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solid of revolution (1816) : a mathematical solid conceived as formed by the revolution of a plane figure about an axis in its plane

solid–state *adj* (ca. 1951) **1** : relating to the properties, structure, or reactivity of solid material; *esp* : relating to the arrangement or behavior of ions, molecules, nucleons, electrons, and holes in the crystals of a substance (as a semiconductor) or to the effect of crystal imperfections on the properties of a solid substance ⟨~ physics⟩ **2 a** : utilizing the electric, magnetic, or optical properties of solid materials ⟨~ circuitry⟩ **b** : using semiconductor devices rather than electron tubes ⟨a ~ radio⟩

sol·i·dus \'sä-lə-dəs\ *n, pl* **-i·di** \-lə-ˌdī, -ˌdē\ [ME, fr. LL, fr. L, solid] (14c) **1** : an ancient Roman gold coin introduced by Constantine and used to the fall of the Byzantine Empire **2** [ML, shilling, fr. LL; fr. its use as a symbol for shillings] : SLASH 4

so·li·fluc·tion \'sō-lə-ˌflək-shən\ *n* [L *solum* soil + *-i-* + *fluction-, fluctio* act of flowing, fr. *fluere* to flow — more at FLUID] (1906) : the slow creeping of saturated fragmental material (as soil) down a slope that usu. occurs in regions of perennial frost

so·lil·o·quist \sə-'li-lə-kwist\ *n* (1804) : one who soliloquizes

so·lil·o·quise *Brit var of* SOLILOQUIZE

so·lil·o·quize \-ˌkwīz\ *vi* **-quized; -quiz·ing** (1759) : to utter a soliloquy : talk to oneself — **so·lil·o·quiz·er** *n*

so·lil·o·quy \sə-'li-lə-kwē\ *n, pl* **-quies** [LL *soliloquium,* fr. L *solus* alone + *loqui* to speak] (ca. 1613) **1** : the act of talking to oneself **2** : a dramatic monologue that represents a series of unspoken reflections

so·lip·sism \'sō-ləp-ˌsi-zəm, 'sä-\ *n* [L *solus* alone + *ipse* self] (1874) : a theory holding that the self can know nothing but its own modifications and that the self is the only existent thing; *also* : extreme egocentrism — **so·lip·sist** \'sō-ləp-sist, 'sä-ləp-, sə-'lip-\ *n* — **so·lip·sis·tic** \ˌsō-ləp-'sis-tik, ˌsä-\ *adj* — **so·lip·sis·ti·cal·ly** \-ti-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

sol·i·taire \'sä-lə-ˌter\ *n* [F, fr. *solitaire,* adj., solitary, fr. L *solitarius*] (ca. 1727) **1** : a single gem (as a diamond) set alone **2** : any of various card games that can be played by one person

[1]**sol·i·tary** \'sä-lə-ˌter-ē\ *adj* [ME, *solitarie,* fr. AF, fr. L *solitarius,* fr. *solitas* aloneness, fr. *solus* alone] (14c) **1 a** : being, living, or going alone or without companions **b** : saddened by isolation **2** : UNFREQUENTED, DESOLATE ⟨a ~ seashore⟩ **3 a** : taken, passed, or performed without companions ⟨a ~ ramble⟩ **b** : keeping a prisoner apart from others ⟨~ confinement⟩ **4** : being at once single and isolated ⟨a ~ example⟩ **5 a** : occurring singly and not as part of a group or cluster ⟨flowers terminal and ~⟩ **b** : not gregarious, colonial, social, or compound ⟨~ bees⟩ *syn* see ALONE — **sol·i·tar·i·ly** \ˌsä-lə-'ter-ə-lē\ *adv* — **sol·i·tar·i·ness** \'sä-lə-ˌter-ē-nəs\ *n*

