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votes or orders. **b.** To survey (public opinion). — *intr.* 1. To make or conduct a thorough canvass. 2. To solicit votes, orders, or opinions. — *n.* 1. An examination or discussion. 2. A solicitation of votes or orders. 3. A survey of public opinion. [*< obsolete canvass, to toss in a canvas sheet as punishment < CANVAS.*] — **can'vass•er** *n.*

**can•yon** also **ca•ñon** (kän'yən) *n.* A narrow chasm with steep cliff walls, cut into the earth by running water; a gorge. [*Sp. cañon, aug. of caña, tube, cane < Lat. canna, reed. See CANE.*]

**can•zo•ne** (kän-zō'nē, kânt-sō'nē) *n., pl. -nes* (-nēz, -nāz) or *-ni* (-nē). 1. A medieval Italian or Provençal lyric of varying stanzaic form. 2. *Mus.* A polyphonic song evolving from this form of poetry. [*Ital. < Lat. cantiō, cantiōn-, song < cantus, p.part. of canere, to sing. See kan-\**.]

**can•zo•net** (kän'zə-nēt') *n.* *Mus.* A short lighthearted song. [*< Ital. canzonetta, dim. of canzone. See CANZONE.*]

**caou•tchouc** (kou'chōōk', -chōōk') *n.* See **rubber**<sup>1</sup> 1. [*Fr., prob. < Sp. caucho < Tupi cau-ucha.*]

**cap**<sup>1</sup> (kăp) *n.* 1. A usu. soft and close-fitting head covering. 2.a. A head covering worn to indicate rank, occupation, or membership in a group. **b.** An academic mortarboard. 3.a. A protective cover or seal, esp. one that closes off an end or a tip. **b.** A crown for covering or sealing a tooth. **c.** A tread for a worn pneumatic tire. **d.** A fitted covering used to seal a well or large pipe. 4. A summit or top, as of a mountain. 5. An upper limit; a ceiling. 6. *Archit.* The capital of a column. 7. *Bot.* **a.** The pileus of a mushroom. **b.** A calyptra. 8.a. A percussion cap. **b.** A small explosive charge enclosed in paper for use in a toy gun. 9. Any of several sizes of writing paper, such as foolscap. — *tr.v.* **capped, cap•ping, caps.** 1. To cover, protect, or seal with a cap. 2. To award a special cap to as a sign of rank or achievement. 3. To lie over or on top of; cover. 4. To apply the finishing touch to; complete. 5. To follow with something better; surpass or outdo. 6. To set an upper limit on. — *idioms.* **cap in hand.** Respectfully or humbly; unpretentiously. **set (one's) cap for.** To attempt to attract and win as a mate. [*ME cappe < OE cæppe < LLat. cappa.*]

**cap**<sup>2</sup> (kăp) *Informal.* — *n.* A capital letter. — *tr.v.* **capped, cap•ping, caps.** To capitalize. [*Shortened form of CAPITAL*<sup>1</sup>.]

**CAP** *abbr.* Civil Air Patrol.

**cap.** *abbr.* 1. Capacity. 2. Capital.

**ca•pa•bil•i•ty** (kā'pə-bīl'i-tē) *n., pl. -ties.* 1. The quality of being capable; ability. 2. A talent or ability that has potential for development or use. Often used in the plural. 3. The capacity to

and worn over the shoulders. [*ME cape, partly var. of cope, cope, see COPE, and partly < AN cape < Med.Lat. cāpa, var. of LLat. cappa.*]

**cape**<sup>2</sup> (kăp) *n.* A point or head of land projecting into a body of water. [*ME cap < OFr. < OProv. < Lat. caput, head. See kaput-\**.]

**Cape** (kăp) or **Cape of.** For names of actual capes, see the specific element of the names, for example, **Hatteras, Cape; Good Hope, Cape of.**

**Cape Bret•on Island** (brēt'n, brīt'n). An island forming the NE part of Nova Scotia, Canada.

**Cape buffalo** *n.* A large, often fierce buffalo (*Syncerus caffer*) of Africa having massive downward-curving horns.

**Cape Cod Canal** (kōd). A waterway, c. 28 km (17.5 mi), of SE MA connecting Buzzards Bay with **Cape Cod Bay**, the S part of Massachusetts Bay.

**Cape Cod cottage** *n.* A compact house of one or one-and-a-half stories with a gabled roof and a central chimney.

**Cape Cor•al** (kōr'əl, kōr'-). A city of SW FL on the estuary of the Caloosahatchee R. SW of Fort Myers. Pop. 74,991.

**Cape Fear River.** A river rising in central NC and flowing c. 325 km (202 mi) SE to the Atlantic N of Cape Fear.

**Cape Gi•rar•deau** (jə-rär'dō, -rā'-). A city of SE MO on the Mississippi SSE of St. Louis; founded 1793. Pop. 34,438.

**Cape gooseberry** *n.* A tropical South American plant (*Physalis peruviana*) having an edible yellow berry.

**Çape jasmine** *n.* See **gardenia.**

**Ca•pek** (chä'pěk'), **Karel.** 1890–1938. Czechoslovakian writer whose works include the play *R.U.R.* (1921).

**cap•e•lin** (kăp'ə-līn, kăp'līn) also **cap•lin** (kăp'līn) *n.* A small edible marine fish (*Mallotus villosus*) of northern Atlantic and Pacific waters. [*Canadian Fr. capelan < Fr., codfish < OProv. < Med.Lat. cappelānus. See CHAPLAIN.*]

**Ca•pel•la** (kə-pěl'ə) *n.* A double star in Auriga, the brightest star in the constellation. [*Lat., dim. of caper, goat.*]

**Cape primrose** *n.* Any of various chiefly African plants of the genus *Streptocarpus*, having clusters of showy flowers.

**Cape Province.** Officially Cape of Good Hope Province; formerly (before 1910) Cape Colony. A province and historical region of S South Africa on the Atlantic and Indian oceans.

**ca•per**<sup>1</sup> (kā'pər) *n.* 1. A playful leap or hop. 2. A frivolous escapade or prank. 3. *Slang.* An illegal plot or enterprise, esp. one involving theft. — *intr.v.* **-pered, -per•ing, -pers.** To leap or frisk about; frolic. [*Alteration of CAPRIOLE.*]

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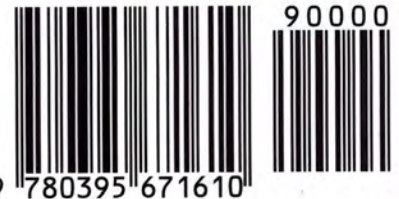
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