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abbreviate <uh.BREE.vee.ayt>

v / make shorter

As a common practice, most Americans --- the names of states on mail envelopes.

abdomen <AB.duh.muhn> or <ab.DOH.muhn>

n / section of the body located in the lower part of the trunk

Grampa had a pain in his ---, and he insisted that it was simply heartburn.

abnormality <ab.nuhr.MAL.uh.tee> or

<ab.nawr.MAL.uh.tee>

n / quality or state of deviating from the average or accepted

The X-ray showed no --- in the bone structure, and the doctor felt Todd had sprained his ankle, not broken it.

abridged <uh.BRIJD>

v / condensed, shortened, usually by omitting wording

Lisa didn't like --- audio books and felt she missed some character and plot nuances in the shortened book.

abrupt <uh.BRUHPT>

adj / having a sudden break or end

While riding her bicycle down the steep hill, Mary collided with a tree and came to an --- stop.

abundantly <uh.BUHN.duhnt.lee>

adv / fully, plentifully

"It is --- clear to me that you did not follow the rules and must go to detention," explained the principal.

accentuate <ik.SEN.chuh.wayt> or

<ak.SEN.chuh.wayt>

v / emphasize, give special attention

The choir director chose to --- Ellen's fine soprano voice by giving her a solo in the recital.

accomplish <uh.KAHM.plish> or <uh.KUHM.plish>

v / fulfill, perform completely, attain

We must work together as a team if we are to --- our goal of winning the state championship.

accordion <uh.KAWR.dee.uhn>

n, adj / wind instrument having a keyboard and hand-operated bellows

The musician played the --- while his monkey walked through the crowd with a collection cup.

achieve <uh.CHEEV>

v / complete, fulfill, conclude

Esther felt she could --- her goal of winning the spelling bee by studying 30 minutes each day before school.

acne <AK.nee>

n / skin disorder found chiefly in teenagers that is marked by facial eruptions

Consulting a dermatologist, Jim learned that the --- on his face was controllable with a medicated cream.

activate <AK.tuh.vayt>

v / move or cause to create movement

To --- the alarm system, a coded series of numbers was entered on the control panel.

addendum <uh.DEN.duhm>

n / something extra supplemented

The --- to the book included new material discovered after the initial printing.

adhesive <ad.HEE.siv> or <uhd.HEE.siv>

<ad.HEEZ.iv> <uhd.HEEZ.iv>

adj, n / sticky; holding to; glue or cement

The doctor used --- tape to hold the bandage in place.

admission <uhd.MISH.uhn> or <ad.MISH.uhn>

n / acceptance into a position or office; entrance fee paid

Her strong contribution to country music won Miss Lynn an --- into the Music Hall of Fame.

adoption <uh.DAHP.shuhn>

n / act of taking a child into one's family by legal means; act of accepting a practice

When the Smiths found they could not have children, they decided that --- was a good alternative.

advertise <AD.vuhr.tiiz>

v / announce publicly, make known

Business increased as soon as the company began to --- their product in the local newspaper.

aerobics <ehr.OH.biks> or <eh.uhr.OH.biks>

n / physical activities that improve breathing ability and blood circulation

Dr. Smith recommended a class in --- to get Mrs. Sims' blood rate up and improve her circulation.

agenda <uh.JEN.duh>

n / outline of things to be done

Mr. Elroy sent out an --- before each board meeting to apprise members of the primary items to be discussed.

aggression <uh.GRESH.uhn>

n / hostile action or behavior

The dog's --- terrified the door-to-door salesman, and he left as soon as he heard Fido growl.

seminary <SEM.uh.nehr.ee>

n / institution where candidates are trained for the priesthood

Prior to being ordained in the priesthood, John studied theology in the ---.

senile <SEE.niil> or <SEN.iil>

adj / relating to old age; loss of mental faculties

Some days my 90-year-old grandmother seems --- and doesn't recognize me; but other days she's quite alert.

sensational <sen.SAY.shnuhl> or <sen.SAY.shuh.nuhl>

<suhn.SAY.shnuhl> <suhn.SAY.shuh.nuhl>

adj / spectacular; of or relating to feeling

The fireworks display at the park was ---, and the crowd was mesmerized by the spectacular program.

separate <SEP.uh.rayt> or <SEP.uh.ruht>

<SEP.ruht>

v, n, adj / keep apart

After too much talking, the teacher decided to --- the two girls into opposite corners of the room.

session <SESH.uhn>

n / period of time for the transaction of business by a group

The legislature is currently in --- but will complete their business proceedings before the holidays. ~Hom: cession

shrewd <SHROOD>

adj / clever or keen

Mr. Lowry attributed his success in real estate dealings to his --- purchases below market value.

similarity <sim.uh.LEHR.uht.ee>

n / likeness

--- in appearance of the twins did not carry over into their personalities, and the two were quite different.

simplicity <sim.PLIS.uht.ee>

n / lack of complexity, plainness

Mr. Roberts studied the model submitted by his student and was impressed by the --- of the airplane's design.

skeletal <SKEL.uht.uhl>

adj / relating to the bone structure of the body

The medical student felt like she knew every bone in the --- system of the body after anatomy class.

slanderous <SLAN.druhs> or <SLAN.duh.ruhs>

adj / containing or constituting oral false charges against another

The actress sued the critic for his --- remarks that she felt had damaged her reputation.

sociable <SOH.shuh.buhl>

adj, n / naturally inclined to seek and enjoy the companionship of others

The presence of several --- people insures friendly conversation and helps get a party off to a good start.

sociology <soh.see.AHL.uh.jee> or

<soh.shee.AHL.uh.jee>

n / study of human groups

Ned studied --- in college to understand the interaction of people and the patterns of group reactions better.

solstice <SAHL.stis>

n / first day of summer or first day of winter

The day of the summer --- is the longest period of sunshine in the year.

solvable <SAHL.vuh.buhl> or <SAWL.vuh.buhl>

adj / able to be figured out or deciphered

We knew the math problem was ---, but not one in our group had the skills to reach the answer.

somersault <SUHM.uhr.sawlt>

n, v / leap or roll in a revolution of head over heels

In ancient Crete, acrobats would leap onto a bull and --- across its back.

specific <spi.SIF.ik>

adj, n / restricted to an individual person or thing; constant related to unit mass

The clerk will need to know the --- date of the child's birth to produce a duplicate certificate.

speculation <spek.yuh.LAY.shuhn>

n / observation; guess

There is general --- that the football team will win all its games, but only time will tell.

squirm <SKWUHRM>

v / move or twist about with contortions

Nervous about seeing the doctor, the young child began to --- in her seat while she waited.

stagnant <STAG.nuhnt>

adj / still, motionless; stale

The --- pool was covered with debris, and mosquitoes bred rampantly in the still waters.

stationary <STAY.shuh.nehr.ee>

adj / immobile, unmoving

Each morning the businessman exercises on a --- bicycle in his office. ~Hom: stationery

stature <STACH.uhr>

n / natural height in a standing position; status gained by achievement

Joey's small --- earned him the nickname "Shorty."