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Dictionary of Difficult Words



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Preface

The general dictionaries which we all have on our bookshelves and desks, and which we constantly consult, have one significant but little-considered characteristic in common: much of their contents is never used. When was the last time you needed to find out the meaning of *the* or *but*, the spelling of *cat* or *dog*? And yet dictionaries compiled for adult native-speakers of English take care to include such straightforward words, which present no difficulty to dictionary users, and which consequently are seldom – if ever – looked up. As dictionaries descend the ladder of size past 'concise' to 'pocket', it is the less frequent and less familiar words that are omitted; the ones we all know are allowed to stay.

We rather take this feature of dictionaries for granted, as if that is how they have always been, and therefore that is how they should always be. But that is *not* how they have always been. In the 17th and 18th centuries, the commonest type of lexical reference book was one that included only those words that might present some difficulty to the user, through unfamiliarity, orthographic irregularity, etc. These are termed 'hard-word dictionaries'. But in the 18th century, the practice began to grow of including more everyday words as well. Confirmed by Dr Johnson's magisterial *English Dictionary* of 1755, this is the tradition that has won out: we now assume that dictionaries will be inventories of all the words of a language.

However, even the huge *Oxford English Dictionary* would not seriously make that claim. No dictionary, however big, can be a hundred percent comprehensive – much less a pocket dictionary. As far as the practical needs of users are concerned, it makes much better sense to include only words that they are likely to look up. The space saved by omitting the likes of *and*, *be*, *do*, *house*, and *small* can be much more profitably given to words whose meaning, spelling, pronunciation, etc. cause problems.

That is the idea behind *The Hutchinson Dictionary of Difficult Words*. It is a compendium of around 14,000 of the more troublesome and obscure words in the English language. It gives you access to the farthest reaches of English vocabulary, including within its modest compass terms that can otherwise be found only in the largest multi-volume unabridged dictionaries and specialist reference books. It is not a dictionary to be left on the shelf, but a practical problem-solver whose every entry serves a purpose.

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aardvark

n. long-snouted, ant-eating, burrowing mammal of S Africa.

aardwolf

n. striped, hyena-like mammal of S Africa.

aasvogel

n. vulture.

aba

n. coarse, striped, camel-hair or goat-hair fabric of Arabia; loose Arab coat.

abaca

n. Philippine Islands plant, yielding fibre for Manila hemp.

abacist

n. person using abacus.

abacterial

a. not caused by or containing bacteria.

abaction

n. cattle-stealing.

abaculus

n. small tile for mosaic.

abacus

n. frame with beads for calculation; *Architecture*, flat slab forming uppermost part of capital of column.

abalone

n. ear-shaped marine shellfish, yielding mother-of-pearl; ear- shell.

abandonment

n. Commerce, giving over by owner to underwriters of ship or cargo damaged beyond recovery. *abandonee*, *n.* underwriter to whom such ship or cargo is abandoned.

abapical

a. at lowest point.

abarthrosis

n. diarthrosis.

abarticular

a. not connected with joint.

à; bas

'down with'.

abasia

n. inability to control muscles in walking. **abasic**, *a.*

abate

v.t. *Law*, end (a nuisance); *Law*, abandon (an action).

abatement

n. *Law obsolete*, unlawful entry by stranger onto land between death of possessor and entry of heir; *Heraldry*, mark on arms to indicate bastardy.

abatis, abattis

n. barricade of fallen trees.

abatjour

n. sky-light; device at window to throw light downwards.

abat-sons

n. device for directing sound downwards.

abat-vent

n. sloping slats to break force of wind.

abat-voix

n. sounding-board.

abaxial

a. distant, or turned away, from axis, as of an organ or organism.

abb

n. inferior part of fleece, yarn from this for warp.

abba

n. father; bishop in Syriac and Coptic churches.

abbozzo

n. rough, preliminary sketch.

abditive

a. remote; hidden. **abditory**, *n.* secret hiding-place.

abdominous

a. having big belly.

abducent

a. carrying or turning away, especially of nerve or muscle.

abecedary

n. book arranged in alphabetical order; elementary text-book. **abecedarian**, *n.* member of 16th-century German Anabaptist sect who refused to learn to read. *a.* alphabetically arranged.

abele

n. white poplar.

aberdevine

n. siskin.

abernethy

n. a crisp, unleavened biscuit.

aberrant

a. wandering; deviating, especially from virtue; abnormal. **aberrance**, *n.*

aberration

n. deviation; momentary mental lapse; *Astronomy*, apparent deviation from heavenly body's true position due to movement of observer with the earth. **chromatic aberration**, focusing of light of different colours at different points resulting in a blurred image. **spherical aberration**, focusing at different points of rays passing through different parts of spherical lens.

ab extra

'from outside'.

abient

a. tending to turn away or remove an organism from a stimulus or situation; *Psychology*, turning away or avoiding, as of an answer.

abietic

a. pertaining to fir tree or resin.

abigail

n. archaic, a lady's maid.

ab initio

'from the beginning'.

abiogenesis

n. theory of generation of living from inanimate matter. *abiogenetic*, *a.* *abiogenist*, *n.* believer in that theory.

abiological

a. not involving or produced by animate things.

abiosis

n. absence of life. **abiotic**, *a.*

abiotrophy

n. physical degeneration; loss of vitality. **abiotrophic**, *a.*

abirritate

v.t. Medicine, reduce irritation or sensitiveness. **abirritant**, *n.* such drug. **abirritation**, *n.* loss of sensitiveness in tissues; debility.

abjure

v.t. abstain from; renounce.

ablactate

v.t. wean. **ablactation**, *n.*

ablation

n. surgical removal; wearing away of rock or glacier; melting away of expendable part of spaceship or rocket. **ablator**, *n.* heat shield for re- entry on rockets, etc., which ablates; surgical instrument for removing tissue.

ablative

a. signifying agency; *n.* such grammatical case. **ablative absolute**, Latin adverbial phrase formed by noun and adjunct (especially participle), both in ablative.

ablaut

n. special change or relation in vowel sound, as in vowels of 'ring, rang, rung'.

ablegate

n. special papal envoy.

ablepsia

n. blindness. **ableptic**, *a.*

abluent

n. & a. Medicine, cleansing (substance).

ablution

n. act of washing; *pl.* washing the face and hands; washing place. **ablutionary**, *a.*

abnegate

v.t. renounce. **abnegation**, *n.*

aboma

n. S American snake; ringed boa.

abomasum

n. fourth stomach of ruminants.

aboral

a. distant from, or opposite to, mouth.

aborigine

n. inhabitant from earliest times. **aboriginal**, *a.* indigenous; *n.* aborigine.

abortifacient

n. drug, etc. which brings about abortion.

aboulia, abulia

n. loss of will power. **aboulic**, *a.* aboulomania, *n.* form of insanity marked by aboulia.

ab ovo

"from the egg"; from the beginning. **ab ovo usque ad mala**, 'from the egg to the apples'; from the beginning to the end.

abrade

v.t. rub off; scrape; cause injury in this way.

abrasion

n. injury caused by, or act of, rubbing or scraping; graze. **abrasive**, *a.* causing or used in abrasion; *n.* such substance.

abreaction

n. removal of psychological complex.

abreuvoir

n. gap between stones in masonry; (*French*) watering place for animals.

abrogate

v.t. cancel formally; repeal. **abrogation, n.**

abruption

n. breaking off of a piece from a mass.

abscind

v.t. cut off; pare.

abscissa

n. (pl. -ae), Mathematics, horizontal distance of point from fixed line.

abscissin, abscisin

n. a plant hormone causing the fall of leaves in autumn.

abscission

n. cutting off; separation, especially of cells at base of leaf- stalk.

absconce

n. *Roman Catholic*, dark lantern used in night offices.

abseil

v.i. descend a vertical face by using a rope.

absentee

n. one not present; worker absent from work; *a.* applied to landlord not living in country from which he derives his rent. **absenteeism**, *n.* practice of such landlords; habitual absence from work.

absente reo

Law, 'the defendant being absent' (*abbr.* **abs. re.**).

absinth(e)

n. wormwood; liqueur flavoured with wormwood. **absinthism**, *n.* condition due to excessive consumption of absinthe.

absit omen

'may there be no evil omen'; may no harm result.

absolutism

n. tyrannical government; principle of autocracy.

absolutory

a. absolving; forgiving.

absorptiometer

n. instrument measuring solubility of gases in liquid.

absquatulate

v.i. jocular, decamp.

abstemious

a. practising temperance; teetotal.

absterge

v.t. archaic, wipe clean; purify. **abstergent**, *a.* cleansing; *n.* such substance. **abstersion**, *n.*

abstinent

a. abstemious; fasting. **abstinence**, *n.*

abstruse

a. esoteric; difficult to understand.

abulia

n. see **aboulia**.

ab urbe condita

'from the foundation of the city' (Rome), in c. 753 BC. (*abbr.* A.U.C.).

abut

v.i & t. be adjacent to; lean upon. **abutment**, *n.* supporting part of arch, etc.; part of bridge next to land. **abuttals**, *n. pl.* land or parish boundaries. **abutter**, *n.* proprietor of premises adjacent.

aby(e)

v.t. archaic, pay penalty of; atone for.

abyssal

a. Biology, more than 300 fathoms below surface of sea.

academic

a. pertaining to academy; learned; unpractical. **academical**, *a.* pertaining to university or other academy. **academicals**, *n. pl.* university costume. **academician**, *n.* member of academy, especially of Arts. **academism**, **academicism**, *n.* formalism.

acajou

n. cashew nut and tree; mahogany tree and timber.

acaleph

n. kind of stinging jelly fish.

acantha

n. spine, spinous fin. **acanthaceous**, *a.* spiny or prickly.

acanthus

n. kind of prickly herbaceous plant, Bear's Breeches; *Architecture*, leaf decoration used on Corinthian capital.

a cappella, a capella

a. *Music* (of singing) unaccompanied by instruments.

acariasis

n. infestation with mites or ticks; the itch.

acaricide

n. substance killing mites. **acaricidal**, *a.*

acarpous

a. *Botany*, not yielding fruit.

acatalectic

a. metrically complete; *n.* such verse line.

acatalepsy

n. state of being impossible to understand; *Philosophy*, sceptic doctrine that knowledge cannot be certain. **acataleptic**, *a.*

acaudate

a. lacking tail.

acaulescent

a. lacking a stem.

accelerator

n. in nuclear physics, a device producing a stream of high-energy particles and focusing them on a target atom.

accelerometer

n. instrument measuring acceleration.

accensor

n. *Roman Catholic*, acolyte.

accentor

n. hedge-sparrow or other bird of genus *Prunella*.

acceptance

n. Commerce, agreement to pay bill of exchange when due. **acceptance-house**, merchant banker. **acceptance for honour**, taking up of bill of exchange by person other than drawer to protect honour of party to bill.

acceptilation

n. Law, formal acknowledgement that a claim has been satisfied; *Theology*, God's acceptance of Christ's sufferings as complete atonement for sins of humanity.

accessit

n. honourable mention of one who comes nearest to a prize.

acciaccatura

n. Music, very short note played before a longer note; short appoggiatura.

accidence

n. science of gram. inflections.

accident

n. Logic, non-essential; attribute not included in definition.

accidental

n. Music sign indicating that the following note is to be raised or lowered, as a departure from the key signature.

accipiter

n. a kind of hawk, one of genus *Accipiter*. **accipitral**, **accipitrine**, *a.* like such bird; rapacious.

accismus

n. rhetorical device of pretending to refuse.

acclivity

n. slope upward. **acclivitous**, **acclivous**, *a.*

accolade

n. award or honour, praise; ceremony of knighting; *Music*, vertical line coupling staves; *Architecture*, curved moulding.

accolent

a. *obsolete* neighbouring.

accommodation

n. adjustment, especially of eye muscles; adaptation; lodgings; loan.
accommodation bill, bill of exchange co-signed by a guarantor. **accommodation train**, *American*, train stopping at all or most stations.

accouchement

n. childbirth. **accoucheur**, **accoucheuse**, *n.* male and female midwife respectively

accoutre

v.t.; usually passive equip; clothe. **accoutrements**, *n. pl.* equipment.

accredit

v.t. attribute; gain belief for; attach officially.

accrementation

n. Biology growth by addition of similar matter.

accrescent

a. Botany, growing larger even after flowering.

accretion

n. growth, especially by addition from outside.

accrue

v.i. increase by growth or addition.

accubation

n. obsolete act or state of reclining at table; *Medicine*, accouchement.

acculturation

n. transfer or adoption of the cultural patterns of another group. **acculturate**, *v.*

t. cause acculturation in.

accumbent

a. *Botany*, (of plants) lying against something.

accumulator

n. in computers, the electronic circuits that perform the calculations.

accusative

a. *Grammar*, objective; *n.* such case in declension of nouns.

accusatorial

a. *Law*, of a system where the judge is not the prosecutor.

aceldama

n. field, or scene, of bloodshed.

acephalous

a. lacking a head or a leader; lacking the first syllable or foot (of a hexameter).
acephalus (pl. -li), *n.* foetus lacking a head.

acerate

a. see acerose.

acerbity

n. bitterness, especially of feeling. **acerbate**, *v.t.* to embitter; to make sour.
acerbic, *a.* harsh, bitter; sour.

aceric

a. pertaining to the maple.

acerose, acerate

a. like a needle.

acerous

a. without horns or antennae.

acervate

a. *Botany*, growing in heaps; clustered. **acervation**, *n.* heaping up. **acervuline**,
a. like little heaps.

acescent

a. becoming, or tending to be, sour. **acescence**, *n.*

acetabulum

n. cuplike hollow on hipbone to receive thighbone.

acetarious

a. applied to plants used in salads.

acetic

a. sour; of vinegar. **acetic acid**, acid of vinegar. **acetate**, *n.* salt of acetic acid.
acetated, *a.* treated with acetic acid.

acetify

v.i. & t. turn or become sour; make into vinegar. **acetification**, *n.*

acetometer, acetimeter

n. instrument measuring strength of acetic acid or vinegar. **acetometry**, *n.*

acetone

n. liquid obtained from maize or wood spirit, used as solvent in manufacture of chloroform, etc. **acetonaemia**, *n.* presence of acetone in blood.

acetous, acetose

a. sour; of vinegar.

acetyl

n. the radical of acetic acid. **acetylsalicylic acid**, aspirin.

achar

n. kind of pickles.

a chara

salutation, equivalent of *Dear Sir*, in Ireland.

Achates

n. a faithful friend.

achene

n. small one-seeded fruit of plant; naked seed.

à cheval

'on horseback'; astride; straddling.

Achilles

n. ancient Greek hero; mighty soldier. **Achilles heel**, vulnerable spot. **Achilles tendon**, hamstring; tendon between calf and heel.

achlamydeous

a. *Botany* having neither petals nor sepals.

acholous

a. lacking bile.

achondroplasia

n. condition where cartilage does not develop normally, resulting in dwarfism.

achor

n. Medicine, archaic, eruption on the scalp.

achromat

n. achromatic lens; colour-blind person. **achromatic** *a.* non-coloured; free from chromatic aberration; *Music,* having few accidentals. **achromatin**, *n.* liquid plasmic substance in nucleus of cells resistant to staining agents. **achromatize**, *v.t.* **achromatism**, *n.*

achromatopsia,

n. colour-blindness, where only white, grey and black are visible.

achromia

n. Medicine, pallor. **achromic**, *a.*

achroous

a. colourless.

acicula

n. a needle-shaped prickle, spine or crystal. **acicular**, *a.* **aciculate**, *a.* having bristles or spines; with scratched appearance.

acidimeter, acidometer

n. instrument for measuring amount and strength of acids. **acidimetry**, *n.*

acidophilic

a. easily stained by acid dyes; thriving in acid environment.

acidosis

n. Medicine, excessively acid condition of blood and tissues.

acidulous

a. sharp or sour in taste or manner. **acidulate**, *v.t.*

acierage

n. process of steel-plating. **acierate**, *v.t.* make into steel.

aciform

a. needle-shaped.

acinaciform

a. having shape of scimitar.

aciniform

a. shaped like cluster of grapes; full of seeds, like a grape.

acinous, acinose

a. containing small seeds or drupes.

acipenser

n. sturgeon.

aclastic

a. non-refractive.

aclinic

a. applied to line passing through all points where there is no magnetic inclination. **aconic line**, magnetic equator.

acology

n. science of medical remedies.

acomia

n. baldness.

aconite

n. the monk's-hood or wolf's-bane plant.

aconitine

n. poisonous alkaloid obtained from aconite.

acopic

n. & a. Medicine, curative of fatigue.

acor

n. Medicine, stomach acidity.

à corps perdu

'with lost body'; impetuously; in desperation.

acosmism

n. doctrine denying existence of universe distinct from God. **acosmist**, *n.*

acotyledon

n. plant without differentiated seed lobes. **acotyledonous**, *a.*

acoumeter

n. instrument measuring keenness of hearing. **acoumetry**, *n.*

à coup sûr

'with sure stroke'; certainly.

acousma

n. ringing noise in head.

acoustic

a. pertaining to the hearing, to sound and its transmission; worked by sound or echoes. **acoustician**, *n.* expert in acoustics. **acoustics**, *n.* science of sound laws; properties of audibility of a building.

acquire

v.t. obtain; gain; come into possession of. **acquired immune deficiency syndrome**, AIDS. **acquired taste**, (liking eventually gained for) something that is not immediately or generally liked. **acquisition**, *n.* act of acquiring; thing acquired; process of locating by radar, etc., or of re-establishing contact with, a spacecraft, satellite, etc. **acquisitive**, *a.* eager to acquire (material possessions).

acquittance

n. payment of, or release from, debt; full receipt.

acrasy

n. obsolete, anarchy, disorder.

acratia

n. impotence.

acriflavine

n. a brown-red hydrochloride antiseptic for wounds.

acrimonious

a. bitter; caustic; angry. **acrimony**, *n.*

acritochromacy

n. colour-blindness.

acroamatic

a. esoteric, told only orally.

acrocephalous, acrocephalic

a. having pointed skull. **acrocephaly**, *n.*

acrodont

a. (of a tooth) fused with the jaw; having such teeth.

acrogen

n. Botany, any flowerless plant where growth takes place at the tip of the main stem. **acrogenous**, *a.*

acrolith

n. statue with wooden trunk and stone head and extremities.

acrologic

a. pertaining to initials.

acromegaly

n. gigantism; enlargement of extremities, head, jaw, etc., due to excess secretion of pituitary gland. **acromegalic**, *a.*

acromonogrammatic

a. applied to verse in which each line begins with letter with which preceding line ended.

acronychal, acronycal,

a. *Astronomy*, happening at sunset, especially of star whose rising is at sunset.

acronyx

n. ingrowing nail.

acrophobia

n. dread of heights.

acropolis

n. fortified elevated part of ancient Greek city. **Acropolis** the ancient citadel of Athens.

acrosopic

a. *Botany*, facing, or moving to, apex.

acospire

n. the first real shoot developing in a germinating grain seed.

acroteleutic

n. end of psalm; words added to end of psalm; doxology.

acroter

n. see acroterion.

acroteric

a. pertaining to or affecting the extremities.

acroterion

n. Architecture, ornament or its pedestal at angle of pediment.

acrotic

a. pertaining to surface. **acrotism**, *n.* failure of pulse.

actamer

n. a substance preventing the growth of bacteria in cosmetics and soaps.

actin

n. a protein found in most cells, especially in muscle. **actinide**, *n.* one of a series of 15 consecutive radio-active elements.

actinism

n. property of solar radiation of causing chemical change. **actinic**, *a.*; **actinic glass**, glass opaque to actinic rays.

actinium

n. rare radio-active element.

actino-chemistry

n. chemical study of actinism; photo-chemistry.

actinograph

n. instrument for calculating time of photographic exposures.

actinoid

a. star-shaped; like rays.

actinology

n. science of chemical effects of light.

actinometer

n. instrument measuring heating power of the sun's rays; *Photography*,

instrument for calculating exposure times. **actinometry**, *n.*

actinomorphic, actinomorphous

a. *Botany*, having symmetrically radiated shape.

actinomycin

n. antibiotic produced by a soil fungus.

actinomycosis

n. parasitic disease in men and cattle resulting in inflammation of jaw; 'lumpy jaw'.

actinophone

n. instrument in which sound is produced by actinic rays. **actinophonic**, *a.*

actinotherapy

n. use of ultra-violet and other actinic rays in medical treatment.

actuary

n. expert on insurance statistics and tables of expectation of life. **actuarial**, *a.*

actuate

v.t. set a machine etc. in motion; be the motive for.

actum ut supra

'done as above' (*abbr.* a.u.s.).

aculeate

a. *Botany*, bearing many sharp points; *Zoology*, having sting; incisive.

aculeiform

a. thorn-shaped.

acumen

n. quickness to perceive; shrewdness.

acuminate

a. pointed; tapering; *v.t.* sharpen; *v.i.* end in point.

acuminulate

a. very sharply pointed; ending in minute point.

acupressure

n. traditional Sino-Japanese massage technique using pressure points to increase vitality, relieve pain, and strengthen auto-immune system; *Medical* pressing needle across blood vessel to stop haemorrhage.

acushla

n. term of address: darling.

acutorsion

n. twisting artery with needle to stop bleeding.

acyanopsia

n. colour blindness towards blue.

acyclic

a. not cyclic: *Botany*, not arranged in whorls; *Chemistry*, not containing a ring of atoms in its molecular structure (of chemical compounds).

acyrology

n. obsolete, incorrect diction.

adactylous

a. lacking fingers, toes or claws. **adactylia**, *n.* congenital lack of toes or fingers.

adamant

n. exceptionally hard substance; *adj.* impenetrable; immovable. **adamantine**, *a.*

adaxial

a. on, beside, or turned towards, axis of an organ, organism, or plant.

ad captandum (vulgus)

'to capture' the affection or suit the taste (of the crowd).

addendum

n. (*pl. -da*), something added; appendix.

addio

adieu.

additament

n. thing added.

addititious

a. pertaining to, or resulting from, addition; *Astronomy*, applied to force increasing gravitation between planet and satellite.

additive

a., n. pertaining to addition; *Grammar*, signifying addition of similar elements or of new thought; *Philosophy*, marked by addition rather than union; *n.* something added.

address

n. in computers, a character or symbol designating a location where information is stored.

adduce

v.t. bring forward as evidence. **adducent**, *a.* drawing towards.

adduct,

v.t. (of muscles) draw towards a central axis. **adductor**, *n.* such a muscle.

adeciduate

a. evergreen.

adelphogamy

n. form of marriage in which brothers share a wife or wives.

ademonist

n. person denying existence of demons or the Devil.

ademption

n. Law, revoking by testator, donor, etc., of legacy, donation, etc., by previously paying sum or parting with object bequeathed.

adenia

n. Medicine, enlargement of glands.

adeniform

a. gland-shaped.

adenitis

n. inflammation of glands.

adenoid

a. pertaining to or like gland. **adenoids**, *n. pl.* enlargement of lymphatic tissues at back of throat.

adenology

n. study of glands. **adenological**, *a.*

adenoma

n. usually non-lethal tumour of gland. **adenomatous**, *a.*

adenopathy

n. glandular disease.

adenose

a. gland-like; having many glands.

adenotomy

n. incision into or removal of gland.

adenovirus

n. any of several cold-causing viruses.

aephagous

a. *Medicine*, having morbid appetite for food.

adespoton

n. anonymous saying, poem, etc.

ad eundem (gradum)

(admitted) 'to same' degree at different university.

à deux

'for two only'; *Music*, for two hands.

adevism

n. denial of legendary gods.

ad finem

'to the end' (*abbr.* **ad fin.**).

ad hanc vocem

'to this word' (*abbr.* **a.h.v.**).

adherent

n. supporter, follower (of a cause, etc.).

adhibit

v.t. grant admittance to; apply; attach.

ad hoc

'to this'; for the present purpose alone; not provable by reference to other phenomena.

ad hominem

'to the man'; appealing to prejudice or passions; illogical.

ad hunc locum

Law, 'at this place'; on this passage (*abbr.* ad loc. ; a.h.l.).

adiabatic

a. without losing or gaining heat. **adiabatic gradient**, rate of change in temperature of rising or falling air.

adiabolist

n. person denying existence of the Devil.

adiactinic

a. not transmitting actinic rays.

adiaphoresis

n. absence or lack of perspiration. **adiaphoretic**, *n* & *adj.* (drug) preventing perspiration.

adiaphoron

n. (*pl. -ra*), matter of indifference; *Theology*, religious observance left to conscience; amoral matter. **adiaphorism**, *n.* belief in doctrine of adiaphora. **adiaphorist**, *n.* **adiaphoristic**, *adj.* applied to certain controversies on religious observances. **adiaphorous**, *adj.* neutral; indifferent, neither right nor wrong (of conduct, etc.)

adiapneustia

n. defective perspiration.

adiathermic

a. impervious to heat. **adiathermancy**, *n.*

adient

a. tending to expose an organism to, or turn it towards, a stimulus or situation.

ad infinitum

adv. 'to infinity'; for ever; without limit (*abbr. ad inf.*).

ad interim

a. 'at interval'; meanwhile; for the present (*abbr. ad int.*).

adios

adieu.

adipescient

a. becoming fatty.

adipic

a. *Chemistry*, pertaining to fatty or greasy substance.

adipocere

n. fatty substance occurring in dead bodies in moist places. **adipocerous**, *adj.*

adipose

a. fat, fatty. **adipose tissue**, connective fat-storing tissue. **adiposis**, *n.* fatness; fatty degeneration. **adiposity**, *n.*

adipsy

n. lack of thirst. **adipsous**, *a.* *Medicine*, quenching thirst.

adit

n. entrance, especially horizontal passage into mine.

adjunct

n. an addition that is not essential.

adjutator

n. helper.

adjuvant

a. helping; *Medicine*, remedial; *n.* such drug.

ad libitum

a. 'at one's pleasure'; as much or long as desired; *Music*, according to desire of performer (*abbr. ad lib.*). *ad-lib*, *v.i.* & *t.* speak impromptu, especially (of actors) jokes, words, etc., not written or rehearsed, or to replace forgotten lines; *a.* said on the spur of the moment; *n.* an ad-lib statement.

ad locum

'at the place' (*abbr. ad loc.*)

admaxillary

a. near or connected with jaw.

admeasurement

n. act or result of measuring; apportionment; dimensions.

admensuration

n. admeasurement.

adminicle

n. *Law*, aid; support; corroboration; *Numismatics*, ornament round figure on coin. *adminicular*, *a.* *adminiculate*, *v.t.* corroborate.

admonish

v.t. reprove gently. *admonition*, *n.*

adnate

a. *Botany* closely attached; related; grown together especially unusually.
adnation, *n.*

ad nauseam

adv. 'to nausea'; until disgust is felt.

adnominal

a. (of noun) functioning as a.

adnomination

n. *obsolete* punning.

adnoun

n. adjective used as noun.

adobe

n. unburnt sundried brick; dwelling of adobe; clay used for adobe; *a.* built of adobe.

Adonic

a. pertaining to Adonis; applied to metrical foot comprising a dactyl followed by a spondee or trochee.

adonize

v.i. & t. ornament; adorn oneself (of men).

adoptionism

n. doctrine that Christ was Son of God by adoption and not birth. *adoptionist, n.* & *a.*

adoral

a. near to mouth.

adosculation

n. sexual impregnation by contact only; wind-pollination.

adoxography

n. Literature, fine writing on trivial or base subject.

adrectal

a. close to rectum.

ad rem

'to the thing'; to the purpose; pertinent.

adrenal

a. close to kidney; suprarenal, especially applied to ductless glands above kidneys.

adrenalin(e)

n. hormone of adrenal gland; preparation from such secretion or synthetic drug used as haemostatic and heart stimulant.

adrenergic

a. released or activated by adrenalin.

adscititious

a. supplementary; auxiliary.

adsorb

v.t. attract and hold to surface (minute particles of mixture or molecules of gas

or liquid). **adsorbate**, *n.* substance or molecules adsorbed. **adsorbent**, *n.* & *a.* (substance) adsorbing. **adsorption**, *n.*

adsum

'I am present'.

adulation

n. excessive flattery; abject worship. **adulatory**, *a.*

adumbral

a. shadowy.

adumbrate

v.t. shadow forth; outline; sketch out. **adumbrative**, *a.* **adumbration**, *n.*

aduncous, aduncate

a. hook-shaped; crooked. **aduncity**, *n.* inward curvature.

ad unguem

'to the finger nail'; to a nicety; with great exactitude; to minute detail.

adust

a. archaic, (sun) burnt or scorched; dried up by heat; gloomy, sad.

ad usum

'to usage'; according to custom (abbr. **ad us.**)

ad valorem

a. in proportion to value, especially of import duties of a percentage of the value of the imports (*abbr. ad val.*).

advection

n. horizontal movement of an air mass, causing temperature changes.

advehent

a. afferent.

advenient

a. due to outside causes. **advenience, n.**

adventitious

a. *Medicine, Botany,* added from without; not essential; accidental; casual; acquired; adventive.

adventive

a.,n. Botany, (plant) not completely naturalized or growing out of natural habitat.

ad verbum

'to the word'; word for word.

adversaria

n. pl. collection of notes and comments; commonplace book.

adversative

a., n. Grammar, (word or clause) expressing opposition or antithesis.

ad vitam aut culpam

'to life or misdeed'; so long as good behaviour lasts.

advowee

n. ecclesiastical patron; holder of advowson.

advowson

n. the right to present a clergyman to a church living.

adydynamic

a. lacking strength; causing weakness. **adynamia**, *n.*

adytum

n. inner sanctuary of temple; secret room.

adz(e)

n. axe with rounded blade set at right angles to handle.

aedile

n. head of ancient Roman office of works. **aedility**, *n.* aedile's office.

aedoeology

n. study of generative organs.

aegagrus

n. mountain goat of Asia Minor.

aegilops

n. stye in inner corner of eye.

aegis

n. protection; shield, especially of classical gods; sponsorship, auspices.

aegrotat

n. 'he or she is ill'; certificate of student's illness for absence from university lectures or examination. **aegrotat degree**, degree given to student absent from examination by reason of illness.

aeneous

a. like brass.

Aeolian

a. pertaining to Aeolus, god of the winds; (**aeolian**) carried or caused by wind.
pertaining to Aeolus, god of the winds; carried or caused by wind; **Aeolian harp**, musical instrument played by wind.

aeolipyle, aeolipile

n. first steam engine, with globe made to revolve by steam jets, described in 1st century AD.

aeolic

a. long-winded.

aeolotropic

a. having different physical properties in different positions or directions.

aeon

n. immeasurably long period of time; *Geology* unit of time equal to a thousand million years.

aepyornis

n. large fossil bird of Madagascar.

aere perennius

'more lasting than brass'.

aeriform

a. lacking substance, unreal; gaseous.

aerobe, aerobium

n. (*pl. -bia*) organism growing only in presence of oxygen. **aerobic**, *a.* **aerobiosis**,
n. such growth or existence.

aerobiology

n. the biology of airborne particles and organisms.

aerodonetics

n. science of gliding.

aerodynamics

n. science of forces acting on bodies in motion in air.

aerodyne

n. heavier-than-air aircraft kept up by its movement through air.

aerofoil, airfoil

n. section through aircraft wing, etc.

aerogel

n. a gel in which the liquid is replaced by a gas.

aerogenic

a. derived from air; gas-forming. **aerogenesis, n.**

aerolite, aerolith

n. meteorite.

aerology

n. study of physical properties of atmosphere, especially meteorological.

aeromancy

n. divination by the state of the air; weather forecasting. **aeromantic, a.**

aeromechanics

n. science of mechanical properties of gases.

aerometer

n. instrument measuring weight or density of gases. **aerometry, n.** such measurement; pneumatics.

aeronomy

n. study of chemical and physical phenomena in the upper atmosphere.
aeronomic, a.

aeropause

n. level above surface of earth above which ordinary aircraft cannot fly.

aerophagia

n. neurotic habit of swallowing air.

aerophilately

n. collecting of air-mail stamps and covers.

aerophobia

n. fear of air, draughts.

aerophore

n. apparatus for inflating lungs, especially of still-born child.

aerophyte

n. plant obtaining all nourishment from the air; epiphyte.

aeropleustic

a. pertaining to aerial navigation.

aeroscopy

n. observation of varying air conditions.

aerose

a. brassy.

aerospace

n. the Earth's atmosphere and space beyond it.

aerosphere

n. the entire atmosphere surrounding the Earth.

aerostat

n. lighter-than-air craft. **aerostatic**, *a.* **aerostatics**, *n.* science of gases in equilibrium. **aerostation**, *n.* navigation of aerostats.

aerotherapeutics

n. medical treatment by modifying atmospheric pressure.

aerotrain

n. monorail vehicle operated on principle of hovercraft.

aerugo

n. rust, especially of copper and brass; verdigris. **aeruginous**, *a.*

aesculaceous

a. pertaining to or like horse-chestnut; belonging to the horse- chestnut family of plants.

aesthesia

n. sensibility, sense perception.

aesthesiogenic

a. causing sensation.

aesthesiometer

n. instrument measuring acuteness of sense perception.

aesthesia

n. sense perception, aesthesia.

aesthete

n. lover of beauty, especially to an exaggerated degree.

aesthetic

a. pertaining to beauty or appreciation of beauty, or to pure sensation; *n.*

science of aesthetic experience. **aestheticism**, *n.* *Philosophy*, doctrine that principle of beauty is alone fundamental. **aesthetics**, *n.* department of phil. dealing with beauty.

aestival

a. of summer. **aestivation**, *n.* *Zoology*, sleepiness in animals during summer; *Botany*, arrangement of organs in flower bud.

aetat, aet

abbreviation of aetatis, abbreviation of anno aetatis suae, 'in the year of his or her age'; aged.

aether

n. see **ether**.

aetherial

see **etherial**.

aetiology, etiology

n. science of causes of natural phenomena. **etiological**, *a.*

afebrile

a. free from fever.

affect

v.t. have an effect on; influence; move emotionally; (of disease, etc.) attack; damage; make a show or pretence of; adopt, assume (a manner, mood, or emotional state); show a preference for; *n.* *Psychology*, emotion, especially as it leads to action (*as opposed to effect*). **affectation**, *n.* behaviour, attitude, etc. adopted for effect; pretence. **affected**, *adj.* unnatural; pretentious; contrived. **ffecting**, *a.* touching.

afferent

a. carrying towards, especially of nerves carrying impulses to centres.

affiche

n. poster; placard.

affidavit

n. written statement made on oath.

affiliate

v.t. attach to; adopt into; unite; fix paternity of or on. **affiliation**, *n.*

affinal

a. related by marriage.

affined

a. closely related; connected.

affinity

n. close relationship; attraction; resemblance; *Law*, relationship by marriage; *Chemistry*, force causing elements to combine.

affirmation

n. *Law*, solemn declaration by person who refuses to take the oath for reasons of conscience. **affirmant**, *n.* person making affirmation.

affix

n. element attached to or inserted in a word, such as a prefix or suffix. *v.t.* attach; append.

afflatus

n. divine breath; inspiration. **afflation**, *n.* act of breathing upon; inspiration.

affluent

a.,n. n. tributary to a river.

afflux

n. flowing towards or together.

affanchise

v.t. liberate from servitude, debt etc.

affreightment

n. hiring of a ship to carry freight; such a contract.

affricate

n. rub; grate on; *n.* *Phonetics*, sound, as or, comprising a stop developing into a fricative. **affrication**, *n.* **affricative**, *n.*, *a.*

affusion

n. pouring liquid on, especially in baptismal ceremony or as medical treatment.

aficionado

n. keen follower of sport; 'fan'.

aflatoxin

n. a toxin produced by a mould on cereals, peanuts, etc.

à fond

'to the bottom'; thoroughly.

a fortiori

adv. 'by the stronger'; with better reason; all the more.

afreet

n. in Arabian mythology, an evil spirit or giant monster.

afrormosia

n. a dense tropical hardwood resembling teak, used for furniture and panelling.

afterbirth

n. membrane covering fetus, expelled after birth.

afterdamp

n. poisonous gas (mixture of carbon dioxide and nitrogen) remaining after explosion of fire-damp in mine; choke-damp.

aga, agha

n. religious leader in Muslim community; Turkish chief.

agalactia

n. Medicine, absence or lack of milk secretion. **agalactic**, **agalactous**, *a.*

agami

n. crane-like bird of S America: 'the trumpeter'.

agamic, agamous

a. non-sexual.

agamogenesis

n. non-sexual reproduction. **agamogenetic**, *a.*

agamy

n. lack of marriage or sexual reproduction.

agape

n. 'love'; 'love-feast', an early Christian ceremony commemorating the Last Supper.

agar-agar

n. nutritive jelly obtained from seaweeds; seaweed yielding this.

agaric

n. species of mushroom-like fungus. **agariciform**, *a.* mushroom-shaped.

agathism

n. doctrine that ultimate end of all things is good, though means may be evil.
agathist, *n.*

agave

n. several tropical American fibre-yielding plants; American aloe.

agenesis

n. incomplete development of body or part of body. **agenesic**, *a.*

ageotropic

a. *Botany*, turning away from the earth; apogeotropic.

ageustia

n. *Medicine*, absence of sense of taste.

agger

n. earth rampart or bank, especially Roman.

aggeration

n. heaping up; mound raised by prehistoric people when erecting standing stones. *aggerose*, *a.* in heaps; having many heaps.

aggiornamento

n. *Roman Catholic*, act or process of bringing up to date.

agglomerate

v.i., v.t. collect, especially into a mass; *a.* so collected; clustered; *n.* *Geology*, rock comprised of angular volcanic fragments.

agglutinate

v.i., v.t. join firmly; thicken; make like glue; coagulate; *Philology*, make compound words by additions. *agglutinin*, *n.* substance in blood causing coagulation. *agglutinogen*, *n.* substance causing production of agglutinin. *agglutinative*, *a.* applied to agglutinated words or languages containing many such words. *agglutination*, *n.*

agio

n. charge made when cash is given for paper currency, or one currency is exchanged for another. **agiotage**, *n.* such exchange; speculation; brokerage.

agist

v.t. Law, care for, feed cattle, horses, for payment. **agistment**, *n.* this practice; pastureland available for this.

aglet, aiglet

n. metal tag on lace or as adornment; *Botany*, catkin.

agley

adv. awry, askew.

aglossal, aglossate

a. *Zoology*, lacking tongue.

aglutition

n. state of being unable to swallow.

agminate

a. grouped.

agnail

n. 'hangnail'; sore at the nail; whitlow.

agnate

a. having same male forefather; allied; *Law*, related on father's side; *n.* such relative. **agnation**, *n.* kinship.

agnathous

a. lacking jaws. **agnathia**, *n.*

agnomen

n. additional name. **agnomination**, *n.* surname; punning; alliteration.

agnosia

n. loss of ability to recognize familiar things or people.

agnostic

n. one who denies that there can be any knowledge of God or of supernatural things; *a.* pertaining to agnostics; non- dogmatic. **agnosticism**, *n.*

agomphious

a. toothless.

agon

n. struggle, contest (especially athletic); conflict between main characters in a play, novel etc. **agonist**, *n.* competitor; protagonist in literary work. **agonistic**, *a.*, competitive; striving for effect.

agonic

a. applied to line drawn through all places where magnetic north is the same as true north.

agoraphobia

n. morbid fear of open spaces.

agouti

n. guinea-pig-like S American rodent; *a.* having the brownish, grizzled colour of the agouti.

agraffe

n. hook, especially on piano-string to prevent rattle.

agranulocytosis

n. serious blood disease marked by great reduction in the non- granular leucocytes.

agraphia

n. inability to write due to form of aphasia.

agrarian

a. pertaining to agriculture and the land; *n.* believer in a policy of equal distribution of land. **agrarianism**, *n.* such policy.

agrestial

a. growing in country, fields (especially of weeds).

agrestic,

a. of the countryside; rustic, uncouth.

agricolist

n. obsolete, farmer. **agricolous**, *a.* agricultural.

agriology

n. study of customs of primitive peoples.

agrobiology

n. biology of crop-plants in relation to soil control.

agrology

n. scientific study of soils. **agrological**, *a.*

agronomy

n. scientific management of land, especially of raising of crops. **agronomic**, *a.*

agrostology

n. *Botany*, study of grasses. **agrostologic(al)**, *a.* **agrostologist**, *n.* **agrostography**, *n.* description of grasses.

agrypnia

n. sleeplessness. **agrypnotic**, *n.* & *a.* (stimulant) causing wakefulness.

aguardiente

n. strong Spanish brandy distilled from potatoes, etc.

agynary

a. *Botany*, lacking female organs.

ahimsa

n. principle of non-violence towards any living creature, in Hinduism and Buddhism.

ahypnia

n. insomnia.

aide-mémoire

n. 'reminder'; memorandum; diplomatic note clearly stating a government's view, policy, etc., on a particular matter.

aiger

n. tidal wave in river; bore.

aigrette

n. spray of feathers; any object in that shape; egret.

aiguille

n. 'needle'; sharp point; peak.

aikido

n. Japanese martial art.

ailanthus

n. Oriental tree, 'tree of heaven', yielding food for silkworms. **ailanter**, *n.* ailanthus grove.

aileron

n. movable surface of aeroplane, especially of wing, moved in steering.

ailurophile

n. one fond of cats. **ailurophilia**, *n.* **ailurophobe**, *n.* one with dread of cats.

aîné

a. (*fem. ainée*) elder; senior.

aïoli

n. garlic mayonnaise.

ait

n. small island in river or lake; eyot.

à jour

'towards day'; decoratively pierced to admit light, applied to metalwork, lace, etc.

akinesia, akinesis

n. paralysis of motor nerves. **akinetic**, *a.*

à la

'in the manner as'.

ala

n. (*pl. -lae*) 'wing'; wing- shaped projection.

alabamine

n. rare halogen-like element, No. 85, now called astatine.

alabaster

n. formerly, carbonate of lime; *modern*, kind of gypsum from which vases and boxes are made; *a.* of alabaster; very smooth and white. **alabastrine**, *a.*

à la belle étoile

'under the beautiful star'; in the open air at night.

alalia

n. loss of speech.

à la mode

'in fashion'; chic.

alamode

n. soft, light silk, used in 19th century for shawls, dresses, etc.

à la mort

'to the death'; mortally.

alanine

n. an amino-acid occurring in protein.

alar(y)

a. like or pertaining to a wing or shoulder.

alastrim

n. disease like, or mild form of, smallpox.

alate

a. winged. **alation**, *n.* state of having wings; disposition of wings in insect.

alaudine

adj. belonging to bird family which includes the skylark; like or pertaining to skylark.

alb

n. long white priestly garment.

albacore, albicore

n. several tunny-like marine fishes; tunny.

albedo

n. degree of whiteness; *Photography*, reflecting power of a surface; *Astronomy*, ratio of light reflected from a body to total amount it receives from the sun.
albedometer, *n.* instrument measuring albedo.

albescent

a. becoming white; whitish.

alblicant

a. growing white. **albication**, *n.* formation of white patches in plants.

albificative

a. able to whiten.

albiflorous

a. having white flowers.

albino

n. person or animal with white skin and hair and pinkish eyes; plant deficient in pigment. **albinic**, **albinotic**, *a.* **albinism**, *n.*

Albion

n. old name for Britain.

alborado

n. morning song.

albuginea

n. white of eye; white fibrous tissue. **albugineous**, *a.* like white of eye or egg.

albugo

n. *Medicine*, white spot on cornea of eye; leucoma; *Botany*, white rust.

albumen

n. white of egg; substance surrounding embryo in seed.

albumin

n. protein forming chief constituent of animal and plant tissues.

albuminate

n. kind of protein resulting from action of acid or alkali on albumins; compound of albumin with other substance.

albuminoid

a. like albumen; *n.* protein; several substances like protein. **albuminous**, *a.* pertaining to albumen or albumin.

albuminuria

n. presence of albumin in urine.

alburnum

n. sapwood.

alcahest

n. see alkahest.

Alcaic

a. written in a four-line verse, each line of which has four feet.

alcaide

n. governor of Spanish, Moorish, etc., prison or fort.

alcalde

n. Spanish sheriff, mayor, etc.

alcazar

n. palace; castle; citadel, especially that of Toledo.

alcoholometer

n. instrument measuring alcoholic strength of liquids.

al dente

(of pasta) cooked but still firm.

aldrin

n. chemical pesticide the use of which was forbidden in the UK in 1964.

aleatoric

a. (of electronic music) with random elements inside a framework.

aleatory

a. dependent on chance; pertaining to gambling or luck.

ale-conner

n. official formerly charged with supervision of selling and testing ale and beer.

alecost

n. herb formerly used to flavour ale; costmary.

alectryomachy

n. cock-fighting.

alegar

n. sour ale; malt vinegar.

alembic

n. ancient distilling apparatus; purifying or transforming apparatus or act.
alembicate, v.t. distil. *alembicated, a.* rather too refined (of literary style).

aleph

n. first letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

alethiology

n. study of nature of truth.

aleurometer

n. instrument measuring gluten content of flour.

aleurone

n. protein granules in plant seeds; external protein layer of cereal seeds.

alevin

n. young fish, especially salmon just hatched.

alexandrine

n. type of verse having six iambics; kind of mosaic invented by Alexander Severus, emperor of Rome.

alexandrite

n. a gem stone, a green variety of chrysoberyl.

alexia

n. inability to read due to aphasia.

alexipharmac

a., *n.* (antidote) against poisoning.

alexipyretic

n. & *a.* (drug) curative of fever.

alexiteric

n. & *a.* preventive of contagion; antidote against poison.

alfalfa

n. clover-like forage crop; lucerne.

alga

n. (*pl.* -*gae*) seaweed; *pl.* division of cryptogamic plants.

algaroba, algarroba

n. carob; mesquite. **algarobin**, *n.* dyestuff obtained from carob tree

algazel

n. horned antelope of Nigeria.

aledonic

a. pertaining to pain, especially in association with pleasure.

algefacient

a. cooling.

algesia

n. sensitiveness to pain. **algesic**, *a.* feeling pain. **algesimeter**, *n.* instrument for measuring this. **algetic**, *a.* causing pain.

algid

a. chilly, especially during fever. **alidity**, *n.*

algific

a. making cold.

alginuresis

n. Medicine, painful urination.

algivorous

a. feeding on algae.

algogenic

a. producing pain; reducing body temperature.

algolagnia

n. taking sexual pleasure in inflicting or enduring pain. **algolagnic**, *a.* **algolagnist**,

n.

algology

n. study of algae.

algometer

n. instrument measuring sensitivity to pain. **algometry**, *n.*

algophilia

n. algolagny.

algophobia

n. morbid dread of pain.

algor

n. coldness; shivering fit in fever.

algorithm

n. art of calculating, especially in Arabic numeration; arithmetic. **algorismic**, *a.*

algorithm

n. step-by-step system of solving a problem, especially in computers.

algous

a. pertaining to algae.

alias

a. otherwise called; *n.* assumed name.

alibi

n. plea that, at the time when act was committed, one was elsewhere than at the place where act was committed; proof of such a plea.

alible

a. archaic, nourishing.

alicyclic

a. denoting organic compounds that are both aliphatic and cyclic, i.e. aliphatic in chemical behaviour but having their carbon atoms in a ring.

alidade

n. instrument used in surveying & navigation.

alienism

n. obsolete, study of mental disease. **alienist**, *n. obsolete* expert in alienism; *American*, psychiatrist specialising in legal aspects of mental illness.

aliferous

a. having wings.

aliform

a. like a wing.

aligerous

a. winged.

aliment

n. food; nourishment. **alimental**, *a.* affording food. **alimentary**, *a.* pertaining to food; nourishing; **alimentation**, *n.* act of feeding or being fed. **alimentative**, *a.* nourishing.

alimentotherapy

n. Medicine, treatment by dieting.

aliped

a. having winged feet; *n.* such an animal.

aliphatic

a. pertaining to fat; *Chemistry*, applied to group of organic compounds, including the fats, having open-chain structure.

aliquant

a. (number) not dividing exactly into another number; not aliquot.

aliquot

a., n. (number) contained an exact number of times in another number; equal share; v.t. divide into equal parts.

aliter

adv. 'otherwise'; *Law*, requiring a different rule.

alizarin

n. red dye formerly obtained from madder root.

alk

n. resin obtained from turpentine tree.

alkahest

n. universal solvent sought by alchemists.

alkalescent

a. somewhat alkaline.

alkali

n. *Chemistry*, substance having property of neutralizing acids.

alkalify

v.t. & v.i. change into alkali.

alkalimeter

n. instrument measuring strength or amount of alkali in mixture. **alkalimetry, *n.***

alkaline

a. pertaining to, like or consisting of alkali. **alkalinity, *n.***

alkalize

v.t. make alkaline.

alkaloid

n. nitrogenous basic compound of vegetable origin. **alkaloidal, *a.***

alkalosis

n. abnormally high alkalinity of blood and tissues.

alkanet

n. dyer's bugloss; red dye obtained from that plant.

alkolometry

n. measurement of alkaloids; administration and dosage of alkaloids.

allantiasis

n. sausage poisoning.

allantoic

a. pertaining to allantois; sausage-shaped. **allantoid**, *a.*

allantois

n. sac-like fetal membrane developing into umbilical cord and forming part of placenta.

allative

n. & a. Grammar, (case) expressing motion towards.

allegory

n. story or other representation in which the subject is expressed metaphorically or personified; parable. **allegorical**, *a.* **allegorize**, *v.t.* **allegorism**, *n.* interpreting Scripture as allegory. **allegorist**, *n.*

allele, allelomorph

n. Biology, one of a pair of alternative contrasting inheritable characteristics; gene carrying that characteristic. **allelic**, *a.* **allelism**, *n.*

allergen

n. substance causing allergy. **allergenic**, *a.*

allergy

n. *Medicine*, abnormal sensitivity towards a substance or germ, due to prior inoculation with that substance or germ; anaphylaxis; abnormal sensitivity to e.g. pollen, dust, etc. **allergic**, *a.*

alliaceous

a. having smell or taste of garlic; belonging to the onion family of plants.

alligation

n. act or state of attaching or being attached; *Arithmetic*, archaic method of solving 'mixture' problems; 'rule of mixtures'.

allision

n. intentional collision, especially of ships.

alliteration

n. literary device wherein several or all words in phrase or sentence begin with same sound. **alliterate**, *v.t. & i.* **alliterative**, *a.*

allocatur

n. *Law*, (certificate of) allowance of costs.

allochromatic

a. pertaining to change of colour; variable in colour.

allochroous

a. changing in colour.

allochthonous

a. not autochthonous; formed elsewhere.

allocution

n. authoritative or exhortatory address; *Roman Catholic*, formal papal address to College of Cardinals.

allodium

n. property under absolute ownership; freehold; *American*, estates in fee simple.
allodial, *a.*

allo-erotism, allo-eroticism

n. Psychology, love of other person or object; opposite of autoerotism.

allogamy

n. cross-fertilization. **allogamous**, *a.*

allogeneous

a. different in kind. **allegeneity**, *n.*

allograft

n. surgical graft from a non-identical donor.

allograph

n. writing especially signature, for another; opposite of autograph.

allolalia

n. form of aphasia in which words are spoken at random.

allomerism

n. Chemistry, variation in constitution without variation in form.

allometry

n. study of growth of a part of an organism in relation to the whole.

allonge

n. Commerce, slip of paper attached to bill of exchange for additional endorsements.

allonym

n. other person's name assumed by writer; work published under an allonym.
allonymous, a.

allopathy

n. *Medicine*, treatment of disease by remedies producing symptoms different from those of disease treated; opposite of homoeopathy; medical treatment using all methods found successful. **allopathic**, *a.* **allopath**, *n.*

allophone

n. any of several speech sounds regarded as variants of a given phoneme.

allopurinal

a. synthetic drug used against gout.

allosematic

a. having imitative protective coloration.

allotheism

n. worship of strange gods.

allotropy

n. existence of an element in more than one form. **allotrope**, *n.* form taken by allotropic element. **allotropic**, *a.*

alluvion

n. impact of water on shore; flood; alluvium.

alluvium

n. (*pl.* -viums, -via) matter deposited by river or flood. **alluvial**, *a.*

almagest

n. comprehensive treatise or textbook, especially on astronomy, generally the treatise of Ptolemy.

alma mater

n. 'fostering mother'; one's school or university.

almandine

n. kind of violet-coloured garnet.

almira

n. furniture for storing, e.g. cupboard or chest.

almoner

n. official who distributes alms; *obsolete* hospital official who interviews prospective patients, etc. **almonry**, *n.* place for alms distribution.

almucantar

n. Astronomy, circle of celestial sphere parallel with horizon; parallel of altitude; telescope that, in rotating, sweeps out curves of this kind.

alnico

n. trademark, permanent magnet alloy of aluminium, nickel and cobalt, with some iron and sometimes copper.

aloe

n. bitter fruit of several plants used in preparation of purgative; *pl.* such purgative. **aloetic**, *a.* pertaining to aloe.

alogia

n. speech defect due to brain lesion, etc.

alogism

n. illogical statement.

alopecia

n. baldness. **alopecia areata**, loss of hair in small patches.

alopecoid

n. fox-like.

alpenglow

n. reddish light at sunset or sunrise on mountain-tops, especially occurring before appearance or after disappearance of sun.

alpestrine

a. pertaining to alpine zone.

alpha

n. first letter (A, a) of Greek alphabet. **alpha and omega**, first and last; entirely; quintessence. **alpha particle**, positively charged particle, the nucleus of a helium atom. **alpha ray**, a ray or beam of alpha. particles. **alpha wave**, variation in frequency of brain waves associated with drowsiness.

alphanumeric, alphabetic

a. composed of letters and digits.

alphosis

n. Medicine, lack of skin pigmentation.

alsike

n. pink-flowered clover, grown as forage.

alsinaceous

a. like or pertaining to chickweed; belonging to chickweed family of plants.

alt

a., n. Music, (note) in first octave above the treble stave.

altarage

n. offerings at altar; payment for masses for dead; certain payments to priest.

altazimuth

n. instrument measuring altitude and azimuth of heavenly bodies.

alterative

a. causing change; *Medicine*, changing gradually to healthy state; *n.* drug or other treatment changing nutritional processes.

altercation

n. heated argument; quarrel. **altercate**, *v.i.*

alter ego

n. 'other self'; close friend; confidant.

alterity

n. state of being different.

alternator

n. machine generating alternating electric current.

althaea, althea

n. rose of Sharon; genus containing hollyhock, mallow, etc.

althing

n. parliament of Iceland.

aliloquence

n. pompous, high-sounding speech.

altimeter

n. instrument for taking or showing altitude.

altisonant

a. high-sounding, pompous.

altissimo

a., n. Music, (note) in the second octave above the treble stave.

altivolant

a. flying high.

alto-relievo

n. carving in high relief, *i.e.* in which the figures, etc., project more than half their proportions from the background.

altruism

n. principle of regard for others; self-sacrifice. **altruist**, *n.* **altruistic**, *a.*

alula

n. part of a bird's wing, corresponding to thumb.

alum

n. sulphate of aluminium used in dyeing, as an astringent, etc.

alumina

n. oxide of aluminium.

aluminate

n. chemical compound of aluminium oxide and another metal.

aluminium

n. light, malleable white metal, resistant to organic salts, obtained by heating aluminium oxide. **aluminic**, *a.*

aluminize

v.t. to coat with aluminium.

aluminosis

n. lung disease due to inhaling aluminium dust.

aluminous

a. pertaining to alumina or aluminium.

aluminum

n. aluminium.

alumnus

fem. (pl. -ni, fem. alumna, pl. -nae) graduate of university or college.

alveary

n. beehive; outer canal of ear.

alveola

n. (pl. -lae) Botany, small cavity, especially in surface of an organ.

alveolar

a. pertaining to alveolus; bearing alveolae; *Phonetics*, pronounced with tongue and alveolus; *n.* sound so pronounced. **alveolar arch**, tooth-bearing part of upper jaw.

alveolate

a. having many deep cavities; like a honey-comb.

alveolus

n. (pl. -li) Anatomy, small cavity; tooth socket; aircell, etc.; *Phonetics*, upper front tooth ridge.

alviducous

a. purgative.

alvine

a. *obsolete* pertaining to belly or intestines.

amadelphous

a. gregarious.

amadou

n. form of tinder prepared from fungi; punk.

amah

n. female servant or nanny, especially in the Far East.

amalgam

n. alloy of mercury and another metal, especially silver, used to fill teeth; blend.

amandine

n. albumin in sweet almonds; cold cream composed of that substance.

amanita

n. any of the fungi in the genus Amanita, including many highly poisonous ones.

amanous

a. lacking hands.

amanuensis

n. (*pl. amanuenses*), employee who writes from dictation; secretary.

amaranth

n. Mythology, plant that never fades; love-lies- bleeding; purple colour.

amaranthine, *a.* unfading; eternal; purple.

amarthritis

n. arthritis of several joints.

amaryllis

n. belladonna lily; any of several similar plants; poetic name for country girl.

amative

a. amorous.

amatol

n. explosive composed of T.N.T. and ammonium nitrate.

amaurosis

n. loss of sight without noticeable change in eye, due to failure of optic nerve; gutta serena. **amaurotic**, *a.*

ambages

n. pl. pl. archaic, circuitous path or approach; circumlocution. **ambagious**, *a.*

ambari

n. fibre-yielding plant of E Indies; kenaf.

ambergris

n. substance obtained from intestines of spermwhale, found in the sea and used in perfumes.

ambiance, ambience

n. particular atmosphere of a place.

ambidextrous

a. able to use both hands with equal facility. **ambidexterity**, *n.*

ambient

a. surrounding; *n.* ambiance.

ambiguous

a. of uncertain meaning. **ambiguity**, *n.*

ambilaevous

a. ambisinister.

ambilateral

a. of both sides.

ambisinister

n. left-handed in both hands; awkward.

ambit

n. scope, limits.

ambivalence

n. simultaneous attraction and repulsion. **ambivalent**, *a.* feeling ambivalence.

ambivert

n. someone who is both extroverted and introverted.

amblyopia

n. partial loss of sight not due to disease of eye; early stage of amaurosis.

ambo

n. raised place or pulpit in early Christian Church.

ambrosia

n. Mythology, food of the gods; any very pleasant food. **ambrosial**, *a.*

ambry

n. niche containing sacred vessels in chancel.

ambsace

n. double ace; lowest score; bad luck.

ambulant

a. walking, continuing active; moving about from place to place. **ambulate**, *v.i.*; **ambulation**, *n.*

ambulatory

n. enclosed space, especially in monastery, for walking; *a.* pertaining to walking.

ameba

n. See **amoeba**.

amebicide

n. substance killing amoebas.

âme damnée

"lost soul"; dupe; tool; devoted follower.

amelification

n. formation of tooth-enamel.

ameloblast

n. enamel-producing cell of tooth.

amenable

a. easily persuaded to agree or yield.

amende

n. fine; reparation. **amende honorable**, public apology; full reparation for dishonour.

amenity

n. attractiveness; pleasantness; *pl.* pleasant conditions or surroundings; pleasant or useful services.

amenorrhoea

n. abnormal absence or arrest of menstruation.

a mensa et thoro

a. 'from table and bed'; applied to judicial separation of husband and wife.

ament, amentum

n. catkin. **amentaceous**, *a.* like or composed of catkins. **amentiferous**, *a.* bearing catkins. **amentiform**, *a.* catkin-shaped.

amentia

n. severe, usually congenital, mental deficiency.

amerce

v.t. obsolete punish, especially by fine. **amercement**, *n.* **amerciable**, *a.*

americium

n. artificial element (No. 95), made by bombarding uranium or plutonium with helium ions.

ametropia

n. abnormality in optical refraction, resulting in inability to focus images on the retina. **ametropic**, *a.*

amiantus, amianthus

n. asbestos with silky fibres. **amianthine**, *a.*

amice

n. *Roman Catholic*, white linen square covering shoulders of celebrant priest.

amicicide

n. murder or murderer of a friend.

amicron

n. one of the smallest microscopically detectable particles.

amicus curiae

n. 'friend of the court'; person invited or allowed to assist court on points of law.

amigo

n. (*pl.* amigos; fem. amiga) friend.

amine

n. compound derived from ammonia.

amino acid

n. one of many acids forming the principal ingredients of protein.

aminobutene

n. synthetic pain-relieving drug, less addictive than morphine.

amitosis

n. direct cell division. **amitotic**, *a.*

ammeter

n. instrument measuring amperage of electric current.

ammonite

n. fossil cephalopod with whorled shell.

ammophilous

a. sand-loving.

ammotherapy

n. medical treatment by sand baths.

amnesia

n. loss of memory. **amnesiac**, **amnesic**, *n.* **amnemonic**, **amnestic**, *a.*

amniocentesis

n. process of obtaining sample of amniotic fluid from womb of pregnant woman, in order to check for gender or abnormalities.

amnion

n. innermost membrane enclosing foetus. **amniota**, *n.pl.* vertebrates having

amnion.

amniotic

a. **amniotic fluid**, *n.* the fluid surrounding the fetus in the womb.

amoeba

n. (*pl. -bae, -bas*) unicellular animal, composed of microscopic mass of naked protoplasm; lowest form of animal life. **amoebic**, **amoeban**, **amoebous**, **amoeboid**, *a.*

amoebaean

a. applied to verse in which two persons speak alternately.

amoebiform

a. shaped like an amoeba.

amoretto

n. (*pl. -ti*), in art, plump little boy representing cupid; putto.

amorphous

a. without shape; irregularly shaped; *Chemistry*, lacking crystalline structure; *Biology*, lacking differentiation in structure; *Geology*, not divided into strata. **amorphism**, *n.*

amortize

v.t. nullify debt, *gen.* by forming a sinking fund. **amortization**, *n.*

amortizement

n. Architecture, topmost member of a building; slanting top of buttress, etc.; amortization.

amour

n. love-affair, especially illicit. **amourette**, *n.* petty amour.

amour-propre

n. self-love; self-respect.

ampelideous

a. of or like the vine.

ampelotherapy

n. Medicine, grape cure.

amperage

n. strength of an electric current measured in amperes.

ampere

n. unit of intensity of electric current (current produced by one volt acting through resistance of one ohm) (*abbr. amp.*). **ampere hour**, unit of quantity of electric current (quantity flowing in one hour at one amp).

ampersand

n. sign (&) for *and*.

amphetamine

n. drug which stimulates the central nervous system, used in medicine to relieve depression, and to control appetite in cases of obesity: the chief ingredient of 'pep pills'.

amphibian

a.,n. (animal) able to live both on land and in water; (vehicle) able to alight on or take off from, or to travel on, both land and water.

amphibious

a. amphibian.

amphibole

n. rock-forming silicate similar to asbestos and hornblende.

amphibolic

a. able to turn backwards or forwards, especially of joints and limbs; ambiguous; like amphibole.

amphibolite

n. rock composed of amphibole; hornblende.

amphibology, amphiboly

n. ambiguous speech; equivocation; quibble. **amphibolous**, *a.*

amphibrach

n. metrical foot of one short, one long and one short syllable.

amphichroic, amphichromatic

a. producing two colours. **amphichrome**, *n.* such a plant. **amphichrom**, *n.*

amphicoelous

a. *Zoology*, having both surfaces concave.

amphicyonic

a. applied to ancient Greek council of state-deputies. **amphicyany**, *n.* league of adjacent states.

amphicyrtic

a. with both sides convex.

amphigean

a. occurring in both hemispheres; *Botany*, with flowers arising from root-stock.

amphigony

n. sexual reproduction.

amphigory, amphigouri

n. a nonsense verse or burlesque composition with no meaning.

amphilogism

n. circumlocution.

amphimacer

n. metrical foot comprising one long, one short and one long syllable; cretic.

amphimixis

n. interbreeding; joining of germ plasm of two individuals in sexual reproduction.

amphipodous

a. *Zoology*, having both walking and swimming feet.

amphiprostyle

a.,n. (building) with columns at each end but not at sides.

amphirhinal

a. with two nostrils.

amphisbaena

n. *Mythology* double-headed serpent able to move in both directions; kind of worm-like lizard.

amphiscian

n. & a. (inhabitant) of tropics, whose shadow falls in different ways according to the time of year.

amphivorous

a. both carnivorous and herbivorous.

amphora

n. (pl. -rae, -ras) vase with two handles, of Greek or Roman origin; standard liquid measure of nine gallons (Greek) and six gallons. (Roman). *amphoric*, *a.* applied to sound made by blowing into an amphora, or sound resembling that.

amphoteric

a. of both kinds; *Chemistry*, reacting as either alkali or acid.

ampicillin

n. an improved form of penicillin taken by mouth.

amplexus

n. the mating embrace of frogs and toads.

ampliative

a. supplementary.

amplitude

n.

ampulla

n. ancient Roman flask with two handles and globular body; *Anatomy*, sac-like swelling at end of duct. **ampullaceous**, **ampullar**, *a.* of or like an ampulla.

amyctic

n. Medicine, irritating.

amygdala

n. (pl. -iae) any almond-shaped formation in body, e.g. tonsil.

amygdalin

n. glucoside in bitter almonds, used as an expectorant. **amygdaline**, *a.* pertaining to almonds; pertaining to tonsils.

amygdaloid

n. basaltic rock with almond-shaped cavities, *a.* almond-shaped.

amylaceous

a. starchy.

amylase

n. enzyme that helps to break down starch.

amyloid

n. food containing starch; *a.* starchy; applied to disease in which lardaceous substance arises from degenerated cells.

amylolysis

n. conversion of starch into soluble products in digestive process. **amylolytic**, *a.*

amylopsin

n. digestive ferment in pancreatic juice.

amylose

n. component of starch.

amyotonia

n. deficiency of muscle tone.

ana

n. collection of sayings by, or stories and facts about, a person (often a suffix, e.g. *Dickensiana*).

anabaptist

n. believer in adult baptism. **anabaptism**, *n.* such belief; re- baptism.

anabas

n. African and Asian fish which can leave the water.

anabasis

n. (pl. -ses) upward journey; military advance inland, especially of Persians and Greeks under Cyrus (401 BC); *Medicine*, first phase of disease; increase of fever. **anabatic**, *a.* ascending; *Meteorology*, (of wind) moving upwards.

anabiosis

n. return to life after seeming death.

anableps

n. tropical American fish that swims with its eyes half out of the water.

anabolic steroid

n. any of several synthetic hormones used by athletes to improve their strength and muscles, or for medical purposes.

anabolism

n. constructive chem. processes in living creatures. **anabolic**, *a.* **anabolize**, *v.t.*

anacardic

a. pertaining to cashew nut.

anacathartic

n. & a. (drug) causing vomiting.

anachorism

n. something out of place in or foreign to a country.

anachronic

a. out of (chronological) order; out of date.

anachronism

n. error in chronology, especially of dating event before its correct date; thing impossible or absurd by reason of such error. **anachronistic, anachronous, a.**

anaclitic

a. (of relationships), marked by dependence on another, or other people; (of sexual desire) dependent on another, non-sexual instinct, such as hunger.

anacoluthon

n. Grammar, lack of sequence; passing to a new subject, or sentence-construction, without completing first one. **anacoluthia, n.** such practice. **anacoluthic, a.**

anaconda

n. python of S America and Sri Lanka; any boa-like snake.

Anacreontic

a. (of verse) in the style of Anacreon, praising love and wine. *n.* such a poem.

anacrusis

n. unaccented syllable(s) at beginning of verse-line, or such notes at beginning of piece of music. **anacrustic**, *a.*

anadem

n. band; wreath; fillet.

anadiplosis

n. rhetorical device of repetition of last word of one clause at beginning of next.

anadipsia

n. *Medicine*, abnormal thirst. **anadipsic**, *a.*

anadromous

a. ascending, especially of fish that ascend rivers to spawn.

anaemia

n. lack of red blood cells; loss of vitality; pallidity. **pernicious or primary**

anaemia, disease resulting in rapid destruction of red corpuscles. **anaemic**, *a.*

anaemotrophy

n. insufficient nourishment of blood.

anaeretic, aneretic

a. Medicine destructive.

anaerobe

n. organism able to live without, or unable to live in presence of, oxygen.
anaerobic, *a.* **anaerobiosis**, *n.* such existence. **anaerobiotic**, *a.*

anaerophyte

n. Botany, anaerobic plant.

anaesthesia

n. loss of feeling; unconsciousness; act of causing such state for medical purposes. **anaesthesiology**, *n.* study of anaesthesia. **anaesthetize**, *v.t.* cause anaesthesia. **anaesthetist**, *n.*, *British* doctor specializing in administering anaesthetics.

anagalactic

a. Astronomy, beyond our galaxy; not galactic.

anagenesis

n. tissue regeneration.

anaglyph

n. ornament in bas relief; stereoscopic pictures in complementary colours viewed through glasses, etc., of same colours, one to each eye. **anaglyphy**, **anaglyptics**,
n. art of carving anaglyphs.

anagnorisis

n. denouement in play, arising from recognition.

anagoge, anagogy

n. spiritual exaltation; mystical interpretation of sacred works such as the Bible.
anagogic(al), *a.* mystical.

anal

a. pertaining to or near the anus.

analects, analecta

n. pl. pl. collection of writings; literary gleanings. **analectic**, *a.*

analemma

n. graduated scale in figure-of-eight, showing difference between actual time and that shown by the sun.

analeptic

a., n. Medicine, restorative.

analgesia

n. absence of pain. analgesic, n. & a.

analgetic

n. & a. (drug) arresting pain.

analgia

n. analgesia.

anallagmatic

a. Mathematics, unchanged in shape by inversion.

analogous

a. similar in some respect; corresponding in function. analogue, n. (American, computers: analog) analogous thing; word in other language with same use or meaning. a. (of a quantity or a device) changing continuously rather than in a series of steps. analog computer, one calculating by physical quantities (e.g. voltage) equivalent to numerical variables.

analogy

n. close similarity; a similar case used in reasoning. analogical, a. analogize, v.i & t. analogism, n. reasoning by quoting analogies.

analphabet

n. illiterate person.

anamnesis

n. act of reminiscence; history of medical case. **anamnestic**, *a.*

anamorphic

a. (of optical device or image produced by it) magnifying or being magnified differently in two different directions; changing into a more complex form. **anamorphism**, *n.* such geological change.

anamorphosis

n. distorted image only recognisable if viewed through appropriate device; method of making such images; *Biology*, evolution by slow changes; *Botany*, abnormal change of shape. **anamorphoscope**, *n.* device for viewing anamorphosis.

ananas

n. pineapple.

anandrious

a. impotent.

anandrous

a. *Botany*, without stamens.

ananthous

a. having no flowers.

anonym

n. name written backwards as pseudonym.

anapaest, anapest

n. metrical foot of two short syllables followed by one long syllable. **anapaestic**, *a.*

anaphora

n. rhetorical device of repeating word or phrase at beginning of successive clauses. **anaphoric**, *a.* *Grammar*, referring to word occurring earlier.

anaphrodisia

n. absence of sexual desire. **anaphrodisiac**, *n.* & *a.* (drug) reducing sexual desire.

anaphroditic

a. asexually produced.

anaphylaxis

n. allergy; extreme sensitivity caused by previous inoculation. **anaphylactic**, *a.*

anaplasia

n. reversion of plant or animal cells to a simpler form.

anaplasty

n. plastic surgery. **anaplastic**, *a.* pertaining to anaplasty; pertaining to anaplasia.

anaptotic

a. *Philology*, with weakened or no case inflections.

anaptyxis

n. insertion of a vowel between two consonants for ease of pronunciation.

anarthrous

a. *Zoology*, non-jointed; *Grammar*, without the article (of Greek nouns).

anasarcous

a. dropsical.

anastigmat

n. an anastigmatic lens. **anastigmatic**, *a.* not astigmatic; corrective of astigmatism.

anastomosis

n. (*pl. -ses*) intercommunication between branches of blood-vessels, nerves, etc., or of rivers; formation of network. **anastomotic**, *a.*

anastrophe

n. rhetorical device of reversing natural order of words; inversion.

anathema

n. curse, generally by ecclesiastical authorities; act of cursing; thing cursed; object of hatred. **anathematic**, *a.* **anathematize**, *v.t.*

anatocism

n. compound interest; taking such interest.

anatomy

n. study of structure of body; art of dissecting; structure; analysis; skeleton; very thin person. **anatomical**, *a.* **anatomize**, *v.t.* dissect; analyse. **anatomist**, *n.*

anaudia

n. loss of voice.

anbury, ambury

n. soft tumour of horses; 'finger and toe' disease of turnips; 'club-root'.

anchorite, anchoret

n. (*fem.* **anchoress**, **ancreess**) hermit, ascetic. **anchoritic(al)**, *a.*

anchusa

n. genus of plants including borage and alkanet.

anchylosis

n. see ankylosis.

ancien régime

political and social state before the French revolution; former (*generally evil*) times.

ancillary

a. subordinate; auxiliary.

ancipital, ancipitous

a. having two faces or edges; double-headed; twofold.

ancistroid

n. having shape of hook.

ancon

n. Architecture, one of a pair of brackets supporting a cornice.

anconal

a. pertaining to the elbow. **anconoid**, *a.* like an elbow.

ancoral

a. like an anchor; hooked.

ancress,

see **anchorite**.

ancylostomiasis, ankylostomiasis

n. infestation with hookworms, leading to anaemia.

andiron

n. support for logs, fire-irons, or spit; fire-dog.

androcentric

a. revolving around men; regarding the male sex as primary.

androcephalous

a. with human head.

androcracy

n. domination of society by men. **androcratic**, *a.*

androgen

n. Botany, substance producing masculine characteristics; male sex hormone.

androgenic, a.

androgynie

n. hermaphrodite; effeminate man; masculine woman. **androgynism, n.**

androgynous

a. hermaphrodite.

android

n. machine in form of human being; robot; *a.* man- like. **androidal, a.**

andromedotoxin

n. a poisonous substance extracted from plants of the heath family and used in medicine to lower high blood pressure.

andromorphous

a. having man's shape or appearance.

androphagous

a. cannibal.

androphilic

a. preferring the male sex, or humans rather than animals.

androphobia

n. dread or hatred of men.

androphonomania

n. homicidal mania.

androphorous

a. *Zoology*, having male organs.

androsphinx

n. figure with man's head and lion's body.

androsterone

n. androgenic steroid male hormone.

anecdote

n. jocular, tendency to garrulity in old age.

anechoic

a. free from echoes and reverberations; sound-absorbent.

anele

v.t. archaic anoint; administer extreme unction to.

anemia,

n. see **anaemia**.

anemochord

n. kind of pianoforte having strings vibrated by air currents.

anemograph

n. recording anemometer. **anemogram**, *n.* record made by an anemograph.

anemometer

n. instrument measuring strength and speed of wind. **anemometry**, *n.*

anemophilous

a. Botany, pollinated by wind. **anemophile**, *n.* such plant. **anemophily**, *n.* such pollination.

anemophobia

n. morbid dread of high winds, hurricanes, etc.

anemoscope

n. any instrument indicating direction of wind.

anencephaly

n. state of lacking a brain or a part of the brain. **anencephalic**, **anencephalous**, *a.*

anent

prep. Archaic or Scot. archaic or jocular, about, concerning.

anenterous

a. lacking intestine or stomach.

anergy

n. absence of energy; loss of immunity.

aneroid

a. not using liquid. **aneroid barometer**, instrument measuring atmospheric pressure by recording the movements of the surface of an air-tight box.

anesis

n. Medicine, abatement of symptoms; *Music*, tuning to lower pitch.

aneurin

n. thiamine.

aneurysm, aneurism

n. abnormal swelling of blood vessel. **aneurysmal**, aneurismal, *a.*

anfractuous

a. *Botany*, wavy; snake-like; spiral-shaped. **anfractuosity**, *n.*

angary

n. right of belligerent to take or destroy property of neutral, subject to compensation.

angelica

n. aromatic plant yielding oil used in medicine and cookery; sugared stalks of angelica.

angelolater

n. worshipper of angels. **angelolatry**, *n.* such worship.

angelology

n. study of angels and their hierarchy.

angelus

n. prayer(s) said at early morning, noon and sunset. **angelus bell**, bell calling to prayer at such times.

angiitis

n. *Medicine*, inflammation of vessel.

angina

n. quinsy; any inflammation of throat or trachea. **angina pectoris**, spasm of the chest resulting from disease of heart or arteries. **anginal**, **anginoid**, **anginose**, **anginous**, *a.*

angiography

n. technique for X-raying major blood vessels, using dye opaque to X- rays.

angioid

n. like blood or lymph vessel.

angiology

n. study of blood and lymphatic system.

angioma

n. tumour due to dilated blood vessels. **angiomatosis**, *n.* state of having many angiomas. **angiomatous**, *a.*

angiospasm

n. sudden contraction of blood vessels. **angiospastic**, *a.*; *n.* substance causing angiospasm.

angiosperm

n. flowering plant with seeds in closed seed-vessel; *pl.* natural division containing plants of such kind, the highest forms of plant life. **angiospermous**,

angiospermal, angiospermatous, angiospermic, *a.*

angiotomy

n. dissection of or incision into blood vessel.

anglicism, Anglicism

n. characteristic English word or phrase found in another language; characteristic of English people or culture.

anglophone, Anglophone

a.,n. (person) speaking English.

angora

n. long-haired goat of Asia Minor; material made from angora hair; *a.* long-haired (of cat, rabbit, etc.).

angostura

n. Brazilian tree and its bark; tonic fluid extracted from the bark.

angst

n. general feeling of anxiety or anguish at state of world.

angstrom

n. Physics, unit of length of light waves, one hundred-millionth of a centimetre, or of electromagnetic radiations: one tenth of a millimicron.

anguiform

a. having shape of snake.

anguilliform

a. having shape of eel.

anguine, anguinous

a. archaic, pertaining to or like a snake.

angulation

n. shape having angles; exact measurement of angles. **angulate**, *a.* having angles.

anhedonia

n. inability to be happy.

anhedral

n. denoting the angle at which the main planes of an aircraft are inclined downwards to the lateral axis.

anhelation

n. archaic, shortness of breath.

anhidrosis

n. lack or absence of perspiration. **anhidrotic**, *n.* & *a.* (drug) checking perspiration.

aniconic

a. without idols; (of objects of worship) portrayed symbolically rather than representationally. **aniconism**, *n.* worship of object symbolising but not representing god; iconoclasm.

anidian

a. (of an embryo) shapeless.

anil

n. W Indian plant yielding indigo; indigo. **anilic** *a.*

anile

a. like a very old woman; imbecile.

aniline

n. poisonous substance obtained from indigo, nitro-benzene, etc., used in manufacture of dyes; *a.* applied to dye prepared with aniline.

anity

n. state of being anile.

anima

n. *Psychology*, the inner self; the feminine principle as represented in the masculine subconscious.

animadvert

v.i. take notice; comment; criticize; reprove. **animadversion**, *n.*

animalcule, animalculum

n. (*pl -ula*), *archaic*, microscopic animal, or, *erroneously*, plant. **animalcular**, *a.*

animatism

n. belief that inanimate objects, etc., have personality and will, but not soul.

animative

a. giving life.

animism

n. belief in the possession of a soul by inanimate objects; belief in existence of soul separate from matter; spiritualism. **animist**, *n.*.. **animistic**, *a.*

animosity

n. active dislike, hostility.

animus

n. strong hostility; *Law*, intention; *Psychology* the masculine principle as represented in the feminine subconscious.

anion

n. negatively charged ion. **anionic**, *a.*

anise

n. Egyptian plant yielding aniseed. **anisate**, *v.t.* flavour with aniseed.

aniseed

n. dried fruit of anise; cordial made from it.

anisometropia

n. condition of eyes having unequal refractive power. **anisometric**, *a.*

anisosthenic

a. of unequal strength.

anker

n. liquid measure, especially Dutch, of $8\frac{1}{2}$ imperial gallons; cask holding that amount.

ankh

n. cross with a loop in the place of the top vertical, representing, in ancient Egypt, life.

ankus

n. elephant goad with hook and spike.

ankylosis, anchylosis

n. joining together of bones or hard parts; resulting stiffness. **ankylose**, *v.i.* (of bones) to fuse or stiffen in this way.

ankylostoma

n. lockjaw.

ankylostomiasis

n. see **ancylostomiasis**.

ankyroid, ancyroid

a. having shape of hook.

anlace

n. short double-edged sword or long dagger.

anna

n. coin valued at sixteenth part of rupee; one-sixteenth.

annates

pl. n. pl. first fruits; *Ecclesiastical*, a year's income of benefice.

annatto

n. reddish dye used for colouring foodstuffs; tropical American tree from seeds of which it is obtained.

anneal

v.t. strengthen; temper, especially by subjecting to great heat and slow cooling.

annectant, annexent

a. connecting; *Biology*, linking, especially of species.

annelid

a., n. worm; composed of annular segments. **annelidan**, *a. & n.* **anneloid**, *a. & n.*

annihilate

v.t. totally destroy; reduce to nothing. **annihilation**, **annihilator**, *n.* **annihilative**, **annihilatory**, *a.*

anno Domini

'in the year of the Lord'; in the Christian era (*abbr. A.D.*). *n.*, *jocular*, old age.

anno hegirae

'in the year of the hegira'; Mohammedan date (*abbr.* A.H.).

annomination

n. play on words; pun.

anno mundi

'in the year of the world'; dating from creation, fixed by Archbishop Ussher at 4004 BC (*abbr.* A.M.).

anno orbis conditi

'in the year of the creation of the earth' (*abbr.* a.o.c.).

anno regni

'in the year of (his/her) reign'.

annos vixit

'lived (so many) years'; was aged (*abbr.* a.v.).

annotine

n. one-year-old, especially bird after first moult.

anno urbis conditae

'in the year of the foundation of the city (Rome)', dated at 753 BC (*abbr.* A.U.C.). See **ab urbe condita**.

annuent

a. nodding, especially of muscles that nod the head.

annuity

n. yearly income, especially for life. **annuitant**, n. person receiving annuity.

annul

v.t. cancel; invalidate; destroy. **anulment**, n.

annular

a. pertaining to, forming or having shape of a ring. **annular eclipse**, eclipse of sun in which a ring of its surface surrounds the moon. **annulate**, a. marked with rings; having rings of colour; annular. **annulation**, n. **annulary**, n. ring-finger.

annulet

n. small ring; *Architecture*, fillet or ring round column, especially on Doric capital.

annulism

n. ringed structure.

annulose

a. ringed; composed of rings.

annulus

n. anything having shape of ring.

annunciate

v.t. announce; proclaim. **Annunciation**, *n.* announcement of the Incarnation to Mary, mother of Jesus; feast celebrated on Lady Day (March 25); **Annunciation lily**, madonna lily. **annunciative, annunciatory, a.**

annus mirabilis

'extraordinary year', especially (in England) 1666.

anoa

n. wild ox of Celebes.

anobiid

n. one of the family of beetles which includes the deathwatch and the furniture beetle.

anocathartic

a.,n. (drug) causing vomiting or expectoration.

anode

n. **Electricity**, positive terminal; electrode by which current enters, or to which electrons flow. **anodal, anodic, a.** **anodize, v.t.** coat with protective film electrolytically.

anodon

n. hingeless and toothless bivalve; freshwater mussel.

anodontia

n. absence of teeth.

anodyne

n. & *a.* (drug) reducing pain or mental distress. **anodynia**, *n.* absence of pain.
anodynic, *a.*

anoesia, anoia

n. imbecility.

anoesis

n. Psychology, mere reception of impressions without understanding or intellectual effort.

anoestrus

n. period between two periods of sexual activity in animals. **anoestrous**, *a.*

anoetic

a. pertaining to anoesis.

anogenic

a. *Geology*, formed from below; plutonic.

anole

n. chameleon-like W Indian and American lizard.

anolyte

n. Electricity, portion of electrolyte about anode.

anomalism

n. state or instance of being anomalous; anomaly.

anomalistic

a. Astronomy, pertaining to anomaly. **anomalistic month**, interval between two perigees of moon. **anomalistic year**, interval between two perihelion passages of Earth.

anomaloscope

n. device for testing for colour blindness.

anomalous

a. self-contradictory; abnormal; out of harmony; irregular.

anomaly

n. something that is anomalous; *Astronomy* the angle between a planet, the sun

and the perihelion of the planet.

anomie, anomy

n. state in a society where normal social standards have deteriorated or been lost; state in an individual lacking usual moral standards, leading to disorientation and isolation. **anomic**, *a.*

anon

adv. Archaic or literary. *archaic*, presently; as soon as possible; at a later date; *n & a. abbreviation of anonym(ous).*

anonym

n. anonymous person; pseudonym. **anonymity**, *n.* act or state of concealing name; unknown authorship. **anonymous**, *a.* of unknown name or origin; unnamed.

anoopsia, anopsia

n. upward squint.

anopheles

n. kind of mosquito. **anopheline**, *a.*

anopisthographic

a. bearing writing, etc., on one side only.

anorchous

a. lacking testicles. **anorchus**, *n.* such person.

anorexia

n. lack of appetite. pathological refusal to eat, leading to weakness and even death. **anorectic**, **anorexic**, *a.* & *n.*

anorthography

n. inability to write correctly due to imperfect muscular co- ordination.

anosmia, anosphresia

n. loss of sense of smell. **anosmic**, *a.*

anourous

a. lacking a tail, especially applied to frog.

anovulatory

a. not associated with ovulation; suppressing ovulation.

anoxaemia

n. condition resulting from insufficient aeration of blood; mountain sickness.
anoxaemic, *a.*

anoxia

n. deficiency of oxygen especially severe; condition due to this, especially in flying at great heights. **anoxic**, *a.*

anoxybiosis

n. anaerobiosis. **anoxybiotic**, *a.*

ansate

a. having a handle. **ansate cross**, ankh. **ansation**, *n.* handlemaking.

anschluss, Anschluss

n. political union.

anserine, anserous

a. like or pertaining to a goose; foolish.

anta

n. (*pl. -s, -ae*), *n.* column forming end of side wall of portico, etc., or pilaster at side of doorway.

antacid

n. & a. curative of acidity, especially intestinal.

antalgic

a., n. (drug) alleviating pain.

antalkali

n. substance neutralizing alkali. **antalkaline**, *a.*

antanaclasis

n. obsolete, repetition of word from earlier phrase, especially of same word with different meaning.

ant-apex

n. Astronomy, point 180° from that to which sun is moving.

antarctic

a. (drug) used against gout.

antebellum

a. existing before the war, especially the US civil war.

antecedaneous

a. before in time.

antecedent

a. before in time; prior; *n.* event happening prior to; *Music*, subject of fugue stated in first part; *Grammar*, previous word, especially one to which pronoun, etc., refers; *pl.* personal history; ancestry. **antecedence**, *n.* **antecessor**, *n.* predecessor.

antedate

v.t. date, or assign a date to, a document, etc., earlier than its correct date; precede in point of time; anticipate.

antediluvian, antediluvial

a. pertaining to period before the Flood; old-fashioned; out-of-date.

antefix

n. (pl. -xes, -xa) ornament at end of classical building, hiding ends of roof tiles.

antelucan

n. archaic, before dawn.

antemeridian

a. in the morning.

antemetic

a., n. (drug) preventive of vomiting.

ante mortem

'before death'.

antemundane

a. before the Creation.

antenatal

a. before birth.

antenna

n. (*pl. -nas, -nae*), *Zoology*, sensitive outgrowth on head of insect, crustacean, etc.; *Radio* aerial, especially complex. **antennal** *a.* **antennary**, *a.* **antenniferous**, *a.* bearing antennae. **antenniform** *a.* antenna-shaped. **antennule** *n.* small antenna or similar appendage.

antenuptial

a. before marriage.

antepaschal

a. before Easter or the Passover.

antepast

n. archaic, foretaste, especially a first course.

antependium

n. altar frontal; similar cloth on pulpit or lectern.

antepenult

n. antepenultimate syllable or word. **antepenultimate**, *a.* last but two.

antephialtic

a., *n.* preventive of nightmare.

anteprandial

a. before dinner.

anterior

a. before in time; in front. **anteriority**, *n.*

antetype

n. prototype.

antevenient

a. preceding.

antevert

v.t. to displace a body organ forwards. **anteversion**, *n.*

antevocalic

a. immediately preceding a vowel.

anthelion

n. kind of solar halo opposite sun; antisun.

anthelmintic

n. (remedy) used against intestinal worms.

anthemion

n. (pl. -ia) flat cluster of leaves or flowers as ornament in classical art; *Architecture*, honeysuckle ornament.

anther

n. Botany, male, pollen-bearing organ of flower. *antheral*, *a.* *antherozoid*, *n.* male sexual element in lower plants; spermatozoid.

antheridium

n. (pl. -dia) male organ in cryptogams.

anthesis

n. the process or period of flowering.

anthology

n. collection of literary pieces. *anthological*, *a.* *anthologize*, *v.t.* *anthologist*, *n.*

anthomania

n. great love of flowers.

anthophagous

a. feeding on flowers.

anthophilous, anthophilian

a. flower-loving; feeding on flowers.

anthophorous

a. *Botany*, flower-bearing.

anthotaxy

n. *Botany*, disposition of flowers in cluster.

anthozoan

n. sea-anemone; coral polyp; any creature of the natural class *Anthozoa*.
anthozoan, anthozoic, a. anthozoid, n. coral polyp.

anthracoid

a. resembling anthrax; resembling carbon, coal or charcoal.

anthracolithic

a. containing anthracite or graphite.

anthracosis

n. presence of coal dust in lungs. **anthracotic**, *a.*

anthracothere

n. fossil pachyderm.

anthrax

n. severe infectious disease of cattle and sheep, communicable to human beings; boil cause by this.

anthropic(al)

a. pertaining to human beings.

anthropocentric

a. regarding humanity as centre of universe. **anthropocentrism**, *n.*

anthropogenesis, anthropogeny

n. study of human generation or evolution. **anthropogenetic**, *a.*

anthropogenic

a. pertaining to the effect of human beings on the natural world.

anthropogeography

n. study of geographical distribution of human beings.

anthropoglot

n. animal with human-like tongue; parrot.

anthropoid

a. resembling humans; *n.* such ape. **anthropoidal**, *a.*

anthropolatry

n. worship, deification of a human being.

anthropolith, anthropolite

n. petrified human remains.

anthropology

n. science of natural history of human beings. **anthropological**, *a.*
anthropologist, *n.*

anthropometry

n. measurement of parts and functions of human body, especially as part of study of evolution.

anthropomorphism

n. representation of a god in human form; ascribing human characteristics to non-human things. **anthropomorphic**, *a.* **anthropomorphize**, *v.t.* **anthropomorphist**, *n.*

anthropomorphosis

n. transformation into human shape. **anthropomorphous**, *a.* resembling human beings in shape.

anthropopathy, anthropopathism

n. ascribing human feelings to a god or inanimate object. **anthropopathic**, *a.*

anthropophagi

pl. n. pl. (sing. anthropophagus) cannibals. **anthropophagous**, *a.*
anthropophagy, *n.* **anthropophagite**, *n.* a cannibal.

anthropophuism

n. ascribing human nature to God.

anthropopithecus

n. conjectural animal forming 'missing link' between man and apes.

anthropopsychism

n. ascribing human-like soul to nature.

anthroposcopy

n. evaluation of human bodily characteristics by inspection rather than anthropometry.

anthroposociology

n. study of effect of environment on race, and vice versa.

anthroposophy

n. knowledge of human nature; human wisdom; form of mysticism akin to theosophy. **anthroposophical**, *a.*

anthropotheism

n. belief that gods have human nature or are only deified human beings.

anthropotomy

n. human anatomy.

anthropozoic

a. *Geology*, characterized by human existence, especially the Quaternary period.

anthus

n. genus containing meadow pipit.

antibacchius

n. metrical foot of two long and one short syllables. **antibacchic**, *a.*, *n.*

antibasilican

a. opposed to principle of monarchy.

antibiosis

n. association between organisms causing injury to one of them. **antibiont**, *n.* organism living in antibiosis.

antibiotic

n. & *a.* (substance) active against disease bacteria, obtained from a living organism such as a mould (fungus) or bacterium.

antiblastic

a. opposing growth, especially of harmful substances; giving natural immunity.

antibody

n. substance in blood that neutralizes specific harmful substances.

antibrachial

a. pertaining to forearm.

anticachectic

a.,n. (drug) used against cachexy.

anticholinergic

a. blocking nerve impulses, in order to control intestinal spasms.

antichresis

n. (*pl. -ses*) possession and enjoyment of mortgaged property by mortgagee in lieu of interest payments.

antichthones

n. pl. inhabitants of antipodes.

anticlastic

a. having transverse and opposite curvatures of surface.

anticlimax

n. weak ending; sudden descent to the ridiculous; bathos.

anticline

n. Geology, upward fold. **anticlinal**, *a.* **anticlinorium**, *n.* arch-shaped group of anticlines and synclines.

anticonvulsive

a., n. (drug) used against convulsions.

anticous

a. Botany, turning away from axis.

anticryptic

a. *Zoology*, having protective resemblance to environment.

anticyclone

n. area of high atmospheric pressure, from which winds flow outwards in a clockwise direction in N hemisphere.

antidactyl

n. anapaest.

antidetonant

n. anti-knock element in petrol.

antidromic

a. (of nerve fibres) conducting impulses in the opposite direction to normal; *Botany*, twining towards right and left in members of one species.

antifebrile

n. & *a.* preventive or curative of fever.

antigalactic

a.,n. preventive of milk-secretion.

antigen

n. substance causing production of antibodies.

antihistamine

n. any drug counteracting effect of histamine, especially in treatment of allergies.

antihydropic

a.,n. (drug) used against jaundice.

anti-icteric

a.,n. (drug) used against dropsy.

antilapsarian

a.,n. (person) denying doctrine of the fall of Man.

antilegomena

n. pl. New Testament books not in early Christian canon.

antilibration

n. counterpoising.

antilogarithm

n. number of which logarithm is a power of 10 or other base (*abbr. antilog.*).

antilogism

n. Logic, statement containing three propositions two of which contradict the third. **antilogistic**, *a.*

antilogy

n. self-contradictory statement.

antimatter

n. hypothetical form of matter composed of particles equivalent to particles of normal matter but oppositely charged.

antimetabole

n. repetition of words or ideas in different order.

antimetathesis

n. repetition of parts of antithesis in reverse order. **antimetathetic**, *a.*

antimony

n. a brittle, crystalline, whitish mineral; metal obtained from antimony and used in alloys and medicine. **antimonic**, **antimonious**, *a.* **antimoniferous**, *a.* yielding antimony.

antineuritic

a., n. preventive of neuritis, especially applied to vitamin B or food containing it.

antinomian

n. one believing that belief in Christ frees someone from normal legal and moral obligations.

antinomy

n. legal contradiction; contradiction between logical conclusions. **antinome**, *n.* contradictory law or conclusion. **antinomic**, *a.*

antiodontalgic

a.,n. (drug) used against toothache.

antiorgastic

a.,n. sedative.

antioxidant

n. substance preventing oxidation in food, rubber, petrol etc.

antipaedobaptist

a.,n. (person) denying validity of infant baptism.

antiparallelogram

n. quadrilateral with two sides parallel and two not parallel.

antiparticle

n. an elementary particle corresponding to another in mass but different in electrical charge. The two destroy each other if they collide.

Antipasch(a)

n. Low Sunday; first Sunday after Easter.

antipastic

a. pertaining to or like dishes, aperitifs, etc., served before main courses of dinner. **antipasto** (*Italian*), *n.* appetizer; hors d'oeuvres.

antipathy

n. dislike. **antipathetic**, **antipathic**, *a.*

antiperistasis

n. archaic, opposition; resistance; denying an inference while admitting the fact on which it is based.

antipharmic

a. antidotal.

antiphlogistic

n. & a. (drug) used against inflammation.

antiphon

n. a response said or sung as part of the liturgy; a psalm etc. sung alternately by two choirs. **antiphonal**, *a.* (of music) sung alternately.

antiphrasis

n. (*pl. -ses*) *Rhetoric* use of a word in the opposite sense to its usual one, for humorous or ironic purposes.

antipodagric

a. used against gout.

antipodes

n. pl. region on other side of globe; exact opposite. **antipodal**, *a.* diametrically opposite. **antipodean**, *a. n.*

antipruritic

a.,n. (drug) alleviating itching.

antipsychiatry

n. treatment of mental illness not relying on drugs, etc.

antipyretic

n. & a. (drug) preventing or reducing fever; febrifuge. **antipyresis**, *n.* treatment of fever with such drugs.

antipyrotic

a.,n. (treatment) used against burns.

antirachitic

a. preventive of rickets, especially applied to vitamin D or food containing it.

antiscians

n. pl. pl. persons living on opposite sides of equator but in same longitude.

antiscorbutic

n. & a. preventive of scurvy, especially applied to vitamin C or food containing it.

antisemite

n. opponent of Jews. **antisemitic**, *a.* **antisemitism**, *n.*

antisideric

a., n. (substance) counteracting effect of iron.

antispast

n. metrical foot comprising an iambus followed by a trochee.

antistrophe

n. stanza answering strophe in Greek chorus, recited during movement from left to right. **antistrophic**, *a.*

antistrumatic

n. remedy for scrofula.

antithalian

a. disapproving of festivity and laughter.

antithesis

n. (pl. -ses) opposite; contrast; *Literature*, device of parallel but contrasted phrases or sentences, second stage of reasoned argument, opposing the thesis.
antithetical, antithetic, *a.*

antithrombin

n. substance in blood preventing coagulation of blood.

antitoxic

a. neutralizing poison. **antitoxin**, *n.* antibody, especially obtained from infected animal.

antitrades

n. westerly winds prevailing beyond 40°N and S, westerly winds of upper air above trade winds.

antitropic

a. Zoology, symmetrically reversed, as right and left hands. **antitrope**, *n.* such appendage. **antitropy**, *n.* state of being antitropic.

antitussive

n. & *a.* (drug, etc.) that alleviates or prevents coughing.

antitype

n. object or person prefigured by the type or symbol. **antitypic**, **antotypical**, *a.*

antitypy

n. resistance to penetration or alteration.

antivenin, antivenene

n. serum used against snake-bite.

antizymic

a., *n.* preventive of fermentation. **antizymotic** *n.*

antoecial

a. applied to places in opposite hemispheres but in same latitude and longitude.
antoeciāns, *n.pl.* persons living in such places.

antonomasia

n. literary device of using descriptive epithet or phrase instead of person's name; using proper name as epithet.

antonym

n. word of opposite meaning. **antonymous**, *a.* **antonymy**, *n.*

antral

a. pertaining to antrum.

antorse

a. Biology, turning upward and forward.

antrum

n. (pl. -ra) sinus; cavity, especially leading into nose.

anuran

n. any of the order of amphibians which includes frogs and toads.

anuresis

n. inability to urinate. **anuretic** *a.*

anuria

n. inability to produce urine.

anurous

a. lacking a tail, especially applied to frog.

anus

n. opening at posterior end of alimentary canal.

aorist

n. Grammar, (tense) signifying happening in unrestricted or unspecified past.
aoristic, a. indefinite; pertaining to aorist.

aorta

n. main artery from left ventricle of heart. **aortal, aortic, a.**

à outrance

'to the utmost'; to the death.

apaesthesia

n. loss of feeling in limb.

apagoge

n. Mathematics, argument by reductio ad absurdum. **apagogic(-al), a.**

apanage

n. see **appanage**.

apandrous

a. having non-functioning male organs (of fungi, etc.).

apartheid

n. (former) policy of segregating racial groups, especially in S Africa.

apatetic

a. *Zoology*, having protective imitative coloration or shape.

apathy

n. indifference; lack of enthusiasm; intellectual dullness. **apathetic**, *a.*

aperient

n. & *a.* laxative (medicine). **aperitive**, *a.*

aperitif

n. appetizer, generally alcoholic.

apetalous

a. *Botany*, lacking petals.

aphaeresis

n. cutting off beginning of word. **aphaeretic**, *a.*

aphagia

n. inability to swallow.

aphasia

n. loss of powers of speech and of memory of words, due to injury to speech area of brain. **aphasic**, **aphasiac**, *a.* & *n.* (person) so afflicted.

aphelion

n. (*pl.* -lia) point in orbit most distant from sun.

apheliotropic

a. growing away from the sun. **apheliotropism**, *n.*

aphemia

n. loss of power of articulate speech; motor aphasia.

aphesis

n. (*pl.* -ses) loss of unaccented vowel at beginning of word. **aphetic**, *a.*

aphid

n. any of the plant-sucking insects of the family *Aphididae*.

aphis

n. (*pl.* -ides, plant-louse; member of genus *Aphis* which includes greenfly, etc. **aphidiphagous**, *a.* feeding on aphides.)

aphonia

n. loss of voice. **aphonic**, *a.* voiceless.

aphorism

n. brief wise saying; maxim; definition. **aphoristic**, *a.* **aphorize**, *v.i.* speak or write (as if) in aphorisms.

aphotic

a. without light.

aphrasia

n. inability to speak, or to make intelligible phrases.

aphrodisiac

n. & *a.* (drug) inducing sexual desire. **aphrodisiacal**, *a.* **aphrodisian**, pertaining to love or Venus.

aphtha

n. (*pl. -ae*) small white spot or small ulceration on mucous membrane, etc. in humans or animals; disease associated with aphthae, such as thrush. **aphthic**, *a.* **aphthous**, *a.*, pertaining to aphtha; **aphthous fever**, foot-and-mouth disease.

aphilly

n. absence of leaves. **aphyllous**, *a.*

apiaceous

a. parsley-like; belonging to plant family including carrot, parsley, etc.

apian

a. pertaining to bees.

apiary

n. place where bees are kept; collection of bee-hives. **apiarian**, *a.* pertaining to bee-keeping. **apiarist**, *n.* bee-keeper.

apical

a. at the summit or tip; *Phonetics*, pertaining to a consonant formed with help of tip of tongue. **apicad**, *adv.* towards the summit.

apiculate

a. (of leaves) having short point at tip.

apiculture

n. bee-keeping. **apiculturist**, *n.*

apiology

n. study of bees.

apivorous

a. eating bees.

aplanat

n. aplanatic lens. **aplanatic**, *a.* free from spherical aberration. **aplanatism**, *n.*

aplasia

n. Medicine, incomplete development. **aplastic**, *a.*

aplomb

n. composure, self-possession.

aplotomy

n. simple surgical cut.

apnoea

n. temporary cessation of breathing. **apnoeic**, *a.*

apocalypse

n. revelation, generally of St. John the Divine. **apocalyptic(al)**, *a.* pertaining to apocalypse; prophetic; foretelling disaster; dramatically conclusive.

apocatastasis

n. restoration; *Medicine*, relapse; subsidence; *Astronomy*, reversion to same position; *Theology*, conversion of whole world to Christianity.

apocentre

n. point in orbit opposite centre of attraction. **apocentric**, *a.* different from archetype. **apocentricity**, *n.*

apochromat

n. apochromatic lens. **apochromatic**, *a.* lacking both spherical and chromatic aberration.

apocope

n. cutting off end of word. **apocopate**, *v.t. & a.*

apocrisiary

n. papal secretary or nuncio.

apocrustic

a.,n. astringent (medicine).

apocrypha

n. pl. books of unknown authorship; uncanonical books, especially those of Septuagint and Vulgate. **apocryphal**, *a.* of doubtful origin.

apocynthion

n. point in an orbit of the moon which is farthest from the moon's centre.

apodal

a. lacking feet or obvious hind limbs. **apodan**, *n.* & *a.* **apodous**, *a.* (of insect larvae.)

apodeictic, apodictic

a. evident; demonstrable; incontrovertible.

apodosis

n. (*pl.* -ses) main clause in conditional sentence.

apogaeic, apogaic

a. pertaining to apogee.

apogamy

n. Biology, interbreeding in a separated group which has no characteristic differentiating it from parents; *Botany*, non-sexual reproduction in some ferns.

apogee

n. point in orbit, especially moon's, most distant from earth; zenith; climax.
apogean, *apogeal*, *a.*

apogeny

n. Botany, sterility. **apogenous**, *a.*

apogeotropic

a. *Botany*, bending up or away from the ground. **apogeotropism**, *n.*

apograph

n. copy; facsimile. **apographal**, *a.*

apolaustic

a. caring only for pleasure.

apolegamic

a. *Biology*, pertaining to selection, especially sexual.

apolitical

a. not political, politically neutral.

apologetics

n. pl. defence and proof, generally of Christianity; whole body of such writings.

apologia

n. formal defence of a cause, one's beliefs, etc.

apologist

n. one who writes or speaks in defence of a cause or institution.

apologue

n. parable, moral tale.

apolune

n. point in the orbit of body revolving round the moon that is farthest from the centre of the moon.

apomecometer

n. instrument measuring height and distance.

apomict

n. organism reproducing by, or formed by, apomixis.

apomixis

n. non-sexual reproduction. **apomictic**, *a.*

apopemptic

n. & a. valedictory (address).

apophasis

n. rhetorical device of emphasizing a fact, by pretending to ignore or deny it.

apophony

n. ablaut.

apophthegm

n. brief wise saying. **apophthegmatic**, *a.*

apophyge

n. Architecture, curve between shaft and base, or between shaft & capital, in a column.

apophysis

n. offshoot; projecting part, especially of bone. **apophyseal**, **apophysial**, *a.* **apophysate**, *a.* *Botany*, having an apophysis.

apoplexy

n. stroke or seizure due to thrombosis or rupture of brain artery. **apoplectic**, *a.* pertaining to, like or symptomatic of apoplexy.

aporia

n. (pl. -as, -ae) rhetorical device of pretending not to know what to do or say; passage expressing a doubt or difficulty.

aposematic

a. Zoology, giving warning, applied to coloration, odour, etc., of animals.

aposiopesis

n. (*pl.* -ses), oratorical device of suddenly stopping in a speech. **aposiopetic**, *a.*

apostasy

n. desertion from religion or similar body.

apostate

n. & *a.* (person) committing apostasy. **apostatize**, *v.i.* change one's religious allegiance; forsake one's principles.

a posteriori

a. derived from experience; empirical; from effect to cause.

apostil(ie)

n. archaic, comment; note in margin.

apostolic

a. pertaining to apostle. **apostolic fathers**, immediate disciples of the apostles, especially those leaving writings. **apostolic succession**, unbroken derivation of episcopal power from the apostles.

apostrophe

n. sign (') that a letter has been omitted, or of possessive case; *Literature*, exclamatory or rhetorical address to absent person, abstract quality, etc. **apostrophic**, *a.* **apostrophize**, *v.t.* address in exclamatory or rhetorical fashion; *v.i.* use an apostrophe; omit letter from word.

apotelesm

n. archaic, casting of horoscope.

apotheary

n. archaic, or *American*, pharmacist.

apothegm

n. see apophtegm.

apothem

n. perpendicular from centre of regular polygon to any of its sides.

apotheosis

n. (pl. -ses) deification; ascent to glory; personification of ideal. apotheosize, v. t.

apothesis

n. Medicine, setting of broken limb.

apotropaic

a. averting or combating evil. apotropaism, n. such magical practice.

apotypic

a. differing from type.

appanage, apanage

n. perquisite; provision, such as land or office, for younger son(s) of king or high official.

apparatchik

n. bureaucrat, official.

apparitor

n. herald; harbinger; officer executing order of ecclesiastical court.

appease

v.t. calm, pacify, allay, satisfy, accede to demands of (especially dishonourably).
apeaser, n. appeasement, n.

appellant

n. person appealing to higher court, etc.

appellate

a. applied to person, court, etc., having power to reverse decision of inferior.

appellation

n. name; rank.

appellative

n. & a. *Grammar*, common (noun).

appendage

n. something attached to another thing as an extra or subsidiary part; hanger-on.
append, v.t. attach something as an extra.

appendant

n. & a. (thing) adjunct; attached to; hanging from or to; belonging as of right.

appendicectomy, appendectomy

n. removal of vermiform appendix.

appendicle

n. small appendage.

appendix

n. (pl. -ices) addition, *generally* to book; vermiform organ in intestines.
appendicitis, n. inflammation of the appendix. *appendicular, a.* pertaining to appendix or an appendage, especially a limb.

apperception

n. perception of inner meaning, and of relation of new facts to facts already known; mental assimilation; state of being conscious of perceiving.
apperceptive, a. apperceive, *v.t.*

appersonation

n. delusion of insane person that he is another, *generally* famous, person.

appertain

v.i. belong as of right or according to custom; pertain.

appetence, appetency

n. strong desire; craving; powerful instinct. **appetent**, *a.*

appetible

a. desirable. **appetition**, *n.* yearning.

aplanate

a. flattened. **aplanation**, *n.*

appliqué

a. (ornament) let into or laid on; *v.t.* to attach or inlay such ornament.

appoggiatura

n. Music, short note placed before a longer one. **short appoggiatura**, acciaccatura.

apport

n. tangible object caused to appear by spiritualist medium; production of such object.

appose

v.t. to place (things) side by side or next to each other.

apposite

a. appropriate.

apposition

n. juxtaposition; *Grammar*, putting two nouns or phrases together as attributive or adjunct terms; relationship of such nouns or phrases. **appositive**, *a.*

appraise

v.t. set a worth on; evaluate. **appraisal**, *n.*

apprehend

v.t. arrest; become aware of; understand; anticipate with fear. **apprehension**, *n.* **apprehensive**, *a.*

apprise

v.t. inform.

apprize

v.t. value, appreciate.

approbate

v.t. approve; permit; commend.

approbation

n. formal approval. **approbatory**, *a.*

appropinquity

n. nearness, propinquity.

appropriate

a. apt; suitable. *v.t.* take exclusively; assign to special use; steal. **appropriation**, *n.* **appropriative**, *a.* **appropriator**, *n.*

approximate

a. very close to; almost exact; *v.i. & t.* be or make approximate; approach. **approximation**, *n.* **approximative**, *a.*

appulse

n. act of striking against; *Astronomy*, close approach of two celestial objects.

appurtenance

n. belonging; appendage; subsidiary right; *pl.* apparatus; paraphernalia. **appurtenant**, *a.* belonging to by right; accessory.

apraxia

n. impaired ability to execute complex muscular movements.

a priori

a. not derived from experience; deductive; lacking proof; arguing from general principle to expected effect. **apriority**, *n.*

apriorism

n. philosophical belief that knowledge based on general principles may be used to evaluate experience.

apropos

a. & adv. apt; to the point; opportunely. **apropos of**, with reference to.

apse

n. rounded extension at end of building, especially at east end of church; *Astronomy*, apsis.

apsidal

a. having shape of apse; pertaining to apses.

apsis

n. (pl. -sides) *Astronomy*, point at which heavenly body is most or least distant from centre of attraction. **higher apsis**, most distant point. **lower apsis**, least distant point.

apteral

a. (of classical temple) having columns at front or back only; (of church) lacking aisles: apterous.

apterous

a. lacking wings.

apterygial

a. wingless; finless.

apteryx

n. tailless, flightless bird of New Zealand; kiwi.

aptyalism

n. lack or absence of saliva.

apyretic

a. without fever. **apyrexia**, *n.* absence or abatement of fever.

apyrous

a. non-inflammable.

aqua fortis

n. *obsolete*, nitric acid.

aquamarine

n. gemstone: pale greenish-blue variety of beryl. *a.* of this colour.

aquanaut

n. an underwater explorer, especially one remaining for extended periods in undersea diving chamber.

aquaphobia

n. fear of drowning.

aqua pura

n. 'pure water', especially distilled.

aqua regia

n. 'royal water'; mixture of hydrochloric and nitric acids which dissolves some metals. Used in etching and by alchemists to dissolve gold.

aquarelle

n. method of painting in transparent water-colour; such painting. **aquarellist**, *n.* artist painting aquarelles.

aquarist

n. person who studies aquatic life; owner of an aquarium.

aquatic

a.,n. (plant) living in or by water.

aquatint

n. (print made by) a method of etching having effect of water- colour drawing.

aquavite

'water of life'; strong spirits.

aqueduct

n. channel carrying water, especially in shape of bridge.

aqueous

a. pertaining to water; *Geology*, deposited in or by water.

aquiculture, aquaculture

n. cultivation of water plants and animals for food; hydroponics.

aquiferous

a. carrying, yielding or containing water. **aquifer**, *n.* water- bearing stratum.

aquiline

a. eagle-like; like beak of eagle.

arabesque

a., n. (decoration) having intertwined scrollwork patterns, especially of leaves, flowers, etc.

arable

a., n. (land) used or suitable for ploughing.

arachnid

n. creature of the natural class *Arachnida*, including spiders, mites, etc.; *a.* of or resembling a spider. **arachnidism**, *n.* condition arising from bite of poisonous spider.

arachnoid

a. like a spider; like a spider's web; *n.* thin middle membrane enveloping brain.

arachnology

n. study of arachnids.

arachnophagous

a. eating spiders.

araeometer, areometer

n. hydrometer.

araneid, araneidan

n. spider; *a.* pertaining to spiders. araneiform, *a.* shaped like a spider. araneology, *n.* study of spiders.

araneous, araneose

a. like a spider's web; transparent; delicate.

araphorostic, araphostic

a. seamless.

araroba

n. tree of Brazil with striped timber; zebra-wood.

aration

n. ploughing.

araucaria

n. monkey-puzzle tree; genus of conifers including it.

arbalest, arbalist

n. cross-bow with mechanism for drawing string.

arbiter

n. judge, especially one chosen by disputing parties. **arbiter elegantiae**, (*Latin*) 'judge of taste', especially G. Petronius, supervisor of Nero's entertainments.
arbitrary, *a.*

arbitrage

n. Commerce, simultaneously buying stock, etc., in cheaper market and selling in dearer. *v.i.* practise arbitrage. **arbitrageur** *n.*

arbitrament

n. judicial decision; power to make decision.

arbitrary

a. discretionary; capricious; tyrannical.

arbitrate

v.i., v.t. judge; settle quarrel. **arbitration**, **arbitrator**, *n.*

arbor

n. main shaft or beam; spindle or axle (of wheel).

arboraceous

a. pertaining to or like a tree; wooded.

arboreal

a. pertaining to trees, or living in trees.

arboreous

a. having many trees.

arborescent

a. branched; having shape or growth like a tree. **arborescence, n.**

arboretum

n. (pl. -ta) botanical garden devoted to trees.

arborical

a. pertaining to trees.

arboricole

n. living in trees.

arboriculture

n. tree-cultivation. **arboricultural, a. arboriculturist, n.**

arboriform

a. shaped like a tree.

arborist

n. tree specialist.

arborize

v.i., v.t. take on or give tree-like shape. **arborization, n.**

arborous

a. pertaining to trees; composed of trees.

arbor vitae

n. a coniferous evergreen shrub.

arbuscle, arbuscula

n. dwarf tree; shrub-like tree. **arbuscular, a.**

arbuscle

n. tuft of hairs.

arbustum

n. (*pl. -ta*) copse; orchard.

arbutus

n. strawberry tree.

arcana

n. pl. (sing. -num) mysteries; secrets; *singular* universal remedy; elixir of life.
arcane, a. secret.

arcate

a. shaped like a bow. **arcature**, *n.* small or blind arcade.

arc-boutant

n. (pl. arcs-boutants [pron. same]) flying buttress.

archaean

a. Geology, applied to all pre-Cambrian rocks.

archaeolatry

n. worship of archaic customs, expressions, etc.

archaeolithic

a. pertaining to earliest stone age.

archaeology, archeology

n. study of remains of past human life. **archaeological** *a.* archaeologist *n.*

archaeopteryx

n. fossil bird with reptilian characteristics.

archaeornis

n. fossil, beakless, reptile-like bird.

archaeozoic

a. living in the earliest geological era.

archaic

a. ancient; primitive; out of date. **archaism**, *n.* such thing, especially word or phrase; use of such thing. **archaic**, *a.*

archebiosis

n. abiogenesis.

archecentric

a. pertaining to archetype.

archeology

n. see **archaeology**.

archetype

n. original pattern. **archetypal**, *a.*

archididascalos, archididascalus

n. headteacher of school etc. **archididascalian**, *a.*

archiepiscopal

a. pertaining to an archbishop.

archil, orchil

n. dye obtained from certain lichens; lichens yielding this.

archimage, archimagus

n. (*pl. -gi*) great magician.

archimandrite

n. superior of large monastery of Greek Church; abbot.

Archimedes' screw

n. device for raising water, consisting of a cylinder enclosing a screw.

archipelago

n. (*pl. -goes, -gos*) group or string of islands. **archipelagian, archipelagic**, *a.*

architectonic

a. pertaining to architecture, or to the systematization of knowledge; resembling architecture; structural; showing constructive ability; *n. pl.* science of architecture; constructive skill.

architrave

n. beam resting directly on columns; epistyle; moulding at head and sides of window or doorway.

archives

n. pl. pl. public records; place where such are kept. **archival**, *a.* archivist, *n.* keeper of archives.

archivolt

n. curved moulding on face of arch.

archizoic

a. pertaining to earliest living things.

archology

n. theory of origins; science of government.

archon

n. a chief magistrate of ancient Athens. **archontic**, *a.*

arcifinious

a. having a frontier which forms a natural defence.

arciform

a. shaped like an arch.

arctogaean, arctogeal, arctogaean, arctogean

a. pertaining to the region including Europe, Africa, Asia and N America.

arctoid

n. like a bear.

arctophile

n. person who loves or collects teddy bears.

arcuate, arcual

a. bow-shaped. **arcuation, n.**

arcus senilis

n. 'senile ring'; whitish ring round iris in eyes of old people.

areca

n. several palm trees, especially the betel. **areca nut, betel-nut.**

arenaceous

a. like or consisting of sand; growing in sand.

arenarius

a. arenaceous.

areng

n. sago-producing palm.

arenicolous

a. living in sand.

arenilitic

a. pertaining to sandstone.

arenoid

a. like sand.

arenose

a. sandy; containing much sand.

areography

n. description of surface of planet Mars; descriptive biogeography.

areola

n. (*pl. -iae*) circular coloured border, especially round pupil of eye, pustule or nipple; small circumscribed space; interstice. **areolar**, **areolate**, *a.* **areolation**, *n.*

areology

n. study of planet Mars.

areometer

see **araeometer**.

Areopagus

n. highest legal tribunal in ancient Athens; any important tribunal. **Areopagite**, *n.* member of such a tribunal.

aretaics

n. science of virtue.

aretalogy

n. relation of wonderful deeds of a god or hero.

arête

n. sharp ridge of mountain.

argal

n. therefore (corruption of *ergo*, used to suggest absurd reasoning); *n.* argol.

argali

n. Asiatic wild mountain sheep.

argand-

a. applied to lamps, burners, etc., having tubular wick or flame.

argent

n. silver; silver-like. **argentate**, **argenteous**, **argentic**, **argentine**, **argentous**, *a.* **argentiferous**, *a.* yielding silver. **argentine**, *n.* silvery metal. **argentometer**, *n.* instrument measuring strength of silver solutions.

argil

n. clay, especially used in pottery. **argillaceous**, **argillous**, *a.* containing clay; clay-like. **argilliferous**, *a.* yielding or containing clay. **argilloid**, *a.* like clay.

argol, argal

n. crust formed on long-kept wine.

argon

n. inert gas contained in very small quantity in atmosphere, used to fill electric light bulbs.

Argonaut

n. companion of Jason in the Argo; any heroic sailor; paper nautilus.

argosy

n. large merchant ship; merchant fleet.

argot

n. slang or jargon, especially of criminals, tramps, etc. **argotic**, *a.*

Argus

n. monster with a hundred eyes; careful watcher. **Argus-eyed**, *a.* ever watchful.
argus, *n.* any of several small brown butterflies with eyespots.

argute

a. quick; sharp; shrill; astute; subtle.

argyrocephalous

a. with silvery or shining head.

aria

n. melody, especially solo for voice in opera or oratorio.

arid

a. dry, barren (land etc.); dull, unoriginal, lifeless. **aridity**, *n.*

arietta

n. short aria.

ariose

a. characterized by or like melody.

arioso

n. Music, song-like instrumental piece; solo pertaining to both aria and recitative; *a.* melodious.

arista

n. (pl. -ae, - as) awn. aristate, a.

aristarch

n. severe critic.

aristology

n. art or science of dining. **aristological**, *a.* **aristologist**, *n.*

aristulate

a. having short arista.

arithmancy

n. divination by numbers.

arithmogram

n. number composed of numerical values assigned to letters in a word.
arithmocracy, *n.* government by the majority. **arithmography**, *n.* representing a number with letters having numerical values. **arithmomania**, *n.* obsession with numbers, especially compulsion to count things. **arithmometer**, *n.* early adding machine.

armadillo

n. burrowing animal of S and Central America with bony armour, and able to roll into a ball for protection.

Armageddon

n. devastating conflict; war between good and evil at end of world.

armature

n. armament; *Botany, Zoology*, defensive outgrowth; *Electricity*, piece of iron placed on poles of permanent magnet; piece of iron whose movement, due to magnetic attraction, actuates apparatus or machinery; rotating part of dynamo or electric motor; stationary part of revolving field alternator; framework for sculpture.

armiferous

a. carrying weapons or arms.

armiger

n. armour-bearer; knight's squire; person bearing heraldic arms. **armigerous**, **armigeral**, *a.*

armillary

a. like, pertaining to or composed of rings. **armillary sphere**, celestial globe composed only of rings marking equator, tropics, etc.

armipotent

a. having strong armament. **armipotence**, *n.*

armisonant, armisonous

a. resounding with the clash of arms.

armoire

n. cupboard; wardrobe.

armorial

a. pertaining to or bearing heraldic arms. **armorial bearings**, coat-of-arms.

armory

n. heraldry. **armorist**, *n.* expert in heraldry.

arnatto, arnotto,

see **annatto**.

arnica

n. genus of plants including the mountain tobacco; tincture obtained from mountain tobacco used for bruises, etc.

aroint

v.i. archaic, (imperative) begone!

arpeggio

n. Music, number of notes sounded in rapid succession; playing in such fashion.
arpeggiando, a. in such manner. *arpeggiation, n.*

arquebus(e), harquebus

n. ancient hand gun supported on tripod. *arquebusier, n.* soldier armed with arquebus.

arrack

n. strong liquor of the East, manufactured from coco-palm, rice, sugar- cane, etc.

arraign

v.t. call to account; bring before judicial court. *arraignment, n.* indictment.

arrant

a. unmitigated; infamous.

arras

n. tapestry, especially covering wall. **arrasene**, *n.* embroidery material of silk and wool.

arrect

a. raised up; attentive.

arrêt

n. judgment; decree; arrest.

arrha

n. (*pl. -ae*) pledge; earnest money. **arrhal**, *a.*

arrhizal

a. rootless.

arrhythmia

n. disturbance of the natural rhythm of the heart. ... RUNN: **arrhythmic**, *a.*

arrière-ban

n. summoning by king of his feudatories and their vassals to military service; vassals so called; the nobility.

arrière-pensée

n. hidden meaning; ulterior motive; mental reservation.

arris

n. sharp edge formed by two angled surfaces, especially edge of fluting on column. **arriswise**, *a.* edgewise.

arriviste

n. pushful, ambitious person.

arrogate

v.t. take or claim beyond one's rights. **arrogation**, *n.*

arrondissement

n. largest subdivision of a French department.

arroyo

n. small stream; dry stream bed; gully.

arsenal

n. store or factory for weapons; repertory.

arsinotherium

n. rhinoceros-like fossil mammal.

arsis

n. (*pl. -ses*) *originally*, unstressed part of metrical foot; *modern*, accented syllable; *Music*, unaccented part of bar.

artefact,

n. see **artifact**.

arterial

a. like an artery; main (of roads). **arterialize**, *v.t.* transform into arterial blood; give arteries to.

artery

n. vessel conveying blood from the heart; main channel. **arteriography**, *n.* x-ray of arterial system. **arteriosclerosis**, *n.* hardening of artery walls. **arteriotomy**, *n.* dissection of arteries.

artesian

a. applied to wells bored perpendicularly through imporous to porous strata; *American*, applied to any deep well.

arthralgia

n. pain in a joint.

arthritis

n. inflammation of joint. **arthritic**, *a.***arthrography**, *n.* x-ray of joint.

arthropod

n. (creature) of natural division *Arthropoda*, having jointed legs. **arthropodal**, **arthropodan**, **arthropodous**, *a.*

arthrosis

n. joint or articulation connecting two bones.

articular

a. pertaining to joints.

articulate

a. spoken clearly; having power of speech, especially fluent and expressive; divided into syllables; segmented; jointed; *v.t. & i.* speak clearly; connect or be connected by or at joints. **articulation**, *n.* clear speech; jointing. **articulative**, **articulatory**, *a.* **articulator**, *n.*

artifact, artefact

n. object of human manufacture; condition caused by human interference. **artifactitious**, **artifactual**, *a.*

artifice

n. ingenuity; skill; trickery. **artificer**, *n.* craftsman; mechanic in army.

artisan

n. workman; journeyman; mechanic.

arum

n. large-spathed plant, called 'cuckoo-pint' or 'lords and ladies'. **arum lily**, calla lily.

arundinaceous

a. like or pertaining to a reed.

aruspex

n. see **haruspex**.

arvicoline

a. living in the fields or countryside. **arviculture**, *n.* cultivation of fields.

Aryan

a., n. **Philology**, Indo-European (language); (supposed former) speaker of that language; (of) non-Jewish Nordic type considered a superior race in Nazi ideology. **Aryanism**, *n.* such Nazi belief.

as

n. (*pl.* *asses*) copper coin of ancient Rome; weight of 12 oz.

asafoetida

n. gum with garlic-like smell obtained from roots of certain E Indian plants.

asbestos

n. uninflammable material manufacture from fibrous amphibole. **asbestine**, **asbestous**, *a.*

asbestosis

n. disease of lungs caused by inhalation of asbestos dust over long periods.

ascarid

n. (*pl. -es*), roundworm. **ascariasis**, *n.* disease caused by infestation with ascarides. **ascaricide**, *n.* substance destroying ascarides.

ascendancy, ascendancy, ascendance, ascendance

n. domination.

ascendant, ascendent

a. rising into power; powerful; *Astronomy*, moving towards zenith; *Astrology*, immediately above eastern horizon; *n.* powerful or pre-eminent position; *Astrology*, degree of zodiac above eastern horizon at birth of child; horoscope.

ascender

n. part of lower-case letter rising above main part of letter; letter having an ascender.

ascertain

v.t. find out for certain.

ascetic

a.,n. (person) practising severe abstinence; austere. **asceticism, n.**

ascian

n. inhabitant of torrid zone.

ascidian

n. sea-squirt.

