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- assess'or** *n.* [fr. L. *assidere*, assess-, sit by as judge]
- as'sets** *n. pl.* property available to pay debts, esp. of an insolvent debtor. -*n. sing.* item of such property; thing of value. [F. *assez*, enough]
- assiduous** *a.* persevering. -**assidu'ity** *n.* tireless application. -**assiduously** *adv.* [fr. L. *assidere*, sit down to]
- assign'** (in) *v.t.* allot, apportion, fix; transfer; ascribe. -**assignable** *a.* -**assignation** *n.* appointment to meet, tryst. [L. *assignare*, allot by sign, *signum*]
- assimilate** *v.t.* make similar, convert into like substance; absorb into the system. -**assimilable** *a.* -**assimilation** *n.* policy of fully accepting people of all races and backgrounds into a culture. -**assimilative** *a.* [L. *assimilate*, make like, fr. *similis*, like]
- assist'** *v.t.* help, support. -*v.i.* be present. -**assis'tance** *n.* help, relief
- assis'tant** *n.* [L. *assistere*, stand by]
- asso'ciate** *v.t.* join with, unite. -*v.i.* combine, unite. -*n.* companion, partner, ally, friend. -*a.* joined, connected. -**associa'tion** *n.* -**asso'ciative** *a.* [L. *associare*, fr. *socius*, companion]
- assort'** *v.t.* classify, arrange. -*v.i.* match, agree with. -**assorted** *a.* varied assortment *n.* variety. [OF. *asorter*, see sort]
- assume'** *v.t.* take for granted; put on; claim, arrogate; pretend. -*v.i.* be arrogant. -**assump'tion** *n.* supposition; arrogance. -**assump'tive** *a.* [L. *assumere*, take to oneself]
- assure'** *v.t.* make safe; insure; tell positively; give confidence. -**assu'rance** *n.* **assured'** *a.* -**assu'redly** *adv.* [F. *assurer*, make sure, fr. L. *securus*]
- as'ter** *n.* perennial plant with late-blooming star-like flowers. (G. = star)
- as'terisk** *n.* star (*) used in printing. [G. *asterikos*, little star]
- astern'** *adv.* at the stern; behind; backwards. [See stern]
- as'teroid** *n.* small planet. [G. *aster*, star, *eidōs*, form]
- asthma** (-sm-) *n.* chronic disease entailing difficulty in breathing, wheezing, tightness in the chest etc. **asthma'tic** *a.* -**asthma'tically** *adv.* [G.]
- astigmatism** *n.* defect of the eye in which the rays are not brought to a proper focus at one point. -**astigmat'ic** *a.* (G. *a-*, not, *stigma*, point)
- astir'** *adv.* on the move; out of bed; out of doors; in excitement. (on sir)
- astonish, astound'** *v.t.* amaze, surprise greatly. -**aston'ishing** *a.* **astonishment** *n.* [OF. *estoner*, VL. *exlonere*, thunder-strike; ME, *astoun*, later *astound*; fr. p. p. *astoned* came a new verb *astony*, later *astonish*. See *stun*]
- as'tral** *a.* of the stars, starry; belonging to the spirit-world. [L. *astralis*]
- astride'** *adv.* with the legs apart; one leg on either side of [See stride]
- astrigent** *a.* binding, contracting. -*n.* binding medicine. -**astrin'gency** *n.* [L. *astringere*, tighten]
- astrocyte** *n.* star-shaped cell found in the brain, spinal cord, and nervous tissue. -**astrocytic** *a.* -**astrocytoma** *n.*
- astrolabe** *n.* instrument formerly used to measure the altitude of the sun and stars. [G. *astron*, star, *lambanein*, take]
- astrology** *n.* science (formerly synonymous with astronomy) pert. to the influence of the stars on human and terrestrial affairs. -**astrol'oger** *n.* -**astrolo'gical** *a.* [G. *astrologia*, knowing of the stars (*aster*, star)]
- astron'omy** *n.* science or study of the heavenly bodies. -**astron'omer** *n.* -**astron'omical** *a.* of astronomy; very great. [G. *astron*, star, *nomos*, law]
- astrophysics** *n.* study of the physical conditions of the heavenly bodies. [G. *astron*, star, and physics]
- astute'** *a.* crafty, cunning; shrewd, acute. -**astute'ly** *adv.* -**astute'ness** *n.* [L. *astutus*, fr. *astus*, crafty]
- asy'lum** *n.* refuge, sanctuary; home for the care of the unfortunate. esp. lunatics; formerly a refuge for criminals. [fr. G. *a-*, not, *syle*, right of seizure]
- asymmet'rical** *a.* lacking in symmetry or balance between parts, lop-sided. [G. *a-*, not, and *symmetry*]
- at** *prep.* near to, by, in; engaged on; in the direction of [OE. *æt*]
- at'avism** *n.* appearance of ancestral, not parental, characteristics in an animal or plant; reversion to an earlier type. **atavis'tic** *a.* [L. *atavus*, great-grandfather's - grandfather]
- atax'ia, atax'y** *n.* impaired co-ordination (through disease) of the muscles controlling voluntary movement. [G. *a-*, not, *taktos*, arrange]
- at'elier** *n.* studio, workshop. [F.]
- a'theism** *n.* disbelief in the existence of God. [fr. G. *a-*, not, *theos*, God]
- athirst'** *a.* thirsty. [See thirst]
- ath'lete** *n.* one trained to physical exercises, feats or contests of strength. **athlet'ic** *a.* -**athlet'icism** *n.* -**athlet'ies** *n. pl.* sports of running, wrestling etc. [G. *athletes*, fr. *athlos*, contest]
- athwart** *adv.* across, esp. obliquely. *prep.* across. (See thwart)
- Atlan'tic** *n.* the ocean between Europe, Africa and the American Continent; belonging to Atlas (*myth*). [fr. Mount Atlas in N. W. Africa]
- at'las** *n.* book of maps. [G. *Atlas*, a Titan who bore the world on his shoulders and whose image appeared on the title-page of old map books]
- ATM** *n.* automatic or automated teller machine operated by customers with magnetized cards to make financial transactions.
- atmosphere** *n.* mass of gas surrounding a heavenly body, esp. the earth. **atmospher'ic** *a.* -**atmospher'ically** *adv.* -**atmospher'ics** *n. pl.* noises in wireless reception due to electrical disturbances from the atmosphere. [G. *atmos*, vapor, *sphaira*, sphere]
- at'oll** *n.* ring-shaped coral island enclosing a

- arteriogram** *n.* x-ray of an artery that has been injected with dye; -**arteriograph**
- artesian** *a.* describes a well bored down until water is reached which rises by itself. [F. *artésien*, of Artois, where such a well was first bored]
- arthritis** *n.* inflammation of a joint, gout. -**arthritic** *a.* [G. *arthron*, joint]
- artichoke** *n.* thistle-like, perennial, edible plant. **Jerusalem artichoke**, a different plant, a sunflower with tubers like the potato. [It. *articiocco*, of Arab. origin. Jerusalem here is corrupt. of It. *girasole*, sunflower]
- article** *n.* clause, head, paragraph, section; literary composition in a journal *etc.*; rule or condition; commodity or object. -*v.t.* bind as an apprentice. [L. *artus*, joint]
- articulate** *v.t.* joint; utter distinctly; form into words or syllables. -*v.i.* speak. *a.* jointed; (of speech) clear, distinct. **articulately** *adv.* -**articulateness** *n.* **articulation** *n.* [L. *articulate*, joint]
- artifice** *n.* contrivance, trick; cunning, skill. -**artificer** *n.* craftsman. [L. *artificiurn-ars*, art, *facere*, make]
- artificial** (-sh-) *a.* synthetic; made by art, not natural; affected; feigned. -**artificiality** *n.* -**artificially** *adv.* **artificial silk**, See *rayon*. [*artifice*]
- artillery** *n.* cannon; troops who use them. [OF. *artillerie*—*artiller*, arm]
- artisan** *n.* craftsman, mechanic. [F.]
- as** *adv. conj.* in that degree, so far, since, because, when, while, in like manner. [worn-down form of *also*]
- asap, ASAP** as soon as possible.
- ascend** *v.i.* climb, mount up; rise; go back in time. -*v.t.* walk, climb, mount up. -**ascendancy** *n.* control, domination. -**ascendant** *a.* rising; above the horizon. -*n.* superiority. -**ascension** *n.* -**ascent** *n.* rise. [L. *ascendere*, climb up]
- ascertain** *v.t.* and *i.* get to know, find out. -**ascertainable** *a.* -**ascertainment** *n.* [earlier *acertain*, OF. *acertener*]
- ascetic** *n.* strict permit; one who denies himself pleasures for the sake of conscience or religion. -*a.* rigidly abstinent, austere. -**ascetically** *adv.* -**asceticism** *n.* [G. *asketikos*]
- ASCII** computer code standardized to allow transmission of data between various hardware and software. [American Standard Code for Information Interchange.]
- ascorbic acid** chemical substance identified with vitamin C. [G. *a-*, and *scorbutic*]
- ascribe** *v.t.* attribute, assign. **ascribable** *a.* -**ascription** *n.* [L. *ad*, to, *scribere*, write]
- aseptic** *a.* not liable to decay; or to blood-poisoning. -**asepsis** *n.* [G. *a*, not, *septikos*, decaying]
- ash** *n.* familiar timber tree; its tough, white wood. -**ash'en** *a.* -**mountain ash**, rowan. [OE. *Tsc*]
- ash** *n.* dust or remains of any-thing burnt. -*pl.* dead body. -**ash'y, ash'en** *a.* , of ashes; pale. -**ash-tray** *n.* tray for tobacco-ash. [OE. *æsc*]
- ashamed** *a.* affected with shame. [See *shame*]
- ashore** *adv.* on shore [a on, and shore]
- aside** *adv.* to, or on, one side
- apart** *n.* words spoken in an order, previously to be heard by someone present [on side]
- as'line** *a.* of or like an ass. *adv.* ally, together
- assinity** *n.* [L. *assinus*, ass]
- ask** *v.t.* request, require, question, inquire, make enquiry, make request. [G. *askan*, *askian*]
- askew** *a.* *adv.* askant, awry [a and skew]
- askant** (-ant) *adv.* on the slant, obliquely. -*prep.* athwart, across [on slant]
- asleep** *a.* and *adv.* sleeping, at rest [earlier on sleep]
- asp** *n.* small venomous snake, *Vipera aspid* S. Europe. [G. *aspis*]
- asparagus** *n.* plant cultivated for its young shoots, esteemed as a delicacy. [G. *asparagos*]
- aspect** *n.* look, view, appearance. [L. *aspecere*, look at]
- aspen** *n.* trembling poplar tree. -*a.* of or like aspen; tremulous, [a. which has replaced the *n.* asp, OE. *æsp*]
- asphalt, asphaltum** *n.* black, hard bituminous substance, a mineral pitch, used for paving *etc.* -*v.t.* pave with asphalt. -**asphaltic** *a.* [G. *asphaltos*]
- asphyxia** *n.* suffocation. -**asphyxiate** *v.t.* -**asphyxiated** *a.* -**asphyxiation** *n.* [G. *asphygia*, pulse stoppage]
- aspic** *n.* savory jelly containing game, fish, *etc.* [F. = *asp* (fr. its coldness)]
- aspire** *v.t.* desire eagerly; aim at high things; tower up. [L. *aspirare*, breathe towards]
- aspirin** *n.* drug used to relieve rheumatic and neuralgic pains. [Trademark]
- ass** *n.* familiar quadruped of the horse family; stupid fellow. (OE. *assa*)
- assail** *v.t.* attack, assault. -**assailant** *n.* [L. *ad salire*, jump at]
- assassin** *n.* one who kills by treacherous violence, usually for reward. -**assassinate** *v.t.* -**assassination** *n.* [fr. Arab. *hashshashin*]
- assault** *n.* sudden attack; attack of any kind. -*v.t.* make an attack on. [F. *assaut*, VL. *adsal-tus*.]
- assay** *v. i.* test the proportions of metals in an alloy or ore; test the fineness of a metal *etc.* -*n.* -**assayer** *n.* -**assaying** *n.* [See *essay*, of which this is a variant]
- assemble** *v.t.* bring together, collect; put together, as machinery. -*v.i.* meet together. -**assemblage** *n.* -**assembly** *n.* [F. *assembler*—Late L. *assimulare*, bring together]
- assembler language** *n.* computer coding system meant to resemble natural language, uses symbols and numerals as equivalents of machine language.
- assent** *v. i.* concur, agree. -*n.* acquiescence, agreement. [F. *assenir*]
- assert** *v.t.* declare strongly, insist upon. -**assertion** *n.* -**assertive** *a.* -**assertively** *adv.* [L. *asserere*, claim]
- assess** *v.t.* fix the amount (of a tax or fine); tax or fine; fix the value, estimate, *esp.* for taxation. -**assessable** *a.* **assessment** *n.*