[2]**solitary** *n, pl* **-tar·ies** (15c) **1** : one who lives or seeks to live a solitary life : RECLUSE **2** : solitary confinement in prison ⟨put him in ~⟩

sol·i·ton \'sä-lə-ˌtän\ *n* [*solitary* + [1]*-on*] (1965) : a solitary wave (as in a gaseous plasma) that propagates with little loss of energy and retains its shape and speed after colliding with another such wave

sol·i·tude \'sä-lə-ˌtüd, -ˌtyüd\ *n* [ME, fr. MF & L; MF, fr. L *solitudin-, solitudo,* fr. *solus*] (14c) **1** : the quality or state of being alone or remote from society : SECLUSION **2** : a lonely place (as a desert)

syn SOLITUDE, ISOLATION, SECLUSION mean the state of one who is alone. SOLITUDE may imply a condition of being apart from all human beings or of being cut off by wish or circumstances from one's usual associates ⟨a few quiet hours of *solitude*⟩. ISOLATION stresses detachment from others often involuntarily ⟨the *isolation* of the village in winter⟩. SECLUSION suggests a shutting away or keeping apart from others often connoting deliberate withdrawal from the world or retirement to a quiet life ⟨lived in pastoral *seclusion*⟩.

sol·i·tu·di·nar·i·an \ˌsä-lə-ˌtü-də-'ner-ē-ən, -ˌtyü-\ *n* [L *solitudin-, solitudo* + E *-arian*] (1691) : RECLUSE

sol·ler·et \ˌsä-lə-'ret\ *n* [F] (1826) : a flexible steel shoe forming part of a medieval suit of armor — see ARMOR illustration

sol·mi·za·tion \ˌsäl-mə-'zā-shən\ *n* [F *solmisation,* fr. *solmiser* to sol-fa, fr. *sol* (fr. ML) + *mi* (fr. ML) + *-iser* -ize] (1730) : the act, practice, or system of using syllables to denote the tones of a musical scale

soln *abbr* solution

[1]**so·lo** \'sō-(ˌ)lō\ *n, pl* **solos** [It, fr. *solo* alone, fr. L *solus*] (1695) **1** *or pl* **so·li** \'sō-(ˌ)lē\ **a** : a musical composition for a single voice or instrument with or without accompaniment **b** : the featured part of a concerto or similar work **2** : a performance in which the performer has no partner or associate : something undertaken or done alone ⟨a student pilot's first ~⟩ **3** : any of several card games in which a player elects to play without a partner against the other players

[2]**solo** *adv* (1712) : without a companion : ALONE ⟨fly ~⟩

[3]**solo** *adj* (1774) **1** : accommodating one person ⟨a ~ canoe⟩ **2** : of, relating to, or being a solo ⟨a ~ performance⟩ ⟨a ~ flight⟩ **3** : hit with no runners on base ⟨a ~ home run⟩

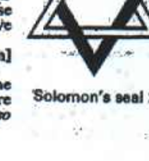
[4]**solo** *vi* **so·loed; so·lo·ing** \-(ˌ)lō-iŋ, -lə-wiŋ\ (1886) : to perform by oneself; as **a** : to perform a musical solo **b** : to fly an airplane without one's instructor on board ~ *vt* **1** : to fly (as an airplane) alone **2** : to climb (as a mountain) alone

so·lo·ist \'sō-lə-wist, -(ˌ)lō-ist\ *n* (1864) : one who performs a solo

Sol·o·mon \'sä-lə-mən\ *n* [LL, fr. Heb *Shĕlōmōh*] (bef. 12c) : a son of David and 10th century B.C. king of Israel proverbial for his wisdom

Sol·o·mon·ic \ˌsä-lə-'mä-nik\ *adj* (1857) : marked by notable wisdom, reasonableness, or discretion esp. under trying circumstances

Solomon's seal *n* (1543) **1** : any of a genus (*Polygonatum*) of perennial herbs of the lily family with tubular flowers and gnarled rhizomes **2** : an emblem consisting of two interlaced triangles forming a 6-pointed star and formerly used as an amulet esp. against fever — compare HEXAGRAM



