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ve-dā-lia [vi-'dā-l-yə] n [NL, genus name] (1889) : an Australian ladybug (*Rodolia cardinalis*) introduced to many countries to control scale insects — called also *vedalia beetle*
ve-dān-tā [və-'dān-tə, -və-, -'dān-tə] n [Skt *Vedānta*, lit., end of the Veda, fr. *veda* + *anta* end; akin to OE *ende* end] (1788) : an orthodox system of Hindu philosophy developing esp. in a qualified monism and the speculations of the Upanishads on ultimate reality and the liberation of the soul — *Ve-dan-tist* \-dān-'tī-zəm, -'dān-'tī-zəm — *Ve-dan-tist* \-dān-tīst, -'dān-'tī-zəm
Ve-dan-tic \-dān-tik, -'dān-'tī adj (1882) 1 : of or relating to the Vedānta philosophy 2 : VEDIC
Ve-dā or Ve-dā-dah (və-'dā) n [Sinhalese *vedda* hunter] (1681) : a member of an aboriginal people of Sri Lanka
Ve-doid (və-'dōid) n (1928) : a member of a race of southern Asia traditionally classified by such physical features as wavy to curly hair, chocolate-brown skin color, an slender body build — *Veddoid* adj
ve-dette or vi-dette [vi-'dɛtə] n [F, fr. *Vi-detta*, alter. of *veletta*, prob. fr. Sp *veta* watch, fr. *velar* to keep watch, fr. L *vigilare* to wake, watch, fr. *vigil* awake — more at *VIGIL*] (ca. 1611) : a mounted sentinel stationed in advance of pickets
Ve-dic (və-'dik) adj (1848) 2 : of or relating to the Vedas, the language in which they are written, or Hindu history and culture between 1500 B.C. and 500 B.C.
vee (və) n (ca. 1883) 1 : something shaped like the letter V 2 : the letter v
vee-jay [və-'jā] n [video jockey] (ca. 1981) : an announcer of a program (as on television) that features music videos
vena var of VINA
veep (vəp) n [fr. v. p. (abbr. for vice president)] (1949) : VICE PRESIDENT
veer (vir) [ME *verem*, of LG or D origin; akin to MD *vieren* to slacken, MLG *vieren*] (15c) : to let out (as a rope)
veer vb [ME *veren*, fr. MF *virer*, fr. OF, to throw with a twisting motion, fr. VL *vīrare*, alter. of L *vibrare* to wave, propel suddenly — more at *VIBRATE*] (15c) 1 : to change direction or course (the economy ~ed sharply downward) 2 : of the wind : to shift in a clockwise direction — compare BACK 3 3 : to wear ship ~ vt : to direct to a different course; *speci* WEAR 7 *syn see* SWERVE — *veeringly* \-iŋ-'tē adv
veer n (ca. 1611) : a change in course or direction (a ~ to the right)
vee-ry (vir-'ē) n, pl veeries [prob. imit.] (1838) : an American thrush (*Catharus fuscescens*) common in the eastern U.S.
