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salary, wage (*makes good money*). **5** money earmarked for a particular purchase or purpose (*pin money; beer money*). **6** *for my money* in my opinion or judgment; for my preference (*is too aggressive for my money*). **have money to burn** see **BURN**. **in the money** *informal* having or winning a lot of money. **made of money** *informal* very rich. **put one's money where one's mouth is** produce, bet, or pay out money to support one's statements or opinions. **put money into** invest in. **(right) on the money** **1** on target; carried out with skill and precision. **2** correct in a prediction, observation, etc. **3** **moneyless** *adj.* [Middle English from Old French *monete* from Latin *moneta* mint, money, originally a title of Juno, in whose temple at Rome money was minted]

money-back guarantee *n.* a guarantee by a manufacturer, retailer, etc. to refund the full purchase price of a product or service which the purchaser finds to be defective or unsatisfactory.

moneybags /'mʌni,bægz/ *n.pl.* (treated as *sing.*) *usu. derogatory* a wealthy person.

moneybelt /'mʌni,belt/ *n.* a belt with a compartment for carrying money, passports, etc., worn underneath clothing esp. by tourists.

money bill *n.* a government bill to impose, change, or regulate taxation, to supply government monetary requirements, etc.

money-changer *n.* a person whose business it is to change money, esp. at an official rate. **3** **money-changing** *n. & adj.*

moneyed /'mʌni:d/ *adj.* (also **monied**) **1** having much money; wealthy. **2** consisting of money (*moneyed assistance*).

money-grubber *n. informal* a person greedily intent on amassing money. **3** **money-grubbing** *adj. & n.*

money laundering *n.* the practice or system of transferring funds to conceal a dubious or illegal origin (also *attrib.: money-laundering operation*). **3** **money launderer** *n.*

moneylender /'mʌni,lendə/ *n.* a person who lends money, esp. as a business, at interest. **3** **moneylending** *n. & adj.*

money-loser *n.* an unprofitable business venture etc. **3** **money-losing** *adj.*

money-maker *n.* **1** a person who earns much money. **2** a thing, idea, etc. that produces much money. **3** **money-making** *n. & adj.*

money man *n. informal* a financier or financial expert.

money manager *n.* a person who manages mutual funds and other investments at a brokerage firm, mutual fund company, etc. **3** **money management** *n.*

money market *n.* the market in short-term debt instruments issued by governments, corporations, etc. such as treasury bills, short-term bonds, commercial paper, etc.

money market fund *n.* a mutual fund that invests in the money market, *usu.* highly liquid, very secure, and offering higher interest than bank accounts.

money of account *n.* denominations of money used in reckoning, but not current as coins.

money order *n.* an order for payment of a specified sum, issued by a bank or post office.

money pit *n. informal* **1** a project, program, etc. that eats up large amounts of money and is often perceived as wasteful and unnecessary. **2** = **PT** **1** *n.* **6.**

money player *n. N Amer. informal* a player who performs well at decisive or crucial times.

money-spinner *n. esp. Brit. informal* a thing that brings in a profit.

money supply *n.* the total amount of money in circulation or in being in a country.

money's worth *n.* (prec. by *your, my, one's*) good value for one's money.

moneywort /'mʌni,wɜ:t/ *n.* a trailing evergreen plant, *Lysimachia nummularia*, with round glossy leaves and yellow flowers. Also called **CREeping JENNY**.

monger /'mɒŋgə, 'mɒŋgə/ *n.* (*usu.* in *comb.*) **1** a dealer or trader (*fishmonger*). **2** *usu. derogatory* a person who promotes or deals in something specified (*warmonger; scaremonger*). **3** **-mongering** *comb. form.* [Old English *mangere* from *mangian* to traffic from Germanic, ultimately from Latin *mango* dealer]

mongo /'mɒŋɡo:/ *n.* (*pl. -s* or *same*) a monetary unit of Mongolia, equal to one-hundredth of a tugrik. [Mongolian *mōngō* silver]

Mongol /'mɒŋɡəl/ *adj. & n.* **1** of or relating to the Asian people now inhabiting Mongolia or their language. **2** resembling this people, esp. in appearance. **3** (**mongol**) *offensive* suffering from Down's syndrome. **4** **1** a Mongolian. **2** the Mongolian language. **3** (**mongol**) *offensive* a person suffering from Down's syndrome. [Mongolian, said to be from *mōng* brave]

Mongolia /mɒŋ'ɡo:liə/ a large and sparsely populated country of E Asia, bordered by Siberian Russia and China; pop. (est. 1996) 2,334,000; official language, Mongolian; capital, Ulan Bator. To the north of the Gobi Desert,

which occupies much of the southern half of the country, lies a fertile tableland at an altitude of 900–1 500 m (3,000–5,000 ft.). Mongolia was formerly known as **Outer Mongolia** to distinguish it from Inner Mongolia, which is a province of China.