Solomon's seal 2

so·lon \'sō-lən, -ˌlän\ *n* [*Solon*] (1625) **1** : a wise and skillful lawgiver **2** : a member of a legislative body

so long \sō-'lȯŋ, sə-\ *interj* [origin unknown] (1854) — used to express farewell

so long as *conj* (14c) **1** : during and up to the end of the time that : WHILE ⟨*so long as* you are here, I'm fine⟩ **2** : provided that ⟨you may go, *so long as* you return by dinnertime⟩

sol·stice \'säl-stəs, 'sōl-, 'sȯl-\ *n* [ME, fr. L *solstitium,* fr. *sol* sun + *-stit-, -stes* standing; akin to L *stare* to stand — more at SOLAR, STAND] (13c) **1** : either of the two points on the ecliptic at which its distance from the celestial equator is greatest and which is reached by the sun each year about June 22 and December 22 **2** : the time of the sun's passing a solstice which occurs about June 22 to begin summer in the northern hemisphere and about December 22 to begin winter in the northern hemisphere

sol·sti·tial \säl-'sti-shəl, sōl-, sȯl-\ *adj* [ME *solsticial,* fr. AF & L; AF, fr. L *solstitialis,* fr. *solstitium*] (14c) **1** : of, relating to, or characteristic of a solstice and esp. the summer solstice **2** : happening or appearing at or associated with a solstice

sol·u·bi·lise *Brit var of* SOLUBILIZE

sol·u·bil·i·ty \ˌsäl-yə-'bi-lə-tē\ *n* (1661) **1** : the quality or state of being soluble **2** : the amount of a substance that will dissolve in a given amount of another substance

sol·u·bi·lize \'säl-yə-bə-ˌlīz\ *vt* **-lized; -liz·ing** (ca. 1926) : to make soluble or more soluble — **sol·u·bi·li·za·tion** \ˌsäl-yə-bə-lə-'zā-shən\ *n*

sol·u·ble \'säl-yə-bəl\ *adj* [ME, fr. AF, digestible, laxative, fr. LL *solubilis,* fr. L *solvere* to loosen, dissolve — more at SOLVE] (15c) **1** : susceptible of being dissolved in or as if in a liquid and esp. water **2** : subject to being solved or explained ⟨~ questions⟩

so·lum \'sō-ləm\ *n, pl* **so·la** \-lə\ *or* **solums** [NL, fr. L, ground, soil] (1928) : the altered layer of soil above the parent material that includes the A and B horizons

so·lus \'sō-ləs\ *adv or adj* [L] (1599) : ALONE — often used in stage directions

sol·ute \'säl-ˌyüt\ *n* [L *solutus,* pp. of *solvere*] (1893) : a dissolved substance

so·lu·tion \sə-'lü-shən\ *n* [ME *solucion* explanation, dispersal of bodily humors, fr. AF, fr. L *solution-, solutio,* fr. *solvere* to loosen, solve] (14c) **1 a** : an action or process of solving a problem **b** : an answer to a problem : EXPLANATION; *specif* : a set of values of the variables that satisfies an equation **2 a** : an act or the process by which a solid, liquid, or gaseous substance is homogeneously mixed with a liquid or sometimes a gas or solid **b** : a homogeneous mixture formed by this process; *esp* : a single-phase liquid system **c** : the condition of being dissolved **3** : a bringing or coming to an end or into a state of discontinuity

solution set *n* (1959) : the set of values that satisfy an equation; *also* : TRUTH SET

So·lu·tre·an \sə-'lü-trē-ən\ *adj* [*Solutré,* village in France] (1888) : of or relating to an Upper Paleolithic culture characterized by leaf-shaped finely flaked stone implements

solv·able \'säl-və-bəl, 'sȯl-\ *adj* (ca. 1676) : susceptible of solution or of being solved, resolved, or explained ⟨a ~ problem⟩ — **solv·abil·i·ty** \ˌsäl-və-'bi-lə-tē, ˌsȯl-\ *n*

