guage (as Mishnaic Hebrew, rabbinical Hebrew, or modern Hebrew)

hebrew alphabet *n, usu cap H* **1** : a Semitic alphabet used since about the 5th century B.C. for writing Hebrew and in medieval and modern times used also for Yiddish and on occasion other languages — called also *Aramaic alphabet;* see ALPHABET table **2** : the Semitic alphabet used in writing Hebrew until about the 5th century B.C. and on occasion as late as the 2d century A.D. — called also *ancient Hebrew alphabet, early Hebrew alphabet, old Hebrew alphabet*

he·brew·ism \'hē(,)brü,izəm\ *n -s usu cap* : HEBRAISM

he·bri·cian \hē'brishən\ *n -s usu cap* [*Hebrew* + *-ician*] *archaic* : HEBRAIST

[1]**heb·ri·de·an** \,hebrə'dēən, he'brid-\ *or* **he·brid·i·an** \he-'bridēən\ *adj, usu cap* [*Hebrides*, islands off the western coast of Scotland + E *-an, -ian*] **1** : of, relating to, or characteristic of the Hebrides **2** : of, relating to, or characteristic of the Hebrideans

[2]**hebridean** \"\ *or* **hebridian** \"\ *n -s cap* : a native or inhabitant of the Hebrides

he·bron·ite \'hēbrə,nīt\ *n -s* [*Hebron*, Maine, its locality + E *-ite*] : AMBLYGONITE

hec·ate \'hekə,tē, -kəd-ē, -kət\ *n -s usu cap* [after *Hecate*, Greek goddess of witchcraft, fr. L, fr. Gk *Hekatē*] *obs* : WITCH, HAG ⟨I speak not to that railing *Hecate* —Shak.⟩

hecato- *or* **hecaton-** *comb form* [Gk *hekato-*, fr. *hekaton* hundred — more at HUNDRED] : consisting of a hundred : having a hundred ⟨*hecatophyllous*⟩

hec·a·tomb \'hekə,tōm *sometimes* -tüm *or* -täm\ *n -s* [L *hecatombe*, fr. Gk *hekatombē*, fr. *hekaton* hundred + *-bē* (fr. stem of *bous* head of cattle, cow) — more at HUNDRED, COW] **1** : an ancient Greek and Roman sacrifice consisting typically of 100 oxen or cattle **2** : the sacrifice or slaughter of many victims ⟨make ourselves unhappy over the yearly ~ that follows the wake of the motor —Agnes Repplier⟩ **3** : a large number or quantity ⟨the end of the war saw no ~*s* of officers slain by enfranchised privates —Dixon Wecter⟩

hec·a·ton·tar·chy \,hekə'tän-,tärkē, ˈ--ˌ-ˌ--\ *n -es* [Gk *hekatont-* hundred (fr. *hekaton*) + E *-archy*] : government by 100 persons

hecceity *var of* HAECCEITY

hech \'heḵ\ *interj* [imit.] — used esp. in Scots to express surprise, contempt, sorrow, or pain

hechi·ma \he'chēmə, 'hechəmə\ *n -s* [Jap] : DISHCLOTH GOURD

hech·sher \'heḵshər\ *n, pl* **hech·she·rim** \heḵ'shārəm, -,rēm\ *or* **hech·shers** \'heḵshərz\ [LHeb *hekhshēr*, lit., fitting] : a rabbinical endorsement or certification esp. of food products that conform with traditional Jewish dietary laws — compare KASHRUTH

hecht \'heḵt\ *Scot var of* [1]HIGHT

hech·tia \'hektēə, -kshēə\ *n, cap* [NL, fr. J. G. H. *Hecht* †1837 Prussian counselor + NL *-ia*] : a genus of Mexican desert herbs (family Bromeliaceae) with rosettes of spiny leaves and ornamental floral bracts

[1]**heck** \'hek\ *n -s* [ME *hek*, fr. OE *hæc, -hec* — more at HATCH] **1** *dial Eng* **a** : the lower half of a divided door **b** : an inner door **2** *chiefly Scot* : a wooden rack for holding fodder **3 a** : a wooden grating set across a stream to obstruct the passage of fish **b** *chiefly Scot* : a grating in a millrace **4 a** : a device on a vertical frame for controlling warp threads in textile manufacturing **b** : any of various attachments on spinning wheels or warping mills for guiding thread in textile manufacturing

[2]**heck** \"\ *n -s* [euphemism] : [1]HELL 2 ⟨that's the ~ of it⟩ ⟨~ — he can't do that⟩ ⟨a ~ of a good fighter⟩

heck·el·phone \'hekəl,fōn\ *n* [G *heckelphon*, fr. Wilhelm *Heckel*, 20th cent. Ger. instrument maker, its inventor + G *-phon* -phone] : a woodwind instrument of the oboe family pitched an octave below the normal oboe

heck·er·ism \'hekə,rizəm\ *n -s usu cap* [Isaac Thomas *Hecker* †1888 Am. Roman Catholic clergyman + E *-ism*] : certain religious teachings (as the adaptation of traditional beliefs to the exigencies of modern culture, the exaltation of natural above supernatural virtues, the preference for active rather than passive virtue, the revision of traditional missionary technique) held to be erroneous by Pope Leo XIII — called also *Americanism*

heck·how \'hek,haü, -e,kaü\ *n -s* [origin unknown] : POISON HEMLOCK

[1]**heck·le** \'hekəl\ *chiefly dial var of* HACKLE

[2]**heckle** \"\ *vt* **heckled; heckled; heckling** \-k(ə)liŋ\ **heckles** [ME *hekelen*, fr. *hakell, heckele* hackle — more at HATCHEL] **1** : [4]HACKLE 1 **2 a** : to harass with questions, challenges, gibes, or objections designed to embarrass and disconcert : BADGER ⟨would gather in front-row seats and ~ the performers with shouts —E.J.Kahn⟩ **b** : to interfere with unjustifiably or with hostile intent : meddle with so as to annoy, disturb, or injure : MOLEST ⟨*heckled* even by photographers who . . . set off flash bulbs as he was about to start —Claudia Cassidy⟩ ⟨seemed too harried and *heckled* by her life to spare love for the older children —John Dollard⟩ **syn** see BAIT