veg (və) n, pl veg (1918) chiefly Brit : VEGETABLE
Ve-ga (və-'gə, -və-'ŋ) [NL, fr. Ar (*al-Nasr*) *al-Wāq'*, lit., the falling (vulture)] (ca. 1638) : the brightest star in the constellation Lyra
veg-an (və-'gən also -və-'ā also -və-'jən or -'jən) n [by contr. fr. *vegetarian*] (1944) : a strict vegetarian who consumes no animal food or dairy products; also : one who abstains from using animal products (as leather) — *veg-an* adj — *veg-an*-ism \-və-'gən-'ni-zəm, -və-'gə-, -və-'jə-'n
veg-e-table (və-'tā-bəl, -və-'jə-'tā) adj [ME, fr. ML *vegetabilis* vegetative, fr. *vegetare* to grow, fr. L, to animate, fr. *vegetus* lively, fr. *vegere* to enliven — more at WAKE] (15c) 1 a : of, relating to, constituting, or growing like plants b : consisting of plants : VEGETATIONAL 2 : made from, obtained from, or containing plants or plant products (~ soup) (~ fat) 3 : resembling or suggesting a plant (as in inertness or passivity)
Vegetable n (15c) 1 : PLANT 1b 2 : a usu. herbaceous plant (as the cabbage, bean, or potato) grown for an edible part that is usu. eaten as part of a meal; also : such an edible part 3 : a person whose mental and physical functioning is severely impaired and esp. one who requires supportive measures (as mechanical ventilation) to survive
vegetable ivory n (1842) 1 : the hard white opaque endosperm of the ivory nut that takes a high polish and is used as a substitute for ivory 2 : IVORY NUT
vegetable marrow n (ca. 1816) chiefly Brit : any of various smooth-skinned elongated summer squashes with creamy-white to deep green skins
vegetable oil n (1765) : an oil of plant origin; esp : a fatty oil from seeds or fruits
vegetable water n (ca. 1818) : SALSFY
vegetable pear n (1887) : CHAYOTE
vegetable wax n (1815) : a wax of plant origin secreted commonly in thin flakes by the walls of epidermal cells
veg-e-ta-bly (və-'tā-blē, -və-'jə-'tā) adv or adj (1651) : in the manner of or like a vegetable
veg-e-tal (və-'jə-'tāl) adj [ML *vegetare* to grow] (15c) 1 : VEGETABLE 2 : VEGETATIVE 3 : of or relating to the vegetal pole of an egg or to that part of an egg from which the endoderm normally develops (~ blastomeres)
vegetal pole n (1896) : the point on the surface of an egg that is diametrically opposite to the animal pole and usu. marks the center of the protoplasm containing more yolk — see BLASTULA illustration
veg-e-tar-i-an (və-'jə-'tər-i-ən) n [*Vegetable* + *-arian*] (1839) 1 : one who believes in or practices vegetarianism 2 : HERBIVORE
Vegetarian adj (1849) 1 : of or relating to vegetarians 2 : consisting wholly of vegetables, fruits, grains, nuts, and sometimes eggs or dairy products (~ diet)
veg-e-tar-i-an-ism \və-'jə-'tər-i-ən-'ni-zəm/ n (ca. 1851) : the theory or practice of living on a vegetarian diet
veg-e-tate (və-'jə-'tāt) vb -tāt-ed; -tāt-ing [ML *vegetatus*, pp. of *vegetare* to grow] (1605) 1 a : to grow in the manner of a plant; also : to grow exuberantly : to flourish as if of fleshy or warty outgrowths b : to produce vegetation 2 : to lead a passive existence without exertion of body or mind ~ vt : to establish vegetation in or on
veg-e-tation (və-'jə-'tā-shən) n (1564) 1 : the act or process of vegetating 2 : inert existence 3 : plant life or total plant cover (as of an area) 4 : an abnormal growth upon a body part (fibrin ~s on the mitral valve) — *veg-e-ta-tion*-al \-shənəl, -shə-'nəl/ adj
veg-e-ta-tive (və-'jə-'tā-tiv) adj (14c) 1 a (1) : growing or having the power of growing (2) : of, relating to, or engaged in nutritive and growth functions as contrasted with reproductive functions (a ~ nucleus) b : promoting plant growth (the ~ properties of soil) c : of, relating to, or involving propagation by nonsexual processes or methods 2 : relating to, composed of, or suggesting vegetation 3 : of or

