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no•ta•bil•i•ty (nō'tā-bil'i-tē) *n.*, *pl.* **-ties** 1. The state or quality of being eminent or worthy of notice. 2. A prominent or notable person.

no•ta•ble (nō'tā-bəl) *adj.* 1. Worthy of note or notice; remarkable. 2. Characterized by excellence or distinction; eminent. See **Syns at noted**. ♦ *n.* 1. A person of distinction or great reputation. 2. Often **Notable** One of a council of prominent persons in pre-Revolutionary France called into assembly to deliberate at times of emergency. —**no•ta•ble•ness** *n.* —**no•ta•bly** *adv.*

no•tar•i•al (nō-tār'ē-əl) *adj.* 1. Of or relating to a notary public. 2. Executed or drawn up by a notary public. —**no•tar•i•al•ly** *adv.*

no•ta•rize (nō'tā-rīz') *tr.v.* -rized, -rizing, -rizes To certify or attest to (the validity of a signature on a document, for example) as a notary public. —**no•ta•ri•za•tion** (-rī-zā'shən) *n.*

no•ta•ry (nō'tā-rē) *n.*, *pl.* -ries A notary public. [ME *notarie* < OFr. *notaire*, *notarie* < Lat. *notarius*, relating to shorthand, shorthand writer < *nota*, mark. See **NOTE**.]

notary public *n.*, *pl.* **Notaries public** A person legally empowered to witness and certify the validity of documents and take affidavits and depositions.

no•tate (nō'tāt) *tr.v.* -tated, -tating, -tates To put into notation. [Back-formation < **NOTATION**.]

no•ta•tion (nō-tā'shən) *n.* 1a. A system of figures or symbols used in a specialized field to represent numbers, quantities, tones, or values: *musical notation*. b. The act or process of using such a system. 2. A brief note; an annotation: *marginal notations*. [Lat. *notātiō*, *notātiōn-* < *notātus*, p. part. of *notāre*, to note < *nota*, note. See **NOTE**.] —**no•ta•tion•al** *adj.*

notch (nōč) *n.* 1a. A V-shaped cut. b. Such a cut used for keeping a record. 2. A narrow pass between mountains. 3. *Informal* A level or degree: *a notch higher*. ♦ *tr.v.* notched, notching, notches 1. To cut a notch in. 2. To record by or as if by making notches: *notched the score on a stick*. 3. *Informal* To achieve; score. [Prob. < a *notch*, alteration of an *otch* < Fr. *oche* < OFr. < *ochier*, to notch.]

note (nōt) *n.* 1. A brief record, esp. one written down to aid the memory. 2. A brief informal letter. 3. A formal written diplomatic or official communication. 4. A comment or explanation, as on a passage in a text. 5a. A piece of paper currency. b. A certificate issued by a government or a bank and sometimes negotiable as money. c. A promissory note. 6. *Music* a. A tone of definite pitch. b. A symbol for such a tone, indicating pitch by its position on the staff and duration by its shape. c. A key of an instrument, such as a piano. 7. The characteristic vocal sound made by a songbird or other animal. 8. The sign of a particular quality or emotion. 9. Importance; consequence. 10. Notice; observation. 11. *Obsolete* A song, melody, or tune. ♦ *tr.v.* not•ed, not•ing, notes 1. To observe carefully; notice. See **Syns at see**' 1. 2. To make a note of; write down: *noted the time of each arrival*. 3. To show; indicate. 4. To make mention of; remark. [ME < OFr. < Lat. *nota*, annotation. See **gnō-** in **App.**] —**not•er** *n.*

note•book (nōt'boōk') *n.* 1. A book of blank pages for notes. 2. A light portable computer, usu. thinner than a laptop.

not•ed (nō'tid) *adj.* Distinguished by reputation; famous: *a noted physician*. —**not•ed•ly** *adv.*

SYNONYMS *noted, celebrated, eminent, famed, famous, illustrious, notable, preeminent, renowned* These adjectives mean widely known and esteemed: *a noted author; a celebrated musician; an eminent scholar; a famed scientist; a famous actor; an illustrious judge; a notable historian; a preeminent archaeologist; a renowned painter*. **ANTONYM** *obscure*

note of hand *n.*, *pl.* **notes of hand** See **promissory note**.