[3]**heckle** \"\ *var of* HICKWALL

heck·ler \-k(ə)lə(r)\ *n -s* : one that heckles ⟨spoke forcefully with a ready wit that took easy care of ~*s* —J.D.Hicks⟩

hec·o·gen·in \,hekō'jenən\ *n* [*hecogenin* saponin found in the juice of agaves (fr. *hec-* — fr. NL *Hectia*, genus name of *Hectia texensis* — + *-onin* — as in *saponin*) + *-genin*] : a crystalline steroid sapogenin $C_{27}H_{42}O_4$ obtained from a desert herb (*Hechtia texensis*) and many agaves and used in a synthesis of cortisone

hect- *or* **hecto-** *comb form* [F, irreg. fr. Gk *hekaton* — more at HUNDRED] : hundred ⟨*hectare*⟩ ⟨*hectograph*⟩

hect·ar·age \'hek,ta(ə)rij, -tär\ *n -s* [*hectare* + *-age*] : area in hectares

hect·are \'hek,ta(ə)r, -tär\ *n -s* [F, fr. *hect-* + *are*] : a metric unit of area equal to 100 ares or 10,000 square meters — see METRIC SYSTEM table

hec·ta·style \'hektə,stīl\ *n* [by alter.] : HEXASTYLE

hec·te \'hek(,)tē\ *n -s* [Gk *hektē*, fr. fem. of *hektos* sixth, fr. *hex* six — more at SIX] : an ancient Greek coin worth ⅙ stater; *esp* : an electrum coin of Phocaea and Lesbos

[1]**hec·tic** \'hektik, -tēk\ *adj* [alter. (influenced by LL *hecticus*) of ME *etyk* (as in *fever etyk* hectic fever), fr. MF *etique*, fr. LL *hecticus*, fr. Gk *hektikos* habitual, habit-forming, consumptive, fr. *hekt-* (akin to *echein* to have) + *-ikos* -ic — more at SCHEME] **1 a** : HABITUAL, CONSTITUTIONAL, PERSISTENT; *specif, of a fever* : fluctuating but persistently recurrent ⟨~ fevers are characteristic of tuberculosis and septicemia⟩ **b** : characteristic of or habitually accompanying a hectic fever ⟨the ~ flush of tuberculosis⟩ **2** : marked by a hectic condition : having a hectic fever : CONSUMPTIVE ⟨a ~ patient⟩ **3** : having a glowing quality : FLUSHED, RED ⟨the ~ color had brightened in the boy's impatient face —Harriet La Barre⟩ **4** : characterized by excitement, bustle, or feverish activity : RESTLESS ⟨the ~ years after oil was discovered —Harold Griffin⟩ ⟨~ travel through thirty different countries —Carveth Wells⟩ ⟨things were so ~ we couldn't even keep track of the people, let alone the material —N.O.Wahlstrom⟩ — **hec·tical·ly** \-tək(ə)lē, -tēk-, -li\ *adv*

[2]**hectic** \"\ *n -s* [ME *etyk*, short for *fever etyk*] **1** : a hectic fever **2** : one affected by a hectic fever; *esp* : CONSUMPTIVE **3** : hectic flush

hec·ti·cal \-tək(ə)l, -tēk-\ *archaic var of* [1]HECTIC

hec·tic·ness *n -es* : the quality or state of being hectic

hective *adj* [by alter.] *obs* : HECTIC

hec·to·cot·y·lif·er·ous \'hektə,kätəd-ᵊl,if(ə)rəs\ *adj* [NL *hectocotylus* + E *-i-* + *-ferous*] : bearing hectocotyli

hec·to·cot·y·ly \-ᵊlē\ *n -es* : the quality or state of having or being converted into a hectocotylus

hec·to·gram *or* **hec·to·gramme** \'hektə,gram, -raa(ə)m\ *n* [F *hectogramme*, fr. *hecto-* hect- + *gramme* gram — more at GRAM] : a metric unit of mass and weight equal to 100 grams — see METRIC SYSTEM table

[1]**hec·to·graph** *also* **hek·to·graph** \-,graf, -raa(ə)f,-raif,-ráf\ *n* [G *hektograph*, fr. *hekto-* hect- + *-graph*] : a machine for making copies of a writing or drawing by transferring it to a slab of gelatin treated with glycerin and then taking impressions from the gelatin — **hec·to·graph·ic** \ˌ--ˈ-grafik, -fēk\ *adj*

[2]**hectograph** \"\ *vt* : to copy with a hectograph

hec·to·liter \'hektə + ,-\ *n* [F *hectolitre*, fr. *hecto-* hect- + *litre* liter — more at LITER] : a metric unit of capacity equal to 100 liters — see METRIC SYSTEM table

hec·to·meter \'hektə,med-ə(r), hek'täməd-\ *n* [F *hectomètre*, fr. *hecto-* hect- + *mètre* meter — more at METER] : a metric unit of length equal to 100 meters — see METRIC SYSTEM table

[1]**hec·tor** \'hektə(r)\ *n -s* [after *Hector*, a Trojan warrior in Homer's *Iliad*, fr. L, fr. Gk *Hektōr*] : one that hectors : BULLY, BRAGGART

[2]**hector** \"\ *vb* **hectored; hectored; hectoring** \-t(ə)riŋ\ **hectors** *vi* : to play the bully : SWAGGER ~ *vt* : to harass, intimidate, bully, or domineer over by bluster, scolding, or personal pressure ⟨domineering wives who ~ their husbands and in-laws to near distraction —Harrison Forman⟩ **syn** see BAIT

hec·tor·ing·ly *adv* : in a hectoring manner

hec·tor·ite \'hektə,rīt\ *n -s* [*Hector*, Calif., its locality + E *-ite*] : a mineral $(Mg,Li)_3Si_4O_{10}(OH)_2$ consisting of a hydrous silicate of magnesium and lithium — compare MONTMORILLONITE

hed \(ˈ)hed, (h)əd\ *chiefly Scot past of* HAVE

hed·dle *also* **hea·dle** \'hedᵊl\ *n -s* [prob. alter. of ME *helde* — more at HEALD] **1** : one of the sets of parallel cords or wires that with their mounting compose the harness used to guide warp threads and raise and lower them in weaving **2** : a metal blade or twisted wire with an eyelet in the center through which warp threads pass in weaving

hed·dler \-d(ᵊ)lə(r)\ *n -s* : DRAWER-IN

hed·e·bo \'hedə,bō\ *n -s* [Dan. *hedebobroderi*, fr. *hedebo* dwelling on the heath (fr. *hede* heath + *bo* dwelling) + *broderi* embroidery] : an embroidery characterized by drawn-work and decorative stitching

hed·en·berg·ite \'hedᵊn,bər,gīt\ *n -s* [Sw *hedenbergit*, fr. Ludwig *Hedenberg* 19th cent. Swed. mineralogist + Sw *-it* -ite] : a mineral $CaFeSi_2O_6$ consisting of a calcium-iron pyroxene

hede·o·ma \,hedē'ōmə, ,hēd-\ *n* [NL, prob. irreg. fr. Gk *hēdys* sweet + *osmē* smell; fr. the fragrant blossoms — more at SWEET, ODOR] **1** *cap* : a small genus of American herbs (family Labiatae) having small flowers in axillary clusters and with bilabiate corolla and two stamens — see PENNYROYAL 2 **2** *-s* : any plant of the genus *Hedeoma*

hedeoma oil *n* : PENNYROYAL OIL

[1]**he·der** \'hēdə(r)\ *n -s* [prob. fr. [2]*he* + *deer* (animal)] *dial Eng* : a male sheep; *esp* : one past eight or nine months old that has not been sheared

