3. n. one of a pair. (Figurative on 2.) \(Can you help me find this red sock's mate? \(Here's \) the left glove, but I don't know where its mate is. 4. n. a friend or colleague. (In compounds.) \(\) I drove my roommate to the airport. ♦ I celebrated with my teammates after we won the game. 5. n. a rank of sailor just below the captain. • The captain ordered the mate to clean the ship's deck. • John attained the rank of first mate. 6. iv. to have sex; to breed. (Used primarily with animals.) ♦ My dog mated with the neighbor's spaniel. ♦ The scientist observed the rabbits as they mated. 7. tv. to bring a male and female animal together so that breeding will result. \(\bigvert I \) mated two of my favorite rabbits. ♦ The breeder mated pedigreed dogs.

material [ma 'tɪr i al] 1. n. the substance that an object is made of; a substance that can be used to make things. ♦ The materials used to build my house included wood and brick. ♦ The exterior of my car is made of rustproof materials. 2. n. cloth; fabric. (No plural form in this sense.) I made a dress from five yards of material. • Silk and other fine material can be damaged easily. 3. n. information, knowledge, experience, or imagination used to develop a story, movie, book, program, etc. (No plural form in this sense.) • The reporter's material came from an anonymous source. Many comedians get their material from real-life experiences. 4. adj. of or about the physical world. (Adv: materially.) ♦ We live in a material world from birth until death. • The rich celebrity surrounded himself with material comforts. 5. adj. of importance or relevance. (Adv: materially.) ♦ The material witness's testimony damaged the defendant's case. \ There's a material difference between first-degree and second-degree burns.

materialism [mə 'tɪr i ə lɪz əm] 1. n. the belief that only physical things have value and that there are no spiritual or intellectual values. (No plural form in this sense.) ◆ The minister urged the congregation to avoid materialism. ◆ Spiritual values would disappear if people only cared about materialism. 2. n. a strong interest in money and the things it will buy, instead of spiritual, ethical, or intellectual values. (No plural form in this sense.) ◆ Advertising often encourages materialism. ◆ The new pastor's flagrant materialism shocked the congregation.

materialistic [mə tir i ə 'lıs tik] adj. devoted to materialism and the accumulation of money. (Adv: materialistically [...ik li].) ♦ Bill only thinks of money. He is so materialistic. ♦ The materialistic woman flaunted her expensive jewelry.

materialize [mə 'tır i ə loɪz] 1. iv. to happen; to become real. ♦ As my plans materialized, I knew I would succeed. ♦ A tropical storm materialized off the coast of Africa. 2. iv. to appear in the form of a body; to become visible. ♦