- ar'gosity** *n.* richly-laden merchant ship. [earlier *ragusye*, ship of *Ragusa*]
- ar'got** *n.* slang; thieves' cant. [F.]
- ar'gue** *v.i.* prove; offer reasons; dispute. *v.t.* prove by reasoning; discuss- **ar'guable** *a.* -**ar'guer** *n.* -**ar'gument** *n.* **argumentation** *n.* -**argumen'tative** *a.* [L. *arguere*, prove]
- argus** *n.* watchful person; guardian. [G. myth, giant with a hundred eyes which were transplanted to a peacock by Hera upon the giant's death.]
- aria** *n.* air or rhythmical song in a cantata, opera etc. [It.]
- ar'id** *a.* parched, dry; empty, uninteresting. -**ar'id'ity** *n.* [L. *aridus*]
- aridisol** *n.* soil low in organic matter but high in salt and magnesium, often found in deserts.
- A'ries** *a.* the Ram, 1st sign of the zodiac, which sun enters on c. 21st March [L.]
- arise'** *v.i.* come up; spring up; ascend; rise up. [OE. *arisan*]
- aristoc'racy** *n.* government by the best in birth or fortune; nobility of a state; upper classes generally. -**ar'istocrat** *n.* **aristocrat'ic** *a.* -**aristocrat'ically** *adv.* [G. *aristos*, best, *kratos*, power]
- arith'metic** *n.* science of numbers; art of reckoning by figures. -**arithmet'ical** *a.* **arithmet'ically** *adv.* -**arithmeti'cian** *n.* [G. *arithmetike* -*arithmos*, number]
- ark** *n.* box, chest; Noah's vessel; place of refuge. [OE. *earc*, L. *arca*, coffer]
- arm** *n.* limb extending from shoulder to wrist; anything projecting from the main body, as a branch of the sea, the supporting rail of a chair etc. -*v.t.* give an arm to. -**com-pounds** as **arm'chair** *n.* **arm'ful** *n.* **arm'hole** *n.* -**arm'let** *n.* band worn on arm. -*etc.* [OE. *earm*]
- arm** *n.* weapon; branch of the army. -*pl.* weapons; war: the military profession. *v.t.* supply with weapons. -*v.i.* take up arms. -**arm'ament** *n.* -**armed'** *a.* [L. *arma*, neut. P.]
- arma'da** (-a') *n.* fleet of armed ships. [Sp. p.p. of *armar*, arm]
- armadill'o** *n.* small American animal protected by bands of bony plates. [Sp., dim. of *armado*, man in armor]
- ar'mature** *n.* apparatus for defense; piece of iron across the ends of a magnet; revolving part of a dynamo or motor. [F., fr. L. *armatura*, armor]
- arm'istice** *n.* truce, suspension of fighting. [F., fr. Mod. L. *armistitium*]
- arm'or** *n.* defensive covering or dress; plating of warships. -**arm'ored** *a.* protected by armour, as armored car, armored train. -**arm'orer** *n.* -**arm'ory** *n.* [L. *armare*, arm]
- arm'y** *n.* large body of men armed for warfare and under military command; host; great number. [F. *armée*, p. p. of *armer*, fr. L. *armare*, arm]
- ar'nica** *n.* kinds of plant including mountain tobacco, used as a remedy in apoplexy and (externally) for bruises. [Mod. L., orig. unknown]
- aro'ma** *n.* sweet smell; peculiar charm. -**aromat'ic** *a.* -**aroma'therapy** *n.* the massag-
- ing of the skin with oils or creams containing fragrant plant extracts. [G. = *spice*]
- around'** *adv.* on every side; in a circle. *prep.* on all sides of. [round]
- arouse'** *v.t.* awaken. [rouse]
- arpe'ggio** (-j-) *n.* chord of which the notes are sounded in quick succession. [It., fr. *arpeggiare*, play the harp]
- arraign'** (-an) *v.t.* accuse, indict, put on trial; call to account. -**arraign'er** *n.* **arraign'ment** *n.* [OF. *arainer*; Low L. *arrationare*, reason]
- arrange'** *v.t.* set in order; settle, adjust; plan. -*v.i.* make agreement. -**arrange'ment** *n.* [F. *arranger*, fr. *rang*, rank]
- ar'rant** *a.* downright, notorious. -**ar'rantly** *adv.* [var. of *errant*, *q.v.* *Errant* (wandering), associated with thief, vagabond, etc. lost its meaning and came to be just an intensive epithet]
- array'** *v.t.* set in order; dress; equip. adorn. -*n.* order, esp. military order; dress. [OF. *arêer*]
- arrear'** *n.* state of being behind; anything unpaid or undone (usu. in *pl.*). [fr. *adv.* *arrear*, backward]
- arrest'** *v.t.* stop; catch the attention; apprehend by legal authority. -*n.* seizure by warrant; making prisoner. -**arrest'ment** *n.* detention of a person arrested pending bail etc. [OF. *arrester*]
- arrive'** *v.i.* reach a destination; (with *at*) attain an object, achieve success. **arri'val** *n.* [F. *arriver*]
- ar'rogate** *v.t.* claim as one's own; claim proudly or unjustly. -**ar'rogance** *n.* aggressive conceit. -**ar'rogant** *a.* arrogantly *adv.* [L. *arrogare*, claim]
- ar'row** *n.* pointed weapon to be shot with a bow. -**ar'rowy** *a.* -**ar'row-head** *n.* metal part of an arrow. [OE. *arwe*]
- ar'senal** *n.* magazine of stores for warfare, guns, ammunition etc. [It. *arsenale*, fr. Arab. *al-sina'ah*, workshop]
- ar'senic** *n.* one of the chemical elements, a soft, gray metal; its oxide, a powerful poison. -**ar'senate** *n.* -**arsen'ical** *a.* -**arse'nious** *a.* [G. *arsenikon*]
- ar'son** *n.* crime of intentionally setting on fire houses, ships or other property. [OF., fr. L. *ardere*, burn]
- art** *n.* skill; human skill as opposed to nature; skill applied to music, painting, poetry etc.; any one of the subjects of this skill; system of rules; profession or craft; contrivance, cunning, trick; -*pl.* certain branches of learning, languages, history etc., as distinct from natural science. **art'ful** *a.* cunning, clever. -**art'fully**, -**art'fulness** *n.* -**art'ist** *n.* one who practises a fine art, esp. painting; one who makes his craft a fine art. -**artis'tically** *adv.* -**art'istry** *n.* -**art'less** *a.* simple, unaffected. -**art'lessly** *adv.* -**art'less-ness** *n.* [F., fr. L. *ars*, fr. a root meaning 'fit together']
- arterio'sclero'sis** *n.* hardening of the arteries. [G. *arterial* artery, *skleros*, hard]
- ar'tery** *n.* tube carrying blood from the heart; any main channel of communications. -**arte'rial** *a.* [G. *arterial*]

- fr. Port. *albricoque*, which gave obs. *apricock*]
- A'pril** *n.* fourth month of the year. [L. *aprilis*]
- a prio'ri** *a.* of knowledge gained without actual experience; of reasoning from cause to effect. [L. *a*, from, *priori*, preceding]
- a'pron** (*a'*-) *n.* piece of cloth, leather etc. worn in front to protect the clothes, or as part of an official dress. [an *apron* was a *napron*, fr. F. *napperon*, fr. *nappe*, cloth. cp. *adder*]
- apropos** *adv.* to the purpose; appropriately; in reference (to). [F. *à propos*]
- apse** *n.* arched recess at the end of a church.
- ap'sidal** *a.* [earlier *apsis*, G. *felloe* of a wheel]
- apt** *a.* suitable; prompt, quick-witted, likely.
- apt'itude** *n.* -**apt'ly** *adv.* -**apt'ness** *n.* [L. *aptus*, fr. *apere*, fasten]
- aquamarine** *n.* precious stone, the beryl. *a.* pale blue, sea-colored. [L. *aqua marina*, sea water]
- aqua'rium** *n.* (pl. *aqua'riums*, *aqua'ria*) tank or pond for keeping water animals or plants, usually in a natural setting. [L. *aqua*, water]
- Aqua'rius** *n.* the Water-bearer, 11th sign of the zodiac, which sun enters on 21st January. [constellation *Aquarius* -L. *aqua*, water]
- aquat'ic** *a.* living or growing in water, or having to do with water, -**aquat'ics** *n.* pl. water-sports. [L. *aqua*, water]
- aq'ueduct** *n.* artificial channel for water, esp. a bridge to carry water across a valley, a canal across an obstacle etc. [L. *aquae ductus*, water conduit]
- a'queous** *a.* watery. [L. *aqua*, water]
- aq'uiline** *a.* relating to an eagle; hooked like an eagle's beak. [L. *aquila*, eagle]
- ar'able** *a.* fit for plowing. [L. *arabilis*, fr. *arare*, plough]
- arach'nida** (-k-) *n.* class including spiders, scorpions, mites. -**arach'nid** *n.* one of these. [G. *arachnis*, spider]
- ar'bitr** *n.* (ar'bitress *fem.*) judge; umpire. -**arbit'rament** *n.* -**ar'bitrary** *a.* not bound by rules; despotic. -**arbitrarily** *adv.* -**ar'bitrate** *v. i.* act as arbiter, , decide a dispute. -**arbitra'tion** *n.* -**ar'bitrator** *n.* [L. = judge]
- ar'bor** *n.* garden seat enclosed by branches, plants; shaded walk. [earlier *erber*, fr. OF. *herbier*, herb-garden]
- arbo'real**, **arbo'reous** *a.* relating to trees. -**arbo'retum** *n.* place for cultivating specimens of trees. -**ar'bori-culture** *n.* forestry, cultivation of trees for timber etc. [L. *arbor*, tree]
- arc** *n.* part of a circle or other curve. [L. *arcus*, bow]
- arc** *n.* luminous electrical discharge between two terminals. -**arc'-lamp** *n.* **arc'-light** *n.* lamp that produces high-intensity light by the jumping of electric current in an arc between electrodes usu. made of carbon or metal. [L. *arcus*, bow]
- arcade** *n.* row of arches on pillars; covered walk or avenue. [F.]
- arcane** *a.* being understood only by those who have access to a special knowledge. [See *arcanum*]
- arch** *n.* curved structure in building, supporting itself over an open space by mutual pressure of the stones. *v. i.* give, or make into an arch. -**arched** *a.* **arch'way** *n.* [L. *arcus*, bow]
- arch** *a.* chief; roguish, sly. -**arch'ly** *adv.*
- arch'ness** *n.* -**arch-prefix** *chief* *a.*
- arch-enemy** *n.* -**arch-heretic** *n.* -**arch-rogue** *n.* [G. *archos*, chief. Meaning of 'roguish' from *arch-rogue*]
- archaeol'ogy** (-k-) *n.* study of ancient times from remains of art, implements etc.
- archaeolog'ical** *a.* -**archaeol'ogist** *n.* [G. *archaiologia*]
- archaeop'teryx** (-k-) *n.* oldest known fossil bird. [G. *archaios*, ancient, *pteryx*, wing]
- archaic** (-k-) *a.* old, primitive. -**archa'ically** *adv.* -**archa'ism** *n.* obsolete word or phrase. [G. *archaios*, old]
- archan'gel** (-k-) *n.* angel of the highest order. [angel]
- archbish'op** *n.* chief bishop.
- archbishopric** *n.* [bishop]
- archduke** *n.* duke of specially high rank. -**archdu'cal** *a.* -**archduch'ess** *fem.* -**archduch'y** *n.* [duke]
- arch'er** *n.* one who shoots with a bow
- arch'ery** *n.* [L. *arcus*, bow]
- arch'etype** (-ki-) *n.* original pattern or model. -**arch'etypal** *a.* [G. *typos*, model]
- Archimede'an** *a.* pertaining to the Greek mathematician Archimedes
- archipel'ago** (-k-) *n.* sea full of small islands; group of islands. -**pl.** **archipel'agoes**. -**archipelag'ic** *a.* [G. *archi-*, chief, *pelagos*, sea. The Greek chief sea was the Aegean]
- arch'itect** (-k-) *n.* master-builder, one who designs buildings; any maker or contriver. -**architecton'ic** *a.* -**architec'tural** *a.* -**architec'ture** *n.* [G. *architekton*, chief builder]
- ar'chitrave** *n.* in architecture, lowest division of entablature resting immediately on top of column. [L. *trabs*, beam]
- archives** (-kivz) *n.* place where government records are kept. -**pl.** public records. -**arch'ival** *a.* -**arch'ivist** *n.* [G. *archeion*, public office]
- arc'tic** *a.* of northern polar regions; extremely cold. -*n.* region round the north pole. [G. *arktikos*, fr. *arktos*, bear, constellation of the Great Bear]
- ar'dent** *a.* fiery; passionate. -**ar'dency** *n.* -**ar'dor** *n.* [L. *ardere*, burn]
- ard'uous** *a.* laborious, hard to accomplish. -**ard'uously** *adv.* **arduousness** *n.* [L. *arduus*, steep]
- a'rea** *n.* open space; superficial contents of a figure: extent, scope. [L. open space]
- arena** *n.* space in the middle of an amphitheater; place of public contest; place of action; battlefield. [L. = sand]
- ar'gent** *n.* silver. -*a.* silver, silvery white, esp. in heraldry. [L. *argentum*]
- ar'gon** *n.* inert gas forming part of the air. [G. *argos*, idle]
- ar'gonaut** *n.* sailor, esp. one who sailed in the Argo in search of the Golden Fleece; an octopod mollusk. [G. *Argo* and *nautes*, sailor]