note•pad (nōt'pād') *n.* A pad or tablet of usu. lined paper.

note•pa•per (nōt'pā'pər) *n.* Writing paper used esp. for brief letters or notes.

note•wor•thy (nōt'wūr'thē) *adj.* -thi•er, -thi•est Deserving notice or attention; notable: *a noteworthy advance in cancer research*. —**note•wor•thi•ly** *adv.* —**note•wor•thi•ness** *n.*

noth•er (nūth'ər) *adj.* *Informal* Other. Usu. used in the phrase *a whole nother*, as in *That's a whole nother story*. [< alteration of **ANOTHER** (interpreted as a *nother*).]

noth•ing (nūth'ing) *pron.* 1. No thing; not anything: *The box held nothing*. 2. No part; no portion: *Nothing remains of the old house*. 3. One of no consequence, significance, or interest: *He is nothing to me*. ♦ *n.* 1. Something that has no existence. 2. Something that has no quantitative value; zero: *a score of two to nothing*. 3. One that has no substance or importance; a nonentity. ♦ *adj.* Insignificant or worthless. ♦ *adv.* In no way or degree; not at all: *She looks nothing like you*. —**idioms**: for nothing 1. Free of charge. 2. To no avail. 3. For no reason. **nothing doing** *Informal* Certainly not. [ME < OE *nāthing*: *nā*, no; see **NO** + *thing*, thing; see **THING**.]

USAGE NOTE According to the traditional rule, *nothing* is invariably treated as a singular, even when followed by an exception phrase containing a plural noun: *Nothing except your fears stands (not stand) in your way*.

noth•ing•ness (nūth'ing-nīs) *n.* 1. The condition or quality of being nothing; nonexistence. 2. Empty space; a void. 3. Lack of

consequence; insignificance. 4. Something inconsequential or insignificant.

no•tice (nō'tis) *n.* 1. The act of noting or observing; perception or attention: *That detail escaped my notice*. 2. Respectful attention or consideration. 3. A written or printed announcement. 4a. A formal announcement, notification, or warning, esp. an announcement of one's intention to withdraw from an agreement or leave a job. b. The condition of being formally warned or notified. 5. A printed critical review, as of a play or book. ♦ *tr.v.* -ticed, -ticing, -tices 1. To take notice of; observe. See **Syns at see**' 2. To perceive with the mind; detect. 3. To comment on; mention. 4. To treat with courteous attention. 5. To give or file a notice of. [ME, knowledge < OFr. < Lat. *notitia* < *notus*, known, p. part. of *nōscere*, to get to know. See **gnō-** in **App.**]

no•tice•a•ble (nō'tī-sə-bəl) *adj.* 1. Evident; observable. See **Syns at perceptible**. 2. Worthy of notice; significant. —**no•tice•a•bil•i•ty** *n.* —**no•tice•a•bly** *adv.*

no•ti•fi•ca•tion (nō'tī-fi-kā'shən) *n.* 1. The act or an instance of notifying. 2. Something, such as a letter, by which notice is given.

no•ti•fy (nō'tī-fī') *tr.v.* -fied, -fy•ing, -fies 1. To give notice to; inform: *notified them of the curfew*. 2. *Chiefly British* To give notice of; make known. [ME *notifien* < OFr. *notifier* < Lat. *notificāre*: *notus*, known, p. part. of *nōscere*, to get to know; see **gnō-** in **App.** + *-ficāre*, -fy.] —**no•ti•fi•er** *n.*

no•till (nō'til') *n.* A cultivation system that reduces soil erosion and preserves soil nutrients by the avoidance of plowing and the reliance on herbicides.