ASCII

n. (in computers) standard system for coding characters etc. in binary form.

ascites

n. abdominal dropsy.

asclepiad

n. metrical verse invented by Asclepiades, comprising a spondee, two or three choriambi and an iambus. **asclepiadian, n. & a.**

scribe

v.t. attribute or assign to a cause or source. **scription, n.**

aseismic

a. free from earthquakes; designed to withstand earthquakes. **aseismatic**, *a.* reducing or withstanding effect of earthquakes.

asepsis

n. absence of poisonous matter and organisms; method of causing such condition in surgery; sterilizing. **aseptic**, *a.* & *n.* substance causing or in state of asepsis.

asexual

a. non-sexual; sexless. **sexuality**, *n.*

ashlar

n. squared building stone; stonework composed of these; thin, dressed stone for facing rough wall. **ashlaring**, *n.* partition in attic to cut off angle made by rafters and floor.

asinine

a. pertaining to the ass; stupid fatuous. **asininity**, *n.*

askari

n. E African soldier or policeman.

asomatous

a. incorporeal; lacking body. **asomatophyte**, *n.* Botany, plant in which body and reproductive cells are undifferentiated.

asparaginous

a. pertaining to, like or eaten like asparagus.

asperate

a. rather rough; *v.t.* make rough. **asperation**, *n.*

asperge

v.t. sprinkle. **asperges**, *n.* *Roman Catholic*, ceremony of sprinkling holy water.

aspergil, aspergill(um)

n. *Roman Catholic*, brush-like implement used to sprinkle holy water.

aspergillus

n. (*pl. -li*) minute fungus forming mould. **aspergilliform**, **aspergillosis**, *n.* animal disease caused by aspergilli.

asperity

n. roughness, acrimony.

aspermatism, aspermia

n. failure of male generative powers. **aspermic**, *a.*

asperse

v.t. slander, calumniate. **aspersion**, *n.*; *Roman Catholic*, act of sprinkling holy water. **aspersive**, *a.* **aspersory**, *n.*, aspergil.

aspersionsum

n. *Roman Catholic*, vessel holding holy water; aspergil.

asperulous

a. *Botany*, rather rough.

aspherical

a. (of lens, etc.) free from spherical aberration.

aspheterism

n. doctrine that there should be no private property.

asphodel

n. kind of liliaceous plant; daffodil; *Literature*, flower of the Elysian fields. **bog asphodel**, British grass-like moorland plant.

asphyxia, asphyxy

n. suffocation. **asphyxial**, *a.* **asphyxiant**, *n.* & *a.* (substance) causing asphyxia. **asphyxiate**, *v.i.* & *t.* **asphyxiator**, *n.* substance causing asphyxia.

aspidate

a. shield-shaped.

aspirant

a., n. (person) seeking higher position or rank. **aspire**, *v.i.* **aspiration**, *n.*

aspire

n. sound (*h*) made by breathing out; consonant combined with *h* sound; *a.* so pronounced; *v.t.* pronounce with initial *h* sound; move or draw by suction. **aspirator**, *n.* any suction machine, especially for withdrawing gas, or for separating corn from chaff; *Medicine*, instrument for withdrawing fluids by suction from body.

aspirin

n. drug (acetylsalicylic acid) removing pain and fever.

asportation

n. removal, especially crime of removing property.

assapan(ic)

n. flying squirrel of N America.

assart, essart

v.t. Law, make arable by clearing trees, etc.; *n.* land so treated; action of assarting.

assary

n. small copper coin of ancient Rome; as.

assay

v.t. analyse or evaluate (ore, etc.); judge the worth of; attempt; *n.* such an analysis; substance analysed.

assecuration

n. marine insurance.

assentaneous

a. acquiescent.

assentation

n. ready, insincere assent. **assentatious**, *a.* willing to assent. **assentator**, *n.* flatterer; one assenting insincerely or conniving. **assentatory**, *a.*

assensor

n. Law, voter (not proposer or seconder) endorsing nomination of candidate for election.

asseverate

v.t. affirm; declare. **asseveration**, *n.* **asseverative**, *a.*

assibilate

v.t. pronounce with sibilant sound or hiss. **assibilation**, *n.*

assiduity

n. unremitting care; unflagging or obsequious attention. **assiduous**, *a.*

assiento, asiento

n. contract; treaty, especially with Spain for supplying slaves to Spanish America.

assign

v.t. allot; appoint; select; attribute; transfer legally; *n.* assignee.

assignat

n. promissory note secured on state lands, issued during French Revolution.

assignment

n. appointment to meet; rendezvous; *Law*, formal transference; nomination of assignee; interest transferred; paper money.

assignee

n. agent; representative; person to whom something is assigned.

assignment

n. deed of transfer; act of assigning; commission, especially of a journalist.

assignor, assigner

n. person assigning.

assimilate

v.i., v.t. make or become similar; compare; incorporate; digest; absorb; be incorporated, digested, or absorbed. **assimilation**, **assimilator**, *n.* **assimilative**, **massimilatory**, *a.*

assize

n. legislative assembly; decree, generally one fixing weights, measures and prices, especially of bread and ale; trial; *Scottish*, trial by jury; jury. **assizer**, *n.* person fixing weights and measures; *Scottish*, juror, *n.pl.* court of sessions held periodically in all counties; courtroom for such courts.

assoil(zie)

v.t. archaic, pardon; absolve; acquit; release. **assoilment**, *n.*

assonance

n. similarity between sounds; kind of rhyme in which only vowels are identical. **assonant**, *a.*, *n.* **assonate**, *v.i.*

assuage

v.t. soothe; mitigate; appease. **assuasive**, *a.* **assuagement**, *n.*

assuetude

n. habituation.

assumpsit

n. Law, contract (not under seal); suit for breach of such contract.

assumption

n. act of assuming or putting on; pride; supposition; *Roman Catholic*, ascent of Virgin Mary into heaven, and feast (Aug. 15) of that event. **assumptious**, *a.* assuming. **assumptive**, *a.* assumed; assuming (too much).

assurgent

a. ascending; *Botany*, upward-curving. **assurgency**, *n.*

astasia

n. inability, due to imperfect muscular co-ordination, to keep erect.

astatic

a. unstable; in neutral equilibrium; *Electricity*, not tending to assume a definite position. **astatic pair**, pair of magnetized needles of opposite charges. **astatics**, *n.* study of equilibrium of body under known forces.

astatine

n. radioactive element of the halogen group.

asteism

n. polite irony.

asteria

n. gem cut so as to show asterism.

asterial

a. starlike; *n.* a fossil starfish.

asteriated

a. having star-like rays.

asterism

n. constellation of stars; group of asterisks; appearance of star-like reflection by certain crystals. **asterismal**, *a.*

asteroid

n. small planet revolving between Jupiter and Mars; planetoid; any star-like body; *a.* star-shaped; pertaining to or like a starfish. **asteroidal**, *a.*

asthenia

n. debility. **asthenic**, *a.* weak; of slender build; weakening.

asthenopia

n. optical weakness, especially muscular. **asthenopic**, *a.*

asthenosphere

n. hypothetical layer of fluid matter below rigid surface of earth's crust.

astigmatism

n. defect in curvature of lens or of cornea of eye, causing unequal focusing.
astigmometer, n. instrument measuring amount of astigmatism. **astigmatic, a.**

astomatal, astomous

a. having no stomata.

astomatous,

a. lacking mouth or stomata.

astragal

n. ankle-bone; rounded beading or moulding on column; *pl., dice.* **astragalar, a.**
astragalomancy, n. divination by ankle-bones or dice. **astragalus n. Medicine,**
ankle-bone.

astrakhan

n. closely-curled black or grey fur from fleece of karakul lambs: cloth resembling this.

astral

a. pertaining to or like stars; heavenly; spiritual; of the non- tangible substance of which astral body is composed. **astral body**, body of light, linked to the emotions and believed by theosophists and others to accompany physical body in life and survive it at death; soul.

astraphobia, astrapophobia

n. morbid fear of thunder and lightning.

astrict

v.t. astringe. **astriction**, *n.* **astrictive**, *a.*

astringe

v.t. bind; brace; restrict; constipate.

astringent

a. causing to contract: binding; styptic; tonic; constipating; *n.* such medicine or lotion. **astringency**, *n.*

astrogate

v.t. guide (spaceship, etc.); *v.i.* navigate in space.

astrognosy

n. knowledge of fixed stars.

astrogony

n. theory of the origin of the stars.

astrograph

n. photographic telescope. **astrography**, *n.* mapping or describing the stars.

astroid

n. star-shaped.

astrolabe

n. ancient astronomical instrument for taking altitudes.

astrolatry

n. worship of stars.

astrolithology

n. study of meteorites.

astrologaster

n. fraudulent astrologer.

astrology

n. study of supposed influence of stars on human life; *archaic*, astronomy.
astrologer, *n.* one who tells fortunes from the stars. **astrological**, *a.*

astro-meteorology

n. study of supposed effect of heavenly bodies on weather.

astrometry

n. measurement of heavenly bodies.

astronautics

n. science of space travel.

astrophile, astrophil

n. person fond of learning about stars.

astrophysics

n. study of composition of heavenly bodies. **astrophysical**, *a.*

astucious

a. astute. **astucity**, *n.*

astute

a. acutely perceptive and shrewd.

astylar

a. *Architecture*, lacking columns.

asymptomatic

a. showing no symptoms (of a disease).

asymptote

n. line approaching a curve but meeting it only at infinity. **asymptotic**, *a.*

asynchronous

a. not occurring at same time. **asynchronism**, **asynchrony**, *n.*

asyndeton

n. rhetorical device of omitting conjunctions. **asyndetic**, *a.*

asynergy, asynergia

n. Medicine, lack of co-ordination, especially of muscles.

asyngamy

n. Botany, failure to effect cross-fertilization due to asynchronous development of flowers.

asyntactic

a. breaking rules of syntax or grammar.

asystole

n. cessation of contraction of heart. **asystolic**, *a.*

atactic

a. asyntactic; irregular; pertaining to ataxy.

ataghan

n. see **yataghan**.

ataraxy, ataraxia

n. tranquillity of mind; imperturbability. **ataractic, ataraxic, n. & a.** (drug) able to calm or tranquillize.

atavism

n. reversion to remote ancestral type; 'throw-back'; recurrence of hereditary feature after an interval of a generation or more. **atavistic, a.** pertaining to remote ancestor. **atavist, n.** person or thing marked by atavism.

atavus

n. remote ancestor whose characteristics recur in atavism.

ataxaphasia

n. inability, due to imperfect muscular co-ordination, to speak sentences.

ataxy, ataxia

n. inability to co-ordinate muscles; lack of order. **ataxic, a.**

ateknia

n. childlessness.

atelectasis

n. incomplete dilatation or collapse of lungs.

atelier

n. studio; workshop.

ateliosis

n. imperfect development; dwarfism.

atheling

n. Anglo-Saxon noble; prince, especially heir apparent.

athenaeum

n. club having learned members; library.

athermanous

a. impervious to radiant heat. **athermancy, n.**

athermous

a. without heat.

atherogenic

a. leading to atheroma.

atheroma

n. fatty degeneration of the arteries. **atherosclerosis**, *n.* hardening of the inner lining of the arteries with fatty degeneration. **atheromatous**, *a.*

athetize

v.t. condemn as spurious.

athetosis

n. nervous twitching of fingers and toes.

athrepsia

n. complete debility in children. **athreptic**, *a.*

athymy

n. melancholy.

atlantes

n. pl. male figures used as columns.

atman

n. Hinduism, the soul; universal soul.

atmogenic

a. Geology, of atmospheric origin.

atmology

n. study of laws of watery vapour.

atmolysis

n. method of separating gases of different densities.

atrometer

n. instrument measuring rate of evaporation into atmosphere. **atmometry, n.**

atmospherics

n. pl. interference in reception of radio signals due to electrical disturbances in the atmosphere.

atokous

a. lacking offspring.

atoll

n. island formed of a coral reef surrounding a lagoon.

atom

n. (formerly) ultimate unit of matter; smallest particle of element that can exist alone or as a constituent of molecule; any very small thing or quantity.

atomic

a. of atoms. **atom bomb**, **atomic bomb**, bomb of which the immense destructive power is due to sudden release of energy by nuclear fission. **atomic number**, number representing the magnitude of the positive charge on the nucleus of an atom of an element, *i.e.* the number of protons in the nucleus, or the number of electrons in the atom; numerically equal to the number denoting the position of an element in the periodic table. **atomic pile**, nuclear reactor. **atomic weight**, weight of an atom of an element on a scale on which the weight of an oxygen atom is 16. **atomicity**, *n.* number of atoms in molecule of an element. ent. ent.

atomism

n. theory of atoms. **atomize**, *v.t.* reduce to atoms or a fine spray; treat as individual units rather than as a whole. **atomizer**, *n.* pump-like instrument producing fine spray. **atomistic**, *a.* of atoms or atomism; divided into units.

atomy

n. archaic, very small creature; skeleton.

atonal

a. Music, composed in accordance with theory of atonality. **atonality**, *n. Music*, theory in which the scale consists of twelve semitones of equal value.

atone

v.i. make amends. **atonement**, *n.*

atonic

a., *n.* unaccented or voiceless (sound); surd; *Medicine*, lacking tone or energy.
atony, n.

atopic

a. Medicine, allergic. *atopy, n.* allergy.

atrabilious

a. very melancholic; hypochondriac.

atrament

n. very dark liquid; *obsolete ink*. *atramentous, a.*

atraumatic

a. designed to avoid injury.

atresia

n. lack or closing of a passage of the body. *atretic, a.*

atrial

a. pertaining to atrium.

atrichia

n. baldness.

atrium

n. main courtyard-like room of Roman house; cavity of heart or ear.

atrophy

n. wasting or paralysis due to lack of nutrition or exercise; *Biology*, loss of organ due to disuse; *v.i. & t.* suffer or cause atrophy. **atrophic**, *a.*

atropine

n. poisonous alkaloid obtained from deadly nightshade roots and leaves.

atrous

a. jet black.

attaché

n. person attached to embassy.

attachment

n. Law, taking of person or property by order of court.

attain

v.t. reach, achieve (a desired goal). **attainment** *n.* accomplishment, achievement.

attainder

n. loss of civil rights, formerly result of outlawry or death sentence.

attaint

v.t. archaic, pass sentence of attainder on; sully; attach disgrace to; infect; *n.* dishonour; misfortune. **attainture**, *n.*

attar

n. oil distilled from rose petals; any perfume derived from flowers.

attemper

v.t. archaic, alter quality by addition or mixture; moderate. **attemperate**, *v.t. archaic*, moderate temperature. **attemporator**, *n.* apparatus for moderating temperature.

attenuate

v.t. make thin; dilute; weaken; *a.* thin; tapering; rarified. **attenuation**, *n.* **attenuator**, *n.* resistance diminishing amplitude of oscillations in electric circuit. **attenuant**, *a.* diluting; *n.* drug diluting the blood.

attestation

n. witnessing; giving evidence; *British* declaration on oath. **attest**, *v.t.* **attester**, *Law*, **attestor**, *n.*

Attic

a. of Athens or Attica; classically simple and pure. **atticism**, *n.* well- turned

phrase.

attingent

a. archaic, touching.

atto-

comb. form of measurement meaning one million-million-millionth (10^{-18}).

attorney

n. accredited agent in law or finance; solicitor; *American*, counsel or solicitor. **power of attorney**, authorization to act as agent. **Attorney General**, chief law officer of Crown. **attorneys**, *n.*

attornment

n. acknowledgment by tenant of new landlord's rights. **attorn**, *v.i.*

attrahent

a. attracting; drawing towards or forward; *n.* such thing or muscle.

attrition

n. wearing away; rubbing or scraping; *Theology*, incomplete repentance due to fear of punishment. **war of attrition**, campaign of wearing down enemy's morale and resistance. **attritive**, *a.* causing attrition. **attritional**, pertaining to, caused by attrition. **attritus**, pulverized matter.

atypical

a. not typical.

aubade

n. musical piece performed at or describing dawn.

au courant

'in the current'; up-to-date, especially in information.

auctorial

a. pertaining to an author.

audile

n. person whose mental processes are stimulated more strongly by hearing than by other senses; *a.* pertaining to such persons; auditory.

audio-frequency

n. frequency between 20 and 20,000 cycles per sec., *i.e.* the frequency of normally audible sound waves.

audiogenic

a. caused by sound waves, especially of high frequency.

audiometer

n. instrument testing sensitivity of hearing and audibility of sounds.

audiometric, *a.* **audiometrist**, *n.*

audiophile

n. person interested in high-fidelity sound recordings.

audiphone

n. instrument for the deaf placed against the teeth.

audit

n. examination, especially of business accounts; report on such examination; *v.t.* make such examination. **audit ale**, special strong ale used at certain Oxford colleges on audit day. **auditor**, *n.* person who audits; listener. **auditorial**, *a.*

auditory

a. pertaining to hearing; *n. archaic*, audience; auditorium.

au fait

'to the fact'; having complete and up-to-date knowledge; conversant.

au fond

'at bottom'; fundamentally.

Augean stables

pl. n. pl. (place in) filthy condition, from King Augean's stables in Greek mythology, uncleaned for thirty years.

augment

v.i., v.t. make or become larger or greater in size, etc.

au grand sérieux

'with great seriousness'; quite seriously.

au gratin

a. covered with breadcrumbs (and often cheese) and grilled.

augur

n. prophet; soothsayer; omen; *v.i. & t.* predict; portend. **augural**, *a.* **augury**, *n.* art of prophecy or divination; omen.

august

a. majestic; venerable; awe-inspiring.

Augustan

a. pertaining to Augustus Caesar and his age, especially to the literature of his reign; of any classical or golden age of literature; *n.* writer in such age.

auk

n. short-winged seabird, especially the extinct great and the little auk. **auklet**, *n.* small auk.

au lait

a. 'with milk'.

aularian

a. pertaining to hall; *n.* member of a hall at Oxford or Cambridge.

aulete

n. flautist.

aulic

a. courtly; ceremonious.

aumbry, aumry

n. see **ambry**.

au naturel

a. 'in natural' (style); simply; without additions, especially of cooking; nude.

aura

n. emanation; atmosphere surrounding a thing or person; personality; *Medicine*, sensation warning of onset of epileptic fit, hysteria, etc.

aural

a. pertaining to ear or hearing; pertaining to aura.

aurantiaceous

a. like or pertaining to orange or plant group containing it.

aurated

a. gilded.

aurea mediocritas

'the golden mean'.

aureate, aureous

a. golden-coloured; ornate.

aureity

n. properties of gold.

aureole, aureola

n. halo; bright circle of light; *Astronomy*, solar corona. **aureoline**, *a.* gold-coloured.

aureomycin

n. trademark, an antibiotic drug extracted from a soil mould, used in treatment of infections, especially of eyes, skin, etc.

aureus

n. (*pl. -ei*) gold coin of ancient Greece and Rome.

auric

a. pertaining to, like or composed of gold.

auricle

n. external ear; ear-shaped appendage; upper cavity of heart.

auricomous

a. having golden hair; making hair golden.

auricular

a. pertaining to hearing, or to the ear; spoken secretly. **auricular finger**, the little finger.

auriculate

a. having ears or ear-shaped outgrowths; lobed; ear-like.

auriferous

a. containing gold.

auriform

a. ear-shaped.

aurify

v.t. change into gold. **aurific**, *a.* producing gold. **aurification**, *n.* working with gold.

auriga

n. charioteer. **Auriga**, constellation in northern hemisphere. **aurigation**, *n.* art of driving a chariot.

auriphrygia

n. gold embroidery. **auriphrygiate**, *a.*

auriscope

n. instrument for examining ear.

aurist

n. specialist on the ear and its diseases.

aurochs

n. extinct wild ox.

aurora

n. dawn; reddish glow in sky before sunrise. **aurora borealis**, luminosity in sky in

Arctic region due to atmospheric electricity; northern lights. **aurora australis**, same phenomenon in Antarctic region; southern lights. **auroral**, **auorean**, *a.*

aurous

a. pertaining to, containing, or made of gold.

aurulent

a. gold-coloured.

auscultate

v.i., v.t. Medicine, listen to sounds in human body; examine in this manner. **auscultation**, *n.* **auscultative**, *a.* **auscultator**, *n.* person practising auscultation; stethoscope. **auscultatory**, *a.*

auslaut

n. final sound of syllable or word.

auspice

n. omen, especially of good fortune; *pl.*, observation of such omen; patronage; protection. **auspicate**, *v.i. & t.* predict; give good start to. **auspicious**, *a.* promising well; favourable; important.

Auster

n. south wind; southern latitudes.

austere

a. strict in moral outlook; extremely simple; without ornamentation; severe; sharp. **austerity**, *n.*

austral

a. of the south; moist and warm.

autacoid

n. hormone. **autacoidal**, *a.*

autarchy

n. absolute sovereignty; autocracy. **autarchic**, **autarchical**, *a.*

autarky

n. national economic self-sufficiency. **autarkic**, *a.*

autecology

n. the ecology of the individual organism.

autism

n. abnormal self-absorption, especially in children. **autistic**, *a.*

autocephalous

a. Ecclesiastical, self-governing. **autocephaly**, *n.*

autochthon

n. native; aboriginal species. **autochthonous**, *a.* **autochthony**, *n.*

autoclave

n. apparatus for cooking or sterilizing instruments at high pressure.

autocrat

n. sole ruler; despot. **autocratic**, *a.* **autocracy**, *n.*

auto-da-fé

n. (*pl.* *autos-da-fé*) burning of a heretic.

autodidact

n. self-taught person. **autodidactic**, *a.*

autoecious

a. (of fungus, etc.) passing through all life stages on same species of host.

autoeroticism, autoerotism

n. self-induced sexual arousal and/or gratification. **autoerotic**, *a.*

autogamy

n. self-fertilization. **autogamic**, **autogamous**, *a.*

autogenesis

n. spontaneous generation. **autogenetic**, *a.*

autogenous

a. self-generated.

autognosis

n. self-knowledge. **autognostic**, *adj.*

autoimmune

a. denoting a condition in which antibodies are aroused by a patient's own secretions, etc. **autoimmunity**, *n.*

autointoxication

n. poisoning due to toxins produced in body.

autokinesis

n. voluntary or automatic movement. **autokinetic**, *a.*

autolatry

n. self-worship.

automation

n. control of machines by other machines, electronic devices, etc., instead of by human beings. **automate**, *v.i. & t.*

automaton

n. (pl. automata) automatic mechanism, especially one effecting complex actions; robot; person who acts like a machine. **automatism**, *n.* machine-like action or routine; involuntary action; belief that actions are not controlled by conscious mind.

automorphic

a. formed after its or one's own pattern. **automorphism**, *n.*

automotive

a. self-propelling.

autonomics

n. science of the performance by machines of mental processes such as reading and translation.

autonomy

n. power or right to govern oneself or itself; free-will. **autonomic**, *a.* spontaneous; involuntary. **autonomous**, *a.* self-governing.

autonym

n. writer's own name; work published under own name.

autophagy

n. devouring of cell constituents by enzymes of same cell. **autophagous**, *a.*

autophobia

n. fear of solitude.

autophony

n. apparent distortion of one's own voice due to infection or stoppage of ears; sound of auscultator's voice as reverberating in patient's chest.

autophyte

n. plant able to organize its foodstuffs; nonsaprophytic plant. **autophytic**, *a.*

autoplasty

n. grafting tissue from patient's own body. **autoplastic**, *a.*; *Biology*, pertaining to self-adaptation to environment; pertaining to autoplasty.

autopsy

n. personal examination, especially post-mortem. **autoptic**, *a.* derived from personal observation.

autoschediasm

n. improvisation. **autoschediastic**, *a.*

autoskeleton

n. internal skeleton.

autosome

n. non-sexual chromosome.

autostrada

n. motorway.

autotelic

a. having itself as its only purpose.

autotheism

n. belief in self-subsistence of God the Son; deification of oneself.

autotherapy

n. treatment of patient by self or by application of own secretions.

autotomy

n. reflex loss of part of the body to save the whole (in lizards, etc.)

autotrophic

a. *Botany*, nourishing itself; autophytic.

autotropic

a. *Botany*, tending to grow in straight line.

autotype

n. facsimile; true copy. **autotypy**, *n.* process of producing such copies.

autrefois acquit

'formerly acquitted'; *Law*, plea that defendant has already been acquitted on the charge.

autres temps, autres moeurs

'other times, other customs'.

auxanometer

n. instrument measuring rate of growth of plants.

auxesis

n. growth in cell size; hyperbole. **auxetic**, *a.*

auxin

n. *Chemistry*, substance increasing growth of plants; plant hormone.

auxograph

n. instrument recording variations in volume.

auxology

n. science of growth.

auxotonic

a. according or due to growth.

ava

adv. Scot. strong liquor of Hawaii; plant from which it is obtained.

avant-garde

n. artists, etc. in forefront of new ideas in the arts; *a.* pertaining to such artists or their work; experimental, strange.

avatar

n. incarnation of deity, especially Hindu; manifestation; deification.

avaunt

excl. archaic, begone!

ave

'hail!' **ave atque vale**, hail and farewell. **Ave Maria**, *n.* prayer to the Virgin Mary.

avellaneous

a. hazel.

avenaceous

a. pertaining to or like oats. **aveniform**, a. like oats in shape.

avenous

a. lacking veins.

aventurine

n. glass containing golden or green flecks; quartz containing mica flakes.

aver

v.t. state as fact, assert. **averment**, n.

average

n. *Commerce*, loss to owners due to damage to ship or cargo at sea; assessing of incidence of such loss in proportion among interested parties. **average adjuster**, professional assessor of marine insurance claims who apportions them among owners, underwriters, etc.

averaging

n. *Commerce*, operation of increasing transactions on Stock Exchange when market goes against the operator to maintain price at level desired.

averruncate

v.t. *obsolete*, avert; weed out.

averse

a. strongly disliking. **aversion** *n.* fixed dislike; person or thing arousing this.
aversive, *a.* tending to cause aversion.

avian, avine

a. pertaining to birds.

avicide

n. killing of birds.

avicular

a. pertaining to small birds.

aviculture

n. rearing of birds.

avifauna

n. birdlife of a region.

avigation

n. aerial navigation.

avionics

n. study and use of electronic devices in aviation.

avirulent

a. (of bacteria) not virulent.

avitaminosis

n. condition due to vitamin-deficiency. **avitaminotic**, *a.*

avocation

n. hobby; vocation. **avocational**, *a.*

avocet

n. long-legged wading bird with upturned beak.

avolitional

a. involuntary.

avow

v.t. openly acknowledge; affirm. **avowal**, *n.*

avulsion

n. act of pulling away part of body, either by injury or surgery. **avulsive**, *a.*

avuncular

a. of or like an uncle.

awn

n. 'beard' of grass, barley, etc.; spiky outgrowth; *v.t.* strip of awns.

axenic

a. free of parasites and similar forms of life; surgically sterile.

axifugal

a. centrifugal.

axil

n. upper angle between leaf and stem, or branch and trunk. **axile**, *a.*

axilla

n. (*pl.* -*las*, -*iae*,) armpit; shoulder. **axillary** *a.* of arm-pit; of or growing in an axil.

axiniform

a. having shape of axe-head.

axiology

n. study of ultimate values. **axiological**, *a.* **axiologist**, *n.*

axiom

n. necessary and accepted truth; basic and universal principle. **axiomatic**, *a.*

axolotl

n. larval salamander of Mexico and W America.

axon

n. projection of nerve cell that passes on nerve impulses.

axonometry

n. measurement of or by axes. **axonometric projectio**, *n.* method of representing three-dimensional object in two-dimensional drawing.

axophyte

n. stem-bearing plant.

axunge

n. medicinal lard or grease.

ayah

n. native nurse or servant in parts of the former British Empire.

ayatollah

n. in Iran, powerful religious leader.

aye-aye

n. species of lemur of Madagascar.

azan

n. Muslim call to prayer.

azimuth

n. angular distance, measured along horizon, of object from north or south points; angle between meridian and the great circle which passes through both zenith and heavenly body. **azimuth compass**, magnetic compass having sights for taking the **azimuth circle**, quadrant of great circle through zenith and nadir. **azimuthal**, *a.*

azofication

n. nitrogenization of soil by bacteria. **azofier**, *n.* bacterium causing azofication.

azoic

a. lacking life, especially of geological period.

azoology

n. study of inanimate nature.

azote

n. obsolete, nitrogen. **azotaemia**, **azotemia**, *n.* excess of nitrogen in blood.
azotic, *a.* **azotize**, *v.t.* combine with nitrogen.

azoth

n. alchemists' name for mercury; Paracelsus' postulated panacea.

azulejo

n. brightly coloured tile of Near East, Spain and Holland.

azygous

a. unpaired; odd.

azym(e)

n. unleavened bread; Passover cake; *pl.* feast of such bread.

Baal

n. (pl. -im) local god of ancient Semitic tribes; idol. **Baalism**, *n.* idolatry

babiroussa, babirussa, babirusa

n. tusked wild hog of E Indies.

babu, baboo

n. title of Hindu gentleman; Mr; English-speaking Hindu, especially used contemptuously.

babuina

n. female baboon.

babul

n. gum-arabic tree of E Indies and Arabia.

babushka

n. woman's head-scarf.

baccaceous

a. like a berry; bearing berries.

baccalaureate

n. degree of Bachelor. **baccalaurean**, *a.* pertaining to a Bachelor.

baccate

a. pulpy; like a berry; bearing berries.

bacchanal

a. pertaining to Bacchus, god of wine, and rites in his worship; *n.* drunkard; reveller; votary of Bacchus. **bacchanalia**, *n.pl.* festival of Bacchus; drunken behaviour. **bacchanalian**, *a.* **bacchanalianism**, *n.* habitual drunken behaviour.

bacchant

fem. (*pl. -es*). priest or votary of Bacchus. **bacchante**, *n.* such priestess or female votary. **bacchantic**, *a.*

bacchic

a. pertaining to Bacchus and bacchanalia; drunken; jovial; *n.* drinking song.

bacchius

n. (*pl. -ii*) metrical foot of one long followed by two short syllables.

bacciferous

a. bearing berries. **bacciform**, *a.* berry-shaped. **baccivorous**, *a.* feeding on berries.

bacillus

n. (*pl. -li*) rod-shaped bacterium, especially causing disease. **bacillaemia**, *n.* presence of bacilli in blood. **bacillary**, *a.* rod-shaped; caused by bacillus. **bacillicide**, *n.* substance killing bacilli. **bacilliform**, *a.* rod- shaped. **bacillosis**, *n.* infection with bacillus. **bacilluria**, *n.* presence of bacilli in urine.

backsheesh

n. see **baksheesh**.

backwardation

n. Commerce, postponement by seller of delivery of stock; premium paid to buyer for such postponement.

bacteria

n. (sing. -rium) universally present microscopic unicellular organisms. **bacterial**, **bacterian**, **bacterious**, *a.*

bacteriaemia

n. presence of bacteria in blood.

bactericide

n. substance destroying bacteria. **bactericidal**, *a.*

bacteriogenic, bacteriogenous

a. caused by bacteria.

bacteriology

n. study of bacteria. **bacteriological**, *a.* **bacteriologist**, *n.*

bacteriolysin

n. antibody causing destruction of bacteria. **bacteriolysis**, *n.* decomposition caused by bacteria; destruction of bacteria. **bacteriolytic**, *a.*

bacteriophage

n. virus causing destruction of bacteria. **bacteriophagic, bacteriophagous, a.**
bacteriophagy, n.

bacterioscopy

n. examination of bacteria with microscope. **bacterioscopic, a.** **bacterioscopist, n.**

bacteriosis

n. bacterial plant disease.

bacteriostasis

n. prevention of growth of bacteria. **bacteriostat, n.** agent causing this.
bacteriostatic, a.

bacteriotherapy

n. medical treatment with bacteria. **bacteriotherapeutic, a.**

bacteriotoxin

n. poison destroying or preventing growth of bacteria; poison produced by bacteria.

bacteriotropic

a. affecting bacteria.

bacteritic

a. caused or marked by bacteria. **bacteroid**, *a.* like bacteria; *n.* irregularly shaped form of bacterium, especially found in plant root-nodules.

baculus

n. stick; rod; symbol of power. **baculiferous**, *a.* bearing canes, reeds, etc. **baculiform**, *a.* rod-shaped. **baculine**, *a.* pertaining to rod or punishment therewith.

badigeon

n. mixture of plaster and ground stone, or glue and sawdust, for repairing masonry and woodwork respectively; *v.t.* repair with badigeon.

badinage

n. banter.

baffy

n. wooden deep-faced golf club used to give loft to ball.

bagasse

n. dry residue, especially of sugar cane and beet after extraction of juice, and plants after removal of fibre.

bagel

n. hard, ring-shaped bread roll.

baggala

n. Arabian two-masted vessel; dhow.

bagheera

n. rough, crease-resistant, velvet-like textile.

bagnio

n. bath house; prison; brothel.

baguette

n. long, narrow loaf of French bread; small astragal moulding; narrow rectangular cut gem; *a.* cut into such shape.

bahadur

n. Indian title of respect; *slang*, self-important official.

Baha'i

n. member of religion founded by Baha-Ullah in mid-19th century. **Baha'ism**, *n.* **Baha'ist**, *n.*

bailee

n. person receiving goods in trust.

bailey

n. outer wall of castle; space between outer and inner walls.

bailie, baillie

n. Scottish civic officer, equivalent of alderman. **bailiary, bailiery, n.** jurisdiction of bailie.

bailiff

n. sheriff's officer; agent or steward of estate. **bailiffry, n.** office of bailiff. **bum-bailiff, n.** *slang,* sheriff's officer.

bailiwick

n. jurisdiction of sheriff or bailie.

bailment

n. delivery of goods in trust. **bailor, n.** person delivering such goods.

bain-marie

n. (*pl. bains-* *pron. same*) vessel holding hot water in which other vessels are placed; double boiler.

bajan

see bejan.

bajra

n. Indian millet.

baklava

n. Middle Eastern pastry filled with nuts and honey.

baksheesh, bakshish

n. tip; alms.

balachong, balachan

n. fishy condiment used with rice.

balalaika

n. triangular guitar-like musical instrument of Russia.

balandra

n. single-masted Spanish cargo ship.

balaneutics

n. balneology.

balaniferous

a. bearing acorns.

balanism

n. use of suppositories or pessaries.

balanoid

a. acorn-shaped; pertaining to acorn barnacles; *n.* acorn barnacle.

balata

n. elastic gum obtained from milk-tree of Brazil.

balatron

n. clown. **balatronic**, *a.*

balaustine

n. pomegranate tree.

balbriggan

n. knitted cotton fabric used in underwear.

balbuties

n. *Medicine*, stammering.

baldachin(o), baldakin, baldaquin

n. silk and gold fabric; fabric canopy over throne, altar, etc.; stone canopy over altar.

bald-faced

a. with white face or facial mark.

baldric(k)

n. shoulder belt for sword, etc.

baleen

n. whalebone.

balefire

n. bonfire; beacon; funeral pyre.

baline

n. coarse wool or cotton stuff; sacking.

balistarius

n. (*pl. -ii*) crossbow-man.

balistraria, ballistraria

n. cross-shaped opening in fortress wall for discharge of arrows.

balize

n. pole bearing beacon, etc., on sea-shore.

ballade

n. poem of one or more sets of three-, seven- or eight-lined stanzas, with envoi of four or five lines. **ballade royal**, stanzas of seven or eight decasyllabic lines; rime royal.

balladromic

a. (of missiles, etc.) maintaining course towards a target.

balletomane

n. person fanatically devoted to ballet. **balletomania**, *n.*

ballista

n. (*pl. -ae*) ancient military catapult for throwing rocks, fire, etc. **ballistic**, *a.* pertaining to projectiles. **ballistician**, *n.* student of ballistics. **ballistics**, *n.* science of projectiles.

ballistite

n. kind of smokeless explosive power.

ballisto-cardiograph

n. Medicine, instrument for measuring output of heart.

ballon d'essai

n. 'trial balloon'; tentative experiment made to discover what the fate of an action would be.

ballonet(te)

n. interior, variable-volume gasbag of airship or balloon.

ballote

see bellote.

ballottement

n. diagnosis of pregnancy by sharp pressure, causing movement of foetus. **renal ballottement**, diagnosis of floating kidney by same means.

balm

n. aromatic resin; soothing ointment; healing or consoling influence; aromatic herb, especially producing balm.

balmoral

n. name of Scottish cap, boot and petticoat.

balneal

a. pertaining to bathing. **balneary**, *n.* bathing-place; medicinal spring. **balneation**, *n.* bathing. **balneatory**, *a.*

balneography

n. treatise on baths. **balneographer**, *n.* author of such.

balneology

n. science of medical application of baths. **balneological**, *a.* **balneologist**, *n.*

balneotherapy

n. treatment by natural waters. **balneotherapeutic**, *a.* **balneotherapeutics**, *n.*

baluchitherium, baluchithere

n. n. (pl. -ia) gigantic rhinoceros- like fossil mammal of Central Asia.

baluster

n. short post supporting a rail.

balustrade

n. rail supported by balusters, especially forming parapet to balcony, terrace, etc.

bambino

n. baby, especially figure of infant Christ.

banal

a. trivial; trite. **banality**, *n.*

banausic

a. pertaining to or characteristic of a workshop; utilitarian; materialistic.

bancus superior

'upper bench'; *Law*, Queen's (King's) Bench (*abbr.* banc. sup.)

bandana, bandanna

n. coloured spotted handkerchief.

banderilla

n. dart stuck into bull at bull-fight. **bandillero**, *n.* bull-fighter wielding this.

banderol(e), bandrol

n. small streamer, flag or banner.

bandicoot

n. large Indian rat; small, kangaroo-like Australian animal.

bandobast

n. practical, detailed organization; settlement.

bandog

n. fierce dog on chain; mastiff.

bandolier, bandoleer

n. shoulder belt carrying cartridges. **bandolero, n.** bandit.

bandoline

n. gummy, scented hair-fixative.

bandonion

n. large concertina.

bandore

n. ancient lute-like musical instrument. **bandurria, n.** Spanish instrument of same type.

bandy

n. any Indian horse-drawn conveyance; form of hockey.

banian

n. see **banyan**.

banket

n. gold-bearing conglomerate rock of S Africa.

banneret

n. knight, especially knighted for valour in battle; such order of knighthood.

bannock

n. flat, round, unleavened Scottish loaf. **mashlum bannock**, one made of mixed meal.

banquette

n. firing-step in trench; narrow seat; raised sidewalk.

banshee

n. female spirit, especially of Ireland, whose wailing foretells death.

banstickle

n. three-spined stickleback.

banteng

n. wild ox of Malaya.

bantling

n. brat; illegitimate child.

banxring

n. squirrel-like E Indies mammal.

banyan, banian

n. native Indian trader, especially attached to European firm; Hindu trading caste who eat no meat; Indian flannel coat; sacred Indian tree, with aerial roots, covering a vast area. **banyan days**, days when ship's crew received no meat; any period of poor feeding.

banzai

exclamation, hurrah! long live (the Emperor)!

baobab

n. huge W African, Indian and Australian tree, yielding rope fibre and edible fruit; monkey-bread tree.

baptistery, baptistry

n. part of church where baptism is performed, formerly a separate building.

baraesthesia

n. ability to perceive pressure.

baragnosis

n. loss of ability to perceive weight.

barathea

n. worsted fabric with twill hopsack weave; silk or silk-and- worsted fabric with

lightly ribbed or pebbled weave.

barbastelle

n. long-eared species of bat.

barbate

a. bearded; tufted; barbed; having awns.

barbel

n. fleshy appendage on head of certain fishes; carplike fish having a barbel.
barbellate, a. bristly.

barbet

n. brightly plumaged toucan-like tropical bird of Old World; kind of long-haired poodle.

barbette

n. gun platform behind parapet; armoured protection of gun platform on ship.

barbican

n. tower on or beyond outer wall of city or castle.

barbicel

n. small out-growth on barbule.

barbigerous

a. having beard.

barbital

n. American, barbitone.

barbiton

n. (pl. -ta) ancient Greek lyre-like musical instrument.

barbitone

n. a sleep-inducing drug; veronal.

barbiturate

n. compound used in preparation of several powerful sleep- inducing and sedative drugs; such a drug. **barbituric**, *a.* denoting acid, from which barbiturates are derived. **barbiturism**, *n.* condition resulting from abuse of barbiturates.

barbotine

n. kaolin paste used to ornament pottery.

barbule

n. hooked out-growth on barb of feather. **barbullate**, *a.* barbellate.

barcarole, barcarolle

n. gondolier's song.

barchan

see barkhan.

bardolatry

n. excessive worship of Shakespeare and his works. **bardolater**, *n.* such worshipper.

barège

n. light fabric of silk, or cotton, and worsted; mineral water from Barèges, in the Pyrenees.

barghest

n. goblin, often dog-like, appearing as portent of death.

bargoose

a. sheldrake.

baric

a. pertaining to weight; barometric; pertaining to barium.

barium

n. white metallic element. **barium meal**, drink containing a compound of barium which is opaque to X-rays, taken before or during X-ray examination of digestive tract.

bark

see **barque**.

barkentine

n. see **barquentine**.

barkhan, barchan

n. crescent-shaped sand dune.

barley-break

n. Old English catching game.

barm

n. yeast; froth on surface of fermenting liquor.

Barmecide

n. giver of illusory benefits. **Barmecidal**, *a.*

bar mitzvah

n. (fem. bath, bas, bat) Jewish boy attaining age of 13 and religious responsibility; ceremony marking this.

barn

n. unit of cross-sectional area of atom or atomic nucleus.

barognosis

n. ability to perceive weight.

barogram

n. recording made by barograph.

barograph

n. instrument continuously recording atmospheric pressure.

barology

n. science of weight and gravitation.

barometer

n. instrument registering atmospheric pressure, especially for weather forecasting. **barometric(al)**, *a.* pertaining to atmospheric pressure or barometer. **barometry**, *n.*

baron and feme

Law, husband and wife.

baroque

a. grotesque; extravagant; *n.* contorted style of architecture of late Renaissance (17th-18th century); similar irregular style of musical composition.

baroscope

n. weather-glass. **baroscopic(al)**, *a.*

barothermograph

n. instrument recording simultaneously pressure and temperature, especially atmospheric.

barothermohygrograph

n. instrument recording simultaneously atmospheric pressure, temperature and humidity.

barouche

n. four-wheeled four-seater carriage with folding hood and separate driver's seat. **barouchet**, **barouchette**, *n.* light barouche.

baroxyton

n. Music, large bass brass wind instrument.

barque, bark

n. three-masted vessel with square-rigged mizzen mast; any small ship.

barquentine, barkentine, barkantine

n. three-masted vessel with square-rigged foremast and fore-and-aft rigged main and mizzen masts.

barracoon

n. enclosure in which slaves or convicts were confined.

barracouta

n. Pacific fish used for food.

barracuda

n. pike-like tropical sea fish.

barramundi

n. Australian river fish.

barratry

n. unlawful action by captain or seamen injuring owner or freighter of ship; inciting to litigation or riot; simony. **barrator**, *n.* person habitually entering into quarrels and law-suits. **barratous, barratrous**, *a.* quarrelsome; guilty of barratry.

barrette

n. hair-clip.

barrico

n. keg.

barrio

n. Spanish-speaking area of a city in the U.S.A.

bar sinister

n. mark of bastardy.

bartizan

n. small overhanging turret.

barton

n. farmyard; manor farm; fowl-yard.

barycentre

n. centre of gravity. **barycentric**, *a.*

barycoia

n. *Medicine*, hardness of hearing.

baryon

n. any of the class of subatomic particles known as 'heavy', *e.g.* neutron and proton.

baryphony, baryphonia

n. difficulty of speech. **baryphonic**, *a.*

barysphere

n. area of earth underlying lithosphere.

baryta

n. barium oxide. **barytes**, *n.* barium sulphate.

barythymia

n. nervous depression.

basal

a. pertaining to the base; situated at or forming a base; fundamental.

basalt

n. greenish-black igneous rock, often forming columns. **basaltic**, **basaltine**, *a.* **basaltiform**, **basaltoid**, *a.* like basalt; column-like.

bas bleu

'blue stocking'.

bascule

n. balanced lever. **bascule-bridge**, *n.* drawbridge raised by falling counterpoises, as Tower Bridge, London.

base

n. *Chemistry*, compound combining with acid to form salt.

bashaw

n. pasha.

bashi-bazouk

n. Turkish mercenary soldier.

basial

a. pertaining to kissing. **basiate**, *v.t.* kiss. **basiation**, *n.*

basic

a. *Chemistry*, applied to salt with base atomically greater than acid; having alkaline reaction. **basicity**, *n.* power of acid to combine with bases.

basifugal

a. *Botany*, growing away from base, or at apex only.

basilar

a. pertaining to or at the base.

basilic

a. royal; *n.* basilica.

basilica

n. rectangular building with colonnades along its length, dividing it into nave and aisles; early Christian church; *Roman Catholic*, church having certain liturgical privileges. **basilican**, *a.*

basilicon

n. kind of ointment.

basilisk

n. mythical fire-breathing reptile or one whose stare turned persons to stone; cockatrice; tree-lizard of Central America; ancient brass cannon. **basiliscan**, **basiliscine**, *a.*

basipetal

a. Botany, growing from top to base.

bas-relief

n. carving in low relief, *i.e.*, in which figures stand out less than half their proportion from background.

basset

n. short-legged hound used in badger-and harehunting; gambling card game like

faro; *Geology*, edge of outcrop. **basset-horn**, tenor clarinet.

bassinet(te)

n. hooded cradle or perambulator, especially of wicker.

basso-rilievo

n. bas-relief.

basta

exclamation, enough!

bastille, bastile

n. prison or fortress, especially that of Paris (destroyed by revolutionaries, July 14, 1789).

bastinado

n. (pl. -oes) beating on soles of feet; *v.t.* administer such punishment to.

bastion

n. earthwork projecting outwards from fortification.

batata

n. sweet potato.

bateau

n. (pl. -teaux ,) Canadian flat-bottomed river boat. bateau bridge, pontoon bridge.

bathetic

a. pertaining to or like bathos.

bathic

a. pertaining to depths, especially of sea.

bathmism

n. energy or force of growth. bathmic, a.

bath mitzvah

see bar mitzvah.

batholith, batholite

n. Geology, mass of intruded igneous rock below surface and of great depth. batholithic, batholitic, a.

bathometer

n. bathymeter.

bathos

n. anticlimax with humorous effect; spurious pathos; triteness.

bathyal

a. pertaining to zone of sea from 180 metres/600 feet to abyssal zone.

bathybic

a. pertaining to or dwelling in deepest zone of sea.

bathycolpian, bathycolpic

a. having deep bosom.

bathylimnetic

a. living at bottom of lake or marsh.

bathymeter

n. instrument for deep-sea sounding. **bathymetric**, *a.* pertaining to vertical distribution of organisms in sea. **bathymetry**, *n.* process of measuring depths of sea.

bathyorographical

a. pertaining to or showing depths below and heights above sea level.

bathypelagic

a. living in deep sea.

bathyscaph(e)

n. submarine-like diving chamber.

bathyseism

n. earthquake taking place at great depth.

bathysmal

a. pertaining to deepest part or bottom of sea.

bathyspherical

a. pertaining to knowledge of deep-sea life and conditions.

bathysphere

n. kind of diving bell for descending to great depths in sea.

bathythermograph

n. instrument visually recording the ocean temperature at various depths.

batiste

n. fine linen; cambric; fine cotton or wool fabric, especially as treated for use as antiseptic dressing.

batology

n. scientific study of brambles. **batological**, *a.* **batologist**, *n.*

batophobia

n. fear of heights, or of being close to high buildings.

batrachian

a. pertaining to frogs or toads; *n.* a frog or toad. **batrachoid**, *a.* like a frog or toad. **batrachophagous**, *a.* eating frogs or toads. **batrachophobia**, *n.* fear of frogs or toads.

battels

n. pl. accounts of Oxford college, especially for provisions.

batter

v.i. Architecture, recede as it rises (of a wall); *n.* such inclination. **batter rule**, plumb-line of such walls, falling within base.

battology

n. an unnecessary repetition. **battological**, *a.* **battologize**, *v.i.* **battologist**, *n.*

battue

n. driving of game towards guns; shooting-party of that kind; massacre of helpless persons.

batture

n. raised bed of sea or river.

baud

n. unit of electrical signalling speed equal to one pulse per second.

baudekyn

n. baldachin.

bauxite

n. earthy mineral compound yielding aluminium.

bavardage

n. idle chatter.

bavian

a. poetaster; baboon.

bawd

n. procuress. **bawdry**, *n.* obscene talk. **bawdy**, *a.* obscene.

baya

n. Indian weaver-bird.

bayadere

n. Hindu dancing girl; *a.* applied to brightly coloured striped fabrics.

bayberry

n. fruit of baytree; *American*, fruit of wax-myrtle; species of W Indies pimento, yielding bay oil or rum.

bayete

salutation to king; hail!

bayou

n. marshy branch of river, lake or bay; slow-flowing stream.

baysalt

n. salt obtained from sea-water.

bazigar

n. nomadic Indian gypsy.

bazooka

n. anti-tank rocket projector.

B.C.G.

n. Bacillus Calmette-Guérin, a vaccine giving protection against tuberculosis.

bdellium

n. myrrh-like gum-resin; Indian and African tree yielding it.

bdelloid

a. pertaining to leech; leech-like in appearance; *n.* leech. **bdellometer**, *n.* cupping-glass for surgical bleeding. **bdellotomy**, *n.* surgical application of leeches.

beadhouse, bedehouse

n. almshouse housing beadsmen.

beadle

n. officer of parish, church, court, etc., for keeping order; mace-bearer.
beadledom, *n.* petty officialdom.

bead-roll

n. *Roman Catholic*, list of persons to be prayed for; any list or catalogue; rosary.

beadsman, bedesman

n. monk; pensioner or almshouse inmate who prays for benefactor.

beagle

n. small hound used in hare-hunting; *pl.* pack of harriers. **beagling**, *n.* hunting on

foot with beagles.

beakiron

n. bickern.

beambird

n. spotted flycatcher; garden warbler.

bean-tree

n. Australian chestnut tree; carob tree.

bear

n. Commerce, speculator on Stock Exchange who desires a fall in price; *v.t.* cause fall in price of. **bearish**, *a.* anticipating or associated with a fall in price.

bearing-rein

n. rein that compels horse to arch its neck.

beastlings

n.pl. beestings.

beata

n. (pl. -tae), Roman Catholic, female beatified person.

beatify

v.t. make blessed or happy; *Roman Catholic*, confer title of 'blessed' preliminary to canonization. **beatific**, *a.* saintly. **beatification**, *n.*

beatitude

n. blessedness; bliss; *pl.* blessings in Matt. v.

beatus

n. (pl. -ti) *Roman Catholic*, male beatified person.

beau

n. (pl. -x, lover; dandy. **beau geste**, magnanimous action; polite gesture. **beau ideal**, one's highest conception of excellence or virtue. **beau monde**, fashionable society.

beaux-arts

n. pl. 'fine arts'.

bebeerine

n. bibirine.

beccafico

n. European songbird, considered a table delicacy, especially in Italy.

bechamel

a. white sauce thickened with cream.

bêche-de-mer

n. (*pl.* bêches- *pron.* same) species of holothurian used for food in China; sea cucumber; sea-slug; trepang.

bechic

a. curative of cough.

becket

n. hook-like device of rope, wood or metal to secure ship's ropes, etc.

bedeguar, bedegar

n. mossy rose-gall; dog rose.

bedel(I)

n. beadle at universities.

bedizen

v.t. dress gaudily.

bee-bread

n. mixture of honey and pollen stored by bees for food.

beele

n. miner's pick with two sharp ends. **beeleman**, *n.* worker using a beele.

beestings

n. pl. pl. first milk of cow after birth of calf.

beeswing

n. thin crust on old port.

beg

n. (fem. begani,) Turkish and Indian title of honour.

begohm

n. one thousand million ohms.

beguine

n. member of religious order of lay sisters, especially of Belgium; rumba-like dance of French W Indies. **beguinage**, *n.* convent of beguines.

begum

n. Muslim woman of high rank.

behaviourism

n. psychological theory that all mental processes result from external stimuli and association of ideas. **behaviourist**, *a.*; *n.* believer in such theory.

behemoth

n. gigantic animal, mentioned in Job XI; hippopotamus.

bejan(t)

n. freshman at Scottish university.

belay

v.i., v.t. v.i. & t. secure (rope) by coiling round a projection; stop, cease.
belaying pin, short wooden post to which ropes are secured.

belcher

n. coloured, spotted neckerchief.

belemnite

n. bullet-shaped molluscan fossil. **belemnitic**, *a.*

belemnoid

a. dart-shaped.

bel esprit

n. (*pl. beaux esprits,*) genius; witty person; wit.

bel-étage

n. main storey of building.

belladonna

n. deadly nightshade; narcotic drug obtained from that plant. **belladonna lily**, bulbous plant of S Africa with lily-shaped flowers.

belle

n. beautiful woman; noted beauty. **belle amie**, mistress.

belleric

n. kind of myrobalan.

belles-lettres

n. writings of solely literary or aesthetic value, especially essays, etc. **belletrist**, *n.* writer or student of these. **belletristic**, *a.*

bellicism

n. war-mindedness.

bellicose

a. desirous of fighting; war-like. **bellicosity**, *n.*

belliferous

a. bringing war.

belligerent

a. making war; *n.* person or nation engaged in warfare. **belligerence**, **belligerency**, *n.*

belling

n. deer's cry at mating time.

bellipotent

a. powerful in war.

bellonion

n. mechanical musical instrument consisting of drums and trumpets.

bellote, ballote

n. holm-oak acorn.

bell-wether

n. sheep with bell attached to the neck leading the flock.

beloid

a. CHECK} arrow-shaped.

belomancy

n. divination using arrows.

belonoid

a. needle-shaped.

Beltane

n. ancient Celtic May-day festival.

beluga

n. white sturgeon; kind of dolphin, also called white whale.

belvedere

n. turret, or open shelter on roof, giving fine view; summer- house.

bencher

n. senior member of an Inn of Court.

bend sinister

n. diagonal line on coat of arms indicating bastardy.

Benedicite

n. canticle beginning 'O all ye works of the Lord', sung when Te Deum is omitted.

benedick

n. newly married husband, especially one formerly a confirmed bachelor.

benediction

n. blessing; act of blessing; *Roman Catholic*, rite of blessing the people with the monstrance. **benedictional**, **benedictionary**, *n.* collection of benedictions. **benedictive**, **benedictory**, *a.*

Benedictus

n. canticle beginning 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel'; *Roman Catholic*, canticle beginning 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of Lord'; section of Mass beginning with this.

benefic

a. favourable, especially astrological.

benefice

n. church living; *v.t.* endow with a benefice. **beneficed**, *a.*, holding a benefice.

beneficent

a. doing good; kind; generous. **beneficence**, *n.*

beneficial

a. advantageous; bringing good. **beneficial interest**, right to enjoy property, though it be legally invested in another. **beneficiary**, *n.* person receiving benefits; legatee under will; holder of benefice; *a.* holding by feudal tenure.

beneficiate

v.t. v.t. prepare for smelting. **beneficiation**, *n.*

Benelux

n. Belgium, Netherlands, and Luxembourg (customs union).

beneplacito

'during pleasure'.

benet

n. Roman Catholic, exorcist.

benevolence

n. charitableness; former loan demanded by certain English kings. **benevolent**, *a.*

Bengali,

a. pertaining to Bengal, *n.* native or language of Bengal.

bengaline

n. silk, silk-and-wool or silk-and-cotton transversely corded fabric.

Bengal light

n. signal firework, with brilliant blue light.

benighted

a. overtaken by night; ignorant.

benign

a. kindly; favourable; wholesome; *Medicine*, mild; not malignant. **benignant**, *a.* **benignance**, **benignity**, *n.*

benison

n. blessing.

benjamin

n. gum benzoin and tree yielding it; man's tight coat.

Benthamism

n. utilitarian doctrine of Jeremy Bentham (1748–1832) that the greatest happiness of the greatest number is most desirable. **Benthamite** *n.* adherent of Benthamism.

benthos

n. sea-bottom's flora and fauna. **benthic**, **benthic**, **benthonic** *a.*

ben trovato

'well invented'; *a.* well expressed; *n.* such speech or thought.

benzedrine

n. vasoconstrictor drug, also called amphetamine, which relieves hay fever, catarrh, etc., and, taken internally, increases physical and mental activity.

benzene

n. hydrocarbon distilled from coaltar.

benzine

n. petrol-like distillate of petroleum, used as solvent; coal- tar oil containing benzene.

benzoin

n. balsamic resin used in perfumery, etc., and in medicine as compound tincture called friar's balsam; bitter-almond-oil camphor, found in gum benzoin. **benzoic**, *a.*

benzol(e)

n. benzene; coal-tar oil containing benzene. **benzolate**, **benzolize**, *v.t.* mix or treat with benzol.

benzoline

n. benzine; petrol; impure benzene.

berberia

n. beri-beri.

berberine

n. tonic alkaloid obtained from barberry and other plants.

berceuse

n. cradle-song; lullaby.

bere

n. four-rowed barley.

beretta

see biretta.

bergamask

n. kind of country dance.

bergamot

n. variety of pear; essence obtained from rind of variety of pear-shaped orange; fruit and tree yielding such essence; snuff scented with such essence; aromatic plant of mint family.

bergère

n. 'shepherdess'; kind of 18th-century chair and sofa. **bergèrette**, *n.* kind of country song or dance.

beriberi

n. Eastern disease, similar to peripheral neuritis, due to deficiency of vitamin B 1.

berkelium

n. radioactive, metallic element made artificially.

berlin

n. four-wheeled, two-seater roofed carriage, with seat or platform behind. **Berlin spirit**, coarse spirit distilled from potatoes, beetroot, etc. **Berlin wools**, fine, dyed wool for tapestry, etc. **berline**, *n.* kind of motor car body with glass partition between driver's and passengers' seats.

berm

n. narrow ledge; narrow path by road, canal, etc.; *American*, canal bank opposite towing path.

bernicle

n. barnacle-goose.

bersaglieri

n. pl. (sing. -re) Italian sharpshooter corps.

berserk

a. frenzied; wild, especially of fighting. **berserker**, *n.* person fighting thus, especially Norse warrior; *a.* berserk.

beryllium

n. hard, white metal used in alloys, occurring as an element only in compounds.

bestial

a. animal-like; base. **bestialize**, *v.t.* **bestiality**), *n.*; bestial behaviour *Law*, sexual intercourse with animal.

bestiarian

n. animal-lover, especially opposed to vivisection. **bestiarianism**, *n.*

bestiary

n. medieval book, especially illustrated, on beasts.

beta

n. second letter of Gr. alphabet. **beta-blocker**, *n.* drug that blocks nerve impulses that stimulate increased cardiac action. **beta particle**, negatively-charged particle; electron. **beta ray**, a beam or stream of beta particles. **betatron**, *n.* apparatus in which electrons are accelerated electromagnetically to very high energies to form a beam of beta rays for bombarding atomic nuclei and generating high- voltage x-rays.

betel

n. Asiatic palm, yielding nut which is wrapped in leaf of same tree and chewed; areca.

bête noire

n. 'black beast'; pet abomination; bugbear.

bethel

n. sacred place; nonconformist chapel.

bêtise

n. foolishness; foolish or stupid act.

béton

n. concrete made by mixing gravel with cement and sand.

bettong

n. kind of Australian kangaroo-rat.

betulin(ol)

n. resinous extract of birch bark; birch camphor.

bevatron

n. synchrotron-like apparatus for accelerating charged particles to an immensely high level.

bey

n. governor; title of honour. **beylic, beylik**, *n.* area of bey's jurisdiction.

bezel

n. sloping edge of cutting tool; edge and facet of cut gem; flanged groove holding watch- or clock-glass; *v.t.* grind to edge; bevel.

bezoar

n. stone-like mass found in stomach of ruminants, formerly used in East as antidote to poison. **bezoardic, adj.**

bhang

n. dried leaves and twigs of cannabis, chewed, smoked and made into infusion or sweetmeat

bharal

n. Himalayan wild sheep with blue-black coat.

bheesty, bheestie

n. servant who draws and carries water.

bhungi(ni)

n. Hindu street-sweeper.

bialate

a. with two wings.

biarchy

n. rule by two persons.

bibacious

a. fond of drinking. **bibacity**, *n.*

bibelot

n. small object of art; trinket; curio.

bibi

n. lady; Mrs.

bibirine

n. quinine-like extract of bark of S American greenheart tree.

bibitory

a. pertaining to drinking.

biblioclastm

n. destruction of books; destructive criticism of Bible. **biblioclast**, *n.* person so destroying or criticizing.

bibliogenesis

n. production of books.

bibliognost

n. person having deep knowledge of books. **bibliognostic**, *a.*

bibliogony

n. bibliogenesis.

bibliography

n. list of books on one subject or by one author; list of books referred to in a text or used in its preparation; scientific study of books and writings; historical work on books. **bibliographer**, *n.* compiler of such work. **bibliographical**, *a.*

biblioklept

n. bookthief. **bibliokleptomania**, *n.* kleptomania towards books.

bibliolater

n. worshipper of books, or of letter of Bible. **bibliolatrous**, *a.* **bibliolatry**, *n.* such worship.

bibliology

n. book-lore; Biblical literature. **bibliological**, *a.* **bibliologist**, *n.*

bibliomancy

n. divination by reference taken at random in book, especially in the Bible.

bibliomania

n. strong desire for collecting books. **bibliomaniac**, **bibliomane**, *n.* person with such desire.

bibliochemy

n. art of book-binding. **bibliochemical**, *a.* **bibliochemist**, *n.* book- binder.

bibliophagy

n. voracious reading of books. **bibliophagic**, *a.* **bibliophagist**, *n.* voracious reader.

bibliophile

n. lover of books. **bibliophilic** *a.* **bibliophilism**, **bibliophily**, *n.* love of books. **bibliophilist**, *n.* **bibliophilistic**, *a.* *a.*

bibliophobia

n. hatred of books. **bibliophage**, *n.* person hating books. **bibliophobic**, *a.*

bibliopoesy

n. making of books.

bibliopole

n. bookseller, especially of rare books. **bibliopolery**, **bibliopolism**, **bibliopoly**, *n.* selling of books. **bibliopolar**, **bibliopic**, *a.* **bibliopolist**, *n.* **bibliopolistic**, *a.*

bibliosoph

n. bibliognost.

bibliotaph

n. person keeping his or her books secret or locked up. **bibliotaphic**, *a.*

bibliothec(a)

n. library. **bibliothecal**, *a.* **bibliothecary**, *n.* librarian. **bibliothetic**, *a.* pertaining to arrangement of books.

biblus, biblos

n. papyrus.

bibulous

a. fond of drink; drunken; sponge-like. **bibulosity**, *n.*

bicameral

a. having two Chambers or Houses. **bicameralism**, *n.* **bicameralist**, **bicamerist**, *n.* person advocating such legislative system.

bicapitate

a. two-headed.

bice

n. green or blue pigment.

bicentenary

n. two hundredth anniversary; *a.* pertaining to two centuries.

bicentennial

a. occurring every two hundred years; lasting two hundred years; bicentenary; *n.* a bicentenary.

bicephalous, bicephalic

a. having two heads.

bichord

a. *Music,* having two strings, especially two strings for each note.

bicipital

a. pertaining to biceps; bifurcating. **bicipitous**, *a.* having two heads or extremities.

bickern

n. anvil pointed at both ends.

bicollateral

a. having two sides the same. **bicollaterality, *n.***

biconic

a. having shape of two cones with bases together.

biconjugate

a. Botany, having a pair each member of which is divided into a pair.

bicorn

a. having two horns or points. **bicornuate, bicornuous, *a.***

bicrural

a. two-legged.

biddery, bidree

n. alloy of several metals on which gold and silver are inlaid.

bident

n. two-pronged instrument; sheep aged two years. **bidental, bidentate, *a.***
having two prongs or teeth. **bidenticulate, *a.*** having two small teeth.

biduous

a. lasting two days.

Biedermeier

a. applied to a style of interior decoration, furniture, etc. common in Germany in the first half of the 19th century; bourgeois, conventional.

bien aimé

n. (*fem.* -aimée *pron.* same) 'well beloved' (person).

bien aise

n. 'well being'; comfort.

bien-être

n. `well being.'

biennial

a. lasting two years; occurring every two years; *n.* plant living for two years and flowering in the second. **biennium**, *n.* (*pl.* - ia) two years.

bienséance

n. proper, correct or fitting thing; *pl.* the proprieties.

bifacial

a. having distinct upper and lower surfaces; having both sides the same; having two faces.

bifarious

a. in two rows; twofold; pointing in two directions.

bifer

n. plant flowering or fruiting twice a year. **biferous**, *a.*

bifid(ate)

a. divided into two portions; forked. **bifidity**, *n.*

bifilar

a. having two threads, especially of measuring instrument.

bifocal

a. with two foci, especially applied to spectacle lens of which upper part is used for viewing distant and lower part for near objects; *n.* such lens; *pl.* spectacles with such lenses.

biform

a. having two forms; hybrid.

bifurcate

v.i., v.t. v.i. & t. split into two branches or forks, *a.* so divided. **bifurcation**, *n.*

forking into two; one of the forks.

bigeminate

a. biconjugate. **bigeminal**, *a.* arranged in pairs.

bigener

n. hybrid arising from two genera. **bigeneric**, *a.* pertaining to two genera.

bigential

a. with two races.

bigg

n. four-rowed barley.

bigot

n. person with fixed and intolerant belief. **bigoted**, *a.* **bigotry**, *n.* such belief.

bigrid

a. applied to thermionic valve having two grids and combining functions of two valves.

bijou

n. (*pl.* -x, jewel; piece of jewellery; *a.* small and well-formed. **bijouterie**, *n.* jewellery.

bijugate, bijugous

a. having two overlapping heads, said of coin struck to two persons; *Botany*, with two pairs of leaflets.

bilabiate

a. having two lips. **bilabial**, *a. Phonetics*, formed with both lips; *n.* such consonant.

bilateral

a. having or pertaining to two sides; of two parties or States. **bilateralism**, **bilaterality**, *n.* bilateral symmetry.

bilbo

n. sword.

bilboes

n. pl. fetters, especially long iron bar with sliding shackles used to imprison persons on ship.

Bildungsroman

n. novel dealing with a person's life and psychological development from youth to maturity.

bile

n. bitter digestive fluid emanating from liver; melancholy; anger.

bilection

n. see bolection.

bilge

n. lowermost part of interior of ship; widest part of barrel; *slang*, nonsense; *v.i.* & *t.* leak in that part; make hole in bilge. **bilge-water**, foul water in ship's bilge.

bilharzia

n. worm parasitic in blood; tropical disease caused by its presence. **bilharziasis**, *n.* disease of bilharzia.

biliary

a. pertaining to bile.

bilinear

a. having, pertaining to or between two lines.

bilateral

a. consisting of or using two letters; *n.* such linguistic root.

bill

bill-broker, dealer in bills of exchange. **bill of adventure**, declaration that merchandise shipped is not property of shipowner, whose liability is limited to safe delivery. **bill of costs**, solicitor's account of charges. **bill of exchange**, negotiable order to pay cash on or before certain date. **bill of health**, statement

of health, especially as to infectious diseases, of persons aboard ship. **bill of indictment**, statement of accusation in criminal court. **bill of lading**, acknowledgement by ship's master that goods have been received on board, and promise of safe delivery. **bill of sale**, document transferring title to goods, especially as security for loan. **bill of sight**, outline description of goods being imported. **bill of sufferance**, permission to load or unload at certain ports without payment of duty. **true bill**, statement by grand jury that there was a *prima facie* case against accused.

billabong

n. river creek; backwater; watercourse.

billet-doux

n. (*pl. billets-doux* *pron.* same) 'love- letter'.

billion

n. a thousand millions.

billon

n. alloy of precious metal with larger quantity of base metal.

bilocation

n. existence, or power to exist, in two places simultaneously.

biloquist

n. person with power of speaking in two distinct voices.

biltong

n. strips of dried meat.

bimanous, bimanal

a. having two hands; pertaining to human species. **bimanual**, *a.* requiring or using two hands.

bimarine

a. situated between seas.

bimaxillary

a. pertaining to both jaws.

bimensal

a. occurring every two months.

bimestrial

a. occurring every two months; lasting two months.

bimetallism

n. currency system in which both gold and silver are standard money. **bimetallic**, *a.* **bimetallist**, *n.* advocate of bimetallism. **bimetallistic**, *a.*

bimillenary

n. space of two thousand years. **bimillennium**, *n.* (*pl.* -ia) two thousand years.

binal

a. double; twin.

binary

a. double; dual. denoting a system of numeration based on 2, and therefore written entirely with 1 and 0, commonly used in digital computers. **binary converter**, machine converting alternating into direct current. **binary fission**, division of cell into two equal parts. **binary measure**, *Music*, common time. **binary star**, two stars revolving round a common centre. **binary theory**, chem. theory defining every acid as a hydrogen compound with radical, and every salt as hydrogen compound with hydrogen replaced by a metal.

binate

a. double; in couples. **bination**, *n.* celebration by a priest of Mass twice on the same day.

binaural

a. pertaining to or for use with two ears.

bine

n. flexible shoot of climbing plant, especially hop.

binnacle

n. fixed case or stand for ship's compass. **binnacle list**, list of sick men on man-of-war.

binocle

n. binocular instr.

binocular

a. pertaining to or for two eyes. **binoculate**, *a.* having two eyes. **binocularity**, *n.* **binoculars**, *n. pl.* field glasses.

binomial

a. having two names, especially of scientific nomenclature giving two names, genus and species, to each species; *Math.*, composed of two algebraic terms joined by + or -. **binomial theorem**, formula for finding any power of a binomial expression. **binomialism**, *n.* use of binomial nomenclature.

binominal

a. having two names; binomial, especially of scientific nomenclature. **binominous**, *a.* having two interchangeable names.

binotic

a. binaural.

binotonous

a. consisting of two notes.

binturong

n. Asiatic civet with prehensile tail.

biobibliography

n. bibliography with biographical notes. **biobibliographical** *a.*

biocentric

a. having life as its centre or main principle.

biocide

n. substance that kills living organisms; pesticide. **biocidal**, *a.*

biocoenosis, biocenosis

n. (*pl. -ses*) association of living creatures in a certain area. **biocoenotic**, *a.*

biodegradable

a. capable of being broken down by living organisms.

biodynamics

n. study of activities of living organisms. **biodynamic(al)**, *a.*

bioelectric

a. pertaining to plant or animal electricity.

bioengineering

n. engineering theories and techniques applied to biological processes; design and use of artificial limbs, pacemakers, etc.; manipulation of living cells to produce desired growth. **bioengineer**, *n.*

biogen(e)

n. ultimate component part of protoplasm.

biogenesis

n. theory that life derives only from living matter. **biogenetic**, *a.*; **biogenetic law**, recapitulation theory. **biogenesist**, *n.* adherent of biogenesis.

biogenous

a. produced from living organism; giving life.

biogeny

n. history of evolution of living organisms; biogenesis. **biogenic**, *adj.*

biogeography

n. study of geographical distribution of plants and animals. **biogeographic(al)**, *a.*

biognosy, biognosis

n. sciences of life collectively.

biograph

n. early form of cinematograph.

biokinetics

n. study of changes during development of organism.

biolinguistics

n. study of relations between physiology and speech.

biolith, biolite

n. rock formed by living organisms.

biologism

n. biological theory; use of biological terms. **biologicistic**, *a.*

bioluminescence

n. production of light by living creatures. **bioluminescent**, *a.*

biolysis

n. destruction of life or organic substance. **biolytic**, *a.*

biomagnetism

n. animal magnetism. **biomagnetic**, *a.*

biomass

n. amount of living matter in a unit area or volume of habitat; living matter cultivated as source of energy.

biome

n. large, naturally occurring community of plants and animals shaped by common patterns of vegetation and climate.

biometrics, biometry

n. calculation of length of human life; statistical biology. **biometric**, *a.* **biometrist**, *n.* student of biometrics.

bionergy

n. vital force.

bionics

n. study of the design principles of living organisms and their application to machines.

bionomics

n. study of relations of living organisms to environment; ecology. **bonomic**, *a.* **bonomist**, *n.* student of bionomics.

bionomy

n. bionomics; physiology.

biont

n. physiologically independent living organism.

biophagous

a. feeding on living organisms. **biophagy, *n.***

biophor(e)

n. biogen.

biophyte

n. plant consuming living organisms.

bioplasm

n. living protoplasm. **bioplasmic, *a.* bioplast, *n.* minute portion of bioplasm.**

biopsy

n. medical examination of living tissue taken from body.

biorgan

n. physiological organ.

biorhythm

n. rhythmic change in biology and activity patterns of a living organism.

bios

n. organic life; constituent of yeast, causing its growth.

biosatellite

n. artificial satellite carrying living organisms into space for scientific study.

bioscope

n. form of cinematograph. **bioscopy**, *n.* med. examination of body for presence of life.

biosis

n. life, as distinguishing living organisms.

biosphere

n. region of earth, air and water occupied by living organisms.

biostatics

n. study of physiological relations between structure and function.

biostatistics

n. vital statistics.

biostratigraphy

n. determination of age, etc., of sedimentary strata from fossils which they contain.

biosynthesis

n. synthesis of organic chemicals from inorganic ones by living cells.

biota

n. flora and fauna of a region.

biotaxy

n. biological classification.

biotechnology

n. industrial use of living organisms to manufacture food, drugs, etc.
biotechnologist, n.

biotelemetry

n. automatic transmission over a distance, for measurements of the condition, functions, etc., of a living creature, e.g. of an astronaut on space flight.

biotic

a. vital; pertaining to life. **bioticism**, *n.* philosophical theory that ultimate reality is Life. **biotics**, *n.* study of activities of living organisms.

biotin

n. growth-promoting vitamin of the vitamin B complex, found in liver and yeast.

biotomy

n. vivisection.

biotope

n. area having uniform conditions and supporting a particular, uniform association of animal life.

biotype

n. all organisms having the same genetic constitution.

biparous

a. bringing forth two offspring at a birth.

bipartile

a. divisible into two parts. **bipartient**, *a.* so dividing.

bipartisan

a. representing or supported by two (political) parties.

bipartite

a. having two parts; between two parties. **bipartition**, *n.*

biped

a., *n.* (creature) having two feet. **bipedal**, *a.* **bipedality**, *n.*

bipennate

a. having two wings.

bipod

n. support or stand with two legs.

bipolar

a. having or pertaining to two poles; occurring in both polar regions; equidistant north and south of equator. **bipolarity**, *n.*

bipropellant

n. rocket propellant consisting of fuel and oxidizer stored separately until ignition.

biquadratic

a. *Mathematics*, of the fourth power; *n.* number's fourth power; equation involving fourth power of unknown quantity.

biramose, biramous

a. divided into two branches.

bireme

n. (galley) having two banks of oars.

biretta

n. *Roman Catholic*, cleric's square cap.

bis

adv. twice; in two places; *Music*, direction to repeat; (*French*) *exclamation encore!*; *n.* duplicate.

bise

n. cold, dry north wind of Switzerland, Italy and S France.

biserial

a. in two rows.

bisexual

a. of two sexes; hermaphrodite; sexually attracted to both sexes; *n.* bisexual person. **bisexualism, bisexuality, n.**

bismarine

a. bimarine.

bismillah

exclamation, in the name of Allah!

bismuth

n. hard, brittle, reddish-white metallic element, used in alloys and, as carbonate, for dyspepsia, etc. **bismuthic**, *a.*

bisonant

a. having two sounds.

bisontine

a. pertaining to bison.

bisque

n. point allowed to tennis player; stroke(s) allowed to golfer; extra turn allowed to croquet player; kind of rich thick soup; pottery fired but not glazed.

bissext

n. intercalary day. **bissextile**, *a.* containing the bissext; intercalary; *n.* leap-year.

bistort

n. a plant with twisted astringent root; snake-weed.

bistoury

n. small, narrow surgical knife. **bistournage**, *n.* a method of castration.

bistre

n. brown pigment derived from wood soot.

bisulcate

a. with two grooves; cloven.

bisyllabic

a. consisting of two syllables. **bisyllable**, *n.* such word, prefix, etc.

bisymmetrical

a. having two planes of symmetry at right angles.

bit

n. in computers, a single character, especially a single binary numeral (0 or 1): *abbreviation of binary digit.*

bitheism

n. belief in two gods.

bitonality

n. Music, use of two keys simultaneously.

bittern

n. heron-like wading bird with booming call.

bitts

n. pl. pl. pairs of posts on deck of ship for fastening ropes.

bitumen

n. mineral pitch; several partly oxygenated hydrocarbons; asphalt; pigment obtained from asphalt. **bituminate**, **bituminize**, *v.t.* cement with or convert into bitumen. **bituminoid**, *a.* like bitumen. **bituminous**, *a.* like or containing bitumen.

biune, biunial

a. combining two in one. **biunity**, *n.*

bivalent

a. *Chemistry*, with valency of two; *n. Biology*, double chromosome. **bivalency**, *n.*

bivariate

a. denoting a quantity that depends on two variables.

biventral

a. with two bellies.

biverbal

a. relating to two words; punning.

bivious

a. offering two paths or directions.

bivocal

n. diphthong. **bivocalize**, v.t. place between two vowels.

bivouac

n. temporary camp without tents; v.i. -acked, -acking pitch such camp.

bizarre

a. fantastic; outlandish; incongruous. **bizarrie**, n.

black

blackball, v.t. vote against, especially by placing a black ball in the ballot box; reject for membership; exile. **blackcock**, n. male of black grouse. **black-fellow**, n. Australian aborigine. **blackjack**, n. leather wine container; American, small oak; life preserver (weapon). **black letter**, Old English or Gothic type. **Black Rod**, chief officer of House of Commons. **blackshirt**, n. fascist. **black- strap**, (American) n. mixture of rum and molasses; cheap wine. **black-water**, n. infectious tropical fever.

blain

n. sore; blister.

blancmange

n. gelatinous dessert of milk and cornflour.

blandiloquence

n. complimentary language or speech.

blank verse

n. rhymeless decasyllabic iambic line.

blanquette

n. stew of white meat in white sauce.

blasé

a. bored; sophisticated; having exhausted all pleasures.

blastogenesis

n. reproduction by budding; theory of inheritance of characters through germ-plasm. **blastogenetic**, **blastogenic**, *a.* pertaining to germ cells.

blattnerphone

n. system, invented by Ludwig Blattner (*d.* 1935), of recording sound on a steel tape electromagnetically, and of reproducing sound by same process.

Blaue Reiter

group of expressionist painters in Munich in early 20th century.

blauwbok

n. extinct antelope with bluish coat.

blazon

n. coat of arms; banner, etc., bearing heraldic device; *v.t.* delineate or describe such object; adorn; announce loudly. **blazonment**, *n.* **blazonry**, *n.* art of delineating such objects; colourful display.

bleak

n. small fresh-water fish having very silvery scales.

bleeder

n. person suffering from haemophilia.

blende

n. zinc sulphide; name of several lustrous metallic sulphides.

blendling

n. hybrid. **blendure**, *n.* mixture.

blennoid

a. like mucus. **blennogenic**, **blennogenous**, *a.* generating mucus. **blennorrhoea**, *n.* mucus discharge. **blennorrhoeal**, *a.*

blennophobia

n. morbid fear of slime.

blenny

n. long, slender, spiny-rayed marine fish.

blepharal

a. pertaining to eyelids. **blepharism**, **blepharospasm**, *n.* muscular spasm of eyelid. **blepharitis**, *n.* inflammation of eyelids.

blesbok

n. species of S African antelope with white facial spot.

bletonism

n. faculty of water divining.

blewits

n. kind of edible mushroom.

blissom

a. with strong sexual desires; in rut.

Blitzkrieg

n. swift military campaign.

bloc

n. group, especially of politically allied countries.

block-system

n. method of railway signalling by which one section of line never carries more than one train.

bloom

n. *Metallurgy*, bar of puddled iron. **blomary**, **bloomery**, *n.* place where such bars are manufactured; forge into which iron passes after first melting.

blouson

n. blouse-shaped jacket gathered at waist.

blucher

n. leather half-boot.

blue

: **blue-book**, *n.* Parliamentary publication, bound in blue covers; *American*, book giving particulars of government servants or prominent persons; *a.* applied to dull, dry literary style. **blue-nose**, *n.* native of Nova Scotia; prudish or puritanical person. **blue-sky**, *a.* having no value; visionary; having no immediate practical aim; theoretical. **blue-sky law**, *American*, law regulating sale of securities. **blue- stocking**, *n.* learned, studious woman, especially with literary inclinations. **blue disease**, cyanosis. **blue laws**, strict Puritanical laws of certain U. S. states; any such laws. **blue peter**, ship's blue flag with white square in centre flown as signal for sailing, etc. **blue pill**, strong purgative containing mercury. **b.ribbon**, highest honour or prize in competition; chief competition of

its kind; badge formerly worn by members of teetotal organization.

blunge

v.t. v.i. mix clay and water for pottery; blend. **blunger**, *n.* apparatus for such mixing.

boatel, botel

n. waterside hotel for sailing enthusiasts.

boatswain, bosun

n. ship's officer in charge of crew and equipment; skua. **boatswain's chair**, seat suspended by ropes for person working on side of ship, building, etc.

bobbery

n. disturbance; uproar.

bobbinet, bobbin-net

n. cotton net imitating lace.

bobolink

n. songbird, also called reed-bird, rice-bunting, and skunk-bird.

bob-sleigh

n. long sports sleigh carrying several persons; *American*, sleigh consisting of two short ones joined together; one of the two sleighs so joined.

bobstay

n. rope attached to and steadyng bowsprit.

bocage

n. boscage; decorative representation of trees, leaves, etc.

bocking

n. coarse baize; smoked herring.

bodega

n. wine-shop.

bogey

n. in golf, number of strokes in which a good player should play hole or course; score one stroke above this; evil spirit.

bogie

n. wheeled undercarriage of a rail vehicle; railway coach; truck for coal, etc.

bohea

n. cheapest black tea.

bolar

a. pertaining to clay.

bolas

n. pair of balls joined by cord, thrown so as to wind round the object of attack.

bolection, bilection

n. projecting part of moulding round panel.

bolero

n. lively Spanish dance; waist-length jacket.

bolide

n. large meteor; 'fire-ball'.

bolling

n. pollarded tree.

bolometer

n. instrument measuring small amounts of radiant heat electrically. **bolograph**,
n. photograph made with a bolometer. **bolometric**, *a.*

bolt

see **boult**.

bolthead

n. long, straight-necked glass vessel for distilling; matrass.

bolus

n. large pill; any round mass. **bolus alba**, china clay.

boma

n. large non-venomous snake of W Africa; Brazilian boa; circular fenced-in enclosure in Africa.

bombardon

n. deep bass double-reeded wind instr.

bombazine, bombazine

n. twilled, black, worsted, worsted-with-silk or worsted-with- cotton dress material. **bombazet(te)**, *n.* thin smooth-surfaced worsted fabric.

Bombay duck

n. preserved flesh of pike-like marine fish of East.

bombe

n. frozen dessert made in round mould.

bombé

a. bulging or curved outward, especially such furniture, embroidery, etc.

bombic

a. pertaining to silk-worm.

bombilate, bombinate

v.i. buzz; boom. **bombilation, combination, n.**

bombous

a. rounded; convex.

bombycine

a. bombic.

bona fide

a. 'with good faith'; genuine; in good faith. **bona fides, n. pl.** credentials; honesty; sincerity.

bonamano

n. tip; pourboire.

bonasus, bonassus

n. aurochs.

bona vacantia

pl. n. Law, unclaimed property, especially of a person who has died intestate.

bonbonnière

n. dainty sweetmeat box.

ponce

n. large playing marble; kind of marbles game.

bond

n. in masonry, method of placing bricks or stones. **English bond**, laying of bricks in alternate courses of headers and stretchers. **Flemish bond**, methods in which each course comprises alternate headers and stretchers. **bond-stone**, *n.* stone extending whole depth of wall.

bonded

a. *Commerce*, applied to warehouse, vaults, etc., where dutiable goods are stored, the goods being not chargeable with duty until removed; applied to such goods.

bongar

n. kind of poisonous Indian snake; krait.

bongo

n. striped antelope of W and E Africa.

bonhomie

n. friendliness; urbane manner.

bonification

n. betterment; payment of bonus. **boniform**, *a.* like or seeming good. **bonify**, *v.* *t.* improve; make good.

boning

n. judging level by looking along a line of poles. **boning-rod**, *n.* pole used in boning.

bonito

n. striped tunny; several fishes of mackerel family.

bon mot

n. (*pl. bons mots*), 'good word'; epigram; witty remark.

bonne

n. female servant.

bonne bouche

(*pl. bonnes bouches*), 'good mouth'; titbit.

bonnet rouge

'red cap', worn by French revolutionaries; a revolutionary, or revolutionary movement.

bonsai

n. art of producing miniature trees by selective pruning; such a tree.

bontebok

n. reddish, white-faced antelope of S Africa.

bon ton

'good tone'; high society; good breeding.

bon vivant, bon viveur

n. (*pl.* bons vivants, bons viveurs *pron.* same; *fem.* bonne vivante,), 'good living or liver'; lover of good food and drink; gourmet.

bonze

n. Buddhist priest. **bonzery**, *n.* Buddhist monastery.

boom

n. long spar extending foot of sail. **boom-sail**, **boom-sheet**, etc., sail, sheet, etc., attached to boom.

boomer

n. male of largest kangaroo species.

boomslang

n. (pl. -ge) large poisonous snake of S Africa.

boongary

n. small tree kangaroo.

bora

n. cold north wind of N Adriatic.

boracic

a. pertaining to or derived from borax. **boracic acid**, former name for boric acid.
boraceous, a.

borage

n. rough-stemmed, blue-flowered salad herb.

borasco, borasca, borasque

n. Mediterranean squall.

borax

n. a natural salt, also made from soda, used as flux and antiseptic.

borborygmus

n. rumbling of gas in the stomach. **borborygmic**, *a.*

bordel(lo)

n. brothel.

bordereau

n. (*pl.* -**x**) invoice; detailed bill; memorandum.

bore

n. wall of water advancing up narrow estuary at certain tides.

boreal

a. pertaining to Boreas, the north wind; cold; of the north.

borecole

n. kale.

boron

n. non-metallic, non-fusible element, found in borax, etc. **boronic**, *a.* pertaining to or containing boron; **boric acid**, such acid, formerly called boracic acid, used as preservative and antiseptic. **borize**, *v.t.* preserve with boric acid.

borough-English

n. custom whereby landed property is inherited by youngest son.

borracha

n. crude rubber; rubber tree.

bort

n. ground diamond fragments, used in polishing, etc. **borty**, *a.*

bortsch, borsch(t)

n. mixed soup coloured red with beetroot.

borzoi

n. wolf-hound.

boscage, boskage

n. thicket of trees or shrubs.

bosch

n. wood; bush. **bosch-bok**, *n.* bush-buck; kind of antelope. **bosch-man**, *n.* Bushman. **bosch-vark**, *n.* kind of wild pig. **bosch-veldt**, *n.* bush country.

bosket, bosquet

n. thicket.

bosky

a. having trees or shrubs; *slang* tipsy.

boson

n. subatomic particle whose spin can only take values that are whole numbers or zero.

bosselated

a. covered with or formed into knobs.

bosun

n. see **boatswain**.

bot(t)

n. parasitical maggot of bot-fly; *pl.* disease of horses caused by this.

botargo

n. relish made from tunny's or mullet's roe.

bo-tree

n. sacred tree of Sri Lanka, kind of banyan, yielding caoutchouc; peepul tree.

botryoid(al)

a. having shape of cluster of grapes. **botryose**, *a.* with flowers in clusters that develop upwards from base.

bottine

n. small boot; surgical boot for correcting deformity.

bottomry

n. raising loan on ship as security.

botulism

n. sausage-poisoning; poisoning by any infected preserved meat. **botuliform**, *a.* sausage-shaped. **botulinic**, *n.* toxin that causes botulism. **botulinus** *n.* bacterium that produces botulism. **botulinic** *a.*

bouchée

n. small patty; *a. Music*, muted or stopped.

boucherize

v.t. v.t. preserve by impregnating with copper sulphate.

bouffant

a. puffed out, as a skirt, hair, etc.

bougie

n. wax candle; flexible medical instrument for insertion into body passages; suppository.

bouillabaisse

n. fish and vegetable stew.

bouilli

n. stewed meat.

bouillon

n. clear soup; broth; stew.

boule

n. roulette-like game.

boule

n. advisory council or senate of ancient Greece. **bouleuterion**, *n.* (*pl.* -ia) assembly-place.

boules

n. form of bowls played in France.

boulevard

n. wide avenue, especially near park or river; fashionable promenade.
boulevardier, *n.* man-about-town.

bouleversement

n. overturning, upset.

boulimia

see bulimia.

boult, bolt

v.t. sift. **boultel**, *n.* sifting cloth. **boulter**, *n.* one who sifts; sieve; fishing line with many hooks.

bouquetin

n. ibex of the Alps.

bourasque

n. borasco.

bourdon

n. Music, bass drone, as of bagpipe.

bourgeois

n. & a. (person) of middle class. **petit bourgeois**, (person) of lower middle class.
bourgeoisie, *n.* the middle classes.

bourrée

n. quick dance of S France and Spain.

bourse

n. foreign money-market.

boutonnière

n. small bunch of flowers for button-hole.

bouts-rimés

n. pl. pl. 'rhymed endings'; composition of verses to given rhymes; verses so composed.

bouzouki

n. mandolin-like musical instrument.

bovine

a. pertaining to cattle; apathetic; stupid. **bovicide**, *n.* killer of cattle; butcher. **boviform**, *a.* having shape of cattle. **bovoid**, *a.* like cattle.

bow-chaser

n. ship's gun for firing ahead.

bowdlerize

v.t. v.t. expurgate, especially too strictly. **bowdlerization**, **bowdlerism**, *n.*

bower-bird

n. bird which builds and decorates bower-like runs.

bow-head

n. Greenland whale.

bowline

n. rope steadyng upright edge of sail; knot securing this to sail. **bowline bridle**, rope securing bowline to sail.

bowsprit

n. spar extending at bows of ship.

bowyer

n. maker of bows (the weapons).

box-wallah

n. itinerant pedlar.

boyar

n. ancient Russian rank next below prince; Russian land-owner.

boyau

n. (*pl. -aux*) winding trench; zigzag

bracciale

n. wall socket or bracket.

brach

n. female hunting hound.

brachial

a. pertaining to arm; arm-shaped. **brachiate**, *v.i.* swing by arms from place to place; *a.* having arms. **brachiation**, *n.* **brachiferous**, *a.* having arms or branches. **brachiotomy**, *n.* amputation of arm.

brachistocephalic, brachistocephalous

a. having skull of which breadth is 85 per cent or more of length.

brachycatalectic

a. with two syllables lacking from end; *n.* such verse line

brachycephalic, brachycephalous

a. short-headed; having skull of which maximum breadth is 80 per cent or more of maximum length. **brachycephalism**, *n.*

brachycerous

a. having short horns or antennae.

brachydactylous, brachydactylic

a. having short digits. **brachydactylism, brachydactyly, n.**

brachygraphy

n. short-hand. **brachygrapher, n.** stenographer. **brachygraphic(al), a.**

brachylogy

n. condensed expression; laconic speech.

brachymetropy, brachymetropia

n. shortsightedness. **brachymetropic, a.**

brachypodous

a. having short legs or stalk.

brachypterus

a. having short wings.

brachyure

n. short-tailed animal, bird, etc. **brachyuran**, *n.* a crab.

bract

n. leaf from axil of which flower is produced. **bracteal**, *a.* bract-like. **bracteate**, *a.* bearing bracts. **bracteiform**, *a.* bract-shaped. **bracteole**, *n.* small bract; bract at base of flower. **bracteolate**, *a.* having bracteoles. **bracteose**, *a.* having many bracts.

bradycardia

n. (abnormally) slow heart rate. **bradykinetic**, *a.* moving slowly.

bradykinin

n. blood hormone causing dilation of blood vessels. **bradytelic**, *a.* evolving at a slower rate than normal.

braggadocio

n. boasting; braggart. **braggadocien**, *n.* & *a.*

brahman

n. male member of priestly caste of Hindus. **brahmanee**, **brahmani**, *n.* female member of such caste. **brahmanic(al)**, *a.* **brahmanism**, *n.* **brahmany**, *a.* brahminee.

brahmin

n. brahman; American, learned person; pedant. **brahmin ox**, humped ox sacred to Hindus. **brahminic(al)**, *a.* **brahminism**, *n.*

brahmīnee, brahmany

a. belonging to Hindu priestly caste. **brahmīnee bull**, brahmin ox. **brahmīnee duck**, ruddy sheldrake. **brahmīnee kite**, sacred Ind. bird of prey.

Braidsim

n. hypnotism.

brail

v.t. v.t. truss sail; haul up. **brails**, *n.pl.* cords on edge of sail for trussing.

braille

n. system of printing for the blind using patterns of raised dots to represent characters.

branchial, branchiac

a. pertaining to gills. **branchiate**, *a.* having gills. **branchicolous**, *a.* living in gills. **branchiform**, *a.* gill-shaped.

branchiopod

n. kind of crustacean with gills on feet. **branchiopodan**, **branchiopodus**, *a.*

brandling

n. striped earthworm used by anglers.

brank(s)

n. kind of bridle fixed to head of nagging woman as punishment; scold's bridle; *Scottish*, mumps.

brash

n. slight sickness; broken pieces of rock or ice; collection of fragments; *a.* rash; brittle; lifeless. **water-brash**, *n.* pyrosis.

brassage

n. charge for minting coin, difference between value of metal, with cost of minting, and face value.

brassard

n. armlet; arm-badge.

brassie

n. wooden golf-club with brass sole.

brassy

n. bib.

brattice

n. partition, especially in mine gallery to regulate ventilation or support sides or roof; *v.t.* erect brattice. **brattice cloth**, canvas sheet for regulating ventilation in mine.

bravado

n. ostentatious show of boldness; braggart.

bravura

n. Music, exceptional skill; boldness; brilliance; passage needing this.

braxy

n. apoplectic disease of sheep; meat of sheep dead from disease, especially from braxy; *a.* sick with or dead from this disease.

brazee

v.t. solder with zinc and brass alloy; cover with brass; *n.* joint so soldered.
brazen, *a.* made of brass; brass-coloured; impudent; shameless.

breastsummer

see bressumer.

breccia

n. Geology, aggregate of angular rock fragments. *breccial,* *a.* brecciation, *n.* making into brecciae.

breeches buoy

n. life-saving device consisting of a lifebuoy with canvas breeches for the legs, suspended between ships by rope.

brehon

n. judge of ancient Ireland. **brehon law**, ancient Irish legal code.

bressummer

n. beam or girder over opening and supporting a wall.

brettice

brattice.

breve

n. papal letter; brief; mark indicating a short vowel; *Music.* note equivalent of two semi-breves.

brevet

n. commission giving army officer honorary higher rank. **brevetcy**, *n.* such rank.

breveté

a. patented.

breviary

n. short prayer-book of Roman Catholic Church.

breviate

n. summary; precis.

brevicaudate

a. having short tail.

brevier

n. size of type: 8-point.

brevifoliate

a. having short leaves. **brevilingual**, *a.* having short tongue. **breviloquence**, *n.* laconic manner of speech. **breviped**, *a.* having short legs. **brevipennate**, *a.* having short wings.

brewster

n. brewer. **Brewster Sessions**, court hearing applications for liquor trade licences.

Briarean

a. pertaining to Briareus, monster in Greek legend with hundred hands; having many hands.

bric-à-brac

n. odds and ends of furniture, antiquities, china, art, etc.

bricole

n. indirect stroke, especially in real tennis, in which ball is hit against wall or

rebounds from it; and billiards, in which ball hits cushion between the two contacts of a cannon.

bridewell

n. prison; house of correction.

brig

n. two-masted, square-rigged ship.

brigantine

n. two-masted ship, square-rigged on foremast only.

brilliant

n. smallest size of type: $3\frac{1}{2}$ -point.

brinjal, brinjaul

n. fruit of egg-plant; aubergine.

brinjarry

n. itinerant seller of grain and salt.

brioche

n. rich, unsweetened, bread-like roll.

briquette

n. brick-shaped block of compressed coal dust.

brisling

n. small, sardine-like fish.

britannia metal

n. cheap white alloy of copper, zinc, antimony and bismuth, with lead.

British warm

n. army officer's overcoat.

britzka

n. single-seated, four-wheeled, hooded Polish carriage.

broach

v.t. introduce; raise for discussion; pierce, tap; *n.* pointed tool; roasting-spit.
broach spire, octagonal church spire rising from square base.

Brobdingnagian

a. pertaining to Brobdingnag, a country of giants in Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*; gigantic; *n.* giant.

brocard

n. axiom; maxim; caustic remark.

brocadel(lo)

n. kind of variegated marble; thick figured silk used in upholstery.

broch

n. ancient Scottish stone tower.

broché

a. with raised pattern.

brochette

n. skewer for grilling food.

brochure

n. booklet; pamphlet.

brock

n. badger. **brocket**, *n.* stag in its second year; Brazilian pronged deer. **brock-faced**, *a.* having white mark on face.

broderie

n. embroidery-like pattern. **broderie anglaise**, mixture of solid and open-work embroidery.

brogan

n. coarse, strong shoe; brogue.

brokerage

n. Commerce, commission taken by agent, especially on sale or purchase of shares, etc.

bromatology

n. treatise on or study of food.

bromide

n. compound of bromine; silver bromide, used in photography; sedative drug composed of bromine and potassium hydrate; person using this drug; trite statement; meaningless adjective; dull, tedious person. **bromidic**, *a.*

bromidrosis

n. strongly smelling perspiration.

bromine

n. non-metallic chlorine-like element found in seawater and mineral springs. **bromize**, *v.t.* compound with bromine; prepare photographic plate with bromide. **bromism**, *n.* condition due to excessive use of bromide. **brominated**, *a.* compounded with bromine.

bromyrite

n. natural bromide of silver.

bronchi

n. pl. (singular -chus) divisions of windpipe, one leading to each lung. **bronchial**, *a.* **bronchiectasis**, *n.* dilatation of bronchi. **bronchiole**, *n.* minute branch of a bronchus. **bronchitis**, *n.* inflammation of bronchi. **bronchitic**, *a.* **bronchocele**, *n.* goitre. **bronchodilator**, *n.* drug that relaxes and dilates the bronchial tubes. **bronchopulmonary**, *adj.* pertaining to bronchial tubes and lungs. **bronchos**, *n.* temporary loss of voice. **bronchoscope** *n.* instrument for examining the bronchi. **bronchoscopic**, *a.* **bronchotomy**, *n.* incision into larynx or trachea.

brontophobia, brontophobia

n. dread of thunder and lightning.

brontide

n. sound like distant thunder, due to seismic causes.

brontograph

n. instr. recording discharges of atmospheric electricity. **brontogram**, *n.* record made by this.

brontology

n. study of thunder. **brontometer**, *n.* brontograph.

brontosaurus

n. gigantic fossil dinosaur.

brose

n. kind of porridge; broth. **Athole-brose**, mixture of whisky and honey.

brouette

n. small two-wheeled carriage; kind of four-seater motor car.

brougham

n. small, one-horse, four-wheeled closed carriage with unroofed driver's seat; kind of limousine-like motor-car body with driver's seat uncovered.

brouhaha

n. turmoil, uproar, fuss.

Brownian

a. applied to movement, discovered by Robert Brown (1773-1858), of minute particles suspended in fluid, due to collisions between them and molecules of fluid.

Brownist

n. follower of Robert Browne (d. 1663), founder of Congregationalism; *a.* pertaining to his principles; congregationalist; Brunonian. **Brownism**, *n.*

brucellosis

n. an undulant fever of cattle.

brucin(e), bricina

n. strychnine-like poison derived from *nux vomica* plant.

bruit

n. sounds in chest symptomatic of disease; rumour; *v.t.* report; spread abroad.

brumal

a. pertaining to brume or winter.

brumby, brumbie, brumbee

n. wild horse.

brume

n. mist or fog. **brumous, a.**

Brummagem

n. slang Birmingham; *a.* tawdry; counterfeit.

brunneous

a. dark brown.

Brunonian

a. applied to theory that disease arises solely from action of external stimuli on body, held by John Brown (1735-88); *n.* Brownist. **Brunoism, n.**

brusque

a. blunt in speech or conduct. **brusquerie**, *n.*

brut

a. applied to unsweetened wine, especially very dry champagne.

brutum fulmen

'unfeeling thunder'; empty threat.

bruxism

n. grinding of teeth, especially in sleep.

bryology

n. study of mosses and liverworts; plant life of such kind of a region. **bryological**,
a. **bryologist**, *n.* **bryophyte**, *n.* moss or liverwort.

Brythonic

a. Welsh; of ancient Cambria or Cornwall; of the language group including Breton, Cornish and Welsh.

bubal(is)

n. kind of African antelope. **bubaline**, *a.*

bubo

n. (*pl. -oes*) swelling with inflammation of lymphatic gland, especially of groin.
bubonalgia, n. pain in groin. *bubonic, a.*

buccal

a. pertaining to mouth or cheek.

buccan

n. framework over which meat is roasted or dried; *v.t.* dry meat on such.

buccate

a. with protruding cheeks.

buccinal

a. having shape or sound of trumpet. *buccinator, n.* muscle forming cheek- wall.
buccinatory, a.

buccula

n. (pl. -lae) double chin.

bucentaur

n. mythical creature, half-man, half-ox; Venetian doges, state barge.

Buchmanism

n. religious principles and methods enunciated by F N D Buchman (1878-1961), founder of the 'group movement', including open confession and testimony.
Buchmanite, *n.* adherent of Buchmanism.

bucolic

a. rustic; pertaining to shepherds; *n. pl.* pastoral poems. **bucoliast**, *n.* writer of bucolics.

Buddhism

n. Asian relig. founded in 5th century BC by Gautama Buddha. **Buddhist**, *a.* & *n.* **Buddhistic(al)**, *a.*

buddle

n. sloping trough, etc., for washing crushed ore; *v.t.* wash on a buddle.

budgerow

n. heavy flat-bottomed Ganges barge.

bufonite

n. toadstone.

buhl

a. inlaying of gold, brass, tortoiseshell, mother of pearl, etc., on furniture; piece of furniture so inlaid.

bührstone

burrstone.

bulbil

n. small bulb; large, fleshy, axillary bud from which plant may be grown.

bulbul

n. song-thrush of Orient; nightingale.

bulger

n. parched, crushed wheat.

bulimia, bulimy

n. insatiable hunger; abnormal craving for food. **bulimia nervosa**, excessive overeating compensated for by forced vomiting, periods of fasting, etc. **bulimic**, *a.* voracious; pertaining to bulimia (nervosa); *n.* person suffering from bulimia nervosa. **bulimious**, *a.* suffering from bulimia (nervosa).

bull

n. Commerce, speculator in shares who desires a rise in price; papal edict.

bullace

n. small wild plum fruit and tree.

bullary

n. collection of papal bulls.

bullate

a. puckered; with blistered appearance. **bullation**, *n.*

bullhead

n. several small, large-headed spinous marine fishes, especially the miller's thumb.

bulliform

a. bullate.

bullion

n. gold or silver in the mass, especially uncoined. **bullionist**, *n.* upholder of metallic currency.

bullish

a. Commerce, anticipating or associated with a rise in price.

bullroarer

n. wooden instrument making a roaring sound, used by Australian and other aborigines, generally to cause rain; whizzingstick; lightning-stick.

bum-bailiff

see **bailiff**.

bumboat

n. small harbour boat carrying provisions, etc. to ship.

bumicky

n. cement mixed with stone fragments for repairing masonry.

bummallo

n. small S Asiatic fish; Bombay duck.

bund

n. quay; esplanade; embankment. **bunder** *n.* quay; harbour; port.

bundobust

n. see **bandobast**.

bunt

n. kind of fungus attacking wheat; middle of sail or fish-net when slack. **bunt-line**, *n.* furling rope.

buonamano

see **bonamano**.

buphthalmia

n. enlargement of eye. **buphtalmic**, *a.*

buran

n. sudden violent storm of Central Asia.

burbot

n. long, slender, freshwater fish of cod family; eel-pout.

bureaucracy

n. government by permanent officials; officialdom. **bureaucrat**, *n.* **bureaucratic**, *a.* **bureaucratize**, *v.t.* **bureaucratism**, **bureaucratist**, *n.*

burette

n. graduated glass measuring tube; *Ecclesiastical*, sacramental cruet.

burgee

n. small triangular pennant of yacht, etc.

burgensic

a. pertaining to citizen or freeman of borough.

burgeon

n., v.i. bud; sprout.

burgh

n. Scottish borough.

burgrave

n. former German commander of a town or castle; title of honour equiv. of count. **burgraviate**, *n.* jurisdiction of burgrave.

burin

n. engraver's tool; graver. **burinist**, *n.* engraver.

burlap

n. kind of sacking canvas; coarse, vari-coloured curtain fabric.

burletta

n. light comic opera.

burnettize

v.t. v.t. saturate with zinc chloride solution to prevent decay. **burnettizing**, *n.* such process, invented by Sir W Burnett.

burnous, burnoose

n. Moorish hooded cloak.

burra

a. great, used as title of respect. **burra sahib**, important official; manager, chief.

burro

n. donkey.

burrow-duck

n. sheldrake.

burrstone

n. flinty rock used for millstones; millstone made of this.

bursa

n. (*pl. -sae or -sas*) sac, especially fluid-filled at point of friction in joint, etc.
bursal, a. pertaining to bursa; pertaining to states revenue. **bursitis**, n. inflammation of bursa.

bursar

n. college or school treasurer; holder of bursary. **bursarial**, a. **bursary**, n. office of bursar; scholarship at school or university.

burse

n. purse; bourse; bursary; *Roman Catholic*, purse-like container of Communion cloth. **bursicle**, n. *Botany*, purse-shaped pod. **bursiculate**, a. having shape of small purse. **bursiform**, a. purse-shaped.

burucha

borracha.

'bus-bar, bus

n. *Electricity*, main conductor on printed circuit board.

bush

n. **bush-buck**, *n.* small African spiral-horned antelope. **bushman**, *n.* S African aborigine. **bush-master**, *n.* large S American poisonous snake. **bushcat**, serval. **bushlawyer**, New Zealand bramble.

bushido

n. code of honour of Japanese military class; chivalry.

buskin

n. high boot; thick-soled boot (also called cothurnus) worn by actors in ancient Greek tragedy; classic tragedy.

bustard

n. large crane-like bird of Europe; *American & Canadian*, the Canada goose. **great bustard**, largest European land bird.

but-and-ben

n. two-roomed dwelling.

butte

n. steep, isolated hill.

butyric

a. pertaining to butter. **butyraceous**, **butyrous** *a.* like, producing or containing butter.

bwana

n. master.

by-blow

n. side blow; illegitimate child.

byssus

n. filamentous tuft ('beard') by which molluscs attach themselves; fine flax and fabric woven from it. **byssaceous**, *a.* consisting of fine threads; like a byssus. **byssal**, *a.* **byssiferous**, *a.* having a byssus; tufted. **byssine**, *a.* silky; the fabric byssus. **byssogenous**, *a.* producing a byssus. **byssoid**, *a.* like a byssus; fibrous; cottony.

byte

n. in computers, a character consisting of eight 'bits'.

bywoner

n. sub-tenant of farm; agricultural labourer.

caa'ing whale

n. kind of dolphin, also called blackfish or pilot-whale.

cabal

n. political coterie or intrigue; *v.i.* form a cabal.

cabala, cabbala

n. occult knowledge; mystery; mystical interpretation of Scriptures. **cabalic**, *a.* **cabalism**, cabalist, *n.* **cabalistic**, *a.* mysterious.

caballero

n. knight; gentleman.

caballine

a. equine.

cabochon

n. convex-cut, polished stone. **en cabochon**, cut in that manner.

caboose

n. ship's galley; *American*, guard's or engineer's van on goods train.

cabotage

n. coastal navigation; restriction of internal air services to a country's own carriers.

cabriole

n. outward curving leg, with ornamental foot, of Queen Anne furniture.

cabriolet

n. one-horse, two wheeled, single- or two-seater carriage; two- door convertible motor car.

cacaesthesia

n. morbid sensation.

ca' canny

v.i. move cautiously; *n.* extreme caution; limitation of output by workmen; *a.* cautious; mean.

cacao

n. cocoa tree and seed.

cacciatore

a. made with tomatoes, mushrooms and herbs.

cachaemia

n. poisoned condition of blood. *cachaemic, a.*

cachalot

n. sperm whale.

cachepot

n. ornamental plant-pot holder.

cache-sexe

n. small cover for the genitals.

cachet

n. prestige; distinctive mark or quality; seal.

cachexy, cachexia

n. generally unhealthy physical or mental state. **cachectic, cachetic, a.**

cachinnate

v.i. laugh harshly and loudly. **cachinnation, cachinato, n. cachinatory, a.**

cachou

n. lozenge for sweetening the breath.

cachucha

n. quick Spanish dance, with castanet accompaniment.

cacique, caziique

n. S American, Mexican, and W Indian native chieftain.

cacodemon, cacodaemon

n. evil spirit. **cacodemonia, cacodemomania, n.** insanity in which patients believe themselves to be possessed by evil spirit. **cacodemaniac, a.**

cacodoxy

n. heterodoxy.

cacoepy

n. incorrect pronunciation. **cacoepist, n. cacoepistic, a.**

cacoethes

n. strong desire; bad habit. **cacoethic, a.**

cacogastric

a. dyspeptic.

cacogenics

n. study or process of racial deterioration. **cacogenic, a.**

cacography

n. incorrect spelling or writing. **cacographer**, *n.* bad speller. **cacographic(al)**, *a.*

cacology

n. incorrect diction.

caronym

n. bad or wrongly derived name. **caronymic**, *a.*

cacophony

n. unpleasant, discordant noise. **cacophonic**, **cacophonous**, *a.*

cacuminal

a. pertaining to point, top or crown. **cacuminate**, *v.t.* sharpen. **cacumination**, *n.* **cacuminous**, *a.* pointed.

cadastre

n. register of lands, their values and owners. **cadastral**, *a.* **cadastration**, *n.* making this.

cadaver

n. corpse. **cadaveric**, *a.* pertaining to corpses. **cadaverous**, *a.* deathly pale; gaunt.

cadence

n. rhythmical fall or modulation; *Music*, close of phrase, especially final chords.
cadential, a.

cadenza

n. Music, virtuoso passage immediately preceding close of work or section.

cadi

n. local judge in Islam.

cadre

n. permanent trained unit within an organisation forming nucleus for expansion.

caducary, caduciary

a. Law, passing by forfeiture, lapse, etc.

caduceus

n. (pl. -ei) winged wand entwined with snakes, borne by Mercury; herald's wand of office. *caducean, a.*

caducous

a. of short duration; *Botany*, dying when function is completed; deciduous.
caducity, n.

caecum

n. (*pl. -ca*), blind outgrowth at junction of large and small intestines, terminating in vermiform appendix. **caecal**, *a.* **caeciform**, *a.* shaped like a caecum. **caecity**, *n.* blindness.

caenogenesis

n. development in individual of processes not common to its species. **caenogenetic**, *a.*

caesaropapacy

n. secular possession of highest ecclesiastical power.

caesious

a. pale blue-green.

caespitose, cespitose

a. growing in tufts.

caesura

n. natural pause in verse-line. **masculine caesura**, one following stressed syllable of foot. **feminine caesura**, one occurring in unstressed part of line. **caesural**, *a.*

caftan

n. long, wide-sleeved, girdled gown of Asia Minor and Levant.

cahier

n. artist's working notes or drawings; report of proceedings.

caiman, cayman

n. Central and S American alligator.

cainozoic

a.,n. Geology, tertiary.

caique

n. long, narrow, oared Turkish boat.

cairngorm

n. yellowish-brown variety of quartz, especially found in Scottish Cairngorm mountain.

caisson

n. underwater water-tight chamber for bridge-building, etc.; hydraulic lift for raising ship; *Military*, ammunition wagon. **caisson disease**, condition, marked by pain, paralysis or death, due to over-rapid lowering of air pressure after working in compressed air; 'the bends'.

cajun

a.,n. (characteristic of) a descendant of French-speaking immigrants to Louisiana.

calabash

n. gourd.

calamary

n. squid.

calamus

n. feather quill; reed used as pen; Malacca and rattan cane palm.

calash

n. kind of four-seater carriage with hood; *Canadian*, two-wheeled single-seater driving carriage.

calathiform

a. cup-shaped.

calcaneus

n. (*pl. -nei*) heel bone. **calcaneal**, calcanean, *a.*

calcareous

a. pertaining to limestone; consisting of carbonate of lime.

calcariferous

a. spurred. **calcariform**, **calcarine** *a.* spur-shaped.

calceiform

a. slipper-shaped.

calcicole

n. plant thriving on limy soil.

calcicosis

n. lung disease due to inhaling limestone dust.

calciferous

a. yielding lime or calcite.

calcific

a. forming lime; produced by calcification.

calciform

a. pebble-shaped.

calcifuge

n. plant thriving on soil not rich in lime.

calcify

v.i., v.t. convert or be converted into lime. **calcification**, *n. Medicine*, tissue hardened by lime deposits.

calcimine

n., v.t. whitewash.

calcine

v.i. v.t. convert or be converted into powder or lime by burning; roast. **calcination**, *n. calcinatory, a.; n. vessel for calcination.*

calcite

n. calcium carbonate; limestone; Iceland spar.

calcitonin

n. hormone secreted by the thyroid gland, controlling the rate of bone destruction.

calcivorous

a. applied to plants thriving on limestone.

calculus

n. (pl. -li), Medicine, stone- like concretion; *Mathematics*, method of calculation. **calculary**, **calculous**, *a. Medicine* pertaining to a calculus. **calculiform**, *a. pebble-shaped.*

calèche

n. calash.

calefacient

a. warming. **calefaction**, *n.* **calefactive**, *a.* **calefactory**, *a.*; *n.* warm room or vessel.

calelectricity

n. electricity caused by changes in temperature. **calelectric(al)**, *a.*

calendar

n. system determining the length, starting point and subdivisions of the year; table, chart, etc. showing days, weeks and months of a particular year; schedule of events, engagements, etc.; *v.t.* enter in a calendar. **calendric(al)**, *a.*

calender

n., v.t. mangle or press, especially to produce glazed surface.

calends

n. pl. first day of month in ancient Roman calendar. **at the Greek calends**, never. **calendal**, *a.*

calenture

n. sunstroke, or other fever or delirium due to heat.

calescent

a. becoming warm. **calescence**, *n.*

calicular, caliculate

a. cup-like.

caliduct

n. conduit for hot fluid.

caligo

n. dim-sightedness. **caliginous**, *a.* dim; obscure.

caliology

n. study of birds' nests. **caliological**, *a.* caliologist, *n.*

calipash

n. green, glutinous flesh next to a turtle's carapace.

calipee

n. yellowish, glutinous flesh next to a turtle's lower shell.

caliph

n. ruler of Islam. **caliphate**, *n.* office and succession of caliph.

calix

n. (*pl.* -ices) cup; chalice.

calligraphy, caligraphy

n. handwriting; penmanship. **calligrapher, calligraphist, n.** **calligraphic(al), a.**

callipygian, callipygous

a. having well-shaped buttocks.

callisection

n. vivisection of anaesthetized animals.

callisteia

n. pl. pl. beauty prizes.

callisthenics, calisthenics

n. strengthening and beautifying exercises.

calodemon, calodaemon

n. good spirit.

calomel

n. strong purgative, compound of mercury, acting on liver.

caloric

a. pertaining to heat. **calorifacient**, calorific, *a.* producing heat.

calorimeter

n. instrument for measuring heat. **calorimetry** *n.*

calotte

n. skull cap, especially of Roman Catholic clergy; small dome.

calque

n. word or phrase directly translated from one language and used in another.

caltrop

n. spiked device laid on the ground to disable enemy horses or vehicles.

calumet

n. American Indian tobacco pipe of peace.

calumniate

v.t. slander. **calumnious**, **calumniatory**, *a.* **calumny**, **calumnia**, **calumniator**, *n.*

calvarial

a. pertaining to crown of head.

calvities

n. baldness. **calvous, a.**

calx

n. (pl. calces) lime; oxide.

calyx

n. (pl. -lyces) outer whorl of generally green floral leaves (sepals) in flower.
calycate, a. having calyces. **calyciform, a.** calyx- shaped. **calycine, a.** pertaining to calyces. **calyloid, a.** calyx-like.

camaraderie

n. comradeship; good fellowship.

camarilla

n. political secret society, especially of king's favourites.

cambism

n. theory of commercial exchange. **cambist, n.** person dealing in bills of exchange. **cambistry, n.** study of international exchange.

cambium

n. soft enveloping tissue of trees from which new tissues are formed. **cambial**, *a.* **cambiform**, *a.* like cambium in nature or function. **cambiogenetic**, *a.* producing cambium.

camelopard

n. giraffe.

cameralism

n. economic theory in which public revenue is sole measure of national prosperity. **cameralist**, *n.* adherent of cameralism. **cameralistic**, *a.* pertaining to public revenue. **cameralistics**, *n.* study of national finance.

camera lucida

n. instrument containing prism by which image of object is projected onto flat surface, where it may be traced.

camera obscura

n. box or chamber with lens throwing onto screen image of object outside.

camerate(d)

a. divided into chambers. **cameration**, *n.* division into chambers; vaulting.

cameriere

n. (*pl.* -ri, *fem.* cameriera, *pl.* -re) valet; waiter.

camerlingo, camerlengo

n. papal treasurer.

camion

n. flat, low, four-wheeled truck or dray.

camisade, camisado

n. attack by night.

camlet

n. fine dress fabric of silk and camel-hair, or wool and goat's hair. **camleteen**, **camletine**, *n.* imitation camlet of hair and worsted.

camomile, chamomile

n. common daisy-like plant, yielding drug of wide use.

camorra

n. secret terrorist organisation, especially of 19th-century. **camorrism**, **camorrist**, *n.*

campaniform

a. bell-shaped.

campanile

n. free-standing bell-tower.

campanology

n. study and knowledge of bells; bell-making; bell-ringing. **campanological**, *a.* **campanologist**, *n.* **campanist**, *n.* expert on bells; bell-ringer.

campanulate, campanular, campanulous

a. bell-shaped.

campestral, campestrial

a. pertaining to or thriving in open countryside.

canaille

n. the mob; rabble.

canard

n. baseless rumour; hoax.

canasta

n. elaborate form of rummy (card-game) with partners.

canaster

n. coarse tobacco.

cancellate(d), cancellous

a. marked with network of lines; having a sponge-like structure.

cancriform

a. crab-shaped; *Medicine*, cancer-like. **cancrivorous**, a. feeding on crabs. **cancrizans**, a. moving crab-wise or backwards; *Music*, having theme repeated backwards. **cancroid**, a. crab-like; cancer-like.

candent

a. white-hot.

candescent

a. glowing. **candescence**, n.

canephorus

n. (*pl. -ri*) sculpture of a young man or woman carrying a basket on head.

canescent

a. becoming white; hoary. **canescence**, n.

cang(ue)

n. wooden yoke, inscribed with list of his offences, hung round criminal's neck in China.

canicular

a. pertaining to dog star or dog days.

canities

n. whiteness of hair.

cannel

n. kind of fine, brightly burning coal.

cannellate(d)

a. fluted. **cannelure**, *n.* groove, especially in cartridge.

cannular, cannulate

a. hollow; tubular.

canon

n. law; code, especially ecclesiastical; criterion; authentic or accepted books especially of Bible; list; *Music*, part-song in which opening passage is strictly repeated. **canonical**, *a.* according to ecclesiastical law; authentic; legal. **canonicals**, *n. pl.* clergyman's costume or robes. **canonics**, *n.* study of canon of Bible.

canonist

n. expert on canon law; strict adherent of rules.

canopus

n. (*pl. -pi*) ancient Egyptian vase for holding viscera of dead. **canopic**, *a.*

canorous

a. sweet-sounding.

cant

n. jargon or slang of a particular group; hypocritical use of pious phraseology.

cantaloup(e)

n. kind of small melon.

cantatory

a. pertaining to singer or singing.

cantatrice

n. female singer.

cantharides

pl. n. pl. medical preparation of dried Spanish flies, formerly used as a diuretic or aphrodisiac. **cantharidal**, *a.* **cantharidate**, *v.t.* treat with this. **cantharidean**, **cantharidian**, *a.* made of this. **cantharidism**, *n.* condition due to excessive use of this.

canthus

n. angle between eyelids at corner of eye. **canthal**, *a.*

canticle

n. short psalm; holy song.

cantilena

n. smooth, flowing melody or vocal style.

cantilever

n. projecting bracket. **cantilever bridge**, bridge composed of two or more cantilevers, not supporting each other, as Forth Bridge.

cantle

n. slice; hinder saddle-bow.

cantonment

n. troops' camp or barracks; small military station, especially in British India.

cantor

n. liturgical singer and leader of prayers in synagogue; precentor. **cantoral**, **cantorial**, *a.* pertaining to the north, or precentor's, side of choir.

cantus firmus

n. plainchant melody; melodic theme, especially in counterpoint.

canzone

n. song; lyric; song-like instrumental piece. **canzonet**, *n.* short song or melody.

caoutchouc

n. rubber, especially pure. **caoutchoucin(e)**, *n.* rubber oil.

capacitance

n. Electricity, ability to store an electric charge; measure of such ability. **capacitor**, *n.* device for accumulating electric charge.

cap-à-pie

adv. from head to foot.

caparison

n. armour; harness; trappings; *v.t.* place such covering upon.

capeador

n. bullfighter carrying red cloak.

capercaillie, capercaille, capercailye

n. largest grouse bird.

capias

n. writ of arrestment.

capillary

a. pertaining to or like a hair; *n.* minute hair-like blood-vessel. **capillaceous**, **capillose**, *a.* hairy; bristly. **capilliform**, *a.* hair-like. **capillarimeter**, *n.* instrument measuring liquid by action of capillarity. **capillarity**, *n.* movement of liquid up or down when in contact with solid, due to surface tension.

capistratē

a. hooded.

capitate

a. head-like. **capitatum** *adv.* per head. **capitation**, *n.* counting or levying by the head, *i.e.* per person; poll tax. **capitative**, *a.* per person.

capitular

a. pertaining to cathedral chapter. **capitulary**, *n.* statute or member of such chapter.

capon

n. castrated cock, especially fattened for table. **caponize**, *v.t.* castrate.

caporal

n. coarse tobacco.

capote

n. lady's long hooded cloak.

capreolate

a. having tendrils.

capric

a. pertaining to goat. **caprid**, *n.* goat.

caprificate

v.t. improve (cultivated figs) by artificial pollination from wild figs.

caprification, *n.*

caprifig

n. wild fig.

caprifoliaceous

a. pertaining to or like honeysuckle; belonging to honeysuckle family of plants.

caprine, caprinic

a. pertaining to or like goat.

capriole

n. leap and kick by trained horse.

capripede

n. satyr.

capsicum

n. plant yielding (e.g. red or green) peppers; its fruit.

captation

n. attempt to obtain applause or recognition.

captious

a. fault-finding.

capybara

n. the largest rodent, a guinea-pig-like, webbed-footed mammal of S America.

carabiniere

n. (*pl. -ri* *pron. same*) policeman; soldier armed with carbine.

caracal

n. lynx of Africa and Asia.

caracole

n. half turn by trained horse; caper; *v.i.* make such turn.

carapace

n. exo-skeleton; protective shell of tortoise, etc. **carapacic, a.**

caravanserai, caravansary

n. Eastern inn, especially for accommodation of caravans.

caravel, carvel

n. small three- or four-masted ship of 15th and 16th centuries; Turkish battleship.

carbacidometer

n. instrument measuring quantity of carbon dioxide in air.

carbasus

n. lint; gauze.

carbomycin

n. antibiotic drug obtained from a soil fungus, used chiefly against respiratory infections.

carbonade

n. beef stew made with beer.

carbonado

n. piece of meat, fish etc., scored and grilled.

carbonari

pl. n. pl. (sing. -ro) members of secret 19th-century Italian republican association.

carbonic

a. pertaining to carbon. **carboniferous**, *a.* containing coal. **Carboniferous**, *a.* & *n. Geology*, (of) a period between 270 and 350 million years ago. **carbonize**, *v.i.* & *t.* convert into carbon; char.

carborundum

n. polishing substance compounded of silicon and carbon.

carboy

n. large wicker-covered bottle.

carbuncle

n. large boil; garnet cut en cabochon. **carbuncular**, *a.*

carburet

v.t. combine or charge with carbon. **carburation**, *n.* charging air with enough fuel vapour to render mixture explosive.

carcajou

n. wolverine; cougar; N American badger.

carcanet

n. jewelled necklace or collar.

carcinogen

n. a cancer-causing substance. **carcinogenic**, *a.*

carcinology

n. study of crustaceans. **carcinomorphic**, *a.* like a crab or crustacean.
carcinophagous, *a.* feeding on crabs.

carcinoma

n. (*pl. -mata, -mas*) a form of malignant cancer. **carcinomatous**, *a.*
carcinomatosis, *n.* condition characterized by multiple carcinomas.

cardamon, cardamom

n. seeds and fruit of an E Indian plant, used in medicine as stimulant, etc.

cardiac

a. pertaining to heart; *n.* stimulant for heart or stomach. **cardialgia**, *n.*
heartburn.

cardinal

n. & *a.* (applied to) simple numbers, 1, 2, 3, etc.; applied to N, S, E, and W points of compass.

cardiology

n. study of heart and its diseases. **cardiograph**, *n.* instrument recording heart's movements. **cardiography**, *n.* description of heart. **cardioid**, *a.* heart-shaped. **cardiometry**, *n.* measurement of heart. **cardiopathy**, *n.* heart disease. **cardiotomy**, *n.* incision into heart or upper end of stomach. **cardiovascular**, *a.* pertaining to heart and blood vessels. **carditis**, *n.* inflammation of cardiac tissue.

cardophagus

n. (*pl.* -**gi**) eater of thistles; donkey.

careen

v.i., v.t. heel over; turn on side for repairs.

carême

n. Lent.

caret

n. mark indicating omission.

caribou

n. N American and Greenland reindeer.

caricology

n. study of sedges. **caricography**, *n.* description of sedges.

caricous

a. fig-like.

caries

n. decay of bone or tooth. **cariogenic**, *a.* producing caries. **carious**, *a.* pertaining to caries; decayed.

carillon

n. peal of bells. **carillonneur**, **carillonist**, *n.* player on carillon.

carinate

a. like or having a keel. **carinal**, **cariniform**, *a.* keel-shaped. **carination**, *n.*

cariole, carriole

n. light one-horse carriage or cart; *Canadian*, kind of sleigh.

caritative

a. charitable.

carmagnole

n. wide-lapelled, buttoned jacket of Piedmont; costume of Jacobin French revolutionaries, including the carmagnole, red cap and tricolour sash; French revolutionary song and dance.

carminative

n. & a. (medicine) expelling wind.

carnassial

a. (of teeth) adapted for tearing.

carnelian

n. hard, red variety of chalcedony.

carneous

a. like or of flesh; flesh-coloured. **carnifex**, *n.* executioner. **carnification**, *n.* conversion into flesh. **carnificial**, *a.* pertaining to executioner or butcher. **carniform**, *a.* flesh-like. **carnify**, *v.t.* convert into or become like flesh. **carnivorous**, *a.* flesh-eating. **carnose**, *a.* fleshy.

carnet

n. customs licence for temporary importation of motor vehicle.

carob

n. Mediterranean plant yielding edible pulp used *e.g.* as chocolate substitute.

carom

n. cannon (in billiards); *v.i.* cannon; rebound.

caronamide

n. substance that prolongs the action of penicillin by preventing its excretion.

carotene

n. yellowish-red hydrocarbon giving colour to carrots, butter, etc., and converted into vitamin A in the body.

carotid

n. & *a.* (artery) conducting blood to head. **carotic**, *a.* comatose.

carpe diem

'enjoy the day'; seize opportunity; 'make hay while the sun shines'.

carpel

n. Botany, pistil; organ forming part of pistil. **carpellary**, *a.* **carpellate**, *a.* having carpels. **carpid(ium)**, *n.* small carpel.

carpitis

n. arthritis of carpus.

carpogenous

a. fruit-producing. **carpolith**, **carpolite**, *n.* fossil fruit or seed. **carpology**, *n.*

study of fruit structure. **carpophagous**, *a.* feeding on fruit.

carpus

n. (*pl.* -**pi**) wrist; small bones of wrist. **carpal**, *adj.*

carrack

n. galleon.

carrageen

n. kind of dark red, branched seaweed; Irish moss.

carrel, carrell

n. booth for individual study in library.

carronade

n. kind of short, light ship's gun.

carron oil

n. lotion, composed of limewater and linseed oil, formerly used for burns.

carte blanche

n. 'white card'; permission to act freely.

cartel

n. association of business organizations, to limit competition and maintain prices; alliance of political parties. **cartelize**, *v.t.* **cartelist**, *n.*

cartilage

n. gristle. **cartilaginous**, *a.* like cartilage. **cartilaginous**, *a.* pertaining to or composed of this.

cartogram

n. map showing statistical information diagrammatically.

cartography

n. map-making. **cartographer**, *n.* **cartographic**, *a.*

cartomancy

n. divination or fortune-telling by playing-cards.

carton pierre

n. kind of papier-mâché imitative of stone or bronze.

cartouch(e)

n. scroll- or shield-shaped or oval ornamentation; oval figure containing ancient Egyptian king's name and titles; cartridge- case.

caruncle

n. fleshy outgrowth. **caruncular**, **carunculous**, *a.* **carunculate**, *a.* having caruncles.

carvel-built

a. (of a ship) with planks meeting flush at the seams.

caryatid

n. sculptured female figure acting as pillar. **caryatidal**, **caryatic**, *a.*

casaque

n. cassock; blouse.

casease

n. enzyme decomposing the casein in milk and cheese.

casein

n. essential albumin of milk. **acid casein**, curd. **caseate**, *v.i.* become cheese-like. **caseation**, *n.* **casefy**, *v.i. & t.* become or make cheese-like. **caseous**, *a.* like cheese.

casemate

n. bomb-proof room in fortification.

casern(e)

n. garrison's barracks.

cassation

n. annulment. *Music*, a serenade-like instrumental composition for outdoor performance. **court of cassation**, highest French court of appeal.

cassava

n. tropical plant with roots yielding starch used in tapioca making; manioc.

cassideous

a. helmet-shaped.

cassidony

n. lavender.

cassiterite

n. native dioxide of tin, the chief ore of tin.

cassowary

n. emu-like bird of Australasia. **cassowary tree**, casuarina.

castanean, castanian

a. pertaining to chestnut. **castaneous**, *a.* chestnut-coloured.

castellan

n. castle governor. **castellany**, *n.* jurisdiction of castellan.

castellar

a. pertaining to or like a castle.

castellate(d)

a. battlemented; turreted; castle-like in appearance. **castellation**, *n.*

castigate

v.t. punish; reprove; criticize severely. **castigation**, **castigator**, *n.* **castigative**, **castigatory**, *a.*

castor

n. substance derived from beaver and used in perfumery; hat, especially of beaver fur. **castory**, *n.* brown colour obtained from this.

castral

a. pertaining to camp.

castrametation

n. art of laying out a camp.

castrato

n. (*pl. -ti*) treble or alto male singer whose voice was prevented from breaking by castration.

castrenian

a. castral.

casualism

n. doctrine that all things happen by chance.

casuarina

n. Australian oak.

casuist

n. sophist; resolver of questions of conscience. **casuistic**, *a.* **casuistry**, *n.* study of rules of right and wrong; application of such rules to particular cases; false reasoning, especially on moral matters.

casus belli

n. event which justifies a declaration of war.

catabaptist

n. opponent of infant baptism.

catabasis

n. (*pl. -ses*) decline of disease. **catabatic**, *a.*

catabolism

n. destructive chemical processes in living creatures. **catabolic**, *a.* **catabolize**, *v. t.*

catachresis

n. use of wrong words. **catachrestic**, *a.*

catachthonian, catachthonic

a. subterranean.

cataclasis

n. (pl. -ses) Geology, deformation of rocks by crushing and shearing. **cataclastic**, *a.*

cataclasm

n. breaking down. **cataclasmic**, *a.*

cataclysm

n. catastrophe; upheaval. **cataclysmal**, **cataclysmic**, *a.*

catacoustic

a. pertaining to echoes. **catacoustics**, *n.* study of echoes.

catadioptric

a. pertaining or due to both reflection and refraction of light. **catadioptrics**, *n.* study of such phenomena.

catadromous

a. migrating from fresh to salt water to spawn.

catafalque

n. fixed bier for lying-in-state.

catakinetic

a. destructive of energy.

catalectic

a. lacking a syllable at end. **catalexis**, *n.*

catalepsy

n. rigid or trance-like fit. **cataleptic**, *a.* **cataleptiform**, *a.* like catalepsy.

catallactic

a. pertaining to exchange. **catalactics**, *n.* study of commercial exchange.

catalpa

n. ornamental American and Asiatic tree; Indian bean.

catalysis

n. alteration in speed of chemical reaction due to introduction of a substance which remains unchanged. **catalyse**, *v.t.* **catalyst**,, *n.* such introduced substance. **catalytic**, *a.*; *n.* catalyst; alterative. **catalytic converter**, *n.* device for reducing toxic emissions from internal-combustion engine.

catamenia

pl. n. *Medicine*, menstruation. **catamenial**, *a.*

catamite

n. boy kept for homosexual purposes.

catamount(ain)

n. wild cat.

cataphasia

n. speech disorder involving constant repetition of word or phrase.

cataphoresis

n. movement, due to application of electricity, of particles through fluid; injection of drugs electrically. **cataphoretic**, *a.*

cataplasma

n. poultice.

cataplexy

n. catalepsy-like trance or fit due to shock; motionlessness in animals feigning death.

catastaltic

n. & a. (drug) exercising restraint; astringent.

catastasis

n. (pl. -ses) climax or culmination of drama.

catastrophe

n. Literature, denouement or unravelling of drama after climax. **catastrophic**, *a.* **catastrophism**, *n. Geology*, theory that sudden isolated upheavals were responsible for geological changes. **catastrophist**, *n.* believer in such theory.

catatonia

n. severe mental disturbance marked by catalepsy. **catatonic**, *a.*

catchment

n. water collection; reservoir. **catchment area**, area draining into reservoir, etc.; area from which institution draws its attendance.

catchpole, catchpoll

n. bumbailiff.

catechesis

n. (pl. -ses) oral instruction in Christian doctrine. **catechetic(al)**, *a.*

catechism

*n. teaching by question and answer; summary of religious doctrine in question and answer form. **catechize**, *v.t.* **catechist**, *n.* teacher by catechism; native Christian teacher.*

catechu

n. astringent substance extracted from fruit, wood or leaves of several tropical plants including acacias and areca palm.

catechumen

*n. person receiving instruction, especially in religion. **catechumenate**, **catechumenism**, *n.* status of a catechumen **catechumenical**, *a.**

categorical imperative

n. philosophical principle of Kant – an action willed to be good in itself, and not only good as a means to an end.

catena

*n. chain; series. **catenoid**, **catenular**, **catenulate**, *a.* chain- like. **catenarian**, *a.* pertaining to chain or catenary. **catenary**, *a.* chain-like; *n.* curve assumed by chain suspended between two points. **catenate**, *v.t.* join together like a chain; *a.* chain-like. **catenation**, *n.**

catharsis

n. (*pl. -ses*) purging; *Literature*, purging of emotions by tragedy. **cathartic**, *n.* & *adj.* purgative.

cathedra

n. throne; bishop's or professor's chair. **ex cathedra**, (*Latin*) 'from the chair'; authoritative. **cathematic**, *a.*

catheter

n. Medicine, tube introduced into bladder through urethra. **catheterize**, *v.t.*

cathetometer

n. instrument measuring small vertical distances with great accuracy.

cathode

n. negative terminal; electrode by which current leaves. **cathode particle**, electron. **cathode ray**, stream of electrons from cathode to anode in discharge tube; **cathode ray tube**, vacuum tube in television receiver on fluorescent end of which (the screen) picture is created by cathode rays. **cathodic**, *a.* **cathodograph**, *n.* X-ray photograph.

catholicon

n. panacea.

catholyte

n. portion of electrolyte about cathode.

cation

n. positively charged ion moving towards cathode in electrolysis.

catogenic

a. *Geology*, formed from above; sedimentary.

catoptric

a. pertaining to reflection of light. **catoptromancy**, *n.* divination by gazing into mirror or crystal. **catoptrics**, *n.* study of reflection.

cattalo

n. a cross between domestic cattle and N American bison.

caucus

n. small powerful committee, especially in political party; meeting of such committee.

caudal

a. pertaining to tail. **caudad**, *adv.* towards tail. **caudate**, *a.* tailed. **caudiform**, *a.* tail- like.

caul

n. membrane sometimes covering head of new-born infant, and regarded as lucky.

cauline

a. Botany, growing on stem. **cauliform**, *a.* like a stem. **cauligenous**, *a.* borne on stem. **caulescent**, *a.* with aerial stem. **caulome**, *n.* stem structure of plant. **caulotaxy**, *n.* disposition of branches on stem.

cause célèbre

n. (*pl. causes célèbres* *pron. same*) 'famous lawsuit', especially one creating much public stir.

causerie

n. 'chat'; writing in conversational tone.

cautery

n. medical instrument used for searing wounds, etc.; use of such instrument **cauterant**, *a.*; **cauterize**, *v.t.*

cavatina

n. simple song or melody.

cave

'beware'; look out! **cave canem**, 'beware of the dog'. **keeping cave**, acting as look-out.

caveat

n. injunction to stop proceedings; warning. **caveat emptor**, (*Latin*) 'let the

purchaser beware'.

cavernicolous

a. living in caves. **cavernulous**, *a.* full of small cavities.

cavicorn

a. with hollow horns.

civil

v.i. find fault; *n.* querulous objection.

cavo-relievo

n. sculpture in which highest part is level with surface of stone; hollow relief.

cavy

n. several small rodents; guinea-pig.

cayman

n. see caiman.

CD-ROM

n. abbreviation for compact disc read-only memory: computer storage device using compact-disc technology.

cecidiology

n. study of insect galls. **cecidiologist**, *n.* **cecidiogenous**, *a.* causing galls.

cecil

n. forcemeat ball.

cedilla

n. comma-like mark (ç) indicating that *c* is pronounced sibilant.

cedrate

a. citron.

ceil

v.t. cover with plaster, boarding etc.; give a ceiling to.

ceilidh

n. informal gathering with music, dancing etc.

ceilometer

n. instrument measuring the distance between cloud ceiling and Earth's surface.

celadon

n. porcelain with greyish-green glaze; pale greyish green.

celation

n. concealment. **celative**, *a.*

celature

n. process of embossing metal.

celerity

n. swiftness.

celibatarian

n. & a. (person) advocating celibacy.

celidography

n. description of sun's or planet's surface markings. **celidographer**, *n.*

cellulosic

a. plastic made from cellulose.

celoscope

n. Medicine, instrument for examining body cavities.

celt

n. prehistoric edged stone, bronze or iron implement. **celtiform**, *a.* celt-shaped.

cembalo

n. dulcimer; harpsichord; any musical instrument with hammers to strike strings.
cembalist, *n.* player on a cembalo.

cenacle

n. dining-room, especially room in which the Last Supper was held.

cenobite

n. member of religious community; monk. **cenoby**, *n.* convent or monastery.
cenobian, **cenobitical**, *a.* **cenobitism**, *n.* cenobitical state or practice.

censer

n. receptacle for incense.

cental

n. measure of weight equivalent of 100 lb.

centenary

a. pertaining to or lasting 100 years *n.* one hundredth anniversary. **centennial**, *a.* pertaining to or lasting 100 years; *n.* *American*, centenary. **centenarian**, *n.* person aged 100 years or more.

centesimal

a. counting or counted by hundredths. **centesimate**, *v.t.* punish by punishing (especially executing) every hundredth man. **centesimation**, *n.*

centimetric

a. less than 1 metre in length (of very short radio and radar waves).

cento

n. anthology of short quotations; any patch-work-like composition. **centonical**,
a. **centonism**, *n.* composition of a cento.

centrifugal

a. tending to move away from centre. **centrifuge**, *n.* machine for separating substances of different densities by centrifugal force; *v.t.* separate by this means. **centripetal**, *a.* tending to move towards centre.

centrobaric

a. pertaining to centre of gravity.

centuple

a. hundredfold; *v.t.* increase a hundredfold.

centuriate

a. divided into hundreds. **centuriation**, *n.*

cepaceous

a. like an onion.

cephalic

a. pertaining to head. **cephalic index**, 100 times maximum breadth of skull divided by maximum length. **cephalad**, *adv.* towards head. **cephalate**, *a.* having a head.

cephalopod

n. & a. (mollusc, as octopus, squid, etc.) with arm-like tentacles attached to head.

cephalosporin, ceporin

n. antibiotic drug extracted from *cephalosporium* mould, of very wide application.

cephalothorax

n. body, or head with thorax, of spiders, crustaceans, etc. **cephalothoracic**, *a.*

ceraceous

a. like wax. **ceral**, *a.* pertaining to wax or cere.

ceramics

n. art of making pottery. **ceramist**, **ceramicist**, *n.* maker of or expert on pottery. **ceramography**, *n.* historical or descriptive work on pottery.

cerate

n. medical unguent composed of wax, lard, etc.; *a.* having a cere. **cerated**, *a.* covered with wax.

ceratoid

a. horny; like or shaped like horn.

ceraunoscope

n. ancient instrument used to simulate the sound of thunder.

cercal

a. caudal.

cere

n. wax; wax-like protuberance at base of upper part of bird's bill. **cerous**, *a.* pertaining to or like a cere.

cerebellum

n. part of brain projecting at back; 'little brain'. **cerebellar**, *a.*

cerebrotonic

a. having a shy, inhibited temperament associated with ectomorphy.
cerebrotonia, *n.*

cerebrum

n. brain, especially fore part. **cerebral**, *a.* pertaining to cerebrum; primarily or

excessively intellectual. **cerebrate**, *v.i.* think deeply; reason. **cerebration**, *n.* **cerebrospinal**, *a.* pertaining to brain and spinal cord.

cerements

n.pl. pl. grave-clothes.

ceriferous

a. yielding wax.

cermet

n. a strong alloy of a metal with a heat-resisting compound, especially used for turbine blades and similar objects.

cernuous

a. Botany, drooping; hanging.

cerography

n. writing on wax; painting with wax colours; encaustic painting. **ceroplastics**, *n.* wax modelling.

certes

adv. Archaic. archaic certainly.

certiorari

n. writ for transference of hearing to superior court, or calling for production

before superior court of records of a lower court.

cerulean

n. sky-blue; dark blue. *cerulescent*, *a.* bluish.

cerumen

n. wax of ear. *ceruminiferous*, *a.* yielding this. *ceruminous*, *a.* pertaining to this.

ceruse

n. white lead.

cervical

a. pertaining to the neck or cervix.

cervine

a. pertaining to or like deer.

cervisial

a. pertaining to beer.

cervix

n. (*pl.* -ices), neck; narrow mouth.

cesious

a. blue-grey.

cession

n. act of ceding, especially rights, property or territory. **cessionary**, *n.* assignee; grantee.

cetane

n. an oil found in petroleum. **cetane number**, number representing ignition value of diesel oil, being the percentage of cetane in a mixture used for testing by comparison.

ceteris paribus

'other things being equal'.