[2]**he·der** *or* **che·der** *also* **che·dar** \'ḵādər, 'ked-\ *n, pl* **ha·darim** \ˌkäˈdärəm, -dōr-, -,rēm\ *or* **he·ders** \'ḵādərz, 'ked-\ [Yiddish *kheyder*, fr. Heb *hedher* room] : an elementary Jewish school in which children from about 7 to 13 years of age are taught to read the Pentateuch, the Prayer Book, and other books in Hebrew — compare TALMUD TORAH

hed·era \'hedərə\ *n, cap* [NL, fr. L, ivy; perh. akin to L *prehendere* to seize — more at GET] : a genus of Old World woody vines (family Araliaceae) usu. having palmate leaves but in adult form often becoming shrubby with unlobed leaves — see IVY

hed·er·a·gen·in \,hedərə'jenən, ,hedə'rajənən, -,nēn\ *n -s* [ISV *hedera-* (fr. NL *Hedera*) + *-gen* + *-in*] : a crystalline triterpenoid saponin $C_{30}H_{48}O_4$ obtained by hydrolysis of hederin and other saponins (as from soap nuts)

hed·er·in \'hedərən\ *n -s* [ISV *heder-* (fr. NL *Hedera*, genus name of *Hedera helix*) + *-in*] : a crystalline antibiotic glycoside $C_{41}H_{64}O_{11}$ active against fungi and bacteria that is found esp. in ivy — called also *alpha-hederin, helixin*

[1]**hedge** \'hej\ *n -s* [ME *hegge*, fr. OE *hecg;* akin to OE *haga* hedge, hawthorn, OHG *hag* hedge, hedged-in enclosure, *heckis* hedge, ON *heggr* bird cherry (tree), L *caulae* sheepfold, *colum* sieve, W *cae* field, Corn *kē* hedge, fence] **1 a** : a fence or boundary formed by a row of shrubs or low trees planted close together ⟨white farmhouses with faded red barns and fields bordered with ~*s* of green —Gordon Webber⟩ **b** : any fence or wall marking a boundary or forming a barrier ⟨the high stone ~ . . . encircled the enclosure —A.L.Rowse⟩ **2 a** : a line or array forming a barrier or marking a boundary ⟨pikemen . . . present a ~ of metal points from which any cavalry would flinch —Tom Wintringham⟩ **b** : a protective or defensive barrier ⟨regarded it as the main function of their existence to raise a ~ around the law —F.W.Farrar⟩ **3 a** : a means of protection or defense — usu. used with *against* ⟨proponents of using fluorides as a ~ against tooth decay —*N.Y.Times*⟩ **b** : any of several means of protection against financial loss: as (1) : a bet made against the side or chance already bet on (2) : a purchase or sale made not primarily for income or profit but as protection against a known risk ⟨realization that common stocks are the best ~ against inflation —C.E.Merrill⟩ (3) : a purchase or sale of commodity futures made to offset the risk of loss from market fluctuations **4** : a statement so qualified or calculated as to be noncommittal or ambiguous ⟨bureaucratic literature . . . festooned with ~*s* and qualifications —*Fortune*⟩ **5** : OSAGE ORANGE

[2]**hedge** \"\ *vb* **-ED/-ING/-S** [ME *heggen*, fr. *hegge*, n.] *vt* **1** : to enclose with or separate by a hedge : fence with a row of shrubs or low trees planted close together ⟨its modest lot is *hedged* by . . . hibiscus —Frederick Simpich⟩ **2 a** : to enclose as if with a hedge : ENCIRCLE ⟨meandering through an immense meadow *hedged* by forest —S.H.Holbrook⟩ ⟨a small dance floor crowded with couples and *hedged* with waiting men —Edmund Wilson⟩ **b** : to surround so as to form a protective barrier : GUARD, PROTECT ⟨remembered that no great divinity ~*s* this sovereign —Graham Greene⟩ **c** : to surround so as to prevent freedom of movement or action : FENCE, HEM, RESTRICT ⟨the bulk and pressure of the rules that ~ him on every side —B.N.Cardozo⟩ — often used with *about* or *in* ⟨are *hedged* about with many special conditions, limitations, and restrictions —F.L.Mott⟩ ⟨*hedged* themselves in with a thousand dos and don'ts —A.L.Kroeber⟩ **3** : to obstruct with or as if with a hedge or barrier : HINDER ⟨the difficulties which *hedged* all approach —D.G.Mitchell⟩ **4** *obs* : to introduce and include within something larger or more important — used with *in* or *into* ⟨when you are sent on an errand, be sure to ~ in some business of your own —Jonathan Swift⟩ **5 a** : to reduce or eliminate the risk of (a bet) by making a bet against the side or chance already bet on ⟨is *hedging* its bets in the all-important diplomatic poker game —*Newsweek*⟩ **b** : to protect oneself against financial loss from ⟨were advising clients to ~ the imminent inflation by buying farmland —*Forum*⟩ **6** : to form into a hedge or barrier ⟨ye are *hedged* on the borders of my path —Adah I. Menken⟩ **7** : to qualify or modify so as to allow for contingencies or avoid rigid commitment ⟨when he states a position, he is apt to ~ it round with careful qualifications —Colm Brogan⟩ ~ *vi* **1** : to plant or trim hedges **2 a** : to evade risk or responsibility by avoiding an open or decisive course : TRIM ⟨having found . . . every incentive to cower and cringe and ~ and no incentive whatever to stand upright as a man —Van Wyck Brooks⟩ **b** : to qualify or modify

form a hedge or barrier ⟨invested with the sanctity t *hedged* about a king —Dumas Malone⟩

[3]**hedge** \"\ *adj* [[1]*hedge*] **1** : of, for, or relating to a he corner⟩ ⟨a ~ plant⟩ ⟨~ selling on the commodity ex **2** : born, living, or made near or as if near hedges : ⟨a ~ parson⟩ ⟨a ~ marriage⟩ **3** : belonging to an grade or class : THIRD-RATE ⟨a ~ tavern⟩

hedge accentor *n* : HEDGE SPARROW

hedge apple *or* **hedge ball** *n* : OSAGE ORANGE

hedge·bet·ty \'ˈ-,bed-ē\ *n* [[1]*hedge* + *Betty*, th *dial Eng* : HEDGE SPARROW

hedge bindweed *n* **1** : a common Eurasian and wild convolvulus (*Convolvulus septum*) — called *morning glory* **2** *also* **hedge buckwheat** : CLIMBI BUCKWHEAT

hedge bird *n* : VAGRANT, VAGABOND

hedge·bote \'ˈ-,bōt\ *n -s* [[1]*hedge* + *bote*, obs. var. : HAYBOTE

hedge cactus *n* : a So. American white-flowere (*Cereus peruvianus*) widely grown for hedges in the

