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soul·ful (söl'fəl) *adj.* Filled with or expressing deep feeling. — **soul'ful·ly** *adv.* — **soul'ful·ness** *n.*

sound¹ (sound) *n.* 1.a. A vibratory disturbance, with frequencies in the approximate range of 20 to 20,000 hertz, capable of being heard. b. The sensation stimulated in the organs of hearing by such a disturbance. c. Such sensations collectively. 2. A distinctive noise. 3. *Ling.* An articulation made by the vocal apparatus. 4. A conveyed impression; implication. 5. Auditory material that is recorded, as for a movie. — *v.* 1. To make or cause to make a sound. 2. To convey an impression: *sounds reasonable*. 3. To summon or signal by a sound. 4. *Medic.* To examine by auscultation. [*< Lat. sonus.*] — **sound'er** *n.* — **sound'less** *adj.* — **sound'less·ly** *adv.*

sound² (sound) *adj.* -er, -est. 1. Free from defect or damage. 2. Solid. 3. Financially secure or safe. 4. Based on valid reasoning. 5. Thorough; complete: *a sound thrashing*. 6. Deep and undisturbed: *a sound sleep*. 7. *Law.* Legally valid: *sound title*. [*< OE gesund.*] — **sound'ly** *adv.* — **sound'ness** *n.*

sound³ (sound) *n.* A long body of water, wider than a strait, usu. connecting larger bodies of water. [*< OE sund, sea.*]

sound⁴ (sound) *v.* 1. To measure the depth of (water). 2. To try to learn the attitudes or opinions of. 3. To dive swiftly downward, as a whale. [*< OFr. sonde, sounding line.*] — **sound'er** *n.* — **sound'ing** *n.*

sound barrier *n.* See **sonic barrier**.

sound effects *pl.n.* Imitative sounds, as of thunder, produced for film, stage, or radio.

sound·ing board (soun'dīng) *n.* 1. A thin board forming the upper portion of the resonant chamber in an instrument, such as a violin or piano. 2. A structure placed so as to amplify a speaker's voice. 3. A means serving to spread or popularize opinions.

sound·proof (sound'prōōf') *adj.* Not penetrable by audible sound. — **sound'proof'** *v.*

sound·track (sound'trāk') *n.* 1. The narrow strip at one side of a movie film that carries the sound recording. 2. A recording of the music from a movie.

soup (soōp) *n.* A liquid food prepared from meat, fish, or vegetable stock combined with various other ingredients. — **phrasal verb.** *soup up.* *Slang.* To add greater speed potential to. — **idiom.** *in the soup.* *Slang.* In trouble or difficulties. [*< OFr. soupe, of Gmc. orig.*]

soup·çon (soōp-sōn', soōp'sōn') *n.* A very small amount; trace. [*< OFr. sospeçon, SUSPICION.*]

soup kitchen *n.* A place where food is offered to the needy.

soup·y (soō'pē) *adj.* -i·er, -i·est. 1. Having the appearance or consistency of soup. 2. *Slang.* Foggy.

sour (sour) *adj.* -er, -est. 1. Having a sharp or acid taste. 2. Spoiled or rancid. 3.a. Bad-tempered. b. Displeased, disagreeable, or disenchanted. — *v.* To make or become sour. [*< OE sūr.*] — **sour'ish** *adj.* — **sour'ly** *adv.* — **sour'ness** *n.*

Syns: *sour, acid, tart adj.*

sour·ball (sour'bōl') *n.* A round piece of hard tart candy.

source (sōrs, sōrs) *n.* 1. A point of origin. 2.

The beginning of a stream of water, such as a spring or river. 3. One that supplies information. [*< OFr. source < sourdre, rise.* See **SURGE.]**

sour cream *n.* Cream soured esp. by lactic-acid bacteria and used in cooking.

sour·dough (sour'dō') *n.* Sour fermented dough used as leaven in making bread.

sour·sop (sour'söp') *n.* A tropical American tree bearing spiny tart fruit.

Sou·sa (sōō'zə, -sə), John Phillip. 1854–1932. Amer. bandmaster and composer.

souse (sous) *v.* **soused, sous·ing.** 1. To plunge into a liquid. 2. To drench or become drenched. See **Syns** at **dip**. 3. To steep. 4. *Slang.* To make intoxicated. — *n.* 1. The act or process of sousing. 2.a. Food steeped in pickle, esp. pork trimmings. b. Brine. 3. *Slang.* A drunkard. [*< OFr. sous, pickled meat, of Gmc. orig.*]

south (south) *n.* 1.a. The direction along a meridian 90° clockwise from east. b. The compass point 180° clockwise from north. 2. Often **South**. a. The southern part of the earth. b. The southern part of a region or country. — *adj.* 1. To, toward, of, or in the south. 2. Coming from the south: *a south wind*. — *adv.* In, from, or toward the south. [*< OE sūth.*] — **south'ward** (south'wārd, sūth'ərd) *adj. & adv.* — **south'ward·ly** *adj. & adv.* — **south'wards** *adv.*

South Africa. A country of S Africa on the Atlantic and Indian oceans. Caps. Pretoria, Cape Town, and Bloemfontein. Pop. 24,208,140. — **South Af'ri·can** *adj. & n.*

South America. A continent of the S Western Hemisphere SE of North America between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. — **South A·mer'i·can** *adj. & n.*

South·amp·ton (south-hāmp'tən, sou-thāmp'-). A borough of S-central England on an inlet of the English Channel. Pop. 208,800.