no•tion (nō'shən) *n.* 1. A belief or opinion. 2. A mental image or representation; an idea or conception. 3. A fanciful impulse; a whim. See **Syns at idea**. 4. **notions** Small lightweight items for household use, such as needles and buttons. [ME *notioun*, concept < Lat. *notiō*, *notiōn-* < *notus*, known, p. part. of *nōscere*, to get to know. See **gnō-** in **App.**]

no•tion•al (nō'shə-nəl) *adj.* 1. Of, containing, or being a notion; mental or imaginary. 2. Speculative or theoretical. 3. *Linguistics* Conveying an idea of a thing or action; having full lexical meaning as distinguished from relational meaning. The word *did* is notional in *We did the work* and relational in *We did not agree*. —**no•tion•al•ly** *adv.*

no•to•chord (nō'tə-kōrd') *n.* 1. A flexible rodlike structure that forms the main support of the body in the lowest chordates; a primitive backbone. 2. A similar structure in embryos of higher vertebrates, from which the spinal column develops. [Gk. *nōton*, back + **CHORD**' 2.] —**no•to•chord•al** *adj.*

No•to•gae•a or **No•to•ge•a** (nō'tə-jē'ə) *n.* A zoogeographic region including Australia, New Zealand, and the islands of the SW Pacific Ocean.

no•to•ri•ety (nō'tə-rī'tē) *n.* The quality or condition of being notorious; ill fame.

no•to•ri•ous (nō-tōr'ē-s, -tōr'ē-) *adj.* Known widely and usu. unfavorably; infamous: *a notorious gangster*. [< Med.Lat. *nōtōrius*, well-known < Lat. *notus*, known, p. part. of *nōscere*, to get to know. See **gnō-** in **App.**] —**no•to•ri•ous•ly** *adv.* —**no•to•ri•ous•ness** *n.*

no•tor•nis (nō-tōr'nīs) *n.*, *pl.* **notornis** Any of several flightless New Zealand birds, now rare, of the genus *Notornis*. [NLat. *Notornis*, genus name: Gk. *notos*, south + Gk. *ornis*, bird.]

no•trump (nō'trūmp') *n.* 1. A declaration to play a hand without a trump suit in bridge and other card games. 2. A hand played without a trump suit. —**no•trump**' *adj.*

Not•ta•way (nō'tə-wā') A river of SW Quebec, Canada, flowing c. 644 km (400 mi) into James Bay.

Not•ting•ham (nōt'ing-əm) A borough of central England N of Leicester. Charles I raised his standard here in 1642, marking the beginning of the English Civil War. Pop. 282,590.

no•tum (nō'təm) *n.*, *pl.* -ta (-tə) The dorsal part of the thoracic segment of an insect. [NLat. *nōtum* < Gk. *nōton*, back.]

not•with•stand•ing (nōt'with-stān'ding, -wīth-) *prep.* In spite of: *We walked, notwithstanding the rain*. ♦ *adv.* All the same; nevertheless: *We proceeded, notwithstanding*. ♦ *conj.* In spite of the fact that; although. [ME *notwithstandinge* (transl. of Lat. *nōn obstante*): *not*, not; see **NOT** + *withstanding*, pr. part. of *withstanden*, to resist; see **WITHSTAND**.]

Noouk•chott (nōw'chōt') The cap. of Mauritania, in the W part of the Atlantic Ocean. Pop. 150,000.

nou•gat (nōw'gāt) *n.* A confection made from a sugar or honey paste into which nuts are mixed. [Fr. < Provençal < *nougo*, nut < O Provençal *noga* < VLat. **nuca* < Lat. *nux*, *nuc-*, nut.]

nought (nōt) *n.*, *pron.*, & *adj.* Variant of **naught**.

Nou•mé•a (nōw-mā'ə) The cap. of New Caledonia, on the SW coast of the island of New Caledonia in the SW Pacific Ocean. Pop. 65,110.

nou•me•non (nōw'mə-nōn') *n.*, *pl.* -na (-nə) In the philosophy of Kant, an object as it is in itself independent of the mind, as opposed to a phenomenon. [Ger. < Gk. < neut. pr. passive part. of *noein*, to perceive by thought < *nous*, mind.] —**nou•men•al** (-mə-nəl) *adj.*

noun (noun) *n.* 1. The part of speech that is used to name a person, place, thing, quality, or action and can function as the subject or object of a verb, the object of a preposition, or an apposi-



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