THE FOURTEEN BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT KNOWN
as the Apocrypha of the Old Testament, found
in the Septuagint but not in the Hebrew Canon.
apoc'ryphal *a.* [L. fr. G. *apokryphos*, hidden
away]

ap'ogee *n.* point of the sun's or moon's orbit
farthest from the earth; the highest point. [F.,
fr. G. *apo*, off, *ge*, earth]

apolitical *a.* not concerned or interested in
politics. -**apolitically** *adv.*

ap'ologue *n.* moral fable or parable; al-
legory. [G. *apologos*, fable]

apol'ogy *n.* something spoken in defense;
acknowledgment of an offence and expres-
sion of regret; poor substitute (with for). -

apologet'ic *a.* -**apologetically** *adv.* -

apologet'ics *n.* branch of theology charged
with the defence of Christianity. -**apol'ogize**
v.i. -**apol'ogist** *n.* [G. *apologia*, speaking
away]

ap'oplexy *n.* sudden stroke, causing loss of
sensation and motion, usually through
haemorrhage in the brain. -**apoplec'tic** *a.* [G.
apoplexia, disablement]

apos'tasy *n.* abandonment of one's
religious or other faith. -**apos'tate** *n.* [G. *apos-
tates*, one who stands away]

apos'trophe (-e-fi) *n.* a turning away from
the subject of a speech to address some person
present or absent; mark (') showing the omis-
sion of a letter or letters in a word. -

apos'trophize *v.i.* [G., fr. *strephein*, turn]

apoth'ecary *n.* old name for one who
prepares and sells drugs, druggist. [G.
apotheka, storehouse]

appall' (-awl') *v.t.* dismay, terrify.
appall'ing *a.* (OF. *apalir*, make pale)

appara'tus *n.* equipment, instruments, for
performing any experiment or operation. [L.
fr. *apparare*, make ready]

appa'rent *a.* seeming; obvious.
appa'rently *adv.* [L. *apparere*, appear]

appari'tion (-i'-shun) *n.* appearance, esp.
of a ghost or other remarkable thing. [L.
appar-ere, appear]

appeal' *v.i.* call upon, make earnest request;
refer to, have recourse to; refer to a higher
court. -*n.* request, reference, supplication. -
appeal'able *a.* -**appeal'-ing** *a.* -**appeal'ingly**
adv. -**appell'ant** *n.* one who appeals to a higher
court. -**appell'ate** *a.* [F. *appeler*]

appear' *v.i.* become visible; come before;
see, be plain. -**appear'ance** *n.* (OF. *apareir*
-L. *apparere*)

appease' *v.t.* pacify, quiet, allay. -
appease'able *a.* -**appease'ment** *n.* policy of
conciliation by concessions to avoid war etc.
[OF. *a pais*, at peace]

appella'tion *n.* name. -**appell'ative** *n.*
generic name. -*a.* [See *appeal*]

append' *v.t.* join on, add. -**appen'dage** *n.*
-**appen'dix** (*pl.*) **appendices'** -**ixes** *n.* [L. *ap-
pendere*, hang on]

appendici'tis *n.* inflammation of the ver-

appell'ing *a.* -**appell'ingly** *adv.* [F. *ap-
peler*, fr. L. *petere*, seek]

applaud' *v.t.* praise by handclapping; praise
loudly. -**applaud'er** *n.* **applaud'ing** *a.* -
applaud'ingly *adv.* -**applause'** *n.* [L. *ap-
plaudere*, clap]

applied' *a.* used for a practical or utilitarian
purpose, as applied art, sci'ence. [apply]

apply' *v.t.* lay or place on; administer; bring
into operation; devote, employ. **appli'ance** *n.*
-**applicabil'ity** *n.* **applic'able** *a.* -**ap'plicably**
adv. -**applic'ant** *n.* -**applica'tion** *n.* [L. *ap-
plicare*, bend to]

appoint' *v.t.* fix, settle; name to an office;
equip. -**appoint'ment** *n.* -*n. pl.* equipment. (F.
fr. *a point*, fitly)

appor'tion *v.t.* divide out in shares.
appor'tionment *n.* [See *portion*]

ap'posite *a.* suitable, apt. -**ap'positely** *adv.*
-**ap'positeness** *n.* -**apposi'tion** *n.* proximity;
placing of one word beside another in ex-
planation. -**apposi'tive** *a.* [L. *appositus*, put
against]

appraise' *v.t.* set a price on, value. -
apprais'able *a.* -**apprais'al** *n.*
apprais'e'ment *n.* -**apprais'er** *n.* [F. *ap-
procier*, fr. L. *pretium*, price]

appre'ciate (-shi-) *v.t.* estimate justly; be
sensible of good qualities in the thing judged.
-*v.i.* rise in price. -**appre'ciable** *a.* -
appre'ciably *adv.* -**apprecia'tion** *n.* -
appre'ciative *a.* -**appre'ciator** *n.* [Late L. *ap-
pretiare*, fr. *pretium*, price]

apprehend' *v.t.* take hold of, seize by
authority; recognize, understand; fear. -
apprehensibil'ity *n.* -**apprehen'sible** *a.* -
apprehen'sion *n.* -**apprehen'sive** *a.* -
apprehen'siveness *n.* [L. *apprehendere*, take
hold of]

apprise' *v.t.* inform; acquaint. [F. *appris*, p.
p. of *apprendre*, learn, teach]

approach' *v.i.* draw near; come near in
quality, condition etc. -*v.t.* come near to; *n.* a
drawing near; means of reaching; approxima-
tion. -**approachabil'ity** *n.* **approach'able** *a.*
[F. *approcher*, fr. L. *proprius*, nearer]

approba'tion *n.* sanction, approval. [L. *ap-
probate*, test, try]

appro'priate *v.t.* take to oneself -*a.* suitable,
fitting. [Late L. *appropriate*, fr. *proprius*,
own]

approve' *v.t.* think well of, commend. -
approv'al *n.* -**approv'er** *n.* **approv'ingly** *adv.*
[F. *approuver*]

approx'imate *a.* nearly resembling; near-
ing correctness. -*v.t.* bring close. *v.i.* come
near. -**approx'imately** *adv.* -**approxima'tion**
n. -**approx'imative** *a.* [L. *proximus*, nearest]

a'près *prep.* after, following; used in
hyphenated compounds. **aprè-ski** *adv.*, *a.*
after skiing; pertaining to the time after skiing
used for eating, drinking and socializing. -
après-ski *n.* event that takes place after skiing.

ap'ricate *v.i.* sunbathe

- such. [G. *anthologia*, gathering of flowers]
- an'thracite** *n.* hard, carbonaceous coal burning almost without flame or smoke. [G. *anthrakites*, coal-like]
- an'thrax** *n.* infectious disease of sheep and cattle, which can be transmitted to man. [G. = *carbuncle*]
- anthropog'eny** *n.* study of man's origin. [G. *anthropos*, man, *genes*, birth]
- anthropography** *n.* the branch of anthropology that deals with the geographical distribution of humans by skin color, language, customs, etc. -**anthropographic** *a.*
- an'thropoid** *a.* like man (of certain apes). [G. *anthropos*, man]
- anthropol'ogy** *n.* scientific study of the human race. -**anthropolog'ical** *a.*
- anthropol'ogist** *n.* [G. *anthropos*, *logos*, word]
- anthropomorph'ism** *n.* ascription of human form and qualities to the Deity. [G. *anthropos*, man, *morphe*, form]
- anti-** *prefix* against; ant- before a vowel. [G. *anti*] Makes compounds as **anti-air'craft** *a.*
- ant'icath'olic** *a.* **An'tichrist** *n.* -**ant'icli'max** *n.* **ant'icli'nal** *a.* sloping in opposite directions.
- ant'icy'clone** *n.* -**anti'dumping** *a.* pertaining to laws or practices that discourage importing of goods and selling below cost. -**an'tidote** *n.* counter-poison. -**antinuclear** *a.* opposed to nuclear weapons. -**antisept'ic** *a.* and *n.*
- antispasmod'ic** *a.* and *n.* -**antitox'in** *n.*
- an'titrade** *n.* wind contrary to trade wind. etc. (see word without prefix)
- an'tibody** *n.* protective substance forming in the blood in response to the presence of toxins etc. [*body*]
- an'tic** *a.* odd, grotesque. -*n.* grotesque figure or movement, an odd trick. [It. *antico* -L. *antiquus*, ancient]
- antici'pate** *v.t.* be beforehand; take or consider before the due time; foresee; enjoy in advance; expect. -**antici'pation** *n.* -**anti'cipative**, **anticipatory** *a.* [L. *anticipare*, take beforehand]
- an'timony** *n.* brittle, bluish-white metal. [Med. L. *antimonia*]
- antiox'idant** *n.* substance that inhibits or slows oxidation and therefore checking the deterioration it causes to tissue. -**antiox'idant** *a.*
- antip'athy** *n.* dislike. -**antipathetic** *a.* [G. *antipatheia*, fr. *pathos*, feeling]
- an'tiphon** *n.* anthem etc., in which alternate lines or verses are alternately sung by two choirs. [G. *anti*, in return, *phone*, voice]
- antip'odes** *n. pl.* region of the globe exactly opposite ours. -**antip'odal** *a.* [G. , fr. *pous*, *pod-*, foot. Originally the people on the other side of the world, whose feet are opposite ours]
- antique'** *a.* ancient; old-fashioned -*n.* relic of former times. -**antiqua'rian**, **antiquary** *n.* student or collector of old things. -**an'tiquated** *a.* out of date. **anti'quity** *n.* great age; former times. [F. , fr. L. *ante*, before]
- antirrh'inum** *n.* snapdragon, a flowering garden plant. [G. *anti*, against, *rhis*, *rhin-*, nose]
- anti-Semitism** *n.* hostility or prejudice against the Jews. -**anti-Sem'ite** *n.* [See Semitic]
- antisoc'ial** *a.* acting against the common good, or the customs etc. of society. [social]
- antith'esis** *n.* contrast; opposite; opposition of ideas. -**antithet'ical** *a.* **antithet'ically** *adv.* [G. fr. *tithenai*, place]
- antitox'in** *n.* substance formed in the body to counteract a disease or poison; appropriate serum injected into the bloodstream for the prevention of certain diseases. (G. *anti*, *toxicon*, poison)
- ant'ler** *n.* deer's horn; branch of that horn. -**ant'lereda**. [Vl. *anteocularis ramus* branch before the eye]
- an'tonym** *n.* word of which the meaning is the opposite of another. [G. *anti*, against, and *onyma*, name]
- anxiolytic** *n.* drug that relieves tension or anxiety; tranquilizer. -**anxiolytic** *a.*
- anx'ious** *a.* troubled, uneasy, esp. about something doubtful or in the future. -**anxi'ety** *n.* **anxiously** *adv.* [L. *anxius*, fr. *angere*, compress]
- an'y** *a.* and *pron.* one indefinitely, some. -**an'ybody** *n.* -**an'yhow** *adv.* **an'ything** *n.* -**an'yway** *adv.* -**an'ywhere** *adv.* [OE. *aerug*, fr. *an*, one]
- aort'a** *n.* great artery which rises from the left ventricle of the heart and sends its branches all through the body. -**aort'al** *a.* [G. *aorte*, what is hung up]
- apart'** *adv.* separately; aside. [F. *à part*]
- apart'heid** (a-part-had) *n.* idea of segregation of races. (Afrikaans)
- apart'ment** *n.* room, or suite of rooms, in a house, usu. rented as a self-contained lodging. (F. *appartement*, orig. 'separation')
- ap'athy** *n.* want of feeling; indifference. -**apathet'ic** *a.* -**apathet'ically** *adv.* [G. *apatheia*]
- ape** *n.* monkey; monkey with no tail; imitator. -*v.t.* imitate. -**a'pish** *a.* -**a'pishly** *adv.* [OE. *apa*]
- apéritif'** *n.* drink to whet the appetite. [F. -L. *aperire*, open]
- ap'erture** *n.* opening. [L. *aperture*]
- a pex** *n.* (*pl.* a'pexes, a'pices) top or peak of anything. [L. = *summit*]
- apha'sia** *n.* dumbness due to brain disease [G. *a-*, not, *phasis*, speech]
- aphorism** *n.* maxim, pithy saying **aph'orism** *n.* -**aphorist'ic** *a.* [G. *aphorismos*, definition]
- aphrodisiac** *a.* exciting to sexual intercourse. -*n.* that which so excites. [C. *Aphrodite*, goddess of love]
- a'piary** *n.* place where bees are kept. **a pian**, **apiar'ian** *a.* -**a'piarist** *n.* bee-keeper. -**a piculture** *n.* [L. *apiarium*, fr. *apis*, bee]
- apiece'** *adv.* for each. [orig. two words]
- aplenty** *a., adv.* abundant, enough; in superabundance. [*plenty*]
- aplomb'** *n.* self-possession, coolness. phrase *à plomb*, perpendicular, fr. *plomb*, lead plummet]
- apoc'rypha** *n.* religious writing of doubtful authority