CFC

n. abbreviation for chlorofluorocarbon.

chaconne

n. quiet old Spanish dance; set of variations on a continuously repeated ground bass.

chad

n. small pieces of paper removed by a punch.

chador

n. large cloth worn as head-covering and veil by Moslem women, especially as sign of religious orthodoxy.

chaetophorous

a. bearing bristles.

chagrin

n. disappointment annoyance; vexation; *v.t.*, disappoint deeply; annoy.

chaise

n. light, two-wheeled carriage, especially with suspended body.

chalastic

n. & a. laxative.

chalcedony

n. blue or grey variety of quartz. **chalcedonic**, **chalcedonous**, *a.*

chalcography

n. engraving on brass or copper. **chalcolithic**, *a.* pertaining to copper or bronze age. **chalcotript**, *n.* person who takes rubbings of ornamental brasses.

chalcosis

n. stone-cutters' lung disease, due to inhaling stone dust.

chalone

n. glandular secretion curbing activity. **chalonic**, *a.* pertaining to this; restraining.

chalybeate

a. containing salts of iron; *n.* such water, medicine, etc.

chamaecephalic

a. having a flattened skull. **chamaecephalus**, *n.* (*pl. -li*) such person. **chamaecephaly**, *n.* such condition.

chambre

a. at room temperature (of wine).

chamfer

n. groove; (edge with) flat surface between two bevels; *v.t.* cut chamfers in; cut off angles of; round off. **chamfered**, *a.*

chamma

n. cloak-like Abyssinian garment.

champaign

n. plain; any level expanse.

champerty

n. Law, crime of aiding another's lawsuit in order to share in gains therefrom.
champertous, a.

champignon

n. mushroom.

chamlevé

n. & a. (enamel) bearing indentations filled with colour.

chancre

n. syphilitic ulcer. **chancriform, a.** like a chancre. **chancroid, n.** local sore resembling a chancre. **chancrous, a.** like or having these.

changeling

n. child substituted secretly for parent's true child, especially ugly or backward child supposedly left by fairies; fickle person.

chantage

n. blackmail.

chanter

n. pipe of bagpipe on which the tune is played.

chantry

n. chapel, priest or endowment for singing masses.

chaparjos, chaparejos

n. pl. cowboys' leather leg-coverings, chaps.

chapatti

n. Indian unleavened bread or pancake.

chapbook

n. small popular book, formerly of songs, etc., sold by pedlars. **chapman**, *n.* pedlar.

chapelle ardente

n. 'burning chapel'; framework bearing burning candles over coffin or catafalque.

charcuterie

n. (shop selling) cold meats made from pork.

chargé d'affaires

n. (pl. chargés - pron. same) ambassador at minor court; assistant or deputy to ambassador.

charivari

n. medley, especially of noises; mock musical performance with whistles, utensils, etc.

charlatan

n. impostor; quack. **charlatanic**, *a.* **charlatanism**, **charlatanry**, *n.*

charnel-house

n. place where dead bodies or bones are deposited.

charpoy

n. light bedstead.

charqui

n. dried strips of meat; jerked beef. **charqued**, *a.* cut into strips and dried.

chasmogamy

n. opening of flower for fertilization. **chasmogamic**, **chasmogamous**, *a.*

chasmophilous

a. fond of crannies and crevices. **chasmophyte**, *n.* such plant.

chasuble

n. outermost ecclesiastical vestment without sleeves.

chatelaine

n. woman owner, occupier or caretaker of castle; ring attached to belt for carrying keys, etc.

chatoyant

a. with lustre that seems different colours in different lights; *n.* stone which shines with a wavy band of light; cat's-eye.

chauffer

n. small portable stove.

chaus

n. wild cat, especially of India and Africa.

chaussure

n. foot covering.

chauvinism

n. aggressive patriotism; jingoism; implicit belief in the superior of one's own sex, group, etc. *chauvinist, n.* chauvinistic, *a.*

chebec(k)

n. xebec.

chef-d'oeuvre

n. (*pl.* **chefs** - *pron.* same) masterpiece.

chela

n. (*pl.* **-lae**) pincer-like claw of e.g. crab, scorpion. **cheliferous**, *a.* having pincers. **cheliform**, *a.*

chelonian

n. & *a.* (pertaining to) tortoise or turtle. **chelonid**, *n.* sea turtle.

chemin-de-fer

n. 'road of iron'; railway; a kind of baccarat.

chemokinesis

n. increase in activity caused chemically. **chemolysis**, *n.* decomposition chemically caused. **chemonuclear**, *adj.* pertaining to or arising from both a chemical and a nuclear reaction. **chemoprophylaxis**, *n.* prevention by means of a chemical drug. **chemoreceptor**, *n.* sense organ that responds to chemical stimuli. **chemotaxis**, *n.* movement of organism towards or away from chemical substance. **chemotherapy**, *n.* medical treatment by chemicals attacking disease-producing organism. **chemotropism**, *n.* growth in response to chemical stimulus.

chemurgy

n. industrial organic chemistry.

chersonese

n. peninsula.

chert

n. flint-like concretions in limestone.

chervil

n. a salad herb with curled leaves.

cheval-de-frise

n. (*pl. chevaux-*) spiked bar on wall or window-sill. **cheval glass**, full-length mirror in frame.

chevalier

n. knight; cavalier; gallant.

chevaline

n. equine; *n.* horseflesh.

chevelure

n. head of hair.

chevet

n. east end of (especially French Gothic) church or chancel.

cheville

n. unnecessary word, especially used to extend verse line.

chevrette

n. kind of thin kid leather.

chevron

n. V-shaped bar or stripe.

chevrotain

n. small deer-like mammal of E Indies and Africa; mouse-deer.

chez

prep. at the house or home of.

chiaroscuro

n. use of light and shade in painting; use of similar contrast in writing, etc.

chiaroscurist, *n.* artist skilled in this.

chiasma

n. (pl. -mata) cross-shaped configuration especially in pairing chromosomes.

chiasmus

n. (pl. -mi) inversion of order of corresponding elements of two parallel phrases,

as in *born under one law, to another bound*. **chiastic**, *a.*

chibouk, chibouque

n. long Turkish smoking pipe.

chicane

n. chicanery; series of tight bends on motor-racing track; hand of cards without trumps *v.t.* cheat, trick. *v.i.* use subterfuge. **chicanery**, *n.* use of (especially legal) quibbles, sophistry or subterfuge to deceive; trick, quibble.

chicle

n. rubber-like gum, main ingredient of chewing gum, obtained from Central American sapodilla tree. **chiclero**, *Spanish-American n.* gatherer of this.

chico

n. 'little one'; my friend.

chiffonnier

n. sideboard; chest of drawers.

chignon

n. knot or 'bun' of hair; pad over which hair is arranged.

chigoe

n. flea; chigger; jigger.

chiliad

n. one thousand (years). **chiliadal**, chiliadic, *a.* **chiliagon**, *n.* thousand-sided figure. **chiliarch**, *n.* ancient Greek or Roman officer in charge of a thousand men. **chiliasm**, *n.* belief in second incarnation of Christ as king of world; millenarianism. **chiliast**, *n.* adherent of such belief. **chiliastic**, *a.*

chillum

n. hookah; bowl of hookah; tobacco-smoking. **chillumchee**, *n.* brass wash basin.

chimera, chimaera

n. imaginary monster; bogey; impossible idea. **chimerical**, *a.* imaginary; fanciful; fantastic.

chinch

n. bed-bug.

chinchilla

n. small, squirrel-like S American rodent; its soft fur; *a.* applied to soft-furred grey varieties of rabbit, cat, etc.

chine

n. backbone; cut of meat adjoining backbone; saddle; ridge; small ravine; *v.t.* cut into pieces.

chinkara

n. Indian gazelle or kind of antelope.

chinoiserie

n. decoration, furniture etc. imitating Chinese design.

chinook

n. warm dry wind blowing down E side of Rocky Mountains.

chionablepsia

n. snow blindness.

chiragra

n. gout of the fingers.

chiral

a. pertaining to hand; turning to either left or right. **chirality**, *n.* **chirapsia**, *n.* massage.

comb.form

prefix of the hand. **chirograph**, *n.* written bond or indenture. **chirography**, *n.* handwriting. **chirology**, *n.* study of hand. **chiromancy**, **chiognomy**, *n.* palmistry. **chironomy**, *n.* art of gesture with hands. **chiropractic**, **chiropraxis**, *n.* manipulation of joints, especially of spine, as medical remedy. **chiropractor**, *n.* **chirothesia**, *n.* laying on of hands in ecclesiastical ceremony. **chirotony**, *n.* election by show of hands; *Ecclesiastical*, use of hand in blessing, etc.

chirr

v.i. make trill sound like a grasshopper.

chirurgeon

n. archaic, surgeon. **chirurgery**, *n.* surgery. **chirurgic**, *a.*

chitin

n. horny substance forming outer surface of most insects, crustaceans, etc.
chitoid, *a.* like this. **chitous**, *a.*

chiton

n. in ancient Greece and Rome, loose woollen tunic; *Zoology*, small marine mollusc.

chlamys

n. horseman's loose cloak of ancient Greece. **chlamydate**, *a.* having a mantle.
chlamydeous, *a.* *Botany*, pertaining to floral envelope.

chloræmia, chloranaemia

n. chlorosis.

chloral

n. oily liquid obtained from chlorine and alcohol; (properly **chloral hydrate**) sleeping draught obtained from chloral. **chloralism**, *n.* condition due to abuse of this.

chloramphenicol

n. an antibiotic drug originally isolated from a soil micro- organism, effective against various bacterial and viral diseases.

chlorochrous

a. greenish.

chlorofluorocarbon

n. synthetic gas used as aerosol propellant and refrigerant, thought harmful to the ozone layer.

chlorometer

n. instrument for measuring chlorine, especially in bleaching powders.

Chloromycetin

n. *Trademark*, name for chloramphenicol.

chlorophyll

n. green colouring matter of plants. **chlorophyllous**, chlorophyllose, *a.* **chlorophylloid**, *a.* like this. **chloroplast(id)**, *n.* portion of protoplasm containing this, active in photosynthesis.

chlorosis

n. anaemia in young women; green sickness; similar condition of plants, due to lack of light. **chlorotic**, *a.* lacking chlorophyll.

choanoid

a. funnel-shaped.

chokedamp

n. asphyxiating gas, mainly carbon dioxide, of mines.

cholecyst

n. gall bladder. **cholecystectomy**, *n.* removal of gall bladder. **cholecystitis**, *n.* inflammation of gall bladder.

cholelithiasis

n. production of gall-stones.

choler

n. anger; bile. **choleric**, *a.* pertaining to choler; easily angered.

cholesterol

n. sterol found in most animal tissues and fats, thought to contribute to heart disease if present.

choli

n. short, close-fitting blouse worn under a sari.

choliamb

n. iambic trimeter having trochee or spondee in third foot. **choliambic**, *a.*

cholic

a. pertaining to bile.

choller

n. double chin.

chololith

n. gall-stone. **chololithic**, *a.*

chômage

n. work stoppage; slump; unemployment.

chondral

a. cartilaginous. **chondric**, *a.* **chondrification**, *n.* conversion into cartilage. **chondrogenesis**, *n.* production of cartilage. **chondroid**, *a.* like cartilage. **chondrosis**, *n.* formation of cartilage. **chondrostean**, **chondrosteous**, *a.* with cartilaginous skeleton.

choragus

n. leader of chorus in ancient Greek drama; person officiating at festival.

chorale

n. hymn tune.

chorditis

n. inflammation of vocal cords.

chorea

n. nervous disease marked by involuntary twitchings. **chorea minor**, St. Vitus's dance. **choreic, choreal, a.**

choree, choreus

n. trochee.

choreutic

a. pertaining to choral song and dance.

choriamb

n. metrical foot comprising a trochee and an iambus. **choriambic, a.**

choric

a. pertaining to chorus in ancient Greek tragedy.

chorion

n. membrane enclosing amnion. **chorial, chorionic, a.**

choripetalous

a. with petals separated. **chorisepalous**, *a.* with sepals separated.

chorograph

n. instrument finding position of a place from angles enclosed by lines between it and three other known places.

chorography

n. geographical description of a region. **chorology**, *n.* study of geographical distribution. **chorometry**, *n.* surveying of land.

chose jugée

n. 'judged thing'; settled matter, on which further argument is useless. **chose in action**, *Law*, thing, such as mortgage, debt etc., in respect of which there is a right of legal action. **chose in possession**, thing, as goods and chattels, in ownership.

chota peg

n. small drink.

choultry

n. caravanserai; colonnade.

chowder

n. mixed meat, fish, vegetable and clam stew or soup.

chrematistic

a. pertaining to gaining of money. **chrematistics**, *n.* study of money.

chrestomathy

n. collection of short written passages, especially in foreign language; phrase-book. **chrestomathic**, *a.* pertaining to useful knowledge.

chrism

n. holy oil. **chrismal**, *a.* chrismation, *n.* application of this. **chrismaticy**, *n.* vessel holding this; *a.* pertaining to chrismation.

chromaesthesia

n. mental association of colours with tastes, sights, sounds, figures, etc.

chromascope

n. instrument showing colour's effects.

chromatic

a. pertaining to colour; *Music*, using tones outside the key in which it is written, especially the half-tones; *n.* an accidental. **chromaticism**, *n.* *Music* use of chromatic tones. **chromaticity**, *n.* degree or state of having colour. **chromatics**, *n.* study of colour.

chromatin

n. protoplasmic substance in cell nucleus, forming chromosomes and carrying hereditary characters.

chromatism

n. occurrence of abnormal coloration.

chromatography

n. Chemistry, separation or analysis of mixtures by adsorption of individual ingredients on filter paper, etc.

chromatopathy

n. disease causing abnormal coloration of skin.

chromatoses

n. chromatism of skin.

chromogen

n. substance developing into colouring matter of plants. **chromogenic**, *a.* producing colour.

chromolithograph

n. coloured lithograph. **chromolithography**, *n.*

chromophilous, chromophilic

a. Chemistry, readily staining. **chromophobe**, *a.* staining only slightly.

chromophotography

n. colour photography.

chromoptometer

n. instrument measuring eye's sensitivity to colour. **chromoptometry, n.**

chromosome

n. thread-shaped structure occurring in cell nucleus, which transmits hereditary characteristics.

chromosphere

n. layer of glowing gas surrounding sun or a star.

chromotypography

n. printing in colours. **chromoxylography, n.** printing in colours from wooden blocks.

chronogram

n. phrase or sentence certain letters of which form a date, generally in Roman figures. **chronogrammatic, a.** **chronogrammatist, n.** composer of this.

chronograph

n. stop-watch. **chronography, n.** recording of intervals of time.

chronology

n. science of dates; arrangement in order of time of occurrence. **chronological**, *a.*

chronometer

n. time-piece, especially of exceptional accuracy. **chronometric**, *a.*
chronometry, *n.* measuring of time and divisions of time.

chronopher

n. electrical contact-maker for transmitting time signals.

chronophotography

n. taking of a set of photographs of a moving object at regular intervals.

chronoscope

n. instrument measuring very small intervals of time; chronometer in which figures are seen through apertures in dial. **chronoscopy**, *n.*

chronostichon

n. chronogrammatic line of verse.

chronothermometer

n. chronometer whose rate is altered by temperature changes.

chronotropic

a. affecting rate of pulse. **chronotropism**, *n.*

chrysalis

n. (*pl. -ses*) motionless stage of insect's life, in which it has a hard covering; pupa. **chrysalid**, *a.* **chrysaloid**, *a.* like a chrysalis.

chrysanthous

a. yellow-flowered.

chryselephantine

a. made of, or ornamented with, ivory and gold.

chrysoaristocracy, chrysocracy

n. plutocracy.

chrysocarpous

a. having yellow fruit.

chrysochlorous

a. greenish-gold in colour.

chrysochrous

a. golden yellow.

chrysography

n. writing in letters of gold. **chrysographer, *n.***

chrysolite

n. olive-green or yellow crystal used as gem; olivine.

chrysology

n. economic study of precious metals and their value.

chrysophilist, chrysophilite

n. lover of gold.

chrysopoetics

n. manufacture of, or transmutation into, gold.

chrysoprase

n. green variety of chalcedony used as gem.

chrystocrene

n. *Geology,* rock formation resembling glacier.

chthonian, chthonic

a. pertaining to Greek gods of underworld.

chuddar

n. chador

chukker, chukka

n. one of the periods into which game of polo is divided.

chupatty

n. chapati.

churinga

n. (*pl.* -ringa, -ringas) sacred amulet of Australian aborigines.

churrigueresque

a. pertaining to a style of late-17th-century Spanish Baroque architecture.

churrus

n. hemp resin; leather bag for drawing water from well.

chutzpah

n. cheek; (shameless) audacity.

chyle

n. milky fat-containing fluid secreted into blood by lactic vessels in small intestine. **chylaceous**, *a.* chylific, *a.* producing chyle. **chyliform**, *a.* like chyle. **chylocauly**, *n.* *Botany*, possession of fleshy leaves. **chylopoiesis**, *n.* production of chyle. **chylous**, *a.* consisting of chyle.

chyme

n. semi-liquid partly digested food leaving stomach. **chymiferous**, *a.* containing chyme. **chymification**, *n.* conversion of food into chyme. **chymous**, *a.*

chypre

n. mixture of resins, etc., used in perfumery.

cibation

n. feeding. **cibarian**, *a.* pertaining to mouth. **cibarious**, *a.* pertaining to food.

cibophobia

n. dislike for food.

ciborium

n. (*pl. -ria*) vessel holding consecrated wafers; canopy over altar.

cicada

n. insect of warm countries.

cicatrice, cicatrix

n. scar. **cicatricial**, *a.* **cicatrice**, *n.* small scar. **cicatricose**, *a.* scarred. **cicatrize**, *v.i. & t.* heal; grow over.

cicerone

n. (*pl. -ni*) guide escorting tourists, sightseers. **ciceronage**, *n.*

cicisbeo

n. (*pl. -bei*) married woman's lover or escort.

ciconine, ciconian

a. like or pertaining to a stork.

ci-devant

a. former; ex-.

cilia

n. pl. (sing. -ium) eye- lashes; hair- like outgrowths of microscopic organisms or cells, acting as organs of propulsion. **ciliary**, *a.*; **ciliary muscle**, muscle compressing or extending lens of eye in accommodation. **ciliate**, *a.* having fine hairs.

cilice

n. hair-cloth; hair shirt.

cillosis

n. muscular spasm of upper eyelid.

cimex

n. (*pl.* -ices) bed-bug. **cimicide**, *n.* substance destroying bed-bugs.

cinchona

n. S American tree with bark yielding quinine; Peruvian bark. **cinchonic**, *a.* **cinchonine**, *n.* quinine-like alkaloid extracted from cinchona bark. **cinchonism** *n.* condition due to over-use of quinine and other extracts of cinchona bark.

incture

n. girdle.

cineaste

n. devotee of cinema.

cinemograph

n. instrument recording speed, especially of wind.

cinenchymatous

a. laticiferous.

cinary

a. pertaining to ashes, especially of cremated body. **cinerarium**, *n.* place where ashes of cremated bodies are deposited.

cinerial

a. pertaining to like or coloured like ashes. **cinereous, cineritious, *a.*** like ashes.

cingulate

a. having girdle. **cingular, *a.*** ring-shaped.

cinnabar

n. natural sulphide of mercury, the chief source of mercury. **cinnabaric, cinnabarine, *a.***

cinquain

n. group of five, especially five-line stanza.

cinquecento

n. sixteenth-century; *n.* work or style of art produced then. **cinquecentism, *n.* cinquecentist, *n.*** Italian artist of 16th century; student of Italian art of that period.

cinquefoil

n. several plants having leaves divided into five lobes; architectural decoration resembling such leaf.

cipolin

n. green-streaked white marble.

cippus

n. (*pl. -pi*) small column marking burial- place or landmark.

circa

prep. 'about' (*abbr. c.*)

circadian

a. pertaining to biological processes occurring regularly at 24- hour intervals.

circinate

a. ring-shaped; rolled into a close spiral.

circumambient

a. surrounding on all sides. **circumambency, n.**

circumambulate

v.i. walk round. **circumambulation, circumambulator, n.**

circumaviate

v.t. fly round. **circumaviation, circumaviator, n.**

circumcrescent

a. growing over or round. **circumcrescence**, *n.*

circumdiction

n. circumlocution.

circumferentor

n. surveyor's angle-measuring compass instrument.

circumflex

n. & a. (applied to) accent (^) indicating length of vowel; curved; arched.
circumflexion, *n.*

circumfluent

a. flowing round. **circumfluence**, *n.*

circumforaneous

a. wandering, especially from street to street; vagrant.

circumfulgent

a. shining about or round.

circumfuse

v.t. surround with liquid; pour round. **circumfusion**, *n.*

circuminsular

a. surrounding an island.

circumjacent

a. surrounding. **circumjacence, circumjacency, n.**

circumlittoral

a. next to shore.

circumlocution

n. roundabout phrase or talk. **circumlocutory, a.**

circummigrate

v.i. wander from place to place. **circummigration, n.**

circumnavigate

v.t. sail round. **circumnavigation, circumnavigator, n. circumnavigatory, a.**

circumoesophageal

a. about or along the gullet.

circumpolar

a. about or at N or S Pole.

circumscribe

v.t. enclose; limit. **circumscription**, *n.* circumscriptive, *a.*

circumsolar

a. revolving round sun.

circumspect

a. cautious. **circumspection**, *n.* circumspective, *a.*

circumvallation

n. surrounding trench or rampart.

circumvent

v.t. outwit; prevent by strategy. **circumvention**, *n.*

circumviate

v.t. travel round.

circumvolant

a. flying round.

circumvolute

v.t. twist; wind round. **circumvolution**, *n.* revolution; fold; circumlocution. **circumvolutory**, *a.*

circumvolve

v.i. & t. revolve (round). **circumvolution**, *n.*

cirrate

a. having tendrils.

cirrhosis

n. Medicine, hardened or fibrous condition, especially of liver. **cirrhotic**, *a.*

cirriped

n. parasitic marine crustacean, as barnacle. **cirropodous**, *a.*

cirrus

n. (pl. -ri) tendril; high, fine, thin cloud. **cirrocumulus**, *n.* small cumulus clouds at great height; mackerel sky. **cirrose**, *a.* cirrate. **cirro-stratus** *n.* layer of stratus cloud at great height. **cirro-velum**, *n.* sheet of cirrus cloud covering sky.

cisalpine

a. on this side of the Alps, especially on the southern or Roman side. **cisandine**, *a.* on this side of the Andes. **cisatlantic**, *a.* on this side of the Atlantic Ocean. **ciselysian**, *a.* on this side of Elysium or heaven. **cismarine**, *a.* on this side of the sea. **cismontane**, *a.* on this side of mountains; desiring limitation of papal power. **cisoceanic**, *a.* on this side of ocean. **cispadane**, *a.* on this (southern) side of the River Po. **cispontine**, *a.* on this side of bridges, e.g. on north side of Thames. **cisrhenane**, *a.* on this side of the Rhine.

cistron

n. segment of DNA required to synthesize a complete polypeptide chain for a particular function.

cistus

n. rock rose.

citation

n. summons; quotation; enumeration. **citatory**, *a.*

cithara

n. ancient lyre-like stringed musical instrument. **citharist**, *n.* player on this.

cither(n)

n. lute; cithera; zither, etc. **citheroedic**, *a.*

citreous

a. lemon-coloured. **citric**, *a.* pertaining to or derived from lemons and other acid fruit. **citrine**, *a.* lemon-coloured. **citron**, *n.* large lemon-like fruit. **citrous**, **citrus**, *a.* pertaining to or like citron.

civet

n. musk-like substance, used as perfume, obtained from civet cat. **civet cat**, banded and spotted cat-like animal of Africa.

cladistics

n. *Biology*, method of animal classification by shared characteristics.

cladoptosis

n. annual shedding of twigs.

clairaudient

a. able to hear sounds not actually present, as spirit communications, etc.
clairaudience, n.

clair de lune

n. 'moonlight'; greenish-blue colour.

clairsentient

a. able to perceive sensations not actually present. *clairsentience, n.*

clairvoyant

n. & a. (person) able to see objects not actually present; having 'second sight'.
clairvoyance, n.

clamant

a. loud; insistent. *clamatory, clamorous, a.* loud.

clancular

a. clandestine.

clandestine

a. secret; illicit.

clangour

n. loud, often repeated noise.

claque

n. group of paid applauders. **claqueur**, *n.* member of this.

clastic

a. detachable into component parts; *Geology*, composed of fragments.

clathrate

a. lattice-like. **clathroid**, *a.* **clathrose**, *a.* marked with lattice-like lines or grooves.

claudent

a. shutting.

claudicant

a. limping. **claudication**, *n.*

claustral

a. cloistral. **claustrosis**, *n.* confinement, especially in convent.

clavate

a. club-shaped. **clavation**, *n.*

clavecin

n. harpsichord; carillon keyboard.

claviature

n. keyboard; fingering system.

clavicembalo

n. (*pl. -li*) harpsichord.

clavichord

n. pianoforte-like musical instrument, preceding pianoforte, with horizontal strings.

clavicle

n. collar-bone. **clavectomy**, *n.* incision through this. **clavicular**, *a.* clavicular, *a.* having a clavicle.

clavicytherium

n. harpsichord-like musical instrument.

clavier

n. claviature; any stringed musical instrument with keyboard.

claviger

n. club-bearer; key-keeper or caretaker. **clavigerous**, *a.*

clavis

n. (pl. -ves) key; glossary.

clavus

n. (pl. -vi) purple stripe worn on toga by persons of high rank in ancient Rome; corn (on foot); intensely painful headache.

claymore

n. large double-edged sword; *erroneously*, broadsword with basket hilt.

clearance

n. Commerce, official statement that dues have been paid, and permit to sail or move goods. **clearance inwards**, clearance to vessel in port having discharged cargo. **clearance outwards**, clearance to vessel about to sail.

clearcole

n. mixture of size and whiting.

cledonism

n. using circumlocution to avoid speaking words deemed unlucky.

cleek

n. golf-club with iron head.

cleg

n. gad fly; horse-fly.

cleistogamy

n. Botany, self-fertilization without opening of flower. **cleistogenous**, *a.* having such flowers. **cleistogamous**, *a.*

clem

v.t., usually passive starve. **clemmed**, *a.* famished.

clemency

n. mercy; mildness. **clement**, *a.*

clepsydra

n. water-clock.

clerestory

n. windowed part of nave wall rising above aisle roof.

clerihew

n. short nonsensical or satirical poem, generally of four lines of varying length, and especially biographical, invented by E Clerihew Bentley.

clerisy

n. educated or literary people collectively.

cleromancy

n. divination by casting lots. **cleronomy**, *n.* inheritance.

clevis

n. any securing device, U-shaped and with a pin between the extremities.

clew

n. corner of sail to which ropes are attached; *v.t.* haul on this when changing sail.

climacteric

a. critical; forming a turning-point or crisis; *n.* turning-point, especially in life of individual, generally reckoned at 21, 35, 49, 63 and 81 years of age; 'change of life', menopause. **grand climacteric**, 63rd or 81st year of life. **climacterical**, *a.*

climatotherapy

n. treatment of disease by living in particular climate. **climatotherapeutic**, *a.*

clinamen

n. (*pl.* -mina) bias.

clinker-built

a. (of a ship) with overlapping planks.

clinocephalic, clinocephalous

a. having a saddle-shaped skull. **clinocephalus**, *n.* (*pl.* -li) such person.
clinocephaly, *n.*

clinodromic

a. moving at an angle, especially of missiles travelling at an angle to a moving target. **clinoscopic**, *a.* pertaining to missiles travelling in line with a moving target.

clinology

n. study of organism's retrograde development after passing maturity. **clinologic**, *a.*

clinometer

n. instrument measuring angle of slope. **clinometric**, *a., clinometry*, *n.*

clinophobia

n. morbid fear of going to bed.

clinquant

a. glittering; showy; *n.* tinsel; meretricious work of art.

clithridiate

a. keyhole-shaped.

clitoris

n. small, erectile, penis-like organ of female, near mouth of vagina. **clitoritis**, *n.* inflammation of this.

cloaca

n. (*pl. -cae*) sewer; watercloset; *Zoology*, passage or chamber receiving all bodily excretions in birds, reptiles, etc. **cloacal**, *a.*

cloisonné

n. & a. (applied to) enamel with colour applied in spaces partitioned off by wires.

clonic

a. irregularly spasmodic. **clonicity**, *n.*

closure

n. *Parliament*, motion that 'the question be now put' which, if carried, ends debate on subject.

cloture

n. *American*, closure.

clou

n. 'nail'; cynosure.

clough

n. gully.

clumber

n. short-legged heavy kind of spaniel.

clupeoid

n. & *a.* (fish) like a herring.

clypeus

n. shield-shaped plate on an insect's head. **clypeate** *a.* shaped like a round shield.

clysis

n. *Medicine*, washing-out of body cavity.

clysmian

a. pertaining or due to flood. **clysmic**, *a.* cleansing.

clyster

n. Medicine, enema; *v.t.* give clyster to.

cnemis

n. shin bone. **cnemial**, *a.*

coaction

n. compulsion; joint action. **coactive**, *a.*

coadjument

n. mutual aid.

coadjutor

n. (fem. coadjutrix) helper; abettor. **coadjutant**, *a.*

coadjuvant

a. co-operating. **coadjuvancy**, *n.*

coadunate

a. combine into one;; *a.* united. **coadunation**, *n.* coadunative, *a.*

coagment

v.t. cement together.

coapt(ate)

v.t. join or fit together. **coaptation**, *n.*

coarctate

a. closely pressed together. **coarctation**, *n.* constriction.

coati

n. raccoon-like animal of S and Central American.

coaxial

a. having a common axis. **coaxial cable**, cable in which central conductor is surrounded by tubular conductor, the insulation between them being mostly air.

coble

n. flat, single-masted North-Sea fishing boat.

cocciferous

a. bearing berries.

coccus

n. (*pl. cocci,*) spherical bacterium.

coccyx

n. bone at base of spinal column. **coccygeal**, *a.* pertaining to or near this.

cochineal

n. scarlet dye obtained from dried insects.

cochlea

n. (*pl. -leae*) spirally coiled part of ear. **cochlear**, *a.* pertaining to the cochlea; spirally shaped. **cochleate**, *a.* like a screw or snail's shell.

cochleare

n. *Medicine*, spoonful. **cochleariform**, *a.* spoon-shaped.

cockatrice

n. basilisk.

cocket

n. official seal; shipper's clearance; customs duty.

cocotte

n. flirt; prostitute; kind of casserole.

coctile

n. baked.

codex

n. (pl. -dices) collection of ancient manuscripts, especially Biblical.

codicil

n. clause added to and altering will; any additional clause or provision.
codicillary, a.

codon

n. a character, or group of characters, in the genetic code carried by the living cell, which directs the formation of a particular amino-acid.

coefficient

n. Mathematics, quantitative expression of some characteristic; number by which a variable is multiplied.

coelacanth

n. large, spiny, bony-plated fish - probable link between fishes and amphibious reptiles - believed to have become extinct 60 million years ago, live specimens of which were caught in 1952.

coelanaglyphic

a. pertaining to cavo-relievo.

coelialgia

n. pain in belly.

coelom

n. body cavity. **coelomate**, *a.* having this. **coeliac**, *a.*

coemption

n. gaining monopoly in a commodity by buying all available supplies. **coemperor**,
n. person practising this.

coenaculous

a. fond of eating, especially suppers.

coenaesthesia

n. *Psychology*, sensation as a whole.

coenobite

n. cenobite.

coenotrope

n. *Psychology*, conduct characteristic of a group.

coessential

a. *Religion*, formed from same substance.

coetaneous

a. contemporary.

coeval

n. & a. (person or thing) of same age; of same length of time.

cogent

a. compelling; forceful; convincing. **cogency**, n.

cogitate

v.i. & t. think deeply; consider seriously. **cogitable**, a. conceivable. **cogitabund**, a. deep in thought. **cogitation**, n. **cogitative**, a. contemplative; having power of thought.

cognate

a. having same ancestry; closely related; n. word of same origin; *Law*, relation on mother's side. **cognition**, n. such relationship.

cognition

n. mental act of perceiving; knowledge. **cognitional**, a. **cognitive**, a. able to perceive or know.

cognizance

n. extent of knowledge; notice, especially judicial; awareness; distinctive badge.
cognizant, *a.* taking notice; having knowledge. *cognize*, *v.t.* perceive; take notice of.

cognomen

n. (*pl. -nomens, -nomina*) family name; nickname. *cognominal*, *a.*; *n.* namesake. *cognominate*, *v.t.*

cognoscenti

n. (*sing. -te pron.* same) connoisseurs.

cognovit

n. Law, admission by defendant of justice of plaintiff's case.

cohabit

v.i. live together, especially as man and wife. *cohabitant*, *n.* person cohabiting. *cohabitation*, *n.*

cohere

v.i. adhere together; be united or consistent. *coherence*, *n.* *coherent*, *a.* sensible; intelligible. *coherer*, *n.* *Radio*, early form of detector, based on an imperfect contact.

cohesion

n. force uniting parts; interdependence. *cohesive*, *a.*

cohhibit

v.t. restrain. **cohhibition**, *n.* **cohibitive**, *a.*

cohort

n. company of soldiers, numbering from 300 to 600, in ancient Roman army; band of associates; *American*, associate.

coif

n. close-fitting cap or hood, especially of women; skull cap; any headdress.

coiffeur

n. (fem. coiffeuse,) hair-dresser. **coiffure**, *n.* hair-dressing; a manner of dressing the hair.

coign

n. corner; angle; viewpoint.

coinstantaneous

a. occurring at same instant. **coinstantaneity** *n.*

coir

n. fibre obtained from coconut husk.

coition, coitus

n. sexual intercourse. **coitus interruptus**, *n.* withdrawal of the penis before ejaculation.

col

n. pass between mountain peaks.

colation

n. filtering.

colchicum

n. meadow saffron; autumn crocus. **colchicine**, *n.* extract of this used as specific against gout.

coleopterous

a. pertaining to beetles and weevils; having hard anterior wings. **coleopteran**, *n.* such insect. **coleopteroid**, *a.* beetle-like. **coleopterology**, *n.* study of such insects.

colibri

n. humming-bird.

colic

n. spasmic pain in intestines; *a.* pertaining to colon.

coliform

a. like a sieve.

colitis

n. inflammation of colon.

collage

n. creation of an artistic work by pasting shaped scraps of printed matter and other materials to a surface; such a composition.

collagen

n. gelatinous protein in bones and connective tissue. **collagenic**, *a.*

collate

v.t. compare closely; classify; gather the pages (of a document) into their proper sequence.

collateral

a. derived from same main stock but subsidiary; secondary; *n.* such relative or happening; security for repayment of a loan.

collation

n. act of collating; bestowal of benefice; light meal, especially cold. **collative**, *a.* having power to bestow benefice. **collator**, *n.*

collectivism

n. theory of communal control of means of production; evolutionary socialism.
collectivist, n. & a.

collegium

n. managing board or committee.

collet

n. flange holding a gem; metal collar or sleeve.

colletic

n. & a. adhesive (substance).

colliform

a. neck-like.

colligate

v.t. bind together; collate facts for deduction of principle therefrom.
colligation, n.

collimate

v.t. make parallel; adjust into line; adjust line of sight. *collimation, n.*
collimator, n. device in optical instrument for adjusting line of sight or producing parallel rays.

collinear

a. lying along same line. **collineate**, *v.t.* aim at; place in line with. **collineation**, *n.*

collingual

a. having same language.

collocal

a. in same place.

collocate

v.t. arrange; place side by side; *n.* word which frequently qualifies another. **collocation**, *n.* **collocative**, *a.*

collocation

n. conversation. **collocutor**, *n.* speaker in this.

colloid

n. mixture between a solution and a fine suspension; jelly-like substance. **colloidal**, *a.*

colloquy

n. conversation; dialogue. **colloquial**, *a.* pertaining to ordinary speech. **colloquialism**, *n.* non-literary word or phrase; slang; use of such words or phrases. **colloquize**, *v.i.* converse; use colloquialisms.

collotype

n. method of printing illustrations from hardened gelatin film.

collusion

n. secret fraudulent agreement. **collusive**, *a.*

collutory

n. mouthwash.

colluvium

n. Geology, mixture of rock fragments. **colluvial**, *a.*

collyrium

n. (pl. -ia) eye wash or ointment; suppository.

colocynth

n. kind of cucumber forming ingredient of purgative; 'bitter apple'.

colon

n. part of large intestine from caecum to rectum; punctuation mark (:). **colonic**, *a.*

colophon

n. device, especially printer's or publisher's emblem, on book; statement at end of book of printer's name and other particulars of publication.

colophony

n. rosin.

coloratura

n. highly ornamented, virtuoso (musical passage); singer, especially soprano, of such music.

colorimeter

n. instrument for measuring quality or intensity of colour.

colostomy

n. permanent opening made into colon.

colostrum

n. mother's first milk. **colostral**, **colostric**, **colostrous**, *a.*

colotomy

n. surgical incision into colon.

colporteur

n. itinerant seller or giver of books, especially religious literature. **colportage**, *n.*

colubrine

a. snake-like; cunning. **colubriform**, colubroid, *a.* snake-shaped.

colugo

n. flying lemur.

columbaceous

a. pertaining to pigeons. **columbarium**, *n.* collection of pigeon- holes; cinerarium. **columbine**, *a.* like a dove. **columboid**, *a.* like a pigeon.

columniation

n. use or arrangement of columns in a structure.

colure

n. celestial circle intersecting other at poles. **equinoctial colure**, such circle passing through equinoctial points. **solstitial colure**, such circle at right angles to equinoctial colure.

colytic

a. restraining; antiseptic.

comate

a. hairy.

comburent

a. burning; *n.* substance aiding combustion. **comburivorous**, *a.* consuming by burning.

comedo

n. (*pl.* -dos, -dones) blackhead.

comestibles

n.pl. pl. victuals.

comiferous

a. tufted.

comity

n. civility; friendliness. **comity of nations**, *n.* respect for other countries' laws and customs.

commatic

a. divided into short stanzas or lines; pertaining to comma. **commatism**, *n.*

comme ci comme ça

adv. 'like this like that'; so-so.

comme il faut

'as is necessary'; as it should be; according to good manners; immaculate.

commensal

a. living and feeding together; *n.* such organism; symbiont. **commensalism**, **commensality**, *n.*

commensurable

a. measurable by same standard; proportionate. **commensurate**, *a.* proportionate; *v.t.* make proportionate. **commensuration**, *n.*

commère

n. gossiping woman; female compère. **commèrage**, *n.* gossip.

commination

n. denunciation; cursing; threatening. **comminative**, **comminatory**, *a.*

comminate

v.t. pulverize. **comminution**, *n.*

commis

n. agent; deputy; assistant, especially apprentice waiter or chef.

commissar

n. former title of a chief of a Soviet government department. **commissarial**, *a.* **commissariat**, *n.* army department of food and stores; supply. **commissary**, *n.*

commissariat chief; deputy; appointee.

commissure

n. seam; joint; cleft. **commissural**, *a.*

commodious

a. spacious; convenient.

commonalty

n. common people.

commonition

n. warning.

commorant

n. & *a.* (person) residing or dwelling. **commorancy**, *n.*

commorient

a. dying together; *n.* such person.

communiqué

n. written communication; dispatch, especially official.

commutation

n. exchange; substitution; *American*, commuter travel. **commutation ticket**, *American*, season ticket.

commutator

n. Electricity, device transforming alternating current produced by dynamo into direct current, especially segmented drum bearing brushes which collect the current.

commute

v.t. exchange especially for something less, or many small amounts for one large amount; substitute a lighter penalty for; *v.i.* travel regularly between home and work. **commuter**, *n.*

comose

a. with tuft of hair. **comoid**, *a.* like a tuft of hair. **comous**, *a.* hairy.

compaternity

n. relationship in spirit between god-parents, and between them and actual parents.

compeer

n. equal; peer.

compellation

n. calling upon by name; manner in which person is addressed. **compellative**, *a.*; *n.* name by which person is addressed.

compendium

n. (*pl. -ia*) summary; epitome. **compendious**, *a.* containing much in small space.

competent

a. sufficiently skilful, knowledgeable, qualified, etc.; capable, effective; *Law*, legally qualified; belonging by right (to). **competence**, *n.* ability; *Law*, legal qualification or capacity; income, especially unearned, sufficient to live on; ability of embryonic tissue to react to external conditions.

complaisant

a. obliging; desirous of pleasing. **complaisance**, *n.*

complanate

a. level. **complanation**, *n.* act of levelling.

complement

n. full number or amount; addition that makes up full number; one of two equal things that complete each other; *Grammar*, addition to complete a predicate; *v.* *t.* complete. (*as distinct from compliment*) **complemental**, **complementary**, *a.*

completory

n. compline.

complicity

n. fact of being an accomplice.

compliment

n. expression of praise or admiration; (*pl.*) formal greetings or expressions of respect; *v.t.* praise, congratulate. (*as opposed to complement*). **complimentary**, *a.* expressing praise or admiration; given free of charge.

complin(e)

n. *Roman Catholic*, last service or prayer of day.

complot

n. plot; conspiracy; *v.i. & t.* plot; conspire.

comport

v.t. conduct, behave; *v.i.* accord. **comportment**, *n.*

composite

n. & a. (thing) composed of a number of parts; compound. **compositive**, *a.* synthetic.

compos mentis

a. sane **non compos mentis**, insane; not responsible for actions.

compossible

a. able to coexist or coincide with other thing.

compotation

n. drinking-party. **compotator**, *n.* **compotatory**, *a.*

compote

n. mixed fruit with syrup; mixed savoury dish. **compotier**, *n.* dish for this.

comprador(e)

n. native major-domo; Chinese native agent or manager.

comprecation

n. praying together.

compte rendu

n. 'account rendered'; report.

compunction

n. remorse; regret. **compunctionous**, *a.*

compurgation

n. vindication. **compurgatory**, *a.*

compute

v.i., v.t. calculate, reckon. **computable**, *a.* computation, *n.* computative, *a.* using calculation.

con amore

a. 'with love'; with enthusiasm.

conarium

n. pineal gland. **conarial**, *a.*

conation

n. mental striving. **conative**, *a.*; *Grammar*, expressing endeavour.

concamerated

a. divided into chambers. **concameration**, *n.* vaulting; vaulted roof.

concatenate

v.t. link together; form into series; *a.* linked together. **concatenation**, *n.* chain; sequence; series.

concavo-convex

a. with one side concave and other convex. **concavo-concave**, *a.* concave on both sides.

concede

v.t. admit, acknowledge; allow, grant; surrender; *Sport*, allow opponent to

score; *v.i.* admit defeat. **conceder**, *n.*

concelebrate

vb. Christianity. celebrate the Eucharist with one or more other priests.
concelebration, *n.*

concentre

v.t. & i. (cause to) have or converge on a common centre.

concentric

a. having a common centre. **concentricity**, *n.*

conceptualism

n. philosophical theory that universal truths exist as mental concepts.

concertante

a. Music, exhibiting or needing great skill and brilliancy; alternating tutti passages and passages for a group of soloists.

concerto grosso

n. (pl. concerti grossi) concerto, especially of Baroque period, for more than one soloist.

conch

n. (pl. -s, -es) spiral shell. **conchate**, **conchic**, *a.* having a conch. **conchiferous**,

a. bearing a conch. **conchiform**, *a.* shell- shaped. **conchitic** *a.* containing shells. **conchitis**, *n.* inflammation of external ear. **conchoid**, *a.* shell-like; *n.* simple curve. **conchology**, *n.* study of shells.

conchyliated

a. obtained from molluscs. **conchylierous**, *a.* bearing a shell.

concierge

n. door-keeper; caretaker.

conciliabule

n. secret meeting of plotters.

conciliar

a. pertaining to council.

concinnous

a. harmonious; fit; elegant. **concinnity**, *n.*

concision

n. conciseness; division; schism.

conclamation

n. shouting together. **conclamant**, *a.*

conclave

n. meeting, especially secret or solemn; *Roman Catholic*, meeting of cardinals for election of pope; rooms in which such meeting is held.

concolorate

a. having same colour on both sides.

concomitant

n. & a. accompanying (thing or circumstance). **concomitance**, *n.*; *Roman Catholic*, existence of both body and blood of Christ in one element of Eucharist. **concomitancy**, *n.*

concordance

n. index or listing of words in a book or text; agreement. **concordant**, *a.* agreeing; consistent.

concordat

n. amicable agreement; treaty.

concordia discors

n. 'discordant concord'; armed truce.

concours d'élégance

n. 'meeting of elegance'; competition or rally with prizes for neatness, beauty, etc., especially of motor cars.

concresce

v.i. grow together; coalesce. **concrescence**, *n.* **concrement**, *n.* concretion.

concrete

v.i. solidify; coalesce. **concretion**, *n.* mass formed by coalescence; stone-like formation in bodily organ. **concretionary**, **concretive**, *a.*

concubine

n. woman living with man without marriage; secondary wife. **concubinage**, *n.* **concubinal**, *a.*

concubitant

a. marriageable. **concubitancy**, *n.* **concubitous**, *a.* **concubitus**, *n.* coition.

concupiscent

a. having strong sexual desires. **concupiscence**, *n.* lust.

condign

a. deserved; adequate; appropriate.

condominium

n. joint rule by two states or persons; *American*, apartment building with apartments under individual ownership. **condominate**, *a.*

condottiere

n. (*pl.* -*ri*) mercenary soldier; captain of mercenary band.

conductitious

a. hired; for hire.

condyle

n. knuckle-like prominence at end of bone. **condylar**, *a.* **condyloid**, *a.* near or shaped like this.

confabulate

v.i. chat; hold a discussion; *Psychology*, replace memory gaps with imagined experiences. **confabulation**, *n.*

confect

v.t. put together (from varied materials). **confection**, *n.* fancy sweet dish, sweetened medicinal preparation; elaborate or fanciful creation.

confelicity

n. pleasure in other's happiness.

conferva

n. greenish algae on surface of stagnant water. **conferval**, **confervoid**, **confervous**, *a.*

confidant

n. (*fem.* *confidante* *pron.* same) confidential friend.

configuration

n. general outline or appearance; totality of a computer and the devices connected to it. **configural**, **configurate**, **configurative**, *a.* **configure**, *v.t.*

confiteor

n. 'I confess'; *n.* prayer confessing sins.

confluent

a. flowing together; combining; *n.* such stream. **confluence**, **conflux**, *n.*

confrère

n. colleague; associate; fellow.

confute

v.t. prove to be wrong; overcome in argument. **confutation**, *n.*

congé

n. leave, especially to go; dismissal; bow. **congé d'écrire**, permission to elect.

congelation

n. act or state of freezing solid.

congener

n. person or thing of same kind. *congeneracy, n.* *congeneric, congenerous, a.*

congenetic

a. having common origin.

congenital

a. existing at or dating from birth.

congeries

n. conglomeration; heap or mess.

conglobate

a. ball-shaped; *v.i. & t.* form or be formed into a ball-shaped mass.
conglabation, n.

conglobulate

v.t. form into a ball. *conglobulation, n.*

conglomerate

n. Geology, rock formed of rounded fragments; anything composed of particles from diverse source; *v.t.* form into mass or balls;; *a.* formed into a mass; concentrated. *conglomeration, n.*

conglutinate

v.t. join together; glue;; *a.* stuck together. **conglutinant**, *n.* & *a.* glueing or healing (substance). **conglutination**, *n.* **conglutinative**, *a.*

congou

n. kind of black China tea.

congruent, congruous

a. *Geometry*, in agreement or correspondence; exactly coincident. **congruence**, **congruity**, *n.*

conic

a. pertaining to cone. **conic section**, *Mathematics*, curve formed by intersection of plane and right circular cone.

conifer

n. cone-bearing tree. **conification**, *n.* making or becoming cone- shaped, tapering or pyramidal. **coniform**, *a.* cone-shaped. **coniferous**, *a.*

conjee

n. liquid of boiled rice. **congee house**, military prison or guard-room.

conjugal

a. pertaining to marriage. **conjugacy**, *n.*, **conjugate**, *v.i.* & *t.* conjoin; *Grammar*, name inflections of verb; *a.* paired. **conjugation**, *n.* *Biology*, union of cells in

reproduction; groups of verbs with same inflections. **conjugative**, *a.*

conjunction

n. joining together; coincidence; *Grammar*, word used to connect words, phrases or sentences; *Astronomy*, position of heavenly body when its longitude is same as another's. **conjunctional**, **conjunctive**, *a.*

conjunctiva

n. membrane lining eyelid and joining it with eyeball. **conjunctival**, *a.*
conjunctivitis, *n.* inflammation of this.

connate

a. congenital; joined together from birth. **connation**, *n.* **connatural**, *a.*
congenital; having same nature.

connive

v.i. permit tacitly; wink (at). **connivance**, *n.*

connote

v.t.; often imply; suggest. **connotation**, *n.* **connotative**, *a.*

connubial

a. pertaining to marriage. **connubiality**, *n.*

connumerate

v.t. count together. **connumeration**, *n.*

conoid

n. & *a.* somewhat conical (object). **conoidal**, *a.*

conquistador

n. conqueror, especially Spanish conqueror of Central and S America.

consanguinity

n. blood-relationship. **consanguineal**, **consanguineous**, *a.*

consecution

n. logical advance in argument; sequence. **consecutive**, *a.* following in uninterrupted or logical order.

consenescence

n. growing old together.

consensus

n. harmony; agreement; unanimity; general trend. **consension**, *n.* unanimity. **consensual**, *a.* based on agreement only.

consentaneous

a. agreeing; unanimous; suitable. **consentaneity**, *n.*

consentient

a. agreeing; unanimous. **consentience**, *n.*

conservatoire, conservatory, conservatorium

n. school of music.

consignificant

a. synonymous; meaningless unless used with another word. **consignification**, *n.*
meaning in context. **consignify**, *v.t.*

consilient

a. agreeing in inferences drawn from different premises. **consilience**, *n.*

consistory

n. council chamber; papal senate; ecclesiastical court; *a.* pertaining to this.
consistorial *a.*

consonance

n. agreement; harmony. **consonant**, **consonous**, *a.* **consonate**, *v.t.* sound in
harmony.

conspecies

n. species belonging to same genus; variety. **conspecific**, *a.* belonging to same
species.

conspectus

n. general view or outline; summary.

conspue

v.t. spurn; despise.

constate

v.t. establish upon positive evidence. **constatation, n.**

constringe

v.t. cause to contract; constrict. **constringent, a. constringency, n.**

construe

vt. translate; interpret; analyse grammatically in order to explain meaning.

consubstantial

a. having or formed from same substance. **consubstantiation, n.** presence of Christ's body in Holy Communion bread and wine. **consubstantiate v.i.** **consubstantiality, n.**

consuetude

n. established custom. **consuetudinal, a.** **consuetudinary, a.; n.** book of customs and laws of an association, especially of monastic life.

consummate

a. perfect; entirely complete; *v.i.* & *t.* complete; especially complete (a marriage) by sexual intercourse; fulfil; be or reach culmination. **consummation**, **consummator**, *n.* **consummative**, **consummatory**, *a.*

contabescent

a. wasting away. **contabescence**, *n.*

contadino

n. (*pl.* -ni *feminine* -na, *pl.* -ne) peasant.

contango

n. Commerce, charge paid by purchaser for postponing payment from one settling day to next; *v.i.* permit such postponement. **contango day**, the day, second before settling day, on which such arrangements are made.

conte

n. short story. **conte pieux**, moral story. **conteur**, writer of these.

confect

v.t. cover. **confection**, *n.*

contemn

v.t. treat with contempt; scorn. **contemner**, **contemnor**, *n.*

contemporaneous

a. existing at same time. **contemporaneity**, *n.* **contemporary**, *a.* of same or present time; *n.* such person; living person; newspaper, etc., published at present day. **contemporize**, *v.t.* cause to occur at same time.

contention

n. quarrel; strife; opinion; belief. **contentious**, *a.* quarrelsome; controversial.

conterminous

a. having common boundary, extent or termination. **conterminant**, *a.* ending together. **conterminate**, *a.*

context

n. words or passages immediately preceding and following a word or passage. **contextual**, *a.*

contiguous

a. adjacent; touching. **contiguity**, *n.*

continence

n. self-restraint, especially sexual; able to voluntarily control discharge of urine and faeces. **continent**, *a.*

contingent

a. possible; able to take place; accidental; conditional; *n.* full number of draft of troops. **contingent liability**, *Commerce*, one that may have to be assumed in certain circumstances. **contingency**, *n.* possibility; event that may take place;

close relationship.

continuum

n. (*pl.* -nua) something that is entirely continuous and homogeneous, and can be described only by reference to other things; something containing one common recognisable factor in a multitude of parts or variations. **space-time continuum**, area of four dimensions (three of space, and one of time) in which everything may be determined.

contour

n. outline; line passing through all places of same altitude.

contraband

n. & *a.* smuggled (goods); goods which it is forbidden to carry or import. **contraband of war**, goods supplied to one belligerent and seizable by another. **absolute contraband**, goods of a kind intended for war use only, e.g. armaments. **conditional contraband**, goods which only become contraband of war if specifically intended for war use, e.g. food, etc. **contrabandage**, **contrabandism**, *n.* **contrabandist**, *n.*

contrabass

n. & *a.* (voice or instrument) one octave lower than bass; double-bass.

contra bonos mores

'against good morals'; harmful to public morality.

contractile

a. able or causing to grow smaller. **contractility**, *n.*

contradistinguish

v.t. differentiate by reference to opposites. **contradistinct**, a. so differentiated.
contradistinction, n.

contrahent

n. & a. (party) entering into contract.

constraindicate

v.t. advise against; make unadvisable.

contra mundum

'against the world'; in defiance of all accepted belief.

contra pacem

'against the peace'.

contrapuntal

a. pertaining to counterpoint. **contrapuntist**, n. expert in counterpoint.

contravene

v.t. infringe; oppose. **contravention**, n.

contretemps

n. unlooked-for mishap; awkward situation.

controve*r*t

v.t. dispute; doubt. **controversial**, *a.* about which there is dispute.
controversialist, *n.* disputer. **controversy**, *n.* dispute.

contubernal

n. & *a.* cohabiting (person).

contumacious

a. obstinate; rebellious. **contumacy**, *n.* contumacity, *n.* such act.

contumely

n. insult; contempt. **contumelious**, *a.*

contuse

v.t. bruise. **contusion**, *n.* contusive, *a.*

conurbation

n. city surrounded by large number of urban districts.

convection

n. conveying; movement of particles of fluid due to alterations in density, especially caused by heat. **convective**, *a.*

convenances

n. pl. the proprieties; conventions.

conventicle

n. chapel; meeting-house; nonconformist assembly. **conventicular**, *a.*

conventual

a. pertaining to convent; *n.* inmate of convent.

conversant

a. closely acquainted; having deep knowledge. **conversance**, *n.*

conversazione

n. (*pl. -ni*) social gathering.

converse

n. & a. opposite.

convexo-concave

a. convex on one side and concave on other. **convexo-convex**, *a.*, convex on both sides.

conveyance

n. Law, act or document by which title to property is transferred. **conveyancing**,
n. **conveyancer**, *n.* lawyer dealing in such business.

convivial

a. pertaining to banquet; festive; jolly. **conviviality**, *n.* **convive**, *n.* fellow-guest at banquet.

convocation

n. act of calling together, or assembly of persons; ecclesiastical conference; assembly of graduates of university. **convocational**, *a.*

convolute

a. spiral; *v.i. & t.* twist; contort. **convolution**, *n.* spiral shape; one coil of spiral. **convoluted**, *a.* intricate and difficult.

cony, coney

n. rabbit.

co-opt

v.t. elect by the votes of existing members; commandeer. **co-option**, *n.*

copaiba

n. kind of oily resin. **copaibic**, **copaivic**, *a.*

copal

n. kind of resin used in varnishes, etc.

coparcener

n. joint heir. **coparcenary**, *n.* & *a.*

cophosis

n. deafness.

copolymer

n. a compound of high molecular weight produced by polymerizing two or more different monomers. **copolymerize** *v.i.* & *t.* to become or make into a copolymer.

copperas

n. sulphate of iron; green vitriol.

copra

n. dried kernels of coconuts yielding coconut oil.

copraemia

n. poisoning resulting from chronic constipation.

coprolalia

n. use of obscene language. **coprolaliac**, person practising this.

coprolite

n. fossilized faeces. **coprolith**, *n.* hard mass of faecal matter. **coprolitic**, *a.*

coprology

n. study of filth or faeces, or of obscene literature.

coprophagy

n. feeding on dung. **coprophagan**, *n.* dung beetle. **coprophagous**, *a.*

coprophilia

n. love of obscenity. **coprophilous**, *a.* living in or feeding on dung.

coprostasis

n. constipation.

coprozoic

a. living in dung.

copula

n. link; verb, especially part of *to be*, linking subject and predicate. **copular**, *a.*

copulate

v.i. unite in sexual intercourse. **copulation**, *n.* copulative, *a.*; *Grammar*, applied to conjunctions which join like terms, implying addition and co-ordination. **copulatory**, *a.*

copyhold

n. tenure of manor land at will of lord of manor; land so held. **copyholder**, *n.* holder of such land.

coquillage

n. shell-like decoration.

coquito

n. Chilean palm yielding sap, seeds and fibre.

coracle

n. light round wicker boat covered with skin.

coram populo

'in the presence of the public'; for appearance's sake. **coram judice**, before a judge. **coram paribus**, before one's equals or peers.

corbel

n. supporting projection from wall.

corbiculate

a. like a small basket; pertaining to bee's pollen-holding organ.

cordate

a. heart-shaped. **cordiform**, *a.*

cordillera

n. system of, especially parallel, mountain ranges. **cordilleran**, *a.*

cordite

n. smokeless explosive powder compounded of guncotton, nitro-glycerine and vaseline.

cordon bleu

a. 'blue ribbon'; of the highest distinction in cookery.

cordovan

n. Cordova leather, originally of goatskin, later of pig- and horse-skin.

cordwainer

n. shoemaker.

coriaceous

a. like or consisting of leather.

coriander

n. plant yielding seeds used in medical and in curries and pickles.

corinne

n. gazelle.

corkage

n. charge made by hotel keeper for serving bottle of wine, or for consumption in his hotel of bottle purchased elsewhere.

corm

n. swollen bulb-like subterranean part of stem, bearing buds. **cormel**, *n.* small corm. **cormoid**, *a.* like corms. **cormophyte**, *n.* plant with stem and root. **cormous**, *a.* producing corms.

cornea

n. transparent horny substance protecting eyeball. **corneal**, *a.*

cornelian

n. carnelian.

cornemuse

n. ancient bagpipe-like instrument.

corneous

a. horny. **corniculate**, *a.* having horns or horn-like outgrowths. **cornific**, *a.* producing horn or horns. **corniform**, *adj.*, horn-shaped. **cornigerous**, *a.* bearing horns.

corniche

n. coastal road, especially one running along a cliff face.

cornucopia

n. (*pl.* -*piae*, - *pias*) horn, or source, of plenty; horn-shaped container.

cornute

n. cuckold; *a.* with horn-like outgrowths. **cornuted**, *a.* horned; horn- shaped.

corolla

n. the petals of a flower collectively. **corollaceous**, *a.*

corollary

n. fact or proposition that follows naturally from one already proved.

corollate

a. having a corolla. **corolliferous**, *a.* **corolliform**, corolline, *a.* shaped like a corolla.

corona

n. (*pl.* -nae, -nas) coloured ring, due to diffraction, seen round sun or moon; luminous envelope surrounding sun; *Phonetics*, tip of tongue.

coronach

n. dirge.

coronagraph

n. astronomical instrument by which the solar corona can be observed in full sunlight.

coronal

a. pertaining to corona or crown of head; *n.* coronet; fillet.

coronary

a. crown-shaped; *Anatomy*, that encircles; *n.* coronary thrombosis. **coronary artery**, artery supplying heart tissues with blood. **coronary thrombosis**, formation of clot in coronary artery.

coronoid

a. beak-shaped.

corozo

n. several tropical New World palms, especially ivory palm.

corporal

a. pertaining to body. **corporality**, *n.* state of having a body. **corporate**, *a.*

corporeal

a. physical; pertaining to or having a body; tangible. **corporeality**, **corporeity**, *n.*

corposant

n. flamelike electrical discharge from ship's masts, steeples, etc., in thundery weather; St. Elmo's fire.

corpus

n. (*pl. -pora*) body, especially of written works on a certain subject; all of texts gathered for linguistic research. **corpus delicti**, basic fact necessary to prove crime to have been committed; *erroneously*, body of murdered person. **corpus juris**, body of laws of a state. **corpus luteum**, mass of tissue formed after release of an egg in mammals. **corpus vile**, worthless thing.

corpuscle

n. particle; minute portion or body. **corpuscular**, *a.* **corpusculated**, *a.* having corpuscles. **corpusculous**, *a.* containing corpuscles.

corral

n. enclosure for horses, cattle, etc.; *v.t.* drive into a corral.

corregidor

n. magistrate.

correlate

v.i., v.t. have or demonstrate close relationship; bring into relation or accord; *n.* one of two things or propositions that necessitates or implies the other.
correlation, n. **correlative, n. & a.**

correption

n. shortening in pronunciation.

corrie

n. round hollow in hillside.

corrigendum

n. (*pl. -da*) thing to be corrected; erratum.

corrigible

a. capable of correction.

corrivate

v.t. make to flow together. **corrivation, n.**

corroboree

n. Australian aborigines' festivity and dance; any noisy gathering; uproar.

corroborant

a. *Medicine*, tonic; that corroborates; *n.* tonic.

corroborate

v.t. confirm. **corroboration**, *n.* **corroborative**, *a.*; *n.* **corroborant**.
corroboratory, *a.*

corsage

n. part of dress over bust; bouquet worn on dress.

corsetier

n. (*fem. -ière*) corset- maker.

cortège

n. procession, especially funeral.

cortex

n. outer part, rind; grey matter of the brain. **corticate**, corticose, **corticous**, *a.* having cortex or bark. **corticiferous**, *a.* forming cortex or bark. **corticiform**, *a.* like bark.

corticosteroid

n. (synthetic form of) steroid hormone secreted by the adrenal cortex, used against arthritis, allergies, asthma, etc.

cortinate

a. cobweb-like. **cortinarious** *a.*

cortisone

n. hormone, essential to life, secreted by cortex of adrenal glands; synthetic equivalent of this obtained from ox-bile or sisal.

corundum

n. exceptionally hard mineral, crystallized alumina, used, when transparent, as gem.

coruscate

v.i. sparkle; flash. **coruscant**, *a.* **coruscation**, *n.*

corvée

n. exaction of unpaid labour.

corvette

n. flush-decked warship, next below frigate in size; small, fast, submarine-chasing warship.

corvine

a. pertaining to or like a crow. **corviform**, **corvoid**, *a.*

corybant

n. priest, votary or attendant of Cybele, ancient goddess of nature. **corybantic**,

a. pertaining to wild and noisy rites performed by these; *n.* wild, frenzied dance.

corymb

n. flat-topped raceme-like inflorescence. **corymbiate**, **corymbiform**, **corymbose**, **corymbous**, *a.* **corymbiferous**, *a.* bearing these.

coryphaeus

n. (*pl.* -aei) chorus-leader; spokesman. **coryphée** /"-fel/, *n.* leading woman dancer in corps de ballet.

coryza

n. cold in head.

cosaque

n. cracker.

cosher

v.t. to be pampered.

cosmesis

n. preservation of bodily beauty, especially of face. **cosmetic**, *n.* & *a.* **cosmetician** *n.* maker, seller, etc. of cosmetics. **cosmetology**, *n.* art of using cosmetics.

cosmic

a. pertaining to cosmos. **cosmic rays**, electrically charged particles of high energy – protons, electrons, mesons, etc. – falling on Earth from outer space.

cosmocracy

n. government of whole world. **cosmocrat**, *n.* ruler over world. **cosmocratic**, *a.*

cosmodrome

n. (Russian) space-exploration centre and rocket-launching installation.

cosmogenic

a. produced by action of cosmic rays.

cosmogony

n. study or theory of the origin and development of the universe or the solar system. **cosmogonal**, **cosmogonic**, *a.*

cosmography

n. study or description of the makeup of the world or universe. **cosmographer**,
n. **cosmographic**, *a.*

cosmology

n. branch of science or philosophy dealing with the origin and structure of the universe. **cosmological**, *a.* **cosmologist**, *n.*

cosmonaut

n. (Russian) astronaut.

cosmopolitan

a. of all races and regions of world; able to mingle with all races, creeds and classes; *n.* such person. **cosmopolitanism**, *n.* **cosmopolite**, *n.* cosmopolitan person. **cosmopolitic**, *a.* **cosmopolitics**, *n.* world politics.

cosmorama

n. series of views of different parts of world. **cosmaramic**, *a.*

cosmos

n. universe; system of universe; order. **cosmosophy**, *n.* theory of cosmos. **cosmosphere**, *n.* material universe. **cosmotellurian**, *a.* pertaining to both heaven and earth. **cosmotheism**, *n.* attribution of divinity to the cosmos; identifying God with world.

cosmotron

n. type of proton accelerator.

costal

a. pertaining to ribs. **costard**, *n.* ribbed variety of apple. **costate**, *a.* having ribs; ridged. **costalgia**, *n.* pain in ribs. **costectomy**, *n.* removal of rib. **costellate**, *a.* finely ribbed.

costive

a. constipated.

coteau

n. (*pl. -eaux*), divide between valleys; valley-side.

coterie

n. exclusive set of persons; clique.

coterminous

a. see conterminous.

cothurnus

n. (*pl. -ni*), buskin. **cothurnal**, **cothurnian**, *a.* pertaining to cothurnus or tragedy. **cothurnate**, *a.* wearing cothurnus.

cotillion, cotillon

n. quadrille-like dance.

cotitular

n. one of patron saints of a church dedicated to more than one.

cotyledon

n. first, embryonic seed leaf of plant. **cotyledonal**, **cotyledonary**, **cotyledonous**, *a.* **cotyloid**, *a.* cup- shaped.

couchant

a. *Heraldry*, lying, especially with head raised.

cougar

n. large, brown American wild cat; puma.

coulée, coulee

n. steep dry gully; *Geology* flow of lava.

coulisse

n. groove, especially in timber, for thing to slide in; back- stage place; lobby.

couloir

n. deep cleft in mountain; corridor.

coulomb

n. quantitative unit of electricity: the amount of electrical charge conveyed by current of one ampère in one second. **coulometer, coulombmeter, n.**

counter-irritant

n. application or action irritating body surface to relieve internal congestion.

counterpoint

n. Music, melody added to or woven in with another; combining of melodies; musical composition in which melodies are combined; *v.t.* set in contrast to.

counterpoise

n. equal and opposite weight or force; *v.t.* counterbalance.

counterpole

n. exact opposite.

coup

n. 'stroke'; successful action; coup d'état. **coup de grâce**, finishing blow; fatal blow. **coup de main**, sudden violent onslaught. **coup d'essai**, experiment. **coup d'état**, sudden action whereby government is changed; short revolution, especially bloodless. **coup d'oeil**, swift survey or glance; what is thus seen. **coup de soleil**, sunstroke. **coup de théâtre**, sudden dramatic or sensational action.

coupe

n. (dish of fruit and ice-cream served in) goblet-shaped glass bowl.

coupé

n. small closed four-wheeled carriage with outside driver's seat; two-door saloon motor-car body; moving rapier, in fencing, to other side of opponent's rapier.

courtesan, courtezan

n. high-class prostitute.

couscous

n. African gruel-like dish.

couturier

n. (*fem.* -ière) dressmaker.

couvade

n. custom among some peoples, whereby the husband of a woman giving birth simulates pregnancy and labour.

couveuse

n. incubator for human infants.

couvre-feu

n. curfew; scuttle-shaped device for covering fire at curfew.

coverture

n. *Law*, status of married woman.

covin(e)

n. collusion; fraud. **covinous**, *a.*

cowrie, cowry

n. small sea shell used as money in E Indies. **cowry bird**, Indian weaver bird.

coxalgy, coxalgia

n. pain in hip. **coxalgic**, *a.* **coxitis**, *n.* inflammation of hip joint.

coyote

n. small N American wolf; prairie wolf.

coypu

n. S American webbed-footed rodent, and its fur; nutria.

cozen

v.i., v.t. cheat. **cozenage**, *n.*

crachoir

n. spittoon.

crambo

n. game in which a rhyme has to be found to a given word. **dumb crambo**, form of crambo in which rhyming words are acted in dumb show.

crampon

n. boot-spike for climbing ice; spiked grip for carrying blocks of stone, ice, etc.; *Botany*, aerial root.

cranium

n. skull, especially part enclosing brain. **cranial**, *a.* **craniate**, *a.* having a skull.

craniology, *n.* study of skulls. **craniometry**, *n.* measurement of skulls.
craniotomy, *n.* surgical incision in skull; crushing of skull to extract dead foetus.

crannog

n. prehistoric Scottish and Irish lake-dwelling.

crapulent, crapulous

a. (sick through) eating or drinking to excess. **crapulence**, *n.*

craquelure

n. fine cracks in surface of old paintings.

crasis

n. constitution; blending; running together of two vowels to form a long vowel.

crassamentum

n. clot of blood.

crassitude

n. coarseness; grossness.

cratometer

n. instrument measuring power of magnification. **cratometry**, *n.*

craton

n. *Geology*, large, relatively stable section of earth's crust, forming the basis of a continent or ocean.

creancer

n. guardian; mentor.

creatic

a. pertaining to flesh or meat. **creatophagous**, *a.* flesh- eating.

credence

n. belief; *Ecclesiastical*, small table or sideboard for sacred vessels.

crédit foncier

n. 'landed credit'; loan on mortgage, repaid in annual instalments. **crédit mobilier**, loan on personal property; banking company for such and other loans.

credo

n. creed; belief.

cremnophobia

n. dread of precipices.

crenate

a. scalloped. **crenation**, **crenature**, *n.*

crenellated

a. having battlements. **crenellation**, *n.*

crenitic

a. pertaining to mineral springs. **crenotherapy**, *n.* medical treatment by mineral springs.

crenulate

a. minutely crenate. **crenulation**, *n.*

creole

n. person born in tropical region of European descent, especially descendant of early French or Spanish settlers; person of mixed ancestry; W Indian language or native. **creolization**, *n.* transformation of a pidgin into a full language.

creophagous

a. carnivorous. **creophagia**, **creophagism**, **creophagy**, *n.* eating of flesh. **creophagist** *n.*

crepitate

v.i. crackle. **crepitant**, *a.* **crepitation**, **crepitus**, *n.*

crepuscular

a. pertaining to twilight; appearing or active at twilight. **crepuscle**, **crepuscule**,
n. twilight. **crepusculine**, *a.*

crescograph

n. instrument recording plant growth.

cresset

n. hanging light-giving brazier.

cretaceous

a. pertaining to or like chalk. **Cretaceous**, *a.* & *n.* *Geology*, (relating to) the last period of the Mesozoic era when chalk deposits were formed.

cretic

n. amphimacer.

cretify

v.t. change into chalk or lime. **cretification**, **cretification**, *n.*

cretin

n. mentally and physically deficient person, generally a large-headed dwarf, whose condition is due to deficient thyroid secretion. **cretinous**, *a.* **cretinism**, *n.*

crevasse

n. deep chasm in glacier.

crewel

n. thin embroidery worsted. **crewel needle**, *n.* long needle used in embroidery; **crewelwork**, *n.*

cribriform

a. like a sieve. **cribrous**, **cribose**, *a.* **cribration**, *n.* sifting.

cri de cœur

n. 'cry of heart'; deeply-felt, passionate request or complaint.

crime passionel

n. 'crime of passion', *i.e.* due to love or jealousy.

criminis

n. "partner in crime"; accomplice.

crimp

n. person luring or 'shanghaiing' sailors aboard vessel; *v.t.* so to obtain sailors for ship. **crimpage**, *n.* rate paid to crimp.

crinal

a. pertaining to hair. **crinite**, *adj. Biology*, covered in soft hair or tufts.

crinoid

a. like a lily in shape; *n. Zoology*, one of a class of sea creatures with round body and feathery arms.

crinose

a. hairy. **crinosity**, *n.*

criophore

n. sculptured figure of man carrying ram. **criosphinx**, *n.* sphinx with ram's head.

crispate

a. curled; crimped. **crispation**, **crispature**, *n.* curling; shudder.

cristate

a. bearing crest. **cristiform**, *a.* crest-shaped.

criticaster

n. inferior critic.

critique

n. written criticism; review.

croceous

a. saffron yellow in colour.

crocidolite

n. blue asbestos, essentially a sodium iron silicate.

cromlech

n. prehistoric monument, comprising a flat stone resting horizontally on two vertical stones or circle of stones.

crore

n. ten million, especially of rupees, *i.e* 100 lakhs.

crosier, crozier

n. shepherd's crook-like staff borne by abbot or bishop.

cross-staff

n. ancient nautical instrument for taking altitudes.

crotaline

a. pertaining to rattle-snake. **crotalic**, **crotaliform**, **crotaloid**, *a.* like a rattlesnake.

croton

n. tree with seeds yielding an oil used as purge, etc.

crounotherapy

n. medical treatment by mineral waters.

crouton

n. small piece of fried or toasted bread, served with soup.

croze

n. groove in the staves of a barrel into which the endpiece fits.

cru

n. vineyard; category in classification of certain French wines.

cruciate

a. cross-shaped or Y-shaped; marked with cross; *v.t* mark with cross. **cruciation**,
n. torture; cruciate state.

crucible

n. vessel for fusing metals; melting-pot.

crucifer

n. person bearing cross; cruciferous plant. **cruciferous**, *a.* *Botany*, applied to mustard family of plants (brassicas), in flowers of which four equal-sized petals are arranged in form of cross.

cruciform

a. cross-shaped.

cruentation

n. oozing of blood, especially from dead body.

cruorin

n. haemoglobin.

crural

a. pertaining to leg, especially thigh.

cruse

n. small earthenware pot.

crustacean

n. animal with hard shell. **crustaceology**, *n.* study of these. **crustaceous**, *a.* having a shell; like a crust or a crab.

crymodinia

n. rheumatism due to cold. **cryotherapy**, *n.* use of cold as medical treatment.

cryogen

n. freezing mixture or agent. **cryogeny**, *n.* refrigeration.

cryogenics

n. study of effects of extremely low temperatures. **cryopedology**, *n.* study of action of intense frost on soil. **cryostat**, *n.* automatic device for maintaining low temperature. **cryosurgery**, *n.* performance of surgical operations on heart, brain, etc., which are first cooled to a low temperature, or by instruments maintained at an extremely low temperature. **cryostat**, *n.* device for producing or maintaining very low temperature.

cryolite

n. aluminium-yielding mineral of Greenland.

cryometer

n. instrument measuring very low temperatures.

cryonics

n. practice of freezing a human body at time of death for eventual resuscitation.

cryophorus

n. instrument demonstrating freezing of water by its evaporation. **cryophoric**, *a.*

cryoscopy

n. determination of freezing points. **cryoscope**, *n.* instrument used in this. **cryoscopic**, *a.*

cryptesthesia

n. clairvoyance. **cryptaesthetic**, *a.*

cryptal

a. pertaining to or like a crypt.

cryptanalysis

n. study of codes and ciphers. **cryptanalytic**, *a.*

cryptic

a. mysterious; secret; concealing.

crypto-

comb. form hidden, secret.

cryptoclastic

a. *Geology*, composed of tiny fragments.

cryptoclimate

n. climate of the inside of a building or other enclosed structure.

cryptogam

n. non-flowering or non-seeding plant. **cryptogamian**, **cryptogamic**, **cryptogamous**, *a.*

cryptogenic

a. of unknown origin. **cryptogenetic**, *a.*

cryptogram

n. coded message. **cryptogrammic**, **cryptogrammatic**, *a.*

cryptograph

n. cryptogram; type of code; instrument for encoding or decoding.
cryptographer, *n.* writer of, expert on codes. **cryptography**, *n.*

cryptology

n. science of cryptanalysis and cryptography.

cryptonym

n. secret name. **cryptonymous**, *a.*

cryptophyte

n. plant whose buds or seeds develop underground or under water.

cryptorchidism

n. condition in which one or both testes do not descend normally.

cryptozoic

a. living hidden, or in darkness.

crystallography

n. study of formation of crystals.

crystallomancy

n. divination by a crystal ball.

crystic

a. *Geology*, pertaining to ice.

crystograph

n. painting or writing on glass.

ctenoid

a. with comb-like edge. *cteniform*, *a.* comb-like.

ctetology

n. *Biology* study of acquired characteristics.

cubeb

n. dried fruit of a pepper plant, used for catarrh.

cubit

n. measure of length (length of forearm), equivalent of 18 in. (about 0.45 m.)
cubital a. pertaining to elbow or forearm.

cuculine

a. pertaining to or like a cuckoo. **cuculiform**, *a.* like a cuckoo. **cuculoid**, *a.*

cucullate

a. hooded; hood-shaped. **cuculliform**, *a.* hood-shaped.

cucumiform

a. cucumber-shaped.

cucurbit

n. gourd-like chemical vessel, main part of still or alembic. **cucurbitine**, *a.* like gourd seed in shape.

cudbear

n. (dye obtained from) type of orchil.

cui bono?

'to whose good?'; to whose profit?; to what purpose?

cuirass

n. armour for breast and back. **cuirassier**, *n.* horse-soldier wearing this.

cuisine

n. 'kitchen'; cooking; feeding arrangements. **cuisine minceur** (*French*) 'cooking for slimness'; health- and figure-conscious variant of nouvelle cuisine.

culiciform

a. like a mosquito. **culicifuge**, *n.* substance killing mosquitoes.

culinary

a. pertaining to cooking.

cullion

n. rascal; orchid root; man orchid.

culm

n. grass stem. **culminal**, *a.*

culminate

v.i. reach peak or climax; *Astronomy*, reach meridian; be directly overhead. **culminant**, *a.* **culmination**, *n.*

culpable

a. at fault; criminal. **culpability**, *n.*

cultivar

n. variety of plant originated by and kept under cultivation.

cultrate

a. shaped like a knife blade; sharp-edged.

culverin

n. kind of ancient small cannon.

culvert

n. drain; conduit.

culvertage

n. villeinage.

culvertail

n. dovetail.

cum grano salis

'with a grain of salt'; with caution or incredulity.

cummerbund

n. wide sash round waist.

cumshaw

n. tip; gratuity.

cumulative

a. increasing; growing by successive additions; gathering strength as it grows; expressing addition.

cumulose

a. containing small heaps.

cumulus

n. (*pl. -li*) rounded, flat-based mass of cloud at middle altitude. **cumulo-cirrus**, *n.* small cumulus at great height. **cumulonimbus**, *n.* thunder cloud. **cumulo-stratus**, *n.* cumulus with stratus-like base. **cumulous**, *a.*

cunabular

a. pertaining to cradle or original dwelling; pertaining to incunabula.

cunction

n. delay. **cunctator**, *n.* procrastinator.

cuneiform

a. wedge-shaped; applied to such ancient alphabet and inscriptions. **cuneal**,

cuneate, *a.* wedge-shaped.

cunicular

a. pertaining to underground passages or burrows; burrow- dwelling.

cupel

n. small dish, especially of bone ash, or furnace hearth for cupellation.

cupellation, *n.* refining or separating precious metals.

cupidity

n. avarice.

cupola

n. dome, especially small.

cupping

n. Medicine, drawing blood by causing partial vacuum over surface of skin.

cupping glass, glass used in this.

cupreous

a. pertaining to or like copper.

cupressineous

a. pertaining to or like the cypress.

cupric

a. applied to compounds of bivalent copper. **cupro-nickel**, *n.* alloy of copper and nickel used for making 'silver' and 'nickel' coins. **cuprous**, *a.* applied to compounds of univalent copper.

cupulate

a. cup-shaped; having a cup-shaped appendage. **cupuliform**, *a.* cup-shaped.

curaçao

n. Dutch liqueur made from orange peel.

curare

n. vegetable extract used as arrow poison by S American Indians.

curassow

n. turkey-like bird of S and Central America.

curculio

n. fruit weevil.

curé

n. parish priest; vicar.

curette

n. surgical instrument for scraping sides of body cavity; *v.t.* use a curette on.
curettage, n. use of this.

curialism

n. ultra-montanism.

curiology

n. picture-writing. **curiologic(al)**, *a.* **curiologics**, *n.*

curiosa

n. curiosities; erotica.

curium

n. one of the transuranic elements.

curratow

n. fibre from wild pineapple of Brazil.

curricule

n. light two-horse two-wheeled carriage. **curricular**, *a.* pertaining to carriages and driving; pertaining to curriculum.

currier

n. leather-dresser.

currycomb

n. metal comb for grooming horse.

cursive

a. running, flowing; *n.* script with rounded letters joined together.

cursorial

a. adapted for walking or running. **cursorious**, *a.*

cursory

a. quick; superficial.

curtal

a. short; curtailed; *n.* person wearing short garment; animal with docked tail.

curtate

a. shortened; short. **curtate distance**, *Astronomy*, distance of heavenly body from sun or earth in ecliptic plane. **curtation**, *n.* difference between curtate distance and true distance.

curtilage

n. courtyard; land attached to house.

curucucu

n. bush-master.

curule

a. applied to curved-legged chair occupied by high officials of ancient Rome.
curule leg, outward-curving furniture leg.

curvet

n., v.i. leap; bound; leap of trained horse with forelegs first raised, immediately followed by raising of hind legs.

curvilinear

a. pertaining to or within curved lines.

curvulate

a. slightly curved.

cushat

n. wood-pigeon or ring-dove.

cush-cush

n. kind of yam.

cusp

n. prominence; crown of tooth; sharp point; *Astrology*, cross-over point between two signs. **cuspal**, *adj*, **cusperate**, *adj*, having cusps. **cuspid**, *n.* canine tooth. **cuspidal**, *a.* **cuspidate**, *adj*, coming to a point.

cuspidor

n. spittoon.

custodian

n. keeper; warden. **custodial**, *a.* **custodiam**, *n.* grant of crown lands.

custos morum

'keeper of morals'; censor. **custos rotulorum**, keeper of the rolls. **custos sigilli**, keeper of great seal.

cutaneous

a. pertaining to the skin, especially its surface.

cuticle

n. epidermis; hardened epidermis round nail. **cuticular**, *a.* **cuticulate**, *a.* having this. **cutification**, *n.* formation of this. **cutigera**, *a.* skin-bearing.

cutis anserina

'goose-flesh'.

cuvée

n. vintage.

cyanous

a. sky-blue.

cyanometer

n. instrument measuring blueness. **cyanometric**, *a.* **cyanometry**, *n.*

cyanopathy

n. cyanosis. **cyanopathic**, *a.*

cyanosis

n. heart condition or disease causing blueness of surface of body; blue disease. **cyanotic**, *a.*

cyanotype

n. blue-print.

cyathiform

a. cup-shaped.

cybernetics

n. comparative study of control and communication in living organisms and

machines.

cyclarthrosis

n. (pl. -ses) pivot joint. cyclarthrodial, a.

cyclazocine

n. synthetic drug protecting against the addictive effects of the morphine group.

cyclitis

n. inflammation of ciliary muscle.

cyclometer

n. instrument measuring arcs of circles or revolutions of bicycle wheel.

cyclone

n. any storm in which wind is rotary; Meteorology, area of low pressure into which winds flow in anti-clockwise direction in N hemisphere; hurricane; typhoon; erroneously tornado. cyclonic, a. cyclonology, n. study of cyclones.

cyclophoria

n. squint due to weakness of an eye muscle.

cycloplegia

n. paralysis of ciliary muscle. cycloplegic, a.

cyclorama

n. circular panorama surrounding spectator; curved backcloth of stage used to indicate vast spaces. **cycloramic**, *a.*

cyclostyle

n. apparatus for printing copies from a handwritten stencil.

cyclothymia

n. mental condition of alternating moods of euphoria and depression. **cyclothyme**, *n.* person having such moods. **cyclothymic**, *a.*

cyclotomy

n. incision into ciliary muscle. **cyclotome**, *n.* instrument used in this. **cyclotomic**, *a.*

cyclotron

n. apparatus in which ions are accelerated to high energies for bombarding atomic nuclei in nuclear fission processes.

cyesis

n. pregnancy. **cyesiology**, *n.* medical study of this.

cygnet

n. young swan. **cygneous**, *a.* swan-like.

cyllosis

n. (*pl. -ses*) congenital deformity, especially clubfoot.

cymbiform

a. boat-shaped. **cymbate**, *a.* **cymbocephalic**, cymbocephalous, *a.* having head with forehead receding and back projecting.

cyme

n. inflorescence in which axes end in single flower only, *e.g.* phlox. **cymiferous**, *a.* producing these. **cymoid**, **cymose**, *a.*

cymograph

n. instrument for tracing outlines of projections, profiles, etc.

cymometer

n. instrument measuring frequency of electric waves. **cymoscope**, *n.* instrument detecting electrical waves.

cymule

n. small cyme.

cynanche

n. any inflammatory disease of throat, etc.

cynanthropy

n. form of insanity in which patient has delusions of being a dog.

cynarctomachy

n. bear-baiting with dogs.

cynegetics

n. hunting.

cyniatrics

n. study of canine diseases.

cynocephalous, cynocephalic

a. having dog-like head or face. **cynocephalus**, *n.* flying lemur; mythological ape with dog's head.

cynoid

a. dog-like. **cynopodous**, *a.* having dog-like claws. **cynorrhodon**, *n.* dog-rose.

cynophobia

n. morbid fear of dogs.

cynosure

n. guiding star; object of common interest. **cynosural**, *a.*

cyphonism

n. pillorying as punishment.

cyprian

a. lecherous; *n.* prostitute.

cyprine

n. pertaining to the cypress.

cyprinoid

a. pertaining to or like a carp.

cypseline

a. pertaining to or like a swift. *cypseloid, a.*

cyst

n. sac-like outgrowth containing fluid or semi-fluid matter; capsule; vesicle. *cystal, cystic, adj, cystitis, n.* inflammation of bladder. *cystoid, a.* like a bladder. *cystolith, n.* stone in the bladder. *cystology, n.* study of cysts. *cystoscope, n.* instrument for examining bladder. *cystose, cystous, a.*

Cytherean

a. pertaining to Venus; *n.* votary of Venus.

cytitis

n. inflammation of skin.

cytoblast

n. Biology, cell nucleus. **cytoderm**, *n.* cell wall. **cytogamy**, *n.* cell conjugation. **cytogenetics**, *n.* study of structural basis of heredity in the cell. **cytogenous**, *a.* cell-producing. **cytoid**, *a.* cell-like. **cytology**, *n.* study of cells. **cytolysis**, *n.* dissolution of cells. **cytophagy**, *n.* phagocytosis. **cytoplasm**, *n.* substance of cell excluding nucleus. **cytosome**, *n.* body of cell excluding nucleus. **cytotoxic**, *a.* (of a drug) poisonous to living cells. **cytotoxin**, *n.* substance poisonous to cells. **cytozoon**, *n.* protozoan parasite within a cell.

czardas

n. Hungarian dance that increases in speed.

czigany

n. gypsy.

dabchick

n. little grebe.

da capo

a. 'from the beginning'; *Music*, instruction to repeat from start (*abbreviation D.C.*).

dacha, datcha

n. country cottage or villa in Russia.

dacoit

n. brigand of India and Burma. *dacoity, n.* robbery by dacoits or by a gang.

dacryops

n. wateriness of eye.

dactyl

n. metrical foot comprising one long followed by two short syllables; *Zoology, digit. dactylate, a.* like a finger. *dactylic, a.; n.* verse of dactyls.

dactylioglyph

n. engraver of gems, especially for rings. *dactyliographic, a.* *dactyliography, n.* study of gem engraving. *dactyliology, n.* study of finger-rings.

dactylitis

n. inflammation of fingers and toes.

dactylogram

n. finger-print. *dactylography, n.* study of finger-prints.

dactyloid

a. like a finger.

dactylogy

n. sign language; deaf and dumb language.

dactylomegaly

n. abnormal largeness of fingers and toes.

dactylonomy

n. counting on the fingers.

dactyloscopy

n. comparison of fingerprints for identification.

daedal

a. complicated; showing or needing skill; artistic; variegated. **daedalian**, **daedalic**, *a.* pertaining to Daedalus, in Greek myth., designer of the labyrinth of Crete and inventor of flying wings; skilful; ingenious; labyrinthine. **daedalist**, *n.* aviator.

daemon

n. inward spirit; personality; genius. **daemonic**, *a.*

dagoba, dagaba

n. shrine holding Buddhist relics.

daguerreotype

n. early 19th-century kind of photograph invented by L. J. M. Daguerre.

dahabeeyah, dahabeah

n. sailing house-boat of Nile.

Dáil Éireann

lower house of Irish parliament.

daimon

n. daemon.

dairi

n. mikado and his court.

dak

n. see **dawk**.

dalmatic

n. kind of outer ecclesiastical vestment; similar vestment worn by king at coronation.

dalton

n. unit of mass, equivalent of one-sixteenth of mass of oxygen atom.

daman

n. small herbivorous animal of Palestine, called "cony" in Old Testament.

damascene, damaskeen

v.t. v.t. ornament (metal) with wavy patterns; *a.* pertaining to such art or to damask. **damascene blade**, sword made in Damascus or ornamented with damascening.

damassé

a., n. (fabric) with damask-like weave. **damassin**, *n.* damask with patterns in gold or silver.

damier

n. large-squared pattern.

damine

a. like a fallow deer or its antlers.

dammar

n. kauri gum; several other resins from Australian and E Indian trees.

damnosa hereditas

'burdensome inheritance'.

damnum fatale

Law, loss resulting from act of God.

dapicho, dapico

n. kind of S American rubber.

dapifer

bearer of meat to table; steward.

dargah

n. see durgah.

darnel

n. tall, awned grass, a weed of corn-fields.

dartre

n. any eczema-like skin disease. **dartrous**, *a.*

dashpot

n. shock-resisting device, using air or liquid.

dasymeter

n. device for measuring the density of gases.

dasyphyllous

a. with downy leaves.

dasypoedes

n. pl. birds having downy young. **dasypoedal, dasypoedic, a.**

dasyure

n. small, marten-like Australian marsupial.

datcha

n. see **dacha**.

dation

n. act of giving; conferment.

dative

a. *Grammar*, signifying indirect object or giving to; *Law*, capable of being given; dismissible; *n.* such grammatical case. **datival, a.**

dato, datto

n. Malay tribal chieftain.

datura

n. narcotic, poisonous weed of nightshade family, of India and other countries; Jimson weed. **daturism**, *n.* datura poisoning.

daube

n. braised meat stew.

dauerschlaf

n. long drug-induced sleep, used as psychiatric remedy.

dauphin

n. French king's eldest son. **dauphine**, **dauphiness**, *n.* his wife.

davenport

n. small writing table; *American* sort of settee, especially convertible into bed.

davit

n. ship's small crane, especially for lowering boats.

dawk, dak

n. Anglo-Indian relay system for post or transport; post. **dawk boat**, mail boat. **dawk bungalow**, rest-house for travellers.

de aequitate

'by equity'; by justice if not by right.

dealate

v.t. v.t. rob or divest of wings. **dealation**, *n.*

dealbation

n. whitening.

deambulatory

n. ambulatory; *a.* wandering.

deasil

adv. clockwise; towards the right.

deassimilation

n. catabolism.

débâcle

n. complete rout or failure; stampede; ice-break; flood.

debarrass

v.t. v.t. disembarrass.

debellate

v.t. v.t. conquer. **debellation, debellator, n.**

debenture

n. official certificate of right to receive payment; bond; any company security other than shares. **debenture stock**, class of shares, holders of which are guaranteed repayment but cannot demand it until default or winding up of company.

debility

n. weakness. **debilitant, n. & a.** (substance) reducing energy or excitement. **debilitate, v.t.** weaken. **debilitation, n.** **debilitative, a.**

debouch

v.i. v.t. issue into open place; *n.* outlet. **debouchment, n.** act of debouching; river mouth.

debridement

n. surgical removal of dead tissue from wound.

decachord

a.,n. (musical instrument) having ten strings.

decad

n. group of ten. **decadal, a.** **decade, n.** period of ten years.

decadescent

a. tending to become decadent.

decadic

a. pertaining to decimal system.

decagon

n. 10-sided plane figure. **decagonal**, *a.*

decahedron

n. 10-sided solid figure. **decahedral**, *a.*

decal

n. decalcomania.

decalcify

v.t. remove calcium or lime from. **decalcification**, *n.* **decalcifier**, *n.*

decalcomania

n. art of transferring a design from paper to another surface; transfer.

decalescence

n. sudden increase at certain temperature in amount of heat absorbed.

decalogue

n. Ten Commandments.

decalvant

a. depilatory.

decamerai

a. divided into ten. **decamerous**, *a.* *Botany*, having parts in tens.

decameter

n. verse line of ten feet.

decanal

a. pertaining to deacon; on the dean's (*i.e.* south) side of choir.

decapod

n. ten-legged crustacean, including shrimps, lobsters, etc. **decapodal**, **decapodan**, **decapodous**, *a.*

decarch

n. member of decarchy; commander over ten. **decarchy**, *n.* rule by or ruling body of ten persons.

decarnate

a. divested of bodily form.

decastich

n. ten-line poem.

decastyle

n. portico with ten columns.

decasyllable

n. verse line or word of ten syllables. **decasyllabic**, *a.*

decathlon

n. athletic contest of ten running, jumping and field events.

decatize

v.t. v.t. cause to uncurl by steaming or damping.

decedent

n. American, deceased person.

decemvir

n. member of decemvirate. **decemviral**, *a.* **decemvirate**, *n.* ruling body of ten

persons.

decennial

a. occurring every ten years; consisting of ten years; *n.* tenth anniversary.
decenary, *a.* decennial; *n.* decennium. **decennium**, *n.* (*pl.* -ia) period of ten years.

decillion

n. a million nonillions (10^{60}); (*American & French*) a thousand nonillions (10^{33}).

decimate

v.t. v.t. kill large number of; kill one tenth of; punish by punishing or executing every tenth man chosen by lot. **decimation**, *n.*

decimestrial

a. consisting of or lasting ten months.

decimosexto

see **sextodecimo**.

déclassé

a. (*fem. -ée pron. same*) fallen or degraded from social class.

declension

n. decline; *Grammar*, group of nouns with same inflection; naming the

inflections of nouns. **declensional**, *a.*

declination

n. bending; turning aside; angle between magnetic needle and geographical meridian; *Astronomy*, angular distance from equator; (polite) refusal. **declinate**, *a.* bent to one side.

declinometer

n. instrument measuring magnetic declination.

declivity

n. downward slope. **declivitous**, **declivous**, *a.*

decoct

v.t. boil; infuse; extract essence by boiling; reduce. **decoction**, *n.* **decoctive**, *a.*

decollate

v.t. v.t. behead.

décolleté

a. (*fem. -ée pron. same*) low-necked; wearing a low-necked dress. **décolletage**
n. (edge of) low-cut neck; (fact of wearing) such a dress.

decompensation

n. Medicine, inability of heart to maintain adequate circulation.

decomposer

n. *Biology*, organism that breaks down dead tissue.

decorticate

v.t. v.t. divest of bark, peel, husk, skin, etc.; flay;; *a.* lacking such outer layer.
decortication, decorticator, n.

decoupage, découpage

n. decoration with cut-out shapes or illustrations; example of such work.

decrement

n. decrease; waste.

decrepitate

v.t. v.t. make to crackle by roasting. **decrepitation, n.**

decrepitude

n. state of being decrepit.

decrescent

a. decreasing gradually. **decrescence, n.**

decretal

n. decree, especially papal; *a.* pertaining to decree. **decretist**, *n.* student of decretals. **decretive, decretory**, *a.* pertaining to or like a decree.

decrudescence

n. diminution in disease.

decubitus

n. act or attitude of lying down. **decubital**, *a.* pertaining to or resulting from this.

decumbence, decumbency

n. decubitus. **decumbent**, *a.* decumbiture, *n.* confinement to bed.

decuple

a. tenfold; arranged in tens; *n.* such amount; *v.i. & t.* multiply by ten.

decurrent

a. running downwards; elapsing. **decurrence**, *n.*

decursive

a. decurrent.

decurtate

a. shortened; *v.t.* curtail. **decurtation**, *n.*

decurve

v.i., v.t. curve downwards. **decurvation**, *n.*

decussate

a. X-shaped; *v.i. & t.* cross in X-shape. **decussation**, *n.*

deditio

n. surrender.

deemster

n. Manx judge.

de facto

'in fact'; actual; done or existing whether rightfully or not.

defalcate

v.i. v.t. embezzle. **defalcation**, *n.* embezzlement; amount embezzled.

defamation

n. injury to character; calumny. **defamatory** *a.*

defeasance

n. Law, nullification; condition which if fulfilled, nullifies a provision.
defeasible, *a.* able to be annulled; having such condition.

defecate

v.i. refine; remove impurities from; excrete. *a.* purified. **defecant** *n.* purifying agent. **defecation, defecator**, *n.*

defenestration

n. throwing of a person or thing out of window.

deferrize

v.t. v.t. remove iron from. **deferrization** *n.*

defervesce

v.t. v.t. become cool; lose interest. **defervescence**, *n.* **defervescent**, *a.* pertaining to or causing cooling; *n.* such drug.

defibrillate

v.t. restore normal rhythm to (the heart) after a heart attack. **defibrillation, defibrillator**, *n.*

de fide

'of the faith': *Roman Catholic*, accepted and taught as essential doctrine.

defilade

n. protection provided by obstacles or fortifications against enemy fire; *v.t.* arrange (fortifications) for this purpose.

definiendum

n. (*pl.* -da) thing to be defined.

definiens

n. (*pl.* -ientia) something that defines.

deflagrate

v.i., v.t. v.t. & t. burn up suddenly. **deflagration, deflagrator, n.**

deflocculate

v.t. v.t. disperse in fine particles. **deflocculant, a. & n.**

deflorate

v.t. v.t. deflower. **defloration, n.**

deflower

v.t. v.t. ravish; rupture hymen, especially as primitive ceremony; strip of flowers.

defluent

a. flowing down. **defluxion, n.** discharge of mucus from nose.

defoliate

v.i., v.t. v.t. & t. lose, or strip of, leaves; *a.* stripped of leaves. **defoliation**, **defoliator**, *n.* **defoliant**, *n.* chemical that does this.

dégagé

a. (*fem. -ée*) 'disengaged'; at ease; unworried.

degauss

v.t. demagnetize by surrounding with electrically charged wire or coil, especially ships to prevent their detonating magnetic mines.

deglutinate

v.t. v.t. unstick; remove glue or gluten from. **deglutination**, *n.*

deglutition

n. act or power of swallowing. **deglutitious**, *a.* **deglutitory**, *a.* aiding swallowing.

de gratia

'by favour'.

degust, degustate

v.t. taste, savour. **degustation**, *n.*

dehiscent

a. gaping; discharging contents (e.g. seeds) by bursting open. **dehiscence**, *n.*

dehydrate

v.i., v.t. v.i. & t. remove or lose water from; desiccate; remove or lose hydrogen and oxygen in amounts to form water. **dehydration**, **dehydrator**, *n.*

deicide

n. killer or destroyer, or killing or destruction, of a god, especially of Christ.

deictic

a. directly proving or demonstrating; *Linguistics*, specifying the person, thing, etc., referred to.

Dei gratia

'by the grace of God' (*abbreviation D.G.*)

Dei judicium

'judgement of God'; trial by ordeal.

deiparous

a. giving birth to god or Christ.

deipnosophist

n. person expert in art of table talk. **deipnosophistic**, *a.* **deipnosophism**, *n.*

deipotent

a. with god-like power.

deism

n. belief in God's existence but not in revealed religion. **deist**, *n.* **deistic**, *a.*

dejecta

n. pl. Medicine, excrements. **dejectory**, *n.* & *a.* purgative. **dejection**, *n.* excrement.

déjeuner

n. luncheon; breakfast. **petit déjeuner**, breakfast.

de jure

adv. 'by right'; rightful.

dekarch

see decarch.

delactation

n. weaning; cessation of milk flow.

delaminate

v.t. divide into thin layers.

delation

n. laying information against a person. **delator**, *n.* informer. **delatorian**, *a.*

delectation

n. enjoyment.

delectus

n. chrestomathy.

delendum

n. (*pl.* -da) thing to be deleted.

deleterious

a. harmful.

delict

n. *Scottish Law*, offence giving a right to civil remedy.

deligation

n. bandaging.

delignate

v.t. v.t. remove wood or woody matter from.

delimit

v.t. v.t. fix boundaries of. **delimitation, n.**

deliquesce

v.i. v.i. melt away. **deliquescence, n.** **deliquescent, a.**

delitescent

a. latent. **delitescence, n.** *Medicine,* sudden disappearance of symptoms.

deloul

n. quick-moving riding camel of Arabia.

Delphian, Delphic

n. pertaining to oracle of Delphi; ambiguous; having several senses.

delta

n. fourth letter of Greek alphabet; Delta-shaped area of alluvium at river-mouth.
deltaic, deltic, a. **deltification, deltation, n.** formation of deltas. **deltoid a.**
Delta-shaped; *n.* such shoulder muscle.

deltiology

n. hobby of collecting post-cards.

demagogue

n. orator addressing himself to, or using arguments such as to stir, the masses.
a. demagogic, *a.* demagogism, demagogy, *n.*

demarcate

v.t. v.t. delimit. demarcation, *n.*

démarche

n. decisive step or action, especially diplomatic and initiating new policy.

demegoric

a. pertaining to demagogic speech.

démenti

n. official denial.

dementia

n. insanity; impairment of cognitive and intellectual function because of damage to neurons in the brain. dementia praecox, schizophrenia.

demephitize

v.t. v.t. purify (air). **demephitzation**, *n.*

demersal

a. sinking to bottom. **demersion**, *n.*

demesne

n. estate; territory; unrestricted possession of land. **demesnial**, *a.*

demijohn

n. large bottle with wicker case.

demi-monde

n. class of women of doubtful reputation. **demi-mondain**, *a.* **demi- mondaine**, *n.* woman of that class.

demi-rep

n. demi-mondaine.

demisang(ue)

n. half-breed; first cross.

demise

n. death; act of conveying estate; *v.t.* convey estate, especially by will.

demit

v.t. relinquish, abdicate. **demission**, *n.*

demiurge

n. inferior god who created world; creative power or spirit. **demiurgeous**, **demiurgic**, *a.*

demivierge

n. woman who is sexually promiscuous but remains technically a virgin.

demogenic

a. applied to societies based on citizenship rather than kinship.

demography

n. study of population statistics. **demographer**, **demographist**, *n.* **demographic** (*al*), *a.*

demonetize

v.t. v.t. divest (coin, etc.) of its value or withdraw from circulation; abandon (gold, etc.) as currency. **demonetization**, *n.*

demonifuge

n. charm against evil spirits.

demonolatry

n. worship of demons, and good and evil spirits. **demonolater**, *n.* demon-worshipper. **demonology**, *n.* study of demons.

demophil(e)

n. friend of people; person fond of crowds or the masses. **demophobe**, *n.* person disliking the masses or crowds.

Demos

n. personification of democracy or the masses.

demotic

a. pertaining to common people; applied to simplified style of Egyptian writing.

demulcent

a.,n. soothing (substance) **demulsify**, *v.t.* extract from an emulsion. **demulsion**, *n.* soothing.

demurrage

n. delay by charterer of a vehicle's or vessel's loading, departure, etc.; payment for such delay. **demurrer**, *n.* *Law*, objection to pleading.

denarius

n. (pl.-rii) ancient Roman coin of silver or, later, copper; penny (*abbreviation d.*)

denary

a. of ten; tenfold; decimal *n.* ten; group of ten; one tenth.

dendrachate

n. moss agate.

dendral

a. living in trees; arboreal. **dendriform**, *a.* tree-like; branched.

dendrite

n. tree-shaped mark made by another mineral in stone or crystal; nerve-cell outgrowth conducting impulse inwards. **dendritic**, *a.* like a dendrite; tree-like.

dendrochronology

n. analysis of the annual rings of trees to date past events.

dendrograph

n. instrument recording growth of tree's girth. **dendrography**, *n.* such recording; treatise on trees.

dendroid

a. tree-shaped.

dendrology

n. study of or treatise on trees. **dendrologic(al)**, **dendrologous**, *a.* **dendrologist**, *n.*

dendrometer

n. instrument measuring tree's height and girth.

dendron

n. dendrite (of nerve-cell).

dendrophilous

a. fond of or inhabiting trees.

denehole

n. shaft, with chambers at base, sunk in chalk regions, of ancient origin.

dengue

n. kind of fever of hot regions; break-bone fever.

denier

n. originally a unit of weight (about $8\frac{1}{5}$ troy grains) of silk, rayon, nylon, etc.; later, an indication of the fineness of such yarns, the lower the denier number the finer the yarn.

denigrate

v.t. v.t. blacken; slander. **denigration**, **denigrator**, *n.*

denizen

n. inhabitant; naturalized person or thing; *v.t.* naturalize; people; colonize. **denization**, *n.*

denominate

v.t. name, designate. **denomination**, *n.* designation; religious body or organization; grade, degree.

denouement, dénouement

n. resolution of the plot at the end of a play.

de nouveau

'again'; afresh.

de novo

'from the beginning'; afresh.

dentate

a. with toothed edge, or tooth-like prominences. **dentelated**, *a.* with small notches.

denticle

n. small tooth or tooth-like part. **denticulated**, *a.* with small, tooth-like

prominences.

dentigerous

a. bearing teeth.

dentil

n. small rectangular block, one of a row used as ornamentation, especially beneath a cornice.

dentilingual

a.,n. (sound) pronounced (as *th*) with tongue against teeth.

dentinasal

a.,n. (sound) pronounced (as *n*) with nasal passage open and tongue against upper teeth or teeth-ridge.

dentine

n. bone-like substance forming tooth; dental ivory.

dentiphone

n. audiphone.

dentition

n. teeth development; characteristic arrangement or nature of animal's teeth.

denumeration

n. *Mathematics*, determination of number of things able to fulfil certain conditions. **denumerable**, *a.* countable.

deobstruent

a., n. (medicine) removing obstacles; purgative.

deodar

n. Indian cedar.

deontology

n. science of moral duty. **deontological**, *a.* **deontologist**, *n.*

deoppilate

v.i., v.t. v.t. & t. remove obstructions (from). **deoppilant**, *n.* & *a.* **deoppilation**, *n.* **deoppilative**, *a.*

deordination

n. disorder; abnormality.

Deo volente

'God being willing' (*abbreviation D.V.*)

depascent

a. eating.

dépayisé

a. (*fem. -ée pron. same*) 'away from natural country or environment'; lost; out of one's element.

depilation

n. removal of hair. **depilous**, *a.* bald. **depilatory**, *a.* used to remove hair. *n.* such substance.

deploy

v.t. spread out into one line; organize for effective use. **deployment**, *n.*

deponent

n. person giving evidence or making affidavit. *a.* *Grammar*, applied to verbs with active meaning and passive form.

deposition

n. *Law*, sworn testimony.

depotentiate

v.t. v.t. divest of power; weaken. **depotentiation**, *n.*

depredate

v.t. plunder; ravage. **depredation**, *n.*

de profundis

'from the depths'; *adv.* expressing deep misery; *n.* 130th Psalm.

depurate

v.t. v.t. purify. **depurant**, *n.* & *a.* **depuration**, *n.* **depurative** *n.* & *a.*

deracinate

v.t. uproot. **deracination**, *n.*

de règle

'by rule'; according to custom or propriety.

dereliction

n. failure to perform duty.

de rigueur

according to or demanded by etiquette.

derma, dermis

n. layer of skin, containing nerves and blood vessels, beneath epidermis.
dermad, *a.* towards skin. **dermal**, **dermatic**, **dermatine**, *a.* pertaining to skin.

dermatitis

n. inflammation of skin or derma.

dermatoglyphics

n. (study of) lines forming fingerprints and other skin patterns. **dermatograph**,
n. fingerprint or other impression of skin markings. **dermatography**, *n.*
description of skin.

dermatoid

a. skin-like.

dermatology

n. study of skin and skin diseases. **dermatological**, *a.* **dermatologist**, *n.*

dermatome

n. instrument for cutting skin. **dermatomic**, *a.*

dermatomycosis

n. skin disease due to vegetable parasite.

dermatopathy

n. skin disease. **dermatopathic**, *a.*

dermatophyte

n. disease-causing fungus parasite of skin. **dermatophytic**, *a.* **dermatophytosis**, *n.*

dermatoplasty

n. plastic surgery of skin.

dermatosis

n. skin disease.

dermographia, dermatographism

n. condition in which slight pressure, as of writing, on skin causes red mark. **dermographic**, *a.*

dermoid

a. skin-like.

dernier cri

'last cry'; latest fashion; newest discovery.

derogate

v.i., v.t. v.i. & t. reduce value (of); detract from. **derogation**, *n.* **derogatory**, *a.* disparaging.

derringer

n. short, wide-barrelled pistol.

desacralize

v.i., v.t. divest of supernatural qualities; remove tabu. **desacralization**, *n.*

desalination

n. removal of salt from sea water to produce fresh water.

descant

n. Music, simple counterpoint sung by trebles above melody; counterpoint; treble; commentary; *v.i.* comment; discourse.

descry

v.t. discern; detect.

deshabillé

a. partly clad; **deshabille** *n.*, such state.

desiccate

v.t. dry up; preserve by drying. **desiccant**, *n.* & *a.* **desiccation**, **desiccator**, *n.* **desiccative**, **desiccatory**, *a.*

desiderate

v.t. desire strongly; regard as lacking. **desideration**, *n.* **desiderative**, *a.*

desideratum, *n.* (*pl.* **desiderata**) desired thing; condition; thing regarded as lacking.

desiderium

n. yearning.

desinent(ial)

a. terminal. **desinence**, *n.* ending.

desipient

a. foolish. **desipience**, *n.*

desition

n. ending; cessation. **desistive**, *a.* final.

desman

n. aquatic mole-like animal of Russia and Pyrenees; its fur.

desmid

n. species of algae. **desmidian**, *n.* **desmidiology**, *n.* study of such.

desmoid

a. like a ligament.

desmology

n. study of ligaments or bandaging. **desmotomy**, *n.* cutting or anatomy of ligaments.

despiteous

a. spiteful, malevolent.

despumate

v.i., v.t. remove scum; throw off like or in scum; foam. **despumation**, *n.*

desquamate

v.i. peel off, or cause to peel off in scales. **desquamation**, *n.* **desquamatory**, *a.* & *n.* **desquamative**, *a.*

desucration

n. removal of sugar.

desuetude

n. disuse; obsolescence.

desultory

a. aimless; lacking method or application; digressive.

détente

n. relaxation; ease of strained political relations.

detergence, detergency

n. power to clean. **detergent**, *n.* & *a.*

determinism

n. philosophical theory that acts of will arise from deciding causes; fatalism; theory that present conditions are so by necessity.

detersian

n. act of cleansing. **detersive**, *n.* & *a.* detergent.

detinue

n. Law, illegal detention of another's personal property; writ for recovering such detained property.

detoxicate

v.t. remove poison or its effects from. **detoxicant**, *n.* & *a.* **detoxication**, *n.* **detoxicator**, *n.*

detritus

n. debris; fragments worn away, especially of rock. **detrital**, *a.* consisting of debris. **detrited**, *a.* worn thin. **detrition**, *n.*

de trop

'too much'; unwanted; in the way.

detrude

v.t. push down or out.

detruncate

v.t. cut short; lop. **detruncation, n.**

detrusion

n. act of detruding. **detrusive, a.**

deus ex machina

'a god from a machine'; interference by divine power to set right a situation; any artificial method of solving difficulty.

deuterium

n. heavy hydrogen, the oxide of which is heavy water used to slow down neutrons emitted in nuclear fission.

deuterogamy

n. remarriage after spouse's death. **deuterogamist, n.**

deuteron

n. a positively charged particle consisting of a proton and a neutron, equivalent to the nucleus of an atom of deuterium.

deuteropathy

n. secondary illness. **deuteropathic**, *a.*

deutoplasm

n. yolk of egg. **deutoplasmic**, *a.*

devaluate

v.t. reduce value of, especially of currency in terms of other currencies.
devaluation, *n.*

devise

v.t. Law bequeath (real estate) by will. **devisee**, *n.* person to whom property is bequeathed. **devisor**, *n.* person bequeathing property.

devoir

n. duty; best of which one is capable *pl.* respects; attentions; courtesy.

dewlap

n. loose skin hanging at throat.

dexter

a. on right-hand side; presaging good; honest; *Heraldry* on right-hand side of wearer of shield. **dexterity**, *n.* adroitness; deftness. **dexterous**, *adj* adroit; deft.

dextral

a. on right-hand side. **dexterity**, *n.* use of right limb, eye, etc., more than left.
dextrally, *adv.* towards right-hand side.

dextrin

n. gummy carbohydrate, manufactured from, and resulting from digestion of, starch; starch gum. **dextrinate**, *v.t.* make into or mix with dextrin. **dextrinous**, *a.*

dextrocardia

n. condition in which the heart is on the right-hand side of the chest.

dextrocular

a. using right eye more than left. **dextrocularity**, *n.*

dextrogyratory

n. turning to the right. **dextrogyration**, *n.*

dextrorotatory

a. turning to the right, especially turning plane of polarized light to right.
dextrorotation, *n.*

dextrorse

a. (of plants) spirally turning to the right. **dextrorsal**, *a.*

dextrose

n. glucose; grape sugar.

dextrosinistral

a. extending to right and left; applied to the left-handed person using right hand for writing.

dextrous

a. dexterous.

dextroversion

n. turn to the right.

dhal

a. (purée of) Indian pulse.

dhobi

n. Indian washerman or woman.

dhole

n. Indian wild dog.

dhoti, dhooti, dhotie,

n. Hindu loincloth.

dhow

n. Arab sailing ship with lateen sails.

dhurra

see durra.

diablerie

n. 'devilry'; sorcery; black magic; mischievous act.

diabolism

n. devil worship; black magic; devilish behaviour. **diabolepsy**, *n.* devil-possession. **diabolic(al)**, *a.* pertaining to devils. **diabolist**, *n.* student or teacher of diabolism. **diabolology**, *n.* study of or belief in devils; doctrine about devils.

diabrosis

n. perforation, especially by ulcer. **diabrotic**, *n.* & *a.* corrosive (thing).

diachoretic

a. aperient.

diachronic

a. pertaining to the development of phenomena through time. **diachrony**, *n.*

diachylon

n. kind of sticking plaster.

diaclasis

n. fracture; refraction. **diaclastic**, *a.*

diaconal

a. pertaining to deacon. **diaconate**, *n.* deacon's jurisdiction or office; the order of deacons.

diacope

n. deep incision.

diacrisis

n. Medicine, change in secretion during illness; discharge aiding diagnosis.

diacritic

n. mark distinguishing sound of letter. **diacritical**, *a.* pertaining to such marks; distinctive.

diactinic

a. able to transmit actinic rays. **diactinism**, *n.*

diadem

n. crown; fillet.

diadermic

a. pertaining to penetration through skin.

diadromous

a. migrating between fresh and salt water.

diaeresis, dieresis

n. (pl. -ses) mark placed over vowel to indicate change in pronunciation or that it is pronounced separately (e.g. naïve); such separate pronunciation of vowels.
diaeretic, a. pertaining to diaeresis; dividing; caustic.

diaglyph

n. intaglio. **diaglyphic, diaglyptic, a.**

diagraph

n. instrument for enlarging or reducing drawing, diagrams etc.

dialectic(s)

n. art of logical and analytical argument. **dialectical, a.** pertaining to or given to dialectic; logical. **dialectician, n.** person skilled in dialectic.

diallelus

n. (*pl.* -*li*) arguing in a circle.

dialysis

n. separation of substances in a solution by diffusion through a membrane, especially such separation of waste products from blood in the kidneys. **dialyse**, *v.t.* **dialyser**, *n.* machine performing this function. **dialytic**, *a.*

diamb

n. verse foot of two iambi.

diamesogamous

a. *Botany*, not self-pollinated.

diamond

n. size of type: 4 or $4\frac{1}{2}$ point.

diandrous

a. *Botany*, having two stamens.

dianoetic

a. pertaining to reasoning. **dianoia**, *n.* faculty of discursive reasoning.

diapason

n. loud, harmonious burst of music; entire gamut or compass; principal organ-

stop.

diaper

n. linen with regular repetitive pattern; such pattern; *American*, nappy. *v.t.* ornament with such patterns.

diaphanous

a. transparent; filmy. **diaphaneity**, *n.* **diaphanometer**, *n.* instrument measuring transparency of air, etc. **diaphanoscopy**, *n.* illumination from within of body cavities for medical examination.

diaphoretic

n. & a. (drug) causing perspiration. **diaphoresis**, *n.* perspiration.

diaphragm

n. vibrating disk in telephone, radio, etc.; muscular partition between abdomen and chest; any thin partition or dividing membrane. **diaphragmatic**, *a.*

diaplasia

n. (pl. -ses) setting of fractured or dislocated bone.

diapnoic

a.,n. mild(ly) diaphoretic.

diapositive

n. Photography, slide.

diapyesis

n. discharge of pus. **diappyetic**, *n.* & *a.*

diarchy

n. government by two rulers. **diarchial**, **diarchic**, *a.*

diarthrosis

n. joint permitting free movement.

Diaspora

n. dispersal of the Jews after the Babylonian captivity; areas settled by Jews outside Israel.

diastase

n. digestive ferment converting starch into sugar. **diastatic**, *a.*

diastasis

n. separation of bones without fracture; final phase of heart dilation.

diastole

n. heart dilatation alternating with systole. **diastolic**, *a.*

diastomatic

a. through pores.

diastrophe

n. *Geology*, deformation, upheaval, etc., of earth's crust. **diastrophic**, *a.* **diastrophism**, *n.* such geological process; result of diastrophe; any such process of upheaval or drastic change.

diasyrm

n. rhetorical device of damning by faint praise.

diathermic

a. transmitting heat rays. **diathermacy**, **diathermancy**, **diathermaneity**, *n.* **diathermanous**, **diathermous**, *a.* **diathermotherapy**, *n.* medical treatment by diathermy. **diathermy**, *n.* heating, by electrical means, of subcutaneous tissues; electric current used in diathermy.

diathesis

n. (*pl. -ses*) congenital susceptibility or aptitude; predisposing factor. **diathetic**, *a.*

diatom

n. species of algae. **diatomaceous**, *adj* containing many diatoms.

diatomic

a. comprising two atoms; bivalent. **diatomicity**, *n.*

diatonic

a. *Music*, containing no accidentals; denoting the standard 8-tone scale.

diatribe

n. violent speech or writing; denunciation.

dicaeology

n. rhetorical device of defending oneself by pleading justification.

dicephalous

a. twoheaded. **dicephalism**, *n.* **dicephalus**, *n.* (*pl.* -li) such monster.

dicerous

a. having two antennae or horns.

dichogamy

n. coming to maturity at different times of male and female elements of plant or animal, to avoid self-fertilisation. **dichogamic**, **dichogamous**, *a.*

dichord

n. two-stringed musical instrument.

dichotomy

n. division into two (opposed parts). **dichotomal**, **dichotomic**, **dichotomous**, *a.* **dichotomize**, *v.t.* divide into two or more parts; analyse.

dichromatic

a. of or in two colours; partially colour-blind. **dichromatism**, *n.* substance's property of presenting different colours at different thicknesses.

dicotyledon

n. plant having two cotyledons. **dicotyledonary**, **dicotyledonous**, *a.*

dicrotic

a. (of the pulse) having a double beat. **dicrotism**, *n.*

dictum

n. (*pl.* -*ta*) axiom; saying; apophthegm.

didactic

a. intended or intending to teach; moral. **didacticism**, *n.* **didactics**, *n.* art of teaching.

didascalic, didascalar

a. didactic; pertaining to teaching.

didelphian

a., *n.* marsupial. **didelphic**, **didelphous**, *a.*

didicoy, diddicoy

n. person who lives like a gypsy but is not a true Romany.

didymous, didymate

a. growing in pairs.

diectasis

n. lengthening verse line by introducing extra syllable.

dieldrin

n. a persistent chemical pesticide, generally forbidden in the U.K. since 1964.

dielectric

a., *n.* *Electricity*, non-conducting (substance). **dielectrical**, *a.*

dies faustus

'auspicious or favourable day'. **dies infaustus**, "unlucky day".

dies irae

'day of wrath'; day of judgment; Latin hymn on that subject.

dies non (juridicus)

'not lawful day'; day on which no law-court business takes place.

differentia

n. (*pl.* -ae) distinguishing mark.

diffident

a. shy; modest. **diffidence**, *n.*

diffinity

n. absence of affinity.

diffluent

a. flowing away or melting with ease. **diffluence**, *n.*

difftract

v.t. break up into portions. **diffraction**, *n.* breaking up of light into coloured bands when it passes through narrow opening or by edge of solid body, etc. **diffraction grating**, fine grating causing diffraction of light.

diffrangible

a. able to be diffracted.

diffugient

a. dispersing.

digamma

n. early Greek letter (F). **digammic**, *a.*

digamy

n. deuterogamy. **digamist**, *n.* **digamous**, *a.*

digastric

a. biventral.

digenesis

n. successive sexual and non-sexual reproduction. **digenetic**, *a.*

digeny

n. sexual reproduction. **digenous**, *a.*

dight

v.t. archaic, clad; *v.t.* clothe.

digital

a. (of a computer) calculating by numbers and not quantities.

digitalis

n. heart stimulant obtained from foxglove leaves. **digitalism**, *n.* condition due to over-use of this.

digitate

a. having or resembling fingers. **digitation**, *n.*

digitigrade

a. walking on toes only; *n.* such animal.

digitize

v.t. finger; point at; convert (data) into digital form.

digladiation

n. fight; dispute.

diglossia

n. co-existence of a (in social and literary terms) higher and lower form of the same language.

diglot(tic)

a. bilingual. **diglottist**, *n.* such person.

digoneutic

a. producing two broods in a year.

digonous

a. with two angles.

digraph

n. two letters with one sound only (e.g. *ph*). **diagraphic**, *a.*

dihedral

n. angle between an aircraft wing and the horizontal.

dilatory

a. procrastinating; slow.

dilettante

n. (pl. -ti) amateur of fine arts; superficial lover or practiser of art.
dilettantism, *n.*

dilogy

n. intentional ambiguity; emphatic repetition of word, etc.

diluent

a.,n. diluting (agent).

diluvial

a. pertaining to or caused by the Flood or any inundation. **diluvianism**, *n.* belief that certain geological facts are explainable by the Deluge.

dime

n. coin worth tenth part of dollar; ten-cent piece.

dimerous

a. arranged or divided in two parts.

diameter

n. verse line of two feet. **dimetric**, *a.*

dimidiate

v.t. halve. **dimidiation**, *n.*

diminutive

a., n. (word or form of word) signifying smallness; very small (person or thing).

dimissory

a. giving permission to go; dismissing.

dimorphism

n. occurrence of noticeable differences between two creatures of same species; dual personality. **dimorphic**, **dimorphous**, *a.*

dinic(al)

a. pertaining to vertigo.

dioecious

a. having male and female organs in separate individuals. **dioecism**, *n.*

dioestrus

n. period of sexual inactivity between 'heats'. **dioestrous**, *a.*

dionym

n. name containing two terms. **dionymal**, *a.* binomial.

Dionysiac

a. pertaining to Dionysus, ancient Greek god of wine, and his wild rites; bacchanalian.

dioptometer

n. instrument measuring refractive power of eye.

dioptre, diopter

n. unit of power of lens, the reciprocal of the focal length in metres. **dioptic**, *a.* pertaining to refraction of light; transparent. **dioptroscopy**, *n.* measurement of

refractive power of eye. **dioptics**, *n.* study of refraction of light.

diorama

n. lighted painting(s) and figures so disposed and viewed as to appear real scenes; life-size museum exhibit. **dioramic**, *a.*

diorthosis

n. correction; straightening, especially of deformed limbs. **diorthotic**, *a.*

diotic

a. affecting both ears.

diphyletic

a. descended from two genealogical lines.

diphyodont

a. having two successive sets of teeth.

diplegia

n. paralysis of corresponding parts on both sides of body.

diplocephalus

n. double-headed monster. **diplocephalous**, *a.* **diplocephaly**, *n.*

diploid

a. double, especially having double normal chromosome number. **diploidy**, *n.* such state.

diplopia

n. double vision. **diplopic**, *a.*

diplopod

n. millipede. **diplopodic**, *a.*

dipnoous

a. having both lungs and gills. **dipnoan**, *n.* such fish; lungfish.

dipody

n. verse measure of two feet; dimeter.

dipole

n. Electricity, any object oppositely charged at its ends; a broadcast-receiving aerial consisting of a single metal rod.

dipsetic

a.,n. (thing) causing thirst.

dipsomania

n. uncontrollable desire for drink, especially alcohol. **dipsomaniac**, *n.* sufferer from this. **dipsomaniacal**, *a.*

dipsosis

n. great thirst due to disease.

dipterous

a. having two wings. **dipteral**, *a.*; *Architecture*, having double colonnade. **dipteran**, *n.* such fly. **dipterology**, *n.* study of two-winged insects.

diptote

n. Grammar, noun with two cases only.

diptych

n. paintings on a pair of hinged tablets used as altar-piece; pair of hinged wax writing tablets.

directoire

a. signifying style of low-necked, high-waisted dress, and curving Oriental furniture, of the Directory period (1795–99) in France.

dirigent

a. guiding.

dirigible

a. capable of being steered; *n.* airship.

dirigisme

n. state control of economic and social affairs. **dirigiste**, *a.* & *n.*

diriment

a. *Law*, nullifying, especially as regards impediments to marriage.

disaffect

v.t. alienate. **disaffected**, *a.* discontented; rebellious.

disagio

n. charge made for exchanging depreciated or foreign money.

disburse

v.t. pay out. **disbursement**, *n.*

discalced

a. bare-foot. **discalceate**, *n.* & *a.* bare-foot (friar or nun).

discarnate

a. having no body; , *v.t.* deprive of bodily existence.

discept

v.i. discuss; dispute. **disception**, **disceptator**, *n.*

discerp

v.t. tear off, or to pieces. **discerptible**, *a.* **discretion**, *n.*

discinct

a. partly or loosely clad; having belt removed.

discussion

n. incision; open cut.

discobolus, discobolos

n. discus-thrower; famous ancient statue of discus-thrower.

discography

n. descriptive catalogue of gramophone records; list of recordings by one composer or performer.

discomfit

v.t. confuse, embarrass; thwart; defeat in battle.

discreet

a. careful to avoid causing embarrassment or scandal; tactful; unobtrusive.

discrete

a. separate; composed of separable parts; *v.t.* separate.

discretion

n. discreet behaviour; prudence; freedom to act and make decisions.

disculpate

v.t. exculpate. **disculpation**, *n.* **disculpatory**, *a.*

disembogue

v.i. debouch; discharge into sea, etc.; eject.

diseuse

n. (*masc.* **diseur**) reciter.

disgeneric

a. of different kind or genus.

dishabille, deshabille

n. déshabillé; negligée.

disinterested

a. impartial; objective. (*as distinct from uninterested*)

disjecta membra

'scattered fragments'; scattered or disjointed quotations.

disjection

n. dispersion; scattering.

disjunction

n. act of separating; state of being separated. **disjunctive**, *a.* expressing or requiring alternation, separation or contrast; *n. Grammar.*, such conjunction.

disomus

n. (pl. -mi) monster with two bodies. **disomatous**, *a.* having two bodies.

disparate

a. fundamentally different; unequal. **disparity**, *n.*

dispendious

a. extravagant; costly.

dispermous

a. having two seeds. **dispermy**, *n.* union of two sperm cells and one ovum.

disseminate

v.t. spread; scatter; broadcast; diffuse. **dissemination**, *n.* disseminative, *a.*

dissepiment

n. partition, especially of tissue. **dissepimental**, *a.*

dissilient

a. bursting open or apart.

dissimulate

v.i., v.t. feign; pretend. **dissimulation**, *n.* dissimulative, *a.*

dissociate

v.t. separate into constituent parts; split up. **dissociation**, *n.* *Chemistry*, separation of a compound into components; *Psychology*, splitting of personality.

dissonant

a. discordant; harsh. **dissonance**, *n.*

distal

a. away from point of attachment or axis.

distich

n. verse couplet. **distichous**, *a.* arranged in two rows.

distrain

vb. Law. seize goods in default of payment. **distrain**, *n.*

distract

a. inattentive; abstracted.

distributary

n. river branch flowing away from main stream.

disyllable

n. word or verse foot of two syllables. **disyllabic**, *a.*

dit

n. 'said'; commonly known as; reputed to be.

dithecal

a. having two cells. **dithecosus**, *a.*

ditheism

n. belief in two equal gods, especially one good and one evil. **ditheist**, *n.*
ditheistic(al), *a.*

dithyramb

n. Dionysiac song; ecstatic poem or harangue. **dithyrambic**, *a.* wild and impassioned.

ditokous

a. producing two offspring at a birth, or offspring of two kinds.

ditrichotomous

a. divided into two or three parts.

dittograph

n. letter or word repeated unintentionally in writing or copying. **dittology**, *n.* two different interpretations of same text.

diuretic

a., n. (drug) increasing urination. **diuresis**, *n.* copious urination.

diurnal

a. daily; of a day or daylight; lasting one day; *Botany*, applied to flowers opening by day only. **diurnation**, *n.* sleeping or torpidity during daylight.

diurnal

a. lasting long time. **diurnity**, *n.*

diva

n. prima donna.

divagate

v.i. wander; digress. **divagation, n.**

divaricate

v.i. bifurcate; *a.* wide-spreading. **divarication, n.** bifurcation; straddling; disagreement; ambiguity.

diverticulum

n. blind passage or branch; caecum. **diverticular, a.** **diverticulate, a.** having such.

divertissement

n. amusing diversion; light entertainment, play, music, etc.

divulse

v.t. rend apart. **divulsion, n.** **divulsive, a.**

dixi

'I have spoken'; let that suffice or settle the matter. **dixit**, 'he has spoken'; person's statement, especially without corroboration.