relating to the division of nature comprising the plant kingdom 4 a : AUTONOMOUS 1 b : characterized by, resulting from, or being a state of severe mental impairment in which only involuntary bodily functions are sustained 5 : VEGETABLE 3 — *veg-e-ta-tive-ly* adv — *veg-e-ta-tive-ness* n
ve-gete (və-'jɛt) adj [L *vegetus* — more at VEGETABLE] (1639) archaic : LIVELY, HEALTHY
veg-gie also veg-gie (və-'jɛ) n [by shortening & alter.] (1955) 1 : VEGETABLE 2 slang : VEGETARIAN
veggie burger n (1972) : a patty chiefly of vegetable-derived protein used as a meat substitute; also : a sandwich containing such a patty
veg out (və-'jə) vi *vegged out*; *veg-ging out* [short for *vegetate*] (1980) : to spend time idly or passively
ve-he-mence (və-'hɛ-mən(t)s) n (15c) : the quality or state of being vehement : INTENSITY
ve-he-ment (və-'hɛ-mənt) adj [ME, fr. MF, fr. L *vehement*, *vehemens*, *vehement*, *vehemens*] (15c) : marked by forcible energy : POWERFUL (a ~ wind); as : intensely emotional : IMPASSIONED, FERVID (~ patriotism) b (1) : deeply felt (a ~ suspicion) (2) : forcibly expressed (~ denunciations) c : bitterly antagonistic (a ~ debate) — *ve-he-ment-ly* adv
ve-hic-le (və-'hɪ-kəl) also 'vɛ-'hɪ-kəl/ n [F *véhicule*, fr. L *vehiculum* carriage, conveyance, fr. *vehere* to carry — more at WAY] (1612) 1 a : an inert medium (as a syrup) in which a medicinally active agent is administered b : any of various media acting usu. as solvents, carriers, or binders for active ingredients or pigments 2 : an agent of transmission : CARRIER 3 : a medium through which something is expressed, achieved, or displayed (an investment ~); esp : a work created esp. to display the talents of a particular performer 4 : a means of carrying or putting something (planes, trains, and other ~s) : as a : MOTOR VEHICLE b : a piece of mechanized equipment
ve-hic-u-lar (və-'hɪ-kyə-lər) adj (1616) 1 a : of, relating to, or designed for vehicles and esp. motor vehicles b : transported by vehicle c : caused by or resulting from the operation of a vehicle (~ homicide) 2 : serving as a vehicle
V-8 (və-'eɪt) n (1930) : an internal combustion engine having two banks of four cylinders each with the banks at an angle to each other; also : an automobile having such an engine
veil (vəl) [ME, fr. AF *vel*, *veille*, fr. L *vēla*, pl. of *velum* sail, awning, curtain] (13c) 1 a : a length of cloth worn by women as a covering for the head and shoulders and often esp. in Eastern countries for the face; *speci* : the outer covering of a nun's headdress b : a length of veiling or netting worn over the head or face or attached for protection or ornament to a hat or headdress (a bridal ~) c : any of various liturgical cloths; esp : a cloth used to cover the chalice 2 : the life of a nun — often used in the phrase *take the veil* 3 : a concealing curtain or cover of cloth 4 : something that resembles a veil (a ~ of stars); esp : something that hides or obscures like a veil (lift the ~ of secrecy) 5 : a covering body part or membrane; as a : VELUM b : CAUL
veil vt (14c) : to cover, provide, obscure, or conceal with or as if with a veil ~ vi : to put on or wear a veil
veiled (və-'lɛd) adj (14c) 1 a : having or wearing a veil or a concealing cover (a ~ hat) b : characterized by a softening total distortion 2 : obscured as if by a veil ; DISGUISED (~ threats)
veiling (və-'lɪŋ) n (13c) 1 : any of various light sheer fabrics 2 : VIL
