

mast 1 of 3 noun (1)

'mast

- 1 : a long pole or spar rising from the keel or deck of a ship and supporting the yards, booms, and rigging
- 2 : a slender vertical or nearly vertical structure (such as an upright post in various cranes)
- 3 : a disciplinary proceeding at which the commanding officer of a naval unit hears and disposes of cases against enlisted men
→ called also *captain's mast*

'ma-stəd adjective

mast 2 of 3 verb

masted; masting; masts

transitive verb

: to furnish with a mast

mast 3 of 3 noun (2)

: nuts (such as acorns) accumulated on the forest floor and often serving as food for animals

Phrases

before the mast

- 1 : forward of the foremast
- 2 : as a common sailor

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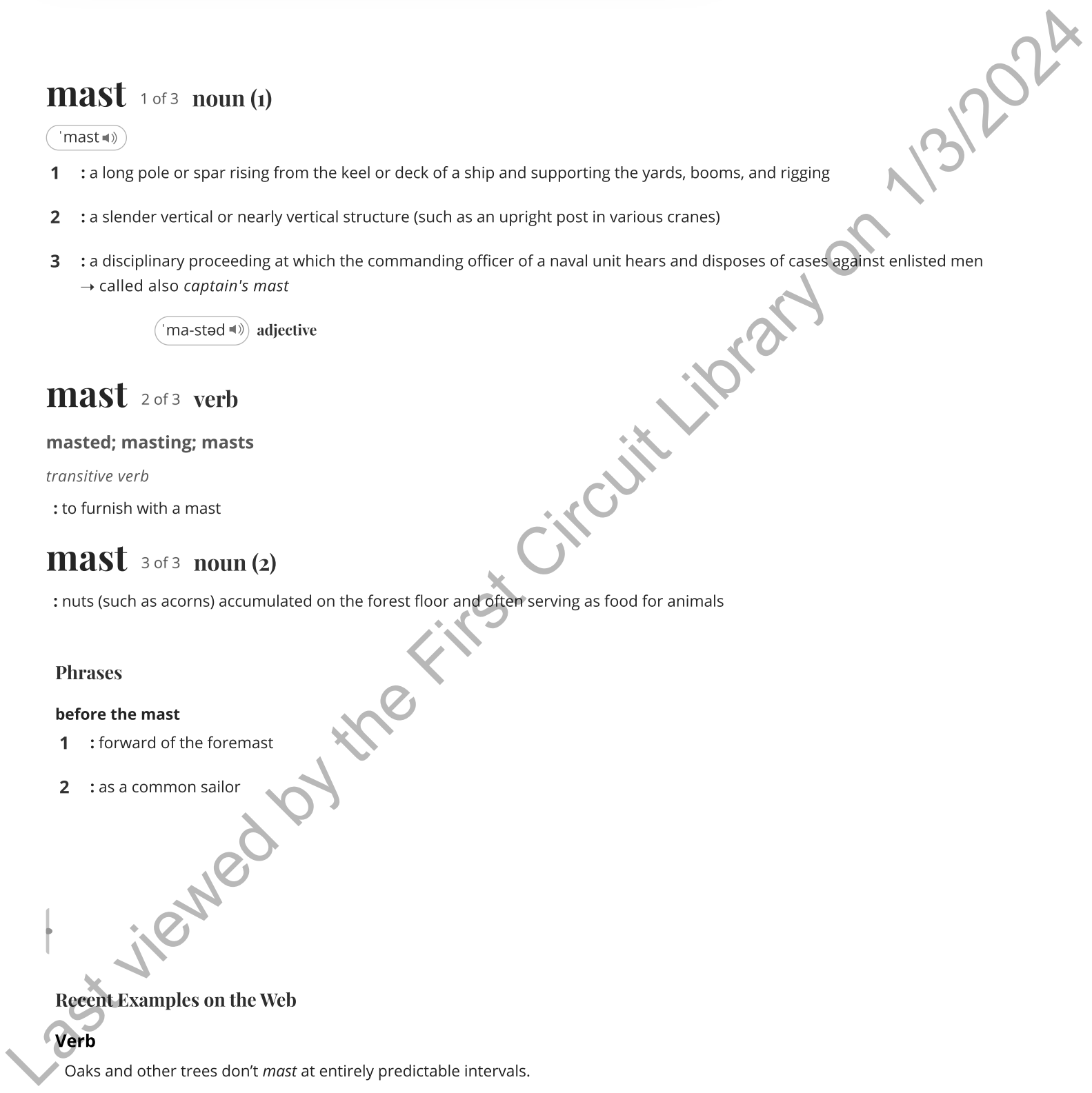
Verb

Oaks and other trees don't *mast* at entirely predictable intervals.

– Beth Botts, *chicagotribune.com*, 28 Nov. 2020

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– Kyle Mizokami, *Popular Mechanics*, 2 June 2022



Etymology

Noun (1)

Middle English, from Old English *mæst*; akin to Old High German *mast* mast, Latin *malus*

Noun (2)

Middle English, from Old English *mæst*; akin to Old High German *mast* food, mast, and probably to Old English *mete* food — more
at MEAT

First Known Use

Noun (1)

before the 12th century, in the meaning defined at sense 1

Verb

circa 1513, in the meaning defined above

Noun (2)

before the 12th century, in the meaning defined above

Time Traveler

The first known use of *mast* was before the 12th century

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half-mast

captain's mast

before the mast

mast cell

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mast noun

'mast

- 1 : a long pole that rises from the bottom of a ship or boat and supports the sails and rigging
- 2 : an upright tall pole (as on a crane)

'mas-təd adjective

MAST abbreviation

military anti-shock trousers

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