DNA

n. abbreviation of deoxyribonucleic acid (a nucleic acid present in every living cell, containing the genetic information that directs the sequence in which amino acids are arranged to form a protein).

docent

n. teaching; didactic; *n. American*, lecturer.

docimasy

n. experimental testing or inquiry. **docimology**, *n.* treatise on this, especially on assaying metals. **docimastic**, *a.*

doctrinaire

a. dogmatic; disregarding practical facts or difficulties in one's devotion to a theory or doctrine; *n.* such person. **doctrinairism**, *n.*

dodecafid

a. divided into 12 parts.

dodecagon

n. 12-sided plane figure. **dodecagonal**, *a.*

dodecahedron

n. 12-sided solid figure. **dodecahedral**, **dodecahedric**, *a.*

dodecarch

n. member of dodecarchy. **dodecarchy**, *n.* government by 12 persons.

dodecasyllable

n. word or verse line of twelve syllables. **dodecasyllabic**, *a.*

doge

n. former leading magistrate of Venice or Genoa. **dogarella**, *n.* doge's wife. **dogate**, *n.* office of doge.

dokhma

n. structure on which Parsee dead are exposed; 'tower of silence'.

dol

n. basic and smallest unit for measuring the intensity of pain, equal to the faint sensation felt when heat rays are first applied to the skin.

dolabrate, dolabriform

a. shaped like axe-head.

dolce far niente

'sweet to do nothing'; pleasant idling.

doldrums

n. pl. area of calm and light winds about equator; mood of depression or boredom.

dolent

a. mournful.

dolichocephalic, dolichocephalous

a. long-headed; having skull of which maximum breadth is less than 80 per cent of maximum length. *dolichocephalus* *n.* (*pl.* -*li*) such person. *dolichocephaly*, *n.*

dolichocercic

a. having long forearms.

dolichocnemic

a. having long legs.

dolichofacial

a. having long face.

dolichopodous

a. having long feet.

dolichoprosopic

a. having very long and narrow face.

dolioform

a. shaped like a barrel.

dolman

n. long Turkish outer robe; short hussar's jacket worn over shoulder. **dolman sleeve**, large-armholed sleeve.

dolmen

n. cromlech. **dolmenic**, *a.*

dolomite

n. magnesian limestone containing white marble. **dolomitic**, *a.*

dolorific

a. causing sorrow or pain.

dolorimetry

n. measurement of pain.

dolose, dolorous

Law, of evil intent.

dolus malus

'bad deceit'; fraud; evil intent. **dolus bonus**, 'good or permissible deceit'.

dominical

a. pertaining to Christ or Sunday. **dominical letter**, letter denoting Sunday and used in calculating Easter date.

dominie

n. school master; *archaic ()* parson.

donga

n. gully.

donjon

n. castle keep.

dop

n. kind of coarse brandy; cup for holding diamond during cutting.

doppelgänger

n. ghostly double.

Doric

a. pertaining to Dorian race of ancient Greece; rustic; broad in speech; *n.* such dialect, especially N English or Scots. **dorism, doricism**, *n.* Doric idiom or custom.

dormer

n. window projecting vertically from roof with gable-like covering.

dormition

n. act of falling asleep; death. **dormitive**, *n.* & *a.* soporific.

dormy, dormie

a. winning in golf by as many holes as remain to play.

dorsal

a. pertaining to, on or at the back; *n.* dossal. **dorsad**, *adv.* towards the back.

dorsiventral, dorsoventral

a. having differentiated front and back, or upper and lower, surfaces.
dorsiventrality, *n.*

doryphorus, doryphoros

n. sculptured figure of spear-bearer.

dos-à-dos

a. back to back; *n.* such seat, etc.

dosimetry

n. measurement of doses; medical system in which very few drugs in strictly regulated doses are prescribed.

dossal

n. ornamental hanging at the back of an altar or the sides of the chancel.

dosser

n. covering for the back of a throne; bag or basket carried on the back; a person who sleeps in dosshouses.

dot

n. dowry. **dotal**, *a.* **dotation**, *n.* endowment.

dotterel, dottrel

n. several kinds of plover, including ringed plover.

dottle, dottel

n. plug of tobacco left in a pipe after smoking.

douane

n. customs house. **douanier**, *n.* customs official.

doublette

n. artist's copy of own work.

douceur

n. 'sweetness, sweetener'; bribe; gratuity; gentleness of manner.

doulocracy, dulocracy

n. government by slaves.

do ut des

'I give that you may give'; reciprocal agreement or concession.

dowager

n. woman with title, etc., deriving from deceased husband.

dowel

n. connecting pin, generally of wood.

doxastic

a. pertaining to opinion.

doxography

n. ancient Greek collection of philosophical extracts. **doxographer**, *n.*
doxographical, *a.*

doxology

n. formula of praise to God, especially stanza beginning 'Glory be to the Father'.
doxological, *a.* doxologize, *v.i.* & *t.* give praise to God.

doyen

n. (*fem.* *doyenne*) senior member.

drachma

n. (*pl.* *-ae*) ancient Greek coin and weight; modern Greek coin.

dracone

n. towed flexible container for transporting liquids by water.

Draconian, Draconic

a. pertaining to Draco, Athenian law-giver (7th century BC) and his severe and cruel laws; harsh, oppressive.

draconic

a. like or pertaining to a dragon.

draconites, dracontites

n. serpent-stone, a jewel supposed to be found in dragon's head.

dracontian, dracontine

a. draconic.

dragoman

n. (*pl. -mans or - men*) guide and interpreter. **dragomanic**, *a.*

dragonnade

n. cruel persecution; violent invasion or punitive expedition.

dramamine

n. chemical drug used against sea-sickness.

dramatis personae

n. 'characters of the drama'.

dramaturgy

n. composition and production of dramas. **dramaturgic**, *a.* **dramaturge**, **dramaturgist**, *n.*

dree

v.i., v.t. endure. **dree one's weird**, endure one's fate; 'grin and bear it'.

drepaniform

a. like a sickle in shape. **drepanoid**, *a.* like a sickle.

dripstone

n. stalactite or stalagmite; *Architecture*, stone projection for throwing off rain water.

droit

n. 'right'; law; justice. **droit du seigneur**, feudal lord's right to enjoy female vassal on her wedding night. **droitural**, *a.* pertaining to right to property.

dromic(al)

a. pertaining to foot-race course; *Architecture*, with long, narrow plan.

dromond

n. large medieval sailing ship.

dromos

n. avenue or entrance-way to a building; passage to a tomb; ancient Greek race course.

droshki

n. light one-horse four-wheeler Russian carriage, especially one in which passengers ride astride a saddle-like seat.

etrosometer

n. instrument measuring amount of dew. **etrosograph**, *n.* such recording instrument.

drosophila

n. (*pl* -*las* or -*iae*) the fruit-fly, used in genetic experiments because of its quick breeding.

drugget

n. coarse cloth used especially as floor-covering.

drumlin

n. long glacially-formed hill.

drupe

n. Botany, single-seeded stoned fruit with fleshy or dry covering, as cherry or almond. **drupelet**, **drupeole**, *n.* small drupe. **drupaceous**, *a.* pertaining to, like, or bearing drupes.

dryad

n. wood nymph. **dryadic**, *a.*

dry-bob

n. Etonian who plays cricket or football.

drysalter

n. dealer in dried goods, foods, chemicals, etc. **drysaltery**, *n.*

dualism

n. *Philosophy*, theory that ultimate reality comprises two elements, *e.g.* mind and matter; *Theology*, belief in two equal and opposite principles, as good and evil, or in dual constitution of man, as composed of spirit and matter. **dualistic**, *a.*

duarchy,

see **diarchy**.

dubiety

n. doubt; doubtful matter. **dubious**, *a.* doubtful; suspicious; questionable. **dubiosity**, *n.* dubitation, *n.* doubting; hesitation. **dubitatively**, *a.* signifying doubt.

ducat

n. former gold and silver coin of several countries.

ductile

a. easily hammered or drawn out into long thin strip; easily led. **ductility**, *n.*

ductless

a. *Medicine*, endocrine.

dud(h)een

n. clay pipe.

Duecento

n. the thirteenth century.

duenna

n. chaperone; governess.

duffel

n. coarse heavy-nap woollen cloth.

dug

n. udder; teat; breast.

dugong

n. small seal-like aquatic mammal.

duiker

n. cormorant; duikerbok. **duikerbok**, *n.* small African antelope.

dulce domum

'sweet home'.

dulcify

v.t. sweeten; mollify. **dulcification**, *n.* dulcigenic, *a.* yielding sweetness.

dulcimer

n. *Music*, percussion instrument consisting of graduated strings stretched over a sounding board and struck with hammers.

dulia

n. *Roman Catholic*, veneration accorded to saints.

dulosis

n. enslavement, especially of certain ant species. **dulotic**, *a.*

dulse

n. kind of red Scottish and Irish seaweed used as food.

duma

n. parliament of Tsarist Russia.

dumdum

n. applied to bullet with soft nose, expanding on contact, first made at Dum dum, India.

dumose, dumous

a. bushy. **dumosity**, *n.*

dunlin

n. species of sandpiper.

dunnage

n. packing material for protecting cargo.

duodecillion

n. a million undecillions (10^{72}); (*American & French*) a thousand undecillions (10^{39}).

duodecimal

a. pertaining to twelve or twelfths; in groups of twelve. **duodecimal system**, arithmetical system similar to decimal but based on scale of twelve and twelfths. **duodecimo**, *n.* size of books, about $5\frac{1}{4}$ in. by $8\frac{1}{8}$ in. (*abbr. 12mo.*)).

duodenum

n. part of small intestine leading from stomach. **duodenal**, *a.* **duodenitis**, *n.* inflammation of duodenum.

duologue

n. (dramatic) dialogue between two people.

duomo

n. cathedral.

duopoly

n. **Commerce**, market situation where there are only two producers or sellers.
duopsony, *n.* situation with only two buyers.

Duralumin

n. **trademark**, a very strong aluminium alloy.

dura mater

n. outer membrane enclosing brain.

duramen

n. heartwood of tree.

durance

n. imprisonment.

durbar

n. official reception given by native Indian ruler or Anglo- Indian official.

duress

n. imprisonment; restraint; compulsion by threats.

durgah

n. Muslim saint's shrine or tomb.

durian, durion

n. SE Asian fruit with prickly rind and pleasant edible pulp.

durity

n. hardness. **durometer**, *n.* instrument measuring hardness.

durra

n. a kind of sorghum; Indian millet.

duumvir

n. (*pl. -i, duoviri*) member of duumvirate. **duumviral**, *a.* **duumvirate**, *n.* governing body of two men.

dwaal

n. state of befuddlement.

dwale

n. deadly nightshade.

dyad

n. set of two; bivalent atom, etc.; *a.* consisting of two; bivalent. **dyadic**, *a.*

dyarchy

n. dual form of government. **dyarchic(al)**, *a.*

dygogram

n. graph showing amount, at all positions, of deflection of compass due to iron of ship.

dynameter

n. instrument measuring telescope's magnifying power.

dynamometer

n. instrument measuring power. **dynamometry**, *n.*

dynatron

n. multi-electrode thermionic valve often used as an oscillator.

dyne

n. unit of force: force causing mass of one gram to undergo acceleration of one centimetre per second per second.

dysaesthesia

n. loss of sense of touch. **dysaesthetic**, *a.*

dysarthrosis

n. diseased or abnormal condition of joint.

dyschroa, dyschroia

n. skin discoloration.

dyschromatoptic

a. colour-blind. **dyschromatopsia, *n.***

dyschronous

a. not synchronous.

dyscrasia

n. Medicine, constitutional weakness. **dyscrasic, *a.***

dysergia

n. deficient muscular co-ordination.

dyskinesia

n. loss of power of voluntary movement. **dyskinetic, *a.***

dyslexia

n. word-blindness; inability to associate letter symbols with sounds.

dyslogia

n. inability to express ideas in speech due to mental deficiency.

dyslogy

n. unfavourable speech; censure. **dyslogistic**, *a.*

dysmenorrhea

n. painful menstruation. **dysmenorrheal**, *a.*

dyspepsia

n. severe indigestion, especially chronic. **dyspeptic**, *a.*; *n.* person suffering from this.

dysphagic

a. having difficulty in swallowing. **dysphagia**, *n.*

dysphasia

n. impairment of speech co-ordination, due to brain disease or injury. **dysphasic**, *a.*

dysphemia

n. stammering. **dysphemism**, *n.* substitution of a derogatory or offensive word for an ordinary one; word so substituted.

dysphonia

n. inability to pronounce sounds, due to physical abnormality or disease.

dysphonic, a.

dysphoria

n. generalized feeling of being ill or depressed. **dysphoric, a.**

dyspnoea

n. difficult breathing.

dysteleology

n. denial of a final cause or purpose of life.

dysthymia

n. despondency. **dysthymic, a.**

dystocia

n. difficult childbirth. **dystocial, a.**

dystopia

n. opposite of utopia, imaginary place where everything is as bad as can be.

dystrophy, dystrophia

n. malnutrition. **muscular dystrophy**, faulty nutrition of muscles, leading to paralysis. **dystrophic /-trōfik/, a.**

eagre, eager

n. tidal bore.

easement

n. Law, right over another's land.

eau-de-nil

a. 'water of Nile'; a light shade of green.

eau-de-vie

n. brandy.

eau forte

n. aqua fortis; etching.

ebeneous

a. pertaining to or like ebony. *ébéniste, n.* cabinet-maker who veneers furniture; ebonist. *ebonist, n.* worker in ebony.

ebriose

a. drunk. *ebriosity, n.*

ebullient

a. boiling; effervescent; exhilarated. **ebullioscope**, *n.* instrument for determining boiling point. **ebullition**, **ebullience**, **ebulliency**, *n.* ebullitive, *a.*

eburnean, eburneous

a. like, pertaining to or made of ivory. **eburnated**, *a.* like ivory. **eburnation**, *n.* disease in which cartilage or bone becomes very hard and dense like ivory.

ecbatic

a. *Grammar*, signifying result without intention.

ecbolic

a.,n. (drug) helping childbirth or causing abortion.

ecce homo

n. 'behold the man!'

ecchymosis

n. discoloured spot due to effusion of blood into tissue. **ecchymosed**, *a.*

ecclesiarch

n. church ruler. **ecclesiarchy**, *n.* government by clerics.

ecclesiastry

n. church affairs.

ecclesiolatry

n. worship of or undue devotion to church. **eccesiolater**, *n.* such worshipper.

ecclesiology

n. study of ecclesiastical art, decoration, etc. **ecclesiological**, *a.* **ecclesiologist**, *n.*

eccoprotic

a., n. purgative. **eccoprophoric**, *a.* like a purgative in action.

eccrinology

n. study of excretion and secretion. **eccritic**, *n.* & *a.* purgative.

ecdemic

a. originating elsewhere; not endemic.

ecdysis

n. moulting of outer skin, etc.

échelon

n. step-like arrangement of troops with divisions parallel but offset diagonally to rear; a section of a military command or other organisation.

echidna

n. spined, burrowing, egg-laying, ant-eating mammal of Australasia; spiny ant-eater.

echinal, echinoid

a. pertaining to or like a sea urchin. **echinate(d)**, *a.* prickly. **echinid(an)**, *n.* sea urchin.

echinoderm

n. spiny-skinned marine animal, as sea urchin, starfish, etc. **echinology**, *n.* study of these.

echinulate

a. having small spines. **echinuliform**, *a.* like small spines.

echinus

n. (*pl. -ni*) hedgehog; sea urchin. *Architecture*, egg-and-dart ornament.

echolalia

n. habitual repetition, like an echo, of others' remarks. **echolalic**, *a.*

echometer

n. device measuring the duration of sounds.

echopraxia

n. habitual repetition of others' actions.

éclaircissement

n. full explanation; enlightenment.

eclampsia

n. condition marked by high blood-pressure, excessive weight-gain and convulsions occurring in later stages of pregnancy.

éclat

n. brilliancy; brilliant achievement; acclaimed success; exposure, especially scandalous.

eclectic

a. selecting, especially the best from a number of sources; comprising selected pieces. **eclecticism**, *n.* compounding body of philosophical or religious doctrine from selected beliefs of other systems.

eclipsis

n. ellipsis; one of the consonantal mutations of Irish and Scottish Gaelic.

ecliptic

n. *Astronomy*, celestial great circle along which sun apparently travels.
ecliptical, *a.*

eclogue

n. pastoral poem.

ecophobia

n. dislike of home.

écrù

a. of a natural, unbleached shade.

ectasis

n. dilatation. **ectatic**, *a.*

ecthlipsis

n. (*pl.* -ses) in Latin, omission of final m.

ecthyma

n. skin eruption bearing several pustules.

ectobatic

a. efferent.

ectocranial

a. pertaining to exterior of skull.

ectoderm

n. outermost membrane and tissue. **ectodermal**, **ectodermic**, *a.* **ectodermosis**,
n. disease of the ectoderm.

ectogenesis

n. development outside body. **ectogenic**, **ectogenous**, *a.*

ectomorph

n. psychophysical type with long thin bones and large surface relative to weight, often inhibited and shy. **ectomorphic**, *a.* **ectomorphy**, *n.*

ectoparasite

n. parasite on surface of animals. **ectophyte**, *n.* such plant parasite.

ectopia

n. Medicine, displacement of organs, etc. **ectopic**, *a.* (of pregnancy) involving development of the foetus outside the uterus.

ectoplasm

n. protoplasmic emanation from spiritualist medium; *Biology*, outer layer of protoplasm. **ectoplasmicm**, *a.* **ectoplasmy**, *n.* formation of such emanation.

ectorhinal

a. pertaining to exterior of nose.

ectozoon

n. (*pl.* -zoa) external parasite. ectozoan, ectozoic, *a.*

ectype

n. copy; non-eternal being or idea. ectypography, *n.* etching in relief.

ecumenical

a. world-wide; pertaining to whole church. ecumenicalism, *n.* promotion of Christian unity. ecumenicity, *n.*

edacious

a. *jocular*, pertaining to eating; gluttonous. edacity, *n.*

edaphic

a. pertaining to or conditioned by soil; indigenous. edaphology, *n.* study of soils. edaphon, *n.* living organisms in soil.

edelweiss

n. small Alpine flower of Switzerland and New Zealand.

edema

n. swelling due to accumulation of watery fluid in a body cavity or in the spaces within connective tissue.

edentate

a. belonging to the order including anteaters, armadillos, and sloths, lacking incisor and canine teeth.

educe

v.t. bring out, develop; elicit. **educible**, a. **educt**, n. substance separated out unchanged from another decomposing substance. **eduction**, n. act of educating; exhaust stroke of steam or internal-combustion engine. **eductive**, adj.

edulcorate

v.t. *archaic*, sweeten; purify, especially of acids;, a. sweetened. **edulcoration**, **edulcorator**, n. **edulcorative**, a.

effable

a. able to be expressed in words.

effect

n. result; ability to produce a result; impression produced on a spectator, auditor etc.; v.t. bring about; carry out, accomplish. (*as distinct from affect*). **effects**, n. pl. property; luggage; lighting, sound etc. accompanying a play or film.

effendi

n. title of respect; sir.

efferent

a. carrying away; conveying outwards; n. such nerve, blood-vessel, etc.

effete

a. degenerated; sterile; worn-out.

effleurage

n. gentle stroking used in massage.

effloresce

v.i. flower; burgeon; *Chemistry*, become powder when exposed to air; develop a powdery crust. **efflorescence**, *n.* **efflorescent**, *a.*

effluent

a. flowing out or away; *n.* such stream, drain, sewage, etc.; (liquid) waste. **effluence**, *n.* outflow; emanation. **effluvium**, *n.* (*pl.* -via) disgusting smell. **efflux**, *n.* **effluxion**, *n.*

effodient

a. burrowing.

effulgent

a. radiant; bright. **effulgence**, *n.*

egest

v.t. excrete. **egesta**, *n.* *pl.* excrements. **egestion**, *n.* **egestive**, *a.*

ego

n. I; self; personality. **egocentric**, *a.* selfish; seeing only one's own or humankind's or individual's viewpoint. **egoism**, *n.* selfishness; conceit; egocentric philosophical or psychological theory. **egoist**, *n.* egoistic, *a.* **egomania**, *n.* excessive egoism. **egotism**, *n.* continuous speaking of oneself; self-praise; conceit. **egotist**, *n.* egotistic, *a.*

egregious

a. outstanding; infamous.

egret

n. white heron.

eidetic

a. (of visual etc. images) exceptionally vivid; *n.* person having very vivid mental pictures.

eidolon

n. phantom. **eidolic**, *a.* eidolism, *n.* belief in ghosts. **eidology**, *n.* study of mental imagery.

eirenic, irenic

a. promoting peace. **eirenicism**, *n.* such state of mind. **eirenicon**, *n.* such act. **eirenics**, *n.* theology aiming at religious unity.

eisegesis

n. incorrect explanation of text, especially of Bible, by distorting the meaning to

fit preconceived ideas. **eisegetical**, *a.*

eiusdem generis, ejusdem generis

Latin 'of the same kind'.

ejecta(menta)

n. pl. ejected material, especially from volcano.

ekistics

n. scientific study of human settlements.

elaeometer

n. device measuring the specific gravity of oils.

élan

n. eagerness; brilliancy of style; vivacity. **élan vital**, creative or 'life' force, especially in Bergson's philosophy.

elastomeric

a. denoting artificial fibres with rubber-like elasticity.

elaterid

n. click beetle. **elateroid**, *a.*

elaterium

n. aperient extracted from a species of cucumber.

elaterometer

n. instrument measuring pressure of gas.

elchi, elchee

n. ambassador.

eldritch, eldrich

a. weird; horrifying.

elecampane

n. large yellow-flowered plant, with root from which sweetmeat is made.

electret

n. a non-conductor having permanent positive and negative poles, the electrostatic equivalent of a permanent magnet.

electrocardiogram

n. record of electric currents inducing heart-beat, used in diagnosis of heart disorder. (*abbr.* E.C.G.). **electrocardiograph**, *n.* instrument for making such records. **electrocardiography**, *n.*

electroconvulsive

a. inducing a convulsion through electric shocks (to the brain). **electroconvulsive therapy**, such technique used to treat psychosis. (*abbr.* E.C.T.).

electrode

n. electric terminal; either pole of electrolytic cell.

electrodynamics

n. study of electric currents.

electroencephalograph

n. apparatus which detects and records electric activity of the brain (*abbr.* E.E.G.). **electroencephalogram**, *n.* such record. **electro-encephalographic**, *a.* **electroencephalography**, *n.*

electrolier

n. chandelier for electric lamps.

electrolysis

n. decomposition of substance by elec. current. **electrolyse**, *v.t.* **electrolyte**, *n.* substance, especially dissolved in liquid, which is separated by current in electrolysis. **electrolytic**, *a.*

electromerism

n. ionization of gases.

electrometer

n. instrument measuring differences of electrical potential. **electrometric**, *a.*
electrometry, *n.*

electromotive

a. pertaining to electric motion; causing electric current. **electromotive force**,
amount of electric energy; voltage; potential (*abbr.* e.m.f.).

electronegative

a. negatively charged; passing to anode in electrolysis; acid; *n.* such substance.

electro-osmosis

n. movement of a conducting liquid through a porous membrane due to a
difference of potential between electrodes on opposite sides.

electrophoresis

n. cataphoresis. **electrophoretic**, *a.*

electrophorus

n. (*pl.* -*ri*) instrument consisting of ebonite disc, electrified by friction, and
metal plate in which positive electricity is induced from the disc. **electrophoric**,
a.

electropositive

a. positively charged; passing to cathode in electrolysis; basic; *n.* such substance.

electroscope

n. instrument determining electric charge and nature of it, especially by diverging gold-leaf strips, etc.

electrostatics

n. study of stationary (*i.e.* not current) electricity.

electrotherapy, electrotherapeutics

n. use of electricity in medical treatment.

electrotype

n. plate for printing consisting of soft mould covered with metal electrolytically;
v.i. & t. make electrotype (of). **electrotypy, n.**

electuary

n. medical remedy in syrup.

eleemosynary

a. pertaining to or like charity; giving, or given as, charity; dependent on charity.

elegiac

n. **Prosody**, verse line of five dactyls with marked caesura; *a.* pertaining to or written in such verse line; mournful. **elegiac couplet**, dactylic hexameter followed by dactylic pentameter. **elegiacs, n.** verses written in elegiac metre or couplets. **elegy, n.**

elenchus

n. syllogistic refutation. **Socratic elenchus**, use of question and answer to show untenability of opponent's position. **elenctic**, *a.* refuting.

elephantiasis

n. disease causing skin, especially of legs, to become hard and thick, and limbs to swell. **elephantiac**, *n.* & *a.* (person) suffering from this. **elephantous**, *a.*

Eleusinian

n. pertaining to Eleusis, in ancient Greece, and its religious mysteries of initiation.

eleutheromania

n. strong desire for freedom. **eleutheromaniac**, *n.* & *a.*

elide

vb. Phonetics. suppress or omit in pronunciation. **elision**, *n.*

elixir

n. highly purified spirit; substance thought to confer immortality or cure all diseases, or to transmute base metal into gold.

ellipsis

n. intentional omission of grammatically necessary words. **elliptic(al)**, *a.*

éloge

n. eulogy; laudatory funeral oration.

elogy, elogium

n. éloge; laudatory obituary notice.

eluant, eluent

n. solvent used in elution. **eluate**, *n.* solution resulting from elution.

elusory

a. evasive; difficult to grasp mentally.

elute

v.t. wash out; purify or separate by washing. **elution**, **elutor**, *n.* **elutriate**, *v.t.* purify by washing and straining. **elutriation**, **elutriator**, *n.*

eluvium

n. detritus from weathering of rock. **eluvial**, *a.*

elver

n. young eel.

elydoric

a. with both oil and water colours.

Elysian

a. pertaining to Elysium, the heaven of Greek mythology; ideally happy.

elytron, elytrum

n. (pl. -ra) insect's hardened forewing, forming case for hind wing. **elytral**, *a.* **elytriferous**, **elytrigerous**, *a.* bearing elytra. **elytriform**, *a.* like elytra.

em

n. printer's unit of measurement: width of pica M (one-sixth of inch).

emarcid

a. wilted.

emarginate

a. having notched edges. **emargination**, *n.*

emasculate

v.t. or a. castrate; weaken; deprive of vigour; render inoffensive., *a.* effeminate. **emasculcation**, *n.* **emasculative**, **emasulatory**, *a.*

embarras de richesses

'embarrassment of riches'; embarrassing surplus. **embarras de choix**, multitude difficult to choose from.

emblems

pl. n. pl. Law, growing crops.

emblic

a. kind of myrobalan.

embolism

n. Medicine, obstruction of vessel by clot, etc.; insertion of intercalary day(s), month, etc. **embolismic**, **embolic**, *a.* **embolectomy**, *n.* removal of embolus. **emboliform**, *a.* like a clot. **embolus**, *n.* (*pl. - li*) obstructive clot, foreign body, etc.; wedge.

embonpoint

n. corpulence.

embouchement

n. opening of passage. **embouchure**, *n.* river mouth; mouthpiece; placing of lips, etc., about mouthpiece of musical instrument.

embourgeoisé

a. having become middle-class. **embourgeoisement**, *n.*

embow

v.t. arch, vault. **embowed**, *a.*

embracery

n. Law, offence of attempting to influence a jury or juror. **embrace**, *v.t.*
embracer, *n.*

embrachment

n. branching out; branch, ramification.

embrangle

v.t. confuse, perplex.

embrasure

n. loophole in fortifications; window-opening with slanted sides.

emend

v.t. make alterations to (a text). **emendation**, *n.*

emeritus

a. retired, but retaining honorary office; *n.* (*pl. -ti*) such professor, etc.

emesis

n. vomiting. **emetick**, *n.* & *a.* (substance) causing vomiting. **emetology**, *n.* study of emetics and their action.

emiction

n. urination; urine. **emicitory**, *n.* & *a.* (drug) promoting urination.

émigré

n. (*fem.* -ée *pron.* same) person forced to flee, especially from revolution.

emmenagogue

n. drug aiding menstruation. **emmenagogic**, *a.* **emmeniopathy**, *n.* menstruation disorder. **emmenology**, *n.* study of menstruation.

emmetropia

n. perfect refraction of eye. **emmetropic**, *a.*

emollient

a., *n.* softening or soothing (substance). **emollescence**, *n.*

emolument

n. salary; profit.

empaestic, empaistic

a. embossed.

empasm

n. scented powder concealing odour of perspiration.

empathy

n. deep sympathetic understanding. **empathic, empathetic**, *a.* **empathize**, *v.i & t.*

empennage

n. tail assembly of an aircraft.

emphractic

a.,n. (substance) closing skin pores. **emphraxia, emphraxis**, *n.* obstruction, especially of pores.

emphysema

n. Medicine, swollen state of tissue due to air or gas, especially in lungs. **emphysematous**, *a.* so swollen; bloated; bladderlike.

emphyteusis

n. contract granting possession of land for long period on certain conditions. **emphyteutic**, *a.*

empiric(al)

a. relying on or derived from experiment or experience only; ignoring theory or science. **empiric**, *n.* such thinker or scientist; quack. **empiricism, empiricist**, *n.*

emporeutic, emporetic

a. pertaining to trade; *n.* merchandise.

empressé

a. (*fem.* -ée *pron.* same) in haste; eager. **empressemment**, *n.* show of affection.

emption

n. buying.

empyema

n. (*pl.* -ta) collection of pus in body cavity, especially in pleural cavity.
empyemic, *a.*

empyrean

a.,n. (pertaining to) the sky; heaven. **empyreal**, *a.*

emulgent

a. draining; purifying; pertaining to kidneys; *n.* drug stimulating bile.

emulsion

n. milky fluid; suspension of oil or resin in watery liquid or vice versa; any dispersion of one liquid in another; coating, containing suspended silver salt, of photographic films and plates. **emulsify**, *v.t* convert into emulsion. **emulsive**, *a.*

emunctory

a.,n. excretory (organ).

en

n. printer's unit of measurement, half the width of an em.

enallage

n. Grammar, exchange of part of speech, gender, tense, etc., for another.

enantiomorph

n. either of a pair of asymmetric figures that are mirror images of each other, e.g. a pair of hands.

enantiosis

n. rhetorical device of ironically stating the opposite of what is meant.

enarthrosis

n. ball-and-socket joint.

enate

a. growing out; *n.* relation on mother's side. **enatic**, *a.* related on mother's side; having same mother. **enation**, *n.* outgrowth; enatic relationship.

encaenia

n. festival commemorating dedication or foundation.

encaustic

a. burnt in; *n.* painting with wax colours fixed by heat.

enceinte

a. pregnant; *n.* fortification enclosing fortress or town; cathedral close.

encephalitis

n. inflammation of brain. **encephalitis lethargica**, sleeping sickness.

encephalon

n. (*pl. -la*) the brain. **encephalograph**, *n.* X-ray photograph of brain.
encephaloid, *a.* brain-like. **encephaloma**, *n.* brain tumour.

en chiridion

n. handbook.

enchorial, enchoric

a. native; domestic.

enchylema

n. fluid part of protoplasm. **enchylematous**, *a.*

en clair

'in clear', not in code.

enclave

n. part of a foreign country enclosed in native territory; *v.t.* surround land thus.
enclavement, n.

enclitic

a. dependent, especially of word or particle attached to preceding word in pronunciation; *n.* such word or particle. *enclisis, n.* pronunciation of enclitic word.

encomic

a. applied to closely curled woolly hair.

encomium

n. (pl. -ia) eulogy. *encomiast, n.* composer of such. *encomiastic, a.*

encrypt

v.t. put into code.

encyclical

n., a. (publication) for wide distribution, especially Pope's letter to bishops.

endeictic

a. demonstrating.

endemic

a. native; indigenous; generally present in a particular place or class; *n.* such disease. **endemiology**, *n.* study of such diseases. **endemism**, *n.*

endermic

a. acting by absorption through the skin.

endocardium

n. membrane lining heart cavities. **endocardiac**, **endocardial**, *a.* **endocarditis**, *n.* inflammation of this.

endocrine

a. secreting direct into the blood-stream; *n.* such gland. **endocrinic**, **endocrinous**, *a.* **endocrinology**, *n.* study of endocrine glands and hormones. **endocrinopathy**, *n.* disease due to abnormal hormone secretion. **endocrinotherapy**, *n.* medical treatment with hormones.

endogamy

n. marriage to person of same tribe only. **endogamic**, **endogamous**, *a.*

endogeny

n. growth from within. **endogenesis**, *n.* **endogeny**. **endogenetic**, **endogenic**, *a.* produced internally; pertaining to geological processes occurring within earth. **endogenous**, *a.* developing or originating within.

endomorph

n. psychophysical type, soft, rounded and fleshy, and often sociable and comfort-loving. **endomorphic**, *a.* **endomorphy**, *n.*

endoparasite

n. internal parasite. **endoparasitic**, *a.*

endophagy

n. cannibalism among members of same tribe; erosion of internal tissue.

endophasia

n. internalized, inaudible speech.

endophyte

n. endoparasitic plant. **endophytic**, *a.*

endoplasm

n. inner layer of cytoplasm. **endoplasmic**, *a.*

endoscope

n. instrument for medical examination of interior of organ. **endoscopic**, *a.* **endoscopy**, *n.* such examination.

endoskeleton

n. internal skeleton. **endoskeletal**, *a.*

endosmosis

n. movement of substance into organ from surrounding fluid.

endosperm

n. albumen in plant seed. **endospermic**, *a.*

endothermy

n. surgical introduction of electric needle or knife into tissues to produce heat.
endothermic, endothermous, *a.* pertaining to absorption of heat.

enema

n. (*pl. -ta*) injection of liquid into rectum.

energumen

n. person possessed by evil spirit; fanatic.

enervate

v.t. weaken. **enervation**, **enervator**, *n.* **enervative**, *a.*

enfant terrible

n. 'terrible child'; child causing embarrassment by its questions, remarks, etc.; any such rash person.

enfilade

n. arrangement in parallel rows or files; enfilading fire; *v.t.* fire upon from the flank.

enfleurage

n. exposure of oils to scent of fresh flowers in perfume-making.

engrail

v.t. decorate with curved notches; give serrated appearance to.

engram

n. physical memory trace in brain. **engrammatic**, **engrammic**, *a.* **engraphic** *a.* producing engram. **engraphy**, *n.*

enjambement

n. running-over of sense or sentence from one verse line to next.

ennead

n. set of nine. **enneadic**, *a.*

enneaeteric

a. happening every ninth year.

enneagon

n. nine-sided plane figure. **enneagonal**, , *a.*

enneahedron

n. nine-sided solid figure. **enneahedral**, *a.*

enneatic

a. happening once in every set of nine; every ninth.

ennui

n. boredom. **ennuyant**, *a.* boring. **ennuyé**, *n.* & *a.* (*fem.* - *uyée* *pron.* same) bored (person).

en pantoufles

'in slippers'; at ease; informal(ly).

enphytotic

a. endemic (disease) of plants.

en plein air

'in the open air'. **en plein jour**, `in open daylight'; openly.

en rapport

'in close relationship'; in sympathy; working together harmoniously.

en règle

'in rule'; in due order.

ensate, ensiform

a. sword-shaped.

ensilage

n. storing in silo; crops so stored. **ensilate, ensile**, v.t. store in silo. **ensilation**, n.

entablature

n. *Architecture*, wall resting on capitals of columns, comprising architrave, frieze and cornice.

entablement

n. platform of a pedestal, supporting a statue.

entail

v.t. *Law*, settle on a person and his descendants or certain of them; n. estate so settled; line of descendants to whom estate is limited.

entelechy

n. *Philosophy*, perfect realization of end or cause.

enteric

a. pertaining to intestines; *n.* typhoid fever. **enteritis**, *n.* inflammation of intestines. **enterography**, *n.* description of intestines. **enteroptosis**, *n.* dropping and protrusion of intestines.

enthetic

a. (especially of infectious disease) introduced into the body from without.

enthymeme

n. argument or syllogism from which a premiss is omitted as self- evident.

entify

v.t. make or regard as separate substance or entity. **entifical**, *a.* **entification**, *n.*

entitative

a. regarded as entity alone, apart from attendant circumstances.

entom(ic)(al)

a. pertaining to insects.

entomology

n. study of insects. **entomological**, *a.* **entomologist**, *n.*

entomophagous

a. feeding on insects. **entomophilous**, *a.* pollinated by insects.

entophyte

n. parasitic plant living within another plant or animal. **entophytic**, *a.* **entophytous**, *a.*

entopic

a. Anatomy, in the normal position.

entoptic

a. pertaining to interior of eyeball. **entoptic**, *a.* pertaining to interior of ear.

entozoon

n. (*pl. -zoa*) internal parasite. **entozoal**, *a.* **entozoan**, *n.* & *a.* **entozoology**, *n.* study of these.

entrechat

n. dancer's leap in which legs are quickly crossed or heels tapped.

entrée

n. permission or right to enter; meat dish served before roast.

entre nous

adv. 'between ourselves'.

entrepôt

n. warehouse; importing for re-export.

entresol

n. mezzanine floor.

entropy

n. amount of unavailable energy in a thermodynamic system; (process of running down to a) static condition.

enuresis

n. inability to control urination; urine discharged involuntarily.

enzootic

a.,n. (disease) attacking animals.

enzyme

n. organic catalyst, especially digestive. **enzymatic**, enzymic, *a.*

eoan

a. of dawn or east.

eolithic

a. pertaining to earliest Stone Age.

eonism

n. adoption of opposite sex's manners, clothes and mentality, especially by a man. **eonist**, n. transvestite.

eozoic

a. containing earliest evidence of animal life.

epact

n. difference, represented by a number, between solar and lunar year, or calendar and lunar month; age of moon at start of calendar year. **epactal**, a. intercalary.

epagoge

n. inductive reasoning. **epagogic**, a.

epanadiplosis

n. *Rhetoric*, repetition at end of sentence of word used at beginning.

epanalepsis

n. *Rhetoric*, repetition. **epanaleptic**, a.

epanodos

n. *Rhetoric*, return to theme from digression; repetition (of sentence) in reverse

order.

epanorthosis

n. *Rhetoric*, emphatic substitution of more correct or stronger term.

epeiric

a. (of sea) within the continental shelf.

epeirogeny

n. geological formation of continents, oceans, etc. **epeirogenic**, *a.*

epenthesis

n. (*pl. -ses*) introduction of sound into word; removal of vowel into preceding syllable. **epenthesize**, *v.t.* **epenthetic**, *a.*

epergne

n. central ornament on table.

ephlectic

a. habitually suspending judgment.

ephelis

n. (*pl. -lides*,) freckle.

ephemeron

n. (*pl. -ra*) thing, especially insect, living for a day only. **ephemeral**, **ephemerous**, *a.* short-lived. **ephemerid**, *n.* may-fly. **ephemeris**, *n.* (*pl. -rides*, almanac showing daily positions of heavenly bodies.)

ephod

n. garment of Jewish priest.

ephor

n. magistrate of Sparta. **ephoral**, **ephoric**, *a.* **ephorate**, *n.* office of ephor; whole body of ephors.

epicedium

n. (*pl. -ia*) elegy; dirge. **epicedial**, *a.*

epicene

a. having the characteristics of, or adapted for use by, both sexes; sexless; effeminate; *Grammar*, with one form signifying both male and female; *n.* epicene person.

epichorial

a. belonging to a particular area. **epichoric**, **epichoristic**, *a.*

epichristian

a. pertaining to the period immediately after Christ.

epicolic

a. applied to lower abdomen lying over the colon.

epicrisis

n. (pl. -ses) critical appreciation of literature; *, Medicine*, secondary crisis in disease.

epicritic

a. responding to small variations in temperature and touch.

epicure

n. person taking care over the niceties of food and drink. *epicurean, a.* luxurious; sensual; *n.* such person; follower of philosophy of Epicurus, who taught that ultimate moral good is happiness.

epicycle

n. circle whose centre is on circumference of a greater circle. *epicyclic, a.*

epideictic(al)

a. displaying.

epidermis

n. outermost layer of skin; *Botany*, plant's derma. *epidermal, epidermatic, epidermic, epidermous, a.* *epidermoid, a.* like this.

epidiascope

n. projector for use with opaque as well as translucent objects.

epididymis

n. (pl. -didymides) convoluted duct at rear of testicle storing sperm.

epidural

a. on, outside the dura mater; n. anaesthetic injection into the space around the spinal cord.

epigamic

a. attracting opposite sex at breeding time.

epigastrium

n. part of abdomen lying over the stomach. epigastric, a.

epigeal, epigean, epigeous

a. living or growing near the ground.

epigenesis

n. biological theory of the development of the embryo, through progressive differentiation of originally undifferentiated cells. epigenetic, a. epigenist, epigenesist, n.

epigenous

a. growing on the (upper) surface of an organism.

epiglottis

n. throat cartilage protecting the windpipe in swallowing. **epiglottal**, **epiglottic**, *a.*

epigone, epigon

n. disciple, follower, imitator, especially in later generation.

epigraph

n. inscription; quotation at beginning of work or chapter. **epigraphy**, *n.* study of ancient inscriptions.

epilate

v.t. remove (hair). **epilation**, *n.*

epimorphic

a. passing several stages of growth in same form, especially of segmented insects. **epimorphosis**, *n.*

epimyth

n. moral of story.

epinician

a. in celebration of victory. **epinicion**, *n.* song of victory or triumph.

epipastic

n. medical dusting powder.

epiphenomenon

n. secondary phenomenon associated with and apparently due to another.
epiphenomenal, *a.*

epiphora

n. watering of eyes.

epiphysis

n. (*pl. -ses*) separately ossified portion of bone, joining to main portion later.
epiphysis cerebri, pineal body. **epiphysary**, **epiphyseal**, *a.*

epiphyte

n. non-parasitic plant growing on another. **epiphytal**, **epiphytic**, **epiphytous**, *a.*
epiphytotic, *n.* & *a.* (disease) affecting many plants.

epiplexis

n. *Rhetoric*, reproof. **epiplectic**, *a.*

epiploce

n. rhetorical crescendo.

epipolism

n. fluorescence. *epipolic*, *a.* *epipolize*, *v.t.*

epipterous

a. *Botany*, having wings or wing-like projections at apex.

episcopal

a. pertaining to or ruled by bishops. *episcopalian*, *a.* pertaining to episcopal church or government; *n.* member of such church. *episcopacy*, *n.* rule by bishops; the body of bishops collectively. *episcopate*, *n.* office, see or whole body of bishops.

episematic

a. (of coloration) assisting recognition between members of same species.

episotomy

n. cut made in perineum to ease childbirth.

epispastic

a.,n. (substance) causing blister as medical remedy.

epistasis

n. act of suppressing secretion. *epistatic*, *a.* suppressing, especially the effect of

another factor.

epistaxis

n. nose-bleeding.

epistemology

n. branch of philosophy dealing with the study of knowledge. **epistemological**, *a.* **epistemologist**, *n.* **epistemic**, **epistemonic**, *a.* pertaining to knowledge; intellectual.

epistolary

a. pertaining to letters. **epistolography**, *n.* art of letter-writing. **epistolarian**, *n.* & *a.* (person) fond of letter-writing.

epistrophe

n. *Rhetoric*, repetition of same phrase at end of successive sentences. **epistrophic**, *a.*

epitasis

n. part of drama in which action is developed; crisis of disease.

epithalamium, epithalamion

n. (*pl.* -ia) wedding song or poem. **epithalamic**, *a.* **epithalamiast**, *n.* composer of this. **epithalamy**, *n.* epithalamium.

epithelium

n. (*pl. -ia*) cellular membrane covering surface or lining cavity or passage.
epithelial, *a.* epithelioid, *a.* like epithelium.

epithet

n. adjective describing a characteristic quality; descriptive word added to or substituted for a person's name.

epitimesis

n. adverse criticism; reproof.

epitome

n. summary; collection of all characteristics, facts, etc., into small space; embodiment, essence. **epitomic(al)**, *a.* epitomize, *v.t.* summarize; represent all essentials of; embody.

epitonic

a. subjected to too great strain.

epitrope

n. *Rhetoric*, (ironical) giving of permission.

epizeuxis

n. repetition for emphasis.

epizoon

n. (*pl. -zoa*) external parasite. **epizoan**, *n.* & *a.* **epizoic**, *a.*

epizootic

a., n. (disease) epidemic among animals.

e pluribus unum

'one out of many'; unity from combination of many parts.

eponym

n. person or name from which name of race, family, etc., is derived; person whose name is used metaphorically to signify a quality or thing. **eponymic**, **eponymous**, *a.* **eponymy**, *n.*

epopee

n. epic poem or poetry. **epopean**, *a.* **epopoeist**, *n.* writer of epics.

epopt

n. person initiated into mysteries. **epoptic**, *a.*

epos

n. epic poem or poetry; collection of lays dealing with same theme.

epoxy

a. denoting chemical compounds in which oxygen is attached to two different atoms in a chain, *e.g.* epoxy resin.

epulary

a. pertaining to banquet. **epulation**, *n.*

epulosis

n. formation of scar. **epulotic(al)**, *n.* & *a.* (substance) aiding epulosis.

equilibrist

n. person who performs feats of balancing, tight-rope walker.

equine

a. pertaining to or like a horse.

equinox

n. date on which sun crosses equator. **autumnal equinox**, such date in autumn (about Sept. 23). **vernal equinox**, such date in spring (about March 21). **equinoctial**, *a.* pertaining to equinox, or to place or time having day and night of equal length; equatorial. **equinoctial line**, celestial equator.

equipage

n. horse-drawn carriage; equipment and appurtenances; *archaic*, retinue.

equiparent

a. having same mutual relationship. **equiparate**, *v.t.* level; equalize.

equipoise

n. state of equilibrium; counterpoise; *v.t.* counterpoise.

equipollent

a. having equal force or power; having same meaning though differently expressed. **equipollence, equipollency, n.**

equiponderate

v.t. be equal in power, force, importance etc.; counterbalance.
equiponderance, n. equiponderant, a.

equisetum

n. (pl. -ta) horsetail (plant).

equitation

n. horse-riding. **equitative, a.**

equivoque, equivoke

n. pun; ambiguous remark.

equivorous

a. eating horse-flesh.

Erastian

n. pertaining to Erastus (1524-83), Swiss theologian, and his doctrine of state government of ecclesiastical matters; *n.* adherent of that doctrine.

Erebian

a. pertaining to Erebus, in Greek mythology a place of darkness leading to Hades; pitch dark.

eremic

a. pertaining to sandy desert.

eremite

n. hermit. **eremitage**, *n.* **eremitic(al)**, *a.*

eremology

n. study of deserts. **eremophyte**, *n.* plant living in desert.

erehism

n. abnormal excitability. **erehismic**, **erehistic**, **erehitic**, *a.*

erg

n. unit of energy: equal to the work done by a force of one dyne in moving its point of application one centimetre in the direction of that force.

ergo

adv. 'therefore'.

ergograph

n. instrument measuring work involved in contracting a muscle. **ergology**, *n.* study of work's effect on mind and body. **ergonomics**, *n.* scientific study of work conditions, equipment and operations, to promote efficiency. **ergophile**, *n.* lover of work. **ergophobia**, *n.* hatred of work.

ergosterol

n. chemical substance in the body developing into vitamin D on exposure to sunlight.

ergot

n. fungus disease of cereals, especially rye; dried fungus causing ergot, containing drug which contracts blood-vessels, nerves and uterus. **ergotic**, *a.* **ergotize**, *v.t.* **ergotism**, *n.* disease due to consuming ergotized grain, etc.

ericaceous

a. pertaining to or like heath plant; belonging to the heath family of plants. **ericetal**, *a.* composed of heath plants. **ericeticolous**, *a.* living on heaths. **ericineous**, *a.* ericaceous. **ericoid**, *a.* like a heath plant. **ericophyte**, *n.* plant growing on heaths.

erinaceous

a. like or pertaining to a hedgehog.

eriometer

n. optical instrument for measuring the diameters of fibres or particles by the diffraction of light.

eriophyllous

a. with woolly leaves.

eristic

a. pertaining to dispute or argument.

erne

n. golden or sea eagle.

erogenesis

n. production of sexual desire. **erogeneity**, *n.* **erogenetic**, **erogenic**, **erogenous**,
a.

erotesis

n. rhetorical questioning. **erotetic**, *a.*

erotology

n. study or description of sexual stimuli and behaviour. **erotological**, *a.*
erotologist, *n.*

erotomania

n. abnormally strong sexual desire. **erotomaniac**, *n.* & *a.*

errant

a. wandering, especially seeking adventure; mistaking. **errantry**, *n.*

erratum

n. (*pl.* -ta) mistake, especially printer's or writer's.

errhine

a.,n. (substance) causing sneezing.

ersatz

a.,n. substitute.

erubescence

a. becoming red. **erubescence**, *n.*

eruca

n. (*pl.* -ae) caterpillar. **eruciform**, *a.* caterpillar-like. **erucivorous**, *a.* feeding on caterpillars.

eructation

n. belching; belch. **eructative**, *a.*

erumpent

a. bursting forth.

erysipelas

n. disease marked by fever and inflammation of skin, especially of face; St. Anthony's fire. **erysipelatoid**, **erysipelatous**, *a.* like erysipelas. **erysipeloid**, *n.* non-febrile disease resembling erysipelas.

erythema

n. inflammatory redness of skin. **erythemic**, **erythematous**, **erythematic**, *a.*

erythraean, erythrean

a. red. **erythraemia**, *n.* excessive production of red blood corpuscles. **erythrism**, **erythrochroism**, *n.* excessive redness of hair, etc. **erythrocyte**, *n.* red blood corpuscle. **erythrodermia**, *n.* reddening of skin. **erythroid**, *a.* reddish. **erythrophobia**, *n.* fear of red light, or of blushing. **erythropia**, **erythropsia**, *n.* seeing all objects red.

escalade

n. act of scaling wall or crossing moat with ladder.

escalier

n. staircase. **escalier dérobé**, secret or back stairs.

escarp

n. scarp. **escarpment**, *n.* cliff; cliff-like drop in ground round castle, etc.

eschar

n. scab. **escharoticm**, *n.* & *a.* caustic (substance).

eschatology

n. religious doctrine concerning 'the last things', as death, resurrection, life hereafter, etc. **eschatological**, *a.* **eschatologist**, *n.*

escheat

n. reversion of land to feudal lord, crown or state, due to failure of heirs; *v.i. & t.* to revert or cause to revert. **escheatage**, *n.* right to receive by escheat.

eschew

v.t. avoid, shun; abstain from.

escritoire

n. writing-table. **escritorial**, *a.*

escrow

n. Law, deed held by a third party until certain conditions are fulfilled. **in escrow**, held by a third party.

esculent

a.,n. edible (thing).

escutcheon

n. shield, etc., bearing coat of arms.

esker, eskar

n. (Geology), ridge of sandy soil sub-glacially deposited.

esodic

a. afferent.

esophagus,

n. food passage between mouth and stomach.

esoteric

a. capable of being understood only by the initiated; abstruse; confidential.
esoterica pl. n. esoteric matters or details. **esotericism, esoterism, n.**

esotropia

n. convergent squint. **esotrope, n.** person having this. **esotropic, a.**

espalier

n. lattice, especially for trained fruit tree; such tree.

esparto

n. grass of Spain and N Africa, used in manufacture of paper, cordage, cloth, etc.

espièglerie

n. mischievousness; mischievous trick.

esprit

n. wit; vivacity; quick intelligence. **esprit de corps**, loyalty to organization, corps or fellow-members; team spirit. **esprit de l'escalier**, 'wit of the staircase'; (witty) remark, retort one wishes one had thought of at the time. **esprit fort**, religious free-thinker.

essorant

a. soaring.

estaminet

n. small café.

estancia

n. ranch. **estanciero**, *n.* owner of ranch.

ester

n. *Chemistry*, salt-like compound formed by replacing acid hydrogen of acid with hydro-carbon radical. **esterify**, *v.t.* convert into this.

esthetic

a. see aesthetic.

estop

v.t. *Law*, preclude, especially by estoppel. **estoppagē, estoppel**, *n.* principle preventing a person denying a fact he/she has previously alleged to be true.

estrade

n. dais.

estreat

v.t. *Law*, extract from court's records in order to prosecute; *n.* copy or extract of record, especially of fines, etc.

esurient

a. hungry; starving; greedy; *n.* such person. **esurience, esuriency**, *n.*

et alibi

'and elsewhere' (*abbr.* **et al.**). **et alii** (*fem.* **aliae**), 'and others' (*abbr.* **et al.**).

etesian

a. occurring annually or periodically, especially such Mediterranean north wind in summer.

ether

n. the sky; space; *Chemistry*, distillation product of alcohol used as solvent, anaesthetic, etc.; *Physics*, medium supposed to fill space and transmit light, radio, etc., waves. **ethereal**, *a.* pertaining to ether; unearthly; delicate. **etheric**, *a.* **etherify**, *v.t.* convert into ether. **etherize**, *v.t.* administer ether as

anaesthetic to.

ethmoid

a. pertaining to bones forming nasal cavity and division between nostrils; of the nasal area; *n.* such bone. **ethmoidal**, *a.*

ethnology

n. study of human races. **ethnological**, *a.* **ethnologist**, *n.* **ethnic**, *a.* pertaining to race; characteristic of a particular group, race or (especially peasant) culture; pagan. **ethnocentric**, *a.* believing in the superiority of one's own race, group etc. **ethnocentrism**, **ethnocentricity**, *n.* **ethnodicy**, *n.* comparative study of primitive laws. **ethnogeny**, *n.* study of origin of races. **ethnogeography**, *n.* study of geographical distribution of races. **ethnography**, *n.* study of racial relations, distribution and origin; description of human races. **ethnomaniac**, *n.* fanatical nationalist.

ethos

n. inherent spirit; character; ethical element in literature.

ethyl

n. a univalent hydro-carbon radical.

etiolate

v.t. make pale or sickly, especially by depriving of light. **etiolated**, *a.* **etiolation**, *n.*

etiology

n. see **aetiology**.

etui

n. needle-case; small case for toilet articles, etc.

etymology

n. derivation, origin or history of a word; study of words, their meanings and origins. **etymological**, *a.* **etymologize**, *v.t.* **etymologist**, *n.* **etymon**, *n.* word from which another is derived.

eucaine

n. synthetic alkaloid used as local anaesthetic.

euchology

n. prayer-book. **euchological**, *a.*

eucrasy, eucrasia

n. state of general good health.

eudemon, eudaemon

n. good spirit. **eudemonic**, *a.* causing happiness; pertaining to eudemonism. **eudemonics**, *n.* conduct based on eudemonism; art of being happy. **eudemonism**, *n.* philosophical theory that happiness is ultimate moral good and criterion.

eudiaphoresis

n. normal perspiration.

eudiometer

n. instrument measuring and analysing gases and purity of air. **eudiometric(al)**,
a. **eudiometry**, *n.*

eudipleural

a. bilaterally symmetrical.

eugenesis

n. fertility between hybrids. **eugenetic**, **eugenetic**, *a.*

eugenic

a. pertaining to improvement of hereditary characteristics; pertaining to production of healthy offspring. **eugenics**, *n.* study of influences promoting, and means to, such improvement and production. **eugenicist**, *n.*

euhemerism

n. belief that mythological gods were deified early heroes. **euhemerist**, *n.*
euhemeristic, *a.*

eulogy

n. laudatory speech or writing; high praise. **eulogious**, *a.* **eulogize**, *v.t.* praise highly. **eulogism**, **eulogist**, *n.* **eulogistic**, *a.*

eumenorrhea

n. normal menstruation.

eumerism

n. collection of similar parts. **eumeristic**, *a.*

eumoirous

a. happy because innocent and good. **eumoiriety**, *n.*

eunomy

n. state of orderliness and good rule.

euonymous

a. appropriately named. **euonymy**, *n.*

eupathy

n. state of contentment and moderation.

eupatrid

n. aristocrat, especially of ancient Greece.

eupeptic

a. having good digestion. **eupepsia**, *n.*

euphemism

n. mild or pleasant-sounding word or phrase, especially substituted for harsher or vulgar one; such substitution. **euphemize**, *v.i. & t.* **euphemist**, *n.* **euphemistic**, *a.*

euphenics

n. biological improvement of human beings after birth.

euphony

n. pleasantness or harmony of sound, especially of words. **euphonic**, **euphonious**, *a.* **euphonize**, *v.t.* **euphonism**, *n.* **euphonym**, *n.* **euphonious synonym**.

euphoric

a. having feeling of elation or well-being, especially for no particular reason. **euphoria**, *n.* **euphory**, *n.*

euphrasy

n. eyebright plant.

euphuism

n. affected style of writing full of high-flown language and far-fetched metaphors, especially in imitation of Lyly's *Euphues* (1579-80). **euphuist**, *n.* writer of such style. **euphuistic**, *a.*

eupnoea

n. normal breathing.

eupraxia

n. correct or normal action. **eupractic**, *a.*

Eurasian

a., n. (person) of mixed European and Asiatic parentage; common to both Europe and Asia; signifying Europe and Asia regarded as a whole.

eureka

interj. 'I have found it!'

eurhythmic, eurythmic

a. well-proportioned; harmonious. **eurhythmal**, *a.* **eurhythmy**, *n.* **eurhythmics**, *n.* art of graceful and harmonious movement, especially such free dancing, expressive of musical accompaniment.

euripus

n. (*pl.* -**pi**) narrow channel with swift currents.

eurychoric

a. (of plant, animal) widely distributed. **euryhaline** *adj.* tolerating wide range of salinity. **euryphagous**, *a.* eating a wide range of prey. **eurythermal**, *a.* able to tolerate a wide range of temperature. **eurytopic** *adj.* able to tolerate wide variations in environment.

eustatic

a. pertaining to worldwide changes in sea-level. **eustasy**, *n.*

eutaxy

n. orderly management. **eutaxic**, *a.*

eutectic

a., n. (alloy) having lowest possible melting point. **eutexia**, *n.* state of having low melting point.

euthenics

n. study of improvement of human conditions of life, especially to increase efficiency. **euthenist** *n.*

euthermic

a. producing warmth.

eutony

n. pleasantness of sound of word.

eutrophy

n. state of being well nourished; (of area of water) state of being over-rich in organic and mineral nutrients which promote plant life at the expense of animal life. **eutrophic**, *a.; n.* tonic. **eutrophication**, *n.* process of becoming eutrophic, especially owing to pollution.

eutropic

a. turning with sun.

evagation

n. wandering; digression; departure from etiquette.

evaginate

v.t. turn inside out; protrude by so turning; *a.* evaginated. **evagination**, *n.*

evanesce

v.i. fade away; vanish. **evanescence**, *n.* **evanescent**, *a.*

evangel

n. Gospel; creed; good news; evangelist. **evangelic(al)** *a.* pertaining or according to Gospel; Low Church; *n.* Low Church member. **evangelism**, *n.* missionary work; adherence to Low Church. **evangelist**, *n.* writer or preacher of Gospel; missionary; revivalist. **evangelize**, *v.t.* convert to belief in Gospel.

evection

n. alteration in moon's orbit caused by solar attraction. **evectional**, *a.*

eventration

n. protrusion of intestines from abdomen; dropped state of abdomen; evisceration.

everglade

n. grassy, islanded swamp, especially of Florida.

evert

v.t. turn inside out; turn outwards. **eversion**, *n.* **evertor**, *n.* muscle turning part outward.

eviscerate

v.t. disembowel; divest of strength and force. **evisceration**, *n.*

evitable

a. avoidable. **evitation**, *n.* avoidance. **evite**, *v.t.* avoid.

evulgate

v.t. make widely known. **evulgation**, *n.*

evulsion

n. act of uprooting or tearing out. **evulsive**, *a.*

exallotriote

a. foreign.

exanthema

n. (*pl. -ta*) (disease marked by) eruptions or rash, as measles. **exanthematic**, *a.*

exarch

n. viceroy; travelling bishop of E Church. **exarchal**, *a.* **exarchate**, *n.* office or jurisdiction of exarch.

exarticulate

v.t. dislocate; cut off at joint. **exarticulation**, *n.*

exaugurate

v.t. remove blessing from; profane. **exauguration**, *n.*

excalation

n. omission or loss of part or unit from series.

ex cathedra

a. 'from the chair'; authoritatively; *Roman Catholic*, (of the Pope) pronouncing infallibly. **excathedral**, *a.* authoritative.

excaudate

a. tailless.

excelsior

adv. onwards and upwards. *n. American*, wood shavings used as packing, stuffing, litter etc.

excise

v.t. cut out. **excision**, *n.* act of cutting out.

exclave

n. part of a country surrounded by foreign territory.

enclosure

n. area fenced to keep out unwanted animals.

excogitate

v.t. think up, devise; think out. **excogitation**, *n.* **excogitative**, *a.*

excoriate

v.t. remove skin from; flay; criticize savagely. **excoriation**, *n.*

excrement

n. waste matter discharged from body. **excremental**, excrementary, excrementitious, *a.*

excrescent

a. growing out from main body; redundant. **excrescent**, *a.* **excrescence**, *n.* such thing.

excrete

v.t. discharge from body. **excreta**, *n.pl.* excrements. **excretal**, *a.* **excretion**, *n.* **excretionary**, **excreteive**, **excretory**, *a.*

exculpate

v.t. clear of blame. **exculpation**, *n.* **exculpatory**, *a.*

excursus

n. lengthy discussion, especially appended to book; digression. **excursive**, *a.* **digressive**, rambling.

exeat

n. 'let him go out'; permission to be absent or late.

execrate

v.t. curse; loathe. **execrable**, *a.* loathsome. **execration**, *n.* **execrative**, **execratory**, *a.*

executant

n. performer. **executor**, *n.* (*fem.* **executrix**) person carrying out provisions of will.

exegesis

n. explanation, especially of Bible. **exegete**, *n.* expert in this. **exegetic(al)**, *a.* **exegetics**, *n.* science of Biblical exegesis.

exemplum

n. (*pl.* -*la*) example; moral anecdote. **exempli gratia**, 'for sake of example'; for example (*abbr.* e.g.).

exenterate

v.t. remove internal organ; disembowel.

exequatur

n. document recognizing foreign consular officer, or permitting Roman Catholic bishops to rule their church and publish papal bulls.

exequies

pl. n. pl. funeral ceremony. **exequial**, *a.*

exercitor (maris)

n. person having right to ship's profits. **exercitorial**, *a.*

exergue

n. space at base of figure on coin containing date. **exergual**, *a.*

exeunt

'they go out'. **exeunt omnes** `all go out'.

exfoliate

v.i. flake or peel off; develop or unfold like leaves. **exfoliation**, *n.* **exfoliative**, *a.*

ex gratia

a. 'by favour'; *Law*, implying the absence of legal obligation.

exheredate

v.t. disinherit. **exheredation**, n.

exigent

a. exacting; urgent. **exigible** a. chargeable. **exigence**, **exigency**, n. urgent need or requirement; necessary condition.

exiguous

a. sparse; slender. **exiguity**, n.

eximious

a. select; excellent.

existential

a. pertaining to existence. **existentialism**, n. philosophical theory stressing need for the individual to be intensely aware of his own existence and freedom, and of his own responsibility for the nature of his existence. **existentialist**, n. & a.

ex jure

'by right'.

ex libris

'from the books (of)'; inscription on book-plate; a book- plate.

exobiology

n. scientific study of the possibility of life outside the Earth. **exobiologist, *n.***

exocentric

a. (of a phrase) having a different grammatical function from any of its constituent words.

exocrine

a. secreting externally.

exoculate

v.t. blind. **exoculation, *n.***

exodontia

n. teeth extraction. **exodontist, *n.***

exodromy

n. stabilizing movement of exchange. **exodromic, *a.***

ex officio

'from the office'; by virtue of one's office.

exogamy

n. marriage to person not of same tribe, family, etc., only. **exogamic**, **exogamous**, *a.*

exogenous

a. growing or originating from outside, or due to external factors. **exogenetic**, **exogenic**, *a.*

exon

n. one of four officers commanding the Yeomen of the Guard.

exopathic

a. *Medicine*, due to external causes.

exophagy

n. cannibalism outside tribe or family. **exophagous**, *a.*

exophthalmic

a. pertaining to or marked by protrusion of eyeball. **exophthalmos**, **exophthalmus**, *n.* such condition.

exorcize

v.t. expel (evil spirit) by rites or use of holy words. **exorcism**, *n.* **exorcist**, *n.*;

Roman Catholic, member of a minor order.

exordium

n. (*pl.* -ia) opening portion of speech or writing. **exordial**, *a.*

exoskeleton

n. external skeleton, *e.g.* shell.

exosmosis

n. osmosis outwards, especially from a cell or organism into its surrounding medium.

exosphere

n. outermost layer of the atmosphere.

exoteric

a. popular; capable of being understood by uninitiated; *n.* uninitiated person. **exotericism**, *n.*

exothermic

a. marked by production of heat. **exothermal**, **exothermous**, *a.*

exotic

a. of foreign origin; attractively or bizarrely unusual; *n.* such plant.

exotropia

n. outward squint.

ex parte

a. 'from a side'; on or for one side only.

expatriate

v.i. speak or write at length. **expatiation**, *n.* **expatriatory**, *a.*

expatriate

v.t. exile; *a.* resident abroad; exiled; *n.* such person. **expatriation**, *n.*

expedite

v.t. hasten; carry through quickly and efficiently. **expeditious**, *a.* prompt (and efficient).

expergefacent

a. awakening. **expergefaction**, *n.*

expiscate

v.t. fish or search out. **expiscation**, **expiscator**, *n.* **expiscatory**, *a.*

expletive

a., n. (word) added to expand or fill up; swear-word. **expletory**, *a.*

explicandum

n. (pl. -da) *Philosophy*, thing, e.g. term, to be explained. **explicans**, *n.* thing or part that explains or gives the meaning.

explication de texte

n. (pl. explications de texte pron. same) piece of literary-critical close analysis.

exposé

n. exposure; full statement or explanation.

ex post facto

a. 'from that which is done afterwards'; by virtue of a thing done later; retrospective.

exprobate

v.t. archaic, rebuke; reproach. **exprobation**, *n.*

expromissor

n. person relieving another of debt by taking it upon himself. **expromission**, *n.*

expropriate

v.t. deprive of; transfer ownership of. **expropriation**, **expropriator**, *n.*

expugnable

a. capable of being captured by storm.

expunge

v.t. blot, cross, rub or wipe out. **expunction, n.**

expurgate

v.t. remove objectionable portions from; purify. **expurgation, expurgator, n.**
expurgatorial, expurgatory, a.

exsanguine

a. lacking blood. **exsanguinate, v.t.** drain blood from. **exsanguineous, exsanguinious, exsanguinous, a.**

exscind

v.t. cut out; uproot.

exsert

v.t. thrust out. **exserted, a.** protruding.

exsiccate

v.t. desiccate. **exsiccation, exsiccator, n.** **exsiccative, a.**

exstrophy

n. Medicine, having organ especially bladder, turned inside out.

exsuccous

a. lacking sap.

exsufflate

v.t. blow away. **exsufflation**, *n.* blowing out; forced breathing.

extant

a. existing.

extensor

n. muscle extending limb.

extenuate

v.t. reduce; weaken; excuse. **extenuation**, **extenuator**, *n.* extenuative, **extenuatory**, *a.*

extritorial

a. outside territorial boundaries; beyond territorial jurisdiction. **extritorialize**, *v.t.* **extritoriality**, *n.* exemption from local laws.

extirpate

v.t. destroy; banish; uproot. **extirpation**, **extirpator**, *n.* extirpative, **extirpatory**, *a.*

extragalactic

a. beyond or outside our galaxy.

extramundane

a. outside the known world or universe.

extramural

a. outside the walls or fortifications; outside, but under the aegis of, a university or other institution.

extrasensory

a. beyond the senses. **extrasensory perception**, unexplained phenomena such as clairvoyance, telepathy, etc., which are outside or beyond the scope of the senses.

extraterritorial

a. extraterritorial. **extraterritoriality**, *n.*

extravasate

v.i., *v.t.* flow or filter out; expel from a vessel, especially blood; pour out; *n.* such fluid. **extravasation**, *n.*

extrinsic

a. external; incidental.

extrorse

a. facing away or out.

extrospection

n. habitual interest in or examination of matters outside oneself. **extrospective**,
a.

exuviae

n. pl. cast-off skin, etc., of animal. **exuviable**, **exuvial**, *a.* **exuviate**, *v.i. & t.*
slough; shed.

ex-voto

a., n. votive (offering).

eyas

n. unfledged bird, especially falcon.

eyot

n. ait.

fabaceous

a. like a bean.

Fabian

a. pertaining to Q. Fabius Maximus, Roman general, and his cautious tactics and avoidance of open battle. **Fabian Society**, society advocating a gradual approach to socialism.

fabiform

a. bean-shaped.

fabulist

n. recounter of fables; liar.

facetiae

n. pl. humorous remarks or writings; pornographic books. **facetiation**, n. making such remark, etc.

facia

n. fascia.

facies

n. *Medicine*, facial expression, as symptom; general aspect or appearance.

facile princeps

'easily the first'. **facilis descensus Averno** or Averni, 'the road to evil, or Hell, is easy'.

facinorous

a. extremely wicked.

factice

n. vulcanized oil, used as substitute for rubber.

faction

n. dissident or self-seeking group; clique; dissension. **factional, factious, a.**

factitious

a. artificial; spurious.

factitive

a. *Grammar*, signifying making something to be; applied to complementary object of such verb.

factoid

a.,n. (assumption, speculation, etc.) presented, accepted or considered as a fact.

factotum

n. servant of all work; general assistant. **Johannes Factotum, Jack-of-all-trades.**

faculty

n. talent; capability; branch of study and its students in university; governing body of university or college; body of teachers and administrators in a university; *Ecclesiastical*, permission to add to or alter fabric of church. **facultative**, *a.* granting permission; optional; *Biology*, able to exist in different forms and conditions.

faeces

n. pl. solid excrement; dregs. **faecal**, *a.* **faecaloid**, *a.*

faex

n. dregs. **faex populi**, the rabble.

fagaceous

a. belonging to beech family of trees.

fagottist

n. bassoon player.

faience

n. glazed decorative earthenware.

fainéant

a., n. idle (person). **fainéance**, **fainéancy**, *n.*

fait accompli

n. 'accomplished deed'; thing done or completed, about which it is too late to argue.

fakir

n. ascetic or mendicant.

Falasha

n. member of black Jewish tribe of Ethiopia.

falcate

a. sickle-shaped.

falchion

n. broad curved sword.

falciform

a. falcate. **falcular**, falculate, *a.*

falderal, falderol

n. trifle, gewgaw.

faldstool

n. prayer desk; bishop's round armless chair.

Fallopian

a. discovered by Fallopius, 10th-century Italian physician. **Fallopian tube**, tube conveying egg from ovary to womb.

falsidical

a. giving false impression.

famulus

n. (*pl. -li*) attendant to a sorcerer, magician.

fanfaronade

n. boasting; bluster; blast on trumpets.

fanion

n. small marking flag.

fan-tan

n. gambling game in which bets are laid on number of objects (as beans) remaining after a known number has been removed.

fantassin

n. infantryman.

fantoccini

n. pl. marionettes.

farad

n. unit of electrical capacity: capacity of condenser, charged with one coulomb, giving potential difference of one volt. **faradaic**, **faradic** *a.*, pertaining to inductive current. **faradism** *n.* medical application of induced electrical currents.

farceur

n. joker.

farcy

n. disease affecting lymphatic glands of horses and cattle.

farina

n. flour or meal of cereals, nuts, etc. **farinaceous**, *a.* like or consisting of flour. **farinose**, *a.* like or yielding flour; mealy.

farouche

a. wild; gauche; shy.

farrier

n. horse-shoeing smith. **farriery**, *n.* art or place of shoeing horses.

farrow

v.i., v.t. give birth (of pigs); *n.* act of giving birth to pigs; litter.

farthingale

n. skirt or petticoat over hoops.

fasces

pl. n. bundle of rods with an axe carried before ancient Roman magistrates, symbolizing authority.

fascia

n. (*pl. -ae*) band of colour; band or layer of connective tissue; name-board over shop; dashboard. **fasciate, fasciated** *a.* tied round with a band or fillet; striped. **fasciation** *n.*

fascicle

n. small bundle; part of book published separately; collection of written or printed sheets.

fascine

n. bundle of sticks used in building fortifications.

fasti

n. pl. pl. record; register; calendars of ancient Rome.

fastidious

a. very hard to please; particular about details; fussy and squeamish.

fastigate

a. pointed. **fastigiate**, *a.* narrowing at apex, **fastigium**, *n.* (*pl.* - *gia*) roof; top; gable.

fastuous

a. arrogant; showy.

fata morgana

n. mirage.

fatidic

a. pertaining to prophecy or fortune-telling. **fatidical**, *a.* having fatidic powers.

fatwa

n. proscription pronounced by Islamic religious leader.

faucet

n. *American*, water tap.

faucial

a. pertaining to fauces. **faucitis**, *n.* inflammation of fauces.

fauna

n. (*pl. -ae*) animal life of region, period, etc. **faunal**, *a.* **faunist**, *n.* expert on fauna. **faunology**, *n.* study of geographical distribution of animals.

faute de mieux

'for want of better'.

fauteuil

n. 'armchair'; stall seat in theatre; membership of French Academy.

faux pas

n. 'false step'; social solecism; embarrassing action.

faveolate

a. honey-combed. **faviform**, *a.* honeycomb-like.

favonian

a. pertaining to Favonius, in Roman mythology the west wind; gentle; favourable.

favose

a. faviform.

favus

n. contagious parasitic skin disease.

fealty

n. loyalty; duty, especially of vassal to feudal lord.

febricant

a. causing fever. **febricity, n.** feverishness. **febrifac, a.** feverish; febricant.

febrifuge

a.,n. (drug) allaying fever. **febrifugal, a.**

febrile

a. characterized by or symptomatic of fever; feverish. **febrility, n.**

fecit

'made (it)'.

feculent

a. containing or covered with filth; faecal; turbid. **feculence, n.**

fecund

a. fertile. **fecundate, v.t.** make fertile. **fecundity, n.**

fedora

n. man's soft felt hat with curled brim; trilby.

fee

n. Law, heritable estate in land. **fee simple**, fee heritable without restrictions as to heirs; unconditional use. **fee tail**, entailed fee.

feedback

n. return of a fraction of the energy output to the energy input in a transmission system; an arrangement by which a variation in output modifies the generation of energy; information or comments returned by users, respondents etc.

feldspar

n. several minerals forming part of all crystalline rocks and decomposing into clay or china clay.

felicide

n. killing of cat.

felicity

n. happiness; well chosen word or phrase. **felicific**, *a.* making happy. **felicitate**, *v.t.* congratulate; make happy. **felicitation**, *n.* **felicitous**, *a.* well chosen; apt.

feliform

a. cat-like. **feline**, *a.*

felinophile

n. lover of cats. **felinophobe**, *n.* hater of cats.

fellah

n. (*pl.* -een) Egyptian peasant.

felloe, felly

n. wheel's rim or portion of it.

felo de se

n. (*pl.* felonies ...) self-murder or self- murderer.

felon

n. criminal. **felonious**, *a.* **felony**, *n.* serious crime.

felucca

n. fast three-masted Mediterranean vessel, with lateen sails.

feme

n. *Law*, woman. **feme covert**, married woman. **feme sole**, unmarried woman or widow.

femicide

n. killing or killer of woman.

femme

n. woman. **femme fatale**, 'fatal woman'; woman exercising fatal fascination, or seemingly dogged by fate. **femme savante**, learned woman; bluestocking.

femto-

comb. form of measurement meaning one thousand-million-millionth (10^{15}).
(abbr. f.)

femur

n. thigh bone; thigh. **femoral**, *a.*

fenestral

a. pertaining to windows; *n.* window, especially with paper, etc., instead of glass. **fenestrate**, *a.* having many openings or windows. **fenestration**, *n.* state of being fenestrate; disposition of windows.

fennec

n. small fox of Africa.

feoff

n. heritable land granted by feudal lord; lord's right in such land. **feoffee** *n.* person to whom feoff is granted. **feoffor**, **feoffer**, *n.* grantor of feoff. **feoffment**, *n.* grant of feoff.

feracious

a. fecund. **feracity, n.**

feral

a. wild; untamed; savage; (of animal species) living in the wild, especially after previously being domesticated; funereal. **ferae, n. pl.** carnivorous animals. **ferae naturae, (Latin)** 'of a wild nature'; animals living in the wild.

fer-de-lance

n. large and poisonous snake of S and Central America.

feretory

n. shrine; chapel for bier; bier.

feria

n. (pl. -ae) feast day; holiday; *Ecclesiastical*, day neither feast nor fast. **ferial, a.**

ferine

a. feral.

feringhee, feringhi

n. European, especially Portuguese, born in India.

ferity

n. wild state; barbarism.

ferreous

a. containing, like or pertaining to iron.

ferric, ferrous

a. pertaining to or containing iron. **ferriferous**, *a.* yielding iron. **ferromagnetic**, *a.* highly magnetic.

ferruginous

a. ferreous; pertaining to or coloured like iron rust. **ferruginate**, *v.t.* stain with iron compound.

ferule

n. rod or flat ruler for punishment. **ferulaceous**, *a.* reed-like.

fervescent

a. becoming feverish. **fervescence**, *n.*

Fescennine

a. pertaining to poetry and inhabitants of ancient Fescinnia, Italy; indecent; scurrilous.

fescue

n. stick used by teacher as pointer; several tall kinds of grass.

fess, fesse

n. horizontal band across a shield.

festina lente

'make haste slowly'.

festination

n. haste; hurrying walk, symptom of some nervous diseases.

Festschrift

n. collection of essays or articles published in honour of a distinguished scholar.

festucine

a. straw-coloured.

fête champêtre

'country feast'; outdoor entertainment. **fête galante**, (painting of) a scene of courtly romance in a pastoral setting.

fetial

a. pertaining to declaration of war and peace; heraldic.

fetid

a. stinking.

fetlock

n. tuft of hair on horse's leg immediately above hoof; part of leg bearing it.

fetor

n. stench.

feudal

a. pertaining to feoff or fee; pertaining to medieval social system of overlords and vassals. **feudatory**, *n.* & *a.* (vassal) subject to feudal lord; (ruler) subject to overlord. **feudalism**, *n.* feudal system. **feudalist**, *n.* feudalistic, *a.*

feu de joie

'fire of joy'; firing of guns as symbol of joy; bonfire.

feuilleton

n. feature and criticism page of newspaper; instalment of serial story.
feuilletonist, *n.* writer of matter in feuilleton or of serial story.

fiacre

n. small hackney carriage.

fiat

n. decree; command; decision. **fiat lux**, (*Latin*), 'let there be light'.

fibrid

n. one of a type of synthetic fibrous particles used in bonding.

fibrin

n. fibrous protein in blood formed in clotting. **fibrination**, *n.* condition of having excessive fibrin in blood. **fibrinogen**, *n.* substance in blood producing fibrin. **fibrinosis**, *n.* disease marked by fibrination.

fibroid

a. of or like fibre; *n.* non-malignant fibrous tumour.

fibroma

n. (*pl. -ta*) benign fibrous tumour. **fibromatous**, *a.*

fibrosis

n. condition of excessive fibrous formation in organ. **fibrotic**, *a.*, **fibrositis**, *n.* inflammatory excess of fibrous tissue growth.

fibula

n. (*pl. -ae*) outer, smaller bone of lower leg. **fibular**, *a.*

fichu

n. light shawl for shoulders.

ficiform

a. fig-shaped. **ficoid**, *a.* fig- like.

fictile

a. pertaining to pottery; moulded; able to be moulded into shape or new shape.
fictility, *n.*

fictive

a. imaginative; imaginary.

fideism

n. reliance on faith alone.

fidicinal

a. pertaining to stringed musical instrument.

fiducial

a. based on faith or trust; used as a standard of reference or measurement.
fiduciary, *n.* & *a.* (person) holding in trust; requiring trust; based on confidence, especially of public. **fiduciary issue**, currency issued beyond the amount backed by gold.

fief

n. feoff; that which one rules.

figuline

a. fictile; *n.* clay vessel, object. **figulate**, *a.* made of clay; fictile.

figurant

n. (*fem.* **figurante**) ballet dancer who dances only with group; minor character in play.

figurate

a. having a definite shape or form; *Music*, florid.

figurine

n. statuette.

filar

a. pertaining to thread; having threads across eye-piece. **filarial**, **filarian**, **filarious**, *a.* pertaining or due to thread-worms. **filiariasis**, *n.* infestation with thread-worms. **filariform**, *a.* thread-like.

filature

n. drawing out or reeling of silk threads; apparatus or factory for doing this.

filibeg

n. kilt.

filibuster

n. irregular soldier; freebooter; *American*, making of interminable obstructive speech; such speech or speaker; *v.i.* make such speech.

filicide

n. killing or killer of own child.

filiciform

a. fern- or frond-shaped. **filicoid**, *a.* fern-like.

filiferous

a. bearing threads. **filiform**, *a.* thread- like. **filigerous**, *a.* flagellate. **filipendulous**, *a.* hanging by a thread.

filoselle

n. floss-like silk.

fils

n. son.

fimbrial

a. pertaining to or having a fringe. **fimbriate**, *a.* fringed; *v.t.* fringe; hem. **fimbriation**, *n.* **fimbricate**, *a.* fringed. **fimbrillate**, *a.* having small fringe.

fimetic

a. pertaining to dung. **fimicolous**, *a.* living in dung.

finagle

v.i., v.t. cheat, trick; *v.t.* obtain by trickery.

fin de siècle

'end of century', especially of 19th century; decadent.

fingent

a. moulding.

finial

n. ornament at apex of gable, etc.; pinnacle.

firkin

n. small cask; measure of capacity: nine gallons.

firman

n. Oriental ruler's edict, authorisation, etc.

fiscal

a. pertaining to public revenue. **fiscality**, *n.* avarice.

fission

n. Physics, splitting, especially of atomic nuclei, accompanied by release of immense energies. **fissionable**, *a.* capable of being split, especially of unstable minerals used in atomic fission. **fissile**, *a.* easily split; capable of nuclear fission. **fissiparous**, *a.* reproducing by splitting into parts. **fissiped**, *a.* having toes separated.

fistula

n. pipe; very deep ulcer; pipe-like passage from ulcer to surface or between hollow organs. **fistuliform**, *a.* like a fistula or pipe. **fistulous**, **fistular**, *a.*

fitch

n. hair of polecat; brush of such hair. **fitchew**, *n.* polecat.

fixation

n. Psychology, establishment in childhood of mental attitude which persists through life; *popularly*, obsession, established habit.

fizgig

n. frivolous or coquettish girl.

flabellate

a. fan-shaped. **flabelliform**, *a.* **flabellation**, *n.* use of fan to cool.

flaccid

a. flabby. **flaccidity, n.**

flagellate

v.t. whip; flog; *a.* whip-shaped; having whip-like outgrowths. **flagellant, n. & a.** (person) whipping himself as religious practice; lashing. **flagellum, n.** (*pl.* -la) whip-like outgrowth; runner of plant. **flagellation, flagellator, n.** **flagellatory, a.**

flageolet

n. small flute-like musical instrument.

flagitate

v.t. demand repeatedly. **flagitation, n.**

flagitious

a. heinous; villainous.

flagrante delicto

adv. 'the crime being still blazing'; in the act of committing crime.

flambé

a. served in flaming brandy.

flambeau

n. (*pl.* -beaux) burning torch.

flamen

n. pagan priest. **flammeous**, *a.* pertaining to flamen. **flamenical**, *a.*

flammeous

a. flame-coloured. **flammulated**, *a.* ruddy. **flammulation**, *n.* flame-coloured or flame-shaped marking.

flâneur

n. idler; trifler.

flatulent

a. pertaining to or causing generation of gas in digestive tract; inflated; pretentious. **flatulence**, **flatulency**, *n.* **flatus**, *n.* gas in intestines or stomach.

flautist

n. flute-player.

flavedo

n. yellowness, especially of plants. **flavescent**, *a.* turning yellow. **flavic(ant)**, *a.* yellow; yellowish. **flavid**, *a.* golden yellow.

flene, flench

v.t. cut up or skin, especially whale or seal.

fletcher

n. arrow-maker.

fleurette

n. ornament in the shape of a small flower.

flews

n. pl. pendulous lips; chops

flexor

n. muscle bending limb. **flexion**, **flexure**, *n.* act or state of bending or being bent. **flexuose**, **flexuous**, *a.* sinuous; zigzag.

floccose

a. woolly.

flocculate

v.i., v.t. collect into lumps or tufts; *a.* having hairy tufts. **flocculent**, *a.* woolly; consisting of soft flakes; tufted. **flocculence**, *n.* **flocculus**, *n.* (*pl. - li*) flake; small tuft. **flocculation**, *n.*

flora

n. (pl. -ae) plant life of region, period, etc.

florescence

n. state or time of flowering. **fluorescent**, *a.*

floriated, floreated

a. decorated with flowers and leaves.

florikan, floriken

n. small Indian bustard.

florilegium

n. (*pl. -gia*) collection of flowers; description of flora; anthology.

floruit

'he flourished'; period during which person lived (*abbr. fl.*); dates indicating when a person was active, especially in brackets after person's name.

flügelhorn

n. bugle with keys; saxhorn-like musical instrument.

fluidic

a. pertaining to or like a fluid; operated by the flow of a liquid or gas. **fluidics**,
n. study and application of fluidic operations.

fluminous, fluminose

a. pertaining to or having many rivers.

fluoresce

v.i. exhibit fluorescence. **fluorescence**, *n.* emission of radiation due to absorption of radiation of different wavelengths; light, etc., so emitted. **fluorescent**, *a.* **fluoroscope**, *n.* instrument for observing fluorescence. **fluoroscopy**, *n.*

fluoride

n. compound of fluorine, especially one introduced into public water supply to combat dental decay. **fluoridate**, *v.t.* introduce fluoride into. **fluoridation**, *n.*

fluorocarbon

n. inert compound of carbon and fluoride used as lubricant and in manufacture of plastics and synthetic resins.

fluvial

a. pertaining to rivers. **fluviatile**, *a.* **fluviograph**, *n.* instrument recording river's rise and fall. **fluviology**, *n.* study of water-courses. **fluviometer** *n.* device for measuring river levels.

fodient

a. pertaining to digging.

foehn

n. dry warm wind blowing down northern slopes of Alps.

foetid

a. see **fetid**.

foliaceous

a. pertaining to, like or consisting of leaves or laminae.

foliate

a. like or having leaves; *v.i.* & *t.* divide into laminae; beat into thin plate; cover with thin coating. **foliation**, *n.* formation of leaves; state of being foliate; act of foliating; consecutive numbering of leaves of book; leaf-like ornamentation.

foliferous

a. bearing leaves. **foliform**, *a.* leaf-shaped.

folio

n. folded sheet of paper; leaf of book, etc.; largest size of book; *v.t.* number pages of.

foliolate

a. pertaining to or having leaflets. **folioliferous**, *a.* bearing leaflets.

follicle

n. small deep cavity or sac. **follicular**, *a.* **folliculate**, *a.* having or enclosed in follicle. **folliculose**, **folliculous**, *a.* like follicle.

fomes

n. (*pl. -mites*) substance carrying infection.

fons et origo

'source and origin'.

fontanelle

n. soft gap between the bones in a baby's skull.

fontinal

a. growing by or in springs.

foramen

n. (*pl. -mina*) small orifice. **foraminate**, *a.* having such; *v.t.* pierce.
foraminous, *a.*

foraneous

a. pertaining to forum.

force majeure

n. 'greater force'; compelling force; unavoidable circumstances.

forcipate

a. like forceps.

forensic

a. pertaining to law courts, argument or rhetoric.

forfend

v.t. defend; forbid.

forficate

a. deeply forked. **forfication, n.**

formalin

n. aqueous solution of formaldehyde, a chemical disinfectant and preservative.

form(e)

n. page of printed matter ready for impression.

formic

a. pertaining to ants. **formicarian, a.** pertaining to ant-hill. **formicary, n.** ant-hill. **formicate, v.i.** creep or swarm like ants. **formication, n.** feeling as of ants crawling over skin. **formicative, a.** **formicide, n.** substance destroying ants. **formicivorous, a.** feeding on ants.

fornicate

v.i. commit fornication; a. vaulted; arched. **fornication, n.** sexual intercourse by

an unmarried person; vaulting; vaulted building. **fornicator**, **fornicatrix**, *n.*

fortuitous

a. by or due to chance. **fortuitism**, *n.* theory that evolutionary adaptations are due to chance. **fortuitist**, *n.* **fortuity**, *n.* chance occurrence.

forum

n. (*pl.* *-ra*) market place; general meeting place; place for discussion; law courts.

fossa

n. (*pl.* *-sae*) depression or cavity, *e.g.* in bone.

fossick

v.i., v.t. search for by turning or picking over, especially for gold; rummage. **fossicker**, *n.*

fossalial

a. for use in digging. **fosser**, *n.* grave-digger.

foudroyant

a. *Medicine*, beginning very suddenly and severely; dazzling.

fouetté

n. ballet movement in which the dancer stands on one foot and makes a whip-like movement with the other.

foumart

n. polecat.

foveate, foveated

a. pitted. **foveolate**, *a.* bearing small pits.

fraenum, frenum

n. fold of membrane restraining an organ, as beneath the tongue.

francolin

n. S Asiatic and African partridge.

franc-tireur

n. (*pl.* francs-tireurs) member of irregular infantry corps.

frangible

a. brittle.

fraternize

v.i. be friendly, especially with residents in occupied enemy territory, enemy soldiers, etc. **fraternization**, *n.*

fratricide

n. killing or killer of brother or sister. **fratricidal**, *a.*

Frau

n. (*pl.* -en) married woman; Mrs.

Fräulein

n. unmarried woman; Miss.

freemartin

n. sterile female twin calf.

Freiherr

n. (*pl.* -en) baron.

fremitus

n. vibration.

frenate

a. having a fraenum.

frenetic

a. frantic (person).

fresco

n. water-colour painting on wet plaster; *v.t.* paint in fresco. **fresco secco**, such painting on dry plaster.

fretum

n. (*pl. -ta*) constriction.

friable

a. easily crumbled.

fricative

a., n. (sound) made by friction of breath forced through narrow passage, as *s, f*.

frigoric

a. pertaining to cold. **frigiferous, frigorific**, *a.* causing cold.

fringilline

a. like a finch; belonging to finch family of birds. **fringillaceous, fringilliform, fringilloid**, *a.* finch- like.

frisé

n. fabric with raised nap.

frisette

n. curly fringe, often of artificial hair, worn on the forehead.

frisket

n. parchment or paper mask used in printing or retouching work.

frisson

n. thrill; shudder, shiver.

frit

n. prepared material from which glass is made.

fritillary

n. several kinds of spotted butterfly and bulbous plant.

frondesce

v.i. open leaves. **frondiferous**, frondigerous, *a.* bearing leaves or fronds.
frondiform, *a.* frond-shaped. **frondivorous**, *a.* feeding on leaves. **frondose**, *a.* having or like leaves. **frondescence**, *n.* frondescent, *a.*

frontogenesis

n. meeting of two different air currents creating weather front.

frottage

n. rubbing, especially the making of rubbings on thin paper of objects underneath, *e.g.* ornamental brasses.

fructify

v.i., v.t. become or make fruitful. **fructiferous**, *a.* bearing fruit. **fructification**, *n.* **fructiform**, *a.* like fruit. **fructivorous**, *a.* feeding on fruit.

frumenty

n. dish of hulled wheat boiled in milk, with sugar. **frumentaceous**, *a.* like or made of grain.

frutescent

a. like a shrub. **frutescence**, *n.* **fruticetum**, *n.* botanical garden of shrubs. **fruticose**, *a.* **fruticulous**, *a.* like a small shrub.

FSH

abbrev. for abbreviation of Follicle-Stimulating Hormone (lack of which is a cause of infertility in women).

fucus

*n. (pl. -ci) kind of flat seaweed; rockweed. **fucoid**, *n.* & *a.* (plant) like seaweed. **fucous**, *a.**

fugacious

a. elusive; ephemeral; volatile. **fugacity**, *n.*

fugleman

n. soldier standing in front of others to demonstrate drill, etc.; model.

fugue

n. strictly contrapuntal and highly developed musical composition; *Psychology*, flight from one's own identity, often involving wandering away from one's usual surroundings.

fulcrum

n. (pl. -ra) support; point or support on which lever rests. **fulcral**, *a.* **fulcate**, *a.* having a fulcrum.

fulgent

a. radiant. **fulgid**, *a.* glittering.

fulgurant

a. like lightning. **fulgurate**, *v.i.* flash. **fulgurating**, *a.* *Medicine*, applied to intense sudden pains. **fulgurous**, *a.* flashing.

fuliginous

a. like soot. **fuliginosity** *n.*

fuliguline

a. pertaining to or like a sea duck; belonging to sea duck family of birds.

fulmar

n. gull-like sea bird.

fulminate

v.i. explode; thunder; denounce in loud or violent manner. **fulminant**, *a.*
Medicine, developing suddenly. **fulmineous**, fulminous *a.* pertaining to or like
thunder and lightning. **fulmination**, fulminator, *n.* **fulminatory**, *a.*

fulvous

a. tawny. **fulvescent**, *a.* somewhat tawny.

fumarole

n. volcano's smoke vent.

fumatory

n. place for fumigating. **fumiduct**, *n.* smoke vent.

funambulist

n. tight-rope walker. **funambulate**, *v.i.* **funambulation**, funambulator,
funambulism, *n.* **funambulatory**, *a.*

fundamentalism

n. belief in the literal truth of all Biblical statements, miracles, etc.
fundamentalist, *n.*

fundiform

a. sling-shaped.

fundus

n. base of an organ or part furthest from its opening.

fungible

a.,n. (thing) mutually interchangeable.

fungicide

n. substance killing fungus. **fungistatic**, *n.* substance preventing fungus growth.

funicular

a. pertaining to small cord, rope or tension. **funicular railway**, cable mountain railway. **funiform** *a.* cord- or rope-like. **funipendulous**, *a.* hanging by a rope.

furcate, furcal

a. branched. **furcellate**, *a.* slightly branched. **furcation**, *n.*

furcula, furculum

n. (*pl.* -lae or - la) any forklike part, especially the wishbone.

furfur

n. scurf. **furfuraceous**, furfurous, *a.* **furfuration**, *n.* falling of dandruff.

furibund

a. furious.

furlough

n. leave; holiday.

furmety

n. frumenty.

furore

n. outburst of public indignation; outburst of enthusiasm.

Fürst

n. (*pl.* -en) noble next in rank to duke; prince.

furuncle

n. boil. **furuncular**, **furunculous**, *a.* **furunculoid**, *a.* like a boil. **furunculosis**, *n.* outbreak of boils.

fusarole

n. *Architecture*, decoration resembling a string of beads.

fuscous

a. dark in colour; tawny.

fusee

n. large-headed match; spirally grooved spindle used as counter weight in old clocks.

fusiform

a. spindle-shaped. **fusoid**, *a.*

fustian

n. coarse cotton cloth; bombast; *a.* made of fustian; pompous.

fustic

n. tropical American tree yielding yellow dye.

fustigate

v.t. beat with a cudgel.

fusuma

n. sliding paper screen separating rooms in Japanese house.

futon

n. Japanese padded quilt unrolled on the floor as a bed.

fuzee

n. see **fusee**.

gabbro

n. granular kind of igneous rock. **gabbroic**, *gabbroitic*, *a.*

gabelle

n. tax on salt.

gabion

n. wicker-work cylinder filled with earth or stones for building fortifications, harbour bars, etc. **gabionade**, *n.* structure made with gabions.

gadoid

a.,n. (fish) of the cod family.

gadroon

n. form of fluting; *Architecture*, notched moulding.

gaduin

n. substance occurring in cod-liver oil.

gaffe

n. blunder.

galactic

a. *Astronomy*, pertaining to a galaxy. **galactagogue**, *n.* & *a.* (substance) promoting milk secretion. **galactoid**, *a.* milk-like. **galactometer**, *n.* instrument measuring density of milk. **galactophore**, *n.* milk duct. **galactopherous**, *a.* conveying milk. **galactophygous**, *a.* preventing milk secretion. **galactopoiesis**, *n.* milk production and secretion. **galactopoietic**, *a.* **galactorrhoea**, *n.* excessive milk flow.

galanty

n. shadow play.

galaxy

n. Milky Way; island universe, especially one to which solar system and all visible stars belong; collection of brilliant persons.

galbanum

n. asafoetida-like gum resin.

galea

n. *Biology*, helmet-shaped structure. **galeate**, **galeiform**, *a.* helmet-shaped.

galena

n. natural lead sulphite, main source of lead. **galenic(al)**, *a.* **gallenoid**, *a.* like galena.

galericulate

a. having hat-like covering.

galilee

n. church porch, or chapel at entrance.

galingale

n. ginger-like plant, or sedge, with aromatic root used in medicine.

galleass

n. large armed 16th-century vessel with oars and sails.

galliard

a. gay; gallant; *n.* lively 16th-century dance.

Gallice

adv. in French (style). **Gallicize**, *v.t.* make French. **Gallicism**, *n.* word or phrase borrowed from French; use of such words and phrases.

gallimaufry

n. hash of liver and other organs; hotch-potch.

gallinaceous

a. like pheasants and domestic fowls; belonging to the order of birds including those.

gallinule

n. moor hen.

Gallionic, Gallionian

a. pertaining to Gallio (Acts xviii); careless; indifferent.

gallipot

n. small ceramic pot for medicine, etc.

gallivat

n. E. Indian galleass.

Gallomania

n. fondness for French life, manners, etc. **Gallomaniac**, *n.* **Gallophile**, *n.* lover of France. **Gallophobe**, *n.* hater of France. **Gallophobia**, *n.*

galloway

n. breed of small horse and black cattle.

galvanic

a. pertaining to direct current from electric battery; giving or receiving shock.
galvanism, *n.* current electricity; study of electric currents and their effects.
galvanize, *v.t.* treat with galvanic current; stimulate into sudden excitement; coat with zinc.
galvanometer, *n.* instrument measuring small electric currents.
galvanoscope, *n.* instrument indicating presence and direction of small electric currents.

gambade, gambado

n. horse's leap; caper. **gambadoes**, *n.pl.* gaiters, especially attached to saddle.

gambier

n. yellow dye and astringent substance obtained from a vine of Malaysia.

gamboge

n. SE Asian yellow gum resin; reddish yellow colour. **gambogian**, *a.*

gambrel

n. horse's hock; kind of roof with pentagonal gable.

gamelan

n. musical instrument like xylophone; percussion, string and flute orchestra of SE Asia.

gamelotte

n. fibre for paper, etc., obtained from sedge.

gamete

n. sex cell, reproductive cell. **gametic**, *a.* **gametocyte**, *n.* cell producing gametes. **gametogenesis**, *n.* production of gametes. **gametophyll**, *n.* leaf bearing, sex organs. **gametophyte**, *n.* plant, or stage in plant growth, bearing sex organs.

gamic

a. sexual; requiring or resulting from mating.

gamin

n. street urchin. **gamine** (*f.*),

gamma

n. third letter of Greek alphabet. **gamma globulin**, any of a group of globulins, including most antibodies, concerned with immunity. **gamma ray**, kind of radioactive ray resembling X- rays. **gammacism**, *n.* stuttering over *g* and *k*. **gammadion**, **gammation**, *n.* (*pl.* -dia, -tia,) cross, as swastika, formed of four capital gammas.

gamogenesis

n. sexual reproduction. **gamogenetic**, *a.*

gamut

n. whole range of musical notes; whole scale from doh to doh; entire range or compass.

gandoura, gandurah

n. short, loose, sleeveless garment of Levant and Asia Minor.

ganglion

n. (*pl. -ia*) mass of nerve cells; nerve centre; small cyst in tendon sheath, especially at wrist or ankle. **ganglionectomy**, *n.* removal of ganglion. **ganglionitis**, *n.* inflammation of ganglion. **ganglial**, **gangliar**, **ganglionic**, *a.* **gangliate(d)**, **ganglionated**, *a.* having ganglia. **gangliform**, **ganglioform**, **ganglioid**, *a.* like ganglion.

gangrene

n. mortification of part of body; *v.i. & t.* suffer or cause this. **gas gangrene**, marked by impregnation of gas caused by bacillus. **gangrenous**, *a.* **gangrenescent**, *a.* tending to become gangrenous.

gangue

n. rock or earth yielding ore.

ganister

n. kind of flinty rock used for road faces and lining furnaces.

ganj,

see **gunge**.

ganja

n. cannabis obtained from Indian hemp.

ganoid

a. applied to hard, smooth, bright fish-scales; having such scales; *n.* fish with such scales.

ganoin

n. (enamel-like substance forming) the surface of ganoid scales.

ganosis

n. reducing shine of marble, especially on naked parts of statue.

gantry

n. frame-like support, especially bridge for travelling crane or bearing railway signals.

garçon

n. boy; waiter. **garçon d'honneur**, best man (at wedding).

garda

n. (*pl.* *gardaí*) Irish policeman.

garderobe

n. wardrobe; private room, privy.

garganey

n. kind of teal.

gargantuan

a. vast.

gargoyle

n. grotesquely-carved spout projecting from gutter; excessively ugly face or person. **gargoylism**, *n.* congenital abnormality characterized by extreme physical deformity and mental deficiency.

garnishee

v.t. Law, attach property by garnishment; *n.* person receiving garnishment. **garnishment**, *n.* legal notice requiring person liable to do so not to pay money, etc., to defendant in debt suit, but retain it on plaintiff's behalf; notice calling third party to appear in suit.

garniture

n. embellishment, ornamentation.

garrotte

v.t. strangle; execute by strangling; *n.* killing by strangling.

garrulous

a. talkative. **garrulity**, *n.*

gasconade

n., *v.i.* brag.

gasket

n. rope for tying furled sail; packing for pistons, etc.

gasogene, gazogene

n. apparatus for aerating liquids.

gasteropod, gastropod

n. kind of mollusc, including snail, slug, whelk, etc. **gasteropodous, a.**

gastral

a. pertaining to stomach. **gastralgia, n.** pain in stomach. **gastrectomy, n.** surgical removal of (part of) stomach.

gastric

a. pertaining to stomach.

gastriloquist

n. ventriloquist. **gastriloquial, a.** **gastriloquism, n.**

gastritis

n. inflammation of stomach.

gastroenteritis

n. inflammation of stomach and intestines.

gastrolater

n. glutton. *gastrolatrous, a. gastrolatry, n.* gluttony.

gastrology

n. study of stomach and its diseases, etc. *gastrologer, gastrologist, n. gastrological, a.*

gastronomy

n. science of food and cooking. *gastronome, gastronomer, gastronomist, n. gastronomical, a.*

gastropod

see gasteropod.

gastroscope

n. instrument for examining interior of stomach. *gastroscopy, n.*

gastroscopy

n. gastronomy. *gastrosoph, gastrosopher, n.*

gastrostomy

n. making permanent incision into stomach.

gata

n. kind of shark of tropical Atlantic; nurse shark.

gauche

a. 'left-handed'; awkward; tactless. **gaucherie**, *n.* such act or remark.

gaucho

n. S American cowboy.

gaudeamus

'let us rejoice'; students' revelry. **gaudeamus igitur**, 'let us then make merry'.

Gauleiter

n. Nazi political governor of district or province.

gault

n. heavy clay.

gauss

n. electrical unit of magnetic induction, formerly of magnetic intensity.

gavage

n. forcible feeding.

gavel

n. hammer used by auctioneer or chairman; rent; tribute.

gavial

n. kind of Indian alligator.

gavotte

n. high-stepping French dance.

gazebo

n. summerhouse; belvedere.

gazogene,

see **gasogene**.

geal

a. pertaining to the earth.

gecko

n. kind of small harmless lizard of warm regions.

geest

n. old superficial alluvial soil.

gegenschein

n. soft light in sky opposite sun; counter-glow.

Gehenna

n. Hell; place of torture.

Geiger-counter

n. instrument detecting presence, and recording intensity, of charged particles, radioactivity, cosmic rays, etc.

geisha

n. Japanese dancing or singing girl.

Geist

n. spirit; intellectual capacity or bent.

geitonogamy

n. pollination of a flower by another on same plant. *geitonogamous, a.*

gekkonid

n. gecko. **gekkonoid**, *a.*

gelastic

a. pertaining to laughing.

gelid

a. cold; frozen.

gelogenic

a. producing laughter.

gemel

a. in pairs; twin.

geminate

v.i., v.t. double; arrange in pairs; *a.* so arranged. **geminiflorous**, *a.* having paired flowers. **geminiform**, *a.* double. **geminous**, *a.*

gemma

n. (*pl.* -ae) kind of bud from which, when separated from parent, new plant can grow. **gummaceous**, *a.* **gummiferous** *a.* bearing gemmae or gems. **gummiform**, *a.* like a gemma or bud. **gummiparous**, *a.* producing gemmae. **gummate**, *a.* **gummation**, *n.* reproduction by gemmae or buds. **gummoid**, *a.* like a gemma.

gemmology

n. study of gems.

gemmule

n. small gemma. **gummulation**, *n.* production of gemmule. **gummiferous**, *a.* bearing gemmules.

genappe

n. kind of worsted used in fringes, etc.

genarch

n. head of family.

gendarme

n. policeman trained and armed like soldier, especially in France. **gendarmerie**, *n.* corps of gendarmes.

genealogy

n. lineage; family tree; study of these. **genealogical**, *a.* genealogist, *n.* **genealogize**, *v.i. & t.*

generic

a. of, pertaining to or characterizing a genus, sort, or kind.

genetic

a. pertaining to generation or genital organs. **genesiology**, *n.* study of heredity or procreation. **genesiurgic**, *a.* connected with generation.

genet

n. civet-like animal; its spotted fur.

genethliac(al)

a. pertaining to nativity and position of star at birth. **genethlialogy**, *n.* casting of nativities.

genetic

a. pertaining to origin, reproduction and heredity. **genetic engineering**, manipulation of genetic material by biochemical techniques. **genetic fingerprint**, unique pattern of genetic material specific to an individual. **genetic fingerprinting**, identification of such patterns. **geneticism**, *n.* theory referring to individual or racial history to explain existing conduct, etc. **geneticist**, *n.* believer in geneticism; expert on genetics. **genetics**, *n.* study of heredity.

genetotrophic

a. denoting a defect in metabolism which prevents the normal assimilation of essential food elements.

genetous

a. congenital.

genetrix

n. (*pl.* -rices mother.)

geniculate

a. abruptly bent. **geniculation, *n.***

genital

a. pertaining to reproduction or the sex organs.

genitive

a. signifying possession or origin; *n.* such grammatical case. **genitival, *a.***

genocide

n. extermination of a race or people.

genome

n. complete set of chromosomes of a particular organism. **genomic, *a.***

genotype

n. genetic constitution of an organism; group of organisms with the same genetic constitution. **genotypic, *a.***

genre

n. kind; style; realistic painting of everyday scenes.

gens

n. (*pl. gentes*) ancient Roman clan; group with common male ancestor.

gentilial

a. pertaining to nation or family; of high birth. **gentilitious**, *a.*

gentoo

n. Hindu.

genuflect

v.i. bend the knee in worship. **genuflection**, **genuflexion**, **genuflector**, *n.* **genuflectory**, *a.* **genuflexuous**, *a.* **geniculate**.

genus

n. (*pl. genera*) class; kind; *Biology*, category between family and species.

geocentric

a. pertaining to centre of earth; having earth as centre. **geocentrism**, *n.* belief that earth is centre of universe.

geochemistry

n. chemical composition of the Earth's crust.

geochronology

n. measuring of geological time; ordering of past events using geological data.

geochronological, *a.* **geochronologist**, *n.*

geochrony

n. chronology used in geology. **geochronic**, *a.*

geocyclic

a. pertaining to earth's rotation or revolution; revolving round earth.

geode

n. cavity in stone lined with crystals.

geodesy

n. mathematical study of the earth, its shape, measurements, etc., and the position and area of points and parts of its surface. **geodete**, **geodesist**, *n.* student of geodesy. **geodetic**, **geodesic**, *a.* making allowance for earth's curvature.

geodynamic

a. pertaining to forces within the earth. **geodynamics**, *n.* study of such forces.

geognosy

n. geological study of materials forming the earth. **geognost**, *n.* student of geognosy. **geognostic**, *a.*

geogony

n. theory or study of formation of the earth. **geogonic(al)**, *a.*

geohydrology

n. study of subterranean water.

geoid

n. figure of the earth. **geoidal**, *a.*

geomancy

n. divination by lines and figures. **geomantic**, *a.*

geomorphic

a. pertaining to or like the form or figure of the earth. **geomorphogeny**, *n.* study of earth forms. **geomorphology**, *n.* study of form, nature and evolution on earth's surface.

geophagous

a. eating earth. **geophagia**, **geophagism**, **geophagy**, *n.*

geophilous

a. living in or on the ground; growing under the ground.

geophysics

n. physics as applied to geology. **geophysical**, *a.* **geophysicist**, *), n.*

geophyte

n. plant growing in earth.

geopolar

a. pertaining to earth's pole(s).

geopolitics

n. study of relationship between geographical situation and politics of a nation.

geoponic(al)

a. agricultural. *geponics, n.* science of agriculture.

georama

n. map of world on inside of globe viewed from within.

georgic

a. pertaining to agriculture; rural; *n.* such poem.

geoscropy

n. examination of earth and soil. *geoscopic, a.*

geoselenic

a. pertaining to earth and moon.

geosphere

n. solid part of the earth.

geostationary

a. pertaining to an artificial satellite whose orbit corresponds to the earth's rotation, so it remains above the same point on the earth's surface.

geostrophic

a. pertaining to deflection due to earth's rotation.

geosynchronous

a. geostationary.

geotaxis, geotaxy

n. Biology, movement directed by gravitation. *geotactic, a.*

geotechnics

n. study of increasing the habitability of earth.

geotectonic

a. pertaining to earth's structure. *geotectonics, n.* structural geology.

geothermal, geothermic

a. pertaining to heat of earth's interior. **geothermometer**, *n.* instrument measuring such heat.

geotropism, geotropy

n. *Biology*, growth or movement directed by gravitation, especially towards the earth. **geotropic**, *a.*

gephyrophobia

n. morbid fear of bridges and passing over or under them.

geratic

a. pertaining to old age and decadence. **geratology**, *n.* biological study of decadence.

gerendum

n. (*pl.* -da) thing to be done.

gerent

n. manager.

gerfalcon

n. large Arctic falcon.

geriatrics

n. medical study of old age and its diseases.

german

a. of same parents; of one's parent's brother or sister. **cousin-german**, first cousin.

germane

a. relevant; apt.

germicide

n. substance destroying germs. **germicidal**, *a.* **germifuge**, *n.* & *a.* (substance) expelling germs.

germinal

a. pertaining to germ or germination; pertaining to embryo.

gerocomy, gerocomia

n. medical study of old age. **gerocomical**, *a.*

geromorphism

n. having appearance of age greater than one's real age.

gerontic, gerontal

a. **Biology**, pertaining to old age or decadence. **gerontism**, *n.* gerontocracy, *n.* government by old men. **gerontogeous**, *a.* pertaining to Old World. **gerontology**, *n.* study of characteristics of old age.

gerrymander

v.t. divide into electoral wards, etc., in such a way as to gain political advantage; distort or use facts, etc., to gain advantage.

gerund

n. a kind of verbal noun. **gerundial**, *a.* gerundive, *n.* gerundial adjective, expressing (in Latin) necessity.

Gesellschaft

n. group whose concerns are of a formal and practical nature.

gesso

n. prepared gypsum or plaster of Paris used in painting; *v.t.* apply gesso to.

Gestalt

n. (*pl.* -en) integral pattern or system of psychological events as a functional unit.

gestate

v.t. carry in womb. **gestation**, *n.* such carrying or period of carrying. **gestational**, **gestative**, *a.* **gestatorial**, *a.* pertaining to ceremonial carrying- chair. **gestatory**, *a.* pertaining to gestation; pertaining to carrying as exercise.

gestic(al)

a. pertaining to motion of body, or gestures. **gesticulate**, *v.i.* gesture.
gesticulation, *n.*

Gesundheit

exclamation 'good health'.

gharry

n. light horse-drawn carriage.

ghat

n. mountain pass or range; river steps.

ghazi

n. Muslim champion; highest Turkish title of honour.

ghee, ghi

n. clarified butter.

giaour

n. infidel; Christian.

gibbous

a. convex; hump-backed; applied to moon between half and full. **gibbosity**, *n.*

gibbus, *n.* hump.

gibus

n. opera hat.

gid

n. brain disease of sheep.

giga-

comb. form of measurement meaning one thousand millions (10^9). *abbr.* G.

gigantism

n. excessive growth; acromegaly. **giganticide**, *n.* killing or killer of giant.
gigantomachy, *n.* battle of giants.

gigot

n. leg of mutton.

Gilbertian

a. absurd; topsy-turvy, like situations in Gilbert and Sullivan comic operas.

gillaroo

n. trout.

gillie, ghillie

n. attendant on hunter.

gilliver

n. wallflower.

gimbals

pl. pl. contrivance of rings allowing supported body (e.g. ship's compass) to tip in any direction.

gingival

a. pertaining to gums; alveolar. **gingivalgia**, *n.* pain in gums. **gingivitis**, *n.* inflammation of gums.

ginglymus

n. hinge joint. **ginglymoid**, *a.* pertaining to or like a ginglymus.

ginkgo

n. rare Chinese temple tree; maidenhair tree.

ginseng

n. Chinese herb with root used in folk medicine.

girandole

n. cluster of water-jets or fireworks; fountain with spreading spray; any such radiating ornament.

girasol(e)

a. heliotrope; sunflower; fire opal.

gittern

n. cithern.

glabrous

a. having smooth surface; hairless. **glabrate**, *a.* **glabrescent**, *a.* somewhat glabrous; tending to be glabrous.

glacis

n. gentle slope, especially sloping bank of fortification.

gladiate

a. sword-shaped.

glaire

n. white of egg; any similar substance; *v.t.* cover with glair. **glaireous**, *a.*

glanders

n. bacillary gland disease of horses.

glandiform

a. acorn-shaped. **glandiferous**, *a.* bearing acorns.

glasnost

n. 'openness'; policy of openness followed by the Soviet government under Mikhail Gorbachev.

glaucescent

a. somewhat glaucous.

glaucoma

n. excessive pressure of fluid within the eyeball. **glaucomatous**, *a.*

glaucous

a. grey-green; green-blue; yellow-green.

glebe

n. soil; land attached to benefice. **glebe house**, parsonage.

gleet

n. mucous discharge, especially from urethra; *v.i.* emit such discharge.

glenoid

a. shaped like a shallow depression.

glirine

a. dormouse-like. **gliriform**, *a.*

glissade

n. slide down slope; sliding step; *v.i.* slide.

globigerina

n. (*pl. -ae*) protozoon living in surface waters of the sea. **globigerina ooze**, deposit of the chalky shells of globigerinæ on the sea floor.

globulicide

a.,n. (substance) destroying blood corpuscles. **globulicidal**, *a.* **globulimeter**, *n.* instrument measuring red corpuscles in blood. **globulin**, *n.* kind of protein in blood.

glochidiate, glochideous

a. barbed; bristly.

glockenspiel

n. xylophone-like musical instrument, especially with metal bars.

glomerate

a. collected compactly together. **glomeration**, *n.*

glomerule

n. compactly clustered flower-head. **glomerulate**, *a.*

glomerulus

n. (pl. -li) intertwined cluster of organisms, nerve fibres, etc., especially capillaries in the kidney. **glomerular**, *a.*

glossal

a. pertaining to tongue. **glossalgia**, *n.* pain in tongue. **glossator**, *glossographer*, *n.* writer of glosses or commentaries. **glossectomy**, *n.* removal of tongue. **glosseme**, *n.* smallest meaningful unit of a language. **glossitis**, *n.* inflammation of tongue. **glossoid**, *a.* tongue-like. **glossolalia**, **glossolaly**, *n.* gift of tongues. **glossology**, *n.* terminology; study of language; medical study of tongue. **glossopathym**, *n.* disease of tongue. **glossophagine**, *a.* feeding with tongue. **glossoplegia**, *n.* paralysis of tongue.

glottis

n. chink-like space between the vocal cords. **glottal**, *a.* glottal stop, closure and sudden explosive opening of glottis; sound thus caused (as *t* in Lowland Scots). **glottic**, **glottidean**, *a.* **glottochronology** *n.* *Philology*, study of the rate at which changes take place in a language, especially in divergent branches. **glottogonic**, *a.* pertaining to origin of language. **glottology**, *n.* study of language.

glucagon

n. pancreatic hormone which raises blood-sugar level and reduces appetite.

glucose

n. form of sugar; dextrose; kind of syrup made from this. **glucoside**, *n.* substance yielding glucose on hydrolysis.

glume

n. dry bract of grass flower. **glumaceous**, **glumose**, *a.* like or composed of glumes. **glumiferous**, *a.* bearing glumes.

gluside

n. saccharin.

gluteal

a. pertaining to buttocks.

gluten

n. sticky protein in flour; *a.* containing little starch and much gluten. **glutenous**, *a.* **glutinous**, *a.* like or pertaining to glue.

glutition

n. act of swallowing.

glycaemia

n. presence of glucose in the blood.

glycogen

n. form of carbohydrate stored in body, found especially in liver. **glycogenesis**,
n. formation of sugar from glycogen. **glycogenic**, **glycogenous**, *a.*

glycose

n. glucose. **glycosuria**, **glycuresis**, *n.* excretion of sugar in urine. **glycosuric**, *a.*

glyph

n. groove; ancient wall carving. **glyphic**, *a.* pertaining to sculpture.

glyptic

a. pertaining to carving, especially of gems. **glyptics**, **glyptography**, *n.* gem-carving. **glyptology**, *n.* study of gem engravings.

gnathal, gnathic

a. pertaining to jaw. **gnathism**, *n.* formation of upper jaw; use of such formation as basis for classification. **gnathonic**, *a.* flattering.

gneiss

n. granite-like metamorphic rock. **gneissic**, **gneissitic**, **gneissose**, *a.* **gneissoid**, *a.* like gneiss.

gnomic

a. pertaining to or like aphorisms; *Grammar*, signifying general truth. **gnomist**, *n.* writer of gnomic poetry. **gnomologic**, *a.* aphoristic. **gnomology**, *n.* gnomic writing; collection of gnomic writings.

gnosis

n. spiritual knowledge or insight. **gnostic**, *a.* pertaining to knowledge or gnosticism; *n.* adherent of gnosticism. **gnosticism**, *n.* religious belief of those claiming gnosis or that freedom was possible through gnosis alone.

gnotobiosis

n. rearing of organisms in germ-free environment. **gnotobiote**, *n.* germ-free animal. **gnotobiotic**, *a.*

Gobinism

n. theory of the superiority of Aryan or Teutonic race, postulated by J. A. de Gobineau.

godet

n. panel inserted to make skirt flare.

godown

n. warehouse.

goffer, gauffer

v.t. flute edges of crimp.

gombroon

n. kind of Persian pottery.

gomphosis

n. growth of tooth into bone cavity.

gonad

n. sexual gland; ovary or testis. **gonadal**, **gonadial**, **gonadic**, *a.* **gonadotrophic**, **gonadotropic**, *a.* stimulating activity of the gonads. **gonadotrophin**, **gonadotropin**, *n.* gonadotrophic hormone.

gonalgia

n. pain in knee.

goneoclinic

a. applied to hybrid more like one parent than other.

gonfalon

n. hanging banner. **gonfalonier**, *n.* standard-bearer; medieval Italian magistrate.

gonion

n. (*pl.* -*nia*) angle, especially of lower jaw. **goniometer**, *n.* instrument measuring angles. **goniometry**, *n.* trigonometry.

gonitis

n. inflammation of knee.

gonoblast

n. reproductive cell. **gonochorism**, *n.* separation of sex, dioecism; development of sex differentiation. **gonocyte**, *n.* gamete-producing cell.

gonococcus

n. (*pl.* -ci) bacterium causing gonorrhoea. **gonococcal**, **gonococcic**, *a.*

gonorrhoea

n. bacterial disease of sexual and urinary tract. **gonorrhoeal**, **gonorrhoeic**, *a.*

googol

n. ten raised to the hundredth power (10^{100}). **googolplex**, *n.* ten raised to the power of a googol ($10^{10^{100}}$).

gopher

n. *n.* rat-like burrowing rodent of N America.

goral

n. Asiatic goat antelope.

gorgon

n. extremely ugly or terrifying woman. **gorgonian**, *a.*; *n.* form of horny coral. **gorgonize**, *v.t.* transfix with stare; petrify.

gormandize

v.i., v.t. eat greedily or voraciously, *n.* gourmandise.

gorsedd

n. assembly for giving prizes, degrees, etc., at close of eisteddfod; meeting of bards and druids.

Götterdämmerung

n. 'twilight of the gods'.

gouache

n. painting with pigments mixed with gum.

gourami

n. large freshwater SE Asian food fish.

gourmand

n. gluttonous (person). gourmandise, gourmandism, *n.* gluttony.

gourmet

n. epicure.

governor

n. mechanical device, especially based on centrifugal action of two balls, for controlling speed, etc.

gracile

a. slender. **gracility**, *n.*

gradatim

adv. 'step by step'.

gradin

n. one of a tier of steps, seats, etc.

gradus

n. abbreviation of **gradus ad Parnassum**, dictionary used in composition of Latin verses.

Graf

n. (*pl.* -en) title, equivalent of earl, in Germany and Sweden.

graffito

n. (*pl.* -ti) ancient wall drawing or writing; *usually pl.*, drawing or writing scratched, scribbled, or sprayed on a surface in a public place.

grallatory, grallatorial

a. pertaining to wading birds.

gramicidin

n. antibiotic produced by a bacterium and used against gram- positive bacteria.

graminaceous

a. grass-like; pertaining to grass family of plants. **gramineal**, **gramineous**, *a.* **graminivorous**, *a.* feeding on grass. **graminology**, *n.* study of grasses. **graminous**, *a.* grassy.

grammalogue

n. word represented by one shorthand sign; such sign.

grammatolatry

n. worship of words or letters, or the letter. **grammatolator**, *n.*

gram-positive

a. denoting a class of bacteria stainable by method invented by H. J. C. Gram, Danish physician. **gram-negative**, *a.* denoting class of bacteria not stainable thus.

grampus

n. kind of small whale; blackfish; killer whale.

grandiloquent

a. bombastic; using high-sounding language. **grandiloquence**, *n.* **grandiloquous**, *a.*

grandisonant

a. sounding great; pompous. **grandisonous**, *a.*

grangerize

v.t. illustrate, especially by interleaving, with additional pictures. **grangerism**, *n.*

graniferous

a. bearing grain or grainlike seeds.

granivorous

a. feeding on grain or seeds.

granulocyte

n. kind of white blood cell. **granulocytic**, *a.*

graphology

n. study of and reading character from hand-writing. **graphologic(al)**, *a.*
graphologist, *n.*

graphometer

n. angle-measuring instrument.

graphospasm

n. writer's cramp.

grapnel

n. small anchor or hook.

graticulate

v.t. divide (pattern, etc.) into squares for easiness of reproduction.
graticulation, n. **graticule, n.** grid of lines used with the eyepiece of a microscope, telescope, etc., for measuring or locating objects; grid of lines on a major chart.

gratuitous

a. done freely; needless; groundless. **gratuity, n.** gift of money; tip.

gratulatory

a. congratulating. **gratulant, a.** **gratulation, n.**

gravamen

n. (*pl. -mina*) substance of a grievance or charge.

gravedo

n. cold in the head.

gravid

a. pregnant. **gravida, n.** pregnant woman.

gravimetric(a)

a. pertaining to measurement by weight. **gravimeter**, *n.* instrument for measuring specific gravities; instrument for measuring variations in the earth's gravitational field. **gravimetry**, *n.*

greave

n. armour covering lower leg.

greaves

n. tallow refuse.

gregarious

a. living in herds; tending to flock together; fond of society. **gregarian**, *a.* pertaining to the common herd.

gremial

n. pertaining to bosom or lap; *n.* bishop's apron.

grenadine

n. sweet fruit syrup; light thin dress fabric.

gressorial, gressorius

a. adapted for walking.

greywacke

n. coarse-grained sandstone.

grievance

n. grounds, real or imaginary, for complaint; feeling of resentment, especially caused by treatment felt to be unfair.

grievous

a. very severe or painful; causing grief or suffering, heinous. **grievous bodily harm**, *Law*, crime of inflicting serious physical injury on another person. (*abbr.* GBH)

griffe

n. person of mixed American Indian and Negro blood. **griffado**, *n.* child of white and quadroon parents.

grilse

n. young salmon.

grisaille

n. glass painted with grey pigment.

griseous

a. grizzled.

grisette

n. young working girl.

grisgris

n. African charm or amulet.

griskin

n. lean loin of pork.

grivet

n. black and white Abyssinian monkey.

grobian

n. lout. **grobianism**, *n.*

grognard

n. grouser; old soldier.

gromatic

a. pertaining to surveying. **gromatics**, *n.* surveying, especially of camp.

grosbeak

n. large-billed finch; hawfinch.

grossulariaceous

a. pertaining to or like a gooseberry; belonging to gooseberry family of plants.
grossularious, *a.*

groyne

n. wooden breakwater.

gruine

a. like or pertaining to crane (bird).

grume

n. clot; clotted liquid. **grumose, *a.*** comprising a cluster of granules. **grumous, *a.*** clotted.

gryllid

n. cricket (insect); *a.* pertaining to or like cricket; belonging to cricket family of insects.

grysbok

n. small reddish antelope.

guaiacum

n. resin of a tropical American tree, used as rheumatic remedy.

guanaco

n. S American llama-like animal.

guano

n. sea-birds' excrement used as fertilizer. *guaniferous*, *a.* yielding guano.

guava

n. apple-like fruit of several tropical American shrubs.

gubernatorial

a. pertaining to governor or government. *gubernatrix*, *n.* female governor.

guepard(e)

n. cheetah.

guerdon

n., v.t. reward.

guillemot

n. kind of auk-like seabird.

guilloche

n. architectural ornament of intertwined curved lines or bands.

guimbard

n. jew's-harp.

guipure

n. kind of large-patterned heavy lace.

gulag

n. system of prisons and labour camps in the U.S.S.R.; one of these camps.

gules

a.,n. *Heraldry*, red.

gulosity

n. greediness.

gumbotil

n. dark sticky clay, formed by the weathering of boulder clay or glacial drift.

gunge

n. market; granary.

gunyah

n. aborigine's hut.

gurgitate

v.i. bubble. **gurgitation**, *n.* ebullition.

gurgulation

n. gurgling sound; rumble.

gustation

n. act of tasting; sense of taste. **gustatory**, *a.*

gutta

n. (*pl.* -ae) drop. **gutta-percha**, *n.* rubber-like substance. **gutta rosacea**, acne rosacea. **gutta serena**, amaurosis. **guttate**, *a.* like a drop; having spots like drops. **guttiferous**, *a.* yielding gum. **guttiform**, *a.* drop- shaped. **guttation**, *n.* exudation of drops of moisture..

guttule, guttula

n. small drop; spot like small drop. **guttulous**, *a.*

gutturotany

n. throat spasm causing stammer.

gyle

n. a brewing of beer; wort; fermenting vat.

gymkhana

n. meeting for competitive sports events, especially equestrian competitions; public place for athletic displays and games.

gymnosophist

n. ancient Indian ascetic philosopher; nudist. **gymnosophy**, *n.*

gymnosperm

n. flowering plant with naked seed. **gymnospermous**, *a.*

gynaecic

a. female.

gynaecide

n. killing or killer of women. **gynaecidal**, *a.*

gynaecocentric

a. with the female element dominating.

gynaecocracy

n. domination of society by women. **gynaecocratic**, *a.*

gynaecolatry

n. worship of women.

gynaecology

n. branch of medicine dealing with diseases of women, especially disorders of the reproductive system. **gynaecologic(al)**, *a.* **gynaecologist**, *n.*

gynaecomania

n. sexual craving for women.

gynaecomastia, gynaecomasty

n. abnormal enlargement of a man's breasts.

gynaecomorphous

a. having female form or characteristics.

gynaecopathy

n. any disease of women. **gynaecopathic**, *a.*

gynandroid

a. hermaphrodite; applied to woman of masculine physique. **gynandria**, **gynandromorphism**, **gynandry**, *n.* **gynandrous**, *a.*

gynandromorph

n. animal having both male and female characteristics. **gynandromorphic**, *a.*
gynandromorphism, *n.*

gynarchy

n. government by women. **gynarchic**, *a.*

gyniatrics

n. treatment of women's diseases.

gynics

n. knowledge of women.

gynocracy

n. gynaecocracy.

gynoecium

n. (*pl. -cia*) *Botany*, pistils collectively.

gypsum

n. form of calcium sulphate used in making plaster of Paris; form of alabaster.
gypseous, **gypsous**, *a.* **gypsiferous**, *a.* containing gypsum.

gyrfalcon

n. see **gerfalcon**.

gyrinid

n. whirligig beetle; *a.* like or pertaining to this; belonging to the gyrinid family of beetles.

gyrocompass

n. gyroscope with its axis kept horizontal, pointing always to true north.

gyrocopter

n. combination of autogyro and helicopter, *i.e.* a rotorcraft having both drive to rotors and a normal propeller.

gyrograph

n. instrument recording wheel's revolutions.

gyromagnetic

a. denoting the magnetic properties of the spinning electron in an atom.

gyropilot

n. automatic aircraft pilot comprising two gyroscopes.

gyroscope

n. solid wheel rotating in a ring, with its axis free to turn; such apparatus with its axis fixed and acting as compass, stabilizer, etc. **gyroscopic**, *a.*

gyrostatics

n. study of rotating bodies and their properties.

gyve

n., v.t. fetter.

habanera

n. slow Cuban dance.

habeas corpus

n. 'that you may have the body'; writ requiring presence of person before judge, court, etc., especially to investigate legality of his or her detention in custody.

habiliments

n. pl. clothing, especially for a particular purpose; equipment, fittings.

habitant

n. (descendant of) French settler in Canada or Louisiana.

habitué

n. frequenter.

hachure

n. line used in shading maps to indicate steepness of slope; *v.t.* shade with

hachures.

hacienda

n. farm; estate.

hackle

n. cock's long neck feather; part of angler's fly made from this.

Hades

n. abode of dead, or king of underworld, of Greek myth; Hell. **Hadean**, *a.*

hadj

n. pilgrimage, especially of Muslim to Mecca. **hadji**, *n.* Muslim who has made such pilgrimage.

hadron

n. one of a large class of sub-atomic particles that participate in the strong interaction that holds the atomic nucleus together.

haecceity

n. 'thisness'; quality of being here at present.

haemachrome

n. colouring matter of blood.

haemagogue

a., *n.* (drug) promoting discharge of blood or menstrual flow. **haemagogic**, *a.*

haemal

a. pertaining to blood.

haemarthrosis

n. extravasation of blood into joint.

haematal

a. haemal.

haematencephalon

n. haemorrhage into brain.

haematherm

n. warm-blooded animal. **haemathermal**, **haemathermous**, **haematohermal**, *a.*

haematic

a., *n.* (drug) acting on blood; pertaining to, like, or coloured like, blood.

haemtid

n. red blood corpuscle.

haematite

n. reddish iron ore. **haematitic**, *a.*

haematobic

n. parasitic in blood. **haematobious**, *a.* **haematobium**, *n.* (*pl.* *-ia.*), such organism.

haematocele

n. cavity or tumour containing blood.

haematocrit

n. instrument for separating red blood cells from plasma; ratio, by volume, of blood cells to whole blood.

haematocryal

a. cold-blooded.

haematoid

a. like blood.

haematology

n. study of blood. **haematologic(al)** *a.* **haematologist**, *n.*

haematoma

n. swelling containing blood; bruise.

haem tonic

a., n. (drug) stimulating formation of blood.

haematopoesis

n. formation of blood. **haematopoietic**, *a.*

haemorrhoea

n. discharge of blood.

haematose

a. full of blood.

haematuria

n. presence of blood in urine.

haemic

a. haemal.

haemocyte

n. blood corpuscle.

haemogastric

a. marked by gastric haemorrhage.

haemoglobin

n. colouring matter of blood's red corpuscles. **haemoglobin**, **haemoglobinous**,
a.

haemoid

a. haematoid.

haemolysis

n. destruction of red blood corpuscles. **haemolytic**, *a.*

haemophilia

n. condition marked by uncontrollable bleeding from smallest cuts.
haemophiliac, **haemophile**, *n.* sufferer from this. **haemophilic**, *a.*

haemophthalmia

n. discharge of blood into eye.

haemoptysis

n. spitting of blood.

haemorrhage

n. discharge of blood. **haemorrhagic**, *a.*

haemorrhoids

pl. n. piles.

haemospasia

n. drawing of blood to part. **haemospastic**, *n. & a.*

haemostasia, haemostasis

n. stopping of haemorrhage; blood stagnation. **haemostat**, *n.* instrument for stopping bleeding. **haemostatic**, *n. & a.* (agent) for stopping bleeding; styptic.

haemotoxic

a. causing blood-poisoning. **haemotoxin**, *n.*

haeremai

exclamation welcome!

hageen

n. dromedary.

hagiarchy

n. government by priests. **hagiocracy**, *n.* government by holy persons.

hagiographa

n. pl. Old Testament Hebrew scriptures excluding Law and Prophets.
hagiographer, **hagiographist**, *n.* writer of hagiographa; writer of saints' lives.
hagiographic, *a.* **hagiography**, *n.* hagiology.

hagiolatry

n. worship of saints. **hagiolater**, *n.* such worshipper. **hagiolatrous**, *a.*

hagiology

n. description of holy persons or writings; study or writing of saints' lives; list of saints. **hagiologic(al)**, *a.* **hagiologist**, *n.*

hagioscope

n. opening in transept wall for viewing altar. **hagoscopic**, *a.*

ha-ha

n. sunk fence.

haiku

n. Japanese poem of three lines of 5, 7 and 5 syllables.

hajib

n. Muslim court chamberlain.

hajj

n. see **hadji**.

hakeem

n. Muslim physician.