[1]**sol·vate** \'säl-ˌvāt, 'sȯl-\ *n* [*solvent* + [1]*-ate*] (1904) : an aggregate that consists of a solute ion or molecule with one or more solvent molecules; *also* : a substance (as a hydrate) containing such ions

[2]**solvate** *vt* **sol·vat·ed; sol·vat·ing** (1909) : to make part of a solvate — **sol·va·tion** \säl-'vā-shən, sȯl-\ *n*

Sol·vay process \'säl-ˌvā-\ *n* [Ernest *Solvay* †1922 Belg. chemist] (1884) : a process for making soda from common salt by passing carbon dioxide into ammoniacal brine resulting in precipitation of sodium bicarbonate which is then calcined to carbonate

solve \'sälv, 'sȯlv\ *vb* **solved; solv·ing** [ME, to loosen, fr. L [illegible] loosen, solve, dissolve, fr. *sed-, se-* apart + *luere* to release [illegible] SECEDE, LOSE] *vt* (ca. 1533) **1** : to find a solution, explanation [illegible] swer for ⟨~ a problem⟩ ⟨*solved* the crime⟩ **2** : to pay (as a debt) in full ~ *vi* : to solve something ⟨substitute and ~ for *x*⟩ — **solv·er** [illegible]

sol·ven·cy \'säl-vən(t)-sē, 'sȯl-\ *n* (ca. 1727) : the quality or state of being solvent

[1]**sol·vent** \-vənt\ *adj* [L *solvent-, solvens,* prp. of *solvere* to dissolve, pay] (1630) **1** : able to pay all legal debts ⟨a ~ company⟩ **2** : that dissolves or can dissolve ⟨~ action of water⟩ — **sol·vent·ly** *adv*

[2]**solvent** *n* (1671) **1** : a usu. liquid substance capable of dissolving or dispersing one or more other substances **2** : something that provides a solution **3** : something that eliminates or attenuates something unwanted — **sol·vent·less** \-ləs\ *adj*

sol·vol·y·sis \säl-'vä-lə-səs, sȯl-\ *n* [NL, fr. E *solvent* + NL [illegible] (1916) : a chemical reaction (as hydrolysis) of a solvent and solute that results in the formation of new compounds — **sol·vo·lyt·ic** [illegible] tik, ˌsȯl-\ *adj*

som \'sōm\ *n, pl* **som** [Kirghiz, crude iron casting, ruble] [illegible] MONEY table

Som *abbr* Somersetshire

[1]**so·ma** \'sō-mə\ *n* [Skt; akin to Av *haoma,* a Zoroastrian [illegible] Skt *sunoti* he presses out] (1827) : an intoxicating juice from a plant of disputed identity that was used in ancient India as an offering to the gods and as a drink of immortality by worshippers in Vedic [illegible] worshipped in personified form as a Vedic god

[2]**soma** *n, pl* **so·ma·ta** \'sō-mə-tə\ *or* **somas** [NL *somat-,* fr. Gk *sōmat-, sōma* body] (ca. 1885) **1** : the body of an organism [illegible] an organism except the germ cells **3** : CELL BODY

So·ma·li \sō-'mä-lē, sə-\ *n, pl* **Somali** *or* **Somalis** [fr. [illegible] *Soomaali*] (1814) **1** : a member of a people of Somalia [illegible] Cushitic language of the Somali

so·man \'sō-mən\ *n, often cap* [G] (1951) : an extremely [illegible] warfare agent $C_7H_{16}FO_2P$ similar to sarin in action [illegible]

so many *adj* (1533) **1** : constituting an unspecified [illegible] read *so many* chapters each night⟩ **2** : constituting [illegible] ⟨behaved like *so many* animals⟩

