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gentleman's gentleman a valet

gen-tle-woman (dʒént'lwʊmən) *pl.* gentle-
wom-en (dʒént'lwɪmən) *n.* (*old-fash.*) a woman
of good family

gen-tly (dʒéntli:) *adv.* in a gentle manner

gen-tri-fica-tion (dʒéntrɪfɪkéɪʃn) *n.* the pro-
cess of redeveloping an urban area by inducing
an improvement in the economic level of the
population, e.g., eliminating slum areas, by
making properties attractive to a more affluent
population

gen-try (dʒéntri:) *n.* people of good family; esp.
those next in rank to the nobility [prob. from *gentile*,
genderise var. of *gentilise* fr. *gentil*, gentile]

gentry con-trover-sy challenge to the histori-
cism that the historic changes in England
between 1540 and 1640 were the result of the
rise of entrepreneur landlords

gen-u-flect (dʒéñuflekt) *v.i.* to bend the knee as
a formalized gesture in worship gen-u-flec-
tion, gen-u-flec-tion *n.* [L. genuflectere]

gen-u-nine (džéñuin) *adj.* real, not pretended,
genuine affection || authentic, a genuine signa-
ture || frank, honest, sincere [fr. L. *genuinus*,
innate, inborn]

gen-u-nus (džéñus) *pl.* gen-er-a (džéñərə), gen-u-nus-
es *n.* (biol.) a group of animals or plants within
a family, closely connected by common characteris-tic-a. A genus is divided into species. The
generic name (with capital initial) and the spe-cific name together constitute the scientific
name of an organism || a class of things
[L.=race, sort]

geo-o-cen-tric (dʒi:ouséntrɪk) *adj.* com-measured
from or considered as seen from the earth's cen-
ter || having or representing the earth as a
center, the geocentric conception of the universe

geo-o-cén-tri-cal adj. [fr. Gk *gē*, the earth+ CEN-
TRIC]

geo-o-chem-i-try (dʒi:oukémistrɪ) *n.* the study
of the chemical composition of, and chemical
changes in, the crust of the earth [fr. Gk *gē*, the
earth+ CHEMISTRY]

geo-o-chro-nol-o-gy (dʒi:oukrənolədʒɪ) *n.* the
science of fixing a time scale for the earth's his-
tory before the period covered by written docu-
ments, using geological data [fr. Gk *gē*, the
earth+ CHRONOLOGY]

geo-o-co-ro-na (dʒi:oukərənə) *n.* the earth's
outer rim, primarily a layer of hydrogen in the
upper atmosphere

geo-ode (dʒi:oud) *n.* (geol.) a hollow nodule of
stone formed in sedimentary rock, and hav-ing
walls lined with crystals [F. *géoïde*]

geo-o-desic (dʒi:oudísɪk, dʒi:oudísɪk) *adj.* geo-
desic 2. *n.* a geodesic line geo-o-desi-cal adj.
[GEODESY]

geo-desic dome a spherical dome made of light
triangulated parts in tension (*FULLER)

geo-desic line the shortest distance between
two points on a surface, e.g., a straight line on a