Hakenkreuz

n. swastika.

hakim

n. Muslim judge or ruler; hakeem.

halation

n. spreading of light, seen as bright blur at edges in photographs.

halcyon

n. sea bird supposed to calm the waves while nesting on them; kingfisher, especially Australian; *a.* tranquil. **halcyon days**, calm period of 14 days at winter solstice; any peaceful period. **halcyonian**, **halcyonic** . *a.*

halfpace

n. dais; small landing on staircase.

halibios

n. collective life of sea. **halibiotic**, *a.*

halicore

n. dugong.

halide

n. compound of halogen with other element or radical.

halieutic(al)

a. pertaining to fishing. **halieutics**, *n.* art of fishing.

halitosis

n. foul breath.

halitus

n. breath; exhalation. **halituous**, *a.* **halituosity**, *n.*

hallel

n. psalm(s) of praise.

hallucinogen

n. substance, especially a drug, that causes hallucinations. **hallucinogenic**, *a.*

hallucinosis, *n.* mental disorder characterized by hallucinations.

hallux

n. (*pl.* -uces) big toe; hind toe of birds. **hallucal**, *a.*

halobios

n. halibios. **halobiotic**, *a.*

halogen

n. any of a group of elements that unite directly with metal to form a salt, *e.g.* bromine, chlorine, fluorine, iodine.

haloid

a. like salt; *n.* halide. **halolimnic**, *a.* applied to sea creatures adapted to fresh-water life. **halomancy**, *n.* divination by salt. **halometer**, *n.* device for measuring the crystals of salts. **halophilous**, *a.* growing in salt water. **halophyte**, *n.* plant growing in salty soil or water. **haloxene**, *a.* unable to live in salt water.

halva(h)

n. confection of sesame seeds and honey.

hamadryad

n. wood nymph associated with one particular tree; king cobra.

hamal

n. porter; litter-bearer; male servant.

hamartiology

n. division of theology dealing with sin. **hamartiologist**, *n.*

hamate

a. hooked; hook-like. **hamiform**, *a.* hook-shaped. **hamirostrate**, *a.* with hooked beak.

hammam

n. Turkish bath.

hamular

a. hamate. **hamulate**, **hamulose**, **hamulous**, *a.* having small hook. **hamulus**, *n.* (*pl.* -li) small hook-like projection from bristle, feather, etc.

handsel

n. gift, especially at New Year; first money taken at shop; earnest money; *v.t.* give handsel; inaugurate with gift, etc.; attempt for first time. **handseller**, *n.* cheap-jack.

hanif

n. orthodox Muslim. **hanifism**, *n.*

hapaxanthous

a. having one flowering period only.

hapax legomenon

n. (*pl.* -legomena) word or phrase of which there is only one recorded use.

haplography

n. accidental omission of letters, words or lines in copying.

haploid

a. single; *Biology*, having the specific chromosome number; *n.* such cell.

haploidy, *n.* state of being haploid.

haplology, haplolaly

n. omission of syllable(s) of word in pronunciation. **haplologic**, *a.*

haplotype

n. single species contained in a genus.

haptic

a. pertaining to sense of touch. **haptics**, *n.* psychological study of sensations.

haptometer, *n.* instrument measuring tactile sensitiveness.

hara-kiri

n. suicide by disembowelling.

harbinger

n. person or thing that signals, or gives warning of, what is to come; precursor.

harengiform

a. shaped like a herring.

hariolate

v.i. prophesy; tell fortunes. **hariolation, n.**

harmattan

n. dry east wind blowing from Sahara.

harpagon, harpago

n. grapnel; harpoon.

harquebus(e)

n. see arquebus(e).

hartal

n. general strike.

hartebeest

n. large S African antelope.

hartshorn

n. plantain; sal volatile.

haruspex

n. (*pl. -pices*) soothsayer, especially divining by sacrifice's entrails. **haruspical**, **haruspicate**, *a.* **haruspication**, **haruspicy**, *n.*

haslet

n. animal's fry or entrails, especially braised or compressed into a meat loaf.

haslock

n. wool on sheep's throat.

hastate

a. spear-shaped; like blade of halberd.

hatchment

n. diamond-shaped escutcheon bearing deceased person's arms.

hauberk

n. tunic-like coat of mail.

haulm

n. stalks of potatoes, beans, etc.

Hausfrau

n. housewife.

haustellum

n. (*pl. -la*) sucking proboscis. **haustellate**, *a.* having a haustellum, as a fly.
haustorium, (*pl. -ia*) food- absorbing outgrowth from fungus or parasitic plant.
haustorial, *a.* haustellate.

haute couture

n. 'high fashion'; (fashion houses that produce) stylish, expensive clothing.

haute école

n. 'high school'; mastery of difficult horsemanship.

hauteur

n. haughty manner.

haut monde

n. 'high world'; high society. **haut ton**, *n.* high fashion; bon ton.

havelock

n. cloth hanging from back of soldier's cap as protection against sun.

havildar

n. sepoy sergeant.

haysel

n. haymaking season.

hebdomad

n. (group of) seven; a week. **hebdomadal** weekly; consisting of a week.
hebdomadary, adj.

hebephrenia

n. schizophrenia occurring at puberty. **hebephrenic, a.**

hebetate

v.i., v.t. make or become blunt or dull; *a.* dull-witted. **hebetation, n.**
hebetative, a.

hebetic

a. pertaining to or occurring at puberty.

hebetude

n. stupidity. **hebetudinous, a.**

hecatomb

n. sacrifice of one hundred animals; wholesale slaughter.

hecatontarchy

n. government by 100 persons.

hectic

a. habitual, especially in wasting diseases; consumptive; *popularly*, excited; feverish.

hectograph

n. duplicating machine using gelatine slab; *v.t.* duplicate thus. **hectographic**, *a.* **hectography**, *n.*

hederaceous

a. pertaining to or like ivy. **hederate**, *a.* crowned with ivy. **hederic**, *a.* **hederiferous**, *a.* bearing ivy. **hederiform**, *a.* shaped like ivy leaves. **hederigerent**, *a.* bearing or ornamented with ivy. **hederose**, *a.* having much ivy.

hedonic

a. pertaining to pleasure. **hedonism**, *n.* philosophical doctrine that pleasure is sole moral good; life of pleasure. **hedonist**, *n.* **hedonistic**, *a.* **hedonology**, *n.* ethical or psychological study of pleasure.

hegemony

n. leadership; authority. **hegemonic**, *a.*

Hegira, Hejira

n. Muslim era, dating from Mohammed's flight from Mecca, AD 622; flight.

heifer

n. cow that has not calved.

heinous

a. hateful; atrocious; unpardonable.

helcology

n. Medicine, study of ulcers. **helcoid**, *a.* ulcer- like. **helcosis**, *n.* ulceration. **helcotic**, *a.*

heliacal

a. near or pertaining to sun.

helical

a. spiral; pertaining to helix. **heliciform**, **helicine**, **helicoid**, *a.* **helicograph**, *n.* instrument for drawing spirals.

heliocentric

a. pertaining to centre of sun; having sun as centre.

helioelectric

a. pertaining to electricity radiated from sun.

heliofugal

a. moving away from sun.

heliograph

n. mirror apparatus for signalling by flashes of light; *v.i. & t.* signal with this.
heliogram, n. message sent by heliograph. **heliographic, a.**

heliod

a. like the sun.

heliolater

n. sun-worshipper. **heliolatrous, a.** **heliolatry, n.**

heliology

n. astronomical study of sun. **heliologist, n.**

heliometer

n. micrometer measuring short interstellar distances. **heliometric, a.**
heliometry, n.

heliophilous

a. attracted by sunlight. **heliophilia**, *n.* **helioophile**, **heliophiliac**, *n.*

helophobia

n. dread or avoidance of sunlight; excessive sensitiveness to sunlight.
heliphobe, *n.* **helophobic**, *a.*

heliphyte

n. plant flourishing in sunlight. **heliphytic**, *a.*

helioscope

n. instrument for observing sun. **helioscopic**, *a.* **helioscopy**, *n.*

heliosis

n. sun scorching of plants; sunstroke.

heliostat

n. instrument using a mirror to reflect sunlight in a fixed direction, used for studying the sun or signalling messages.

heliotaxis

n. movement towards or away from sunlight. **heliotactic**, *a.*

heliotherapy

n. medical treatment by sunlight.

heliotropism

n. growth or movement directed by sunlight; growth towards the sun.
heliotropic, a.

helium

n. non-inflammable, lighter-than-air, inert gas.

helix

n. (pl. -ices) any spiral-formed object; rim of outer ear; snail-shell; screw-thread.

hellebore

n. several kinds of plant, especially the Christmas rose; alkaloid poison extracted from hellebore root.

Hellenes

n. Greek. **Hellenic**, *a.* Hellenism, *n.* Greek culture, idiom or language. **Hellenist**, *n.* expert on Greek literature. **Hellenize**, *v.t.* make Greek in manner or character.

helminth

n. intestinal worm. **helminthagogue**, *n.* anthelmintic. **helminthiasis**, **helminthism**, *n.* infestation with helminths. **helminthic**, *a.* **helminthoid**, *a.* like helminth. **helminthology**, *n.* study of helminths. **helminthous**, *a.* infested with helminths.

helobious

a. dwelling in marshes. **helodes**, *n.* marsh fever; *a.* marshy.

heloma

n. *Medicine*, corn. **helosis**, *n.* state of having corns.

helot

n. slave, especially of Sparta. **helotism, helotry**, *n.* slavery.

helotomy

n. cutting of corns.

helve

n. handle; hilt.

Helvetian, Helvetic

a., n. Swiss (person).

hematite, hemorrhage, etc.,

n. see **haematite, haemorrhage**, etc.

hemeralopia

n. ability to see only in faint or no light; day blindness. **hemeralope**, *n.*

hemeralopic, *a.*

hemerology, hemerologium

n. calendar.

hemialgia

n. pain in one half of body or head. **hemianopsia**, hemianopia, *n.* blindness affecting half the field of vision. **hemicrania**, *n.* hemialgia of the head. **hemifacial**, *a.* pertaining to one side of face. **hemiplegia**, *n.* paralysis of one half (left or right) of body.

hemiptera

n. pl. order of insects containing the bugs. **hemipteral**, hemipteroid, **hemipterous**, *a.* **hemipteran**, **hemipteron**, *n.* bug. **hemipterology**, *n.* study of hemiptera.

hemistich

n. half a verse line. **hemistichal**, *a.*

hemitery, hemiteria

n. congenital malformation. **hemiteratic**, *a.*

hendecagon

n. 11-sided plane figure. **hendecahedron**, *n.* 11-sided solid figure. **hendecasyllable**, *n.* verse line of 11 syllables.

hendiadys

n. use of two nouns joined by *and*, instead of a noun and an adjective.

henequen

n. hard fibre from leaf of a Mexican agave, used for cords, rope, etc.; this plant.

henism

n. philosophical belief that existence is of one kind only.

henogeny, henogenesis

n. ontogeny.

henotic

a. promoting harmony or peace.

henry

n. unit of electrical inductance: inductance of circuit in which one volt is induced by current varying at one ampere per second.

heortology

n. study of religious festivals, year, etc. **heortologion**, *n.* calendar of feast days.

hepatic

a. pertaining to or like liver; liver-coloured; *n.* liver medicine; liverwort.

hepatology, *n.* botanical study of liverworts. **hepatitis**, *n.* inflammation of liver.
hepatoid *a.* like liver.

hephaestic, hephaestian

a. pertaining to Hephaestus, Greek god of fire and iron-working; pertaining to smiths.

heptachlor

n. chemical pesticide forbidden in the U.K. since 1964.

heptachord

n. seven-tone musical scale; interval of a major seventh.

heptad

n. group of seven.

heptagon

n. seven-sided plane figure. **heptagonal**, *a.*

heptahedron

n. seven-sided solid figure. **heptahedral**, *a.*

heptameride

n. writing in seven parts. **heptameter**, *n.* verse line of seven feet. **heptamerous**, *a.* having seven divisions; *Botany*, having the parts of flower in sevens.

heptapody, *n.* heptameter.

heptarch

n. member of heptarchy. **heptarchal**, **heptarchic**, *a.* **heptarchy**, *n.* government by seven persons; group of seven allied but independent kingdoms, especially of Anglo-Saxon England.

heptastich

n. poem or stanza of seven lines.

heptasyllable

n. verse line or word of seven syllables. **heptasyllabic**, *a.*

heptateuch

n. first seven books of Bible.

hepteris

n. galley with seven banks of oars.

heraclean

a. herculean.

herbarium

n. collection of dried plant specimens; museum or room holding it. **herbarial**, *a.*

herbicide

n. weed-killer.

herbivorous

a. feeding on plants. **herbivore**, *n.* such animal. **herbivity**, *n.*

herculean

a. pertaining to Hercules and his labours; of or requiring enormous strength.
herculanean, herculanian, *a.*

hereditament

n. inheritance; hereditable property. **hereditable**, *a.* capable of being inherited.

heresiarch

n. leading heretic. **heresiography**, **heresiology**, *n.* study of or treatise on heresies.

heresy

n. unorthodox religious belief. **heretic**), *n.* **heretical**, *a.* **hereticate**, hereticize,
v.t. denounce as heretic. **hereticide**, *n.* killer or killing of heretic.

heriot

n. payment to feudal lord on death of tenant.

herisson

n. pivoted beam with iron spikes, protecting wall, passage, etc.; soldier's punishment of being made to sit astride a herisson.

heritor

n. owner; inheritor. **heretrix, heritrix, n.** heiress.

hermaphrodite

a., n. (person, plant, etc.) with characteristics, especially generative organs, of both sexes. **hermaphrodite brig, brigantine. hermaphroditic, a. hermaphroditism, n.**

hermeneutic

a. explaining; interpreting. **hermeneutics, n.** definition of laws of interpretation of Scriptures.

hernia

n. rupture. **herniorrhaphy, n.** surgical operation for this. **herniate, v.i.** protrude as hernia. **herniation, n.**

herpes

n. disease caused by one of the herpes viruses, especially chicken pox, cold sores, genital herpes, shingles. **herpetic, a. herpetiform, a.** like herpes; like a reptile. **herpetography n.** study of herpetic disease; treatise on reptiles. **herpetology, n.** study of reptiles. **herpetophobia, n.** dread of reptiles.

Herrenvolk

n. 'master race'; superior nation.

hertz

n. unit of frequency, equal to one cycle per second (*abbr.* Hz).

hertzian

a. applied to electromagnetic waves of radio frequency, experimented on by Heinrich Hertz.

Herzog

n. (*pl.* Herzöge) duke.

Hesperian

a. pertaining to Hesperia (Italy or Spain) or Hesperus, the evening star; western.

hesperidium

n. (*pl.* -ia) *Botany*, citrus- type fruit.

Hessian

a. pertaining to Hesse; *n.* mercenary soldier. **Hessian boot**, high tasselled boot. **Hessian fly**, fly with larva harmful to wheat. **hessian**, *n.* kind of coarse sacking.

hesternal

a. pertaining to yesterday.

hesychastic

a. soothing. **hesychasm**, *n.* omphaloskepsis.

hetaera, hetaira

n. (*pl.* -ae, -ai) educated courtesan of ancient Greece; prostitute. **hetaeria**, *n.* (*pl.* - ae) society; club. **hetaerism**, *n.* concubinage; primitive communal ownership of women. **hetaerocracy**, *n.* government by courtesans, or by Fellows of college.

heterize

v.t. transform. **heterism**, *n.* variation.

heterochiral

a. laterally inverted.

heterochromatic

a. pertaining to or having different colours. **heterochromia**, **heterochromy**, *n.* state of being heterochromatic. **heterochromous**, *a.*

heterochthonous

a. not autochthonous.

heteroclite

a. abnormal; irregular; *n.* such word, thing or person.

heterodox

a. not orthodox. **heterodoxy**, *n.* such belief or behaviour.

heterodyne

n. **Radio**, production of 'beats' by superimposition of oscillations of slightly different frequency upon the waves being received; use of this 'beat' frequency in radio reception; interference, especially whistle, due to heterodyne; *v.i.* produce heterodyne; cause interference thus. *s.*

heteroepy

n. pronunciation different from standard. **heteroepic**, *a.*

heteroerotism

n. sexual love for another person. **heteroerotic**, *a.*

heterogeneous

a. comprising different parts or qualities; diverse. **heterogeneity**, *n.*
heterogenesis, *n.* parthenogenesis; abiogenesis; alternation of generations.
heterogenous, *a.* originating elsewhere; of different origin. **heterogeny**, *n.*
heterogeneous collection.

heterograft

n. surgical graft or transplant in which donor and recipient belong to different species.

heterography

n. spelling different from standard, or in which same letter represents different sounds.

heterolateral

a. pertaining to opposite sides.

heterologous

a. differing; comprising different parts or parts in different proportions.
heterologic(al), *a.* **heterology**, *n.*

heteromorphic

a. of abnormal form; having different forms. **heteromorphism**, *n.*
heteromorphous, *a.*

heteronomous

a. not autonomous. **heteronomy**, *n.*

heteronym

n. word having same spelling as, but different sound and meaning from, another; exactly equivalent word in other language. **heteronymous**, *a.*

heterousia

n. difference of substance. **heterousian**, *a.*; *n.* *Theology*, adherent of belief that Son is of different substance from Father.

heteropathy

n. alopathy; excessive sensitivity. **heteropathic**, *a.*

heterophemy

n. accidental speaking or writing of words different from those meant.
heterophemize, *v.i.* **heterophemism**, **heterophemist**, *n.*

heterophoria

n. squint due to weak muscle. **heterophoric**, *a.*

heterophyte

n. plant dependent on another. **heterophytic**, *a.*

heterosexual

a. sexually attracted to persons of the opposite sex. **heterosexuality**, *n.*
heterosexism, *n.* discrimination against homosexuals. **heterosexist**, *n. & a.*

heterosis

n. tendency of a cross-bred individual to show greater vigour and capacity for growth than its parents.

heterotaxis

n. abnormality in arrangement. **heterotactic**, **heterotactous**, **heterotoxic**, *a.*

heterotelic

a. not autotelic.

heterotopia

n. displacement of an organ from its normal position in the body. **heterotopic, a.**

heterotrichosis

n. having variegated coloured hair.

heterotropia

n. squint.

heterozygote

n. organism or cell have different alleles for a particular inherited characteristic; hybrid. **heterozygosis, n.** condition of being a heterozygote. **heterozygotic, a.**

hetman

n. Cossack or Polish commander or ruler.

heuristic

a. revealing; leading to discovery; using trial and error to arrive at a solution; *n.* such argument or process. **heuristics, n.** in computing, process by which a program improves its performance by learning from its own experience.

hexachord

n. six-tone musical scale; interval of major sixth.

hexad

n. group of six. **hexadic**, *a.*

hexaemeron, hexahemeron

n. six days of Creation; treatise on or history of this. **hexaemic**, *a.*

hexagon

n. six-sided plane figure. **hexagonal**, *a.*

hexagram

n. six-pointed star.

hexahedron

n. six-sided solid figure. **hexahedral**, *a.*

hexameron

n. hexaemeron. **hexameral**, **hexamerous**, *a.* having six parts; *Botany*, having parts of flower in sixes.

hexameter

n. verse-line of six feet. **hexametal**, **hexametric**, *a.*

hexapod

n. insect; *a.* pertaining to insects; having six feet.

hexarchy

n. group of six allied but independent states.

hexastich

n. poem or stanza of six lines. **hexastichic**, *a.* **hexastichous**, *a.* *Botany*, six-ranked.

hexasyllable

a. verse-line or word of six syllables. **hexasyllabic**, *a.*

hexateuch

n. first six books of Bible.

hexeris

n. galley with six banks of oars.

hexicology

n. ecology.

hiatus

n. gap; pause, especially between vowels.

hibernacle

n. winter quarters. **hibernacular**, *a.* **hibernaculum**, *n.* (*pl.* -la) hibernacle; winter bud.

hibernal

a. pertaining to winter.

Hibernian

a. Irish (person).

hic jacet

'here lies'; epitaph. **hic sepultus**, 'here is buried'.

hidalgo

n. gentleman; noble of lower rank.

hidrosis

n. perspiration, especially excessive. **hidrotic**, *n.* & *a.* (drug) causing perspiration.

hiemal

a. pertaining to winter.

hieracosphinx

n. sphinx with head of hawk.

hierarch

n. chief priest. **hierarchical**, *a.* pertaining to a hierarchy.
hierarchy, *n.* body of chief priests; body of persons in authority in ranks from highest to lowest; such ranking of officials, objects or facts.

hieratic

a. priestly, especially applied to ancient Egyptian writing used for religious works.

hierocracy

n. government by clerics. **hierocratic**, *a.*

hierodule

n. ancient Greek temple slave. **hierodulic**, *a.*

hieroglyph

n. picture of object representing sound or word in ancient Egyptian writing.
hieroglyphic, *n.* & *a.* **hieroglyphics**, *n.* such picture-writing; illegible handwriting. **hieroglyphist**, *n.* writer of hieroglyphics. **hieroglyphology**, *n.* study of hieroglyphics. **hieroglyphy**, *n.* writing with hieroglyphics.

hierogram

n. sacred symbol. **hierogrammat(e)**, *n.* writer of sacred annals or hieroglyphics.

hierography

n. writing on religious subjects. **hierology**, *n.* religious knowledge or tradition; hagiology.

hieromachy

n. quarrel between clerics. **hieromancy**, *n.* divination by sacrificed objects.

Hieronymic, Hieronymian

a. pertaining to or by St. Jerome (4th-5th cent. A.D.).

hierophant

n. priest; person engaged in or explaining religious mysteries. **hierophantic**, *a.*

hierurgy

n. religious worship or work. **hierarchical**, *a.*

hinny

n. hybrid of stallion and she-ass.

hinterland

n. inland area behind coast or coastal town.

hippiater

n. horse-doctor. **hippiatric**, *a.* **hippiatry**, **hippiatrics**, *n.*

hippocampus

n. (*pl. -pi*) sea- horse; part of the brain. **hippocampal**, **hippocampine**, *a.*

hippocras

n. medieval spiced wine.

hippocrepiform

a. shaped like a horseshoe.

hippogriff, hippogryph

n. fabulous winged monster with body of horse.

hippoid

a. pertaining to or like a horse.

hippology

n. study of the horse. **hippological**, *a.* **hippologist**, *n.*

hippophagous

a. eating horse-flesh. **hippophagi**, *n. pl.* eaters of horse-flesh. **hippophagism**, **hippophagy**, *n.*

hippophile

n. lover of horses or horse-riding. **hippophobia**, *n.* dread of horses.

hippotomy

n. horse's anatomy. **hippotomical**, *a.* **hippotomist**, *n.*

hircarra(h)

n. spy; messenger.

hircine

a. pertaining to or like goats; indecent. **hircinous**, *a.* with goat-like odour.

hirrient

a., n. trilled (sound), as *r.*

hirsute

a. hairy. **hirsuties**, **hirsutism**, *n.* undue hairiness.

hirudinean

a., n. (pertaining to) leech. **hirudine**, *a.* **hirudinoid**, *a.* like a leech.

hirundine

a. pertaining to or like a swallow; *n.* such bird. **hirundinous**, *a.*

Hispanic

a. Spanish. **Hispanicism**, *n.* Spanish idiom. **Hispanophile**, *n.* & *a.* (person) fond of Spain, Spanish life, etc.

hispid

a. bristly. **hispidity**, *n.* **hispidulate**, **hispidulous**, *a.* with minute bristles.

histamine

n. vasoconstrictive substance created in tissue at site of injury, ultimate cause of hay fever, nettlerash, and other allergic disorders.

histology

n. study of or treatise on organic tissue. **histological**, *a.* **histologist**, *n.* **histography**, *n.* description of such tissues. **histolysis**, *n.* decay of same. **histopathology**, *n.* (study of) effects of disease on tissues.

historiographer

n. historian, especially one specially appointed. **historiographic(al)**, *a.* **historiography**, *n.* **historiometry**, *n.* statistical study of history.

histrionic

a. pertaining to or like stage-acting; theatrical. **histrionism**, *n.* art of acting. **histrionism**, *n.* theatrical manner. **histrionics**, *n.pl.* theatrical presentation, behaviour or language.

hoatzin, hoactzin

n. S American crested bird; stinkbird.

hobson-jobson

n. Anglicized word or language corrupted from Oriental word or words.

hodiernal

a. pertaining to today.

hodometry

n. measurement of length of ship's voyage. **hodometrical**, *a.*

hogget

n. boar in its second year; year-old sheep or colt; fleece of year-old sheep.

hogmanay

n. New Year's Eve; gift, especially cake, made on that day.

hoi polloi

n. 'the many'; the masses; the mob.

holagogue

n. drug expelling all morbid humours.

Holarctic

a. pertaining to or being the whole arctic region.

holism

n. philosophical theory that evolutionary factors are entities and not constituents; theory that a complex system is more than the sum of its parts.
holistic, *a.* **holistic medicine**, medicine that considers the whole person, including psychological and social factors, rather than treating just the symptoms of a disease.

holm

n. river island; river plain.

holobaptist

n. believer in baptismal immersion.

holocaust

n. burnt-offering of whole animal; wholesale destruction or death. **holocaustal, holocaustic, *a.***

holocrine

a. applied to gland whose secretion is composed of its own disintegrated cells.

holocryptic

a. undecipherable.

hologram

n. photograph taken, without a lens, by the interference of two laser beams, one illuminating the object and the other directed on to the film or plate; three-dimensional image produced from such a photograph. **holography, n.**
holographic, a.

holograph

n. writing wholly in handwriting of its author; hologram. **holographic, a.**

holophote

n. apparatus for directing most or all of available light in one direction.
holophotal, a.

holophrase

n. single word expressing complex idea. **holophrasis, n.** use of holophrase.
holophrastic, a.

holophytic

a. obtaining food by photosynthesis. **holophyte, n.**

holoplexia

n. general paralysis.

holosteric

a. entirely solid.

holothurian

n. sea cucumber.

holotony, holotonia

n. general tetanus. **holotonic, a.**

holotype

n. original type specimen used in defining and describing a species or variety.
holotypic, a.

holozoic

a. obtaining food by eating complex matter, in the manner of an animal.

hombre

n. fellow; man.

homeostasis

n. see homoeostasis.

Homeric

a. pertaining to Homer, Greek epic poet; epic; heroic.

homily

n. moral discourse; sermon. **homiletic(al)**, *a.* **homiletics**, *n.* study of sermons; art of preaching. **homiliarium**, **homiliary**, *n.* book of sermons. **homilist**, **homilite**, *n.* preacher.

hominal

a. pertaining to mankind; human. **hominid** *n.* & *a.* (pertaining to) a fossil ape-man. **hominiform**, *a.* having human shape. **hominivorous**, *n.* man-eating. **hominoid**, *n.* & *a.* man-like (animal).

homocentric(al)

a. concentric.

homochiral

a. identical in form.

homochromatic

a. pertaining to or having one colour. **homochromic**, **homochromous**, *a.* of same colour. **homochromy**, *n.*

homodyne

a. *Radio*, pertaining to detection of radio wave with wave of exactly same frequency.

homoeochromatic

a. having same or similar colour.

homoeochronous

a. developing at same period of offspring's as of parent's life.

homoeogenous

a. of same or similar kind.

homoeopathy

n. treatment of disease by medicines producing in a healthy body symptoms similar to those of disease treated; treatment by extremely small doses.

homoeopath, homoeopathician, homoeopathist, *n.* homoeopathic, *a.*

homoeophony

n. similarity of sound.

homoeostasis

n. automatic maintenance by an organism of normal temperature, chemical balance, etc., within itself. **homoeostat, *n.* machine capable of same kind of self-regulation.**

homoeoteleutic

a. having same or similar endings. **homoeoteleuton, *n.* use of such words in close proximity.**

homoeozoic

a. having same or similar living organisms.

homoerotism

n. homosexuality.

homogeneous

a. of same kind; comprising similar parts; uniform. **homogeneity**, *n.*
homogenesis, *n.* reproduction with successive generations alike. **homogenize**, *v.*
t. make homogeneous, especially of milk, etc.

homogenous

a. having structural resemblance due to common ancestor. **homogeny**, *n.*

homograft

n. (denoting) tissue graft taken from non-identical members of the same species; allograft. **homograft reaction**, rejection by the recipient's body of such a graft.

homograph

n. word having same spelling as, but different meaning from, another.
homographic, *a.* having different symbol for each sound. **homography**, *n.*

homiotherm

n. warm-blooded animal; animal having a constant body temperature.
homiothermal, **homiothermic**, *a.* **homiothermy**, *n.*

homoiousia

n. similarity in substance. **homoiousian**, *a.*; *n.* *Theology*, adherent to belief that Son is of essentially similar but not identical substance with Father.

homolateral

a. on the same side.

homologate

v.t. confirm; approve; agree. **homologation**, *n.*

homologoumena

n.pl. pl. Biblical books included in early Christian canon.

homologous

a. exactly or relatively corresponding in structure. **homologize**, *v.t.* make homologous. **homologue**, *n.* such thing. **homology**, *n.*

homomeric, homomeral

a. having similar parts.

homomorphic

a. similar in form. **homomorphism**, **homomorphy**, *n.* **homomorphous**, *a.*

homonym

n. word of same pronunciation as, but different meaning from, another; namesake. **homonymic**, **homonymous**, *a.* **homonymy**, *n.*

homoousia

n. sameness of substance. **homoousian**, *a.*; *n.* *Theology*, adherent to belief that Son is of same substance with Father.

homophone

n. letter having same sound as another; word having same pronunciation as, but different spelling and meaning from, another. **homophonic**, **homophonous**, *a.* **homophony**, *n.* sameness of sound.

homophylic

a. of same race. **homophyly**, *n.* similarity due to common ancestry.

homo sapiens

n. 'thinking man'; Man; the human species. **homo vulgaris**, the common or average man.

homosexual

a., *n.* (person) having sexual desire for person of same sex. **homosexualism**, **homosexuality**, *n.* **homosexualist**, *n.*

homotaxis

n. similarity of arrangement. **homotactic**, **homotaxeous**, **homotaxial**, **homotoxic**, *a.*

homotherm

n. homiotherm.

homozygote

n. organism or cell having the same alleles for a particular inherited characteristic. **homozygosis**, *n.* condition of being a homozygote. **homozygotic**, *a.*

homunculus

n. (pl. -li) little man; dwarf; human embryo. **homuncle**, *n.* **homuncular**, *a.*

hong

n. foreign trading establishment in China; warehouse.

honnête homme

'honest man'; respectable middle-class man.

honorarium

n. (pl. -ia) fee; gift of money. **honorary**, *a.* given as an honour; without reward or salary.

hoopoe

n. curved-billed, large-crested bird of Old World.

Hoosier

a.,n. (native) of Indiana.

hoplite

n. armoured infantryman of ancient Greece. **hoplomachy**, *n.* fighting in heavy armour.

horal

a. pertaining to hour(s); hourly. **horary**, *a.* marking the hours; hourly; lasting for an hour only.

Horatian

a. pertaining to Horace, Latin poet, and his elegant style.

hordeaceous

a. pertaining to or like barley. **hordeiform**, *a.* having shape of barley-grain.

horme

n. Psychology, vital energy directed to an active purpose. **hormic**, *a.* **hormist**, *n.* believer in hormone as fundamental psychological factor.

hornblende

n. dark-coloured variety of amphibole, containing aluminium and iron.

hornbook

n. ancient child's schoolbook comprising alphabet, digits, etc., on parchment covered with sheet of horn.

horography

n. account of the hours; art of constructing timepieces. **horographer**, *n.*

horologe

n. timepiece. **horologer**, **horologist**, *n.* watch-maker. **horologic**, *a.* **horology**, *n.* clock-making; science of measuring time. **horometry**, *n.* measurement of time.

horrent

a. a. bristling. **horrescent**, *a.* expressing horror.

horripilation

n. bristling of hair or creeping of flesh, due to cold, fright, etc. **horripilate**, *v.i.* & *t.* cause or suffer this.

horrisontant

a. making horrible sound.

hors de combat

'out of the fight'; disabled.

hors d'oeuvre

n. (*pl.* *d'oeuvres* [*pron.* same] *or d'oeuvre*) savoury food served as appetizer.

horst

n. *Geology*, raised block of earth's crust between two parallel faults.

hortative

a. exhorting; urging. **hortatory**, *a.* marked by exhortation.

hortensial, hortensian

a. pertaining to, grown in or suited to a garden.

hortulan

a. pertaining to garden.

hortus siccus

n. 'dry garden'; herbarium.

hospice

n. travellers' rest-house, especially kept by religious order; home caring for terminally ill patients.

hospitate

v.i., v.t. welcome; be guest. **hospitation**, *n.*

hotchpot

n. *Law*, a returning to a common lot or fund for subsequent equal division, especially of advances received by children of person dying intestate.

hôtel de ville

n. 'town-hall'. **hôtel Dieu**, hospital.

houbara

n. ruffed bustard.

houri

n. beautiful nymph of Muslim paradise; alluring young woman.

housel

v.t. administer Holy Communion to.

howadji

n. traveller; merchant; Mr.

howdah

n. seat on elephant.

hubris

n. arrogance, insolent conceit. **hubristic**, *a.*

huguenot

n. French Protestant.

humanism

n. human nature; study of the humanities; Renaissance culture; philosophical doctrine concentrating on human ideals and perfectibility. **humanist**, *n.*

humanities

n.pl. pl. human attributes; classical literature, especially Latin; learning concerned with human culture.

humectant

a.,n. moistening (substance). **humectation**, *n.*

humerus

n. bone of upper arm. **humeral**, *a.* pertaining to the shoulder; brachial.

humid

a. moist. **humidity**, *n.*

humour

n. Medicine, body fluid; skin affection due to blood disorder; *archaic*, one of four body fluids - blood, phlegm, bile and atrabile - believed to determine health and character. **humoral**, *a.*

humus

n. soil containing decayed vegetable matter. **humous**, *a.*

hurgila

n. adjutant bird.

hurley, hurly

n. game like hockey; stick used in it.

hurling

n. hurley (the game).

hustings

n. pl. platform or place for political electioneering speeches; election proceedings.

hyaline

a. glassy; transparent. **hyalescent**, *a.* becoming or somewhat glassy.
hyalography, *n.* engraving on glass. **hyaloid**, *a.* like glass. **hyalopterous**, *a.* with transparent wings.

hybris

n. hubris.

hydatid

n. fluid-filled cyst, especially containing tape-worm larva. **hydatidinous**, *a.*

hydatiform, *a.* like a hydatid. **hydatigenous**, *a.* producing hydatid.

hydra

n. many-headed monster in Greek mythology; small fresh-water polyp. **hydroid**, *n.* & *a.* (like a) polyp.

hydracid

n. oxygen-less acid.

hydraemia

n. excessively watery condition of blood. **hydraemic**, *a.*

hydragogue

a.,n. (drug) causing discharge of water.

hydrargiric

a. pertaining to mercury. **hydrargiria**, **hydrargiriasis**, **hydrargirism**, **hydrargirosis**, *n.* mercurial poisoning.

hydrate

n. Chemistry, compound formed with water; *v.t. & i.* (cause to) combine with water. **hydric**, *a.* pertaining to or containing hydrogen. **hydride**, *n.* compound formed with hydrogen.

hydraulic

a. pertaining to moving fluids; pertaining to mechanical action of water; conveyed or worked by water. **hydraulics**, *n.* study of fluids in motion.

hydriotaphia

n. urn burial.

hydro

n. abbreviation of hydropathic.

hydrocarbon

n. compound of hydrogen and carbon.

hydrocephalus, hydrocephaly

*n. water on the brain. hydrocephalic, hydrocephalous, *a.* hydrocephaloid, *a.* like hydrocephalus.*

hydroconion

n. atomizer.

hydrocortisone

n. steroid hormone produced by the adrenal gland, used in treating arthritis and skin disorders.

hydrocyanic

a. prussic (acid).

hydrodynamics

n. mechanical study of fluids, especially their motion and action.

hydroelectric

a. pertaining to generation of, or generating, electricity by water-power.
hydroelectricity, n.

hydrogenic

a. *Geology*, formed by water. **hydrogeology**, *n.* study of geological action of water.

hydrognosy

n. historical description of earth's water surface.

hydrography

n. description, surveying and mapping of water surface of earth, with its depths, tides, etc. **hydrographer, n.** **hydrographic, a.**

hydrokinetics

n. study of changes of motion of fluids.

hydrology

n. study of water of earth's surface, especially subterranean. **hydrologic(al), a.**

hydrolysis

n. (*pl. -ses*) chemical decomposition by addition of water. **hydrolysate**, *n.* product of hydrolysis. **hydrolyse**, *v.t.* **hydrolytic**, *a.*

hydromancy

n. divination by water.

hydromechanics

n. study of laws of fluids in equilibrium and motion.

hydrometer

n. instrument measuring specific gravity and density of liquids. **hydrometric(al)**, *a.* **hydrometry**, *n.*

hydrōn

n. plastic which is rigid when dry and soft when wet.

hydropathy

n. medical treatment by baths and mineral waters. **hydropath**, **hydropathist**, *n.* **hydropathic**, *a.*; *n.* establishment for such treatment; spa.

hydrophanous

a. becoming transparent when immersed in water. **hydrophane**, *n.* such kind of opal.

hydrophid

n. sea snake. **hydrophoid**, *a.*

hydrophobia

n. morbid dread of water; rabies. **hydrophobe**, **hydrophobist**, *n.* **hydrophobic**, **hydrophobous**, *a.*

hydrophone

n. instrument for detecting sounds through water.

hydrophyte

n. plant growing in or by water. **hydrophytic**, *a.*

hydropic(al)

a. dropsical. **hydropigenous**, *a.* causing dropsy.

hydroplane

n. fast flat-bottomed motor boat, skimming over water; seaplane.

hydroponics

n. cultivation of plants without soil, by supporting them in chemical solution containing all ingredients necessary for growth.

hydropot

n. water-drinker.

hydroscope

n. instrument for seeing below the surface of water. **hydroscopist**, *n.* diviner who looks into water.

hydrosphere

n. earth's envelope of watery vapour, or water surface.

hydrostatics

n. study of pressure and equilibrium of fluids.

hydrotaxis

n. movement towards or away from water.

hydrotechny

n. use of water for driving machinery, etc. **hydrotechnic(al)**, *a.* **hydrotechnologist**, *n.*

hydrotherapeutic

a. hydropathic. **hydrotherapeutics**, **hydrotherapy**, *n.* hydropathy.

hydrothermal

a. pertaining to hot water and its geological action.

hydrothorax

n. water liquid in the pleural cavity.

hydrotic

a.,n. (drug) expelling water or phlegm.

hydrotimetry

n. measurement of hardness of water. **hydrometer**, *n.* instrument used in this.
hydrotimetric, *a.*

hydrous

a. containing water.

hydrozoan

n. polyp. **hydrozoal**, **hydrozoic**, *a.*

hyetal

a. pertaining to rain. **hyetograph**, *n.* rain gauge; chart of average rainfall.
hyetography, *n.* study of rainfall distribution. **hyetology**, *n.* study of all precipitation. **hyetometer**, *n.* rain gauge. **hyetometrograph**, *n.* recording hyetometer.

hygiology

n. hygienic science. **hygiologist**, *n.*

hygric

a. pertaining to moisture.

hygrometer

n. instrument measuring humidity of air. **hygrograph**, *n.* recording hygrometer.

hygrophanous

a. seeming transparent when wet, and opaque when dry. **hygrophaneity**, *n.*

hygrophilous

a. *Botany*, living in water or moist places.

hygrophthalmic

a. moistening the eye.

hygrophyte

n. hygrophilous plant.

hygroscope

n. instrument showing variations in humidity. **hygroscopic**, *a.* absorbing moisture, especially of dust particles, etc., on which atmospheric moisture condenses to form rain and fog.

hygrostat

n. apparatus for regulating humidity of air. **hygrostatics**, *n.* study of measurement of humidity.

hygrothermal

a. pertaining to heat and humidity. **hygrothermograph**, *n.* instrument recording humidity and temperature.

hyle

n. matter. **hylic**, *a.* material. **hylism** *n.* materialism.

hylomorphism

n. materialist conception of universe. **hylomorphic(al)**, *a.* **hylomorphist**, *n.* **hylomorphous**, *a.* having material form.

hylopathism

n. belief in capability of matter to affect spirit. **hylopathist**, *n.*

hylophagous

a. eating wood.

hyloteism

n. identification of God with matter or universe. **hyloteist**, *n.* **hyloteistic(al)**, *a.*

hylotomous

a. cutting or boring in wood.

hylozoism

n. belief that all matter has life. **hylozoist**, *n.* **hylozoistic(al)**, *a.*

hymen

n. membrane partly closing vagina; maidenhead. **hymenal**, *a.*

hymeneal

a. pertaining to Hymen, god of marriage; nuptial; *n.* nuptial song.

hymenopterous

a. having four membranous wings. **hymenoptera**, *n.pl.* (*sing.* **hymenopteron**) order including such insects. **hymenopterist**, *n.* student of hymenoptera. **hymenopterology**, *n.* study of hymenoptera. .

hymenotomy

n. cutting of hymen.

hymnody

n. hymns; hymn-singing; hymnology. **hymnography** *n.* hymn- writing. **hymnology** *n.* study of hymns; hymnography.

hyoid

a., *n.* (pertaining to) U-shaped bone at base of tongue.

hyoscine

n. sleep-inducing drug obtained from plants of nightshade family. **hyoscyamine**,
n. similar drug obtained from henbane.

hypaesthesia

n. incomplete sensory power.

hypaethral

a. roofless.

hypalgesia

n. diminished sensitivity to pain.

hyperacusis, hyperacusia

n. abnormal keenness of hearing.

hyperaemia

n. excess of blood in a part. **hyperaemic**, *a.*

hyperaesthesia

n. excessive sensitivity. **hyperaesthetic**, *a.*

hyperalgesia

n. undue sensitiveness to pain.

hyperesthesia

n. abnormal keenness of touch.

hyperbaric

a. above normal atmospheric pressure, 'pressurized'.

hyperbaton

n. (pl. -ta) inversion of normal word order. **hyperbatic**, *a.*

hyperbola

n. curve formed when cone is cut by plane which makes angle with the base greater than that made by side of cone.

hyperbole

n. extravagant rhetorical exaggeration. **hyperbolical**, *a.* **hyperbolize**, *v.i. & t.* use hyperbole. **hyperbolism**, *n.*

hyperborean

a.,n. (dweller) in extreme north or cold.

hyperbulia

n. undue eagerness for action; rashness.

hypercatalectic

a. having extra syllable(s) at end of verse line. **hypercatalexis**, *n.*

hypercathexis

n. desire amounting to mania for an object.

hypercritical

a. excessively critical; captious. **hypercriticize**, *v.i. & t.*

hyperdulic

a. venerating Virgin Mary highest of all human beings. **hyperdulia**, *n.*

hypergamy

n. marriage with person of same or higher caste only.

hyperglycaemia

n. excess sugar in the blood.

hypergolic

a. applied to rocket fuel which ignites spontaneously on contact with an oxidizing agent.

hyperkinesia, hyperkinesis

n. muscle spasm; hyperactive condition of children.

hypermeter

n. hypercatalectic verse line; person above average height. **hypermetric(al)**, *a.*

hypermetropia

n. longsightedness. **hypermetropic(al)**, *a.* **hypermetropy**, *n.*

hyperopia

n. hypermetropia. **hyperope**, *n.* **hyperopic**, *a.*

hyperosmia

n. abnormal keenness of sense of smell. **hyperosmic**, *a.*

hyperphagia

n. bulimia

hyperphysical

a. supernatural.

hyperpiesis, hyperpiesia

n. high blood pressure. **hyperpietic**, *a.*

hypernoea

n. abnormally fast breathing.

hypersonic

a. pertaining to or denoting speed five or more times that of sound in the same medium.

hyperspace

n. space of more than three dimensions.

hypertension

n. high blood pressure. **hypertensive**, *a.*

hyperthyroidism

n. excessive thyroid activity, resulting in exophthalmic goitre.

hypertrichosis

n. excessive hairiness.

hypertrophy

n. excessive growth of a part; *v.i.* grow to abnormal size. **hypertrophic**, **hypertrophied**, *a.*

hyphaema, hyphaemia

n. anaemia; extravasation of blood.

hyphaeresis

n. omission of sound, syllable or letter from word.

hypnaesthesia

n. impaired sensitivity. **hypnaesthetic, a.**

hypnagogic

a. causing sleep; occurring while falling asleep or waking.

hypnoanalysis

n. psychoanalysis of a patient under hypnosis.

hypnoetic

a. pertaining to logical but unconscious mental processes.

hypnogenesis

n. production of hypnosis. **hypnogenetic, a.**

hypnoid

a. sleep-like.

hypnology

n. study of sleep and hypnosis. **hypnologic(al)**, *a.* **hypnologist**, *n.*

hypnopedia

n. process of introducing information into the brain while asleep.

hypnopompic

a. preventing or dispelling sleep; occurring while waking.

hypobole

n. rhetorical device of anticipating objections in order to refute them.

hypobulia

n. diminution in ability to act or decide. **hypobulic**, *a.* lacking willpower.

hypocathexis

n. abnormal absence of desire for an object.

hypocaust

n. ancient air chamber or series of chambers for heating rooms.

hypochondria

n. morbid nervous depression; continual and causeless anxiety about one's health, especially concerning imaginary illnesses. **hypochondriac**, *a.*; *n.* person suffering from hypochondria. **hypochondrial**, *a.* **hypochondry**, *n.*

hypochondrium

n. either of two regions of the upper part of the abdomen.

hypocorisma

n. pet name. **hypocoristic(al)**, *a.*

hypodynamia

n. diminution in strength. **hypodynamia cordis**, hypodynamia of the heart.

hypogastric

a. pertaining to lower middle abdominal region. **hypogastrum**, *n.* that region.

hypogean

a. subterranean. **hypogean**, *a.* growing underground. **hypogeic**, *a.* **hypoeiody**, *n.* surveying underground.

hypogene

a. *Geology*, plutonic. **hypogenic**, *a.*

hypogeous

a. hypogean. **hypogaeum**, *n.* (*pl.* - *gea*) underground part of building.

hypoglottis

n. underpart of tongue. **hypoglossitis**, *n.* inflammation of this.

hypoglycaemia

n. abnormally low levels of sugar in the blood.

hypohaemia

n. anaemia.

hypolimnion

n. lower, colder layer of water in a lake.

hypometropia

n. shortsightedness.

hyponasty

n. stronger growth on the under side of a plant part. **hyponastic**, *a.*

hyponychial

a. underneath finger- or toe-nail.

hypophonic, hypophonous

a. *Music*, acting as accompaniment.

hypophrenia

n. feeble-mindedness. **hypophrenic**, *a.*

hypophyll

n. bract.

hypophysis

n. pituitary gland. **hypophyseal**, **hypophysial**, *a.* **hypophysectomy**, *n.* removal of pituitary. **hypophyseoprivic**, **hypophyseoprivous**, *a.* due to deficient pituitary secretion.

hypostasis

n. (*pl.* -ses) support; hypostatised substance; essential substance; *Medicine*, sediment; hyperaemia of an organ; *Theology*, substance of the Trinity; person of the Trinity; whole personality of Christ. **hypostatic**, *a.* **hypostatize**, *v.t.* regard as separate substance; assume (hypothetical thing) to be real.

hypostenia

n. debility. **hypostenic**, *a.*

hypostrophe

n. *Medicine*, relapse or turning over; *Rhetoric*, return to main theme after digression.

hyposynergia

n. incomplete co-ordination.

hypotenuse

n. side opposite right angle in right-angled triangle.

hypothalamus

n. (pl. -mi) part of brain that controls body temperature, appetite, etc.
hypothalamic, a.

hypothecate

v.t. mortgage; deposit as security. **hypothecary, a.** **hypothecation, n.**
hypothecatory, a.

hypothermal

a. tepid; pertaining to lowering of temperature. **hypothermia, hypothermy, n.**
abnormally low body temperature. **hypothermic, a.**

hypothesis

n. (pl. -ses) assumption; conjecture; supposition; theory. **hypothesize, v.i. & t.**
hypothetical, a.

hypothyroidism

n. deficient thyroid activity, resulting in cretinism.

hypotrichosis

n. lack of hair.

hypotrophy

n. incomplete growth; atrophy.

hypotyposis

n. vivid description.

hypoxaemia

n. insufficient oxygen in the blood. **hypoxia**, *n.* insufficient oxygen reaching the body tissues.

hypsiloid

a. like letter upsilon.

hypsography

n. topographical relief, and its observation; the representation of this in maps. **hypsometry**, *n.* measurement of heights above sea-level. **hypophobia**, *n.* dread of heights.

hyson

n. kind of green tea of China.

hyssop

n. kind of mint, remedy for bruises.

hysteralgia

n. neuralgia of womb. **hysterectomy**, *n.* removal of womb. **hysterodynia**, *n.* pain in womb.

hysteresis

n. lag in the effect of a change of force, especially in magnetisation. **hysteretic**, *a.*

hysterogen(ic)

a. produced or developed later; causing hysteria.

hysteroid

a. like womb or hysteria.

hysteron proteron

n. inversion of natural order or sense, especially of words; fallacy of proving or explaining a proposition with one presupposing or dependent on it.

hysteropathy

n. disease of womb. **hysterorrhexia**, *n.* rupture of womb. **hysterotomy**, *n.* Caesarean cut.

iamatology

n. medical study of remedies.

iamb(us)

n. (*pl. -bi*) metrical foot of one short followed by one long syllable. **iambic**, *a.* pertaining to or composed of iambi; *n.* line of iambi. **iambist**, *n.* writer of iambi.

iatric(al)

a. medical. **iatraliptics**, *n.* medical treatment by rubbing with oil.
iatrochemistry, *n.* application of chemistry to medical theory and treatment.
iatrogenic, *a.* applied to a disease or condition induced in a patient by a doctor or medical treatment. **iatrology**, *n.* medical science or treatise. **iatrotechnics**, *n.* practical therapeutics.

Iberian

a. pertaining to Spanish-Portuguese peninsula; *n.* ancient inhabitant of that region.

ibex

n. wild goat, especially with long, backward-curved horns; bouquetin; aegagrus.

ibidem

adv. 'in the same place'. (*abbreviated as ibid.*)

ibis

n. large heron-like wading bird, with down-curved bill.

Icarian

a. pertaining to Icarus in Greek mythology, who, in flying too near sun, met his death; flying dangerously high; over- ambitious.

ichabod

n. 'the glory has departed'.

ichneumon

n. mongoose, especially Egyptian species believed to suck crocodiles' eggs.
ichneumon fly, fly whose larva parasitizes other insect's larva. ichneumous, a. parasitic.

ichnite

n. fossil footprint.

ichnography

n. map; ground plan; making of maps and plans. ichnographic(al), a.

ichnology

n. geological study of fossil footprints. ichnomancy, n. divination by footprints.

ichor

n. watery fluid discharged from wound; fluid supposed to fill veins of Greek and Latin gods. ichorous, a. ichorrhoea, n. discharge of pus-like fluid.

ichthus, ichthys

n. amulet or talismanic carving in shape of fish. **ichthyic**, *a.* pertaining to fishes. **ichthyism**, *n.* fish-poisoning. **ichthyofauna**, *n.* fish life of region. **ichthyography** *n.* treatise on fishes. **ichthyoid**, *a.* fish-like. **ichthyolatry**, *n.* worship of fishes. **ichthyolite**, *n.* fossil fish. **ichthyology**, *n.* study of fishes. **ichthyomorphic**, *a.* fish-shaped. **ichthyophagy**, *n.* eating of fish. **ichthyophagist**, *n.* **ichthyornis**, *n.* toothed fossil bird of America. **ichthyosaur(us)**, *n.* large fossil marine reptile. **ichthyosis**, *n.* congenital disease characterized by thickened, scaly skin. **ichthyotoxicity**, *n.* fish-poisoning.

icon

n. sacred or monumental image, statue, painting, etc.; picture on computer monitor to represent command. **iconic**, *a.* **iconism**, *n.* worship of images. **iconoclasm**, *n.* image-breaking; attacking of established beliefs. **iconoclast**, *n.* person practising iconoclasm. **iconography**, *n.* representation in art or diagrams; description of representational works of art. **iconolatry**, *n.* image-worship. **iconology**, *n.* study of icons; symbolism. **iconomachy**, *n.* objection to worship of icons. **iconomatic**, *a.* pertaining to picture-writing in which characters represent names or phonetic values and not objects. **iconometer**, *n.* instrument finding distance or size of object by measuring its image; instrument for finding photographic focus; direct view-finder. **iconoplast**, *n.* image-maker. **iconoscope**, *n.* part of television camera where light is converted into electric waves. **iconostasis**, *n.* screen bearing icons, separating sanctuary from nave in Eastern churches.

icosahedron

n. 20-sided solid figure. **icosahedral**, *a.* **icosian**, *a.* pertaining to 20. **icositetrahedron**, *n.* 24-sided solid figure.

icteric

a. pertaining to jaundice; *n.* remedy for jaundice. **icterine**, **icteritious**, *a.* yellowish. **icteritous**, *a.* yellowish. **icteroid**, *a.* like jaundice; yellow. **icterus**, *n.* jaundice.

ictus

n. stress in verse; *Medicine*, fit; sudden pulsation or stroke. **ictic**, *a.*

id

n. *Psychology*, instinctive energies and tendencies; sub-conscious mind.

ideate

v.i., v.t. form ideas; imagine; conceive. **ideation**, *n.* **ideational**, **ideative**, *a.*

idée fixe

n. 'fixed idea'; obsession; musical motif.

idem

'the same' (*abbr.* **id.**).

ideogeny

n. study of origin of ideas. **ideogenetic**, *a.* initiating ideas. **ideogenical**, *a.* **ideogenous**, *a.* of mental origin.

ideogram, ideograph

n. symbol in picture-writing representing idea of thing; any symbol universally recognized. **ideography**, *n.*

ideology

n. science of ideas; theory, especially impractical; body of ideas on a subject or of a class, race, political party, etc. **ideological**, *a.*

ides

n. pl. 13th or 15th day of month in ancient Roman calendar. **ides of March**, unlucky or fatal day.

id est

'that is' (*abbr. i.e.*).

idiasm

n. idiosyncrasy.

idioblast

n. isolated cell differing greatly from surrounding cells or tissue. **idioblastic**, *a.*

idiochromatic

a. having characteristic coloration.

idiocrasy, idiocrasis

n. constitutional peculiarity. **idiocratic**, *a.*

idioelectric(al)

a. able to be electrified by friction.

idioglossia

n. secret speech or language, especially invented by children; psychological condition in which speech is so distorted as to be unintelligible.

idiograph

n. trademark. **idiographic(al)**, *a.* pertaining to or dealing with the individual or unique.

idiolect

n. personal speech pattern.

idiologism

n. idiolect.

idiom

n. language or dialect peculiar to a people, region, class, etc.; linguistic expression peculiar to itself in form, grammar, etc.; style of artistic expression characteristic of a person, period, medium etc. **idiomatic**, *a.* **idiomology**, *n.* study of idioms.

idiomorphic, idiomorphous

a. having its own peculiar or proper form.

idiopathy

n. peculiar characteristic; disease not caused by another. **idiopathic**, **idiopathic(al)**, *a.*

idioplasm

n. part of protoplasm bearing hereditary characteristics; germ plasm.
idioplasmatic, idioplasmic, *a.*

idiospasm

n. localized cramp. **idiospastic, *a.***

idiosyncrasy

n. mental or physical peculiarity; eccentricity; special sensitivity to a drug.
idiosyncratic(al), *a.*

idiothermous, idiothermic

a. warm-blooded. **idiothermy, *n.***

idioticon

n. dialect dictionary.

idiot savant

*n. (pl. idiots savants *pron. same*)* mentally retarded person with exceptional talent in one field.

idolothyte

a., n. (sacrifice) offered to idol. **idolothytic, *a.***

idolum

n. (*pl.* -*la*) phantom; fallacy.

idoneous

a. appropriate. **idoneity**, *n.*

ignavy, ignavia

n. laziness.

igneous

a. pertaining to fire; *Geology*, produced by action of heat within the earth; formed by solidification of molten magma. **igneous**, *n.* & *a.* (substance) throwing off sparks when struck; sparkling; inflamed. **ignicolist**, *n.* fire-worshipper.

ignis fatuus

n. (*pl.* *ignes fatui*) 'foolish fire'; light produced over marshland; will-o'-the wisp; any misleading idea or thing.

ignominy

n. dishonour. **ignominious**, *a.*

ignorantism

n. obscurantism.

iguana

n. large lizard, especially of tropical America. **iguanian**, *a.* **iguanodon**, *n.* kind of dinosaur.

ileum

n. last part of small intestine. **ileac**, *a.* **ileitis**, *n.* inflammation of ileum. **ileus**, *n.* complete obstruction of intestine.

ilex

n. holm-oak; holly genus. ... RUNN: **ilicic**, *a.* pertaining to holly.

illium

n. (*pl.* **ilia**) bone forming part of pelvis; hip bone. **iliac**, *a.* pertaining to the loins. **iliacus**, *n.* flexor muscle of thigh.

illation

n. inference; act of inferring. **illative**, *a.*; *n.* such word (as *therefore*).

illinition

n. act of rubbing on.

illuminati

n. *pl.* persons claiming special enlightenment.

illuvium

n. (*pl.* -iums, -ia) material removed from soil layer by rainwater and deposited in lower layer. **illuvial**, *a.* **illuviate**, *v.i.* undergo illuviation. **illuviation**, *n.* accumulation of illuvium.

imatism

n. poetical doctrine of the use of precise images but entire freedom of form and subject-matter. **imagist**, *n.*

imago

n. (*pl.* -goes, -gines), adult form of insect.

imam, imaum

n. priest in charge of Muslim mosque; title of several Muslim rulers or leaders. **imamah**, *n.* office of imam. **imamate**, *n.* jurisdiction of imam. **imamic**, *a.*

imbat

n. periodical cool wind of Cyprus and Levant.

imbreviate

v.t. draw up as a brief; enrol.

imbricate

a. overlapping; *v.i. & t.* be or make imbricate. **imbrication**, *n.* intricacy. **imbricative**, *a.*

imbroglio

n. confused or embarrassing situation or state.

imbrue

v.t. dye; soak.

imbrute

v.i., v.t. degrade; become brutish.

imbue

v.t. soak; dye; impregnate; permeate.

immanent

a. indwelling; inherent; all-pervading. **immanence, n.**

immeability

n. state of being impassable or lacking power to pass.

immerge

v.i., v.t. plunge in; immerse oneself in something. **immersion, n.**

imminent

a. happening in near future; threatening. **imminence, n.**

imminution

n. diminution.

immolate

v.t. sacrifice, especially by killing. **immolation, immolator, n.**

immortelle

n. everlasting dried flower.

immunoassay

n. determination of presence and quantity of a substance through its action as an antigen.

immunocompromised

a. immunosuppressed.

immunogen

n. antigen. **immunogenesis, n.** production of immune response. **immunogenic, a.**

immunogenetics, n. study of immunity as affected by heredity.

immunogenetic, a.

immunology

n. study of immunity. **immunological, a.** **immunologist, n.**

immunosuppressed

a. lacking a fully effective immune system; having the normal immune response suppressed. **immunosuppressant**, *n.* drug causing immunosuppression, especially to prevent rejection of a transplanted organ. **immunosuppression**, *n.* **immunosuppressive**, *a.*

immunotherapy

n. medical treatment by exploiting immunological principles, *e.g.* by arousing antibodies through introducing antigens, or by causing tissue rejection through a graft. **immunotherapeutic**, *a.*

immure

v.t. imprison; entomb.

impacable

a. not pacifiable.

impaction

n. obstruction, or lodgement of matter, in passage.

impactite

n. slag-like glassy object found on surface of the earth, probably formed from rock melted by the impact of a meteor.

impair

n. odd number; (*wager on*) odd numbers in roulette.

impanation

n. introduction or embodiment of Christ's body in Communion bread. **impaneate**, *a.*

imparity

n. disparity. **imparsyllabic**, *n.* & *a.* (word) having different number of syllables in different cases.

impasse

n. deadlock; blind alley.

impasto

n. application of pigment thickly, in painting; such pigment.

impavid

a. without fear. **impavidity**, *n.*

impeccable

a. without fault. **impeccant**, *a.* without sin.

impecunious

a. poor. **impecuniosity**, *n.*

impedance

n. *Electricity*, apparent resistance to flow of alternating current.

impediment

n. obstacle, hindrance; speech defect. **impedimenta**, *n. pl.* luggage.
impedimental, **impedimentary**, **impeditive**, *a.* hindering.

impennate

a. flightless; pertaining to penguins; *n.* penguin.

imperator

n. commander, ruler.

imperscriptible

a. not recorded.

impetigo

n. pustulous skin disease. **impetiginous**, *a.*

impetr ate

v.t. ask for; obtaining by asking. **impetration**, *n.* **impetrator**, *n.* **impetrative**, *a.*

impi

n. formation of African, especially Zulu, warriors.

impignorate

v.t. mortgage; pawn; , a. pawned. **impignoration**, n.

implacable

a. not to be appeased; irreconcilable.

implement

v.t. carry out, perform; fulfil; , n. tool; utensil. **implemental**, a. useful, effective. **implementation**, n.

implicit

a. implied though not expressed; without question or doubt.

implode

v.t. burst inwards. **implosive**, n. **implosive**, a.

imponderable

a. incapable of being weighed or evaluated; n. such thing, especially spiritual value. **imponderous**, a. weightless.

importune

v.t. urge or ask persistently; solicit for immoral or sexual purposes. **importunate**, a. urgent, pressing; making persistent requests. **importunity**, n.

impostumate, imposthumate

v.i., v.t. form or inflict an abscess. **impostumation, n.**

impotent

a. weak; powerless; sexually incapable.

imprecate

v.i., v.t. pray for (evil); curse. **imprecation, n.** **imprecatory, a.**

impregnable

a. able to withstand attack; capable of being fertilized; able to become or be made pregnant.

impresario

n. manager of entertainment.

impressionism

n. artistic doctrine of expressing without detail the artist's subjective impression of subject. **impressionist, n.**

imprimatur

n. licence to print; approval.

imprimis

adv. Archaic. 'in the first place'.

improcreant

a. sexually impotent.

impromptu

a., n. extempore (composition).

impropriate

v.t. transfer (ecclesiastical revenue) to layman. **impropriation**, **impropriator**, **impropriatrix**, *n.*

improvise

v.i., v.t. invent or compose without forethought; extemporize. **improvise**, *v.i.* & *t.* **improvisation**, **improvisator**, *n.* **improvisatorial**, **improvisatory**, *a.*

impudicity

n. shamelessness.

impugn

v.t. challenge; call in question; oppose; attack by argument. **impugnable**, *a.* **impugnment**, *n.*

impunity

n. exemption from punishment.

imshi

exclamation go away!

inamorato

n. (*fem. -ta*) lover; beloved person.

inanition

n. emptiness; starvation; exhaustion.

in articulo mortis

'at the point of death'.

incalescent

a. becoming warm or warmer. **incalescence, incalescency, n.**

in camera

'in private chamber'; in secret; in private.

incandesce

v.i. become white, glow, or make to glow, with heat. **incandescence, n.**
incandescent, a.

incanous

a. covered with soft white hairs.

incarcerate

v.t. imprison. **incarceration, incarcerator, n.**

incardinate

v.t. make cardinal; receive (priest) from another diocese.

incarnadine

a. crimson; flesh-coloured; *v.t.* dye crimson.

inchoate

v.t. begin; inaugurate; initiate; *a.* just begun; imperfect. **inchoacy, n.**
inchoation, n. beginning. **inchoative, a.** signifying commencement.

incipient

a. beginning; in initial stage. **incipience, incipiency, n.**

incipit

'here begins'.

incisor

n. cutting tooth at front of mouth. **incisorial**, incisory, *a.*

inclination

n. angle between horizon and magnetic needle moving vertically; magnetic dip.

incognito

a., adv. (fem. -ta) with identity concealed; under assumed name; *n.* such person (*abbr. incog.*).

incommunicado

a. prevented from communicating, in solitary confinement.

incondite

a. badly composed or put together; unpolished.

inconnu

n. (fem. -ue) unknown person; stranger.

incrassate

vb. thicken; *a.* thickened. **incrassation**, *n.* **incrassative**, *a.*

incretion

n. internal secretion; hormone. **incretionary**, **incretory**, *a.*

incroyable

n. fop.

incubus

n. (*pl.* -bi) 'nightmare'; burden; oppression; *Medicine*, nightmare; demon taking on male form to have sexual intercourse with a woman in her sleep.

inculcate

v.t. impress on mind by frequent repetition. **inculcation**, *n.* **inculcative**, *inculcatory*, *a.*

inculpate

v.t. blame; involve in blame. **inculpation**, *n.* **inculpative**, *inculpatory*, *a.*

incumbent

a. lying; resting upon as a duty; *n.* holder of benefice; vicar. **inc incumbency**, *n.*

incunabula

pl. n. pl. (sing. -lum) early printed books, especially printed before AD 1500; any early or beginning period. **incunabulist**, *n.* student of these. **incunabular**, *a.*

incur

v.t. become liable for; bring upon oneself. **incurrence**, *n.* **incurrent**, *a.* running or flowing inwards.

incuse

a., n. (impression, especially on coin) stamped in.

indaba

n. palaver; conference.

indagate

v.t. investigate. **indagation**, **indagator**, *n.* **indagative**, *a.*

indenture

n. written agreement, originally torn or cut into two parts along a jagged line; *pl.*, agreement between master and apprentice; *v.t.* notch; wrinkle; bind by contract.

Index Librorum Prohibitorum

'list of forbidden books' of the Roman Catholic Church. **Index Expurgatorius**, list of books allowed only in expurgated form.

indicia

n. pl. identifying marks; signs. **indicial**, *a.*

indict

v.t. accuse. **indiction**, *n.* ancient Roman tax; property tax or assessment. **indictive** *a.* **indictment**, *n.*

indigenous

a. native; aboriginal; inherent. **indigenous**, *a.* **indigine**, *n.* native. **indigenity**, *n.*

indigent

a. poor; destitute. **indigence**, *n.*

indigo

n. dark blue colour and dye; plant yielding it. **indigoferous**, *a.* yielding indigo. **indigotic**, *a.*

indite

v.t. compose; write down; describe. **inditement**, *n.*

indoles

n. inherent disposition.

induciae

n.pl. pl. armistice.

induction

n. *Electricity*, production of electrified or magnetic state in body by the near presence of a charged or magnetized body; production of a current in a circuit by a variation in the magnetic field linked with it or in current in an adjacent circuit; *Logic*, reasoning from particular to general; establishment of general rules from observation of individual cases; installing in office, position, etc. **inductive**, *a.*

indue

v.t. put on; assume; endow; supply.

indumentum

n. (*pl.* -ta, -ums) thick, woolly or hairy covering.

induna

n. S African chief or councillor.

indurate

v.t. harden. **induration**, *n.* **indurative**, *a.*

ineffable

a. indescribable; unspeakable.

ineluctable

a. irresistible; unavoidable. **ineluctability**, *n.*

inept

a. inappropriate; weak; silly.

inerm(ous)

a. *Botany*, without prickles.

inert

a. not capable of motion or action; inactive, especially chemically.

inertia

n. matter's property of remaining at rest or of continuing to move in same straight line; tendency to be inactive; sluggishness.

in esse

a. 'in existence'.

inexorable

a. unalterable; relentless. **inexorability**, *n.*

in extenso

extended to full length.

in extremis

on point of death; at last extremity.

in facie curiae

'in the presence of the court'.

infanta

n. daughter of Spanish or Portuguese sovereign. **infante**, *n.* younger son of Spanish or Portuguese sovereign.

infarct

n. portion of dead and scarred tissue in an organ resulting from congestion or blockage of a blood vessel serving it. **infarction**, *n.*

inferiae

n. pl. pl. sacrifices to beings of underworld.

infeudation

n. granting of feoff; transfer of tithes to layman.

in fieri

'pending'.

in fine

'at the end'; finally.

in flagrante

'in blazing crime'; in the act of committing a crime or offence; in the act of having illicit sexual intercourse.

inflorescence

n. flowering; arrangement of flowers in a plant; flower cluster or head.
inflorescent, a.

in foro

'in the forum'; before the court.

infra

adv. 'below', later; afterwards. **infra dignitatem**, beneath one's dignity (*abbr. infra dig.*).

infract

v.t. infringe. **infraction**, *n.* violation, especially of law.

infumate(d)

a. blackish; smoky.

infundibular, infundibulate

a. funnel-shaped. **infundibuliform**, *a.* **infundibulum**, *n.* (*pl. -la*) *Anatomy*, funnel- shaped part.

infuscate(d)

a. brownish; obscured.

infusoria

n. pl. pl. (sing, -ian) class of protozoa found in water. infusorial, infusorian, a. infusoriform, infusoroid, a. like an infusorian.

ingeminate

v.t. reiterate. ingemination, n.

in genere

'in kind'; in general.

ingénue

n. guileless girl, especially such stage rôle.

ingenuous

a. innocent; guileless. ingenuousness, n.

ingest

v.t. take in as food; digest. ingest, n. pl. ingested matter. ingestion, n. ingestive, a.

ingluvies

n. bird's crop. ingluvial, a.

ingrate

n. ungrateful person.

ingravescent

a. continually becoming more severe.

ingress

n. entrance; right of entering. **ingression**, *n.*

inguinal

a. pertaining to or near the groin.

ingurgitate

v.i., v.t. swallow up; guzzle. **ingurgitation**, *n.*

inhere

v.i. belong intimately and by nature; be a part of. **inhesion**, **inherence**, *n.*
inherent, *a.* innate; fixed; settled; constituting an inseparable part or attribute.

in hoc

'in this (respect)'.

inhume

v.t. bury. **inhumation**, *n.*

inimical

a. hostile; unfavourable. **inimicality, n.**

in initio

'in the beginning'.

iniquitous

a. unjust; wicked. **iniquity, n.**

in loco

'in the (proper) place'. **in loco parentis**, in place or position of a parent.

in medias res

'into the midst of things'; beginning in the middle or at the most important part.

in memoriam

'in memory (of)'.

innate

a. inborn; forming natural or constitutional part; inherited.

innervate, innerve

v.t. supply with nerves; stimulate. **innervation, n.**

innocuous

a. harmless.

innovate

v.i., v.t. introduce something new; make changes; introduce as new. **innovation**, *n.* **innovator**, *n.*

innoxious

a. harmless.

innuendo

n. (*pl.* -es) allusion; insinuation, especially unpleasant.

inopinate

a. unexpected.

inosculate

v.i., v.t. unite; combine; blend. **inosculation**, *n.*

in posse

a. 'in possibility'.

in principio

'in the beginning'.

inquiline

a. living in another's nest or dwelling; *n.* such animal. **inquilinism**, **inquilinity**, *n.* **inquilinous**, *a.*

inquinate

v.t. corrupt. **inquination**, *n.*

in re

prep. (pl. rebus) 'in the thing'; in reality; concerning.

inscenation

n. mise en scène.

insectivorous

a. feeding on insects. **insectivore**, *n.* such animal.

inseminate

v.t. sow; impregnate. **insemination**, *n.*

insidious

a. treacherous; sly; lying in wait to capture; *Medicine*, more serious than it appears.

insignia

n. pl. badges of office; any distinctive emblems.

insipience

n. stupidity. **insipient, a.**

in situ

'on the site'; in original position.

insolate

v.t. expose to sunlight. **insolation, n.** such exposure; sunstroke; medical treatment by sun-bathing; radiation from sun.

insouciance

n. indifference; carefreeness. **insouciant, a.**

inspissate

vb. Archaic. thicken. **inspissant, n. & a.** thickening (substance). **inspissation, inspissator, n.**

in statu quo (ante)

'in same state (as before)'.

instauration

n. restoration to former excellence. **instaurator**, *n.*

insufflate

v.t. blow on or into; breathe upon. **insufflation**, *n.* **insufflator**, *n.*

insular

a. pertaining to island; narrow-minded. **insularity**, *n.*

intaglio

n. engraved pattern in cavo relief, especially on gem; gem bearing such.
intagliate, *v.t.* incise. **intagliation**, *n.*

intarsia

n. pattern of inlaid wood; art of making such patterns. **intarsiate**, *a.*

integer

n. whole number; entity; *a.* whole. **integral**. *a.* essential; constituent; whole.
integrant, *n.* & *a.* component; essential (part).

intellection

n. superhuman knowledge; act or exercise of intellect; synecdoche.

intelligentsia

n. intellectual persons; 'highbrows'.

intemperate

a. undefiled.

intempestive

a. inopportune; out of season. **intempestivity, *n.***

intenerate

v.t. soften. **inteneration, *n.***

intension

n. intensity; intensification; exertion of mind or will; *Logic*, properties implied by a concept or term.

inter alia

'among other (things)'. **inter alios**, 'among other (persons)'.

interamnian

a. between rivers.

intercalary

a. inserted in the calendar; bissextile; leap (year); interpolated. **intercalate, *v.t.*** **intercalation, *n.***

intercardinal

a., n. (point) half-way between two cardinal points of compass.

interciliary

a. between eyebrows.

intercolline

a. between hills.

intercosmic

a. between or among stars.

intercostal

a. between ribs.

interdict

v.t. forbid; *n.* prohibition. **interdiction**, *n.* **interdictive**, **interdictory**, *a.* **interdictor**, *n.*

interdigitate

v.i. interlock; intertwine. **interdigitation**, *n.*

interested

a. showing curiosity or concern about; involved or implicated in (and therefore not impartial).

interfenestral

a. between windows. **interfenestration**, *n.* such distance.

interferometer

n. instrument measuring wavelengths of light and analysing spectra.
interferometric, *a.* **interferometry**, *n.*

interfluvial

a. between two rivers flowing in same direction. **interfluve**, *n.* such area.

interjacent

a. situated between; intervening. **interjacence**, **interjacency**, *n.*

interlocutor

n. (*fem. -tress, -trice, -trix*) speaker in conversation; interpreter. **interlocution**,
n. conversation; interruption. **interlocutory**, *a.*; *Law*, done during action; intermediate.

interlunar

a. pertaining to period between old and new moon. **interlunation**, *n.* such period; interval of darkness.

intern(e)

n. hospital physician, surgeon or student.

internecine

a. causing death and destruction, especially mutual.

internuncio

n. go-between; papal emissary.

interoceptor

n. sensory receptor responding to stimuli arising within the body, especially the viscera. **interoceptive**, *a.*

interosculate

v.i. intermix; have common biological characteristics. **interosculant**, *a.* intersecting. **interosculation**, *n.*

interpellate

v.t. arraign or question for explanation. **interpellant**, *a.* interrupting; *n.* person interpellating. **interpellation**, *n.* interpellating; interruption. **interpellator**, *n.*

interpolate

v.i. insert; introduce; interject; alter or falsify (text etc.) by inserting new material; estimate (intermediate values) from known values in a mathematical range or series. **interpolation**, *n.* **interpolative**, *a.* **interpolator**, *n.*

interregnum

n. (*pl.* -na) interval, especially between two successive reigns. **interrex**, *n.* (*pl.* -reges) ruler during such.

inter se

'among themselves'.

interstice

n. small opening or space, especially intervening. **interstitial**, *a.*

intertessellation

n. complicated interrelationship.

intertonic

a. between accented sounds or syllables.

intertrigo

n. inflammation of skin caused by friction between moist surfaces.
intertriginous, *a.*

intestate

a., n. (person dying) without having made a valid will. **intestacy**, *n.*

intima

n. (*pl. -ae*) *Anatomy*, inner lining of organ or vessel.

intorsion

n. twisting, twining. **intort**, *v.i.*

in toto

'entirely'.

intrados

n. interior curve of arch

intramural

a. within the walls; taking place within, or confined to, a college, institution, etc.

intransigent

a.,n. uncompromising (person); radical. **intransigence**, *n.*

intravasation

n. Medicine, entrance of externally formed matter into vessels.

intravenous

a. into a vein.

intra-vitam

a. during life.

intrinsic

a. inward; inherent.

introit

n. psalm or hymn chanted at approach to altar of celebrant priest; first part of Roman Catholic Mass.

introduction

n. incorporation of external ideas and attitudes into one's own personality.
introject, v.t.

intromit

v.t. insert; admit. **intromission**, *n.* **intromittent**, *a.*

introrse

a. inward facing.

introspection

n. looking inward; self-examination; intense, sometimes morbid, interest in one's own mental processes and emotions. **introspect, v.t.** & *i.* **introspective, a.**

intumesce

v.i. swell; bubble, especially owing to heat. **intumescence**, *n.* **intumescent**, *a.*

intussusception

n. movement or slipping of a part into another, especially of small into large intestine. **intussuscept**, *v.t.* **intussusceptive**, *a.*

inula

n. elecampane. **inulaceous**, inuloid, *a.* like inula.

inunct

v.t. anoint. **inunction**, *n.* act of anointing; ointment; rubbing of ointment into skin. **inunctum**, *n.* lanolin ointment.

invaginate

v.i., v.t. sheathe; infold; draw part of tube, etc., inside other part. **invagination**, *n.* act of invaginating; part invaginated; intussusception.

inveigh

v.i. attack with words.

inveigle

v.t. entice; persuade by flattery, guile, etc. **inveiglement**, *n.*

invenit

'invented (it)'.

inveterate

a. confirmed; long-established. **inveteracy**, *n.*

invictive

a. not defeatable.

invidious

a. tending to provoke envy or ill-will or give offence.

invigilate

v.i. supervise closely, especially candidates in examination. **invigilation**, *n.*
invigilator, *n.*

invination

n. inclusion or embodiment of blood of Christ in Communion wine.

inviscate

v.t. make sticky; entrap with sticky substance. **inviscation**, *n.*

in vivo

'in living (creature)'. **in vitro**, 'in glass'; in test-tube or laboratory experiment. **in vitro fertilisation**, union of eggs and sperm to form embryos, in the laboratory.

involucrē

n. covering, especially whorl of bracts in plant. **involucral**, *a.* like an involucrē.
involucrate, *a.* having an involucrē.

involute

a. curved spirally inwards; complicated. **involution**, *n.*

invultuation

n. stabbing of wax image of person to be injured as form of witchcraft.

iodoform

n. antiseptic made from iodine and alcohol. **iodotherapy**, *n.* medical treatment with iodine.

ion

n. electrically charged particle or atom. **ionization**, *n.* **ionize**, *v.t.* convert into ion; make conductive by forming ions in. **ionophoresis**, *n.* electrophoresis, especially of small ions. **ionosphere**, *n.* region of the atmosphere, from 40 km./25 miles up, in which air is ionized by sun's ultra-violet rays and reflects radio waves back to earth. **iontophoresis**, *n.* introduction of ions into body as medical treatment.

iota

n. ninth letter of Greek alphabet; jot; atom.

ipecacuanha

n. dried roots of S American plant used as expectorant, etc. (*abbr.* ipecac.).

ipse dixit

'himself he said (it)'; dogmatic statement; dictum.

ipseity

n. selfhood.

ipso facto

adv. 'by that fact'; by virtue of that very fact or case.

IQSY

abbreviation of International Quiet Sun Years.

irade

n. Muslim edict, especially sultan's decree.

irascent

a. becoming angry. **irascible**, *a.* easily angered; irritable. **irascibility**, *n.*

irenic(al)

see eirenic.

iridescent

a. glittering with rainbow-like colours. **iridescence, iridescency, *n.***

iridic

a. containing iridium; pertaining to iris of eye.

iridium

n. rare, hard, platinum-like metal.

iridization

n. iridescence.

iridology

n. diagnosis based on examining iris of eye. **iridologist, *n.***

irisation

n. iridescence. **iriscope, *n.*** apparatus producing iridescence.

iritis

n. inflammation of iris of eye. **iritic, *a.***

irrecusable

a. not to be rejected.

irredenta

a. 'unredeemed'; applied to part of country under another's rule. **irredential**, *a.* **irredentism**, *n.* policy of attempting to recover such region to country that has lost it. **irredentist**, *n.*

irrefragable

a. indisputable; unbreakable.

irrefrangible

a. unbreakable; incapable of being refracted.

irremeable

a. allowing of no return; irrevocable.

irrevocable

a. incapable of being recalled or revoked; unalterable.

irrupt

v.i. burst in; enter violently. **irruption**, *n.* **irruptive**, *a.*

isagogue

n. introduction. **isagogic(al)**, *a.* **isagogics**, *n.* introductory study of Bible.

isallobar

n. line on map passing through all places with equal changes in pressure over a certain period.

isanemone

n. line on map connecting all places with same wind velocity.

isarithm

n. line on map passing through places of same density of population.

ischaemia

n. localized anaemia or deficiency of blood. **ischaemic**, *a.*

ischialgia

n. sciatica. **ischialgic**, *a.*

ischidrosis

n. suppression of perspiration.

ischium

n. (*pl.* -ia) bone forming base of each half of pelvis.

ischuria, ischury

n. retention of urine. **ischuretic**, *n.* & *a.* (agent) causing this.

isinglass

n. form of gelatine made from fishes' air bladders; agar-agar.

ism

n. doctrine, especially a foolish one. **ismal**, **ismatic(al)**, *a.*

isobar

n. line on map passing through all places with same barometric pressure.
isobaric, *a.*

isobath

n. line of map passing through all points of equal depth below water.

isocheim

n. line on map passing through all places with same average winter temperature.
isocheimal, **isocheimenal**, **isocheimic**, *a.*

isochromatic

a. of the same colour.

isochronous

a. lasting equal time; recurring at equal intervals. **isochronal**, **isochronic(al)**, *a.*
isochronize, *v.t.* **isochronism**, *n.* **isochronon**, *n.* chronometer.

isochroous

a. of uniform colour.

isoclinal

a., n. (line on map passing through all places) with same magnetic dip; having equal inclination. **isoclinic**, *a.*

isocracy

n. equal rule; possession of equal power by all. **isocrat**, *n.* **isocratic**, *a.*

isocryme

n. isotherm for coldest period of year. **isocrymal**, **isocrymic**, *a.*

isodiabatic

a. pertaining to equal heat transmission.

isodynamic

a. pertaining to or having equal force. **isodynamia**, *n.*

isogenesis

n. sameness of origin. **isogenetic**, **isogenic**, **isogenous**, *a.* **isogeny**, *n.*

isogeotherm

n. line connecting points of equal temperature below the earth's surface.

isogloss

n. a line of a dialect map delimiting localities in which some feature of speech is found. *isoglossal, a.*

isogonal

a. having equal angles. *isogonic, a.; n.* line on map passing through all places with same magnetic declination.

isogram

n. line on map passing through all places with same conditions or figures for the subject in question, as temperature, rainfall, etc.

isography

n. imitation of other person's hand-writing. *isographic(al), a.*

isohel

n. line on map passing through all places with same hours of sunshine.

isohyet

n. line on map passing through all places with same rainfall. *isohyetal, a.*

isokeraunic

a., n. (line on map connecting places) with equal or simultaneous occurrence of thunderstorms.

isomer

n. compound of same elements in same proportions by weight as another, but having different structure and properties. **isomeric**, *a.* **isomerize**, *v.t.* **isomerism**, *n.* **isomericous**, *a.* having same number of parts, peculiarities, etc.

isometric

a. of equal measure. **isometrics**, *n.* system of muscular exercises without apparatus, *e.g.* by opposing one set of muscles to another. **isometry**, *n.* equality of measure.

isomorphic

a. of same or similar form; *Mathematics*, characterized by a one-to-one correspondence between the members of two or more sets. **isomorphism**, *n.* **isomorphous**, *a.*

isonomy

n. equality of legal rights. **isonomic**, **isonomous**, *a.*

isonym

n. word of same derivation or form as another; cognate word. **isonymic**, *a.* **isonymy**, *n.*

isopiestic

a. isobar(ic)

isopleth

n. line on map passing through places with same numerical values for a meteorological feature.

isopod

n. crustacean with flattened body and seven pairs of legs. *e.g.* woodlouse.

isopoly

n. equality of political rights. **isopolitical**, *a.*

isopsephic

a. numerically equal. **isopsephism**, *n.*

isopycnic

a.,n. (line passing through points) of equal density.

isorropic

a. of equal value.

isosceles

a. having two sides equal.

isoseismal

a., n. (line on map passing through places) of same intensity of earthquake shock. **isoseismic(al)**, *a.*

isostasy

n. state of equilibrium due to equal pressure on all sides. **isostatic**, *a.*

isothere

n. isotherm for average summer temperature. **isothermal**, *a.*

isotherm

n. line on map passing through places with same temperature. **isothermal**, **isothermic**, **isothermous**, *a.*

isotope

n. form of an element having same atomic number but different atomic weight and different radioactivity. **radioactive isotope**, form of an element made radioactive and used in medical diagnosis and treatment, etc. **isotopic**), *a.* **isotopy**, *n.*

isotron

n. device for separating isotopes.

isotropic

a. having same properties in every direction. **isotropy** *a.* **isotropism**, **isotropy**, *n.* **isotropic**, *a.*

iterate

v.t. repeat **iterant**, *a.* repeating. **iterance**, **iterancy**, **iteration**, *n.* **iterative**, *a.*

iterum

'again'; afresh.

ithyphallic

a. indecent; pertaining to verse line of three trochees.

itinerant

a. journeying from place to place; *n* wanderer; traveller. **itinerancy**, *n.* **itinerary**, *n.* journey; route; guide book; *adj* pertaining to journey. **itinerate**, *v.* *i.* journey from place to place, especially preaching. **itineration**, *n.*

ixia

n. iris-like S African plant; corn lily.

ixiodic

a. pertaining or due to ticks. **ixiodian**, **ixiodid**, *n.* & *a.* (pertaining to) a tick.

jabot

n. long frill in front of bodice.

jacamar

n. long-billed brightly-coloured bird of tropical S America.

jacinth

n. orange-coloured variety of the common hyacinth. **jacinthe**, *n.* orange colour.

Jacobin

n. extreme revolutionary, especially of French revolution of 1789. **Jacobinic(al)**,
a. **Jacobinism**, *v.t.* **Jacobinize**, *n.*

jaconet

n. kind of thin cotton fabric, especially with one side glazed.

Jacquerie

n. peasant revolt, especially of France in 1358; peasant class.

jactancy

n. boasting. **jactation**, *n.* boasting; *Medicine*, tossing or shaking of body.

jactitation

n. jactation; false claim. **jactitation of marriage**, false claim to be married to a person.

jaculation

n. hurling or darting, as of spears. **jaculiferous**, *a.* with arrow-like prickles.
jaculatory, *a.*

j'adoube

'I adjust'; call when merely adjusting, and not moving, a piece in chess, etc.

jaeger

n. gull-like bird of prey, also called skua.

jagannath

n. juggernaut.

jai alai

n. rackets-like game of Spain and Spanish America.

jalap

n. root of Mexican plant used as purgative.

jalop(p)y

n. worn-out motor-car or aircraft.

jalouse

vb. Scot. be jealous of; grudge; *Scottish*, suspect.

jalousie

n. blind or shutter with slats slanting upwards and inwards.

jambolan

n. plum-like tree of Java with fruit used as astringent and drug. **jambool**, *n.* jambolan.

jampan

n. kind of sedan chair.

Janiform

a. like the Roman god Janus; two-faced.

janissary, janizary

n. member of certain Turkish infantry corps.

jannock

a. pleasant; outspoken; honest; generous.

jardinière

n. ornamental flower stand.

jarrah

n. Australian eucalyptus tree with mahogany-like timber; red gum tree of Australia.

jarvey

n. Irish jaunting-car driver; hackney coachman.

jaspé

a. mottled or streaked with colour.

jaspideous, jaspidean

a. like or containing jasper.

jecoral

a. pertaining to the liver. **jecorize**, *v.t.* impregnate with ultra- violet rays; make similar in value to cod-liver oil.

jehad, jihad

n. Muslim religious war; crusade.

jejune

a. empty; sterile; dry; naive; immature. **jejunity**, *n.* **jejunum**, *n.* middle part of small intestine.

jellab

n. loose hooded cloak of Morocco, etc.

jelutong

n. Malayan tree yielding rubbery resin; this resin.

jemadar

n. sepoy lieutenant; any military or police leader.

je ne sais quoi

'I do not know what'; indescribable attractive attribute or quality; 'a certain something'.

jennet

n. small Spanish horse; she-ass.

jentacular

a. pertaining to breakfast.

jequirity

n. seed of Indian liquorice used as weight, rosary-bead, etc.

jerboa

n. jumping rat, especially of N Africa.

jeremiad

n. mournful prophecy, story or complaint.

jerque

v.t. examine papers of (a ship) for smuggling attempts, etc. **jerquer**, *n.* customs officer who jerques ships.

jess

n. ringed strap round hawk's leg.

jesuitry

n. casuistry. **jesuitical**, *a.* cunning. **jesuitism**, *n.* jesuitry; quibble.

jetsam

n. goods thrown overboard, especially when found cast up on shore.

jettison

v.t. throw overboard to lighten ship; cast off as nuisance; discard; *n.* such act; jetsam.

jeu d'esprit

'game of wit'; light, humorous work; witty sally.

jeune premier

(*fem.* -ière) juvenile lead in musical play, etc.

jeunesse dorée

'gilded youth'; rich young people.

jihad

n. see **jehad**.

jinn

n. (*sing.* **jinni**, **jinnee**) in Muslim mythology, class of spirits, lower than angels, able to take on human and animal form.

jodhpurs

n. pl. riding breeches fitting lower leg tightly.

joie de vivre

n. 'joy of living'; zest.

jointure

n. settlement of estate on wife to become effective on death of husband; *v.t.* settle jointure on. **jointress**, **jointuress**, *n.* woman holding jointure.

jongleur

n. medieval wandering minstrel; troubadour; juggler.

jorum

n. large bowl containing drink; its contents.

joule

n. unit of energy or work: equal to work done when force of one newton moves its point of application one metre.

Judaize

v.t. make or become Jewish; keep Jewish observances; convert to Jewish beliefs. **Judaic**, *a.* Judaism, *n.*

Judophobia, Judophobia

n. anti-Semitism.

jugal

a. pertaining to cheek or cheek bone.

jugate

a. in pairs; applied to two overlapping heads on coin. **jugation**, *n.*

juggernaut

n. huge Indian idol of Vishnu, drawn at festivals on a cart beneath whose wheels worshippers were erroneously believed to throw themselves to death; any belief or object needing or receiving sacrifice of themselves by believers; anything that crushes all in its path; very large lorry.

jugular

a. pertaining to neck or throat; *n.* such vein. **jugulate**, *v.t.* kill by cutting throat or strangling; check by drastic measures.

julep

n. sweet medicated beverage.

jumelle

a. in or with pairs.

juncaceous

a. pertaining to or like a rush; belonging to rush family of plants.

juncture

n. junction; joint; critical moment of time.

Jungfrau

n. young woman; maiden.

Junker

n. landed aristocrat, especially of Prussia. **Junkerdom**, **Junkerism**, *n.*

Junta

n. council; any administrative body; clique. **junto**, *n.* clique; faction.

jural

a. pertaining to law or legal rights. **juramentum**, (*Latin*) *n.* (*pl.* -ta) oath. **jurant**, *n.* & *a.* (person) taking oath. **jurat**, *n.* sworn public officer; magistrate; municipal officer of Cinque Ports; statement at end of affidavit showing circumstances in which it was sworn. **juration**, *n.* swearing. **juratorial**, *a.* pertaining to jury. **juratory**, *a.* pertaining to oath.

jurisconsult

n. legal expert.

jurisdiction

n. legal authority or administration; extent or area of such authority. **jurisdictional**, *a.*

jurisprudence

n. science of law; knowledge of law. **jurisprudent**, *n.* & *a.* (person) expert in this.

jurist

n. jurisconsult. **juristic**, *a.* pertaining to jurist; pertaining to or permissible by law.

jus

n. (*pl.* *jures*) law; legal power or right. **jus gentium**, law of nations. **jus inter gentes**, international law. **jus primae noctis**, droit du seigneur.

jusqu'au bout

'to the end'. **jusqu'au boutist**, *n.* radical; one willing to go to the bitter end.

jussive

a. *Grammar*, signifying command.

juvenescent

a. becoming young. **juvenescence**, *n.*

juvenilia

n. pl. writer's or artist's youthful, early works.

juxtapose

v.t. place side by side or next to. **juxtaposition**, *n.*

jyngine

a. pertaining to or like a wryneck; belonging to wryneck subfamily of birds.

kabbadi

n. Indian game of tag, played by two teams.

kabuki

n. Japanese popular traditional drama, with male actors only.

kaddish

n. Jewish prayers for the dead.

kadi

n. see cadi.

kaka

n. talking parrot of New Zealand. **kakapo**, *n.* ground-owl-parrot of New Zealand

kakemono

n. Japanese vertical wall-picture or inscription mounted on a roller.

kakidrosis

n. secretion of malodorous perspiration.

kakistocracy

n. government by worst people.

kaleidoscope

n. instrument containing fragments of coloured glass, etc., which are reflected in mirrors to produce a multitude of patterns; any many-coloured, changing pattern or scene. **kaleidoscopic**, *a.*

kalends

see **calends**.

kampong

n. Malay village.

kanaka

n. South Sea islander.

Kannada

n. S Indian language also called Kanarese.

kanya

n. shea tree and butter.

kaolin

n. china clay, used in porcelain manufacture and in medicine.

kaon

n. Physics, elementary particle of the meson family.

Kapellmeister

n. Music, conductor (and leader) of an orchestra.

kapok

n. soft fibre of silk-cotton tree, used to fill cushions, etc.; the silk-cotton tree, its seeds and oil.

kappa

n. tenth letter of Greek alphabet.

karaka

n. tree with edible seeds and fruit.

karakul

n. sheep of Central Asia; curled black fleece of its lambs.

karaoke

n. entertainment of singing popular songs to pre-recorded backing tape.

karma

n. destiny; in Buddhist belief, actions of one incarnation determining nature of next; religious rite. **karmic**, *a.*

karri

n. W Australian giant gum tree, with red timber.

karroo

n. dry terrace-like plateau of S Africa.

karst

n. limestone region with underground streams, potholes, etc.

karyokinesis

n. cell division, especially of nucleus. **karyoplasm**, *n.* protoplasm of cell nucleus. **karyotin**, *n.* sustainable matter of nucleus.

kashrut(h)

n. condition of being kosher; Jewish religious law concerning food.

katabasis

n. military retreat. **katabatic** *a.* moving downhill, sinking (of winds).

kathakali

n. highly stylized form of S Indian drama, using dance and mime.

katharometer

n. instrument measuring alterations in composition of gas mixture.

katipo

n. venomous black spider of New Zealand.

katydid

n. large green grasshopper of America.

kauri

n. gum- and timber-yielding tree of New Zealand; its white timber; its resin found in lumps in ground.

kava

n. kind of pepper plant of Australasia, with root from which strong drink is made.

kayak

n. Eskimo canoe.

kazoo

n. musical toy that makes a vibrating sound when hummed into.

kea

n. large green parrot of New Zealand, said to kill sheep.

keddah

n. elephant trap.

kedge

n. small anchor; *v.t.* move (ship) by hauling on anchor dropped ahead from boat.

keelhaul

v.t. haul under keel of ship as punishment.

keelson

n. wooden or steel structure lengthwise within ship's frame to bear and distribute stress.

kef

n. sleepiness, caused by drugs; hashish, etc.

kefir

n. koumiss-like drink of Caucasus.

kelim

n. woven rug, made in W Asia.

keloid

n. fibrous skin tumour, especially over scar; raised scars forming pattern on body, in certain African tribes.

kelp

n. seaweed ashes, yielding iodine; several large brown seaweeds.

kelpie

n. water spirit in Gaelic mythology; *Australia*, kind of sheep - or cattle - dog, derived partly from dingo.

kelson

n. see keelson.

kelt

n. salmon after spawning.

kenosis

n. Theological, action of Christ in humbling Himself, or divesting Himself of divine attributes, in becoming man. **kenotic**, *a.*; *n.* believer in kenosis. **kenoticism**, **kenotism**, *n.*

kepi, ké-

n. soldier's peaked cap with high flat crown.

kerasine

a. horny.

keratin

n. protein from which horns, nails, hair and similar tissues develop. **keratinize**, *v. i. & t.* become or make horny. **keratinous** *a.* horny.

keratogenic

a. able to cause growth of horn, skin, hair, etc. **keratogenous**, *a.* horn-producing. **keratoid**, *a.* horny. **keratode**, *n.* keratose substance. **keratose**, *n.* & *a.* (substance) of horny fibres. **keratosis**, *n.* excessive growth of horny tissue of skin.

keraunograph

n. instrument detecting distant thunderstorm; pattern made by lightning on struck object. **keraunoscopia**, keraunoscopy, *n.* divination by thunder.

kermes

n. red cochineal-like dye made from dried bodies of certain female insects of Mediterranean; evergreen oak on which these insects feed.

kerogen

n. kind of bitumen found in oil shale. **kerosene**, *n.* fuel oil also called paraffin.

kerygmatic

a. pertaining to preaching, especially of gospel.

ketch

n. two-masted fore-and-aft rigged sailing vessel.

ketone

n. chemical compound of carbon, obtained by distilling salts of organic acids. **ketonaemia**, *n.* presence of ketone, especially acetone, in blood. **ketonic**, *a.*

ketonize, *v.t.* convert into ketone. **ketogenesis**, *n.* production of ketone, especially in diabetes. **ketosis**, *n.* presence of excess of ketone in body.

khamsin, khamseen

n. hot wind of Egypt blowing from Sahara; dust storm.

khan

n. prince; Tartar emperor; *Arabic*, caravanserai. **khanate**, *n.* khan's office or jurisdiction. **khanjee**, *n.* keeper of caravanserai.

Khedive

n. Turkish viceroy of Egypt. **Khedival**, *a.*

khoja(h)

n. title of respect for teacher or wise man.

kiang

n. wild ass of Tibet.

kia ora

'be well'; good health!

kibe

n. chapped place on skin; ulcerated chilblain.

kibitzer

n. giver of unwanted advice; interfering onlooker.

kieselguhr

n. powdery substance, mainly silica, used in filters, explosives, etc.

kilderkin

n. measure of capacity, about 18 gallons; cask holding that amount.

kinesalgia

n. muscular pain. **Kinesiatrics**, *n.* medical treatments by muscular movements.

kinetic

a. of or due to movement. **kinesics**, *n.* study of body movements as means of communication. **kinesis** *n.* movement. **kinetics**, *n.* study of changes of motion under forces. **kinetogenic**, *a.* causing movement.

kinin

n. hormone causing contraction of smooth muscle; hormone that promotes cell division and development in plants.

kinkajou

n. raccoon-like animal of Central and S America.

kino

n. red gum containing tannin, obtained from several tropical trees.

kir

n. drink consisting of white wine and blackcurrant liqueur.

kirsch

n. clear brandy made from cherries.

kismet

n. fate.

kit-cat

a., n. not quite half-length (portrait).

klepht

n. brigand. **klephtic**, *a.* **klephtism**, *n.*

kleptomania

n. uncontrollable desire to steal. **kleptomaniac**, *n.* & *a.*

klong

n. canal.

kloof

n. ravine.

knout

n. whip with leather and wire thongs; *v.t.* flog with a knout.

knur

n. knob; knot in wood.

knurl

n. small knob.

koala

n. Australian tree bear.

koan

n. puzzle with no logical solution used in Zen Buddhism to develop intuitive thought.

kobold

n. sprite in German folklore.

koftgari

n. inlaying of gold on steel.

kohl

n. dark eye make-up used in Asia.

kohlrabi

n. kind of cabbage with a turnip-like stem.

Koine

n. Greek dialect used throughout E Mediterranean in Hellenistic and Roman times; (*koine*) any lingua franca.

kolkhoz

n. collective farm.

komatik

n. long Eskimo sledge.

koniology

n. study of dust and germs in atmosphere. **koniometer, koniscope, n.** instrument measuring amount of dust in air.

kookaburra

n. Australian Kingfisher with a harsh laughing call, also called the laughing

jackass.

kopek, kopeck

n. Russian coin worth one-hundredth part of rouble.

kopje

n. hillock.

Koran

n. holy scriptures of Islam.

korfball

n. basketball-like game played between two teams of six men and six women each.

kosher

a. permitted by, or prepared according to, Jewish religious law.

koumiss

n. intoxicating drink made from fermented mare's milk.

kourbash

n. whip of hide; *v.t.* flog with a kourbash.

krat

n. very poisonous Indian snake.

krasis

n. addition of water to Communion wine.

Kriegspiel

n. 'war game', played by moving on a board pieces, flags, etc., representing armed forces.

krill

n. shrimp-like crustacean of the Antarctic.

kris

n. Malay dagger with scalloped blade.

krona

n. (pl. kronor) money unit of Sweden worth 100 ore; króna, (*pl. kronur*) money unit of Iceland worth 100 aurar.

krone

n. (pl. kroner) money unit of Denmark and Norway worth 100 ore.

krypton

n. colourless and odourless rare gas which occurs in the atmosphere.

kudos

n. glory; fame; reward.

kudu

n. large curved-horned African antelope.

Ku Klux Klan

n. white supremacist secret society of S USA.

kukri

n. broad curved Gurkha knife.

kulak

n. rich peasant or farmer.

Kultur

n. 'culture', especially representing civilization of a nation.

kumiss

see **koumiss**.

kumquat

n. very small citrus fruit.

Kursaal

n. entertainment hall, public room or hotel at spa or seaside resort.

kvas(s)

n. thin weak Russian beer.

kvetch

v.i. complain habitually or at length.

kwashiorkor

n. disease of children in W Africa caused by lack of proteins and vitamins.

kymatology

n. study of wave motion.

kymograph

n. instrument recording pressure curves, etc. **kymographic**, *a.*

kyphosis

n. inward curvature of the spine. **kyphotic**, *a.*

kyrie eleison

n. 'Lord, have mercy'; words from the Mass often set to music.

laager

n. camp of wagons drawn into circle; *v.i. & t.* make such camp.

laagte

n. valley; dry river bed.

labanotation

n. a method of writing down the movements, etc., of ballet diagrammatically.

labefact, labefy

v.t. weaken. **labefaction**, **labefaction**, *n.*

labellate

a. lipped. **labelloid**, *a.* lip-like. **labellum**, *n.* (*pl.* - *la*) lip of flower's corolla.

labia

n. pl. (*sing.* **labium**) lip-like folds of female genital organs. **labia majora** outer folds. **labia minora** inner folds.

labial

a. pertaining to lips or labia; pronounced with lips; *n.* such sound, as *p*, *w*.
labiate, *a.* lipped; *v.t.* labialize. **labialize**, *v.t.* make labial in pronunciation.
labialism, *n.*

labidophorous

a. with a pair of pincer-like organs.

labile

a. liable to err or change; unstable. **lability**, *n.* **labilize**, *v.t.*

labiodental

a. pertaining to or pronounced with lips and teeth; *n.* such sound, as *f*.
labiomancy, *n.* lip-reading. **labionasal**, *n.* & *a.* (sound) pronounced with lips and nasal passage, as *m*. **labiovelar**, *n.* & *a.* (sound) pronounced with rounded lips and back of tongue raised, as *w*.

labret

n. ornamental insertion in lip.

labrose

a. thick-lipped.

labyrinth

n. maze; internal ear. **labyrinthian**, **labyrinthic**, **labyrinthine**, *a.* **labyrinthitis** ,,
n. inflammation of internal ear.

lac

n. see **lakh.**

lacerate

v.t. tear; mangle; wound. **laceration**, *n.* **lacerative**, *a.*

lacertilian

a., n. (pertaining to or like a) lizard. **lacertian**, *n.* & *a.* **lacertiform**, *a.* lizard-shaped. **lacertine**, **lacertoid**, *a.* lizard-like.

laces

n. negligence; carelessness.

lachrymal

a. pertaining to tears and weeping; *n.pl.* organs secreting tears; crying fits. **lachrymary**, *a.* **lachrymation**, *n.* **lachrymator**, *n.* substance or gas causing tears. **lachrymatory**, *n.* narrow-necked vase; tear-bottle. **lachrymiform**, *a.* tear-shaped. **lachrymist**, *n.* weeper. **lachrymogenic**, *a.* causing tears. **lachrymose**, *a.* tearful.

laciniate

a. fringed; jagged, slashed. **laciniform**, *a.* like a fringe. **laciniose**, *a.* **lacinulate**, *a.* with fine or small fringe. **laciniation**, *n.*

lacis

n. network; filet lace.

laconic

a. curt; in few words; unemotional. **laconicism, laconism** *n.*

lacrimal

a. lachrymal.

lactarium

n. dairy. **lactary, a.** pertaining to milk.

lactate

v.i. secrete milk; suckle young; *n.* salt or ester of lactic acid. **lactation, n.**

lacteal

a. pertaining to milk; *n.* & *a.* (vessel) conveying chyle. **lactean, a.** milky.

lactescent

a. like milk; secreting milk; yielding milky substance. **lacteous, a.** milky.
lactescence, n.

lactic

a. pertaining to milk or sour milk. **lactic acid**, acid occurring in sour milk and in muscles when they are exercised hard. **lactiferous, a.** yielding or conveying milk or milky substance. **lactific, a.** producing milk. **lactifluous, a.** full of milk. **lactiform, a.** like milk.

lactometer

n. instrument measuring the purity of milk. **lactoscope**, *n.* instrument measuring amount of cream in milk.

lactose

n. sugar occurring in milk.

lacuna

n. (*pl. -ae*) gap; interval; hiatus. **lacunal**, **lacunose**, **lacunar**, **lacunary**, *a.*

lacuscular

a. pertaining to pools.

lacustrine

a. pertaining to lakes. **lacustral**, *a.* **lacustrian**, *a.*; *n.* lake- dweller.

Ladino

n. language of Sephardic Jews, based on Spanish, written in Hebrew characters.

ladrone

n. robber. **ladronism**, *n.* brigandage.

laevoduction

n. movement leftwards. **laevogyrate**, **laevorotatory**, *a.* turning to left, especially plane of polarized light. **laevoversion**, *n.* turning of eyes to left. **laevulose**, *n.* kind of very sweet sugar obtained from sucrose. .

lagan

n. goods lying on sea-bed, often at marked spot.

lagena

n. (*pl.* -ae) flask. **lageniform**, *a.* flask-shaped.

lagnappe, lagniappe

n. American, gratuity; small gift, especially given to a customer.

lagophthalmus, lagophthalmos

n. condition of incomplete closure of eye. **lagophthalmic**, *a.*

laic

a. not clerical or ecclesiastical; lay. **laicism**, *n.* anticlericalism. **laicize**, *v.t.* divest of ecclesiastical nature; give over to lay control.

laissez faire

'let be' or 'let act'; policy of non-intervention by government in industry or industrial conditions.

lakh

n. one hundred thousand (rupees).

Iallation

n. infant's talk, or speech similar to it; pronunciation of *r* as *l*.

Ialoplegia

n. loss of speech caused by paralysis.

Lama

n. Tibetan monk or priest. **lamaic**, **lamaistic**, *a.* **lamaism**, **lamaist**, *n.* **lamasery**,
n. lama monastery.

Lambda

n. eleventh letter of Gr. alphabet. **lambdaism**, *n.* undue use of *l* sound in speech, etc.; incorrect pronunciation of *l*; pronunciation of *r* as *l*. **lambdaoid**, *a.* shaped like Lambda.

Lambent

a. shining gently or playing about surface; flickering; gently radiant. **lambency**, *n.*

Lambert

n. unit of brightness: brightness of surface radiating one lumen per square centimetre.

Lambrequin

n. ornamental hanging over upper part of window or along the edge of a shelf; border pattern with draped effect used in ceramics; covering for helmet.

lamella

n. (pl. -ae) thin plate or layer. **lamelloid**, *a.* like lamella. **lamellose**, **lamellar**, **lamellary**, *a.* **lamellated**, *a.* composed of such. **lamellation**, *n.*

lamia

n. mythical monster with snake's body and woman's head and breasts.

lamiaceous

a. pertaining to or like mint; belonging to mint family of plants.

lamina

n. (pl. -ae) thin plate or layer; flake. **laminal**, **laminose**, **luminous**, **laminar**, **laminary**, *a.* **laminate**, *v.i. & t.* split into laminae; bond several laminae together; plate with metal; *a.* shaped like or composed of laminae. **lamination**, *n.*

lammergeier

n. eagle- and vulture-like bird of prey, largest of Europe; bearded vulture.

lampadedromy

n. foot race with lighted torches, especially relay race in which torch is passed on. **lampadephore**, *n.* torchbearer.

lampion

n. small crude lamp.

lampoon

n. written satire on a person; *v.t.* satirize. **lampooner, lampoonist, n.** writer of lampoon.

lamprey

n. slender eel-like fish with toothed sucking mouth.

lamprophony

n. speaking in clear, loud voice.

lampyrid

a.,n. (pertaining to) glow-worm or fire-fly. **lampyrine, a.**

lanameter

n. mechanical means of determining quality of wool. **lanate, a.** woolly.

lanceolate

a. having shape of lance-head, especially tapering at each end. **lanceolation, n.**

lancet

n. pointed surgical instrument; pointed window or arch.

lancinate

a. lacerate; pierce. **lancination**, *n.*

landau

n. four-wheeler carriage with folding hood and removable top. **landaulette**, *n.* coupé with folding hood.

landes

n. pl. desert or marshy lowlands beside sea.

landfall

n. the sighting of land from sea.

landgrave

n. kind of German count. **landgraviate**, *n.* jurisdiction of landgrave. **landgravine**, *n.* wife of landgrave; woman having position of landgrave.

Landwehr

n. reserve of men who have completed conscription service in army.

languet(te)

n. tongue-like appendage or outgrowth.

Ianiary

a., *n.* canine (tooth). **Ianiariform**, *a.*

Ianolin

n. fat extracted from wool and used in ointments and cosmetics. **Ianose**, *a.* woolly.

Ianugo

n. woolly down, especially covering human foetus. **Ianuginose**, **Ianuginous**, *a.* downy.

Laodicean

a. pertaining to Laodicea and its 'lukewarm' Christians (Rev. iii); zeal-less; *n.* such person.

lapactic

a., *n.* purgative. **laparectomy**, **laparotomy**, *n.* operation for removal of part of wall of abdomen.

lapicide

n. stone-cutter.

lapidary

a. pertaining to or engraved on stone; (of style) elegant and precise; *n.* gem engraver. **lapidian**, *a.* pertaining to or inscribed on stone. **lapidarist**, *n.* expert on gems and gem cutting.

lapidate

v.t. stone to death. **lapidation, lapidator, n.**

lapideous

a. of or cut in stone. **lapidicolous, a.** living under stones. **lapidific, a.** forming stone. **lapidify, v.t.** turn into stone.

lapillus

n. (pl. -li) small stone, especially ejected by volcano. **lapilliform, a.** like small stones.

lapis lazuli

n. rich blue stone.

lappaceous

a. prickly.

lappet

n. flap or fold (on garment); fleshy lobe.

lapsus linguae

n. (pl. same) 'slip of the tongue'. **lapsus calami**, slip of the pen. **lapsus memoriae**, slip of memory.

Laputan

a. pertaining to Laputa, island of philosophers in Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*; absurd; fantastic.

larboard

n. archaic, port.

lares

n.pl. pl. local or tutelary gods. **lares and penates**, household gods.

largesse

n. bountiful gift of money; generosity. **largition**, *n.* giving of largesse.

larine

a. pertaining to or like gulls.

larithmics

n. study of population statistics.

larmoyant

a. tearful; weeping.

larva

n. (*pl. -ae*) form of insect after hatching from egg and before pupation; earliest form of animal's young. **larval**, *a.* larvate, *a.* hidden. **larviparous**, *a.* bringing forth larvae. **larvivorous**, *a.* feeding on larvae.

larynx

n. (*pl. larynges*) upper part of windpipe; voice organ. **laryngal**, **laryngeal**, **laryngic**, *a.* **laryngismus**, *n.* spasm closing larynx, with croup-like effect. **laryngitis**, *n.* inflammation of larynx. **laryngology**, *n.* study of larynx. **laryngoscope**, *n.* instrument for viewing larynx. **laryngotomy**, *n.* incision into larynx.

lascar

n. native sailor or soldier.

lascivious

a. lustful; lecherous.

lasher

n. weir; water in or pool below weir.

lassitude

n. tiredness.

latebricole

a. living in holes.

lateen

a. applied to triangular sail rigged on spar forming angle of 45° with mast.
lateener, n. lateen-rigged vessel.

latent

a. lying concealed or dormant. *latency, n.*

laterigrade

a.,n. (animal) moving sideways or crab-wise.

laterite

n. *Geology*, red clay formed by weathering of oxide- bearing rocks. *lateritic, a.*
lateritious, a. brick-red in colour.

lateroversion

n. *Medicine*, sideways displacement of organ.

latescent

a. becoming latent.

lathi

n. Indian policeman's long staff, used for crowd control, as weapon, etc.

laticostate

a. having broad ribs. **latidentate**, *a.* having broad teeth. **latipennate**, *a.* having broad wings. **latirostrate**, *a.* having broad beak.

latitudinarian

a.,n. (person) having broad and free views, especially religious.
latitudinarianism, *n.*

latitudinous

a. (of attitude, interpretation) having breadth.

latrant

a. barking. **latration**, *n.*

latticinio

n. kind of glass with white veins.

laud

v.t.,n. praise. **laudation**, *n.* **laudatory**, **laudative**, *a.* expressing praise.

laudanum

n. tincture of opium.

laudator temporis acti

'praiser of past time'; die-hard; Conservative.

laureate

a. crowned with laurel wreath as prize or sign of distinction; *n.* such person, especially poet; prize-winner; , *v.t.* bestow laurel wreath on. **laureation**, *n.*

laurustinus, laurustine

n. evergreen shrub, species of viburnum, with white or pink flowers.

lavabo

n. (*pl. -boes*) *Roman Catholic*, rite of washing hands by celebrant priest, while reciting Psalm xxvi, 6-12; towel or basin used in this; wash-basin.

lavage

n. washing (out). **lavation**, *n.*

laverock

n. sky lark.

laxation

n. act of loosening; state of being loosened.

layette

n. clothing, bedding, etc., for new-born child.

lazar

n. leper; any plague-stricken person. **lazaretto**, *n.* leper hospital.

lazarole

n. medlar.

lazuli

n. lapis lazuli. **lazuline**, *a.*

Lebensraum

n. 'living space'; territory claimed to be necessary for national self-sufficiency.

lecanomancy

n. divination by water in basin. **lecanoscopy**, *n.* staring at water in basin, as form of self-hypnotism.

lecithal

a. having yolk. **lecithity**, *n.*

lectern

n. reading desk. **lection**, *n.* variant reading in a particular edition of a text.

lectionary

n. list of parts of Scriptures ordered to be read in churches.

lectual

a. necessitating confinement to bed.

legate

n. papal envoy; ambassador. **legation**, *n.* dispatch of legate; embassy.

legerdemain

n. sleight of hand.

leguleian

a. like lawyer; pettifogging; *n.* lawyer. **leguleious**, *a.*

leguminous

a. applied to plants with seeds in pods. **legume**, *n.* vegetable; leguminous plant grown as forage; pod. **leguminiform**, *a.* pod-shaped. **leguminose**, *a.*

lei

n. garland of flowers.

leiotrichous

a. smooth-haired. **leiotrichy**, *n.* **leiophyllous**, *a.* smooth-leaved.

leister

n. trident for spearing fish.

leitmotif, leitmotiv

n. recurring musical theme with definite association with a person, idea, event, etc.

lemma

n. (pl. -mas, -mata) Logic, major premise; (argument or theme used as) the title of a composition; *Lexicography*, word considered as a headword, accompanied by all its inflected forms. *Botany*, flowering glume of grass.

lemming

n. rat of polar regions.

lemnaceous

a. pertaining to or like duckweed; belonging to duckweed family of plants.

lemur

n. large-eyed, monkey-like animal of Madagascar, etc. **flying lemur**, E Indian cat-like animal, with fold of skin on both sides of body enabling it to make long leaps. **lemuriform**, **lemuroid**, *a.* like lemur.

lemures

pl. n. pl. spirits of dead.

lenitive

a.,n. soothing (drug); gentle laxative; palliative. **lenity**, *n.* gentleness; leniency.

lentic

a. pertaining to or living in still water.

lenticular

a. shaped like lentil or convexo-convex lens; *n.* such lens. **lentiform**, *a.*

lentigo

n. (*pl. -tigines*) freckle or freckle-like condition. **lentiginous**, *a.* freckly; scurfy.

lentiscus

n. mastic tree. **lentiscine**, *a.*

lentisk

n. lentiscus.

lentitude

n. slowness; lethargy. **lentitudinous**, *a.*

lentoid

a. lens-shaped.

leonine

a. like a lion. **leonine partnership**, one in which partner bears losses but receives no profits. **Leonine (verse)**, *n.* Latin verse line with internal rhyme.

leontiasis

n. kind of leprosy giving leonine appearance to face. **leontiasis ossea**, hypertrophy of facial bones.

lepidopterous

a. having four scale-covered wings. **lepidopteran**, **lepidopteron**, *n.* (*pl.* -ra) such insect, as moth or butterfly. **lepidopterology**, *n.* study of such insects. **lepidopterologist**, *n.*

lepidosis

n. scaly skin disease. **lepidote**, *a.* scurf-covered.

leporid

a. pertaining or belonging to the family comprising rabbits and hares; *n.* animal of this family. **leporine**, *a.* pertaining to or like a hare.

lepra

n. Medicine, leprosy.

leprechaun

n. fairy in shape of old man, in Irish folklore.

lepric

a. pertaining to leprosy. **leproid**, *a.* **leprology**, *n.* study of leprosy. **leprose**, *a.* scurfy.

leptocephalous

a. having very narrow head. **leptocephalia**, *n.* such condition. **leptocephalus**, *n.* (*pl. -li*) larva of conger eel; conger eel; leptocephalous person.

leptochroous

a. having very thin skin. **leptochroa**, *n.*

leptophyllous

a. having long thin leaves.

leptorrhine

a. (person) with long thin nose. **leptorrhinism**, *n.*

Lesbian

a. pertaining to Lesbos (Mytilene), and the alleged sexual practices of its ancient inhabitants; (**lesbian**) *n.* homosexual woman. **Lesbian rule**, rule or standard alterable to suit circumstances. **lesbianism**, *n.* homosexuality between women.

lèse-majesté, lese-majesty, leze-majesty

n. treason; crime against sovereign's person.

lesion

n. injury, especially causing structural changes; injured area.

lestobiosis

n. (pl. -ses) mode of life characterized by furtive stealing, especially as found where two species of ant live side by side.

lethargy

n. sleepy state. **lethargic**, *a.* **lethargize**, *v.t.*

Lethe

n. river of Hades in Greek mythology, whose waters grant oblivion; forgetfulness of past; peace of mind. **Lethean**, *a.* **lethiferous**, *a.* deadly.

lethologica

n. forgetfulness of words.

lettre de cachet

(*pl. lettres...*), 'sealed letter'; monarch's written edict; order for imprisonment.

leucocyte

n. white corpuscle of blood. **leucocytic**, *a.* **leucocytoid**, *a.* **leucocytosis**, *n.* increase in number of leucocytes in blood.

leucoma

n. whiteness and thickening of cornea. **leucomatous**, *a.*

leucomelanous, leucomelanic

a. a. having dark hair and eyes, and fair skin.

leucopenia

n. decrease in number of leucocytes in blood. **leucopenic**, *a.*

leucophyllous

a. with white leaves.

leucopoiesis

n. formation of leucocytes. **leucopoietic**, *a.*

leucorrhœa

n. vaginal discharge of whitish mucus. **leucorrhœal**, *a.*

leucotomy

n. lobotomy.

leucous

a. white; fair; albino.

leukaemia, leukemia

n. presence of excess leucocytes in blood due to affection of organs making blood. *leukaemic, a.*

leuko-

comb. form leuco-.

Levant

n. the East, especially the eastern end of Mediterranean. *Levanter, n.* E wind of Mediterranean. *Levantine, n. & a.*

levant

v.i. flee from creditors.

levator

n. (pl. levatores), muscle raising limb or part.

levee

n. monarch's reception held after rising or, in Britain, for men only in the afternoon; *American, river embankment; quay.*

leveret

n. young hare.

leviathan

n. sea monster mentioned in Bible; any gigantic creature or work.

levigate

v.t. make smooth; polish; mix thoroughly; reduce to powder or paste; *a.* smooth.
levigation, levigator, n.

levirate

n. custom requiring a man to marry his brother's widow.

levitate

v.t. rise; float; cause to rise or float. **levitation, n.** raising of body without support, especially by spiritualistic means; illusion of floating. **levitative, a.**

levo-

comb. form American, laevo-.

lewisite

n. Chemistry, blistering liquid, derived from arsenic and acetylene, used in war;
Geology, yellow or brown mineral containing antimony.

lex

n. (pl. leges) law. **lex domicilii**, law of the country where a person is domiciled.
lex fori, law of the country where an action is brought. **lex loci**, law of the country where a transaction, tort, etc. occurs. **lex non scripta**, unwritten law.
lex talionis, law of an eye for an eye; law of equal retaliation.

lexicon

n. dictionary; vocabulary of a language, individual or group. **lexical**, *a.* pertaining to lexicon. **lexicography**, *n.* compilation of dictionaries. **lexicology**, *n.* study of words, their meanings and origins.

lexigraphy

n. art of definition of words; writing with characters each one representing a word. **lexigraphic(al)**, *a.*

lexiphanic

a. using many long words; bombastic. **lexiphanism**, *n.*

li

n. unit of weight (equivalent of decigram) or measure (equivalent of millimetre, kilometre or centiare).

liaise

v.i. establish and maintain contact; co-operate. **liaison**, *n.* communication, contact and co-operation; illicit sexual relationship; thickening agent for soups and sauces; pronunciation of normally silent final consonant before word beginning with a vowel.

liana

n. climbing plant with roots in ground; vine.

lias

n. kind of fossiliferous limestone. **liassic**, *a.*

libanophorous

a. yielding incense. **libaniferous**, **libanotophorous**, *a.*

libation

n. offering of drink to gods; act of pouring out such. **libationary**, **libatory**, *a.*

libeccio, libecchio

n. south-west wind.

liber

n. bast.

liberticide

n. destruction or destroyer of liberty. **liberticidal**, *a.*

libertine

n. freethinker; lecher; *a.* freethinking; lecherous. **libertinage**, **libertinism**, *n.*

libido

n. sexual desire; vital motive force deriving from sex or life instinct. **libidinal**, *a.* **libidinous**, *a.* lecherous.

librate

v.i. oscillate before settling into equilibrium; be poised; balance. **libration**, *n.* *Astronomy*, apparent swinging of moon's visible surface. **libratory**, *a.*

libretto

n. (*pl.* **-ti**) book or words of opera, etc. **librettist**, *n.* writer of this.

libriform

a. like liber.

licentiate

n. certificated member; person with licence to practise. **licentiation**, *n.*

licentious

a. sexually immoral; unrestrained.

lichen

n. lowly grey-green flowerless plant encrusting rocks, trees, etc.; encrusting skin disease. **lichenic**, **lichenoid**, **lichenose**, **lichenous**, *a.* **lichenography**, *n.* description of or treatise on lichens. **lichenology**, *n.* study of these.

licit

a. lawful.

lickerish

a. greedy; lecherous.

lickspittle

n. toady, flatterer.

lictor

n. magistrate's attendant bearing fasces in ancient Rome. **lictorian**, *a.*

lidar

n. system of using lasers in the same way as radar: *acronym* of Light Detection and Ranging.

Lied

n. (pl. -er) song, especially short and expressing emotion.

lien

n. right over property or services.

lienal

a. pertaining to spleen. **lienic**, *a.* **lienitis**, *n.* inflammation of spleen.

lientery

n. diarrhoeal discharge of incompletely digested food. **lienteric**, *a.*

lierne

n. Architecture, short secondary rib connecting principal ribs especially in Gothic vaulting.

ligament

n. bond; bandage; band of tissue connecting bones, etc. **ligamental**, **ligamentary**, **ligamentous**, *a.*

ligate

v.t. tie. **ligation**, *n.* **ligature**, *n.* tie; link; bandage; two conjoined letters, as *fl.*

ligneous

a. wood-like; containing wood. **lignescent**, *a.* rather woody. **lignicolous**, *a.* living in wood. **lignify**, *v.i. & t.* become or make woody. **ligniperdous**, *a.* destroying wood. **lignite**, *n.* woody brown coal. **ignum vitae**, *Latin*, 'wood of life'; several W Indian and other varieties of guaiacum tree.

ligule

n. thin outgrowth at junction of leaf and leafstalk. **ligulate**, *a.* having ligule; strap-shaped. **liguloid**, *a.* like ligule.

Lilliputian

n. pertaining to Lilliput, a country of pygmies in Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*; small; weak; *n.* very small or puny person.

limacine

a. pertaining to slugs. **limaceous**, *a.* **limacoid**, *a.* slug-like.

limation

n. polishing; smoothing; correction of astronomical errors.

limbate

a. having border, especially (*Botany*) of different colour from the rest.
limbation, *n*

limbo

n. oblivion; place for unwanted or neglected things; dwelling- place of souls of persons excluded from heaven but not through sin, as unbaptized infants, etc.

limbus

n. border.

limen

n. (pl. limens, limina) Psychology, threshold; limit below which a stimulus becomes imperceptible.

limes

n. (pl. limites) ancient Roman fortified boundary.

limicolous

a. living in mud. **limicoline**, a. living on shore; pertaining to wading birds.

liminal

a. pertaining to or at threshold.

limitarian

n. (person) who believes that salvation is limited to a certain section of mankind.

limitrophe

a. situated on border or along boundary; adjacent.

limivorous

a. swallowing mud.

limn

v.t. portray; paint; delineate. **limner**, n.

limnetic

a. pertaining to or inhabiting fresh water. **limnobiology**, n. study of freshwater life. **limnology**, n. general study of lakes and ponds. **limnophilous**, a. inhabiting freshwater ponds.

limoniad

n. meadow nymph.

limpid

a. pellucid. **limpidity, n.**

limuloid

a., n. (pertaining to) king crab.

linaceous

a. pertaining to or like flax; belonging to the flax family of plants.

linctus

n. medicated syrup for throat.

linden

n. lime tree.

lineal

a. pertaining to or composed of lines; in direct line of descent. **lineage, n.** descent from ancestor; family tree. **linear, a.** **lineate, v.t.** mark with lines. **lineation, n.** outline; arrangement by or in lines. **lineolate, a.** marked with fine lines.

lineaments

n. pl. facial features or outline; distinctive characteristics. **lineamental, a.**

lingua franca

n. any language used as a means of communication among speakers of other languages.

linguiform

a. tongue-shaped.

liparian

a., n. (pertaining to a) sea-snail.

liparoid

a. fatty. **lipase**, *n.* enzyme hydrolysing fats. **lipogenous**, *a.* fat-producing.

lipogram

n. composition in which all words containing a certain letter or letters are omitted.

lipography

n. accidental omission of a letter or syllable.

lipoid

a. like fat. **lipoidal**, **lipoidic**, *a.* **lipolysis**, *n.* disintegration of fat. **lipoma**, *n.* (*pl.* - **mata**) fatty tumour. **lipomatosis**, *n.* presence of many lipomata; obesity.

lipothymy, lipothymia

n. swoon. **lipothymial, lipothymic, a.**

lippitude

n. soreness or clearness of eyes.

lipsanographer

n. writer about relics. **lipsanotheca, n.** holder for relics.

liqueate

v.t. separate or purify (metals) by heating to liquify certain components.

liquefacient

n. liquifying agent; drug increasing liquid excretions. **liquefaction, n.**

liquescent

a. melting. **liquescence, liquescency, n.**

lissotrichous

a. having straight hair. **lissotrichan, lissotrichian, a. lissotrichy, n.**

literati

pl. learned or literary people.

literatim

adv. letter by or for letter; literally.

iteration

n. representation of sounds by letters.

litharge

n. lead monoxide.

lithiasis

n. formation of calculi in body.

lithic

a. pertaining to stone, or stone in the bladder. **lithify** *v.i. & t.* solidify into rock.

lithochromy

n. painting on stone. **lithochromatics**, *n.* chromolithography.

lithoclase

n. Geology, crack in rock. **lithoclast**, *n.* stone breaker; stone- breaking instrument.

lithogenesis

n. study of rock formation; calculi formation. **lithogenetic**, *a.* **lithogenous**, *a.* producing stone.

lithograph

v.t. draw or reproduce on stone or metal plate with greasy substance, from which impressions are taken; *n.* impression so taken (*abbr. litho*). **lithographer**, lithography, *n.* **lithographic**, *a.*

lithoid(al)

a. stone-like. **litholatry**, *n.* worship of stones. **lithology**, *n.* study of rocks or calculi. **lithontriptic** *n.* & *a.* (substance) dissolving stones in bladder. **lithophagous**, *a.* swallowing or burrowing in, stone **lithophilous**, *a.* growing among stones. **lithophyte**, *n.* plant growing on rock. **lithopone**, *n.* white pigment used in paints consisting of a mixture of zinc sulphide and barium sulphate. **lithosphere**, *n.* earth's outer crust. **lithotomy**, *n.* cutting for stone in bladder. **lithotripsy**, *n.* breaking up stone in bladder.

litigate

v.i. go to law (about). **litigant**, *n.* & *a.* (person) engaged in lawsuit. **litigious**, *a.* habitually engaging in lawsuits; quarrelsome; involved in litigation. **litigation**, *n.*

litmus

n. dye obtained from lichens, used in chemical tests, being turned red by acid and blue by alkali.

litotes

n. rhetorical device of understatement.

littérateur

n. a literary person.

littoral

a. pertaining to or on seashore; *n.* such region

liturate

a. spotted.

liturgy

n. body of church services and ritual. **liturgical**, *a.* **liturgician**, *n.* student of this. **liturgics**, *n.* study of liturgy and worship. **liturgiology**, *n.* study of or treatise on liturgy. **liturgism**, *n.* keeping strictly to liturgy.

livedo

n. blueness of skin due to congestion.

lixiviate

v.t. separate by washing with solvent; treat with lye, etc. **lixivation**, *n.* **lixiviator**, *n.* **lixivium**, *n.* solution resulting from lixiviation; lye.

llanero

n. cowboy; plainsman.

loadstar, loadstone

n. see **lodestar**, **lodestone**.

lobate

a. having lobes. **lobal**, **lobar**, *adj.* lobe-like.

lobotomy

n. surgical incision to sever nerve fibres in the frontal lobe of the brain, to change the behaviour of severely mentally disturbed patients. **lobotomize** *v.t.*

lobule

n. small lobe. **lobular**, **lolulate(d)** *a.* having lobules.

locale

n. locality; scene.

locative

a.,n. Grammar, (case) signifying place where.

locellus

n. (pl. -li) compartment of cell. **locellate**, *a.* divided into locelli.

lochetic

a. waiting for prey; in ambush.

loco

a. insane. **loco disease**, kind of nervous disease of cattle, sheep and horses due to their eating loco weed.

loco citato

'in the place (or passage) quoted' (*abbr. loc. cit.*).

locomobile

a.,n. self-propelling (machine).

locoum, lokoum

n. Turkish delight.

loculus

n. (*pl. -li*) cell; cavity; compartment. **locular**, **loculate**, *adj* having or divided into loculi. **loculation**, n.

locum tenens

n. 'holding place'; deputy.

locus

n. (*pl. -ci*) place; point; *Mathematics*, path of moving point or curve. **locus citatus**, see **loco citato**. **locus classicus**, authoritative and often-cited passage on a subject. **locus standi**, (*Latin*), 'place of standing'; legal status; right to be heard in law-court.

locution

n. manner of speech; phrase.

lode

n. vein of ore. **lodestar**, *n.* pole-star; guiding star. **lodestone**, *n.* magnetic iron oxide; magnet.

loess

n. deposit of rich loam soil occurring in belt in N hemisphere. **loessal**, **loessial**, **loessic**, *a.*

loggia

n. verandah; open arcade.

logia

n. pl. (sing. -ion) sayings, especially of Christ.

logistics

n. billeting, supply and transport of troops; organisational aspects of any complex operation.

logogogue

n. person laying down law about words.

logogram, logograph

n. sign representing word. **logogrammatic**, *a.* **logography**, *n.* reporting, as of speeches, etc., in long-hand by relays of writers.

logomachy

n. battle of words; dispute about words. **logomacher**, **logomachist**, *n.* **logomachic**, *a.*

logometer

n. device or scale for measuring chemical equivalents. **logometric**, *a.*

logopaedics, logopaedia

n. study of speech defects.

logorrhoea

n. excessive or incoherent talking.

logos

n. divine rational principle; the Word of God.

logotype

n. single body of type containing frequently-occurring word or syllable; logo. **logotypy**, *n.*

loimic

a. pertaining to plague. **loimology**, *n.* study of plague.

lollapalooza

n. *American slang*, excellent thing.

longanimity

n. long-suffering, forbearance.

longe

n. rope or place for training horses.

longeron

n. structure running length of aircraft fuselage.

longevity

n. long life; length of life. **longevous**, *a.*

longiloquence

n. long-winded speech.

longitudinal

a. pertaining to longitude or length; lengthwise.

longueur

n. boring stretch of time, passage in work, etc.

loquacious

a. talkative. **loquacity, *n.***

loquat

n. plum-like fruit of evergreen tree of Asia.

loquitur

v.i. 'he (she) speaks'.

lorate

a. ligulate.

lorch(a)

n. light Pacific vessel with two or three masts.

lordosis

n. forward spinal curvature. **lordotic, *a.***

lore

n. space between eye and beak or snout. **loral**, *a.* **loreal**, *n.* & *a.* (scale, etc.) situated on the loral.

Lorelei

n. siren, especially of the Lorelei rock in the Rhine.

lorgnette

n. pair of spectacles or opera glasses on a handle.

loricate

a. cover with protective layer; encrust; plate. **lorication**, *n.*

loris

n. lemur of India, E India and Ceylon.

lory

n. small Australasian parrot, feeding on flower nectar. **lorikeet**, **lorilet**, *n.* species of lory.

Iota(h)

n. globular brass waterpot, used in India.