hedge creeper *n, obs* : HEDGE BIRD

hedged *past of* HEDGE

hedge fence *n* : a hedge that serves as a fence

hedge fumitory *n* : FUMITORY

hedge garlic *n* : GARLIC MUSTARD

hedgehog \'ˈ-,ˈ\ *n, often attrib* [ME *hegge hogge*, hedge + *hogge* hog — more at HEDGE, HOG] **1** a several nocturnal Old World insectivorous mam constitute the genus *Erinaceus* (esp. *E. europae* the hair on the upper part of the body mixed wit or spines, and are able to roll themselves up so as the spines outwardly in every direction **b** : any other spine-bearing animals (as the tenrecs or the p **2 a** : any of various prickly fruits or seed pods (a *Ranunculus arvensis* and *Medicago echinus*) **b** : a p ing such a fruit **3** : any of various coarse variabl West Indian sponges **4 a** (1) : a military defensiv made of barbed wire bound around three poles, logs, of metal (2) : a military defensive obstacle that is three 6-foot angle irons bolted together, sometim with barbed wire, and usu. embedded in concrete a designed to damage tanks and boats in beach landi military defensive stronghold securely entrenched o with minefields and pillboxes and equipped with for sustained resistance to encirclement **c** : a rocket-propelled weapon used against submarines

hedgehog cactus *n* : any of several cacti with st spines: as **a** : a cactus of the genus *Echinocac* **hedgehog cereus** : a cactus of the genus *Echino*

hedgehog caterpillar *n* : the hairy larva of certain compare WOOLLY BEAR

hedgehog fish *n* : PORCUPINE FISH

hedgehog fruit *n* : the prickly fruit of a maid (*Echinocarpus australis*)

hedgehog fungus *also* **hedgehog mushroom** *n* [so the prickly hymenial surface] : a fungus of the genu (esp. *H. erinaceum*)

hedgehog gourd *n* : an ornamental gourd (*Cucumis* having a hairy fruit — called also *teasel gourd*

hedgehog grass *n* : BUR GRASS

hedge·hog·gy \'ˈ-,ˈē, -i\ *adj* [*hedgehog* + *-y*] : t arouse aversion : FORBIDDING

hedgehog medic *n* : any of several plants of the genus (as *M. echinus*) having pods that resemble burs

hedgehog parsley *n* : a European herb (*Caucalis* of the family Umbelliferae having fruit with prickl

hedgehog rat *n* : SPINY RAT 1

hedgehog shell *n* : a spinose marine gastropod *Murex* or related genera (as *M. tenuispina*)

hedgehog skate *n* : LITTLE SKATE

hedgehog tenrec *n* : a tenrec (*Setifer setosus*)

hedgehop \'ˈ-,ˈ\ *vb* [back-formation fr. *hedgehopper* an airplane at a low altitude; *specif* : to fly an airp to the ground and rise over obstacles as they app *hedgehopping* across Holland, dodging trees, telegr and houses —*Life*⟩ ⟨~ over 12,000 miles of pipeli ~ *vt* **1 a** : to transport by flying at a low altitud *hopped* his passenger to the other end of the line *Blog.*⟩ **b** : to fly an airplane close to the groun so as to miss (an obstacle) ⟨was accused of *hed* three planes and a hangar and buzzing the cont —*Newsweek*⟩ **2** : to evade or elude as if by hed ⟨*hedgehopped* Soviet censors to carry a . . . messag the Iron Curtain —*N.Y. Times*⟩

hedgehopper \'ˈ-,ˈ-ˈ\ *n* : one that hedgehops: **a** : a flying at a low altitude **b** : a pilot flying an airpla ously close to the ground

hedge hyssop *n* **1** : an herb of the genus *Gratio* European *G. officinalis* or the American *G. aurea*) of several British plants resembling hedge h *Scutellaria minor* and *Lythrum hyssopifolium*)

hedge·less \'hejləs\ *adj* : having no hedges

hedge maple *n* : a common low-growing Asiatic *campestre*) sometimes used as a hedge

hedge mushroom *n* **1** : HORSE MUSHROOM **2** MUSHROOM

hedge mustard *n* : a plant of the genus *Sisymbriu* stiffly branching Old World annual herb (*S. offic* pale yellow flowers that is widely naturalized in N and was formerly used in medicine as a diuretic torant

hedge nettle *n* : a plant of the genus *Stachys:* as ennial shade-loving Eurasiatic herb (*S. sylvatica*) w creeping rhizome having a foul odor when crushed lar plant (*S. palustris*) with an odorless rhizome th spread in moist places in most of the northern her

hedge parsley *n* : any of several weedy plants of Umbelliferae with finely cut foliage resembling that *esp* : an erect annual Eurasian weed (*Torilis jap* has dense heads of white flowers, bristly fruits, anc leaves and is widely naturalized in eastern No. Am

hedgepig \'ˈ-,ˈ-ˈ\ *n* : HEDGEHOG

hedge pink *n* : SOAPWORT 1

hedge-priest \'ˈ-,ˈ-ˈ\ *n* : an itinerant usu. uneducat

hedg·er \'hejə(r)\ *n -s* [in sense 1, fr. [1]*hedge* + *-er*; fr. [2]*hedge* + *-er*] **1** : one that plants or trims hedg that hedges (as in betting)

hedge rose *n* : any of various wild roses that tend to thrive in hedgerows: as **a** : DOG ROSE **b** : **c** : MACARTNEY ROSE

hedgerow \'ˈ-,ˈ\ *n* : a row of shrubs or trees e separating fields ⟨could see the white bursts of dog ~*s* —William Faulkner⟩

hedges *pl of* HEDGE, *pres 3d sing of* HEDGE

hedge school *n* [so called fr. the fact that in 17th an Ireland schools were held outside in out-of-the-wa evade the law on Catholic education] : a school doors esp. in Ireland

hedge sparrow *n* : a common European bird (*Pru laris* syn. *Accentor modularis*) that resembles a quents hedges, and is reddish brown and ashen gr wing coverts tipped with white — called also *dun accentor*

hedge-sparrow egg *n* : a pale green to light yell that is yellower and slightly lighter than cameo gr

hedge violet *n* : a common European blue-flow (*Viola sylvatica*) that grows in woods and hedgero

hedge willow *n* : GREAT SALLOW

hedging *pres part of* HEDGE

he·brew·ism \'he(ˌ)brüˌizəm\ *n -s usu cap* : HEBRAISM

he·bri·cian \hē'brishən\ *n -s usu cap* [*Hebrew* + *-ician*] *archaic* : HEBRAIST

[1]**heb·ri·de·an** \ˌhebrə'dēən, he'brid-\ *or* **he·brid·i·an** \he-'bridēən\ *adj, usu cap* [*Hebrides*, islands off the western coast of Scotland + E *-an, -ian*] **1** : of, relating to, or characteristic of the Hebrides **2** : of, relating to, or characteristic of the Hebrideans

