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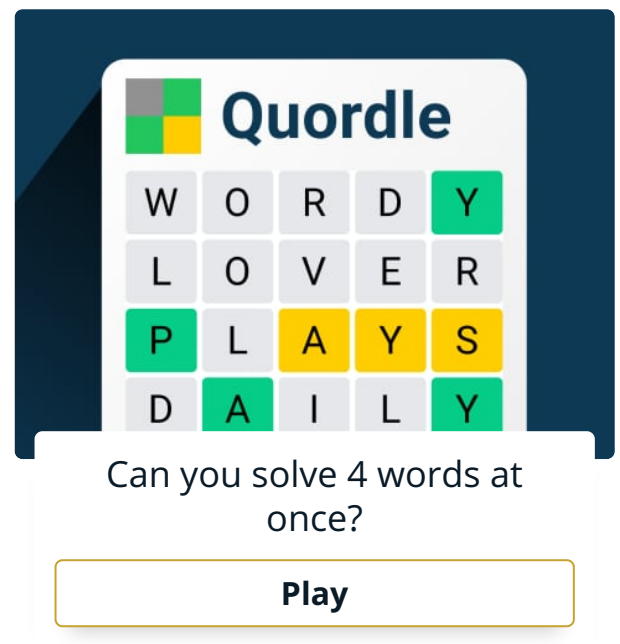
- 1** : impregnation with **calcareous** matter: as
- a** : deposition of **calcium** salts within the matrix of cartilage often as the preliminary step in the formation of bone  
→ compare **OSSIFICATION sense 1a**
  - b** : abnormal deposition of calcium salts within soft tissue often causing thickening or hardening
- 2** : a **calcified** structure or part  
*also* : an abnormal deposit of calcium salts  
arterial *calcifications*

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