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Definition of *sacrifice* (Entry 1 of 2)

1 : an act of offering to a deity something precious especially: the killing of a victim on an altar

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- : something offered in sacrifice 2
- : destruction or surrender of something for the sake of something else 3 a
 - **b** : something given up or lost *II* the *sacrifices* made by parents
- **4** : LOSS // goods sold at a sacrifice
- : SACRIFICE HIT 5

sacrifice verb

sacrificed; sacrificing

Definition of *sacrifice* (Entry 2 of 2)

transitive verb

- **1** : to offer as a sacrifice
- 2 : to suffer loss of, give up, renounce, injure, or destroy especially for an ideal, belief, or end
- : to sell at a loss 3
- : to advance (a base runner) by means of a sacrifice hit 4
- : to kill (an animal) as part of a scientific experiment 5

intransitive verb

- 1 : to make or perform the rites of a sacrifice
- : to make a sacrifice hit in baseball 2

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Synonyms: Noun immolation, offering, victim

Synonyms: Verb immolate, offer

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II The war required everyone to make *sacrifices*.

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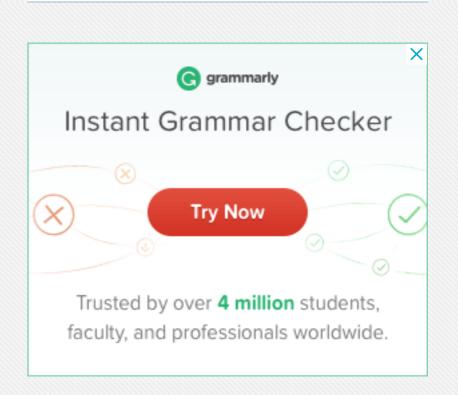
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First Known Use of sacrifice

Noun

13th century, in the meaning defined at sense 1

Verb

14th century, in the meaning defined at transitive sense 1

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Noun

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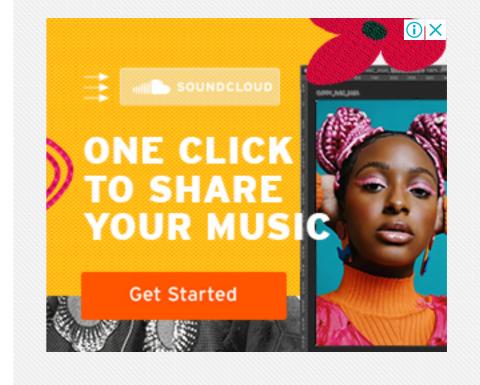
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English Language Learners Definition of *sacrifice* (Entry 1 of 2)

: the act of giving up something that you want to keep especially in order to get or do something else or to help someone

: an act of killing a person or animal in a religious ceremony as an offering to please a god

: a person or animal that is killed in a sacrifice

sacrifice verb

English Language Learners Definition of *sacrifice* (Entry 2 of 2)

: to give up (something that you want to keep) especially in order to get or do something else or to help someone

: to kill (a person or animal) in a religious ceremony as an offering to please a god

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Kids Definition of *sacrifice* (Entry 1 of 2)

- 1 : the act or ceremony of making an offering to God or a god especially on an altar
- **2** : something offered as a religious act
- **3** : an act of giving up something especially for the sake of someone or something else *II* We were happy to make a *sacrifice* of our time to help a friend in need.
- **4** : something given up especially for the sake of helping others

sacrifice verb

sacrificed; sacrificing

Kids Definition of *sacrifice* (Entry 2 of 2)

- 1 : to offer or kill as a religious act *II* The ancient ritual involved *sacrificing* an animal.
- 2 : to give up (something) especially for the sake of something or someone else // They *sacrificed* their lives for their country.

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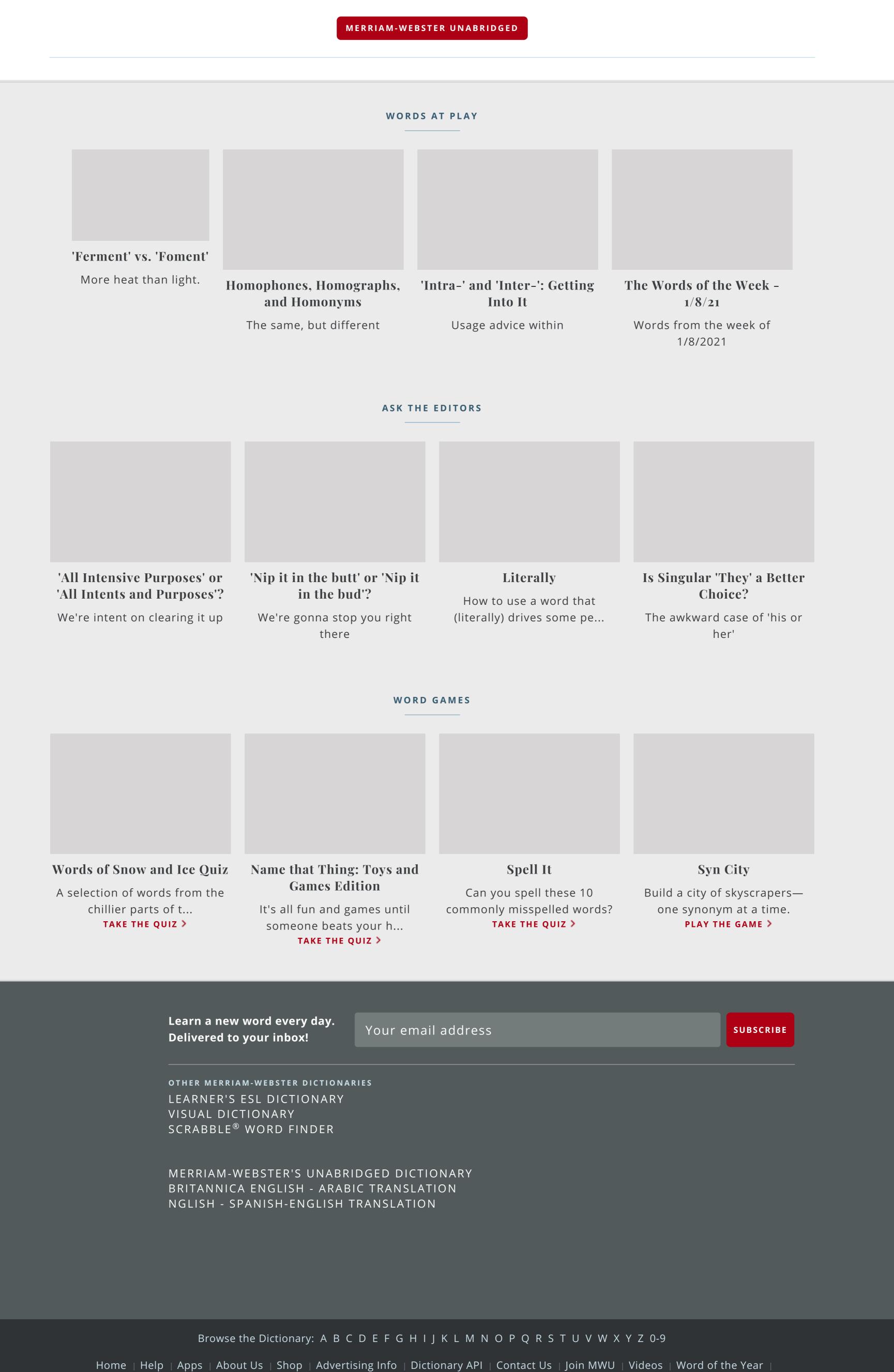
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