

2004 Scripps National Spelling Bee Consolidated Word List: Words Appearing Infrequently

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| abacist | abrader | abuzz |
| aback | abrash | academese |
| abash | abridge | acalculia |
| abatable | abridged | acanthosis |
| abate | abrotine | accelerometer |
| abatement n / ə'batmənt / L > F the act or process of reducing in degree or intensity. <i>The city council passed a law allowing periodic bans on the burning of wood, paving the way for further pollution abatement.</i> | abruption | acceptant |
| abbey | abscise | accessibility |
| abdication | absent adj / 'absənt / L > F > E not existing in a place. <i>Zebra mussels were at one time totally absent from the Great Lakes.</i> | accessioned |
| abduct | absentee | accessit |
| abeam | absolution n / ,absə'lyʃən / L a rite, ceremony, or form of words in which a remission of sins is pronounced, proclaimed, or prayerfully implored by a priest or minister. <i>Father O'Malley performed the rite of absolution on behalf of the thief who had just made his confession.</i> | accessorized |
| abhorrently | absonant | accessory |
| abient | absorb | accidence |
| abigail | abstinent | accident |
| abiogenic adj / ,ā.bīō'jenik / Gk + Gk + Gk not produced by the action of living organisms. <i>Randy explained to the group that rock formations are completely abiogenic.</i> | abstractum n / abz'traktəm / L an entity considered apart from any particular object or specific instance. <i>Virtue is an abstractum.</i> | acclimate |
| abjure | abusage | acclimatize |
| abode | abusing | accommodating adj / ə'kāmə.dādiŋ / L + EcF disposed to be helpful or obliging. <i>The accommodating chef prepared the dish exactly as the diner asked.</i> |
| abolitionary | abut | accommodations |
| aboriginally | | accomplished |
| aborigines | | accomplishment |
| aboveboard | | accountable |
| abradant | | accountancy |
| | | accounting |
| | | accouplement |
| | | accrete |
| | | accumulation |
| | | accustom |

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ace
v
/ 'æs /
L > F > E
make (a hole in golf) in one stroke.
The golfer knew that he must ace the hole if he wanted to have a chance at the championship.

acephalous

acequia

acervation

aces

acetous

achroite

acicula

acidic

acierage

acotyledonous

acquisition
n
/ 'akwə'zishən /
L
the act or action of obtaining.
The principal stated that the students' main goal should be the acquisition of knowledge.

acquisitive

acquit

acquittance

acrobatics

acrolith

acromegalic

acromegaly
n
/ 'akrə'megəlē /
Gk + Gk
a chronic disease of adult life that is characterized by a gradual and permanent enlargement of the flat bones (as the lower jaw) and of the hands and feet, abdominal organs, nose, lips, and tongue.
The circus giant was obviously afflicted with acromegaly.

actinide
n
/ 'aktə.nīd /
ISV
a chemical element of the series of heavy radioactive metallic elements of increasing atomic number considered to begin with actinium or thorium and end with lawrencium.
Timmy won the contest by correctly identifying plutonium as an actinide.

actionable

actress

actually

adapt

adapted

addenda

addition

additory

addressable

adept

adequacy

adhesion
n
/ ad'hēzhən /
L
the molecular attraction exerted between the surfaces of bodies in contact.
Water in a glass container is pulled upward by adhesion where its upper surface contacts the glass, which results in the formation of a meniscus.

adhocracy

adit

adjoin

adjoining
adj
/ ə'jōiniŋ /
L > F > E
touching or bounding at some point or on some line.
The Sampson family plans to build a summer home on the two adjoining lake lots they recently purchased.

adjutancy

adman

admass

administrative

administrator

admiration

admonition

adobo
n
/ ə'dōbō /
Gmc > F > Sp
a dish of Spanish origin consisting of meat (as chicken or pork) marinated in a spicy sauce, browned, and then simmered in the marinade.
Annmarie's favorite dish at the restaurant is the chicken adobo.

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adonize

v
/ ˈadən.īz /
Gk name
beautify—usually used of a man.
Gram assured Grandpa that he needed nothing to adonize himself.

adoptee

adorned

v
/ əˈdɔ(ə)rnd /
L > F > E
decorated : added to the pleasantness, attractiveness, splendor, or beauty of.
His shoes were polished, his nails were clean, his hat was well brushed, and a white handkerchief adorned his breast pocket.

adrenal

adj
/ əˈdrēnəl /
L
adjacent to the kidneys; specifically : relating to or derived from endocrine glands located near the kidneys.
Janna formed a support group for people who have Addison's disease, Cushing's syndrome, and other adrenal diseases.

adret

adroitly

adv
/ əˈdrɔɪt.lē /
F + EcF
in a manner that is dexterous in the use of the hands.
The magician adroitly pulled a silver dollar out of Mort's right ear.

adscription

n
/ ˈadzˈkripʃən /
L
[Note: Could be confused with ascription.] the quality or state of being added, annexed, or bound.
The adscription of the colony to the empire was protested by the native residents.

adulate

adulatory

adulterate

adulthood

advanced

advantage

adventer

advertise

advice

adynamic

aerate

aerated

aeriferous

aerobicize

aerobics

aerodromics

n pl
/ ˌa(ə)rəˈdrämiks /
Gk
the science or art of flying aircraft.
Jim watched a video about the Wright brothers on the first day of his course in aerodromics.

aerolithology

n
/ ˌa(ə)rə(ɪ)liˈthäləjə /
Gk + Gk + Gk
the science that deals with meteorites.
Experts in aerolithology were elated when five more meteorites from Mars were found in early 2002.

aerometer

n
/ a(ə)ˈrämədə(r) /
Gk > F
an instrument for ascertaining the weight or density of air or other gases.
Stanley calibrated the old aerometer in his lab.

aeronautic

adj
/ ˌarəˈnɔdɪk /
Gk > L
of or relating to the science that deals with the operation of aircraft.
The United States and Russia have been cooperating in aeronautic research.

aeronomy

aerosolize

aerosols

aerotraine

Aesir

n pl
/ ˈasir /
ON
the chief gods of pagan Scandinavia.
Although the Norse Aesir aged like mortal beings, they could become young again by eating magic fruit.

Aesopian

adj
/ ˈēˌsɔpēən /
Gk name
conveying an innocent meaning to an outsider but a concealed meaning to an informed member of a conspiracy or underground movement.
Fearful that the inmates would use Aesopian language in their communication, the warden placed each of them in solitary confinement.

afar

affection

n
/ əˈfekʃən /
L
kind feeling : tender attachment.
A deep bond of affection soon developed between the boy and his dog.

affettuososo

affiance

affinal

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affluent

n
/ 'a.flüənt /

L

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. Also, word could be confused with effluent.] a stream or river flowing into a larger river or into a lake : a tributary stream.

The affluent responsible for the lake's pollution is the creek that runs beside the packing plant.

afflux

afford

affray

affright

affront

aflutter

afterburner

aftercare

afternoon

afterwards

agamy

agave

agelong

aggraded

v
/ ə'grādəd /

L

filled with loose material that results directly from rock disintegration or abrasion.
Silt had aggraded the river bed for at least a hundred miles.

aggression

aggrieve

aggrievement

agio

agisting

agitate

agnolotti

agnostically

agnosticism

agog

agon

agonistically

agonizing

agony

agree

agribusiness

n
/ 'agrə.biznəs /
L + E

a combination of the producing operations of a farm, the manufacture and distribution of farm equipment and supplies, and the processing, storage, and distribution of farm commodities.
Agribusiness in Great Britain was profoundly affected by the foot-and-mouth epidemic of 2001.

agriotype

aguish

ahead

ailment

airbrush

airbus

airfoil

airframe

airport

airtight

aisle

aisling

aition

n
/ 'idē.än /
Gk

[has near homonyms: Idaean, Idean, idaein, idein] a narrative devised to explain the origin of a religious observance.
One familiar example of an aition is the story of Passover.

akaryote

akinesia

albarium

alburnum

alcarraza

alder

alderman

alee

alewife

alexandrite

alexia

algae

algebra

n
/ 'al.jəbrə /
Ar > L

a branch of mathematics in which arithmetic relations are generalized and explored by using letter symbols to represent numbers, variable quantities, or other mathematical entities.
The guidance counselor encouraged George to wait one more year before taking algebra to fulfill his math requirement.

algesia

algetic

algid

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alias

n
/ ˈālēəs /
L

an assumed name.
To avoid publicity the movie star used an alias when registering at the hotel.

aliquant

alison

n
/ ˈaləsən /
common name > E
[Note: Could be confused with alyssum.] a plant of a genus of European and Asiatic herbs having small usually yellow flowers.
Bernice added an alison to her bouquet.

aliunde

alkalescence

alkaline

adj
/ ˈalkələn /
Ar > L > E + Ecf
of, relating to, or having the properties of a substance having marked basic properties; especially : relating to a hydroxide or carbonate of an alkali metal (as sodium or potassium).
Having identified the mystery substance as alkaline, Olympia proceeded to the next lab exercise.

alkane

n
/ ˈalkān /
ISV
any of a series of saturated hydrocarbons derived from fat (as methane).
Methane is the simplest alkane and is a major by-product of the termite digestive system.

alleged

allegedly

allegorize

allergenic

adj
/ ˌalə(r)ˈjenik /
Gk > G
of or relating to a substance that produces an exaggerated or pathological reaction marked by sneezing, respiratory embarrassment, itching, and skin rashes.
Eating too many tomatoes caused Horace's allergenic reaction.

alleviant

allocution

allotropic

adj
/ ˌaləˈtrəpik /
Gk > ISV
[Note: Could be confused with allotropic.] of, relating to, or exhibiting the phenomenon of the existence of a substance in two or more different modifications.
Diamonds and graphite are two native allotropic forms of carbon.

allotropy

allowable

alloy

n
/ ˈa.lōi /
F
a substance composed of two or more metals intimately mixed and united usually by being fused together and dissolving in each other when molten.
Brass is an alloy of copper and zinc.

almandite

Almighty

n
/ ˈolˈmīdē /
E
God.
The congregation decided they needed only a simple one-room building in order to worship the Almighty with appropriate humility.

almonds

almuerzo

aloft

adv
/ əˈlɒft /
ON > E
high up into the air.
Mike's kite went aloft with ease on the windy afternoon.

alogism

aloisiite

alongside

alopécoid

alphabetize

alphagram

althorn

although

altiplanation

altruistic

aluminiferous

amah

amass

v
/ əˈmas /
L > F + Gk > L > F
collect into a mass : bring together.
Laura accused her little brother of trying to amass a collection of spiders and snakes just to annoy her.

amberjack

ameliorant

ameliorative

amercing

American

americium

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amine

n
/ ə'mēn /
ISV

any of a class of basic compounds derived from ammonia by replacement of hydrogen by one or more univalent hydrocarbon radicals or other nonacidic organic radicals.

Aniline, the simplest aromatic amine, is a toxic compound used in dyes.

amitious

ammoniac

adj
/ ə'mōnē.ək /
Gk > L > E

containing or having the properties of a colorless gaseous alkaline compound of nitrogen and hydrogen.

Gigi never could stand the ammoniac odor when she washed windows.

amperage

ampersand

amphetamine

amphetamines

amphicrania

amphoric

amphoteric

adj
/ .amfə'terik /
Gk > ISV

capable of reacting chemically either as a base or as an acid.
Ysadora determined that aluminum oxide is amphoteric because it reacted with hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide, a base.

ampliative

amygdala

analytically

anaphoric

anaphylactic

anarchism

anchusa

androcracy

anecdotal

anemosis

anenterous

angary

angels

n pl
/ 'anjəlz /
Gk > L > F > E
supernatural spirits commonly depicted as being winged and serving as God's messengers and divine intermediaries and as special guardians of an individual or nation.
Thomas Jefferson believed that man had found no angels in the forms of kings to govern him.

angling

angular

anhydrous

adj
/ 'an.hīdrəs /
Gk
destitute of water.
Sodium carbonate is an anhydrous salt that is used in making soap, soap powders, glass, and paper.

anility

animal

animalcule

animation

n
/ .anə'māshən /
L
a series of drawings each of which shows a successive position of a figure or other object, the drawings being on film so the projection of the film produces a picture in which the objects drawn seem to move in a lifelike and realistic manner.
The history class viewed an animation depicting how the pyramids were probably constructed.

animism

n
/ 'anə.mizəm /
L
attribution of conscious life and a discrete indwelling spirit to every material form of reality, often including belief in the continued existence of individual disembodied spirits.
Voodoo as practiced in Haiti is a combination of animism and Roman Catholic ritual, in which a supreme god rules a large group of lesser spirits.

animosity

anionic

adj
/ 'an.i.ānik /
Gk
relating to or consisting of negatively charged atoms or groups of atoms.
By gaining an electron, a chlorine atom becomes anionic.

ankle

anlace

annex

annihilation

annotate

announce

annulment

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anorexia

anosmatic

antacid

n
/ .ant'asəd /
L + L

[Note: Could be confused with
antacid.] an agent that counteracts
or neutralizes acidity.

*For some reason, the voice on
television saying "A major function
of an antacid is to neutralize
hydrochloric acid in gastric juice"
kept running through Lorraine's
mind.*

Antaeon

adj
/ an'tēən /
Gk name

possessed of superhuman strength
with suggestions of human
qualities.

*Marc cannot decide whether
Superman or Wonder Woman is his
favorite Antaeon figure.*

ante

n
/ 'antē /
L

[has homonyms: anti, auntie,
aunty] a poker stake usually
arbitrarily fixed and usually put up
before the deal to build the pot.

*Each player in the lunchtime poker
game put a nickel on the table as
an ante.*

antepirrhema

anticipatory

antihypertensive

antipyretic

antiquing

antisocially

antler

antrorse

anythingarian

anzac

aorta

aortography

aphagia

aphonic

aphoristic

aphotic

apiarist

apocynthion

apogonid

apograph

apojove

apologia

apologist

aporematic

appeal

n
/ ə'pēl /
L > F > E
an application or reference (as to a
recognized authority) for
corroboration, vindication, or
decision.
*Janice's appeal to reason swayed
even her most emotional
opponents.*

appear

appertain

v
/ .apə(r)'tān /
L > F > E
belong either as something
appropriate or as a part, possession,
right, or attribute.
*Puerto Rico is one of several
islands that appertain to the United
States.*

appetible

applaud

applaudable

applicable

apply

appoint

v
/ ə'pōint /
L > F > E
assign, designate, or set apart by
authority.
*The prom committee's chairman
failed to appoint a cleanup crew.*

appraiser

n
/ ə'prāzə(r) /
F > E
one that sets a value on property.
*The appraiser set the value of
Tim's piano at \$1200.*

appreciative

adj
/ ə'prēshədɪv /
L
having or showing an expression of
gratitude.
*The appreciative guest sent a
thank-you note to her host.*

approach

approbatory

April

n
/ 'āprəl /
Etruscan? > L
the fourth month of the Gregorian
calendar.
*Afternoon showers occur frequently
in many states during the month of
April.*

aptitude

aquacade

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aqueous

adj

/ 'ākweəs /

L

made from, with, or by means of water.

Pat set up the lab for the next experiment, which dealt with electrolysis of an aqueous solution of sodium chloride.

arachnean

arachnoid

adj

/ ə'rak.nɔɪd /

Gk > L

of, relating to, or characterizing a large class of arthropods including scorpions, spiders, mites, and related forms.

Celia noted several arachnoid features on the bug she found in her sandbox.

aralia

arbitrage

arbitrarily

arbitrational

arboreally

arborescent

arcanist

arcature

arch

archangelic

archduke

archetypal

arcosolium

are

n

/ 'a(a)(ə)r /

L > F

[has homonym: air] a metric unit of area equal to the area of a square 10 meters long on each side : 100 square meters.

The new office has floor space of almost 1 are.

argon

argument

n

/ 'ärgyəmənt /

L

an act or process of contending or disagreeing in words : disputation.

Patrick Henry's famous impassioned speech focused on how ten years of argument with England had been in vain.

argumentation

argute

aria

ark

armada

n

/ är'mädə /

L > Sp

a fleet of warships.

Harry referred to his collection of model warships as his "armada."

armor

n

/ 'ärmər /

L

the usually metal defensive covering worn in combat in the medieval period.

Martin could not understand how a medieval knight could mount a horse while wearing a suit of armor.

armorer

army

n

/ 'ärmē /

L > F > E

a great number : vast multitude.

Lance joked that his mom had bought enough snacks to feed an army of guests.

aromatize

arouse

arpent

n

/ 'ärpənt /

Gaulish > L > F

a unit of land area still used in certain French sections of Canada and the United States equal to about 0.85 acre.

Henri started his farm on less than 1 arpent of land.

arrangement

array

arrest

arrestee

n

/ ,ä're'stē /

L > F > E

one who is under arrest.

The arrestee demanded to see his lawyer before answering any questions.

arrhostia

arride

arrondissement

artemisia

arthropod

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Arthurian

adj

/ ăr'thūrēən /

E name

of, relating to, or characteristic of the legends or romances built around King Arthur and his knights.

The quest for the Holy Grail is Greg's favorite part of Arthurian legend.

articulable

artificed

artistic

aryl

n

/ 'arəl /

G? > ISV

a univalent aromatic radical (as phenyl or tolyl) derived from an arene by removal of one hydrogen atom from a carbon atom of the nucleus.

Natty wrote down that any member of a group that contains one or more fused benzene rings is an aryl, but he remained confused about the concept.

ascensor

ascham

aseity

aseptic

ashen

ashtray

asiago

aside

asperity

aspic

n

/ 'aspik /

F

a savory jelly made from fish or meat stock thickened with gelatin and seasoned and used cold to garnish meat or fish or to make a mold of meat, fish, or vegetables.

Ella's main course was garnished with aspic cut into heart shapes.

aspirate

assassination

n

/ ə'sasən'āshən /

Ar > L

act of murdering (a usually prominent person) violently.

Theodore Roosevelt assumed the presidency following the assassination of President William McKinley.

assay

assessor

asseverate

assibilate

assiduous

assiette

assignment

n

/ ə'sɪnmənt /

L > F

a specified amount of work or a definite task or mission prescribed by authority or undertaken as though so prescribed.

Several students complained about the assignment that was due the day after spring break.

assistance

assize

n

/ ə'sīz /

L > F > E

a statute or ordinance regulating weights and measures or the weight, measure, proportions of ingredients, or price of articles sold in the market.

Predna's silver jewelry was produced in strict accordance with the local assize.

assuasive

adj

/ ə'swāsiv /

L

having a pleasantly soothing quality or effect : calming.

The background music in the dentist's office did not have an assuasive effect on Stella.

assurance

asteria

astern

astichous

astral

adj

/ 'astrəl /

Gk

of or relating to the stars.

The story of Juno and the baby Hercules is an astral myth about the origin of the Milky Way.

astride

adv

/ ə'strɪd /

E + E

with one leg on each side.

Frieda set her son John astride the pony.

astringency

astrocytoma

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astrologer

n
/ ə'strələjə(r) /
Gk > L > F

one that practices divination that treats of the supposed influences of stars upon human affairs and of foretelling terrestrial events by their positions and aspects.
Nancy Reagan consulted an astrologer before setting up the president's daily schedule.

astrology

astute

asymmetrical

atavism

atherosclerosis

athwart

Atlas

n
/ 'atləs /
Gk name
one who bears a heavy burden : chief supporter : mainstay.
Without Dr. Cunningham as the Atlas of the conservation project, support gradually waned.

atmospherium

atomize

atrociously

attack

attentat

attic

attune

attuned

v
/ ə'tünd /
L + L > E
brought into harmony or accord.
The horse demonstrated that it was attuned to its rider's desires.

aubergine

audiophile

auge

Augean

adj
/ ò'jēən /
Gk name
extremely difficult and usually very distasteful.
Cleaning the rat-infested shed was an Augean task indeed.

augend

aurification

auscultatory

auslaut

auspex

auteurism

authority

autogenous

adj
/ ò'täjənəs /
Gk
of origin within or from oneself.
Mrs. Griffin received an autogenous transplant in which some of her own bone marrow was extracted, cleansed of leukemia cells, and then reinjected.

automaton

avail

aviation

n
/ ,āvē'āshən /
L
aircraft manufacture, development, and design.
The sophisticated safety measures in modern aviation make air travel safer than road travel.

award

aweigh

awning

Aztec

n
/ 'azˌtek /
Nahuatl > Sp
a Nahuatl people that founded the Mexican empire conquered by Cortez in 1519.
The shimmering golden mask was a superb example of the art of the Aztec.

azurean

azurite

babbled

babel

Babelization

n
/ ,bābələ'zāshən /
Assyr-Bab > Bible name
the process of confusing through the mingling of markedly different languages and cultures.
The Babelization of speech in the big city made it difficult for the visitors to get the information they needed.

baboonery

babracot

bacciform

baccivorous

bacilliform

bacillosis

backblast

backboard

backdrop

background

n
/ 'bakˌgraünd /
E + E
a position away from that which holds the center of attention.
Darby's parents stayed in the background during her party.

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backhoe

n
/ 'bak.hō /
E + E
an excavating machine in which the bucket is rigidly attached to a hinged stick on the boom and is drawn toward the machine in operation.
Slim manned the backhoe while Jed directed him from the ground.

backlash

backpack

backspin

n
/ 'bak.spin /
E
a backward rotary motion imparted especially to a ball that causes the ball on touching the ground or some other surface to recoil, bounce backward, stop dead, or roll forward only a short distance.
Tommy used backspin to position the cue ball for the next shot.

bacteriolysin

baculus

badge

badly

adv
/ 'badlē /
E
poorly, faultily, defectively.
Roscoe says his car runs badly but will make it to Cicero.

bagasse

bagpipe

bailment

baker

baku

n
/ 'bä()kü /
Philippine name
a hat made of a fine lightweight straw made of fibers from the talipot palm.
Tony was wearing a baku as he got off the airplane after his trip to the Philippines.

balata

balconied

baldmoney

n
/ 'böld.mənē /
E
any of several plants of the genus Gentiana.
The baldmoney likes the sun but doesn't thrive in rich soil.

balintawak

balisaur

balistraria

balkline

ballabile

n
/ bäl'läbəlā /
It
a dance in classic ballet performed by the corps de ballet by itself or with the principal dancers.
The ballet ended with a ballabile that included many young dance students.

balladmongering

balletic

adj
/ ba'led'ik /
Gk > L > It > F
[has near homonym: balladic]
relating to or resembling ballet.
The Russian ice dancers performed a balletic program to win the Olympic gold medal.

ballistician

ballroom

n
/ 'böl.rüm /
Gk > L > F > E
a large room for dances.
Karin's birthday party was held in the ballroom of the Plaza Hotel.

ballyhoo

ballyhooed

v
/ 'balē.hüd /
unknown
drummed up interest in by means of exaggerated, flamboyant publicity.
Every mile or two along the highway there were large signs that ballyhooed the popular amusement park.

balm

n
/ 'bäm /
Gk > L > F > E
a spicy odor.
The garden sent out radiance and balm into the air.

balmacaan

n
/ ,balmə'kan /
Scot geog name
a loose boxy overcoat made of rough wool and with raglan sleeves, a short turnover collar, and a closing that may be buttoned to the throat.
As Sherlock Holmes crossed the moors, Dr. Watson followed closely, wrapped in a warm balmacaan.

band

n
/ 'band /
Gmc > Prov > E
[has homonym: banned] a body of armed individuals : gang.
Al Capone's band of outlaws had a hideout in the northern woods of Wisconsin.

banda

bandit

bandy

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baneful

banefully

banish

bankbook

bannerstone

banquette

n
/ ban'ket /
Gmc > Prov > F
[has homonym: banket] a raised way or foot bank along the inside of a parapet on which soldiers are posted to fire upon the enemy.
The battle plan called for the archers to stand on the banquette and fire upon the approaching enemy.

bantamize

bantling

barbarity

barbecue

barbed

barbules

barcelona

barely

barleycorn

barn

n
/ 'bärn /
E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a unit of area used in nuclear physics for measuring cross section.
Zirconium has an absorption cross section of only 0.18 barn for low-energy neutrons.

barnacles

baronetcy

barong

barracoon

basalt

baseball

based

basha

basic

adj
/ 'bāsik /
Gk > L > F > E
of, relating to, or characteristic of a compound capable of reacting with an acid to form a salt, its aqueous solutions if it is water-soluble having an acrid brackish taste and turning litmus blue.
The textbook stated that basic substances felt slippery and tasted bad, but the students were forbidden to touch or taste the chemicals in the lab.

basil

basilar

basilect

basipetal

basque

bassinet

bastinado

batea

bathe

bathetic

bathorse

bathrobe

bathtub

batter

n
/ 'badə(r) /
E
[has homonym: badder] a mixture (as for cake or waffles) that consists of flour, liquid, and other ingredients and is thin enough to pour or drop from a spoon.
Gordon mixed batter for waffles while Julie sliced fruit and made bacon.

battlement

n
/ 'bad'lmənt /
Celt > L > F > E + Ecf
a parapet that consists of alternate solid parts and open spaces that is used in fortified buildings for defense.
The soldiers on the west battlement had been bribed to ignore the advancing enemy.

bawcock

n
/ 'bò.kāk /
F > E
a fine fellow.
"How art thou today, good bawcock?" inquired Theo.

bayadere

n
/ 'bī(y)ə.dī(ə)r /
L > Pg > F
a fabric made with a design of horizontal stripes in strongly contrasted colors.
Leslyn planned to use the remnant of bayadere for a wall hanging.

bazoo

beachhead

n
/ 'bēch.hed /
unknown + E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] an initial advance position or foothold to be used as vantage ground for extending to new areas.
The general discussed with the president his selection of Site A as the beachhead for the invasion.

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beaming

adj

/ 'bēmiŋ /

E

marked by or expressive of extreme and unreserved joy, happiness, or satisfaction.

The beaming actress thanked the audience profusely for applauding.

beaner

beanery

beanstalk

bearskin

n

/ 'be(ə)r.skɪn /

E + E

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] an often large full-dress military hat made of the skin of a bear.

The palace guard adjusted his saber and bearskin before reporting for duty.

beastie

beastly

adj

/ 'bēstlē /

E

[Note: Could be confused with bestially, beastily, beastlily.] very nasty : abominable.

The mountain climbers were stymied in their attempt to reach the summit because of the beastly weather.

beautician

beautiful

beauty

beauvais

beaver

n

/ 'bēvə(r) /

E

a large semiaquatic rodent having webbed hind feet and a broad flat tail, feeding chiefly on bark and twigs.

Thanks to the adaptations of its teeth, the beaver has a remarkable ability to cut down trees for food and building mats.

because

becerrista

bedchamber

n

/ 'bed.chāmbə(r) /

E + Gk > L > F > E

bedroom.

The ladies of the bedchamber were the only ones who ever saw the queen without her wig.

bedevilment

bedlamite

beefsteak

beeswax

beetle

n

/ 'bēdˌl /

E

[has homonym: beadle] any of various insects resembling those in the order Coleoptera.

Both a cockroach and a ladybug may be called a "beetle."

befallen

v

/ bə'fɒlən /

E

taken place especially as if by prompting of destiny or fate.

Sandro would have been a rich man, if not for the fortune that has befallen him.

befuddle

beginner

begonia

n

/ bə'gɒniə /

F name

a plant of a large genus of succulent herbs native to the tropics but widely cultivated with asymmetrical leaves and flowers succeeded by capsular fruit.

Aunt Betsy planted a pink begonia beside Grandmother's grave.

behave

behavioral

behest

beleaguered

beletter

v

/ bə'ledə(r) /

E + L > F > E

decorate the name of (a person) by appending abbreviations of official or academic rank.

Horace looks forward to the day he can beletter his name with M.D.

belief

n

/ bə'li:f /

E

trust in religion : persuasion of the validity of religious ideas.

Jennifer's belief has been unshakable through many unforeseen bumps in the road of life.

bellarmine

bellhop

bellowed

bellowing

v

/ 'be(ɪ)lɔɪŋ /

E

emitting a loud deep hollow prolonged sound.

"Stop bellowing," Mr. Jenkins said sharply. "Do you want the entire school to hear you?"

bellyband

belong

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| beloved | berthage | bicaudate |
| bementite | beryl | adj / bɪ'kɔːdāt / |
| benday | beset | L |
| benedictory | besides | having or terminating in two tails. <i>Tommy paid two dollars at the fair to see a bicaudate salamander.</i> |
| benefice | betray | bicolor |
| benighted | better | bidentate |
| benignancy | beverage | bidet |
| benjamin | beware | bienniums |
| n / 'benjəmən / F > E | bewitch | bier |
| a balsamic resin that is obtained from various trees of the genus <i>Styrax</i> that is used chiefly in treating irritations of the skin. <i>Zach smeared a dollop of benjamin on his mosquito bite.</i> | bezoar | bifid |
| bensh | Bible | bifurcate |
| benumbed | n / 'bɪbəl / Phoenician geog name > Gk a book containing the sacred writings of a religion. <i>The Koran is the Muslim Bible.</i> | bight |
| v / bə'nəmd / E | biblical | bigwig |
| deprived of sensation or feeling. <i>The skiers returned to the lodge to warm their benumbed fingers and toes.</i> | adj / 'bɪbləkəl / Gk of, relating to, derived from, or in accord with the Bible. <i>Camp Joseph's guidelines are biblical, although the counselors rarely ever mention the Bible.</i> | bilabial |
| benzidine | bibliophagous | bilander |
| bequeathal | bibliophilic | billabong |
| bergylt | bibliophilist | n / 'bɪləbɒŋ / Australian native name a backwater caused by overflow from a river and forming a stagnant pool. <i>Jill's postcard from Australia pictured an emu standing by a billabong.</i> |
| berkelium | bibliotherapy | billfold |
| berloque | n / .bɪblə'therəpē / Gk + Gk the use of selected reading materials as curative facilitators in medicine and in psychiatry; also : guidance in the solution of personal problems through directed reading. <i>The child psychologist spoke to the parent group about the effectiveness of bibliotherapy.</i> | billionth |
| berserk | | billycan |
| adj / bər'zərk / ON marked by a display of violent erratic behavior indicative of extreme excitement or agitation and suggestive of sudden mental unbalance. <i>Jake almost went berserk when the last concert tickets were sold to the person in line just ahead of him.</i> | | n / 'bɪl̩.kən / Australian > E [Note: Could be confused with billican.] a cylindrical container having a set-in lid and a wire bail and often used for outdoor cooking. <i>Arlene accidentally knocked over the billycan, scattering the coals and starting a small fire.</i> |
| | | bimanous |

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bimester

bioethics

biorhythm

biosensor

n
/ 'biō.sen(t)sə(r) /
Gk + L
a device sensitive to a physical or chemical stimulus and transmitting information about a life process.
The technicians checked and rechecked every biosensor on board the space station.

biphyletic

birder

n
/ 'bærdə(r) /
E
an observer or identifier of wild birds in their natural surroundings.
Uncle Hayden is so avid a birder that he never goes anywhere without binoculars and his notebook.

birdlime

n
/ 'bærd.līm /
E + E
an extremely adhesive substance formerly used to trap small birds by smearing twigs where the birds are accustomed to perch.
Marvin begged the gardener not to use birdlime to get rid of the burgeoning sparrow population.

birr

bisdiapason

bisect

v
/ 'bi.sekt /
L
divide into two usually equal parts.
The teacher taught the class how to use a compass to bisect a line.

bismarckian

bisulcate

bite

bitter

adj
/ 'bidə(r) /
E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, word has homonym: bidder.] distasteful to the mind : distressing to contemplate.
Larry had to accept the bitter fact that all his houseplants were dying.

bittersweet

bitumen

bivalve

bivittate

bizarrely

bizygomatic

blackjack

blackmail
n
/ 'blak.māl /
E + ON > E
extortion of money by threats especially of subjecting someone to criminal prosecution or revealing something injurious to his or her reputation.
Blackmail was originally protection money that Scottish chieftains forced farmers and small landowners to pay for protection against plunder.

blackout

blacksmith

blahs

blanch

v
/ 'blanch /
F > E
scald or parboil (foods) in boiling water or steam in order to remove the skin from, whiten, or stop enzymatic action in.
Jessica's cooking teacher told her to blanch and peel the tomatoes before adding them to the sauce.

blancmange

n
/ blə'mänj /
F + L > F
a dessert made from gelatinous or starchy substances and milk usually sweetened, flavored, and shaped in a mold.
A touch of anisette is the secret to Cassandra's blancmange.

blare

blas

blaspheme

blasphemed

blastocyte

blastomere

bleak

adj
/ 'blēk /
E
lacking in warmth or kindliness : cheerless, grim.
The bleak environmentalist warned of pollution's impact on life on Earth.

blench

blepharitis

bletting

blewits

blimp

blindfold

v
/ 'blin(d).fōld /
E
cover the eyes of with or as if with a bandage.
Club members insisted that Demetrius blindfold his little brother before taking him to their secret hideout.

blister

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blithesome

adj

/ 'blīthsəm /

E + Ecf

lively in voice, manner, or appearance : cheery, merry.

The blithesome lottery winner gushed that she had just booked a Caribbean cruise.

blockhead

n

/ 'bläk'hed /

D > F > E + E

a dull and stupid person.

Clara called Kory a "blockhead" for believing everything said in commercials.

blondined

bloodhound

bloodless

adj

/ 'blədləs /

E

lacking or apparently lacking blood.

Martha's face went bloodless with fright at the sight of her brother Joe's Halloween costume.

bloodstone

bloodthirsty

blooming

adj

/ 'blūmɪŋ /

E

flowering.

A blooming azalea sits on the cedar chest in Paul's house.

blotter

blowgun

blowhole

n

/ 'blō.hōl /

E + E

a nostril in the top of the head of a whale or other cetacean.

The whale gave one spout through its blowhole, took in fresh air, and was down again.

blubbery

bluff

blurbist

boards

boardwalk

boarish

boater

n

/ 'bōdə(r) /

E

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a man's stiff straw hat with a flat crown, ribbon band, and straight brim.
Grandpa reminisced about when he attended Fourth of July picnics wearing his white linen suit and a boater.

boatload

bobble

bodaciously

bodhi

bodoni

boffo

bogatyr

boiling

adj

/ 'bōilɪŋ /

L > F > E

bubbling from the action of heat.

The boiling blue and yellow liquids in the lab fascinated young Lucinda.

boisterously

bolivar

n

/ bō'lē.vär /

S Amer name

the basic monetary unit of Venezuela.

Drew recently added a drachma, a ruble, and a bolivar to his currency collection.

bolo

bolshevism

bolsheviz

bolster

bolt

n

/ 'bōlt /

E

a rod or heavy pin designed to fasten two or more objects together or to hold one or more objects in place, often having a head at one end and a screw thread cut upon the other end.

Ever earthquake-conscious, Becky used a large bolt to fasten the heavy bookcase to the wall.

bombardier

bomblet

bond

n

/ 'bänd /

E

a mechanism by means of which atoms, ions, or groups of atoms are held together in a molecule or crystal.

The fact that the length of the bond between atoms can be calculated flabbergasted Tenacity.

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bondsman

n
/ 'bän(d)zmən /
E

[Note: Plural form is pronounced identically. Also, has near homonym: bondman.] one who assumes legal liability for another's debt, default, or failure to do a duty.
The defendant was released from jail after a bondsman posted his bail.

boneyard

bongo

bonkers

bonnetless

bonspiel

boodle

boohoo

bookend

bookish

adj
/ 'bükish /
E

of or relating to books.
The result of Hilda's bookish life is that every available wall of her home is lined with books.

booklet

bookworm

n
/ 'bük.wərm /
E + E

one unusually devoted to reading or studying books.
Vanessa was a bookworm when she was in elementary school but recently started showing more interest in extracurricular activities.

boondockers

n pl
/ 'bün.däkə(r)z /
Tag?

field shoes.
After a long day of planting corn, Horace was relieved to get out of his boondockers.

boorish

bootlegger

n
/ 'bü.t.legə(r) /
F > E + ON > E
one who illegally manufactures, sells, or transports for sale especially alcoholic liquor.
Government agents followed the bootlegger to his secret still and destroyed it.

borage

borane

n
/ 'bō.rān /
ISV
a compound of boron and hydrogen.
The simplest borane is called "diborane" and has 12 valence electrons.

borax

bordeaux

boreal

boresight

boresome

boric

adj
/ 'bōrik /
L > F
of, relating to, or derived from a high-melting trivalent metalloid element that is known both in an extremely hard shiny black crystalline form and in the form of a greenish yellow or brown amorphous powder.
Boric acid is used industrially to make Pyrex.

boron

borsholder

n
/ 'bō(r)s.hōldə(r) /
E
a parish officer in Great Britain corresponding to the petty constable.
William Dalton was appointed borsholder of Keston in 1790.

botchy

bottle

boubou

boucharde

bouchee

boulter

bouncer

boundless

bounteously

bounty

n
/ 'baüntē /
L > E
a reward, premium, or subsidy especially when offered or given by the government.
The state offered a \$5000 bounty for the apprehension of the escaped convict.

bower

bowgrace

n
/ 'baü.grās /
F > E
a fender of rope or waste for protecting a ship from injury by floating ice.
Captain Armstrong ordered the deckhand to reattach the bowgrace to the ship's prow.

bowknot

bowl

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bowler

n
/ 'bōlə(r) /
E name
a stiff felt hat with a dome-shaped crown and a rather narrow rolled brim—called also “derby.”
Until recent times a proper English gentleman wouldn't leave home without his bowler and brolly.

bowsprit

bowstave

brace

bracero

bracketed

brad

n
/ 'brad /
E
a slender wire nail with a small deep round head.
Ricardo used a brad to attach the moulding.

bradytely

brainstorm

v
/ 'brān.stò(ə)rm /
E + E
find a solution for a specific problem by amassing spontaneously occurring ideas.
Henley's group decided to brainstorm in the morning session and evaluate the produced ideas in the afternoon session.

bramble

branchiae

brandied

brandy

n
/ 'brandē /
D
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, word could be confused with barani.] a trampoline and tumbling stunt in which the performer does a front somersault with a half twist.
The crowd went wild as Chris executed a perfect brandy.

brassy

adj
/ 'brasē /
E
of the color of brass, a usually yellow alloy of copper with zinc or formerly tin.
The brassy color of Mrs. Gilbert's hair could not possibly be natural.

brat

brattice

brazenface

breakage

breaker

n
/ 'brākə(r) /
F > Sp > E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, word has homonym: braker.] a small water cask especially for use in a lifeboat.
The first thing the survivors did was to ration the water in the breaker.

breastplate

n
/ 'brest.plāt /
E + Gk? > L > F > E
a metal plate protecting the torso as defensive armor.
The knight with the broken collarbone struggled painfully out of his breastplate.

breeze

breloque

breve

bricole

bridegroom

n
/ 'brid.grüm /
E
a man just married or about to be married.
The bridegroom wiped frosting from his mouth and smiled for the photographer.

bridge

n
/ 'brij /
E
any of various widely differing card games for four players in two partnerships.
Barb and Ray invited their neighbors over to play bridge and watch videos.

brie

brighten

brill

brilliantly

brio

briskly

adv
/ 'brisklē /
F? + Ecf
in a quick, energetic manner.
Because of the cold Sam walked briskly to the store.

brisque

n
/ 'brisk /
F
[has homonym: brisk] an ace or a ten in certain card games in which the ten ranks between the ace and the king.
Emily needed a brisque to take the trick and win the game.

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broadcast

n
/ 'brɒd.kast /
E + ON > E
a single radio or television program.
Dad always stops whatever he is doing in order to listen to the news broadcast.

broaden

brocard

brogue

broguery

broil

v
/ 'brɔɪl /
L? > F > E
cook by direct exposure to radiant heat (as on a grill over live coals or beneath a gas flame or electric coil).
Sharon brought two salmon steaks to broil on Gary's hibachi.

broken

brokenhearted

adj
/ .brɒkən'hɑːdəd /
E + E
having the spirits depressed : crushed by grief or despair.
Broke and brokenhearted, the prodigal son returned to ask his father's forgiveness.

broker

n
/ 'brɒkə(r) /
F > AF > E
an agent who for a fee or commission negotiates contracts of purchase and sale between buyers and sellers.
Pat's grandfather was a cotton broker who lost a fortune in the Crash of '29.

bronchiole

bronchoconstrictor

bronchoscope

bronzesmith

brood

n
/ 'brʊd /
E
[has homonym: brewed] the offspring of the same hen especially if nearly of the same age.
Tim selected the largest chick from the brood for a pet.

brooklime

n
/ 'brʊ.klɪm /
E
[Note: Could be confused with geographical name Brookline.] any of certain aquatic or semiaquatic plants of the genus Veronica.
American brooklime can be found along stream banks, swamps, clear ponds, and springs.

brother

brow

browbeat

brownstone

n
/ 'braʊn.stɒn /
E + E
a reddish brown sandstone used for building.
The house faced with brownstone was built about 75 years ago.

bruisewort

brushability

brusquerie

brute

bruxomania

bryology

buccally

bucchero

buchite

bucket

buckeye

buckish

buckle

buckles

bucksaw

buckshot

buckwheat

budding

buddleia

budge

buff

adj
/ 'bʌf /
Gk > L > It > F
of a light to moderate yellow color.
Cedric chose buff paper for his résumé.

buffable

buffer

buffeted

bulb

bulge

bulging

bumicky

bunch

n
/ 'bʌnʃ /
E
aggregate, cluster; especially : an aggregate of things of the same kind existing as a natural group or considered together.
Jason selected the largest bunch of grapes he could find and put it in his dad's grocery cart.