Mongolian /mɒŋ'ɡo:liən/ *n. & adj.* **1** a native or inhabitant of Mongolia. **2** the language of Mongolia, *usu.* considered a member of the Altaic family. **3** *adj.* of or relating to Mongolia or its people or language.

mongolism /'mɒŋɡə,lɪzəm/ *n.* *offensive* = **DOWN'S SYNDROME**. [MONGOL + -ISM, because its physical characteristics were thought to be reminiscent of Mongolians]

Mongoloid /'mɒŋɡə,lɔɪd/ *adj. & n.* **1** of or relating to the division of humankind including the indigenous peoples of E Asia, SE Asia, and the Arctic region of N America, characteristically having dark eyes, straight hair, pale ivory to dark skin, and little facial or body hair. **2** (**mongoloid**) *offensive* affected with Down's syndrome. **3** **1** a person of Mongoloid physical type. **2** *offensive* a person affected with Down's syndrome.

mongoose /'mɒŋɡu:z/ *n.* (*pl. mongooses*) any of various short-legged carnivorous mammals of the family Viverridae (which also includes the civets and genetis), native to southern Asia and Africa, and noted for the ability to kill venomous snakes. [Marathi *mangūs*]

mongrel /'mɒŋɡrəl/ *n. & adj.* **1** a dog of no definable type or breed. **2** any other animal or plant resulting from the crossing of different breeds or types. **3** *offensive* a person of mixed race. **4** *adj.* of mixed origin, nature, or character. **5** **mongrelism** *n.* **6** **mongrelize** *vt.* (also *esp. Brit. -ise*). **7** **mongrelization** /-'zeɪʃən/ *n.* [earlier *meng-, mang-* from Germanic; prob. related to **MINGLE**]

'mongst *literary var. of AMONGST* (see **AMONG**).

monicker *var. of MONIKER*.

monied *var. of MONEYED*.

monies see **MONEY** **2**.

moniker /'mɒnɪkər/ *n.* (also **monicker**) *slang* a name. [19th c.; origin unknown]

moniliform /mə'ni:lɪfɔ:m/ *adj. esp. Anat. & Zool.* with a form suggesting a string of beads. [French *moniliforme* or modern Latin *moniliformis* from Latin *monile* necklace]

monism /'mɒnɪzəm, 'mɒ:n-/ *n.* **1** any theory denying the duality of matter and mind. **2** *Philos. & Theol.* the doctrine that only one ultimate principle or being exists (compare **PLURALISM** **3**). **3** **monist** *n.* **4** **monistic** /-'nɪstɪk/ *adj.* [modern Latin *monismus* from Greek *monos* single]

monition /mə'ni:ʃən/ *n.* **1** (foll. by *of*) *literary* a warning (of danger). **2** *Christianity* a formal notice from a bishop or ecclesiastical court admonishing a person not to commit an offence. [Middle English from Old French from Latin *monitio-onis* (as **MONITOR**)]

monitor /'mɒnɪtər/ *n. & v.* **1** any of various persons or devices for checking or warning about a situation, operation, etc. (*fetal monitor*). **2** a school pupil with disciplinary or other special duties. **3** **a** a television receiver used in a studio to select or verify the picture being broadcast. **b** a loudspeaker used in a studio for listening to what is being recorded. **c** any large or powerful speaker, esp. one used on stage by a band. **4** **Computing** **a** a component displaying data as characters on a screen. **b** a computer program which monitors the running of other programs or the operation of a system. **5** a detector of radioactive contamination. **6** any tropical lizard of the genus *Varanus*, supposed to give warning of the approach of crocodiles. **7** *hist.* a heavily armed warship of shallow draft. **8** *vt.* **1** watch and check something over a period of time. **2** maintain regular surveillance over. **3** regulate the strength of (a recorded or transmitted signal). **4** **monitorial** /-'tɔ:riəl/ *adj.* **5** **monitoring** *n. & adj.* **6** **monitorship** *n.* [Latin from *monere* *monit-* warn]

monitory /'mɒnɪtri/ *adj. & n.* **1** *adj. literary* giving or serving as a warning. **2** *n.* (*pl. -ies*) *Christianity* a letter of admonition from the Pope or a bishop. [Latin *monitorius* (as **MONITION**)]

Monk /'mɒŋk/ **1** **George**, see **MONCK**. **2** **Thelonious (Sphere)** (1917–82), US jazz pianist and composer. One of the founders of bebop in the 1940s, he became popular in the late 1950s, as the new style of 'cool' jazz reached a wider audience; memorable compositions include 'Round Midnight', 'Straight, No Chaser', and 'Well, You Needn't'.

monk /mɒŋk/ *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under certain vows esp. of poverty, chastity, and obedience. **3** **monkish** *adj.* **4** **monkishly** *adv.* **5** **monkishness** *n.* [Old English *munuc*, ultimately from Greek *monakhos* solitary from *monos* alone]

monkey /'mɒŋki/ *n. & v.* **1** (*pl. -eys*) any of various mainly long-tailed agile tree-dwelling primates of the families *Cebidae*, *Callithricidae*, and *Cercopithecidae*. **2** a mischievous person, esp. a child (*young monkey*). **3** *v.* **1** (*-eys, -eyed*) **1** (often foll. by *with*) tamper or play mischievous tricks. **2** (foll. by *around, about*) fool around. **3** **have a monkey on one's back** *slang* be a drug addict. **4** **make a monkey of** humiliate by making appear ridiculous. **5** **monkeyish** *adj.* [16th c.; origin unknown (perhaps Low German)]