Lothario

n. seducer in Rowe's play *The Fair Penitent*; rake; seducer.

lotic

a. pertaining to or living in fast-flowing water.

lotophagous

a. lotus-eating; indolent. **lotophagi**, *n. pl.* lotus-eaters; day-dreamers.

louche

a. disreputable; morally dubious.

louping-ill

n. paralytic disease of sheep.

loxodograph

n. device for recording ship's course. **loxodrome**, *n.* line on globe equally oblique to all meridians. **loxodromics**, *n.* sailing on loxodromes.

loxophthalmus

n. squint.

loxotic

a. oblique; distorted. **loxotomy**, *n.* oblique cut in amputation.

lubra

n. aborigine woman or girl.

lubricity

n. slipperiness; wiliness; indecency; **lubrious**, *lubricous*, *a.*

lucarne

n. dormer window.

lucent

a. shining; clear. **lucence**, **lucency**, *n.*

lucernal

a. pertaining to lamp.

lucerne

n. alfalfa, also called purple medic.

luciferous

a. illuminating. **luciform**, *a.* like light. **lucifugal**, **lucifugous**, *adj* avoiding light. **lucimeter**, *n.* instrument measuring intensity of light, or sunlight's power of evaporation.

lucre

n. money; gain. **lucrative**, *a.* yielding profit.

lucubrate

v.i. study laboriously, especially at night; work by artificial light. **lucubration**, *n.* act or result of lucubrating; over-elaborated literary work. **lucubrator**, *n.* **lucubratory**, *a.* pertaining to night work; laborious.

luculent

a. lucid; shining.

lucullan, lucullean, lucullian

a. pertaining to Lucullus, ancient Roman consul noted for his elaborate banquets.

lues

n. syphilis; any similar disease. **luetic**, *a.*

lugubrious

a. mournful.

lumbar

a. pertaining to the lower part of the torso.

lumbrical

a. (pertaining to) small muscle of palm or sole.

lumbricine

a. pertaining to or like an earthworm. **lumbriciform**, lumbricoid, *a.* like an earthworm. **lumbricosis**, *n.* infestation with intestinal round-worms.

lumen

n. (*pl. -mina*) unit of light: luminous energy emitted per second in a unit solid angle by a source of one candela.

luminescence

n. any emission of light not due to incandescence. **luminescent**, *a.*

lumpen

a. pertaining to the lowest strata of society; degraded; stupid.

lunate

a. crescent-shaped. **lunation**, *n.* changes of moon; interval between successive new moons.

lunette

n. crescent-shaped ornament or object; opening or window in vault.

unistice

n. time each month at which moon is farthest north or south. **unistitial**, *a.*

lunula, lunule

n. crescent-shaped mark or organ; 'half-moon' on finger nail. **lunulate**, *a.* bearing lunula; like a small crescent. **lunule**, *n.* crescent- shaped spot.

lupanar

n. brothel.

lupine

a. pertaining to wolves. **lupicide**, *n.* killing of wolf.

lupulin

n. yellow powder on hop cones, used as sedative. **lupuline**, **lupulinous**, *a.* like a hop-cluster. **lupulinic**, *a.* pertaining to lupulin or hops.

lupus

n. tuberculous skin disease, with red patches or ulcers on face. **lupous**, *a.* pertaining to or affected with lupus.

Iurdan(e)

a.,n. dull and lazy (person). **Iurdanism**, *n.*

lusory

a. playful.

Iustration

n. purifying rite, especially washing. **Iustral**, **Iustral**, *a.* used in Iustration. **Iustrate**, *v.t.* purify.

lustrine

n. lustrous silk or cotton material.

lustrum

n. (*pl. -ra*) period of five years; purification of Roman nation every five years; census.

lusus naturae

n. 'sport of nature'; freak.

lutaceous

a. pertaining to or made of mud.

lute, luting

n. mixture of cement and clay used to seal joints in pipes, etc.

luteous

a. yellow; yellowish. **luteolous**, *a.* somewhat yellow. **lutescent**, *a.* yellowish.

luthern

n. lucarne.

lutose

a. covered with mud or clay.

lutrine

a. pertaining to or like an otter; belonging to the otter subfamily of animals.

lutulent

a. thick; muddy. **lutulence**, *n.*

luxate

v. *t.* displace; dislocate. **luxation**, *n.*

lycanthrope

n. werewolf. **lycanthropic**, **lycanthropous**, *a.* **lycanthropize**, *v.i.* change from human to wolf's shape. **lycanthropy**, *n.* change to wolf's shape or characteristics; form of insanity in which person believes himself to be a wolf.

lycée

n. secondary school. **lyceal**, *a.* **lyceum**, *n.* place of instruction, especially in philosophy.

lycoperdon

n. puffball fungus. **lycoperdaceous**, *a.*

lycopod

n. club moss. **lycopodiaceous, a.**

lycosid

n. wolf spider.

lyddite

n. high explosive for shells, largely picric acid.

Lydian

a. pertaining to ancient Lydia, noted for its wealth and voluptuousness; luxurious; effeminate.

lye

n. strong alkaline solution, especially made from wood ashes; lixiviation solution.

lymph

n. colourless blood-like fluid containing leucocytes, conveying nourishment to, and collecting waste products from, tissues. **lymphadenitis, n.** inflammation of lymph glands. **lymphadenopathy, n.** swelling of lymph nodes. **lymphangial, a.** pertaining to lymph vessels. **lymphangitis, n.** inflammation of these. **lymphatic, a.** pertaining to or conveying lymph; pale; lifeless; indolent; *n.* vessel conveying lymph. **lymphatism, n.** hypertrophy of lymph tissues; lymphatic character. **lymphocyte, n.** lymph cell. **lymphocytosis, n.** unusually large number of lymphocytes in the blood. **lymphoid, lymphous, a.** like lymph. **lymphoma, n.** lymphoid tumour.

lyncean

a. pertaining to or like a lynx; keen-sighted.

lypemania

n. intense nervous depression.

lypothymia

n. lypemania.

lysimeter

n. device measuring percolation of water through soils and the removal of soluble constituents.

lysis

n. Chemistry, disintegration or destruction of cells; *Medicine*, gradual recovery from disease. **lysogenic**, **lysogenous**, *a.* formed by lysis. **lysin**, *n.* substance causing lysis. **lysogen**, *n.* antigen increasing lysis production.

lyssa

n. rabies or hydrophobia. **lyssic**, *a.* **lyssophobia**, *n.* dread of going insane.

lyterian

a. Medicine, pertaining to lysis.

maar

n. volcanic crater without a cone, usually filled by a lake.

macabre

a. gruesome; pertaining to death.

macaco

n. species of lemur and S American monkey. **macaco worm**, parasitic larva of S American botfly.

macaque

n. short-tailed monkey of Asia; Barbary ape.

macarism

n. pleasure in another's joy; a beatitude. **macarize**, *v.t.* pronounce blessed; praise; congratulate.

macaronic

a. mixing words from different languages, especially Latin with vernacular or Latinized vernacular words; *n.* verse of this type. **marcaronicism**, *n.*

macedoine

n. mixed diced vegetables; mixed fruit in syrup of jelly.

macerate

v.i., v.t. soften and separate by soaking; grow or make lean. **maceration**, *n.* **macerator**, *n.*

machairodont

a., n. sabre-toothed (animal).

machete

n. long, heavy knife, with swordlike blade.

Machiavellian

a. pertaining to Niccolo Machiavelli, 15th-century Italian statesman; unscrupulously cunning. **Machiavellianism, Machiavellism, n.**

machicolation

n. apertures in parapet or floor of gallery for firing upon persons below.
machicolate, v.t. furnish with these

machination

n. device; plot. **machinate, v.i. amp; t.** plot. **machinator, n.**

machinule

n. surveyor's instrument for obtaining right angle.

Mach number

n. measure of speed of aircraft, in which speed of sound (about 770 m.p.h.) is Mach One. **Mach meter**, instrument showing speeds as fractions and multiples of speed of sound.

Machtpolitik

n. 'power politics'.

mackle

n. blurred or double impression in printing.

maconochie

n. army tinned stew.

macradenous

a. with large glands.

macrencephalic, macrencephalous

a. having large brain pan.

macrobian

a. longeuous. **macrobiosis**, *n.* **macrobiote**, *n.* longeuous person. **macrobiotic**, *a.* longeuous, or promoting longevity; involving the use or consumption of whole grains and organically grown vegetables. **macrobiotics**, *n.* art of increasing length of life; macrobiotic dietary system.

macrocephalous

a. large-headed. **macrocephalus**, *n.* (*pl.* -li) such person.

macrocosm

n. universe; world; large entity. **macrocosmic(al)**, *a.* **macrocosmology**, *n.* description of this.

macrocyte

n. abnormally large red blood corpuscle. **macrocythaemia**, **macrocytosis**, *n.* presence of these in blood.

macrodont

a. large-toothed. **macrodontia**, **macrodontism**, *n.*

macroeconomics

n. study of aspects of the economy as a whole. **macroeconomic**, *a.*

macrograph

n. reproduction of object natural size or larger. **macrographic**, *a.* **macrography**, *n.* large handwriting; viewing of object with naked eye.

macrology

n. redundancy, especially pleonasm.

macromania

n. delusion in which things seem larger than natural size. **macromaniacal**, *a.*

macrometer

n. instrument for finding size and distance of distant objects.

macron

n. mark placed over long vowels.

macrophallic

a. having an unusually large phallus.

macrophotograph

n. enlarged photograph. **macrophotography, n.**

macropsia, macropsy

n. disease of eye causing objects to seem very large.

macropterus

a. large-winged; large-finned.

macroscian

a.,n. (person) casting long shadow; inhabitant of polar region.

macroscopic

a. observable with naked eye; seen as a whole or in the large.

macroseism

n. severe earthquake. **macroseismic**, *a.* **macroseismograph**, *n.* instrument recording this.

macrotia

n. largeness of ears. **macrotous**, *a.* large-eared.

macrotome

n. instrument for making large sections for anatomical study.

macrural

a. pertaining to, like or belonging to the crustacean division including lobsters, prawns, etc. **macruran**, *n.* **macrurous**, *a.* having long tail.

mactation

n. killing, especially sacrificial.

macula

n. (*pl. -ae*) coloured spot. **macular**, *a.* **maculate(d)**, *a.* bearing maculae; spotted; defiled. **maculation**, *n.*

macule

n. macula; mackle. **maculiferous**, *a.* bearing macules. **maculose**, *a.* spotted.

madar

see **mudar**.

madarosis

n. loss of eyelashes or eyebrows. **madarotic**, *a.*

madcap

a., n. impulsive and reckless (person).

madescent

a. growing damp.

madrasah

n. Islamic college, or school attached to mosque.

madrepore

n. stony coral. **madreporian**, **madreporic**, **madreporiform**, *a.*

madrigal

n. unaccompanied polyphonic part song, in five or six parts. **madrigalian**, *a.*
madrigalist, *n.* composer of madrigal.

madroña, madroño

n. N American evergreen tree. **madroña apples**, red berries of the **madroña**.

Maecenas

n. generous patron of the arts, like Gaius Maecenas, patron of Virgil and Horace.

maelstrom

n. whirlpool, especially off W coast of Norway.

maenad

n. (*pl. -ades*) bacchante; wildly excited woman. **maenadic**, *a.* **maenadism**, *n.*

maestro

n. (*fem. -tra*) teacher; master, especially of music. **maestro di capella**, musician in charge of an orchestra in the Baroque period.

magada

n. bridge of stringed musical instrument. **magadis**, *n.* monochord; ancient bridged instrument for playing octaves.

magi

pl. n. pl. (sing. -gus) ancient Persian priests; the wise men present at Epiphany. **magian**, *n.* amp; *a.*

magirics

n. art of cookery. **magirology**, *n.*

magisterial

a. authoritative; master-like; dictatorial. **magisteriality** *n.* **magisterium**, *n.* *Roman Catholic*, teaching function of the Church.

magistral

a. made up in accordance with a prescription.

magistrand

n. university student in fourth year.

magma

n. (*pl. -mata*) paste of mixed solid materials; *Geology*, molten rock within the earth. **magmatic**, *a.*

magnanerie

n. art or place of rearing silkworms.

magnanimous

a. high-minded; noble; generous and forgiving. **magnanimity**, *n.*

magnesia

n. magnesium oxide, used as antacid and insulating material. **magnesia alba**, a carbonate of magnesium, used as mild purge. **magnesia magma**, milk of magnesia. **magnesian**, *a.* **magnesic**, *a.*

magneto

n. small dynamo generating current producing spark that ignites fuel vapours in internal combustion engine.

magnetohydrodynamic

a. pertaining to a method of generating electricity directly by passing an ionized gas through a magnetic field at an extremely high temperature. *abbr.* MHD.

magnetometer

n. instrument measuring magnetic forces. **magnetograph**, *n.* recording instrument of the same kind. **magnetogram**, *n.* recording made by such instrument. **magnetometry**, *n.*

magneton

n. unit of magnetic moment.

magnetron

n. thermionic valve for generating very high-frequency oscillations.

magniloquent

a. using high-flown language; bombastic. **magniloquence**, *n.*

magnum

n. bottle holding twice as much as an ordinary bottle; large- calibre or more than usually powerful firearm. **magnum opus**, *Latin*, 'great work'; finest achievement,

especially literary.

maharishi

n. Hindu teacher of spiritual or mystical knowledge.

mahatma

n. wise man; person of noble intellect. **mahatmaism**, *n.*

Mahdi

n. Islamic Messiah.

mahlstick

n. maulstick.

mahout

n. driver of elephant.

mahseer, mahsir, mahsur

n. Indian freshwater food fish.

maidan

n. (in India) open space used as park, parade ground, etc.

maieutic

a. pertaining to Socratic method. **maieutics**, *n.* Socratic method; midwifery.

maigre

a. *Roman Catholic*, not containing meat or its juices, thus permissible on days of abstinence; (of a day) on which abstinence is enjoined.

mainour

n. stolen property discovered on thief's person. **in or with the mainour**, in the act; red-handed.

maître

n. master; title of respect for barristers, etc. (*abbr. M^e*). **maître d'armes**, fencing master. **maître de ballet**, trainer of ballet dancers. **maître d'hôtel**, major-domo.

majolica

n. elaborate, highly-coloured, glazed Italian pottery; faience. **majolist**, *n.* maker of majolica.

major-domo

n. steward; head servant; butler.

majuscule

n. capital or other large letter. **majuscular**, *a.*

mako

n. large shark of Australasia, also called blue pointer. **mako-mako**, *n.* wineberry tree or bellbird of New Zealand.

malachite

n. green ornamental stone, an ore of copper.

malacia

n. softening of tissue; craving for a certain food. **malacodermous**, *a.* having soft skin. **malacology**, *n.* study of molluscs. **malacophonous**, *a.* soft-voiced. **malactic**, *a.* emollient.

maladroit

a. awkward; gauche.

mala fide

a. 'in bad faith'. **mala fides**, bad faith.

Malagasy

n. native or language of Madagascar.

malagma

n. (*pl. -mata*) emollient plaster.

malaise

n. uneasiness; indefinable feeling of illness or discomfort.

malapropos

a., adv. not apropos; inopportune(ly); *n.* such thing or remark. **malapropism**, *n.* ludicrous misuse of long words, or such word misused, as by Mrs. Malaprop in Sheridan's *The Rivals*.

malar

a. pertaining to cheek(-bone).

malax

v.t. soften by kneading or diluting. **malaxage**, *n.* such softening of clay.
malaxate, *v.t.* **malaxation**, **malaxator**, *n.*

mal de mer

n. seasickness. **mal du pays**, homesickness.

malediction

n. curse. **maledictive**, **maledictory**, *a.*

malefaction

n. evil-doing.

malefic(ent)

a. evil; harmful. **maleficence**, *n.*

malevolent

a. malicious; *Astrology*, exerting evil influence on. **malevolence**, *n.*

malfeasance

n. misconduct by official. **malfeasant**, *n.* *amp;* *a.*

malgré

prep. prep. in spite of. **malgré lui**, in spite of himself; against his desires or beliefs.

maliferous

a. harmful; unhealthy.

malingering

v.i. feign illness, especially to evade duty. **maligner**, *n.*

malism

n. belief that world is bad or evil.

malison

n. curse.

malleable

a. capable of being hammered or pressed into shape; pliable; weak-willed.
malleability, n. malleation, n. dent.

mallee

n. a eucalyptus shrub; thick growth of such shrubs; area covered by such growth.

malleiform

a. hammer-shaped.

mallophagan

n. bird louse. **mallophagous, a.**

malmsey

n. sweet Madeira wine.

malo animo

'with evil intent'.

malvaceous

a. pertaining to or like a mallow; belonging to mallow family of plants.

malvasia

n. grape from which malmsey is made. **malvasian**, *a.*

malversation

n. misconduct; corruption; misuse of public or other funds.

malvoisie

n. malmsey.

mamba

n. venomous cobra-like snake of Africa; tree-cobra.

mameluke

n. member of ruling class of Egypt from 13th to 19th cent.; (in Muslim countries) a slave.

mamma

n. (pl. -ae) milk- secreting gland; breast; teat. **mammary**, *a.* pertaining to mamma. **mammiferous**, *a.* having breasts. **mammiform**, *a.* shaped like breast or nipple.

mammilla

n. (pl. -ae) nipple. **mammilliform**, **mammilloid**, *a.* like nipple. **mammillar**, **mammillary**, *a.* **mammillate**, *a.* having mamillae, or similar outgrowths. **mammilation**, *n.*

mammography

n. X-ray scanning for early detection of breast cancer.

mana

n. spirit of nature as object of veneration.

manakin

n. small brightly-coloured S American bird; manikin.

mañana

adv., n. tomorrow.

manatee

n. sea-cow.

mancinism

n. left-handedness.

manciple

n. college or monastery steward.

Mancunian

a., n. (resident or native) of Manchester.

mandala

n. Hindu or Buddhist symbol representing the universe.

mandament

n. command.

mandamus

n. 'we command'; *Law*, Crown writ commanding performance of an action.

mandarin

n. higher public official of Chinese empire; chief dialect of China; small Chinese orange. **mandarinate**, *n.* office, rule or body of mandarin(s). **mandarinic**, *a.* **mandarinism**, *n.* rule by mandarins; bureaucracy.

mandat

n. order; mandate; proxy; currency bill issued during French revolution.

mandate

n. commission to perform act or rule for another; command; instruction, especially to political representative. **mandated**, *a.* held or ruled under mandate. **mandatary**, *n.* holder of mandate. **mandative**, *a.* pertaining to command. **mandatory**, *a.* obligatory.

mandible

n. lower jaw; either part of bird's beak or insect's mouth parts. **mandibular**, *a.* **mandibulate**, *a.* having mandible.

mandil

n. turban.

mandorla

n. any almond-shaped object or ornament, especially (in painting, sculpture) area of light surrounding the risen Christ.

mandragora

n. mandrake.

mandrake

n. plant with large forked root, believed to aid conception.

mandrel

n. spindle supporting work in lathe, etc.

mandriarch

n. founder or head of monastic order.

mandrill

n. W African baboon with blue markings on face and red posterior.

manducate

v.t. masticate; eat. **manducation**, *n.* **manducatory**, *a.*

mane

n. in the morning.

manège

n. horsemanship; teaching or school of horsemanship.

manent

'they remain'.

manes

n. pl. *pl.* spirits of dead; ghosts.

manet

n. 'he (she) remains'.

mangel-wurzel

n. kind of large beet.

mangold

n. mangel-wurzel.

mangosteen

n. large reddish orange-like fruit of E Indies.

mangrove

n. tropical swamp tree with aerial roots.

manicate

a. having dense woolly growth which can be peeled off.

manichord

n. clavichord.

maniform

a. hand-shaped.

manikin

n. dwarf; *Medicine*, anatomical model; mannequin.

manioc

n. cassava.

maniple

n. narrow embroidered band worn hanging from left arm by celebrant priest;

subdivision of Roman legion consisting of 120 to 200 men.

manism

n. belief in mana; ancestor-worship.

manjak

n. kind of asphalt of Barbados.

mannequin

n. fashion model; tailor's dummy; lay figure.

manometer

n. instrument measuring pressure of gases, or blood-pressure. **manometric(al)**,
a. **manometry**, *n.*

manque

n. bet in roulette on low numbers, from 1 to 18.

manqué

a. (*fem. -ée pron. same*) 'lacking'; defective; having failed to achieve ambition; falling short of hopes or expectations.

mansard

n. kind of roof with two slopes, the upper being the less steep; garret formed within such roof.

mansuetude

n. sweetness of temper; tameness.

mantic

a. pertaining to or having powers of prophecy or divination; divinely inspired.
manticism, n. divination.

manticore

n. fabulous monster with man's head, lion's body and dragon's tail.

mantid

n. (pertaining to) mantis.

mantilla

n. light cloak, cape or veil, especially of Spain.

mantis

n. (*pl. -tes*) grasshopper-like insect, having forelegs folded as if in prayer.

mantissa

n. decimal part of logarithm.

mantistic

a. mantic.

mantra

n. sacred word or syllable.

manubrial

a. handle-shaped. **manubrium** *n.* (*pl.* - bria) handle-shaped part.

manuduction

n. careful guidance; leading by the hand; introduction; guide. **manudictory**, *a.*

manuka

n. bush with tea-like leaves; 'tea-tree'.

manumit

v.t. liberate (slave). **manumission**, *n.* **manumissive**, *a.*

manu propria

'with one's own hand'.

manustupration

n. masturbation.

maquette

n. rough sketch or model.

maqui(s)

n. thicket of shrubs of Mediterranean coastland and central Corsica, refuge of outlaws; underground resistance movement in German-occupied France and Belgium (1940-45). **maquisard**, *n.* member of maquis.

marabou

n. stork-like bird; adjutant bird; its down used in millinery; thin, downy silk.

marabout

n. Muslim monk, saint or hermit; shrine or grave of such.

marantic

a. marasmic.

marasca

n. bitter wild cherry. **maraschino**, *n.* liqueur distilled from juice of this.

marasmus

n. intense emaciation due to malnutrition. **marasmic**, **marasmous**, *a.* **marasmoid**, *a.* like this.

marcasite

n. crystallized iron pyrites, used in jewellery. **marcasitic**, *a.*

marcescent

a. (plant with leaves) withering but remaining on plant. **marcescence**, *n.*

march

n. frontier; (disputed) border area; *v.i.* border (on). **marcher**, *n.* inhabitant of march.

Märchen

n. fairy or folk tale.

marcor

n. marasmus.

Mardi gras

n. 'fat Tuesday'; Shrove Tuesday, a carnival day.

mare

n. (*pl.* *maria* /) huge dark-coloured plain on the moon, formerly thought to be a sea.

mare clausum

n. 'closed sea'; territorial waters. **mare liberum**, 'open sea'; sea outside territorial waters. **mare nostrum** /, 'our sea'; Roman name for Mediterranean.

maremma

n. (pl. -me) marsh; landes; miasma. **maremmatic**, *a.*

margaritaceous

a. pearl-like. **margaritiferous**, *a.* yielding pearls.

margin

n. Commercial, deposit of cash held by broker as security or instalment of purchase price; amount remaining to, or to be paid by, client at termination of account; profit; minimum return required for profitability. **marginal**, *a.* **marginal utility**, *Economics*, minimum usefulness that will cause production of commodity, etc., to continue.

marginalia

n. pl. notes in margin.

margrave

n. title of nobility, equivalent of marquess. **margravial**, *a.* **margraviate**, *n.* jurisdiction of margrave. **margravine**, *n.* margrave's wife or woman having power of margrave.

maricolous

a. inhabiting the sea. **marigenous**, *a.* produced by or in sea. **marigraph**, *n.* tide gauge.

marimba

n. kind of xylophone.

marinade

n. mixture, typically of oil, wine and vinegar with herbs and spices, in which meat, fish, etc. is steeped before cooking; food so steeped; *v.t.* steep in such mixture.

marinate

v.t. marinade.

Mariolater

n. worshipper of the Virgin Mary. **mariolatrous**, *a.* **mariolatry**, *n.*

marital

a. connubial; pertaining to husband. **maritality**, *n.* excessive fondness for husband.

markhor

n. wild goat of NW India.

marline

n. line of two loosely twisted strands.

marlinspike, marlinspike

n. pointed tool used to separate strands of rope and for other purposes.

marmorize

v.t. transform into marble. **marmorosis, n.**

marmoreal

a. pertaining to or like marble. **marmoraceous** *a.* **marmorate**, *a.* veined like marble. **marmoric**, *a.* pertaining to marble.

marmot

n. squirrel-like rodent of Pyrenees and Alps; woodchuck.

marque

n. (emblem of) brand, make; taking possession of object as pledge or reprisal. **letters of marque**, authorisation by Crown of seizure of foreign goods, etc., as reprisal; privateer's commission.

marquetry

n. art of inlaying; inlaid work.

marrano

n. Jew converted to Christianity, especially merely to evade persecution. **marranize, v.t.** **marranism, n.**

marron

n. chestnut. **marrons glacés**, chestnuts preserved or coated with sugar.

marsala

n. sweet dark dessert wine of Sicily.

marsupium

n. (*pl. -ia*) pouch of skin in which marsupial carries young.

martello tower

n. small round coastal-defence fort.

marten

n. large weasel-like animal, with fine fur; its fur, called sable. **pine-marten**, marten of European pine woods; American sable. **stone-marten**, marten of European beech woods.

martinet

n. strict enforcer of discipline.

martingale

n. check-rein holding horse's head down; betting system, especially of doubling stakes.

martlet

n. martin (bird); *Heraldry*, footless, beakless bird, denoting fourth son.

martyrolatry

n. excessive veneration of martyrs. **martyrology**, *n.* study of, treatise on, or list of, martyrs. **martyry**, *n.* shrine.

mascle

n. diamond-shaped scale or plate; *Heraldry*, lozenge with lozenge-shaped opening in centre. **mascled**, *a.* covered with mascles.

maser

n. intensely concentrated beam of coherent microwaves; device for producing such beam. *abbreviation* of Microwave Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation.

mashie

n. broad-bladed iron golf club. **mashie niblick**, club with head partaking of both mashie and niblick.

masjid

n. mosque.

masseter

n. muscle raising lower jaw.

massif

n. main mountain group or region.

massotherapy

n. medical treatment by massage.

mastaba, mastabah

n. structure originally of mud bricks above tombs of earlier dynasties in ancient Egypt.

mastectomy

n. surgical removal of a breast.

mastic

n. resin of S European tree, used in varnishes, etc.; any sticky paste.

mastigophoric

a. carrying a whip.

mastitis

n. inflammation of breast or milk gland.

mastodon

n. extinct elephant-like animal.

mastoid

a. nipple- or breast-like; denoting such bony outgrowth behind ear.

mastoidectomy, *n.* operation to remove mastoid bone. **mastoiditis**, *n.*

inflammation of mastoid cells. **mastoidotomy**, *n.* surgical incision into mastoid.

mastology

n. mammalogy.

matara(h)

n. water-bottle or -skin.

maté

n. Paraguay tea (plant and beverage).

matelassé

a. with quilting-like ornamentation.

Mater dolorosa

n. 'sorrowing mother'; the Virgin Mary.

materfamilias

n. (*pl. matresfamilias*) mother or female head of family.

materia

n. matter. **materia ex qua**, material out of which (something is made). **materia in qua**, material in which (something subsists). **materia medica**, study of medical remedies.

matériel, materiel

n. equipment and materials used in an operation (especially military).

mathesis

n. learning; wisdom; mathematics. **mathetic, a.**

matin

a. pertaining to morning. **matinal, a.** **matins, n.** morning prayer.

matrass, mattress

n. long-necked round-bodied chemical flask; closed glass tube.

matriarch

n. women ruling family or group. **matriarchal, a.** **matriarchate, n.** **matriarchy, n.** inheritance in female line; society dominated by women.

matric(al)

n. pertaining to matrix or womb.

matricide

n. killing or killer of own mother. **matricidal**, *a.*

matriclinous

a. showing inherited characteristics of the female parent. **matricliny**, *n.*

matricular

a. matric.

matriculate

v.i., v.t. admit, or obtain admission by passing examination, to university as student. **matriculant**, *n.* matriculating student. **matriculation**, *n.* act of matriculating; examination necessary to matriculate. **matriculatory**, *a.*

matriherital

a. pertaining to inheritance in female line. **matrilineal**, *a.* tracing descent in female line. **matrilocal**, *a.* pertaining to marriage in which husband goes to reside with wife and her family. **matripotestal**, *a.* pertaining to mother's power.

matrix

n. (*pl. -ices*) womb; mould for casting; cement.

matroclinous

a. matroclinous.

mattock

n. pick-like digging tool.

mattoid

n. congenital idiot.

mature

v.i., v.t. become mature or ripe; cause to suppurate. **maturation**, *n.* maturative, *a.*

maturescent

a. becoming mature. **maturescence**, *n.*

matutinal

a. pertaining to or occurring in morning.

maudlin

a. sentimental; tearful, especially when drunk.

maugre, mauger

prep. prep. archaic in spite of.

maulstick

n. painter's stick for steadyng the hand.

maund

n. measure of weight in Asia, equivalent of from 25 to 82 lbs.

maundy

n. *originally*, ceremony of washing of feet of poor by sovereign; *modern*, alms-giving by sovereign in its stead. **Maundy money**, such alms. **Maundy Thursday**, Thursday before Easter, on which the ceremony was performed and the money is distributed.

mausoleum

n. monumental tomb, especially elaborate. **mausolean**, *a.*

mauvais

a. (*fem. -vaise*) bad; wicked. **mauvaise foi**, 'bad faith'. **mauvais quart d'heure**, brief bad or embarrassing experience. **mauvais sujet**, 'bad or wicked subject' or person.

mavis

n. song- or misselthrush.

maxilla

n. (*pl. -ae*) jawbone, especially bearing upper molars and canines. **maxillary**, *a.*

maximalism

n. uncompromising adherence to maximum demands, as in trade dispute, etc.
maximalist, *n.* radical; extremist.

maxwell

n. unit of magnetic flux.

maya

n. magic; creative power of universe; God's power of manifestation.

mayhem

n. *Law*, maiming; violent confusion.

mazarine

a.,n. (of) reddish-blue hue.

mazurka

n. Polish dance in slow waltz time.

mazzard

n. wild sweet cherry; *archaic*, head.

meable

a. easily penetrable.

mea culpa

'my fault'.

mead

n. strong drink of fermented honey and water.

meatus

n. passage of the body. **meatal**, *a.*

mechanolater

n. worshipper of machines. **mechanomorphic**, *a.* having form of machine.
mechanotherapy, *n.* medical treatment by mechanical means.

mecometer

n. length-measuring instrument. **mecometry**, *n.*

meconium

n. mucoid substance in new-born baby's intestines, excreted as first faeces.

meconology

n. treatise on opium. **meconophagist**, *n.* consumer of opium.

médaillon

n. round thin slice of meat, vegetable, etc.

meden agan

'nothing too much'; the golden mean.

medianic

a. pertaining to spiritualist medium, or prophet. **medianimic**, *a.* **medianimity**, **medianity**, *n.*

mediastinum

n. (*pl. -na*) chest cavity containing heart. **mediastinal**, *a.* **mediastinitis**, *n.* inflammation of tissue enclosing organs in mediastinum.

medicaster

n. quack doctor.

medlar

n. crab-apple-like fruit and tree.

medresseh

n. madrasah.

medulla

n. marrow or pith. **medulla oblongata**, posterior part of brain joining it to spinal cord. **medulla spinalis**, spinal cord. **medullose**, **medullary**, *a.*

meerkat

n. S African mongoose-like animal; suricate.

meerschaum

n. white fine clayey silicate of magnesium; smoking pipe made or partly made of this.

megacephalic

a. having large head. **megacephaly, *n.***

megaceros

n. extinct giant deer; Irish elk.

megachiropteran

a.,n. (pertaining to a) fruit bat. **megachiropterous, *a.***

megadeath

n. million fatalities, used in estimating consequences of a nuclear attack.

megadont

a. having large teeth.

megalith

n. any large prehistoric stone monument. **megalithic**, *a.*

megalocyte

n. macrocyte.

megalomania

n. form of insanity in which patient believes him- or herself to be person of great importance; mania for doing grand actions. **megalomaniac**, *n.* **megalomaniacal**, *a.*

megalophonous

a. high-sounding; having loud voice. **megalophonic**, *a.*

megalophthalmus

n. state of having large eyes. **megalopic**, *a.* large-eyed; pertaining to megalops.

megalopolis

n. vast city. **megalopolitan**, *a.*

megalops

n. larval stage of crab.

megalosaur(us)

n. huge carnivorous dinosaur. **megalosaurian**, **megalosaroid**, *a.*

megameter

n. instrument for finding longitude from stellar observations.

megapod

a. having large feet. **megapode** *n.* such bird of Australasia, as jungle fowl, brush turkey, etc.

megaprosopous

a. having large face.

megapterine

a.,n. (pertaining to a) humpback whale.

megascope

n. magnifying magic lantern. **megascopic**, *a.* magnified; macroscopic.

megaseism

n. macroseism.

megatherium

n. fossil sloth-like animal. **megathere**, *n.* **megatherian**, **megatherine**, **megatherioid**, *a.*

megatherm

n. plant thriving only in tropical heat and moisture. **megathermic**, *a.*

megaton

n. measure of explosive force of atomic and hydrogen bombs, equal to that of 1 million tons of T.N.T.

megohm

n. electrical unit, equivalent of one million ohms.

megrim

n. migraine; whim. **megrims**, *n.pl.* low spirits.

mehari

n. racing dromedary. **meharist**, *n.* soldier riding one.

meinie, meinys

n. household, retinue.

meiosis

n. litotes; misrepresentation of thing as being less than its actual size or importance; *Biology*, nuclear division with halving of chromosome number. **meiotic**, *adj.*

mekometer

n. kind of range-finder.

melaena

n. black vomit or bowel discharge. **melaenic**, *adj.*

melalgia

n. pain in limbs.

melampodium

n. Christmas rose.

mélange

n. mixture.

melanin

n. dark or black pigment of body. **melanian**, **melanic**, *adj.* dark-skinned. **melaniferous**, *adj.* containing melanin. **melanism**, *n.* abnormal blackness of skin or plumage; extreme darkness of complexion and hair. **melano**, *n.* person or animal having unnaturally dark pigmentation. **melanocomous**, **melanotrichous**, *adj.* dark-haired. **melanoderma**, **melanodermia**, *n.* abnormal blackness of skin. **melanoid**, *adj.* **melanoma**, *n.* tumour made up of dark-pigmented cells. **melanopathy**, **melanosis**, *n.* disease marked by deposition of melanin in tissues. **melanous**, *a.* with black hair and skin.

melasma

n. dark patch of skin.

meldometer

n. instrument for finding melting points.

meleagrine

a. pertaining to or like a turkey; belonging to turkey genus of birds.

mêlée

n. confused fight; struggling crowd.

melic

a. pertaining to song; lyric; *n.* such poetry, especially of ancient Greece.

meliceris, melicera

n. *n.* tumour or exudation of honey-like matter. **meliceric, melicerous, adj.**

melichrous

a. honey-coloured.

melinite

n. explosive resembling lyddite.

meliorism

n. belief that world and humankind tend to grow better. **meliorist**, *n.* **melioristic**, *a.* **meliority**, *n.* improved state.

meliphagous

a. feeding on honey.

melisma

n. (*pl. -mata*) melody; song; melodic ornamentation. **melismatic**, *adj.* in florid style, especially of singing one syllable on a number of notes. **melismatics**, *n.* such florid singing.

melitaemia, melithaemia

n. *n.* presence of excess of sugar in blood.

melittology

n. study of bees. **melittologist**, *n.*

melituria

n. sugar diabetes. **melituric**, *adj.*

melluginous

a. pertaining to or like honey. **melleous**, *adj.* like or containing honey.

mellifluent, mellifluous

a. *a.* sweet-sounding; flowing with honey. **melliferous**, *a.* honey-producing. **mellisonant**, *a.* sweet-sounding. **mellivorous**, *a.* eating honey.

melologue

n. recitation with musical accompaniment. **melomania**, *n.* mania for music.

melongena

n. egg-plant.

melophonic

a. pertaining to music. **melopoeia**, *n.* composition of music.

melton

n. short-napped woollen tailoring material. **meltonian**, *adj.* pertaining to Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, and its hunting; hunter.

memento mori

n. 'remember you must die'; *n.* reminder of death, or of shortness of life.

memorabilia

pl. n. pl. memorable things; records.

memoriter

a. from memory; by heart.

memsahib

n. title of respect for white women; madam.

ménage

n. household; art of housekeeping. **ménage à trois** household consisting of married couple and the lover of either.

menald

a. speckled.

menarche

n. first appearance of menses.

mendacious

a. telling lies, especially habitually. **mendacity**, *n.*

Mendelian

a. pertaining to Gregor Mendel, and his theory of inheritance; *n.* believer in his theory. **Mendelism**, *n.*

mendicant

n. beggar; *a.* begging. **mendicity**, **mendicancy**, *n.*

menhir

n. upright monolith.

meninges

pl. n. pl. membranes enclosing brain. **meningeal, meningic, a.** **meningitis, n.** inflammation of meninges.

meniscus

n. (pl.-ci) crescent-shaped object, especially cartilage of knee; concavo- convex lens; curved surface of liquid in a tube. **meniscal, meniscate, meniscoid, a.** **menisciform, a.** shaped like meniscus. **meniscitis, n.** inflammation of meniscus of knee.

menology

n. calendar of months; calendar of saints' days.

menorrhagia

n. excessive bleeding during menstruation. **menorrhoea, n.** normal menstrual bleeding. **menoschesis, n.** temporary suppression of menstruation. **menostaxis, n.** abnormally long period.

mensal

a. pertaining to or for table; monthly.

menses

n. pl. monthly discharge of blood, etc., from womb.

mens rea

n. criminal intent, knowledge that an act is wrong.

menstruum

n. (*pl.* -ua) solvent.

mensual

a. pertaining to month; monthly.

mensuration

n. calculation of measurements. **mensurable**, *a.* measurable; *Music*, rhythmic; composed in first ancient form of notation. **mensurative**, *a.* of use in measuring.

mentation

n. cerebration. **mentiferous**, *a.* telepathic.

mentor

n. adviser; teacher. **mentorial**, *a.*

mepacrine

n. synthetic anti-malarial drug formerly called atebrin.

mephitis

n. foul exhalation from earth; stink. **mephitic**, *a.* mephitic air, air devoid of oxygen. **mephitism**, *n.* poisoning by mephitis.

meralgia

n. neuralgia of thigh.

mercantile

a. pertaining to trading and merchants. **mercantile system**, economic or political system aiming at increase in national strength through trade. **mercantilism**, *n.* commercial practice; practice of mercantile system. **mercantility**, *n.*

mercer

n. dealer in textiles. **mercerize**, *v.t.* make stronger and lustrous by treating with caustic alkali. **mercery**, *n.*

mercurial

a. pertaining to or containing mercury; lively in mind; volatile. **mercurous**, *a.* pertaining to mercury.

merdивorous

a. eating dung.

meretricious

a. superficially attractive or ornamented; gaudy; pertaining to prostitution. **meretrix**, *n.* (*pl.* - *rices*) prostitute.

merganser

n. hooked-billed crested duck.

meridian

n. highest point; *Geography*, circle passing through both poles and any given place; *a.* pertaining to midday or zenith. **meridional**, *a.* pertaining to meridian; southern.

merino

n. breed of heavy-fleeced white sheep, especially of Australia.

merisis

n. Biology, growth by cell division. **merismatic**, *a.* dividing into segments by internal partitions. **meristem**, *n.* embryonic plant tissue capable of growth by division. **meristic**, *a.* divided into segments; pertaining to number or variation of body parts.

merkin

n. pubic wig.

merlon

n. narrow wall between embrasures in battlements.

merogenesis

n. segmentation. **merogenetic**, *a.* **merogony**, *n.* growth of embryo from part of egg. **meromorphic**, *a.* fractional. **meropia**, *n.* partial blindness.

mesa

n. flat-topped steep-sided mountain.

mésalliance

n. mistaken marriage; marriage into lower social class.

mescalin

n. crystalline alkaloid extracted from a Mexican cactus producing hallucinations when taken as a drug.

mesencephalon

n. midbrain. **mesencephalic, a.**

mesentery

n. membrane enclosing intestines. **mesenterial, mesenteric, a. mesenteritis, n.** inflammation of mesentery

mesial

a. middle. **mesiad, adv.** towards the middle.

mesic

a. adapted to conditions with a balanced supply of moisture.

mesocardia

n. placing of heart in middle of thorax.

mesocephalic

a. having medium-sized head. **mesocephalus**, *n.* (*pl.* -**li**) such person.

mesochroic

a. having colour of skin midway between light and dark races.

mesode

n. part of ode between strophe and antistrophe.

mesodont

n. with teeth of medium size.

mesognathism

n. state of having jaws of medium size. **mesognathic**, **mesognathous**, *a.*

mesology

n. ecology.

mesomorph

n. psychophysical type showing predominance of muscle, bone and connective tissue, often aggressive and self-assertive. **mesomorphic**, *a.* **mesomorphy**, *n.*

meson

n. unstable subatomic particle with a mass between that of an electron and a photon, found in cosmic radiation.

mesoprosopic

a. with face of medium width.

mesotherm

n. plant thriving only in moderate temperature.

mesquite

n. prickly shrub, forming thickets, of Mexico and SW United States.

messuage

n. house with its land and outbuildings.

mestizo

n. half-breed.

metabasis

n. transition; transfer. **metabatic**, *a.*

metabiosis

n. reliance by an organism on another to produce favourable environment; change due to external agency. **metabiotic**, *a.*

metabolism

n. continuous process of chemical change in cells, with assimilation of foodstuffs and release of energy. **metabolic**, *a.* **metabolize**, *v.i.* amp; *t.* perform or subject to metabolism. **metabolite**, *n.* product of metabolism.

metacarpus

n. hand between wrist and base of fingers. **metacarpal**, *a.;* *n.* bone of the metacarpus.

metachemistry

n. speculative or theoretical, or subatomic, chemistry.

metachromatism

n. change of colour.

metachronism

n. anachronism dating thing later than its correct date.

metachrosis

n. ability to change colour voluntarily.

metage

n. official measurement; fee paid for this.

metageometry

n. non-Euclidean geometry.

metagnomy

n. divination.

metagnostic

a. beyond understanding.

metagraphy

n. transliteration.

metalanguage

n. language or symbols used to describe, classify etc. (another) language or set of symbols.

metalepsis

n. rhetorical device of changing figurative sense by metonymy. **metaleptic(al)**, *a.*; *Medicine*, applied to muscle associated with others in action.

metallogeny

n. study of origin of ores. **metallogenic**, **metallogenetic**, *a.*

metallography

n. study of structure of metals and alloys. **metallographist**, *n.*

metallurgy

n. art of extracting and refining metals. **metallurgical**, *a.* **metallurgist**, *n.*

metameric

a. pertaining to serial segmentation of body; isomeric. **metamerism**, **metamery**,
n. **metamerous**, *a.*

metamorphic

a. changing in form; *Geology*, changing or changed in composition, especially to more solid and crystalline form. **metamorphism**, *n.*

metamorphose

v.i., v.t. transform or be transformed. **metamorphotic**, **metamorphous**, *a.* **metamorphosis**, *n.* (*pl.* -ses) complete transformation.

metanoia

n. penitence; spiritual conversion.

metaphony

n. umlaut. **metaphonic(al)**, *a.* **metaphonize**, *v.t.*

metaphrase

n. literal translation; *v.t.* translate literally; paraphrase. **metaphrast**, *n.* person putting verse into different metre, or prose into verse. **metaphrastic**, *a.*

metaphysics

n. philosophical study of first principles, such as being, the nature of reality, etc.; ontology; any abstract or abstruse philosophical study. **metaphysical**, *a.* **metaphysician**, *n.*

metaphysis

n. metamorphosis. **metaphyseal**, *a.*

metaplasia

n. change of one kind of tissue into another.

metaplasm

n. lifeless matter in cell; *Grammar*, alteration in spelling of word. **metaplastic**, *a.* pertaining to metaplasm or metaplasia.

metapolitics

n. theoretical political study. **metapolitical**, *a.* **metapolitician**, *n.*

metapsychical

a. beyond, or unexplainable by, psychology; spiritualistic. **metapsychology**, *n.* speculative psychological theory. **metapsychosis**, *n.* telepathy

metasomatosis

n. *Geology*, chemical metamorphism. **metasomasis**, **metasomatism**, *n.*
metasomatic, *a.*

metastasis

n. *Rhetoric*, change of subject; movement to another part of body of agent causing disease; *archaic*, metabolism. **metastasize**, *v.i.* **metastatic**, *a.*

metasthenic

a. having strong hindquarters.

metastrophe

n. mutual exchange. **metastrophic**, *a.*

metatarsus

n. foot between ankle and base of toes; instep. **metatarsal**, *a.*; *n.* bone of metatarsus.

metathesis

n. (*pl.* -ses) transposition of letters or sounds in a word. **metathesize**, *v.t.*
metathetic(al), *a.*

métayer

n. person doing agricultural work for a share of the yield. **métayage**, *n.* such

system.

metazoa

n. pl. pl. (sing. -zoon) all animals except protozoa. **metazoal**, **metazoic**, *a.* **metazoan**, *n. amp; a.*

metel

n. thorn apple.

metempiric

a. transcending but associated with empirical knowledge. **metempiricism**, *n.* **metempirics**, *n. study of metempiric ideas.*

metempsychosis

n. (pl. -ses) passage of soul into another body at death. **metempsychose**, *v.t.* transfer a soul.

metemptosis

n. omission of day from calendar (as of intercalary day once in 134 years) to correct date of new moon.

metensomatosis

n. passage into another body of soul after or before death.

methadone

n. synthetic pain-relieving drug, slightly more potent than morphine.

methelin

n. mead.

métier

n. profession; vocation; forte.

métis

n. (fem. -sse) half-breed.

metonymy

n. figurative use of a word for another closely associated with it, especially of attribute for its subject (as *the crown* for *the sovereign* or *monarchy*).
metonymical, metonymous, a.

metopic

a. pertaining to forehead. **metopomancy**, *n.* divination by face or forehead.

metritis

n. inflammation of womb.

metrology

n. study of weights and measures. **metrological, a.** **metrologist, metrologue, n.**

metromania

n. mania for composing verse. **metromaniac**, *n.*

metronome

n. adjustable pendulum marking musical tempo. **metronomic**, *a.*

metronymic

a., n. (name) derived from mother's or ancestress's name; pertaining to descent in the female line. **metronymy**, *n.* metronymic usage.

metropolis

n. capital city; see of metropolitan. **metropolitan**, *a.* pertaining to metropolis; *n.* archbishop or bishop of ecclesiastical province. **metropolitanate**, *n.* jurisdiction or see of metropolitan. **metropolite**, *n.* metropolitan.

meubles

n. pl. pl. 'movables'; furniture. **meublé**, *a.* furnished.

meum et tuum

'mine and thine'.

meunière

a. (of fish) coated with flour, fried in butter and served with a butter, lemon and parsley sauce.

meuse

n. gap through which wild animal's track passes.

mezereon

n. small purple-flowered shrub. **mezereum**, *n.* its bark used in medicine.

mezuzah

n. (*pl.* **-zuzahs**, **-zuzoth**) (metal case containing) a piece of parchment inscribed with Biblical texts, attached to the doorpost in Jewish homes.

mezzanine

n. storey between two others, especially between ground and first floor; such storey not extending throughout building.

mezzo-relievo

n. (carving in) relief between alto-relievo and bas-relief.

mezzotint

n. engraving on roughened metal, which is smoothed and polished to produce light and shade.

mho

n. unit of electrical conductance, opposite of ohm.

miamia

n. Australian aborigine's hut.

miasma

n. (pl. -mas or - mata) noxious exhalation from swamps, etc.; any such exhalation or atmosphere. **miasmal**, **miasmous**, **miasmatic**, *a.*

mi-carême

n. Sunday in mid-Lent, a festival day.

MICR

abbreviation of Magnetic Ink Character Readers (letters and figures readable by a computer, as on cheque forms)

micrander

n. dwarf male plant. **micrandrous**, *a.*

microbiology

n. study of micro-organisms and their effects on humans. **microbiological**, *a.* **microbiologist**, *n.*

microbiota

n. microscopic life of a region. **microbiotic**, *a.*

microcephalic, microcephalous

a. *a.* small-headed **microcephalism**, **microcephaly**, *n.* **microcephalus**, *n.* (*pl.* - **li**) such person.

microclimate

n. climate of a small area or of a particular habitat. **microclimatology** *n.* study of these.

microcopy

n. microphotograph.

microcosm

n. miniature representation of something vast, especially universe; man as epitome of universe. **microcosmal**, **microcosmian**, **microcosmic(al)**, *a.*

microdont

a. with small teeth. **microdontism**, *n.* **microdontous**, *a.*

microdot

n. photograph reduced to the size of a dot.

microeconomics

n. economies dealing with individual units, as households, firms, etc.

microencapsulation

n. preparation of a substance (e.g. a medical drug) in the form of particles or droplets each enclosed in a permeable or dissolvable capsule.

micrograph

n. instrument for writing or engraving on microscopic scale; drawing or photograph of object as seen through microscope. **micrographic**, *a.* **micrography** (, *n.*)

micrology

n. excessive devotion to minute details; art of using the microscope.

micromania

n. form of insanity in which patient constantly depreciates himself, or imagines that he has become very small. **micromaniac**, *n.*

micrometer

n. instrument for measuring minute distances. **micrometric(al)**, *a.* **micrometry**, *n.*

micron

n. millionth part of a metre

micronometer

n. instrument measuring minute intervals of time.

microphagous

a. feeding on small objects. **microphagy**, *n.*

microphotograph

n. minute photograph; *erroneously*, photomicrograph.

microphyllous

a. having minute leaves.

microphyte

n. microscopic vegetable organism. **microphytal**, **microphytic**, *a.*
microphytology, *n.* study of these.

micropodal, micropodous

a. n. having extremely small feet.

micropsia

n. optical defect causing objects to appear smaller than their real size.

micropterus

a. having small wings or fins. **micropterygious**, *a.* having small fins.

micropyle

n. microscopic orifice in plant ovule or female cell. **micropylar**, *a.*

microseism

n. small earth tremor. **microseismic**(al), *a.* **microseismology**, *n.* study of these.
microseismometer, *n.* instrument measuring these.

microsomatous

a. having small body.

microstomatous, microstomous

a. a. having small mouth. **microstome**, *n.* small opening.

microtherm

n. plant thriving only in very low temperature. **microthermic**, *a.*

microtia

n. abnormal smallness of ear.

microtome

n. instrument for cutting minute sections. **microtomic**(al), *a.* **microtomy**, *n.*

micrurgy

n. art of dissecting, etc., under microscope. **micrurgic**(al), *a.* **micrurgist**, *n.*

micturition

n. urination, especially abnormally frequent. **micturate**, *v.i.*

midden

n. dung- or refuse-heap.

Midi

n. the South (of France).

midinette

n. shop-girl.

mignon

a. (*fem. mignonne*) small and dainty.

miles gloriosus

'braggart soldier'.

miliaria

n. prickly heat. **miliary**, *a.* (characterized by a rash) like millet seeds.

milieu

n. surroundings; environment.

militate

v.i. be influential, have an effect.

millefiori, millefiore

n. (ornamental glassware) of fused coloured glass rods embedded in clear glass.

millennium

n. (pl. -ia) period of one thousand years; thousandth anniversary; future period of ideal happiness on earth, especially that foretold in Revelations XX.

millenarian, *a.* pertaining to millennium; believing in its occurrence in near future; *n.* such believer. **millenarianism**, *n.* such belief. **millenary**, *a.* pertaining to or consisting of a thousand men; *n.* a thousand (years); thousandth anniversary. **millennial**, *a.*; *n.* thousandth anniversary. **millennian**, *a.* amp; *n.* millenarian. **millenniary**, *a.*

millepede, millipede

n. long cylindrical many-legged insect.

millesimal

a. (pertaining to) thousandth part.

milliad

n. a thousand years.

milliard

n. one thousand millions.

milliary

a. pertaining to miles, especially ancient Roman.

millipore

n. kind of branching coral. **milliporite**, *n.* fossil millipore.

milt

n. fish's spawn; *v.t.* impregnate with this. **milter**, *n.* male fish, especially in spawning time.

mimesis

n. imitation, especially in literature and art or by animal of its surroundings, etc. **mimetic**, *a.* **mimetism**, *n.* mimicry.

mimography

n. representation in writing of language of signs.

minatory

a. threatening. **minatorial**, *a.*

miniaceous

a. having colour of red lead. **miniate**, *v.t.* paint with red lead; decorate with red letters or rubrics; illuminate (manuscripts). **miniator**, *n.*

minify

v.t. minimize; diminish the size or importance of.

minikin

a., n. delicate, dainty or affected (person).

minimalism

n. (advocacy of) use of a minimum of resources, materials, etc. **minimalist, n.**

minimifidian

a. having smallest possible degree of faith. **minimifidianism, n.**

minion

n. size of type (7-point); favourite; hanger-on.

minium

n. vermillion; red lead.

miniver

n. unspotted ermine fur; any white fur.

minnesinger

n. troubadour-like poet of medieval Germany.

minuend

n. number from which another has to be subtracted.

minuscule

n. small simple handwriting, especially of ancient times; such letter; lower-case letter; *a.* small; petty; diminutive. **minuscular**, *a.*

minutia

n. (pl. -ae) minute detail; triviality. **minutiose**, **minutious**, *a.* paying undue attention to these.

miosis, myosis

n. excessive contraction of the pupil of the eye. **miotic** *a.* amp; *n.* (substance) causing this.

miothermic

a. *Geology*, pertaining to present temperature conditions.

mirabile dictu

'wonderful to relate'. **mirabilia**, *n.pl.* wonders. **mirabilary**, *n.* miracle worker.

mirador

n. watch-tower, or other architectural feature with fine view.

mirepoix

n. sautéed vegetables used as base for braising meat, etc.

mirific(al)

a. wonder-working; miraculous.

mirliton

n. reed pipe.

mirza

n. title of honour; prince.

misalliance

n. mésalliance.

misandry

n. hatred of men by woman.

misanthrope

n. hater of people. **misanthropic**, *a.* **misanthropy**, *n.*

miscegenation

n. racial interbreeding, especially between blacks and whites. **miscegenetic**, *a.*

miscegenate, *v.i.* amp; *t.* practise, or produce by, miscegenation; *n.* half-caste.
miscegenator, *n.*

misdemeanant

n. person guilty of misdemeanour.

mise en scène

n. staging, scenery, etc., of play; setting; locality; surroundings.

misfeasance

n. misuse of legal power; illegal performance of legal act. **misfeasor**, *n.* person guilty of this.

misocapnic

a. hating tobacco smoke. **misocapnist**, *n.*

misogallic

a. hating the French.

misogamy

n. hatred of marriage. **misogamic**, *a.* **misogamist**, *n.*

misogyny

n. hatred of women by men. **misogynic(al)**, **misogynous**, *a.* **misogynist**, **misogynism**, *n.*

misology

n. hatred of reason, knowledge or argument. **misologist, n.**

misoneism

n. hatred of change or novelty. **misoneist, n.**

misopaedia

n. hatred of children, especially one's own. **misopaedism, n.** **misopaedist, n.**

misopolemical

a. hating war.

misosophy

n. hatred of wisdom. **misosopher, misosophist, n.**

misotheism

n. hatred of gods or God. **misotheist, n.**

misprision

n. error of omission or commission; misdemeanour; contempt, scorn. **misprise, v.**
t. amp; *n.* scorn.

missa

n. (*pl. -ae*) *Roman Catholic*, service of mass. **missa bassa**, low mass. **missa cantata**, missa media, sung mass, without deacon or high-mass ceremonial. **missa privata**, low mass, or one at which only priest communicates. **missa publica**, mass at which all faithful may communicate. **missa solemnis**, high mass.

missal

n. Roman Catholic service-book.

misspell

v.i., v.t. to spell (a word) incorrectly. **misspelling**, *n.*

mistral

n. strong cold north wind of S France.

mithridatism

n. immunity from poison obtained by consuming series of small doses.
mithridatic, *a.* **mithridatize**, *v.t.*

mitigate

v.t. make less harsh or severe; moderate. **mitigable**, *a.* **mitigation**, *n.* **mitigative**, *a.*

mitochondria

n. pl. pl. (sing. -rion) minute bodies in the living cell in which the final stages of the breakdown of carbohydrates and fats to release energy take place.
mitochondrial, *a.*

mitosis

n. cell division, with division of nucleus first. **mitotic**, *a.*

mitraille

n. grape and other small shot. **mitraileur**, *n.* machine-gunner. **mitraillouse**, *n.* machine-gun.

mitral

a. mitre- or bonnet-shaped. **mitriform**, *a.* mitre-shaped.

mittimus

n. 'we send'; *n.* writ for committing to prison or removing records to other court; congé.

mneme

n. *Psychology*, persisting effect of memory of past events. **mnemic**, *a.* **mnemist**, *n.*

mnemonic

a. pertaining to or aiding memory; *n.* device to aid memory. **mnemonical**, *a.* **mnemonize**, *v.t.* make into a mnemonic. **mnemonism**, *n.* practice of mnemonics. **mnemonics**, **mnemotechny**, *n.* system of improving memory.

mnesic

a. pertaining to memory. **mnestic**, *a.* pertaining to memory or mneme.

moa

n. extinct ostrich-like flightless bird of New Zealand.

mockado

n. ancient woollen fabric; inferior material; tawdry.

modal

a. pertaining to or having form rather than substance. **modality, n.**

module

n. unit of measurement or means of measuring; standard or self-contained unit of construction; self-contained section of educational course.

modus operandi

n. 'method of operating or proceeding'. **modus vivendi**, 'method of living'; compromise adopted until final settlement is reached.

mogadore

n. ribbed silk necktie material.

mogigraphy, mogigraphy

n. *n.*, writing only with difficulty. **mogilalia,, n.** speaking only with difficulty.

moho

n. boundary between the crust and upper mantle of the Earth: *abbreviation of Mohorovic discontinuity.* **mohole**, *n.* borehole into the Earth's crust as far as the moho.

mohur

n. gold coin worth 15 rupees.

moidore

n. ancient Portuguese gold coin.

moiety

n. half; small portion.

moire

n. watered silk or other fabric. **moiré**, *a.* with watered pattern; *n.* such pattern.

molimen

n. strenuous effort or labour.

molinary

a. pertaining to mills or grinding.

mollescent

a. softening. **mollify**, *v.t.* soften; appease. **mollipilose**, *a.* downy. **mollities**, *n.* *Medicine*, softness. **mollitious**, *a.* softening; voluptuous.

Moloch

n. deity mentioned in Old Testament, to whom children were sacrificed; anything requiring human sacrifice; Australian spiny lizard.

molossus

n. verse foot of three long syllables.

molybdenum

n. iron-like white metal used in steel manufacture and dyeing. **molybdic**, **molybdious**, **molybdenic**, **molybdenous**, *a.*

momentaneous

a. *Grammar*, signifying action completed in a moment.

momism

n. American, excessive devotion to mother.

Momus

n. god of ridicule; carping critic; satirist. **disciple**, **son**, etc., **of Momus**, person continually poking fun.

monachal

a. monastic. **monachate**, *n.* period of monkhood. **monachize**, *v.i.* amp; *t.* become or cause to become a monk or monkish. **monachism**, *n.*

monad

n. unit; atom; microcosmic element underlying reality; God. **monadic**, *a.* **monadism**, *n.* philosophic theory that universe is composed of such elements.

monandry

n. marriage to only one man at a time. **monandric**, **monandrous**, *a.*

monanthous

a. single-flowered.

monarticular

a. of or affecting only one joint.

monatomic

a. having one atom, or only one atom in molecule; univalent. **monatomicity**, **monatomism**, *n.*

monaural

a. pertaining to, having or for one ear only; monophonic.

monde

n. 'world', especially of fashion; one's own little world.

monepic

a. comprising one word, or single-worded sentences.

monetize

v.t. v.t. convert into or adopt as currency, or as currency standard.

mongo, mongoe

n. see mungo.

monial

n. nun.

moniliform

a. having narrow intervals or joints resembling a string of beads.

monism

n. philosophical belief that matter, mind, etc., consist of one substance only, which is the only reality. **monist**, *n.* **monistic**, *a.*

monition

n. caution; warning, especially legal. **monitory**, *a.*; *n.* letter containing a monition.

monitor

v.t. maintain continuous observation of, as a check on output, efficiency, etc.;
n. recording device or display for this purpose.

monoblepsia, monoblepsis

n. *n.* normality of vision with one eye, but confusion when both are used; colour-blindness for all but one colour.

monocarpic

a. fruiting only once.

monoceros

n. unicorn; swordfish. **monocerous**, *a.* having one horn only.

monochord

n. musical instrument with one string; similar apparatus determining musical intervals; clavichord.

monochrome

n. work of art in one colour; black and white (photograph); *a.* in black and white.
monochroic, **monochromatic**, **monochromic(al)**, *a.* **monochromatism**, *n.*
complete colour-blindness. **monochromist**, **monochromy**, *n.*

monochronic

a. relating to one period of time.

monocline

n. *Geology*, single upward band or fold. **monoclinal**, *a.*

monocoque

a., n. (denoting) aircraft structure in which the outer skin carries all or most of the torsional and bending stresses; (denoting) car structure in which the body is integral with and shares the stresses with the chassis.

monocotyledon

n. plant having a single cotyledon. **monocotyledonous**, *a.*

monocracy

n. autocracy. **monocrat**, *n.* **monocratic**, *a.*

monocular

a. having, pertaining to, or for one eye only. **monoculist**, **monoculus**, *n.* one-eyed person. **monocularous**, *a.*

monodont

a. one-toothed.

monodrama

n. play acted by one person only; dramatic account of thoughts of one person. **monodramatic**, *a.*

monodromic

a. uniform in value. **monodromy**, *n.*

monody

n. song on one note or by one voice; dirge; melody.

monodynamic

a. having only one power or ability. **monodynamism**, *n.* belief in one force causing all activity.

monoecious

a. having male and female organs in same organism, especially having male and female flowers on same plant. **monoecism**, *n.*

monogamy

n. marriage to only one person at a time. **monogamic**, **monogamous**, *a.* **monogamist**, *n.*

monogenesis

n. singleness of origin; theory that all human beings derive from one man and woman, or that all life derives from a single cell; asexual reproduction; development without change of form. **monogeneous**, **monogenetic**, **monogenic**, **monogenous**, *a.* **monogenism**, **monogeny** *n.*

monoglot

a., n. (person) knowing one language only; *a.* written in one language only.

monogoneutic

a. single-brooded.

monogony

n. non-sexual reproduction.

monograph

n. treatise on one subject; any learned treatise. **monographic**, *a.* **monographist**, *n.*

monogyny

n. marriage to only one woman at a time, or to one chief wife, with other consorts. **monogynic**, **monogynious**, **monogynous**, *a.*

monoideism

n. obsession with a single idea. **monoideic**, *a.* **monoideist**, *n.*

monolatry

n. worship of one god only out of many believed to exist. **monolater**, **monolatrist**, *n.* **monolatrous**, *a.*

monolingual

a. monoglot. **monolinguist**, *n.*

monoliteral

a. comprising one letter only.

monolith

n. single monumental stone or pillar, especially of prehistoric origin; any object, organization, etc. that appears uniform and uniformly unchangeable.

monolithic, *a.*

monology

n. soliloquy; monopoly of the conversation. **monologian**, **monologist**, *n.*

monologic(al), *a.* **monologize**, *v.i.*

monomachy

n. duel. **monomachist**, *n.*

monomania

n. insanity on one subject only; obsession to insane degree with one subject.

monomaniac, *n.* **monomaniacal**, *a.*

monomer

n. simple unpolymerized form of a chemical compound, of comparatively low molecular weight.

monometallism

n. use of one metal as currency standard; theory advocating this. **monometallist**, *n.*

monomial

a., *n.* (name or expression) comprising one term only.

monomorphic

a. having same form throughout life. **monomorphism**, *n.* **monomorphous**, *a.*

mononym

n. monomial name or term. **mononymic**, *a.* **mononymize**, *v.t.* **mononymy**, *n.*

monoousian

a. having same substance.

monophagous

a. eating one kind of food only. **monophagia**, **monophagism**, **monophagy**, *n.*

monophobia

n. dread of solitude.

monophonous

a. representing same sound, as *f* and *ph*; giving tones singly.

monophthalmus

n. congenital absence of one eye. **monophthalmic**, *a.*

monophthong

n. single vowel sound. **monophthongal**, *a.* **monophthongize**, *v.t.* pronounce as monophthong.

monophyletic

a. derived from one common parental stock. **monophyleticism**, *n.*

monoplastic

a. of one substance. **monoplastic**, *a.* of one form.

monoplegia

n. paralysis of one part of body only, especially one limb. **monoplegic**, *a.*

monopode

n. (creature) with one foot, especially such fabulous Ethiopian race.
monopodial, **monopodic**, **monopodous**, *a.* **monopodium**, *n.* (*pl.* -dia) *Botany*, main axis of growth. **monopody**, *n.* verse measure of one foot.

monopolylogue

n. dramatic entertainment with interpretation of many rôles by one person.
monopolylogist, *n.*

monopsony

n. market situation where there is only one buyer for a product.

monopsychism

n. belief in one universal soul.

monopteros

n. (pl. - tera) building with single ring of columns supporting a roof. **monopteral**, *a.*

monoptic(al)

a. one-eyed.

monoptote

n. noun (or adjective) occurring in a single oblique case. **monoptotic**, *a.*

monopyrenous

a. applied to single-stoned or single-kernelled fruit.

monoschematic

a. using same metrical foot throughout.

monosemy

n. fact of having only one meaning. **monosemous**, *a.*

monospermous, monospermal

a. *a.* single-seeded. **monospermy**, *n.* fertilization of egg by one sperm cell only.

monostich

n. one verse line; poem of one verse line. **monostichous**, *a.* in one line or row.

monostrophe

n. poem with all stanzas of same form. **monostrophic**, *a.*

monotheism

n. belief in one God only. **monotheist**, *n.* monotheistic, *a.*

monothelious

a. polyandrous.

monotic

a. affecting one ear only.

monotocous

a. laying one egg, or bringing forth one young, only.

monotreme

n. primitive Australian egg-laying mammal, *e.g.* duck-billed platypus.

monotrematous, a.

monotrophic

a. monophagous.

monoxide

n. oxide with one oxygen atom in molecule.

monozygotic

a. developed from one zygote only.

mons

n. mountain. **mons pubis**, hair- covered eminence in male pubic region. **mons Veneris**, 'mountain of Venus', fatty eminence in female pubic region.

monstrance

n. Ecclesiastical, vessel for exposing eucharist.

montage

n. a composite picture made up of many pictures artistically blended or laid out; any similar blending of scenes, sounds, etc.; manner of artistically constructing sequence of scenes in film.

mont-de-piété

n. 'mount, or bank, of piety'; public pawnbroker's.

montero

n. huntsman; his cap.

montgolfier

n. hot-air balloon.

monticle, monticule

n. hillock. **monticulate, monticulous, a.** hillocky.

moolvee

n. doctor of Islamic law; title of respect for learned man or teacher.

moong

see **mung**.

mopoke

n. see **morepork**.

moquette

n. thick-piled upholstery fabric or carpet.

mora

n. (*pl. -ae*) unit of metre in prosody, equivalent of one short syllable; *Law*, postponement; default.

moraine

n. detritus deposited by glacier. **morainal**, **morainic**, *a.*

moratorium

n. (*pl. -ria*) lawful suspension. **moratory**, *a.* pertaining to moratorium or delay.

morbid

a. *Medicine*, unhealthy; diseased. **morbific**, *a.* causing disease. **morbiferal**, **morbiferous**, *a.* carrying disease. **morbidezza**, (*Italian*) *n.* softness in artistic representation of flesh. **morbidity**, *n.*

morbilli

n. pl. measles. **morbillary**, **morbilliform**, *a.* like measles. **morbillous**, *a.*

morbus

n. disease. **morbus Gallicus**, 'French disease'; syphilis.

morcellate

v.t. divide into small portions. **morcellation**, *n.*

mordacious

a. tending to bite; caustic, sarcastic. **mordacity**, *n.*

mordant

a. biting; corrosive; caustic; stinging; *n.* corrosive substance; colour fixative.
mordancy, n.

mordent

n. musical device of alternating quickly a tone with another a half-tone lower.

more

adv. 'in the manner or style'. **more suo**, 'in his own manner or fashion'.

morel

n. kind of edible fungus; black night-shade. **morello**, *n.* dark-coloured cultivated cherry.

morepork

n. *New Zealand*, kind of owl; *Tasmania*, night-jar; *Australia*, several birds with cry sounding like 'more pork'.

mores

pl. n. pl. manners and customs.

morganatic

a. pertaining to or denoting marriage of person of royal blood to person of inferior rank, by which the latter does not receive the royal spouse's rank nor do

the children inherit his or her titles or property. **morganatical**, *a.*

morganize

v.t. do away with secretly; Burke.

moribund

a. about to die; half-dead; *n.* such person. **moribundity**, *n.*

moriform

a. mulberry-shaped.

morigerous

a. obsequiously obedient.

morology

n. nonsense. **morological**, *a.* **morologist**, *n.*

morpheme

n. smallest element of language to have meaning or grammatical function.
morphemic, *a.*

Morpheus

n. god of dreams. **morphean**, *a.* **morphic**, *a.* pertaining to sleep.

morphogenesis, morphogeny

n. *n.* development of morphological characteristics. **morphogenetic, morphogenic, a.**

morphography

n. morphological description or study. **morphographer, n.** artist portraying forms. **morphographic(al), a.** **morphographist, n.**

morphology

n. biological or philological study of forms and structures; form and structure of an organism, word, etc. **morphological, a.** **morphologist, n.**

morphometry

n. measurement of form. **morphometric(al), a.**

morphonomy

n. morphological biological laws. **morphonomic, a.**

morphosis

n. manner of development. **morphotic, a.** pertaining to morphosis or formation.

morphous

a. having definite form.

morro

n. rounded hill or headland.

morsal

a. pertaining to cutting edge.

morse

n. walrus.

mortician

n. funeral undertaker.

mortmain

n. Law, state of being held inalienably by a corporation; *v.t.* alienate into corporation's possession.

mortorio

n. sculpture of the dead Christ.

moschate

a. musk-like in odour. **moschiferous**, *a.* producing musk. **moschine**, *a.* pertaining to musk deer.

mot

n. 'word'; pithy saying; bon mot. **mot juste**, word or phrase exactly expressing an idea.

motatory, motarious

a. continually moving.

motet

n. kind of unaccompanied part-song or anthem.

motif, motiv

n. recurrent or dominating feature or theme.

motile

a. able to move spontaneously; causing motion; *n.* person whose mental processes emerge in, or are best stimulated by, motion or action. **motility**, *n.*

motmot

n. jay-like S American bird.

motorium

n. division of nervous system concerned with movement.

motricity

n. function of movement, especially muscular.

motu proprio

'by its or one's own motion'; by own desire or impulse.

moucharaby

n. projecting latticed window in Muslim architecture; such balcony of castle.

mouchard

n. police spy.

mouse

n. pout; grimace.

mouflon, moufflon

n. horned wild sheep of Mediterranean islands.

mouillé

a. 'wet'; made soft or palatal in pronunciation, as *ll* in *mouillé*, *ñ* in *cañon*, etc.
mouillation, mouillure, n.

moujik

n. Russian peasant; lady's loose fur cape.

mournival

n. set of four, especially set of four court cards in one hand.

mousseline

n. French dress fabric; hollandaise sauce with whipped cream or egg whites added. **mousseline de laine**, light woollen fabric. **mousseline de soie**, gauzy silk or rayon fabric.

moutonnée

a. applied to rocks with rounded outlines like backs of flock of sheep.

moxa

n. in the practice of acupuncture, compacted shredded leaves or down from mugwort burned just above the skin or to heat needles used in treatment, as a tonic or analgesic.

Mozarab

n. Christian in Moorish Spain.

mozzetta, mozetta

n. *Roman Catholic*, short cape with hood worn by Pope, cardinals, etc.

mu

n. twelfth letter of Gr. alphabet; symbol for micron; *Electricity*, factor of amplification.

mucago

n. mucilage; mucus.

mucedine

n. mould or mildew fungus. **mucedinaceous**, **mucedineous**, **mucedinous**, *a.* mildew-like.

muchacha

n. girl; female servant. **muchacho**, *n.* boy; manservant.

mucid

a. slimy; mouldy, musty.

muciferous

a. a. secreting or stimulating secretion of mucus. **mucific**, **mucigenous**, *a.*

mucilage

n. gummy or adhesive substance. **mucilaginous**, *a.*

mucivore

n. insect feeding on plant juices. **mucivorous**, *a.*

muckna

n. male elephant lacking, or having only rudimentary, tusks; spurless cock.

mucocele

n. cyst containing mucus; swelling due to accumulation of mucus.

mucronate

a. terminating in sharp point. **mucroniferous**, *a.* **mucroniform**, *a.* like a sharp point. **mucronulate**, *a.* terminating in small sharp point. **mucronation**, *n.*

muculent

a. slimy; like mucus.

mucus

n. viscous fluid secreted by membranes lining body cavities. **mucoid(al)**, *a.* like mucus. **mucopus**, *n.* mixture of mucus and pus. **mucorrhoea**, *n.* abnormal discharge of mucus. **mucosa**, *n.* mucous membrane. **mucous**, *a.* secreting, like, or covered with mucus.

mudar

n. E Indian fibre-yielding shrub with root and bark used in medicine.

mudir

n. governor of Egyptian province. **mudiria**, **mudirieh**, *n.* jurisdiction of mudir.

mudra

n. ritual hand movement in classical Indian dancing.

muezzin

n. person calling Muslim faithful to prayer.

mufti

n. person learned in Islamic law; civilian dress.

mugger, muggar, muggur

n. crocodile.

mugient

a. bellowing, especially like cattle. **mugience, mugiency, n.**

mugiloid

a.,n. (fish) like grey mullet, or belonging to grey mullet family of fishes.
mugiliform, a.

mugwump

n. political independent or neutral. **mugwumpery, mugwumpism, n.**
mugwumpish, a.

mukluk

n. Eskimo's soft (especially sealskin) boot.

mulatto

n. (*pl.* -os) offspring of a pure negro and a white parent; *a.* having yellowish-brown skin.

mulct

v.t. v.t. rob of; deprive of; fine; *n.* fine. **mulctation**, *n.* **mulctative**, **mulctatory**, *a.* **mulctuary**, *a.* punishable by fine.

muliebrile

a. feminine. **muliebrity**, *n.* womanliness; womanhood. **muliebrous**, *a.* effeminate.

mulier

n. woman; wife; legitimate child. **mulier puisne**, younger legitimate son. **mulieroze**, *a.* fond of women.

mullah

n. Islamic teacher of law and theology.

mullid

a., n. (fish) like red mullet, or belonging to red mullet family of fishes.

mullion

n. upright division, especially of stone, between panes of window.

mulse

n. boiled wine with honey.

multeity

n. state of being, or thing comprising, many.

multifid

a. having many divisions.

multigravida

n. woman pregnant for at least the third time.

multilateral

a. many-sided; involving several parties, nations, etc.

multilinguist

n. speaker of many languages. **multilingual**, *a.*

multiliteral

a. having many letters or unknown quantities.

multilocation

n. appearance in many places at the same time.

multiloquent

a. talkative. **multiloquious, multiloquous, a. multiloquence, multiloquy, n.**

multinomial

n. (expression) containing three or more terms.

multipara

n. mother of two or more children. **multiparity, n.** state of being multipara; act of giving birth to two or more offspring. **multiparous, a.**

multiplepoinding

n. *Scottish Law,* action by holder of property, etc., requiring claimants upon it to appear and settle claims in court.

multiplex

a. multiple; (of telecommunications channel) able to carry two or more signals at a time; *n.* such channel or its use; *v.t.* send via a multiplex channel.

multiplicand

n. number or amount to be multiplied.

multipotent

a. having many powers.

multisonous

a. producing many or loud sounds. **multisonant**, *a.*

multitarian

a. having many forms but one essence.

multivalent

a. having valency of more than two; having more than one valency.
multivalence, multivalency, *n.*

multiversity

n. American, university with many campuses or attached institutions.

multivious

a. leading in many directions; having many ways.

multivocal

a. having many meanings.

multivolent

a. not in agreement; not of one mind.

multivoltine

a. having many broods in one season.

multum in parvo

'much in little'; compression of much into little space; summary.

multure

n. miller's fee for grinding corn.

mumchance

a. silent; tongue tied; *n.* *obsolete*, masquerade.

mummer

n. actor in folk play; mimer. **Mummerset**. *n.* *jocular*, rustic accent or dialect for the stage. **mummery**, *n.* performance by mummers; empty ceremonial.

mump

v.i. sulk; be silent; beg. **mumper**, *n.* **mumpish**, *a.*

mumsy

a. old-fashioned; drab.

mundane

a. worldly; earthly; everyday; secular. **mundanity**, *n.*

mundify

v.t. cleanse; heal. **mundificant**, *n.* amp; *a.* **mundification**, **mundifier**, *n.*

mung

n. fibre-yielding vetch. **mung bean**, bean-like food plant of Asia.

mungo

n. fabric made from felted woollen rags.

muniments

n. pl. legal records, as deeds, etc.

munj

n. mung.

munjeet

n. dye-yielding madder plant of Bengal; dye obtained from its roots.

muntjak

n. small tusked deer of SE Asia; barking deer.

murage

n. rate levied for upkeep of city's walls.

mural

a. pertaining to or on a wall; *n.* wall-painting.

murex

n. (purple dye obtained from) tropical mollusc.

muriate

n. chloride, especially of potassium. **muriated**, *a.* impregnated with chloride, especially silver chloride; pickled; briny. **muriatic**, *a.* hydrochloric.

muricate

a. prickly. **muriculate**, *a.* having small prickles.

murid

n. Muslim disciple. **muridism**, *n.*

murine

a., n. (animal) belonging to rats and mice family of rodents. **muriform**, *a.* like rat or mouse; like courses of bricks.

murrain

n. plague, especially of cattle.

murre

n. kind of guillemot or auk. **murrelet**, *n.* several small sea-birds of N Pacific.

murrhine

a. applied to transparent glassware containing pieces of coloured glass; *n.* such vase, or one made of valuable stone or porcelain.

musaceous

a. *Botany*, belonging to the banana and plantain family.

musal

a. pertaining to poetry or the Muses.

musang

n. civet-like animal of E Indies.

muscae volitantes

n. 'flying flies'; spots, lines, etc., seen before the eyes, caused by particles in the vitreous humour of the eye.

muscari

n. grape hyacinth. **muscariform**, *a.* brush-shaped. **muscarine**, *n.* poisonous alkaloid in fly agaric.

muscicide

n. substance killing flies.

muscid

a., n. (a member) of the family including the housefly.

muscology

n. study of mosses. **muscoid**, **muscose**, *a.* moss-like. **muscologic(al)**, *a.* **muscologist**, *n.*

muscovado

n. unrefined sugar.

museology

n. science of collecting and arranging objects for museums. **museologist**, *n.*

musette

n. small French bagpipe; air or dance performed on or to this; soldier's provision wallet; small bag worn over shoulder, especially by cyclist.

musicale

n. musical evening; private concert.

mussitate

v.i. mutter. **mussitation**, *n.*

must

n. newly pressed grape juice; musth.

mustee

n. octoroon; half-breed.

musteline

a., n. (animal) belonging to family of animals including otters, badgers, weasels, mink, etc. **mustelinous**, *a.*

musth

n. *Zoology*, state of frenzied sexual excitement.

mutable

a. capable of being changed, especially for the worse; fickle. **mutability**, *n.*

mutant

a. resulting from or undergoing mutation; *n.* mutated organism.

mutation

n. change; *Biology*, sudden variation from type, due to change in genes. **mutational**, *a.* **mutationism**, *n.* belief that mutation is important in evolution of species.

mutatis mutandis

with suitable or necessary alterations.

mutative

a. Grammar, expressing change of place or state.

mutch

n. Scottish woman's close-fitting cap. **mutchkin**, *n. Scottish liquid measure of approximately three-quarters of an imperial pint.*

mutic

a. Zoology, lacking normal defensive parts, as claws, etc. **muticous**, *a. lacking a point.*

mutive

a. tending to alter. **mutivity**, *n.*

muzhik, mujik

see **moujik**.

myalgia

n. muscular rheumatism.

myalism

n. magic cult among W Indian blacks.

myall

n. Australian acacia tree.

mycelium

n. (pl. -ia), web of spore-bearing filaments of fungi; 'spawn'. **mycelial**, **mycelian**, **mycelioid**, **myceloid**, *a.*

mycetism

n. fungus poisoning. **mycetoid**, **mycetous**, *a.* fungus-like. **mycetophagous**, *a.* eating fungi.

mycoderma

n. membrane formed on fermenting liquid; 'mother'; kind of fungus forming scum on liquid. **mycodermic**, **mycodermatoid**, **mycodermatous**, *a.*

mycoid

a. fungus-like.

mycology

n. study of fungi. **mycological**, *a.* **mycologist**, *n.*

mycophagous

a. eating mushrooms. **mycophagist**, *n.* **mycophagy**, *n.*

mycorriza, mycorhiza

n. association in symbiosis of certain fungi with roots of certain plants and trees.
mycorrhal, *a.*

mycosis

n. (*pl. -ses*) infestation with fungi. **mycotic**, *a.*

mycteric

a. pertaining to cavities of nose. **mycterism**, *n.* sneering.

mydriatic

a.,n. (substance) causing dilatation of pupil of eye. **mydriasis**, *n.* such excessive dilatation.

myectomy, myectopia

n. *n.* dislocation of muscle.

myelic

a. pertaining to spinal cord. **myelencephalous**, *a.* having brain and spinal cord. **myelitis**, *n.* inflammation of spinal cord or marrow of bones. **myelocyte**, *n.* nerve-cell of brain or spinal cord. **myeloid**, *a.* myelic. **myeloma**, *n.* tumour of bone marrow. **myelon**, *n.* spinal cord. .

myentasis

n. surgical stretching of muscle.

mygale

n. shrew mouse.

myiasis

n. disease due to flies' larvae in body.

myoglobin

n. protein carrying oxygen to muscle as haemoglobin carries it to blood.

myograph

n. instrument recording strength of muscular contraction. **myography**, *n.* description of muscles.

myoid

a. muscle-like.

myology

n. study of muscles. **myologic(al)**, *a.* **myologist**, *n.*

myopia, myopy

n. *n.* short-sightedness. **myope**, *n.* person suffering from this. **myopic**, *a.*

myosis

n. miosis. **myotic**, *a.*

myositis

n. inflammation of muscles. **myositic**, *a.*

myosotis

n. forget-me-not.

myothermic

a. pertaining to heat due to muscular contraction.

myotonia, myotonus, myotony

n. muscular spasm or rigidity.

myoxine

a. pertaining to dormice.

myriacanthous

a. having many prickles.

myriapod

n. millepede or centipede. **myriopodan**, **myriapodous**, *a.*

myringa

n. ear drum. **myringitis**, *n.* inflammation of myringa.

myristicaceous

a. like or pertaining to nutmeg tree; belonging to nutmeg family of plants.
myristicivorous, *a.* feeding on nutmegs.

myrmecoid

a. ant-like. **myrmecology**, *n.* study of ants. **myrmecophagous**, *a.* ant-eating.
myrmecophyte, *n.* plant living in symbiosis with ants.

myrmidon

n. follower; hireling.

myrobalan

n. prune-like tannin-containing fruit, used in tanning and dyeing; Indian tree bearing this.

myrtaceous

a. belonging to myrtle family of plants. **myrtiform**, *a.* myrtle-like.

mysophobia

n. dread of dirt. **mysophilia**, *n.* unnatural attraction to dirt.

mystacial

a. having moustache-like stripe. **mystacial**, **mystacine**, **mystacinous**, *a.* **mystax**,
n. mouth-hairs of insects.

mystagogue

n. instructor in mystical doctrines or of those being initiated into religious mysteries. **mystagogic**, *a.* **mystagogy**, *n.*

mysticete

n. Arctic right whale. **mysticetous**, *a.*

mythoclast

n. destroyer of myths. **mythoclastic**, *a.* **mythogony**, *n.* study of myths' origins.
mythography, *n.* descriptive study or artistic representation, of myths.
mythomania, *n.* desire or aptitude for telling lies. **mythopoeic**, *a.* myth-making.
mythopoesis, *n.* composition of myths.

mytilid

n. mussel. **mytiliform**, **mytiloid**, *a.*

myxoedema

n. skin disease, marked by swelling and dryness, due to insufficient thyroid secretion. **myxoedemic**, **myxoedematoid**, **myxoedematous**, *a.*

myxoid

a. mucoid. **myxoma**, *n.* soft mucoid tumour. **myxomatosis**, *n.* fatal contagious disease of rabbits.

naartjie

n. tangerine.

nabob

n. Indian or Mogul governor; wealthy person, especially retired Anglo-Indian.

nacelle

n. airship passenger compartment; structure on aircraft wing containing engine.

nachtmaal

n. evening meal; Lord's Supper.

nacre

n. mother-of-pearl; shellfish bearing it. **nacreous**, **nacrine**, *a.*

nadir

n. point opposite zenith; lowest point. **nadiral**, *a.*

naevus

n. small mark on skin; birthmark; tumour of small blood vessel. **naevoid**, *n.* like this.

nagana

n. tropical disease of cattle transmitted by tsetse fly.

nagor

n. S African reed-buck.

naiad

n. (pl. -es) water-nymph; fresh- water mussel; aquatic larva of dragonfly.

nainsook

n. Indian fabric of fine cotton.

naissant

a. nascent; *Heraldry*, rising.

namaqua

n. kind of African dove.

nanism

n. state of being a dwarf. **nanization**, *n.* art of dwarfing (plants).

nannander

n. dwarf male plant. **nannandrous**, *a.*

nano-

comb. form of measurement meaning one thousand millionth (10^{-9}) *abbr. n.*

nanocephalous

a. having abnormally small head. **nanoid**, *a.* dwarfish. **nanomalous**, *a.* having abnormally short limbs.

naology

n. study of ecclesiastical buildings. **naological**, *a.*

napellus

n. aconite.

napery

n. table and other household linen.

naphtha

n. volatile petroleum-like liquid. **naphthalic**, **naphthous**, *a.* **naphthaline**, **naphthalene**, *n.* hydrocarbon obtained from coal tar and used in dyeing, etc.

napiform

a. turnip-shaped.

naprapathy

n. medical treatment by manipulation of spine, thorax or pelvis.

narceine

n. narcotic alkaloid found in opium.

narcissism

n. excessive self-concern or self-admiration; sexual love of, or excitement aroused by, one's own body. **narcissist**, *n.* **narcissistic**, *a.*

narcohypnia

n. numb feeling experienced on awakening.

narcolepsy

n. condition marked by short fits of heavy sleep. **narcoleptic**, *a.*

narcoma

n. coma caused by narcotics. **narcomatous**, *a.*

narcosis

n. stupor induced by narcotics. **narcose**, *a.* in a stupor.

narcotherapy

n. treatment of mental disturbance by prolonged drug-induced sleep.

narcotism

n. narcosis; tendency to fall asleep; abuse of narcotics. **narcotine**, *n.* alkaloid found in opium. **narcotize**, *v.t.* induce narcosis in.

narcous

a. narcose.

nard

n. spikenard; ointment made of it. **nardine**, *a.*

nares

pl. n. pl. nostrils.

narghile

n. Oriental tobacco pipe in which smoke is drawn through water by a long tube; hookah; bubble-bubble.

narial, naric

a. a. pertaining to nostrils. **nariform**, *a.* nostril-like. **narine**, *a.* pertaining to nostrils.

narthex

n. church porch; vestibule. **narthecal**, *a.*

narwhal

n. kind of greyish dolphin with one long tusk; sea-unicorn.

nascent

a. being born; beginning to grow; having enhanced chemical activity at moment of liberation from compound. **nascency**, *n.*

nasicorn

a. having horn(s) on nose; *n.* rhinoceros. **nasicornous**, *a.*

nasillate

v.i. speak or sing nasally. **nasillation**, *n.*

nasitis

n. nasal inflammation.

nasology

n. study of noses.

nasute

a. having large nose. **nasutiform**, *a.* nose-like.

natable

a. able to float. **natability**, *n.*

natal

a. pertaining to birth; native; pertaining to nates. **natality**, *n.* birth-rate; birth.

natant

a. swimming or floating.

natation

n. swimming. **natator**, *n.* natatorial, natatory, *a.* **natatorium**, *n.* (*pl.* -ia) swimming pool.

nates

pl. n. pl. buttocks. **natiform**, *a.* like nates.

natricine

a. belonging to genus of snakes including grass and water snakes; *n.* such snake.

natron

n. natural carbonate of soda.

natterjack

n. yellowish-brown European toad.

natura naturans

n. creative nature; Creator; God. **natura naturata**, created nature.

naturopathy

n. medical treatment by methods believed to aid nature. **naturopath**, **naturopathist**, *n.*

naumachy, naumachia

n. n. mock sea-battle; arena for it.

naupathia

n. sea-sickness.

nauplius

n. (pl. -lii) first larval form of crustacean. **nauplial**, **naupliform**, **nauplioid**, *a.*

nautch

n. Indian dancing performance.

nautics

n. art of navigation; *n.pl.* water sports.

nautilus

n. kind of mollusc of Pacific. **paper nautilus**, eight-tentacled mollusc with thin papery shell; **argonaut**. **pearly nautilus**, nautilus with pearly inner shell.

navarch

n. fleet-commander. **navarchy**, *n.*

navarin

n. stew of mutton and vegetables.

navicular

a. pertaining to or like a boat; *n.* boat-shaped bone of wrist. **naviculoid**, **naviform**, *a.* boat-shaped.

nawab

n. Indian nobleman or governor; nabob.

nazim

n. Indian military governor.

nazir

n. Indian court treasurer; Muslim official.

neanic

a. young; brespic.

neat

n. archaic, ox, bullock or cow. **neatherd**, *n.* cow-herd.

nebula

n. (pl. -ae) vast gaseous area of universe. **spiral nebula**, a galaxy, or island universe. **nebulize**, *v.t.* vaporize; atomize. **nebulose**, **nebulous**, *a.* cloudy; vague. **nebular**, *a.*

necessitarian

n. Philosophy, fatalist. **necessitarianism**, *n.*

necessitous

a. needy; destitute.

necrobiosis

*n. normal process of decay of body cells. **necrobiotic**, *a.**

necrogenic, necrogenous

*a. *a.* pertaining to or derived from dead bodies.*

necrolatry

n. worship of the dead.

necrology

n. death-roll; obituary. **necrologic(al)**, *a.* **necrologist**, *n.* **necrologue**, *n.* obituary.

necromancy

n. black magic; divination by communication with spirits. **necromancer**, *n.* **necromantic**, *a.*

necromorphous

a. feigning death.

necropathy

n. necrotic disease.

necrophagous

a. feeding on dead bodies.

necrophilia

n. sexual attraction to or intercourse with dead bodies. **necrophile**, **necrophiliac**, *a.* & *n.* **necrophilous**, *a.* fond of dead creatures as food.

necrophobia

n. dread of dead bodies or death. **necrophobic**, *a.*

necropolis

n. large cemetery. **necropolitan**, *a.*

necropsy

n. post-mortem examination. **necroscopy**, *n.* necropsy.

necrosis

n. mortification of tissue. **necrotic**, *a.* **necrotize**, **necrose**, *v.i. & t.* suffer or cause to suffer necrosis.

necrotomy

n. dissection of dead bodies; removal of necrosed part. **necrotomic**, *a.* **necrotomist**, *n.*

necrotype

n. extinct creature or species. **necrotypic**, *a.*

nectar

n. sugary liquid secreted by flowers; divine drink. **nectareal**, **nectarean**, **nectareous**, **nectarial**, **nectarial**, **nectarian**, **nectarous**, *a.* **nectariferous**, **nectiferous**, *a.* yielding nectar. **nectarine**, *n.* smooth-skinned variety of peach. **nectarium** (*pl. -ia/*), **nectary**, *n.* plant's gland secreting nectar. **nectarivorous**, *a.* feeding on nectar.

nectopod

n. swimming limb.

ne exeat

'let him not go out'; writ forbidding person to leave country or court's jurisdiction.

nefandous

a. unspeakable.

nefarious

a. evil.

negatron

n. hypothetical atomic particle with mass equal to that of a proton, but with a negative charge equal to that of an electron.

négligé(e)

n. easy, comfortable dress; partly-undressed state; loose robe.

negotiable

a. *Commerce*, transferable; capable of being exchanged for cash.

negrillo

n. African pygmy. **negrito**, *n.* SE Asian pygmy.

negus

n. drink of wine, hot water and spices; title of Abyssinian ruler.

nek

n. mountain pass.

nekton

n. swimming creatures of open sea. **nektonic**, *n.*

nemaline

a. thread-like.

nematoceran

a.,n. (insect) belonging to the suborder of flies including mosquitoes.
nematocerous, *a.*

nematode

n. parasitic round-worm. **nematodiasis**, *n.* infestation with these. **nematocide**,
n. substance killing these. **nematology**, *n.* study of these.

Nemesis

n. goddess of revenge; retribution; inevitable consequence. **nemesic**, *a.*

nemoral

a. pertaining to or living in a forest or wood. **nemophilous**, *a.* fond of forests or

woods. **nemoricolous**, **nemoricoline**, *a.* living in forests or groves.

nenuphar

n. white or yellow water-lily.

neoblastic

a. pertaining to new growth.

neoclassicism

n. revival of classical style in art, especially in the art and architecture of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. **neoclassical**, *a.*

neocolonialism

n. maintenance by a former imperial power of economic and political influence over liberated peoples.

neolatry

n. worship of novelty. **neolater**, *n.*

neolithic

a. pertaining to the later Stone Age. **neolith**, *n.* stone tool of this period.

neologism

n. use or coining of a new word; such new word; *Theology*, new doctrine, especially rationalism. **neologian**, *n.* *Theology*, rationalist. **neologic(al)**, *a.*

neology, neologist, *n.* **neologize, *v.t.***

neomenia

n. time of new moon. **neomenian, *a.***

neomorphic

a. developed suddenly and not inherited. **neomorph, *n.*** **neomorphism, *n.***

neomycin

n. an antibiotic drug used against some intestinal diseases.

neonate

n. new-born child. **neonatal, *a.*** **neonatology, *n.*** care and treatment of neonates.

neonomian

n. adherent of new law, especially of that of the New Testament.
neonomianism, *n.*

neophilia

n. love of novelty and new things, ideas, etc. **neophobia, *n.*** dread of the new.

neophrastic

a. pertaining to use of neologisms.

neophyte

n. recent convert; novice; beginner. **neophytic**, *a.* **neophytism**, *n.*

neoplasm

n. abnormal new growth, especially of tumours. **neoplastic**, *a.* **neoplasty**, *n.*
formation of part afresh by plastic surgery.

neoprene

n. a type of artificial rubber.

neorama

n. view of interior of building.

neossology

n. study of nestling birds. **neossoptile**, *n.* newly hatched bird's downy feather.

neoteny

n. indefinite prolongation of period of immaturity; retention of infantile or juvenile characteristics into adulthood. **neotenous**, *a.*

neoteric

a. new; modern; *n.* such thing. **neoterism**, *n.* neologism. **neoterist**, *n.*
neotericistic, *a.* **neoterize**, *v.t.*

neotropical

a. occurring in or pertaining to tropical part of New World.

nepenthe

n. drug destroying sorrow. **nepenthes**, *n.* pitcher- plant.

nephalism

n. teetotalism. **nephalist**, *n.*

nepheligenous

a. discharging smoke in clouds. **nephelognosy**, *n.* observation of clouds. **nepheloid**, *a.* cloudy. **nephelometer**, *n.* instrument measuring cloudiness. **nephelorometer**, *n.* instrument measuring clouds' direction and velocity. **nepheloscope**, *n.* instrument demonstrating formation of clouds.

nephology

n. study of clouds. **nephogram**, *n.* cloud photograph. **nephoscope**, *n.* instrument measuring direction, velocity, etc., of clouds.

nephrectomy

n. surgical removal of kidney. **nephrectomize**, *v.i. & t.*

nephria

n. Bright's disease. **nephric**, *a.* pertaining to kidneys. **nephritis**, *n.* chronic kidney disease.

nephrite

n. kind of jade used as charm against kidney disease; kidney stone.

nephritis

n. inflammation of kidneys. **nephritic**, *a.* pertaining to nephritis or kidneys; *n.* person suffering from nephritis.

nephroid

a. kidney-shaped. **nephrolith**, *n.* stone of the kidney. **nephrology**, *n.* study of kidneys. **nephrolysis**, *n.* destruction of tissue of kidneys. **nephropathy**, *n.* kidney disease. **nephropexy**, *n.* surgical fixing of floating kidney. **nephroptosis**, *n.* floating kidney. **nephrosis**, *n.* degeneration of kidneys. **nephrotomy**, *n.* incision into kidney. **nephrotoxic** *a.* poisoning the kidneys.

nepionic

a. very young; at stage immediately following embryo.

ne plus ultra

'no more beyond'; highest or furthest attainable.

nepotism

n. favouring of relatives in giving appointments and offices. **nepotal**, *a.* pertaining to nephew. **nepotic**, *a.* **nepotist**, *n.*

neptunium

n. one of the transuranic elements.

nereid

n. sea-nymph; sea-centipede.

neritic

a. pertaining to shallow coastal waters.

Neronian, Neronic

n. like Nero, Roman emperor infamous for cruelty and vice. **Neronize**, *v.i. & t.*

nerval

n. neural; *n.* ointment for sinews. **nervation**, *n.* arrangement of nerves or veins.

nervine

a.,n. (drug) affecting, especially soothing, nerves.

nescient

a. lacking or disclaiming knowledge; *n.* agnostic. **nescience**, *n.*

nesiote

a. living on an island.

nestitherapy

n. medical treatment by reducing food taken.

netsuke

n. kind of carved button of wood, ivory, bone, etc.

neural

a. pertaining to nerves; dorsal.

neuralgia

n. pain along nerve. **neuralgiac**, *n.* person suffering from neuralgia. **neuralgic**, *a.* **neuralgiform**, *a.* like neuralgia.

neurasthenia

n. nervous debility or breakdown. **neurasthenic**, *n.* & *a.*

neuration

n. nervation.

neurergic

a. pertaining to nerve action.

neuric

a. pertaining to or having nerves.

neurilemma

n. outer nerve sheath. **neurilemmal, neurilemmatic, neurilemmatous, a.**
neurilemmitis, n. inflammation of nerve sheath.

neurine

n. poison arising in decaying flesh.

neuritis

n. inflammation of nerve.

neurogram

n. modification in nerve structure to which memory is due. **neurogrammic a.**
neurography, n. formation of neurograms; descriptive neurology.

neuroid

a. nerve-like.

neuroleptic

a. capable of having an effect on the brain, especially tranquillising; *n.* such drug.

neurology

n. study of nerves and brain. **neurological, a.** **neurologist, n.**

neurolysis

n. disintegration of nerve substance; surgical liberation of nerve.

neuroma

n. nerve tumour. **neuromatous**, *a.* **neuromatosis**, *n.*

neuromimesis

n. imitation of symptoms of disease by neurotic person. **neuromimetic**, *a.*

neuron(e)

n. nerve cell. **neuronal**, **neuronic**, *a.* **neuronism**, *n.* theory that neurons of brain are most important in mental processes.

neuropath

n. person believing that majority of diseases have nervous origin; sufferer from nervous disease. **neuropathic**, *a.* **neuropathology**, *n.* pathology of nervous system. **neuropathy**, *n.* morbid condition of nerve.

neuropterous

a. pertaining or belonging to insect order including lace-wing flies. **neuropteran**, **neuropteron** (*pl. -ra*), *n.* such insect. **neuropterist**, *n.* student of these insects. **neuropterylogy**, *n.* study of such.

neurosis

n. (*pl. -ses*) relatively mild mental disturbance; disorder of nervous system. **neurotic**, *n.* & *a.* (person) suffering from nervous disease; (drug) acting on nerves.

neurotomy

n. dissection of or incision into nerve. **neurotomical**, *a.* **neurotomist**, *n.*

neurotoxin

n. poison that attacks the nervous system. **neurotoxic**, *a.*

neurypnology

n. study of hypnotism and of sleep.

neuston

n. minute organisms on the surface film of open water; ecosystem of surface film.

neutrino

n. uncharged atomic particle of less mass than neutron.

neutron

n. uncharged proton-like particle of atom.

névé

n. grainy snow in the process of becoming glacial ice.

newel

n. post at foot or head of stairs, or about which spiral staircase turns.

nexus

n. bond; tie; interconnected group.

niblick

n. iron-headed golf club with steeply angled face, for playing out of bunkers.

niccolic, niccolous

a. of nickel.

nichevo

exclamation 'it doesn't matter'.

nicolo, niccolo

n. blue-black variety of onyx.

nicotian

n. tobacco-user.

nictate

v.i. nictitate. **nictation, n.**

nictitate

v.i. wink or blink. **nictitant**, *a.* winking. **nictitating membrane**, membrane of certain animals and birds that can be drawn across eyeball; **nictitating spasm**, spasm of eyelid. **nictitation**, *n.*

nidatory

a. pertaining to nests. **nidicolous**, *a.* living in nests. **nidificate**, **nidify**, *v.i.* construct nest. **nidifugous**, *a.* leaving nest at early stage. **nidology**, *n.* study of nests. **nidulant**, *a.* nestling. **nidus**, *n.* (*pl.* -*di*) nest; place of breeding or origin.

niello

n. (*pl.* -*li*) black alloy used to fill engraved designs on metal; work or object decorated with this; *v.i.* decorate with this. **niellist**, *n.*

nigrescent

a. becoming or somewhat black. **nigrescence**, *n.* **nigrine**, *a.* black. **nigrities**, *n.* unusually dark colouring. **nigritude**, *n.* blackness. **nigrous**, *a.*

nihilism

n. extreme anarchism; terrorism; *Philosophy*, denial that anything has real existence. **nihilist**, *n.* **nihility**, *n.* nothingness; thing of no worth.

nilgai

n. blue-grey short-horned Indian antelope.

nimbus

n. (*pl.* -*bi*) halo; cloud of glory; low, black rain-cloud. **nimbose**, *a.* cloudy.

nimety

n. excess.

nirvana

n. oblivion; loss of identity at death by union with Brahma. **nirvanic**, *a.*

nisi

a. conj. 'unless'. decree **nisi**, order, especially of divorce, to become effective at certain future time, unless reasons against it appear in the meantime. **nisi prius**, 'unless before'; formerly, writ summoning jurors to Westminster unless in the meantime judges of assize had come to county in question; now, trial by jury before a single judge, in London or at assizes.

nisus

n. effort, especially to evacuate faeces; desire, especially sexual of birds.

nitchevo

see **nichevo**.

nitid

a. shining.

nitre

n. saltpetre (potassium nitrate). **cubic nitre**, sodium nitrate. **nitrate**, *n.* salt of nitric acid; *v.t.* treat with nitric acid. **nitric**, *a.* **nitrify**, *v.t.* **nitrophilous** *a.* flourishing in soil rich in nitrogen. **nitrophyte**, *n.* nitrophilous plant. **nitrous**, *a.*

nival

a. marked by, or living in, snow.

nivellate

v.t. level. **nivellation**, **nivellator**, *n.*

niveous

a. snowy. **nivosity**, *n.*

nix

n. (*fem. -ie*) water sprite.

nizam

n. title of former ruler of Hyderabad; Turkish soldier.

Noachian, Noachic

a. a. pertaining to Noah and his period.

nobiliary

a. pertaining to nobility. **nobiliary particle**, preposition indicating nobility, *e.g.* *de* (French) or *von* (German).

noblesse

n. noble birth; nobility. **noblesse oblige**, 'nobility obliges'; obligation upon persons of high birth to act nobly.

nocent

a. harmful; criminal.

noctambulant

a. walking by night or in one's sleep. **noctambulation**, **noctambulism**, *n.* **noctambulist**, *n.* sleep-walker. **noctambulous**, *a.*

noctidiurnal

a. comprising one day and night.

noctiflorous

a. flowering at night.

noctiluca

n. (*pl.* -cae) luminescent sea creature. **noctilucal**, **noctilucent**, *a.* luminescent (applied to living organisms only). **noctilucence**, *n.* **noctilucous**, *a.* shining at night; luminescent.

noctivagant

a. wandering about at night. **noctivagation**, *n.* **noctivagous**, *a.*

noctovision

n. transmission by infra-red rays of image of object invisible through darkness.

noctuid

n. night-flying moth.

nocturia

n. abnormal urination at night.

nocuous

a. harmful.

nodus

n. (*pl. -di*) crucial or difficult point; knot.

noogenesis

n. production of new knowledge. **noegenetic**, *a.*

noesis

n. pure knowledge; cognition. **noetic**, *n.* & *a.* **noetics**, *n.* laws of logic.

Noetic

a. Noachian.

noggin

n. small cup or quantity; gill.

nogging

n. masonry or brickwork between wooden frame.

noisette

n. small thick round slice of boneless meat, especially lamb; hazelnut (chocolate).

noisome

a. foul-smelling.

nolens volens

willy-nilly.

noli me tangere

'do not touch me'.

nolition

n. unwillingness.

nolle prosequi

n. 'to be unwilling to prosecute'; withdrawal of suit by plaintiff.

nom

n. 'name'. **nom de guerre**, 'war name'; pseudonym. **nom de plume**, 'pen name'; writer's pseudonym.

nomenclature

n. system or arrangement of names; terminology of a science. **nomenclator**, *n.* lexicographer; announcer or inventor of names. **nomenclatorial**, **nomenclatural** *a.*

nomial

n. single term.

nomic

a. customary; conventional; *n.* such non-phonetic spelling.

nominalism

n. *Philosophy* doctrine that universal terms and abstractions are mere names and have no reality. **nominalist**, *n.*

nominative

a., n. Grammar, (case) signifying subject of sentence.

nomism

n. acceptance of moral law as basis of conduct. **nomistic**, *a.*

nomocracy

n. government based on legal system.

nomogenist

n. believer in non-miraculous origin of life. **nomogenous**, *a.* **nomogeny**, *n.*

nomography

n. drafting of laws; treatise on this. **nomographer**, *n.* **nomographic(al)**, *a.*

nomology

n. science of law. **nomological**, *a.* **nomologist**, *n.*

nomothetic

a. legislative; based on law. **nomothetes**, *Greek n. pl. -tai*) law-giver.

nonage

n. state of being under age.

nonagenarian

a.,n. (person) in from ninetieth to hundredth year. **nonagesimal**, *a.* ninetieth.

nones

n. pl. ninth day before ides in ancient Roman calendar; *Ecclesiastical*, office said at ninth hour.

non est

'(it) is not'; non-existent; lacking. **non est disputandum**, it is not to be disputed. **non esse**, non- existence.

nonfeasance

n. failure to perform an act or obligation.

nonferrous

a. not pertaining to or including iron; pertaining to metals other than iron.

non grata

'not welcome'; not acceptable to society or by authority.

nonillion

n. a million octillions (10^{54}); (*French & American*) a thousand octillions (10^{30}).

nonjuror

n. person refusing to take oath, especially of allegiance to William and Mary (1688). **nonjurant**, *a.* **nonjurism**, *n.*

non libet

'it is not pleasing'. **non licet**, 'it is not lawful'. **non liquet**, 'it is not clear'.

non obstante

notwithstanding (*abbr.* **non obst.**).

nonpareil

n. size of type: 6-point; *n.* & *a.* unique (thing or person).

nonparous

a. having not given birth to any offspring.

non placet

'(it) does not please'; negative vote, especially at university, etc.

non possumus

'we cannot'; plea of inability; refusal.

non prosequitur

'(he or she) does not prosecute'; judgement against plaintiff on his non-appearance in court (*abbr.* **non pros.**).

non sequitur

n. '(it) does not follow'; illogical deduction; fallacy; anacoluthon.

nonsuit

n. Law, judge's dismissal of suit when plaintiff fails to show good cause or produce evidence; *v.t.* dismiss a suit thus.

nonuple

a. ninefold; consisting of, or in sets of, nine.

non-user

n. Law, failure to use, or exercise right.

noology

n. study of intuition and reason. **nooscopic**, *a.* pertaining to examination of mind.

nopal

n. prickly pear; cochineal fig.

nordcaper

n. right whale.

normocyte

n. red blood corpuscle.

nosism

n. conceit on part of a group; use of 'we' in speaking of oneself.

nosocomial

a. (of a disease) contracted in hospital.

nosology

n. classification of diseases. **nosography**, *n.* descriptive nosology. **nosomania**, *n.* delusion of suffering from imaginary disease. **nosophobia**, *n.* morbid dread of disease.

nostology

n. study of senility. **nostologic**, *a.*

nostopathy

n. morbid fear of returning to familiar places. **nostomania**, *n.* abnormally strong desire to return to familiar places; longing for one's home.

nostrification

n. acceptance of foreign university degrees as equal with native.

nostrum

n. illusive remedy or scheme; quack medicine.

nota bene

'note well' (*abbr.* N.B.).

notabilia

n. pl. things worth noting.

notacanthous

a. spiny-backed.

notal

a. dorsal. **notalgia**, *n.* pain in back.

notandum

n. (pl. -da) thing to be noted.

notary

n. (public) law officer certifying deeds, affidavits, etc. **notarial**, *a.* **notarize**, *v.t.*

nothosaur

n. plesiosaurus-like fossil reptile. **nothosaurian**, *n. & a.*

nothous

a. spurious; bastard.

notochord

n. backbone-like series of cells in lowest vertebrates. **notochordal**, *a.*

notornis

n. domestic-fowl-like bird of New Zealand

noumenon

n. (*pl.* -mena) object perceived by intellect or reason alone. **noumenal**, *a.*
noumenalism, *n.* belief in existence of noumena.

nous

n. pure intellect; reason; commonsense.

nouveau riche

n. (*pl.* **nouveaux riches** *pron.* same *fem.* **nouvelle** -) newly-rich person.

nova

n. (*pl.* -ae) star suddenly increasing in brightness for short time.

novella

n. (*pl.* -las, -le) long short story; short novel.

novenary

a. pertaining to or consisting of nine; *n.* set of nine. **novendial**, *n.* & *a.* (festival)

lasting nine days. **novennial**, *a.* happening every ninth year.

novercal

a. pertaining to stepmother.

novolescence

n. state of being new or up to date.

noxal

a. noxious; pertaining to damage.

noxious

a. harmful.

noyade

n. drowning, especially of many persons together as form of execution.

nu

n. thirteenth letter (N, ν) of Gr. alphabet; /nü/ (*French*) *a.* naked.

nuance

n. slight shade or difference.

nubia

n. cloud; lady's fleecy head-wrap. **nubilate**, *v.t.* obscure.

nubile

a. marriageable (applied to women only). **nubility**, *n.*

nubilous

a. cloudy; vague.

nucal

a. of nuts.

nuchal

a. pertaining to nape of neck; *n.* such bone, etc. **nuchalgia**, *n.* pain in nape.

nuciferous

a. yielding nuts. **nuciform**, *a.* nut-shaped. **nucivorous**, *a.* nut- eating.

nuclide

n. an atom of specified atomic number and mass number.

nudicaudate

a. with hairless tail. **nudicaulous**. *a.* with leafless stems. **nudiflora**, *a.* flowering before leaves appear. **nudiflorous**, *a.* with naked flowers. **nudiped** *n.* & *a.*

(animal) with naked feet.

nugacious

a. unimportant. **nucity**, *n.* triviality; futility. **nugae**, (*Latin*) *n.pl.* trifles.

nugatory

a. futile; powerless; null; nugacious.

nullah

n. (in India) dry watercourse; gully; stream.

nulla-nulla

n. Australian aborigine's club.

nullibist

n. person denying soul's existence in space.

nullifidian

a.,n. sceptic(al).

nulliparous

a. having borne no children. **nullipara**, *n.* such woman. **nulliparity**, *n.*

nullius filius

'nobody's son'; bastard.

numen

n. (*pl. -mina*) local or presiding divinity; god in human form. **numinism**, *n.* belief in numina. **numinous**, *a.* pertaining to numina; awe-inspiring; supernatural.

numerology

n. study of mystic meanings in numbers. **numerologist**, **numerist**, *n.*

numismatic

a. pertaining to coins. **numismatics**, **numismatology**, *n.* study and collection of coins and medals. **numismatist**, *n.* **numismatography**, *n.* description of coins.

summary

a. pertaining to coin. **nummiform**, *a.* coin-shaped.

nummular(y)

a. summary; nummiform. **nummulite**, *n.* coin-like fossil shell.

Nunc Dimitis

n. 'now thou lettest depart'; canticle (Luke ii, 29-32) sung at Evensong; permission to depart; congé.

nuncio

n. papal envoy. **nunciate**, *n.* messenger. **nunciative**, *a.* bearing messages. **nunciature**, *n.* office of nuncio.

nuncupate

v.t. v.t. declare verbally; dedicate. **nuncupation**, *n.* **nuncupator**, *n.* **nuncupative**, **nuncupatory**, *a.* oral; not written down; designative.

nundinal

n. one of first eight letters of alphabet, indicating day of week in ancient Rome; *a.* pertaining to such; pertaining to market or market-day. **nundination**, *n.* trading. **nundine**, *n.* market-day, held in ancient Rome every eighth day.

nuptial

a. pertaining to wedding. **nuptiality**, *n.* wedding; marriage-rate. **nuptials**, *n. pl.* wedding.

nuque

n. nape.

nutation

n. nodding; such motion of earth's axis. **nutant**, *a.* nodding or drooping. **nutal**, *a.*

nutria

n. coypu; its fur; brown-grey colour.

nutrice

n. nurse. **nutricia**, *a.*

nux vomica

n. strychnine-containing seed of Asiatic tree.

nycthemer(on)

n. period of one night and day. **nycthemeral**, *a.*

nyctalopia

n. condition of seeing poorly at night or in partial darkness, while day sight is normal; *erroneously*, the opposite condition. **nyctalope**, *n.* person suffering from this. **nyctalopic**, *a.*

nyctophobia

n. dread of darkness.

nycturia

n. nocturia.

nylghau, nylghai

n. nilgai.

nymphet

n. young girl sexually attractive to older men.

nymphitis

n. inflammation of inner lips of vulva. **nympholepsy**, *n.* emotional frenzy, especially desire for the unattainable. **nympholept** *n.* **nymphomania**, *n.* sexual mania in female. **nymphomaniac**, *a.* & *n.* **nymphotomy**, *n.* *Medicine*, removal of inner lips of vulva.

nystagmus

n. involuntary lateral movement of the eyeballs. **nystagmic**, *a.*

oakum

n. fibre of old untwisted ropes.

obbligato

a.n. Music, accompanying, or accompaniment, by solo instrument other than piano.

obdormition

n. numbness or 'going to sleep' of a limb, etc.

obdurate

a. obstinate; hard-hearted. **obduracy**, *n.*

obeah

n. W African, W Indian, N and S American (among black people) magic cult; magical spell.

obeisance

n. bow or curtsey; paying of homage. **obeisant**, *a.*

obeism

n. practice of obeah.

obelisk

n. tapering rectangular stone pillar. **obeliskoid**, *a.*

obelize

v.t. mark with obelus; especially to mark as spurious.

obelus

n. (*pl. obelli*), mark of reference signifying spurious passage in manuscript, etc.

obfuscate

v.t. make dark or obscure; confuse. **obfuscatory**, *a.* **obfuscation**, *n.*

obi

n. wide Japanese girdle; obeah.

obiit

'died' (*abbr.* **ob.**). **obiit sine prole**, 'died without issue' (*abbr.* **o.s.p.**).

obit

n. death; funeral or memorial service; obituary.

obiter dictum

n. n. (*pl.* **obiter dicta**) 'thing said in passing'; casual or incidental remark or opinion.

obituary

n. death-record or roll; biographical notice of recently dead person; *a.* pertaining to person's death. **obituarist**, *n.* writer of obituaries.

objet d'art

n. (*pl.* **objets d'art** *pron.* same) thing of artistic value.

objicient

n. objector.

objurgate

v.t. rebuke; scold. **objurgation**, *n.* **objurgatory**, *a.*

oblade

a., *n.* dedicated (person); *a.* *Geometry*, flattened at poles. **oblation**, *n.* offering; sacrifice. **oblational**, *a.*

oblique

a. slanting; indirect; underhand. **obliquity**, *n.* deviation from straight line or moral code.

oblivion

n. complete forgetfulness or forgottenness. **oblivescence**, *n.* fact or state of forgetting. **oblivious**, *a.* **obliviscence**, *n.* forgetfulness.

obloquy

n. abuse; disgrace. **oblocutor**, *n.* one who denies or disputes.

obreption

n. attempt to obtain ecclesiastical dispensation, etc., fraudulently. **obreptitious**, *a.* performed in underhand fashion.

obrogate

v.i., v.t. alter (law) by passing new law. **obrogation**, *n.*

obscurantism

n. prevention of enlightenment. **obscurantic**, *a.* **obscurantist**, *n.*

obsecrate

v.t. beseech. **obsecration**, *n.*

obsequies

pl. n. pl. funeral. **obsequious**, *a.* servile.

obsidian

n. dark-coloured volcanic glass.

obsidional, obsidionary

a. pertaining to siege.

obsolescent

a. becoming obsolete. **obsolescence**, *n.* **obsolete**, *a.* disused; out-of-date. **obsoletism**, *n.* obsolete thing.

obstetric(al)

a. pertaining to childbirth or midwifery. **obstetrician**, **obstetrist**, *n.* expert in obstetrics. **obstetrics**, *n.* midwifery.

obstipation

n. complete constipation.

obstreperous

a. noisy, exuberant; unruly.

obstriction

n. obligation.

obstruent

a., n. Medicine, blocking up body passage. *Phonetics/Linguistics*, sound characterized by obstruction of the airstream: a plosive, fricative, or affricate.

obtenebrate

v.t. darken; cast shadow over.

obtest

v.t. beseech; invoke; adjure. **obtestation, n.**

obtrude

v.t. thrust (oneself) forward in an annoying way; thrust (something) out or forward. **obtrusive, a.** **obtrusion, n.**

obtruncate

v.t. behead. **obtruncation, n.**

obtund

v.t. blunt; dull. **obtudent, n. & a.** (drug) dulling pain.

obturate

v.t. stop up, especially **obturation**, **obturator**, *n.*

obumbrate

a. *obsolete* darkened; hidden under a projection. **obumbrant**, *a.* over-hanging.

obvallate

a. walled in.

obvention

n. casual or occasional happening or gift.

obverse

n. front or top side; 'head' of coin; counterpart; *a.* facing observer; with top wider than base.

obvert

v.t. turn; alter. **obversion**, *n.*

obviate

v.t. anticipate and so avoid the need for.

obvolute

a. over-lapping; twisted. **obvolution**, *n.*

ocarina

n. egg-shaped whistle-like musical instrument.

Occam's razor, Okham's razor

n. rule that scientific and philosophic theories should be kept as simple as possible, disregarding unknown quantities.

occamy

n. alloy imitating silver or gold.

occident

n. the west; the West. **occidental**, *a.*

occiput

n. back of head. **occipital**, *a.*; *n.* such bone.

occlude

v.t. shut up, in or out; *v.i.* shut mouth so that teeth meet. **occludent**, *n.* & *a.*
occlusal, *a.* pertaining to cutting edge of tooth. **occlusion**, **occlusor**, *n.*
occlusive, *a.*; *n.* sound (as *t*) made by stopping breath.

occult

a. mysterious; hidden; magical; supernatural; *v.t.* *Astronomy*, obscure (object) by passing between it and observer. **occultation**, *n.*

oceanology

n. study of economic geography of the sea.

ocellus

n. (*pl.* -*li*) small eye; eye-like coloured spot. **ocellar**, *a.* **ocellated**, *a.* bearing ocelli. **ocellation**, *n.*

ocelot

n. yellow, spotted, wild cat of S and Central America, and its fur.

oche

n. mark on floor behind which darts player must stand.

ochlesis

n. unhealthy condition due to over-crowding.

ochlocracy

n. mob rule. **ochlocrat**, *n.* **ochlocratic**, *a.* **ochlophobia**, *n.* dread of crowds.

ochre

n. red or yellow iron-containing earth used as pigment; yellowish-brown hue. **ochreous**, **ochrous**, **ochry**, *a.* **ochroid**, *a.* like ochre.

ocracy

n. government.

octactinal

a. eight-rayed.

octad

n. group of eight.

octagon

n. eight-sided plane figure. **octagonal**, *a.*

octahedron

n. eight-sided solid figure. **octahedral**, *a.*

octamerous

a. having its parts in eights.

octameter

n. verse-line of eight feet.

octane

n. liquid hydrocarbon of paraffin series. **octane number**, number representing anti-knock property of petrol. **high octane**, denoting petrol having high anti-

knock properties.

octant

n. eighth part of circle (45°); angle-measuring instrument with that arc.

octapla

n. multilingual book in eight texts, especially part of Bible.

octapody

n. octameter.

octarchy

n. government by eight persons; alliance of eight independent governments.

octastich

n. poem or stanza of eight lines.

octateuch

n. series of eight books; first eight books of Old Testament.

octave

n. group of eight; *Ecclesiastical*, week following feast day; eighth day (including feast day) after feast day; *Music*, interval comprising eight tones; *Literature*, first eight lines of sonnet; eight-line stanza. .

octavo

n. book size: **foolscap octavo**, $6\frac{3}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$ in; **crown octavo**, $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5$ in; **large crown octavo**, $8 \times 5\frac{1}{4}$ in; **demy octavo**, $8\frac{3}{4} \times 5\frac{5}{8}$ in; **medium octavo**, $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ in; **royal octavo**, $10 \times 6\frac{1}{4}$ in; **super royal octavo**, $10\frac{1}{4} \times 6\frac{7}{8}$ in; **imperial octavo**, $11 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ in (*abbr.* **8vo**).

octennial

a. happening in every eighth year; lasting eight years.

octillion

n. a million septillions (10^{48}); *French & American* a thousand septillions (10^{27}).

octodecimo

n. book size. **demy octodecimo**, $5\frac{3}{4} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$ in (*abbr.* **18mo**).

octogenarian

a., n. (person) in from eightieth to ninetieth year.

octonary

a. pertaining to or consisting of eight; in groups of eight; *n.* stanza of eight lines.

octoploid, octaploid

a. eight-fold; having eight times basic number of chromosomes; *n.* such cell.

octopod

a., n. (mollusc) belonging to the order of cephalopods having eight arms.
octopodan, octopodous, a.

octroon

n. child of quadroon and white.

octosyllable

n. verse line or word of eight syllables. *octosyllabic, a.*

octroi

n. trading privilege; concession; monopoly; tax on goods imported into town, and place where it is collected.

octuple

a. in groups of eight; eightfold. *v.i. & t.* multiply eightfold.

ocular

a. pertaining to eyes; visual. *oculate, a.* having eyes. *oculist, n.* ophthalmologist.
oculus, n. *Architecture,* any eye-like feature, especially window.

odalisque

n. woman of harem.

odium

n. hatred; reproach. **odious**, *a.* hateful, repugnant.

odograph

n. instrument recording distance travelled, especially by pedestrian. **odometer**, *n.*

odontology

n. study of teeth. **odontalgia**, *n.* toothache. **odontiasis**, *n.* teething. **odontognathous**, *a.* pertaining to extinct toothed birds. **odontography**, *n.* description of or treatise on teeth. **odontoid**, *a.* tooth-like. **odontoma**, *n.* dentaltumour. **odontosis**, *n.* dentition. **odontotomy**, *n.* incision into tooth.

odorivector

n. substance causing odour.

odyssey

n. protracted, wandering journey.

oecist

n. colonist.

oecumenical

a. see ecumenical.

Oedipus

n. prince of Thebes in Greek legend, who unknowingly murdered his father and married his mother, and who answered the riddle of the Sphinx. **Oedipus complex**, *Psychology*, fixation on one's mother, especially with hatred of father.

oeil-de-boeuf

n. (*pl. oeils-de-boeuf*) round or oval window.

oeillade

n. glance, ogle.

oenology

n. study of wines. **oenological**, *a.* **oenologist**, *n.* **oenophile**, *n.* wine-lover. **oenopoetic**, *a.* pertaining to wine-making.

oenomel

n. ancient Greek drink of wine and honey.

oersted

n. unit of magnetic field strength or intensity.

oesophagus

n. food passage between mouth and stomach.

oestrogen

n. any of several steroid hormones or drugs connected with reproduction in females.

oestrus

n. period of sexual heat; frenzy. **oestrous**, *a.* **oestruate**, *v.i.* be on heat. **oestruation**, *n.*

offal

n. refuse; garbage; edible animal entrails and organs.

officinal

a. used in medicine, art or industry; stocked by pharmacists; *n.* such drug.

ogam

n. see **ogham**.

ogdoad

n. eight; group of eight.

ogee

n. moulding with S-shaped section; *a.* S-shaped. **ogee arch**, pointed arch with ogee curve on either side.

ogham, ogam

n. ancient British alphabet of notches; character of ogam. **ogamic**, *a.*

ogive

n. pointed arch; vault's diagonal rib. **ogival**, *a.*

ohm

n. unit of electrical resistance: resistance of circuit in which current of one ampere is produced by one volt. **ohmage**, *n.* resistance in ohms.

okapi

n. African animal like short-necked giraffe, with whitish face and black- striped whitish legs.

oleaginous

a. oily.

oleander

n. poisonous white- or red-flowered evergreen shrub of East Indies.

oleaster

n. yellow-flowered, olive-like shrub of S Europe; *erroneously*, wild olive.

olecranon

n. projecting bone of elbow; 'funny-bone'. **olecranial**, *a.*

oleic

a. pertaining to or derived from oil. **oleiferous**, *a.* oil-producing.

olent

a. archaic, fragrant.

oleograph

n. lithographic reproduction of oil painting. **oleography**, *n.*

oleometer

n. oil hydrometer; instrument measuring amount of oil in substance.

oleraceous

a. potherb-like; edible.

olfaction

n. sense of smell; act or process of smelling. **olfactable**, *a.* capable of being smelt. **olfactology**, *n.* study of smells. **olfactometer**, *n.* instrument measuring keenness of sense of smell, and olfactibility of odours. **olfactory**, *adj.* pertaining to sense of smell.

olid

a. evil-smelling.

oligarch

n. member of oligarchy. **oligarchic(al)**, *a.* **oligarchy**, *n.* government by the few.

oligist

n. haematite.

Oligocene

a.,n. (pertaining to) third epoch of Tertiary period.

oligochronometer

n. instrument measuring very short time intervals.

oligocythaemia

n. deficiency of red corpuscles in blood.

oligodontous

a. having few teeth.

oligodynamic

a. pertaining to effect of small quantities; having effect in small quantities only.

oligomycin

n. antibiotic used against plant fungi.

oligophagous

a. eating a few sorts of food only.

oligophrenia

n. feeble-mindedness.

oligopoly

n. market dominated by a few producers.

oligosyllable

n. word of few syllables.

olio

n. miscellany; hotch-potch; rich Spanish stew.

olitory

a. archaic, pertaining to pot-herbs or kitchen garden.

oliver

n. treadle-hammer.

olivet

n. artificial pearl; olive grove; Mount of Olives.

olla-podrida

n. olio.

oloroso

n. full-bodied sherry, usually sweet.

olympiad

n. interval of four years between Greek Olympic games; *modern*, Olympic games.

Olympian

a. pertaining to Olympus, abode of Greek gods; divine; magnificent; magnanimous.

omasum

n. (*pl.* omasa) third stomach of ruminants. **omasitis**, *n.* inflammation of omasum.

ombre

n. eighteenth-century card game for three persons.

ombré

a., n. shaded (fabric). **ombres chinoises**, 'Chinese shadows'; shadow-play.

ombrology

n. study of rain. **ombrograph**, *n.* recording ombrometer. **ombrometer**, *n.* rain gauge. **ombrophile**, *n.* plant flourishing in extremely rainy conditions. **ombrophobe**, *n.* plant thriving only in desert conditions.

ombudsman

n. commissioner appointed by a legislature to investigate complaints by private citizens against government officials or agencies.

omega

n. last (twenty-fourth) letter of Greek alphabet; ending. **omegoid**, *a.* Omega-shaped.

omentum

n. (*pl.* **omenta**) fold of the peritoneum. **great omentum**, fat-filled sac covering small intestines. **lesser omentum**, omentum joining stomach with liver. **omental**, *a.*

omer

n. ancient Hebrew unit of dry capacity, about four litres.

omicron

n. fifteenth letter of Greek alphabet; short o.

omneity

n. state of including all things. **omnes**, Latin *n.* *pl.* 'all (persons)'. **omniana**, *n.*

scraps of information of every kind.

omnicompetent

a. legally competent in all matters. **omnifarous**, *a.* of all kinds. **omnific**, omnifcent, *a.* creating all things. **omnify**, *v.t.* make large or universal. **omnigenous**, *a.* of all kinds. **omnipotent**, *a.* all-powerful. **omnipresent**, *a.* present everywhere. **omniscient**, *a.* knowing everything. **omnium**, *n.* *Commerce*, total of parts of fund or stock. **omnium gatherum**, *n.* miscellaneous collection, especially of persons. **omnivorous**, *a.* feeding on all kinds of food.

omodynia

n. pain in shoulder.

omophagy, omophagia

n. eating of raw flesh. **omophagic**, **omophagous**, *a.*

omoplate

n. shoulder blade.

omphalos

n. (*pl. -li*) navel; central point. **omphaloskepsis**, *n.* meditation while gazing at one's navel. **omphalic**, *a.* **omphaloid**, *a.* like a navel.

onager

n. (*pl. -gri*) wild ass of Asia. **onagraceous**, *a.* belonging to evening primrose family of plants.

onanism

n. masturbation. **onanist**, *n.* **onanistic**, *a.*

oncology

n. study of tumours. **oncologic(al)**, *a.* **oncometer**, *n.* instrument measuring changes in internal organs' size. **oncogenesis**, *n.* development of tumours. **oncogenic**, **oncogenous**, *a.* **oncogene**, *n.* gene (in some viruses) that causes cancer. **oncotomy**, *n.* incision into tumour or abscess.

ondatra

n. musk-rat.

on dit

'one says'; rumour; hearsay.

ondograph

n. instrument measuring variations in wave formation of electric current. **ondogram**, *n.* record of ondograph **ondoscope**, *n.* instrument showing such wave form.

ondoyant

a. wavy.

oneiric

a. pertaining to dreams. **oneirocritic**, *n.* interpreter of dreams. **oneiromancy**, *n.* divination through dreams.

onerous

a. burdensome; weighty.

oniomania

n. mania for making purchases. **oniomaniac**, *n.*

onomancy

n. divination from letters of a name.

onomasiology

n. branch of semantics dealing with related words and their meanings.

onomastic

a. pertaining to or consisting of names; applied to autograph signature in one hand on document written in another. **onomastics** *n. pl.* study of proper names. **onomasticon** *n.* vocabulary of proper names. **onomatology**, *n.* science of names. **onomatomania**, *n.* irresistible desire to repeat certain words continually, especially words of something to be remembered.

onomatopoeia

n. use or formation of words which attempt to imitate the sound of what they describe or stand for. **onomatopoeic**, **onomatopoetic** *a.*

ontogeny, ontogenesis

n. life history of individual organism. **ontogenetic**, **ontogenic**, *a.*

ontology

n. branch of philosophy dealing with the ultimate nature of reality or being.
ontologic(al), *a.* **ontologism**, *n.* ontological doctrine. **ontic**, **ontal**, *a.* having or pertaining to real existence.

onus

n. burden; responsibility; obligation. **onus probandi**, obligation to prove.

onychia, onychitis

n. inflammation of root or side of nail. **onychauxis**, *n.* hypertrophy of nails. **onychoid** *a.* fingernail-like. **onychophagia**, *n.* nail-biting. **onychosis**, *n.* disease of nail.

onyxis

n. ingrowing nail.

oogamete

n. female gamete. **oogenesis**, *n.* egg-formation. **oogamous**, *a.* heterogamous.

loid(al)

a. egg-shaped.

oolite

n. limestone comprising small egg-like grains. **oolitic**, *a.*

oology

n. collection and study of birds' eggs. **oologic(al)**, *a.* **oologize**, *v.i.* search for birds' eggs. **oologist**, *n.*

oolong

n. dark China tea, partly fermented before drying.

oometer

n. egg-measuring instrument.

ooscope

n. instrument for examining interior of egg.

oosperm

n. fertilized egg. **oospore**, *n.* spore arising from fertilized egg cell.

ootheca

n. firm-walled egg-case of some molluscs and insects.

opacity

n. quality or state of being opaque. **opacify**, *v.* make or become opaque.

opah

n. large brightly-coloured fish.

opalescent

a. iridescent. **opalescence, *n.***

opaque

a. not transparent; dark; stupid.

op(tical) art

n. non-representational art in which straight or curved lines and geometrical patterns are used to produce an optical illusion.

op. cit.

abbreviation for 'opere citato'; in the work already mentioned.

ope et consilio

'with aid and advice'.

opeidoscope

n. instrument showing sound vibrations by vibrating mirror.

operculum

n. (*pl.* -*s* or -*la*) lid-like organ, as of moss capsule and mollusc shell; fish's gill cover. **opercular, *a.* operculate, *a.***

opere citato

'in the work quoted' (*abbr.* op. cit.).

operon

n. group of genes operating as a unit.

operose

a. requiring effort; working hard.

ophelimity

n. economic satisfaction.

ophiasis

n. baldness in wavy bands.

ophic

a. pertaining to serpents. **ophism**, *n.* snake-worship.

ophicleide

n. bass bugle-like keyed brass musical instrument. **ophicleidean**, *a.* **ophicleidist**, *n.*

ophidian

a., *n.* (reptile) belonging to order of reptiles including snakes; like snakes.
ophidioid, *a.* snake-like. **ophiolog**, *n.* study of snakes. **ophiomorphic**, *a.* snake-shaped.

ophthalmia

n. inflammation of eye. **ophthalmic**, *a.* pertaining to eye. **ophthalmology**, *n.* study of eye and its diseases. **ophthalmometer**, *n.* instrument for measuring eye, especially for astigmatism. **ophthalmoplegia**, *n.* paralysis of ocular muscles. **ophthalmoscope** *n.* instrument for examining inner eye.

opiate

a., *n.* (drug or thing) inducing sleep or soothing pain; *v.t.* impregnate with opium; treat with opiate; soothe or dull. **opiatic**, *a.*

opine

v.t. state (as) an opinion.

opisometer

n. instrument measuring curved lines.

opisthenar

n. back of hand. **opisthognathous**, *a.* with receding jaws. **opisthograph**, *n.* ancient tablet or manuscript bearing writing on both sides. **opisthosomal**, *a.* pertaining to posteriors.

opopanax

n. aromatic gum resin formerly used in medicine; now used in perfume and some incenses.

opossum

n. small grey American marsupial, and its fur. **playing 'possum**, feigning death; remaining silent or concealed.

oppidan

a. pertaining to town; *n.* town-dweller; student at Eton boarding in the town.

oppilate

v.t. *Medicine*, stop up. **oppilation**, *n.* **oppilative**, *a.*

opprobrium

n. reproach; abuse; disgrace. **opprobrious**, *a.*

oppugn

v.t. call in question; deny; resist; conflict with. **oppugnant**, *a.* hostile, combative.

opsimath

n. mature student; late learner.

opsonin

n. substance of blood serum making bacteria vulnerable to phagocytic action.

optative

a. Grammar, (mood) expressing wish.

optician

n. maker or seller of optical instruments, spectacles, etc. **optics**, *n.* study of light and vision.

optimum

n. (*pl.* -ma) the best; *a.* best; producing best result.

optogram

n. image fixed on retina. **optometry**, *n.* measuring range of vision; eye-testing. **ophophone**, *n.* instrument enabling blind to read by transforming light into sound. **optotypes**, *n. pl.* varying-sized print for eye-testing.

opulent

a. rich. **opulence**, *n.*

opus

n. (*pl.* **opera**) 'work'; musical work or set of works (*abbr.* **op.**). **magnum opus**, see **magnum**.

opuscle

n. minor composition or work. **opuscular**, *a.*

orache

n. plant of the goosefoot family, especially one grown as a vegetable.

oracular

a. like an oracle; sententious; prophetic; ambiguous.

orant

n. representation of a praying figure.

ora pro nobis

'pray for us'.

orarian

a., n. (dweller) of the seashore.

oratio recta

'direct speech'. **oratio obliqua**, 'indirect speech'.

orbicular

a. spherical; circular. **orbiculate**, *a.* **orbiculation**, *n.*

orbific

a. world-creating.

orbis terrarum

'orb of lands'; world; globe.

orc

n. grampus; monster. **orca**, *n.* killer whale.

orchesis

n. art of dancing in Greek chorus.

orchidaceous

a. pertaining to or like an orchid; exceptionally beautiful; ostentatious; gaudy.

orchil

see **archil**.

orchitis

n. inflammation of testicles. **orchidectomy**, *n.* removal of testicle(s).

ordinal

a.,n. (number) signifying position in series, as *third*; ordination service book; Roman Catholic service book.

ordinance

n. decree.

ordinate

a. in rows.

ordnance

n. military stores or supplies; artillery.