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bundle

n
/ 'bʌndl /
D > E

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a shipping unit of about 125 pounds that is used in papermaking.
Rick bargained to reduce the shipping rate by 25 cents per bundle.

bungee

Bunraku

n
/ bʌn'rä(,)kü /
Jpn

Japanese puppet theater featuring large costumed wooden puppets, onstage puppeteers, and a chanter who speaks all the lines.
Bunraku features four-foot-high dolls adroitly manipulated by black-clad puppeteers in full view of the audience.

bunt

v
/ 'bʌnt /
Gmc > F > E

block or push (the ball) in a game of baseball within the infield by meeting it with a loosely held bat and no swing.
The team coach told Jackson to bunt the next pitch.

buoyage

buoyance

burbark

burble

v
/ 'bərbəl /
imit E

become turbulent.
In the wind-tunnel tests, Hans could see the air burble off the left wing.

burgee

burmite

burning

adj
/ 'bərniŋ /
E

on fire.
Al backed his chair away from the heat of the burning campfire.

burnisher

burst

burtoning

burweed

bury

bushels

n pl
/ 'bʊʃəlz /
E
units of dry capacity used in the United States, each equal to 2,150.42 cubic inches.
By his reckoning, Herman had hauled over 10,000 bushels of leaves by the end of the fall.

buskined

bustard

buttonboard

bygones

byssoid

bystander

byway

byzantinism

cabbage

cabdriver

cabin

cablese

caboodle

cacholong

caciquism

cack

n
/ 'kək /
unknown
a baby's heelless shoe with a soft leather sole.
The shoe clerk recommended a size 3 cack for Amanda's three-month old boy.

cadastral

caddisworm

cadences

n pl
/ 'kād'n(t)səz /
L > It > E
the modulated and rhythmic recurrences of any sound, especially the sounds of nature.
Mary whispered in Jean's ear so quietly that her words sounded merely like broken cadences of breathing.

cadential

cadmium

caducicorn

cafard

caftan

cage

cahier

cairn gorm

calamander

calamari

calash

n
/ kə'lash /
Czech > G > F
a large hood worn by women in the 18th century.
Priscilla's calash was made of green silk and was supported by whalebone hoops.

calcaneal

calciferous

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calfskin

californium

Calinago

n
/ kalə'nä(,)gō /
Carib > Sp
a native of the Lesser Antilles.
The guide for the couple's island tour was a Calinago.

caller

n
/ 'kòlə(r) /
ON > E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, word has near homonym: collar.] one that makes the calls for a square dance.
Don is the senior square dance club's favorite caller.

calligram

Callisaurus

n
/ kalə'sòrəs /
Gk
a small genus of lizards (family Iguanidae).
The gridiron-tailed lizard is a member of the genus Callisaurus living in the southwestern United States.

calories

calorimetric

adj
/ kalə'rə'metrik /
(L + Gk) > F
of or relating to the measurement of quantities of heat.
The lab manual explained how to make a calorimetric device using two Styrofoam cups and a thermometer.

calorimetry

calotype

calyculus

calzone

n
/ kal'zōn /
L > It
a baked or fried turnover of pizza dough stuffed with various fillings usually including cheese.
Jenna's calzone was so large that it nearly covered the entire plate.

camber

cambistry

camcorder

n
/ 'kam.kò(r)də(r) /
L > E + L > E
a small portable videocassette camera and recorder combined.
Jessica borrowed her neighbor's camcorder to make a tape for her parents.

camel

camelback

Camelot

n
/ 'kamə.lät /
E name
a time, place, or atmosphere of idyllic happiness.
The assassination of President Kennedy is sometimes referred to as "the end of Camelot."

camisa

n
/ kə'mēsə /
Gmc > L > Sp
a woman's embroidered blouse with loose sleeves.
Jeri practiced her Spanish while bargaining for a colorful camisa.

camouflet

campaigner

campfire

camphoraceous

camporee

campsite

camptocormia

camshaft

canaanite

canaliculus

cancan

n
/ 'kan.kan /
F
a woman's dance of French origin characterized by high kicking usually while holding up the front of a full ruffled skirt.
There used to be many clubs in Paris where the cancan was performed.

candid

candied

canicular

canker

cankorous

canned

cannery

cannoli

n pl
/ kə'nōlē /
L > It
tubes of pastry fried in deep fat and filled with a sweetened mixture of ricotta cheese, cream, and flavoring.
Aunt Carla's cannoli are so good that an Italian restaurant offered to buy her recipe.

canonize

cantatrice

n
/ .kántə'trēchē /
L > It > F
[Note: One of plural forms is pronounced similarly.] a woman singer; especially : an opera singer.
The cantatrice sang most poignantly when she bid goodbye in her death scene.

Cantonese

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| canvasback | carhop | casement n / 'kāsmənt / F? > E a window sash that opens on hinges. <i>The imprisoned princess chipped away at the mortar surrounding the iron bars set in the casement.</i> |
| caoutchouc | cariostatic | |
| capacitance | carious | |
| capillaceous | carnation | |
| capriciously | carnelian | |
| capsicum | caroche | Cassandra n / kə'sandrə / Gk name one who prophesies misfortune or disaster. <i>Mary's accurate intuition about impending adversity makes her a Cassandra whose warnings should be heeded.</i> |
| capsized | carousal | |
| captive | carouse | |
| captivity | carphology | |
| car n / 'kär / L > G or D > E [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a large live-box for keeping fish or lobsters alive. <i>Sherman tossed the lobster into the car and continued fishing.</i> | carport | |
| | carrefour | cassioberry |
| | carrier | cassis |
| | carroccio | |
| | carry | caste n / 'kast / L > Pg [has homonym: cast] one of the hereditary classes into which the society of India is divided in accordance with a system fundamental in Hinduism. <i>Members of the Brahman caste have the exclusive right to become Hindu priests.</i> |
| carbide n / 'kär.bīd / L + ISVcf a binary compound of carbon with a more electropositive element. <i>Carbon combines with metals to form several kinds of carbide, some of which are used in metal-cutting tools.</i> | carsick | casteless |
| | carstone n / 'kär.stōn / E a firmly cemented ferruginous sandstone found in the British isles. <i>Carstone, once a traditional English building material, is now used largely for constructional fill.</i> | castellatus |
| carbonnade | cartload n / 'kärt.lōd / ON > E + E one third of a cubic yard (as of dirt). <i>Every spring, Glennis goes to the tree nursery and buys a cartload of dirt for her garden.</i> | casting |
| carcinolytic | | casual |
| careful | | cataclysmically |
| carfare | cartoons | catallactics |
| carga n / 'kärgə / Sp a unit of weight usually of a value about equal to 300 pounds used in Mexico and certain other Spanish-American countries. <i>Juan ordered a carga of rice from his vendor.</i> | carty | catalogic |
| | carvel | catalufa |
| | case | catalyst |
| | | catamount |
| | | catatonic |

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catawba

n
/ kə'tɒbə /
Choctaw

a very dark to blackish red.

When Morton added a layer of indigo paint to his red Volkswagen, the resulting color could only be called "catawba."

catcall

catch

n
/ 'kæʃ /
L > F > E

[has near homonyms: cache, cash, ketch] something that is taken in or as if in a trap; especially : the total quantity trapped at one time.

The commercial fishing boat returned to the harbor with an unusually good catch.

catchy

cate

n
/ 'kæt /
L > F > E

[has homonym: kate] a dainty or choice food : delicacy.

Some consider caviar a cate; others disdainfully refer to it as "fish eggs."

catechesis

categorematic

categorical

catenate

v
/ 'kædə.nāt /
L

connect in a series of links or ties.

"The ability of carbon to catenate is discussed on page 743 of your textbook," the lab technician said condescendingly.

cater

cathode

Catholic

adj
/ 'kæθ(ə)lik /
Gk > L > F

of, relating to, or being a body of Christians belonging to any of various churches claiming historical continuity from the ancient undivided Christian Church.

Roger and Theresa are planning a Catholic wedding with a full mass.

cationic

adj
/ 'kæ.ɪ.ən.ɪk /
Gk > ISV

relating to or consisting of positively charged atoms or groups of atoms.

Sodium atoms can easily lose an electron and thus become cationic.

cattery

caulescent

caulocarpic

cavalierly

caveman

cavern

ceilometer

celature

celestialize

celiotomy

cembalo

cenacle

cense

v
/ 'sen(t)s /
L

perfume.

During the ceremony, the priests cense the altar.

censor

censurable

cent

centenarian

centenary

center

centerpiece

centesimate

centripetally

centrolinead

ceramics

cerebellar

cerebration

certiorari

cervicorn

cesspool

n
/ 'ses.pül /
L > F > E

an underground catch basin that is used where there is no sewer.

A contractor determined the best location for the farmhouse's cesspool.

chain

n
/ 'tʃæn /
L > F > E

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a unit of length equal to 66 feet.

According to the original survey, Lynette's property has a total frontage of 1 chain.

chairman

chairplane

chairwoman

chalazion

chambray

channel

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chantilly

chaotically

characterize

charbray

charm

n
/ 'chärm /
E

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a flock of finches.
The largest finch flew out of the charm and alighted on the chimney.

charnel

charterhouse

n
/ 'chärdær.häüs /
F > E
a monastery for members of an austere religious order founded by St. Bruno in 1084.
Monks leave the charterhouse once a week to take a long walk.

charwoman

chasseur

checkers

checkrein

cheekiness

cheekpiece

cheeseburger

chelate

v
/ 'kē.lāt /
Gk
combine with (a metal) so as to form a ring of usually five or six atoms in which a central metallic ion is held in a coordination complex by one or more groups, each of which can attach itself to the central ion by at least two bonds.
Lead poisoning is usually treated with agents such as EDTA or BAL that chelate with lead to form a stable complex of ions.

cherish

cherry

adj
/ 'cherē /
Gk > L > F > E
[has homonym: chary] of a variable color averaging a moderate red that has a hint of yellow.
Santa is often portrayed with cherry cheeks.

chert

chessman

n
/ 'ches.man /
F&L > E
[Note: Could be confused with plural form of word.] one of 32 pieces used in chess.
Sasha's cat knocked over a chessman as she jumped up on the board.

chesstree

n
/ 'ches.trē /
F > E
a piece of wood with a pulley or pulleys bolted in the topside of an antiquated ship.
Elmo wrapped the line around the chesstree to keep from tripping on it as he swabbed the deck.

chestnut

cheviot

chez

chiaus

Chicano

n
/ chi'känō /
Sp
[Note: Could be confused with Chicana.] a male American of Mexican descent.
Rodrigo is proud to be a Chicano.

chickabiddy

chickling

n
/ 'chikliŋ /
L > F > E
the grass pea of Europe cultivated for seeds and forage.
Seeds of the chickling can be made into paste balls, put in curry, or boiled and eaten like legumes.

chide

chiffchaff

chiller

chimerism

china

Chinarra

n
/ chə'närə /
Amerind > Sp
an Indian people comprising a major subdivision of the Concho group.
The small museum was devoted to the culture of the Chinarra.

chine

chinfest

chintz

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chiral
adj
/ 'kī(ə)rəl /
Gk
of, relating to, or being a molecule that is nonsuperimposable on its mirror image.
Ray tried to explain why chiral compounds are called “optically active” and what they do to light that passes through them.

chirography

chirotony

chitchat

chlorella
n
/ klə'relə /
Gk > L
any of the nonmotile unicellular green algae of the genus *Chlorella*.
In the ponds studied, the chlorella proved to be the most efficient photosynthetic organism.

chloromelanite

chlorophane

chockablock
adv
/ 'chäkə.bläk /
unknown + D > F > E
in a crowded or overflowing manner.
Condos and cabins were built chockablock along the tiny beach.

cholla

choplogical

chopper

choragic

choralcelo

chordal

chorography

choruses

choucroute
n
/ shük'rüt /
F + G > F
sauerkraut.
Elena ordered a bratwurst covered with choucroute.

chrematistics

chrism

christened
v
/ 'kris'nd /
Gk > L > E
received or initiated into a Christian church by the rite of baptism.
The priest christened the Jensens' new baby Theodore.

christening

Christian
n
/ 'kris(h)chən /
Gk > L
one who believes or professes or is assumed to believe in Jesus Christ and the truth as taught by him.
When Marie was baptized a Christian, she decided to read the Bible daily.

chroma
n
/ 'krōmə /
Gk
the color dimension on the Munsell scales that correlates most closely with saturation.
The aspect of color known as “chroma” refers to its vividness.

chromic
adj
/ 'krōmīk /
Gk
of, relating to, or derived from a blue-white usually hard and brittle metallic element that is resistant to corrosion and is used chiefly in alloys and in electroplating.
Mr. McGonigle corrected Stan's diagram of the structure of chromic acid to include four oxygen atoms.

chrominance

chromosome

chronicles
n pl
/ 'kränəkəlz /
Gk > L > F
historical accounts of facts or events that are arranged in order of time and usually without analysis or interpretation.
In his chronicles the geologist describes the many expeditions he took to study volcanos.

chrononomy

chrysolite

chrysopal

chrysoprase

chuck

chucklehead

church
n
/ 'chərch /
E
a building set apart for public especially Christian worship.
The church of Hagia Sophia in Istanbul was built in the sixth century A.D.

chylomicron

cicadellid

cicatrix

cider

cinch

cinematize

cinemobile

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cinereal
adj
/ sə'nirēəl /
L
gray tinged or shaded with black—
used especially in technical
descriptions in biology.
*The cinereal plumage of the vulture
made it look as if it had fallen in an
ashpit.*

cipher

circulation

circumambient
adj
/ ˌsɜrkəm'ambēənt /
L
surrounding, encompassing.
*The circumambient fog made
driving extremely difficult.*

circumforaneous

circummure

circumspect

circumspectly

cirrostratus

cis
adj
/ 'sis /
L
[has homonym and near homonym:
sis and cyst] having or
characterized by certain atoms or
groups on the same side of the
molecule.
*Greg said that cis isomers and
trans isomers were molecules made
of the same combination of atoms,
but in different configurations and
often with very different properties.*

cisco

citrine

citron

citrus

city

cityscape

civilly

cladoptosis

claimant

claimer

clairvoyance

clamor

clang

clapper

claro

clasp
n
/ 'klasp /
E
a releasable catch for holding
together two or more objects or
complementary parts of something.
*Sharon struggled impatiently with
the ornate clasp on the small box
that Jamal gave her.*

claustration

clausula

claybank

cleanliness

clearing
n
/ 'kliriŋ /
E
a tract of land made free of wood
and brush.
*The deer moved among the trees at
the edge of the clearing.*

cleavage

cleave
v
/ 'klēv /
E
adhere firmly, loyally, and
unwaveringly.
*The minister said that even though
doubt was a natural human failing,
believers must still cleave to the
doctrines of the church.*

cleaver

clef

cleft

cleoid

clericature

clever

cliffside

climax

clinamen

clingstone

clingy
adj
/ 'kliŋē /
E
having a strong emotional
attachment or dependence.
*Dylan was nervous and clingy
when his mother took him to his
new kindergarten.*

clinkerer

cloak
n
/ 'klōk /
L > ON > F
something resembling or
suggesting an outer garment.
*The princesses decided, "Words
and numbers are of equal value,
for, in the cloak of knowledge, one
is warp and the other woof."*

cloakroom

clog
n
/ 'kläg /
E
[Note: The definition provided is
not the one most commonly
associated with this word.] a heavy
shoe, sandal, or overshoe having a
thick typically wooden sole.
*The thick-soled clog is the
precursor of the modern tap shoe.*

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clogger

n
/ 'klägə(r) /
E

one who performs a dance with a clattering rhythm while wearing clogs.

Skip is a clogger and performs every year at the state fair.

clogging

cloister

v
/ 'klóistə(r) /
L > F > E

confine in or as if in an enclosed space : seclude from the world.

Brenda knew the property manager would disapprove of her new puppy, but she couldn't cloister Muffin in her apartment any longer.

clonal

clone

closure

clothespin

clou

cloy

clump

clumsiness

clumsy

cluster

n
/ 'kləstə(r) /
E

a number of similar things grouped together in association or in physical proximity.

Several people who lived in the cluster of houses near the chemical plant have serious health problems.

clydesdale

cnemis

coacervation

coach

coact

coalmouse

n
/ 'kōl.maüs /
E

a small greenish gray European bird with a black cap and white patch on the neck.

The coalmouse looked around suspiciously before flying off.

coaxial

cobra

coccid

cockleshell

cocotte

cocozelle

codex

codices

coeducation

coelacanth

coesite

cofeature

n
/ kō'fēchə(r) /
L > E + L > F > E

a presentation in a program (as in an entertainment) accompanying but usually subordinate in interest to a main attraction.

Kerry thought that the cofeature was more interesting than the feature presentation.

coffin

coffle

cogitation

cognate

adj
/ 'käg.nāt /
L

of a language : related by descent from the same recorded or assumed ancestral language.

An 18th-century judge named William Jones revealed that ancient Sanskrit is actually cognate with Western European languages.

cogwheel

coherent

adj
/ kō'hirənt /
L

having the quality of holding together firmly.

Marcello cooked the risotto for so long that it came out of the pan in a single coherent lump.

cohort

coiffeuse

coimplicant

coincidence

n
/ kō'in(t)sədən(t)s /
L

the concurrence of events or circumstances appropriate to one another or having significance in relation to one another but between which there is no apparent causal connection.

By coincidence, Mary's wedding date is the same day her cousin plans to get married.

colcothar

cold

adj
/ 'kōld /
E

having a temperature notably below that compatible with human comfort.

The house grew so cold with the heat cut off that Eric moved into the garage, which had a kerosene heater.

colewort

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| | | |
|---|---|--|
| colin | comatose | companion n / kəm'panyən / L > It > D? [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a structure with frames and sashes formerly incorporated into the deck of a vessel to admit light to a cabin or lower deck. <i>A large wave crashed into the companion and startled the crew members below.</i> |
| colitis | combative | companionway |
| collaborative | combinatorial | comparable |
| collared adj / 'kälərd / L [has homonym: collard] wearing, having, or depicted with a band, strip, or chain worn or placed around the neck. <i>Several collared men stood holding farm implements in the old daguerreotype.</i> | comedian | compellable |
| colleague | commando | compendious |
| collect | commensurable adj / kə'mezh(ə)rəbəl / L + L > F > E + L > Ec f [Note: Could be confused with commensurable.] equal in size, extent, amount, or degree. <i>Iron has disadvantages almost commensurable with its virtues.</i> | compensated |
| collectivize | commingle | competence |
| colleen | commitments | complanate |
| collegian | commixture | completely |
| collie | commodatum | complexion |
| collision | commoner | component |
| collodion | commonweal | comportment n / kəm'pōrtmənt / F manner of bearing : deportment, demeanor. <i>The mysterious woman, who claimed to be a princess, had a regal comportment and a very tasteful wardrobe.</i> |
| colloidal | commorant | Compositae n pl / kəm'päzə.tē / L a very large family of herbs, shrubs, and trees considered to constitute the most highly evolved plants and characterized by florets arranged in dense heads that resemble single flowers. <i>Plants in the Compositae can be as small as a dandelion and as large as a sunflower.</i> |
| colluvies | communication | |
| collywobbles n pl / 'kälē.wäb'lz / (L + G)? > E? a slight intestinal disturbance accompanied by abdominal cramps. <i>Bruno came down with the collywobbles after the pie-eating contest.</i> | community | |
| colonization | commutation n / kämyə'tāshən / L change of a legal penalty or punishment to a lesser one. <i>At the last minute the governor called in his commutation of the prisoner's death sentence to life imprisonment.</i> | |
| colonnette | companies | |
| colostrum | | |
| coltish | | |
| colubrine | | |
| columbaceous | | |

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compositor

compotation

comprehensible

comprehension

compress

v

/ kəm'pres /

L

reduce the volume of by or as if by pressure : make hard or solid.

At the vitamin factory the children were shown a machine that could compress the ingredients into a pill in less than a second.

compurgation

comradeship

comtemptible

comtemptuous

conacaste

conatus

concameration

concatenation

concave

concede

conchiferous

conchologist

conciliating

adj

/ kən'silē.ād.ɪŋ /

L

tending to become or try to become friendly.

Jane's fears will completely wear off when she gets a little acquainted with Mrs. Elton's family, for there is nothing in their manners but what is highly conciliating.

conciliation

conciliatory

concomitance

concrete

n

/ 'kän.krēt /

L > E

a hard strong building material.

The dog walked on the concrete before it set, leaving its paw prints.

condescension

n

/ ˌkändə'senchən /

L

an act or instance of assuming an air of superiority (as to one inferior or less fortunate).

With dry condescension Mr. Blain describes the natives as "primitive" and "uncivilized."

condone

conepate

n

/ ˌkōnə'pādā /

Nahuatl > Sp

hog-nosed skunk.

Hernandez was the first naturalist to classify the conepate and other skunks in Mexico.

confection

n

/ kən'fekshən /

L

[has near homonym: convection] delicacy; usually : a preparation of fruits, nuts, roots, or other morsels with sugar.

Turkish delight is a chewy confection often flavored with finely chopped nuts and rosewater.

conferencier

conferral

confidential

configuration

confine

confinement

n

/ kən'fɪnmənt /

L > F

the act of restraining or state of being restrained within a limited area.

After three years' confinement, the convict was released on parole.

confrerie

Confucian

adj

/ kən'fyūshən /

Chin name

[has near homonym: confusion] of or relating to the Chinese philosopher Confucius or his teaching or followers.

Most Westerners' knowledge of Confucian thought is nonexistent or limited to a few spurious quotations.

confusing

adj

/ kən'fyūziŋ /

L

misleading, perplexing.

"Everything is so confusing and all your words only make things worse," he said.

congealed

v

/ kən'jēld /

L > F > E

made viscid or of a consistency like jelly.

The impudent soldier's punishment was to clean the congealed grease from the wall behind the cookstoves.

congiary

conglomeration

congrio

conjuraction

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connatural

adj

/ kə'nach(ə)rəl /

L + L

connected by nature : inborn, inherent.

Many pigeons have a connatural sense of direction.

conscription

consequent

conserve

consignation

consistent

adj

/ kən'sistənt /

L

showing no significant change, unevenness, or contradiction.

It was impossible for anyone to throw with such consistent perfection.

conspectus

conspurgent

constable

n

/ 'kənz'təbəl /

L > F > E

a public officer responsible for keeping the public peace and for certain petty judicial duties.

In English villages it is not uncommon to see a constable making his rounds on a bicycle.

constant

n

/ 'kənz'tənt /

L

something that does not vary or change in its relationship or in an essential relationship with other things.

Soren explained that knowing the equilibrium constant of a reaction is the key to solving many chemistry problems.

constraint

n

/ kənz'trānt /

L > F > E

control over one's own feelings, behavior, or actions.

John's parents taught him that he must put some constraint on his quick temper.

construct

consular

consulate

consulting

v

/ kən'səltn /

L

asking the advice of : seeking the opinion of.

Duke would not take any medicine without consulting his doctor.

consultor

contaminate

contemn

contemned

contemporaries

contempt

contented

adj

/ kən'tentəd /

L

free from dissatisfaction, anxiety, or agitation : easy in mind.

Steve is a charmer—very friendly and responsive, and contented with life.

contents

continuity

n

/ .kəntə'n(y)üədē /

L

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] the script for a radio or television program (as of the introductory and transitional material used by an announcer or master of ceremonies).

Mario's job is to write the continuity for the variety show.

contract

contraction

contradicted

v

/ kəntrə'diktəd /

L

asserted the contrary of : took issue with.

Esther contradicted nearly everything her younger brother said.

contrail

contrarily

adv

/ kən'trerəlē /

L

in a manner opposite to what is expected.

Karin decided contrarily to stay home, disappointing her friends who had planned a movie outing.

contrariwise

contravallation

contravene

v

/ .kəntrə'ven /

L > F

go or act contrary to : obstruct the operation of.

Ellie was sent to the principal's office when she threatened to contravene the rule against leaving campus.

contrivance

contriver

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controller

conurbation

convention

n
/ kən'venchən /
L

a practice in bidding or playing that by agreement between partners in certain card games (as bridge) conveys some information not necessarily deducible by logic.
Doris and Henry played bridge using a convention of their own devising.

conversance

conversion

n
/ kən'vərzhən /
L

a change in one's religious orientation marked also by a concomitant change in belief.
The conversion of St. Paul on the road to Damascus was a favorite topic of Renaissance painters.

convincing

convocation

convulse

cooncan

n
/ 'kūn.kən /
Sp&E

[Note: Could be confused with conquian.] a game of rummy played by two or more with two packs of cards including two jokers.
After losing ten games of cooncan in a row, Troy threw up his hands in despair and quit.

coonskin

n
/ 'kūn.skin /
Algonquian + E
a cap made of the skin or pelt of the raccoon.
The frontiersman wore a coonskin with the tail hanging down his back.

coony

coot

copartner

copen

copilot

copper

coppernose

n
/ 'kăpə(r).nōz /
L > F > E
an inflamed nose such as that of acne rosacea or that sometimes produced by habitual drunkenness.
W. C. Fields was famous for his misanthropy and his coppernose.

coppersmith

coquina

coralline

corbiestep

cord

n
/ 'kô(ə)rd /
Gk > L > F > E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, word has homonym: chord.] a unit of quantity of wood equal to a stack 4 x 4 x 8 feet or 128 cubic feet.
After splitting a cord of firewood, Ray went inside for some hot oatmeal.

cordaites

corde

cordiality

cordite

corduroys

cordwainery

cordwinder

n
/ 'kôrd.windər /
F > E
shoemaker.
Alvin is the best cordwinder in town, yet his prices are reasonable.

corgi

n
/ 'kôrgē /
W
a short-legged long-backed dog with foxy head belonging to either of two Welsh varieties.
The Pembroke Welsh corgi in the photo with Queen Elizabeth II is one of four such dogs she owns.

coriaceous

corkscrew

corky

adj
/ 'kôrkē /
L > Ar > E
peculiar to or suggestive of a beverage spoiled by corking.
Sarnak rejected the corky wine and told the waiter to bring another bottle.

cornupete

coronated

corpulence

correction

correctional

adj
/ kə'rekshən'l /
L
dealing with or charged with the treatment of offenders through a program involving penal custody, parole, and probation.
After his conviction for counterfeiting, Matt had to serve several years in a correctional facility.

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correlative

adj
/ kə'relədɪv /
L

of paired words or expressions :
regularly used together but
typically not adjacent to each other.
*The teacher devoted an entire
period to subject-verb agreement
when correlative conjunctions are
used.*

correlativity

corroborative

corrosion

corrugate

corruption

corsepresent

cortile

corundum

n
/ kə'rændəm /
Skt > Tamil
aluminum oxide occurring in nature
in massive form and as variously
colored rhombohedral crystals
including the gems ruby, sapphire,
oriental amethyst, oriental emerald,
and oriental topaz.
*Ruby can't believe that all the
different forms of corundum,
including the gem she was named
after, contain the material from
which aluminum foil is made.*

corvette

coryza

cosmicity

cosmogony

cosmonaut

cosmopolis

cosovereignty

cossack

n
/ 'käsək /
Turk > Russ&Ukrainian
a member of a favored military
caste of Russian frontiersmen and
border guards in Czarist Russia
who played an important part in
Russian expansion.
*The museum's hat display included
one worn by a cossack who was an
ancestor of Mr. Kuban, the curator.*

cotangent

cottagey

coucal

couching

n
/ 'kauchɪŋ /
L > F > E
a style of embroidery in which a
flat or raised design is made by
threads or cords fastened down by
small stitches at regular intervals.
*The bodice of the queen's gown
was decorated with satin threads
and golden couching.*

cougar

couleur

coulis

n
/ kü'lē /
F
[has near homonyms: coolie,
cooly, coolly, coulee, coulie] a
thick sauce made with pureed
vegetable or fruit and often used as
a garnish.
*For dessert, Kathy ordered a
chocolate torte with raspberry
coulis.*

coulombic

coulometric

adj
/ 'külə.metrɪk /
F name + Gk
of or relating to chemical analysis
performed by determining the
amount of a substance released in
an electrolysis by measuring the
amount of electrical charge used.
*Because an aqueous sodium
chloride solution can contain
several species that can be oxidized
and reduced, Anna used
coulometric analysis.*

counterclockwise

adv
/ .kauntə(r)'kläk.wɪz /
L > F > E + L > F > D > E + E
in a direction opposite to that in
which the hands of a clock rotate.
*Fay never can remember whether
turning the jar lid counterclockwise
tightens or loosens it.*

counterfeiting

counterfoil

countermure

counterpane

n
/ 'kauntə(r).pān /
L > F > E
bedspread.
*Aretha received a silk and linen
counterpane as a wedding present.*

counterreformation

countersink

countertrades

coupette

couple

n
/ 'kəpəl /
L > F > E
two or an indefinite number of.
*George's lunch consisted of a
couple of apples and a candy bar.*

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course

n
/ 'kō(ə)rs /
L
[has homonym: coarse] policy
chosen.
*Though he did not know what
course others would take, for
Patrick Henry the choice was
simple: liberty or death.*

courtyard

n
/ 'kōrt.yärd /
L > F > E + E
a court or enclosure adjacent to or
attached to a house, castle, palace,
or other building.
*The king was pacing in the
courtyard when the messenger
breathlessly announced the birth of
the prince.*

cowardice

crabwise

crackle

cradle

craggy

crake

cram

v
/ 'kram /
E
study intensively or under pressure
especially for an examination.
*Helga planned ahead so that she
would not have to cram on
Thursday night for Friday's
midterm.*

crane

cranny

crate

craven

cravenette

crawl

v
/ 'krōl /
ON > E
[has homonym: kraal] move,
progress, or advance slowly or
laboriously.
*The soldiers were forced to crawl
across a minefield to escape the
enemy.*

creance

crebrity

credenda

credulous

creosote

crepe

crevasse

crewel

criant

criminality

criminology

n
/ ,krimə'näləjē /
L + Gk
the scientific study of crime as a
social phenomenon, of criminal
investigation, of criminals, and of
penal treatment.
*Many police officers take courses
in criminology and penology at
community colleges.*

cringle

cripple

critic

n
/ 'kridik /
Gk
one who engages often
professionally in the analysis,
artistic evaluation, or appreciation
of works of art (as literary or
dramatic works).
*Although the critic enjoyed the play
as a whole, he wasn't too pleased
with some of the acting.*

critical

adj
/ 'kridəkəl /
Gk + Ecf
relating to, indicating, or being a
state in which or a measurement or
point at which some quality,
property, or phenomenon suffers a
finite change or undergoes drastic
alteration.
*Every substance has a critical
temperature above which its gas
form cannot be made to liquefy.*

critique

croaker

crochet

crock

crocus

croesus

croquette

croquettes

n pl
/ krō'kets /
F
small cone-shaped or rounded
masses consisting usually of
minced fowl, meat, or vegetable
coated with egg and bread crumbs
and fried in deep fat.
*On Friday nights Minnie always
makes salmon croquettes.*

crossopodia

croupade

croupous

croutons

crowbar

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crown
n
/ 'kraʊn /
Gk > L > F > E
a royal or imperial headdress or cap of sovereignty : a diadem.
Eric's teacher asked him what Shakespeare meant by the line "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown."

crucifix

cruiser

crupper

cruse

crushed
v
/ 'krʌʃt /
Gmc > F > E
completely subdued in spirits.
Kate was crushed with sorrow when her pet cat met an untimely death.

crustaceous

cryogenic

cryptarithm

crystalline

crystallomancy

ctenoid

cubbish

cubby

cubicle

cuisinier

culicine

cult
n
/ 'kʌlt /
L
a religion regarded as unorthodox or spurious.
The police were warned that the leaders of the doomsday cult might have been storing explosives.

culturist

cumuli
n pl
/ 'kyümyə.lī /
L
massy cloud forms having a flat base and rounded outlines often piled up like mountains and commonly appearing in the early afternoon on warm days.
Tracy filled the sky of her painting with cumuli.

cumulonimbus
n
/ .kyümyə.lõ'nimbəs /
L
thundercloud.
As Stephanie drove down Interstate 80, she could see a dark cumulonimbus approaching from the west.

cumulus

cunctation

cupid
n
/ 'kyüpəd /
L name
a naked usually winged infantile figure representing the Roman god of love and often holding a bow and arrow.
Julia pasted a red cupid on a doily and slipped it in Tony's locker.

cupidity

cupiuba

curate

curatrices

curbstone
n
/ 'kərb.stõn /
E > F > L + E
a stone set along a margin as a limit and protection.
Chris always managed to hit the curbstone when he parked the car on the street.

curfew

curiological

curium

curling
n
/ 'kərliŋ /
E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a game developed in Scotland in which two teams of four persons each send stones spinning over a stretch of ice about 42 yards long toward a target circle.
Angus has loved curling all his life and is the star player on his team.

currycomb

cursive

cursively

cursor

curule

curvet

curvilinear

cuspid
n
/ 'kæsp /
L
point, apex.
Teddy attached a bright red tassel to the cuspid of the dunce cap.

cutting
adj
/ 'kædiŋ /
E
[has homonym: cudding] given to or designed for cutting, severing, or dividing.
The nicks in the planer's cutting blades annoyed Matt and made it impossible to get a smooth board.

cyan

cyanotic

cyberneticist

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Cycladic
adj
/ sə'kladik /
Gk
of or relating to the pre-Mycenaean culture that prevailed in the Cyclades islands.
The peoples of the Cycladic civilization were seafarers who developed maritime trade with Asia Minor and North Africa before 1000 B.C.

cyclogeny

cyclone

Cyclops
n
/ 'sɪ.kləps /
Gk
one of a race of giants in Greek mythology with a single eye in the middle of the forehead.
Kirk found a mask that would help make him a perfect Cyclops at the masquerade party.

cygneous

cyindraceous

cylindrical
adj
/ sə'lindrəkəl /
Gk > F > E
relating to or having the form or properties of a tube.
The caterpillar looked like a small, cylindrical accordion, with pleats running around its circumference and spaced evenly along its axis.

cynegetic

cytochrome
n
/ 'sɪdɵ.krɵm /
Gk + Gk
any of several respiratory pigments that occur in animal and plant cells and play a major role in intracellular oxidations.
Enzymes of cytochrome help to detoxify cells and break down fat.

Czechoslovak

dabchick

dace

dacoit

dado

dah

daimonion

daintiness

dairymaid

dalmatian

damage

damascene

damper

damsel

dancery
n
/ 'dan(t)s(ə)rē /
L? > F > E + Ecf
a place of entertainment providing facilities for dancing.
Our neighborhood dancery has country line dancing every Tuesday.

dancy

dander

dandify

danio

danseur
n
/ dän'sər /
L? > F
a male ballet dancer.
The director chose a tall, graceful danseur for the part of Siegfried in Swan Lake.

danza
n
/ 'dän(t)sə /
L? > F > Sp
a formal, stately dance.
The bewigged actors in the commedia dell'arte began a slow danza on the stage.

dapper

dapple

dappled
v
/ 'dapəld /
E
marked or variegated with spots or patches of a different shade or color.
The lion was dappled with patterns from the tangle of branches.

dare

daredevil

dariole

darning

dashboard

dashi
n
/ 'däsh(ɪ) /
Jpn
[has near homonyms: dasi, dassie]
a fish broth made from dried bonito.
Yasuko added some miso paste and scallions to the dashi.

dashpot

dasyphyllous

dater

daube

dauerlauf

daunted
v
/ 'dɒntəd /
L > F > E
sapped of courage : discouraged, intimidated.
Even the experienced kayakers were daunted by the river's treacherous rapids.

dauphin

daydream

dayroom

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deaconess

deadened

v
/ 'ded^ənd /
E

[Note: Could be confused with dead end.] impaired in vigor, force, activity, or sensation.
A dental patient's pain can be effectively deadened by a local anesthetic.

deadhead

deal

deathly

adj
/ 'dethlē /
E
like or having the characteristics of death.
A deathly stillness fell over the audience as Dracula descended on his next victim.

debabelization

debit

debonairly

debouch

v
/ də'būsh /
L > F
march out into open ground.
Major Kipling ordered the three regiments to debouch from the ravines.

debouches

debubbler

debunk

decade

n
/ 'de.kād /
Gk > L > F > E
a period of any ten years.
Carla claims she is going to let her hair grow for a decade without cutting it.

decahedral

decal

decap

decapod

decastere

decastich

decay

deceit

December

decennium

dechlorinate

v
/ dē'klōrə.nāt /
Ecf + Gk > ISV
remove chlorine from.
The gardener was advised to dechlorinate the tap water before using it to water certain plants.

decide

v
/ də'sīd /
L > F > E
arrive at a choice or a solution.
Jeri couldn't decide what she wanted for dessert, so she asked the waiter for his recommendation.

decimated

decimation

decipher

decisive

adj
/ də'sīsiv /
L
having the power or quality of resolving : conclusive.
Many historians say that the siege of Saratoga was the decisive battle of the Revolutionary War.

decisively

deckhand

declaim

v
/ də'klām /
L > E
speak pompously, noisily, or theatrically.
While in London, Sarah spent her Sundays at Speaker's Corner in Hyde Park listening to various orators declaim about a variety of subjects.

declamation

declivitous

decoction

n
/ də'kākshən /
L
a liquid preparation made of a medicinal plant boiled in water.
In ancient times, a decoction of medicinal herbs was often the only treatment available for internal injuries.

decollate

decompression

decongestant

decontrol

decoy

decuple

v
/ 'dek(y)əpəl /
L > F > E
make or become ten times as much or as many.
No one would ever have dreamed that the company's worth would decuple in two years.

dedans

dedition

deduction

defalcator

defeasance

defeat

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| | | |
|--|---|--|
| defeated | deity | demoralized |
| defenestration | delaying | v / də'mōrəlizd / |
| deferment | delegitimation | L weakened in courage, fortitude, or spirit. <i>The employees became demoralized when company layoffs were announced.</i> |
| deferral | delight | demurred |
| deferred | delighted | demythologize |
| defiant | adj / də'lidəd / L > F > E highly pleased : gratified, joyous. <i>The delighted visitors couldn't help laughing at the monkey's antics.</i> | denary |
| defibrillate | deliriously | dendroid |
| deficiencies | delitescence | adj / 'den.drōid / Gk resembling a tree in form. <i>Andy brought back a dendroid coral specimen from Bora Bora.</i> |
| deficient | deliver | denial |
| deficit | delouse | denigrate |
| definition | deltoid | denominations |
| defrayal | delusively | n pl / də'nāmə'nāshənz / L religious groups or communities of believers called by the same name. <i>Children of other denominations were excused from attending mass at the Roman Catholic school.</i> |
| defroster | demanding | denotatum |
| deftly | adj / də'mandɪŋ / L > F > E unremittingly severe or difficult in making requests. <i>Although the guests were extremely demanding, Joyce enjoyed working at the Ritz.</i> | n / .dēnō'tādəm / L an actually existing object referred to by a word, sign, or linguistic expression. <i>The denotatum of the word tree is a large woody plant having branches and leaves.</i> |
| degenerative | demented | density |
| degenerescence | demicannon | n / 'den(t)sədə / L the mass of a substance per unit volume. <i>Jorge calculated what the density of a bubble of gas at the bottom of the lake would be.</i> |
| deglaze | demigod | |
| v / də'glāz / Ecf + E dissolve the small particles of sautéed meat remaining in (a pan) by adding a liquid and heating. <i>The chef explained that when making a meat gravy, one should first deglaze the pan with water or broth.</i> | n / 'demē.gād / L + E a mythological divine or semidivine being (as the offspring of a deity and a mortal) thought to possess less power than a god. <i>The hero Gilgamesh was a demigod in ancient Babylonian mythology.</i> | |
| degreaser | demipique | |
| degree | demonstrable | |
| n / də'grē / L > F > E a 360th measure for arcs and angles. <i>A miscalculation of only 1 degree on the reentry angle of the spacecraft could drastically change fuel consumption levels.</i> | demonstrate | |
| dehydrate | | |

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|--|--|--|
| dentelle | describe | detachability |
| denunciator | desensitize | detainer |
| depayse | deserts | n |
| depilous | n pl | / də'tānə(r) / |
| deplete | / 'dezə(r)ts / | L > AF |
| depoliticize | L | a writ authorizing the keeper of a prison to continue to keep a person in custody. |
| deportee | regions in which the vegetation is so scanty as to be incapable of supporting any considerable population. | <i>The Immigration and Naturalization Service sent the warden a detainer with instructions to hold a prisoner for deportation proceedings.</i> |
| deposition | <i>The class included Antarctica in its study of deserts.</i> | detent |
| n | desiccation | detention |
| / .depə'zishən / | designee | n |
| L | designer | / də'tenchən / |
| testimony taken down in writing under oath or affirmation. | n | L |
| <i>The psychiatrist's deposition was presented to the judge and jury as evidence of the defendant's mental condition.</i> | / də'zīnə(r) / | a holding in custody. |
| depository | L > F | <i>The suspect was in detention until his alibi could be checked.</i> |
| deprecate | one who plans and directs the fashioning of theatrical stage settings, costumes, and ballet settings. | deteriorate |
| depressed | <i>The designer outdid himself with the lavish sets for the new opera.</i> | deteriorated |
| deprogram | desinent | detorsion |
| v | desist | detrain |
| / dē'prō.gram / | despicableness | detumescence |
| L + Gk > L | despondency | deuterium |
| dissuade or try to dissuade from convictions usually of a religious nature often with the use of force. | desquamation | development |
| <i>Sharon's parents hired a specialist in cult psychology to deprogram her after her rescue from the People's Temple at Jonestown.</i> | destine | deviance |
| derangement | v | devil |
| dereistic | / 'destən / | v |
| derisory | L | / 'devəl / |
| derogate | direct and impel inescapably on a fixed course. | Gk > L > E |
| derringer | <i>The family's money and ambition seemed to destine each newborn child to a career in politics.</i> | chop (food) fine and mix with hot seasoning or sauce usually after cooking. |
| descamisado | destined | <i>Georgia planned to devil a dozen hard-boiled eggs for the potluck.</i> |
| descensional | v | devilish |
| deschampsia | / 'destənd / | devilment |
| | L > F > E | devote |
| | preordained. | devotee |
| | <i>Despite his birth, the Prince did not believe he was destined to attain the throne.</i> | |

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devotion

devotions

n pl

/ də'vōshənz /

L

prayers or service of worship usually intended for private nonliturgical services.

Jordan read a pamphlet of daily devotions while waiting for her appointment with the pastor.

devout

dewlappy

dexter

adj

/ 'dekstə(r) /

L

being or relating to the side of a heraldic shield at the right of the person wearing it.

The coat of arms had, among other things, a dexter motto.

dextranase

dharma

dhole

n

/ 'dōl /

Kanarese?

[has homonym: dole] a fierce wild dog of India that hunts in packs and may attack even large fierce animals (as the tiger).

Because of the russet color of its coat, the dhole is often called the red dog.

diaconate

dialyzable

dialyzer

diamagnetic

adj

/ dīə'mag'nedik /

Gk > ISVcf + Gk > L > F

having negative magnetic susceptibility.

Atoms with an odd number of electrons cannot be diamagnetic.

diamantine

diamondback

diaphoretic

diaphragmatic

diastolic

diatomic

adj

/ dīə'tämik /

Gk + Gk

having two of the the smallest particles of an element that enter into the composition of molecules.

Hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, and the halogens exist as diatomic molecules.

dibatag

dibble

dice

dichotomize

dictamina

dictionary

dietary

differ

differentiation

difficile

diffidence

diffract

v

/ də'frakt /

L

break or separate (as light) into parts.

In 1912 Max von Laue suggested that a crystal lattice should be able to diffract X rays.

digital

dignitary

dilapidation

dilatoriness

dilettante

dilettantism

diligent

adj

/ 'diləjənt /

L > F > E

characterized by steady, earnest, attentive, and energetic application and effort in a pursuit or study.

Despite his diligent study habits, Horatio always panics at exam time.

dimensions

dimer

n

/ 'dīmər /

Gk + Gk

a compound formed by the union of two molecules of a simpler compound.

A molecule of acetic acid can form a dimer with another acetic acid molecule held together by two hydrogen bonds.

dimetrodon

n

/ dī'metrə.dän /

Gk

a genus of North American Lower Permian reptiles comprising terrestrial carnivores of moderate size distinguished by a crest or dorsal sail.

Dinosaur buff that she is, Amy insists upon being a dimetrodon for Halloween.

dimidiation

diminish

diminution

n

/ dī'mə'n(y)üshən /

L

the act, process, or an instance of diminishing : decrease.

By controlling his appetite and exercising, Frank hoped to see a diminution in his weight.

dimity

dimple

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dinergate

dinette

dinosaur

dioptr

n
/ di'äptər /
Gk

a unit of measurement of the refractive power of a lens equal to the reciprocal of the focal length in meters.

Barb's optometrist had to explain what a dioptr was before being able to convince her that she needed reading glasses.

diorama

diplacuis

diplegia

dipsomania

n
/ dipsə'mānēə /
Gk + Gk

an uncontrollable often periodic craving for alcoholic liquors.
The actor's portrayal of the pain of dipsomania won him universal accolades.

directory

direful

disadvantageous

disagio

disarmament

n
/ dis'ärməmənt /
L > F

the laying aside or depriving of weapons; especially : the reduction of a military establishment to some minimum set by some specified authority.

The disarmament of the defeated aggressor nation must be complete.

disavow

discerned

v
/ də'sərnd /
L

sensed or came to know or recognize mentally especially something that is obscure.

Nancy's quick eye soon discerned the rabbit's nest in the long grass.

discerning

discernment

discharge

discinct

discipline

disco

discography

discomfit

discophile

discouraged

v
/ də'skərijd /
F

deprived of courage or confidence : disheartened, dejected.

Dad became discouraged when he couldn't figure out how to program the VCR.

discover

v
/ də'skəvə(r) /
L > F > E

obtain for the first time sight or knowledge of.

"What you learn today, for no reason at all, will help you discover all the wonderful secrets of tomorrow."

discreet

discretionary

disembowel

v
/ ,disəm'báu(ə)l /
L + L + L > F > E
take out the entrails of : eviscerate.
The tour of the meat packing plant will not include the step where the workers disembowel the animals.

disenable

v
/ ,disə'nābəl /
L + L + L
deprive of a power, right, or privilege.
Conviction of a felony will disenoble an American citizen of the right to vote.

disenchantment

disentomb

disgregate

disguisable

disheartened

v
/ dis'härt'nd /
L + E
deprived of courage and hope : discouraged, dejected.
After a long drought the disheartened farmer reluctantly decided to sell his land.

dishelm

disherison

dishoard

dishrag

dishwasher

disinfect

disingenuous

adj
/ ,disən'jenyəwəs /
L
lacking in candor or frankness; often : giving a false appearance of simple frankness.
The senator's disingenuous answers did not satisfy the press.

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disingenuously

dislike

dislimn

dislocated

v
/ 'dis(,)lɒ.kə'deɪd /
L + L

put out of place, as put (a body part) out of order by moving a bone away from its normal connections with another bone or other bones.
Becky dislocated her shoulder when she took a bad fall off her bicycle.

disoblige

disparages

disparaging

dispensable

dispensation

dispersing

dispossessed

disproportionate

v
/ .disprə'pɔːrshə.nāt /
L

subject a substance to transformation into two or more dissimilar substances usually by a process involving simultaneous oxidation and reduction.
Heat will disproportionate hydrogen peroxide into water and oxygen.

dissection

dissemble

dissentience

dissociative

adj
/ də'sɔːs(h)ɪ.ədɪv /
L

of, relating to, or tending to cause the process by which a chemical combination breaks up into simpler constituents.
The dissociative energy required to break the bond between the atoms in a hydrogen molecule is much higher than that required to break the bond between atoms in a chlorine molecule.

dissolve

dissuasive

dissuasively

dissymmetrical

distance

distensible

distillation

n
/ .distə'lāshən /
L

the process of driving off gas or vapor from liquids or solids by heating and condensing to liquid products.
The petroleum industry uses distillation on a large scale to separate the various components of crude oil.

distress

distressed

adj
/ də'strest /
L > F > E
afflicted with trouble, pain, or grief.
When his factory burned down, the distressed owner resolved to build a new one.

disuse

ditali

diva

n
/ 'dēvə /
L > It
the leading or the principal female singer in an opera or concert organization.
The little-known diva became nationally famous after her performance in La Boheme.

divagation

divaricate

divarication

diverge

v
/ də'vɜːj /
L
move or extend in different directions from a common point.
Deep in the forest two dangerous paths diverge from the main road.

diverticulitis

divine

adj
/ də'vɪn /
L
of or relating to God : proceeding from God.
The Torah teaches that every person must be treated with respect because all are created in the divine image.

divinity

divisible

divot

divulgation

dobbin

dockize

dockwalloper

docorticate

doctor

doctrinal

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docudrama

n
/ 'däkyü.drämə /
L + Gk
a drama for television, motion pictures, or theater dealing freely with historical events and especially those of a recent and controversial nature.
The docudrama deals with the trial of a scientist accused of espionage.

documentation

dodecahedron

dodge

doe

does
n pl
/ dōz /
E
[has homonym: doze] the females especially when adult of any of the various mammals of which the male is called "buck" (as most deer, antelope, goat, rabbit, and rat).
Bobby got three rabbits at Easter: two does and a buck.

dogdom

dogleg

n
/ 'dōgleg /
E + ON > E
a golf hole having an angled fairway that offers the player a choice of following the fairway or risking a shot across the rough.
When he came to the dogleg, Doug teed up to shoot across the rough.

dogma

n
/ 'dōgmə /
Gk
a doctrine or body of doctrines of theology and religion formally stated and authoritatively proclaimed by a church.
The dogma of papal infallibility marks one of the greatest differences between the Catholic and Protestant churches.

dogmatician

dogvane

dogwatch

dolabrate

dolentissimo

dolichoid

dolichopodous

dollar

dolomitic

dome

domiciled

domiciliary

dominance

dominant

domineer

dompt

dompty

doneness

n
/ 'dønnəs /
E
[has homonym: dunness] the condition of being cooked to the desired degree.
Patrick checked the roast beef for doneness before serving it to his guests.

donnishness

donor

doodling

Doppler

adj
/ 'däplə(r) /
Austrian name
of, relating to, or utilizing a shift in frequency caused by motion between the source of electromagnetic waves and the observer.
In Doppler navigation the change of frequency of reflected radar waves is used to give information on velocity and position.

dormant

dormette

dormition

dose

dotage

dotal

dove

dowlas

n
/ 'daüləs /
F geog name > E
a coarse linen cloth used widely in the 16th and 17th centuries and manufactured originally in Brittany but later especially in northern England and Scotland.
The long coat, typical of the period, was lined with dowlas.

down

n
/ 'daün /
E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] an undulating generally treeless upland with sparse soil.
The shape of the horse carved in chalk on the down could be seen for miles.

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downbeat

adj
/ 'daʊn.bēt /
E + E

pessimistic, gloomy, unhappy.
Tom has just finished reading a novel about downbeat characters in an urban slum area.

downhaul

downstage

downstairs

dozen

n
/ 'dəzən /
L > F > E
a group of 12.

Carly packaged a dozen of her freshly baked cookies and took them to her next-door neighbor.

drab

adj
/ 'drab /
Celt > L > F
of the lifeless color of drab cloth, which is dull brown or gray.
The embroidered figures are now a faded drab color, a far cry from their original red and green splendor.

drachma

draggletailed

dragnet

n
/ 'drag.net /
ON > E + F
a network of measures for apprehension (as of criminals).
The state police set up a dragnet to find the escaped convicts.

drahthaar

drain

dramalogue

dramaticule

dramatist

dramatization

n
/ .drəməd-ə'zāshən /
Gk > L
an act, process, or product of rewriting or adapting a story or incident for theatrical presentation.
The author was not at all pleased with the recent television dramatization of his novel.

drawshave

drawstring

dream

v
/ 'drēm /
E
have ideas or images in the mind while asleep.
After the horror film, Carlo knew he would dream about spiders all night.

dreggy

dressings

dribble

v
/ 'dribəl /
E?
[has near homonym: drivel] propel and maintain control of (a ball or puck) by successive slight taps or bounces with hand, foot, or stick.
The coach told Becky to dribble the basketball up and down the court without looking at it.

dribbler

drifting

adj
/ 'driftɪŋ /
E
disposed to move aimlessly.
Drifting loners were rounded up as suspects after the shooting.

drill

drilling

n
/ 'driliŋ /
L > G > E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a strong durable cotton fabric in twill weave made in various weights for clothing, interior decoration, and industrial uses.
Civil War tents were sometimes made from drilling.

drillmaster

drivage

drollery

n
/ 'drɒl(ə)rē /
F
whimsical humor.
The writer's anecdotes were noted not so much for their hilarity as for their charming drollery.

drongo

droopy

adj
/ 'drü.pē /
E
gloomy, dejected.
When feeling tired and droopy, Sarah usually treats herself to lunch at her favorite restaurant.

dropsical

droshky

drosometer

dross

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drove

n
/ 'drɔv /
E

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a crowd or group of people especially when acting, following, or moving in concert or in a docile manner as if in a herd.

The drove of students heading to the playground is participating in a fire drill.

drub

drugget

drum

drumhead

dryasdust

dubitable

ducat

ductus

dudelsack

duel

n
/ 'd(y)üəl /
L

[has homonym: dual] a prearranged formal combat with deadly weapons fought between two persons in the presence of witnesses usually as a result of an injury done or an insult given by one to the other.

Alexander Hamilton, first secretary of the Treasury of the United States, was killed in a duel with Aaron Burr.

dummel

dumplings

n pl
/ 'dʌmplɪŋz /
E?

small masses of leavened dough cooked by boiling or steaming.

Jutta insisted on finding a restaurant in Munich where they could eat dumplings.

dun

adj
/ 'dʌn /
E

[has homonym: done] having a dull, drab color.

The dun cloth was so unappealing to the eye that not one yard from the bolt was sold.

dunce

dungaree

dunlin

duo

n
/ 'd(y)ü(,)ɔ /
L

a group of two : pair.

The Penguin frequently referred to Batman and Robin as “the dynamic duo” in the television series.

duodecennial

duodenal

duodenum

duple

adj
/ 'd(y)üpəl /
L

in music : having two or a multiple of two beats per measure.

Marches are written in duple time.

duplex

n
/ 'd(y)üpleks /
L

something having two parts or elements (as a two-family house).

Kelly and her family live in one part of the duplex; her grandparents live in the other part.

duramen

duroc

dustblu

dustheap

dutifully

adv
/ 'd(y)üdəf(ə)lē /
F > E + Ecff

in a manner having respect for one's own moral obligations.

Henrietta had dutifully memorized the poem the evening before.

dwindle

dying

dynamometry

dynast

n
/ 'dī.nast /
Gk

a ruler over a state; especially : a hereditary ruler.

The dynast of Jordan is King Abdullah.

dynastic

dysergia

dyslogia

dysphonia

n
/ də'sfōnēə /
Gk

impairment of the voice manifested by hoarseness or other defects of phonation due to organic, functional, or psychic causes.

Mark is a speech therapist specializing in the treatment of dysphonia.

dysproteinemia

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eagerly

adv

/ 'ēgə(r)lē /

E

with urgent desire or enthusiasm.
His thoughts darted eagerly about as everything looked new—and worth trying.

earage

earrings

earthly

adj

/ 'ərthlē /

E

relating to actual human life on Earth : realistic, factual, worldly.
Richard's earthly concerns about his checkbook put a damper on his dreams.

easement

easiness

eatage

n

/ 'ēdij /

E

right of using grassland for pasture.
Mr. Bosco granted eatage to his neighbor, Farmer Voss.

ebbet

n

/ 'ebət /

E

the common green newt of the eastern United States.
On a hike through Everglades National Park, Joey pointed out a small ebbet sitting on a rock.

ebonize

v

/ 'ebənīz /

Gk > L > E + Ecf
make black or stain black in imitation of ebony.
Garth used shoe polish in one of his many attempts to ebonize the figurine.

echoes

echopraxia

eclat

econometrics

economics

n pl

/ ˌekə'nämiks /

Gk > L

a social science that studies the production, distribution, and consumption of commodities.
Melissa signed up for economics in hopes that she would learn more about what causes a recession.

ecosphere

ecosystem

n

/ 'ekō.sistēm /

Gk

an ecological community considered together with the nonliving factors of its environment as a unit.
The fact that his diesel tank was an ecosystem in itself came home to Ray when the algae clogged fuel filter after fuel filter.

ecrus

ecstasize

ectasis

ecthipsis

ectomorph

ectophagous

ectopic

ecumene

ecumenicalism

eddyroot

n

/ 'edē.rüt /

Afr > E

a plant of the Pacific islands that is grown throughout the tropics for its edible starchy tuberous rootstocks.
Eddyroot can be made into poi, a thin, pasty mass of fermented taro starch.

edifices

n pl

/ 'edəfəsəs /

L

buildings; especially : large or massive structures (as churches or government buildings).
Among the most beautiful edifices in our nation's capital is the National Cathedral.

edifyingly

editress

edulcoration

eelpout

effaceable

effectively

effigiate

effigurate

effuse

v

/ e'fyüz /

L

flow out : emanate.
Christy was not surprised to see hostility and criticism effuse from the defeated candidate.

effusion

egotism

egotist

egueiite

eidolon

eigenvector

eight

adj

/ 'āt /

E

[has homonym: ate] being one more than seven in number.
Nan didn't learn the facts about Santa Claus until she was eight years old.

either

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eject

elan

elastic

adj
/ ə'lastik /
Gk > L

capable of recovering size and shape after deformation.
Even the dog got a Christmas gift, an elastic rubber toy.

elation

elbow

election

electrochemical

adj
/ ə'lekt̩rə.keməkəl /
Gk + Gk
of or relating to the science dealing with the relation of electricity to chemical changes.
Mr. Thorvald explained that the order of elements in the electrochemical series shows their tendency to displace the ions of other elements in the series.

electrocution

n
/ ə.lekt̩rə'kyüşən /
Gk > L
the act of killing or putting to death by electric current.
In 1890 New York became the first state to execute criminals by electrocution.

electrograph

n
/ ə'lekt̩rəgraf /
Gk
a device used for the etching or transfer of pictures or designs by electrolytic means.
An electrograph was used to transfer the picture onto a metal plate for printing.

electrolier

elegiambus

eleven

adj
/ ə'levən /
E
being one more than ten in number.
If a football team has more than eleven players on the field when the ball is snapped, the team receives a penalty.

elf

elfin

eliminable

adj
/ ə'limənəbəl /
L
capable of being removed or excluded.
It seems that the more eliminable political candidates are those who spend less on their campaigns.

elitism

elliptical

elliptically

elocutionist

elongated

else

elsewhither

adv
/ 'el(t)s.hwɪðə(r) /
E
to some or any other place in a different direction or toward a different objective.
Marcus never missed a day of work in the factory, but his soul was aimed elsewhither.

elucidative

elutriate

elysian

emaciate

emanate

emancipate

embalmmment

n
/ əm'bämmənt /
F > E + Ecf
the act or process of preparing a body for burial by injecting into the arterial system and body cavities a preservative and disinfectant fluid (as a solution of formaldehyde).
Because the bodies of the earthquake victims were going to be cremated, there was no need for embalmmment.

embattled

v
/ əm'badəld /
F > E
made strong : strengthened, as furnished with resistant power.
Surrounded by a stone wall, the embattled fortress survived the attack.

embellished

embellisher

embezzle

embolize

embolus

embrace

embraceable

emcee

emendation

n
/ (i)ē.men'dāshən /
L
[Note: The base of this word could be confused with amend.] the word or the matter substituted for incorrect or unsuitable matter in a work that has been altered.
There was at least one emendation written in the margin of every page in the manuscript.

emerge

emetic

emigrate

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emigration

n
/ ɛmə'grāshən /
L

[has near homonym: immigration]
departure from a place of abode,
natural home, or country for life or
residence elsewhere.

*Sylvia never tired of hearing about
her great-grandparents' emigration
from Poland.*

emmeleia

n
/ ɛmə'liə /
Gk

a solemn and stately dance used in
ancient Greek tragedy.
*The dancers performed the
emmeleia with grave mournful
gestures.*

emotional

empathize

emphasis

empiricist

empower

v
/ ɛm'pau(ə)r /
L > Ecf + L > F > E
give faculties or abilities to :
enable.

*The teacher frequently tells her
students that a good education will
empower them to be whatever they
wish to be.*

empty

adj
/ 'em(p)tē /
E

containing nothing.

*An empty box in the corner was a
perfect place to keep Rowena's new
ferret.*

emulsifier

emulsion

enable

enact

v
/ ɛ'nakt /
L > E + L > E
make into a law; especially :
perform the last aspect of
legislation upon (a bill) that gives
the validity of law.
*Today's vote will, in all
probability, enact the bill.*

enalid

n
/ 'en'ləd /
Gk + ISV
[has near homonym: annelid] a
submerged marine plant.
*Eelgrass is a common enalid found
along the North Atlantic coast.*

enchytrae

encircle

encroach

encryption

endlessly

endocrine

endosteal

endothermic

adj
/ 'endəθərmik /
Gk + Gk
characterized by or formed with
absorption of heat.
*The decomposition of mercury
oxide at high temperature is an
example of an endothermic
process.*

endothermy

endysis

enepidermic

adj
/ ɛn.ɛpə'dərmik /
Gk + Gk + Gk
applied to the unbroken skin for
medicinal purposes.
*Dan feared that he would have to
get an injection when it became
obvious that the enepidermic
medication was not curing his rash.*

energy

enfeeble

enforce

enfranchishe

engage

engastrimythic

engineering

n
/ ɛnjə'niriŋ /
F > E
the science by which the properties
of matter and the sources of energy
in nature are made useful in
structures, machines, and products.
*Terry is studying engineering and
has a special interest in the branch
concerned with the production of
tools, machinery, and their
products.*

enginery

enigma

enjambéd

adj
/ ɛn'jamd /
F
marked or characterized by the
continuation in prosody of the
sense in a phrase beyond the end of
a verse or couplet.
*Haroldur's analysis of the
enjambéd lines was enlightening.*

enlightened

adj
/ ɛn'litnd /
L + E + Ecff
freed from ignorance and
misinformation.
*The professors claimed to be an
enlightened group of individuals.*

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enorganic
adj
/ ˌenó(r)'ganik /
Gk + Gk
[Note: Could be confused with inorganic.] arising within or inherent in the organism : intrinsic.
Ian tried to write an essay describing the difference between enculturated and enorganic forms of ignorance.

enormity

ensiform

ensigncy

enslave

ensorcellment

entangle

enterprise

enterprising

entity

entoleter

entrada

enunciation

envelop

enveloping

envisaged

envy

enzymology

epanorthosis

epaulement

epideictic

epidemiology
n
/ ˌepəˌdēmē'äləjē /
Gk
a science that deals with the incidence, distribution, and control of disease in a population (as of animals or plants).
Sean's knowledge about polio and the history of the Salk vaccine reflects his strong interest in epidemiology.

epigraphic

epilogue

episcopate

episematic

epulation

epuration

epure

equal

equally

equanimous

equestriennes

equipluve

equus

erbium

eremitical

erethism

ergo

ergophobia
n
/ 'ergəˌfōb /
Gk + Gk
one suffering from fear of or aversion to work.
Willy, a self-proclaimed couch potato, claims to be an ergophobe.

ericetal

erosive

erraticism

erratum

erring

erstwhile
adj
/ 'erst.hwɪl /
E + E
having been at some past time.
John recognized his erstwhile gym teacher as the runner leading the pack in the Boston Marathon.

erysipelas

erythromycin

esbat

escape

escapist

escheat

escort

esemplastic

espagnole
n
/ ˌespən'yōl /
F
[has near homonym: Spanish word Español] a foundation sauce made of stock thickened with flour browned in fat with added seasonings to taste.
David's steak came with a tarragon-flavored espagnole.

esperanto

espouse

essentialist

establishment
n
/ ˈə'stəblishmənt /
L > F > E
the act of bringing into existence, creating, founding, or setting up.
The establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency has brought many advantages but also a good deal of controversy.

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estancia

ester

n

/ 'estə(r) /

G

[has homonym: Esther] any of a class of compounds that are usually fragrant liquids if sufficiently volatile, several of which are found in essential oils and synthesized especially for use in artificial fruit essences.

Scientists have identified the ester that is responsible for the aroma of pineapples.

estoque

estufa

etamine

eternity

ethanol

n

/ 'ethə.nəl /

ISV

a colorless volatile flammable liquid formed by fermentation.

Breath analyzers subject ethanol to an orange yellow substance that changes into a green substance depending on how much ethanol is present.

ethereality

ethnography

ethnology

ethnozoology

ethology

n

/ e'thäləjē /

Gk + Gk

a scientific study of animal behavior.

Jane's desire to save endangered animals led her to take several courses in ethology.

etiolate

eulittoral

eunomy

euphonize

eurodollar

europium

euryene

Euterpean

adj

/ yū'tərpēən /

Gk name

relating to the muse Euterpe or to music.

Shana had a wave of Euterpean inspiration and wrote the lyrics to five songs in one evening.

evangelary

evangelical

evangelize

evaporate

v

/ ə'vapə.rāt /

L

undergo conversion from a liquid state into a gas.

As liquid in a closed jar begins to evaporate, molecules move from liquid to vapor.

even

adj

/ 'ēvən /

E

being any member of a sequence of positive integers beginning with two and counting by twos : being always exactly divisible by two.

When an even number is multiplied by either an even number or an odd number, the result is always an even number.

evensong

eventful

eveque

evergreen

everlasting

evolutive

evolvment

evulgate

ewery

exacerbated

exacting

adj

/ ig'zaktɪŋ /

L + Ecf

tryingly or unremittingly severe in making demands or requiring the fulfilling of obligations.

Trudy's exacting standards for herself were never fully met.

exactly

exalt

exaugural

excellence

excellency

excellent

excitability

excitement

exclude

exculpated

exculpatory

excursus

n

/ ik'skərsəs /

L

an incidental discussion.

While editing the manuscript, Gloria turned a long excursus into a short footnote.

excuse

execration

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execution

n
/ ˌeksəˈkyʊʃən /

L
a putting to death as a legal penalty.
In some states, murder of a police officer is punishable by execution.

exemplar

exequy

exercitant

exeunt

exhilarative

exile

existentialism

exobiology

n
/ ˌek(ɪ)sə(ɪ)bɪˈæləʒi /
Gk

a branch of the science of life concerned with the search for life outside Earth and its atmosphere and with the effects of extraterrestrial environments on living organisms.
Many of NASA's programs in exobiology have focused on life on Mars.

exodus

exorcist

exothermally

adv
/ ˈeksəˌθɜrməli /
Gk

in a manner characterized by or formed with evolution of heat.
When a bombardier beetle squeezes a gland in its abdomen, it releases a solution that reacts exothermally with an enzyme to produce an audible detonation and discharge.

expand

expansive

adj
/ ikˈspan(t)sɪv /
L + Ecf
having considerable extent.
The lecturers were directed to choose expansive topics of broad interest.

expatiation

expense

expertness

explanans

explodent

exploiting

exponentiation

exposition

n
/ ˌekspəˈzɪʃən /
L
a part of a composition (as of music or drama) in which the theme or subject is presented.
The first movement begins with a lively exposition of the theme that is repeated several times throughout the symphony.

expository

expostulation

expressionism

n
/ ikˈspreshənɪzəm /
L
a theory or practice of presenting the subjective or subconscious thoughts and emotions of characters, the struggle of abstract forces, or the inner realities of life by techniques that include abstraction, distortion, and symbolism.
Dramatic lighting and distorted images exemplified expressionism in early black-and-white movies.

expromissor

expugnable

exquisitely

exsiccosis

n
/ ˌeksəˈkōsəs /
L
insufficient intake of fluids or the state of bodily dehydration produced thereby.
During their desert survival course, the Marines learned how to avoid exsiccosis.

extant

adj
/ ˈektənt /
L
[has near homonym: extant]
currently or actually in existence.
Some scientists believe that they can use cloning to bring back creatures that are no longer extant.

extenuating

exterior

extinction

extrapolation

extremely

exult

exultation

exultet

exurb

exurbia

eyeleteer

fabian

fabula

fabulous

facedown

facient

facilities

factionary

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faddish

fagin

faith

fajitas

n pl

/ fə'hētəz /

AmerSp

marinated strips of beef or chicken or sometimes shrimp grilled or broiled and served usually with a flour tortilla and various savory fillings (as sautéed peppers, guacamole, and sour cream).
Joshua made a special dinner of chicken fajitas for his Spanish tutor.

fakement

falcula

fallaciousness

fallible

falsification

famous

fanaticize

fancification

fancy

fandangle

fanlight

fanon

faradize

farmyard

farsighted

farthing

fascicled

fasting

n

/ 'fastɪŋ /

E

the act of abstaining from food especially for an unusual time and often as a form of religious observance or for therapeutic purposes.
Bernadette hoped to reach a new communion with God through regular prayer and occasional fasting.

fathogram

fatiguingly

fatuity

fauces

faulknerian

faunizone

fauteuil

fauvism

faviform

fawningly

fearful

adj

/ 'fi(ə)rfəl /

E

full of fear, alarm, awe, concern, or apprehension.
When surgery was advised, the fearful patient decided to seek a second opinion.

fearfully

fearless

feather

featurette

fedelini

federate

feebly

feedback

feijoada

feis

n

/ 'fesh /

IrGael

an Irish folk festival featuring games and competitions and usually traditional Irish music and dancing.
Kelly and Heather performed dances in the feis sponsored by the Irish-American Club.

feisty

fellow

n

/ 'fe(,)lō /

ON > E

[has homonym: fellow] a graduate student in an American university who is granted money to continue research usually in preparation for an advanced degree and often with certain teaching duties.
Robert, a senior fellow at the University of Pennsylvania, will be the first speaker at the symposium.

felonry

fender

fermium

fern

ferreous

ferreter

ferric

adj

/ 'ferik /

L

of, relating to, or containing iron.
Amy's report on the uses of iron included a section on ferric chloride, which is used in treating industrial wastes and in etching, among other things.

ferritize

ferrochromium

ferromagnetism

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ferruginous

fester

festooned

fetching

fetlock

fever

few

pron pl

/ 'fyü /

E

[has homonyms: feu, phew] not many persons or things.

Few of the claims in the advertisement are true.

fewer

fewness

fiacre

fibranne

fibrocitis

fibrocystic

fickle

fid

fiddlehead

n

/ 'fid^əl.hed /

L? > E + E

one of the young unfurling fronds of certain ferns that are often eaten as greens.

Justin refused to try a fiddlehead until he saw how much his sister loved them.

fiducial

fiduciarily

fieldpiece

fiend

fiercest

adj

/ 'fi(ə)rsəst /

L > F > E

marked by the most furious unrestrained zeal or vehemence.

The newspaper editor became the mayor's fiercest critic.

fieriness

fiesta

n

/ fē'estə /

L > Sp

festival.

The fiesta was held under the stars.

fifteen

fifth

adj

/ 'fif(t)th /

E

being number five in a countable series.

Middle school starts with the fifth grade in many school systems.

fiftieth

file

filiciform

filigree

fillister

filmscript

n

/ 'film.skript /

E + L

a written text for a motion picture.

The actor read every word of the filmscript before signing a contract to play the leading role.

filmy

filter

filthy

final

adj

/ 'fin^əl /

L

not to be altered or undone.

After making what she thought was her final decision about buying a car, Sheila was bombarded with new information.

finch

finery

fingerprint

finickiness

finitism

fireman

firing

adj

/ 'fi(ə)rɪŋ /

E

of or relating to the operation or operating parts of a firearm.

The firing mechanism on Tsuki's gun kept jamming.

firm

adj

/ 'fərm /

L > F > E

securely or solidly fixed in place.

The gate and its pillars were firm, but at one side the fence had fallen when a tree fell on it.

firman

firth

fishgig

n

/ 'fish.gig /

E

[Note: Could be confused with fizgig.] a fish spear having two or more barbed prongs.

Corinne found a rusty fishgig on the beach.

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fishy

adj
/ 'fɪʃē /
E

of or relating to a fish.

A fishy odor emanated from the bag in the trunk.

fitful

fixation

n
/ fɪk'sāʃən /
L > E

the conversion of free nitrogen into combined forms useful as such or as starting materials for fertilizers, explosives, and a variety of chemicals.

Fixation of nitrogen dioxide can occur in an electric arc from nitrogen and oxygen in the air.

flabbergastingly

flabby

flaccid

adj
/ 'flæksəd /
L

yielding to pressure for want of firmness and stiffness : flabby.

Joe looked at his flaccid muscles in the mirror and vowed to join a health club.

flaccidity

n
/ flæk'sɪdədē /
L

the quality or state of yielding to pressure for want of firmness and stiffness.

As George entered his forties, he found that he had to exercise regularly to combat muscular flaccidity.

flacon

flagellation

flaith

flameout

flanger

flannelly

flare

flareback

flashback

n
/ 'flæʃ.bæk /
E + E

an instance of a literary or theatrical technique used especially in motion pictures and television that involves interruption of the chronological sequence of events by interjection of events or scenes of earlier occurrence.

The movie used a flashback to show the early family life of the main character.

flashlight

flatter

flavescence

flaxier

flaxseed

fleeceable

fleer

fleshpot

flickery

flightily

flimsiness

flintlock

flinty

adj
/ 'flɪntē /
E

harsh and unyielding : rigorous and stern.

The senator's flinty character stood him in good stead on the finance committee.

flirtatious

flixweed

flock

n
/ 'flæk /
E

a company of domestic mammals (as sheep or goats) herded together.

The Christmas card portrayed a shepherd watching over a flock of sheep.

floe

n
/ 'flō /
ON > Norw

[has homonym: flow] floating ice formed in a large sheet on the surface of the sea or other body of water.

Jagged sections of floe around the tanker suddenly joined, trapping the vessel in a sea of solid ice.

floggable

floodlight

n
/ 'fləd.lɪt /
E + E

artificial illumination in a broad beam; also : a source of such illumination.

As the cast came out for a curtain call, a floodlight brightened the stage.

flora

n
/ 'flōrə /
L

plant life : plants.

The flora of South Carolina includes the palmetto, which is a significant feature of the state's flag.

florentine

florulent

flounce

fluctuate

fluent

fluidity

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flunk

v
/ 'flŋk /
(D or Norw&Danish + F)?
fail.
Evan fears that he will flunk his final exam in chemistry.

fluoride

n
/ 'flü(ə).rīd /
L > ISV + G&F > ISVcf
a binary compound of fluorine usually with a more electropositive element or radical.
Free molecules of fluoride can be formed by electrolysis of an aqueous fluoride solution.

fluoroscopic

flurriment

flute

flutterboard

fluvicoline

flypaper

n
/ 'flī.pāpər /
E + Gk > L > F > E
paper coated with a sticky substance for killing flies.
David put the flypaper just outside the screen door, hoping to catch insects before they got into the house.

foggara

fogyism

foliageous

folklore

folktale

folly

n
/ 'fālē /
F > E
a thoughtless act or irrational idea.
His scheme was the despairing folly of a powerful man who cannot bear to grow old.

fomented

font

foolproof

footcandles

n pl
/ 'füt.kand°lz /
E + L > E
units of illuminance each equal to the illuminance on a surface that is everywhere 1 foot from a uniform point source of light of one candle and equal to 1 lumen per square foot.
An office or classroom usually requires about 70 footcandles; by comparison, direct sunlight at noon is about 1,000 footcandles.

footlight

footnote

footslogger

footwork

n
/ 'füt.wərk /
E + E
the management of the feet and the work done with them, as in dancing or sports.
The star of the soccer team takes a ballet lesson every week to improve his footwork.

foramen

forebitt

foreboding

forefront

foreganger

forehoof

forelegs

n pl
/ 'fōr.legz /
E
any of the front legs of an insect.
In worker bees the hairs of the forelegs are used to brush pollen from flowers.

foreman

forename

forenoon

foreshorten

foresighted

forestaysail

forestry

n
/ 'fōrəstrē /
L > F > E
a science of developing, caring for, or cultivating tracts of wooded land : the management of growing timber.
The pulp and paper mill wishes to hire an individual with a master's degree in forestry.

forgetive

forgive

forlornness

format

forsaken

adj
/ fə(r)'sākən /
E
left desolate or empty.
The forsaken town had tumbleweeds growing on Main Street and the dust was inches deep in the buildings.

forte

forthright

fortify

fortnight

n
/ 'fōrt.nīt /
E
the space of 14 days : two weeks.
Lewis had hoped to stay at the lodge for a fortnight, but he had to return early.

fortnightly

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forty
adj
/ 'fɔrdē /
E
being one more than 39 in number.
Mrs. Langdon spent the morning in tears the day she turned forty years old.

fossiliferous

fosterage

fought

foundling

fourrier

fourscore
adj
/ 'fɔ(ə)r.skɔ(ə)r /
E
being 80 in number.
Granny declared that she would wear purple whenever she so desired, now that she was fourscore years old.

fourteen
adj
/ fɔ(ə)r(t)'tēn /
E
being one more than 13 in number.
Many of the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee finalists are fourteen years old.

foxhound

foxing
n
/ 'fäksɪŋ /
E
discoloration; especially : brownish spots in the paper of old books.
Faded print and foxing made the old books in the attic very difficult to read.

foxy

foyer

fractiously

fragilely

fragmentation

framer

framework

francium

francolin

frangipane

frankenstein

frantic

frap

fratority

fratricide

freeloading

freewheeler

frenetic

fresh
adj
/ 'fres /
E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.]
disposed to take liberties : saucy, impudent, rude.
Mr. Broyles warned Walter not to be so fresh.

fret
v
/ 'fret /
E
become vexed, worried, impatient, or irritated.
Many parents fret over the high cost of feeding their families.

friar
n
/ 'frī(ə)r /
L > F > E
[has homonym: fryer] a member of a mendicant order.
The Mediterranean monk seal is so named because its dark brown coat resembles the brown robe of a Franciscan friar.

friary

Friday
n
/ 'frī(ɪ)dā /
E
the day following Thursday.
Teachers, as well as students, often count the days to Friday.

frigate

frigorimeter

frippery

friskiness

frog
n
/ 'frɔg /
E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, speller might confuse with homonym frage.] a card game developed from tarok and popular especially in Mexico.
Pablo and Lucita played a couple of hands of frog before lunch.

fronds
n pl
/ 'frändz /
L
[has near homonym: frons] fern leaves.
The goldfish seem to prefer staying away from the waving fronds in the pond.

frontal

frontenis

frore

frostbite

frostily

frothily

frothy

frotton

frowner

frozen

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fructiferous

fructify

frustrated

adj

/ 'frʌstrədəd /

L

filled with a deep chronic sense of insecurity, discouragement, and dissatisfaction.

Many workers feel frustrated because they do not have the opportunity to use their talents in their jobs.

fugleman

fulsomely

adv

/ 'fʊlsəmlē /

E

copiously, abundantly.

Max was lunching in the cafeteria, devouring a fulsomely garnished cheeseburger.

fumy

adj

/ 'fyümē /

L > F > E

producing or full of gaseous emissions that are usually odorous and sometimes noxious.

Vera's eyes started to water from the fumy ammonia she was using to clean the floor.

functionary

funereal

adj

/ fyü'nirēəl /

L

befitting or suggesting a funeral : oppressively solemn.

Ben and Trish enjoyed their elegant meal at the posh restaurant, but the piped-in music was too funereal for their mood.

funereally

funk

n

/ 'fʌnk /

L > F

a strong offensive smell.

The sailors could barely breath below deck because of the funk from tobacco smoke.

furberish

furious

furrier

furrow

furry

furtum

fuseplug

fusibility

fusiform

adj

/ 'fyüzə.fɔrm /

L + L

shaped like a spindle : tapering toward each end.

Fusiform rust, a common disease of loblolly pine trees, causes rod-shaped cankers to develop on the branches.

fustanella

fusty

futile

futtock

futuramic

fylfot

gabardine

gabbroid

gadfly

gadget

gadoid

gadolinium

gadroon

n

/ gə'drūn /

F

an ornament produced by notching or carving a rounded molding.

Lucy examined the intricate gadroon on the entry door.

gaelicize

gaffe

gaga

gagman

gainer

gainful

gala

adj

/ 'gālə /

F > It

belonging to, deserving, or attended by festivities.

The king declared that there would be parades through every city in the land and a gala carnival of three days' duration.

galactia

galeate

galeiform

gallium

galloper

galoot

galop

n

/ 'galəp /

F

[has homonym: gallop] a lively dance in duple time performed with sliding steps from side to side and popular in the 19th century.

The galop was introduced into England in 1829 at a ball given by the king.

galvanneal

gambusia

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| | | |
|--|---|---|
| gamete | garbology n / gār'bäləjē / Gmc > F + Gk the study of modern culture through the analysis of what is thrown away as garbage or trash. <i>The city's landfill known as Mount Trashmore will be a treasure trove to future generations of students of garbology.</i> | gearing |
| gammoned | | gehlenite |
| ganache | | geistlich |
| gander | | gelastic |
| gandhian | | gelidity |
| gang n / 'gaŋ / E a group of persons working under the same direction or at the same task. <i>The movie was about an escape from prison by a member of a chain gang.</i> | garcon | gematriot |
| gangling | gardener | gemellion |
| gangplank | garlic | gemmiparous |
| gangster n / 'gaŋztə(r) / E a member of a gang of criminals. <i>The actor won an award for his portrayal of a Chicago gangster.</i> | garret | gender n / 'jendə(r) / L > F > E any of two or more subclasses within a grammatical class of a language that determine agreement with and selection of other words or grammatical forms. <i>In Latin each noun is considered masculine, feminine, or neuter, and every adjective must change its form to match the gender of the noun that it modifies.</i> |
| gaper | garter n / 'gärdər / Celt > F > E [has homonym: guarder] a circular band of elastic with or without a fastener worn to hold up a stocking or sock. <i>The bride's grandmother presented her with the traditional lucky garter to wear on her wedding day.</i> | gene n / 'jēn / Gk > G [has homonym: jean] one of the elements of the germ plasm serving as specific transmitters of hereditary characters. <i>Blue eyes are caused by a recessive gene.</i> |
| garageman | gastroenterology n / ,ga(,)strō,entər'äləjē / Gk the study of the stomach and the intestines especially in respect to their diseases and pathology. <i>It took no expert in gastroenterology to deduce that Jeffrey was suffering from food poisoning.</i> | generally |
| garb n / 'gärb / It or F style of apparel : costume. <i>Mrs. Whatsit appeared in her familiar wild garb of shawls and scarves and the old tramp's coat and hat.</i> | gauntlet | generate v / 'jenərāt / L cause to be : bring into existence. <i>Claude's speech about patriotism was actually intended to generate money for the Olympic teams.</i> |
| garbled | gauss n / 'gaüs / G name the centimeter-gram-second electromagnetic unit of magnetic induction. <i>While looking at the exhibits at the science fair, Linda learned that the gauss is a unit of measurement associated with magnetism.</i> | geniality |
| | gazette | genocidal |
| | | genoise |

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genteelly

gentle

adj
/ 'jentl /
L

benignly gracious or kind in manner : not harsh or stern : mild.
The psychiatrist maintained a gentle and patient demeanor while probing for the source of the orphan's paranoia.

gentrification

gentry

n
/ 'jentrē /
L > F > E
upper or ruling class : aristocracy.
During the worst days of the French Revolution, the gentry all feared for their lives.

genuinely

genuineness

geode

n
/ 'jēōd /
Gk
a nodule of stone having a cavity lined with crystals or mineral matter.
Jimmy bought a geode for a dollar in Cerillos, New Mexico.

geogen

geogenous

geoglyphic

geomalism

georgic

geoscapy

geosynchronous

adj
/ jēō'sɪŋkrənəs /
Gk + Gk + Gk
of or relating to an artificial satellite that travels from west to east above the equator and at the same angular velocity as that of Earth so that the satellite seems to remain in the same place.
Satellites that handle telephone calls and television signals are in geosynchronous orbits above Earth.

geotropism

geratology

germanium

germiparity

Geronimo

interj
/ jə'ränə.mō /
Apache name
—used as a battle cry by paratroopers typically at the moment of jumping.
Alex's "Geronimo" trailed off as he fell toward the earth.

gesso

gestalt

n
/ gə's(h)tält /
G
a structure of physical, biological, or psychological phenomena so integrated as to constitute a functional unit with properties not derivable from its parts in summation.
Lieutenant Henry's many experiences as a prisoner of war formed a gestalt from which he may never recover.

gewgawry

ghoulie

giaour

n
/ 'jaü(ə)r /
Per > Turkish
one outside the Muslim faith : infidel.
The coffee house posted a sign warning that no giaour would be admitted.

gibber

gibberellin

gills

n pl
/ 'gilz /
Scand > E
organs for obtaining oxygen from water.
Some water insects breathe by means of gills.

gimlet

gingival

gingivectomy

girasol

giustamente

glabella

glaciolacustrine

glacis

gladiolus

gladsome

adj
/ 'glad.səm /
E + Ecf
made happy : filled with joy.
The gladsome audience wildly applauded the pianist's performance.

glairy

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glassily

adv

/ 'glasólē /

E

in a manner resembling or suggestive of glass.

The surface of the lake glassily reflected the sky.

glasswort

glaucescence

glaucous

glaucomatous

glaucope

gleamy

gleeful

adj

/ 'glēfəl /

E

exuberantly or exultantly joyful.

