

## Similitude

Main Entry: si·mil·i·tude

Pronunciation: \sə-'mi-lə-,tüd, -,tyüd\

Function: *noun*

Etymology: Middle English, from Anglo-French, allegory, analogy, from Latin *similitudo* resemblance, from *similis*

Date: 14th century

1 a : **COUNTERPART**, **DOUBLE** b : a visible likeness : **IMAGE**

2 : an imaginative comparison : **SIMILE**

3 a : correspondence in kind or quality b : a point of comparison

synonyms see **LIKENESS**

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## Homunculus

Main Entry: ho·mun·cu·lus

Pronunciation: \hō-'məŋ-kyə-ləs\

Function: *noun*

Inflected Form(s): *plural* ho·mun·cu·li \-,lī, -,lē\

Etymology: Latin, diminutive of *homin-*, *homo* human being — more at **HOMAGE**

Date: 1656

1 : a little man : **MANIKIN**

2 : a miniature adult that in the theory of preformation is held to inhabit the germ cell and to produce a mature individual merely by an increase in size

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## Skinner box

Main Entry: Skin·ner box

Pronunciation: \ 'ski-nər-,bäks\

Function: *noun*

Etymology: B. F. *Skinner*

Date: 1940

: a laboratory apparatus in which an animal is caged for experiments in operant conditioning and which typically contains a lever that must be pressed by the animal to gain reward or avoid punishment

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**Machinima** (pronounced /mə'ʃi:nɪmə/ or /mə'ʃɪnɪmə/) is the use of real-time graphics rendering engines, mostly three-dimensional (3-D), to generate computer animation. The term also refers to works that incorporate this animation technique. In mathematics, two vectors are **orthogonal** if they are perpendicular, i.e., they form a right angle. The word comes from the Greek *ὀρθός* (*orthos*), meaning "straight", and *γωνία* (*gonia*), meaning "angle".

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## Pedagogy

Main Entry: ped·a·go·gy

Pronunciation: \ 'pe-də-,gō-jē also -,gä-, especially British -,gä-gē\

Function: *noun*

Date: circa 1623

: the art, science, or profession of teaching; especially : **EDUCATION** 2

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## Superannuated

Main Entry: superannuated

Function: *adjective*

Etymology: Medieval Latin *superannuatus*, past participle of *superannuari* to be too old, from Latin *super-* + *annus* year — more at **ANNUAL**

Date: circa 1633

1 : **OUTMODED**, **OLD-FASHIONED** <superannuated slang> <superannuated planes>

2 a : incapacitated or disqualified for active duty by advanced age b : older than the typical member of a specified group <a superannuated graduate student>

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## Penultimate

Main Entry: pen·ul·ti·mate

Pronunciation: \pi-'nəl-tə-mət\

Function: *adjective*

Date: 1677

1 : next to the last <the penultimate chapter of a book>

2 : of or relating to a **penult** <a penultimate accent>

— pen·ul·ti·mate·ly *adverb*