

Nota Bene: Q

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quadrivium: four paths; in ancient Greek and medieval educational curriculum, the subjects of arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy

quagmire: an entanglement that offers no ready solution or means of escape

qualm: a misgiving or pang of conscience (at one's course of action)

quark: an elementary particle, one of the smallest known quantities of matter

quantification: to express the quantify of (in measurable units); in logic, to make explicit the quantity of a proposition

quantifier: a word or phrase that can be the subject of a sentence, but which does not refer to an object

querulous: given to complaining

quiescent: in a state of rest or inactivity; latent

quixotic: foolishly romantic, idealistic to an impractical degree

quod erat demonstrandum: that which is demonstrated or proved (abbreviated Q.E.D.)

quod erat faciendum: which was to be done (abbreviated Q.E.F.)

quotidian: occurring every day; commonplace and ordinary

quid pro quo: a thing for a thing; i.e., a substitute

quintessence: the fifth essence or element (from Greek cosmology); the pure and concentrated essence of a substance