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senses: MATTER. **b.** A material of a particular kind or constitution. **2.** The most central and material part: ESSENCE. **3.** Solid, substantial quality or character <a plan with substance> **4.** Physical density: BODY <Air has little substance> **5.** Material possessions: WEALTH <a person of substance>

substance abuse *n.* Excessive use of addictive substances, esp. alcohol and narcotic drugs. — **substance abuser** *n.*

sub-stan-dard (süb'stän'därd) *adj.* **1.** Being below standard, as in quality. **2.** Considered unacceptable usage by the educated members of a speech community.

sub-stan-tial (süb'stän'shəl) *adj.* [ME *substantial* < LLat. *substantialis* < Lat. *substantia*, substance.] **1.** Of, relating to, or having substance: MATERIAL. **2.** Not imaginary: REAL. **3.** Solidly built: STRONG. **4.** Ample <a substantial dinner> **5.** Being of considerable importance, value, degree, amount, or extent <lost the election by a substantial margin> **6.** Possessing wealth or property: WELL-TO-DO. — *pl. n.* **sub-stantials** Substantial things. — **sub-stan'ti-al'i-ty** (-shē-äl'tē-tē), **sub-stan'ti-al-ness** *n.* — **sub-stan'ti-al-ly** *adv.*

sub-stan-ti-ate (süb'stän'shē-ät') *vt.* -at-ed, -at-ing, -ates [Med. Lat. *substantiare*, *substantia*, < Lat. *substantia*, substance.] **1.** To support and verify with proof or evidence <substantiate previous testimony> **2a.** To give material form to: EMBODY. **b.** To make firm or solid. **3.** To give substance or reality to: make real or actual. — **sub-stan'ti-a-tion *n.***

sub-stan-ti-val (süb'stän'ti-vəl) *adj.* Of, relating to, or of the nature of a grammatical substantive. — **sub'stan-ti-val-ly** *adv.*

sub-stan-tive (süb'stän'tiv) *adj.* [ME *substantif* < OFr. < LLat. *substantivus* < Lat. *substantia*, substance.] **1.** SUBSTANTIAL **5.** **2.** Independent in function or existence: not subordinate. **3.** Not imaginary: ACTUAL. **4.** Of or relating to the essence or substance: ESSENTIAL <substantive data> **5.** Having a solid basis: FIRM. **6.** Expressing or denoting existence; e.g., the verb *to be*. **7.** Denoting a noun or noun equivalent. — *n.* A word or group of words functioning as a noun. — **sub'stan-tive-ly** *adv.* — **sub'stan-tive-ness** *n.*

sub-sta-tion (süb'stā'shən) *n.* A subsidiary or branch station, as of a power plant.

sub-sti-tu-ent (süb'stich'ō-ənt) *n.* [Lat. *substituens*, *substituent*, *pr. part.* of *substituere*, to substitute.] An atom, radical, or group substituted for another in a compound. — **sub-sti-tu-ent** *adj.*

sub-sti-tute (süb'stī-tōōt', -tyōōt') *n.* [*Lat. substitutus*, *p. part.* of *substituere*, to substitute: *sub-*, in place of + *statuere*, to cause to stand.] **1.** One that takes the place of another: FILL-IN. **2.** A word or construction used in place of another word or construction. — *v.* -tut-ed, -tut-ing, -tutes — *vt.* **1.** To put or use in place of another. **2. Chem. To replace (one or more elements or radicals in a compound) by other elements or radicals. — *vi.* To take the place of another <"Only art can substitute for nature" — Leonard Bernstein> — **sub'sti-tut'a-bil'i-ty** *n.* — **sub'sti-tut'a-ble** *adj.* — **sub'sti-tu'tion** (-tōō'shən, -tyōō'-)**

♦ **synonyms:** SUBSTITUTE, ALTERNATE, FILL-IN, PINCH HITTER, REPLACEMENT, STAND-IN, SUB, SURROGATE *n.* **core meaning:** one that takes the place of another <hire a substitute for the sick teacher>

sub-sti-tu-tive (süb'stī-tōōt'iv, -tyōō'-) *adj.* Serving or capable of serving as a substitute.

