

## **theoretical** | θ \_\_retik\_l|

adjective

concerned with or involving the theory of a subject or area of study rather than its practical application : *a theoretical physicist* | *the training is task-related rather than theoretical.*

• based on or calculated through theory rather than experience or practice : *the theoretical value of their work.*

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**theoretically** | -ik( )|\_ | adverb [ sentence adverb ] : *theoretically we might expect this to be true*

## **truncate** |\_tr\_ ng \_k\_t|

verb [ trans. ] [ often as adj. ] ( **truncated** )

shorten (something) by cutting off the top or the end : *a truncated cone shape* | *discussion was truncated by the arrival of tea.*

• Crystallography replace (an edge or an angle) by a plane, typically so as to make equal angles with the adjacent faces.

adjective Botany & Zoology

(of a leaf, feather, or other part) ending abruptly as if cut off across the base or tip.

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**truncation** |\_tr\_ ng \_k\_ sh \_n| noun

ORIGIN late 15th cent.(as a verb): from Latin *truncat-* ‘maimed,’ from the verb *truncare*.

## **ubiquitous** |yo\_\_bikw\_t\_sl

adjective

present, appearing, or found everywhere : *his ubiquitous influence was felt by all the family* | *cowboy hats are ubiquitous among the male singers.*

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**ubiquitously** adverb

**ubiquitousness** noun

**ubiquity** |-w\_t\_| noun

ORIGIN mid 19th cent.: from modern Latin *ubiquitas* (from Latin *ubique* ‘*everywhere*,’ from *ubi* ‘*where*’) + **-ous** .

**unctuous** |\_\_ ng (k) ch o\_\_sl

adjective

**1** (of a person) excessively or ingratiatingly flattering; oily : *he seemed anxious to please but not in an unctuous way.*

**2** (chiefly of minerals) having a greasy or soapy feel.

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**unctuously** adverb

**unctuousness** noun

ORIGIN late Middle English (in the sense [greasy] ): from medieval Latin *unctuosus*, from Latin *unctus* ‘*anointing*,’ from *unguere* ‘*anoint*.’

**unobtrusive** |\_\_n\_b\_tro\_sivl

adjective

not conspicuous or attracting attention : *corrections should be neat and unobtrusive.*

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**unobtrusively** adverb

**unobtrusiveness** noun