Ordovician

a., n. (pertaining to) second period of Palaeozoic era.

ordure

n. dung; filth

oread

n. mountain nymph.

orectic

a. pertaining to desires and their satisfaction. **orexis**, *n.* mental desire; effort.

orfe

n. small yellow fish kept in aquariums.

organdy

n. fine, transparent, rather stiff cotton material.

organic

a., n. structural; of or derived from living organisms; *Medicine*, of or affecting organ of body; *Chemistry*, of carbon compounds. **organogenesis**, *n.* a development of bodily organs. **organogenic**, *a.* derived from organic substance. **organography**, *n.* description of organs of plants or animals. **organoleptic**, *a.* affecting whole organ or organism. **organotherapy**, *n.* medical treatment with animal organs.

organum, organon

n. logical system or method for investigating phenomena.

orgasm

n. climax of sexual act. **orgasmic, orgastic**, *a.*

oriel

n. projecting window or part of building containing window.

orient

n. the East; pearl's lustre; *a.* applied to rising sun; being born; lustrous; brilliant; *v.t.* point towards east; discover compass-bearings of; adjust to suit situation. **oriental**, *a.* **orientate**, *v.t.* to orient. **orientation**, *n.*

orienteering

n. a form of cross-country running in which competitors have to find their way by map and compass to a series of check-points on a course over rough terrain.

orifice

n. opening for entrance or exit.

oriflamme

n. royal red banner; battle standard.

oriform

a. mouth-shaped.

origami

n. Japanese art of paper folding.

orismology

n. technical definition or terminology. **orismologic**, *a.*

orison

n. prayer.

orlop

n. ship's lowest deck.

ormolu

n. gilt metal; gold-like brass ornament of furniture.

ornis

n. avifauna.

ornithology

n. study of birds. **ornithological**, *a.* ornithologist, *n.* **ornithic**, *a.* pertaining to birds. **ornithocopros**, *n.* guano. **ornithoid**, *a.* bird-like. **ornithomancy**, *n.* divination from flight of birds. **ornithomyzous**, *a.* parasitic on birds. **ornithon**, *n.* aviary. **ornithophilous**, *a.* applied to flowers pollinated by birds; bird-loving. **ornithopter**, *n.* aircraft propelled by flapping wings. **ornithorhyncus**, *n.* duck-bill. **ornithoscopy**, *n.* bird-watching; ornithomancy. **ornithotomy**, *n.* anatomy or dissection of birds.

orobathymetric

a. pertaining to map showing sea depths or submerged heights.

orogeny, orogenesis

n. formation of mountains. **orogenic**, *a.*

orograph

n. machine recording heights and distances traversed. **orographic**, *a.* showing heights. **orography**, *n.* study of mountains.

orology

n. study of mountains. **orometer**, *n.* barometer showing height above sea-level.

orotund

a. using high-flown language; speaking or singing clearly and strongly.
orotundity, *n.*

orphic

a. mystic, oracular; pertaining to Orpheus.

orphrey

n. gold-embroidered band on ecclesiastical robes.

orpiment

n. yellow compound of arsenic, used as pigment, etc.

orpine

n. kind of stone-crop; *British*, livelong; *American*, live-forever.

orrery

n. moving model of solar system.

orris

n. kind of iris, and its rootstock used in perfumery, medicine, etc.

orthoclase

n. feldspar.

orthodontia, orthodontics

n. correction of irregularity of teeth. **orthodontic**, *a.* **orthodontist**, *n.*

orthodox

a. having correct or accepted opinions; approved; in accordance with standard or authorized practice. **orthodoxy**, *n.*

orthodromy, orthodromics

n. navigation by great circle.

orthoepy

n. correct pronunciation; study of pronunciation. **orthoepic**, *a.* **orthoepist**, *n.*

orthogenesis

n. (belief that) biological variation results in new species, always along same path; belief that the development of civilization always proceeds in same way. **orthogenetic**, *a.* **orthogenic**, *a.* pertaining to correction of children's mental defects.

orthognathism

n. state of having straight jaws. **orthognathous**, *a.* **orthognathy**, *a.*

orthogonal

a. right-angled. **orthogonality**, *n.*

orthograde

a. walking with the body upright.

orthography

n. correct spelling. **orthographer**, **orthographist**, *n.* **orthographize**, *v.i.*

orthometopic

a. having vertical forehead.

orthopaedic

a. correcting physical deformities, originally of children. **orthopaedist**, **orthopaedics**, *n.*

orthopnoea

n. ability to breathe in upright position only.

orthopraxy

n. correct action.

orthopsychiatry

n. preventive psychiatry for young people.

orthopter

n. see **ornithopter**.

orthopterous

a. pertaining or belonging to insect order including grasshoppers, crickets, etc.
orthopteran, *n.* & *a.* **orthopterist**, *n.* student of insects. **orthopteron**, *n.* such insect.

orthoptic

a. pertaining to correct vision.

orthoscope

n. obsolete, instrument for examining exterior of eye. **orthoscopic**, *a.* producing normal image.

orthosis

n. correction of neurotic state.

orthostatic

a. pertaining to erect or standing position. **orthotic**, *a.*

orthotonus

n. spasmic bodily rigidity due to tetanus.

orthotropism

n. vertical growth. **orthotropic**, *a.*

ortolan

n. kind of bunting (bird) esteemed as food.

orts

n. Archaic, crumbs, scraps.

oryctognosy

n. mineralogy. **oryctognostic(al)**, *a.* **oryctology**, *n.* mineralogy.

oryx

n. large straight-horned African antelope.

oryzivorous

a. rice-eating.

os

n. (pl. ossa) bone; (*pl. ora*) mouth.

oscillograph

n. instrument recording electrical oscillations, *e.g.* A.C. current wave forms.

oscillometer

n. instrument measuring ship's rollings, etc.; instrument measuring blood pressure variations. **oscillometric**, *a.*

oscilloscope

n. instrument showing variations in electric potential, on a fluorescent screen by means of deflection of a beam of electrons.

oscine

a. (bird) belonging to sub-order of birds including singing birds.

oscitance, oscitancy

n. yawning; sleepiness; dullness. **oscitant**, *a.* **oscitation**, *n.*

osculate

v.i. make contact; coincide; *jocular*, kiss. **osculant**, **osculatory**, **oscular**, *a.* pertaining to mouth or kissing. **osculation** *n.*

Osmanli

a. of Turkish Empire; Ottoman; *n.* Western Turk.

osmotic

a. relying on smell for orientation. **osmesis**, *n.* act of smelling. **osmics**, *n.* study

of sense of smell. **osmidrosis**, *n.* secretion of strong-smelling perspiration.

osmosis

n. passage of solvent through a separating membrane between two solutions of different strengths. **osmose**, *v.i.* undergo osmosis. **osmotic**, *a.* **osmometer**, *n.* instrument for measuring osmotic pressure.

osophy

n. belief or doctrine; ism.

osphresis

n. sense of smell. **osphrethic**, *a.*

osprey

n. large fish-eating hawk; *erroneously*, egret feather.

osseous

a. bony. **ossicle**, *n.* small bone, especially of ear.

ossifrage

n. lammergeier; osprey.

ossify

v.i. change into bone; become set in one's ways. **ossification**, *n.*

ossuary

n. charnel-house.

osteal

a. pertaining to or like bone. **osteitis**, *n.* inflammation of bone. **ostosis**, *n.* bone formation.

ostensible

a. apparent, professed.

osteology

n. study of bones; bony structure. **osteoarthritis**, *n.* degenerative arthritis. **osteoblastic**, *a.* pertaining to formation of bone. **osteochondrous**, *a.* pertaining to bone and cartilage. **osteoclasis**, *n.* surgical breaking of bone. **osteodermatous**, *a.* having bone-like skin. **osteogenesis** *n.* bone formation. **osteography**, *n.* descriptive osteology. **osteoid**, *a.* bone-like. **osteoma**, bone tumour. **osteometry**, *n.* measurement of bones or skeleton. **osteopath**, *n.* one who treats disease by osteopathy. **osteopathy**, *n.* medical treatment by manipulation of bones. **osteophyte**, *n.* bony outgrowth. **osteosclerosis**, *n.* hardening of bone. **osteotomy**, *n.* surgical cutting into, or removal of a piece of, bone.

ostiary

n. door-keeper, especially of church.

ostinato

n. recurring musical phrase.

ostiole

n. small orifice, pore.

ostracize

v.t. exile from society. **ostracism, n.**

ostreiform

a. oyster-shaped or -like. **ostreiculture, n.** oyster-breeding. **ostreoid, a.** oyster-like. **ostreophagous, a.** oyster-eating.

otacoustic

a.,n. (instrument) aiding hearing.

otalgia

n. earache. **otalgic, n.** & *a.* (curative) of earache.

otiant

a. idle; resting.

otic

a. pertaining to the ear. **otitis, n.** inflammation of the ear. **otolith, n.** concretion or "stone" of ear. **otology, n.** study of ear and its diseases. **otorhinolaryngology, otolaryngology, n.** study of ear, nose and throat. **otoscope, n.** instrument for examining ear. **otosclerosis, n.** growth of new bone in inner ear, leading to deafness. **otosis, n.** mishearing of speech.

otiose

a. idle; useless; futile. **otiosity**, *n.*

otto

n. attar.

Ottoman

n. pertaining to Turks or Turkish Empire.

oubliette

n. dungeon with entrance in roof.

ounce

n. *Zoology*, snow-leopard of Tibet and Siberia.

ousel

n. blackbird. **ring ousel**, European thrush with white collar.

oust

v.t. force out, dispossess; supplant. **ouster**, *n.* *Law*, wrongful dispossession or eviction.

outrance

see à outrance.

outré

a. unconventional; exaggerated.

outspan

v.i., v.t. remove harness (from); *n.* halting, or camping, place.

ouzel

n. see ousel.

ouzo

n. aniseed-flavoured Greek liqueur.

ovary

n. female egg-producing organ. *ovarian*, *a.* *ovariectomy*, *n.* removal of ovary. *ovaritis*, *n.* inflammation of ovary.

overt

a. unconcealed.

overweening

a. arrogantly excessive.

ovicide

n. substance killing eggs, especially of insects. **ovicidal**, *a.*

oviduct

n. passage conveying eggs to exterior or place of fertilization; Fallopian tube.
oviductal, **oviducal**, *a.*

ovine

a. pertaining to or like sheep; *n.* such animal. **oviform**, *a.* sheep- or egg-like.

oviparous

a. producing offspring in eggs. **ovipositor**, *n.* insect's tube-like organ for depositing eggs. **oviparity**, *n.*

ovoid

a. egg-shaped.

ovopyriform

a. between pear-shaped and egg-shaped.

ovoviviparous

a. producing offspring in eggs that hatch within parent's body. **ovoviviparity**, *n.*

ovum

n. (*pl. ova*) female's germ-cell from which, after fertilization, embryo develops.
ovule, *n.* unfertilized seed. **ovulate**, *v.i.* discharge eggs from ovary.

oxalidaceous

a. pertaining to or like wood sorrel (plant); belonging to wood sorrel family of plants. **oxalic**, *a.* of or from wood sorrel; **oxalic acid**, poisonous acid used in dyeing, etc.

oxide

n. compound of oxygen. **oxidize**, *v.i.* & *t.* combine or cause to combine with oxygen; coat with oxide; rust or make rusty; give (metal) dull lustre or aged appearance by treating with chemicals. **oxidation**, *n.*

oxyacanthous

a. with sharp thorns. **oxyesthesia**, *n.* extreme acuteness of sensation. **oxyaphia**, *n.* sensitivity of touch sense. **oxyblepsia**, *n.* keen-sightedness. **oxygeusia**, *n.* extreme sensitivity of taste sense.

oxymoron

n. rhetorical device of conjoining contradictory words.

oxyopia

n. abnormal keen-sightedness. **oxyosphresia**, *n.* extreme sensitivity of smell sense. **oxyphonia**, *n.* shrillness of voice. **oxyrhinch**, *a.* sharp-nosed. **oxytocia**, *n.* quickness of child-birth. **oxytocic**, *a.* hastening childbirth.

oxytocin

n. a pituitary hormone causing contraction of the uterus in childbirth.

oxytone

a. in ancient Greek, bearing acute accent on last syllable; *n.* such word.

ozocerite

n. kind of waxy mineral.

ozone

n. form of oxygen, and strong oxidizing agent, present in atmosphere, produced by electric sparks. **ozonic**, **ozonous**, *a.* **ozoniferous**, *a.* producing ozone.

ozonosphere

n. region in upper atmosphere where most atmospheric ozone is concentrated.

ozostomia

n. foul-smelling breath.

pabulum

n. food.

pacable

a. capable of being pacified.

pace

prep. 'by permission of'; with reference to.

pachisi

n. backgammon-like Indian game.

pachyderm

n. thick-skinned animal, especially elephant. **pachydermal**, **pachydermatous**, **pachydermous**, *a.* **pachydermia**, *n.* **elephantiasis**. **pachyglossal**, *a.* thick-tongued. **pachymenia**, *n.* thickening of skin or membrane. **pachymeninx**, *n.* dura mater. **pachymeter**, *n.* thickness-measuring instrument.

paciferin

n. an infection-resisting factor found in natural foods.

pacific

a. conciliatory; soothing; peaceable.

paddock

n. archaic, frog or toad.

paddymelon

n. small wallaby.

padishah

n. emperor; Shah of Iran; *Indian*, Emperor of India.

padmasana

n. Buddha-like manner of sitting cross-legged; lotus seat.

padre

n. minister of religion, especially chaplain of forces.

padrone

n. (*pl. -ni*) master; inn-keeper; *American*, employment agent for (Italian) immigrants.

paduasoy

n. corded silk; garment of this.

paean

n. thanksgiving song.

paedarchy

n. government by children. **paederasty**, see **pederasty (pederast)** **paediatrics**,
n. study of children's diseases. **paedobaptism**, *n.* infant baptism. **paedodontics**,
n. care of children's teeth. **paedology**, *n.* child study. **paedomorphism**, *n.*
continuance of infantile characteristics in adult. **paedophilia**, *n.* sexual love of
children. **paedopsychologist**, *n.* expert on child psychology.

paella

n. Spanish rice dish with shellfish, chicken, vegetables, etc.

paeon

n. metrical foot of one long and three short syllables or one stressed and three unstressed syllables. **paeonic**, *n.* & *a.*

paginate

v.t. arrange and number pages of (book). **pagina**, *a.* pertaining to or consisting of pages; page for page. **pagination**, *n.*

pagurian

a.,n. (crab) belonging to hermit crab family. **pagurid**, *n.*

paideia

n. education aimed at forming an enlightened, mature mind.

paillasse

n. palliasse.

pakeha

n. white man; foreigner.

paladin

n. medieval champion or knight, especially of court of Charlemagne; hero.

palaeanthropic

a. pertaining to earliest form of humankind. **palaeobiology**, *n.* study of fossil life. **palaeobotany**, *n.* study of fossil plants. **palaeocene**, *n.* & *a.* (pertaining to) earliest epoch of Tertiary period. **palaeodendrology**, *n.* study of fossil trees. **palaeoethnic**, *a.* pertaining to earliest races of Man. **palaeogenetic**, *a.* of past origin. **palaeography**, *n.* study of ancient writings. **palaeolithic**, *a.* pertaining to early Stone Age. **palaeology**, *n.* study of antiquities. **palaeontography**, *n.* description of fossils. **palaeontology**, *n.* study of past life and fossils. **palaeophile**, *n.* antiquarian. **palaeo-ornithology**, *n.* study of fossil birds. **palaeozoic**, *n.* & *a.* (pertaining to). geological era extending from beginning of Cambrian to end of Permian periods. **palaeozoology**, *n.* study of fossil animals.

palaestra, palestra

n. wrestling; gymnasium. **palaestral**, *palestral*, *a.*

palamate

a. webfooted.

palanquin

n. litter for one in E Asia, carried on the shoulders.

palatine

a. having royal authority over a certain locality. **count palatine**, such count. **county palatine**, jurisdiction of count palatine. **palatiniate**, *n.* jurisdiction of count palatine.

paleaceous

a. chafflike.

paletot

n. loose outer garment; overcoat.

palfrey

n. quiet-moving saddle horse.

palilogy

n. emphatic repetition of word.

palimpsest

n. parchment, etc., of which first writing has been erased to enable it to be used again. **palimpsestic**, *a.*

palindrome

n. word, phrase, etc., reading the same backwards or forwards. **palindromic**, *a.*

palingenesis

n. resuscitation; rebirth; metempsychosis; exact reproduction of ancestral characteristics. **palingenesian**, **palingenetic**, *a.* **palingenesist**, *n.*

palinode

n. recantation, especially in verse. **palinodist**, *n.*

Palladian

a. pertaining to or like classical architural style of Andrea Palladio, 16th-century Italian architect; pertaining to Pallas Athena, Greek goddess of wisdom; wise; learned. **palladium**, *n.* (*pl.* -ia) safeguard; protection.

pallaesthesia

n. sense of vibration.

palletron

n. a cyclotron-like apparatus accelerating atomic particles up to a level of one million electron volts.

palliasse

n. hard straw mattress.

palliate

v.t. mitigate; ease; relieve but not cure; excuse. **palliation**, *n.* **palliative**, *n.* & *a.* **palliative**, *a.*

pallium

n. (*pl.* -ia) *Roman Catholic*, white woollen band worn round shoulders by pope and archibishops; *Medicine*, cerebral cortex.

pallograph

n. instrument measuring steam ship's vibration.

palma Christi

n. 'hand of Christ'; castor oil plant.

palmary

a. meriting highest prize; principal.

palmate

a. like hand, especially with fingers spread; webfooted. **palmation**, *n.*

palmetto

n. fan palm and its leaves.

palmiped

a.,n. web-footed (bird).

palmus

n. palpitation; twitching; nervous tic. **palmodic**, *a.*

palmyra

n. tall African palm, yielding timber, thatching leaves, edible fruit, sugar and wine.

palomino

n. horse of Arab descent, light-cream or tan-coloured with a pale-coloured mane and tail.

palpable

a. tangible; provable; obvious. **palpability, n.**

palpate

v.t. examine by touching. **palpation, n.** **palpatory, a.**

palpebra

n. (*pl. -ae*) eyelid. **palpebral, a.** **palpebrate, a.** having palpebrae;; *v.i.* wink.

palpi

n. *pl. pl.* (*sing. -pus*) insect's or crustacean's feelers.

palter

v.i. act or talk deceitfully.

paludal

a. pertaining to marshes. **paludicolous, a.** inhabiting marshes. **paludosus,, a.** marshy; living in marshes; malarial. **paludrine n.** synthetic anti- malarial drug.

palynology

n. study of pollen and spores living and fossil.

pampas

n. pl. grassy plains of Argentina. **pampean**, *n.* & *a.* (inhabitant) of the pampas.
pampero, *n.* cold west wind of the pampas.

pampiniform

a. like a tendril.

pan

n. betel-nut.

panacea

n. universal cure. **panacean**, *a.*

panache

n. plume on helmet; verve flamboyance. **panached**, *a.* having coloured stripes.

panaché

a. composed of various different foods.

panada

n. sauce base made from flour or bread crumbs plus water or stock.

panarchy

n. universal rule.

panarthritis

n. arthritis of all joints of body, or of whole of one joint.

panary

a. pertaining to bread and baking.

panchromatic

a. sensitive to light of every colour; *n.* such photographic film. **panchromatism**, *n.*

pancosmism

n. belief that nothing exists beyond the material universe. **pancosmic**, *a.* pertaining to pанcosmism, or to universe in its entirety.

pancratic

a. athletic; pertaining to or having ability in all matters.

pancreas

n. large digestive gland behind stomach; sweetbread. **pancreatic**, *a.* **pancreatitis**, *n.* inflammation of pancreas.

pancyclopaedic

a. encyclopaedic.

panda

n. giant or great panda, rare black and white bear- like Tibetan animal; lesser or red panda, raccoon- like animal of Himalayas.

pandects

n. pl. pl. complete summary of ancient Roman legal decisions. **pandect**, *n. sing.* legal code; any summary of or treatise on whole of subject.

pandemic

a. universal; affecting majority of people of an area; epidemic everywhere. **pandemia**, *n.* pandemic disease.

pandemoniac

a. pertaining to general tumult. **pandemonium**, *n.* riotous uproar or place.

pander

n. someone who panders; pimp. *v.i.* help to gratify unworthy desires of others.

pandiculation

n. act of stretching oneself.

pandit

n. (honorary title for) wise man in India.

panegyric

n. eulogy. **panegyrical**, *a.* **panegyrize**, *v.t.* praise highly. **panegyrist**, *n.*

paneity

n. *Theology*, state of being merely bread.

panentheism

n. belief that world is part of God.

pangamy

n. marriage without limitation as to spouses. **pangamic**, *a.*

pangenesis

n. theory that reproductive cells contain particles from all parts of parents.

Panglossian

a. pertaining to Pangloss, character in Voltaire's *Candide*, and his optimism.

pangolin

n. scaly anteater of Asia and Africa.

pangrammatist

n. person composing sentences, verses, etc., containing all letters of alphabet.

panicle

n. loose much-branched flower-head, especially of grasses; compound raceme.
paniculate *a.* having or arranged in panicles.

panification

n. transformation into bread.

panivorous

a. bread-eating.

panmixy, panmixia

n. interbreeding without limitation. **panmictic**, *a.*

panmnesia

n. belief that every mental impression continues in memory.

pannage

n. pigs' food in woods, as nuts, etc.; right to, or fee paid for, feeding pigs in woods.

panicular

a. pertaining to or like a sheet or thin layer.

pannose

a. felt-like.

panoply

n. complete and splendid array; full suit of armour.

panoptic(al)

a. giving view of whole at once. **panopticon**, *n.* such optical instrument; exhibition; building, as prison, whole of interior of which can be watched from one point.

panorpid

n. scorpion fly. **panorpine**, *a.*

panpsychism

n. theory that all objects have minds or souls.

pansexualism

n. obsession with sex in all activities; belief that sexual instinct is basis of all activity. **pansexuality**, *n.*

pansophism

n. claim to know everything. **pansophist**, *n.* **pansophy**, *n.* knowledge of

everything.

pantagamy

n. marriage in which all spouses are held in common; free love.

pantarchy

n. government by all.

pantehnicon

n. removal van.

pantheism

n. belief that universe is God; worship of many or all gods. **pantheist**, *n.*
pantheistic(al) *a.*

pantheon

n. temple to all gods; body of a nation's gods; temple of fame containing remains
of nation's great men and women.

pantisocracy

n. anarchistic community. **pantisocratic**, *a.*

pantochronometer

n. combined sundial and compass, showing time in all parts of world.

pantoglot

n. speaker of all languages.

pantograph

n. instrument for copying maps, etc., on any scale; device for taking electric current from overhead wires to motor of train, etc. **pantographic**, *a.*

pantology

n. system of universal knowledge. **pantologist**, *n.*

pantometer

n. device measuring all angles of elevations and distances.

pantomorphic

a. taking on all shapes.

pantothenic

a. denoting an acid which is a growth-promoting vitamin of vitamin B complex.

pantropic

a. pertaining to life found throughout the tropics; pertaining to a virus affecting all tissues.

panurgic

a. adept at all kinds of work.

panzootic

a. applied to disease attacking animals of many kinds.

paparchy

n. government by pope. **paparchical**, *a.*

papaveraceous

a. pertaining to or like a poppy; belonging to the poppy family of plants.

papilionaceous

a. shaped like a butterfly.

papilla

n. (*pl. -ae*) nipple; projection shaped like nipple. **papilliform**, *a.* nipple-shaped. **papilloma**, *n.* small tumour, e.g. wart. **papillary**, *a.* **papillate**, **papillose**, *a.* having papillae.

papolatry

n. excessive reverence paid to pope.

papoose

n. N American Indian baby.

pappus

n. (*pl. -pi*) downy tuft on plant seed; down. **pappescent**, *a.* producing pappi. **pappose**, **pappous**, *a.* having or like pappi.

paprika

n. kind of pepper.

papule

n. pimple. **papular**, **papulate**, **papuliferous**, *a.* pertaining to or bearing papules. **papulous**, *a.* pimply.

papyrus

n. (*pl. -ri*) kind of sedge from which paper-like material was made; writing on papyrus. **papyraceous**, *a.* like or pertaining to papyrus. **papyrology**, *n.* study of papyrus.

parabiosis

n. union of two organisms sharing blood circulation, etc. **parabiotic**, *a.*

parablepsy, paralepsia

n. false vision.

parabola

n. curve formed by cutting of cone by plane parallel to its side. **parabolic**, *a.* pertaining to parabola; like or described in a parable. **parabolist**, *n.* teller of parables.

paracentesis

n. tapping of body fluid.

paracentral

a. situated near centre.

parachronism

n. error of chronology, especially placing event at date later than when it actually happened. **parachronistic**, *a.*

paraclete

n. advocate; Holy Ghost.

paracme

n. stage following acme; decline.

paracusia, paracusis

n. abnormality of hearing. **paracusic**, *a.*

paradigm

n. example, especially of grammatical inflections. **paradigmatic(al)**, *a.*

parados

n. bank behind trench or other type of fortification, giving protection from the rear.

paradox

n. apparently self-contradictory statement; heterodox statement. **paradoxical**,
a. **paradoxist**, **paradoxology**, *n.* use of paradox.

paradromic

a. adjacent; side by side. **paradromism**, *n.*

paraenesis

n. advice; exhortation. **paraenetic**, *a.*

paraesthesia

n. tingling sensation on skin. **paraesthetic**, *a.*

paragenesis

n. order in which minerals together in rock were formed.

parageusia

n. abnormality in taste sense.

paragoge

n. addition of sound at end of word. **paragogic(al)**, *a.*

paragon

n. model of perfection; *v.t.* compare; regard as paragon.

paragraphia

n. writing of unintended words or letters.

parakinesis, parakinesia

n. abnormality of nervous control over movement; production of movements.

paralalia

n. abnormality of speech sounds.

paralanguage

n. non-verbal elements which affect meaning of speech, as intonation, etc.

paraldehyde

n. sleep-inducing drug.

paraleipsis, paralepsis, paralipsis

n. rhetorical device of emphasizing thing by omitting it or mentioning it only cursorily.

paralexia

n. transposition of words or syllables in reading, due to brain damage.

paralipomena

n. pl. things added as supplement to main text.

parallax

n. apparent difference in object's position or direction as viewed from different points. **parallactic**, *a.*

parallelepiped, parallelopiped

n. solid figure with every side a parallelogram.

paralogism

n. illogical or fallacious deduction. **paralogical**, **paralogistic**, *a.* **paralogize**, *v.i.* be illogical; draw unwarranted conclusions. **paralogist**, *n.*

paramagnetic

a. having a weak magnetic susceptibility.

paramatta

n. cotton or silk and wool dress material.

paramedian

a. near middle line.

paramedic(al)

a.,n. (person) supplementing work of medical doctors.

paramenia

n. abnormality of menstruation.

parameter

n. Mathematics, a quantity that is constant in the case considered, but varies in other cases; a variable by the functions of which other variables can be expressed; *generally*, a measurement to which other measurements can be compared, a dimension. **parametric**, *a.*

paramnesia

n. abnormality of memory, especially forgetting of meaning of words; illusion of having experienced before events which are being experienced for the first time.

paramour

n. illicit lover; mistress.

paranephric

a. near kidney; suprarenal.

parang

n. large Malay or Dyak sheath-knife.

paranoia

n. form of insanity in which patients believe themselves to be people of great importance, or think themselves persecuted by everyone. **paranoiac**, **paranoic**,
n. & a. **paranoid**, *a.*

paranormal

a. supernatural.

paranymph

n. archaic, best man; bridesmaid.

paraparesis

n. paralysis of lower limbs.

paragraph

n. a flourish made after a signature.

paraphasia

n. mental disorder marked by constant talking with misuse of words. **paraphasic**,
a.

paraphrase

v.t. restate in different words; *n.* such restatement. **paraphrasia**, *n.*
incoherence. **paraphrastic**, *a.*

paraphrenia

n. the group of paranoid illnesses.

paraplegia

n. paralysis of lower half of body. **paraplegic**, *a. & n.*

parapraxis

n. committing of blunders.

parapsychology

n. study of psychic phenomena.

paraquat

n. herbicide that kills green vegetation by interfering with photosynthesis.

pararthria

n. incoherence.

paraselene

n. bright spot on moon's halo.

parasigmatism

n. inability to pronounce sound of *s*.

parasyntesis

n. adding of prefix or suffix to compound to form new word.

parataxis

n. unconnected arrangement; *Grammar*, omission of connectives between related sentences. **paratactic**, *a.*

parathyroid

a. near thyroid gland, especially applied to such small glands whose hormone controls calcium content of body; *n.* such gland.

paratonic

a. resulting from external impulse.

paratyphoid

a.,n. (fever) resembling typhoid but caused by different bacillus.

paravane

n. knife-bearing torpedo-like device for cutting mines adrift.

paravent

n. wind-screen.

parbuckle

n. rope sling used to lift or lower heavy cylindrical objects.

parcener

n. co-parcener.

pardine

a. pertaining to or like a leopard; spotted.

paregoric

n. drug soothing pain.

parenchyma

n. fundamental or essential tissue of organ or plant. **parenchymatous**, *a.*

parentelic

a. related by blood.

parenteral

a. entering body by injection rather than through digestion.

parenthesis

n. (*pl. -ses*) word, statement, etc., inserted incidentally into sentence; round bracket (), containing such word, etc. **parenthetic(al)**, *a.*

parergon

n. subordinate work; accessory.

paresis

n. partial paralysis. **paretic**,, *n. & a.*

pareunia

n. coitus.

parget

n., v.t. plaster, whitewash, rough-cast, etc. **pargeting**, *n.*

parhelion

n. (*pl. -ia*) halo-like light seen at point opposite sun; mock sun. **parhelic**, *a.*

pariah

n. low caste Indian; outcast; mongrel stray dog of streets.

parties

n. (*pl.* -rietes) wall of hollow organ or cavity.

parietal

a. pertaining to wall of cavity or body. **parietal bone**, bone of top and sides of cranium.

pari mutuel

n. 'mutual bet'; form of betting whereby winners receive share of all stakes placed; totalizator or pool betting.

parine

a. like or pertaining to titmouse.

pari passu

'at equal pace'; in equal degree, proportion, etc.

paristhmion

n. tonsil.

parisyllabic

a. (word) having same number of syllables in all forms.

parkin

n. moist ginger cake made with treacle and oatmeal.

Parkinson's law

n. *Economics, jocular*, work expands to fill the time available.

Parnassian

a. pertaining to Greek mountain sacred to Muses and Apollo; poetic; *n.* member of 19th-century French school of classical poets.

parochial

a. of a parish; narrow, limited, local. **parochialism**, *n.* narrow outlook.

paroemia

n. proverb. **paroemiac**, *a.* **paroemiography**, *n.* collection of proverbs. **paroemiology**, *n.* study of proverbs.

paromology

n. apparent concession of opponent's point which in reality strengthens one's own argument.

paronomasia

n. pun; punning. **paronomastic**, *a.*

paronychia

n. whitlow.

paronym

n. word having same derivation as another, or formed from foreign word, or having same form as cognate foreign word. **paronymic, paronymous, a.**

parorexia

n. desire to eat strange foods.

parosmia

n. desire for strange scents.

parotic

a. adjacent to ear. **parotid, a.** pertaining to salivary gland below ear; *n.* such gland. **parotitis, n.** mumps.

parous

a. bringing forth, or having borne, offspring.

parousia

n. coming, especially second coming of Christ.

paroxysm

n. sudden convulsion or fit. **paroxysmal, paroxysmic, a.**

paroxytone

a., *n.* (word) having acute accent on last syllable but one.

parr

n. young salmon.

parrhesia

n. outspokenness.

parricide

n. killer or killing of parent, close relative, or king, etc. **parricidal**, *a.*

parsec

n. astronomical measure of distance, approximately equivalent to 19.5 billion miles.

parsimony

n. stinginess; economy. **parsimonious**, *a.*

parthenian

a. pertaining to virgin. **parthenocarpy**, *n.* bearing of fruit without fertilization.
parthenogenesis, *n.* reproduction without fertilization; virgin birth.
parthenoparous, *a.* bearing offspring without fertilization.

participle

n. verbal adjective. **participial**, *a.*

particulate

a., n. (substance) made up of particles.

parti pris

'side taken'; prejudice; preconception.

partisan

n. adherent or follower of a party, person, or principle; member of armed resistance group in enemy-occupied country; *a.* devotedly adhering to a party, etc.; strongly biased.

parton

n. Physics, elementary particle theoretically held to be a constituent of protons and neutrons.

parturition

n. bringing forth of young. **parturient** *a.* **parturifacient**, *n. & a.* (drug) inducing parturition.

parulis

n. gumboil.

parure

n. set of jewels or other ornaments.

parvenu

n. vulgar newly-rich person; upstart.

parvipotent

a. having little power. **parviflorous**, *a.* having small flowers.

parvis

n. enclosed area in front of church.

parvule

n. minute pill.

pas

n. 'step'; dance step or figure. **pas de deux**, dance (figure) for two. **pas seul**, solo dance (figure).

PASCAL

n. high-level computer-programming language.

paschal

a. pertaining to Easter, or Passover. **paschal letter**, bishop's letter of ancient Church concerning next Easter date. **paschal moon**, new moon of vernal equinox.

pascual

a. pertaining to pasture.

pasha

n. Turkish title of high military rank. **pashalik**, *n.* jurisdiction of pasha.

pasigraphy

n. universal written language, especially using symbols for ideas rather than words. **pasigraphic(al)**, *a.*

pasque-flower

n. white- or purple-flowered anemone-like plant.

pasquinade

n. lampoon, especially exhibited in public place.

passacaglia

n. old slow Italian or Spanish dance; variations on a theme over a continuously repeated ground bass.

passado

n. forward thrust in fencing.

passé

a. 'past'; worn out; out of date; antiquated.

passementerie

n. bright trimmings of gilt, tinsel, etc.

passe partout

n. picture-frame, especially of adhesive cloth holding together glass, picture and back; universal passport; master-key.

passerine

a.,n. (bird) belonging to the bird order including perching birds. **passeriform**, *a.*

passible

a. capable of feeling; impressionable.

passim

adv. 'everywhere'; recurring frequently or here and there.

passometer

n. pedometer.

passus

n. canto of poem.

pastel

n. crayon of powdered pigment; crayon-drawing; light literary work; *a.* delicately coloured.

pastern

n. part of horse's foot between fetlock joint and upper edge of hoof.

pasteurize

v.t. sterilize partially, by heating to, and maintaining at, a high temperature.
pasteurization, n.

pasticcio

n. (*pl.* -ci) medley; pot-pourri, pastiche.

pastiche

n. work of art or literature in imitation of, or satirizing, another's style.
pasticheur, n. maker of pastiche.

pastose

a. painted thickly.

pastrami

n. highly seasoned smoked beef.

patagium

n. web of skin between forelimbs and hind-limbs of tree-dwelling creatures, that acts as a wing.

patamar, pattamar

n. Indian messenger or mail-boat; W Indian lateen-rigged boat.

patavinity

n. use of dialect.

patchouli

n. kind of E Indian mint, and strong perfume obtained from it.

pâté de foie gras

n. paste made of fattened goose's liver.

patella

n. kneecap. **patelliform**, *a.* limpet-shaped. **patellar**, *a.* **patellate**, *a.* having shape of patella.

paten

n. Communion bread plate.

patera

n. decorative round or oval medallion used in ornamental bas- reliefs, etc.

pateriform

a. saucer-shaped.

paternoster

n. Lord's Prayer, or recital of it; rosary bead on which this is said; curse or spell; bead-like moulding; doorless, continuously moving lift/elevator.

pathodontia

n. study of dental diseases.

pathogen

n. disease-causing agent such as virus. **pathogenic**, *a.* causing disease.

pathogenesis

n. origin or development of disease. **pathogenetic**, *a.*

pathognomic, pathognomonic

a. *a.* aiding diagnosis; distinctive.

pathology

n. study of disease; condition due to disease. **pathological**, *a.* **pathologist**, *n.*

pathy

n. medical treatment; nostrum.

patina

n. film formed on exposed metals, etc., especially green film on copper or bronze; any such sign of mellowing or old age. **patinous**, *a.* bearing patina. **patinate**, *v.i. & t.*

patisserie

n. pastry shop.

patois

n. dialect; jargon.

patrial

n. pertaining to, derived from, or signifying native country. *n. British*, person having at least one parent or grandparent born in Britain.

patriarch

n. tribal elder, ruler or father; any venerable ancient man; *Roman Catholic*, bishop; metropolitan; bishop next below pope in rank. **patriarchate**, *n.* office of patriarch. **patriarchal**, *a.* **patriarchy**, *n.* social system marked by supremacy of father and male line.

patrician

a., *n.* (person) of noble birth. **patriciate**, *n.* position of patrician; nobility.

patricide

n. killing or killer of own father; traitor or act of treason. **patricidal**, *a.*

patrilineal

a. pertaining to or descending in male line.

patrimony

n. inherited property. **patrimonial**, *a.*

patriotry

n. excessive devotion to native country.

patristic

a. pertaining to the Fathers of the Church. **patristics**, *n.* study of the Fathers' lives and works.

patrix

n. die from which matrix is made.

patroclinous, patriclinous

a. pertaining to, or having, inherited paternal characteristics.

patrology

n. patristics.

patronymic

a., n. (name) derived from father or ancestors; surname, especially formed by addition of suffix (as *-son*, etc.) to father's name.

patten

n. wooden sole, or clog, for raising foot above wet.

pattu

n. woollen cloth or shawl of Kashmir.

patulous

a. wide-spreading or wide open.

pauca verba

'few words'. **paucis verbis**, 'in few words'.

pauciloquy

n. brevity in speech.

paucity

n. state of being few or small; scarcity; lack.

pavane

n. slow stately dance.

pavé

n. (uneven) paved surface; method of setting gem stones very close together so that base is hidden.

paviour

n. labourer doing, or tool for, paving work.

pavonated

a. peacock blue. pavonine, *a.* like or coloured like a peacock.

pawky

a. sly; coy; dry.

pawl

n. lever which engages with a ratchet wheel so as to permit movement in one direction only.

pax

n. 'peace'. pax vobiscum, 'peace (be) with you'.

paynim

n. *archaic* pagan.

payola

n. slang, bribe, especially secret payment as inducement to mention a product, personality, etc., on broadcast programme or in a newspaper.

paysage

n. landscape. **paysagist**, *n.* painter of paysage.

peccable

a. liable to sin. **peccadillo**, *n.* (*pl.* - es) minor sin. **peccant**, *a.* sinning; *n.* sinner.

peccary

n. American wild pig.

peccavi

n. 'I have sinned'; *n.* confession of sin.

pecksniffian

a. sanctimoniously hypocritical.

pecten

n. (*pl. -tines*) scallop; comb-like membrane of eye of birds and reptiles.

pectin

n. substance in fruit causing jam, etc., to set. **pectinaceous**, pectic *a.*

pectinate

a. comb-shaped; toothed. **pectineal**, *a.* pertaining to pubic bone. **pectiniform**, *a.* like a comb or a scallop shell.

pectinous

a. pertaining to pectin. **pectize**, *v.t.* cause to set.

pectoral

a. pertaining to or worn on breast or chest; *n.* breast-plate; muscle of breast. **pectoriloquy**, *n.* clear hearing of patient's voice in auscultation.

peculate

v.i., v.t. embezzle. **peculation**, **peculator**, *n.*

pecuniary

a. pertaining to money.

pedagogue

n. schoolteacher, pedant. **pedagogic(al)**, *a.* pedagogics, pedagogy, *n.* art of teaching; instruction in such art.

pedant

n. person making display of his or her learning; learned person paying excessive attention to details; precisian. **pedantic**, *a.* **pedanticism, pedantry, n.**

pedate

a. like a foot; having feet.

pederast, paederast

n. person having sexual intercourse with boy(s). **pederasty, n.**

pedialgia

n. pain in foot.

pedicel

n. short, thin stalk; footstalk. **pedicle, n.** **pedicellate, a.** having pedicel. **pedicelliform, a.** like a pedicel.

pedicular

a. pertaining to or having lice. **pediculicide, n.** substance destroying lice. **pediculosis, n.** infestation with lice. **pediculous, a.**

pedicure

n. chiropody. **pedicurist, n.**

pediform

a. footshaped. **pedigerous**, *a.* having feet. **pediluvium**, *n.* foot-bath.

pediment

n. triangular space at end of gable, especially ornamented; such space over door, window, etc. **pedimental**, *a.*

pedometer

n. instrument measuring distance traversed by walker by recording number of steps. **pedograph**, *n.* instrument recording nature of ground passed over.

peduncle

n. flower stalk; stem. **peduncular**, *a.* **pedunculate**, *a.* having peduncles.

peekaboo

a. (of clothing) of transparent material; of fabric covered with small holes.

peen

n. rounded or wedge-shaped end of head of hammer.

peepul

n. holy Indian fig-tree; bo-tree.

peignoir

n. loose dress; negligée.

peine

n. 'pain'. **peine forte et dure**, 'pain strong and hard'; execution by crushing to death under heavy weights.

pejorate

v.t. depreciate; worsen. **pejoration**, *n.* change for worse. **pejorative**, *n.* & *a.* disparaging (word or suffix, etc.).

pekoe

n. sort of black tea.

pelage

n. animal's coat.

pelagic

a. pertaining to or found in open sea, or near surface of sea. **pelagial**, *a.* **pelagian**, *n.* & *a.* pelagic (animal).

pelargic

a. like or pertaining to a stork.

pelargonium

n. geranium.

pelerine

n. woman's short cape with tippets in front.

pelisse

n. long outer mantle.

pellagra

n. nervous and digestive disease due to deficiency of nicotinic acid in diet.
pellagragenic, *a.* causing pellagra. *pellagrin*, *n.* person suffering from pellagra.
pellagrous, *a.*

pellicle

n. membrane; film. *pellicular*, *a.* *pelliculate*, *a.* covered with pellicle.

pellitory

n. one of several wall-growing plants, including one with root used in dentifrices.

pellucid

a. clear; transparent. *pellucidity*, *n.*

pelma

n. impression showing shape of sole.

pelota

n. 'ball'; several tennis-like Spanish games, and fives-like Basque game.

pelotherapy

n. medical treatment by mud baths.

peltast

n. ancient Greek soldier with light shield. **peltate**, **peltiform**, *a.* shield- shaped. **peltiferous**, *a.* bearing a shield.

pelvis

n. (*pl. -ves*) bony structure forming frame of abdominal cavity. **pelvic**, *a.* **pelviform**, *a.* basin-shaped.

pemmican

n. pounded, pressed, dried meat.

penates

n. *pl.* household gods.

penchant

n. inclination; liking.

pendent, pendant

a.,n. dangling; suspended; jutting; overhanging.

pendente lite

a. 'during the lawsuit'; until completion of litigation.

pendulous

a. hanging down; free to swing.

peneplain

n. land reduced to plain level by erosion. **peneplanation, n.**

penetralia

n. pl. private places; secrets.

penetrometer

n. instrument measuring the penetrability or firmness of a substance by driving a needle into it; instrument measuring the penetrativeness of X-rays, etc.

penicillate

a. terminating in tuft of hairs. **penicilliform, a.**

penicillin

n. antibiotic of wide use, produced by species of penicillium mould.

penis

n. (*pl. -nes*) male copulative organ. **penial, penile, a.**

penna

n. any of a bird's larger feathers, covering most of its body. **pennaceous, a.**

pennant

n. pennon-shaped flag, especially on ships or boats.

pennate

a. having or like wings or feathers. **penniferous, pennigerous, a.** feather-bearing. **penniform, a.** feather-like.

pennon

n. long flag coming to a point or swallowtail, especially attached as banner to head of lance; pennant.

penology

n. study of criminal punishment. **penologic(al), a.** **penologist, n.**

pensile

a. hanging; building a hanging nest. **pensility, n.**

pentachord

n. five-stringed musical instrument; series of five tones.

pentacle

n. pentagram. **pentacular**, *a.*

pentad

n. five; group of five.

pentadactyl

a. having five fingers or toes to each hand or foot. **pentadactylate**, *a.*
pentadactylism, *n.*

pentadecagon

n. 15-sided plane figure.

pentaglot

a., n. (book, speaker, etc.), in or of five languages.

pentagon

n. five-sided plane figure. **pentagonal**, *a.*

pentagram

n. five pointed star, especially as magic symbol. **pentagrammatic**, *a.*

pentahedron

n. five-sided solid figure. **pentahedral**, *a.*

pentalogy

n. state of being fivefold or in five parts.

pentalpha

n. pentagram.

pentamerous

a. in five parts; *Botany*, having its parts in fives. **pentameral**, *a.* **pentamerism**, *n.*

pentameter

n. verse line of five feet. **pentametrist**, *n.*

pentangle

n. pentagon. **pentangular**, *a.*

pentapody

n. verse line of five feet.

pentapolis

n. group or alliance of five cities. **pentapolitan**, *a.*

pentarch

n. member of pentarchy. **pentarchy**, *n.* government by five persons; alliance between five powers.

pentastich

n. stanza of five lines. **pentastichous**, *a.* arranged in five rows. **pentastichy**, *n.*

pentasyllable

n. word, verse-line, etc., of five syllables. **pentasyllabic**, *a.*

Pentateuch

n. first five books of Old Testament; books of Moses. **Pentateuchal**, *a.*

pentathlon

n. athletic contest consisting of five different events competed in by all contestants.

Pentecost

n. Jewish festival, like harvest thanksgiving, on fiftieth day after second day of Passover; *modern*, Whit Sunday, or the event which it commemorates. **Pentecostal**, *a.* **Pentecostalism**, *n.* charismatic, fundamentalist variety of Christian worship.

pentimento

n. (*pl. -ti*) trace of earlier painting showing through layer(s) of paint added later.

pentobarbitone

n. *British*, barbiturate drug formerly used in sedatives.

penult

n. last but one, especially such syllable. **penultimate**, *n.* & *a.*

penumbra

n. partly light margin surrounding complete shadow, especially during an eclipse.
penumbral, *a.*

penurious

a. poor; mean. **penury**, *n.* poverty.

peon

n. *Spanish-American*, agricultural labourer; person bound to service for debt;
Indian, infantryman; native policeman; office attendant or messenger. **peonage**,
peonism, *n.*

peotomy

n. surgical removal of penis.

peplos

n. short tunic-like garment for women in ancient Greece.

peplum

n. flounce at waistline of blouse, dress, etc.

pepsin

n. gastric digestive juice. **pepsinate**, *v.t.* treat or mix with pepsin. **pepsiniferous**, *a.* yielding pepsin. **peptic**, *a.* pertaining to pepsin or digestion; aiding or capable of digestion; pertaining to, or in, stomach and duodenum; *n.* aid to digestion. **peptone**, *n.* substance resulting from digestion of protein by pepsin. **peptonize**, *v.t.* convert into peptone; pre-digest.

peracute

a. very acute.

percale

n. closely woven cotton used especially for sheets.

per capita

a. 'by heads'; shared or sharing equally among individuals; per unit of population.

percheron

n. kind of dappled or black heavy carthorse.

perciform

a. like a perch (fish).

percurrent

a. extending whole length (of a leaf).

percuss

v.t. strike, tap, especially part of body in medical diagnosis. **percussion**, *n.* act of striking violently; impact of violent sound on ear; musical instrument as drums, etc., sounded by being struck. **percussive**, *a.*

percutaneous

a. taking effect through the skin.

perdition

n. damnation; hell.

perdu

a. (*fem. -e*) out of sight; lost; reckless.

peregrinate

v.i., v.t. wander (through). **peregrination**, *n.* peregrinatory, *a.*

peregrine

a. kind of falcon used in sport.

peremptory

a. commanding; allowing no denial, refusal, or delay; arrogant.

perennial

a. everlasting; *n.* plant flowering every year.

perfidy

n. treachery; breaking of promise. **perfidious**, *a.*

perfunctory

a. mechanical, routine, cursory.

perfuse

v.t. suffuse, permeate. **perfusion**, *n.* **perfusive**, *a.*

pergamenteous

a. resembling parchment.

per gradus

'(step) by step'.

peri

n. fairy, especially excluded from paradise; beautiful woman.

perianth

n. external part of flower, including corolla and calyx. **perianthial, a.**

periapt

n. amulet.

pericardium

n. (pl. -ia) membranous sac containing heart. **pericardiac, pericardial, a.**
n. inflammation of pericardium.

pericarp

n. seed-vessel of plant. **pericarpial, pericarpic, a.**

pericope

n. selection or quotation from book. **pericopal, pericopic, a.**

pericranium

n. membrane covering skull. **pericranial, a.**

peridot

n. gemstone, pale green variety of olivine.

perigee

n. point in orbit nearest earth. **perigeal, perigean, a.**

perihelion

n. point in orbit nearest sun. **perihelial, perihelian, a.**

perilune

n. point in the path of a body orbiting the moon that is nearest to the centre of the moon.

perimeter

n. outer boundary, and its length. **perimetric, a. perimetrium, n.** part of peritoneum round uterus.

perineum

n. region of body between anus and genitals especially in pregnant females.

periodontal

a. round tooth or teeth. **periodontics n. pl. periodontia, periodontology, n.** study of diseases of such tissues.

perioeci

n. pl. pl. (sing. -cus) persons living in same latitude on opposite sides of earth. **perioecic, a.**

periosteal

a. round a bone. **periosteum**, *n.* such membranous tissue.

periotic

a. round the ear.

peripatetic

a. walking about or from place to place; *British*, travelling to teach in several schools; belonging to Aristotle's school of philosophy; *n.* such person.

peripety, peripetia, peripeteia

n. sudden and violent change in circumstances, especially in drama.

periphery

n. perimeter, especially of round object or surface; area of termination of nerves. **peripheral**, *a.* pertaining to periphery; of lesser importance or significance; *n.* additional device linked to computer. **peripheric**, *a.*

periphrasis

n. (*pl. -ses*) circumlocution. **periphrastic**, *a.*; *Grammar*, formed with auxiliaries, prepositions, etc.

periplus

n. tour round, circumnavigation; account of such tour.

periperial

a. with row of columns on every side; pertaining to air about moving body.
periptyry n. region round moving body in air.

periscian

a. person living in polar circle.

peristalith

n. prehistoric stone circle.

peristalsis

n. (pl. -ses) wave-like movement of intestines forcing contents onward.
peristaltic, a.

peristeronic

a. pertaining to pigeons.

peristyle

n. row of columns, especially on all sides of court, etc.; area enclosed by it.

peritoneum

n. membranous sac lining abdominal cavity. **peritoneal, a.** **peritonitis, n.**
inflammation of peritoneum.

perityphlic

a. round caecum. **perityphlitis**, *n.* inflammation of perityphlic tissue.

perlaceous

a. pearly. **perliginous**, *a.* producing pearls.

perlite

n. volcanic glass forming, when expanded by heat, an insulating material and a light-weight aggregate added to concrete and plaster or used as soil conditioner. **perlitic**, *a.* having perlite-like texture.

perlustrate

v.t. inspect with care. **perlustration**, *n.*

permafrost

n. layer of permanently frozen subsoil in polar regions.

permalloy

n. alloy of nickel and iron, most easily magnetized of all materials.

permeate

v.i., v.t. diffuse through. **permeable**, *a.*

Permian

a., n. (pertaining to) last period of Palaeozoic era.

permutation

n. transformation; change in order of objects, etc., or number of such possible changes. **permute**, *v.t.* arrange (especially a sequence) in different order. **permutate**, *v.t.* change the arrangement of.

pernancy

n. Law, receiving.

pernicious

a. deadly, highly destructive; malicious, evil.

pernine

a. pertaining to honey buzzard.

pernoctation

n. act of spending the night.

pernor

n. person taking or receiving.

peroneal

a. pertaining to fibula.

peroral

a. through the mouth.

perorate

v.i. make grandiloquent speech; bring speech to close. **peroration**, n. final passage of speech. **perorative**, **peroratory**, , a.

peroxide

n. oxide containing large proportion of oxygen, especially peroxide of hydrogen.

per procurationem

'by agency'; by agent or proxy (abbr. p.p. or per pro.).

perquisite

n. something held to be a right.

perry

n. cider-like drink made from pears.

per se

adv. 'by itself'; of or in itself; essentially; by virtue of its own essence. **perseity**
n. self-sufficiency.

perseverate

v.i. repeat action, etc., continually; recur persistently. **perseveration, n.**

persiennes

n. pl. kind of Venetian blinds; outside shutters with movable slats.

persiflage

n. raillery; idle chatter.

persimmon

n. orange-coloured plumlike fruit.

persona

n. facade presented by individual to other people, in Jungian psychology.

persona grata

'welcome or acceptable person'. **persona non grata**, unwelcome or unacceptable person.

personalia

n. pl. pl. personal details or anecdotes; personal belongings.

personality

n. personal property.

perspicacious

a. clear-sighted; having discernment. **perspicacity, n.**

perspicuous

a. easily understood; clearly expressed. **perspicuity, n.**

pertinacity

n. persistence; tenacity. **pertinacious, a.**

pertussis

n. whooping-cough. **pertussal, a.**

peruke

n. wig.

peruse

v.t. read through thoroughly. **perusal, n.**

pervious

a. permeable; open-minded.

perwitsky

n. polecat of N Asia and its fur.

pessary

n. supporting instrument or suppository introduced into vagina.

pestiferous

a. carrying infection or plague; noxious. **pesticide**, *n.* pest-killing substance. **pestology**, *n.* scientific study of insect pests.

petard

n. bomb attached to, and for bursting open, gates, etc. **hoist with own petard**, blown up by own bomb; damaged by own devices to injure others.

pethidine

n. pain-relieving drug used in childbirth, etc.

petiole

n. leaf-stalk. **petiolar**, *a.* petiolate, *a.* having petiole. **petiolule**, *n.* petiole of a leaflet.

petitio principii

n. 'begging the question'.

petrel

n. small dark seabird. **stormy or storm petrel**, such bird of the Atlantic and Mediterranean; person fond of, or whose presence heralds, strife.

petricolous

a. inhabiting rocks.

pétrissage

n. kneading (in massage).

petrogenesis

n. origin or development of rocks. **petrogenic**, *a.* **petroglyph**, *n.* ancient rock-carving. **petrography**, *n.* description and classification of rocks. **petrolithic** *a.* as hard as rock, applied to road surface. **petrology**, *n.* geological study of rocks. **petrophilous**, *a.* living on rocks. **petrous**, *a.* rocky; hard as stone.

pettitoes

n. pl. pig's trotters.

petto

n. breast. **in petto**, in mind; in secret thoughts.

phacometer

n. lens-measuring instrument.

phaeton

n. light two-horse four-wheeled open carriage.

phagedaena

n. gangrene; extensive ulceration. **phagedaenic** *a.*

phagocyte

n. leucocyte destroying harmful bacteria, etc. **phagocytic**, *a.* **phagocytosis**, *n.* destruction of harmful elements by phagocytes.

phalacrosis

n. baldness.

phalanger

n. several kinds of long-tailed Australian marsupial.

phalanges

n. pl. pl. (sing. phalanx) bones of finger or toe. **phalangeal**, *a.* **phalangigrade**, *a.* walking on phalanges

phalanx

n. closely-ranked infantry formation; any such closely packed or organized body.

phalarope

n. small sandpiper-like shore bird.

phallus

n. (*pl. -li*) representation of penis, symbol of generative power, as object of worship. **phallic**, *a.* **phallicism**, **phallism**, *n.* phallic worship.

phanerogam

n. (old term) flowering plant. **phanerogamic**, **phanerogamous**, *a.*

phaneromania

n. habit of biting nails, picking at scars, etc.

phantasm

n. figment of imagination, an illusion; ghost. **phantasmal**, **phantasmic**, *a.*

phantasmagoria

n. crowd of phantoms; series of shifting images or scenes. **phantasmagoric**(*al*), *a.*

pharisee

n. Jewish religious adherent to ritual formalities; person ostentatiously religious, or self-righteous; hypocrite. **pharisaic**(*al*), *a.* **pharisaism**, *n.*

pharmaceutical

a. pertaining to pharmacy; *n.* drug used in medicine. **pharmacal**, *a.* **pharmaceutics**, *n.* preparation, dispensing and selling of drugs. **pharmacist**, *n.* practiser of pharmacy. **pharmacognosy**, *n.* study of medicinal drugs from plants, etc. **pharmacology**, *n.* study of medicinal drugs and their properties. **pharmacon**, *n.* drug; poison. **pharmacopaedics**, *n.* study of drugs.

pharmacopoeia, *n.* official list of drugs. **pharmacy**, *n.* pharmaceutics; chemist's shop.

pharmacodynamic

a. pertaining to action of drugs on body.

pharos

n. lighthouse. **pharology**, *n.* study of lighthouses.

pharynx

n. (*pl. -rynges*) part of throat between mouth and oesophagus. **pharyngeal**, *a.* **pharyngismus**, *n.* spasm of pharynx. **pharyngitis**, *n.* inflammation of pharynx. **pharyngology**, *n.* medical study of pharynx. **pharyngoscope**, *n.* instrument for viewing pharynx.

phatic

a. denoting speech as a means of sharing feelings or establishing sociability rather than for the communication of information and ideas.

phellem

n. cork. **phellogen**, *n.* tissue producing cork.

phenakistoscope

n. apparatus or instrument in which figures on a moving dial, etc., seem to move when viewed through a slit; earliest form of cinematograph.

phenobarbitone

n. sedative and sleep-inducing drug.

phenogenesis

n. origin of races. **phenogenetic**, *a.* **phenogenology**, *n.* study of relations between recurring biological activities and climate.

phenomenon

n. (*pl. phenomena*) any fact or happening; anything perceived by the senses; remarkable thing or person, or rare event. **phenomenal**, *a.* **phenomenology**, *n.* description and classification of phenomena.

phenotype

n. characteristics of an organism resulting from interaction between genetic and environmental factors.

pheromone

n. hormone-like substance which, when secreted by an animal, can directly influence other animals of the same species, by contact, odour, etc.

philabeg

see **filibeg**.

philadelphian

a. pertaining to or exercising brotherly love.

philander

v.i. (of man) flirt. **philanderer, n.**

philately

n. stamp-collecting. **philatelic, a. philatelist, n.**

philematology

n. art or science of kissing.

philhellene

n. lover of Greece or things Greek. **philhellenic a. philhellenism, philhellenist, n.**

philippic

n. diatribe; abusive speech.

phillumenist

n. collector of matchbox labels.

philocaly

n. love of beauty. **philocalic, a. philocalist, n.**

philodemic

a. fond of the common people.

philodox

n. dogmatic person; person fond of opinions, especially their own.

philogynist

n. lover of women. **philogynous**, *a.* **philogyny**, *n.*

philology

n. study of language. **philological**, *a.* **philologist**, *n.*

philomel

n. nightingale.

philometrist

n. collector of envelopes, etc., for their postal meter impressions.

philoprogenitive

a. having many children; fond of children.

philotheism

n. love of God. **philotheist**, *n.*

philtre

n. love potion.

phlebology

n. science of veins. **phlebitis**, *n.* inflammation of vein. **phlebitic**, *a.*

phlebotomy

n. blood-letting; venesection. **phlebotomize**, *v.i. & t.* **phlebotomist**, *n.*

phlegmagogue

n. phlegm-expelling drug. **phlegmasia**, *n.* inflammation. **phlegmon**, *n.* boil.

phlegmatic

a. unexcitable; having a stolid or sluggish nature.

phloem

n. bast tissue. **phloic**, *a.*

phlogiston

n. principle of combustibility once supposed to exist in all inflammable substances. **phlogogenetic**, phlogogenic, *a.* causing inflammation. **phlogistic**, *a.* pertaining to inflammation.

phobia

n. fear; dread. **phobic**, *a.* **phobiac**, *n.*

phocene

a. pertaining to seals (animals).

Phoebe

n. *Literature*, moon.

phoenicopter, phenicopter

n. flamingo. **phoenicurous**, *a.* having red tail. **phoenix**, *n.* mythical bird reborn from ashes.

phon

n. unit of loudness of sound.

phonal

a. vocal; phonetic. **phonate**, *v.i.* speak or sing. **phonation**, *n.*

phoneme

n. collective variations of a sound pronounced with slight differences in differing circumstances. **phonemic**, *a.*

phonetic

a. pertaining to or showing speech sound. **phonetics**, *n.* study of vocal sounds and their representation; the speech sounds of a language collectively.

phonetician, phoneticist, phonetist, n. **phoneticize, v.t.** spell in phonetic alphabet.

phonic

a. phonetic; acoustic. **phoniatrics, n.** study and correction of speech defects. **phonics, n.** phonetics; acoustics; study of phonetic method of teaching reading.

phonogram

n. symbol representing sound, syllable or word. **phonograph, American, n.** gramophone. **phonography, n.** system of spelling or shorthand based on speech sounds.

phonology

n. study of speech sounds in a language; such speech sounds. **phonological, a.** **phonologist, n.**

phonometry

n. measurement of intensity, etc., of sounds. **phonometer, n.** instrument used in phonometry. **phonometric, a.**

phonophorous

a. able to transmit sound waves. **phonophore, n.** system of hearing for the deaf conducting sounds to the teeth; device for sending telephonic and telegraphic messages over same line simultaneously.

phonotype

n. printing type of phonetic alphabet; a character of phonotype. **phonotypic, a.** **phonotypy, n.** transcription into phonetic spelling advocated for ordinary use.

phorometry

n. study and correction of abnormalities of muscles of eye. **phorometer**, *n.* instrument used in phorometry.

phosgene

n. colourless poison gas made from chlorine and carbon monoxide.

phosphate

n. salt of phosphoric acid; non-biodegradable ingredient in some detergents; fertilizer containing phosphorus. **phosphatic**, *a.*

phosphene

n. sensation of seeing lights in darkness or when lids are closed.

phosphorescence

n. light without heat, continuing after exposure to radiation which causes it; faint glow in dark without apparent cause. **phosphorescent** *a.*

phossy, jaw

n. *n.* necrosis of jaw among workers handling phosphorus.

phot

n. unit of illumination of a surface.

photic

a. pertaining to or penetrated by light. **photics**, *n.* study of light.

photoautotrophic

a. (of plants, etc.) capable of using light to synthesize food from inorganic substances.

photobathic

a. pertaining to sea depths penetrated by sunlight. **photobiotic**, *a.* thriving only in light.

photochemistry

n. science, processes and properties of chemical changes effected by light.

photochromism

n. property of changing colour on exposure to light or other radiation and of reverting to original colour immediately the light or radiation source is removed. **photochromic**, *a.*

photocoagulation

n. surgical coagulation of tissue by means of a laser beam.

photocomposition

n. typesetting directly onto film; film-setting.

photoelectric

a. pertaining to discharge of electrons by, or decrease in resistance in, certain substances when exposed to light. **photoelectricity, *n.***

photofission

n. nuclear fission induced by gamma rays.

photogenic

a. generating light; suitable for being photographed.

photogrammetry

n. photographic means of obtaining reliable measurements, e.g. by superimposing photographs of an area or object taken from different angles.

photogravure

n. printing from engraved plates photographically prepared.

photogyric

a. turning towards light.

photokinesis

n. activity caused by light. **photokinetic, *a.***

photolithography

n. printing process using photographically prepared plates (*abbr. photolitho*).

photolysis

n. decomposition caused by light. **photolytic**, *a.*

photometer

n. instrument measuring intensity, etc., of light. **photometric**, *a.* **photometry**, *n.*

photomicrograph

n. enlarged photograph of minute object; photograph taken through microscope.

photon

n. quantum (smallest possible unit) of electromagnetic radiation, considered as an elementary particle with zero charge and rest mass.

photonasty

n. Botany, adoption of certain position due to effect of light on growth.
photonastic, *a.*

photonusus

n. morbid condition due to exposure to light. **photopathy**, *n.* any such disease.

photophile

a., n. (organism) loving light. **photophilous**, *a.* **photophily**, *n.* **photophobia**, *n.* dislike or dread of light. **photophobic**, *a.* **photphygous**, *a.* avoiding or disliking

light.

photopia

n. normal day vision. **photopic**, *a.*

photoscope

n. apparatus for observing light, especially changes in its intensity, or magnifying photographs.

photosensitive

a. sensitive to light, especially sunlight. **photosensitize** *v.t.*

photosphere

n. sun's luminous envelope. **photospheric**, *a.*

photostat

n. photographic copy of document, etc. **photostatic**, *a.*

photosynthesis

n. formation of carbohydrates by chlorophyll-containing cells of plant exposed to light. **photosynthesize**, *v.i. & t.* **photosynthetic**, *a.*

phototaxis

n. growth or movement directed by light. **phototactic**, *a.*

phototherapy

n. medical treatment by means of light. **phototherapeutic**, *a.*

photothermic

a. pertaining to heat and light.

photonus

n. sensitivity to light.

phototropism

n. movement directed by light; heliotropism. **phototropic**, *a.*

phototypesetting

n. photocomposition.

photovoltaic

a. pertaining to or producing electric current caused by electromagnetic radiation, such as light.

phratry

n. clan; tribe. **phrator**, *n.* member of phratry. **phratric**, *a.*

phreatic

a. pertaining to wells and subterranean water.

phrenetic,

a. see frenetic.

phrenic

a. pertaining to diaphragm.

phrenology

n. study of outline of skull giving supposed indication of mental ability and characteristics. **phrenological**, *a.* **phrenologist**, *n.*

phrontistery

n. place for study.

phthiriasis

n. infestation with lice. **phthirophagous**, *a.* eating lice.

phthisis

n. tuberculosis of lungs. **phthisical**, *a.*

phycology

n. study of seaweeds or algae.

phylactery

n. small leather box containing scriptural extracts worn by Jews at prayer on head and arm; relic-container; amulet; reminder; record; in medieval art, words in a balloon-like circle drawn issuing from mouth.

phylactic

a. defending against disease.

phylliform

a. leaf-shaped. **phylline**, *a.* leaf-like. **phyllode** (-/d), *n.* flattened stem functioning as leaf. **phylogenetic**, *a.* pertaining to production of, or producing, leaves. **phyllloid**, *a.* phylline. **phyllomania**, *n.* abnormal leaf-production. **phyllomorph**, *n.* artistic leaf-like detail. **phylophagous**, *a.* leaf-eating. **phylophorous**, *a.* bearing leaves. **phyllotaxy**, *n.* arrangement of leaves of plant.

phylloxera

n. plant-louse harmful to vines.

phylogeny

n. history or development of a race, species, etc. **phylogenetic(al)**, **phylogenetic**, *a.*

phylum

n. (pl. -la) largest subdivision of natural kingdom.

phyma

n. (*pl.* -ta) skin tumour. **phymatic**, *a.* **phymatosis**, *n.* disease characterised by phymata.

physagogue

a., *n.* (drug) expelling wind.

physiatrics

n. American, physiotherapy.

physiocracy

n. government that does not interfere with the operation of supposed natural laws. **physiocrat**, *n.* advocate (especially French, 18th-century) of physiocracy.

physiognomy

n. face; facial expression; divination of character or fortune from face.
physiognomic, *a.* **physiognomist**, *n.*

physiography

n. physical geography; topography; description of natural phenomena.
physiographer, *n.* **physiographic(al)**, *a.*

physiolatry

n. nature worship. **physiolater**, *n.* **physiolatrous**, *a.*

physiology

n. study of functions of healthy living organism; such functions collectively.
physiological, *a.* **physiologist**, *n.*

physiotherapy

n. medical treatment by physical means: (massage, exercises, electricity, etc.)

physitheism

n. nature worship; ascription to God of physical shape.

physiurgic

a. due to natural causes.

phytivorous

a. feeding on plants.

phytogamy

n. **Botany**, cross-fertilization. **phylogenesis**, *n.* development and origin of plants.
phytogenic, *a.* derived from plants. **photography**, *n.* descriptive botany.
phytoid, *a.* plant-like. **phytophagic**, **phytophagous**, *a.* phytivorous.
phytophilous, *a.* fond of plants. **phytosis**, *n.* infection or disease caused by parasitic plant. **phytosociology**, *n.* branch of ecology dealing with plant communities. **phytotomy**, *n.* anatomy of plants. **phytotoxin**, *n.* poison produced by plant.

phyotron

n. a botanical laboratory comprising a series of chambers reproducing any condition of temperature, humidity, illumination, or other plant-growth factor.

pi

n. sixteenth letter of Gr. alphabet; *Mathematics*, ratio (3.1416) of circumference to diameter of circle.

piacular

a. expiatory; sinful.

pia mater

n. inner membrane enclosing brain.

pibroch

n. piece of music for bagpipe.

pica

n. (12-point) size of type; *Medicine*, abnormal craving to eat unusual things such as chalk or hair. **small pica**, 11-point. **double pica**, 22-point.

picador

n. mounted bull-fighter with lance.

picaro

n. (fem. picara) rogue. **picaresque**, *a.* pertaining to rogues, especially applied to literature about rogues and vagabonds. **picaroon**, *n.* rogue; thief; pirate.

picayune

a. American, petty, trivial.

piceous

a. like pitch; inflammable.

piciform

a. like a woodpecker. **picine**, *a.* pertaining to woodpeckers.

pickerel

n. young pike (fish); small American freshwater fish.

Pickwickian

a. benevolent and naïve; (of words) used strangely; not (to be) taken literally.

pico-

comb. form of measurement meaning one million-millionth (10^{-12}) (*abbr. p.*)

picot

n. one of series of small loops forming ornamental edging to ribbon, lace, etc.
picotee, *n.* flower with petal margins of different colour.

picric acid

n. yellow, bitter, poisonous acid used as dye and disinfectant and in manufacture

of explosives.

pidan

n. preserved Chinese duck's eggs.

piddock

n. rough-shelled, boring, marine bivalve.

pidgin

n. restricted language system used for communication between people who have no common language.

pièce de résistance

n. 'piece of resistance'; culminating or main item. **pièce d'occasion**, *n.* piece written or composed for a special occasion; bargain.

pied-à-terre

n. 'foot on the ground'; temporary or subsidiary home.

Pierian

a. pertaining to Pieria, Macedonia, where the Muses were worshipped; pertaining to the Muses or poetry.

pierid

a.,n. (butterfly) belonging to the family including cabbage and other butterflies.

pieridine, a.

pietà

n. 'piety'; representation of the dead Christ held and mourned by the Virgin Mary.

pietism

n. unquestioning religious devotion; priggishness. **pietist, n.**

piezochemistry

n. study of chemical effects of pressure. **piezo-electricity, n.** production of electric charges on certain crystals when under pressure; slight change in shape of crystal when in electric field. **piezometer, n.** instrument measuring compressibility of liquids.

pignorate

v.t. pawn; take in pawn. **pignoration, n.**

pilaster

n. rectangular pillar projecting from and supporting wall. **pilastered, a.**

pile

n. in nuclear physics, controlled arrangement of fissionable material for producing a chain reaction.

pileus

n. (*pl. -ei*) cap- or umbrella-like top of mushroom. **pileate(d)**, *a.* having pileus; with crest on pileum. **pileiform**, *a.* shaped like pileus. **pileolus**, *n.* (*pl. -li*) small pileus. **pileum**, *n.* top of bird's head.

pilose

a. hairy. **piliferous**, *a.* bearing hair. **piliform**, *a.* like a (long) hair. **pilosis**, *n.* over-growth of hair. **pilosity**, *n.* hairiness.

pilar

a. pertaining to or like a pill. **pillule**, *n.* small pill.

pimento

n. pepper; allspice.

pinaceous

a. pertaining to or like a pine tree; belonging to the pine family of trees.

pinaster

n. cluster pine.

pinchbeck

n. gold-like alloy of copper and zinc; tawdry jewellery; *a.* spurious; trashy.

Pindaric

a. having complex metrical structure, as in Pindar's Odes.

pineal

a. pertaining to or like a pine cone. **pineal body or gland**, small gland-like process of brain cavity.

pinguefy

v.i., v.t. become or make fat or rich. **pinguid**, *a.* fatty; oily; rich.

pink

v.t. prick with sword, etc.; decorate with perforations; cut with special scissors to make zigzag edge. *v.i.* (of internal-combustion engine) make a metallic noise as a result of faulty combustion.

pinnate

a. like a feather; with leaflets on either side of a leafstalk. **pinnatifid**, divided pinnately. **pinnation**, *n.*

pinochle

n. bezique-like American card game.

pintle

n. usually upright pin acting as hinge or pivot.

pinxit

'painted (it)'.

pipal

n. see **peepul**.

pip emma

a., adv. World War One signaller's slang for post meridiem.

piperaceous

a. pertaining to or like pepper plant; belonging to pepper family of plants.

pipette

n. Chemistry, narrow tube into which liquids are sucked for measurement, etc.

pipistrelle

n. brown bat.

pipit

n. several lark-like singing birds; titlark.

pipkin

n. small pot.

pique

n. hurt pride, resentful irritation; *v.t.* cause pique; pride (oneself) on something.

pis aller

n. 'go worst'; last resort; something done or accepted for lack of anything better; less desirable alternative.

piscary

n. fishing rights or place.

piscatology

n. art or science of fishing. **piscator**, *n.* angler. **piscatorial** **piscatory**, *a.* pertaining to fishing.

piscine

a. pertaining to fish. **pisciculture**, *n.* fish breeding. **piscifauna**, *n.* fish life of a region. **pisciform**, *a.* fish- shaped. **piscivorous**, *a.* fish-eating. **piscina**, *n.* water basin in church sanctuary. **piscinity**, *n.*

pisiform

a. like pea(s).

pismire

n. dialect or archaic, ant.

pistil

n. plant's ovary with style and stigma. **pistilline**, *a.* **pistillate**, *a.* having pistils. **pistilloid**, *a.* like a pistil.

Pithecanthropus

n. one of former genus of ape-like men, now included in *Homo*. **Pithecanthropus erectus**, such creature whose remains were discovered in Java: now called 'Java man'.

pithecid

a. pertaining to anthropoid apes. **pithecism**, *n.* pithecid characters in Man. **pithecomorphic**, *a.* like anthropoid apes.

pituitary

a. denoting or pertaining to ductless gland at base of brain secreting a hormone controlling bone growth and activity of thyroid and reproductive glands, and another controlling blood pressure and activity of involuntary muscles.

pityriasis

n. scaly skin infection. **pityriasic**, *a.*

pixel

n. any of number of minute units making up a picture on e.g. a computer screen.

pixilated

a. as if bewitched by fairies; slightly crazy or drunk.

placate

v.t. soothe; appease. **placatory**, a.

placebo

n. 'I will please'; n. something given to please or quiet, especially dummy medicine, which may help to cure by allaying anxiety; dummy medicine given to 'controls' in medical experiment; *Roman Catholic*, Vespers for dead;.

placenta

n. (*pl.* -ae) mammal's organ attached to and nourishing fetus in womb; afterbirth. **placental**, a.; n. mammal having placenta. **placentate**, a. having placenta. **placentation**, n. structure or attachment of placenta. **placentatoid**, a. like placenta.

placer

n. gold deposit other than vein, e.g. where it is obtained by washing.

placet

n. 'it pleases'; n. assenting vote or expression.

placoid

a. pertaining to or like teeth-like scales.

plage

n. sea beach; seaside resort.

plagiarism

n. copying another's words, ideas, etc., and publishing them as one's own.
plagiarist, n. *plagiarize, v.i. & t.*

plagiograph

n. kind of pantograph.

plagiotropic

a. (of plant) growing away from vertical.

planarian

n. kind of flatworm.

planchette

n. board supported on two wheels and a pencil, which is supposed to write spirit messages.

planetarium

n. (*pl. -ia*) model of solar system; (building containing) apparatus for projecting moving images of stars, planets, etc. on inside of a dome. **planetesimal, a.** pertaining to minute bodies moving in space, supposed by some to have joined to form planets. **planetoid, n.** asteroid. **planetology, n.** study of planets'surface.

plangent

a. deep- or loud-sounding. **plangency, n.** **plangorous, a.** mournful.

planimeter

n. instrument measuring plane figure's area. **planimetry**, *n.* such measurement.

planipennate

a. having flat, broad wings. **planirostral**, *a.* having such beak. **planisphere**, *n.* map of heavens on plane surface.

plankton

n. floating or minute swimming organisms of ocean. **planktonic**, *a.* plankter, *n.* planktonic organism. **planktology**, *n.* study of plankton.

planography

n. printing from flat surface. **planometry**, *n.* gauging of plane surface.

plantaginaceous

a. pertaining to or like plantain; belonging to plantain family of plants.

plantigrade

a.,n. (animal) walking on soles of feet, as humans.

plantivorous

n. plant-eating.

plasma

n. fluid part of blood, etc; an ionized gas. **plasmatic**, **plasmic**, *a.* **plasma cell**, *n.* white blood corpuscle. **plasmophagous**, *a.* consuming plasma.

plasmapheresis

n. process of separating plasma from red blood cells in blood from donor, and returning red blood cells to donor.

plastic

a. moulding; forming; capable of being moulded; *n.* such synthetic organic substance. **plastometer**, *n.* instrument for measuring plasticity.

plastid

n. minute mass of protoplasm in cell.

plastron

n. breast-pad or plate for protection; shell protecting underside of tortoise, etc.; false shirt-front.

plataleiform

a. spoonbilled.

platelet

n. tiny cell fragment in blood which helps it to clot.

platen

n. plate pressing paper against type in printing machine; roller of typewriter.

platitude

n. trite statement. **platitudinarian**, *n.* & *a.* (person) habitually uttering platitudes. **platitudinize**, *v.i.* utter platitudes. **platitudinous**, *a.*

Platonic

a. pertaining to Plato, Greek philosopher, and his doctrines; ideal; spiritual; theoretical.

platycephaly

n. flatness of crown of head. **platycephalic**, **platycephalous**, *a.* **platydactyl**, *a.* having flat digits. **platypodous**, *a.* having broad, flat feet. **platypodia**, *n.* flat-footedness. **platypus**, *n.* duckbill. **platyrrhinian**, *n.* & *a.* (person) with short, flat nose.

plebeian

a., n. (person) of common people or lower classes; vulgar. **plebiscite**, *n.* nation's or district's direct vote on a specific measure. **plebs**, (*Latin*) *n.* the common people.

plectrum

n. (*pl. -ra*) implement for plucking strings of musical instrument. **plectridal**, *a.* drumstick-shaped.

pledget

n. small wound dressing.

pleiobar

n. isobar or area of high atmospheric pressure.

Pleistocene

a.,n. (pertaining to) first epoch of Quaternary period.

plenary

a.,n. full; entire; unlimited; with all members present.

plenilunar

a. like or pertaining to full moon.

plenipotentiary

a.,n. (envoy) having full power.

plenitude

n. fullness; sufficiency; abundance; entirety.

plenum

n. (*pl.* -na) space full of matter; plenary meeting.

pleochroic

a. showing different colours when viewed in different directions. **pleochroous**,
a. **pleochroism**, *n.*

pleonasm

n. use of unnecessary words; redundancy. **pleonastic**, *a.*

pleonectic

a. covetous. **pleonexia**, *n.*

plesiosaurus

n. extinct long-necked swimming reptile.

plethora

n. excess, superfluity.

pleura

n. (*pl. -ae*) membrane lining half of thorax. **pleural**, *a.* **pleurisy**, *n.*
inflammation of pleura. **pleuritic**, *a.* **pleurogenic**, *a.* formed in pleura.

pleurodynia

n. pain in muscles of chest or side.

pleuronectid

a.,n. (pertaining to) flat-fish.

plexus

n. network. **plexiform**, *a.* like plexus. **plexure**, *n.* inter-weaving.

plicate

a. pleat; plait; fold; *a.* pleated; plaited. **plication**, *n.*

Pliocene

a.,n. (pertaining to) last epoch of Tertiary period.

plinth

n. rectangular base of column, pedestal, etc.

pliofilm

n. trademark, thin transparent waterproof sheet used for packaging, etc.

pliosaurus

n. shorter-necked plesiosaurus.

pliothermic

a. Geology, pertaining to periods of temperature above average.

plosive

a., n. Phonetics, explosive (sound), as *p. plosion, n.*

plumbago

n. graphite; Botany, leadwort. **plumbaginous, a.**

plumbeous

a. leaden. plumbic, plumbous, a. plumbiferous, plumbism, n. lead-poisoning.

plumose

a. feathered; feathery.

pluperfect

a. (grammatical tense) signifying completion of action before a certain point in past time.

pluralism

n. Philosophy, belief that ultimate reality is of several kinds, or consists of several entities; holding of more than one office. **pluralist, n.**

plurilateral

a. of more than two sides or parties. pluriliteral, a. of more than three letters. plurinominal, a. of more than one name. pluriparous, a. bringing forth more than one at a birth. plurisyllable, n. word of more than one syllable.

plutocracy

n. government by wealthy class. **plutocrat**, *n.* **plutocratic**, *a.* **plutolatry**, *n.* worship of riches. **plutology**, *n.* study of wealth.

Plutonian

a. pertaining to the underworld, ruled by Pluto.

plutonic

a. of volcanic or deep-seated origin.

plutonium

n. one of the transuranic elements, product of decay of neptunium, used in the atomic bomb.

plutonomy

n. economics.

pluvial

a. pertaining or due to rain; having much rain. **pluvine**, *a.* **pluviography**, *n.* recording of rainfall. **pluviometer**, *n.* rain gauge. **pluvious**, *a.* pluviose, *a.* rainy.

pneuma

n. soul, spirit.

pneumatic

a. pertaining to, using or worked by air pressure. **pneumatics**, *n.* study of

mechanics of gases. **pneumatographer**, *n.* person receiving and writing spirit messages. **pneumatology**, *n.* pneumatics; doctrine about spirits or Holy Ghost. **pneumatomachy**, *n.* denial of Holy Ghost's divinity. **pneumatometer**, instrument indicating the strength of the lungs by measuring the quantity of air inhaled and exhaled at a breath. **pneumatophany**, *n.* appearance of spirit or Holy Ghost. **pneumatophony**, *n.* sound caused by spirit. **pneumatosis**, *n.* presence of gas in body.

pneumonia

n. inflammation of lungs. **pneumonic**, *a.* pneumoconiosis, *n.* lung disease due to inhaling metallic, etc., particles. **pneumograph**, *n.* pneumology, *n.* study of lungs. **pneumonography**, *n.* taking of X-ray photographs of lungs. **pneumothorax**, *n.* presence or introduction of air in thorax, causing collapse of lung.

pnigophobia

n. morbid fear of being smothered.

poaceous

a. pertaining to or like grass; belonging to the grass family of plants.

pochard

n. kind of redheaded duck.

pococurante

a., n. (person) lacking interest; indifferent; apathetic. **pococurantism**, *n.*

poculiform

a. cup-shaped.

podagra

n. gout. **podagral**, **podagric**, **podagrous**, *a.*

podalic

a. pertaining to feet.

podesta

n. Italian mayor or chief magistrate.

podex

n. (*pl. -dices*) posterior. **podical**, *a.* pertaining to podex.

podiistry

n. Medicine, study of abnormalities of feet. **podology**, *n.* physiological study of feet. **podoscaph**, *n.* boat-shaped boot for walking on water; boat with bicycle mechanism.

poetaster

n. poor or unimportant poet. **poetastery**, *n.*

pogoniasis

n. overgrowth of beard; growth of beard in woman. **pogonology**, *n.* book on beards. **pogonophobia**, *n.* morbid fear of beards. **pogonotomy**, *n.* cutting of beard; shaving. **pogonotrophy**, *n.* growing of a beard.

pogrom

n. wholesale massacre of a class or race, especially of Jews in Russia.

poiesis

n. creation. **poietic, *a.***

poikilothermic

a. cold-blooded. **poikilothermism, *n.* poikilothermous, *a.***

poilu

n. 'hairy'; *n. slang,* infantry soldier in World War One.

poimenics

n. pastoral theology.

point

n. measure of depth of letter in printing: one seventy-second of an inch.

point d'appui

'point of support'; (formerly) base for military operations.

pointillism

n. method of painting in dots of colour. **pointillist**, *n.*

poise

n. unit of viscosity.

polarimeter

n. instrument measuring amount of polarized light or rotation of plane of polarized light. **polariscope**, *n.* instrument for studying polarized light or objects in it. **polarizse**, *v.t.* modify normally transverse light vibrations so that they are confined to one plane. **polarization**.

polder

n. piece of land reclaimed from sea.

polemic

a. disputatious; pertaining to argument *n.* dispute; aggressive attack or refutation. **polemicist**, *n.* **polemics**, *n.* art of controversy.

poliomyelitis

n. virus disease of the spinal cord, often causing paralysis; infantile paralysis (*abbr.* **polio**).

poliosis

n. greyness of hair.

politic

a. wise, prudent, expedient; artful, devious; shrewd.

politcaster

n. minor or petty politician; dabbler in politics.

polity

n. political organization or constitution of a state, church, etc.

poll

n. head, especially top or back part of head of animal; striking face of hammer.

pollack

n. cod-like food fish.

pollard

v.t. cut off top of (tree); *n.* pollarded tree; animal without its usual horns, antlers, etc.

pollen

n. yellowish dust, each grain containing male reproductive element, of plants.

pollex

n. (*pl. -lices*) thumb. **pollical**, *a.* *pollice verso*, (*Latin*) with thumb turned down, indicating condemnation, especially to death. **pollicitation**, *n.* offer not

accepted.

pollinate

v.t. fertilize with pollen. **pollination**, *n.* -linic, *a.* polliniferous, pollinigerous, *a.* pollen-bearing. **pollinosis**, *n.* hay fever.

polonaise

n. stately Polish dance; dress-like garment worn over skirt.

polony

n. sort of sausage.

poltergeist

n. active manifestation of spirit in rappings, moving of furniture, etc.; such manifested spirit.

poltophagy

n. lengthy mastication of food reducing it to semi-liquid state. **poltophagic**, *a.* **poltophagist**, *n.*

poltroon

n. abject coward.

polyamide

n. compound characterized by more than one amide group, a polymeric amide.

polyandry

n. marriage of one woman to two or more men at same time. **polyandric**, **polyandrous**, *a.* **polyandrist**, *n.*

polyarchy

n. government by many persons.

polychaete

a., n. (pertaining to) marine worm. **polychaetous**, *a.*

polychotomy

n. division into many parts. **polychotomous**, *a.*

polychrest

n. remedy for several diseases. **polychrest**, *a.* **polychresty**, *n.*

polychrome

a., n. work of art in many colours. **polychromatic**, **polychromic**, **polychromous**, *a.* many-coloured. **polychromia**, *n.*, *Medicine*, excessive coloration. **polychromy**, *n.*

polycythaemia

n. blood condition with abnormal numbers of red blood cells.

polydactyl

a.,n. (animal or human) having too many fingers or toes.

polydemic

a. native to several countries.

polydipsia

n. abnormal thirst.

polyeidic

a. applied to insects with conspicuous metamorphosis. **polyeidism**, *n.*

polyelectrolyte

n. a jelly-like plastic compounded of two polymers, one charged positively and one negatively.

polyethnic

a. derived from or containing many races.

polygamy

n. marriage to more than one spouse at same time. **polygamic**, **polygamous**, *a.* **polygamist**, *n.*

polygenesis

n. derivation from many origins. **polygenetic**, **polygenic**, *a.*
polygenism, *n.* theory of polygenesis of Man.

polyglot

a. in or pertaining to several languages; *n.* person speaking or book printed in several languages. **polyglottal**, **polyglottic**, **polyglottous**, *a.*

polygon

n. many-sided plane figure. **polygonal**, *a.*

polygraph

n. device for recording simultaneously bodily activities such as pulse rate, blood pressure, etc., especially to detect lies. **polygraphic**, *a.*

polygyny

n. marriage of man to several wives at once. **polygynist**, *n.* **polygynous**, *a.*

polyhedron

n. many-sided solid figure. **polyhedral**, *a.*

polyhidrosis

n. excessive perspiration.

polyhistor

n. person of exceptionally wide knowledge; polymath.

polylith

n. prehistoric monument of many stones. **polylithic**, *a.*

polymath

n. person of wide learning. **polymathic**, *a.* **polymathy**, *n.*

polymer

n. a compound of the same elements in the same proportion by weight, but of different molecular weights. **Polymeric**, *a.* **Polymerize**, *v.t.* change into polymeric compound, especially one of higher molecular weight and different properties.

polymorphic, polymorphous

a. having many forms or functions. **Polymorphism**, *n.*

polypythy

n. use of many plots in one story. **Polypythic**, *a.*

Polyneuritis

n. neuritis of many nerves simultaneously. **Polyneuritic**, *a.*

polynomial

a., n. Mathematics, (expression) of more than one term; *Biology*, (name) of more

than three terms.

polyonymy

n. use of many names for same thing; use of polynomial term or name.
polyonymous, a.

polyopia

n. multiple vision. *Polyopic, a.*

polyp

n. hollow-bodied, tentacled marine invertebrate, as coral, sea-anemone, etc.
small growth on mucous membrane. *Polypoid, polypous a.*

polyphagia

n. eating of excessive amount, or many different kinds, of food. *Polyphagic,
Polyphagous, a. Polyphagy, n.*

polypharmacy

n. treatment with many medicines for same disease. *Polypharmacón, n.
medicine containing many ingredients.*

polyphony

n. Music, composition in separate, but simultaneous and harmonizing, parts;
counterpoint; Phonetics, use of one symbol for several sounds. *Polyphonic, a.
Polyphonist, n.* composer of polyphony.

polyphyletic

a. having more than one original type. **polyphylyesis**, *n.* such descent.

polyploid

a.,n. (cell, individual, generation) having more than twice the basic number of chromosomes.

polypnea

n. rapid breathing. **polypneic**, *a.*

polypod

a.,n. many-legged (animal).

polypragmatist

n. busybody. **polypragmatism**, *n.*

polypsychic

a. having several souls. **polypsychism**, *n.*

polypus

n. (*pl. -pi*) nasal, etc., polyp.

polyseme

n. word with many meanings. **Polysemantic**, *a.* **Polysemous** *a.* having many

meanings. **polysemy**, *n.*

polystachious

a. many-spiked.

polystichous

a. in several rows.

polystomatous

a. many-mouthed.

polystyle

a.,n. (building) with many columns.

polysyllable

n. many-syllabled word. **polysyllabic**, *a.* being or using polysyllables.

polysyndeton

n. rhetorical device of repeating conjunction for emphasis. **polysyndetic**, *a.*

polysynthetic

a. of languages where whole phrases are combined into one word.

polythalamous

a. having many chambers.

polytheism

n. belief in several gods. **polytheist**, *n.* **polytheistic**, *a.*

polytocous

a. bringing forth many young at once.

polytomous

a. divided into several parts. **polytomy**, *n.*

polyunsaturated

a. (of vegetable & animal fats) having many double and triple chemical bonds, and without cholesterol.

polyuria

n. excessive urination. **polyuric**, *a.*

polyvalent

a. *Chemistry*, having multiple valency; *Medicine*, effective against more than one toxin or strain of micro-organism. **polyvalence**, *n.*

polyvinyl

n. denoting a group of plastics used as adhesives, for waterproofing, insulating, etc.

pomace

n. crushed apples in cider-making. **pomaceous**, *a.* pertaining to apples or similar fruit.

pomatum

n. hair pomade.

pomelo

n. fruit like a grapefruit; shaddock.

pomfret

n. large black marine food fish.

pomiculture

n. fruit growing. **pomiform**, *a.* apple-shaped. **pomology**, *n.* science of fruit growing.

poncho

n. simple kind of cloak with slit for head.

ponderable

a. having weight; capable of being evaluated; *n.* substantial thing.

ponderability, *n.* **ponderal**, *a.* pertaining to weight. **ponderous**, *a.* weighty; heavy.

pone

n. card player on dealer's right, who cuts the cards.

ponerology

n. division of theology dealing with evil.

pongée

n. thin, soft silk from China, naturally coloured beige or tan; cotton or rayon imitation of this.

pons

n. (*pl. pontes*) 'bridge'. **pons asinorum**, 'bridge of asses'; test of ignorant person's ability. **pontine**, *a.*

pood

n. weight, equivalent of 36 lb.

pooja

see **puja**.

popliteal

a. pertaining to the back of the knee.

popple

v.i. (of water) bubble, toss, heave; flow tumbling over rocks.

porbeagle

n. voracious Atlantic and Pacific shark.

porcine

a. pertaining to or like pigs.

porism

n. geometric proposition that it is possible, in certain conditions, for a problem to have any number of solutions.

porogamy

n. fertilization of seed plants. **porogamic**, **porogamous**, *a.*

porphyry

n. rock composed of crystals in purple-coloured matrix; any rock of like composition. **porphyritic**, *a.* **porphyrogenitic**, *a.* royal-born. **porphyrogenitism**, *n.* succession to throne of son born after his father's accession in preference to elder son not so born.

porraceous

a. like leek in colour.

porrect

a. stretched at length.

porrigo

n. scalp disease causing baldness. **porriginous**, *a.*

portamento

n. (pl. -ti), gliding movement in music from one note to another.

portend

v.t. bode, foreshadow; signify. **portent**, *n.* portentous, *a.*

portfolio

n. case for carrying papers; office of cabinet minister. **minister without portfolio**, cabinet minister not having charge of a state department.

portière

n. curtain covering door or across doorway.

portmanteau

n. travelling trunk that opens into two equal parts.

portreeve

n. formerly, in England, mayor.

poseur

n. (fem. -euse), person who poses or pretends; affected person.

posit

v.t. postulate.

positivism

n. *Philosophy*, doctrine excluding everything not an observable natural phenomenon.

positron

n. positively charged atomic particle of same mass as electron, emitted by transuranic elements and found in cosmic rays.

posology

n. study of medical doses. **posologist, n.**

posset

n. hot spiced drink of milk and wine.

'possum

see opossum.

post

prep. 'after'. **post bellum**, after the war. **post diem**, after the appointed day. **post factum**, after the event; late; retrospective. **post hoc**, after this. **post hoc ergo propter hoc**, after this therefore on account of this; fallacy that because one event follows another the second must be caused by the first. **post meridiem**, after noon (*abbr.* p.m.). **postmortem**, *a.* after death; *n.* examination of dead body to determine cause of death. **post-obit**, *a.* following death; becoming effective after death. *n.* *Law*, bond given promising to repay a loan after the death of specified person, from whom the borrower expects a legacy. **post partum**, after childbirth. **post rem**, after the thing or matter.

postament

n. pedestal; frame.

postcenal

a. post-prandial.

postcibal

a. after a meal.

postconnubial

a. after marriage.

postdiluvian

a. after the flood.

posteen

n. Afghan leather jacket.

poste restante

n. department of post office holding letters until called for.

posterity

n. later generation(s); one's descendants.

postern

n. archaic, back door.

postexilic

a. after exile, especially after Babylonian captivity of Jews.

posthumous

a. after person's death; born after father's death; published after author's death.

posthuma, n. pl. posthumous writings.

postiche

a.,n. artificial or spurious (thing); false (hair); (ornament) added, especially inappropriately, to finished thing.

postil

n. note in margin; comment.

postilion, postillion

n. person who rides near horse of those drawing coach etc. and acts as guide to the whole team.

postjacent

a. posterior.

postlude

n. concluding piece of music as at end of church service; closing phase of period, literary work, etc.

postmundane

a. after the (end of the) world.

postnatal

a. after birth. **postnati**, *n.pl.* (*sing. - tus*) persons born after a certain event.

postprandial

a. after dinner.

postrorse

a. turned, or bent, backwards.

posttonic

a. after accent or accented syllable.

postulate

v.t. require or assume as necessary or true; *n.* assumption; necessary condition; axiom. **postulant**, *n.* candidate for religious order. **postulation**, *n.* **postulatory**, *a.*

postvocalic

a. after a vowel.

potable

a. drinkable; *n.* beverage.

potamic

a. pertaining to rivers. **potamology**, *n.* study of rivers.

potation

n. act of drinking; drinking bout; thing drunk. **potatory**, *a.*

pot-au-feu

n. 'pot on fire'; stew of vegetables and meat.

poteen, potheen

n. illicitly distilled Irish whisky.

potential

a. possible; latent; having power to become; *n.* *Electricity*, degree of electrification; work done in bringing a unit positive charge to a point from infinity. **potential difference**, voltage. **potentially**, *n.* potentiate, *v.t.* make possible.

potentiometer

n. instrument measuring electromotive force or potential difference by comparison with a known voltage.

potomania

n. dipsomania.

potpourri

n. mixture of dried petals & spices to scent a room; miscellany of music or literature, etc.; medley.

pottle

n. half-gallon (pot).

Poujadist

n. denoting a right-wing bourgeois political movement in France in the 1950s led by Pierre Poujade.

poulard

n. sterilized or fat pullet.

poult

n. young fowl, especially turkey.

poult-de-soie

n. finely corded silk fabric.

pounce

n. fine powder formerly spread on writing paper to arrest running of ink; powder for tracing perforated design, or such design.

poundal

n. unit of force: force imparting to one pound mass acceleration of one foot per second.

pour ainsi dire

'so to speak'.

pourboire

n. tip; gratuity.

pourparler

n. preliminary or informal discussion.

pour rire

'for laughing'; not serious.

pou sto

n. 'where I may stand'; place to stand; basis; locus standi.

practice

n. (period of) exercise to develop a skill; condition of having such a skill through exercise; application of a skill, etc. as opposed to theory; customary action or proceeding; procedure; professional business and clientele of a doctor, lawyer, etc. (*as distinct from practise*)

practise

v.t. do regular exercises (in); be engaged in (a profession); *v.t.* perform habitually; carry out in practice; *v.i.* take advantage of. (*as distinct from practice*) **practised**, *a.* experienced; expert. **practising**, *a.* active as. **practitioner**, *n.* person who practises a profession, skill, etc.

praedial, predial

a. of land, farming, etc.

praetor

n. ancient Roman magistrate of high rank. **praetorian**, *a.* pertaining to praetors; belonging to or forming Roman emperor's bodyguard.

pragmatic(al)

a. matter-of-fact; practical; dogmatic. **pragmatic sanction**, decree of head of state having force of law. **pragmatism**, *n.* Philosophy, doctrine emphasizing practical bearing or value of philosophy. **pragmatist**, *n.* **pragmatize**, *v.t.* materialize; represent as factual.

praline

n. sweetmeat made of sugar and nuts.

prandial

a. pertaining to or at dinner.

pratincoleous

a. inhabiting meadows.

praxinoscope

n. instrument with mirrors in which a series of moving drawings appear as a continuously moving picture; early form of cinematograph.

praxis

n. practice (of profession, science, etc.) as opposed to theory; accepted practice.

preadamic

a. before Adam. **preadamite**, *n.* person living before Adam; believer in such persons.

preagonal

a. immediately preceding death throes. **preagony**, *n.* such period.

preamble

n. preface; introduction. **preambulation**, *n.* making a preamble. **preambulatory**, *a.*

prebend

n. Ecclesiastical, stipend of member of chapter. **prebendal**, *a.* **prebendary**, *n.* holder of prebend.

Precambrian

a., n. (of) earliest geological era.

precative, precatory

a. beseeching.

precentor

n. (fem. -tress, -trix) leader of singing. precentorial, a.

precept

n. rule of conduct; law; command. preceptive, a. preceptor, n. (fem. -ress) teacher. preceptual, a. conveying precept(s).

precession

n. preceding. **precession of equinoxes**, westward movement of equinoctial points, bringing equinox to meridian earlier every day. **precessional**, *a.*

preciation

n. determination of value or price.

precinct

n. ground belonging to ecclesiastical or other building; surroundings; (*American*), police-district.

preciosity

n. excessive elegance, especially of literary style.

precipitate

a. hasty, abrupt; falling away steeply;

precipitous

a. like a precipice; precipitate.

précis

n. summary; *v.t.* summarize.

precisian

n. person excessively devoted to minute observance of rules. **precisionism**, *n.*
precisive, *a.* separating; defining; exact.

preclude

v.t. make impossible in advance.

precocial

a. applied to birds having downy young, able to run immediately they are hatched.

preconize

v.t. proclaim; publish publicly. **preconization**, *n.*

predacious, predaceous

a. pertaining to preying; living on prey. **predacity**, *n.*

predatory

a. pertaining to or living by plundering; destructive. **predation**, *n.* **predative**, *a.*

predella

n. (*pl. -le*) platform for altar; work of art on predella.; portable altar or decoration on it; shelf behind altar.

predial

a. see **praedial**.

predicable

a., n. affirmable (thing); attribute. **predicability**, *n.*

predicate

v.t. affirm; preach; state; *n.* attribute affirmed; *Grammar*, part of sentence containing statement about subject. **predicant**, *n.* & *a.* preaching (friar). **predication**, **predicator**, *n.* **predicative**, **predicatory**, *a.*

predilection

n. preference.

preemption

n. first right to purchase; appropriation. **preemptive**, *a.* pertaining to preemption; seizing for oneself by preventing others from acting. **preemptor**, *n.* **preemptory**, *a.*

preexilian, preexilic

a. before exile, especially Babylonian captivity of Jews.

prehensile

a. capable of or adapted for grasping. **prehensity**, **prehension**, *n.* **prehensive**, **prehensorial**, **prehensory**, *a.*

prelapsarian

a. pertaining to time before Man's fall.

prelect

v.i. deliver lecture. **prelection**, *n.* lecture. **prelector**, *n.* lecturer.

premiate

v.t. give prize or premium for.

première

n. first performance. **première danseuse**, first or leading dancer (female).

premise

n. (*British also premiss*) proposition, condition or statement from which conclusion is drawn; thing previously stated; *v.t.*, set out before, or as preface; presuppose.

premolar

a.,n. (tooth) in front of molars, or between molars and canines.

premorse

a. bitten off short; as if bitten off.

premundane

a. before creation of world.

prenarial

a. pertaining to or in front of nostrils.

prenatal

a. before birth.

prepense

a. deliberate; premeditated.

prepollent

a. predominant.

prepotent

a. very or more powerful; predominant. **prepotency**, *n.*; *Biology*, propensity for transmitting certain heritable characteristics.

preprandial

a. before dinner or eating a meal.

prepsychotic

a. having predisposition to mental disorder.

prepuce

n. foreskin. **preputial, *a.***

prerogative

n. right or power peculiar to a person or office.

prerupt

a. abrupt; steep.

presage

v.t. portend; give a warning of; *n.* portent; foreboding. **presageful, *a.***

presbycousis

n. hardness of hearing in old age. **presbyophrenia, *n.*** loss of memory in old age. **presbyopia, presbytia, *n.*** long-sightedness in old age.

prescience

n. foreknowledge; foresight. **prescient, *a.***

prescind

v.i., v.t. abstract or separate (oneself). **prescision, *n.***

prescribe

v.t. ordain; direct; order; confine; outlaw. **prescript**, *n.* & *a.* (thing) prescribed. **prescription**, *n.* act of prescribing; thing prescribed; establishment of claim by proof of long use or exercise of right. **prescriptive**, *a.* prescribing; based on long use; customary; traditional.

presentient

a. having premonition.

presidial

a. presidential.

presimian

a. before occurrence of anthropoid apes.

prestidigitator

n. juggler; conjuror. **prestidigitate**, *v.i.* perform juggling or conjuring tricks. **prestidigitation**, *n.*

prêt-à-porter

a. French, 'ready to wear'; (of clothes) off the peg.

preterhuman

a. beyond what is human.

preterite

a. **Grammar**, signifying past time; aorist; *n.* such tense. **preterition**, *n.* passing over or omission.

preterlabent

a. flowing by.

pretermit

v.t. omit; neglect; interrupt. **pretermision**, *n.*

pretone

n. syllable or vowel before accented syllable. **pretonic**, *a.*

pretzel

n. a dry, salted biscuit of figure-8 or similar shape.

prevenient

a. preceding; anticipating; having foresight; preventing. **prevenience**, *n.*

prevernal

a. flowering or foliating early.

prevocalic

a. before a vowel.

prevoyant

a. having foresight. **prevoyance**, *n.*

priapic, priapean

a. pertaining to Priapus, Greek god of male reproductive power; phallic.
priapism, *n.* obscenity; obscene act; persistent erection of penis.

prie-dieu

n. praying-desk.

prima facie

'at first sight'; on the face of it; enough to cause fact to be presumed true.

primate

n. Ecclesiastical, archbishop; Zoology, member of highest order of mammals.
primatial, *a.*

primavera

n. spring (season).

primipara

n. (*pl. -rae*), woman bearing first child, or having borne only one child.
primiparous, *a.* **primiparity**, *n.*

primitiae

n. pl. pl. first fruits; annates. **primitial**, *a.*

primogeniture

n. principle of inheritance by eldest child; state of being eldest child.
primogenial, *a.* first to be formed; original. **primogenital**, **primogenitory**, *a.*
primogenitor, *n.* ancestor.

primordial

a. pertaining to, or having existed from, beginning; in original form; first; primary. **primordially**, *n.*

primum mobile

in ancient astronomy, outermost sphere of heaven bearing fixed stars.

primus inter pares

(*fem. prima-*) 'first among his/her equals'.

princeps

n. chief, headman; first edition of book.

principal

a. chief; main; *Finance*, relating to a capital sum lent or invested; *n.* head, especially of a school, college, etc.; leading actor, singer or orchestral player; *Law*, person for whom another acts as agent; person responsible for a crime; *Finance*, capital sum as opposed to interest or income; main rafter or girder; combatant in a duel. (*as distinct from principle*)

principle

n. fundamental truth or law; law of nature, physics, etc.; fundamental source; code of personal conduct; morality; (*pl.*) moral standards or rules. (*as distinct from principal*) **in principle**, in theory; essentially. **on principle**, on moral or ethical grounds. **principled**, *a.* based on moral principles.

prion

n. minute micro-organism thought to cause some diseases of the nervous system.

pristine

a. primitive; ancient; unspoiled.

privateer

n. privately owned ship commissioned by government to attack enemy vessels; captain or seaman of privateer.

privative

a. depriving; signifying negation or deprivation; *n.* such prefix (as *un-*) or suffix (as *-less*).

privity

n. private knowledge; connivance.

proa

n. kind of Malay sailing boat.

proairesis, proaeresis

n. deliberate choice.

probate

n. proving of a will.

probative, probatory

a. substantiating; testing. **probate**, *n.* proving of a will.

probitry

n. integrity of character.

pro bono publico

'for the public good'.

proboscis

n. (*pl. -cises or - cides*) long snout; prominent nasal organ. **proboscidal**, **proboscidiform**, *a.* like a proboscis. **proboscidate**, **proboscidial**, **proboscidiferous**, *a.* having a proboscis. **proboscidean**, **proboscidian**, *n.* & *a.* (animal) with proboscis.

probouleutic

a. pertaining to prior discussion and deliberation.

procacious

a. insolent. **procacity** *n.*

procatalectic

a. with unaccented part of first metrical foot lacking.

procathedral

n. parish church used as cathedral.

procelesmatic

a. exhorting; encouraging; *n.* metrical foot of four short syllables.

procellous

a. stormy.

procephalic

a. pertaining to front of head.

procès-verbal

n. official report or memorandum; minutes of meeting.

prochronism

n. error of assigning to an event a date before its real date.

procidence

n. prolapse. **procident**, *a.*

proclinate

a. directed forward.

proclitic

a. applied to naturally unaccented words dependent for pronunciation and accent on following word; *n.* such word. **proclisis**, *n.* such pronunciation.

proclivity

n. tendency; natural bent. **proclivitous**, *a.* steep. **proclivous**, *a.* bending forward at an angle.

procrastinate

v.i. delay or defer action; be dilatory. **procrastination**, **procrastinator**, *n.* **procrastinative**, **procrastinatory**, *a.*

procreate

v.t. produce young. **procreation**, **procreator**, *n.* **procreant**, procreative, *a.*

Procrustean

a. ruthlessly enforcing conformity to a policy etc. without regard for individual

differences.

procryptic

a. pertaining to or having protective coloration. **procrypsis**, *n.*

proctal

a. pertaining to or near anus or rectum. **proctoclysis**, *n.* injection of fluid into rectum. **proctology**, *n.* medical study of anus and rectum.

proctor

n. disciplinary officer of university. **proctorship**, *n.* **proctoral**, **proctorial**, *a.*

procumbent

a. lying flat; trailing along ground.

procurator

n. governor of territory; agent; manager of another's affairs. **procuratorial**, *a.*

procurer

fem. (*fem. -ess*) (person) supplying women to brothels, etc.

prodigal

a. wasteful; extravagant; lavish; generous; *n.* such person; spendthrift. **prodigality**, *n.*

prodigy

n. marvel; extraordinary thing or person. **prodigious**, *a.* extraordinary, especially in size.

prodrome

n. symptom appearing before setting in of disease. **prodromal**, **prodromic**, *a.* **prodromus**, *n.* prefatory work.

proem

n. preface. **proemial**, *a.*

proemptosis

n. addition once in every three centuries of one day to lunar calendar.

proethnic

a. prior to division into smaller ethnic groups.

profligate

a. immoral; dissolute; *n.* such person. **profligacy**, *n.*

profluent

a. flowing, abundant; exuberant. **profluence**, *n.*

pro forma

'according to the form'; as a matter of form or formality.

progamic

a. before fertilization. **progamete**, *n.* germ or sperm cell.

progenitive

a. reproductive. **progenital**, *a.* **progenitor**, *n.* (*fem.* -tress, - trix) ancestor.

progeny

n. offspring

progeria

n. premature senility.

progesterone

n. female reproductive hormone.

prognathism

n. state of having projecting jaws. **prognathic**, **prognathous**, *a.*

prognosis

n. (*pl.* -ses) forecast, especially of development of disease. **prognostic**, *a.* **prognosticate**, *v.t.* predict; presage.

projectile

n. thing thrown forwards; self-propelling missile; *a.* pertaining to this; thrusting or projecting forwards.

proficient

a. projecting; communicating between organism and its surroundings.

prolapse, prolapsus

n. falling (of bodily organ) forward or downward, especially of the uterus.

prolate

a. having flattened sides due to lengthwise elongation.

prolegomena

n. pl. pl. (sing. -non) introductory remarks. **prolegomenist**, *n.* **prolegomenous**, *a.*

prolepsis

n. (pl. -ses) rhetorical device of weakening objections by anticipating them; use of adjective that anticipates result of verb; prochronism; assumption. **proleptic**, *a.*; *Medicine*, recurring at decreasing intervals. **proleptical**, *a.* prehistoric. **proleptics** *n.* prognosis.

proletariat

n. working classes. **proletarian**, *n.* & *a.* (member) of proletariat.

prolide

n. killing or killer of own offspring. **prolicidal**, *a.*

proliferate

v.i., v.t. produce (offspring, cells or buds) in large numbers at short intervals; grow by such reproduction of parts. **proliferation**, *n.* **proliferative**, **prolific**, **proliferous**, *a.*

proligerous

a. bearing offspring.

prolix

a. long-winded; verbose. **prolixity**, *n.*

prolocutor

n. presiding officer; chair, especially of lower house of convocation.

prolusion

n. preliminary trial; tentative introductory essay. **prolusory**, *a.*

Promethean

a. pertaining to Prometheus, Greek god who brought fire to human beings; original, creative; life-enhancing; *n.* such person.

promiscuous

a. mixed in haphazard fashion; indiscriminate. **promiscuity**, *n.* such mixing or mixture; indiscriminate sexual activity.

promissory

a. promising. **promissory note**, written promise to pay sum of money; I.O.U.

promulgate

v.t. publish; announce; put into action. **promulgation**, **promulgator**, *n.*

promuscis

n. proboscis, especially insect's. **promuscidate**, *a.* having this.

pronation

n. turning of hand and forearm so that palm is downward; procumbency. **pronator**, *n.* muscle used in pronation.

prone

a. lying face down.

pronograde

a. walking with body parallel to ground.

pronominal

a. pertaining to a pronoun.

prooemium

n. proem. **prooemiac**, *a.*

propaedeutic(al)

a. preliminary, especially of instruction; *n.* introductory part of science or art; preliminary course of study. **propaedeutics**, *n.* preliminary instruction.

propensity

n. natural inclination or tendency.

prophylactic

a., n. preventive against disease; protective. **prophylaxis**, *n.* such knowledge, act or treatment.

propinquity

n. nearness.

propitiate

v.t. appease; conciliate. **propitiatory**, *a.* propitiation, *n.* act of propitiating; expiatory sacrifice.

proplasm

n. mould; preliminary model.

propolis

n. resin of tree buds collected by bees; bee glue. **propolize**, *v.t.* cement with this.

proponent

n. proposer; person arguing in favour of something.

propound

v.t. put forward for consideration.

proprioceptor

n. sense organ receptive to stimuli from within the body. **proprioceptive**, *a.* **proprioception**, *n.*

proprio motu

'by one's own motion'; of own initiative. **proprio vigore**, 'by (its) own force'; independently.

proptosis

n. prolapse of eyeball.

propugnation

n. obsolete, defence.

pro rata

'in proportion'.

pro re nata

'for the thing born'; to meet an emergency.

proreption

n. *obsolete*, slow secret advance; creeping attack.

prorogue

v.t. end session (of Parliament); postpone (meeting). **prorogation, *n.***

prosaic

a. like prose; common-place. **prosaist *n.*** such a person.

proscenium

n. part of stage before curtain.

proscribe

v.t. outlaw; prohibit; condemn as harmful. **proscription, *n.*** **proscriptive, *a.***

proselyte

n. convert, especially to Jewish faith. **proselytic**, *a.* **proselytize**, *v.i. & t.*
proselytism, *n.*

prosenchyma

n. supporting plant tissue containing little protoplasm. **prosenchymatous**, *a.*

prosilient

a. jumping forth; conspicuous.

prosit

'may it do good'; good health!

prosody

n. study or art of versifying, especially of metre, rhyme and stanza-form; method of versifying. **prosodial**, **prosodic**, *a.*

prosopic

a. pertaining to face. **prosopography**, *n.* description of face. **prosopopoeia** *n.* personification; speaking or acting as if by imaginary or absent person.

prospice

'look forward'.

prostaglandin

n. hormone-like compound found in body tissues of mammals.

prostate

a. applied to gland at head of urethra in men, discharging mucoid fluid.
prostatic, *a.* prostatism, *n.* disease of prostate gland.

prosthesis

n. (pl. -ses,) replacement of lost part of body with artificial substitute; addition of sound at beginning of word. **prosthetic, *a.* prosthetist, *n.*** branch of surgery or dentistry dealing with provision of artificial body parts. **prosthetics, *n.*** **prosthodontics, *n.*** provision of artificial teeth etc.

prostitute

v.t. debase for gain; make bad use of.

prostyle

a.,n. (building) with columns in front only.

protagonist

n. principal character in play, etc.; supporter; contender.

protandry

n. development of male organs before female to avoid self- fertilization.
protandric, protandrous, *a.*

protanopia

n. colour blindness towards red. **protanope**, *n.* **protanopic**, *a.*

protasis

n. introductory and explanatory part of drama; subordinate clause in conditional sentence. **protatic**, *a.*

protean

a. pertaining to or like Roman god Proteus, who was able to assume any shape; versatile.

protégé

n. (*fem.* -ée *pron.* same) person under another's protection, or in whose career another takes an interest.

protein, proteid

n. organic compound of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen, with other elements, essential to life in food and as part of every living cell.
proteinaceous, proteinous, *a.*

pro tempore

'for the time (being)'. (*abbr.* **pro tem.**).

protensive

a. extensive in time or lengthwise. **protensity**, *n.*

proteogenous

a. derived from protein. **proteolysis**, *n.* disintegration of protein. **proteose**, *n.* substance derived from protein in digestion.

proteranthous

a. with flowers appearing before leaves.

proterty

n. petulance.

prothalamion, prothalamium

n. (*pl.*) -mia), song in honour of a marriage.

prothesis

n. addition of a sound to beginning of a word.

prothorax

n. front segment of thorax.

protocanonical

a. pertaining to the first canon of the bible.

protocol

n. preliminary draft of treaty; collection of formulae; rules of procedure and etiquette of state ceremonies, diplomatic exchanges, etc.

protogalaxy

n. hypothetical cloud of gas from which present galaxies are thought to have formed.

protopgenic

a. *Geology*, formed at beginning.

protograph

n. holograph.

protogyny

n. development of female organs before male to avoid self- fertilization.
protogynous, a.

protolithic

a. pertaining to earliest Stone Age.

protomartyr

n. first martyr.

protomorphic

a. primitive.

proton

n. positively charged particle of atom nucleus.

protonotary, prothonotary

n. Roman Catholic, official keeper of canonization records and signatory to papal bull.

protopathic

a. pertaining to reception by nerves, etc. of only coarse stimuli such as heat, pain, etc.; pertaining to such nerves.

protophyte

n. unicellular plant. **protophytic**, *a.*

protoplasm

n. essential semi-fluid living substance of cells. **protoplasmal**, **protoplasmatic**,
a. **protoplast**, *n.* first-formed person or thing; original ancestor; protoplasmic content of cell. **protoplastic**, *a.*

protrophic

a. feeding directly on uncombined elements.

prototype

n. original model or type. **prototypal**, **prototypic(al)**, *a.*

protozoa

n. pl. pl. (sing. -zoon) the microscopic unicellular animals. **protozoal**, *a.* **protozoan**, *n.* **protozoology**, *n.* study of these.

protreptic

a. hortatory; doctrinal.

protrusile

a. able to be thrust forward (as a frog's tongue).

provection

n. carrying forward of sound at end of word to beginning of next (as a *newt* from original form *an ewt*).

proveditor

n. purveyor of supplies.

provedore, providore

n. proveditor; steward.

provenance

n. source; origin. **provenience**, *n.* **provenient**, *a.* issuing forth.

provident

a. prudent, far-sighted; thrifty. **providential**, *a.* lucky, opportune.

proviso

n. stipulation. **provisory**, *a.*

provost

n. mayor; head of cathedral or college. **provost marshal**, head of military police.

proxenete

n. procurer; marriage broker.

proxime accessit

'(he or she) came nearest'; *n.* competitor next to prize-winner.

proximo

adv. Now rare of next month (*abbr. prox.*).

proxy

n. authority giving person power to vote, etc. on behalf of another; such an authorized person.

pruinose

a. bearing whitish dust; hoary. **pruinescence**, *n.* **pruinous**, *a.*

prurient

a. having indecent desires; lascivious; curious about lewd subjects. **prurience, *n.***

prurigo

n. skin disease with small itching pustules. **pruriginous**

pruritus

n. (condition of) itching of skin. **pruritic, *a.***

psaltery

n. ancient zither-like musical instrument.

psammophyte

n. plant of arid, sandy soil. **psammophytic, *a.***

psellism

n. defective pronunciation.

psephology

n. scientific analysis of political elections and polls. **psephologist, *n.***

pseudaesthesia

n. pl. imaginary feeling, as of pain, etc.

pseudandry

n. use by woman of man's name as assumed name.

pseudaposematic

a. imitating in colour, etc., a dangerous animal.

pseudepigrapha

n. pl. spurious books supposed to be written by or about Biblical persons but not contained in Apocrypha. **pseudepigraphal**, *a.* **pseudepigraphic**, *a.* pertaining to pseudepigrapha or pseudepigraphy. **pseudepigraphous**, *a.* bearing wrong name; wrongly attributed. **pseudepigraphy**, *n.* mistaken attribution of works to wrong authors.

pseudoblepsia

n. false or imaginary vision.

pseudocarp

n. fruit, as apple, comprising more than mere seeds. **pseudocarpous**, *a.*

pseudochromaesthesia

n. mental association of sounds with colours. **pseudochromia**, *n.* false colour perception.

pseudochronism

n. error in date. **pseudochronologist**, *n.* person making this.

pseudocyesis

n. false pregnancy, with symptoms only.

pseudodox

a., n. false (doctrine or opinion).

pseudograph

n. spurious writing; forgery. **pseudographer**, *n.*

pseudogyny

n. use by man of woman's name as assumed name.

pseudohermaphroditism

n. congenital abnormality where internal sexual organs are of one sex, external ones the other, or characteristic of both.

pseudology

n. telling of lies. **pseudological**, *a.* wildly exaggerated or untrue. **pseudologue**, *n.* mania for lying.

pseudomonas

n. (pl. -ades) any of a genus of rod-like bacteria, many of which cause disease in plants or animals.

pseudomorph

n. false or abnormal form. **pseudomorphic**, pseudomorphous, *a.*
pseudomorphism, *n.* **pseudomorphose**, *v.t.* make into this. **pseudomorphosis**,
n.

pseudonym

n. assumed name. **pseudonymous**, *a.* **pseudonymity**, *n.*

pseudopodium

n. (*pl. -dia*), temporary projection of amoeba, etc. for use as foot or mouth.

pseudopsia

n. optical illusion.

pseudoscope

n. instrument producing images in reversed relief. **pseudoscopic**, *a.*
pseudoscopy, *n.*

pseudovum

n. (*pl. -va*) parthenogenetic egg.

psi

n. 23rd letter of Greek alphabet.

psilanθropy

n. denial of divinity of Christ. **psilanθropic**, *a.* **psilanθropism**, **psilanθropist**, *n.*

psilosɪs

n. falling of hair; sprue.

psittaceous

a. like or pertaining to parrot; belonging to parrot family of birds. **psittacine**, *a.* **psittacism**, *n.* parrot-like repetition in speech. **psittacosis**, *n.* contagious parrot disease, causing fever and pneumonia in humans.

psoas

n. loin muscle; tender-loin. **psoatic**, *a.*

psora

n. several itching skin diseases.

psoriasis

n. skin disease with white-scaled red eruptions. **psoriatic**, *n.* & *a.* (person) suffering from this.

psorophthalmia

n. scurfy inflammation of the eyes.

psoroptic

a. pertaining to scab mite.

psychaesthesia

n. sensation in relation to feeling and thought.

psychagogic

a. attractive; encouraging. **psychagogy**, *n.* psychiatric treatment by persuading patient to adopt an absorbing interest or life work.

psychalgia

n. mental pain or distress.

psychasthenia

n. acute apathetic neurasthenic condition. **psychasthenic**, *a.*

psyche

n. soul; ego; mind.

psychedelic

a. 'mind-expanding', denoting drugs or other stimulants producing a state of intensified sensual perception.

psychiatry

n. medical study and treatment of mental disorders. **psychiatrist**, *n.* expert in this. **psychiatric**, *a.*

psychic

a. pertaining to spirit or mind; having mediumistic powers. **psychical**, *a.* mental; psychic. **psychicism**, *n.* research on spiritualistic subjects; mentality.

psychoanalysis

n. treatment of neurotic persons by the analysis of their neuroses and revelation of their origins; system of such treatment, and body of theories related to it. **psychoanalyse**, *v.t.* treat patient in this way. **psychoanalyst**, *n.* psychoanalytic (al), *a.*

psychodrama

n. psychotherapeutic acting out, especially of situations from patient's earlier life.

psychodynamic

a. pertaining to psychological motives and causation.

psychogalvanic

a. pertaining to change in electrical resistance of skin resulting from mental processes which cause alterations in secretion of perspiration. **psychogalvanometer**, *n.* instrument measuring such electric change; lie detector.

psychogenesis

n. origin in internal or mental state. **psychogenetic**, *a.* psychogenetics, *n.* study of this. **psychogenic**, *a.* derived from the mind.

psychognosis, psychognosy

n. study of mentality or character. **psychognostic, a.**

psychogram

n. spirit message; psychological description of person; mental picture.
psychograph, n. instrument recording spirit messages; photographic plate recording spirit image. **psychography n.**

psychokinesis

n. maniacal fit due to inhibitions; psychical production of physical motion.

psycholepsy

n. period of intense nervous depression and apathy.

psycholinguistics

n. psychological study of language.

psychology

n. study of the mind; mental equipment or state of a person, etc. **psychological, a.** **psychologize, v.i. & t.** study psychology; explain in psychological terms.
psychologism, n. doctrine applying psychology to other subjects. **psychologist, n.**

psychomachy

n. conflict of the soul.

psychometer

n. instrument measuring duration and intensity of mental states.

psychometrics

n. design and use of psychological tests, including statistical techniques.
psychometry, *n.* measurement of mental aptitudes and intelligence; supposed ability to discover facts about events or people by touching objects relating to them. **psychometrist**, *n.*

psychomorphism

n. attribution of human mentality to inanimate objects. **psychomorphic**, *a.*

psychomotor

a. pertaining to physical action as immediate result of mental act.

psychonomics

n. psychology.

psychopannychism

n. belief in sleep of souls from death to bodily resurrection. **psychopannychist**, **psychopannychite**, *n.*

psychopathy

n. mental disorder. **psychopath**, *n.* dangerously violent person suffering from severe mental disorder. **psychopathic** *a.* **psychopathology**, *n.* scientific study of mental disorders.

psychophysics

n. study of relationship between mental and physical processes. **psychophysical**,
a. **psychophysicist**, *n.*

psychopomp

n. one who conducts souls of dead to afterworld, as Charon.

psychoprophylaxis

n. use of relaxation techniques, etc. to avoid or lessen pain in childbirth.

psychorrhagy

n. temporary sighting of soul separate from body.

psychosis

n. (*pl.* -ses) major mental disorder or disease.

psychosomatic

a. pertaining to mind and body as a whole; pertaining to physical disorder etc. caused by stress etc. **psychosome**, **psychosoma**, *n.* unit formed by mind and body.

psychosophy

n. doctrine concerning the soul.

psychotaxis

n. involuntary alteration of mental outlook for the satisfaction of the personality.

psychotechnology

n. practical use of psychology in solving problems etc. **psychotechnological**, *a.*

psychotheism

n. belief in pure spirituality of God.

psychotherapy

n. treatment of mental disease using psychological methods. **psychotherapeutic**,
a. **psychotherapeutics**, *n.* science of psychotherapy. **psychotherapist**, *n.*

psychotic

a.,n. (person) affected with psychosis; insane (person). **psychotomimetic**, *a.* (of drugs) bringing on psychotic behaviour.

psychotoxic

a. damaging to the mind, especially of such addictive drugs.

psychotropic

a. (of drug) acting on the mind.

psychrometer

n. wet and dry bulb hygrometer. **psychrometry, *n.***

psychrophile

n. plant thriving in cold. **psychophilic, *a.***

psychophobia

n. dread of cold.

psychophyte

n. alpine or arctic plant.

psychurgy

n. mental energy or function.

ptarmic

a.,n. (substance) causing sneezing.

ptarmigan

n. kind of northern grouse with white winter plumage and feathered feet.

pteric

a. alar.

pteridium

n. (*pl. -ia*) bracken. **pteridography**, *n.* description of ferns. **pteridology**, *n.* study of ferns. **pteridophyte**, *n.* fern.

pterocarpous

a. with winged fruits.

pterodactyl

n. extinct featherless flying reptile. **pterodactylian**, **pterodactylic**, **pterodactylid**, **pterodactylyous**, *a.* **pterodactyloid**, *a.* like a pterodactyl.

pterography

n. treatise on or description of feathers. **pterographic(al)**, *a.* **pteropaedes**, *n. pl.* birds capable of flying soon after hatching.

pteropid

a., n. (pertaining to) fruit bat.

pteropod

n. small swimming mollusc, often shell-less. **pteropodan**, *a.*

pterospermous

a. with winged seeds.

pterygium

n. (*pl. -ia*) fleshy growth over inner corner of eyeball, common in old age; overgrowth of cuticle. **pterygial**, *a.*

pterygoid

a. wing-like.

pterygote

a., n. (any) of a subclass of insects, comprising winged insects, fleas, etc.

pterylosis

n. arrangement of bird's feathers. **pteryiology**, *n.* study of this. **pteryla** *n.* (*pl. -iae*), any of the feathered areas of a bird's body.

ptilosis

n. plumage; loss of eyelashes.

ptisan

n. kind of barley-water; tisane.

ptochocracy

n. government by the poor.

ptomaine

n. poisonous alkaloid in decaying matter. **ptomainic**, *a.*

ptosis

n. prolapse; drooping of eyelid. **ptotic**, *a.*

ptyalin

n. enzyme, acting on starch, of saliva. **ptyalagogue**, *n.* substance promoting salivation. **ptyalism**, *n.* salivation, especially excessive.

puberty

n. time of reaching sexual maturity. **pubertal**, *a.*

puberulent

a. covered with minute down.

pubes

n. lower abdominal region; hair growing in that region. **pubic**, *a.* **pubigerous**, *a.* hairy. **pubis**, *n.* (*pl.* - *bes*) fore-bone of pelvis. **pubescent**, *a.* reaching or having reached puberty; covered with soft down; *n.* youth at puberty. **pubescence**, *n.*

pucka

a. see **pukka**.

pudency

n. modesty; prudery. **pudenda**, *a.* pertaining to reproductive organs.

pudendum, *n.* (*pl.* - *da*) external reproductive organ, especially of female.
pudibund, *a.* bashful; prudish. **pudic**, *a.* pudenda . **pudicity**, *n.* modesty; chastity.

pueblo

n. town; native tenement house of New Mexico.

puerile

a. childish. **puerilism**, *n.* childish conduct. **puerility**, *n.* puericulture, *n.* bringing up of children; antenatal care.

puerperal

a. pertaining to childbirth. **puerperium**, *n.* condition immediately following childbirth.

pug

n. any of a breed of small dog with flattened, unwrinkled nose; such a nose; footprint of wild animal. *v.t.* plug or pack with clay etc.; knead clay with water.

pugnacious

a. eager to fight; belligerent.

puisne

a. inferior; junior.

puissant

a. powerful. **puissance**, *n.*

puja, pooja

n. Hindu rite or act of worship.

pukka

a. good; sound; reliable; genuine.

puku

n. red Central African antelope.

pulchritude

n. physical beauty. **pulchritudinous**, *a.*

pulicine

a. pertaining to fleas. **pulicose**, **pulicous**, *a.* infested with fleas. **pulicosity**, *n.* such infestation. **pulicid**, *n.* & *a.* **pulicide**, *n.* substance killing fleas. **pulicoid**, *a.* flea- like.

pullulate

v.i. sprout forth; bud; teem. **pullulant**, *a.* **pullulation**, *n.*

pulmogastric

a. pertaining to lungs and stomach.

pulmometry

n. measurement of lungs' capacity.

pulmonary

a. pertaining to or like lungs; having lungs. **pulmonate**, *a.* having lungs. **pulmonic**, *a.* pulmonary; affecting lungs; pneumonic; *n.* medicine for, or person with, lung disease.

pulque

n. Mexican fermented drink made from agave.

pulsar

n. a heavenly body emitting radio pulses of extreme regularity.

pulsatile

a. vibrating; pulsating; *Music*, percussive; *n.* percussion instrument. **pulsatility**, *n.*

pulsatilla

n. pasqueflower.

pulsimeter

n. pulse-measuring instrument.

pultaceous

a. pulpy; like porridge.

pultun, pultan

n. native infantry regiment.

pulverize

v.t. reduce to powder or fragments; grind; smash. **pulveraceous**, pulverous, pulverulent, *a.* covered with dust; dusty; crumbling into dust. **pulverulence**, *n.*

pulvillus

n. pad on feet of flies.

pulwar

n. light flat-bottomed Indian river boat.

pumpernickel

n. kind of rye bread.

punaluan

a. pertaining to primitive group marriage of a number of brothers to a number of sisters.

puncheon

n. large cask, with capacity of seventy gallons; engraved punch or die; short upright timber for load-bearing.

punctate

a. like or ending in a point; like a dot; bearing spots; pitted. **punctal**, *a.* like a point. **punctatim**, (*Latin*) *adv.* 'point for point'. **punctuation**, *n.* **puncticular**, puncticulate, *a.* bearing small spots. **punctiform**, *a.* point-like.

punctilio

n. small point or detail of conduct; close observance of such points. **punctilious**, *a.*

punctulate

a. bearing small spots. **puncture**, *n.* small spot. **punctuation**, *n.*

pundigrion

n. obsolete, play on words; pun.

pundit

n. learned man, especially Hindu; critic, authority. **punditry**, *n.*

pungent

a. having sharp, bitter flavour or acid smell; incisive, caustic (of wit etc.); *Botany*, ending in a sharp point. **pungency**, *n.*

puniceous

a. bright or purplish red.

punitive

a. pertaining to or inflicting punishment. **punitory**, *a.*

punk

n. decayed wood; tinder made from dried fungus impregnated with saltpetre.

punkah

n. large fan, especially moved by rope. **punkah-wallah**, *n.* servant moving this.

punnet

n. shallow fruit basket.

punto

n. hit as in fencing.

pupa

n. (pl. -ae) quiescent stage of insect's development between larval and adult stages; chrysalis. **pupal**, *a.* **pupiform**, *a.* like a pupa. **pupate**, *v.i.* pass chrysalis stage. **pupation**, *n.*

pupillage

n. state of being a pupil or under age. **pupillary**, *a.* pertaining to pupil or guardianship; pertaining to pupil of eye.

purblind

a. half-blind; dull-witted; obtuse.

purdah

n. curtain concealing some Indian women of high birth; system of concealing such women from public gaze.

purée

n. pulpy mixture; boiled and sieved food; thick soup.

purfle

v.t. ornament edges of, especially with embroidery; *n.* such edge or trimming.
purfling, n.

purgatory

n. place of suffering or purification; *Roman Catholic*, state intermediate between death and Heaven where sin is punished. *purgatorial, a.*

puriform

a. like pus.