[2]**hebridean** \"\ *or* **hebridian** \"\ *n -s cap* : a native or inhabitant of the Hebrides

he·bron·ite \'hēbrəˌnīt\ *n -s* [*Hebron*, Maine, its locality + E *-ite*] : AMBLYGONITE

hec·ate \'hekəˌtē, -kəd-ē, -kət\ *n -s usu cap* [after *Hecate*, Greek goddess of witchcraft, fr. L, fr. Gk *Hekatē*] *obs* : WITCH, HAG ⟨I speak not to that railing *Hecate* —Shak.⟩

hecato- *or* **hecaton-** *comb form* [Gk *hekato-*, fr. *hekaton* hundred — more at HUNDRED] : consisting of a hundred : having a hundred ⟨*hecatophyllous*⟩

hec·a·tomb \'hekəˌtōm *sometimes* -tüm *or* -təm\ *n -s* [L *hecatombe*, fr. Gk *hekatombē*, fr. *hekaton* hundred + *-bē* (fr. stem of *bous* head of cattle, cow) — more at HUNDRED, COW] **1** : an ancient Greek and Roman sacrifice consisting typically of 100 oxen or cattle **2** : the sacrifice or slaughter of many victims ⟨make ourselves unhappy over the yearly ~ that follows the wake of the motor —Agnes Repplier⟩ **3** : a large number or quantity ⟨the end of the war saw no ~*s* of officers slain by enfranchised privates —Dixon Wecter⟩

hec·a·ton·tar·chy \ˌhekə'tän-ˌtärkē, ˈ--ˌ--ˌ--\ *n* -ES [Gk *hekatont-* hundred (fr. *hekaton*) + E *-archy*] : government by 100 persons

hecceity *var of* HAECCEITY

hech \'hek\ *interj* [imit.] — used esp. in Scots to express surprise, contempt, sorrow, or pain

hechi·ma \he'chēmə, 'hechəmə\ *n -s* [Jap] : DISHCLOTH GOURD

hech·sher \'hekshər\ *n, pl* **hech·she·rim** \hekˈshärəm, -ˌrēm\ *or* **hech·shers** \'hekshərz\ [LHeb *hekhshēr*, lit., fitting] : a rabbinical endorsement or certification esp. of food products that conform with traditional Jewish dietary laws — compare KASHRUTH

hecht \'hekt\ *Scot var of* [1]HIGHT

hech·tia \'hektēə, -kshēə\ *n, cap* [NL, fr. J. G. H. *Hecht* †1837 Prussian counselor + NL *-ia*] : a genus of Mexican desert herbs (family Bromeliaceae) with rosettes of spiny leaves and ornamental floral bracts

[1]**heck** \'hek\ *n -s* [ME *hek*, fr. OE *hæc*, *-hec* — more at HATCH] **1** *dial Eng* **a** : the lower half of a divided door **b** : an inner door **2** *chiefly Scot* : a wooden rack for holding fodder **3 a** : a wooden grating set across a stream to obstruct the passage of fish **b** *chiefly Scot* : a grating in a millrace **4 a** : a device on a vertical frame for controlling warp threads in textile manufacturing **b** : any of various attachments on spinning wheels or warping mills for guiding thread in textile manufacturing

[2]**heck** \"\ *n -s* [euphemism] : [1]HELL ⟨that's the ~ of it⟩ ⟨~ — he can't do that⟩ ⟨a ~ of a good fighter⟩

heck·el·phone \'hekəlˌfōn\ *n* [G *heckelphon*, fr. Wilhelm *Heckel*, 20th cent. Ger. instrument maker, its inventor + G *-phon* -phone] : a woodwind instrument of the oboe family pitched an octave below the normal oboe

heck·er·ism \'hekəˌrizəm\ *n -s usu cap* [Isaac Thomas *Hecker* †1888 Am. Roman Catholic clergyman + E *-ism*] : certain religious teachings (as the adaptation of traditional beliefs to the exigencies of modern culture, the exaltation of natural above supernatural virtues, the preference for active rather than passive virtue, the revision of traditional missionary technique) held to be erroneous by Pope Leo XIII — called also *Americanism*

heck·how \'hek,haü, -e,kaü\ *n -s* [origin unknown] : POISON HEMLOCK

[1]**heck·le** \'hekəl\ *chiefly dial var of* HACKLE

[2]**heckle** \"\ *vt* **heckled; heckled; heckling** \-k(ə)liŋ\ **heckles** [ME *hekelen*, fr. *hakell*, *heckele* hackle — more at HATCHEL] **1** : [4]HACKLE 1 **2 a** : to harass with questions, challenges, gibes, or objections designed to embarrass and disconcert : BADGER ⟨would gather in front-row seats and ~ the performers with shouts —E.J.Kahn⟩ **b** : to interfere with unjustifiably or with hostile intent : meddle with so as to annoy, disturb, or injure : MOLEST ⟨*heckled* even by photographers who . . . set off flash bulbs as he was about to start —Claudia Cassidy⟩ ⟨seemed too harried and *heckled* by her life to spare love for the older children —John Dollard⟩ **syn** see BAIT

[3]**heckle** \"\ *var of* HICKWALL

heck·ler \-k(ə)lə(r)\ *n -s* : one that heckles ⟨spoke forcefully with a ready wit that took easy care of ~*s* —J.D.Hicks⟩

hec·o·gen·in \ˌhekō'jenən\ *n* [*hec*onin saponin found in the juice of agaves (fr. *hec-* — fr. NL *Hectia*, genus name of *Hectia texensis* — + *-onin* — as in *saponin*) + *-genin*] : a crystalline steroid sapogenin $C_{27}H_{42}O_4$ obtained from a desert herb (*Hechtia texensis*) and many agaves and used in a synthesis of cortisone

hect- *or* **hecto-** *comb form* [F, irreg. fr. Gk *hekaton* — more at HUNDRED] : hundred ⟨*hectare*⟩ ⟨*hectograph*⟩

hect·ar·age \'hek,ta(ə)rij, -tär-\ *n -s* [*hectare* + *-age*] : area in hectares

hect·are \'hek,ta(ə)(ə)r, -tär\ *n -s* [F, fr. *hect-* + *are*] : a metric unit of area equal to 100 ares or 10,000 square meters — see METRIC SYSTEM table

hec·ta·style \'hektəˌstīl\ *n* [by alter.] : HEXASTYLE

hec·te \'hek(ˌ)tē\ *n -s* [Gk *hektē*, fr. fem. of *hektos* sixth, fr. *hex* six — more at SIX] : an ancient Greek coin worth ⅙ stater; *esp* : an electrum coin of Phocaea and Lesbos