- Apiline was first gotten from indigo.
animal *n.* being having life, feeling, power of voluntary motion; beast. *a.* of or belonging to animals; sensual. **animism** *n.* -**animally** *adv.* [L. *animale*, having breath of life]
animate *v.t.* to give life to; enliven; actuate. -**animated** *a.* -**animation** *n.* [L. *animare*]
animism *n.* primitive religion, the belief that natural effects are due to spirits, that inanimate things have spirits. -**animist** *n.* -**animistic** *a.* [L. *animus*, spirit]
animosity *n.* hatred, enmity. -**animus** *n.* actuating spirit; enmity. [L. *animus*, spirit]
anise *n.* plant with aromatic seeds used for flavoring. -**aniseed** *n.* liqueur or preparation of the seeds. [F. *anis*]
ankle (*ang-kel*) *n.* joint between the foot and the leg. -**anklet** *n.* ornament or ring for the ankle. [OE. *ancleow*]
ankylosaurus *n.* any plant-eating dinosaur of the Cretaceous period of the suborder *ankylosauria* which has short legs and armour of bony plates.
annals *n. pl.* record of events set down year by year. -**annalist** *n.* [L. *annales (libri)*, year-(books)]
annatto *n.* bright orange dye used for cloth, foodstuffs etc. -also *annatto*. [native S. American word]
anneal *v.t.* toughen metal or glass by heating and slow cooling. -**annealing** *n.* [OE. *anælan*, set on fire, bake]
annex *v.t.* add, attach; take possession of, esp. territory. -**annexation** *n.* **annexe** *n.* something added; supplementary building. [F. *annexer*, fr. L. *nectere*, bind]
annihilate (-*ni*'-*hi*-) *v.t.* reduce to nothing, destroy. -**annihilation** *n.* **annihilative** *a.* -**annihilator** *n.* [Late L. *annihilare*, fr. *nihil*, nothing]
anniversary *a.* yearly. -*n.* day on which an event happened or is celebrated. [L. *annus*, year, *vertere*, turn]
annotate *v.t.* make notes upon. **annotation** *n.* -**annotator** *n.* [earlier *annote*; F. *annoter*. See note]
announce *v.t.* make known, proclaim. -**announcement** *n.* -**announcer** *n.* one who announces, esp. a broadcasting official who reads out the news and announces items in the program. [F. *annoncer*, fr. L. *nuntius*, messenger]
annoy *v.t.* trouble, vex; tease. **annoyance** *n.* [OF. *enoier*, fr. L. *in odio*, in hatred]
annual *a.* yearly. -*n.* plant which lives only a year; book published every year. -**annualize** *v.t.* to calculate for a shorter period as though on the basis of a full year. -**annually** *adv.* [Late L. *annualis*, fr. *annus*, year]
annuity *n.* sum paid every year. **annuitant** *n.* one who receives such a sum. [F. *annuité*-L. *annus*, year]
annul *v.t.* reduce to nothing, abolish.
- a small ring. [L. *annulus*, fr. *annulus*, ring]
anode *n.* (*an-*) positive pole, or point of entry of a current opposite to cathode [G. *anodos*, way up]
anoint *v.t.* smear with oil or ointment; consecrate with oil. -**anointment** *n.* The Anointed *n.* the Messiah [OF. *anointer*-L. *ungere*]
anon *adv.* in a short time; by and by [OE. *on an*, in one]
anonymous *a.* nameless, esp. without an author's name. **anonymity** *n.* **anonymously** *adv.* [G. *anonymos*]
anorexia, anorexy *n.* loss of appetite. [G. *an*, not, *orexis*, longing]
another (-*u*-) *pron.* one other, a different one. [for another]
anoxemia *n.* deficiency or reduction of oxygen in the blood. -**anoxemic, anoxemic** *adv.*
answer *v.t.* reply to; pay, meet, satisfy, suit. -*v.i.* reply, prove suitable; *n.* reply, solution, acknowledgment. -**answerable** *a.* that can be answered; accountable. -**answerer** *n.* [OE. *andswarian*, swear back]
ant *n.* small social insect, proverbial for industry, the emmet. -**ant eater** *n.* S. American animal which feeds on ants by means of a long sticky tongue. -**ant hill** *n.* mound raised by ants in building their home [OE. *aemette*]
ant, prefix for anti- before a vowel, as **antacid**, **antalkali**. See words in **anti-** **antagonist** *n.* opponent. -**antagonize** *v.t.* -**antagonism** *n.* -**antagonistic** *a.* hostile. -**antagonistically** *adv.* [G. *agonizein*, contend]
antarctic *a.* of the south polar regions. -*n.* these regions [G. *anti-* and *arctic*]
ante- prefix before [L. *ante*] found in compound words, as **antechamber** *n.* room leading to a chief apartment. **antedate** *v.t.* date before the true time; assign to an earlier date; anticipate. **antemeridian** (*abbrev. a. m.*) *a.* before noon; between midnight and noon etc.
antecedent *a.* going before. -*n.* (*gram.*) noun etc. to which a relative pronoun refers. -*n. pl.* one's past history, record. [L. *antecedere*, go before]
antelope *n.* deer-like ruminant animal, remarkable for grace and speed. [Late G. *antholops*]
antenna *n.* (*pl.* *antennae*) insect's feeler; (*radio*) elevated conducting wire, an aerial. [L. = sail-yard]
anterior *a.* before; earlier, in front. [L. *compar.* fr. *ante*, before]
anthem *n.* piece of Scripture set to music for singing in churches; piece of sacred music (originally sung in alternate parts by two choirs). [OE. *antefu*, fr. G. *anti*, against, *phone*, sound]
anther *n.* top of the pollen-bearing stamen in a flower. (G. *anthes*, flower)
anthology *n.* collection of choice poems, literary extracts etc. -**anthologist** *n.* maker of

amorph'ous

-am'orously adv. -am'orousness n. [F. amoreux]

amorph'ous a. shapeless; uncrystallized. -amorph'ism n. [G. amorphos]

amort'ize v.t. reduce or pay a debt through a sinking fund; convey to a corporation. [L. ad, to, mortem, death]

amount' v. i. come to, be equal to. -n. sum total; result; quantity. [OF. amonter, mount up]

amour' n. love intrigue or illicit love affair. -amour' propre' (-pr), self-esteem. [F., fr. L. amor, love]

am'père n. unit of current of electricity, the amount one volt can send through one ohm. [fr. Ampère, F. physicist]

am'persand n. character &. [and per se, 'land' by itself]

amphib'ious a. living both on land and in water. -amphib'ian n. (G. amphi, on both sides, bios, life)

amphithe'ater n. building with tiers of seats round an arena. [G. amphi, both sides, theatron, theater]

am'ple a. big enough, full, spacious.

am'pleness n. -amplifica'tion n. amplica'tory a. -am'plifier n. thermionic valve to increase power level of electric currents; apparatus to augment the output of sound. -am'plify v.t. make bigger, louder etc.

-am'plitude n. spaciousness. -am'ply adv. fully. [F.]

am'putate v.t. cut off (a limb etc.) amputa'tion n. [L. amputate]

am'ulet n. something carried, worn, as a charm against evil etc. [F. amulette]

amuse' v.t. divert; occupy pleasantly; excite a sense of fun. -amu'sement n. amu'sing a. -amu'singly adv. [F. amuser, make to muse. See muse]

an. See a.

anacon'da n. large water-snake of S. America [orig. uncertain]

anad'romous a. of fish, ascending rivers to spawn. (G. ana, up, dromos, run)

anaero'bia n. pl. bacteria able to live without air. anerob'ic a. [G. a. without, aer, air, bios, life]

an'agram n. word or sentence made by arranging in different order the letters of another word or sentence, e.g., ant from tan. -anagramma'tical, a. -anagramm'atist n. (G. anagramma)

analge'sic n. anodyne, pain-killer. analge'sia n. painlessness. [G. an, not, algein, feel pain]

anal'ogy n. agreement or likeness in certain respects; correspondence. analo'gical a. -analog'ically adv. anal'ogize v.t. -anal'ogist n. analogous a. having similarity or correspondence. -anal'ogously adv. (G. analogia)

anal'ysis n. separation or breaking up of anything into its elements or component parts. -pl. anal'yses -an'alyze v.t. an'alyst n. -analy'tical a. analytically adv. [G., fr. lyein, loose]

an'archy n. lack of government in a state;

lawlessness; confusion. anarch'ally adv. anarch'ism n. certain revolutionaries, aiming at a state with no government, in which each should be a law to himself. an arch'ist n. [G. anarchia]

anath'ema n. solemn curse; anything cursed. -anath'emize v.t. [G. offer]

anat'omy n. dissection of a body. -anatomy the structure of the body; detailed examination. [G. ana, up, temnein, cut]

an'cestor n. forefather. -ance'stral a. an'cestry n. [L. ante, before, cedere, go]

anch'or (-k-) n. implement for chain-ship to the bottom of the sea. -v. i. cast anchor. -v. i. fasten to a suitable place for anchoring. anch'or age

anchorite, anch'oret n. hermit; one who has retired from the world, esp. for religious [F., fr. G. anachoretas]

an'cient a. old; belonging to a former time-worn. -n. old man; one who lived in earlier age (esp. in pl) anciently adv. [F. an cien]

an'cillary a. subordinate; subservient. ancilla, maidservant

and conj. in addition, used to join words and sentences, to introduce a consequence etc. [OE. and, end]

an'ecdote n. very short story, dealing with a single incident. -anecdot'al a. [G. = an-

anem'ia n. lack of blood. -anem'ic a. [G. an-, not, hainia, blood]

anemom'eter n. instrument to measure the strength of wind, a wind-gauge. anemomet'ric a. -anemom'etry n. [G. anemos, wind, and meter]

anem'one (-ni) n. wind-flower. -sea anem'one n. plant-like marine animal. [G. fr. anemos, wind]

anent' prep. concerning. [OE. on-efen, on even with]

anesthet'ic a. causing insensibility. -n. drug that does this. -anesthe'sia n. state of insensibility. -anesthet'ically adv. anes'thetize v. t. -anes'thetist n. [G. anaisthetos, without feeling]

anew' adv. afresh. [earlier of new]

an'gel (anj-) n. divine messenger; ministering spirit; person with the qualities of such a spirit, as gentleness, purity etc. -angel'ic a. -angel'ically adv. [G. angelos, messenger]

ang'er n. wrath, strong emotion including a sense of injury and a desire to retaliate. -v. i. rouse this emotion in. -ang'rily adv. ang'ry a. [ON. angr]

angi'na n. severe inflammation of the throat; quinsy. -angi'na pec'toris, heart disease marked by spasms of severe pain. [L., fr. anguere, strangle]

ang'le v.t. fish. -n. book. ang'ler n. angling n. [OE. angel]

ang'le n. corner; meeting of two lines. ang'ular a. -angular'ity n. [F., fr. L. angulus, corner]

ang'uish (-ng-gw-) n. great pain, mental or

aloud' *adv.* with loud voice; audibly; not in a whisper. [*loud*]

alphabet *n.* set of letters used in writing a language. -**alphabet'ic**, **alphabetical** *a.* in the order of the letters. -**alpha-bet'ically** *adv.* [*G. alpha beta*, A, B, the first two *G.* letters]

alread'y (*awl-red'i*) *adv.* before, previously. [*all ready*, prepared]

also (*awl'-*) *adv.* further, too; in addition; besides. [*OE. eallswa*]

altar (*awl'-*) *n.* raised place, stone, etc. on which sacrifice may be offered; in a Christian Church, table on which the priest consecrates the Eucharist. [*L. altare*]

alter (*awl'-*) *v.t.* change, make different. -*v.i.* become different. [*F. altirer*, fr. *L. alter*, other]

alterca'tion (*awl'-*) *n.* dispute, wrangling. -**al'tercate** *v. i.* -**al'tercative** *a.* [*L. altercari*, disputer]

al'ternate *v.t.* cause to occur by turns. *v.i.* happen by turns -**alter'nate** *a.* one after the other, by turns. -**alter'nately** *adv.* [*L. alter-nate*, fr. *alter*, other]

al'ternator *n.* generator of alternating current. -**al'ternating** current, electric current which flows in alternate directions. [*L. alter*, other]

although' *conj.* notwithstanding that. [*all though*]

altimeter *n.* instrument for measuring heights. [*L. altus*, high, and *meter*]

at'titude *n.* height. [*L. altitudo*]

al'to *n.* (*mus.*) male voice of highest pitch or female of the lowest; part written for it; contralto part. [*It.*, fr. *L. altus*, high]

altogeth'er (*awl'-*) *adv.* entirely. [*three words in OE. See together*]