The villain turned fiendishly gleeful when the hero fell into his trap.

glen

n

/ 'glen /

ScotGael > E

a secluded narrow valley.

The hikers pointed to a distant glen and agreed it was a perfect place to set up camp.

glide

v

/ 'glīd /

E

move smoothly, continuously, and effortlessly.

Larry sharpened his skates to help them glide over the ice.

gliding

glisten

glistened

v

/ 'glis'nd /

E

shined brightly usually by reflection with a sparkling radiance.

The beaches glistened with smooth stones and sea foam.

glitterati

gloom

global

gloomy

glorify

gloss

glossarial

glossematician

glosseme

glossopyrosis

glottology

n

/ glä'täləjē /

Gk

the study of human speech in its various aspects (as the structure of a language including such factors as phonetics, accent, syntax, semantics, grammar, and the relation between writing and speech).

Glottology is more frequently referred to as "linguistics."

gluhwein

glum

adj

/ 'gləm /

E

dismal, dreary, or gloomy.

After receiving their report cards, more than a few students went home glum.

gluttonous

gluttony

glycerinate

glycerol

n

/ 'glisərəl /

Gk > F > ISV

a sweet syrupy alcohol that is used chiefly as a solvent and plasticizer and as a moistening agent, emollient, and lubricant.

The high viscosity of glycerol is related to its molecules' tendency to become entangled as they slip past one another.

glycogenesis

glyptography

gnarl

gnats

n pl

/ 'nats /

E

various small two-winged flies.

Hundreds of gnats hovered over the basket of peaches.

gnaw

gnawingly

gnomish

gnomonic

gnosis

n

/ 'nōsəs /

Gk

the act or process of cognition or knowing.

The most difficult philosopher to follow was the one who insisted that human beings invent knowledge and that true gnosis is impossible.

gnosticism

gnotobiotics

goatsucker

gobbler

goby

godet

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| | | |
|--|---|---|
| goitrogenesis | gospel n / 'gäspəl / E the teachings of Jesus and the apostles as a body or system : the Christian faith, revelation, or dispensation. <i>The New Testament describes how the apostles traveled and preached the gospel.</i> | grain n / 'grān / L > F > E [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a unit of weight based on the weight of a grain of wheat taken as an average of the weight of grains from the middle of the ear and equal to 0.0648 gram. <i>Janine wondered what item could be so valuable that it was measured with a unit as small as a grain.</i> |
| gold | | graminaceous |
| goldbrick | | grammatolatry |
| goldsmith | | grandpaternal |
| gong | | grandrelle |
| goniometer | | granjeno |
| goniometry | gossipmonger n / 'gäsəp.mängə(r) / E + Gk > L > E a person who habitually relates in detail facts, rumors, or behind-the-scenes information of an intimate, personal, or sensational nature. <i>Riley was eager to find out if rumors about his company's financial troubles were true but was worried about looking like a gossipmonger.</i> | granola |
| goniostat | | granules |
| goodish adj / 'güdish / E moderately good. <i>Pedro tasted the goodish white wine and sighed for his native Spain.</i> | gossiped | grapevine n / 'gräp.vīn / Gmc > F > E + L > F > E a sidewise waltz step in which one foot keeps crossing first before and then behind the other. <i>The grapevine migrated into ballroom dancing from folk dancing.</i> |
| goodly | gossipry | graphite |
| goofy | gossipy | graphitic |
| googol n / 'gü.gəl / coined word the figure 1 followed by 100 zeroes equal to a number that is ten to the 100th power. <i>In January 1997, astronomers Fred Adams and Gregory Laughlin predicted that the universe would end in a number of years equal to approximately one googol.</i> | gothamite | graphology |
| gooiest | governance | graphometry |
| goombay | grabbots | grappa |
| goonch | grabby | grapple |
| goondie | graben | grapples |
| gooseherd | graceful | grate |
| gordian adj / 'gò(r)dēən / Phrygian name intricate, complicated. <i>No puzzle was too gordian for Evan.</i> | graciousity | gratine |
| | gracious | |
| | gradgrind | |
| | graft v / 'graft / E [has homonym: graphed] implant living tissue so as to form an organic union. <i>The doctors will graft skin to minimize Luther's burn scar.</i> | |

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gravimetric
adj
/ 'gravəˌmetrɪk /
L + Gk
of, involving, or relating to measurement by weight.
Sarai used gravimetric analysis to help identify the unknown chemical in solution.

gravitation

graziery

grease

greed

greedily

gridlock
n
/ 'grɪd.lɒk /
E + E
a traffic jam in which an intersection is so completely congested that no vehicular movement is possible.
Gridlock can present a real danger to public safety by hindering emergency vehicles.

grim
adj
/ 'grɪm /
E
stern or forbidding in action or appearance.
Grim security guards were stationed at each door of the bank.

grimacing

grinder

grinding
adj
/ 'grɪndɪŋ /
E
excruciating, agonizing.
Obadiah took pain-killers for the grinding pain of his injury.

grindstone

gringo
n
/ 'grɪŋ(ə)ɡō /
L > Sp
a white foreigner in Spain or Latin America especially when of English or American origin.
Even though he is 100% Spanish, Diego is sometimes called a "gringo" because he has blonde hair.

griseous

grist
n
/ 'grɪst /
E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a large quantity : lot.
Aunt Bea exclaimed that she had never seen "such a grist of washing for three people."

grog

grogram

grommets

groom

groomsman

groover

groovy

grotesquely

grouch

growing

growl

gruff
adj
/ 'grʌf /
D
rough or stern in manner, speech, or aspect.
Although the teacher had a gruff exterior, she was kind and understanding.

grumbling
v
/ 'grʌmb(ə)lɪŋ /
D > F
expressing dissatisfaction in a low harsh voice and surly manner.
The class started grumbling when Mrs. Griffin announced a pop quiz.

grumpy
adj
/ 'grʌmpē /
E
moodily cross : surly, ill-humored.
The new cashier was trained in ways to deal with grumpy customers.

grungy

guardrail

guasa

gueridon

guester

guesthouse

guimpe

guineas

guiro
n
/ '(g)wē(ə)rō /
Taino > Sp
a percussion instrument of Latin American origin made of a serrated gourd and played by scraping a stick along its surface.
Mrs. Turner's fourth grade class gave an all-percussion recital that featured a solo on the guiro.

guitguit

gujerat

gullet

gunk

gunnel

gunnery

gunsmithy

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gurnard

gust

v
/ 'gəst /
ON?

blow or move in sudden bursts.
Tonya feared the wind would gust so fiercely that it would uproot her new sapling.

gutsy

guttersnipe

guttiferous

gynecologic

gynecomorphous

gypseous

gyring

gyro

gyrodyne

gyve

habanera

haberdashery

habitus

hachures

hackney

hacksaw

Hadean

adj
/ 'hā.dēən /
Gk name
[has homonym: Haitian] of, relating to, or characteristic of hell.
The Hadean temperatures caused a rush to purchase fans and air conditioning units.

hadrosaur

hafiz

n
/ 'häfəz /
Ar
[Note: Could be confused with plural form hafis.] a Muslim who knows the Koran by heart—used as a title of respect.
Hafiz Mehmet can quote an appropriate verse from the Koran for every occasion.

haggadist

hagiology

hagride

hailstone

hairhound

n
/ 'ha(a)(ə)r.haʊnd /
E
[Note: Could be confused with horehound.] a European aromatic mint that has a very bitter taste and is used as a tonic.
Dr. Bebak prepared a mixture of hairhound and camphor.

hairiness

hake

halal

v
/ hə'läl /
Ar
slaughter for food according to Muslim law.
To halal an animal, the slaughterer must be Muslim and must follow specific rituals.

halfpace

n
/ 'haf.pās /
F&E
a raised floor or dais or a platform or footpace at the top of steps (as for a throne or an altar).
The flower girl approached the halfpace and curtsied demurely.

halide

n
/ 'ha.lid /
Gk + ISVcf
a binary compound of a halogen with a more electropositive element or radical.
By combining with hydrogen, an atom of fluorine forms a hydrogen halide.

hallelujah

hallucinate

halo

halterbreak

halve

v
/ 'hav /
E
[has homonym: have] divide into two equal parts.
Uncle Jimmy used a huge butcher knife to halve the chilled watermelon.

halves

hamburger

n
/ 'ham.bərgər /
G geog name
a sandwich made of a cooked patty of ground beef in a split round bun.
The hamburger is supposed to have first been served in the United States at the St. Louis Louisiana Purchase Exposition in 1904.

hamlet

hanaper

hanaster

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hand

n
/ 'hand /
E

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] something resembling a group of fingers in appearance, as a bunch of 8 to 20 bananas attached together on their stem.

Mrs. Loveless knew that she would not be able to eat the entire hand of bananas before she went on her business trip.

handcuff

handcuffs

n pl
/ 'hand.kəfs /
E + E

metal fastenings that can be locked around the wrists and are usually connected by a chain or bar.

The convicted felon was taken to prison in handcuffs.

handgun

handicraft

handle

hands

n pl
/ 'han(d)z /
E

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] units of measure, each equal to 4 inches and used especially for the height of horses.

Any horses other than Arabians that are shorter than 14.2 hands are classified as ponies.

handspike

n
/ 'han(d)z.pīk /
D > E

a wooden bar or pole used as a lever (as in turning a windlass) or as a support (as for carrying timber).

Satish pushed the handspike with all his might until finally the ratchet emitted a satisfying click.

handyman

hangnail

n
/ 'haŋ.nāl /
E

[Note: Could be confused with agnail.] a piece of skin from the nail fold hanging loose at the side or root of a fingernail.

Morgan used his hangnail as an excuse for skipping gym class.

harborage

hardanger

hardback

hardware

harmonize

v
/ 'härmə.nīz /
F

play or sing in a combination of simultaneous musical notes that form a chord.

The trio, widely renowned for their ability to harmonize, were asked to make a recording of their songs.

harp

harpist

harsh

adj
/ 'härsh /
Scand > E

starkly unpleasant or rigorous : stern.

The harsh facts of court delays in our cities lead to many iniquities.

haruspication

hash

n
/ 'hash /
Gmc > F

chopped food; specifically : a dish usually consisting of leftover meat chopped into small pieces, mixed with potatoes, and browned by baking or frying.

Red flannel hash is made red by adding beets to chopped corned beef.

hashslinger

hasp

hatbox

hatful

n
/ 'hat.fəl /
E + EcF

a considerable amount or number.
Leslie turned down a hatful of suitors before she met Mr. Right.

hatred

haven

hawsehole

haylage

headily

adv
/ 'hed'lē /
E

rashly, headlong.

The wheelbarrow ran headily down the ravine straight into the side of Joe's garden shed.

headquarters

heady

adj
/ 'hedē /
E

tending to make giddy or light-headed.

Aunt Rosa's heady perfume left Jonas reeling after her hug.

health

heartsick

adj
/ 'härt.sik /
E + E

very despondent : depressed.

Warren was heartsick at the thought of having to sell the family farm.

heater

heath

heatstroke

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heavenly

adj
/ 'hevənɪl̩ /
E

of or relating to the dwelling place of the Deity or the place or state of the blessed dead.

Georgia doesn't expect payment for her good deeds now—she's waiting for her heavenly rewards.

hebraic

hebraize

heckler

hedonistic

heelball

heir

heliacally

helicitic

heliodor

heliophile

helipad

hellenic

helleri

hello

helminthic

helmsmanship

helobious

hemachate

hematite

n
/ 'hemə.tɪt /
Gk > L
a mineral consisting of ferric oxide and constituting an important iron ore that occurs in splendid metallic-looking rhombohedral crystals, in massive forms, and in red earthy forms—called also “specular iron.”
Dad brought Jill a piece of hematite from an ore deposit he visited.

hematochrome

n
/ 'hemədō.krōm /
Gk
an orangish or reddish coloring matter found in various algae (as red snow).
Red snow seen in arctic and alpine regions indicates a presence of algae that contain hematochrome.

hematology

n
/ .hēmə'täləjē /
Gk + Gk
a branch of biology that deals with the blood and blood-forming organs.
The research in leukemia provided synopses of several case studies in hematology.

hemicrania

hemimetabolous

adj
/ .hemēmə'tabələs /
Gk > L + Ecf
of or relating to those insects characterized by incomplete metamorphosis; especially various insects with aquatic larvae.
Dragonflies are hemimetabolous insects.

hemline

hemophilia

hemophiliacs

hemorrhaging

hemorrhoid

henceforth

henrician

henry

n
/ 'henrē /
Am name
the practical meter-kilogram-second unit of inductance.
The henry is usually abbreviated h or hy and is named for the American physicist Joseph Henry.

heparinize

hepatobiliary

heptad

n
/ 'hep.təd /
Gk
a group of seven.
A heptad of Charles's closest friends roasted him at his retirement party.

heptagon

herd

n
/ 'hərd /
E
[has homonym: heard] a number of one kind of animal kept together under human care or control.
The herd of beefalos grazing in the pasture will be sent to the stockyard next week.

herdic

hereby

heredity

heresiarch

herrenvolk

hesperidium

heterochromatic

heterodont

heterodyne

heterophyte

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heterotrophic

hewer

hexapod

n
/ 'heksəpəd /

Gk

insect.

Chelsea cannot understand why so many of her classmates think that a spider is a hexapod.

hiatal

hiatus

n
/ hi'ædəs /

L

gap : aperture.

A hiatus between theory and practice caused Abbie unending frustration in her job administering surveys.

hibernation

n
/ .hībə(r)'nāshən /

L

the act of being inactive or dormant, especially in winter.

During brief periods of mild winter weather, some insects may come out of hibernation.

hiddenite

hierarchical

hierarchize

hieroglyphic

hieroglyphist

hieroglyphs

hierolatry

highland

highway

highwayman

n
/ 'hī.wāməŋ /
E + E + E

[Note: Plural form is pronounced identically.] a person who robs travelers on a public road.

As he approached the stopped stagecoach, the highwayman demanded, "Your money or your life!"

hillcrest

hindmost

adj
/ 'hīn(d).mōst /
E + E

farthest in or toward the rear.

Gary always sat in the hindmost pew in church.

hinterland

hipbone

hiplength

hippology

n
/ hi'päləjē /

Gk

the study of the horse.

The veterinary student decided that his concentration would be hippology.

hippophagy

hippotomy

hircocervus

hireling

hirsutal

hirtellous

hispid

histocyte

histology

n
/ hi'stäləjē /
Gk

a branch of anatomy that deals with the minute structure of animal and vegetable tissues as discernible with the microscope.

The primary tissue categories in animal histology are epithelial, connective, muscle, and nervous.

histoplasmosis

historic

historical

historiographer

histozyme

hitch

v
/ 'hich /
E

catch or fasten by or as if by a hook or a knot.

Every house along the historical street still has a post in front for visitors to hitch their horses to.

hoary

adj
/ 'hōrē /
E

gray or white; specifically : gray or white with age.

Tilting his hoary head to one side, the storyteller began his tale.

hobble

v
/ 'häbəl /

E

walk with a halting, labored, typically up-and-down movement often marked by lurching or wobbling.

Sarah started to hobble over to get her coat, but Louis fetched it for her.

hobbledehoy

hochmoor

hockey

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hodiernal

hogan

n
/ 'hō.gän /
Navaho
a conical, hexagonal, or octagonal dwelling characteristic of the Navaho made with a door traditionally facing east and constructed of logs and sticks covered with mud, sod, or adobe or sometimes of stones.
The modern-day hogan is primarily used not for housing but for family ceremonies and curings.

hogger

hoisted

v
/ 'hōistəd /
imit > D or G
raised into position.
By the use of a crane the large stone was hoisted into place.

holeproof

holishkes

hollowly

holluschick

holmium

holoku

holophytic

holy

adj
/ 'hōlē /
E
[has homonyms: holey, wholly] set apart and dedicated to religious service or worship.
Jerusalem is a holy city to people of at least four different religions: Judaism, Islam, Christianity, and Bahaism.

homegrown

homemade

homesick

homework

n
/ 'hōm.werk /
E + E
preparatory reading or research.
Steve had to do quite a bit of homework before he could make an effective presentation on his assigned topic.

homicide

n
/ 'häməsɪd /
L
a killing of one human being by another.
The autopsy report stated that the woman's death was a homicide.

homiletics

homoeoteleutic

homogenize

adj
/ .hōmō'n(y)üklēə(r) /
Gk + L
of or relating to a molecule composed of like nuclei.
All homonuclear diatomic molecules lack polarity in the bond between their atoms.

homunculus

honeybee

n
/ 'hənē.bē /
E
any of certain social honey-producing bees.
Commercially desirable honey is produced from clover by the domestic honeybee.

honorable

adj
/ 'änər(ə)bəl /
L > F > E
ethical, upright.
Steve ran an honorable campaign for sheriff.

hookup

hooliganism

hoomalimali

hopeless

adj
/ 'hōpləs /
E + Gkcf > Lcf
having no expectation of good : despairing.
After two days of searching for the hikers, the rescue workers started feeling hopeless.

hopples

hopscotch

hornet

n
/ 'hörnət /
E
any of the larger social wasps that are vigorous strong-flying insects with powerful stings.
Amy was afraid that she would get stung by a hornet if she walked too close to the nest in the tree.

horotely

horsepower

n
/ 'hò(ə)rs.paü(ə)r /
E + L > F > E
a standard unit of power equal in the United States to 746 watts.
Stan, my hot-rod friend, likes to brag about the horsepower of his car's engine.

hortulan

host

n
/ 'hōst /
L > E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, word could be confused with hosed.] a very large number : a great quantity : multitude, myriad.
Becky offered a host of reasons why she should be allowed to go to the mall with her friends.

hostels

hotmelt

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householder

howling

hoydenism

hsin

huaco

huarizo

huckleberry

huckstering

huddled

huddup

huff

n

/ 'həf /

imit

a fit of anger or pique.

The Spelling Bee, who was quite upset by the whole affair, had flown off in a huff.

huge

adj

/ 'hyüj /

F > E

very large or extensive.

The two ships settled to the bottom, each with a huge hole in her side.

huguenot

huitain

huke

humanely

adv

/ hyü'mänlē /

L

in a manner marked by compassion, sympathy, or consideration for other human beings or animals.

The veterinarian argued that it is precisely because animals are not human that we must treat them humanely.

humic

adj

/ 'hyümik /

L

relating to or derived from the organic portion of soil.

Our tour guide explained that humic acids in the soil dissolve limestone and aid in the formation of stalagmites and stalactites in caves.

humifuse

hummock

hunger

hunker

husband

hyacinthine

hyacinths

hyaescent

hyaline

hyaloid

adj

/ 'hīə.lōid /

Gk

glassy, transparent.

The thin hyaloid membrane envelops the vitreous humor of the eye.

hybosis

hydrargyrum

hydrate

v

/ 'hī.drāt /

Gk

take up or combine with water or with hydrogen and hydroxyl.

When Beulah activated the cold pack, she was making the ammonium nitrate in it hydrate.

hydrazine

hydroelectric

hydrogenate

hydrogenated

v

/ 'hīdrəjə.nādəd /

Gk + Gk + Ec

combined with hydrogen.

Vegetable oils that have been hydrogenated are used in making margarine.

hydrogenous

hydrognosy

hydrolatry

hydrology

hydrolytic

hydropneumatic

hydroxide

n

/ hī'drāk.sīd /

Gk

the univalent negative ion

consisting of one atom of hydrogen and one of oxygen.

The alkali metals react with water to produce hydrogen gas and the corresponding metal hydroxide.

hygrodeik

hygroscopic

adj

/ .hīgrə'skăpik /

Gk

[Note: Could be confused with hygroscopic.] readily taking up and retaining moisture.

Rob was not surprised to read that glycerol is highly hygroscopic, because he knew that it is used as an emollient and moistening agent.

hylean

hylophagous

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Hymenoptera

n pl

/ ˌhɪməˈnäptərə /

Gk > L

an extensive order of highly specialized insects that includes bees, wasps, and ants.

The order Hymenoptera is perhaps the most beneficial to man of all insect groups.

hypalgesia

hyphenate

hypnotist

hypnotizable

hypoglycemia

hypokalemia

hypolithic

hypophyllous

hypostasis

n

/ hɪˈpästəsəs /

Gk

something that settles at the bottom of a fluid : sediment.

A harmless-looking hypostasis in a soft drink bottle led to a series of expensive lawsuits.

hypotonic

adj

/ ˌhɪ(,)pəˈtänik /

Gk

of a fluid : having a lower osmotic pressure than a fluid used as a standard.

To study the contents of red blood cells, scientists put them into a hypotonic solution that swells and eventually bursts the cells by osmosis.

hypoxia

hypozeugma

hyson

hysteresis

iambist

n

/ ɪˈæmbəst /

Gk

one who writes verse containing a metrical foot of two syllables unstressed and stressed respectively.

William Shakespeare is a famous iambist.

ianthine

iatrophysics

Icarian

adj

/ ɪˈka(a)rēən /

Gk name

[has near homonym: acarian]
inadequate for or incapable of bringing about an ambitious project.

William's problem-solving methods are usually Icarian, but this time his approach provided the perfect solution.

iceblink

n

/ ˈɪs.blɪŋk /

E + E

a yellowish or whitish glare in the sky over an ice field (as in polar regions)—called also “ice sky.”

The polar explorers wore special goggles to combat the iceblink.

icebone

n

/ ˈɪs.bōn /

(L > D or G + D or G) > E

the hipbone especially of cattle.

Grandpa stopped carving when his knife hit the icebone.

ichnography

ichthyomorphic

icily

icing

n

/ ˈɪsɪŋ /

E

a sweet coating for baked goods usually made from sugar and butter combined with water, milk, or egg white, flavored, often colored, and often cooked.

The lemon icing on Granddad's birthday cake nearly melted from the heat of all the candles.

iconolater

iconolatry

icy

ideal

adj

/ ɪˈdē(ə)l /

L > F

existing as a perfect example.

The ideal gas equation expresses a relationship between the pressure, volume, temperature, and the number of moles of an ideal gas.

ideaphoria

ideomotor

ides

n pl

/ ˈɪdz /

L

the 15th day of March, May, July, or October or the 13th day of any other month in the ancient Roman calendar.

Julius Caesar was murdered on the ides of March.

idgah

idiocrasy

idiocy

idioglossia

idiolect

idiotic

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idolatrous

adj

/ ɪˈdælətrəs /

Gk

of or relating to the worship of a physical object as a god.

Muhammad condemned the idolatrous cults, proclaiming that there is one God.

idolize

v

/ ɪˈdɒl.aɪz /

Gk

give absolute religious devotion and ultimate trust to something that is not God.

It is worrisome that so many people idolize sports figures, rock stars, and millionaires.

idyllically

ignimbrite

ignoble

adj

/ ɪgˈnɒbəl /

L

displaying or characterized by baseness or meanness : despicable.

The senator changed his vote on the health bill for the ignoble purpose of protecting his stock investments.

ignorable

iliad

illegal

illiberally

illocutionary

illuminant

illuminate

illumine

illumiometer

illusionist

n

/ əˈlüzənəst /

L

one (as a magician) who produces deceptive or misleading effects.

The illusionist amazed the audience when he levitated a reclining subject.

illusorily

imam

n

/ əˈmäm /

Ar

the prayer leader of a mosque.

The imam at the local Islamic center teaches classes on the Koran to teenagers.

imbecility

imbiber

imbricate

immediate

immersed

adj

/ əˈmɜrst /

L

completely engrossed.

Immersed in his reading assignment, Nathan was unaware that a thunderstorm was raging outside.

immunoassay

immunotherapy

imparlance

impartial

impartite

impassable

impassive

impatience

impatiently

adv

/ ɪmˈpʃəntlɪ /

L + L

in a manner that is restless or short of temper especially under irritation, delay, or opposition.

The actress waited impatiently in the wings for her cue to go onstage.

impellent

impenitent

imperium

impersonate

impersonator

n

/ əmˈpərsən.ədə(r) /

Ecf + L > F > E + Ecf

an entertainer who assumes the character of another individual, a type of person, an animal, or an inanimate object.

The Elvis impersonator had his hair appropriately styled into a pompadour.

impiety

implore

impound

imprecision

impressible

improvisatrice

imprudent

impudence

impulsion

inabsentia

inactive

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| inactivity n / ɪnək'tɪvədē / L + L the quality or state of being not given to action or effort : idleness, sluggishness. <i>Too much inactivity can affect mental as well as physical health.</i> | inch n / 'ɪnʃ / L > E a unit of length equal to 1/36 yard. <i>Michelle came storming in after her hair appointment, furious because one side of her hair was at least an inch shorter than the other.</i> | indefensible |
| inadvertent | incidental | indemnatee |
| inaja | incipience | indent |
| inanga | incoercible | indexer |
| inapposite | incogitable | indicatrix |
| inarticulate | incommutable | indices |
| inbiber | impossibility | indicial |
| inbroglia | inconclusive | indict |
| Inca n / 'ɪŋkə / Quechua > Sp a Quechuan people in Peru that established hegemony over surrounding peoples to form an empire from about 1100 until the Spanish conquest in the 1530s; also : a member of such people. <i>The last Inca calmly stared at the Spanish conquistador before turning around and vanishing into the forest.</i> | inconsequential | indignation |
| incapable adj / ɪn'kæpəbəl / L + L + L lacking capacity, ability, or qualification for the purpose or end in view. <i>The popular author seemed incapable of writing a dull novel.</i> | inconsiderate | indigoferous |
| incapacitate | incontestable | indiscernible |
| incarcerated | incorporator | indiscriminate |
| incaution | increasable | indispensably |
| incendiarism | incredulity | indissociable |
| incessantly | incriminating v / ɛn'krɪmə.nā.dɪŋ / L furnishing evidence or proof of circumstances tending to show the guilt of someone. <i>Gunpowder burns on the suspect's hand constituted strong incriminating evidence of his guilt.</i> | indium |
| | inculcation | indocile |
| | inculpate | indocility |
| | incunabulist | indulgently |
| | incurment | inebriate |
| | incursive | inebriated |
| | indazole | inebrious |
| | | inelegant |
| | | include |
| | | inept |
| | | inequitable |
| | | inerrancy |

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inert

adj

/ i'nɜrt /

L

very slow to move or act : lifeless, sluggish.

Peter could not tell if the inert hamster was near death or not.

inevitable

inexorably

inexpugnable

infamy

infancy

infant

infarction

n

/ ən'färkshən /

L

the producing of an area of tissue death (as of the heart) resulting from obstruction of blood circulation in the area.

Angina is usually much less serious than myocardial infarction because in angina there is no death of the heart muscle.

infection

infectivity

infelicitous

infelicity

infield

infinite

infinity

n

/ ən'finədē /

L

an indefinitely great number or amount.

Helen was amazed that Walter could look up at the infinity of stars and point out numerous constellations.

inflammation

inflationary

infraction

n

/ ən'frakshən /

L

a violation by failure to follow, observe, or obey.

For a first infraction of the school's disciplinary code, a student may be suspended for one day or be assigned four hours in detention.

infractor

infraneritic

ingrained

inhalator

inherently

inhibit

injunction

n

/ ən'jəŋ(k)shən /

L

a writ granted by a court of equity whereby one is required to do or to refrain from doing a specified act.

The court issued a temporary injunction against the sale of the allegedly forged work of art.

injure

injures

inland

inning

n

/ 'iniŋ /

E

a division of a baseball game consisting of a turn at bat for each team.

Dad wants to leave the game at the end of the eighth inning to avoid the traffic.

innovate

innovator

innuendoes

inorganic

adj

/ inò(r)'ganik /

L + Gk > L

[Note: Could be confused with enorganic.] being, containing, or relating to a chemical substance or substances not relating to or derived from living organisms.

Clarice uses no inorganic fertilizers in her garden.

inquest

inquiry

inquisitorial

inroad

insanity

n

/ ən'sanədē /

L

such unsoundness of mind as excuses one from criminal or civil responsibility.

At his arraignment the defendant pleaded "not guilty by reason of insanity."

insider

insight

insincere

insinuation

insolubility

insolvable

insolvency

insolvent

inspiration

inspiratory

inspissating

inspissation

instant

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instar

n
/ 'ɪn.stär /
L

a stage in the life of an insect between two successive molts.
In the first instar of whiteflies, the young, active, wingless forms are usually called larvae.

instellation

instinctive

instruct

insubordination

n
/ ɪn.sə.bô(r)ɔ̃n'āshən /
L
defiance of authority.
Principal Sawyer warned the students that any insubordination to teachers would be dealt with severely.

insularity

insult

insure

insurgent

intact

intarsia

intellectual

n
/ ɪnt'l'ekch(ew)əl /
L
one given to study, reflection, and speculation especially concerning large, profound, or abstract issues.
The guidance counselor told the student that she should not be afraid to be an intellectual.

intelligence

intent

intently

adv
/ ɔ̃n'tentl̃ /
L + Ecf
in a directed manner marked by strained or eager attention.
Karen was gazing so intently out the window that she did not realize her brother had entered the room.

interactive

adj
/ ɪntə(r)'aktiv /
L + L
of, relating to, or being a two-way electronic communication system (as a telephone or a computer) that involves a user's orders (as for information or merchandise) or responses (as to a poll).
Cody has worked hard to develop his interactive Web site.

intercalary

intercensal

intercession

intercom

intercostal

interdiction

interdisciplinary

adj
/ ɪntə(r)'disəpl̃.ner̃ /
L + L
characterized by participation or cooperation of two or more fields of study.
Many colleges permit students to create interdisciplinary majors.

interest

interleaf

interline

interlinear

adj
/ ɪntə(r)'liñə(r) /
L
inserted between rows of written or printed characters.
The book contains the original Latin text with an interlinear translation.

interludial

intermediary

intermolecular

adj
/ ɪntə(r)mə'lekyəl̃r /
L + L
existing or acting between molecules.
The van der Waals equation takes into account the intermolecular forces exerted on a molecule by neighboring molecules.

interofective

interpreter

interreflection

n
/ ɪntə(r)rə'flekshən /
L + L
reciprocal partial or complete return of a wave motion (as of light or sound) from a surface that it encounters into the medium that it originally traversed.
Interreflection enables light to travel hundreds of miles through fiber-optic cable.

interrelate

v
/ ɪntə(r)rə'lāt /
L + L
have a mutual connection by way of sympathy especially as marked by community of interest.
Karen and Stella interrelate so well that each often knows what the other is going to say.

interrogation

interrogator

interruption

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|--|--|---|
| intervolve | invocation n / ɪnvə'kāshən / L a prayer of entreaty that is usually a call for the divine presence and is offered at the beginning of a meeting or service of worship. <i>Reverend Billy Graham gave the invocation at the World Games of the Special Olympics.</i> | irreverence |
| intestine | | irreverential |
| intonement | | irruptible |
| intransigent | | isallotherm |
| intratelluric | | isanemone |
| intravenous | | isepiptesis |
| intriguer | involucered | islamics |
| introducible | invulnerable | islandology |
| introgressant | inwardly | islet |
| introvert | iodize | isobase |
| introverted | ionize v / 'ɪɒnɪz / Gk > ISV convert wholly or partly into atoms or groups of atoms that carry a positive or negative electric charge as a result of having lost or gained one or more electrons. <i>It takes a certain amount of energy to ionize a given gaseous atom in its ground state and a different amount to ionize the resulting ion a second or third time.</i> | isoelectronic adj / ɪ()səʊ.lek'trənɪk / Gk > ISV having the same number of negatively charged constituent elementary particles—used of atoms or their ions. <i>Comparing the size of ions of elements in different groups on the periodic table is meaningful only if they are isoelectronic.</i> |
| intrusion | | isolationism |
| intumescent | | isolette |
| intussuscept | | isomeric adj / ɪsə'merɪk / Gk > ISV of, relating to, or exhibiting the phenomenon exhibited by two or more chemical substances containing the same numbers of atoms of the same elements in the substances but differing in the structural arrangement of the atoms. <i>Two isomeric substances may have different colors, melting points, dipole moments, and chemical reactivities.</i> |
| inure | | isopleth |
| invader | ipilipil | isopropyl |
| invariant | iridectomize | isopycnic |
| invert v / ɪn'vert / L undergo a conversion of a substance showing dextrorotation into one showing levorotation or vice versa. <i>Dr. Norton pointed on the illustration where the quartz started to invert to cristobalite.</i> | iridology | |
| investigator | iris | |
| invigilate | iron | |
| invigorate | irrational | |
| invitee | irrefragably | |
| invocable | irreligious adj / ɪrə'liʃəs / L + L lacking emotions, doctrines, or practices that show reverence for a god or a supreme being : ungodly. <i>Trefger prayed every day that his irreligious relatives would eventually see the light.</i> | |

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isoseismal

adj

/ ɪ(ˌ)səˈsīzməl /

Gk + Gk

of, relating to, or marked by equal intensity of earthquake shock.

The graph showed the isoseismal zones around the epicenter of the earthquake.

isotopic

adj

/ ɪsəˈtəpɪk /

Gk > ISV

of, relating to, or having the relationship of one of two or more species of atoms of the same chemical element that have the same atomic number but differ in atomic mass or mass number.

Hydrogen, deuterium, and tritium, which differ only in number of neutrons, are three isotopic forms of hydrogen.

isotron

ispaghul

ispahan

Italianate

adj

/ ɪˈtalyənət /

Gk > L > It

having an Italian quality : marked by Italian characteristics or influence.

The Italianate style of Victorian architecture was very popular in the United States between 1840 and 1870.

itchy

ivorine

jacana

jacaranda

jacket

jackpot

jackscrew

jacksnipe

jacobeian

jactance

jade

Jainism

n

/ ˈjā.nizəm /

Skt > Hindi

a religion of India characterized by the belief that while gods control the realm of time and matter, no being higher than an absolutely perfect human soul is necessary for the creation or moral regulation of the universe.

Jainism—along with Hinduism and Buddhism—is one of the three most ancient of India's religious traditions still practiced.

jealousies

jambeaux

jambstone

jangly

janitress

January

n

/ ˈjanyə.werē /

L

the first month of the Gregorian calendar.

Three Kings' Day is the sixth day of January.

japanesy

japeries

jargonistic

jarrah

jasponyx

javelineer

jawbreaker

jaygee

jeep

jeerer

jejunity

jequirity

jester

n

/ ˈjestə(r) /

E

fool.

The court jester went too far with his jokes one day and landed in the dungeon.

jesuitize

jetport

jibber

jicara

n

/ ˈhēkərə /

Nahuatl > Sp

[has near homonym: Jicarilla] a cup or bowl made from the fruit of the calabash tree.

Edward spent some of his free time carving a jicara.

jiffy

jigger

jiggling

jigsaw

jingoist

jinx

jitterbug

n

/ ˈjɪdə(r).bæg /

unknown + unknown

a dance in which couples two-step, balance, and twirl in standardized patterns or with vigorous acrobatics.

Movies set during World War II often show people dancing the jitterbug.

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jive

v
/ jīv /
unknown
[has homonym: gyve] dance to hot jazz.

Cecily loves to jive while listening to her father's collection of old jazz tunes.

jobholder

joggle

joinery

n
/ 'jōinərə /
F > E
the fastening together of pieces of wood to construct furniture, cabinetry, or other articles.
Ronald admired the nearly seamless joinery on the Hepplewhite table at the auction but couldn't afford to bid on it.

jointer

jolly

adj
/ 'jälē /
Scand? > F > E
full of high spirits : joyous.
The students couldn't figure out why their bus driver was so jolly all the time.

jornada

n
/ hō(r)'nädə /
L > OProv > Sp
an arduous usually one-day journey across a stretch of desert.
The travelers almost perished for lack of water on the grim jornada.

journeycake

n
/ 'jərnē.kāk /
E name + ON > E
[Note: Could be confused with johnnycake or jonny cake.] a bread made of white or yellow cornmeal mixed with salt and water or milk and either baked thin in a pan or dropped by spoonfuls onto a hot greased griddle.
Hiram yelled at Mitch for eating the last journey cake.

journeyman

joyful

adj
/ 'jōifəl /
L > F > E + Ec
experiencing pleasure or delight : happy.
Joyful people are said to outlive their bilious, whining counterparts.

jubate

Judaica

n pl
/ jü'dāəkə /
Gk > L
things Jewish.
Rebecca opened a shop devoted entirely to Judaica.

Judaism

n
/ 'jüdā.izəm /
Heb > Gk > L
the total complex of cultural, social, and religious beliefs and practices of the Jews.
Laura decided to convert to Judaism when she married David.

judaize

judder

judgeship

judgmatically

judiciously

judo

jugger

juggle

juice

juliet

n
/ 'jülyət /
Shakespearean name
a woman's slipper with a high front and back and low-cut sides.
As Ruth slipped her foot into the juliet, she felt the sharp point of an earring she thought she had lost.

jumbo

adj
/ 'jəm(ə)bō /
name of a circus elephant
being a very large specimen of its kind.
The jumbo diamonds flashed at the awards ceremony.

jumping

June

n
/ 'jün /
L name
the sixth month of the Gregorian calendar.
Nuptiality usually increases dramatically in June.

junior

junoesque

jurel

jurisconsult

jurisprudential

justiciar

justificatory

juvenilize

juxtaposed

kaddish

kafkaesque

kalanchoe

kapok

kappa

karaoke

karpas

karyogram

karyotheca

kathenotheism

kavass

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|--|--|---|
| kayak | kickshaw n / 'kik.shò / F > E a fancy dish in cookery : tidbit, delicacy. <i>Arlene is famous for whipping up some exotic kickshaw out of whatever she has on hand.</i> | king n / 'kiŋ / E a male monarch who reigns over a major territorial unit. <i>When his brother left for the crusades, Prince John decided to make himself king.</i> |
| kea | | kingly |
| keckling | | kingpin |
| kedushah | | kink |
| keelblock | kiddish | kinky |
| keelboat | kiddush | kinswoman n / 'kɪns.wʊmən / E + E a female relative. <i>By marrying a kinswoman of the king, the earl gained even more power and influence.</i> |
| keepable | kikepa n / kē'kāpə / Hawaiian a sarong worn by Hawaiian women with the top under one arm and over the shoulder of the opposite arm. <i>During the Hawaiian culture celebration known as Makahiki, males must wear a malo and females must wear a kikepa.</i> | kisses |
| keg | | kittel n / 'kid'l / Ar? > G > Yiddish [has homonym: kittle] a white cotton or linen robe worn by orthodox Jews on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur and at the Passover seder. <i>Mr. Eisen put on a brand-new kittel and prepared to greet his seder guests.</i> |
| kekepa | | kittiwake |
| kelebe | kiloware | kiva |
| kelly n / 'kelē / Ir name a variable color averaging a strong yellowish green. <i>Sinead is adamant that the best color of felt for her shamrocks is kelly.</i> | kin n / 'kin / E a member of the same family : a blood relation. <i>After comparing notes for over an hour, we determined that Howard was not any kin to us.</i> | klezmer |
| kenning n / 'kenɪŋ / ON a metaphorical compound word or phrase used especially in Old English and Old Norse poetry. <i>While reading Beowulf, Frieda found a kenning that referred to the ocean as a "whale road."</i> | kind n / 'kɪnd / E a group united by common traits or interests : category, class. <i>When Mayor Winkle publicly informed the migrant workers that their kind was not welcome, they responded with a lawsuit.</i> | klipbok |
| kenosis | | kneel |
| keratopathy | kindle | knickerbockers |
| kerion | kinesalgia | knickknackery |
| kerystic | kinesics | |
| kettledrum | kineticism | |
| keyboard | | |
| keypunch | | |
| khaya | | |

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knit

v
/ 'nit /
E

[has homonym: nit] form a fabric or garment by the interlacing of a yarn or yarns in a series of connected loops by means of hand or machine needles.

Scott asked his aunt to knit him a special wool sweater with his name on it.

knitted

knobstick

knotty

adj
/ 'nädē /
E

[has homonyms: noddie, naughty] full of difficulties or complications : hard to solve or understand.

Felipe had trouble cutting through the knotty information presented in the computer manual.

knowing

knowingly

adv
/ 'nōɪŋlē /
E

with awareness, deliberateness, or intention.

The physician was indicted for knowingly defrauding the government.

knuckles

koan

n
/ 'kō.än /
Jpn

a paradox used in Zen Buddhism as an instrument of meditation in training monks to despair of an ultimate dependence upon reason and to force them into sudden intuitive enlightenment.

The most widely known koan is the question "What is the sound of one hand clapping?"

kolo

n
/ 'kō(ɹ)lō /
OSlav > Serbo-Croatian
a central European folk dance in which dancers form a circle and progress slowly to right and left while one or more solo dancers perform elaborate steps in the center.

The tourists clapped as Yelena danced the kolo energetically.

kornerupine

korrigan

n
/ 'kōrə.gän /
Bret
[has homonym: corrigan as in corrigan pulse] a long-haired nocturnal often malevolent Breton fairy sorceress.
The evil character in the French children's film was a korrigan.

korrigum

n
/ 'kärəgəm /
Kanuri
a reddish fawn antelope of western Africa having black markings.
The zoo recently obtained a reddish-orange korrigum from Senegal.

krausen

kummel

kunzite

kyack

kylin

kyphosis

label

labels

labrum

n
/ 'lābrəm /
L
the upper or anterior lip of insects.
A sand wasp is most easily recognized by an elongated, triangular labrum which resembles a beak.

lacertiform

lakis

laconize

lactose

ladder

laddery

ladino

n
/ lə'dē.nō /
L > Sp
[has near homonym: Latino] a cunningly vicious horse or steer.
One ladino proved to be the downfall of 17 riders at the rodeo.

laicization

lair

lake

n
/ 'lāk /
E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a purplish red pigment prepared from lac dye or cochineal.
Eva wiped off her lipstick when Tom told her that it contained lake made from dried female insect bodies.

lama

n
/ 'lämə /
Tibetan
[has homonym: llama] a priest or monk of Tibetan Buddhism.
The famous lama gave an introductory talk on dharma at the Buddhist retreat center in Berkeley.

