

RHS Word of the Week #17

Demonym [dem-uh-nim] (n):

1. the name used for the people who live in a particular country, state, or other locality:

Used in a sentence:

Two *demonyms* for the residents of Michigan are Michigander and Michiganiaan.

Bonus Words

Metonymy [mi-ton-uh-mee] (n):

a figure of speech that consists of the use of the name of one object or concept for that of another to which it is related, as “scepter” for “sovereignty,” or “the bottle” for “strong drink,” or “count heads (or noses)” for “count people.”

Used in a sentence: *Metonymy*, as a figure of speech, is often used in poetry to use create imagery.

Aposiopesis [ap-uh-sahy-uh-pee-sis] (n) *Rhetoric*:

rhetorical artifice wherein the speaker suddenly breaks off in the middle of a sentence.

Used in a sentence: The *aposiopesis* in the actor’s line created a dramatic effect that put the audience on the edge of their seats