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friction 2 : one that washes; *esp* : a machine for washing
 washer-woman \-'wú-mən\ n : a woman whose occupation is washing clothes
 wash-house \-'wòsh-'háus, 'wásh-'h : a house or building for washing clothes
 washing \-'wò-shíg, 'wá-'n 1 : material obtained by washing 2 : articles washed or to be washed
 washing soda n : SODIUM CARBONATE
 Washington's Birthday \-'wò-shín-'tónz-, 'wá-'n : the 3d Monday in February observed as a legal holiday
 wash-out \-'wòsh-'áut, 'wásh-'n 1 : the washing away of earth (as from a road); *also* : a place where earth is washed away 2 : a complete failure
 wash-room \-'vərúm, -'rúm\ n : BATHROOM
 wash-stand \-'stánd\ n 1 : a stand holding articles needed for washing face and hands 2 : LAVATORY 1
 wash-tub \-'stób\ n : a tub for washing or soaking clothes
 wash-woman \-'wòsh-'wú-mən, 'wásh-'n : WASHERWOMAN
 washy \-'wò-shé, 'wá-'n adj. wash-ier-est 1 : WEAK, WATERY 2 : PALLID 3 : lacking in vigor, individuality, or definiteness
 wasp \-'wásp, 'wòsp\ n : any of numerous social or solitary winged insects related to the bees and ants with biting mouthparts and in females and workers an often formidable sting
 WASP or Wasp n [white Anglo-Saxon Protestant] : an American of northern European and *esp*. British ancestry and of Protestant background
 wasp-ish \-'wásh-'pish, 'wòs-'n adj 1 : SNAPPISH, IRRITABLE 2 : resembling a wasp in form; *esp* : slightly built syn. fractious, freful, huffy, peevish, petulant, querulous
 wasp waist n : a very slender waist
 was-sall \-'wá-səl, wá-'sál\ n [ME *was hail*, fr. ON *ves heill* be well] 1 : an early English toast to someone's health 2 : a hot drink made with wine, beer, or cider, spices, sugar, and usu. baked apples and traditionally served at Christmas 3 : riotous drinking : REVELRY
 wassall vb 1 : CAROUSE 2 : to drink to the health of — *was-sall-er*. n
 Was-ser-mann test \-'wá-sər-mən-, 'wá-'n : a blood test for infection with syphilis
 wast-age \-'wá-stij\ n : WASTE 3
 waste \-'wást\ n 1 : a sparsely settled or barren region : DESERT; *also* : uncultivated land 2 : the act or an instance of wasting : the state of being wasted 3 : gradual loss or decrease by use, wear, or decay 4 : material left over, rejected, or thrown away; *also* : an unwanted by-product of a manufacturing or chemical process 5 : refuse (as garbage) that accumulates about habitations 6 : material (as feces) pro-

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duced but not used by a living organism — waste-ful \-'fəl\ adj — waste-fully adv — waste-ful-ness n
 waste vb wast-ed; wast-ing 1 : DEVASTATE 2 : to wear away or diminish gradually : CONSUME 3 : to spend or use carelessly or uselessly : SQUANDER 4 : to lose or cause to lose weight, strength, or energy (wasting away from fever) 5 : to become diminished in bulk or substance : DWINDLE syn. deplete, desolate, despoil, ravage, spoil, strip — waster n
 waste adj 1 : being wild and uninhabited : BARREN, DESOLATE; *also* : UNCULTIVATED 2 : being in a ruined condition 3 : discarded as worthless after being used (~ water) 4 : excreted from or stored in inert form in a living organism as a by-product of vital activity (~ matter from birds)
 waste-bas-ket \-'wást-'bas-kət\ n : a receptacle for refuse
 waste-land \-'lánd-, -'lænd\ n : land that is barren or unfit for cultivation
 waste-pa-per \-'pá-pər\ n : paper thrown away as used, not needed, or not fit for use
 wast-rel \-'wá-strəl\ n : one that wastes : SPENDTHRIFT
 watch \-'wäch, 'wòch\ vb 1 : to be or stay awake intentionally : keep vigil (~ed by the patient's bedside) (~ and pray) 2 : to be on the lookout for danger : be on one's guard 3 : to keep guard (~ outside the door) 4 : OBSERVE (~ a game) 5 : to keep in view so as to prevent harm or warn of danger (~ a brush fire carefully) 6 : to keep oneself-informed about (~ his progress) 7 : to lie in wait for *esp*. so as to take advantage of (~ed her opportunity) — watch-er n
 watch n 1 : the act of keeping awake to guard, protect, or attend; *also* : a state of alert and continuous attention 2 : a public weather-alert (tornado ~) 3 : close observation 4 : LOOKOUT, WATCHMAN, GUARD 5 : a period during which a part of a ship's crew is on duty; *also* : the part of a crew on duty during a watch 6 : a portable timepiece carried on the person
 watch-band \-'wäch-'bánd, 'wòch-'n : the bracelet or strap of a wristwatch
 watch-dog \-'dóg\ n 1 : a dog kept to guard property 2 : one that guards or protects
 watch-ful \-'fəl\ adj : steadily attentive and alert *esp*. to danger : VIGILANT — watch-ful-ly adv — watch-ful-ness n
 watch-maker \-'mä-kər\ n : one that makes or repairs watches — watch-mak-ing \-'mä-'kíng\ n
 watch-man \-'mən\ n : a person assigned to watch : GUARD
 watch night n : a devotional service lasting until after midnight, *esp*. on New Year's Eve