al'truism *n.* principle of living and acting for the good of others. -**al'truist'ic** *a.* -**al'truist'ically** *adv.* [*F. altruisme*]

alum'inum *n.* metal like silver, very light. [*fr. alum*]

alum'nus *n.* graduate or pupil of a school or college. -*pl.* **alum'ni**. [*L. alere*, nourish]

al'ways (*awl'-*) *adv.* at all times; for ever. -*also* **always** [*all and ways*]

amass' *v.t.* collect in quantity. -**amass'able** *a.* [*F. amasser*]

am'ateur (-*ur*) *n.* one who carries on an art, study, game *etc.* for the love of it, not for money. -*a.* imperfect, like the work of an amateur; not professional. -**amateur'ish** *a.* -**amateur'ishly** *adv.* **am'ateurism** *n.* [*F. fr. L. amator*, lover]

am'atory *a.* relating to love or lovers. [*L. amatorius-amare*, love]

amaze' *v.t.* surprise, greatly astound. -**amazement** *n.* -**ama'zing** *a.* -**amazingly** *adv.* [*OE. amasian*]

ambassador *n.* representative of the highest rank sent by one state to another. -**ambassado'rial** *a.* -**ambass'adress** *n. fem.* [*F. ambassadeur*]

am'bergris *n.* gray substance secreted by the spermaceti whale, and used in perfumery. [*F. ambre gris*, gray amber]

am'bient *a.* surrounding, encompassing. -

n. air, sky. [*L. ambi*, about, *iens*, *ient-*, going]

ambiguous *a.* of double meaning; doubtful. -**ambigu'ity** *n.* [*L.*, fr. *amb* and *agere*, lit., drive both ways]

am'bit *n.* circuit; space around; sphere of action. [*L. ambitus*, going round]

ambit'ion *n.* desire of power, fame, honor; object of that desire. -**ambit'ious** *a.* -**ambit'iously** *adv.* -**ambit'iousness** *n.* [*L. ambitio*, going about for votes -*ambire*, go round]

ambivalence, **ambiv'alency** *n.* in one person, opposite emotional reactions to the same thing; -**ambiv'alent** *a.* [*L. ambi*, both, *valere*, be strong]

am'ble *v.i.* of a horse, move with both legs together one side, then the other; move at an easy pace. -*n.* this movement. **am'bler** *n.* [*L. ambulare*, walk]

ambulance *n.* special carriage for the sick or wounded; movable hospital. [*F. earlier hôpital ambulant*, fr. *L. ambulare*, walk]

am'bush *n.* a lying in wait. -*v.t.* waylay, attack from hiding. [*OF. embusche*, hiding in the woods]

ame'llorate *v.t. and i.* make better, improve. [*L. ad*, to, *melior*, better]

ame'nable *a.* easy to be led or controlled. -**amenabil'ity**, **ame'nableness** *n.* -**ame'nably** *adv.* [*F. amener*, lead]

amend' *v. i.* grow better. -*v.t.* make better, improve; alter in detail -**amendment** *n.* -**amends'** *n. pl.* reparation. [*F. amender* -*L. ex* and *mendum*, fault]

amen'ity *n.* pleasantness. -*pl.* pleasant ways, civilities. [*F. aménité*]

am'ethyst *n.* bluish-violet precious stone. [*G. amethystos*, *a-*, not, *methyein*, be drunken. The stone was supposed to be a charm against drunkenness]

a'miable *a.* friendly, kindly. -**amiabil'ity** *n.* -**a'miableness** *n.* -**a'miably** *adv.* [*F. aimable*, lovable, fr. *L. amare*, love]

am'icable *a.* friendly. -**amicabil'ity** *n.* -**amicably** *adv.* [*Late L. amicabilis*]

amid', **amidst'** *prep.* in the middle of, among. [*OE. on middan*]

am'ity *n.* friendship. [*F. amitié*]

ammo'nia *n.* pungent alkaline gas. **ammo'niac** *a.* -**ammo'niated** *a.* -**ammo'nium** *n.* hypothetical base of ammonia. [*fr. sal ammoniac*, salt said to have been first obtained in a region named after the god (Jupiter) Ammon]

am'monite *n.* fossil spiral shell of extinct mollusk. [*fr. horn of (Jupiter) Ammon*]

ammuni'tion *n.* cartridges, powder *etc.* for firearms; formerly, all military stores [*F. l'ammunition*, for *inmunition*. See *munition*]

amne'sia *n.* loss of memory. [*G.*]

am'nesty *n.* general pardon. [*G. amnesia*, oblivion]

amoeb'a *n.* simplest microscopic animal, a unit mass which constantly changes its shape. [*G. amoibe*, change]

among' (-*mu-*), **amongst'** *prep.* mixed with, or the number of [*OE. on gemang*, fr. *gemang*, crowd]

am'orous *a.* easily moved to love; in love.

alarum.
alas' *int.* cry of grief. [OE. *a las, ah, weary*]
albacore *n.* large kind of tunna fish. [Port.]
albatross *n.* large, long-winged seabird, remarkable for its flying powers. [fr. obs. *alcatras*, frigate-bird, influenced by L. *albus*, white]
albino *n.* person or animal with unusually white skin and hair and pink eyes, due to lack of pigment in the skin. **albinism** *n.* [Sp., fr. L. *albus*, white]
album *n.* book of blank leaves, for collecting portraits, stamps, autographs etc. [L. *albus*, white]
albumen *n.* constituent of animal and vegetable matter, found nearly pure in white of egg. -**albu'minoid** *a.* **albuminous** *a.* [L., fr. *albus*, white]
alchemy (-k-) *n.* earlier stage of chemistry, its main aims the turning of base metals into gold and the finding of an elixir of life. -**al'chemist** *n.* [Arab. *alkimiya*, transmutation]
alcohol *n.* liquid made in fermenting sugar etc., and forming the intoxicating part of fermented drinks. -**alcohol'ic** *a.* **alcoholiza'tion** *n.* -**al'coholize** *v.t.* **al'coholism** *n.* a disease, alcohol poisoning. [Arab. *al koh'l*, fine powder used to darken the eyelids]
al'cove *n.* recess; arbor, bower. [Arab. *al qobbah*, the vault]
al'derman (awl'-) *n.* town councillor appointed for life or a long period and not elected like the ordinary councillors. [OE. *ealdor-mann*, elder, chief]
ale *n.* fermented malt beverage, beer.
ale'-house *n.* [OE. *ealu*]
alert' *a.* watchful; brisk. -*n.* sudden attack or surprise; alarm signal. **alert'ness** *n.* [OF. *à l'erte*, fr. It. *all'erta*, to the height (watch-tower). cp. *alarm*]
al'gae *n. pl.* seaweed. -**al'gous** *a.* [L. *alga*]
al'gebra *n.* method of calculating, using letters to represent the numbers and signs to show relations between them, making a kind of abstract arithmetic. -**algebra'ic**, **algebra'ical** *a.* -**al'gebraist** *n.* [Arab. *al-jabr*, joining of broken parts]
al'gesia *n.* the capacity to feel pain. [G. *al-gesis*, sense of pain]
al'ias *adv.* otherwise. -*n.* assumed name. [L.]
al'ibi *n.* plea that a person charged with a crime was somewhere else when it was committed. [L. = other-where]
al'ien *a.* foreign; different in nature; adverse. -*n.* foreigner. -**alienabil'ity** *n.* -**al'ienable** *a.* capable of being transferred, as property not entailed. **al'ienate** *v.t.* transfer; estrange.
alienation *n.* -**al'ienism** *n.* -**al'ienist** *n.* doctor who specializes in treatment of mental disease. [L. *alienus*, foreign]
align', **aline'** *v.t.* bring into line. **align'ment**, **aligne'ment** *n.* [F. *ligne*, line]
alike' *a.* like, similar. [ME. *yliche*]
al'iment *n.* food. -*v.t.* feed, support.
alimen'tary *a.* -**alimen'ta'tion** *n.* [L. *alimen-tu-alere*, nourish]
al'imony *n.* income allowed to a man or woman legally separated from his or her

al'kal *n.* substance which combines with acid and neutralizes it, forming a salt. Potash, soda etc. are alkalis. -**al'kaline** *a.* -**alkaline'** *n.* -**al'kalize** *v.t.* -**al'kaleid** *n.* [Arab. *al qali*, burnt ashes of certain plants]
all (awl) *a.* the whole of, every one of, etc. wholly, entirely. *n.* the whole, everything. [OE. *all, eall*]
allege *v.t.* and *i.* plead, bring forward as an argument; assert. -**allega'tion** *n.* [L. *allegare*]
alle'giance *n.* duty of a subject to his govern-ment or superior, loyalty. [See *liege*]
alleg'ro *adv.* (mus.) briskly. [It.]
alleviate *v.t.* make light, ease, lessen.
allevia'tion *n.* -**alle'viator** *n.* [Late L. *alleviate*, fr. *levis*, light]
allitera'tion *n.* beginning of two or more words in close succession with the same sound, as e.g., Sing a song of Sixpence.
allit'erate *v.t.* -**allit'erative** *a.* [L. *ad, to, and littera*, letter]
al'locate *v.t.* place; assign as a share.
-alloca'tion *n.* apportionment [Vl. *allocare*, fr. *locus* place]
al'lot' *v.t.* give out; distribute as shares.
al'lot'ment *n.* -**al'lot'tee** *n.* [OF. *aloter*. See *lot*]
allow' *v.t.* acknowledge; permit; give, grant.
-allow'able *a.* -**allow'ably** *adv.* -**allow'ance** *n.* [OF. *allowier*]
alloy' *v.t.* mix metals; debase. -*n.* mixture of two or more metals. **alloy'age** *n.* [F. *aloi*, fr. L. *alligare*, bind]
allude *v. i.* mention lightly, make indirect reference to; refer to. -**allu'sion** *n.* -**allu'sive** *a.* -**allu'sively** *adv.* [L. *alludere*, *allus-*, play on]
allure' *v.t.* entice, win over; fascinate.
allure'ment *n.* -**allu'ring** *a.* -**allu'r-ingly** *adv.* [Lure]
allu'vial *a.* deposited by rivers. -**allu'vion** *n.* land formed by washed-up earth and sand.
-allu'vium *n.* water-borne matter deposited on lower lands. [L. *alluvius*, washed against]
ally' *v.t.* join in relationship by treaty, marriage or friendship. -**allied** *a.* -**al'ty** *n.* confederate; state or sovereign bound to another by treaty. -*pl.* **al'lies**. [F. *allier*]
almond (am'-) *n.* kernel of the fruit of a tree related to the peach; the tree. [OF. *alamand*]
almost (awl'-) *adv.* nearly, all but. [OE. *eallmæst*]
alms (amz) *n.* gifts to the poor. -**alm'oner** distributor of alms. -**alm'onry** *n.* place of distribution of alms. [OE. *aelmesse*, fr. *eleemosyne*, pity; almoner through OF. *mosnier*]
aloe *n.* genus of plants of medicinal value found chiefly in S. Africa. -*pl.* bitter drug from the plants; American plant of the am-lis family [G.]
aloft' *adv.* on high; overhead; (naut.) masthead. [ON, *a lopt*, in the air]
alone' *a.* single, solitary. -*adv.* separately.
aloof' *adv.* at a distance; apart; with re-
-aloof'ness *n.* [fr. Du. *to loef*, to wind

aft *adv.* towards or near the stern of a ship. [OE. *æftan*]

after *adv.* behind; later. *-prep.* like or in imitation of-, behind; later than. *a.* behind; later; nearer to the stern of a ship. [OE. *æfter*, farther away]

after- as prefix makes compounds, as **after-**

birth *n.* membrane expelled after a birth. *-*

afterclap *n.* brief, dramatic recrudescence of an affair apparently closed. *-aftercrop *n.* *-**

afterdamp *n.* gas left after an explosion in a coalmine. *-afterglow *n.* light after sunset.*

-aftermath *n.* second mowing of grass; sequel, later or secondary results. **afternoon** *n.*

-afterthought *n.* **afterwards**, **afterward**

adv. later. [OE. *Eefstanweard*]

again' *adv.* once more; back, in return; besides. [OE. *ongean*]

against' *prep.* opposite; in opposition to; in contact with; in exchange for. [*again*, with

gen. -es, and *-t* added]

age *n.* length of time a person or thing has existed; period of time; period of history; maturity; a long time. *-v.t.* make old. *v.i.* grow old. *-aged* *a.* old. *-n. pl.* old people. *-ageless*

a. *-age long* *a.* [OF. *edage*, fr. L. *a'tas*, age]

agenda *n.* things to be done; program of a business meeting. [L.]

