

acad-e-my \ə-'kād-ə-mē\ *n*, *pl* **-mies** **1 cap** : the school of philosophy founded by Plato **2 a** : a school usually above the elementary level; *esp* : a private high school **b** : an institution for training in special subjects or skills **3** : a society of learned persons united to advance art, science, or literature [Greek *Akadēmeia*, gymnasium in the suburbs of Athens where Plato established his school]

Aca-di-an \ə-'kād-ē-ən\ *n* **1** : a native or inhabitant of Acadia **2** : a Louisianian descended from French-speaking immigrants from Acadia

acan-thus \ə-'kan-thəs, -'kant-\ *n*, *pl* **acan-thus-es** also **acan-thi** \-'kan-,thī\ **1** : any of a genus of prickly herbs of the Mediterranean region **2** : a decoration representing the leaves of the acanthus [Greek *akanthos*]

a cap-pel-la also **a ca-pel-la** \,äk-ə-'pəl-ə\ *adv* or *adj* : without instrumental accompaniment [Italian *a cappella* "in chapel style"]

ac-cede \ak-'sēd\ *vi* **1 a** : to become a party (as to an agreement) <were invited to *accede* to the treaty> **b** : to give consent : AGREE <*accede* to a proposed plan> **2** : to enter upon an office or position <*acceded* to the throne in 1838> [Latin *accedere* "to go to," from *ad-* + *cedere* "to go"] **synonyms** see ASSENT



acanthus 2

boom *n* **1** : a long pole; *esp* : one for stretching the bottom of a sail **2 a** : a long beam projecting from the mast of a derrick to support or guide the thing that is being lifted **b** : a long more or less horizontal supporting arm (as for a microphone) **3** : a line of connected floating timbers to hold logs together in a river, lake, or harbor [Dutch, "tree, beam, boom"]

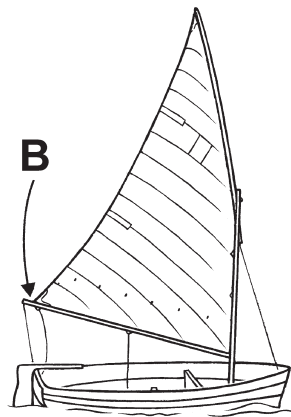
boom box *n* : a large portable radio and often tape or CD player with two attached speakers

boo-mer-ang \'bü-mə-'rang\ *n* **1** : a curved club or stick usually somewhat flat that can be thrown so as to return near the starting point **2** : an act or utterance that backfires on its originator [from Dharuk (an indigenous language of Australia) *bumariny*] — **boomerang** *vi*

boom-ing \'bü-ming\ *adj* **1** : making a deep sound <a *booming* voice> **2** : forcefully or powerfully executed <hit a *booming* serve>

boom-town \'büm-'taun\ *n* : a town undergoing a sudden growth in business activity and population

boon \'bün\ *n* : FAVOR 2, KINDNESS: as **a** : one given in answer to a request **b** : a timely benefit : BLESSING [Old Norse *bōn*



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clothes moth *n* : any of several small dull-colored moths whose larvae eat wool, fur, or feathers

clothes-pin \-,pin\ *n* : a forked piece of wood or plastic or a clamp for holding clothes on a line

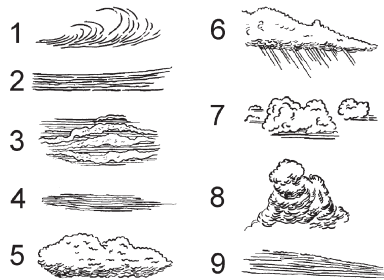
clothes-press \-,pres\ *n* : a receptacle (as a bureau) for clothes

cloth-ier \'klōth-yər, 'klō-thē-ər\ *n* : one who makes or sells cloth or clothing

cloth-ing \'klō-thing\ *n* **1** : garments or an outfit of garments **2** : an outer or protective covering <the trees' green *clothing*>

clo-ture \'klō-chər\ *n* : the closing or limiting of debate in a legislative body especially by calling for a vote [French *clôture*, literally, "closure"] — **cloture** *vt*

cloud \'klaüd\ *n* **1** : a visible mass of particles of water or ice in the form of fog, mist, or haze suspended usually at a considerable height in the air **2** : something resembling or suggesting a cloud: as **a** : a visible mass of minute particles in the air or a mass of obscuring matter in interstellar space **b** : an aggregate of charged particles (as electrons) **c** : a great crowd massed together : SWARM <a *cloud* of mosquitoes> **3**



cloud 1: 1 cirrus, 2 cirrostratus, 3 cirrocumulus, 4 altostratus, 5 stratocumulus, 6 nimbostratus, 7 cumulus, 8 cumulonimbus, 9 stratus