South Atlantic Ocean. The S part of the Atlantic, from the equator to Antarctica.

South Bend. A city of N IN near the MI border NW of Fort Wayne. Pop. 105,511.

South Car·o·li·na (kār'ə-lī'nə). A state of the SE U.S. bordering on the Atlantic. Cap. Columbia. Pop. 3,505,707. — **South Car'o·lin'i·an** (-līn'ē-ən) *adj. & n.*

South China Sea. An arm of the W Pacific bounded by SE China, Taiwan, the Philippines, Borneo, and Vietnam.

South Da·ko·ta (də-kō'tə). A state of the N-central U.S. Cap. Pierre. Pop. 699,999. — **South Da·ko'tan** *adj. & n.*

south·east (south-ēst', sou-ēst') *n.* 1. The direction that is 45° clockwise from east and 45° counterclockwise from south. 2. Often **Southeast**. An area or a region lying to the southeast of a particular point. — **south·east'** *adj. & adv.* — **south·east'er·ly** *adj. & adv.* — **south·east'ern** *adj.* — **south·east'ward** *adv. & adj.* — **south·east'ward·ly** *adv. & adj.* — **south·east'wards** *adv.*

Southeast Asia. A region of Asia including Indochina, the Malay Peninsula, and the Malay Archipelago.

south·east·er (south-ē'stər, sou-ē'-) *n.* A storm or gale blowing from the southeast.

south·er·ly (sūth'ər-lē) *adj.* 1. In or toward the south. 2. From the south: *southerly winds*. — **south'er·ly** *adv.*

south·ern (sū ward the southern breezes. [*< Lat. super, at*

Southern Alps. coast of Sout south·ern·er nər) *n.* A nati region.

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South Korea. A Korean peni 39,951,000. — **South Pacific O cific, from the south·paw** (so handed person pitcher.

South Polar Reg South Pole *n.* 1. axis of rotatio The celestial viewed from th

South Sea Islan cific, roughly — South Sea Is South Seas. The esp. the S Paci

South Temperat South Vietnam. (1954–75); now Vietnamese *adj*

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Southwest. An southwest. — south·west'e west'ern *adj.* — **south·w — south·west'w**

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sov·er·eign·ty (pl. -ties. 1. Supre 2. Royal rank, au

plete independen so·vi·et (sō'vē-ēl

exercises. — **val'e·dic'to·ry** *adj.*

va·lence (vā'ləns) *n.* *Chem.* 1. The capacity of an atom or group of atoms to combine in specific proportions with other atoms. 2. An integer used to represent this capacity. [*< Lat. valēre, be strong.*]

Va·len·ci·a (və-lēn'shē-ə, -sē-ə). 1. A region and former kingdom of E Spain on the Mediterranean coast S of Catalonia. 2. A city of E Spain on the Gulf of Valencia, a wide inlet of the Mediterranean Sea. Pop. 785,273. 3. A city of N Venezuela WSW of Caracas on the W shore of Lake Valencia. Pop. 523,000.

— **valent** *suff.* Having a specified valence or valences: *polyvalent*. [*< VALENCE.*]

val'en·tine (vāl'an-tīn') *n.* 1. A usu. sentimental card sent to a sweetheart or friend on Saint Valentine's Day. 2. One's chosen sweetheart on Saint Valentine's Day.

Val'en·tine (vāl'an-tīn'), St. fl. 3rd cent. A.D. Roman Christian martyr.

Val'en·tine's Day or **Val'en·tines Day** (vāl'an-tīnz') *n.* See Saint Valentine's Day.

va·le·ri·an (və-līr'ē-ən) *n.* A plant widely cultivated for its small fragrant flowers and for use in medicine as a sedative. [*< Med. Lat. valeriana.*]

Va·le·ri·an (və-līr'ē-ən). d. c. A.D. 260. Emperor of Rome (253–260).

val·et (vāl'it, vāl'ā, vā-lā') *n.* 1. A man's male servant, who takes care of his clothes and performs other personal services. 2. An employee, as in a hotel, who performs personal services for guests. [*< VLat. *vas-sellitus, servant.*]

val'e·tu·di·nar·i·an (vāl'i-toōd'n-ār'ē-ən, -tyōōd'-) *n.* A sickly or weak person who is constantly concerned with his or her health. [*< Lat. valētūdō, health.*] — **val'e·tu·di·nar'i·an·ism** *n.*