[1]**hec·tic** \'hektik, -tēk\ *adj* [alter. (influenced by LL *hecticus*) of ME *etyk* (as in *fever etyk* hectic fever), fr. MF *etique*, fr. LL *hecticus*, fr. Gk *hektikos* habitual, habit-forming, consumptive, fr. *hekt-* (akin to *echein* to have) + *-ikos* -ic — more at SCHEME] **1 a** : HABITUAL, CONSTITUTIONAL, PERSISTENT; *specif, of a fever* : fluctuating but persistently recurrent ⟨~ fevers are characteristic of tuberculosis and septicemia⟩ **b** : characteristic of or habitually accompanying a hectic fever ⟨the ~ flush of tuberculosis⟩ **2** : marked by a hectic condition : having a hectic fever : CONSUMPTIVE ⟨a ~ patient⟩ **3** : having a glowing quality : FLUSHED, RED ⟨the ~ color had brightened in the boy's impatient face —Harriet La Barre⟩ **4** : characterized by excitement, bustle, or feverish activity : RESTLESS ⟨the ~ years after oil was discovered —Harold Griffin⟩ ⟨~ travel through thirty different countries —Carveth Wells⟩ ⟨things were so ~ we couldn't even keep track of the people, let alone the material —N.O.Wahlstrom⟩ — **hec·tic·al·ly** \-tək(ə)lē, -tēk-, -li\ *adv*

[2]**hectic** \"\ *n -s* [ME *etyk*, short for *fever etyk*] **1** : a hectic fever **2** : one affected by a hectic fever; *esp* : CONSUMPTIVE **3** : hectic flush

hec·ti·cal \-təkəl, -tēk-\ *archaic var of* [1]HECTIC

hec·tic·ness *n -ES* : the quality or state of being hectic

hective *adj* [by alter.] *obs* : HECTIC

hec·to·cot·y·lif·er·ous \ˌhektəˌkäd-ᵊlˈif(ə)rəs\ *adj* [NL *hectocotylus* + E *-i-* + *-ferous*] : bearing hectocotyli

hec·to·cot·y·li·za·tion \ˌ--ˌ--ˌ--ˈzāshən\ *n -s* **1** : transformation into a hectocotylus **2** : impregnation with a hectocotylus

hec·to·cot·y·lize \-'kädᵊlˌīz\ *vt* -ED/-ING/-S [NL *hectocotylus* + E *-ize*] **1** : to change into a hectocotylus **2** : to impregnate with a hectocotylus

hec·to·cot·y·lus \-ᵊləs\ *n, pl* **hectocoty·li** \-ᵊlˌī\ [NL, fr. *hect-* + *-cotylus* (fr. Gk *kotylē* cup, anything hollow) — more at KETTLE] : a modified arm of a male cephalopod that is specially and variously adapted to effect the fertilization of the eggs; *esp* : an arm that in argonauts and some octopods receives the spermatophores, is inserted into the female mantle cavity, and then is broken free from the body of the male

adj

[2]**hectograph** \"\ *vt* : to copy with a hectograph

hec·to·liter \'hektə + ,-\ *n* [F *hectolitre*, fr. *hecto-* hect- + *litre* liter — more at LITER] : a metric unit of capacity equal to 100 liters — see METRIC SYSTEM table

hec·to·meter \'hektəˌmed-ə(r), hekˈtäməd-\ *n* [F *hectomètre*, fr. *hecto-* hect- + *mètre* meter — more at METER] : a metric unit of length equal to 100 meters — see METRIC SYSTEM table

[1]**hec·tor** \'hektə(r)\ *n -s* [after *Hector*, a Trojan warrior in Homer's *Iliad*, fr. L, fr. Gk *Hektōr*] : one that hectors : BULLY, BRAGGART

[2]**hector** \"\ *vb* **hectored; hectored; hectoring** \-t(ə)riŋ\ **hectors** *vi* : to play the bully : SWAGGER ~ *vt* : to harass, intimidate, bully, or domineer over by bluster, scolding, or personal pressure ⟨domineering wives who ~ their husbands and in-laws to near distraction —Harrison Forman⟩ **syn** see BAIT

hec·tor·ing·ly *adv* : in a hectoring manner

hec·tor·ite \'hektəˌrīt\ *n -s* [*Hector*, Calif., its locality + E *-ite*] : a mineral $(Mg,Li)_3Si_4O_{10}(OH)_2$ consisting of a hydrous silicate of magnesium and lithium — compare MONTMORILLONITE

hed \(ˈ)hed, ˌ(h)əd\ *chiefly Scot past of* HAVE

hed·dle *also* **hea·dle** \'hedᵊl\ *n -s* [prob. alter. of ME *helde* — more at HEALD] **1** : one of the sets of parallel cords or wires that with their mounting compose the harness used to guide warp threads and raise and lower them in weaving **2** : a metal blade or twisted wire with an eyelet in the center through which warp threads pass in weaving

hed·dler \-d(ᵊ)lə(r)\ *n -s* : DRAWER-IN

hed·e·bo \'hedəˌbō\ *n -s* [Dan. *hedebobroderi*, fr. *hedebo* dwelling on the heath (fr. *hede* heath + *bo* dwelling) + *broderi* embroidery] : an embroidery characterized by drawnwork and decorative stitching

hed·en·berg·ite \'hedᵊnˌbərˌgīt\ *n -s* [Sw *hedenbergit*, fr. Ludwig *Hedenberg* 19th cent. Swed. mineralogist + Sw *-it* -ite] : a mineral $CaFeSi_2O_6$ consisting of a calcium-iron pyroxene

hede·o·ma \ˌhedē'ōmə, ˌhēd-\ *n* [NL, prob. irreg. fr. Gk *hēdys* sweet + *osmē* smell; fr. the fragrant blossoms — more at SWEET, ODOR] **1** *cap* : a small genus of American herbs (family Labiatae) having small flowers in axillary clusters and with bilabiate corolla and two stamens — see PENNYROYAL 2 **2** *-s* : any plant of the genus *Hedeoma*

hedeoma oil *n* : PENNYROYAL OIL

[1]**he·der** \'hēdə(r)\ *n -s* [prob. fr. [2]*he* + *deer* (animal)] *dial Eng* : a male sheep; *esp* : one past eight or nine months old that has not been sheared

[2]**he·der** *or* **che·der** *also* **che·dar** \'kādər, 'ked-\ *n, pl* **ha·darim** \kəˈdärəm, -dōr-, -ˌrēm\ *or* **he·ders** \'kādərz, 'ked-\ [Yiddish *kheyder*, fr. Heb *hedher* room] : an elementary Jewish school in which children from about 7 to 13 years of age are taught to read the Pentateuch, the Prayer Book, and other books in Hebrew — compare TALMUD TORAH

hed·era \'hedərə\ *n, cap* [NL, fr. L, ivy; perh. akin to L *prehendere* to seize — more at GET] : a genus of Old World woody vines (family Araliaceae) usu. having palmate leaves but in adult form often becoming shrubby with unlobed leaves — see IVY

hed·er·a·gen·in \ˌhedərə'jenən; ˌhedə'rajənən, -ˌnēn\ *n -s* [ISV *hedera-* (fr. NL *Hedera*) + *-gen* + *-in*] : a crystalline triterpenoid saponin $C_{30}H_{48}O_4$ obtained by hydrolysis of hederin and other saponins (as from soap nuts)

hed·er·in \'hedərən\ *n -s* [ISV *heder-* (fr. NL *Hedera*, genus name of *Hedera helix*) + *-in*] : a crystalline antibiotic glycoside $C_{41}H_{64}O_{11}$ active against fungi and bacteria that is found esp. in ivy — called also *alpha-hederin*, *helixin*