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lambert

n
/ 'lambə(r)t /
G name
the centimeter-gram-second unit of brightness equal to the brightness of a perfectly diffusing surface that radiates or reflects 1 lumen per square centimeter.
The lambert is used in calculations by astronomers, physicists, engineers, and photographers.

lamellirostral

lamentable

laminipantar

lampblack

lampoonery

lanai

lancers

n pl
/ 'lan(t)sə(r)z /
F
a set of five square dances each in a different meter.
In the lancers, the dancers salute in military style.

landlord

lanuginous

laocoon

laputan

larcenist

larcenously

large

adj
/ 'lärj /
L > F > E
exceeding most other things of like kind in bulk, capacity, quantity, superficial dimensions, or number of constituent units.
Compared to saddle horses, Belgians and Clydesdales are quite large.

larrikin

laryngectomize

laryngectomy

latanier

latecomer

lateen

lateral

lather

lathhouse

laticifer

Latino

n
/ lə'tēnō /
L > Sp
[has near homonym: ladino] a person of Latin American origin living in the United States.
Comedian Paul Rodriguez has built his routine around being a Latino.

latitudinarian

latrodectism

latter

laudable

launch

launcher

lavation

lawful

lawrencium

laxative

lay

n
/ 'lā /
Scand
[has homonym: lei] a simple narrative poem.
A popular historical ballad can properly be called a lay.

layback

leaching

lead

leaden

adj
/ 'ledʒn /
E
oppressively heavy.
After hours of trudging through the rain, Tibi's clothes were leaden and her feet ached.

leafcup

leag

leanly

learn

v
/ 'lɜrn /
E
gain knowledge or understanding of or skill in by study, instruction, or experience.
Joel was determined to learn his multiplication tables before Thanksgiving.

least

leather

leathery

leaving

lebhaf

lee

leechcraft

leeward

leeway

leftover

leftovers

n pl
/ 'left.ōvə(r)z /
E + E
fragments of food remaining from a meal.
The waiter brought Elbert a container for his leftovers.

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| legalize | Lethean adj / 'lēthēən / Gk of, relating to, or causing forgetfulness. <i>Blake said that the Lethean nature of the novel was to blame for his poor grade on the literature quiz.</i> | ligand n / 'ligənd / L a group, ion, or molecule coordinated to the central atom in a coordination complex. <i>Sphyros explained that a ligand is just a molecule or ion surrounding a transition metal in a complex molecule or ion.</i> |
| legion | | lightened |
| legionnaire | | figure |
| legitim | | ligustrum |
| legitimate | | lilacs |
| lei | leucite | liman |
| leicester | leucotomy | limber |
| leiotrichous | leukemogen | limburger |
| leisurely | lexicology n / ,leksə'käləgē / Gk the science of the derivation and signification of words. <i>Jim is working on a graduate degree in lexicology and has his heart set on becoming a dictionary editor.</i> | lime n / 'līm / E a caustic highly infusible solid that consists essentially of calcium oxide. <i>Sidney learned at the museum that lime is one of the material components of glass.</i> |
| lemel | | limekiln |
| lemon | | limitless |
| lengthen | | limousines |
| lengthy | | limpa |
| lenience | liaise v / lē'āz / L > F > E establish communication for purposes of mutual understanding. <i>The U.S. Treasury agent had to liaise with the local and state police in the matter of the suspected counterfeiters.</i> | limpet |
| lentil | | limpkin |
| lepidopterology n / ,lepə.däptər'äləjē / Gk > L a branch of the science of insect life dealing with the study of butterflies and moths. <i>Dabbling in lepidopterology is a hobby for Ian, who has a fabulous butterfly collection.</i> | liberate | limuloid |
| leptodactylous | librettist | |
| lessee | lichenology | |
| lesser adj / 'lesə(r) / E [has homonym: lessor] smaller : inferior. <i>The lesser rivers and streams did not have names on the Forest Service map.</i> | lickerish | |
| | lickspittle | |
| | lifeboat | |
| | lifelong | |

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lindy

n
/ 'lindē /
U.S. name
a jitterbug dance originating in Harlem and later developing many local variants.
Sean and Miriam danced the lindy at the costume party.

linebacker

linenized

linesman

n
/ 'lɪnz.mən /
E&(L > F) + E
[Note: Plural form is pronounced identically.] an official who assists a referee especially in various goal and net games.
The chief duty of the head linesman in football is to mark the yardage gained or lost on each play.

lingcod

lingo

linguistic

linotypist

linoxyn

linseed

linstock

n
/ 'lɪnz.tāk /
D > E
a pointed forked staff shod with iron at the foot formerly used to hold a lighted match for firing cannon.
Captain Braucher waved the linstock over his head to indicate he was ready to fire.

lintwhite

n
/ 'lɪnt.(h)wīt /
E
a common small Old World finch having plumage that varies greatly.
In his poem "Claribel" Tennyson wrote: "Her song the lintwhite swelleth, the clear-voiced mavis dwelleth. . . ."

lionize

lipoprotein

liquid

adj
/ 'lɪkwəd /
L
being extremely fluid without being gaseous and having a definite volume without having a definite shape except such as is temporarily given by a container.
When air is liquefied, oxygen is the first component to become liquid.

lisp

listen

listless

adj
/ 'lɪstləs /
E
characterized by lack of inclination or impetus to exertion : languid, spiritless.
People with abnormally low levels of thyroid hormones are often listless and apathetic.

literal

literally

lithium

lithophilous

litigant

livable

livedo

liverwurst

lividity

lixivate

loach

loafer

n
/ 'lɒfə(r) /
L > Sp > E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] timber wolf.
Gunter spotted a loafer frolicking in the snow.

loathing

local

localize

localizer

locker

locket

locomobile

locomote

locomotive

loft

logaoedic

logical

logodaedaly

logorrheic

lolloped

v
/ 'lɒləpt /
imit E
proceeded with a bounding or bobbing motion.
The jackrabbit lolloped across the lawn in the twilight.

lombard

longhorn

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longways

adv
/ 'lɒŋ.wāz /
E + E

in two straight lines.
Michael announced that the next folk dance would be performed longways.

loosen

v
/ 'lʊs.n /
E

set free : free from restraint.
The crook thought a little money might loosen his tongue, but Vince never said a word about the jewels.

loosestrife

lope

lopolith

loran

lorelei

lorgnettes

lose

lots

adv
/ 'ləts /
E
to or by a considerable number or amount : much.
Ginny asserts that reading a book is lots more fun for her than watching television.

loutishness

lovable

lox

loyally

loyalty

lubberly

luckily

Lucretian

lucubrate

v
/ 'lʊk(y)ə.brāt /
L

discourse learnedly in writing.
Abraham had the opportunity to lucubrate in several journals before he turned away from scholarship.

luge

luger

n
/ 'lʊ.zhə(r) /
F

[has near homonym: loser] one who coasts on a small sled.
Ron likes Nordic skiing, but Arthur fancies himself a luger.

lukewarmly

luminophor

lunate

adj
/ 'lʊ.nāt /
L

shaped like a crescent.
A whimsical lunate window lit the stairwell in Xavier's house.

lupuline

lurch

lure

v
/ 'lʊ(ə)r /
Gmc > F > E
[has homonym: loure] attract, entice, invite.
Wendy hopes that the new neon sign will lure customers into her beauty salon.

lusterware

lustral

lustrously

lutestring

n
/ 'lʊt.striŋ /
It > E
a plain glossy silk formerly much used for women's dresses and ribbons.
Ephemia wore a flowing negligee of white lutestring to the costume party.

luthern

lycanthropic

lymph

lyncean

lynch

lynching

n
/ 'linchiŋ /
Am name
the act of a mob or group that hangs or otherwise kills someone in punishment of a presumed crime or offense.
Police were called in to prevent the riotous mob from lynching the captured terrorist.

lyrurus

lysin

macao

maccus

macellum

n
/ mə'seləm /
Heb > Gk > L
an ancient Roman market or market building.
Phyllis toured the Colosseum, a statuary garden, and a macellum while on vacation in Rome.

macfarlane

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Mach
n
/ 'mäk /
G name
[has homonyms: moch, mock] a number representing the ratio of the speed of a body to the speed of sound in the surrounding atmosphere.
The Mach required to reach low Earth orbit is 25.

machicotage

machinations

machine

macho

macilent

macrobian

macrobiotic

macropterous
adj
/ ma'kräptərəs /
Gk + Gk
having long or large wings—used of birds or insects.
The macropterous bald eagle has a wingspan that ranges from six to eight feet.

macroscian

macular

maculose

madcap

maddeningly

maddish

madeira

madonna

maestoso

maggotry

magi

magic

magisterially

magistrate

magmatic

magnet

magnetician

magnetism

magneto

magnific
adj
/ mag'nifik /
L > F
imposing in size.
Friedrich painted a magnific hill shooting high above the clouds.

magnolia

magpie

magus
n
/ 'māgəs /
Gk > L
magician.
The magus practiced his shape-changing spells on his apprentice.

maiant

maidservant

mailable

mailbox

maile

mainspring

mainstream

majolica

majoon

major
v
/ 'mājə(r) /
L
pursue a subject of academic study as a field of specialization.
Like many students, Harold has no idea what subject he would like to major in.

makable
adj
/ 'mākəbəl /
E + Ecf
capable of being made.
Boris and Natasha argued over how to establish a makable bridge contract.

makara
n
/ 'mākərə /
Skt
a water monster of Hindu religious myth that is represented in religious art as having the body of a crocodile and head of an antelope.
A makara is portrayed on one of the five types of flags mentioned in Buddhist scripture.

maladjustment

malaise

malapropos

malefic

malevolence

malihini

malmignatte

malversation
n
/ .malvə(r)'sāshən /
L > F
misbehavior and especially corruption in an office, trust, or commission.
The gubernatorial candidate claims that malversation has become rampant in the present administration.

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mambo
n
/ mām(,)bō /
Sp
a complex, staccato, usually fast dance related to the rumba and of Cuban origin.
Mr. Varda was the best dancer of the mambo in Cleveland in the 1950s.

mammalia

mammatus

mammonish

manacled

manager

manciple

manger

mango

mangosteen

manicure

maniple

manipulate

manit

mannequin

mannish
adj
/ 'manish /
E
resembling or suggesting that of a man.
Low-heeled mannish shoes completed Louise's outfit.

manslaughter
n
/ 'man.slōdər(r) /
E + Scand
the slaying of a human being; specifically : the unlawful killing of a human being without express or implied malice.
Because the prosecutor could not prove premeditation, the suspect was charged with manslaughter instead of murder.

mantelpiece

mantra
n
/ 'mantrə /
Skt
a verbal spell, ritualistic incantation, or mystic formula used devotionally in popular Hinduism and Buddhism.
While awaiting rescue from the earthquake, Ravi used a mantra to keep his mind off the pain.

manumitter

many
adj
/ .menē /
E
consisting of or amounting to a large but indefinite number : not few.
Many college students flock to the beaches during spring break.

maoism

maori

mar

maracas

marasmus

marcescence

March
n
/ 'mārch /
L name > F > E
the third month of the Gregorian calendar.
March is typically a windy month in the United States.

marchpane
n
/ 'mārch.pān /
It
a shapable confection made of almond paste.
The marchpane was sculpted into a tiny edible castle.

margin

marie
n
/ mə'rē /
F
an often ornamented raised border of a plate or flat dish that forms a plane nearly parallel to the bottom.
The marie of Valetta's china was decorated with 14-karat gold.

marina

marinated

marketfish
n
/ 'märkət.fish /
E geog name + E
[Note: Could be confused with margate fish and margot fish.] a variable usually pearl gray fish of the tropical western Atlantic.
The marketfish is esteemed as a food fish.

marmoreal

marooned

marquee

marquette

marriage
n
/ 'marij /
L > F > E
the state of being united to a person as husband or wife.
In many countries marriage has a number of legal ramifications for both parties involved.

marron

marrow

marteline

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| martingale | matroclinal | mazar n / mə'zär / Ar a Muslim shrine or enshrined tomb. <i>The popular shrine was reputed to be the mazar of a saint, but none of the pilgrims was certain who was buried there.</i> |
| martinique | matronly | mcleod |
| mascalage | matsail | mealiness |
| masculinity | maturity | mealy |
| masher n / 'mashə(r) / E a kitchen utensil for crushing food to a soft, pulpy consistency. <i>Brittany used a masher on the potatoes before whipping in the butter and milk.</i> | maunderer | mean n / 'mēn / E [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, word has homonym: mien.] a quantity formed by adding quantities together in any order and dividing by their number. <i>When students average their grades, they are calculating the arithmetic mean.</i> |
| mashie | mauvette | meander |
| masochism | maxilla | meaning |
| masochist | maximum | meatball |
| massecuite | maxwell n / 'mak.swel / Scot name the centimeter-gram-second electromagnetic unit of magnetic flux equal to the flux per square centimeter of normal cross section in a region where the magnetic induction is 1 gauss. <i>The maxwell is named after James Clerk Maxwell, who is ranked with Sir Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein for the fundamental nature of his contributions to science.</i> | mechanics n pl / mə'kaniks / Gk a branch of physical science that deals with energy and forces and their relation to the equilibrium, deformation, or motion of solid, liquid, and gaseous bodies. <i>A scientist in the field of fluid mechanics used a Ping-Pong ball and a shop vacuum cleaner to demonstrate the Bernoulli effect.</i> |
| mastermind | may n / 'mā / L [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] the early, vigorous part of human life : prime, heyday. <i>The quarterback knew that the end of his may was at hand, so he began to think about a second career.</i> | mechanistic |
| masterpiece | maypole n / 'mā.pōl / L > F > E + L > E a tall pole in an open place and wreathed with flowers forming a center for May Day sports. <i>The eighth-grade girls danced around the maypole in the school's spring festival.</i> | mechanize |
| mastoid | mazagran | mechanomorphic |
| matchcoat n / 'mach.kōt / Powhatan > E a mantle or similar loose covering of fur, feathers, or usually woolen cloth formerly extensively worn by Native Americans. <i>Running Fox took his rifle and his matchcoat and headed out into the night.</i> | | medal |
| matching | | |
| matchless | | |
| material | | |
| matricide n / 'matrə.sīd / L murder of a mother by her son or daughter. <i>In the Greek drama, Orestes commits matricide in revenge for his mother's murder of his father.</i> | | |

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medallic

median

n
/ 'mēdēən /
L

a value in an ordered set of quantities below and above which fall an equal number of quantities or which is the average of the two middle values if there is no one middle number.

The median of the set {8, 10, 14, 36} is 12.

mediation

medicament

medievalist

medlar

meek

megahertz

megaprosopous

megrim

melangeur

melanin

melanite

melanochroi

melezitose

melic

meliorism

melismatics

melliferous

melodious

melomania

memorable

adj
/ 'mem(ə)rəbəl /
L
worthy of being remembered or noted.
"The Raven" is one of Edgar Allan Poe's most memorable poems.

memorial

menat

mennonite

menology

mensuration

n
/ .men(t)sə'rāshən /
L
the act, process, art or an instance of measuring : measurement.
The lab tests seemed to run perfectly, but careless mensuration resulted in the need to redo everything.

mention

n
/ 'menchən /
L
the act or an instance of citing, noting, or calling attention to someone or something especially in a brief or casual manner.
Harry was disappointed that his defensive play did not receive any mention in the newspaper account of Saturday's game.

menu

n
/ 'me(,)nyü /
L > F
the dishes served at a meal or the meal itself.
The menu for the country music awards banquet includes fried chicken and apple brown Betty.

mercerized

merchant

merchantable

merciful

merciless

adj
/ 'mərsēləs /
L > F > E + Ec
cruel, harsh, pitiless.
The columnist's satire turned a merciless spotlight on the academic establishment.

mercuric

adj
/ .mə'rkyürík /
L > ISV
of, relating to, or containing the heavy silver-white poisonous metallic element that is the only metal liquid at ordinary temperatures—used especially of compounds in which this element is bivalent.
"Mad hatters" are no myth: Toxic solutions of mercuric chloride and mercuric nitrate were once used in the production of felt hats.

merge

merlin

merlon

n
/ 'mərələn /
L > It > F
[has homonym: merlin] one of the tall intervals between embrasures on a battlement.
Sergeant Stammel took cover behind a merlon as the enemy archers began to shoot.

meromictic

merrily

merry

adj
/ 'merē /
E
[has near homonym: marry] full of gaiety or high spirits : cheerful.
Dozens of movies have been made about Robin Hood and his merry men.

meseta

mesocracy

mesoprosopic

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mesoptile

mess

n
/ 'mes /
L > F > E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.]
sufficient quantity (of a specified kind of food) for a dish or a meal.
Janie went out to the garden and picked a mess of green beans for supper.

message

Messiah

n
/ mə'siə /
Heb&Aram
the expected king and deliverer of the Jews.
Messianic Jewish congregations believe that Jesus was the promised Messiah, but they also observe Jewish holidays.

messianic

messmate

metacarpus

metachronous

metalloid

n
/ 'med^əl.oid /
Gk? > L > F > E + Gk > ISVcf
a nonmetal (as carbon or nitrogen) that can combine with a metal to form an alloy.
When asked to name a metalloid, Xerxes gave two examples: silicon and germanium.

metallophone

metalware

metatarsus

metathesis

n
/ mə'tathəsəs /
Gk
a chemical reaction between two compounds in which part of the first compound becomes united with part of the second and the remainder of the first compound becomes united with the remainder of the second.
Metathesis between an aqueous solution of barium chloride and an aqueous solution of sodium sulfate produces a white precipitate of barium sulfate.

metempsychosis

n
/ .məd.əm.sī'kōsəs /
Gk
the passing of the soul at death into another body either human or animal.
Hinduism and Buddhism are major religions that profess belief in metempsychosis.

meteorology

n
/ .mədēə'räləjē /
Gk
a science that deals with the atmosphere and its phenomena (as variations of heat, moisture, or winds).
Sarah was disappointed when she learned that her favorite weather forecaster had no formal training in meteorology.

meter

n
/ 'mēdə(r) /
Gk
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.]
systematically arranged and measured rhythm in verse.
Meter in English is by stress rather than by length of vowel as in Greek.

methanize

v
/ 'methə.nīz /
ISV
convert (as a mixture of carbon monoxide and hydrogen) to a colorless odorless flammable gaseous saturated hydrocarbon that is lighter than air and forms explosive mixtures with air or oxygen.
Dan correctly wrote the chemical equation illustrating how to methanize carbon monoxide and hydrogen.

method

methyrate

meticulous

metier

metricize

mhometer

miaul

micraner

microangiopathy

micrometeorite

microphyll

microsecond

n
/ 'mīkrō.sekənd /
Gk + L
a unit of time equal to 1 millionth of a second.
Some writers need five paragraphs to explain an emotion that lasts only for a microsecond.

microseism

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microwave

v
/ 'mī.krō.wāv /
Gk + E

cook or heat in an oven that penetrates food with very short electromagnetic waves.

The instructions on the jumbo package of frozen lasagna were to microwave the contents for 25 minutes.

midbrain

middling

adj
/ 'midliŋ /
E

falling between two extremes.

The fugitive was described as a man of middling height, with blonde hair, and wearing a cape.

midway

adv
/ 'mid.wā /
E

in the middle of the distance.

The alderman's proposal was midway between revolution and reform.

miff

milanaise

mile

n
/ 'mīl /
E

a unit of distance equal to 5,280 feet.

Sasha thought it terribly unfair that he had to walk a mile to school.

military

millennial

millesimal

millimeter

n
/ .milē'a(m).mēdə(r) /
L > F + F name + Gk > F
an instrument for measuring electric currents in milliamperes.
The electrical output of a photoelectric cell is measured with a millimeter.

millionairess

milonga

n
/ mə'lɒŋgə /
Sp
an Argentine ballroom dance that preceded the tango early in the 20th century.
It is unusual to see anyone dance the milonga nowadays.

milquetoast

mime

minauderie

mince

mineral

mineralize

v
/ 'min(ə)rə.līz /
L + Ecf
supply with minerals or any inorganic compound.
Mary's science project was a poster explaining how fluorine ions in toothpaste help to mineralize teeth and thereby fight decay.

mineralogy

minification

minikin

minimal

miniseries

n
/ 'minē.sī(ɪ)rēz /
L + L
a television production of a story presented in sequential episodes.
The novel's plot was so long and convoluted that the television producers decided to dramatize it in a six-part miniseries instead of a movie.

mink

n
/ 'mɪŋk /
E
any of several slender-bodied semiaquatic carnivorous mammals that resemble and are closely related to the weasels.
The American mink generally feeds on fish, muskrats, rabbits, and birds.

minnesinger

n
/ 'minē.sɪŋə(r) /
G
one of a class of aristocratic German lyric poets and musicians of the 12th to the 14th centuries characterized by having love and beauty as the subject of their songs.
The folk tale ended with the revelation that the apprentice minnesinger was actually the son of a German prince.

minniebush

miraculously

mirifical

miscalculations

miscella

miscreancy

misdemeanant

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misemphasize

v
/ ˌmɪs'ɛm(p)fəˌsaɪz /
Ecf + Gk
give a misplaced or wrong stress or relative importance to.
Mona worried that the highlighting in the used textbook would misemphasize the important points she should learn.

misfortune

n
/ mɪs'fɔːrtʃən /
Ecf + L > F > E
an instance of bad luck.
What victim of a misfortune has not asked "Why me?"

mishit

n
/ 'mɪs.hɪt /
E + ON + E
a poor hit in cricket.
David's first swing was deemed a mishit and booed by the crowd.

misinterpret

v
/ ˌmɪsɪn'tərprət /
Ecf + L
give an incorrect explanation to : explain wrongly.
It would be very hard to misinterpret the body language conveyed by the rolling of one's eyes.

miso

n
/ 'mɛ(ˌ)sō /
Jpn
a paste used in preparing soups and other foods that is made by grinding a mixture of steamed rice, cooked soybeans, and salt and fermenting it in brine.
Akira made a light soup of miso, spinach, and tofu.

misorientation

n
/ ˌmɪs.ɔːrɪən'taɪshən /
Ecf + L
the act of wrongly or incorrectly determining one's bearings or settling one's sense of direction.
The pilot's misorientation led him to believe that the water below him was the sky.

mission

n
/ 'mɪʃən /
L
a ministry (as preaching or educational or medical work) commissioned by a church or some other religious organization for the purpose of propagating its faith or carrying on humanitarian work.
Most young Mormon men serve a two-year mission overseas.

missive

missorted

v
/ mɪ(s)'sò(ə)rðəd /
Ecf + E
incorrectly put in a given place or rank according to kind, class, or nature.
If the dirty laundry is missorted, some nice clothes could be ruined.

misspeak

v
/ mɪ(s)'spēk /
Ecf + E
utter words or articulate sounds incorrectly.
The president was relieved when he did not misspeak any words in his inaugural address.

misstrike

n
/ mɪ(s)'strɪk /
Ecf + E
a coin whose design is off center.
The misstrike in the coin collector's shadow box is extremely valuable.

mistakes

n pl
/ mə'stāks /
ON > E
wrong actions or statements proceeding from faulty judgment, inadequate knowledge, or inattention : unintentional errors.
The princess explained, "You must never feel badly about making mistakes as long as you take the trouble to learn from them."

mistreat

mistrust

mittella

miticide

mitigation

mitimae

mitral

mixer

n
/ 'mɪksə(r) /
L + Ecf
a stationary or portable kitchen utensil equipped with one or more beaters for mixing, beating, creaming, or whipping a variety of foods.
Grace and Harry received a large mixer as a wedding present.

moarian

moat

n
/ 'mōt /
F > E
[has homonym: mote] a deep and wide trench surrounding a castle.
The oily, dark waters of the moat swirled as some unknown creature passed close to the surface.

mobcap

n
/ 'mäb.kap /
D? + L > E
a woman's indoor cap; especially : a fancy cap made of sheer material with a high full crown and often tied under the chin.
The chambermaid, dressed in black and wearing a mobcap and a white apron, brought in the refreshments.

mobster

n
/ 'mäbstə(r) /
L
a member of a criminal gang.
The mobster ordered Tony to pay his gambling debts or else.

mockado

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mode

n
/ 'mōd /
L

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, word has homonym: mowed.] the value that occurs most frequently : the most common value.

In the set {2, 4, 6, 6, 8} the mode is 6.

moderne

modernize

modestly

adv
/ 'mädəstlē /
L

with a moderate opinion of one's own importance or merits.

The firefighter who rescued the child modestly explained that he was just doing his job.

modulus

mofussil

moire

mole

n
/ 'mōlē /
Nahuatl > AmerSp
[has homonym: moly] a highly spiced sauce made principally of chili and chocolate but containing numerous other ingredients and served with meat (as beef or turkey).
Maria's recipe for mole requires four different kinds of chile peppers.

molecular

adj
/ mə'lekylə(r) /
L > F
relating to, connected with, produced by, or consisting of units of matter that are the smallest particles of an element or chemical combination of atoms (as a compound) capable of retaining chemical identity with the substance in mass.
A molecular formula shows the exact number of atoms of each element in a molecule.

mollifier

mollyhawk

n
/ 'mälē.hök /
D > E
[Note: Could be confused with mollymawk.] one of several large oceanic birds (as the fulmar or petrel).
A mollyhawk dove into the water and plucked out a wriggling fish.

molybdenum

mombin

momentous

momus

n
/ 'mōməs /
Gk name
a carping critic : faultfinder.
People might enjoy Molly's company more if she were not such a momus.

monarchical

monarchy

monasterial

mondial

monitor

monkeyfy

monkeys

monody

monogamy

monograph

monohull

monology

n
/ mə'näləjē /
Gk
the habit of talking to oneself.
Dmitri defended his monology, saying that only if he argued with himself should it be of concern.

monophthalmic

monophthong

monopolizer

monopolylogue

monopsony

monotheism

monotheistic

adj
/ .mä'nə(.)thē'istik /
Gk + Gk
of, relating to, or characterized by the doctrine or belief that there is but one God.
Zoroastrianism is perhaps the oldest monotheistic religion.

monoxenous

montane

monuron

moody

adj
/ 'müde /
E
subject to or characterized by depression or discontent : sullen.
The band's lead singer is notoriously moody and publicity-shy.

moonbeam

moonstone

moor

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|---|--|---|
| moorage | mulct v / 'mækt / L defraud especially of money : swindle. <i>The con artist will mulct Mrs. Crawford of her savings if she falls for his story.</i> | musicale n / .müzə'kal / F a usually private concert of music typically comprising a social entertainment. <i>The governor's mansion was the site of a well-attended musicale celebrating New Year's Day.</i> |
| moray | | musician n / myü'zishən / L > F > E one skilled in music. <i>Although she worked at a bank, Shirley always told people she was a musician when asked what her profession was.</i> |
| morbidity | | musk n / 'mæsk / Skt > Per > Gk > L > F > E a substance that has a penetrating persistent odor that is obtained from the male musk deer. <i>Musk is used in many perfumes and in medicine as an antispasmodic.</i> |
| morbili | | mussalchee |
| morcellement | muleta | mustard adj / 'mæstə(r)d / L > F > E a pungent yellow condiment which is sometimes mixed with water and vinegar and applied to the skin as a poultice for skin irritation. <i>Angelique had been up during the night making mustard plasters to relieve his colic.</i> |
| morosophist | muleteer | mutagenesis |
| morphine | mull v / 'mæl / E consider or talk over the aspects of at length or at leisure. <i>After he finished the book, Simon tried to mull it over, but he kept being distracted.</i> | mutchkin n / 'mæchkən / E [has near homonym: munchkin] a Scotch unit of liquid capacity equal to 0.9 pint. <i>Mrs. Calderwood ordered a mutchkin of lemon juice from the grocer.</i> |
| morphogeny | | mutilation |
| morphology | | |
| mortgagee | mullet | |
| mortmain | multiplex n / 'mæltəpleks / L + L a complex housing several movie theaters. <i>The new multiplex featured a coffee shop in its lobby for its theater patrons.</i> | |
| mosesite | | |
| motion | munchausen | |
| motivation | muniments | |
| motocross | murine | |
| motorcycle | murre | |
| mottlement | murrelet | |
| mournful | muscadine | |
| movement n / 'müvmənt / L + Ecf the action of moving : change of position. <i>Serena's jerky movement threw her partner off balance.</i> | muscular | |
| moving | museology | |
| muddled | mushroom | |
| mudskipper | | |
| muffled | | |
| mug | | |
| muguet | | |

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mutilator

mutinously

mycology

n
/ mī'käləjē /
Gk

a branch of the science of plant life dealing with fungi.
Dana's neighbor has studied mycology and probably knows the name of the fungus that is killing her flowers.

myelography

myelosis

myology

n
/ mī'äləjē /
Gk

a scientific study of muscles.
The pediatrician recommended that Ron's baby brother, who has trouble swallowing, be taken to a specialist in orofacial myology.

myopically

myriameters

n pl
/ 'mirēə.mēdə(r)z /
Gk > F

metric units of length, each equal to 10,000 meters.
The surveyors calculated that a bridge over the narrowest part of the lake would shorten the route between the towns by several myriameters.

myrrhed

mysticism

mythologist

mythology

nabby

nacho

n
/ 'näch(,)ō /
Sp
a tortilla chip topped with cheese and a savory substance (as chili peppers or refried beans) and broiled.
Stevie grabbed the last nacho off the platter just as his little brother reached for it.

nachtmusik

nacre

nacreous

namaycush

nameless

namely

adv
/ 'nāmlē /
E
that is to say : to wit.
Yola chalked up another triumph to her growing list; namely, she secured the biggest account in her company's history.

nameplate

nanmu

nao

nappe

nappy

narcolepsy

narcotic

narratage

nascence

naseberry

n
/ 'näzberē /
L > Sp > E
the fruit of the sapodilla tree with a rough brownish skin and very sweet brownish pulp.
The naseberry is a popular fruit export of Jamaica.

nasology

nastiness

nationalism

native

naturalism

n
/ 'nach(ə)rəlizəm /
L
the quality, rendering, or expression of art or literature executed according to the theory that art or literature should conform exactly to nature or depict every appearance of the subject that comes to the artist's attention.
Naturalism in plays is often exemplified by tough, unsentimental characters, sordid urban settings, and fast-paced slangy dialogue.

nautch

navar

navigable

nearsighted

nebulization

necessarily

necessitate

necrolatry

necrology

necrotic

nectariferous

neencephalon

negate

neglected

negligibility

neighbor

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neighborhood

n
/ 'nābə(r).hūd /
E + E
a number of people forming a loosely cohesive community within a larger unit.
"I've been in the neighborhood only a short time," Mrs. Underwood explained.

nemo

nene

neofascist

neolithic

neology

neoplasm

neoteric

adj
/ .nēə'terik /
Gk > L
recent in origin : modern.
Richard was a fan of neoteric interior design.

nephogram

nephrite

nervulose

ness

nether

adj
/ 'nethə(r) /
E
lower, under.
Mr. Ward feared that his company would be ground to powder between the upper millstone of rigidly set price ceilings and the nether millstone of high labor costs.

neurility

n
/ n(y)ü'rīlədē /
Gk + Ecff
the special properties and functions of the nerves.
When nerve fibers are subjected to injury, neurility is adversely affected.

neurolysis

neuropsychic

neurosis

neurotransmitter

n
/ .n(y)ürōtran(t)'smīdə(r) /
Gk + L + L
a chemical substance that transmits nerve impulses across a synapse.
Parkinson's disease is caused by a lack of the neurotransmitter dopamine in the brain.

neuter

neutrality

next

adj
/ 'nekst /
E
following that approaching or in progress.
After the June test date, the next date for the SAT I is not until October.

ngege

nicad

n
/ 'nī.kad /
Sw? + Gk > L
a rechargeable dry cell that has a nickel cathode and a cadmium anode.
The nicad in Carl's shaver worked even after having been left idle for three years.

nickeline

nidology

niggle

nightcap

n
/ 'nīt.kap /
E + L > E
a cloth cap worn with nightclothes.
The cartoon depicted an elderly gentleman in bed, complete with tasseled nightcap, casting a fly across the room into a large urn.

nightjar

nightshade

nil

n
/ 'nil /
L
nothing, zero.
Jill gave up making crafts for sale at fairs because she felt she was earning absolutely nil.

nilpotent

adj
/ .nil'pōt'nt /
L
equal to zero when raised to some power.
The number zero is nilpotent for every power except zero.

nincompoop

nineties

n pl
/ 'nīntēz /
E
the numbers 90 to 99 inclusive.
Jack should make an A in math this term because all his test scores are in the high nineties.

ninety

nippers

nisse

nitrite

n
/ 'nī.trīt /
Gk > ISV
a salt or ester of an unstable acid known only in pale blue solution.
In the soil, ammonium from plants and animals becomes nitrite as part of the nitrogen cycle.

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nitwit

nivation

nix

n
/ 'niks /
G

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. Word has homonyms: knicks, nicks.] a creature originating in German folklore usually having the form of half human and half fish and usually unfriendly to humans. *The nix is the Germanic version of the water monster we commonly call a "mermaid."*

nobelium

nobility

noble

adj
/ 'nɒbəl /
L

resisting chemical action : chemically inert or inactive. *All noble gases, with the exception of helium, have completely filled outer subshells and therefore will not react with other substances.*

noblesse

noctidiurnal

noctilucence

nocturnality

nodding

noise

noisettes

n pl
/ nwə'zets /
L > F

small rounded morsels of food. *The noisettes of lamb are the local French restaurant's specialty of the house.*

nolition

nomadism

nomarchy

nomenclatural

nominate

nomothetic

nonagesimal

adj
/ .nānə'jesəməl /
L

being number 90 in a countable series. *The party for the queen mother's nonagesimal birthday paled in comparison with the celebration honoring her hundredth birthday.*

nonce

adj
/ 'nān(t)s /
E

occurring, used, or made only once or for a special occasion. *The teacher could not challenge the spelling of the nonce terms Devon sprinkled throughout his report.*

nonet

n
/ nō'net /
L > It

a combination of nine instruments or voices; also : a musical composition for such a combination. *Four violins, two violas, two cellos, and a double bass made up the nonet.*

nonjoinder

nonnecessity

n
/ .nānnə'sesədē /
L

something that is not needed. *Gaynor's suitcase exceeded the weight limit, but she considered no packed item a nonnecessity.*

nonnegotiable

adj
/ .nānnə'gōsh(ē)əbəl /
L

that is not open to discussion or question or dispute. *The company's settlement offer was nonnegotiable; Cameron was told to "take it or leave it."*

nonpartisan

noological

nopalry

normality

n
/ nō(r)'malədē /
L > F?

of a solution : concentration expressed in gram equivalents of solute per liter. *The normality of a given solution depends on its molarity as well as the reaction that is undergone by the oxidizing or reducing agent.*

normosplanchnic

normothermia

n
/ .nōrmə'thərmēə /
L + Gk
typical body temperature. *For small children, normothermia is often higher than it is in adults.*

norns

n pl
/ 'nō(ə)rnz /
ON

goddesses presiding over personal destiny. *Occasionally Roberta goes out and buys something she cannot afford as a gesture of defiance of the norns.*

norseller

northabout

northerly

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nosebleed

adj
/ 'nōz.blēd /

E
bleeding from the nose.
Jim's severe nosebleed finally stopped after half an hour.

nosh

nosology

nostrils

n pl
/ 'nästrəlz /

E
the external openings of the nose or nasal cavity of a vertebrate.
The bull's wide eyes and flared nostrils were signs that he was unhappy.

notable

adj
/ 'nōdəbəl /

L
being of much weight, scope, or significance : memorable.
Despite his many successful cookbooks, Raoul felt that his most notable achievement was winning the Iron Chef competition.

notan

notarization

notation

note

v
/ 'nōt /

L
record or fix in the mind or memory.
Lorraine was pleased to note that she had been given the seat of honor at this year's banquet.

notion

n
/ 'nōshən /

L
the meaning or context assigned by the mind to a term.
The teacher admitted that his notion of Abraham Lincoln's oral delivery came more from old movies than from history books.

notitia

notochord

notorious

adj
/ nō'tōrēəs /

L
being or constituting something commonly known : well known.
Our town is notorious throughout the Midwest for noise and pollution.

nourish

nous

novelettist

novella

n
/ nō'velə /

L
a story with a compact and pointed plot.
"The selection is not a major work of fiction, but as a novella it is a gem," wrote Newsweek.

novelty

novillada

nowadays

noyau

nth

adj
/ 'en(t)th /

E
numbered with some unspecified or indefinitely large ordinal number.
The computer quietly crunched through the numbers, figuring pi to the nth decimal.

nucleophilic

nulla

nummular

nunatak

nunciature

nutation

n
/ n(y)ü'tāshən /

L
an involuntary nodding of the head.
When Harold started falling asleep in class, his nutation tipped off the teacher.

nuzzle

v
/ 'nəzəl /

E
work with or as if with the nose : root.
When the mare would nuzzle into his neck, Al would give her a pat and gently push her away.

nyctitropism

nymphal

adj
/ nim(p)fəl /

Gk
of, relating to, or being an insect in the late larval stage of development.
The spinose ear tick attaches inside an animal's ear during the parasitic larval and nymphal stages.

nymphish

nymphs

nyssa

oatmeal

obduce

oberek

object

objection

oblate

oblateness

oblectation

obley

obligatum

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oblige

obliging

obliteration

oblivious

obnebulate

v
/ ăb'nebyə.lăt /
L

[Note: Could be confused with
obnubilate.] becloud, befog.
*The early morning haze will
obnebulate the mountainscape.*

obnubilation

obrotund

adj
/ ăbrə'tənd /
L

nearly spherical but with one
diameter slightly exceeding the
others.
*The obrotund object in the museum
case was an old torpedo.*

obscenity

obscurative

observe

v
/ əb'zərv /
L
conform one's action or practice to
: heed, obey.
*Anyone who does not observe the
rules will have to go to detention
hall.*

obsess

obstinacy

obvolute

occasional

occidental

occultism

occultist

occur

oceanic

octagonal

octennial

octonocular

octopod

adj
/ ăktə'păd /
Gk
having eight feet, limbs, or arms.
*The octopod robot walked with
remarkable smoothness.*

octuple

octuplicate

n
/ ăk't(y)üplăkăt /
L
eight copies all alike—used with in.
*The documentation had to be
submitted in octuplicate so that
each judge could review it
independently and simultaneously.*

ocular

odd

adj
/ ăd /
ON > E
[has homonym and near homonym:
od and awed] being any member of
a sequence of positive integers
beginning with one and counting
by twos : not divisible exactly by
two—opposed to even.
*Answers to the math problems that
are designated by odd numbers are
in the back of the textbook.*

ode

n
/ ăd /
Gk > L
[has homonym: owed] a lyric
poem usually marked by particular
exaltation of feeling and style.
*Every element of the victory ode
was designed to praise the athlete.*

odometer

odontalgia

odontotomy

odorant

adj
/ ădərənt /
L > F > E
that emits a scent.
*At night, the odorant forests roar
with the dread sound of fierce
monsters.*

odorivector

oenophile

oenotherapy

offbeat

offeree

officer

officialese

officinal

offscour

oidioid

olden

oleraceous

oligarchical

olivesheen

olivine

oloroso

Olympian

n
/ ă'limpēən /
Gk geog name
a being of lofty detachment or
superior attainments.
*Standing beside the Olympian was
a less conspicuous achiever who
was glad for his modest honors.*

omissibility

ommateal

omnicompetent

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once
adv
/ 'wən(t)s /
E
one time and no more.
*Cathy knows no one who has seen
The Wizard of Oz only once.*

oncological

oneirocritic

ongoing

oolemma

oologize

oops

opaline
adj
/ 'ɒpəlɪn /
Skt > L
resembling especially in
appearance a mineral that is less
dense than quartz and typically
with definite and often marked
iridescent play of colors.
*The fish's opaline scales glimmered
softly in the aquarium.*

opaqueness

opaquer

opening

operation
n
/ ˌɒpə'reɪʃən /
L
the quality or state of being
functional—used with in or into.
*The new factory has been in
operation for a few weeks.*

ophiomorphic

opinion

opinioned

opisthenar

oppenheimer

opponency

opportunity

oppose
v
/ ə'pɒz /
L
[Note: Could be confused with
appose.] place over against
something so as to provide
resistance, counterbalance, or
contrast.
*Although Jim's political beliefs
oppose Francine's, the two are the
best of friends.*

oppressor

opt

optical

optically

optimal

orangeade

orbit

orc

orchesis

orchestral

ordinary
adj
/ 'ɒ(r)d'n.ərē /
L
occurring or encountered in the
usual course of events : not
uncommon.
*The artist had a knack for taking
ordinary objects and turning them
into works of art.*

ordnancemen

orfe

orgeat

orhamwood

oriency

orientation

orienteering
n
/ ˌɔrɪən'ti(ə)rɪŋ /
L
a cross-country race in which each
participant uses a map and compass
to navigate between checkpoints
along an unfamiliar course.
*Orienteering is used by the army as
a way to train recruits in outdoor
survival skills.*

origin

orlean
n
/ 'ɔrlɛən /
Sp name > L > F
a red or yellowish red dyestuff
containing bixin prepared from the
pulp surrounding the seeds of the
annatto tree.
*Orlean can be used as a food
coloring.*

ornate

orneriness

ornithophilous

orology
n
/ ɔ'räləjē /
Gk
the science of mountains.
*To Gina, a particularly fascinating
aspect of orology is the influence
mountains have on precipitation.*

orometry

orphans

orthodontist

orthography
n
/ ɔ(r)'thəgrəfē /
Gk
a method of representing the
sounds of a language by written or
printed symbols.
*After their conquest of England, the
Norman invaders immediately took
to reforming English orthography.*

orthopter

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orthorhombic

adj

/ ˌɔ(r)θəˈræmbɪk /

Gk

of, relating to, or characterized by the crystal system characterized by three unequal axes at right angles.

Josquin did not understand the difference between an orthorhombic and a tetragonal crystal until he saw an illustration of the crystal system.

orthotics

orwellian

orzo

n

/ ˈɔrd(,)zɔ /

L > It

rice-shaped pasta.

Orzo is often cooked, then added to thick Italian soups.

oscillations

osmagogue

osmics

osmium

osmotic

adj

/ ˌɔzˈmædɪk /

Gk

of, relating to, or having the property of the flow or diffusion that takes place through a semipermeable membrane typically separating either a solvent and a solution or a dilute solution and a concentrated solution.

The large quantity of sugar in home-preserved jams and jellies helps to kill bacteria through osmotic action that shrinks the bacteria cells.

osphretic

osteogenous

adj

/ ˌæstēˈäjənəs /

Gk + Gk

originating in bone.

Chemotherapy is used to treat osteogenous cancer.

osteosarcoma

otosclerosis

otosis

ouabain

n

/ wäˈbiən /

F? > ISV

a very toxic compound obtained from the seeds of an African shrub or tree that is used similarly to digitalis and in Africa as an arrow poison.