agent *n.* person or thing producing an effect; cause; natural force; person authorised to carry on business or affairs for another. *-*

agency *n.* instrumentality; business or place of business of an agent. [L. *agere*, do]

aggravate *v.t.* make worse; [colloq.] annoy. *-aggravating* *a.* *-aggravation* *n.* [L. *ag-*

gravate, make heavy]

aggregate *v.t.* gather into a mass. *-n.* sum total. *-aggregation* *n.* *-aggregative* *a.* [L. *aggregare*, form into a rock]

aggression *n.* unprovoked attack. **aggress'**

v.t. *-aggressive* *a.* quarrelsome. *-*

aggressiveness *n.* *-aggressor* *n.* [L. *aggredi*, *aggress-*, advance towards]

aghost' *a.* terrified; horror-stricken. [earlier

agast, fr. OE. *æmstan*, terrify]

agile (-j-) *a.* active, nimble. *-agilely* *adv.*

-agility *n.* [F., fr. L. *agere*, do]

agitate (-j-) *v.t.* keep in motion; disturb, excite; keep in discussion. *-agitation* *n.* *-*

agitator *n.* [L. *agitare*]

agnostic *n.* one who holds that we know nothing of things outside the material world. *-agnosticism* *n.* [G. *a*, not, *gnostos*, knowing]

ago' *adv.* gone; since; past. [earlier *agone*, p. p. of OE. *agan*, pass]

agony *n.* extreme suffering; violent struggle; death struggle. *-agonize* *v.i.* suffer great pain or sorrow. *-agonizing* *a.* [G. *agonia*, struggle for victory]

agoraphobia *n.* morbid fear of crossing open spaces. [G. *agora*, market-place, *phobos*, fear]

agree' *v. i.* be of one mind; consent; harmonize; determine, settle; suit. **agreeability**

n. *-agreeable* *a.* **agreeableness** *n.* *-*

agreeably *adv.* **agreement** *n.* [F. *agréer*, fr. L. *gratus*, pleasing]

agriculture *n.* art or practise of cultivating

the ground. *-agricultural* *a.*

agriculturalist, **agriculturist** *n.* [L. *agricul-*

tural, tillage of the field]

aground' *adv.* stranded. [on ground]

ague *n.* fever in periodic fits, with shivering; quaking. [F. *aigu*, sharp]

ahead' *adv.* in front of. [*a* and *head*]

ahoy' *int.* shout used at sea for hailing, calling attention. [ME. *hoy*]

aid *v.t.* help. *-n.* help, support; something helpful. [F. *aider* -L. *adjutare*]

AIDS *n.* acronym for acquired immune (or immuno-) deficiency syndrome.

all *v.t.* trouble, afflict. *-v.i.* be ill. *-ailing* *a.*

-ailment *n.* [OE. *eglan*]

alleron *n.* steadying flap on wing-tip of airplane. [F. -L. *ala*, wing]

aim *v.t.* and *i.* direct effort towards; try to; give direction to a weapon; strike or throw. *-n.* direction; endeavor; object, purpose. *-*

aimless *a.* without object. [OF. *esmer*, estimate]

air *n.* mixture of gases we breathe, the atmosphere; breeze; tune; manner; affected manner. *-pl.* affected manners. *v.t.* expose; dry or warm. [G. *aer*, fr. *aein*, blow]

air- used as a prefix makes compounds denoting things in, of, or having to do with the air, as **air balloon** *n.*, including broadcasting by radiowaves, as **air time**. *-air base* *n.* *-air*

brake *n.* **air chamber** *n.* *-air-condition* *v.t.* fit with system to keep the interior air at requisite temperature etc. *-aircraft* *n.* *-aircraft*

carrier *n.* **air crew** *n.* **air duct** *n.* *-air force* *n.* national organization dealing with military aircraft. *-airgun* *n.* gun discharged by force of compressed air. *-air hole* *n.* *-air lane* *n.* aircraft route. *-air lift* *n.* organized air transport operation. *-air line* *n.* organization dealing with transport by airplanes. *-air man* *n.* *-air plane* *n.* heavier-than-air flying machine *-air pocket* *n.* part of the air where an airplane drops suddenly. *-air port* *n.* station for passenger aircraft. **air power** *n.* *-air tight* *a.* not allowing the passage of air. *-air valve* *n.* *-air way* *n.* regular aircraft route. **airworthy** *a.* fit for service in the air. **airworthiness** *n.*

aisle *n.* wing of a church, or lateral division of any part of a church; walk between seats in a church. [bad spelling of F. *aile*-fr. L. *ala*, wing]

ajar' *adv.* partly open. [ME. *on char*, on the turn]

alabaster *n.* kind of soft, white, semi-transparent stone. [G. *alabastrós*]

alack' *int.* cry of sorrow. *-alack'-a-day* *int.* [prob. change of *alas*, by association with lack, failure or shame]

alacrity *n.* quickness, briskness. [L. *alacritas*]

alarm' *n.* notice of danger; sudden fright; call to arms. *-v.t.* warn of danger, frighten. *-alarming* *a.* *-alarmist* *n.* one given to prophesying danger. *-alarm-clock* *n.* clock which rings a bell at a set hour to give warning of the time. [OF. *à l'arme*, fr. It. *all' arme*, to arms (cp. *alert*). With the *r* rolled it gives also

ner, kidneys)

adrift *a* and *adv.* floating free; loose; without aim or direction. [*on drift*]

adroit *a* skillful, expert, clever; dexterous. *adv.* -adroitly *n.* [F., orig. *adroit*, rightly]

adult *a* grown-up, mature. *n.* grownup [*L. adolescere, adult-, grow*]

adulterate *v.t.* corrupt; make impure by mixing. -**adulterant** *n.* -**adulterated** *a.* -**adulteration** *n.* -**adulterator** *n.* [*L. adulterare, corrupt*]

advance *v.t.* bring forward; promote; engage, pay beforehand. *v.i.* go forward; improve in rank or value. [F. *avancer*, put forward]

advantage *n.* gain; superiority. *v.t.* benefit, promote. -**advantageous** *a.* -**advantageously** *adv.* [*L. advantage*]

advent *n.* coming, arrival; the first or second coming of Christ; season of four weeks before Christmas. -**adventual** *a.* [*L. adventus-ad-, venture, come*]

adventure *n.* remarkable happening; enterprise; risk; bold exploit; commercial speculation. *v.t.* and *i.* risk; take a risk. -**adventurer** *n. masc.* [F. *aventure*]

adverb *n.* word added to a verb, adjective or other adverb to modify the meaning. -**adverbial** *a.* [*L. adverbium, fr. ad, to, verbum, word*]

adverse *a.* opposed to; hostile; contrary to desire. -**adversary** *n.* enemy -**adversative** *a.* -**adversely** *adv.* -**adversity** *n.* distress, misfortune. [*L. advertere, turn against*]

advert *v. i.* turn the mind or attention to; refer. -**advertence** *n.* -**advertency** *n.* -**advertent** *a.* -**advertently** *adv.* [*L. advertere, turn to*]

advertise *v.t.* and *i.* make known; give notice of, esp. in newspapers, bills etc. -**advertisement** *n.* -**advertiser** *n.* -**advertising** *n.* and *a.* [F. *avertir*, warn]

advice *n.* opinion given; counsel; information, news (esp. in pl.). [F. *avis*]

advise *v.t.* and *i.* give an opinion to; recommend a line of conduct; inform. **advisable** *a.* -**expedient**. -**advised** (-zd) *a.* considered, deliberate, as in well-advised. -**advisedly** *adv.* -**adviser**, **advisor** *n.* -**advisory** *a.* [F. *vis*]

advocate *n.* defender; one who pleads the cause of another, esp. in a court of law. *v.t.* uphold, recommend. **advocacy** *n.* -**advocation** *n.* [*L. advocatus, called in*]

aeon *n.* age, or series of ages; period of time; eternity. [G. *aion*, age]

aerate *v.t.* expose to, or mix with, air; charge with carbonic acid or other gas. -**aerator** *n.* -**apparatus** to do this. **aeration** *n.* [*L. aer, air*]

aerial *a.* belonging to the air; ethereal: -**elevated** wire to send out or receive radio signals. [*L. aer, air*]

aerie, **a'ery**, **ey'rie** *n.* nest of a bird of prey, esp. an eagle. [F. *aire*]

air- *prefix* having to do with air or aircraft. [*aer, air*] -**aerobatics** *n.* 'stunts' in aviation. -**aerodrome** *n.* airfield. -**a'erogram** *n.* air

letter. **a'erolite** *n.* meteoric stone. -**a'erogram** *n.* 'air-sailor', esp. one who flies in airships or balloons. -**aeronautics** *n. pl.* science of air navigation.

aerobla *n. pl.* bacteria that can live without air. [G. *aer*, air, *bios*, life]

aerobics *n.* any system of sustained exercises designed to increase the amount of oxygen in the blood and strengthen the heart and lungs.

aerosol *n.* suspension of fine solid or liquid particles in a gas; container for dispensing such.

aesthetic, **esthetic** *a.* relating to the principles of beauty and taste, and of art.

aesthete, **es'thete** *a.* one who affects an extravagant love of art. **aesthetically**, **esthetically** *adv.* [G. *aisthethai*, perceive]

afar *adv.* from, at, or to a distance. [M. E. *on fer* and *offer*, becoming *a fer*]

affable *a.* easy to speak to, polite and friendly. -**affability** *n.* -**affably** *adv.* [F]

affair *n.* business operation; any small matter; romantic attachment. *pl.* matters in general; public business. [F. *affaire*, fr. *faire*, do]

affect *v.t.* act on, influence; move the feelings of, make a show of, make pretense; assume. -**affectation** *n.* show, pretense.

affected *a.* making a pretense. **affectedly** *adv.* -**affecting** *a.* moving the feelings, pathetic. -**affectingly** *adv.* -**affection** *n.* fondness, love. **affectionate** *a.* loving. -**affectionately** *adv.* [L. *affectare*, aim at, fr. *afficere*, apply oneself to]

affidavit *n.* written statement on oath. [L. *affidare*, L. = he has sworn]

affiliate *v.t.* adopt; attach, as a society to a federation, etc.; attribute to, father on. -**affiliation** *n.* [L. *affiliate*]

affinity *n.* relationship; structural resemblance; attraction, esp. chemical attraction. -**affinative** *a.* [L. *affinitas*]

affirm *v.t.* assert positively; maintain a statement. *v.i.* make a solemn declaration, esp. without oath in a court of law. [L. *affirmare*, make firm]

affix *v.t.* fasten to, attach. -**affix** *n.* addition, esp. to a word, as a suffix or prefix. [L. *affigere*, affix-, fix to]

afflict *v.t.* give pain or grief, vex. -**affliction** *n.* distress, that which afflicts. -**afflictive** *a.* [L. *affligere*]

affluent *a.* wealthy. *n.* tributary stream. -**affluence** *n.* wealth, abundance. [L. *affluere*, flow towards]

afford *v.t.* be able to buy, or to sustain the expense of-, produce, yield. [earlier *aforan*, OE. *geforthian*, fr. *forth*, forward]

affray *n.* fight, brawl. [OF. verb *esfreier*, frighten. Verb in E. survives only in p. p. *affrayed* = *affrayed*]

affront *v.t.* insult openly; meet face to face. *n.* insult; contemptuous treatment. [F. *affronter*, confront]

afire *adv.* on fire; in an inflamed condition. [fire]

afresh *adv.* again, anew. [fresh]