[1]**hedge** \'hej\ *n -s* [ME *hegge*, fr. OE *hecg*; akin to OE *haga* hedge, hawthorn, OHG *hag* hedge, hedged-in enclosure, *heckis* hedge, ON *heggr* bird cherry (tree), L *caulae* sheepfold, *colum* sieve, W *cae* field, Corn *kē* hedge, fence] **1 a** : a fence or boundary formed by a row of shrubs or low trees planted close together ⟨white farmhouses with faded red barns and fields bordered with ~*s* of green —Gordon Webber⟩ **b** : any fence and wall marking a boundary or forming a barrier ⟨the high stone ~ . . . encircled the enclosure —A.L.Rowse⟩ **2 a** : a line of trees or shrubs or a barrier or marking a boundary ⟨pikemen or array forming a barrier or marking a boundary ⟨pikemen . . . present a ~ of metal points from which any cavalry would flinch —Tom Wintringham⟩ **b** : a protective or defensive barrier ⟨regarded it as the main function of their existence to raise a ~ around the law —F.W.Farrar⟩ **3 a** : a means of protection or defense — usu. used with *against* ⟨proponents of using fluorides as a ~ against tooth decay —*N.Y.Times*⟩ **b** : any of several means of protection against financial loss: as (1) : a bet made against the side or chance already bet on (2) : a purchase or sale made not primarily for income or profit but as protection against a known risk ⟨realization that common stocks are the best ~ against inflation —C.E.Merrill⟩ (3) : a purchase or sale of commodity futures made to offset the risk of loss from market fluctuations **4** : a statement so qualified or calculated as to be noncommittal or ambiguous ⟨bureaucratic literature . . . festooned with ~*s* and qualifications —*Fortune*⟩ **5** : OSAGE ORANGE

[2]**hedge** \"\ *vb* -ED/-ING/-S [ME *heggen*, fr. *hegge*, n.] *vt* **1** : to enclose with or separate by a hedge : fence with a row of shrubs or low trees planted close together ⟨its modest lot is *hedged* by . . . hibiscus —Frederick Simpich⟩ **2 a** : to enclose as if with a hedge : ENCIRCLE ⟨meandering through an immense meadow *hedged* by forest —S.H.Holbrook⟩ ⟨a small dance floor crowded with couples and *hedged* with waiting men —Edmund Wilson⟩ **b** : to surround so as to form a protective barrier : GUARD, PROTECT ⟨remembered that no great divinity ~*s* this sovereign —Graham Greene⟩ **c** : to surround so as to prevent freedom of movement or action : FENCE, HEM, RESTRICT ⟨the bulk and pressure of the rules that ~ him on every side —B.N.Cardozo⟩ — often used with *about* or *in* ⟨are *hedged* about with many special conditions, limitations, and restrictions —F.L.Mott⟩ ⟨*hedged* themselves in with a thousand dos and don'ts —A.L.Kroeber⟩ **3** : to obstruct with or as if with a hedge or barrier : HINDER ⟨the difficulties which *hedged* all approach —D.G.Mitchell⟩ **4** *obs* : to introduce and include within something larger or more important — used with *in* or *into* ⟨when you are sent on an errand, be sure to ~ in some business of your own —Jonathan Swift⟩ **5 a** : to reduce or eliminate the risk of (a bet) by making a bet against the side or chance already bet on ⟨is *hedging* its bets in the all-important diplomatic poker game —*Newsweek*⟩ **b** : to protect oneself against financial loss from ⟨were advising clients to ~ the imminent inflation by buying farmland —*Forum*⟩ **6** : to form into a hedge or barrier ⟨ye are *hedged* on the borders of my path —Adah I. Menken⟩ **7** : to qualify or modify so as to allow for contingencies or avoid rigid commitment ⟨when he states a position, he is apt to ~ it round with careful qualifications —Colm Brogan⟩ ~ *vi* **1** : to plant or trim hedges **2 a** : to evade risk or responsibility by avoiding an open or decisive course : TRIM ⟨having found . . . every incentive to cower and cringe and ~ and no incentive whatever to stand upright as a man —Van Wyck Brooks⟩ **b** : to qualify or modify a statement or position so as to allow for contingencies or avoid rigid commitment ⟨the paper for which he was responsible never *hedged* on public questions —H.K.Rowe⟩ ⟨no mathematician is infallible; he may make mistakes; but he must not ~ —A.S.Eddington⟩ **3 a** : to protect oneself financially — usu. used with *against* ⟨in order to ~ against inflation and save . . . a part of one's possessions —George Katona⟩ **b** : to reduce or eliminate the risk of a bet by making a bet against the side or chance already bet on **c** : to buy or sell commodity futures as a protection against loss due to price fluctuations **d** : to buy or sell forward exchange as a protection against loss due to foreign-exchange fluctuations **4** : to

hedge bindweed *n* : [illegible] and American wild convolvulus (*Convolvulus sepium*) — called also *wild morning glory* **2** *also* **hedge buckwheat** : CLIMBING FALSE BUCKWHEAT

hedge bird *n* : VAGRANT, VAGABOND

hedge·bote \'ˌ-ˌbōt\ *n -s* [[1]*hedge* + *bote*, obs. var. of [1]BOOT] : HAYBOTE

hedge cactus *n* : a So. American white-flowered cactus (*Cereus peruvianus*) widely grown for hedges in the tropics

hedge creeper *n, obs* : HEDGE BIRD

hedged *past of* HEDGE

hedge fence *n* : a hedge that serves as a fence

hedge fumitory *n* : FUMITORY

hedge garlic *n* : GARLIC MUSTARD

hedgehog \'ˌ-ˌ\ *n, often attrib* [ME *hegge hogge*, fr. *hegge* hedge + *hogge* hog — more at HEDGE, HOG] **1 a** : any of several nocturnal Old World insectivorous mammals that constitute the genus *Erinaceus* (esp. *E. europaeus*), have the hair on the upper part of the body mixed with prickles or spines, and are able to roll themselves up so as to present the spines outwardly in every direction **b** : any of various other spine-bearing animals (as the tenrecs or the porcupines) **2 a** : any of various prickly fruits or seed pods (as those of *Ranunculus arvensis* and *Medicago echinus*) **b** : a plant bearing such a fruit **3** : any of various coarse variably spinose West Indian sponges **4 a** (1) : a military defensive obstacle made of barbed wire bound around three poles, logs, or lengths of metal (2) : a military defensive obstacle that is made of three 6-foot angle irons bolted together, sometimes wound with barbed wire, and usu. embedded in concrete and that is designed to damage tanks and boats in beach landings **b** : a military defensive stronghold securely entrenched or fortified with minefields and pillboxes and equipped with supplies for sustained resistance to encirclement **c** : a multiple rocket-propelled weapon used against submarines