sub-strate (süb'strāt') *n.* [*Substratum*.] **1. The material or substance on which an enzyme acts. **2. Biol. A surface on which a plant or animal grows or is attached. **3. An underlying layer: SUBSTRATUM. **4. Ling. An indigenous language that contributes features to the language of an invading people who impose their language on the indigenous population.********

sub-stratum (süb'strā'təm, -strāt'əm) *n., pl.* -stra-ta (-strā'tā, -strāt'ā) or -stra-tums [Med. Lat. < Lat. *substratus*, *p. part.* of *substernere*, to lay under: *sub-*, under + *sternere*, to spread out.] **1a.** An underlying layer. **b.** A layer of earth beneath the surface soil: SUBSOIL. **2.** The foundation: groundwork. **3.** The material upon which another material is coated or fabricated. **4. Philos. The characterless substance that supports attributes of reality. **5. Biol. SUBSTRATE. **6. Ling. SUBSTRATE. **4.** — **sub'stra-tive** *adj.*******

sub-struc-tion (süb'strūk'shən) *n.* [Lat. *substructio* < *substruere*, to build beneath: *sub-*, beneath + *struere*, to build.] A foundation: substructure. — **sub'struc-tion-al** *adj.*

sub-struc-ture (süb'strūk'chər) *n.* **1.** A supporting structural part: FOUNDATION. **2.** The earth bank or bed supporting railroad tracks. — **sub'struc-tur-al** *adj.*

sub-sume (süb'sōōm') *vt.* -sumed, -sum-ing, -sumes [Med. Lat. *subsumere*: Lat. *sub-*, from below + Lat. *sumere*, to take up.] **1. To include within a broader class, group, category, or order. **2. To show (e.g., an idea) to be covered by a broad principle or rule. — **sub-sum'a-ble** *adj.*****

sub-sump-tion (süb-sūmp'shən) *n.* [Med. Lat. *subsumptio*, a subsuming < *subsumere*, to subsume.] **1a.** An act or instance of subsuming. **b.** Something subsumed. **2. Logic. The minor premise of a syllogism. — **sub-sump-tive** *adj.***

sub-tem-per-ate (süb-tēm'pär-it, -tēm'pär-it) *adj.* Of, relating to, or occurring within the colder regions of the Temperate Zones.

sub-ten-ant (süb-tēn'ənt) *n.* One that rents property, as land or a house, from a tenant. — **sub'ten'an-cy** *n.*

sub-tend (süb-tēnd') *vt.* -tend-ed, -tend-ing, -tends [Lat. *subtendere*, to extend underneath: *sub-*, beneath + *tendere*, to stretch.] **1.** To be opposite to and delimit <The side of a triangle subtends the opposite angle> **2.** To underlie so as to enclose or be subtended by leafy bracts

sub-ter-fuge (süb'tär-fyōōj') *n.* [Fr. < LLat. *subterfugere*, to escape: *subter*, secretly + *fugere*, to flee.] A deceptive stratagem or device. **2.** Deception by concealment, evasion, or escape.

sub-ter-ra-ne-an (süb'tā-rā-nē-ən) *adj.* [Lat. *subter*, under + *terra*, earth.] **1.** Situated or operating beneath the surface: UNDERGROUND. **2.** Hidden: secret <subterranean activities> — **sub'ter-ra-ne-an-ly** *adv.*

sub-ter-res-trial (süb'trē's-trē-əl) *adj.* SUBTERRANEAN. Relating to or of the earth's underground.

sub-text (süb'tēkst') *n.* **1.** The implicit meaning of a text. **2.** The underlying personality of a dramatic character as implied by a script or text and interpreted by an actor. — **sub'tex-tu-al** (-tēks'thōō-əl) *adj.*

sub-tile (süb'tīl, süb'təl) *adj.* -tīl-er, -tī-est Subtle. — **sub'til'i-ty** (süb'tī'l'ē-tē), **sub'til-ty** *n.*

sub-ti-lin (süb'tī-lin) *n.* [NLat. *subtilis*, specific epithet of *subtilis* + *-in*.] An antibiotic obtained from the bacterium *Streptomyces subtilis* that is active against Gram-positive microorganisms.

sub-ti-lize (süt'l'iz', süb'tā-liz') *v.* -ized, -iz-ing, -izes [NLat. *subtilizare* < Lat. *subtilis*, subtle.] — *vt.* To render subtle or to discuss with subtlety. — **sub'til-i-za-tion** *n.* — **sub'ti-lize** (süb'tī'l'ē) *n.* **1.** A secondary, usu. explanatory, literary work. **2.** A printed translation of the dialogues of Plato.