- acquitt'ance** *n.* discharge of a debt. [F. *acquitter*]
- a'cre** (a'-ker) *n.* measure of land, 4840 square yards. -*pl.* lands, estates. [OE. *wer*, field]
- ac'rid** *a.* bitter and hot to the taste; irritating. -**acrid'ity** *n.* -**ac'ridness** *n.* [irreg. formation fr. L. *acer*, sharp]
- ac'rimony** *n.* bitterness of feelings or language. -**acrimo'nious** *a.* sharp, biting, severe. [L. *acrimonia*]
- ac'robat** *n.* performer of skilled gymnastic feats. -**acrobat'ic** *a.* -**acrobat'ics** *n. pl.* his art. [G. *akrobatos*, tiptoe walking]
- acrophobia** *n.* fear of heights. [G. *akron*, point, *phobos*, fear]
- across** *adv.* and *prep.* crosswise; from side to side. [For on or in cross]
- acros'tic** *n.* poem in which the first or last letters of the lines, in order, spell a word or words. [G. *akros*, extreme, and *stichos*, row or verse]
- act** *n.* thing done, deed; process of doing; law or decree; section of a play. -*v.t.* perform, as in a play. -*v.i.* exert force; work, as a mechanism; behave. -**ac'ting** *n.* performance of a part; working. -**ac'tion** *n.* -**activity**; operation; gesture; battle; lawsuit. [F. *acte* fr. L. *agere*, do]
- act'ual** *adv.* real; existing in the present; not imaginary or bygone. -**act'uality** *n.* **ac'tually** *adv.* [L. *actualis*]
- ac'tuary** *n.* registrar; one who makes calculations for insurance companies. -**actua'rial** *a.* [L. *actuarius*, recorder]
- ac'umen** *n.* sharpness of wit. [L.]
- acute** *a.* sharp; sensitive; keen, shrewd; critical. -**acutely** *adv.* -**acute'ness** *n.* [L. *acutus*, sharpened]
- ad'age** *n.* old saying, proverb. [F.]
- ada'gio** *a.* and *adv.* (*mus.*) slowly. -*n.* slow movement. [It. *adagio*, at ease]
- ad'amant** *n.* very hard stone; diamond. -*a.* very hard, unbreakable; unyielding. -**adamant'ine** *a.* [G. *adamas*, invincible, not to be broken or tamed]
- adapt** *v.t.* fit; modify; alter for a new use. [L. *adaptare*]
- add** *v.t.* and *i.* join; put something on; say further. -**adden'dum** (*pl.* -*a*) something to be added. -**addi'tion** *n.* -**addi'tional** *a.* [L. *addere*, put to]
- ad'dict** *n.* one given up to something, usually an evil, *e.g.*, drug-addict. **addic'ted** *a.* -**addic'tion** *n.* [L. *addictus*; -*addicere*, make over]
- address** *v.t.* speak to; direct; dispatch; mark a destination, as on an envelope. *n.* skill; bearing; a speech; direction on a letter. -**addressee** *n.* person to whom a letter *etc.* is directed. -**address'es** *n. pl.* courtship. [F. *adresser*, make straight]
- ad'enoids** *n. pl.* small growths at the back of the nasal passage. [G. *aden*, acorn]
- adept** *a.* skilled. (-*ad'*-) *n.* expert; alchemist. [L. *adeptus*, having attained]
- ad'equat** *a.* sufficient, suitable; equal to. -**ad'equacy** *n.* -**ad'equately** *adv.* [L. *adaequatus*, made equal to]
- adhere** *v.i.* stick to; become or remain firm, in an opinion *etc.* -**adhe'rent** *n.* and *a.* -**adhe'sion** *n.* -**adhe'sive** *a.* [L. *adhærere*, stick]
- ad'it** *n.* horizontal entrance into a pit or mine. [L. *adire*, go in]
- adja'cent** *a.* lying close to; contiguous. -**adja'cency** *n.* [L. *adjacere*]
- adjective** *n.* word added to a noun to show quality or circumstance. -**adjecti'val** *a.* [L. *adjectivus*, added]
- adjoin** *v.t.* and *i.* add; be next to. **adjoin'ing** *a.* [F. *adjoindre*]
- adjourn** (a-jurn) *v.t.* and *i.* put off, postpone; end a meeting; move to another place. -**adjourn'ment** *n.* [F. *ajourner*, fr. OF. *jour*, day]
- adjudicate** *v.t.* and *i.* try, judge; sit in judgment. -**adjudica'tion** *n.* -**adju'diator** *n.* [L. *adjudicare*]
- ad'junct** *a.* joined, added. -*n.* person or thing added. [L. *adjungere*, add to]
- adjure** *v.t.* beg, entreat; charge on oath. -**adjura'tion** *n.* [L. *adjurare*, swear]
- adjust** *v.t.* set right; make exact or suitable; arrange. -**adjust'able** *a.* -**adjust'ment** *n.* [F. *ajuster*, fr. *juste*, right]
- ad'jutant** *n.* military officer who assists the commanding officer of a unit. **ad'jutancy** *n.* [L. *adjutare*, help]
- admin'ister** *v.t.* manage; look after; dispense, as justice *etc.*; supply. **admin'istra'tion** *n.* -**admin'istrative** *a.* -**admin'istrator** *n.* [L. *administrare*]
- ad'miral** *n.* naval officer of very high or great rank. -**ad'miralty** *n.* board which controls the British Navy; buildings of that board. [F. *amiral*, fr. Arab. *amir-al* (*bahr*), prince of the (sea)]
- admire** *v.t.* look on with wonder and pleasure; respect highly; love or esteem. **admirable** *a.* -**ad'mirably** *adv.* **admiration** *n.* -**admir'er** *n.* -**admir'ingly** *adv.* [L. *admirari*, wonder at]
- admit** *v.t.* let in; allow; accept as true; grant. -**admissibil'ity** *n.* -**admiss'ible** *a.* -**admiss'ibly** *adv.* -**admis'sion** *n.* -**admitt'ance** *n.* [L. *admittere*, send to]
- admon'ish** *v.t.* warn; reprove gently; advise. -**admoni'tion** *n.* -**admon'itory** *a.* [earlier *amonest*, OF. *amonester*, advise]
- adoles'cent** *a.* growing to manhood; not fully adult. -*n.* youth. -**adoles'cence** *n.* [L. *adolescere*, grow up]
- adopt** *v.t.* take into relationship, *esp.* as one's child; take up, as a principle, resolution, idea. [L. *adoptare*, choose for oneself]
- adore** *v.t.* and *i.* worship; love intensely. -**ador'able** *a.* -**adora'tion** *n.* -**ador'er** *n.* [L. *adorare*, worship, pray to]
- adorn** *v.t.* beautify, embellish, deck. -**adorn'ment** *n.* [L. *adornare*]
- adre'nal** *a.* near the kidneys. -**adre'nal glands**, two small ductless glands over the kidneys. -**adre'nalin** *n.* secretion of these glands, taken from animals for use in medicine; powerful astringent drug. [L. *ad*,

- vance arts or sciences. -**academic** *a.* of an academy; theoretical. -**academically** *adv.* -**academician** *n.* [G. *akademeia*, garden where Plato taught]
- accelerate** (aks-) *v.t.* and *i.* increase speed. -**acceleration** *n.* -**accelerative** *a.* -**accelerator** *n.* mechanism to increase speed, esp. in an automobile. [L. *accelerate*, fr. *celer*, swift]
- accent** (aks-) *n.* stress of the voice; mark to show such stress; manner of speech peculiar to a district or individual. -(sent) *v.t.* -**accen'tual** *a.* -**accen'tuate** *v.t.* -**accentuation** *n.* [F., fr. L. *accentual* note or tone]
- accept** (aks-) *v.t.* take, receive; admit, believe; agree to [L. *acceptare*, take]
- access** (-ks-) *n.* admission; entrance; attack; liberty to approach; means of approach. -**accessibility** *n.* -**accessible** *a.* easy to approach. -**accessibly** *adv.* [L. *accedere*, go near to]
- accessary** *n.* helper, esp. in a crime. [access]
- accessory** *a.* additional. -*n.* added or non-essential item of dress or equipment; accomplice, aid in crime (access)
- accidence** (-ks-) *n.* part of grammar dealing with changes in the form of words, e.g., plurals. [for accidents]
- accident** (-ks-) *n.* something happening by chance; mishap; quality not essential. -**accidental** *a.* happening by chance. -*n.* (*mus.*) sharp, flat or natural, not of the key. -**accidentally** *adv.* [F.]
- acclaim** *v.t.* applaud, receive with applause. -**acclamation** *n.* -**acclamatory** *a.* [L. *acclamare*, shout to]
- accolade** *n.* part of the ceremony of conferring knighthood, a light stroke with a flat of the sword. [F.]
- accommodate** *v.t.* fit; harmonize; supply. -**accommodating** *a.* obliging. -**accommodation** *n.* lodgings; loan; adjustment or compromise; obligingness. [L. *accommodate*, fit]
- accompany** *v.t.* go with; join with. -**accompaniment** *n.* something which accompanies, esp. (*mus.*) the instrumental part which goes with, e.g., a vocal solo. -**accompanist** *n.* one who plays an accompaniment. [F. *accompagner*]
- accomplice** *n.* companion in evil deeds. [Earlier *complice*, fr. L. *complex*, woven together]
- accomplish** *v.t.* carry out; finish. -**accomplished** *a.* complete, perfect; socially talented. -**accomplishment** *n.* completion; a personal ability, talent. [F. *accomplir*]
- accord** *v.t.* compose, settle. -*v.i.* agree. -*n.* agreement, harmony. -**accordance** *n.* -**accordant** *a.* -**accordingly** *adv.* [L. *ad*, to, *cor*, *cordis*, heart]
- accordion** *n.* wind instrument worked by a bellows in the hands, a concertina. [See *accord*]
- account** *v.t.* reckon, judge. -*v.i.* give a reason; make a statement of money. -*n.* statement of monies; report, description. -**accountability** *n.* -**accountable** *a.* responsible. -**accountant** *n.* professional reckoner, one skilled in accounts. [OF. *acomter*, reckoner]
- accountancy** *n.* the office or work of an accountant. [OF. *acomter* *l.* *ad*, to, *com*, *putare*, to reckon]
- accumulate** *v.t.* amass. -*v.i.* grow into a mass, increase. -**accumulation** *n.* -**accumulator** *n.* electrical storage battery [L. *cumulare*, heap up]
- accurate** *a.* exact, correct. -**accuracy** *n.* -**accurately** *adv.* -**accurateness** *n.* [L. *curare*, give care to]
- accursed, accurst** *a.* under a curse; hateful. [*a-*, *intens.* and *cursed*]
- accuse** *v.t.* charge with wrongdoing; blame. -**accusation** *n.* -**accusative** *n.* Latin case of nouns indicating an object. -**accusatory** *a.* -**accuser** *n.* [L. *accusare*, call to account]
- accustom** *v.t.* make used to, familiarize. -**accustomed** *a.* [OF. *acostumer*]
- acerbity** *n.* sour, bitterness; severity of manner. [L. *acerbilas*]
- acetic** *a.* derived from or having the nature of vinegar. [L. *acetum*, vinegar]
- acetylene** *n.* gas made from calcium carbide and water, burning with a bright flame. [*acetic*]
- ache** (ak) *n.* continuous pain. -*v.i.* be in pain. -**aching** *a.* [OE. *acan*]
- achieve** *v.t.* finish, accomplish, perform successfully. -**achievement** *n.* something accomplished; high exploit; coat of arms. [F. *achever*]
- achromatic** *a.* free from or not showing color, as of a lens. -**achromatism** *n.* [G. *achrom*, *atos*]
- acid** *a.* sharp, sour. -*n.* sour substance; (*chem.*) one of a class of compounds which combine with bases (alkalis, oxides, etc.) to form salts. -**acidify** *v.t.* -**acidity** *n.* [L. *acidus-acere*, be sour]
- acknowledge** (-nol' -) *v.t.* admit, own, recognize. -**acknowledgment** *n.* [ME. *knowlechen*, perceive]
- acme** *n.* highest point. [G. *akme*, point]
- acne** *n.* skin disease; pimple. [G. *akme*, point]
- acorn** *n.* fruit of the oak. [OE. *æcern*, fruit of the open country]
- acoustic** *a.* pertaining to hearing. -**acoustics** *n. pl.* science of sounds. -**acoustic guitar** *n.* one not amplified by electronic means. [G. *akoustikos*]
- acquaint** *v.t.* make to know, inform. -**acquaintance** *n.* personal knowledge; person known. -**acquaintanceship** *n.* [OF. *acointier* *l.* *ad*, to, *cognitus*, known]
- acquiesce** *v.i.* agree in silence; consent. -**acquiescence** *n.* -**acquiescent** *a.* [L. *acquiescere*, rest]
- acquire** *v.t.* gain, get. -**acquirement** *n.* -**acquisition** *n.* act of getting; thing gained. [L. *acquirere*]
- acquit** *v.t.* settle, discharge, as a debt; behave (oneself); declare innocent. -**acquittal** *n.* act of declaring innocent in a court. -