Val·hal·la (vāl-hāl'ə, vāl-hā'lə) *n.* *Myth.* In Norse myth, the hall in which Odin received the souls of slain heroes.

val·iant (vāl'yənt) *adj.* Possessing, showing, or acting with valor; brave. [*< Lat. valēre, be strong.*] — **val'iance** *n.* — **val'iant·ly** *adv.*

val·id (vāl'id) *adj.* 1. Founded on evidence or fact; sound: *a valid objection*. 2. Having legal force; effective: *a valid passport*. [*< Lat. validus, strong.*] — **va·lid'i·ty**, **val'id·ness** *n.* — **val'id·ly** *adv.*

val·i·date (vāl'i-dāt') *v.* — **dat·ed**, — **dat·ing**. 1. To make legally valid. 2. To substantiate; verify. — **val'i·da'tion** *n.*

va·lise (və-lēs') *n.* A small piece of hand luggage. [*Fr. < Ital. valigia.*]

Val·i·um (vāl'ē-əm). A trademark used for the drug diazepam.

Val·kyr·ie (vāl-kīr'ē, -kī'rē, vāl'kə-rē) *n.* *Myth.* In Norse myth, any of Odin's handmaidens who conducted the souls of the slain to Valhalla.

Val·la·do·lid (vāl'ə-də-līd'). A city of NW-central Spain NNW of Madrid. Pop. 331,404.

Val·le·jo (və-lā'ō, -hō). A city of W CA on San Pablo Bay N of Oakland. Pop. 109,199.

Val·let·ta (və-lēt'ə). The cap. of Malta, on

where two slopes of a roof form a drainage channel. [*< Lat. vallēs.*]

Val·ley Forge (vāl'ē). A village of SE PA: site of George Washington's winter headquarters (1777–78).

val·or (vāl'ər) *n.* Courage and boldness, as in battle; bravery. [*< LLat. valor.*] — **val'or·ous** *adj.*

Val·pa·rai·so (vāl'pə-rī'zō). A city of central Chile on the Pacific WNW of Santiago. Pop. 265,355.

val·u·a·ble (vāl'yōō-ə-bəl, vāl'yə-) *adj.* 1. Having high monetary or material value. 2. Of great importance, use, or service. — *n.* Often **valuables**. A valuable personal possession, such as a piece of jewelry.

val·u·ate (vāl'yōō-āt') *v.* — **at·ed**, — **at·ing**. To set a value for; appraise. — **val'u·a'tor** *n.*

val·u·a·tion (vāl'yōō-ā'shən) *n.* 1. The act of assessing value or price; appraisal. 2. Assessed value or price.

val·ue (vāl'yōō) *n.* 1. A fair equivalent or return for something, as goods or services. 2. Monetary or material worth. 3. Worth as measured in usefulness or importance; merit. 4. A principle, standard, or quality considered worthwhile or desirable. 5. Precise meaning, as of a word. 6. *Math.* An assigned or calculated numerical quantity. 7. *Mus.* The relative duration of a tone or rest. 8. The relative darkness or lightness of a color. 9. *Ling.* The sound quality of a letter or diphthong. — *v.* — **ued**, — **u·ing**. 1. To determine or estimate the value of; appraise. 2. To regard highly; esteem. 3. To rate according to relative worth or desirability; evaluate. [*< OFr. valoir, to be worth.*] — **val'ue·less** *adj.*

val·ue·add·ed tax (vāl'yōō-ād'id) *n.* A tax on the estimated market value added to a product or material at each stage of manufacture or distribution.

valve (vālv) *n.* 1. *Anat.* A membranous structure, as in a vein, that prevents the return flow of a fluid. 2. *a.* A device that regulates the flow of gases or liquids by blocking and opening passageways. *b.* The movable control element of such a device. *c.* A device in a brass wind instrument that permits change in pitch by a rapid varying of the air column in a tube. 3. A paired or separable structure or part, as of a mollusk shell or seed pod. [*< Lat. valva, leaf of a door.*] — **valved** *adj.*

va·moose (vā-mōōs', və-) *v.* — **moosed**, — **moos·ing**. *Slang.* To leave hurriedly. [*< Sp. vamos, let's go.*]

vamp¹ (vāmp) *n.* 1. The part of a boot or shoe covering the instep and often the toe. 2. *Mus.* An improvised accompaniment. — *v.* 1. To provide with a new vamp. 2. To patch up. 3. To improvise. [*< OFr. avan-pie, sock; avant, before + pie, foot (< Lat. pēs; see ped-).*] — **vamp'er** *n.*

vamp² (vāmp) *Informal. n.* A woman who exploits men esp. by seduction. [*< VAMPIRE.*] — **vamp** *v.*

vam·pire (vām'pīr') *n.* 1. A reanimated corpse believed to rise from the grave at night to suck the blood of sleeping people.