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qa *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Qatar

quad /kwɒd/ *noun* a sheet of paper four times as large as a basic sheet

qualification /,kwɒlɪfɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* proof that a person has passed examinations or reached a particular level of skill

qualifier /'kwɒlɪfaɪə/ *noun* a word or phrase added to an index heading to differentiate it from other headings with the same spelling but different meaning

qualitative research /'kwɒlɪtətɪv rɪ,sɜ:tʃ/ *noun* research which examines the quality of something rather than its quantity

quality /'kwɒlɪti/ *noun* a measure of how good or bad something is

quality assessment /'kwɒlɪti ə ,sɛsmənt/ *noun* a method of measuring how well a company is performing in achieving its stated aims

quality control /'kwɒlɪti kən,troʊl/ *noun* the work of a department in a company that checks that its products are of satisfactory standard

“We identified that, by standardising on a system across all sites, we could reduce the amount of time and people needed to complete updates. The end result was improved content on the sites for our customers”, [a spokesperson] said. The TV company hopes the new level of quality control will also encourage more visitors to its online stores.’ [*Computing*]

quality newspaper /,kwɒlɪti 'nju:zpeɪpə/ *noun* a newspaper that is considered to have well-written and thoughtful views about topics

quango /'kwæŋgəʊ/ *noun* an independent advisory body set up by the government, but having separate legal powers within a restricted area of activity

quantify /'kwɒntɪfaɪ/ *verb* to represent something in terms of figures so that it can be counted or measured

quantitative research /'kwɒntɪtətɪv rɪ,sɜ:tʃ/ *noun* research that examines the effects of something by using numbers and statistics

quantity /'kwɒntɪti/ *noun* the amount or number of items □ **in quantity** in large amounts

quarter /'kwɔ:tə/ *noun* a fourth part of a whole

quarter binding /'kwɔ:tə ,baɪndɪŋ/ *noun* a binding on a cased book, where the spine is covered with one material such as leather or cloth, and the rest of the cover is covered with another material such as paper

quarter-bound /'kwɔ:tə baʊnd/ *adjective* denoting a book that is bound in one material, usually leather, on the spine and in another on the covers

quarter day /'kwɔ:tə deɪ/ *noun* the last day of a quarter, every three months, when payments are due: Lady Day 25th March, Midsummer Day 24th June, Michaelmas 29th September, Christmas Day 25th December

quarter leather binding /,kwɔ:tə 'leðə ,baɪndɪŋ/ *noun* a binding where the spine is covered with leather and the rest of the cover with paper

quarterly /'kwɔ:təli/ *noun* anything that is issued or paid every three months

quarto /'kwɔ:təʊ/ *noun* a size of book made by folding a standard sheet of paper twice, to make four leaves or an eight-page signature. Abbr **4o**

quasi- /kweɪzəɪ/ *prefix* used with adjectives or less frequently with nouns, to describe things which are very like other things but not actually the same

quasi-official /,kweɪzəɪ ə'fɪʃ(ə)l/ *adjective* appearing to be official, but not really so

quasi-synonym /,kweɪzəɪ 'sɪnənɪm/ *noun* a word which appears to be similar in meaning to another, but actually is not

query /'kwɪəri/ *noun* **1.** a question, especially a note asking the author or editor to check the text **2.** a question mark ■ *verb* to ask a question about something or to suggest that something may be wrong ○ *The sub-editor has queried the date given in the index.*

query facility /'kwɪəri fə'sɪlti/ *noun* a program, usually a database or retrieval system, that allows the user to ask questions and receive answers or access certain information according to the query

query language /'kwɪəri ,læŋgwidʒ/ *noun* a computer programming language in a database management system which allows a search to be done quickly and easily

question /'kwestʃ(ə)n/ *verb* **1.** to ask somebody a lot of questions **2.** to imply doubt about the truth of something

question mark /'kwestʃ(ə)n mɑ:k/ *noun* a punctuation mark (?) used to show that a question is being asked

questionnaire /,kwestʃə'neə/ *noun* a written list of questions given to people to answer to provide the information for a survey

questionnaire design /,kwestʃə'neə dɪ,zəɪn/ *noun* the technique of

writing questionnaires in order to avoid bias in the answers

queue /kju:/ *noun* a line of people or tasks waiting to be dealt with

quick reference /,kwɪk 'ref(ə)rəns/ *noun* a system of finding answers to queries which provides rapid but not very detailed answers

quicksort /'kwɪksɔ:t/ *noun* a method of sorting and ordering information very quickly on a computer

quorate /'kwɔ:reit/ *adjective* having the minimum required number of people at a meeting

quota sampling /'kwɔ:tə ,sɑ:mplɪŋ/ *noun* a method of selecting the population for a survey by choosing a fixed proportion of people from each group

quotation /kwəʊ'teɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the exact words said or written by somebody and used by another person

quotation dictionary /kwəʊ 'teɪʃ(ə)n ,dɪkʃ(ə)nəri/ *noun* a collection of famous sayings and writings arranged alphabetically according to the authors

quotation marks /kwəʊ'teɪʃ(ə)n mɑ:ks/ *plural noun* punctuation marks, either single quotes (' ') or double quotes (" "), which mark the beginning and end of a written quotation

quote /kwəʊt/ *verb* to repeat the exact words written or said by somebody else ■ *noun* □ **in quotes** written inside quotation marks

quodidian /kwəʊ'tɪdiən/ *adjective* daily

quotient /'kwəʊʃ(ə)nt/ *noun* the level or degree of a quality ○ *The stress quotient in that job is very high.*

qwerty keyboard /'kwɜ:tɪ ,ki:bɔ:d/ *noun* the layout of keys on a computer keyboard, the first six letters on the top row from the left being QWERTY which gives it its name