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- a, an *a.* one; any. [OE, an, one]
- aard'vark *n.* S. African ant-bear. [Du. *aarde*, earth, *Larken*, pig]
- A-bomb *n.* atomic bomb.
- ab'aca *n.* Indian plantain, Manila hemp. [Malay]
- ab'acus *n.* flat piece at the top of a column; frame with parallel wires on which slide beads for counting. [L. -G. *abax*, tablet, reckoning board]
- abalo'ne (-one) *n.* shellfish yielding mother-of-pearl. [Sp. Amer.]
- aban'don *v.t.* give up altogether.
- aban'doned *pp.* and *a.* given up, esp. to evil.
- aban'donment *n.* [F. *abandonner*]
- abase' *v.t.* lower, humiliate. -abase'-ment *n.* [F. *abaiser*. See base]
- abash' *v.t.* confuse, make ashamed. -abash'ment *n.* [F. *ébahir*, astound]
- abate' *v.t.* lessen. -*v.i.* become less.
- abate'ment. [F. *abatire*, beat off]
- ab'bey *n.* monastery or nunnery under an abbot, abbess. [abbot] abb'ot *n.* head of a monastery. -abb'ess *fem.* -abb'acy *n.* office of abbot. [OE. *abbod*, fr. L. *abbas*, father]
- abbreviate *v.t.* shorten or abridge. -abbrevia'tion *n.* [L. *abbreviate*]
- ab'dicate *v.t.* give up formally. -*v.i.* give up power or office, esp. the throne. abdica'tion *n.* [L. *abdicate*]
- abdo'men *n.* belly. -abdom'inal *a.* [L.]
- abduct' *v.t.* carry off, kidnap. -abduction *n.* [L. *abducere*, lead away]
- aberration *n.* wandering, esp. mental disorder, 'wandering of wits.' -aberr'ant *a.* [L. *aberrare*, wander away]
- abet' *v.t.* help in something bad. -abett'er, abett'or *n.* [OF. *abeter*, egg on]
- abey'ance *n.* suspension from use or action. [OF. *abéance*, fr. *aboer*, gape at]
- abhor' *v.t.* dislike very strongly; loathe, detest. -abhor'ence *n.* -abhor'ent *a.* [L. *abhorrere*, shrink from]
- abide' *v. i.* stay, reside; await. -*v.t.* endure, put up with. [OE. *abidan*]
- ab'igail *n.* lady's maid. [Biblical character]
- abil'ity *n.* capacity, power, skill. [L. *habilis*, easy to hold]
- a'ble *a.* capable, clever, having power or skill. -a'bly *adv.* [L. *habilis*, fit]
- ablu'tion *n.* washing; ceremonial cleansing. [L. *abluere*, wash away]
- ab'negate *v.t.* give up, renounce. abnega'tion *n.* [L. *abnegare*, deny]
- abnorm'al *a.* irregular; not usual; not according to type; exceptional. [L. *ab*, from, *norma*, rule]
- aboard' *adv.* on board, on a ship, train or plane. -*prep.* on board of. [board]
- abode' *n.* home, dwelling. [*abide*]
- abolish *v.t.* do away with. -aboli'tion *n.* -aboli'tionism *n.* -aboli'tionist *n.* one who wishes to do away with, esp. an evil, e.g., slavery. [F. *abolir*]
- aborigines (-ji-nez) *n. pl.* original in-
- habitants of a country. -aborig'inal *a.* [L. *ab origine*, from the beginning]
- abort' *v.t.* miscarry -abor'tion *n.* something misshapen or unnatural. abort'ive *a.* prematurely born; come to nothing. [L. *aboriri*, miscarry]
- abound' *v.t.* be plentiful. [F. *abonder* L. *abundare*, overflow]
- about' *adv.* on all sides; nearly; up and down; out, astir. -*prep.* round; near; dealing with. [OE. *onbutan*]
- above' *adv.* in a higher place. -*prep.* on top of, higher; more than. [OE. *abufan*]
- abridge' *v.t.* cut short, abbreviate. -abridg'ment *n.* [F. *abreger*]
- abroad' *adv.* out of house or country; at large. [ME. *on brede*, on breadth]
- ab'rogate *v.t.* cancel, put an end to. -abroga'tion *n.* [L. *abrogare*, call off]
- abrupt' *a.* hasty; steep; sudden; blunt. -abruptly *adv.* -abrupt'ness *n.* [L. *abruptere*, break off]
- ab'scess (-ses) *n.* collection of pus in the tissues. [L. *abscedere*, go away]
- abscond' (-sk-) *v.i.* withdraw; decamp. [L. *abscondere*, hide away]
- ab'sent *a.* away, not present. -(absent') *v.t.* keep away. -ab'sence *n.* -absentee' *n.* one away; one who habitually stays away. -absentee'ism *n.* practise of a landlord living away from his estate, or a man absenting himself from his work. ab'sently *adv.* -ab'sent-minded' *a.* inattentive, preoccupied. -ab'sent-mindedness *n.* [L. *absens*, away]
- ab'sinthe (ab'sinth) *n.* wormwood; liqueur flavored with wormwood. [F.]
- ab'solute *a.* not limited, unconditional; entire, pure (as absolute alcohol). ab'solutely *adv.* -ab'soluteness *n.* [L. *absolvere*, set free]
- absolve' *v.t.* free from, pardon. -absolu'tion *n.* [L. *absolvere*, set free]
- absorb' *v.t.* suck up, drink in; engage the whole attention of -absorb'ent *a.* and *n.* -absorp'tion *n.* -absorp'tive *a.* [L. *absorbere*, suck away]
- abstain *v. i.* keep from, refrain, esp. from strong drink. [L. *abstenerere*, hold from]
- ab'stract *a.* separate; existing only in the mind, not concrete. -*n.* summary, abridgment. -abstract' *v. t.* draw from, remove. -abstract'ed *a.* absent-minded. -abstraction *n.* -abstractly *adv.* [L. *abstrahere*, draw away]
- absurd' *a.* silly, contrary to reason. -absurd'ity *n.* -absurdly *adv.* [L. *absurdus*, fr. *surdus*, deaf]
- abundance *n.* great plenty. -abun'dant *a.* plentiful. -abun'dantly *adv.* [F. *abondance*]
- abuse' *v.t.* misuse; miscall, address in rude language. *n.* abu'sive *a.* -abu'sively *adv.* -abu'siveness *n.* [L. *ab*, away from, *uti*, use]
- abut' *v. i.* end on, border on. -abut'ment *n.* support, esp. for the end of a bridge. [OF. *aboutier*, join at the end]
- abyss' *n.* very deep gulf or pit. -abys'mal (-z-) *a.* -abys'mally *adv.* -abys'sal *a.* [G. *abys-sos*, bottomless]
- acad'emy *n.* higher school; society to ad-

<i>sl.</i>	slang
<i>superl.</i>	superlative
<i>surg.</i>	surgery
<i>trans.</i>	transitive
<i>trig.</i>	trigonometry
<i>ult.</i>	ultimately
<i>usu.</i>	usually

<i>v.</i>	verb
<i>var.</i>	variant, variation
<i>v. aux.</i>	auxiliary verb
<i>v.i.</i>	verb intransitive
<i>v.s.</i>	(<i>vide supra</i>) see above
<i>v.t.</i>	verb transitive
<i>zool.</i>	zoology

Word Derivations

AF.	Anglo-French	ME.	Middle English
Afr.	African	Med. L.	Medieval Latin
Am. Amer.	American	Mex.	Mexican
Arab.	Arabic	Mod. L.	Modern Latin
Aram.	Aramaic	Mongol.	Mongolian
Austr.	Australian	N.	North
Braz.	Brazilian	Norw.	Norwegian
Can. F.	Canadian French	O.	Old
Carib.	Caribbean	OE.	Old English
Celt.	Celtic	OF.	Old French
Chin.	Chinese	OHG.	Old High German
Dan.	Danish	ON.	Old Norse
Du.	Dutch	ONF.	Old North French
E.	English	Pers.	Persian
F.	French	Peruv.	Peruvian
Flem.	Flemish	Port.	Portuguese
G.	Greek	Rom.	Romany
Gael.	Gaelic	Russ.	Russian
Ger.	German	S.	South
Heb.	Hebrew	Sans.	Sanskrit
Hind.	Hindustani	Sc.	Scottish, Scots
Hung.	Hungarian	Scand.	Scandinavian
Ice.	Icelandic	Slav.	Slavonic
Ind.	Indian	Sp.	Spanish
Ir.	Irish	Sw.	Swedish
It.	Italian	Teut.	Teutonic
Jap.	Japanese	Tibet.	Tibetan
L.	Latin	Turk.	Turkish
LL.	Low or Late Latin	U.S.	United States
M.	Middle	VL	Vulgar Latin
Malay	Malay	W.	Welsh, West

Abbreviations Used In This Book

<i>a.</i>	adjective	<i>interj.</i>	interjection
<i>abbrev.</i>	abbreviation	<i>lang.</i>	language
<i>adv.</i>	adverb	<i>lit.</i>	literally
<i>alg.</i>	algebra	<i>maths.</i>	mathematics
<i>arch.</i>	archaic	<i>med.</i>	medicine
<i>archit.</i>	architecture	<i>mil.</i>	military
<i>astron.</i>	astronomy	<i>mod.</i>	modern
<i>avoir.</i>	avoirdufois	<i>mus.</i>	music
<i>bot.</i>	botany	<i>myth.</i>	mythology
<i>cap.</i>	capital	<i>n.</i>	noun
<i>cp.</i>	compare	<i>n. masc.</i>	noun masculine
<i>char.</i>	character	<i>naut.</i>	nautical
<i>chem.</i>	chemistry	<i>obj.</i>	objective
<i>colloq.</i>	colloquial	<i>obs.</i>	obsolete
<i>comp.</i>	comparative	<i>opp.</i>	opposite
<i>compute.</i>	computers	<i>orig.</i>	origin (-ally)
<i>conj.</i>	conjunction	<i>p.p.</i>	past participle
<i>contr.</i>	contraction	<i>p.t.</i>	past tense
<i>const.</i>	construction	<i>perh.</i>	perhaps
<i>corrupt.</i>	corruption, corrupted	<i>pert.</i>	pertaining to
<i>dial.</i>	dialect, dialectal	<i>philos.</i>	philosophy
<i>dem. pron.</i>	demonstrative pronoun	<i>phot.</i>	photography
<i>dim.</i>	diminutive	<i>phys.</i>	physics
<i>e.g.</i>	for instance	<i>pl.</i>	plural
<i>elec.</i>	electricity	<i>poet.</i>	poetry, poetical
<i>esp.</i>	especially	<i>polit.</i>	politics
<i>euph.</i>	euphemism	<i>poss.</i>	possessive
<i>fem.</i>	feminine	<i>pref.</i>	prefix
<i>fig.</i>	figuratively	<i>prep.</i>	preposition
<i>fort.</i>	fortification	<i>pres. p.</i>	present participle
<i>fr.</i>	from	<i>print.</i>	printing
<i>gen.</i>	generally	<i>prob.</i>	probably
<i>geog.</i>	geography	<i>pron.</i>	pronoun
<i>geol.</i>	geology	<i>pros.</i>	prosody
<i>gram.</i>	grammar	<i>prov.</i>	provincial
<i>hist.</i>	history	<i>psych.</i>	psychology
<i>ident.</i>	identical	<i>q.v.</i>	which see
<i>i.e.</i>	that is	<i>redupl.</i>	reduplication
<i>imit.</i>	imitation, imitative	<i>reflex.</i>	reflexive
<i>impers.</i>	impersonal	<i>rhet.</i>	rhetoric
<i>infin.</i>	infinitive	<i>rel. pron.</i>	relative pronoun
<i>intens.</i>	intensive	<i>sing.</i>	singular

banquet (bang -kwet) *n.* feast. -*v.i.* feast. - *v.t.* give a feast to
-*banqu'eter n.* [F., dim of *banc*, bench]

This is a complete entry. First you are provided with the root word, **banquet**. In order for you to know that the accent is on the first syllable, there is an accent mark (^). Following the root word is a pronunciation guide in parentheses. The first syllable is pronounced like the word *bang*; the second sounds like *kwet*. The parts of speech follow. This word can be used in several ways: as a *noun*, *verb intransitive*, *verb transitive*. The associated word is **banqueter**, which is a *noun*. Finally, the derivation of the word is given, the diminutive (dim) of the French word *banc*.

We do not provide the accent marks with words of one syllable, or those with a silent *e* at the end of the word.

Most pronunciation guides are self-explanatory. For example, the second syllable in the word **baroque** is pronounced as a *k*, and the pronunciation guide provides the letter (-k-). As a guide for you, following are the common pronunciations that we use:

ch	chip	ng	ring
CH	chord	s	sweet
g	go	th	thin
hw	where	TH	this
j	juice, gene	y	yes
ng	French nasal sound	zh	measure

As you saw from the example above, the derivation or etymology of the main word is provided at the end of most entries in square brackets. Like the rest of this dictionary, we've tried to make it easy to use and in most cases have given the primary origin for a word, usually the Latin or Anglo-Saxon derivation. From time to time, where it would enhance your understanding of the derivation of the word, a somewhat more detailed explanation is provided.

Finally, when entries contain prefixes, we have offered only a handful of the words that can be created by the use of the prefix. A prefix such as **anti-** can be used to create hundreds of words. We have offered only a few, but suggest that you see the words without the prefix.

About This Dictionary

In order to make this dictionary a valuable “tool” for anyone concerned with the English language, the lexicographers who have compiled this book have tried to make it easy-to-use as well as contemporary. It would be of little use to you to have a dictionary that featured thousands of foreign, obscure, and antiquated terms. Thus, these words have been trimmed down to the basics — words that may still be in use after hundreds of years as well as those foreign words that you may encounter on a steady basis (*du jour*). In addition, we have included many of the more contemporary words that have come into use throughout the last several years, especially in the fields of science and computers. Words and terms such as desktop publishing and acronyms such as ASCII and DOS are important inclusions that assure the contemporary nature of this dictionary.

To use this dictionary, it is necessary for you to understand how it is organized. We’ve organized the words in paragraphs, featuring the root word in a larger, bold typeface. The words that are derived from this root word, or those that are related to it, are also in bold type. Thus, the word **execute** will include derivative words such as **execution**, **executioner**, and **executive**. If there are alternative spellings for the words, they are included. If there are unique plural forms of the word, these are included also.

In the next section is a list of abbreviations which appear throughout this dictionary. This includes the parts of speech, in order for you to recognize how the entry word is used. (Since this is not a grammar book, you will have to look elsewhere to determine what a *noun* is in contrast to a *verb transitive*.) You will find the word **lady** as a *noun* (*n.*) and the word **lag** as a *verb intransitive* (*v.i.*). However, the word **laggard** is a *noun* and an *adjective*, and the differing definitions are provided.

For many of the words where there may be a question of how to pronounce them, there are accent marks (ˈ) to show syllable emphasis as well as pronunciation guides. For example, look at the word **banquet**.