After being hit with an arrow smeared with ouabain, the antelope ran about 50 yards and then fell.

oud

ought

ousia

ouster

outburst

outright

outspoken

overboard

overhead

adv

/ ˌɔvə(r)ˈhed /

E

above one's head.

The stewardess warned us that the contents of the compartments might shift overhead during the flight.

overindulgence

overpowering

adj

/ ˌɔvə(r)ˈpaʊ(ə)rɪŋ /

E + L > F > E

exercising an irresistible influence : overwhelming.

Leslie's overpowering garlic breath kept his friends at arm's length.

overripe

overrule

overseas

overseer

overshoe

n

/ ˈɔvə(r).ʃü /

E + E

a shoe that is worn over another (as for extra warmth or for protection from wet); especially : a galosh.

Karl's overshoe proved to be too small to fit over his new shoe.

overslaugh

overture

overvoltage

n

/ ˈɔvə(r).vɔltɪj /

E + It name > ISV

the excess potential required for the discharge of an ion at an electrode over and above the equilibrium potential of the electrode.

Because the overvoltage required to form oxygen is quite high, chlorine is more likely than oxygen to form at the anode.

overwhelmed

v

/ ˌɔvə(r)ˈ(h)welmd /

E

subjected to the grip of an overpowering emotion.

Trudy was overwhelmed when she found out that she had the winning lottery ticket.

overwhelming

ovoviviparous

owelty

owing

owlets

owner

oxer

oxidizable

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oxidize

v
/ 'äksə.dīz /
Gk > F > ISV
combine with oxygen or with more oxygen.
The sodium hypochlorite in bleach can oxidize the color-bearing substances in stains.

oxyacetylene

oxygenic

oxyrhynch

ozonesonde

ozonizer

n
/ 'ō.zō.nīzə(r) /
Gk > G + Ecff
an apparatus for converting ordinary oxygen into ozone.
One type of ozonizer works by passing a silent electric discharge through a current of oxygen or air.

pacific

pack

n
/ 'pak /
G > E
[has homonym: pac] a group of usually wild animals of the same kind congregating in herds, flocks, or schools; specifically : a group of predatory animals hunting together.
A pack of wild dogs was reported to have killed sheep on several farms in the county.

package

padding

padrone

pail

paint

paintbrush

palaka

palberry

n
/ 'pal.b(ə)rē /
Austral > E
the edible berry of an Australian tree.
The palberry is sometimes referred to as "native currant."

paleology

paletot

palisades

palleting

palmeaceous

paloma

n
/ pə'lōmə /
L > Sp
any of several sharks used as food.
Ling decided to be adventurous and ordered the grilled paloma.

paloverde

palsy

pancetta

n
/ (,)pan'chedə /
L > It
unsmoked bacon used in Italian cuisine.
Pancetta is cured with salt rather than smoked.

panchax

pandect

pandemic

pandit

n
/ 'pandət /
Skt > Hindi
a Brahman expert in Sanskrit and in the science, laws, and religion of the Hindus.
The temple's senior priest was a pandit from southern India.

paneity

pangrammatic

panic

v
/ 'panik /
Gk name
be stricken with a sudden terror often accompanied by unreasoning or frantic efforts to secure safety.
"Get in position and do not panic," said the teacher calmly when the tornado warning was announced.

pannierman

pannikin

panornithic

panpipe

pansophism

pansophy

Pantagruelism

n
/ ,pantə'grüə.lizəm /
F name
buffoonery or coarse humor with a satirical purpose : cynical humor.
Josh's cynical humor is tiring to everyone except those who enjoy Pantagruelism.

pantaloon

pantheistic

pantheress

pantomimic

pantry

paparazzo

papeteries

papillon

papoose

parabolic

parabomb

parabrake

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parade

n
/ pəˈrād /
F

a formal public procession : the movement of any body of people or things marshaled in something like military order.

The annual Thanksgiving Day parade featured many new floats and balloons.

paradiddle

paradisiacal

adj
/ ˌpəˈdɪəˈsiækəl /
Gk

of, relating to, or resembling paradise.

Marjorie's parents decided to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on a paradisiacal tropical island.

paralipomena

parallelogram

paralogistic

paralytic

parament

parameter

paramilitary

parandrus

n
/ pəˈrandrəs /
Gk

a mythical stag being able to change colors like the chameleon.

When Vera learned what a parandrus was, she immediately thought about the horse who pulled the carriage in Oz.

parent

parergal

paresis

parget

parishioner

parlatory

parlay

parlor

n
/ ˈpärlər /
F > E

a room used primarily for conversation or the reception of guests.

"You are by yourself?" he asked, looking through the doorway into the parlor.

paroemiology

parole

paronychia

parorexia

parotic

parry

v
/ ˈparē /

L > OProv > F

[has near homonyms: peri, perry] ward off a weapon or blow by means of a defensive action.

Lola's fencing opponent forced her to parry repeatedly, and she lost ground quickly.

parson

partition

partway

adv
/ ˈpärt.wā /
L > F > E + E

to some extent.
There was a detour because the freeway was only partway finished.

partygoer

passable

passageway

passel

n
/ ˈpasəl /
L > F > E

a large number : group.

Mr. Jones is considering buying an old school bus so he can take his passel of grandchildren on a cross-country trip.

passerelle

passionate

passkey

Passover

n
/ ˈpas.ɔvər /
L > F > E + E

an annual religious and spring agricultural festival of the Jews that commemorates the liberation of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt.

At Passover, special dishes that symbolize various elements of the flight from Egypt are eaten.

paste

v
/ ˈpāst /
Gk > L > F > E

[has homonym: paced] cause to adhere by or as if by means of a soft plastic mixture or composition.

"Let's see if we can paste the decorations on our masks without getting anything on our clothes," said the kindergarten teacher.

pasteboard

pasticcio

n
/ paˈstē(ɪ)chō /
L > It

a musical composition or piece of writing (as an opera or play) made up of selections from different works.

The orchestra played a pasticcio of works from the Romantic period.

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pastina

n
/ pä'stēnə /
L > It

very small bits of pasta used especially in soup or broth.
Pastina in the shape of little stars is usually served to babies and small children.

pastoralist

n
/ 'past(ə)rə.ləst /
L

a breeder of cattle or sheep.
Mr. Chambers often dreams of quitting the urban rat race and becoming a pastoralist.

pastrycook

patch

n
/ 'pach /
It? > E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a domestic fool or jester.
Stuart is playing a patch in the school play.

patent

patentee

paternal

pathogenic

patience

patient

patriarchally

adv
/ ,pātrē'ärkələ /
Gk + Ecf
in a manner characteristic of or suggestive of a man regarded as father or founder (as of a race, science, religion, or class of people).
After listening to his advisers, the president patriarchally delivered his decisions to be carried out.

patricide

n
/ 'patrəsīd /
L
one that murders his or her own father.
The patricide expressed no remorse before being sentenced to life imprisonment.

patrilineal

patrix

patrolman

patsy

patulously

pavid

pavlova

n
/ pa'vlōvə /
Russ name
a dessert of Australian and New Zealand origin consisting of a meringue shell topped with whipped cream and fruit.
Pavlova was named for a famous Russian ballerina.

paycheck

peace

peanut

peasant

n
/ 'pez'nt /
F > E
one of a chiefly European class that tills the soil as small free landowners or hired laborers.
The painting depicted a peasant working with a hoe.

peckish

pectin

peculate

peculated

peculation

n
/ ,pekyə'lāshən /
L
the act or practice of stealing or appropriating wrongfully to one's own use especially public money entrusted to one's care : embezzlement.
The governor promised to crack down on the peculation and inefficiency of state administrators.

peculiarity

pedagogic

pedant

n
/ 'ped'nt /
L > It > F
one who is uninspired, unimaginative, or narrowly academic or who unduly emphasizes minutiae in the presentation or use of knowledge.
Harold got no respect from his colleagues on campus, all of whom viewed him as a mere pedant.

pedicled

pedigree

pedometer

peduncle

pellicle

pelycosaur

pencil

penduline

penicillate

peninsulate

penne

n
/ 'pen.ā /
L > It
short thick diagonally cut tubular pasta.
Penne is a sturdy pasta that is often served with thick, hearty sauces.

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penniless

pennyroyal

n
/ 'penē.rōi(y)əl /
F > E
a European perennial mint with small pungently aromatic leaves.
The pennyroyal makes a nice ground cover and is known to repel flies.

pension

pensum

pentalogy

n
/ pen'taləjē /
Gk + Gk
a series of five closely related published works.
Evelyn had read all but one novel in the pentalogy.

pentarchy

pentatonic

pentryl

people

pepper

peptide

n
/ 'pep.tīd /
Gk > G > ISV + ISVcf
any of a class of amides that are derived from two or more amino acids by combination of the amino group of one acid with the carboxyl group of another.
Two glycine molecules can join together to form a peptide and one water molecule.

perambulator

percalines

percentage

perchance

adv
/ pə(r)'chan(t)s /
L > F > E + L > F > E
perhaps, possibly.
David hopes that perchance Fiona saw his calculator in the lounge and picked it up for him.

perchlorinate

v
/ .pər'klōrə.nāt /
L + Gk > ISV + L > F + Ecff
combine with the maximum amount of chlorine especially in place of hydrogen.
Mr. Petty helped the students perchlorinate the compound safely.

percussion

percutaneous

percutaneously

perduellion

peregrinations

perforce

performance

n
/ pə(r)'fōrmən(t)s /
L > F > E
a public presentation (as of a dramatic work).
Jennifer bought a ticket to a matinee performance of Giselle.

perfumery

perfunctorily

adv
/ pər'fəŋkt(ə)rələ /
L
in a manner characterized by routine or superficiality.
The substitute teacher told the class rather perfunctorily not to run in the halls.

pergameneous

periapt

n
/ 'perē.apt /
Gk
a charm worn especially as a protection against disease or mischief : amulet.
Tonya's research revealed that it was not uncommon for soldiers to wear a periapt into battle for protection.

perimeter

period

periodical

periodontist

periotic

periplus

periscii

peristalith

peristaltic

adj
/ .pərə'stöltik /
Gk
of, relating to, resulting from, or being successive waves of involuntary contraction passing along the walls of the intestine or other hollow muscular structure and forcing the contents onward.
What grandpa called indigestion, the doctor diagnosed as faulty peristaltic action.

peristylar

periwinkle

perky

adj
/ 'pərkē /
L > F > E
briskly self-assured.
Perky staffers were on hand to greet the visitors to the theme park.

perlaceous

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perlingual

adj

/ˌpərˈlɪŋ(yə)wəl /

L

through or by way of the tongue.

Patients in the perlingual treatment

group had results comparable to

those who received the medication

intravenously.

permeameter

permillage

perorate

v

/ˈper.ə.rāt /

L

speak at length.

Granddad loves to perorate about

his experiences as a Grand Canyon

trail guide.

perpetrate

perpetually

persona

personable

perspicaciously

perspicuous

persuasive

pert

perverse

peskiness

pesto

n

/ˈpe(ɪ)stō /

L > It

a green spaghetti sauce made of

green herbs, garlic, and olive oil.

Luigi put some spinach and basil

pesto on his spaghetti.

petiole

petitgrain

petroglyph

pettifoggery

pewterer

pezograph

phantasmal

pharisaic

pharmacognosy

n

/ˌfärməˈkägənəsē /

Gk

a science dealing with the composition, production, use, and history of drugs of plant and animal origin.

Research in pharmacognosy led to

the use of the heart stimulant

digitalis, which is obtained from

the foxglove plant.

pharmacopedia

phenakistoscope

phengite

phenom

phenotype

philobiblist

n

/ˌfiləˈbibləst /

Gk + Gk

a lover of books.

The philobiblist had stacks of books

throughout the house, even in the

kitchen sink.

philogynous

adj

/ˌfəˈlājənəs /

Gk

[Note: Base word could be

confused with

philogeny/phylogeny.] fond of

women.

The philogynous James Bond

always seems to have a beautiful

woman at his side.

philologaster

philosophy

n

/ˌfəˈlās(ə)fē /

Gk

a science that comprises logic, ethics, aesthetics, metaphysics, and epistemology.

Jeff's study of philosophy enabled

him to make many cogent remarks

regarding ethics in the workplace.

philtrum

phlebotomy

phlogogenic

phon

n

/ˈfän /

Gk

[has homonyms: faun, fawn] the

unit of loudness level on a scale

beginning at 0 for the faintest

audible sound and corresponding to

the decibel scale of sound intensity.

Jared fervently wished that his

baby brother would cry at just 1

phon.

phonemicize

phonily

phonodeik

phorometry

phot

n

/ˈfōt /

Gk

the centimeter-gram-second unit of

illumination equal to 1 lumen per

square centimeter and therefore to

10,000 luxes or about 929

footcandles.

In his lab report Richard was

required to note how many

footcandles are in 1 phot.

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photolysis

n
/ fō'täləsəs /
Gk

chemical decomposition or dissociation by the action of radiant energy (as light).

High-intensity ultraviolet light has been used to break down fats by photolysis.

photostat

phreatophyte

phthalate

phthisiology

n
/ ˌthizē'äləjē /
Gk

[Note: Could be confused with physiology.] the care, treatment, and study of tuberculosis.
The expert in phthisiology reported that up to 15 million Americans are estimated to have latent tuberculosis infections.

phyllite

phylogenetic

phyllophagous

adj
/ fə'läfəgəs /
Gk + Gk + Ecf
feeding on leaves.
Some farmers use pesticides to rid their crops of phyllophagous insects.

physiolatry

phytotoxic

picacho

pickpocket

n
/ 'pik.päkä /
F&E + Gmc > F > E
one who steals money or valuables that someone is carrying in his or her pockets or on his or her person.
The pickpocket quickly disposed of his victim's wallet after relieving it of the money.

picksome

picosecond

pictorialization

pier

pierce

piers

n pl
/ 'pi(ə)rz /
L > E
[has homonym: peers] structures built out into the water on piles for use as landing places or pleasure resorts.
One of the huge piers at Myrtle Beach was destroyed by the hurricane.

piezometry

pigsney

pigtail

pikestaff

pileiform

pillow

pilotage

pilpulist

pimento

pimple

pinaceous

pinacotheca

pinard

pinata

n
/ ˌpēn'yädə /
L > It > Sp
a decorated container filled with candies or other gifts and usually suspended from the ceiling that blindfolded children try to break with a stick.
The best part of Sadie's birthday party was the breaking of the pinata.

pincers

pincette

pineal

pineapple

pinecone

pinhead

pinion

v
/ 'pinyən /
F > E
[has homonym and near homonym: pinyon and pinyin] disable or restrain by binding the arms usually to the body.
The police officer struggled to pinion the suspect and radio for help at the same time.

pinking

pint

n
/ 'pīnt /
L > F > E
any of various units of capacity equal to ½ quart.
Ben constantly argued that a lunch consisting of four turkey sandwiches, two apples, and a pint of milk was not enough for a growing boy.

pinto

pinwheel

piolet

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pipetted

v
/ pɪˈpɛdəd /
F

transferred, drawn off, measured, or applied with a small piece of apparatus which in simplest form consists of a narrow glass tube into which liquid is drawn up by suction and in which it is retained by closing the upper end.

Dizzy warned her lab students never to use their mouths to apply suction when they pipetted solutions.

pipkin

pirate

piratical

piscifauna

pistol

pithy

pitta

pituitary

pizza

placket

plaited

planar

adj
/ ˈplānə(r) /
L

[has homonyms: plainer, planer] lying in one surface defined by three points.

Section 13.4 of Kew's textbook explained that a molecule with three atoms can be either linear or planar.

plane

plank

v
/ ˈplɑŋk /
E

cook and serve on a heavy board usually with an elaborate garnish.
Native Americans of the Northwest used red cedar boards to plank salmon and other fish.

plantable

plantation

plasticate

plastisol

platitudinous

platter

n
/ ˈpladə(r) /
F > E

a woman's low-crowned hat that is distinctly flat in silhouette.
Atop the model's head was a platter trimmed with a veil and a silk camellia.

platyopic

play

playgoer

playlet

plaza

n
/ ˈpläzə /
L > Sp

a public square in a city or town.
The summer festival was held under the stars in the plaza.

pleading

pleasantry

pleased

adj
/ ˈpleɪzd /
L > F > E

affected with or manifesting pleasure : contented, gratified.
Steve's parents were extremely pleased that he finally made the honor roll.

pleat

plectridial

plenteous

plenteously

plesiosaur

plesiosaurus

pliancy

plinth

ploce

plod

plot

v
/ ˈplät /
E

plan or contrive.
Ogilvie refused to plot against his sister in spite of her treachery.

plugboard

plumb

v
/ ˈpləm /
E

[has homonym: plum] examine minutely and critically.
Heraclitus attempted to plumb the depths of his soul, but never found its limit.

plumbing

plumicorn

n
/ ˈplüməkörn /
L

one of the tufts of lengthened feathers on the head of various owls.
Paul's cat's hair is so long that it looks like she has a plumicorn in front of each ear.

plunge

plunger

plural

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plutocracy

plutogoguary

plutomania

plutonian

adj

/ plü'tōnēən /

Gk name

grim and gloomy : harsh and unpleasing.

Some people would describe van Gogh's dark backgrounds as "plutonian."

pluvial

pneumonectomy

poach

v

/ 'pōch /

Gmc > F > E

cook in a liquid kept just below the boiling point.

The doctor told Betsy that she should boil or poach her morning eggs to keep their calorie count down.

pocket

n

/ 'pākət /

Gmc > F > E

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] an English unit for hops equal to 168 pounds.

Cedric, the town's brewmaster, was panicked to find only 1 pocket of hops in the storeroom.

pococurante

pod

n

/ 'päd /

E

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, word has near homonym: pawed.] a number of animals (as seals or whales) closely clustered together : school.

A pod of four or five whales was about 50 yards starboard.

podsnappery

podunk

poetess

poetry

poignance

poikilotherm

pointedly

pointless

poitrel

poivrade

poker

n

/ 'pōkə(r) /

F?

one of several card games in which a player bets that the value of the hand held is greater than the value of the hands held by the other players.

When Billy came home, he was shocked to find his mother and her friends playing poker instead of bridge in the living room.

pokeweed

polarimetric

adj

/ pō.larə'metrik /

L > ISV + Gk > ISV

of or relating to the use of an instrument that determines the amount of polarization of light or the proportion of polarized light in a partially polarized ray.

Oki told his niece that polarimetric observations helped him study the interaction of plane-polarized light and chiral molecules.

polenta

n

/ pō'lentə /

L > It

mush originally made of chestnut meal but now principally of cornmeal or sometimes of semolina or farina.

Polenta is cooked very slowly on top of the stove and can be cut into slices after it cools.

poler

polestar

polity

n

/ 'pälədē /

Gk

political organization : civil order.

Walter claims that any form of polity is more efficient, not morally better, than none.

pollard

pollee

pollex

pollinate

pollyanna

polo

n

/ 'pō(.)lō /

Balti

a game of Asian origin played by teams of three or four players mounted on horseback and using mallets with long flexible handles to drive a wooden ball down the field and through goalposts.

The morning newspaper carried a picture of Prince Charles playing polo.

polonium

polska

n

/ 'pōl.skə /

Pol > Sw

a Swedish folk dance derived from a Polish peasant dance.

The polska is usually danced to music in a minor key.

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polyanthus

polydactylous

polydentate

adj

/ ˈpālē.den.tāt /

Gk + L

attached to the central atom in a coordination complex by two or more bonds.

Shara used a tripolyphosphate atom as an example in her efforts to explain the difference between polydentate ligands and other ligands.

polyethylene

polygenous

polyhedron

polymorphic

adj

/ ˌpālēˈmɔrfɪk /

Gk + Gk

having or occurring in several distinct forms.

The polymorphic wild foxes of Canada are of the red, smoky, and silver types.

polymythy

polyphony

polypody

polyptoton

n

/ ˌpāləpˈtō.tän /

Gk

the rhetorical repetition of a word in a different case, inflection, or voice in the same sentence.

Tennyson's "my own heart's heart, and ownest own" well illustrates polyptoton in English.

pomology

n

/ pōˈmäləjē /

L + Gk

the science of the cultivation of fruits.

John became familiar with fungi such as American brown rot, apple rust, and banana freckle in his course in pomology.

ponder

v

/ ˈpändə(r) /

L > F > E

weigh in the mind.

The setback forced Orson to ponder his position.

pone

pongee

n

/ pänˈjē /

Chin

a thin soft clothing and curtain fabric of Chinese origin woven from uneven threads of raw silk and possessing a characteristic ecru or tan color.

Sap's grandmother, who lives in China, sent her some curtains made of pongee.

pontiff

n

/ ˈpāntəf /

L > F

a high priest or chief religious figure.

Pope John Paul I was the Catholic pontiff for only one month.

ponytail

poplin

popover

n

/ ˈpāp.əvə(r) /

E + E

a quick bread made from a thin batter of eggs, milk, and flour and subjected in the first stage of baking to such heat that steam expands it into a hollow shell.

While a popover is delicious plain, it can also be served with various sweet or savory fillings.

porcelainize

porch

pores

porkpie

n

/ ˈpō(ə)rk.pī /

L > F > E + E

a hat with a low telescoped crown, flat top, and brim turned up all around or up in back and down in front.

While dancing in his movies, Fred Astaire often wore a porkpie.

position

n

/ pəˈzishən /

L

any of the postures of the feet and arms on which all steps and movements of classical ballet are based.

Mademoiselle Lebrun instructed the students to assume the first position.

positive

positivity

postdoctoral

adj

/ postˈdäkt(ə)rəl /

L + L

[Note: Speller might confuse doctoral with doctoral.] relating to, awarded for, or engaged in advanced academic or professional work after the attainment of a doctor's degree.

It seems that Skye will always be a student, for now he is immersed in postdoctoral studies.

postmark

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posttest

n

/ 'pos(t).test /

L + L > F > E

an examination given to students after the completion of an instructional program to measure their achievement and the effectiveness of the program.

The teacher was mortified when half of her students failed the posttest.

postulation

potamic

potent

potion

n

/ 'pōshən /

L

a liquid mixture or dose of a medicine or drug.

The princess declared haughtily that she had no need for a love potion.

potoo

potshot

pottery

pottle

n

/ 'pād'l /

E

a liquid or dry measure equal to ½ gallon.

The recipe in Ryan's colonial cookbook calls for a pottle of boiled milk.

pouch

poulterer

pound

n

/ 'paʊnd /

E

a unit of mass and weight equal to 16 avoirdupois ounces or 7,000 grains or 0.45359237 kilogram.
Donna's first job was selling candy by the pound at a bulk food store.

powerhouse

praseodymium

pratincolous

praxis

prayer

n

/ 'pra(a)(ə)r /

L > F > E

[Note: Could be confused with preyer.] a solemn and humble approach to a god or gods in word or thought, usually involving beseeching, petition, confession, praise, or thanksgiving.
Calvin shut his eyes and said a silent prayer before beginning the exam.

preach

v

/ 'prēch /

L > F > E

proclaim the gospel : discourse publicly on a religious subject or from a text of Scripture.

Dr. Mason is wont to preach the same sermon every Easter Sunday.

preacher

precipitous

precrural

preemergent

adj

/ ,prēə'mərjənt /

L + L

used or occurring before seedlings come forth or rise into view aboveground.

Dramatic success in weed control has been achieved with preemergent herbicides.

preempt

preengagement

n

/ ,prēən'gājmənt /

L + F + EcF

a prior obligation.
Valerie's preengagement is a commitment to baby-sit her younger siblings.

preexist

v

/ ,prēig'zist /

L

have actual or real being before (something).

The monuments on Easter Island preexist written history.

pregnant

adj

/ 'pregnənt /

L

containing unborn young within the body.

The zoo director called a press conference to announce that both female pandas are pregnant.

prehensible

prehensile

prejudice

prepare

preponderating

preprint

presbytery

preschooler

preshrink

pression

pressure

presybytery

pretend

preternatural

pretext

pretty

adj

/ 'pridē /

E

pleasing by delicacy or grace.

The pretty little garden on Prospect Street was tended by Mrs. Walter's granddaughter.

prewrap

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prideful

pridian

adj

/ 'pridēən /

L

of or relating to a previous day or to yesterday; also : former.

As the bills accumulated, Gina began to doubt her plan to restore the Victorian mansion to its pridian glory.

priggishness

primary

primigenial

primiparous

princess

printing

privateer

probabilism

proclitic

procrastinate

procrastinating

v

/ prō'krastənādīŋ /

L

putting off intentionally and usually habitually and for a reason held to be reprehensible (as laziness, indifference to responsibility).

The boss's motto is that working leaves no time for brooding or procrastinating.

prodigality

prodigiously

product

n

/ 'prä(,)dækt /

L

the number or magnitude resulting from the multiplication together of two or more numbers or magnitudes.

The product of 9 and 7 is 63.

productive

proficiency

n

/ prə'fishənsē /

L

the quality or state of being well advanced in an art, occupation, skill, or a branch of knowledge.

Through steady practice the batter attained great proficiency at bunting the ball.

proficiently

profilograph

profiteer

profundity

profusion

prognathous

prohibition

projectionist

n

/ prə'jeksh(ə)nəst /

L

one who operates a motion-picture projector.

The skilled projectionist quickly repaired the break in the film.

prolegomena

prolegomenous

prolificacy

prolongate

promethium

promovent

promulgator

proneur

n

/ prō'nər /

F

flatterer, eulogist.

Mr. Dirking was a convincing proneur and succeeded in obtaining the most votes.

pronto

adv

/ 'prän(,)tō /

L > Sp

quickly, promptly.

The principal bellowed, "Get in here, pronto!"

pronunciation

proofmark

propagandize

property

n

/ 'präpə(r)dē /

L

any article or object used in a play or motion picture except painted scenery and actors' costumes.

A large mirror was a stage property used in the first act.

prophetic

prophetically

propjet

proponent

proposal

proprietary

prorruption

proscribe

prosthetics

prosthodontist

protasis

n

/ 'prädəsəs /

Gk

the opening lines especially of a drama or narrative poem : introduction.

In the protasis a narrator gives the background for the first scene of the play.

protector

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protein

n
/ 'prō.tēn /
Gk > F + ISV

any of a very large class of naturally occurring extremely complex combinations of amino acids.

The dietician was concerned by the amount of protein in Jenny's daily diet.

Protestant

n
/ 'präd.əstənt /
L

a Christian not of a Roman Catholic or an Eastern church.
Mark, a staunch Protestant, felt out of place during mass when the friends he was visiting rose to take communion.

protium

n
/ 'prōdēəm /
Gk + ISVcf

the ordinary light hydrogen isotope of atomic mass 1.

Protium, one of the two stable isotopes of hydrogen, accounts for 99.985 percent of the naturally occurring hydrogen on Earth.

protoconch

protonate

v
/ 'prōt'n.āt /
Gk + Ecf

add a positively charged elementary particle to.

Styro remembers the diagram of how to protonate acetic acid molecules by thinking of a horizontal Y.

protostele

prototype

protrusile

adj
/ prō'trüsīl /
L

so made that it can be thrust out.
Only in slow motion could we see the frog's protrusile tongue snatch the insect.

protuberance

n
/ prō't(y)üb(ə)rən(t)s /
L

the quality or state of being thrust forward or out.

The protuberance on the plank of wood was easily sanded down.

proud

adj
/ 'praüd /
L > F > E

highly satisfied or pleased : elated.

Mike was proud to be a member of the municipal police force.

proverb

n
/ 'präv.ərb /
L

a brief epigrammatic saying that is a popular byword.

Clark's favorite proverb is "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

provocateur

provocation

prowler

n
/ 'praülə(r) /
E

one that roams over (an area) in a predatory manner; especially : a sneak thief.

Police warned residents to stay out of the park at night because there was a prowler on the loose.

proxemics

proxy

prudish

pryingly

psalmodist

psalter

pseudandry

psilophyton

psittacine

psychodrama

n
/ 'sī(ɪ)kō.drämə /
Gk + Gk

a usually unrehearsed dramatic play designed to afford catharsis and social relearning for one or more of the participants from whose life history the plot is abstracted.

The family members acted out a psychodrama of what went wrong with their relationships.

psychokinesis

n
/ .sī(ɪ)kōkə'nēsəs /
Gk + Gk

the production or alteration of motion by influence of the mind without use of physical means.

The psychologist told of a gambler who claimed he could influence the fall of dice by psychokinesis.

psychorrhagy

psychosomatic

psychosomatics

publicize

puckishness

pudding

n
/ 'püdiŋ /
E

a usually boiled or baked sweetened dessert of a soft, spongy, or thick creamy consistency.

After Gage had his wisdom teeth removed, he ate only rice pudding and milkshakes for three days.

pudginess

pudibund

pudicity

puerperal

pugilant

pule

puli

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pullet

pullover

pulpit

pulpy

pulsing

v
/ 'pʌlsɪŋ /
L + Ec f

moving in beats or periodic spurts :
vibrating with life, sound, or light.
*Jake's legs were pulsing with the
energy released as the waves
crashed on the dock under his feet.*

pump

n
/ 'pʌmp /
unknown

[Note: The definition provided is
not the one most commonly
associated with this word.] a low
shoe not fastened on and gripping
the foot chiefly at the toe and heel.
*Lois hobbled off the dance floor
carrying a pump and its detached
heel.*

pumpkinseed

punctilio

punctiliously

punctuate

pungency

punji

punt

n
/ 'pʌnt /
L > E

[Note: The definition provided is
not the one most commonly
associated with this word. Also,
similar word pont, with similar
definition, exists.] a long narrow
flat-bottomed boat with square ends
usually propelled with a pole.
*Peter stretched out in the punt and
floated slowly to the other side of
the pond.*

punter

pupigerous

pupil

n
/ 'pyüpəl /
L

a child or young person in school
or in the charge of a tutor or
instructor : student.
*Every year at least one pupil in
Miss Simpson's kindergarten class
is already a skilled reader.*

puppet

puppetry

n
/ 'pəpətrē /
L > F > E
shows featuring small-scale figures
of human or other living beings
often constructed with jointed
limbs and moved usually on a small
stage by a rod or by hand from
below or by strings or wires from
above.
*The children's favorite
entertainment at the fair was the
comical puppetry.*

purdah

puree

v
/ pyü'rā /
L > F

boil soft and then rub through a
sieve.
*Geneva began to puree vegetables
for the baby when he was six
months old.*

purfle

purgatorial

purify

v
/ 'pyürə.fī /
L > F > E
cleanse ceremonially.
*In Native American religions the
sweat lodge is used to purify the
body and heal the spirit.*

purity

purloiner

n
/ pə(r)'lɔɪnə(r) /
L > F > E
thief.
*The purloiner was apprehended as
soon as he left the store.*

purpura

purse

pushover

puttee

pyramidal

pyretic

pyrometallurgical

adj
/ .pīrō.med'ɪ'ərjəkəl /
Gk + Gk + Ec ff
of or relating to the chemical
science and technology that deals
with the extraction of metals from
their ores, refining them, and
preparing them for use and which
depends on heat action (as roasting
and smelting).
*The forest ranger told Sky that
pyrometallurgical processes are an
important source of sulfur dioxide,
a major component of acid rain.*

pyrope

pyrostat

n
/ 'pīrə.stat /
Gk + Gk
any of various automatic devices
that when exposed to any
manifestation of fire actuate a
mechanism for giving a warning or
for setting in operation a means of
extinguishing the fire.
*Most commercial fire alarms
nowadays are not manual but are
activated by a pyrostat.*

pyrotechnical

python

quadder

quadrifilar

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quadrilingual
adj
/ ˌkwɑdrəˈlɪŋ(yə)wəl /
L
speaking or having knowledge of four languages.
Mrs. Ramirez works for the State Department as a quadrilingual interpreter.

quadrivium

quadruple

quadruplet

quaesitum

quagga
n
/ ˈkwagə /
Bantu? > Afrikaans
a now-extinct wild ass of southern Africa related to the zebras but with stripes on the head, neck, and forebody.
The quagga once roamed South Africa in large herds, but overhunting led to its extinction in the 1870s.

qualmishly

quantities

quarrier

quart
n
/ ˈkwɔrt /
L > F > E
a U.S. unit of liquid capacity equal to ¼ gallon or 57.75 cubic inches.
When the oil light in Kevin's car came on, he stopped immediately and added a quart of oil.

quashy

quasimodo

quassia

quatenus

quatercentenary

quaternary

quatrain

quayside

quebrada

quelea

quenelles

quersprung

querulential

quickstep
n
/ ˈkwɪkˌstep /
E + E
a combination of short rapid dance steps.
The competition judges will check to make sure that the quickstep is performed precisely in time to the music.

quidditative

quietly

quietude

quinary

quincuagenary

quinguagesimal

quinquennially
adv
/ kwɪnˈkwɛnṯəṯ /
L
every five years.
Marge's high school class holds a reunion quinquennially, and each time the intervening five years seems shorter and shorter.

quinsy

quintuple

quirk

quisqueite

quisutsch

quitclaim

quite

quittance
n
/ ˈkwɪtṯn(t)s /
F
the act of freeing or releasing; specifically : discharge from a debt or an obligation.
Joseph offered his cousin an official deed of quittance, saying that what he had already received was payment enough.

quittor

quivered
v
/ ˈkwɪvə(r)d /
Gmc? > F? E + Ecf
shook or moved with slight tremulous motion : trembled.
When George talked about tomorrow's race, his voice quivered with excitement.

quota

quote

rabbi
n
/ ˈrɑːbi /
Heb > Gk > L
one acting as the official leader of a Jewish congregation and performing various duties (as preaching, officiating at weddings and funerals).
Aaron decided to become a rabbi in his second year at the yeshiva.

rabbitlike

rabbitry

rabulistic

rachion

raciation

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racket

n
/ 'rakət /
imit
[has homonyms: rakkett, racquet]
noisy, disturbing, or objectionable
talk or activity.
*Sojourner Truth said, "Where there
is so much racket, there must be
something out of kilter."*

raclette

racon

raconteuse

radially

adv
/ 'rādēālē /
L + Ecf
arranged or having parts arranged
like rays.
*Father Quinn's diagram was
radially arranged with his goals
placed in the center.*

radicate

radishes

radium

rafale

railhead

raisins

rake

raki

rallies

ramark

rambla

rampion

ramrod

ramulus

rancio

random

rangette

rangibility

rank

adj
/ 'rɒŋk /
E
having a heavy offensive smell.
*There sat Ralph wreathed in smoke
from a rank cigar.*

Rankine

adj
/ 'rɒŋkən /
Scot name
being, according to, or relating to
an absolute-temperature scale on
which the unit of measurement
equals a Fahrenheit degree and
according to which the freezing
point of water is 491.67 degrees
and the boiling point is 671.67
degrees.
*The Rankine degree is only five-
ninths of the Kelvin degree, but the
0 point of both scales is absolute
zero.*

rankle

rapidly

rapparee

rapper

n
/ 'rapə(r) /
F > E
[Note: The definition provided is
not the one most commonly
associated with this word. In
addition, word has homonym:
wrapper.] a short flat flexible steel
sword made with a handle at each
end and used in English folk
dancing.
*The folk dancing teacher had Maia
use a stick instead of a rapper until
her skills improved.*

rappini

rapture

n
/ 'rapchər /
L
Christ's raising up of his true
church and its members to a realm
above Earth where the whole
company will enjoy celestial bliss
with its Lord.
*A popular book series describes the
struggles of a group of believers
who are left behind after the
rapture to fight the forces of
darkness.*

rare

adj
/ 'ra(a)(ə)r /
L > E
unusual, uncommon; specifically :
belonging to a small group or class.
*Argon is classified as a rare gas,
according to Larry's basic
chemistry textbook.*

rarefied

rarity

rasceta

rasp

raspy

Rastafarian

n
/ ˌræstə'färēən /
Ethiopian name
an adherent of a religious cult that
teaches the eventual redemption of
blacks and their return to Africa
and venerates Haile Selassie as a
god.
*The Rastafarian explained that his
religion requires that he eat only
natural and lightly cooked food.*

ratio

ratoons

rauwolfia

ravage

ravehook

ravenry

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razee

razorbill

reactant

adj
/ rē'aktənt /
L

of, relating to, or marked by a substance that is transforming or changing chemically.
Jayne, knowing the quantities of each reactant substance, calculated how much product would form.

reactor

readable

real

realistic

adj
/ rēə'listik /
F

facing reality squarely : not impractical or visionary.
A realistic review of his prospects of reaching the summit convinced Ted to turn back.

realization

really

ream

n
/ 'rēm /
Ar > F > E
a quantity of paper in lots that vary in the number of sheets included.
There are normally 500 sheets in a ream of copy paper.

reason

v
/ 'rēzən /
F > E
use the power of thinking so as to arrive at conclusions.
George is able to reason brilliantly, but he seldom bothers.

reassert

recalcitrate

recall

v
/ rə'kɔl /
E
summon forth a memory of : have a recollection or remembrance of.
The photograph album made Tony recall many scenes from his childhood.

receded

recent

recessionary

adj
/ rə'seshə.nerē /
L
of or relating to a period of reduced economic activity.
A recessionary cycle is characterized by a rising unemployment rate, falling profits and production, falling interest rates, and decelerating inflation.

recidivist

recidivous

reciprocatory

recitalist

n
/ rə'sīd'ləst /
L > F + Ecff
one who performs programs of vocal or instrumental music.
The recitalist sang several romantic arias from various operas.

recitative

reckon

v
/ 'rekən /
E
conclude on the basis of a calculation or estimation.
As near as he can reckon, Mac has read a million pages in his life.

reclama

reclining

adj
/ rə'klinɪŋ /
L
bending or curving gradually back from the perpendicular.
The reclining figure in the painting bore a resemblance to Elmer Fudd.

recoilless

recollect

v
/ ,rekə'lekt /
L
call to mind.
Fran could not recollect where he had seen the waiter before.

recollection

recombine

recompense

reconciliation

reconstitute

v
/ rē'känztə.t(y)üt /
L
restore the composition of (as a concentrated juice) by adding water.
Mitch decided to reconstitute the canned tomato soup with milk instead of plain water.

recorder

recourse

n
/ 'rē.kō(ə)rs /
L > F > E
a turning to someone or something in search of help, support, protection, or safety.
If you lose your tickets, you have no recourse to obtain replacements.

rectangular

rectigrade

rectilinearly

rectipetality

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recto

n
/ ˈrɛk(ɪ)tō /
L

a right-hand page (as of a book) usually carrying an odd page number.
The librarian stamped the library's name on the first recto following the copyright page of each new book.

redhibition

n
/ ˌrɛd(h)əˈbɪʃən /
L

an annulment of the sale of an article and return of it to the seller because of some material defect.
Dad is convinced that his new car is a lemon and has engaged an attorney who specializes in consumer transactions and redhibition.

redondilla

redoubt

redox

adj
/ ˈrɛ.däks /
L + Gk

[has near homonym: redux] of or relating to oxidation-reduction.
Juju's comment that every basic chemistry student knows that metathesis is not a redox reaction was not welcome at the study group.

redroot

reel

n
/ rēl /
E
[has homonym: real] a lively dance of the Scottish highlanders marked by circular figures and performed with gliding movements.
Several versions of the reel migrated to the Americas from Scotland.

reelected

v
/ ˌrēəˈlɛktəd /
L

selected (a person) by vote for another term in office.
The candidate himself was not surprised when he was not reelected.

reenact

reestablish

v
/ ˌrēəˈstæblɪʃ /
L > F > E
set up, fix, or confirm again.
Mrs. Jackson thought that the start of the second semester would be a good time to reestablish the class rules.

reevaluate

v
/ ˌrēəˈvælɪə.wāt /
L + L
examine and judge again concerning the worth, quality, significance, amount, degree, or condition of.
The company asked Chris to reevaluate the project's potential for profit.

reeve

reference

reformatory

n
/ rəˈfō(r)mə.tōrē /
L
a penal institution to which especially young or first offenders are committed for training and reformation.
For stealing automobiles the juvenile was sent to a reformatory until he reached the age of 18.

reformist

refract

refreshment

n
/ rəˈfrɛʃmənt /
F > E + EcF
something (as food or drink) that restores strength and liveliness.
After watching the two-hour movie, Dan decided it was time for some refreshment.

refrigerative

adj
/ rəˈfrɪjə.rā.dɪv /
L
tending to cool.
The fan had a refrigerative effect on Frank's overheated body.

refutable

refutatory

regard

regards

regulate

regenerative

adj
/ rēˈjənə.rā.dɪv /
L
of, relating to, marked by, or using a process of replacing or producing anew.
The regenerative stage of a perennial plant's life cycle generally takes place during the winter months.

regent

regie

regress

regulatory

reimburse

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reincarnation

n
/ ˌrɛ.ɪn.kɑːrˈnæʃən /

L
a fresh embodiment of someone or something.

The reincarnation of our nation's colonial capital was initially funded by an endowment made by John D. Rockefeller Jr. in 1926.

reiteration

rejectamenta

rejuvenation

relegated

relevancy

n
/ ˈreləvənsē /

L
relation to the matter at hand.
The search engine ranked the Web sites according to the relevancy to the word being searched.

religioso

religious

relish

n
/ ˈrelish /

F > E
a savory pickled or preserved food prepared from mixed chopped vegetables or fruits and usually served with meat.
Cameron put ketchup, onions, and pickle relish on his hot dog.

relleno

relocate

reluctancy

reluctant

remand

v
/ rəˈmand /

L
send (a person charged with a crime) back into custody by court order.

The judge decided to remand the prisoner to jail until his appeal could be considered.

remanet

remedy

n
/ ˈremədē /
L > AF > E

something that relieves or cures a disease.
Mom's favorite remedy for a cold is chicken soup and lots of rest.

reminiscences

n pl
/ ˌreməˈnɪsˈn(t)səz /

L
remembered experiences.
The program about the history of jazz relied on reminiscences of several older musicians.

reminiscently

remise

remissible

remission

remoteness

remount

remove

reneger

rennet

rentable

renunciation

repair

v
/ rəˈpa(a)ʊr /
L > F > E

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] go to a specified place for a specified purpose.
In his inaugural speech the president indicated his desire to repair at once to the post voters had assigned him.

reparations

n pl
/ ˌrepəˈræʃənz /

L
the act of making amends, offering expiation, or giving satisfaction for a wrong or injury.
The judge ordered the cat burglar to make reparations to the victims of his crimes by standing guard outside their homes each night.

repeated

adj
/ rəˈpiːdəd /
L > F > E

renewed or recurring again and again : frequent.
Mark was taken out of the game for his repeated fouls.

repent

repentance

repercussive

repetitiously

replica

reportedly

repugnancy

require

requisitorial

reseau

resemblance

residential

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resiniferous

resist

respell

v

/ rē'spell /

L > Ecf + Gmc > F > E

name the letters of again, anew, or in another way.