somat- *or* **somato-** *comb form* [NL, fr. Gk *sōmat-, sōma* body] : body ⟨*somato*logy⟩

so·mat·ic \sō-'ma-tik, sə-\ *adj* [Gk *sōmatikos,* fr. *sōma*] (ca. 1775) **1** : of, relating to, or affecting the body esp. [illegible] from the germplasm or the psyche **2** : of or relating to [illegible] body : PARIETAL — **so·mat·i·cal·ly** \-ti-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

somatic cell *n* (1888) : one of the cells of the body [illegible] tissues, organs, and parts of that individual other than [illegible]

so·ma·ti·za·tion \ˌsō-mə-tə-'zā-shən\ *n* (1925) : conversion of a mental state (as depression or anxiety) into physical symptoms [illegible]

tence of physical bodily complaints in the abs[illegible] condition

so·ma·tol·o·gy \ˌsō-mə-'tä-lə-jē\ *n* [NL *somat*[illegible] -logy] (ca. 1878) : a branch of anthropology [illegible] the comparative study of human evolution, [illegible] tion esp. through measurement and observa[illegible] cal \ˌsō-mə-tə-'lä-ji-kəl, sō-ˌma-\ *adj*

so·mato·me·din \ˌsō-mə-tō-'mē-dᵊn, sō-ˌma-tə[illegible] ary + [1]*-in*] (1971) : any of several endogenous [illegible] the liver that are dependent on and prob. med[illegible] tivity (as in sulfate uptake by epiphyseal cartil[illegible]

so·mato·pleure \sō-'ma-tə-ˌplu̇r\ *n* [NL *somat*[illegible] *pleura* side] (1874) : a complex fold of tissue i[illegible] ate vertebrate consisting of an outer layer of [illegible] the ectoderm that sheathes it and giving rise to

so·mato·sen·so·ry \sō-ˌma-tə-'sen(t)s-rē, -'sen[illegible] relating to, or being sensory activity having its [illegible] the special sense organs (as eyes and ears) an[illegible] about the state of the body proper and its imm[illegible] : relating to or being either of two regions in [illegible] ceive and process somatosensory stimuli

so·mato·stat·in \sō-ˌma-tə-'sta-tᵊn\ *n* [*somat-* [illegible] to halt, cause to stand) + E [1]*-in;* akin to L *st*[illegible] STAND] (1973) : a polypeptide neurohormone [illegible] hypothalamus and inhibits the secretion of sev[illegible] growth hormone, insulin, and gastrin)

so·mato·tro·pic hormone \-'trō-pik-\ *n* [*so*[illegible] : GROWTH HORMONE 1

so·mato·tro·pin \-'trō-pən\ *also* **so·mato·tro**[illegible] *tropic* + [1]*-in*] (1941) : GROWTH HORMONE 1

so·mato·type \sō-'ma-tə-ˌtīp\ *n* (1940) : body t[illegible]

som·ber *or* **som·bre** \'säm-bər\ *adj* [F *sombre*] [illegible] to be dark and gloomy **2 a** : of a serious mie[illegible] ies⟩ **b** : of a dismal or depressing charact[illegible] thoughts⟩ **c** : conveying gloomy suggestions [illegible] heavy cast or shade : dark colored — **som·b**[illegible] **ness** *n*

som·bre·ro \səm-'brer-(ˌ)ō, säm-\ *n, pl* **-ros** (1599) : an often high-crowned hat of felt or [illegible] brim worn esp. in the Southwest and Mexico

som·brous \'säm-brəs\ *adj* [F *sombre*] (1730) *a*[illegible]

some \'səm, *for 2 without stress*\ *adj* [ME *som,* a[illegible] akin to OHG *sum* some, Gk *hamē* somehow, [illegible] SAME] (bef. 12c) **1** : being an unknown, undet[illegible] unit or thing ⟨~ person knocked⟩ **2 a** : bein[illegible] specified number of something (as a class or gr[illegible] ⟨~ gems are hard⟩ **b** : being of an unspecif[illegible] ⟨give me ~ water⟩ ⟨have ~ apples⟩ **3** : R[illegible] ⟨that was ~ party⟩ **4** : being at least one — [illegible] logical proposition is asserted only of a subclass [illegible] the class denoted by the term which it modifies

