

paratus to the earth or to a ground connection.

ground-wood (ground/'wööd/), *n.* *Papermaking.* wood that has been ground for making into pulp. [GROUND² + WOOD¹]

ground-work (ground/'wüörk/), *n.* the foundation, base, or basis of an undertaking. [GROUND¹ + WORK]
—Syn. bottom, substructure, footing; preparation, preliminaries, prolegomena.

ground/ze/ro, the point on the surface of the earth or water directly below, directly above, or at which an atomic or hydrogen bomb explodes.

GROUP (grööp), *n.* 1. any collection or assemblage of persons or things, cluster, aggregation. 2. a number of persons or things ranged or considered together as being related in some way. 3. *Ethnol.* a unit of social organization less complex than a band. 4. Also called **radical**. *Chem.* two or more atoms specifically arranged, as the hydroxyl group, -OH. Cf. **free radical**. 5. *Ling. n.* (in the classification of related languages within a family) a category of a lower order than a sub-branch and of a higher order than a subgroup; *the Low German group of West Germanic languages*. **b.** any grouping of languages, whether it is made on the basis of geography, genetic relationship, or something else.