vein (vān) [ME *veine*, fr. AF, fr. L *vena*] (14c) 1 a : a narrow water channel in rock or earth or in ice b (1) : LODE 2 (2) : a bed of useful mineral matter c : LODE 3 2 : BLOOD VESSEL; esp : any of the tubular branching vessels that carry blood from the capillaries toward the heart 3 a : any of the vascular bundles forming the framework of a leaf b : any of the thickened cuticular ribs that serve to stiffen the wings of an insect 4 : something suggesting veins (as in reticulation); *speci* : a wavy variegation (as in marble) 5 a : a distinctive mode of expression : STYLE (stories in a romantic ~) b : a distinctive element or quality : STRAIN (introduced a welcome ~ of humor) c : a line of thought or action (renewed discussion along the same ~) 6 a : a special aptitude (inherited an artistic ~) b : a usu. transitory and casual-ly attained mood c : top form (thou troublest me; I am not in the ~ — Shak.) — *vein*-al \və-'ni-/ adj
vein vt (1502) : to pattern with or as if with veins
veined (və-'nɛd) adj (ca. 1529) : patterned with or as if with veins; having venation : STREAKED (a ~ leaf) (~ marble) (~ cheese)
vein-er (və-'nɛr) n (1895) : a small V gouge used in wood carving
veining (və-'niŋ) n (1826) : a pattern of veins : VENATION
vein-let (və-'ni-lət) n (1831) : a small vein
veiny (və-'ni) adj (1611) : full of veins; noticeably veined (~ hands)
ve-ib-er (və-'i-bɛr) n
ve-lā-men (və-'lā-mən) n, pl ve-lam-i-nā \-lā-mə-nə/ [NL, fr. L, covering, fr. *velare* to cover, fr. *velum* curtain] (1882) : the thick corky epidermis of aerial roots of an epiphytic orchid that absorbs water from the atmosphere
ve-lar (və-'lār) adj [NL *velaris*, fr. *velum*] (1876) 1 : formed with the back of the tongue touching or near the soft palate (the ~ Uk of *Velil cool*) 2 : of, forming, or relating to a velum and esp. the soft palate — *vel-ar* n
ve-lar-i-um (və-'lɛr-i-əm) n, pl -i-ā \-lɛ-ə/ [L, fr. *velum* curtain] (1834) : an awning over an ancient Roman theater or amphitheater
ve-lar-i-zā-tion (və-'lɛ-rə-'zā-shən) n (1915) 1 : the quality or state of being velarized 2 : an act or instance of velarizing
ve-lar-ize (və-'lɛ-rə-'zɪz) vt -lized; -lizing (1915) : to modify (as the *l* of *tipul*, *pool*) by a simultaneous velar articulation
vel-cro (vɛl-'krɔ) trademark — used for a closure consisting of a piece of fabric of small hooks that sticks to a corresponding fabric of small loops
veld or veldt (vɛlt, 'fɛlt) n [Afrik *veld*, fr. D, field; akin to OE *feld* field] (1835) : a grassland esp. of southern Africa usu. with scattered shrubs or trees
ve-il-ger (və-'lɛ-jər, -və-'l) n [NL, fr. *velum* + *-ger* bearing, fr. *gerere* to bear] (1877) : a larval mollusk in the stage when it has developed the velum
vel-ic-ity (və-'lɛ-ti-tē, -və-'l) n, pl -ities [NL *velleitas*, fr. L *velle* to wish, will — more at WILL] (1618) 1 : the lowest degree of volition 2 : a slight wish or tendency : INCLINATION

'vel-i-um (və-'lɛ-jəm) [ME *velum*, fr. AF *velum*, calq. fr. *veil* calf — more at VEAL] (14c) lambskin, kidskin, or calfskin prepared esp. for books 2 : a strong cream-colored pap'
velium adj (15c) 1 : of, resembling, or brough (paper with a ~ finish)
vel-lo-çè (və-'lə-'çhə) adv or adj [It, fr. L, rapid manner — used as a direction in music]
ve-lo-clim-e-ter (və-'lə-'sɪ-'mɛ-tər, -və-'l) n F device for measuring speed (as of fluid flow)
ve-lo-clim-pe-de (və-'lə-'sɪ-'pɛd) n [F *vélocipède*, per foot — more at FOOT] (1818) : a light pedaled by the rider; as an archaic : BICYCLE
ve-lo-ci-rap-tor (və-'lə-'sɪ-'rɛp-tər) n [NL, plunderer, predator — more at RAPTOR] (*lo-ciprator*) of theropod dinosaurs of the La head with a flat snout and a large sickle-sh of each foot