Marilyn gave her students a chance to respell all the misspelled words in their essays.

respirator

n

/ 'respə.rādə(r) /

L

a device for protecting the respiratory tract.

Adam wore a filter respirator when he worked in his laboratory.

respire

respondent

ressaulted

restive

resultant

resurge

v

/ rə'sərj /

L

[has homonym: reserge] rise again : become resurrected.

Byron wonders if negative feelings toward his brother will resurge when his brother comes home from college.

resuscitative

resuscitator

retiaary

retool

retort

retraxit

retroactive

retrogressive

retrolental

returnable

revelation

n

/ revə'lāshən /

L

an act of revealing or communicating divine truth.

The humanist view is that religion is a human creation rather than a revelation from a god or gods.

revenueur

reverain

reverent

reversal

reverse

reviler

revisionist

revivified

revivify

revocation

revved

rhabdomancy

n

/ 'rəbdə.man(t)sē /

Gk

divination by rods or wands.

Harry Potter tried throwing a handful of rods on the floor, but he didn't know enough about rhabdomancy to read the pattern.

rhapsodized

rhea

rhenium

rheometer

n

/ rē'ämədə(r) /

Gk + Gk

an instrument for measuring the flow of viscous substances.

A rheometer is used for measuring the flow properties of powders, granules, and wet mixes in the drug and cosmetic industries.

rheophilic

rheumatoid

rhexis

rhinophonia

n

/ ˌrɪnə'fɒnɪə /

Gk + Gk

marked nasal resonance.

The principal's voice is so characterized by rhinophonia that he is called "Mr. Quack" behind his back.

rhipidate

rhizoidal

rhodochrosite

rhumb

rhynchophora

rhythmization

ribat

ribband

ricer

n

/ 'rɪsə(r) /

Gk > It > F > E

a kitchen utensil designed for pressing cooked soft vegetables or uncooked soft foods through a perforated container so that the resulting product emerges as strings about the diameter of a grain of rice.

Jerry pushed all of the cooked turnips through the ricer.

richness

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| | | |
|--|--|---|
| rickettsial | roble | rootage |
| ridability | robot | roquelaure |
| ridgepole | rochet | rosace |
| ridgeway | n / 'rächât / F a white ecclesiastical garment resembling a surplice worn especially by bishops and privileged prelates. <i>The bishop entered the sanctuary wearing his rochet and miter.</i> | rosaline |
| ridicule | rocky | rosary |
| riflery | rodeo | n / 'rōz(ə)rē / L a string of beads used in counting prayers. <i>Eugenia's collection of prayer beads includes a rosary that was blessed by the Pope.</i> |
| rightful | n / 'rōdē.ō / L > Sp a public performance that features especially contests in calf roping and bull riding. <i>Little Mikey was only six, but he took the blue ribbon for "Tiny Tot Calf Roping" at the rodeo.</i> | rosella |
| rightless | roe | rosemary |
| rigid | roentgenology | n / 'rōz.merē / L > E a fragrant shrubby mint that has a warm pungent bitterish taste and is used as a culinary herb and in perfumery. <i>Monique's mother made her a cup of tea flavored with rosemary.</i> |
| rigidity | roey | rosinweed |
| rigidly | rogation | rostrular |
| rijsttafel | roguishness | rosy |
| rimfire | rollicksome | adj / 'rōzē / Gk > L > E having a rose-colored complexion : healthy, blooming. <i>Ally's rosy appearance belies how sick she feels.</i> |
| rimur | roman | rotameter |
| rinforzando | romaticism | rotary |
| ringside | rongeur | rotorcraft |
| rinkafadda | roodle | rotten |
| n / 'rɪŋkə'fäthə / IrGael an Irish dance resembling the Virginia reel. <i>Brendan loved to step dance, but he refused to even try the rinkafadda.</i> | rook | adj / 'rät̩n / E decayed, putrid. <i>On at least one day every summer, we put on our work clothes, go out in the garden, and have a good old- fashioned rotten tomato fight.</i> |
| risible | rookie | |
| risque | n / 'rūkē / (L > F)&E a new member of or candidate for an athletic team. <i>In 1963 Pete Rose was chosen as the National League's Rookie of the Year.</i> | |
| rivalrous | | |
| riverfront | | |
| rivulose | | |
| roadrunner | | |
| roadworthy | | |
| robber | | |
| robin | | |

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roughrider

roughshod

roulade

rousseauism

roustabout

roustabouts

router

routineer

rowan

n
/ 'raʊən /

Scand

a Eurasian tree with pinnate leaves and flat corymbs of small white flowers followed by red pomes resembling berries—called also “European mountain ash.”

The rowan at the edge of Aunt Fiona’s garden was damaged during the ice storm.

royally

rubasse

rubbish

rubbishly

rubellite

rubidium

ruby

rucervine

ruckus

rudd

ruff

v
/ 'rəf /

F

[has homonym: rough] play a trump card when another suit is led.
Alice held so many trump cards that she was able to ruff all but two tricks of the bridge hand.

ruffian

rugby

n
/ 'rəgbē /

E name

a football game which is played with an oval ball by teams of 15 players each and in which play is continuous.

After playing rugby for two hours, Terence was so dirty his mother made him rinse off outside under the garden hose.

ruinous

rumbustious

rummage

runesmith

rung

runnels

n pl
/ 'rən'lz /

E

rivulets, streamlets.

The earthen dam gave way soon after runnels of water zigzagged down its bank.

runny

adj
/ 'rənē /

E

excessively soft and liquid.

The dough for the bran muffins seemed much too runny to Tom.

runway

rupee

rupture

rustler

ruthenium

rutidosis

ryegrass

sabbath

n
/ 'səbəθ /
Heb > Gk > L > F > E

the day of rest and solemn

assembly observed as sacred to God by Jews and some Christian churches on the seventh day of the week from sunset Friday until sunset Saturday.

Orthodox Jews do not drive or ride in vehicles on the sabbath; if they want to travel on Saturdays, they must walk.

sabretache

sabreur

sabulosity

saccharide

sacchariferous

sacque

sacrilege

saddle

saddlebag

saddlebow

sadware

safecracking

n
/ 'sāf.krakiŋ /
E + E

the act or process of breaking into a safe especially by explosives to burglarize it.

The robbers’ attempt at safecracking was abruptly ended by the alert guard dogs.

safety

sagittate

sailer

sailor

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saint

n
/ 'sānt /
L > F > E
one officially recognized or acknowledged as preeminent for consecration, holiness, and piety especially through canonization by one of the branches of the Christian church.
Elizabeth Seton, who founded the order of the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, was the first native-born American to be canonized as a saint.

saintly

salable

salak

salamandroid

salangane

salaried

salience

saliently

salify

salinelle

salinity

salivate

v
/ 'salə.vāt /
L
produce in the mouth an excessive flow of a secretion that serves to lubricate ingested food.
Whenever Alison thinks about sushi, she begins to salivate.

salsa

n
/ 'sōlsə /
L > Sp
popular music of Latin American origin that has absorbed characteristics of rhythm and blues, jazz, and rock.
Salsa has given its name to a generic style of Latin American dancing.

salt

n
/ 'sōlt /
E
any of a class of compounds typified by sodium chloride that are derived from acids by replacement of part or all of the acid hydrogen by a metal or radical acting like a metal.
Before taking chemistry, Tak thought that all salt was the same.

salvage

samarium

sambal

n
/ 'säm.bäl /
Malay
a condiment made typically of peppers, pickles, grated coconut, salt fish, or fish roe and eaten especially with curry and rice in and around Indonesia and Malaya.
Mindy ate a bowl of rice with vegetables and sambal for lunch.

sampans

samsonite

sanctimoniously

sandals

sander

sandpiper

sandshoe

n
/ 'sand.shü /
E + E
a shoe (as a sneaker) designed for wear in sandy ground.
After a walk on the dunes, Sandra stopped to retie her sandshoe.

sans

sansculotte

sansculottic

sapid

sapiens

saprobic

sapropelic

sapsucker

sarothrum

sashayed

sashless

satanic

satiny

satirically

satisfaction

satrapy

saturable

saturated

adj
/ 'sachə.rādəd /
L
having the greatest concentration that can remain under given conditions (as of temperature and pressure) in the presence of the dissolved substance.
Raising the temperature of a saturated solution usually makes it no longer saturated because more solute can be dissolved at the higher temperature.

saucerless

sauterne

sautoir

savagery

savarin

sawbuck

sawhorse

sawtooth

saxhorn

saxicolous

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|---|---|---|
| scabby | scent v / 'sent / L > F > E [has homonyms: cent, sent] use the olfactory organ in seeking or tracking prey. <i>A hound will jump at the opportunity to scent squirrels and rabbits.</i> | scour |
| scalar | | scoured |
| scalding | | scowl |
| scaler | | scrapbook |
| scallions | | scrappy |
| scallop | | scratchy |
| scalpriform | | screamer |
| scan v / 'skan / L > E look through or over hastily. <i>The students asked the teacher if they could scan their notes for five minutes before the test.</i> | scheduled | screech |
| | schismatical | screed |
| | schlich | scribbling |
| | schnell | scriber |
| | schokker | scrim n / 'skrim / unknown a transparent theater drop or a transparent section in a drop that appears opaque when a scene in front is lighted and transparent when a scene in back is lighted. <i>The play's dream sequence was performed behind a scrim to give the illusion of unreality.</i> |
| scandalous | scholasticism | |
| scandium | schoolboyish | |
| scansorial | sciapodous | |
| scant | sciential | |
| scapular | scintillator | |
| scarab | sciolist | |
| scarf | scission | scrip |
| scathing | scolopaceous | scrivello |
| scaup | scoop | scrub |
| scazon | scoot | scrupulous |
| scenic adj / 'sēnik / Gk affording or abounding in attractive scenery. <i>The Grand Canyon is one of America's greatest scenic attractions.</i> | scopious | scrutineer |
| | scorch | scuffle |
| | scorching adj / 'skô(ə)rchiŋ / Scand > E burning or parching with intense heat. <i>With the temperature a scorching 98 degrees, it was simply too hot to play outdoors.</i> | scum |
| | scoring | scup |
| | | scuppaug |
| | | scurrilousness |
| | | scurry |

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scut
n
/ 'skʊt /
unknown
the short erect tail of an animal and especially a hare or rabbit.
Haley found a rabbit's scut on the barbed wire fence.

scuttled

seaboot
n
/ 'sē.büt /
E + E
a very high waterproof boot used especially by sailors and fishermen.
The sailor had no sooner taken off one seaboot than he was again summoned to the deck.

seaborne
adj
/ 'sē.bō(ə)n /
E
transported by ship.
China agreed to take measures to prevent seaborne wood from introducing the pesky wood-eating beetle to the United States.

seafarer

seafowl

seapoose
n
/ 'sē.pūs /
Algonquian > E
a shallow inlet or tidal stream along the Long Island shore.
Dirk floated a toy boat in the seapoose.

season

secession

secretaries

secretion

sectarian

sectile

sector

secure
v
/ sē'kyū(ə)r /
L
seize and confine a person : hold fast.
The prison rules stated that the guards were to secure all remaining prisoners in the event of an escape.

securely

security

sedimentary

seditionary

seditious

seedbed

seedy

seer

seething

seicento

seismatical

seismograph

sejant

selector

selion

semanticize

semelfactive

semiarid

semifinal

semilunar

semipermeable
adj
/ ,semē'pərmēəbəl /
L + L
of or constituting a membrane that is penetrable by some usually small molecules (as of water or inorganic salts) but bars the passage of other usually larger particles (as protein molecules).
Usually the size of a molecule determines whether it will pass through a semipermeable membrane, but other factors are not well understood.

semiquaver
n
/ 'semē.kwāvə(r) /
L + E
a sixteenth note in music.
The composer believed that every semiquaver of her new symphony was perfect.

senator

senescence

seniority

senseless

sensitive

sensual

sentence

sentimentalizing
v
/ ,sentə'mentl.īzɪŋ /
L + Ecff
looking upon and imbuing with emotion.
Daren made the mistake of sentimentalizing the politician as a poor abused fellow.

separable

septenarius

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septendecimal

adj

/ˌsep.tenˈdes.ə.məl /

L

relating to the number 17 : based on the number 17.

Rob mistakenly thought that once he had lived beyond his septendecimal year he could do as he pleased in his parents' house.

septicization

n

/ˌsept.ə.səˈzā.shən /

Gk > L + Ecff

treatment of sewage by bacterial action.

Engineers found a way to utilize the gases produced by the septicization of sewage.

septuplets

n pl

/sepˈtəpləts /

L

a group of seven offspring born at one birth.

In November 1997 many people in the United States became fascinated with the birth of septuplets to a family in Iowa.

sepulture

sequacity

sequestered

seraphically

serena

serfism

serialize

serigraph

serinette

seriosity

sermon

n

/ˈsɜr.mən /

L

a religious discourse delivered in public usually by a clergyman as a part of a worship service.

John found the minister's sermon unusually long and tedious but struggled to keep his mind on it.

serology

serum

setting

sexton

sextuplet

sfogato

sgabello

sgraffito

shad

shakuhachi

shalloon

shameless

shampoo

shamrock

shandry

shank

shapeliness

sharecropper

shark

sharkskin

sharp

sharpener

sharpshod

sharpshooter

shawl

n

/ˈshəl /

Per

a usually square or oblong piece of fabric used especially as a covering for the head or shoulders.

Alexandra threw a shawl over her head and ran down the path to the windmill.

sheaf

n

/ˈshēf /

E

[Note: Could be confused with chief, sheave.] a quantity of arrows sufficient to fill a quiver; also : the allowance of arrows (as 24) allotted to each archer.

As a walk-on in the recently released movie, Jason handed Robin Hood a sheaf of arrows for his quiver.

sheargrass

shearwater

sheaved

sheepish

sheepskin

n

/ˈshēp.skɪn /

E + ON > E

a document bearing record of graduation from or of a degree conferred by an educational institution.

Jesse was so proud of her sheepskin that she framed it and hung it in her den.

sherry

sherryvallis

shigellosis

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shimmered

v
/ 'shimə(r)d /
E

shone with a tremulous or fitful light : gleamed faintly.
As the patterns of moonlight shifted, the frost-covered blades of grass shimmered.

shimmy

n
/ 'shimē /
F > E

a jazz dance popular after World War I which is characterized by a shaking of the body from the shoulders down.
The shimmy enjoyed a brief popularity among the flappers of the 1920s.

shiner

n
/ 'shinə(r) /
E

black eye.
Sporting a shiner, Clint said, "You should see what the other guy looks like."

shingler

shingles

n pl
/ 'shɪŋgəlz /
L > E

an acute inflammation of the sensory ganglia of spinal and cranial nerves that is associated with a vesicular eruption and neuralgic pains.
Shingles kept Kyle out of school for two weeks.

shinnery

shinplaster

shiny

shipboard

shipshape

shock

n
/ 'shäk /
Gmc > F

a state of profound depression of the vital processes of the body characterized by pallor, rapid but weak pulse, anxiety, and nausea or vomiting.
Severe injuries in an automobile accident could cause a person to go into shock.

shogun

shone

v
/ 'shōn /
E

[has homonym: shown] emitted rays of light : beamed with steady radiance.
Shutters closed for many years were thrown open to let the brilliant sunlight shine where it hadn't shone in so long.

shoo

shoplifting

n
/ 'shäp.liftɪŋ /
E + ON > E
the stealing of goods on display in a store.
Shoplifting becomes a serious problem for merchants especially around Christmas time.

shortcake

n
/ 'shört.kāk /
E + ON > E

a sweet baked dough spread with fruit and served cold.
Strawberry shortcake is a delicious summer treat.

shortening

n
/ 'shört˙nɪŋ /
E

an edible fat used to make baked goods flaky or crumbly.
A good pie crust can be made with half a cup of shortening.

shorthanded

adj
/ 'shó(ə)rt.handəd /
E + E

short of the regular or necessary number of people.
Because the boys felt they had an advantage over their smaller opponents, they agreed to play basketball shorthanded.

should

showstopper

n
/ 'shō.stäpə(r) /
E + E

an act, song, or performer that wins applause so prolonged as to interrupt a performance.
The song "Memory" proved to be the showstopper in the musical Cats.

shrievalty

shrine

n
/ 'shrīn /
L > E

an object, structure, or place that is considered sacred by a religious group and that serves as the focus of the performance of some ritual.
The Western Wall in Jerusalem is a Jewish shrine that receives millions of visitors annually.

shrivel

shrunk

shuba

shuffle

v
/ 'shəfəl /
E

perform a dance with a dragging, sliding step.
As the dance marathon wore on, the tired participants began to shuffle from side to side.

shutter

sial

sialagogue

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sibilance

sibilatory

sibling

sickish

adj

/ 'sɪkɪʃ /

E

making somewhat ill.

A sickish odor filled the hospital room.

siesta

n

/ sɛ'ɛstə /

L > Sp

an afternoon nap or rest.

Some Latin American countries have extra periods of rush hour traffic as people go home for their siesta.

sieving

siglum

signality

signet

signifier

signorina

Sikkimese

n pl

/ sɪkə'mɛz /

Indian geog name

natives or inhabitants of the state of Sikkim in northeastern India.

Many Sikkimese believe that certain mountains are protective deities.

silane

n

/ 'sɪ.lān /

ISV

any of several silicon hydrides

having the general formula

analogous to that of hydrocarbons of the methane series.

When exposed to air, some types of silane will ignite spontaneously.

silencer

silver

similar

simmer

v

/ 'sɪmə(r) /

imit E

stew gently with a bubbling sound below or just at the boiling point.

The chef explained that the carrots should simmer in the broth for several minutes before the other vegetables were added.

simoniac

simplicial

sincere

single

n

/ 'sɪŋɡəl /

L > F > E

a one-dollar bill.

Maria searched her wallet for a single to give the cloak room attendant as a tip.

singlesticker

singleton

n

/ 'sɪŋɡəltən /

L > F > E

a card (as in bridge) that is the only one of its suit originally held in a hand.

Daphne could see that she would have a difficult time winning the hand, since she held only a singleton of the trump suit.

singsong

sinistrad

sinistration

sinkage

sinology

n

/ sɪ'näləjē /

Chinese? > Ar > Gk > L > F + Gk > Ecf

[has homonym: cynology] the study of the Chinese especially with reference to their language, literature, history, and culture.

Kim's graduate work in sinology led her to spend a semester at Heidelberg University's Institute of Chinese Studies.

sinople

sinuate

sinus

n

/ 'sɪnəs /

L

a cavity in the substance of the bone of the skull that usually communicates with the nostrils and contains air.

Since Pauline has no frontal sinus, she never gets bad sinus headaches.

siphorhinal

siriasis

sirop

sisal

situation

sizzling

skate

n

/ 'skāt /

Gmc > F > D

a shoe with a metal runner or a set of wheels fastened to the sole.

After a few laps around the rink, Jeff had to tighten up his skate.

skellum

skerrick

sketchy

skiametry

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skiff

skiffle

skiing

skim

v
/ 'skim /
E

read, study, deal with, or examine superficially and rapidly;
specifically : glance through (as a book) for the chief ideas or the plot.
Haley often goes to the bookshop on Saturday mornings to skim the current best sellers.

skimmer

n
/ 'skimə(r) /
E

a usually straw flat-crowned hat with a wide straight brim.
Dad had a photo of Grandpa at the train station waving good-bye with his skimmer.

skin

skinny

adj
/ 'skinē /
E

thin and lacking flesh (as from emaciation).
Barbara described Frank as “a skinny little guy with a great sense of humor.”

skintight

skit

skua

skullcap

n
/ 'skəl.kap /
Scand > E + L > F > E
any of various close-fitting brimless cloth caps for indoor or outdoor wear.
In a corner of the restaurant sat a solitary bearded man wearing a black skullcap and reading a newspaper.

skunk

n
/ 'skʌŋk /
Algonquian
any of various common New World mammals which eject an intensely malodorous secretion when startled or attacked.
Luckily the skunk has warning coloration and is easy to recognize.

skunkweed

n
/ 'skʌŋk.wēd /
Algonquian + E
any of several offensive-smelling herbs.
The skunkweed poked its nose through the surface of the swamp.

skydiving

skyjack

skyjacking

n
/ 'skī.jakɪŋ /
N > E + unknown
the commandeering of an airplane in flight by the threat of violence.
By skyjacking a passenger plane, the terrorists intended to force the authorities to release their imprisoned leader.

slaked

slander

n
/ 'slændə(r) /
L > F > E
utterance of false charges or misrepresentations which defame and damage reputation.
After the heated debate, one candidate threatened to sue the other for slander because of his defamatory remarks.

slangkop

slanguage

slargando

slate

adj
/ 'slāt /
F > E
of the color of any of various grays similar in color to common roofing slates.
The contractor recommends black shutters and slate shingles for the house Karen's family is building.

slavishly

slick

slickenside

slipper

n
/ 'slipə(r) /
E
a light low-cut shoe that is easily slipped on the foot.
Fred's puppy came running into the room shaking a slipper in his mouth.

slipstream

slither

sloe

sloeberry

slogan

sloop

slough

slovenliness

sluiced

slurp

slurry

slurvian

smallish

adj
/ 'smölɪʃ /
E
slightly below normal size.
Mr. Sidgwick bought a smallish turkey for Thanksgiving.

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smallpox

n
/ 'smɒl.pəks /
E
an acute contagious virus disease characterized by high fever and skin eruptions which often result in scar formation.
A vaccine is available that will prevent a person from contracting smallpox.

smattering

n
/ 'smədə(r)ɪŋ /
imit? > E
an inconsiderable number or amount especially of similar but distinct individuals or parts : piecemeal collection.
After only a smattering of museum goers showed interest in the exhibit, it was replaced earlier than originally planned.

smileless

smirch

smiris

smoothbore

smuggleable

smuggler

n
/ 'smæg(ə)lə(r) /
G&D
one who imports or exports anything in violation of the customs laws.
The smuggler was arrested at the airport when cocaine was found in his luggage.

snaffle

snaggletooth

snakily

snare

n
/ 'sna(a)(ə)r /
ON > E
something by which one is entangled or involved in difficulties; often : something deceptively attractive.
Danny has learned the hard way that a smile on the face of a dishonest salesperson can be a snare.

snazzy

sneaker

n
/ 'snēkə(r) /
E
a shoe usually of canvas with a pliable rubber sole worn especially for sports or hiking.
Chip complained that his mom had bought him the wrong kind of sneaker for basketball.

sneer

n
/ 'sni(ə)r /
G?
an expression, remark, or saying that manifests derision, disdain, or contempt.
Roberto's sneer hurt Rachel's feelings.

sniff

v
/ 'snif /
E
draw air audibly up the nose.
Klaus is wont to sniff at whatever he does not like.

snifter

n
/ 'sniftə(r) /
E
a large short-stemmed goblet with a bowl narrowing toward the top in which the aroma of brandy can be savored before drinking.
Heather poured a bit of calvados into a snifter.

sniperscope

snipsnapsnorum

snitch

n
/ 'snich /
unknown
one who gives incriminating evidence against someone, especially an associate.
A snitch tipped the police as to where they could find the robbery suspect.

snivel

v
/ 'snivəl /
E
speak or act in a whining, sniffing, tearful, or weakly emotional manner.
Uncle Ron sternly told Susie not to snivel when she asked for something.

snook

snooker

n
/ 'snükər /
unknown
pool played with 15 red balls having a value of 1 each and 6 variously colored balls having values of from 2 to 7 respectively on which the striker may play only after pocketing a red ball.
Morris learned to play snooker during his junior year abroad at a British university.

snooty

snout

n
/ 'snaüt /
E
the human nose especially when large or grotesque.
Her scarlet eyes stared over her gruesomely fattened snout.

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snowshoe

n
/ 'snō.shü /
E + E

a light oval frame that is strengthened by two crosspieces strung with thongs and attached to the foot and that is used to enable a person to walk on soft snow without sinking.
The deeper the snow and the heavier the wearer, the larger the snowshoe should be.

snuffer

soapbush

sobeit

soberly

sobornost

soccer

n
/ 'sä.kər /
shortened E form
a game with 11 players on a side in which the ball is advanced by kicking or by propelling it with any part of the body except the hands and arms.
Worldwide, soccer is probably the most popular team sport.

sockeye

n
/ 'sä.kī /
Salish dialect > E
a small but very important Pacific salmon attaining an average weight of about five pounds and ascending rivers chiefly from the Columbia northward to spawn in late summer or fall.
Tommy had to fight the sockeye for five minutes before finally landing it.

socratically

socratism

soda

n
/ 'sō.də /
Ar? > L > It
the hygroscopic crystalline anhydrous normal salt.
Soda, one of the constituents of glass, used to be obtained from the ash of sea plants.

soilage

solacement

solate

solderable

soldering

solemnize

solenial

solepiece

solicitudinous

solid

adj
/ 'sä.ləd /
L
having an interior filled with matter.
The stalks of some plants are not solid.

solidarity

soligenous

soliloquize

soluble

adj
/ 'sä.lyə.bəl /
L
susceptible of being dissolved in or as if in a fluid.
Salt and sugar are soluble in water.

solvent

n
/ 'sälvənt /
L
a liquid component of a solution present in greater amount than the solute.
"Obviously," said Dr. Powers, "the best solvent for a material is usually related to its chemical structure."

somatophyte

somatotonia

somnifacient

somnivolency

somnolently

sone

n
/ 'sōn /
L > ISV
[has homonym: sewn] a subjective unit of loudness for a given listener equal to the loudness of a 1,000-cycle sound that has an intensity 40 decibels above the listener's own threshold.
The sone is a more practical unit of loudness than the phon, because sounds do not appear to increase proportionately with the number of phons.

songster

n
/ 'sōŋz.tə(r) /
E
one that is skilled in song.
The songster Cole Porter brought a worldly enthusiasm to American musical comedy stage.

soothsayer

sophrosyne

sopranino

soprano

sorceress

sorites

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| | | |
|---|---|--|
| soroptimist | spatha | spindrift |
| sorosis | spatialize | spinster |
| sostenuto | speakerphone n / 'spɛkə(r)fōn / E + Gk a combination microphone and loudspeaker device for two-way communication by telephone lines. <i>Ruby turned on the speakerphone so he could tend to the stove and continue talking.</i> | spiracular |
| soteriology | | spiriform |
| souffle | | spirited adj / 'spɪrədəd / L full of life or vigor. <i>The spirited debater delivered a persuasive speech.</i> |
| soulful | | spitzer |
| soulless adj / 'sōlləs / E + Ecf having no manifestation of a spiritual or moral nature. <i>After several years in a city they found soulless, Arthur and Sylvia bought a dairy farm in Vermont.</i> | special | splacknuck |
| | spectrology | spleen |
| | speechifier | splendor |
| soundest | speedball n / 'spɛd.bəl / E + ON > E a game resembling soccer but permitting a ball caught in the air to be passed with the hands. <i>The fourth grade played speedball at recess.</i> | splurge |
| sounding | | splurgy |
| sourdine | | spoil |
| sourwood | | spoilage |
| soutenu | spelunker | spoilsport |
| sovietologist | sphenocephaly | spokeshave |
| spade | spheroidize | spoliator |
| spadeful | sphragistics | spoor n / 'spu(ə)r / D > Afrikaans a mark, a trail, a scent, a sound, or droppings left by one that has passed. <i>Moxie found the spoor of a cat in the garden.</i> |
| spaghetini | sphygmometer | sporomorph |
| spallation | spicier adj / 'spɪsɪər / L > F > E having more of a fragrance suggestive of spices. <i>The new potpourri was much spicier than the old one.</i> | sporophore |
| spanner | spicigerous | sportswear |
| sparable | spikenard | spotlight |
| spartanize | spiling | |
| spasmodically adv / spaz'mädək(ə)lē / Gk in a sudden violent and temporary manner. <i>Tupper spasmodically jerked his leg away from the blow.</i> | spilth | |
| spastic | spindle | |

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sprain

v
/ 'sprān /
unknown
weaken by sudden and violent twisting or wrenching.
Unaccustomed to wearing high heels, Sarah might sprain her ankle if she tried to run in them.

spreader

sprig

springbok

spritsail

sprocket

spryness

spurnwater

squails

squalidity

squandering

v
/ 'skwänd(ə)riŋ /
unknown
spending extravagantly or wastefully.
The wealthy heir was criticized for squandering his inheritance at the gambling casinos.

square

n
/ 'skwa(a)(ə)r /
L > F > E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a builder's unit of floor or roof area equal to 100 square feet.
The contractor told the Driscolls that they would need a square of roofing material to finish the job.

squat

squatter

squdgy

squeak

squinch

squint

squirearch

staatenbund

stabbing

stability

stabilizer

stachyose

staffage

stagecoach

stagflation

stagiary

staginess

stakeout

n
/ 'stāk.aüt /
E + E
a surveillance maintained by one or more police officers over an area or person suspected of criminal activity.
Police set up a stakeout at the intersection where drug dealers were said to be doing business.

stalactites

stalag

stamen

n
/ 'stāmən /
L
[has near homonym: stamin] the male reproductive organ of a flower.
When the honeybee touched the stamen, pollen stuck to its legs.

standard

n
/ 'standə(r)d /
F > E
a pole or spear bearing some conspicuous object (as a banner) at the top formerly used to mark a rallying point, to signal, or to serve as an emblem.
Before Caesar entered the room, a messenger entered bearing his standard.

standing

n
/ 'standiŋ /
E
position or condition in society or in a profession.
Rumors about the mayor's expense account have certainly hurt his standing in the community.

standstill

staphylococci

staple

n
/ 'stāpəl /
E
a small U-shaped wire both ends of which are driven through layers of thin and easily penetrable material (as paper or paperboard) and usually clinched to hold the layers together.
Leigh wanted to make a photocopy of the document, but first she had to remove the staple.

stapler

stapp

n
/ 'stap /
Am name
a unit of force caused by acceleration and equal to 1 G acting on a body for 1 second.
Astronauts commonly use the stapp when referring to the G-forces endured at takeoff.

starer

starling

startling

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stases

stash

station

n
/ 'stāshən /
L

the place or position in which something or someone stands or is assigned to stand or remain; as : a post of duty.

Just before the mock fire drill each member of the observation team took his station.

statolatry

status

n
/ 'stadəs /
L

position or rank in relation to others.

Fernando's status in the company changed dramatically after he completed his degree.

stauroscope

stave

steadfast

steadfastly

adv
/ 'sted.fastlē /
E

in a firmly established manner.

The castle steadfastly weathered the storms through the ages.

steam

v
/ 'stēm /
E

cook by direct exposure to or in a vessel surrounded by the vapor of liquid heated to the boiling point.
Some cooks like to steam vegetables in broth rather than in water for added flavor.

steel

n
/ 'stēl /
E

[has homonyms: steal, stele]
commercial iron that contains carbon in any amount up to about 1.7 percent.

Changing the carbon content of steel greatly affects its malleability.

steely

steeplejack

n
/ 'stēpəl.jak /
E

one whose work is building or repairing smokestacks, towers, or steeples.

The steeplejack found a stalk of corn growing atop the belfry.

stegosaurian

stelliferous

stellify

stenography

stenophagous

stenosis

stere

n
/ 'sti(ə)r /
Gk > F

[has homonym: steer] a metric unit of volume equal to 1 cubic meter.

The stere is the metric counterpart of the cord, which is 128 cubic feet of stacked wood.

stereognosis

n
/ .sterēäg'nōsəs /
Gk + Gk

ability to perceive or the perception of material qualities (as form, weight) of an object by handling or lifting it : tactile recognition.

To test his stereognosis after his head injury, Barry was blindfolded and handed different shapes to fit into a form board.

stereopsis

sterling

adj
/ 'stərliŋ /
E

of full value or first quality : conforming to the highest standard : genuine.

The recipient of the Citizen of the Year award was cited for her sterling character and matchless energy.

sternum

sternutator

n
/ 'stərnyə.tādər /
L

an agent that induces a flow of nasal secretion or causes sneezing.

A gaseous sternutator was used against soldiers in World War I.

sternway

stethoscopy

stew

v
/ 'st(y)ü /

Gk > L > F > E

cook in a little liquid over a gentle fire without boiling.

It is sometimes advisable to stew an older chicken rather than roast it.

sthene

n
/ 'sthēn /
Gk > ISV

a meter-kilogram-second absolute unit of force equal to 1,000 newtons or 100 million dynes.

Part of Nick's physics homework consisted of converting measurements from the newton to the sthene to the dyne.

stichomythia

n
/ .stikə'mithēə /
Gk

dialogue especially of altercation or dispute delivered in alternating lines (as in classical Greek drama).

The argument continued in stichomythia until the characters realized the futility of such bickering.

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stickleback

stickler

sticky

adj
/ 'stikē /

E
having the quality of adhering.
The sticky gum would not come off of Ann's finger.

stiffener

stigma

stigmata

stilb

n
/ 'stilb /
Gk > ISV
a centimeter-gram-second unit of brightness equal to 1 candle per square centimeter of cross section perpendicular to the rays.
The luminous paint on a watch dial usually registers only a tiny fraction of a stilb.

stiletto

stilt

n
/ 'stilt /
E
one of two poles each with a rest or strap for the foot used to elevate the wearer above the ground in walking.
Waldo had to add the length of the stilt to his leg length to get the proper trouser measurement for his clown costume.

stimulate

stingray

stinkstone

n
/ 'stɪŋk.stōn /
E
a stone that emits a fetid smell on being struck or rubbed owing to decomposition of organic matter.
Stinkstone, a variety of limestone, is also called swinestone.

stipple

stipulate

v
/ 'stɪpyə.lāt /
L
make an express demand for some term in an agreement.
Many corporations who allow employees to telecommute also stipulate the working hours and equipment to be used.

stitch

v
/ 'stɪtʃ /
E
fasten, join, or close with or as if with loops of thread.
The brain surgeon was justly famous for the speed and skill with which she could stitch.

stomachic

stomatitic

stone

n
/ 'stōn /
E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] an official British unit of weight equal to 14 pounds.
Elizabeth's New Year's resolution is to lose 1 stone before the arrival of summer.

stool

n
/ 'stül /
E
a device for sitting usually consisting of a single wooden or upholstered seat without back or arms supported by three or four legs or by a central pedestal.
The actor playing the court jester sat on a low stool near the king's throne.

stopwatch

storis

storyteller

stout

adj
/ 'staüt /
Gmc > F > E
characterized by physical or moral bravery : courageous, valiant.
The scoutmaster praised Jim, referring to him as "a brave lad with a stout heart."

stoutly

stovepipe

n
/ 'stōv.pīp /
G > D > E + E
a very tall silk hat.
In honor of Lincoln's birthday, David, wearing a frock coat, stovepipe, and false beard, recited the "Gettysburg Address" for the class.

stow

straddle

stragglingly

strait

stramineous

straphangers

strawberry

n
/ 'strō.berē /
E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a small mark or bruise that is of a moderate red or purplish red color.
The strawberry on Martha's thigh is a birthmark.

strawbreadth

streetscape

streptococcus

stretchable

adj
/ 'streichəbəl /
E
capable of being extended.
The kitten tugged at Alvin's stretchable sock.

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strictness

stridency

stridulous

stringendo

stripling

stromatolite

strong

adj
/ 'strɒŋ /
E

having great muscular power.
Johnny is as strong as a bull.

stronghold

n
/ 'strɒŋ.həʊld /
E

a fortified place.
As the marching soldiers crested the hill, the duke's stronghold came into view.

strophe

strophic

adj
/ 'stræfɪk /
Gk
relating to, containing, or consisting of a rhythmic system composed of two or more lines repeated as a unit.
The strophic pattern of the poem helped Miriam memorize it.

structural

stucco

stuccowork

studied

study

v
/ 'stʌdē /
L
apply the mind to the acquirement of knowledge.
Flora helped her roommate to study for her exam.

stuff

v
/ 'stʌf /
F > E
prepare (meat or vegetables) for cooking or eating by filling or lining with a seasoned mixture.
Bella plans to stuff the turkey with a mixture of cornbread, sausage, and onions.

stuffily

stuffy

adj
/ 'stʌfē /
F > E
oppressive to the breathing.
The air in the tunnel leading into the pyramid was stuffy.

stultify

stummel

stupefacient

stupor

n
/ 'st(y)üpə(r) /
L
a chiefly mental condition marked by absence of spontaneous movement, greatly diminished responsiveness to stimulation, and usually impaired consciousness.
After staying up all night to study, Ellen ended up taking her exam in a stupor.

stylistic

stymieing

subconscious

subcontraoctave

subcortex

subculture

subdermal

subdued

adj
/ səb'd(y)üd /
L
reduced or lacking in force or intensity.
The subdued dog could become ferocious when threatened.

subereous

subfebrile

subjacent

adj
/ ,səb'jās'nt /
L
lying under or below.
The hills and subjacent valleys were cloaked in the heavy, wet snow.

subjective

sublease

sublunary

adj
/ 'səbli.nerē /
L
characteristic of or pertinent to this world : terrestrial, mundane.
One suffragette declared that men had undertaken the "absolute control of all sublunary matters."

submerge

suborning

subphylum

subplot

subreptary

subreption

subscribe

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subshell

n
/ 'səb.ʃel /
L > E + E
any of the one or more spaces occupied by the orbits of a group of electrons of approximately equal energy surrounding the nucleus of an atom.
Fred explained that most elements have more than one subshell of electrons.

substantive

subsume

subtle

subtrahend

n
/ 'səb.trə.hend /
L
a quantity that is to be deducted from a minuend in the mathematical operation of subtraction.
In the equation $14 - 8 = 6$, 8 is the subtrahend.

subtuberant

suburban

adj
/ sə'bərbən /
L
of, relating to, inhabiting, or located in the residential area on the outskirts of any city or large town.
The farm on which George spent his childhood years has been swallowed up in suburban sprawl.

succinctness

sucrose

n
/ 'sü.krōs /
F > ISV + L > Ecf
a sweet water-soluble sugar that occurs naturally in most land plants especially in the juices, fruits, and roots.
Sucrose was the last in a long list of organic substances whose chemical formulas Callie had to memorize that night.

sudatory

sudorific

sugarloaf

suite

sulcus

sulfofying

sulky

sullenly

summit

summons

n pl
/ 'səmənz /
F > E
a warning or citation to appear in court.
As an eyewitness to the robbery, Alicia received a summons to give testimony in court.

sumo

n
/ 'sü(.)mō /
Jpn
a Japanese form of wrestling in which a contestant loses the match if he is forced out of the ring or if any part of his body except his feet touches the ground.
As part of their study of Japanese culture, the class watched an hour of sumo on ESPN.

sumptuously

sunbonnet

n
/ 'sən.bänət /
E + L > F > E
a woman's bonnet with a wide brim framing the face and usually having a ruffle at the back to protect the neck from the sun.
Meghan was so fair-skinned that she never left the house without a sunbonnet.

sundown

n
/ 'sən.daün /
E + E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a broad-brimmed hat for women.
Diane put on a straw sundown and took a stroll on the gorgeous beach.

sundry

sunflower

adj
/ 'sən.fläu(ə)r /
E + L > F > E
of or resembling any of various plants with large yellow-rayed flower heads bearing edible seeds that yield an edible oil.
The brown iris was slashed with yellow, the color of sunflower honey.

sunny

adj
/ 'sənē /
E
[has homonym: sonny]
characterized by brilliant sunlight.
Mo added a sunny porch to the back of her house.

sunstone

sunstroke

n
/ 'sən.strōk /
E
heatstroke caused by direct exposure to the Sun.
Sharon suffered a sunstroke when she ran the marathon in mid-August.

superabundant

adj
/ ,süpə(r)ə'bəndənt /
L
being considerably more than is sufficient.
The cheerleader's superabundant zeal was a little sickening to Carla.

superannuate

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supercool

v
/ 'süpər.kül /
L + F

reduce in temperature to below the freezing point without solidification or crystallization.
Tage had to first supercool the liquid and then be careful not to stir it; otherwise, it would quickly solidify.

superego

superencipherment

n
/ .süpə(r)ən'sifə(r)mənt /
L + L + Ar > L > F + Ecf
converting into code what already is a cryptogram especially in code.
Jason is an ace code breaker and has recently become interested in superencipherment.

supererogate

supererogatory

superimposable

adj
/ .süpərəm'pōzəbəl /
L

capable of covering or of being covered.
If a superimposable ion or molecule is placed over the other, the positions of all the atoms will match.

superrational

adj
/ .süpə(r)'rashən¹l /
L
transcending the power of reason.
Many novelists address the superrational aspects of love in their works.

supplant

v
/ sə'plant /
L > F > E
take the place of : oust from a position and serve as a substitute for especially by reason of superior excellence or power.
Harry's goal is to supplant the current floor supervisor.

suppletory

supply

suppositional

surcharge

n
/ 'sər.chärj /
F > E
a price demanded for a thing or service in excess of the usual or normal amount.
The overnight delivery service has a steep surcharge for weekend delivery.

surcingle

surmisable

surmountable

adj
/ .sər'maüntəbəl /
F > E + Ecf
capable of being overcome.
Quentin is confident that most of the problems associated with his learning disability are surmountable.

surprising

surrealist

surrogacy

surveil

suspend

v
/ sə'spend /
L
hang so as to be free on all sides except at the point of support.
Tony will suspend a tennis ball from the garage ceiling to help him know how far he can drive into the garage.

suspended

adj
/ sə'spendəd /
L
withheld for a time under specified conditions.
Because this offense was his first, Mike was given a suspended sentence instead of a jail term.

suspenders

n pl
/ sə'spendə(r)z /
L > F > E + Ecf
two supporting bands of elastic, leather, or cloth worn across the shoulders and fastened at the waistline to trousers or a skirt.
They had worn their coats to town, but they ate in their striped shirts and suspenders.

suspension

swampy

swarm

n
/ 'swó(ə)rm /
E
a great often overwhelming number usually in motion and especially migratory : a dense moving crowd or throng.
A swarm of preteen girls and their parents headed for the entrance doors of the concert hall.

swarming

swartrutter

swedes

n pl
/ 'swēdz /
D > G
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.]
rutabagas.
The farmer's shed was filled with baskets of potatoes, swedes, and turnips.

sweet

adj
/ 'swēt /
E
pleasing to the smell : fragrant.
Kara's mother loves the sweet smell of gardenia blossoms.