sub-ti-lize (süb'tī'l'ē) *adj.* -tīl-er, -tī-est [ME *subtil* < OFr. *sotil* < Lat. *subtilis*, subtle.] **1a.** So slight as to be difficult to detect or analyze: not immediately clear: ABSTRUSE. **2.** Capable of making distinctions <a subtle mind> **3a.** Skillful or ingenious: CLEVER by craft or slyness: DEVISIOUS. **c.** Operating in a hidden, injurious way: INSIDIOUS <subtle demoralization of the staff> — **sub'ti-lize-ness** *n.* — **sub'ti-lly** *adv.*

sub-ti-ty (süb'tī'tē) *n., pl.* -ties **1.** The quality or state of being subtle. **2.** Something subtle, esp. a fine distinction.

sub-ton-ic (süb'tōp'tik) *n.* Mus. The seventh tone of a diatonic scale, immediately below the tonic.

sub-to-pi-a (süb-tō'pē-ā) *n.* [SUB(URB) + (U)TOPIA.] One of a city's suburbs. — **sub-to'pi-an** *adj.*

sub-top-ic (süb'tōp'tik) *n.* One of the divisions into which a subject may be divided.

sub-tor-rid (süb'tōr'id, -tōr') *adj.* Subtropical.

sub-to-tal (süb'tōt'l) *adj.* Less than total: INCOMPLETE. — **sub'to-tal-ly** *adv.* The total part of a series of numbers. — **sub'to-tal-ized**, -tal-ing, -tals also -tal-ized, -tal-ing, -tals — *vt.* To totalize (a series of numbers). — *vi.* To arrive at a subtotal.

sub-tract (süb'trākt') *v.* -tract-ed, -tract-ing, -tracts [Lat. *subtrahere*: *sub-*, away + *trahere*, to draw.] — *vt.* To take from: DUCT. — *vi.* To perform the arithmetic operation of subtraction. — **sub'tract'er** *n.*

sub-trac-tion (süb'trāk'shən) *n.* **1.** The act or process of subtraction. **2.** The arithmetic operation of finding a quantity when added to one of two quantities produces the other. — **sub'trac-tive** (süb'trāk'tiv) *adj.* **1. Producing or involving subtraction. **2. Designating a color produced by light passing through or reflecting off a colorant, such as a filter or pigment, that absorbs certain wavelengths and transmits or reflects others. **b.** Of or being the primary colors cyan, magenta, or yellow. **3. Designating a photographic process that produces a positive image by superimposing mixing substances that selectively absorb colored light.******

sub-tra-hend (süb'trā-hēnd') *n.* [*Lat. subtrahendum*, neuter *gerundive* of *subtrahere*, to subtract.] A quantity or number to be subtracted from another.

sub-trop-i-cal (süb'trōp'ik-əl) *adj.* Of, relating to, or being the graphic areas adjacent to the tropics.

sub-trop-ics (süb'trōp'iks) *pl. n.* Subtropical regions.

sub-type (süb'tīp') *n.* A group forming a type within a larger type.

sub-ub-late (süb'bya-līt, -lāt', süb'yā-) *adj.* [NLat. *subulatus* < *subula*, awl.] Biol. Tapering to a point <subulate leaves>

sub-um-brel-la (süb'üm-brē-lā) *n.* Zool. The concave undersurface of the body of a jellyfish.

sub-urb (süb'ürb') *n.* [ME < OFr. *suburbe* < Lat. *suburbium*: *sub-*, close to + *urbs*, city.] **1.** A usu. residential area or community adjoining a city. **2. Suburbs. The usu. residential region around a large city.**

sub-ur-ban (süb-bär'ban) *adj.* **1.** Of, relating to, or characteristic of a suburb. **2.** Located or living in a suburb. **3.** Of or relating to the lifestyle of those living in the suburbs. — *n.* A suburbanite.

sub-ur-ban-ite (süb-bär'ban-īt') *n.* One who lives in a suburb.

sub-ur-ban-ize (süb-bär'ban-īz', -īz-ed, -īz-ing, -izes) *v.* To impart a suburban character to. — **sub'ur-ban-i-za-tion** *n.*

sub-ur-bi-a (süb-bür'bē-ā) *n.* **1.** Suburbs. **2a.** Suburbanites as a group. **2b.** Suburbanities as a cultural class.

sub-ven'ish (süb'ven'ish) *n.* [ME *subvenicium* < OFr. *subvenire*, to come to help: *sub-*, under + *venire*, to come.] **1.** Provision of help or support. **2.** A grant or endowment, as that given by a government.