ve-lo-ci-tas (və-'lɛ-'tɪ-təs, -'lɛ-tɪ-təs) n, pl -ities I velocitas, fr. *veloc-*, *velox* quick; *prob* : akin more at WAKE] (15c) 1 a : quickness of sound b : rapidity of movement (my he personal comeliness, rather than ~ — Mar) led to something (the power pitcher relies o : the rate of change of position along a strai : the derivative of position with respect to time or action : RAPIDITY (the ~ of hist) b : rate of turnover (the ~ of money)
ve-lo-drome (və-'lə-'drɔm, -'drɔm) n [F (short for *vélocipède*) + *-drome*] (1895) : a t velour or velours shaggy, fr. MF *velours*, *velour*, fr *velas*, fr. L *villosus* shaggy, fr. *villosus* shaggy (1794) 1 : any of various fabrics with a pil bling velvet used in heavy weights for uph lighter weights for clothing; also : the article fat (as of rabbit or nutria) finished with a esp. for hats
ve-lou-té (və-'lə-'tɛ) n [F, lit., velvetiness, fr. *velvet* velvety, fr. VL *villosus*] (1830) : a soft veal, or fish stock and cream and thickened
vel-um (və-'lɛ-jəm) n, pl ve-lu-'lā/ [NL, fr. L, *brane* or membranous part resembling a ve /ALATE b : an annular membrane projecti of the umbrella in some jellyfishes (as the h yming or comb that is esp. well developed in the marine gastropods)
vel-ure (və-'lɛ-jər, -və-'jɛr) n [Imodif. : BELVET; also : a fabric resembling velvet]
vel-vet (və-'vɛt) n [IME *veluet*, *velvet*; also : velvety, fr. VL *villosus*, fr. L *villosus* shaggy hair more at WOOL] (14c) 1 : a clothing and up rayon, or wool) characterized by a short s something suggesting velvet b : a chai nourishes the developing antlers of deer 4 in a gambling game; also : a profit or gain be -vel-vet-likē \və-'vɛt-'li-kē/ adj
velvet adj (14c) 1 : made of or covered w velvet 2 : resembling or suggesting velvet : ve velvet ant n (1748) : any of various solitary hairy fossorial wasps (family Mutillidae) w velvet bean n (1898) : an annual legume (*Mu mshobium deeringsianum*) grown esp. in the s m and grazing; also : its seed often used as vel-ve-teen (və-'vɛ-tɛn) n (1776) 1 : a clot in twill or plain weaves made with a short cl velvet 2 (1) : a cloth : clothes made of velveteen vel-vety (və-'vɛ-tē) adj (1752) 1 : having the being soft, smooth, thick, or richly hue (~) 2 : smooth to the taste : MILD (a ~ wine)
Ven abbr venerable
ven- or veni- or veno- comb form [L *ven-* (enography)
vena (və-'nə) n, pl ve-næ \-(nɛ) [ME, fr. L *vena* ca-va, ve-næ-'kə-və] n, pl ve-næ ca-*lit*, hollow vein] (1598) : any of the large breathing vertebrates the blood is returned t heart — *vena* ca-*val* \və-'vəl/ adj
ve-nal (və-'nəl) adj [L *venalis*, fr. *venum* (acc.) to buy, Skt *vāna* price] (1652) 1 : capabl lained for money or other valuable considera : open to corrupt influence and esp. bribery ; *ador* 2 : originating in, characterized by, o bribery (a ~ arrangement with the police) — *ve-nal-ly* (və-'nəl-'lē) adv
ve-na-tion (və-'nā-shən, -və-'n) n [L *vena* vein] (1645) : an arrangement or system of veins (a in the tissue of a leaf or the wing of an insect)
vend (vɛnd) v [L *vendere* to sell, v.t., cont for *venum dare* to give for sale] (1651) 1 : to sell esp. as a hawk or peddler b : to sel by means of vending machines 2 : to utte publicly ~ vt : to dispose of something by sal ; *sell*; also : to engage in selling
ven-dā (və-'dā) n (1908) : a Bantu language spoken by a people of Northern province, Re public of South Africa; also : a member of thi people
vend-ee (vɛn-'dē) n (1547) : one to whom s thing is sold : BUYER
ven-det-tā (vɛn-'dɛ-tə) n [It, lit., revenge, fr. I *indicta* — more at INDICTIVE] (1855) 1 : BIT