hedgehog cactus *n* : any of several cacti with stout sharp spines: as **a** : a cactus of the genus *Echinocactus* **b** : [illegible]

hedgehog cereus : a cactus of the genus *Echinocereus*

hedgehog caterpillar *n* : the hairy larva of certain moths — compare WOOLLY BEAR

hedgehog fish *n* : PORCUPINE FISH

hedgehog fruit *n* : the prickly fruit of a maiden's-blush (*Echinocarpus australis*)

hedgehog fungus *also* **hedgehog mushroom** *n* [so called from the prickly hymenial surface] : a fungus of the genus *Hydnum* (esp. *H. erinaceum*)

hedgehog gourd *n* : an ornamental gourd (*Cucumis dipsaceus*) having a hairy fruit — called also *teasel gourd*

hedgehog grass *n* : BUR GRASS

hedge·hog·gy \'ˌ-ˌē, -i\ *adj* [*hedgehog* + *-y*] : tending to arouse aversion : FORBIDDING

hedgehog medic *n* : any of several plants of the genus *Medicago* (as *M. echinus*) having pods that resemble burs

hedgehog parsley *n* : a European herb (*Caucalis daucoides*) of the family Umbelliferae having fruit with prickly ribs

hedgehog rat *n* : SPINY RAT 1

hedgehog shell *n* : a spinose marine gastropod shell — *Murex* or related genera (as *M. tenuispina*)

hedgehog skate *n* : LITTLE SKATE

hedgehog tenrec *n* : a tenrec (*Setifer setosus*)

hedgehop \'ˌ-ˌ\ *vb* [back-formation fr. *hedgehopper*] *vi* : to fly an airplane at a low altitude; *specif* : to fly an airplane close to the ground and rise over obstacles as they appear ⟨we *hedgehopping* across Holland, dodging trees, telegraph poles and houses —*Life*⟩ ⟨~ over 12,000 miles of pipeline —*adv*⟩ ~ *vt* **1 a** : to transport by flying at a low altitude ⟨*hedgehopped* his passenger to the other end of the line —*Curr Biog.*⟩ **b** : to fly an airplane close to the ground and so as to miss (an obstacle) ⟨was accused of *hedgehopping* three planes and a hangar and buzzing the control tower —*Newsweek*⟩ **2** : to evade or elude as if by hedgehopping ⟨*hedgehopped* Soviet censors to carry a . . . message through the Iron Curtain —*N.Y. Times*⟩

hedgehopper \'ˌ-ˌ\ *n* : one that hedgehops: **a** : an airplane flying at a low altitude **b** : a pilot flying an airplane dangerously close to the ground

hedge hyssop *n* **1** : an herb of the genus *Gratiola* (as European *G. officinalis* or the American *G. aurea*) **2** : any of several British plants resembling hedge hyssop (*Scutellaria minor* and *Lythrum hyssopifolium*)

hedge·less \'hejləs\ *adj* : having no hedges

hedge maple *n* : a common low-growing Asiatic tree (*Acer campestre*) sometimes used as a hedge

hedge mushroom *n* **1** : HORSE MUSHROOM **2** : MEADOW MUSHROOM

hedge mustard *n* : a plant of the genus *Sisymbrium*; *esp* : a stiffly branching Old World annual herb (*S. officinale*) with pale yellow flowers that is widely naturalized in No. America and was formerly used in medicine as a diuretic and expectorant

hedge nettle *n* : a plant of the genus *Stachys*: as **a** : a perennial shade-loving Eurasiatic herb (*S. sylvatica*) with a creeping rhizome having a foul odor when crushed **b** : a similar plant (*S. palustris*) with an odorless rhizome that is widely spread in moist places in most of the northern hemisphere

hedge parsley *n* : any of several weedy plants of the family Umbelliferae with finely cut foliage resembling that of parsley; *esp* : an erect annual Eurasian weed (*Torilis japonica*) that has dense heads of white flowers, bristly fruits, and bipinnate leaves and is widely naturalized in eastern No. America

hedgepig \'ˌ-ˌ\ *n* : HEDGEHOG

hedge pink *n* : SOAPWORT 1

hedge-priest \'ˌ-ˌ\ *n* : an itinerant usu. uneducated priest

hedg·er \'hejə(r)\ *n -s* [in sense 1, fr. [1]*hedge* + *-er*; in sense 2, fr. [2]*hedge* + *-er*] **1** : one that plants or trims hedges **2** : [illegible] that hedges (as in betting)

hedge rose *n* : any of various wild roses that tend to invade and thrive in hedgerows: as **a** : DOG ROSE **b** : SWEETBRIER **c** : MACARTNEY ROSE

hedgerow \'ˌ-ˌ\ *n* : a row of shrubs or trees enclosing or separating fields ⟨could see the white bursts of dogwood in ~*s* —William Faulkner⟩

hedges *pl of* HEDGE, *pres 3d sing of* HEDGE

hedge school *n* [so called fr. the fact that in 17th and 18th c. Ireland schools were held outside in out-of-the-way places to evade the law on Catholic education] : a school held out of doors esp. in Ireland

hedge sparrow *n* : a common European bird (*Prunella modularis* syn. *Accentor modularis*) that resembles a thrush, frequents hedges, and is reddish brown and ashen gray with wing coverts tipped with white — called also *dunnock*, *hedge accentor*

hedge-sparrow egg *n* : a pale green to light yellowish green that is yellower and slightly lighter than cameo green

hedge violet *n* : a common European blue-flowered violet (*Viola sylvatica*) that grows in woods and hedgerows

hedge willow *n* : GREAT SALLOW

hedging *pres part of* HEDGE

hedg·ing·ly *adv* : in a hedging manner

hedgy \'hejē, -ji\ *adj* -ER/-EST : resembling or abounding in hedges ⟨~ growths⟩ ⟨a ~ countryside⟩

he·di·on·di·lla \,hedēən'dē(y)ə\ *n -s* [MexSp, fr. Sp *hedionda* stinking (fr. *heder* to stink, fr. L *foetēre*, *fetēre*) + *-illa* suffix) — more at FETID] : CREOSOTE BUSH

hed·ley·ite \'hedlēˌīt\ *n -s* [*Hedley*, British Columbia locality + E *-ite*] : a mineral approximately Bi_7Te_3 consisting of an alloy of bismuth and tellurium

he·don·ic \(ˈ)hēˈdänik, -nēk\ *also* **he·don·i·cal** \-nik-\ *adj* [*hedonic* fr. Gk *hēdonikos*, fr. *hēdonē* pleasure, -nēk-\ *adj* [*hedonic* fr. Gk *hēdonikos*, fr. *hēdonē* pleasu