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swing

n
/ 'swɪŋ /
E

jazz dancing in moderate tempo with a peculiar lilting syncopation.
Martin urged Rhonda to learn the swing with him.

switch

switchback

n
/ 'swɪtʃ.bæk /
D? + E

a zigzag road or trail in a mountainous region.
The switchback was so steep that Amber had to back her truck up the next leg rather than turn around and go forward.

swizzle

syagush

sycophants

sycosis

syllabary

syllabic

syllipsis

symbiotically

symblepharon

sympatry

symptomatic

synanthous

synchnocarpous

synchronistic

synchronization

n
/ ˌsɪŋkrənə'zāʃən /
Gk + Gk + Ecff
the act or result of making dialogue, music, or sound effects exactly simultaneous with the action shown in a motion picture.
The synchronization in early foreign movies was sometimes ludicrous, with mouths moving when no speech was heard.

synchronize

synclastic

syncretize

synodal

synonymical

syntactician

syntality

synusia

systaltic

system

tabasco

tablets

tachyarrhythmia

tachygrapher

tacitly

adv
/ 'tasətlē /
L + Ecf
in a manner that is implied or indicated but not actually expressed.
The school administration does not enforce the dress code, perhaps tacitly acknowledging that it needs to be changed.

tack

v
/ 'tak /
E
nail, pin, or affix with small sharp-pointed, broad-headed nails.
The landlady told Tristan that although hanging large pictures was not permissible, he could tack a calendar to the wall.

tacker

tact

n
/ 'takt /
L
[has homonym: tacked] a keen sense of what to do or say in a difficult or delicate situation in order to maintain good relations with others or avoid offense : diplomacy.
Tact is an inestimable quality in an administrative assistant.

taffy

tagliarini

tailspin

taintless

talking

talmouse

Talmud

n
/ 'täl.müd /
Heb
the authoritative body of Jewish law and tradition developed on the basis of the scriptural law after the closing of the Pentateuchal text about 400 B.C.
Benjamin studied Torah and Talmud at the yeshiva.

talmudism

talmudist

talon

talus

tammy

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tangled

tantalum

Taoism

n
/ 'taũ.izəm /
Chin + Ecf

a religion and philosophy of China traditionally founded by Lao-tzu in the sixth century B.C.
Many of the 20 million adherents of Taoism practice tai chi and Chinese herbal medicine.

taperer

tapeworm

taphonomy

n
/ ta'fänəmē /
Gk
the study of the processes (as burial, decay, and preservation) that affect animal and plant remains as they become fossils.
The archaeology department frequently calls upon a consultant whose expertise is in taphonomy.

tapissier

tarboosh

targhee

tarry

tartareous

tartarly

tartrazine

tasajillo

taskmaster

tasteful

tasteless

adj
/ 'tāstləs /
E + Ecf
having no flavor.
Giorgio, the son of a jeweler, was amused to hear his chemistry professor describe diamonds as tasteless.

tatouay

tatters

Taurus

tautness

tautomerism

tawinness

taxidermist

taxidermy

taxonomy

n
/ tak'sänəmē /
Gk + Gk
the study of the general principles of scientific classification.
No one was surprised when the course in taxonomy began with a discussion of Swedish botanist Carl von Linné and his method of binomial nomenclature.

taxophily

tchaviche

teacher

team

n
/ 'tēm /
E
[has homonym: teem] two or more horses, oxen, or other draft animals harnessed to the same vehicle (as a coach, wagon, sled) or to the same plow or other implement.
A team of mules pulled a wagon along the street of the recreated gold-mining town.

tearjerker

n
/ 'ti(ə)r.jərkə(r) /
E + E
an extravagantly pathetic story, play, film, or radio or television program.
The movie turned out to be a two-hankie tearjerker.

teasel

teaspoon

n
/ 'tēspūn /
Chin + E
a small commonly silver spoon suitable for stirring and sipping tea or coffee and having a standard capacity of 1/3 tablespoon.
William realized that he had used a tablespoon of yeast instead of a teaspoon, which led to the overflow of bread dough from the oven.

technetium

technocrat

technophobia

tectiform

tectonosphere

n
/ tek'tänəsfi(ə)r /
Gk + Gk
the zone within Earth in which crustal movements originate.
The geologist specialized in the study of the evolution and structure of Earth's tectonosphere.

teething

teethless

telautograph

telecast

telegraphy

telencephalon

teleological

telepathically

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telepathy

telescich

tellurian

tellurium

temple

n
/ 'tempəl /
L

an edifice dedicated to the worship of a deity.

The Johnsons admired the stately architecture of the Mormon temple on their trip to Salt Lake City.

tempo

n
/ 'tem(ɪ)pō /
L > It

rate of motion.

The frenzied dance slowed to a gentle, lyrical tempo.

temporality

tenace

tenant

tenderfoot

tenderize

tendinitis

tendinous

tenor

tenorless

tenpins

n pl
/ 'ten.pinz /
E + E

a bowling game using ten bottle-shaped bowling pins and a large ball and allowing each player to bowl two balls in each of ten frames.

Rip van Winkle played tenpins with the strange little men.

tensely

tenseness

n
/ 'ten(t)snəs /
L + Ecf
the quality or state of being stretched tight.
As the starting time for the race got closer, Brian's tenseness increased.

tentiform

tenure

teonanacatl

terbium

teredos

tergiferous

tergiversator

tergiversatory

teriyaki

termolecular

adj
/ 'tərmə.lekyələr /
L + L
relating to or formed from three molecules.
Because a termolecular reaction is the result of the simultaneous encounter of three molecules, very few termolecular reactions occur.

tern

terpsichore

terraciform

terran

n
/ 'terən /
L
Earth inhabitant.
"The terran departed Hartux Station three hours ago at warp speed," said Glarg.

terreplein

territoriality

tessellate

tessera

tetanogenic

tetra

tetrachloride

n
/ 'tetrə.klōrīd /
Gk
a compound containing four atoms of chlorine with another element or radical.
Carbon tetrachloride is a useful organic solvent.

tetradactyl

tetrahedral

adj
/ 'tetrə.hēdrəl /
Gk
having or made up of four sides.
Sid remembered that a tetrahedral molecule is made up of five atoms with one at the center and the other four at each corner.

tetralemma

n
/ 'tetrə'lemə /
Gk
an argument analogous to a dilemma but presenting four alternatives in the premises.
When Rachel received four equally attractive invitations to the prom, she decided to draw straws to solve the tetralemma.

tetramerous

tetrapteron

tetraptych

tetrastoon

tetrazzini

thallium

thalweg

thankless

thawless

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theatricality

n
/ ˌθē.ə.trəˈkæl.əd.ē /
Gk + Ecff

the quality or state of having the characteristics of a stage play or an actor's performance.

The exaggerated gestures and movements are part of the actor's theatricality.

theatrically

theft

theme

thence

theocratic

theologize

theophobia

n
/ ˌθē.(.)ōˈfōbē.ə /
Gk + Gk
dread of the wrath of God.
In his theophobia, Brennan was sure that the thunderstorm was directed specifically at him.

theoretically

thereupon

thermochemical

adj
/ ˌθərmōˈkeməkəl /
Gk
of, relating to, or obtained by the branch of chemistry that deals with the relations existing between heat and chemical reaction or physical changes of state.
George's comparison of thermochemical changes in several reactions revealed a striking variation in enthalpy.

thermocline

thermoduric

thermohydrometer

n
/ ˌθər.(.)mōhīˈdrāməd.ə(r) /
Gk
an instrument for measuring the specific gravity of a liquid containing an instrument for measuring the temperature of the liquid under test.
Stan took readings from the thermohydrometer every five minutes throughout the experiment.

thermophilic

thermopile

n
/ ˈθərmə.pīl /
Gk + L > F > E
a thermoelectric battery.
The thermopile is used in connection with a galvanometer for measuring minute quantities of radiant heat.

thermoset

adj
/ ˈθərmə.set /
Gk + E
relatively incapable of softening or fusing when heated.
Thermoset plastics are sometimes used in manufacturing industrial molds.

thermotropism

theta

theurgist

theurgy

n
/ ˈθē.(.)ər.jē /
Gk
the art of compelling or persuading a god or beneficent supernatural power to do or refrain from doing something: specifically : an occult art in which the operator is held to be capable of evoking or utilizing the aid of divine and beneficent spirits.
Theurgy is sometimes called "high magic," and thaumaturgy, the use of magic for nonreligious purposes, is called "low magic."

thiazide

thigh

thingummy

thirdborough

n
/ ˈθərd.bər.(.)ō /
E
a former English peace officer especially of a tithing.
Old Mr. Hawkins has been the thirdborough of Warwickshire for the last two years.

thixotropy

thong

n
/ ˈθɒŋ /
E
a sandal held on the foot by a strap between the toes.
As Sarah walked down the marble hallway, her every step was sounded by a slapping thong.

thonnier

thoracostomy

thorium

thorny

adj
/ ˈθɔrnē /
E
beset with trials, vexations, obstacles, or other difficulties.
Grading papers is often a thorny problem for teachers.

those

thousandth

thrasonical

adj
/ θrāˈsänəkəl /
Roman name
bragging, boastful.
Cleo's father asked her not to be thrasonical about her birthday presents in front of her brother.

thread

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thrilled

v
/ 'θrɪld /
E

caused to have a shivering or tingling sensation : affected emotionally.

Jeff was so thrilled by the new Star Wars movie that he got back in line to see it again.

thrips

n pl
/ 'θrips /
Gk > L

any of some 5,000 species of tiny winged insects of the order Thysanoptera.

To survive the cold winters, thrips hibernate in hollow plant stems on the ground.

thrive

throttlebottom

throwaway

thrummed

thrust

v
/ 'θrəst /
ON > E

push or drive with physical force.
To open the can, Elmer had to thrust a screwdriver through the lid.

thuggee

thulium

thunder

thundering

thurifer

Thursday

n
/ 'θɜrz(,)dā /
ON > E

the day following Wednesday.
Pizza is served every Thursday in the school cafeteria.

tickle

tidewater

tidology

tidy

tierce

n
/ 'ti(ə)rs /
L > F > E

a sequence of three playing cards of the same suit.

Roland's tierce led with the ace of hearts and beat Paul's king, queen, and jack of clubs handily.

tierer

tiger

tigereye

tignon

tiki

n
/ 'tēkē /
Maori&Marquesan
a Polynesian wood or stone image set up as a temporary abode or embodiment of a god or other supernatural power but not worshipped as an idol.
The tiki at the entrance to the Polynesian restaurant is genuine.

tilery

timbe

timber

timberline

timbery

timely

adj
/ 'tɪmlē /
E

done or occurring at a suitable time.

A timely downpour quenched the fire.

tin

tinderbox

tintinnabulum

tiponi

tipsy

tiptoed

v
/ 'tɪptōd /
E + E

walked or proceeded quietly or cautiously walking on or as if walking on the tips or ends of the toes.

The toddler tiptoed slowly toward his parents with his arms outstretched.

tiresomely

tiring

v
/ 'tɪ(ə)rɪŋ /
E

fatiguing, wearying.

Bridget found her job tiring and boring.

tirralirra

tithe

v
/ 'tɪθ /
E

pay or give a tenth part of especially for the support of the church.

The pastor used this Sunday's sermon time to encourage members of the congregation to tithe.

title

titoism

titration

n
/ tɪ'trāshən /
F > E

a determination of the reactive capacity usually of a solution; especially : the analytical process of successively adding measured amounts of a reagent to a known volume of a sample in solution until a desired end point is reached.

Mark prepared to do a titration by transferring 40 milliliters of sodium hydroxide into a flask.

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|---|---|--|
| tittuppy | torpidity | towser |
| titularly | torridity | toxicant |
| tizzy | torture | trabant |
| tjalele | totally | tracer |
| toadyism | touchdown n / 'təʃ.daʊn / L > F > E + E the act of scoring six points in a football game by being lawfully in possession of the ball on, above, or behind an opponent's goal line when the ball is declared dead. <i>Barnaby intercepted the ball and ran 89 yards to score the most memorable touchdown in his school's history.</i> | traceried |
| tocusso | | tractrix |
| toddler | | trade |
| tombolo | | trafficker |
| tomfoolery | | tragicomedy |
| tonality | | tragus |
| tonetics | | trajection |
| tonne | touchline n / 'təʃ.lɪn / L > F > E + E&(L > F) either of the lines between and at right angles to the goal lines that bound the sides of the field of play in rugby and soccer. <i>The referee ruled that Colin's foot had come down on the wrong side of the touchline.</i> | tranchet |
| tonometer n / tō'nāmədə(r) / Gk an instrument for measuring the exact pitch or vibration rate of tones. <i>In 1833, Scheibler put tonometry on a scientific basis with his tonometer.</i> | | trans adj / 'tran(t)s / L [has homonym: trance] having or characterized by various atoms or groups on opposite sides of the molecule. <i>Heat or irradiation with light can often change a compound from a cis to a trans isomer, although it does not change the type or number of atoms in the compound.</i> |
| tonsillitic | toupee | transcription |
| tope | tournament n / 'tʊrnəmənt / F > E a trial of skill in which many contestants compete for championship in a series of elimination contests. <i>Laszlo won first place in the state chess tournament.</i> | transenna |
| topgallant | | transformation n / ,tranzfə(r)'māʃən / L > E a physiological change of one thing into another (as larva into adult through metamorphosis). <i>During the pupal stage the larva of a butterfly undergoes a transformation in which the wings appear and adult structures are developed.</i> |
| topiarist | | |
| topical | | |
| topodeme | | |
| topology | towering | |
| toponomastic | town n / 'taʊn / E a compactly settled area usually larger than a village but smaller than a city in population. <i>The town of Oliver Springs was worst hit by the storm.</i> | |
| toponymic | | |
| topos | | |
| toreutic | | |
| tormentor | | |

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transgression

n
/ tran(t)s'greshən /
L
the infringement or violation of a law, command, or duty.
The union leader claimed that the company was guilty of a transgression of the labor contract.

transgressor

transilience

translate

translucence

transmitted

transport

transported

adj
/ tranz'pōrdəd /
L
impassioned or enraptured by strong and usually pleasurable emotion.
As Tom listened to the chanting monks, he felt transported and otherworldly.

trapdoor

trapeze

trapezoid

trawl

treasonable

trecentist

treeing

v
/ 'trēɪŋ /
E
driving to or up a tree.
Strange to say, Jacques and Philip had a hard time treeing that squirrel.

tremor

trencher

n
/ 'trenchə(r) /
F > E
a platter or tray for serving food.
Ten minutes after entering the inn, the wayfarer was working his way through a trencher piled with food.

trepan

trepanation

trepine

trestletree

triadism

trial

triangular

triassic

triceps

trichology

n
/ trə'käləjē /
Gk
the scientific study of hair.
Several experts in trichology manned booths at the cosmetology fair.

trichotomous

trickled

v
/ 'trikəld /
E
ran or fell in drops.
Water trickled out from the hole in the jug.

triclinic

adj
/ trī'klinik /
Gk
having or characterized by three unequal axes intersecting at oblique angles—used especially of a crystal.
Dusty reminded Sam that triclinic crystals have three unequal dimensions and three unequal angles, none of which is 90 degrees.

tricouni

tricycle

triennial

triforium

triglyceride

trilemma

trillionth

trilocular

trilogy

n
/ 'triləjē /
Gk
a series of three dramas or sometimes three literary or musical compositions that although each is in one sense complete have a close mutual relation and form one theme or develop aspects of one basic concept.
The third novel in the trilogy was a sequel to the first, but the second was a prequel to it.

trimester

trinitrotoluene

trinked

trinket

trinklied

trio

n
/ 'trē(,)ō /
L > It > F
a group or set of three.
Ben belongs to a well-known trio of musicians that plays for wedding receptions.

triplicate

triploid

tripodal

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tristful

adj

/ 'trɪstfəl /

L > E + E

sad, melancholy.

The tristful soldier longed for the day he could return home.

triton

n

/ 'trɪtən /

Gk name

one of a class of minor sea divinities or partly human monsters usually represented as having the upper body like that of a human and the lower body like that of a fish : merman.

Greek mythology has it that when the sea roars, a triton is blowing a conch shell trumpet.

Troadic

adj

/ trɔˈɒdɪk /

Gk geog name

of or relating to ancient Troy.

Many remains of the Troadic culture have been excavated near the city of Hisarlik in Turkey.

trochophore

trogon

trophogenic

tropical

adj

/ 'træpɒkəl /

L

of, relating to, occurring in, or used in the region lying between either of two parallels of Earth's latitude that are approximately 23½ degrees north of the equator and approximately 23½ degrees south of the equator.

Diana's cruise took her to several tropical islands.

troth

trouble

troublemaker

n

/ 'trəbəl.mākə(r) /

L > F > E + E

a person who foments strife and disagreement often for ulterior motives.

The teenaged troublemaker, having proved to be too difficult for his parents to handle, was sent to a reformatory as a last resort.

troublesome

adj

/ 'trəbəlsəm /

L > F > E + E

disturbing, vexatious.

Gerald had a troublesome dream last night.

troublously

troughing

trout

truffled

adj

/ 'trʊfəld /

L > OProv > F

cooked, stuffed, or garnished with edible fungi of the genus Tuber.

Emilia prepared a delicious truffled risotto with autumn vegetables.

truly

adv

/ 'trʊlē /

E

indeed.

Mary is truly the best leader the student government association has had in many years.

trump

v

/ 'trʌmp /

L > F > E

take a set of cards with a card of a suit designated by chance or by an auction or declaration that if legally played will win over a card that is not of this suit.

Sighing, Joe laid down his final card and waited for Janice to trump the trick with a heart.

truncheons

trunk

trying

adj

/ 'trɪɪŋ /

F > AF > E

causing severe hardship, annoyance, or irritation.

The long and trying journey exhausted Deeka.

tryst

tubercular

tubular

tubulifloral

tubuliflorous

tucket

Tuesday

n

/ 't(y)üz(,)dā /

E

the day following Monday.

The English meaning of Mardi Gras is "Fat Tuesday."

tumblebug

tumor

tumultuary

tun

tunnel

turbinado

turbojet

turboprop

turfman

turkey

turner

n

/ 'tɜrnər /

E

[has homonyms: ternar, terner] one that turns or is used for turning.

Matt grabbed a pancake turner and lit out after the cat.

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turnery

turnout

n
/ 'tɜrn.aút /
E + E

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a position of the feet in ballet with the heels back to back.
Kristin did many stretching exercises to improve her turnout.

turnsole

turntable

n
/ 'tɜrn.tābəl /
E + L > F > E
a machine that reproduces speech or music from records.
The CD player has replaced the turntable in many homes.

turriculate

turtle

n
/ 'tɜrdʒl /
imit > L > E
tortoise.
Jaime fed little bits of hamburger to his pet turtle.

turtledove

tussock

tutu

n
/ 'tü.tü /
F
a very short projecting skirt worn by a ballet dancer.
In the football team's parody of Swan Lake, the quarterback wore a large white tutu.

twain

n
/ 'twān /
E
couple, pair.
The twain of volunteers who made the fund raiser a success are Mr. Burgess and Ms. Kent.

tweak

twice

adv
/ 'twīs /
E
for a first and second time : on two occasions.
After Reginald wrecked the car twice, his parents took his driving privileges away for three months.

twin

adj
/ 'twin /
E
constituting two similar, closely associated, or otherwise paired persons, topics, or objects.
Ms. Venable purchased new mattresses for the twin beds in the guest room.

twirl

v
/ 'twɜrl /
Scand?
revolve rapidly.
Janet hoped Gregory wouldn't try to twirl her too fast around the dance floor.

two

adj
/ 'tü /
E
[has homonyms: to, too] being one more than one in number.
Betsy was more well behaved at two years than she was at three.

tyg

tying

tylosaurus

typewriter

typhonic

typist

typography

typp

tzigane

ubiquity

ufology

ugli

ugliness

uhlan

uletic

ulmaceous

ulpan

ultimo

ultraism

ultramontane

umbelliferous

umbrous

umland

umpirage

n
/ 'əm.pīrij /
L > F > E
an act or instance of deciding in the capacity of one having authority to arbitrate and make a final decision.
Daniel Webster declined the umpirage of any state that tried to settle the validity of laws of Congress.

umpty

unaccountable

adj
/ .ənə'kauntəbəl /
Ecf + F > E
not answerable or responsible : free from control.
The students were under the mistaken impression that they would be unaccountable for their actions at the football game.

unanimously

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unannotated

v
/ ʌn'ænə.təd'əd /
Ecf + L
not furnished with critical or explanatory notes.
The library's only copy of the poem was unannotated, so Ivan searched the Internet for expert literary criticism.

unappeasable

adj
/ 'ʌnəpēzəbəl /
Ecf + L > F > E + Ecf
not capable of being brought to a state of ease or content.
The gladiators fought hour after hour before seemingly unappeasable spectators.

unbleached

adj
/ ʌn'blēcht /
E
not having the color or stains removed from.
Mr. Byng was dressed from head to toe in unbleached linen.

uncensored

adj
/ ʌn'sen(t)sə(r)d /
Ecf + L
not subjected to the system or practice of altering, deleting, or banning completely after examination.
Many parents want to protect their children from uncensored information on the Internet.

uncrystallized

unctuously

uncurl

undercook

v
/ 'ʌndə(r).kʊk /
E + E
heat food insufficiently or less than thoroughly.
Care must be taken not to undercook poultry.

underestimate

underlineation

underneath

prep
/ ʌndə(r)'nēth /
E
close under especially so as to be covered or hidden by.
Val found beetles, worms, and a cricket underneath the flagstone.

underscore

understand

undeterred

undulating

unearth

unembroidered

unencumbered

unenforceable

adj
/ ʌnə'nfɔ(ə)rsəbəl /
Ecf + F + Ecf
not capable of causing to take effect.
Shasta believes that the state legislature's recent education bill is unenforceable.

unenviable

unequivocal

unerringly

adv
/ ʌn'e(ə)riŋlē /
Ecf + L > F > E + Ecff
in a faultless manner : with precision.
Almost everyone leaving the theater felt that the play had been unerringly performed.

uneventful

unfasten

unfilial

unfinished

unfulfilled

adj
/ ʌnfʊl'fild /
Ecf + E
not satisfied.
The president promised to respond to the unfulfilled needs of the people.

ungenteel

unguerdoned

unhappy

adj
/ ʌn'hapē /
E
dejected in spirit : melancholy, sad.
Being such an outgoing person, Joan is unhappy when she has no one to talk to.

unicity

unicycle

unify

v
/ 'yünə.fī /
L
make into a coherent group or whole.
The coach worked hard to unify the players on the team.

unimpeachable

adj
/ ʌnəm'pēchəbəl /
Ecf + E + L > F > E + Ecf
exempt from liability to accusation : blameless.
An unimpeachable character is an asset almost every candidate strives to project.

unimpeded

adj
/ ʌnəm'pēdəd /
Ecf + L
free from anything that hampers.
Many services are provided onsite at the plant to ensure that worker productivity is unimpeded.

unipara

unireme

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unity

n
/ 'yünədɔ /

L
the quality or state of being or consisting of one : oneness, singleness.

Seth quoted Benjamin Franklin's call for unity: "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall hang separately."

univalent

adj
/ ,yünə'välənt /

L
capable usually of combining with only one atom of another element.
Mr. Greenwood said that the hydrogen atom is taken to be univalent.

unkemptly

unknown

unlaureled

adj
/ ,ən'lörəld /
Ecf + L > F > E + Ecf

having no acclaim or reward.
Philo T. Farnsworth, a pioneering researcher in television, went mainly unlaureled after selling the rights to his work.

unlawful

adj
/ ,ən'lɔfəl /

E
contrary to or prohibited by a binding custom or practice of a community.
Everyone hoped for the capture of those responsible for the hideous unlawful deed.

unleash

unloveliness

unnameable

unnatural

adj
/ ,ən'nach(ə)rəl /
E + L

inconsistent with what is expected or in accordance with or determined by nature : strange.
Throughout the year, Ryan has dyed his hair all sorts of unnatural colors.

unpaid

unpierceable

unputrefied

unravel

unreadable

adj
/ ,ən'rēdəbəl /
Ecf + E + Ecf
lacking attraction or interest as material for reading : alien or dull in vein or spirit.
Two years ago Joy found the novel unreadable, but now she cannot put it down.

unredeemed

unregal

unrelenting

adj
/ ,ən'rə'lentiŋ /
E + L > E
not softening, yielding, or swerving in resolution or determination.
The chairman was a stern and unrelenting taskmaster.

unruly

unsanguine

unscathed

unsealed

unseizable

unselfish

unshipped

unsportsmanlike

untalented

unupholstered

adj
/ ,ənəp'hɔlztə(r)d /
E + E
not furnished with or as if with materials (as fabric, padding, and springs) used to make a soft covering especially for a seat.
The congregation discussed whether or not the unupholstered church pews should be provided with cushions.

unurbane

adj
/ ,ən.ər'bān /
E + L
not notably polite or finished in manner : rustic, vulgar.
Donald's unurbane table manners disgusted those sitting near him.

unutterable

adj
/ ,ən'ədərəbəl /
E + E + Ecf
not capable of being spoken.
After repeating the phrase toy boat five times in quick succession, Joel found the phrase unutterable.

unvariegated

unvitiated

unvoyageable

unwontedly

upas

upbraidingly

uphill

adv
/ 'əp.hil /
E
against difficulties.
Shawna kept working her way uphill through school.

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uplifted

adj

/ ˌəpˈlɪftəd /

E + ON > E

raised in spirits.

After a walk along the beach, Pat returned uplifted and refreshed.

uprighteous

uproar

n

/ ˈəp.rə(ə)r /

D > E

a loud usually disorderly noise of some duration.

An uproar swept the auditorium when Wayne sank a three-pointer at the buzzer.

upsilon

upstage

upstairs

uranology

urbanism

urbanize

urceole

urceus

urgent

adj

/ ˈɜrjənt /

L

calling for or demanding immediate attention.

“Let’s go back,” Calvin said in an urgent voice.

urgrund

urostyle

urushiye

usurer

usurpation

usurped

v

/ yüˈsɜrpt /

L

seized and held in possession by force or without right.

The senator claimed that the Supreme Court had usurped the powers of the legislatures.

utilize

vacantly

adv

/ ˈvākəntlē /

L

in a manner characterized by absence of thought and reflection : idly, inanely.

Kevin was staring vacantly out the classroom window when the teacher asked him if he knew the answer to the question.

vacherin

n

/ ˌvash(ə)ˈran /

L > F

a dessert consisting of a meringue filled usually with cream, ice cream, or fruit.

Muffy bit into a crisp vacherin filled with sweet chestnut puree.

vacillancy

vagal

vagility

vague

vainly

adv

/ ˈvānlē /

L > E

in a manner that fails to achieve a purpose : unsuccessfully.

Firefighters vainly tried to enter the burning house.

valedictorian

validate

vallate

vallecula

valleys

valvulotomy

vamoose

vamplate

vanaspati

vanillin

vaporize

v

/ ˈvāpə.rīz /

L + Ecf

become converted to the gaseous state.

The cooling effect of rubbing alcohol on skin is caused by the extraction of heat as the molecules acquire kinetic energy and vaporize.

vaporous

vaquero

varicella

varices

variegate

variolate

varrio

vasculitis

vase

vasopressor

Vatican

adj

/ ˈvadəkən /

L

of or relating to the official residence of the pope in Vatican City, Rome, especially as symbolizing the papacy or its policies.

The Vatican collection of religious art is the largest in the world.

vaticinate

vaulted

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| vaunt | vermiculated adj / və(r)'mikyə.lādəd / L wormlike in shape. <i>The old books that we found in the cellar were filled with vermiculated tunnels.</i> | viaticum n / vi'adəkəm / L an allowance (as of transportation or supplies and money) for traveling expenses. <i>Shirley has spent all but \$50 of the \$500 viaticum her father gave her for her spring break trip.</i> |
| vectored | verneuk | vicarial |
| Veda n / 'vādə / Skt any of a class of the most ancient sacred writings of the Hindus. <i>The Veda, which is divided into four parts, was first translated into European languages in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.</i> | vernier | vicennial adj / vi'senēəl / L occurring once every 20 years. <i>The university president recognized the vicennial medalists, who for two decades had dedicated themselves to teaching, scholarship, and service.</i> |
| veer | verriculate | viceroy |
| veery | versatility | vichyite |
| vegan | versicle n / 'vərsəkəl / L a brief poem or set of metrical lines. <i>When he couldn't sleep, Lord Byron often sat up and wrote a versicle or two.</i> | victory |
| vegetablize | versicolor adj / 'vərsəkələ(r) / L + L having various hues : variegated. <i>The woman in the long, versicolor silk skirt turned out to be the hostess.</i> | victuals |
| veiled | versification | video |
| veiltail | verso n / 'vər(,)sō / L a left-hand page (as of a book) usually carrying an even page number. <i>The first verso of a book often displays its International Standard Book Number.</i> | videography n / ,vidē'ägrəfē / L + Gk the practice or art of recording images with a video camera. <i>The camcorders used in videography allow for more realism in police drama programs.</i> |
| veinless | verticillate | viewpoint |
| velveret | verticity | vihara |
| vendible | vesicular | vilification |
| venial | viands | villa |
| veniremen | | vinaigrettes |
| venomous | | vinegarroon |
| ventiduct | | vinegary |
| ventriloquial | | vinic |
| ventriloquize | | |
| ventriloquy | | |
| verbicide | | |
| verbigerated | | |
| verbosely | | |
| verdureless | | |
| veridically | | |
| verism | | |

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| | | |
|--|---|--|
| viol | viscosity | voiceprint |
| viola | viscosity | n / 'vɔis.prɪnt / L > F > E + L > F > E an individually distinctive pattern of certain voice characteristics that is spectrographically produced. <i>Detectives testified that the kidnapper's voiceprint matches that of the defendant.</i> |
| violence | viselike | |
| violoncellist | vision | |
| viomycin | n / 'vɪʒən / L something seen otherwise than by the ordinary sight. <i>Ravi keeps having a vision of a giant bowling ball rolling toward him.</i> | voidee |
| viraginous | visitor | volcanic |
| vireo | | vole |
| virescence | | n / vɔl / Scand any of various rodents that are closely related to the lemmings and muskrats but in general resemble murid mice or rats and inhabit both moist meadows and dry uplands. <i>The vole is a rodent often responsible for crop damage.</i> |
| virescent | visually | |
| virginal | adv / 'vɪʒəleɪ / L with regard to the act or power of seeing. <i>A Seeing Eye dog is a great help to a visually impaired person.</i> | volitation |
| virtues | | volitional |
| n pl / 'vər(,)chüz / L characteristics, qualities, or traits known or felt to be excellent. <i>Patience was not one of Keith's virtues.</i> | vitiated | volitorial |
| virtuous | vitates | voltammetry |
| virulence | vitriol | voltigeur |
| n / 'vɪr(y)ələn(t)s / L the quality or property of being able to overcome the defense mechanism of the host. <i>Virulence is the capacity of an infectious agent to damage living cells.</i> | vituline | voltmeter |
| virus | vituperatory | n / 'vɔlt.mēdər / It name + Gk an instrument for measuring in volts the differences of potential between different points of an electrical circuit. <i>The voltmeter showed no current moving through the wire.</i> |
| n / 'vɪrəs / L the causative agent of an infectious disease. <i>The Salk vaccine creates immunity to the virus responsible for polio.</i> | vivid | volume |
| viscera | vivificate | |
| n pl / 'vɪsərə / L internal organs of the body. <i>While on safari, the tourists passed a group of vultures feeding on the viscera of a dead zebra.</i> | vocalise | |
| | n / ,vɔkə'leɪz / L a vocalized melody or passage without words. <i>Jazz singing with nonsense syllables is an improvised form of vocalise.</i> | |
| | vocalist | |
| | vocoder | |
| | voicecast | |

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volumetric

adj

/ˌvɒlyəˈmetrɪk/

L + Gk

of or relating to the measurement of space occupied or enclosed by cubic units.

The expensive volumetric flask shattered when it slipped from Horace's hands.

volumette

voluptuate

voluptuousness

vomitory

n

/ˈvɒməˌtɔːrē/

L

an entrance piercing the banks of seats of a theater or amphitheater.

After the game ended, every vomitory was packed with fans rushing to their cars.

vouvray

vulgarity

vying

waders

n pl

/ˈwɒdə(r)z/

E

[has near homonym: waiters] high waterproof boots or a one-piece waterproof garment usually consisting of pants with attached boots that are used for wading (as when fishing).

As Bill and Tom canoed down the river, they passed a fly-fisherman in waders who didn't seem too happy to see them.

waffles

waftage

wager

wake

wallydraigle

wambenger

n

/ˈwɑːmbɛŋgə(r)/

unknown

a widely distributed Australian pouched mouse.

The tail of the wambenger is distinctive for its red color.

wampum

n

/ˈwæmpəm/

Narraganset

beads made of shells polished and strung together in strands, belts, or sashes and used by the North American Indians as money, ceremonial pledges, and ornaments.

Some of the oldest existing wampum represents agreements between Native American tribes and Catholic missionaries and is now in the Vatican collection.

wampumpeag

wangle

warbonnet

n

/ˈwɒ(ə)r.bənət/

Gmc > F > E + L > F > E

an American Indian ceremonial headdress with a feathered extension down the back.

The Sioux chief proudly posed for the cameras in his eagle-feathered warbonnet.

wardrobe

wares

warhead

warmouth

warp

v

/ˈwɒ(ə)rɪp/

E

turn or twist out of shape.

The constant wind began to warp the entire row of saplings.

warren

n

/ˈwɒrən/

Gmc? > F > E

an area especially of uncultivated ground for the breeding of rabbits; also : a place abounding in rabbits.

Some of the rabbits in the overpopulated warren went elsewhere to find a place to live.

washout

wassailer

wassails

wastebasket

wasteful

adj

/ˈwɑːstfəl/

E + Ecf

expending something valuable in a useless or extravagant manner.

The newly elected mayor suspected wasteful spending and initiated a thorough investigation of expenditures.

waster

water

n

/ˈwɒdə(r)/

E

the liquid that descends from the clouds as rain.

Water pelted the windshield so hard and fast that Etsu pulled off to the side of the road and waited for it to stop.

waterborne

watermark

watermelon

watery

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wattle

n
/ 'wäd°l /
E

[has homonym: waddle] a fabrication of rods or poles interwoven with slender branches, withes, or reeds.

Wattle is often used for garden fences in the English countryside.

waveson

waxbill

wayfarer

wayward

adj
/ 'wāwə(r)d /
E

characterized by extreme willfulness and by determination to follow one's own capricious, wanton, or depraved inclinations to the point of being ungovernable.

The wayward child insisted on touching everybody's food.

wayzgoose

weald

wean

wearying

adj
/ 'wirēɪŋ /
E

that causes to lose freshness or virtue or usefulness.

Katerina found the congenial cafes more interesting than the wearying tense casinos.

weaselly

weatherly

weave

v
/ 'wēv /
E

bring together and interrelate so as to form a coherent whole.

No one else on the radio can weave a wonderful story from whimsical tidbits the way Garrison Keillor can.

weber

n
/ 'webə(r) /
G name

the practical meter-kilogram-second unit of magnetic flux equal to that flux which in linking a circuit of one turn produces in it an electromotive force of 1 volt : 100 million maxwells.

Sarah's homework problem required her to find the voltage to the nearest weber.

wedeln

weedery

weeknight

weem

weld

v
/ 'weld /
E

unite or consolidate by heating to a plastic or fluid state the surfaces of the parts to be joined and then allowing them to flow together.

As a sculptor, Erica has a workshop full of equipment to help her weld large metal sheets together.

welder

wenzel

Wesak

n
/ 'wē.sāk /
Skt > Sinhalese

the Buddhist New Year festival celebrating the birthday of the Buddha at the May full moon.
In Sri Lanka, Buddhists dress in white and carry baskets of flowers to the monastery to celebrate Wesak.

wesselton

whalebone

whangdoodle

whatnot

wheat

wheatear

wheaten

n
/ 'hwēt°n /
E

the color of wheat; specifically : a pale yellow or fawn characteristic of certain breeds of dogs.

Wheaten, the color of Missy's soft-coated terrier, sharply contrasts with that of her boyfriend's black Scottish terrier.

wheatless

wheeled

wheelhorse

whet

whiff

n
/ 'hwif /
imit
an inhalation of odor, smoke, gas, or vapor.
The faintest whiff of cigarette smoke made Fagan sneeze.

whillikers

whiplash

whippoorwills

whirlicote

whirlybird

whitewash

whither

whitsunday

whizgig

whopper

wight

wiikite

wildebeest

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wily

windbreaks

n pl

/ 'wind.brəks /

E + E

rowed or clumped trees or shrubs that give protection against the wind.

The farm presented an orderly appearance with the fencing and hedging, the windbreaks and sheds, and the symmetrical pasture ponds.

windjammer

windmill

n

/ 'wind.mil /

E

a mechanism operated by wind motion acting on oblique vanes or sails radiating from a horizontal shaft.

The windmill drew water up from the well for the cattle to drink.

windup

wink

winkle

winterfeed

winterim

winterize

wisecrack

witchery

wittol

woe

n

/ 'wō /

E

[has homonyms and near homonym: wo, woa, and whoa] distress.

Woe to the student who must stay in detention hall with Mrs. McGillicutty.

wolfishly

womanly

adv

/ 'wʊmənli /

E

possessed of the character or behavior befitting a grown woman.

Mona's womanly, capable, and mature attitude belies her true age.

women

n pl

/ 'wimən /

E

female human beings.

Sojourner Truth preached against the evils of slavery and for the rights of women.

wonder

v

/ 'wʌndə(r) /

E

be in a state of rapt or questioning attention.

Though no insight ever hit him, Jules was disposed nonetheless to wonder at life's mysteries.

wood

woodchuck

n

/ 'wʊd.chək /

Ojibwa or Cree > E

a thickset marmot of the northeastern United States and Canada with a chiefly grizzled reddish brown color.

The world's most famous woodchuck is probably Punxsutawney Phil.

woodcock

woodier

woodkern

woodpecker

woolder

woozy

workaholism

worldwide

adj

/ 'wɜ:ld.wɪd /

E

extended or extending throughout the entire world.

There have been no successful attempts to build a worldwide empire in history, unless we count multinational corporations.

worry

v

/ 'wɒrɪ /

E

afflict with mental distress or agitation : make anxious.

Despite her high grades, final exams always worry Lynette because she is a perfectionist.

wort

woven

wretch

wretchedness

n

/ 'rechədneɪs /

E

the quality or state of being deeply afflicted, dejected, or distressed from want, disease, or mental anguish.

The homeless man's wretchedness brought Suzanne to tears.

wringstaff

wrinkle

n

/ 'rɪŋkəl /

E

an innovation in method, technique, or equipment.

The newest wrinkle in Internet technology seems to be wireless communication.

wrist

writhingly

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writing

adj
/ 'rītɪŋ /
E

of, relating to, or used in or for the act or art of forming letters on a suitable medium to communicate the ideas which characters and words express.

Mr. Burrett grabbed a writing pad off his desk before the meeting.

wrong

n
/ 'rɒŋ /
E

the state of being mistaken or incorrect.

After listening to two skilled lawyers argue a case, it is often difficult to tell which side is in the wrong.

wrongful

wurrung

wurst

xebec

xenobiotic

xenoglossy

xenolith

xenophile

xerarch

xerography

xeroplastic

xiphophyllous

xylytol

xysti

n pl
/ 'zɪstɪ /
Gk > L

long open porticoes used especially by ancient Greeks or Romans for athletic exercises in wintry or stormy weather.

There were xysti at each end of the emperor's villa, and athletes often trained there during the rainy season.

yagi

yak

yam

arak

yardmaster

yards

n pl
/ 'jɑːrdz /
E

units of length in the United States, each equal to 0.9144 meter.

The band marched eight-to-five: eight equal steps for every 5 yards.

yautia

yaw

yawn

v
/ 'jɒn /
E

gape cavernously : present a wide gulf or breach.

In Rocky Mountain National Park there is a dizzying road with valleys that yawn on either side.

yawweed

Yeatsian

adj
/ 'jætsiən /
Irish name

of or relating to W.B. Yeats or his poetic style or influence.

Many young poets publish a series of Yeatsian poems expressing the romance of history and nature.

yegg

yelper

yeomanette

yesterday

yeti

n
/ 'jetɪ /
Tibetan
abominable snowman.

The mountaineer claimed to have found his way out of a blizzard by following the huge footprints of a yeti.

yew

n
/ 'jü /
E
[has homonyms: ewe, you] any of numerous ornamental evergreen shrubs and trees having stiff leaves spirally arranged, a fruit consisting of a fleshy covering enclosing a hard seed, and poisonous juice.
Wood of the English yew is valued for cabinetwork and archery bows.

Yinglish

n
/ 'jɪŋ(ɡ)lɪʃ /
G + E
English marked by numerous borrowings from Yiddish.
Max's grandfather speaks a colorful Yinglish with the younger members of his family.

yizkor

yokelish

yucca

yugur

zazen

n
/ 'zäːzen /
Jpn
Zen meditation.
Sitting in the lotus position, Naomi found she slipped easily into a state of zazen.

zenana

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Zendo

n

/ 'zendō /

Jpn

a place used for Zen meditation.

Thom built a spacious Zendo beside his house and went there every afternoon.

zestful

adj

/ 'zestfəl /

F + Ecf

full of vitality marked by vigor and enthusiasm.

Brian's teacher described him as lighthearted but not insensitive, zestful but not aggressive.

zeta

zinciferous

zinger

Zionist

n

/ 'zī.ə.nəst /

Hebrew > L > E

an adherent to or supporter of a theory, plan, or movement for setting up a Jewish national or religious community in Palestine.

The old Zionist vowed he would not take his last breath until the Jewish state was established.

zipper

zither

zoetic

zonule

zoolatry

zoonosis

zoophorus

zoophyte

zooplankter

zooplankton

zootaxy

zooty

Zoroastrian

adj

/ .zōrə'wastreən /

Av > Gk > L

of or relating to a religion founded in Persia by the prophet Zoroaster teaching the worship of Ahura Mazda as the source of all good.

The Zoroastrian scriptures preach the concepts of the immortal soul, heaven, and hell.

zucchettos

zwetschenwasser

zygote

zymogenic

zymotic