some \'səm\ *pron, sing or pl in constr* (bef. 12c) [illegible] quantity, portion, or number as distinguished f[illegible] definite additional amount ⟨ran a mile and then [illegible]

some \'səm, ˌsəm\ *adv* (bef. 12c) **1** : ABOUT ⟨[illegible] some people⟩ **2 a** : in some degree : SOMEWH[illegible] : to some degree or extent : a little ⟨the cut ble[illegible] on it ~ more⟩ **c** — used as a mild intensive ⟨[illegible]

usage When *some* is used to modify a numbe[illegible] round number ⟨a community of *some* 150,00[illegible] cause *some* is slightly more emphatic than *abo*[illegible] occas. used with a more exact number in an int[illegible] pert parachutist, he has *some* 115 jumps to his c[illegible] When *some* is used without a number, most c[illegible] *somewhat* is to be preferred. Their advice is [illegible] however; only when *some* modifies an adjecti[illegible] will *somewhat* always substitute smoothly. Whe[illegible] or adverb, and esp. when it follows a verb, su[illegible] may prove awkward ⟨Italy forced me to gr[illegible] Brooke⟩ ⟨I'm not a prude; I've been around [illegible] Rogers⟩ ⟨here in Newport, both Southern [illegible] practiced *some* more —W. N. Wallace⟩.

-some *adj suffix* [ME *-som,* fr. OE *-sum;* akin to [illegible] some] : characterized by a (specified) thin[illegible] ⟨awe*some*⟩ ⟨burden*some*⟩ ⟨cuddle*some*⟩

-some *n suffix* [ME (northern dial.) *-sum,* fr. ME[illegible] group of (so many) members and esp. persons

-some *n comb form* [NL *-somat-, -soma,* fr. Gk *sō*[illegible] chromo*some*⟩ **2** : chromosome ⟨mono*some*⟩

some·body \'səm-(ˌ)bə-dē, -ˌbä-\ *pron* (14c) : o[illegible] specified or indefinite identity ⟨~ will come [illegible]

somebody *n* (ca. 1566) : a person of position or

some·day \'səm-ˌdā\ *adv* (14c) : at some future t[illegible]

some·deal \'səm-ˌdēl\ *adv* (bef. 12c) *archaic* : so[illegible]

some·how \'səm-ˌhau̇\ *adv* (1664) : in one way [illegible] designated : by some means ⟨we'll manage ~[illegible]

some·one \-(ˌ)wən\ *pron* (14c) : some person : s[illegible]

some·place \-ˌplās\ *adv* (1880) : SOMEWHERE

som·er·sault *also* **sum·mer·sault** \'sə-mər-ˌsȯl[illegible] ultim. fr. L *super* over + *saltus* leap, fr. *sali*[illegible] SALLY] (ca. 1530) : a movement (as in g[illegible] turns forward or backward in a complet[illegible] ground or in the air bringing the feet over the h[illegible] rolling head over heels — **somersault** *vi*

som·er·set \-ˌset\ *n or vi* [by alter.] (1591) : SOME[illegible]

some·thing \'səm(p)-thiŋ, *esp in rapid speech or* [illegible] 12c) **1 a** : some indeterminate or unspecifi[illegible] terminate amount more than a specified num[illegible] ⟨twenty-*something* years old⟩ ⟨a group o[illegible] person or thing of consequence **3** : one ha[illegible] character, qualities, or nature of something diffe[illegible] — **something else** : something or someone spe[illegible]

something *adv* (13c) **1** : in some degree : SOM[illegible] intensive giving adverbial force to an adjective