Purim

n. Jewish festival (14th day of Adar) celebrating deliverance of Jews from Haman.

purl

v.i. (of stream etc.) ripple along, murmuring; *n.* this sound; a knitting stitch; gold or silver thread; decorative, often lacy, border.

purlicue

n. space between extended thumb and index finger; curl or flourish in writing; summary of speeches; peroration; *pl.* caprices.

purlieus

n. pl. neighbourhood; suburb(s).

purport

n. conveyed or implied meaning; *v.t.* profess, seem to mean.

purpresture

n. wrongful seizing of, or encroachment on, other's or common land.

purpura

n. any of several blood diseases causing purplish patches on skin. **purpura haemorrhagica**, purpura with severe haemorrhage; similar fever of horses.

purpureal, purpureous

a. purple. **purpurescent**, *n.* becoming or somewhat purple. **purpurogenous**, *a.* causing purple colour.

pur sang

'pure blood'; *a.* pure-blooded.

pursuivant

n. official of College of Heralds inferior to herald.

pursy

a. short-winded, especially because stout.

purulent

a. pertaining to, containing or discharging pus. **puruloid**, *a.* like pus. **purulence**, *n.*

purview

n. scope or range of operation; range of vision or comprehension.

pusillanimity

n. cowardice; mean-spiritedness. **pusillanimous**, *a.*

pustule

n. pus-containing pimple. **pustulant**, *n.* & *a.* (medicine) producing pustules. **pustular**, **pustulatous**, **pustulose**, **pustulous**, *a.* **pustulate**, *v.i.* & *t.*

putamen

n. fruit stone; membrane lining eggshell. **putaminous**, *a.*

putative

a. supposed; believed.

putid

a. worthless; fetid.

putrefy

v.i., v.t. rot; decay; fester. **putrefacient**, putrefactive, *a.* pertaining to or causing putrefaction; *n.* such thing. **putrefaction**, *n.* **putresce**, *v.i. & t.* **putrescent**, *a.* decaying; tending to decay. **putrescence**, *n.* **putrid**, *a.* decayed; fetid; morally corrupt. **putrilage**, *n.* thing decaying; products of decay. **putrilaginous**, *a.*

Putsch

n. rebellion; rising.

puttee

n. long strip of cloth wound round lower leg, especially as part of army uniform.

putti

n. pl. pl. (sing. -to) figures of naked children or cherubs in art.

pyaemia, pyemia

n. blood-poisoning accompanied by widespread abscesses. **pyaemic**, **pyemic**, *a.*

pyarthrosis

n. suppuration in joint.

pycnometer

n. kind of bottle for measuring specific gravities or densities. **pycnomorphic**, **pycnomorphous**, *a.* (of nerve cells) compact.

pyedog

n. stray or pariah dog.

pyelitis

n. inflammation of the kidney outlet.

pygal

a. pertaining to rump. **pygalgia**, *n.* pain in rump.

pyic

a. pertaining to or discharging pus.

pyknic

a. short, stocky, often fat (person).

pylon

n. towered gateway; any tower-like erection.

pylorus

n. opening from stomach into intestine. **pyloric, *a.***

pyoderma

n. any skin disease resulting in pustules and/or pus.

pyoid

a. pus-like. **pyogenic, *a.*** producing pus. **pyorrhoea, *n.*** discharge of pus, especially in inflammation of tooth sockets. **pyosis, *n.*** suppuration.

pyracanth

n. small white-flowered red-berried evergreen shrub; firethorn.

pyranometer

n. instrument measuring solar radiation.

pyrenocarp

n. drupe. **pyrenocarpous, *a.***

pyrethrum

n. chrysanthemum-like garden plant; kind of insect powder.

pyretic

a. pertaining to fever. **pyrosis**, *n.* heartburn. **pyretogenic**, *a.* inducing fever. **pyretology**, *n.* medical study of fevers. **pyretotherapy**, *n.* medical treatment by causing fever.

pyrexia

n. fever. **pyrexial**, **pyrexic**, *a.*

pyrgeometer

n. instrument measuring radiation from earth.

pyrgoidal

a. tower-shaped.

pyrheliometer

n. instrument measuring sun's heat. **pyrheliometric**, *a.* **pyrheliometry**, *n.*

pyridine

n. nitrogenous base used as antiseptic, etc. **pyridic**, *a.*

pyriform

a. pearshaped.

pyrite(s)

n. sulphide of a metal with metallic appearance. **pyritic(al)**, *a.* **pyritiferous** ,*a.* yielding pyrites. **pyritize**, *v.t.* convert into pyrite(s). **pyritoid**, *a.* like pyrite(s). **pyritology**, *n.* study of pyrites.

pyroelectricity

n. electric charge produced in some crystals by temperature changes.

pyrogen

n. substance inducing fever. **pyrogenesis**, *n.* production of heat. **pyrogenation**, *n.* subjection to heat. **pyrogenic**, **pyrogenous**, *a.* due to heat or fever.

pyrogномic

a. easily made incandescent. **pyrognostic**, *a.* pertaining to, of characteristics produced by, heat, especially as shown by blowpipe analysis.

pyrography

n. tracing of designs by burning; 'poker work'. **pyrographer**, *n.* **pyrographic**, *a.* **pyrogravure**, *n.* design traced by pyrography.

pyrolatry

n. fire-worship. **pyrolater**, *n.*

pyroligneous

a. produced by action of heat on wood.

pyrology

n. study of heat or fever and its effects. **pyrological**, *a.* **pyrologist**, *n.*

pyrolysis

n. decomposition due to heat. **pyrolytic**, *a.*

pyromachy

n. use of fire in fighting.

pyromancy

n. divination by flames or fire. **pyromancer**, *n.* **pyromantic**, *a.*

pyromania

n. mania for setting fire to things. **pyromaniac**, *n.* **pyromaniacal**, *a.*

pyrometer

n. instrument measuring very high temperatures. **pyrometric**, *a.* **pyrometry**, *n.*

pyrophanous

a. becoming transparent when heated.

pyrophobia

n. dread of fire.

pyrophorus

n. (*pl. -ri*) substance igniting when exposed to air. **pyrophoric**, **pyrophorous**, *a.*

pyroscope

n. kind of optical thermometer or pyrometer.

pyrosis

n. heartburn.

pyrostat

n. automatic fire-alarm and extinguisher; thermostat.

pyrotechnics, pyrotechny

n. manufacture or display of fireworks. **pyrotechnic(al)**, *a.* **pyrotechnist**, *n.*

pyrotoxin

n. pyrogen.

pyrrhic

n. ancient Greek war dance; metrical foot of two short syllables; *a.* pertaining to such dance or foot, or to Pyrrhus, king of Epirus. **Pyrrhic victory**, victory like that of Pyrrhus of Epirus over Romans in 279 BC., when his army sustained tremendous losses; fruitless victory.

Pyrronian

a. pertaining to Pyrrho, Greek sceptic philosopher of 4th century BC; extremely sceptical. **Pyrrhonism**, *n.*

pyrrhotism

n. red-hairedness.

pythogenic

a. due to or causing dirt or decay. **pythogenesis**, *n.* **pythogenetic**, *a.*

pythonic

a. like a python; like an oracle. **pythonism**, *n.* possession by oracular spirit; prophecy. **pythoness**, *n.* female seer; prophesying priestess at oracle of Apollo. **pythonist**, *n.* soothsayer.

pyx

n. vessel for reservation of Eucharist; box containing specimens of newly- minted coins. **trial of the pyx**, test for weight, etc., of newly- minted coins.

qua

prep. conj. 'as'; in capacity of.

quad

abbreviation of quadrat; *v.t.* fill with quadrats.

quadra

n. plinth; square frame.

quadragenerian

a., n. (person) in from fortieth to fiftieth year.

Quadragesima

n. first Sunday of Lent. **Quadragesimal**, *a.* pertaining to Lent; consisting of forty, especially consisting of, or lasting, forty days.

quadragintesimal

a. in forty parts; forty-fold.

quadral

a. in four parts.

quadrant

n. quarter of circumference of circle; instrument for measuring altitudes.
quadrantal, *adj.*

quadrat

n. small square area or block, especially used as space in printing (*abbr. quad*).

quadrate

v.i., v.t. square; agree; make to agree; *n. & a.*, square; oblong; *Astronomy*, distant 90° from each other. **quadratic**, *a.* square; applied to algebraic expression containing square but no higher power of unknown quantity; *n.* such equation. **quadratics**, *n.* algebra dealing with quadratic equations. **quadrature**, *n.* problem or act of finding square with area equal of another known figure; act of determining areas; *Astronomy*, relation of quadrate heavenly bodies.

quadrel

n. small block (of stone, wood etc.).

quadrennial

a. lasting four years; occurring every fourth year; *n.* fourth anniversary. **quadrennium**, *n.* (*pl.* -nia) period of four years.

quadricentennial

a., n. (pertaining to) four hundredth anniversary.

quadriceps

n. thigh muscle extending leg.

quadrifid

a.

quadriform

a.

quadriga

n.

quadrigamist

n.

quadrigeminal, quadrigeminous

a.

quadrilateral

a., n.

quadrilin

n.

quadrilingual

a.

quadrilateral

a., n.

quadrille

n.

quadrillion

n. a million trillions (10^{21}); (*American & French*) a thousand trillions (10^{15}).

quadrumum

n. best or oldest wine. **quadrumum merum**, four- year-old wine.

quadrinomial

n. (expression) consisting of four terms. **quadrinomial**, *a.*

quadripartite

a. pertaining to or for four parts or parties. **quadripartition**, *n.*

quadriplegia

n. paralysis of all four limbs.

quadrisection

v.t. divide into four equal parts. **quadrisection**, *n.*

quadrisyllable

n. word of four syllables. **quadrisyllabic**, *a.*

quadrivalent

a. having valency of four.

quadrivial

a. leading in four directions; pertaining to meeting of four ways.

quadrivium

n. (pl. -ia) higher division of seven liberal arts studied in Middle Ages: arithmetic, music, astronomy, geometry.

quadrivoltine

a. having four broods in one year; *n.* such creature.

quadroon

n. child of white and mulatto parents, having one-quarter black ancestry.

quadrual

a., n. (number) denoting four.

quadrumanous

a. (of apes, etc.) with all four feet adapted for use as hands.

quadruped

a., n. four-footed (mammal). **quadrupedal**, *adj.*

quaestor

n. ancient Roman public treasurer or assistant military commander. **quaestorial**, *a.*

quaestuary

a., n. archaic, (person) in business for profit, or having profit as sole aim.

quaff

v.t. drink deeply; drink in long draughts; *n.* a long draught.

quagga

n. extinct zebra-like wild ass of S Africa.

quagmire

n. patch of boggy ground; predicament. **quaggy**, *a.*

quale

n. (pl. -lia) thing having quality; sensation considered in virtue of its own quality alone; quality having independent existence.

quant

n. punting pole; *v.t.* propel with quant.

quantulum

n. small quantity.

quantum

n. (pl. -ta) large, necessary or allotted amount; share; unit of energy in quantum theory. **quantum leap**, sudden, momentous advance or breakthrough; *Physics*, abrupt transition from one energy level to another. **quantum theory**, theory that atoms emit or absorb energy by steps, each of which is the emission or absorption of a discrete amount of energy (the quantum).

quaquaversal

a. dipping in all directions; dome-like.

quarantine

n. time for which, and place where, ships, persons or animals suspected of infection are isolated; *v.t.* place in quarantine.

quarender, quarenden

n. kind of dark red apple.

quark

n. hypothetical sub-atomic entity with fractional electric charge, the supposed material from which hadrons are built up.

quartan

a. (fever) recurring after approximately seventy-two hours.

quarto

n. book size made by folding sheet into four leaves: **foolscap quarto**, $8\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{3}{4}$ in; **crown quarto**, $10 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ in; **demy quarto**, $11\frac{1}{4} \times 8\frac{3}{4}$ in; **royal quarto**, $12\frac{1}{2} \times 10$ in; **imperial quarto**, 15×11 in (*abbr.* **4to**).

quasar

n. a heavenly body, from 4,000 million to 10,000 million light years distant, that is a powerful source of radio energy: *abbreviation* of quasi-stellar radio source.

quasi

adv. as if; seemingly; in a manner.

quassia

n. drug obtained from certain tropical American trees, used as tonic, insecticide, etc.

quatercentenary

n. four-hundredth anniversary.

quaternary

n. four; set of four; *a.* in four parts; in sets of four; *Geology*, applied to period following Tertiary. **quaternion**, *n.* set of four; *Mathematics*, quotient of two vectors, or factor changing (by multiplication) one vector into another. **quaternity**, *n.* state of being fourfold.

quatorzain

n. 14-line poem; sonnet.

quatrain

n. stanza of four lines.

quatrefoil

n. any figure like leaf or flower with four leaflets. **quatrefoliated**, *a.*

quattrocento

n. 15th century.

quean

n. virago; lewd woman; (*Scottish*) unmarried woman or girl.

quebracho

n. several tropical American trees and their timber or bark.

quenelle

n. fish or meat forcemeat ball.

quenouille

a. applied to training of trees, etc., into cone-like outline.

quercetum

n. oak plantation.

querimony

n. complaint. **querimonious, a.**

quern

n. hand-power grinding mill.

querulent

a., n. habitually and abnormally suspicious (person). **querulous, a.** peevish; fretful; complaining.

question extraordinaire

n. n. final or severest torture.

quidam

somebody; unknown person.

quiddity

n. quintessence; equivocation; triviality. **quidditative, a.**

quidnunc

n. gossiper; inquisitive person.

quid pro quo

n. 'what for which'; equivalent; thing given in return.

quiescent

a. resting; dormant. **quiescence, quiescency, n.**

quietism

n. kind of mysticism in which indifference to world is obtained by passive contemplation of divinity; passivity. **quietist, n.**

quietus

n. receipt; release; act of dispatching or disposing of; knock-out or fatal blow; death.

qui-hi

n. Anglo-Indian call for a servant.

quillet

n. archaic, quibble; small tube.

quinary

a. pertaining to or comprising five; in fives; *Mathematics*, having five as base.

quincentenary

n. (pertaining to) five hundredth anniversary.

quincunx

n. four corners and centre of rectangle; arrangement of five things in those positions. **quincuncial**, *a.*

quindecagon

n. 15-sided plane figure. **quindecasyllabic**, *a.* having 15 syllables.
quindecennial, *a.* pertaining to 15 years.

quinquagenarian

a., n. (person) in from fiftieth to sixtieth year. **quinquagenary**, *a.* fifty-year-old;
n. 50th anniversary.

Quinquagesima

n. Sunday before Lent. **Quinquagesimal**, *a.* pertaining to fifty days.

quinquennial

a. lasting five years; occurring every fifth year. **quinquennium**, *n.* (*pl.* -nia)
period of five years.

quinsy

n. severe inflammation of tonsils and throat.

quintain

n. object, or target, tilted at; tilting at quintain.

quintal

n. hundredweight; 100 lb; metric unit of 100 kg.

quintan

a. (fever) recurring after five days (*i.e.* every fourth day).

quintant

n. instrument having arc of fifth part of circumference of circle for taking altitudes.

quintessence

n. purest essence. **quintessential**, *a.*

quintic

a. *Mathematics*, of or pertaining to fifth degree.

quintillion

n. a million quadrillions (10^{30}); (*American & French*) a thousand quadrillions (10^{18}).

quintroon

n. child of white and octroon.

quipu

n. device of knotted cords, used by Incas of Peru to calculate or order information.

quire

n. two dozen sheets of paper.

Quirinal

n. Italian court or government.

quisling

n. traitor collaborating with enemy occupiers of his or her country.

quitrent

n. small nominal rent commuting feudal services.

qui vive

n. 'who goes there?' on the qui vive, on the alert.

quixotic

a. idealistic; altruistic; unpractical. **quixotism, quixotry, n.**

quod erat demonstrandum

'which was to be demonstrated' (*abbr.* Q.E.D.). **quod erat faciendum**, 'which was to be done' (*abbr.* Q.E.F.).

quodlibet

n. 'what you like'; moot or subtle point; fruitless or pedantic argument.

quod vide

(*pl.* *quae vide*) 'which see' (*abbr.* q.v.; *pl. abbr.* qq.v.).

quoин

n. angle; wedge; cornerstone.

quondam

a. 'formerly'; *a.* former.

quorum

n. minimum number of members whose presence is necessary at a meeting; select body of persons. **quorate**, *a.*

quota

n. due share; amount allowed to be imported from a certain country.

quotidian

a. daily; *n.* fever recurring daily.

quotient

n. answer of division sum.

quo vadis

'whither goest thou?'

rabbet

n. groove into which projection fits; frame against which door, etc., closes; *v.t.* cut such groove; join with a rabbet.

rabbinical

a. pertaining to rabbis and Talmud; denoting a kind of simplified Hebrew alphabet. *rabbinism, n.* teaching of rabbis and Talmud.

rabboni

n. 'my great master', as title of respect.

Rabelaisian

a. pertaining to or like the coarse, uproarious humour of François Rabelais (16th century French writer).

rabid

a. furious; fanatical; mad; pertaining to rabies. **rabidity**, *n.*

rabies

n. infectious madness in dogs; hydrophobia. **rabic**, **rabietic**, *a.* **rabific**, **rabigenic**,
a. causing rabies. **rabiform**, *a.* like rabies.

raccoon

n. squirrel-like animal of N America and Mexico, and its fur.

raceme

n. kind of inflorescence with flowers borne on footstalks up a central stem, as in lily of valley. **racemiferous**, *a.* bearing racemes. **racemiform**, *a.* like raceme. **racemose**, **racemous**, *a..*

rach(e)

n. dog hunting by scent.

rachis

n. (*pl. -ides*) spine; central axis. **rachialgia**, *n.* pain in spine. **rachidian**, *a.* **rachiform**, *a.* like rachis. **rachiometer**, *n.* instrument measuring spinal curvature.

rachitis

n. inflammation of spine; rickets. **rachitic**, *a.* pertaining to or having rachitis. **rachitogenic**, *a.* causing rachitis.

rackrent

n. reasonable rent, equivalent of two-thirds or more of annual value of building for which it is paid; *popularly* excessive rent.

raconteur

n. (*fem. -euse,*) anecdote-teller.

racoons

n. see **raccoon**.

radectomy

n. removal of part of tooth root.

radical

a. pertaining to, like, deriving from or striking at root; fundamental; extreme; *Mathematics*, pertaining to radix; *n.* root; fundamental principle; advocate of radical, especially socialistic, policy; basic constituent of chemical compound; group of atoms replaceable by single atom. **radical sign**, *Mathematics*, sign indicating extraction of root.

radicel

n. rootlet.

radicle

n. rootlike organ or part; *Botany*, portion of seed developing into root; *Chemical*, radical. **radicolous**, *a.* living on roots. **radicular**, *a.* **radiculitis**, *n.* inflammation of nerve root. **radiculose**, *a.* having many rootlets.

radioastronomy

n. *n.* branch of astronomy studying the sources of radio waves reaching earth from outer space.

radiocarbon

n. radioisotope of carbon, especially carbon-14. **radiocarbon dating**, estimation of age of organic matter by measuring carbon-14 content.

radiodontia

n. making and study of X-ray photographs of teeth. **radiodontic**, *a.* **radiodontist**, *n.*

radio galaxy

n. galaxy that is a strong source of radio waves.

radiogenic

a. produced by radioactive decay; suitable for radio broadcasting.

radiogoniometer

n. radio direction-finding apparatus. **radiogoniometry**, *n.*

radiogram

n. telegram transmitted by radio; combined gramophone and radio receiver; radiograph.

radiography

n. making and study of X-ray photographs. **radiograph**, *n.* X-ray photograph or image. **radiographer**, **radiographic(al)**, *a.*

radio-heliograph

n. arrangement of radio-telescopes for receiving and recording the radio waves emitted by the sun.

radioisotope

n. radioactive isotope; radioactive form of an element.

radiology

n. science of X-rays and their medical application. **radiological**, *a.* **radiologist**, *n.*

radiolucent

a. penetrable by X-rays.

radiometer

n. instrument measuring energy emitted by radioactive substance, or sun's radioactivity. **radiometric**, *a.* **radiometry**, *n.*

radiomicrometer

n. n. instrument measuring intensity of radioactivity.

radionuclide

n. a radioactive nuclide.

radiopaque

a. not allowing passage of X-rays. **radiopacity, *n.***

radiopraxis

n. medical use of radioactivity.

radioscope

n. instrument detecting radioactivity. **radioscopy, *n.*** examination of opaque bodies by X-rays.

radiosonde

n. radio transmitter, borne into and from upper atmosphere by balloon and parachute, sending out information on atmospheric conditions.

radio-telescope

n. device, often a large parabolic reflector, for receiving and focusing radio waves from outer space.

radiotherapy

n. medical treatment by X-rays. **radiotherapeutics, *n.*** **radiotherapist, *n.***

radiotropism

n. direction of growth by radioactivity. **radiotropic**, *a.*

radium

n. rare radioactive metallic element found in pitchblende, etc. **radium-therapy**,
n. medical treatment by radium.

radix

n. (*pl. -dices*) root; *Mathematics*, base of a numerical system, as 10 is of decimal system.

radome

n. protective housing for radar antenna.

radon

n. gaseous emanation of radium.

radula

n. (*pl. -iae*) rasp- like toothed band of tissue in mollusc's mouth. **radular**, *a.* **radulate**, *a.* having radula. **raduliform**, *a.* rasp-like.

raga

n. traditional melody used as basis for improvisation in Indian music; piece based on raga.

ragout

n. highly seasoned stew of vegetables and meat.

rail

n. *Ornithology*, kind of small crane-like wading bird. **land rail**, corncrake.

rais

n. chief; captain.

raison d'être

n. *n.* 'reason for being'; justification for existence. **raison d'état**, 'reason of state'.

raisonné

a. systematically arranged; ordered.

raj

n. rule. **raja**, *n.* prince; king; ruler. **rajpoot**, *n.* member of N Indian ruling caste.

rule

n. sound symptomatic of disease heard in auscultation.

ralliform

a. like the rails (birds). **ralline**, *a.* pertaining to rails.

ramage

n. boughs of tree. **ramal**, **rameal**, *a.* pertaining to branch.

ramekin, ramequin

n. small baking dish or mould for individual portion; food cooked in such dish.

ramellose

a. having small branches.

ramentaceous

a. bearing, like or consisting of small shavings or chaffy scales. **ramental**, *a.* **ramentiferous**, *a.* bearing such scales. **ramentum**, *n.* (*pl.* - *ta*) shaving; chaffy scale on young ferns.

rameous

a. ramal.

ramex

n. hernia.

ramie

n. fibre-yielding E Asiatic plant; its fibre, used in manufacture of gas-mantles, etc.; China grass.

ramiferous

a. bearing branches. **ramiform**, *a.* branch-alike.

ramify

v.i. branch out; make complex. **ramification**, *n.*

ramoneur

n. chimney-sweep.

ramose

a. branched. **ramous**, *a.* ramose; ramiform.

rampant

a. *Heraldry*, rearing up on hind legs; fierce; dominating; exuberant; unrestrained; rank; *Architecture*, having one abutment higher than other. **rampancy**, *n.*

rampion

n. kind of campanula with root used in salad.

ramsons

n. pl. kind of garlic with root used in salad.

ramulus

n. (*pl.* -*li*) small branch. **ramular**, *a.* **ramuliferous**, *a.* bearing ramuli. **ramulose**, *a.* having many ramuli.

ramus

n. (*pl.* -*mi*) branch, especially of nerve; barb of feather; mandible.

rana

n. prince.

ranarium

n. (*pl.* -*ia*) place for rearing frogs.

rand

n. mountains flanking river valley; unit of S African currency. **the Rand**, gold-mining district about Johannesburg.

randan

n. boat for three oarsmen, *viz.* one sculler with two oars in middle and an oarsman with one oar fore and aft; such style of rowing. **randem**, *adv.* with three horses in single file.

ranee, rani

n. queen or princess; wife of rajah.

rangiferine

a. pertaining to or like reindeer; belonging to animal genus containing reindeer.

ranine

a. pertaining to or like frogs; belonging to subfamily of amphibians including frogs. **raniform**, *a.* frog-like.

ranula

n. (*pl.* -*iae*) small cyst on tongue. **ranular**, *a.*

ranunculaceous

a. pertaining to or like buttercups; belonging to buttercup family of plants.
ranunculus, *n.* (*pl.* - *li*) buttercup, especially cultivated.

rapacious

a. greedy; obtaining by extortion; predacious; ravenous. **rapacity**, *n.*

rapine

n. pillaging.

rapparee

n. irregular soldier; vagabond.

rappee

n. kind of strong snuff.

rapport

n. relationship, especially harmonious. **en rapport**, (*French*) 'in rapport'.

rapprochement

n. resumption of or improvement in relations between countries or persons.

raptorial, raptatorial, raptatory

a. predatory; pertaining to birds of prey.

raptus

n. trance; rapture; seizure.

rara avis

n. n. (pl. rarae aves) 'rare bird'; any unusual person or thing, especially of excellence.

rarefy

v.t. make thin, rare or tenuous. **rarefaction, n.**

ras

n. headland; Abyssinian prince.

rasorial

a. scratching ground for food; pertaining to domestic fowls.

ratafia

n. almond-flavoured liqueur or biscuit.

ratel

n. badger-like S African and Indian animal.

Rathaus

n. (pl. -häuser,) town hall.

ratify

v.t. confirm, approve formally. **ratification, n.**

ratihabition

n. ratification.

ratiocinate

v.i. reason; argue logically. **ratiocinant, a.** reasoning. **ratiocination, n.**
rationcinator, n. **ratiocinative, a.**

rationale

n. fundamental principles or reasons; logical basis.

rationalism

n. belief in truth and supreme power of reason; philosophical theory of reason as source of knowledge; deductive method. **rationalist**, *n.* **rationalistic**, *a.*

ratite

a. having flat breastbone; *n.* such flightless bird, as ostrich, emu, etc.

ratline

n. small rope forming rung of rope ladder.

rattan

n. kind of palm with long jointed stems used for walking-sticks, etc.

ratten

v.t. compel to obey trade union by damaging or depriving of machinery, tools, etc.

rauwolfia

n. tropical tree or shrub used as source of various drugs, especially reserpine.

ravelin

n. projecting out-work in fortification, having two embankments forming salient angle; 'half-moon'.

ravissant

a. (*fem. -e*) ravishing; causing rapture.

reagent

n. *Chemistry*, substance used in detecting, measuring, etc. other substances by their reaction with it.

realism

n. rationalism; acceptance of existing positions and things, and repudiation of idealism; truth to real life; *Philosophy*, doctrine of the separate and real existence of universal qualities, or of objects of cognition. **realist**, *n.* **realistic**, *a.*

Realpolitik

n. practical politics, especially belief that might is right. **Realpolitiker**, *n.* believer in Realpolitik.

realty

n. real estate, *i.e.* houses and land. **realtor**, *n.* *American* dealer in realty.

Réaumur

a. pertaining to temperature scale or thermometer having freezing point of water at 0° and boiling point at 80°.

rebarbative

a. repulsive.

rebec(k)

n. ancient three-stringed violin.

reboant(ic)

a. reverberating.

rebus

n. picture puzzle representing word.

recalcitrant

a., n. disobedient or stubborn (person). **recalcitrance, recalcitration, n.**

recalesce

v.i. liberate heat suddenly when cooling through certain temperature.
recalescent, a. recalescence, n.

recapitulate

v.t. repeat; summarize. **recapitulation, n. recapitulation theory**, theory that in its development an individual organism passes through all the stages of the history of the race to which it belongs. **recapitulative, recapitulatory, a.**

recension

n. revision; revised text. **recense, v.t.** make recension of.

recessional

a., n. (hymn) sung during withdrawal of clergy and choir at end of service; concluding voluntary.

réchauffé

a., n. warmed-up (dish); rehash.

recherché

a. refined; carefully done; curious; far-fetched; extravagant.

recidivism

n. state of returning habitually to crime. **recidivist**, *n.* **recidivate**, **recidive**, *v.i.* relapse; recur. **recidivous**, *a.*

reciprocal

a., n. mutual; complementary; interchangeable; *n.* *Mathematics*, expression the product of which and another is 1. **reciprocate**, *v.i.* & *t.* return equally; interchange; alternate; move backwards and forwards. **reciprocation**, **reciprocity**, *n.*

recision

n. rescission.

recitative

n. speechlike declamatory song in opera, oratorio, etc.

réclame

n. publicity.

recline

a. bending backwards or downwards.

recoct

v.t. cook again; concoct; improvise.

recognition

n. person's promise to court or magistrate to observe some obligation; sum of money as pledge of this.

recondite

a. concealed; abstruse; erudite.

reconnaissance

n. military survey of country, disposition of forces, etc.; act of spying out land.
reconnoitre, v.i. & t. make reconnaissance (of).

recreant

a., n. cowardly or renegade (person). *recreancy, n.*

recrement

n. redundant matter; dross; *Medicine*, secretion of body absorbed again by body.
recremental, *recremential*, *a.*

recriminate

v.i. make countercharge; utter mutual accusations or abuse. **recrimination**, *recriminator*, *n.* **recriminative**, *recriminatory*, *a.*

recrudesce

v.i. grow up or break out again. **recrudescence**, *recrudescency*, *n.*
recrudescent, *a.*

rectigrade

a. moving in straight line.

rectilinear

a. pertaining to or bounded by straight lines; rectigrade. **rectilineal**, *a.*
rectilinearity, *n.*

rectirostral

a. having straight beak.

rectiserial

a. in vertical ranks.

recto

n. right-hand page; front of printed or manuscript page.

rectrices

n. pl. pl. (sing. rectrix) quill feathers of bird's tail. **rectrial**, *a.*

rectum

n. last part of large intestine, leading to anus. **rectal**, *a.*

rectus

n. (pl. -ti) straight muscle.

recumbent

a. lying at ease. **recumbency**, *n.*

recusant

n. person refusing to obey command, especially to attend Anglican Church service; *a.* disobedient; nonconformist. **recusance**, **recusancy**, *n.*

redaction

n. preparing for publication; editing; new edition. **redactor**, *n.* **redatorial**, *a.*

redan

n. fieldwork in fortification, with two parapets making salient angle.

redhibition

n. cancellation of sale of defective article with its return to vendor. **redhibitory**, *a.*

redintegrate

v.t. make whole again; restore. **redintegration**, *n.*; *Psychology*, revival of whole of previous mental state at recurrence of part of it. **redintegrative**, *a.*

redivivus

a. living again.

redolent

a. smelling or smacking (of). **redulence**, **redolency**, *n.*

redoubt

n. fortification within an outwork.

reductio ad absurdum

n. n. 'reduction to absurdity'; proving a proposition by showing that its opposite is absurd; disproving a proposition by deducing from it an absurd conclusion; such conclusion.

reeve

n. chief magistrate; bailiff; *Canadian*, rural council's president; *Ornithology*, female ruff (bird); *v.t.* pass (rope) through ring; fasten by reeving.

refection

n. light meal; refreshment. **refectory**, *n.* dining room of monastery, college, etc.

reflet

n. lustre, irridescence, esp. on pottery.

reflex

a. turned back; reflected; resulting from reaction; *Psychology*, resulting directly, without conscious will, from a stimulus; *n.* reflected light, etc.; image; involuntary act. **conditioned reflex**, *Psychology*, reflex transferred to new or different stimulus. **reflex angle**, angle greater than 180° . **reflexive**, *a.* reflex; reflective; *Grammar*, signifying action directed or done to subject; *n.* *Grammar*, such verb or pronoun. **reflexology**, *n.* psychological theory of the reflex nature of all behaviour; treatment of illness and stress by massaging specific points on soles of feet. **reflexologist**, *n.*

refluent

a. flowing back or backward. **refluence**, *n.* **reflux**, *n.* reflux; *Chemistry*, boiling of liquid in flask with condenser attached to minimize evaporation; *v.t. & i.* boil (liquid) thus.

refract

v.t. deflect (ray of light etc.) on its passage from a medium to another of different density, with, usually, dispersion or splitting up of the ray; distort. **refraction**, *n.* **refractor**, *n.* **refrational**, **refractive**, *a.* **refractometer**, *n.* instrument measuring amount of refraction.

refractory

a. stubborn; disobedient; immune; *n.* material resistant to heat, corrosion, fusion, etc.

refrangible

a. capable of being refracted. **refrangent**, *a.* refracting.

refringent

a. refracting. **refringence, refringency, n.**

refulgent

a. brightly shining. **refulgence, n.**

refute

v.t. prove to be false or wrong. **refutation, n.** **refutative, refutatory, a.**

regalism

n. doctrine of supremacy of sovereign, especially in ecclesiastical matters.

regardant

a. *Heraldry*, in profile and looking to rear.

regelation

n. freezing again, especially of water from ice melted by pressure when pressure is relieved. **regelate, v.t. & i.**

regicide

n. killing or killer of king; person who signed death-warrant of Charles I of England, or Louis XVI of France. **regicidal**, *a.*

régime

n. system, especially of government.

regimen

n. system, especially of diet or way of life. **regiminal**, *a.*

regina

n. queen. **reginal**, *a.*

regius

a. royal. **regius professor**, one holding professorship founded by royalty.

reglementation

n. regulation.

regnal

a. pertaining to reign. **regnancy**, *n.* rule. **regnant**, *a.* reigning.

regurgitate

v.i. throw or pour back, or be thrown or poured back, especially from crop or

stomach into mouth; vomit. **regurgitant**, *a.* **regurgitation**, *n.*

Reichstag

n. German parliament (1867-1933) and parliament building.

reify

v.t. make concrete; materialize. **reification**, *n.*

reimburse

v.t. repay. **reimbursement**, *n.*

re infecta

'the matter being not completed'.

reis

n. chief; captain.

reiterate

v.t.; *may take a clause as object* repeat many times. **reiterant**, *a.* **reiteration**, *n.* **reiterative**, *a.*; *n.* word signifying repetition of action.

reive

v.i. rob; plunder; carry off. **reiver**, *n.*

rejectamenta

n.pl. pl. rejected things; excrement.

rejoinder

n. reply to an answer; *Law* defendant's reply to plaintiff's replication.

rejuvenate

v.t. become or make young again. **rejuvenescence**, rejuvenation, *n.*
rejuvenator, *n.*

relativity

n. **Physics**, principle, formulated by Einstein, and based primarily on the constancy of the velocity of light, denying the absoluteness of space and time and establishing time as 'fourth dimension'. **special theory of relativity**, as above. **general theory of relativity**, conclusions from special theory as it affects gravitation, which is identified with inertia and interpreted by the varying geometrical structure of the space in which masses are moving. **relativity of knowledge**, **Philosophy**, doctrine that knowledge is limited by nature of mind, which is unable to perceive the reality of, but only the relations between, objects.

relegate

v.t. banish; assign, especially to less important place or person. **relegation**, *n.*

relict

n. widow; survivor; *a.* pertaining to land bared by reliction. **reliction**, *n.*
recession of sea leaving land bare; land so left.

relegate

v.t. tie together; restrain. **religation**, n.

religious

a. excessively or sentimentally religious; over-pious. **religiosity**, n.

reliquary

n. container for holy relics.

reliquiae

n. pl. 'remains'. **reliquian**, a. **reliquism**, n. worship of relics.

reluctant

a. reflecting; fulgent.

reluctance

n. *Electricity*, magnetic resistance. **reluctivity**, n. amount of this.

rem

n. unit dose of ionising radiation, equal to that having the same biological effect as one röntgen of X-rays.

remnant

a. remaining; residual. **remanence**, n.

remiform

a. oar-shaped. **remigate**, *v.i.* row. **remiges**, *n. pl.* (*sing.* *remex*) quill feathers of bird's wing. **remiped**, *n.* & *a.* (creature) having legs or feet adapted for propelling it through water.

remigrate

v.i. migrate again; return. **remigrant** *n.* one who returns. **remigration**, *n.*

remontant

a.,n. (rose) flowering more than once in season.

rémoulade

n. cold sauce of mayonnaise flavoured with herbs, capers, etc.

renaissance

n. revival, especially of art, architecture and literature in 14th-16th centuries in Europe.

renal

a. pertaining to kidneys.

renascence

n. rebirth; revival; renaissance. **renascent**, *a.*

rencontre

n. meeting; encounter; duel.

rendezvous

n. meeting or meeting-place; assignation; *v.i.* meet by arrangement.

rendition

n. surrender; (manner of or item in) performance; interpretation.

renegade

n. deserter; turncoat; *a.* pertaining to a renegade or traitor; *v.i.* become a renegade.

renege

v.i. revoke (in card-playing); break promise.

reniform

a. kidney-shaped.

renitent

a. resisting; refractory. **renitence, renitency, n.**

rennet

n. contents or part of stomach, or preparation therefrom, of young animal, used to curdle milk. **rennin**, *n.* gastric enzyme curdling milk.

renography

n. treatise on or description of kidneys.

rentes

n. pl. pl. government stock, bonds, etc. **rentier**, *n.* owner of rentes; one living on income from investments; one living on fixed income.

renvoi

n. expulsion of alien from country; *Law*, referral of dispute to another jurisdiction.

reparation

n. compensation. **reparable**, reparative, *a.*

repatriate

v. t. restore to, or re-establish in, native land; *n.* repatriated person. **repatriation**, *n.*

repertoire

n. list of plays, pieces, etc., which company or person can perform; range or store of techniques, skills, capabilities, etc. **repertorial**, *a.* **repertory**, *a.* pertaining to or having a permanent acting company which plays through and continually adds to its repertoire; *n.* repertoire; repertory company; repertory theatre.

repetend

n. digit(s) repeated in recurring decimal; repetition of same or similar word in sentence; refrain.

replete

a. full. **repletion**, *n.* **replete**, *a.*

replevin

n. *Law*, repossession of goods wrongfully taken, with pledge to return them if defeated in lawsuit on the matter; writ or action in such case. **repleviable**, **replevisable**, *a.* **replevisor**, *n.* plaintiff in replevin action. **replevy**, *v.t.*

replica

n. exact copy, especially made by artist who made the original. **replicate**, *a.* folded back; repeated; *v.t.* fold back; repeat; reproduce. **replication**, *n.* making of replica; reply; echo; *Law*, reply of plaintiff to defendant's plea. **replicative**, *a.*

répondez s'il vous plaît

'reply, if you please' (*abbr.* R.S.V.P.).

repoussé

a. shaped in relief by being beaten up from under or reverse side; *n.* such artistic work. **repoussage**, *n.* art of doing such work.

reprehend

v.t. rebuke. **reprehensible**, *a.* deserving rebuke. **reprehension**, *n.*

reprehensive, *a.* rebuking.

reprehensible

a. deserving rebuke. **reprehension**, *n.* **reprehensive**, *a.* rebuking.

reprisal

n. securing of redress or compensation by violent measure; act of retaliation in same kind or to same degree as offence.

reprobate

v.t. rebuke; disapprove of; reject; abandon; *a.* sinful; depraved; *n.* hardened sinner. **reprobation**, *n.* **reprobative**, **reprobatory**, *a.*

reptant

a. creeping. **reptation**, *n.* **reptatorial**, **reptatory**, *a.*

repugn

vb. Archaic. oppose. **repugnance**, repugnancy, *n.* aversion; inconsistency; incompatibility. **repugnant**, *a.* distasteful; disgusting; contradictory; incompatible; resisting.

requiem

n. Mass or dirge for the dead.

requiescat

n. 'may he (or she) rest'; *n.* prayer for dead. **requiescat in pace**,, 'may he (or she) rest in peace' (*abbr.* R.I.P.).

reredos

n. screen behind altar; *erroneously*, choir screen.

rerum cognoscere causas

'to know the causes of things'.

rescind

v.t. cancel; revoke. **rescission**, *n.* **rescissory**, *a.*

rescript

n. decree; rewriting or rewritten thing. **descriptive**, *a.*

réseau

n. network, especially of lines on astronomical photograph.

resect

v.t. *Surgery*, remove part of organ. **resection**, *n.* such surgical operation; determination of position by drawing lines on map from two or more known objects.

reserpine

n. sedative drug.

res gestae

n. n. pl. 'things done'; matters incident to question in lawsuit.

residue

n. remainder. **residual, residuary**, *a.* pertaining to or receiving residue. **residuent**, *n.* by-product. **residuum, n.** (*pl. -ua*) residue. .

resile

v.i. draw back; return to first position or shape. **resilient, a.** elastic; recovering quickly from shock, illness, etc. **resilience, n.**

resipiscent

a. returning to one's senses, or to wiser course; reforming. **resipiscence, resipiscency, n.**

resorb

v.t. reabsorb. **resorbent, resorptive, a.** resorbence, **resorption, n.**

respirator

n. device worn over face to prevent inhalation of fumes dust, etc.; apparatus for artificial respiration. **respirometer, n.** apparatus for measuring breathing.

responses

n. pl. pl. first examination for B.A. degree at Oxford University.

ressala(h)

n. Indian native cavalry squadron. **ressaldar**, *n.* Indian native cavalry captain.

restaurateur

n. restaurant-keeper.

restive

a. fidgety; uneasy; obstinate; unmanageable; refusing to go forward.

résumé

n. summary; *v.t.* summarize.

resupinate

a. upside down. **resupine**, *a.* supine. **resupination**, *n.*

resurgam

'I shall rise again'.

resurgent

a. rising again. **resurgence**, *n.*

resuscitate

v.t. restore, or return, to life. **resuscitation**, *n.* **resuscitator**, *n.* **resuscitative**, *a.*

rete

n. (*pl.* **-tia**,, network; net. **retecious**, **retial**, **retiary**, *a.*

reticulate

v.t. mark with network-like lines; *a.* like network. **reticular**, *a.* net-like; intricate. **reticulation**, *n.* reticulate marking. **reticule**, *n.* handbag, especially of net. **reticulose**, *a.* reticulated. **reticulum**, *n.* (*pl.* **-la**) network; second stomach of ruminant. **retiform** *a.* net-like; reticulate.

retina

n. (*pl.* **-nae**) membrane at back of eye receiving image. **retinal**, *a.* **retinitis**, *n.* inflammation of retina. **retinoscopy**, *n.* examination of eye by observing changing light and shadow on retina.

retine

n. substance in animal tissue which retards tissue growth.

retinoid

a. like resin.

retortion

n. turning or twisting back; retaliation.

retrad

adv. backwards. **retrahent**, *a.* drawing back. **retral**, *a.* backward; at the back.

retrench

v.t. reduce; economize. **retrenchment**, *n.*

retribution

n. just punishment or reward; requital. **retributive**, **retributory**, *a.*

retro

adv. backwards.

retroact

v.i. act backwards or opposite; react. **retroaction**, *n.* **retroactive**, *a.* taking effect as from a previous date.

retrocede

v.i., v.t. go back or inwards; cede back. **retrocession**, *n.* **retrocessive**, *a.*

retrochoir

n. space in choir behind high altar.

retrograde

a. moving or directed backwards; deteriorating; *v.i.* move backwards; revert. **retrogress**, *v.i.* retrograde; degenerate. **retrogression**, *n.* **retrogressive**, *a.*

retroject

v.t. throw back. **retrojection**, *n.*; *Medicine*, washing of cavity from within.

retrometer

n. device for transmitting sound by modifying a beam of light.

retromingent

a., n. (animal) urinating rearwards.

retromorphosis

n. degenerative metamorphosis; change for the worse.

retrorocket

n. rocket with thrust directed in reverse direction to travel, used to slow down space craft.

retrorse

a. turned back or down.

retrospect

n. act of, or view seen on, looking back. **retrospection**, *n.* act of looking back to past. **retrospective**, *a.* pertaining to retrospection; retroactive.

retrostalsis

n. reversed peristalsis. **retrostaltic**, *a.*

retroussé

a. turned up (applied to nose only).

retrovert

v.t. turn back. **retroverse**, *a.* turned back. **retroversion**, *n.*

retrovirus

n. virus that synthesises DNA from RNA rather than the usual reverse.

retuse

a. having a blunt end with a central notch, as some leaves.

revalescent

a. convalescent. **revalescence**, *n.*

revalorize

v.t. restore to original value, especially such monetary unit.

revanche

n. revenge; desire to regain lost territory; favour done in return. **revanchism**, *n.* policy of aggressively seeking recovery of lost territory. **revanchist**, *n.*

revehent

a. carrying back.

reveille

n. signal to waken soldiers, sounded on drum or bugle.

revenant

n. person returning after supposed death or long absence; ghost.

revenons à nos moutons

'let us return to our sheep'; let us return to the subject in hand.

revers

n. tuned-back edge or part of garment.

revetment

n. masonry etc. facing of embankment or trench. **revet**, *v.t.*

revirescent

a. growing young or strong again. **revirescence**, *n.*

reviviscent

a. capable of causing revival. **reviviscence**, *n.*

revolute

a. rolled back, especially at edges.

rhabdomancy

n. divination by means of rod; water-divining. **rhabdos**, *n.* magic wand.

rhabdomyoma

n. tumour of striated muscle.

Rhadamanthus

n. in Greek mythology a judge of the souls of the dead; stern judge.
Rhadamanthine, *a.*

rhaebosis

n. curvature; bandiness.

rhamphoid

a. beak-shaped.

rhapontic

n. knapweed; rhubarb.

rhea

n. S American flightless bird like small ostrich.

rhema

n. word; verb. **rheme**, *n.* speech element expressing an idea. **rhematic**, *a.* pertaining to formation of words; derived from verbs. **rheumatology**, *n.* study of rhemes.

rheology

n. study of flow of matter. **rheometer**, *n.* instrument measuring or controlling currents. **rheophile**, *a.* living in running water. **rheophore**, *n.* wire connection of electrical apparatus. **rheoscope**, *n.* galvanoscope. **rheostat**, *n.* variable electrical resistor. **rheotaxis**, *n.* direction of movement by water. **rheotrope**, *n.* commutator reversing electric current. **rheotropism**, *n.* direction of growth by water.

rhesus

n. species of small Indian monkey. **rhesus factor**, agglutinating substance present in red blood cells of most human beings and higher animals. (*abbr. Rh*). **Rh-positive**, *a.* having blood containing the rhesus factor. **Rh-negative**, *a.* having blood which does not contain the rhesus factor and is liable to react unfavourably to its introduction.

rhetoric

n. art of effective expression in words; oratory; bombastic language. **rhetorical**, *a.* pertaining to rhetoric. **rhetorical question**, question used merely for effect and not expecting an answer. **rhetorician**, *n.*

rheum

n. watery discharge from eyes and nose. **rheumic**, **rheumy**, *a.* pertaining to or causing rheum; damp.

rhexis

n. rupture.

rhigosis

n. sensation of cold; ability to feel cold. **rhigotic**, *a.*

rhinal

a. nasal. **rhinalgia**, *n.* pain in nose. **rhinencephalon**, *n.* olfactory lobe of brain. **rhinenchysis**, *n.* injection into nose. **rhinitis**, *n.* inflammation of nose or its mucous membrane. **rhinodynia**, *n.* rhinalgia **rhinogenic**, **rhinogenous**, *a.* deriving from nose. **rhinolalia**, *n.* nasal speech. **rhinology**, *n.* medical study of the nose. **rhinophyma**, *n.* acne of the nose. **rhinoplasty**, *n.* plastic surgery of nose. **rhinorrhagia**, *n.* nose-bleeding. **rhinorrhoea**, *n.* continuous nasal catarrh. **rhinoscopy** *n.* medical examination of nose.

rhipidate

a. fan-shaped.

rhizanthous

a. with flowers emerging from root.

rhizocarpous

a. with perennial root, etc., but annual foliage and stems.

rhizogenic

a. root-producing. **rhizogenous**, *a.*

rhizoid

n. thin root-like filament of fern, etc.; *a.* root- like.

rhizome, rhizoma

n. root-like underground stem; root-stock. **rhizomatic**, **rhizomatous**, **rhizomic**,
a. **rhizomorphous**, *a.* root-like.

rhodocyte

n. red blood corpuscle.

rhomb(us)

n. equilateral oblique-angled parallelogram. **rhombic(al)**, **rhombiform**, *a.*
rhombohedron, *n.* (*pl.* -dra) six-sided prism with each face a parallelogram.
rhomboid, *n.* oblique- angled and non-equilateral parallelogram; *a.* like rhomb
or rhomboid.

rhonchus

n. whistling sound heard in auscultation. **rhonchial**, *a.*

rhotacism

n. mispronunciation or overuse of sound *r*. **rhotacize**, *v.i.* **rhotacistic**, *a.*

rhumb

n. point of compass; loxodrome.

rhyparography

n. painting or description of mean or sordid things; still-life or genre painting.
rhyparographer, rhyparographist, n. rhyparographic, a.

rhysimeter

n. instrument measuring speed of current or ship.

ria

n. long, wide creek.

riant

a. laughing; jolly.

ribald

a. low; indecent. **ribaldry, n.**

riboflavin

n. B vitamin involved in energy production.

ribonucleic acid

n. RNA.

ribosome

n. minute angular or spherical particle in the living cell, composed of protein and RNA.

ricochet

n. glancing rebound; *v.i.* move in or like this.

rictus

n. orifice; mouth, especially gaping; fixed grin or grimace. **rical**, *a.*

rideau

n. ridge or mound of earth, especially as protection.

ridel, riddel

n. altar-curtain.

ridibund

a. easily moved to laughter.

rigadoon

n. ancient lively skipping dance.

rigescent

a. becoming numb or stiff. **rigescence**, *n.*

rigor

n. shiver; chill; rigidity; *abbreviation* of rigor mortis. **rigor mortis**, stiffening of body for period shortly after death. **rigorism**, *n.* extreme strictness. **rigorist**, *n.*

rima

n. (pl. -mae) narrow fissure. **rima oris**, space between lips. **rimal**, *a.* rimose, rimous, *a.* having many rimae. **rimulose**, *a.* having many small rimae. **rimate**, *a.* having rima.

rime

n. frost; hoar-frost; ice formed from supercooled fog or cloud; *v.t.* cover with rime. **rimy**, *a.*

rinderpest

n. cattle plague.

riparian

a. pertaining to or on river bank or lake shore; *n.* person living on or owning river bank. **riparial**, **riparious**, **ripicolous**, *a.* living on river banks.

riposte

n. quick return thrust or reply; *v.i.* make a riposte.

risala

see **ressala**.

risible

a. pertaining to or capable of laughter; used in laughing; laughable. **risibles**, *n.*
pl. sense of humour; inclination to laugh. **risibility**, *n.*

risorgimento

n. revival; Italian renaissance; 19th-century Italian liberal and national political movement.

risorial

a. pertaining to or causing laughter.

risqué

improper; mildly indecent.

ritornel(le), ritornello

n. short prelude or interlude for musical instrument in song or opera.

Ritter

n. knight.

riverain, riverine

a., *n.* riparian.

rivière

n. necklace of precious stones, especially having more than one string.

rivose

a. bearing winding furrows. **rivulation**, *n.* having irregular marks of colour.
rivulose, *a.* bearing winding and haphazard lines.

riziform

a. like a rice grain.

RNA

n. abbreviation of ribonucleic acid (which in the living cell transmits the genetic information coded in the DNA and acts as template for protein synthesis).

robinet

n. chaffinch; robin; ancient light cannon.

roble

n. several kinds of New World oak, or other hard-timbered tree.

robورant

a., *n.* tonic. **roborate**, *v.t.* strengthen; corroborate. **roborative**, *a.*

roborean

a. like an oak; strong. **roboreous**, *a.*

roc

n. mythical Arabian bird of great size. **roc's egg**, unattainable object.

rocaille

n. florid, shell-like, 18th-century ornamentation; rococo scroll ornamentation.

roche moutonnée

*n. n. (pl. roches moutonnées *pron.* same)* 'sheep-like rock'; rock rounded by glacial action.

rochet

n. bishop's or abbot's vestment resembling surplice; red gurnard.

rococo

a.,n. (pertaining to or like) 18th-cent. style of ornamentation with florid, unsymmetrical curves and shell-work; showy; fantastic.

rodomontade

n. bragging talk; rigmarole; *v.i.* brag. **rodomontadist**, **rodomontador**, *n.*

roentgen

n. see **röntgen**.

rogation

n. special prayer for Rogation Days. **Rogation Days**, three days before Ascension Day.

roi

n. king. **le roi le veult**, 'the king wills it'; signification of royal assent to Act of parliament. **roi fainéant**, powerless king.

roil

v.t. make turbid by stirring up sediment; agitate. **roily**, *a.* turbid, muddy.

roinek

n. 'red neck'; new immigrant, especially British; greenhorn.

rojo

a. red; *n.* Mexican Indian.

rolley

n. lorry; trolley.

romal

n. silk or cotton fabric; handkerchief of this.

roman

n. ancient French saga-like poem; novel; romance. **roman-à-clef**, *n.* novel of real people given fictitious names. **roman policier**, detective story.

romaunt

n. ancient romance in verse.

rondeau

n. (*pl. -deaux*) thirteen-lined poem with two rhymes and refrain. **rondel**, *n.* such poem of fourteen lines.

rondo

n. musical composition with main theme occurring three or more times, interspersed with minor themes.

röntgen, roentgen

n. unit of dose of ionising radiation, e.g. X-rays or gamma rays. **röntgen rays**, *n.* *pl.* X-rays. **röntgenogram**, **röntgenograph**, *n.* X-ray photograph. **röntgenology**, *n.* radiology. **röntgenoscopy** *n.* X-ray examination.

rood

n. crucifix or cross; one-quarter of acre; seven or eight yards. **rood screen**, screen bearing crucifix.

rooinek

n. roinek. **rooibok**, *n.* impala.

roomaul

n. romal.

roric

a. dewy.

rorqual

n. large whale-bone whale; finback.

rorulent

a. covered with dew.

rosace

n. rose-window; rose-shaped ornament. **rosacea**, *n.* acne rosacea. **rosaceous** *a.* pertaining to roses; belonging to rose family of plants.

rosarium

n. rose garden. **rosarian**, *n.* cultivator of roses.

Roscius

n. famous ancient Roman actor; great actor.

roseola

n. rash of rose-coloured patches; rose rash. **roseoliform**, **roseolous**, **roseolar**, *a.*

rosin

n. solid resin; *v.t.* rub with rosin.

rosmarine

n. walrus; mythical walrus-like sea animal believed to feed on dew; sea dew.

rosorial

a. pertaining to rodents; gnawing.

rostel(lum)

n. small beak or beak-like outgrowth. **rostellar**, *a.* **rostellate**, *a.* having rostellum. **rostelliform**, *a.* like rostellum.

rostrum

n. (*pl. -ra*) beak; prow of ancient warship; platform or pulpit for speaking; musical conductor's dais; any beak-like part or thing. **rostral**, *a.* **rostrate**, *a.* beaked. **rostriform**, **rostroid**, *a.* beak-like. **rostrulum**, *n.* (*pl. -la*) small rostrum.

rosular, rosulate

a. in rosettes.

rota

n. roster; Roman Catholic tribunal; *Music*, round. **rotameter**, *n.* instrument measuring length of curved lines.

rotacism

see **rhotacism**.

rotifer

n. microscopic, multicellular, fresh-water creature with rotating cilia at one end. **rotiferal**, **rotiferous** *a.* **rotiform**, *a.* wheel-shaped.

rotisserie

n. shop selling roast meat, especially restaurant where meat is roasted in view of diners; rotating spit for roasting meat.

rotograph

n. photograph of manuscript, etc., made direct on bromide paper without negative.

rotor

n. rotating part of machine, especially of electricity-generating machine; rotating wing of helicopter.

rotula

n. kneecap. **rotulian**, **rotular**, *a.* **rotuliform**, *a.* like rotula.

rotunda

n. circular domed building or room. **rotundate**, *a.* rounded.

roué

n. debauched man; lecher. **rouerie**, *n.*

rouge-et-noir

n. n. 'red-and-black'; gambling game of betting on those colours; trente et quarante.

roulade

n. arpeggio-like musical figure sung to one syllable; rolled slice of meat.

rounceval

a. large; *n.* marrowfat pea.

roundel

n. rondeau; any round thing; badge, on aircraft, of concentric coloured rings.

roup

n. poultry disease with mucous discharge and hoarseness. **roupy**, *a.*

rouseabout

n. odd-job man, especially helping sheep-shearers.

roustabout

n. labourer on oil-rig; *American*, unskilled labourer; *American*, dock hand; *Australian*, rouseabout.

rubedinous

a. ruddy. **rubedity**, *n.*

rubefacient

a. (substance) causing redness of skin. **rubefaction**, *n.*

rubella

n. German measles.

rubeola

n. measles. **rubeoloid**, *a.* like rubeola. **rubeolar**, *a.*

rubescent

a. reddening; flushing. **rubescence**, *n.*

rubiaceous

a. like or pertaining to madder plant; belonging to madder family of plants.

rubicane

a. red bay; sorrel.

Rubicon

n. river between Italy and Cisalpine Gaul, the crossing of which by Julius Caesar began civil war and made him dictator. **cross the Rubicon**, make a fateful and irrevocable decision.

rubific

a., n. rubefacient. **rubification**, *n.* rubificative, *a.*

rubiginous

a. rust-coloured; rusty. **rubiginose**, *a.*

rubineous, rubious

a. ruby-coloured.

rubor

n. redness due to excess of blood in part.

rubric

n. passage in book printed in red or other distinctive type, especially such direction in service book; any direction as to conduct or ceremony; title; heading. **rubrical**, *a.* **rubricality**, *n.* ceremony. **rubricate**, *v.t.* mark in red; fix like a ritual. **rubrication**, *n.* **rubrician**, *n.* student of rubrics. **rubricism**, **rubricity**, *n.* strict adherence to rubric; formalism. **rubricose**, *a.* ruddy.

rubrific

a. rubefacient.

rucervine

a. pertaining to or like Indian swamp deer.

ruderāl

a. *Botany*, growing in refuse or waste ground.

rudiment

n. elementary principle; undeveloped part or organ. **rudimental**, **rudimentary**, *a.*

rufescent

a. ruddy; bronzy. **rufescence**, *n.*

ruff

n. *Ornithology*, sandpiper.

rufous

a. reddish; tawny; red-haired. **rufulous**, *a.* somewhat rufous.

rugose

a. ridged; wrinkled. **rugate**, **rugous**, *a.* **rugulose**, *a.* having small or fine wrinkles. **rugosity**, *n.*

rumal

n. romal

rumchunder

n. fine Indian silk.

rumen

n. (*pl. -mina*) first stomach of ruminant; cud. **rumenitis** , , *n.* inflammation of rumen. **rumenotomy** *n.* incision into rumen.

ruminate

v.i. chew the cud; ponder. **ruminant**, *n.* & *a.* (animal) that chews the cud; pondering. **rumination**, *n.* **ruminative**, *a.*

runcinate

a. pinnate with lobes pointing downwards.

rune

n. character of simple ancient Teutonic alphabet; magical mark or sign; magic. **runic**, *a.* **runiform**, *a.* like rune. **runology**, *n.* study of runes.

rupestrian

n. made of, or written on, rock. **rupestral**, *a.* **rupestrine**, *a.* living on or in rocks.

rupicoline, rupicolous

a. **rupestrine**.

ruridecanal

a. pertaining to rural dean and his jurisdiction.

rusine

a. pertaining to E Indian maned deer.

rus in urbe

'countryside in the town'.

rusticate

v.t. live in country; make rustic; punish by expelling from university for a period; *Architecture*, face with large, boldly textured blocks with deep grooves between. **rustication**, *n.*

rutidosis

n. wrinkling.

rutilant

a. shining red. **rutilous**, *a.*

rynchosporous

a. having beaked fruit.

ryot

n. Indian peasant. **ryotwar**, *a.* pertaining to system of rent- or tax-collecting with direct settlement between government and ryot. **ryotwary**, *n. & a.*

sabbat

n. witches' midnight assembly or sabbath.

sabbatarian

a., n. (person) devoted to strict keeping of sabbath. **sabbatarianism**, *n.*

sabbatic(al)

a. pertaining to or suitable for sabbath. **sabbatical**, *n. & a.* (period of paid leave) granted to academic staff approximately every seventh year. **sabbatical year**, every seventh year when ancient Jews ceased tilling; year's paid leave for academic. **sabbatism**, *n.* freedom from work on sabbath; sabbatarianism.

sabicus

n. mahogany-like W Indian tree and timber.

sabot

n. wooden shoe; clog.

sabra

n. a native-born Israeli.

sabretache

n. satchel suspended by straps from cavalry officer's belt.

sabulous

a. sabulose *a.* sandy. **sabuline**, *a.* **sabulosity**, *n.*

saburra

n. Medicine, granular matter deposited in the body. **saburrall**, *a.* **saburration**, *n.* *Medicine*, arenation.

sac

n. any membranous bag or cavity.

sacatra

n. person of one-eighth white and seven-eighths negro blood.

saccade

n. jerky movement of the eye moving from one fixation point to another, as in reading. **saccadic**, *a.* jerky, twitching.

saccate

a. sac-like.

saccharine

a. very sweet; cloying; pertaining to sugar. **saccharic**, *a.* pertaining to saccharine substances. **sacchariferous**, *a.* containing sugar. **saccharify**, **saccharize**, *v.t.* transform into, or impregnate with, sugar. **saccharimeter**, *n.* polarimeter measuring amount, and kind, of sugar in a solution. **saccharoid**, *a.* sugary; granular. **saccharometer**, *n.* hydrometer measuring amount of sugar in a solution.

sacciferous

a. bearing sac(s). **sacciform** *a.* sac-shaped.

saccular

a. sac-like. **sacculate**, *a.* having sacs; *v.t.* enclose in sac. **saccule**, **sacculus**, *n.* little sac.

sacerdotal

a. pertaining to priest, especially sacrificial; granting or believing in mysterious or miraculous priestly powers. **sacerdacy**, *n.* priesthood. **sacerdotalism**, *n.*

sachem

n. Indian chieftain; boss. **sachemic**, *a.*

sackbut

n. ancient trombone-like musical instrument.

sacral

a. pertaining to sacrum; pertaining to sacred rites.

sacramentum

n. (pl. -craria) Ecclesiastical, sanctuary; *Roman Catholic,* basin, etc. for disposal of ablutions after rite; ancient Roman depository for sacred objects.

sacrilege

n. violation of sacred place or object; stealing from a church. sacrilegious, a.

sacring

n. hallowing; consecration; ordination. sacring bell, bell rung at moment of elevation of the Host.

sacristan

n. ecclesiastical official having care of sacred objects; sexton. sacristy, n.
sacristan's room in church; vestry.

sacrum

n. (pl. -ra) flat triangular bone at base of spine.

sadhu

n. Hindu holy man.

saeculum

n. (*pl.* **-la**) 'generation'; age; aeon.

saffian

n. brightly-coloured goatskin or sheepskin leather.

sagacious

a. wise; perspicacious. **sagacity**, *n.*

sagamore

n. sachem.

saggar, sagger

n. clay box in which delicate ceramics are fired.

sagittal

a. pertaining to or like an arrow. **sagitate**, *a.* arrowhead-shaped.

sainfoin

n. pink-flowered forage plant; 'French clover'.

sake

n. Japanese beer made from rice.

saki

n. white-bearded and -ruffed S American monkey.

sakia, sakieh, sakiyeh

n. bucket-bearing wheel used in Egypt for raising water.

salacious

a. obscene; lascivious. **salacity, n.**

salamander

n. lizard-like amphibian animal, fabled to live in fire; utensil for browning pastry, etc.; portable stove. **salamandrine, a.** salamander-shaped. **salamandrine, salamandroid, a.** like salamander; able to withstand fire.

salchow

n. ice-skating leap with turns from inner backward edge of one skate to outer backward edge of other.

salep

n. dried root of species of orchid, used as food, etc.

saleratus

n. sodium bicarbonate; baking powder.

salic

a. Frankish. **salic law**, exclusion of women from succession to throne.

salicaceous

a. pertaining to or like a willow; belonging to the willow family of plants.

salient

a. leaping; outstanding; pointing outwards; n. such angle or curve, especially in battle-line. **salience**, n.

saliferous

a. containing salt. **salify**, v.t. form salt with; transform into salt.

salina

n. salt lake, spring or marsh; salt pan.

saline

a. salty; n. metallic salt; soluble salt; solution of salt and water. **saliniform**, a. like salt. **salinity**, n. **salinometer**, n. hydrometer measuring amount of salt in a solution.

salivant

a.,n. (substance) promoting secretion of saliva. **salivate**, v.i. & t. secrete saliva; cause excessive saliva in. **salivous**, a.

salle

n. 'room'. **salle à manger** 'dining-room'.

sallyport

n. opening in fortifications from which defenders may make a sally.

salmagundi

n. highly-seasoned mixed dish of meat, eggs, etc.

salmi

n. ragout, especially of game.

salon

n. 'drawing-room'; reception at which famous persons are present; hostess's circle of fashionable or famous acquaintances.

saloop

n. salep; sassafras; drink made of salep and milk.

salopettes

n. quilted skiing trousers with shoulder straps.

salpinx

n. (pl. -pinges) Eustachian or Fallopian tube. **salpingian**,, *a.* **salpingitis**, *n.*

inflammation of salpinx. **salpingectomy**, *n.* surgical removal of Fallopian tube.

salsify

n. purple-flowered plant, with root (called 'oyster plant') boiled as vegetable.

salsuginous, salsuginose

a. Botany, thriving in salt-impregnated soil.

saltant

a. leaping; dancing; *Biology*, exhibiting saltation. **saltation**, *n.* act of leaping or dancing; spurt; sudden metamorphosis; mutation. **saltativeness**, *n.* ability to jump. **saltatorial**, **saltatory**, *a.* pertaining to leaping or dancing; taking place by leaps and bounds.

saltigrade

a. having leaping legs; *n.* such spider.

saltire

n. X-shaped cross. **saltire-wise**, *a.*

saltpetre

n. potassium nitrate; nitre. **saltpetrous**, *a.*

salubrious

a. health-giving; respectable, wholesome. **salubrify**, *v.t.* make salubrious.

salubrity, *n.*

saluki

n. greyhound-like Arab dog; gazelle hound.

salutary

a. having good results; healthy; wholesome.

salvific(al)

a. tending to save.

salvo

n. pl. -s) proviso let-out clause; evasion; means of saving one's pride or reputation.

sal volatile

n. ammonium carbonate as smelling-bottle.

salwar

n. loose, light, oriental trousers.

samara

n. propeller-like winged fruit, as of ash; key fruit. **samariform**, **samaroid**, *a.* like this in shape.

sambuca

n. ancient triangular stringed instrument; Roman siege engine.

sambur

n. Indian elk and its hide.

samiel

n. simoom.

samisen

n. banjo-like instrument.

samite

n. ancient rich silk fabric.

samizdat

n. (system for distributing) underground literature in former USSR.

samlet

n. young salmon.

samogon

n. illicitly-distilled vodka.

samovar

n. tea-urn.

samoyed(e)

n. white sledge-dog.

sampan

n. small Chinese river boat.

samphire

n. fleshy sea-coast plant; glasswort.

samshu

n. Chinese liquor distilled from rice.

samurai

n. (member of) ancient Japanese military caste; military officer.

sanative

a. healing. **sanatorium**, *n.* (*pl.* -ria) hospital, especially for tuberculosis.
sanatory, *a.* producing health.

sanbenito

n. Spanish Inquisition garment resembling scapular, either yellow with red St. Andrew's crosses for penitent heretics or black and decorated with friars and devils for impenitent heretics at an auto-da-fé.

sanction

n. ratification; permission; penalty incurred or reward lost by breaking law; *v.t.* permit. **sanctionative, a.**

sanctum

n. (pl. -ta) holy or private place. **sanctum sanctorum**, 'holy of holies'; holiest, innermost or most private room.

sanctus

n. part of Communion service beginning 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. **sanctus bell**, bell rung as sanctus is said.

sangaree

n. drink of spiced wine and water.

sang-froid

n. 'cold blood'; calmness in danger; levelheadedness.

sangria

n. Spanish drink of red wine, fruit juice, sugar and soda water.

sanguinary

a. bloody; bloodthirsty; causing bloodshed. **sanguinaceous**, sanguine, a. hopeful; optimistic; blood-red. **sanguineous**, a. bloody; pertaining to, containing or having blood; full-blooded; blood-red. **sanguinolent**, a. containing blood; bloodthirsty. **sanguisugous**, a. blood-sucking.

sanhedrin

n. highest court of ancient Jerusalem. **sanhedrist**, n. member of this.

sanies

n. *Medical*, discharge from ulcers, etc. **sanious**, a.

sanitarium

n. (*pl. -ria*) sanatorium.

sanjak

n. division of a vilayet. **sanjakbeg**, **sanjakbey**, n. governor of sanjak.

sannup

n. American Indian man, especially married.

sans

prep. prep. 'without'. **sans-culotte**, 'without trousers'; violent or low-class French revolutionary. **sans gêne**, 'without trouble'; unembarrassed; familiarity. **sans peur et sans reproche**, 'without fear and without reproach', applied to perfect knight of chivalry. **sans serif**, 'without serif'. **sans souci**, 'without worry';

condition of indifference or carefreeness.

santonin(e)

n. anthelmintic extracted from worm-wood or derived from naphthalene.

sapajou

n. capuchin or spider monkey.

sapele

n. species of African mahogany.

saphena

n. one of two main superficial veins of leg. **saphenous**, *a.*

sapid

a. pleasantly flavoured; having flavour; agreeable. **sapidity**, *n.*

sapient

a. wise; pretending to be wise. **sapiential**, *a.* providing wisdom. **sapience**, *n.*

sapodilla

n. large tropical evergreen chicle-yielding tree; naseberry.

saponaceous

a. soapy; slippery. **saponification**, *n.* act of making (into) soap; hydrolysis of a fat.

sapor

n. quality perceived by taste; flavour. **saporific**, *a.* having flavour. **saporous**, *a.* tasty; pleasant in taste.

sapota

n. sapodilla. **sapotaceous**, *a.* pertaining to or like sapota; belonging to sapota family of trees.

Sapphic

a. pertaining to Sappho, ancient Greek poetess of Lesbos, and her love poems; erotic. **sapphism**, *n.* lesbianism. **sapphics**, *n. pl.* verses by Sappho or like hers in form.

sapraemia

n. blood-poisoning with bacterial products in blood. **sapraemic**, *a.*

saprodontia

n. decay of teeth.

saprogenic

a. causing decay; produced in decaying matter. **saprogenous**, *a.*

sapropel

n. ooze composed mainly of decaying organic matter. **sapropelic**, *a.* living in this. **sapropelite**, *n.* coal formed of this.

saprophagous

a. feeding on decaying matter. **saprophilous**, *a.* flourishing in decaying matter.

saprophyte

n. plant living on dead or decaying matter. **saprophytic**, *a.* **saprophytism**, *n.*

saprostomous

a. having foul breath.

saprozoic

a. applied to animals living on dead or decaying matter.

sapsago

n. hard green Swiss cheese.

sapwood

n. soft tissues immediately beneath bark of tree.

saraband(e)

n. stately Spanish dance.

sarafan

n. national dress of Russian peasant woman.

sarangousty

n. waterproof stucco.

sarcenet

n. soft lining silk fabric; *a.* soft; gentle.

sarcoid

a. flesh-like; *n.* formation of nodules in skin, leaving scars. **sarcoidosis**, *n.* condition characterized by formation of nodules, especially in lymph nodes and lungs. **sarcoline**, *a.* flesh-coloured. **sarcology**, *n.* anatomy of flesh.

sarcoma

n. (*pl.* -ta) cancerous tumour arising in connective tissue. **sarcomatoid**, *a.* like sarcoma. **sarcomatosis**, *n.* condition of having sarcoma. **sarcomatous**, *a.*

sarcophagus

n. (*pl.* -gi) coffin of stone. **sarcophagal**, *a.* **sarcophagous**, *a.* feeding on flesh; like a sarcophagus. **sarcophagic**, *a.* feeding on flesh.

sarcoptid

n. itch mite. **sarcoptic**, *a.*

sarcotic

a.,n. (medicine) promoting growth of flesh.

sarcous

a. pertaining to flesh or muscle.

sard

n. deep orange-coloured kind of chalcedony.

sardonic

a. bitterly or evilly humorous; grimly mocking. **sardonicism**, *n.*

sardonyx

n. onyx with alternate layers of sard and other mineral.

sargasso

n. kind of floating seaweed; gulfweed. **Sargasso Sea**, area of N Atlantic covered with mass of this.

sarmentum

n. (pl. -ta) *Bot.*, runner. **sarmentaceous**, sarmentiferous, sarmentose, sarmentous, *a.* producing sarmenta.

sarong

n. Malayan skirt-like garment, of long strip cloth wound round body.

saros

n. cycle of about 6,585 days after which a sequence of eclipses repeats itself.

sarrusophone

n. double-reeded bassoon-like musical instrument.

sarsaparilla

n. kind of smilax; drink made from its root or with its flavour.

sarsen

n. sandstone boulder of S England; such stone used in prehistoric monument.

sarsenet

n. see **sarcenet**.

sartorial

a. pertaining to tailoring or men's clothes.

sassafras

n. kind of laurel and its root-bark, used medicinally.

sassenach

n. Saxon; Englishman; Lowland Scottish.

satiate

v.t. fill to brim; cloy; glut; *a.* surfeited. **satient**, *a.* causing satiety. **satiety**, **satiation**, *n.*

satisfaction

n. Law, security, or the giving of it.

satrap

n. ancient Persian ruler of province; despot, especially in petty position.
satrapal, *a.* **satrapy**, *n.*

saturnalia

n. pl. ancient Roman festival in honour of Saturn; orgy. **saturnalian**, *a.*

saturnian

a. pertaining to Saturn or the golden age; denoting very early Latin verse form with stress accent.

saturnine

a. melancholy; taciturn; *Medicine*, pertaining to lead poisoning. **saturninity**, *n.*

saturnism, *n. archaic*, lead poisoning.

satyr

n. half-animal follower of Bacchus, in ancient mythology; obscene or bestial man. **satyresque**, *a.* satyress, *n.* female satyr. **satyriasis**, *n.* insatiable sexual desire in male. **satyric**, *a.* satyrim, *n.* uncontrolled licentiousness.

saurian

a., n. (animal) belonging to order including crocodiles, lizards, etc.
saurophagous, *a.* eating lizards.

sauterelle

n. mason's angle-making instrument.

sautoir

n. long chain necklace.

sauve qui peut

'(let him) save (himself) who can'; every man for himself; rout.

savannah

n. open grassy plain of tropical America.

savant

n. learned man.

savarin

n. ring-shaped cake (tin).

savoir faire

'to know how to do'; knowledge of correct action; tact; adroitness. **savoir vivre**, 'to know how to live'; good behaviour or breeding.

saxatile

a. pertaining to or living in rocks. **saxicavous**, *a.* boring into rocks. **saxicole**, **saxicoline**, **saxigenous** *a.* growing in rocks. **saxifrage**, *n.* kind of rock plant. **saxifragous**, *a.* breaking stone.

scaberulous

a. bearing small raised roughnesses.

scabies

n. the itch; mange. **scabietic**, *a.* **scabious**, *a.* pertaining to scabies or scabs.

scabrous

a. having rough or scurfy surface; scaly; full of difficulties; risqué; obscene. **scabrate**, *a.* **scabrescent**, *a.* **scaberulous**. **scabrid**, *a.* somewhat scabrous. **scabrities**, *n.* scabby skin condition.

scacchic

a. like or pertaining to chess.

scagliola

n. stonelike plasterwork for interior decoration. **scagliolist**, *n.*

scalar

a. like a ladder; denotable by a number. **scalariform**, *a.* like a ladder.

scalene

a. *Geom.*, have three sides of different length; *n.* such triangle. **scalenous**, *a.*

scallion

n. shallot; leek.

scalpriform

a. like chisel in shape.

scammony

n. kind of convolvulus of Near East, with root yielding resin used as purge.
scammoniate, *a.*

scandaroon

n. kind of homing pigeon.

scandent

a. *Botany*, climbing.

scansion

n. determination of metre of verse; prosody.

scansorial

a. *Zoology*, climbing; used for climbing.

scantling

n. small amount; small beam; trestle.

scaphion

n. kind of sundial. **scaphism**, *n.* mode of execution by smearing criminals with honey and exposing them to insects.

scaphoid

a. boat-shaped; such bone of carpus or tarsus.

scapiform

a. like a stalk. **scapoid**, *a.* **scapose**, *a.* bearing stalks.

scapula

n. (*pl.* -iae) shoulder-blade. **scapular**, *a.*; *n.* cowl- bearing part of monk's habit;

badge, worn over shoulders, of monastic order; feather on bird's shoulder.
scapulary, *n.* & *a.* scapular; shoulder strap.

scarab(aeus)

n. large black Mediterranean dung beetle, held sacred by ancient Egyptians; gem cut in shape of scarab. **scarabaeid**, *n.* member of beetle family that includes dung beetles and chafers. **scarabaeiform**, *a.* like scarab. **scaraboid**, *n.* & *a.* (gem) like scarab.

scaramouch(e)

n. boastful coward in Commedia dell'Arte; ne'er-do-well.

scarcement

n. narrow ledge on wall.

scarify

v.t. scratch; cut; scar. **scarification**, **scarificator**, **scarifier**, *n.*

scarious

a. thin and tough; bract-like. **scariose**, *a.*

scarlatina

n. *Medicine*, scarlet fever.

scaroid

a., *n.* (fish) like parrot fish, or belonging to parrot fish family of fishes.

scarp

n. steep drop; cliff; *v.t.* make steep.

scatology

n. study of excrement or obscenity. *scatologic(al)*, *a.* scatophagous, *a.* eating dung. *scatoscopy*, *n.* examination of faeces.

scaturient

a. gushing.

scaurie

n. young gull.

scazon

n. limping verse; choliamb. *scazontic*, *a.*

scelalgia

n. pain in leg.

scend

v.i. be heaved upwards, especially by wave; *n.* upward surge of vessel; lifting force of wave.

scenography

n. representation of object in perspective. **scenograph**, **scenographer**, *n.*
scenographic(al), *a.*

Schadenfreude

n. glee at others' misfortunes.

schapska

n. flat-topped cavalry helmet.

schediasm

n. impromptu work; jotting. **schediastic**, *a.*

schematograph

n. instrument tracing reduced outline of person. **schematonics**, *n.* art of gesture expressing tones, etc.

schesis

n. rhetorical device of weakening force of opponent's arguments by reference to his or her habit of thought.

schiller

n. (having) bronzy lustre. **schillerise**, *v.t.*

schipperke

n. small black Belgian canal-boat dog.

schism

n. division, especially of church, into two parties. **schismatic(al)**, *a.* pertaining to or causing schism; *n.*, person involved in or promoting schism. **schismatize**, *v. i. & t.* **schismatism**, *n.*

schist

n. foliated metamorphic crystalline rock. **schistaceous**, *a.* slate-coloured. **schistic**, **schistose**, *a.* **schistoid**, *a.* like schist. **schistosis**, *n.* fibrosis of lungs from inhaling slate dust.

schistosome

n. disease-causing blood fluke. **schistosomiasis**, *n.*

schizocarp

n. compound fruit splitting into several one-seeded ones. **schizocarpic**, **schizocarpous**, *a.* **schizogenesis**, **schizogony**, *n.* reproduction by division. **schizoid**, *a.* pertaining to, like or suffering from schizophrenia. **schizophrenia**, *n.* mental disorder with 'splitting' of personality and separation from environment. **schizophyte** *n.*, plant reproducing only by multiple fission. **schizothymia**, *n.* schizophrenia- like mental disorder. **schizotrichia**, *n.* splitting of hair.

schlemiel, schlemihl

n. American slang, unlucky or incompetent person who is often duped.

schlenter

a., n. imitation (diamond).

schlepp

v.i., v.t. American slang, drag (about); *n.*, wearisome task or journey.

schlieren

n. visible streaks of different density in a fluid; streaks of different colour or composition in igneous rock.

Schloss

n. (*pl. Schlösser*) castle.

schnauzer

n. blackish German terrier.

schoenobatic

a. pertaining to rope-walking. *schoenobatist, n.*

scholium

n. (pl. -ia) marginal note, especially by ancient grammarian. *scholiast, n.* writer of scholia.

schorl

n. tourmaline. **schorlaceous**, **schorlous**, **schorly**, *a.*

schottische

n. polka-like 19th-cent. dance.

scialytic

a. dispelling shadows. **sciagraphy**, *n.* art of shading; X-ray photography.
sciamachy, *n.* mock battle; fighting with shadows or imaginary enemies.
sciapodous, *a.* with large feet. **sciatheric**, *a.* pertaining to measurement of time by shadow, as in sundial.

sciatic

a. pertaining to hip. **sciatica**, *n.* neuralgia of hip and thigh.

scibile

n. thing which it is possible to know.

scientia

n. science; knowledge. **scientia scientiarum**, 'science of sciences'; philosophy.

scilicet

adv. 'that is to say'; namely (*abbreviated as sc.*)

scintilla

n. (*pl. -iae*) spark; atom. **scintillant**, *a.* sparkling. **scintillessent**, *a.* twinkling.

scintillometer, *n.* instrument measuring scintillation of star. **scintillate**, *v.i.* sparkle. **scintillation**, *n.*

sciolism

n. pretence to wisdom; conceit due to it. **sciolist**, *n.* **sciolistic**, *a.*

sciromancy

n. divination by reference to spirits of dead. **sciromantic**, *a.*

scion

n. young member of family; shoot of plant, especially taken for grafting.

sciophilous

a. applied to shade-loving plants. **sciophyte**, *n.* such plant.

scioptic

a. pertaining to formation of images in darkened room, as in camera obscura.
scioptics, *n.* **scioptic**, *a.*

scirrhus

n. (*pl. -rrhi*) hard tumour. **scirrhoid**, *a.* **scirrhouς**, *a.*

scissile

a. easily cut or split. **scission**, *n.* act of cutting or dividing; schism.

scissure, scissura

n. cleft; fissure; scission.

sciurine

a. pertaining to or like squirrels; belonging to squirrel division of rodents.
sciuroid, a. like a squirrel or a squirrel's tail.

sclera

n. dense white coat of eyeball. *scleral, a.* *sclerectomy, n.* removal of sclera.
sclerema, n. induration. *sclerenchyma n.* thickened and woody tissue of plants.
sclerasis, n. induration, especially of edge of eyelid.

scleroderma

n. disease marked by hardening of skin. *sclerodermic, sclerodermous, sclerodermatous, a.* hard-skinned; having bony armour.

sclerogenous

a. producing hard tissue. *sclerogenic, a.* *scleroid, a.* indurated. *scleroma, n.* induration. *sclrometer, n.* instrument measuring hardness. *scleronychia, n.* hardening of nails.

sclerosis

n. (pl. -ses) hardening. *sclerotic, a.* hard; pertaining to sclera; *n.* sclera.
scleritis, a. inflammation of sclera. *sclerotomy, n.* incision into sclera.
sclerous, a. hard.

scobiform

a. like sawdust.

scolex

n. (*pl. -leces*) head of tapeworm. **scoleciasis**, *n.* infestation with tapeworms.
scolecid, *a.* **scoleciform**, *a.* like scolex.

scoliometer

n. instrument measuring curvature. **scoliographic**, *a.* marked by oblique lines.
scoliosis, *n.* lateral spinal curvature.

scolopaceous

a. snipe-like. **scolopacine**, *a.* belonging to snipe family of birds.

scombriform

a. like mackerel; belonging to mackerel division of fishes. **scombroid**, *n.* & *a.* (fish) like mackerel.

scopa

n. brush-like tuft on back legs or abdomen of bees.

scopic

a. visual.

scopodromic

a. pertaining to or denoting guided missiles travelling on a homing course.

scopolamine

n. sleep-inducing drug obtained from nightshade family of plants.

scopula

n. brush-like tuft of hairs on legs of some spiders.

scorbutic

a. (person) suffering from scurvy; pertaining to or like scurvy.

scoria

n. (*pl. -iae*) slag; slag-like mass of lava. **scoriac**, scoriaceous, scorious, *a.* **scoriform**, *a.* like slag. **scorify**, *v.t.* reduce to slag.

scorpoid

a. scorpion-like; curved at end.

scortation

n. fornication. **scortatory**, *a.*

scoter

n. black sea duck; coot.

scotodinia

n. dizziness together with headache and loss of vision. **scotograph**, *n.* instrument for writing without seeing; X-ray photograph. **scotoma**, *n.* (*pl.* -mata) blind spot. **scotophobia**, *n.* dread of darkness. **scotopia** *n.* ability of eye to adjust to seeing in dark. **scotoscope**, *n.* instrument detecting objects in darkness.

SCOW

n. large blunt-ended, flat-bottomed boat; refuse lighter.

scrannel

a. weak; thin; harsh-sounding.

scrapie

n. disease of sheep, marked by progressive degeneration of the nervous system.

scree

n. steep slope with loose soil and stones.

screed

n. lengthy (and dull) speech or piece of writing; guide to obtaining uniform thickness in plastering; instrument for levelling or mix for surfacing concrete.

scrim

n. (stage curtain made of) open-weave fabric.

scrimshaw

n. carving on bone, ivory, etc. as done by sailors.

scriniary

n. keeper of archives.

scrip

n. Comm., document showing entitlement to receive something; share certificate, especially preliminary issued on payment of first instalment; certificate transferable into share issued as dividend. **scripophily** *n.* hobby of collecting bonds and share certificates.

scriptorium

n. (pl. -ia) writing room, especially of scribes in medieval monastery.

scriptory

a. pertaining to writing; in writing; *n.* scriptorium.

scripturient

a. having violent desire to write. **scripturiency**, *n.*

scrivello

n. elephant's tusk.

scrivener

n. writer-out of documents; lawyer. **scrivener's palsy**, writer's cramp.
scrivenery, *n.*

scrobiculate

a. pitted. **scrobicule**, **scrobiculus**, *n.* small depression. **scrobiculus cordis**, pit of stomach.

scrod

n. young cod or haddock, especially split and boned for cooking.

scrofula

n. tuberculous condition, especially of children, with enlargement of lymphatic glands of neck; king's evil. **scrofulism**, **scrofulosis**, *n.* **scrofulitic**, **scrofulous**, *a.*

scrophulariaceous

a. pertaining to or like figwort; belonging to figwort family of plants, which includes veronica, antirrhinum, etc.

scrotum

n. (*pl. -ta*) bag of flesh containing testicles. **scrotal**, *a.* **scrotiform**, *a.* pouch-shaped.

scrutable

a. understandable upon close examination.

scrutator

n. one who scrutinises or investigates. **scrutineer**, *n.* person scrutinizing votes.

scullion

n. scullery servant; washer of dishes; *a.* menial; wretched.

sculpit

'carved (it)'; 'engraved (it)'.

scumble

v.t. overlay with thin layer of paint to soften shade, line, etc.

scuncheon

n. bevelled inner edge of door jamb or window frame.

scunner

n. strong dislike.

scupper

n. gap in ship's bulwarks for drainage of water.

scurrilous

a. abusive; ribald; obscene. **scurrility**, *n.*

scurvy

n. disease, due to deficiency of vitamin C, marked by skin haemorrhage, anaemia, spongy gums, etc.

scutal

a. pertaining to shield. **scutate**, *a.* shield- or buckler- shaped; having horny scales. **scute**, **scutum**, *n.* large scale, as of reptile's head. **scutella**, *n.* (*pl.* - *iae*) small scute. **scutellate**, **scutulate**, *a.* shaped like platter; covered with scutellae. **scutelligerous**, *a.* bearing scutellae. **scutiferous**, *a.* bearing a shield or scutes. **scutiform**, *a.* shield- shaped. **scutigerous** *a.* bearing scutes.

scuttlebutt

n. cask of drinking water on ship's deck; *American*, rumour, gossip.

scyphate

a. cup-shaped. **scyphiform**, *a.*

sebaceous

a. fatty; greasy; secreting oily substance. **seborrhagia**, **seborrhoea**, *n.* excessive secretion of sebaceous glands. **sebum**, *n.* fatty substance secreted by sebaceous glands.

secam

n. abbreviation of Système en Couleurs à Mémoire (French colour television transmission system).

secant

n. cutting (line), especially one cutting curve at two points; radius produced through one end of arc to meet tangent drawn to other end; ratio of this line to radius (*abbreviated as sec.*).

secco

n. painting on dry plaster.

secern

v.t. secrete; separate; discriminate. **secernent**, *n.* & *a.* (thing) secreting or causing secretion. **secernment**, *n.*

secodont

a. having cutting teeth.

secque

n. light sabot; clog.

secreta

n.pl. pl. products of secretion.

secretaire

n. writing desk.

secrete

v.t. conceal; discharge; emit. *secretion*, *n.* secretional, secretionary, secretary, *a.*

secretum

n. (*pl.* -ta) private seal.

sectarian

a., n. (person) belonging to religious sect; bigot(ed). sectarianism, *n.* sectary, *n.* (zealous) adherent of sect.

sectile

a. capable of being cut, especially cleanly; cut into small divisions. sectility, *n.*

sectorial

a. pertaining to sectors; adapted for cutting; *n.* such tooth.

secular

a. worldly; non-religious; not belonging to religious order; lasting for centuries; occurring once in a century. secularize, *v.t.* make secular. secularity, *n.*

secund

a. on one side only. secundiflorous, *a.* having such flowers.

secundines

pl. n. afterbirth.

secundipara

n. woman having had two child-deliveries. **secundiparous**, *a.* **secundiparity**, *n.*

secundogeniture

n. state of being second eldest child; custom whereby such child inherits parent's property.

secundum

prep. prep. 'according to'. **secundum legem**, according to law.

securiform

a. axe-shaped. **securigerous**, *a.* bearing an axe.

secus

adv. 'otherwise'.

sedent

a. in sitting position.

sedentary

a. habitually sitting; done while sitting; stationary. **sedentation**, *n.*

sederunt

n. 'they were sitting'; session of court; gathering; long discussion.

sedilia

n. pl. (sing. -dile) clergy's stone seats in chancel wall.

sedition

n. incitement to rebellion. **seditious**, *a.*

sedulous

a. taking great care; assiduous. **sedulity**, *n.*

seersucker

n. light puckered linen or cotton fabric.

segue

v.i. Music, proceed from one piece or section to another without a break.

seicento

n. 17th century.

seiche

n. rocking movement of surface of lake or inland sea.

Seidel

n. large beer mug with lid.

seigneur

n. lord, especially of manor. **seigneurial**, **seigniorial**, **seignorial**, *a.* **seigniorage**, **seignioralty**, **seigniory**, **seigneur**, *n.* lordship; dominion; brassage; mining royalty.

seine

n. large vertical fishing net; *v.i. & t.* catch (fish) with seine.

seisin

n. freehold possession of land.

seismic

a. pertaining to earthquakes. **seismicity**, *n.* **seismal**, **seismatical**, **seismatic**, *a.* **seismism**, *n.* seismic phenomena. **seismograph**, *n.* instrument recording earthquakes. **seismology**, *n.* study of earthquakes. **seismometer**, *n.* sort of seismograph measuring movements of ground in earthquake. **seismoscope**, *n.* instrument merely showing occurrence of earthquake. **seismotectonic**, *a.* pertaining to geological features related to earthquakes. **seismotherapy**, *n.* medical treatments by vibrations. **seismatic**, *a.* causing earthquakes.

seity

n. personality; 'selfness'.

seizin

see **seisin**.

sejant

a. sitting.

sejugate

v.t. separate.

selachian

a.,n. (fish) like shark or ray; belonging to shark family of fishes; a shark or ray.

selah

n. pause; kind of musical sign of Psalms.

selenian

a. lunar. **selenic**, *a.* like the moon; containing selenium. **selenite**, *n.* dweller on moon; kind of gypsum. **selenitic**, *a.* pertaining to or affected by moon; of or pertaining to selenite. **selenium**, *n.* nonmetallic solid element used in photoelectric cells. **selenocentric**, *a.* pertaining to moon's centre; having moon as centre. **selenodont**, *n. & a.* (animal) having crescent-shaped ridges on the crowns of the molar teeth. **selenography**, *n.* study of moon's surface. **selenology**, *n.* study of moon. **selenomancy**, *n.* divination by the moon. **selenoscope**, *n.* instrument for viewing moon.

selliform

a. saddle-shaped. **sellate**, *a.* having saddle.

semanteme

n. sememe. **semantic**, *a.* pertaining to meaning. **semantics**, *n.* science of meanings of words.

semasiology

n. semantics. **semasiological**, *a.* semasiologist, *n.*

sematic

a. **Zoology**, (of coloration) serving as a warning. **sematography** *n.* writing in signs and not letters. **sematology**, *n.* semantics.

semeiography, semeiology

n. see **semiography**, **semiology**.

semelincident

a. occurring only once in same person.

sememe

n. smallest unanalysable unit of linguistic meaning (e.g. a word or affix).

semester

n. academic half-year.

semibreve

n. *Musical*, longest generally used note, having twice length of minim and half that of breve.

semic

a. pertaining to a sign.

semi-conductor

n. solid which is an electrical non-conductor in its pure state or at low temperatures and becomes a conductor when impure or at higher temperatures.

seminal

a. pertaining to semen; pertaining to seed; capable of development; having wide creative influence. **semination**, *n.* sowing of seed. **seminative**, *a.* producing growth. **seminiferal**, **seminiferous**, **seminific(al)**, *a.* producing seed or semen. **seminivorous**, *a.* seed-eating. **seminule**, *n.* small seed; spore.

semiography

n. description of signs and symptoms.

semiology

n. semiotics; system of signs. **semiotic**, *a.* pertaining to signs, symbols or symptoms or the study of these. **semiotician**, *n.* semiotics, *n.* study of signs and symbols, especially the relations between language and its referents; *Medicine*, symptomatology.

semioviparous

a. bringing forth young in incompletely developed state.

semiped

n. half a metrical foot. **semipedal**, a.

semiquote

n. single quotation mark or inverted comma (' ').

semitaur

n. mythological creature, half-man and half-bull.

semper

adv. 'always'. **semper fidelis**, 'always faithful'. **semper idem** (*fem. semper eadem*), 'always the same'.

sempiternal

a. eternal. **sempiternity**, n.

senary

a. having six as base; six-fold. **senarius**, n. (*pl. -rii*) verse of six feet.

senectitude

n. **senectude** n. old age. **senectuous**, a. old.

senescent

a. growing old. **senescence, n.**

seneschal

n. steward, especially of ancient palace or manor.

senicide

n. killing off of old men.

sennet

n. fanfare, especially on Elizabethan stage.

sennight

n. week.

sennit

n. plaited rope, straw, etc.

senocular

a. having six eyes.

sensate

a. perceived by senses; endowed with senses.

sensillum

n. (*pl. -la*) simple sense organ consisting of one or a few receptor cells at the end of a nerve connection.

sensorium

n. (*pl. -riums or -ria*) part of brain that receives and processes sensory stimuli.

sententia

n. (*pl. -tiae*) aphorism; opinion. **sententiary**, *n.* speaker of sententiae. **sententious**, *a.* aphoristic; full of aphorisms; pompously moralising.

sentient

a. capable of feeling. **sentience**, *n.*

sentisection

n. vivisection without use of anaesthetic.

sepal

n. portion of calyx. **sepaline**, **sepaloid**, *a.* like sepal.

sepia

n. cuttle-fish; inky secretion of cuttle-fish; rich brown pigment obtained from this. **sepic**, *a.* done in sepia colour. **sepiarian**, **sepiary**, *n.* & *a.* (pertaining to) cuttle-fish.

sepicolous

a. dwelling in hedges. **sepiment**, *n.* hedge.

sepoy

n. formerly, Indian native soldier in British service.

seppuku

n. hara-kiri.

sepsis

n. state of poisoning in part of body or blood stream.

sept

n. division of tribe; clan.

septaemia

n. septicaemia.

septal

a. pertaining to sept or septum.

septan

a., *n.* (fever) recurring after seven days (*i.e.* every sixth day).

septate

a. having septum. **septation**, *n.*

septave

n. seven-tone musical scale.

septemfluous

a. in seven streams. **septemfoliate**, *a.* having seven leaves.

septemplicate

n. one of seven copies.

septemvir

n. member of septemvirate. **septemvirate**, *n.* government by, or group of, seven men.

septenary

a. pertaining to seven; *n.* seven; set of seven. **septenate**, *a.* divided into seven portions.

septendecimal

a. pertaining to seventeen.

septenary

a. **septennial** *a.* lasting for seven years; occurring every seven years.
septennate, septennium (pl. -nia) *n.* period of seven years.

septentrional

a. pertaining to north. **septentrionality, n.** **septentrionic, a.**

septicaemia

n. blood-poisoning with presence of bacteria and their toxins in blood.
septopyaemia, n. combination of septicaemia and pyaemia.

septilateral

a. having seven sides.

septillion

n. a million sextillions (10^{42}); *American & French*, a thousand sextillions (10^{24}).

septimal

a. pertaining to seven.

septimanal

a. weekly.

septisyllable

n. word of seven syllables. **septisyllabic, a.**

septuagenarian

a., n., **septuagenary** *n. & a.* (person) in from seventieth to eightieth year.

Septuagesima

n. third Sunday before Lent; period of seventy days. **septuagesimal, a.**

Septuagint

n. Greek version of Old Testament, supposedly translated by seventy scholars.

septum

n. (pl. -ta) **Biology, Anatomy**, partition. **septulum, n.** (*pl. -la*) small septum.

sepulchre

n. tomb. **whited sepulchre**, hypocrite; seemingly holy but really evil person or thing. **sepulchral, a.** pertaining to tombs; gloomy; hollow.

sepulture

n. interment. **sepultural, a.**

sequacious

a. easily led or moulded; servile; logical. **sequacity, n.**

sequela

*n. (pl. -iae) Medicine, consequential effect of a disease, condition, etc., complication. sequelant, *n.**

sequent

*a. following in sequence or as consequence. sequential, *a.**

sequester

*v.t. set apart; seclude. sequestrate, *v.t.* confiscate; set apart income of estate to meet claims. sequestration, *n.* sequestrator, *n.**

sequitur

'(it) follows'; natural or logical consequence or deduction.

sequoia

n. gigantic redwood or 'big tree' of California.

sérac

n. ice pinnacle among glacier crevasses.

seraglio

n. harem; palace of sultan.

serai

n. caravanserai.

serape

n. Spanish-American shawl.

sere

n. sequence of changes in population during ecological development of an area.

serein

n. fine rain falling from an apparently cloudless sky.

serendipity

n. propensity for finding things by chance or in unexpected places.

seriatim

adv. in series; point by point.

sericate

n., sericeous n. silky; bearing silky hairs. *serictery, n.* caterpillar's silk-producing gland. *sericulture, n.* breeding of silk-worms for silk production.

serif

n. minute fine line, especially horizontal, of a letter, as at top and bottom of verticals in 'h'.

serific

a. silk-producing. **serigraph**, *n.* silk-screen print. **serimeter**, *n.* instrument for testing silk.

serin

n. small finch.

serment

n. oath.

sermuncle

n. short sermon.

serology

n. study of serums. **serologic(al)**, *a.* **serologist**, *n.*

serositis

n. inflammation of serous membrane. **serosity**, *n.* state of being serous; serous fluid.

serotine

n. brown bat; *a.* serotinous.

serotinous

a. flowering late.

serotonin

n. adrenalin-like crystalline compound occurring in the brain, intestines, and blood platelets, that induces contraction of muscles and blood vessels.

serous

a. pertaining to or like serum; thin and watery; producing such fluid.

serpette

n. kind of pruning knife.

serpiginous

a. Med., spreading by creeping. **serpigo**, *n.* such disease; ringworm.

serpivoltant

n. flying serpent.

serpolet

n. wild thyme.

serrate

a. having notched or toothed edge. **serradentate**, *a.* having serrations which are themselves serrate. **serratic**, *a.* like a saw. **serration**, **serrature**, *n.*

serried

a. densely-packed; in close formation.

serriferous

a. having a saw-like organ. **serriform**, *a.* like a saw.

serrulate

a. finely serrate. **serrulation**, *n.*

serrurerie

n. wrought-iron work.

sertule

n., **sertulum** *n.* umbel; scientific collection of plants. **sertum**, *n.* treatise on such a collection.

serum

n. (*pl. -s, -ra*) watery part of bodily fluid, especially blood, separated in coagulation; such fluid containing antibodies.

serval

n. African wild cat and its fur. **servine**, *a.*

servile

a. pertaining to or like a slave; slavish; cringing. **servilism**, *n.* slavery; advocation of slavery. **servility**, *n.*

servomotor

n. small auxiliary electrical motor operating a control, or carrying out subsidiary operation in a machine. **servomechanism**, *n.* control system where a small-input mechanism regulates a large-output mechanism.

sesame

n. E Indian seed-yielding plant. **open sesame**, spell opening door in story of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves; any master-key or magical command. **sesamoid**, *a.* pertaining to mass of bone or cartilage in a tendon, as kneecap.

sesquialteral

a. one and a half times as big; having ratio 3:2.

sesquicentennial

a. pertaining to 150 years; *n.* 150th anniversary.

sesquiduplicate

a. having ratio of 5:2.

sesquipedalian

a. a foot and a half long; using very long words; *n.* such thing or word.
sesquipedalianism, sesquipedality, *n.*

sesquiquartal

a. having ratio 5:4. sesquiquintal, *a.* having ratio 6:5.

sesquiseptimal

a. having ratio 8:7. sesquisextal, *a.* having ratio 7:6.

sesquitertian

a. having ratio 4:3.

sessile

a. attached by base without a stalk; attached permanently. sessility, *n.*

sestet

n. sextet; six-lined stanza; final six lines of sonnet.

sestina

n. (pl. -tine) poem of six-lined stanzas with six end-words repeated in each stanza and in the envoi.

seta

n. (*pl. -tae*) bristle; any bristle-like organ. **setaceous**, *a.* bristly. **setal**, *a.* setarious, *a.* like a bristle. **setiferous**, *a.* bearing bristles; pertaining to swine.

seton

n. thread passed under skin acting as channel for discharge.

setose

a. bristly.

settecento

a., n. 18th century.

setula

n. (*pl. -iae*) small seta. **setule**, *n.* setuliform, *a.* like setula. **setulose**, **setulous**, *a.* having setulae.

sève

n. wine's distinctive bouquet; sap.

severy

n. compartment of vaulted ceiling.

sevum

n. suet in pharmaceutics.

sexadecimal

a. pertaining to sixteen; sixteenth.

sexagenarian

a., n. (person) between sixty and seventy years old. **sexagenary**, *n.*; *a.* pertaining to sixty; proceeding by sets of sixty.

Sexagesima

n. second Sunday before Lent. **sexagesimal**, *a.* pertaining to sixty.

sexcentenary

a. pertaining to six hundred (years); *n.* six hundredth anniversary.

sexenary

a. six-fold. **sexennial**, *a.* lasting six years; occurring every six years; *n.* such occurrence. **sexennium**, *n.* (*pl.* - *nia*) period of six years.

sexipara

n. woman having had six child-deliveries. **sexiparous**, *a.* **sexiparity**, *n.*

sextain

n. sestina; seстет.

sextan

a. (fever) recurring after six days (*i.e.* every fifth day).

sextant

n. sixth part of circle; nautical instrument with that arc for measuring altitudes.

sexennial

a. sexennial.

sextern

n. quire of six sheets.

sextillion

n. a million quintillions (10^{36}); *American & French*, a thousand quintillions (10^{21}).

sextodecimo

n. book size $5\frac{5}{8} \times 4\frac{3}{8}$ in. (*abbreviated as 16mo.*).

sextumvirate

n. government by six men.

sforzando

a. Music, accented (*abbreviated as sf, sfz*).

sfumato

n. misty; *n.* painting technique of blending tones to produce soft outlines.

sgraffito

n. pottery decoration by scratching through surface to reveal a differently-coloured ground.

shabash

exclamation bravo!

shabrack

n. saddle-cloth.

shad

n. deep-bodied herring-like marine fish, spawning in rivers.

shaddock

n. grapefruit-like tree and fruit.

shadoof, shaduf

n. method of raising water in Egypt in a counterpoised bucket at end of a long pole.

shagreen

n. untanned leather bearing many small round protuberances, especially dyed green; shark-skin.

shagroon

n. non-English, especially, Australian, settler on S Island.

shahin

n. kind of Indian falcon.

shahzada(h)

n. king's son.

shaitan

n. the Devil; evil spirit; (*Indian*), duststorm.

shake

n. unit of time equal to a hundred-millionth of a second, used in describing nuclear processes.

shako

n. soldier's high crowned peaked cap.

shale

n. laminated rock of consolidated clay or mud.

shallop

n. light river boat with sail and oars.

shalom

n. peace (Jewish greeting). **shalom aleihem**, 'peace be unto you'.

shalwar

see **salwar**.

shama

n. Indian millet-like cereal; Indian song-bird.

shaman

n. medicine man; witch doctor. **shamaness**, *n.* female shaman. **shamanic**, *a.* **shamanism**, *n.* primitive religion in which shamans are much venerated as having power to communicate with gods and spirits. **shamanistic**, *a.*

shandrydan

n. Irish two-wheeled cart; *jocular*, any worn-out antique vehicle.

shanghai

v.t. drug and ship aboard a vessel as a sailor.

shard

n. piece of broken pottery; elytrum.

shashlik, shashlick

n. kebab.

shawm

n. ancient oboe-like musical instrument.

shea

n. African tree with seeds yielding a white fat. **shea butter**, such fat.

sheading

n. administrative division of Isle of Man.

shearling

n. one-year-old sheep, from which one crop of wool has been taken.

shearwater

n. gull-like oceanic bird of the petrel family.

shebang

n. hut; outfit; contrivance; business.

shebeen

n. unlicensed liquor-selling place.

Shelta

n. secret slang of wandering tinkers and similar groups.

Sheol

n. Hell; the underworld; the grave. **sheolic**, *a.*

sherardise

vb. Metallurgy. coat with zinc by process invented by Sherard Cowper-Coles.

sherd

n. shard.

sherif

n. Arab prince; Muslim ruler. **sherifate**, *n.* sheriff's jurisdiction or office.
sherifian, *a.*

shibah

n. seven days' mourning.

shibboleth

n. slogan; watchword; anything forming test of loyalty, nationality, etc., or distinguishing a party or denomination; linguistic peculiarity. **shibbolethic**, *a.*

shikar

n. hunting; game; *v.i. & t.* hunt (animal) as sport. **shikaree**, **shakari**, **shakary**, *n.* (big game) hunter.

shiksa

n. (often derogatory) non-Jewish girl.

shillelagh

n. cudgel.

shirakashi

n. Japanese evergreen oak.

shirr

v.i., v.t. gather fabric in parallel rows, especially using elastic thread. **shirring**, *n.* such gathers as decoration.

shivaree

n. charivari.

shoat

n. recently weaned piglet.

shogun

n. one of a series of Japanese military governors exercising imperial powers until 19th century. **shogunal**, *a.* **shogunate**, *n.*

shola

n. jungle of S India.

shrievalty

n. sheriff's office or jurisdiction.

shrive

v.t. give absolution to after confession. **shrift**, *n.* absolution.

shtick

n. slang comedian's routine.

shuck

n., v.t. husk, pod.

shulwar

pl. loose Oriental trousers.

shyster

n. dishonest lawyer; swindler.

sial

n. siliceous rock; outer part of earth's surface.

sialagogic

a. (substance) promoting salivation. **sialogogue**, *n.* **sialoid**, *a.* like saliva.

sib

n. kindred; kinsman; brother or sister; descendants from a common ancestor; *a.* blood-related.

sibilant

a., n. hissing (sound). **sibilate**, *v.i. & t.* pronounce like sibilant. **sibilation**, **sibilance**, **sibilancy**, *n.* **sibilatory**, **sibilous**, *a.*

sibling

n. one of several children of the same parents; brother or sister.

sic

adv. 'thus'; appearing thus in the original.

sicarian

n. murderer.

siccation

n. act of drying. **siccative**, *a.*

siccimeter

n. instrument measuring evaporation from liquid surface.

sice

n. six on a dice; syce.

sideration

n. use of green manure.

sidereal

a. pertaining or according to stars; measured by stellar motion. **siderean**, *a.*
siderism, *n.* belief in influence of stars on human affairs.

siderography

n. art of steel engraving, or copying such engravings.

sideromancy

n. divination by the stars.

sideroscope

n. instrument detecting presence of iron magnetically. **siderose**, *a.* like or containing iron. **siderous**, *a.* like iron. **siderurgy**, *n.* metallurgy of iron.

sidi

n. African negro; African Muslim title of respect.

sierra

n. rugged mountain chain. **sierran**, *a.*

siesta

n. short rest, especially at midday.

siffilate

v.t. whisper.

siffleur

n. (*fem. -euse,*) whistler.

sigil

n. seal; image. **sigillary**, **sigillistic**, *a.* **sigillate**, *a.* bearing seal- like marks; *v.t.* seal. **sigillation**, *n.* **sigillative**, *a.* causing or tending to scar-formation. **sigillography**, *n.* study of seals. **sigillum**, *n.* (*pl. -lla*) seal, especially of

confession. .

sigla

n. pl. (list of) abbreviations, symbols, etc. denoting words.

sigma

n. eighteenth letter of Greek alphabet; thousandth part of second. **sigmate**, *a.* having shape of Sigma or S; *v.t.* add -s in tense formation. **sigmatism**, *n.* inability to pronounce sibilants.

sigmatron

n. machine generating high-potential X-rays.

sigmoid

a. S-shaped. **sigmoid flexure**, such portion of intestine between descending colon and rectum.

signate

a. distinct; distinguished; having letter-like marks. **signation**, *n.* act of signing. **signatory**, *n. & a.* (person or state) who has signed a treaty, etc.

silage

n. green fodder preserved for winter in silo by fermentation.

silentary

n. person maintaining or bound to silence; confidant; privy councillor.

silenus

n. (pl. -ni) satyr-like woodland god; attendant of Bacchus; tipsy person.

silica

n. silicon compound occurring in flint, quartz and sand. **siliceous**, **silicic**, *a.* **silicicolous**, *a.* growing in flinty soil. **siliciferous**, *a.* producing silica or silicon. **silify**, *v.t.* convert into silica. **silicon**, *n.* very common non-metallic element, obtained from silicia. **silicone**, *n.* oily or plastic compound of silicon used in lubricants, polishes, paints, water-proofing, etc. **silicosis**, *n.* lung disease due to inhaling siliceous rock dust. **silicate**, *v.t.* combine or coat with silica.; *n.* salt of silicic acid.

siliqua

n., siliqua n. long dry seed capsule of e.g. wallflower.

sillabub

n. cream, etc., curdled with wine, or whipped to stiff froth; frothy language or thing.

sillograph

n. writer of satires. **sillographer**, *n.*

sillometer

n. instrument measuring ship's speed.

silo

n. storage pit or building for silage.

silva

n. see **sylla**.

silvics

n. study of tree's life. **silvical**, *a.* **silvicolous**, *a.* living in woods. **silviculture**, *n.* forestry.

sima

n. lower layer of earth's crust, underlying oceans.

simian

a.,n. (like) ape or monkey. **simiad**, **simial**, *a.*

simile

n. literary device of comparing one thing with another, using *like* or *as*. **similia**, *n.pl.* similar things. **similiter**, (*Latin*) *adv.* in similar manner.

simioid

a., simious *a.* simian.

simony

n. buying and selling of ecclesiastical preferments. **simoniac**, *n.* **simoniacal**, *a.* **simonism**, **simonist**, *n.*

simoom

n. dry hot dusty wind of deserts.

simous

a. having flat, upturned nose.

simulacrum

n. (*pl. -ra*) image; semblance; vague likeness; sham. **simulacral**, *a.*

simulant

a. that simulates or resembles. **similar**, *n.* & *a.* *archaic*, sham.

simulate

v.i., v.t. pretend; imitate. **simulation**, **simulator**, *n.* **simulative**, **simulatory**, *a.*

sinal

a. pertaining to sinus.

sinapise

v.t. sprinkle; powder. **sinapism**, *n.* mustard-plaster.

sinciput

n. forehead; part of head from crown to forehead. **sincipital**, *a.*

sindon

n. fine linen fabric; thing made of it, as altar frontal, winding-sheet, etc.

sine

prep. 'without'. **sine die**, 'without a day or date'; indefinitely. **sine mora**, 'without delay'. **sine qua non**, 'without which not'; essential adjunct or condition.

sinecure

n. office involving no toil or duties. **sinecural**, *a.* **sinecurist**, *n.*

singhara

n. Indian water chestnut and edible nut.

singillatim

adv. 'singly'.

singultus

n. *Medicine*, hiccup(s). **singultous**, *a.*

Sinicism

n. Chinese peculiarity, etc. **sinicise**, **sinify**, *v.t.* make Chinese. **sinism**, *n.*

sinistrad

adv. towards left. **sinistral**, *a.* pertaining to left; left-handed; illegitimate. **sinistration**, *n.* **sinistrogyrate**, **sinistrogyric**, *a.* moving to left. **sinistromanual**, *a.* left-handed. **sinistrorse**, *a.* (of plant) climbing spirally from right to left. **sinistrous**, *a.* sinister; baleful; sinistral.

Sino-

comb.form Chinese. **Sinogram**, *n.* character in Chinese alphabet. **Sinology**, *n.* study of Chinese history, literature, etc. **Sinophile**, *n.* lover or supporter of China.

sinter

n. iron dross; *Geology*, deposit of hot siliceous springs; *v.i. & t.* agglomerate by heating.

sinuate

a. wavy; *v.i.* curve. **sinuation**, *n.*

sinus

n. cavity, especially of skull bone. **sinusitis**, *n.* inflammation of sinuses.

siphonogam

n. seed plant. **siphonogamic**, **siphonogamous**, *a.*

sipid

a. *sapid.* **sipidity, n.**

snippet

n. small piece of something, *especially* crouton or piece of bread to dip in gravy.

sirdar

n. British general formerly commanding Egyptian army.

sirenian

a.,n. Zoology, (animal) belonging to an order of aquatic mammals including the manatee and dugong.

sirenic

a. like a siren, alluring; melodious, sweet-sounding.

siriasis

n. sunstroke. **siriometer, n.** *Astronomy,* unit of distance, equiv. of one million times mean distance of earth from sun.

sirocco

n. hot wet, or dry dusty, southerly wind of Italy, etc., blowing from N Africa.

siskin

n. small green-yellow European finch.

sissoo

n. E Indian tree with hard timber and leaves used as fodder.

Sisyphean

a. pertaining to Sisyphus, in Greek mythology king of Corinth, condemned in underworld to roll huge stone to top of hill from which it constantly fell back; laborious and fruitless; endless.

sitology

n. treatise on food or diet; science of diet. **sitomania**, *n.* abnormal craving for food. **sitophobia**, *n.* morbid dread of eating; aversion to food; loss of appetite. **sitotoxism**, *n.* vegetable-food poisoning.

sitrinjee

n. oriental striped cotton carpet.

sittine

a. pertaining to or like a nuthatch; belonging to nuthatch family of birds.

situs

n. (*pl. situs*) (usual or correct) position.

sitz bath

n. bath in which one bathes sitting.

sitzkrieg

n. (virtual) stalemate in warfare.

sizar

n. Cambridge undergraduate receiving allowance for expenses from college.
sizarship, n.

sjambok

n. heavy whip; *v.t.* flog with it.

skald

n. ancient Scandinavian bard. **skaldic, a.**

skat

n. card game for three persons, resembling solo whist.

skatology

see scatology.

skean

n. dagger. **skean dhu**, Scottish Highlander's dagger.

skeet

n. form of clay-pigeon shooting.

skeg

n. short fin, projection or brace at rear of keel of a sailing boat; fin at rear of surfboard.

skelic

a. pertaining to skeleton. **skelic index**, figure resulting from division of length of leg by length of trunk.

skellum

n. archaic, dialect or S African, rogue.

skep

n. farm basket, especially of wicker or straw; beehive, especially domed and made of straw.

skerry

n. rocky island.

skeuomorph

n. ornament representing vessel or tool. **skeuomorphic**, *a.*

skewbald

a. bearing patches of white and some colour not black.

skiascope

n. instrument for testing refractive power of eye.

skijoring

n. sport of being drawn on skis over snow by horse or motor.

skimble-scamble

a. archaic, rambling; jumbled.

skink

n. tropical lizard.

skippet

n. small round box for keeping document or seal.

skirr

v.i. move, fly etc. rapidly; *v.t. archaic,* traverse rapidly; scour.

skive

v.t. remove surface of leather; *v.t. slang,* shirk; evade work, duty etc. *skiver, n.*

skoal

n. 'cup'; good health!

skua

n. large, predatory gull.

sleave

n. anything tangled, especially thread; *v.t.* disentangle; separate into filaments.

sleekit

a. crafty, sly; smooth.

slew, slue

n. great many.

slivovitz

n. E European plum brandy.

sloid, sloyd

n. Swedish system of manual training, especially in woodcarving.

slubber

v.t. stain, sully; do carelessly. **slubberdegullion**, *n. archaic*, slovenly person.

slumgullion

n. meat and vegetable stew; watery soup or drink; offal.

smalt

n. deep-blue pigment.

smalto

n. (pl. -ti) piece of coloured glass in mosaic.

smaragd

n. emerald. **smaragdine**, *a.*

smectic

a. Archaic purifying; *Crystallography* arranged in layers.

smegma

n. soapy matter of sebaceous gland. **smegmatic**, *a.* like soap; cleansing.

smew

n. smallest merganser.

smilax

n. tropical climbing shrub of family including sarsaparilla; S African greenhouse plant with bright green leaves.

smithsonite

n. natural zinc carbonate; calamine.

snaffle

n. light bridle bit.

snell

a. short line with which fish-hook is fastened to line.

snickersnee

n. jocular, large knife, cutlass etc.; knife fight.

sniggle

v.i. fish for eels by lowering baited hook into possible hiding place.

snood

n. snell; hair net.

soboles

n. Botany, sucker; shoot. **soboliferous**, *a.* producing these.

sobriquet

n. nickname.

sociogenetic

a. pertaining to social development. **sociogenic**, *a.* arising from or affected by social factors. **sociogram**, *n.* diagram of social relationships within a group. **sociolinguistics**, *n.* study of language in a social context. **sociologism**, *n.* interpretation emphasizing social factors. **sociometry**, *n.* study of sociological relationships and attitudes, especially as expressed by preferences. **sociopath**, *n.* person hostile to society.

socius

n. (pl. -ii) member; companion; associate; individual. **socius criminis**, accomplice in crime.

socle

n. Architecture, moulded member at base of plinth or pedestal.

Socratic

a. pertaining to Socrates, Greek philosopher, and his method of argument. **Socratic irony**, method of argument by pretending ignorance and asking seemingly simple questions in order to draw opponent into making errors or rash statements. **Socratic method**, instruction by asking questions.

sodality

n. association; union; brotherhood. **sodalist**, *n.* member of this.

soffit

n. *Architecture*, underside of auxiliary part of building, as arch, staircase, etc.

soi-disant

'calling himself'; self-styled; would be.

soigné

a. (*fem.* -ée) 'carefully done'; well- groomed.

soirée

n. 'evening'; evening party.

soka

n. blight; drought.

sola

n. Indian plant with stems containing pith. **sola topi**, sun-helmet made of sola pith.

solan

n. gannet.

solanaceous

a. pertaining to or like a potato or nightshade plant; belonging to the potato or nightshade family of plants. **solaneous**, *a.*

solano

n. hot East wind of Mediterranean Spanish coast.

solarise

v.i., v.t. expose to sunlight; subject to or be affected by solarisation.
solarisation, *n.* reversal of gradation sequence in photographic image after very long or intense exposure.

solaristics

n. study of relation between sun and its radiation and earth.

solarium

n. (*pl. -ia*) room, porch, etc., exposed to sunshine.

solatium

n. (*pl. -ia*) compensation, especially for hurt feelings.

soldan

n. sultan.

solecism

n. ignorant error, especially in grammar. **solecise**, *v.i.* **solecist**, *n.* **solecistic(al)**,

a.

soleiform

a. shaped like a slipper.

solenitis

n. inflammation of duct.

solenium

n. stolon. **solenial**, *a.*

solenoid

n. tubular coil of wire producing magnetic field. **solenoidal**, *a.* pertaining to solenoid or tube.

solfatara

n. vent for sulphurous volcanic gases. **solfataric**, *a.*

solfeggio

n. (*pl.* -*ggi*) tonic sol-fa system or scale.

solidago

n. golden rod plant.

solidary

a. Law, having joint interests or obligations.

solidum

n. total; pedestal's dado.

solidungular

a., solidungulate, solidungulous *a.* having single hoof on each foot.

solidus

n. (*pl.* -di) oblique line (/); slash.

solifidian

n. believer that faith alone will ensure salvation. **solifidianism**, *n.*

soliform

a. sun-like.

soliped

a., n. solidungular (animal). **solipedal, solipedous, a.**

solipsism

n. belief that all reality is subjective, or that the self can know no more than its

own states. **solipsismal**, *a.* **solipsist**, *n.* **solipsistic** *a.*

soliterraneous

a. pertaining to sun and earth, especially their joint meteorological effect.
solitidal, *a.* pertaining to tides caused by sun.

solivagant

a., **solivagous** *n.* wandering alone.

solmisable

v.i., v.t. sing or set to sol-fa notation. **solmisation**, *n.*

solonist

n. wise man.

solstice

n. point or time when sun is furthest from Equator. **summer solstice**, such time in summer in Northern latitudes. (about June 22). **winter solstice**, such time in winter (about Dec. 22). **solstitial**, *a.*

solus

a. 'alone'.

solute

n. in a solution, the substance which is dissolved.

solvent

a. Commerce, able to pay debts; Chemistry, dissolving; *n.* such substance.
solvency, *n.* solvolysis, *n.* decomposition of dissolved substance.

soma

n. E Indian vine with milky juice; ancient Indian drink made from it; Anat., (pl. -ata) body of an organism excluding germ or reproductive cells. somatic,, *a.* pertaining to body or trunk. somatasthenia, *n.* bodily weakness. somatism, *n.* somatognosis, *n.* diagnosis of bodily conditions. somatology, *n.* anthropological study of structure, etc., of human body. somatopsychic, *a.* pert to person's ideas of or attitude towards his own body. somatotonic *a.* Psychology, having aggressive, self- assertive temperament associated with mesomorphy. y. y.

somascope

n. instrument detecting disease of the internal organs by 'echo- sounding' methods and producing images of the diseased tissue on a television screen.

sommelier

n. butler; wine waiter; cellarman.

somnambulate

v.i. walk in one's sleep. somnambulic, somnambulistic, *a.* somnambulism, somnambulist, *n.*

somnifacient

a., n. soporific. somniferous, *a.* inducing sleep. somniloquence, somniloquy, *n.* talking in one's sleep. somnipathy, *n.* hypnotic sleep.

somnolent

a. sleepy; causing, or resembling, sleep. **somnolescent**, a. becoming sleepy.
somnolence, n. **somnorific**, a. soporific.

sonant

a. sounding; *Phon.*, voiced. **sonantal**, **sonantic**, a. sonable, a. capable of being sounded **sonance**, n.

sonata

n. instrumental composition in three or more movements. **sonata da camera**, chamber sonata. **sonata da chiesa**, church sonata. **sonatina**, n. short sonata.

sonation

n. sounding. **sonation**, n. sounding, especially by boring, of the earth.

sonde

n. device sent up to observe the upper atmosphere.

soniferous

a. producing sound. **sonification**, n. act of producing sound.

sonoresent

a. emitting sound under influence of some radiation. **sonoresentce**, n.

soojee

n. flour from Indian wheat.

sophiology

n. science of ideas. **sophiologic**, *a.*

sophism

n. deceptive or fallacious argument. **sophist**, *n.* fallacious arguer. **sophistic(al)**, *a.* **sophisticate**, *v.i.* make artificial or worldly; corrupt. **sopistry**, *n.* sophism, or use of sophism; mere empty argument.

sophomore

n. college student in second year **sophomoric**, *a.* adolescent; immature; pompous.

sopor

n. unusually deep sleep or lethargy. **soporific**, *n.* & *a.* (drug) inducing sleep. **soporiferous**, *a.* **soporose**, *a.* abnormally sleepy; comatose.

soral

a. pertaining to sorus.

sorbefacient

a.,n. (substance) promoting absorption.

sorbile

a. that can be sipped or drunk.

sordes

n. foul or excreted matter. **sordor**, n. refuse; sordidness.

sordino

n. (*pl. -ni*) *Music*, mute.

sorghum

n. kind of tropical forage grass, yielding syrup. **sorgo**, n. sweet sorghum.

soricid

a., n. (pertaining to) shrew (animal). **soricine**, a. pertaining to or like a shrew.
soricident, a. having teeth like shrew's.

sorites

n. series of syllogisms following one from another, with the first and last closely linked; collection of facts, things, etc. **soritic(al)**, a.

sororal

a. pertaining to sisters. **sororate**, n. custom of marriage to sister, especially to younger sister after wife's death. **sorricide**, n. killing or killer of own sister.
sorority, n. sisterhood; *American*, club of college girls.

sorosis

n. kind of fruit in which many flowers are united, as in pineapple.

sortes

n. pl. pl. (sing. sors) lot; drawing lots. **sortes Vergilianae**, divination by reference to book of Virgil's poems opened at random.

sortie

n. sally by beleaguered troops.

sortilege

n. divination by casting lots; witchcraft; enchantment. **sortilegic**, **sortilegious**,
a. **sortileger**, *n.*

sortition

n. casting of, or assignment by lots.

sorus

n. cluster of spore cases on fern fronds; 'fruit dots'.

soterial

a. pertaining to salvation. **soteriology**, *n.* theological study of salvation; treatise on hygiene.

sottise

n. stupid or blundering act.

sotto voce

adv. 'under the voice'; in a whisper or undertone; secretly.

sou

n. former French coin, one-twentieth part of franc; any coin or amount of minimum value.

soubise

n. onion sauce.

soubrette

n. role of light-hearted or coquettish girl in drama; actress playing such part.

soubriquet

n. see **sobriquet**.

soucar

n. Hindu usurer or banker.

souchong

n. high grade black China tea.

soufflé

a. decorated with scattered spots of colour; puffed out by cooking; *n.* such light dish; any light, delicate mixture.

soupçon

n. 'suspicion'; faint flavour or trace.

sousaphone

n. large-belled, bass brass instrument with circular horn placed round player's body.

soutane

n. Roman Catholic priest's cassock.

sovkhoz

n. Soviet co-operative farm.

spadassin

n. swordsman; fighter.

spadiceous

a. chestnut-coloured; pertaining to spadix. **spadiciflora**, **spadiciflorous**, *a.* having flowers in a spadix. **spadicose**, *a.* **spadix**, *n.* (*pl.* -dices) flower-spike covered by large leaf, as of arum plant.

spado

n. (*pl.* -ones) impotent person; castrated animal.

spahi

n. Algerian cavalryman in French army.

spallation

n. splitting into numerous fragments of the nucleus of an atom by high-energy bombardment.

spanaemia

n. anaemia. **spanaemic**, *a.*

spandrel

n. triangular space between curve of arch and right angle enclosing it; design in corner of postage stamp.

spanopnoea

n. slow deep breathing as a morbid condition.

sparadrap

n. medical plaster.

sparge

vb. Rare. sprinkle; scatter; *n.* sprinkling. **spargefaction**, *n.*

spargosis

n. Medicine, swelling

sparid

a., sparoid *a.* pertaining to or like sea bream.

sparsim

adv. 'here and there'.

Spartacist

n. member of German socialist party formed in 1918; any extreme socialist.
Spartacism, *n.*

Spartan

a. pertaining to ancient Sparta, famous for its severity and discipline; hardy; harsh; fearless.

spatchcock

n. roughly prepared and cooked fowl; *v.t.* prepare and cook as this; interpolate unnecessarily or inappropriately; patch in or together.

spathe

n. large sheath-like bract or leaf, as of arum plant. **spathaceous**, **spatal**, **spathose**, **spathous**, *a.*

spatiate

v.i. ramble; saunter. **spatiation**, *n.*

spatiotemporal

a. pertaining to or having space and time.

spatula

n. broad thin flexible knife. **spatuliform**, **spatulose**, **spatular**, **spatulate**, *a.* like spatula.

spavin

n. tumour on horse's leg. **bog-spavin**, spavin on hock. **bone- spavin**, bony outgrowth on hock. **spavined**, *a.* affected with spavin; worn-out.

spay

v.t. render (female animal) sterile.

specie

n. coined money.

specious

a. plausible; superficial. **speciosity**, *n.*

spectrum

n. (*pl.* -ra) series of images, colours, etc., formed when ray of radiant energy is dispersed into its component parts. **spectrograph**, *n.* photographic record of lines of infra-red spectrum. **spectrogram**, *n.* representation of a spectrum. **spectrograph**, *n.* instrument showing spectrum. **spectroheliogram**, *n.* photograph made by spectroheliograph. **spectroheliograph**, *n.* instrument that photographs light of a particular wavelength from sun to show details of sun's surface. **spectrorohelioscope**, *n.* instrument for making spectroheliographic observations of sun. **spectrology**, *n.* chemical analysis by means of spectrum. **spectrometer**, *n.* instrument measuring refractive indices, and wave-lengths of rays of a spectrum. **spectroscope**, *n.* instrument for forming spectrum by dispersing ray. **spectroscopy**, *n.* production and study of spectra.

speculum

n. (*pl.* -la) mirror; reflector; instrument for examining body passages; coloured patch on bird's wing.

Speisekarte

n. menu

spelaean, spelean

a. pertaining to or living in caves. **speleology**, *n.* study and exploration of caves. **speleologist**, *n.*

spelt

n. kind of wheat.

spelter

n. zinc

speluncar

a., speluncean *a.* pertaining to or like a cave.

spermaceti

n. wax-like substance used in candles, ointments, etc., obtained from oil of sperm-whale, etc.

spermatic

a. pertaining to or like sperm. **spermatise**, *v.t.* impregnate with sperm. **spermatism**, *n.* emission of sperm. **spermatoblast**, *n.* sperm-producing cell. **spermatocyte**, *n.* cell producing spermatozoa. **spermatogenesis**, *n.* formation of spermatozoa. **spermatozoid**, *a.* like sperm. **spermatorrhoea**, *n.* involuntary and frequent spermatism. **spermatozoon**, *n.* (*pl.* -oa) male sexual cell, which fertilises egg.

spermology

n. bot. study of seeds. **spermological**, *a.* **spermologist**, *n.*

spermophile

n. gopher.

sphacel

n. gangrene. **sphacelate**, *v.i. & t.* affect with gangrene; mortify; *a.* gangrenous. **sphacelation**, **sphacelism**, *n.* **sphacelous**, *a.* **sphacelus**, *n.* gangrene; necrosis.

sphagnum

n. (*pl. -na*) peat or bog moss. **sphagnicolous**, *a.* growing in this. **sphagnology**, *n.* study of this. **sphagnous**, *a.*

sphenic

a. wedge-shaped; *Mathematics*, having three different prime numbers as its factors. **sphenocephaly**, *n.* state of having sphenic head. **sphenogram**, *n.* cuneiform character. **sphenography**, *n.* art of using or interpreting sphenograms. **sphenoid**, *a.*

spheroid

n. sphere-like figure. **spheroidal**, **spheroidic**, *a.* **spherometer**, *n.* instrument measuring curvature. **spherule**, *n.* small sphere or spheroid.

sphincter

n. ring-like muscle closing body passage. **sphincteral**, **sphincteric**, *a.* **sphincterate**, *a.* having sphincter; contracted as if by sphincter.

sphingal

a. like sphinx.

sphingid

n. hawk moth. **sphingiform**, **sphingine**, *a.* like sphingid or sphinx.

sphragistic

a. pertaining to or like a seal or signet ring. **sphragistics**, *n.* study of these.

sphygmic

a. pertaining to pulse (of heart). **sphygmochronograph**, *n.* instrument recording pulse. **sphygmodic**, *a.* pulsating. **sphygmograph**, *n.* instrument recording pulse of artery. **sphygmoid**, *a.* like a pulse. **sphygmology**, *n.* study of pulse. **sphygmomanometer**, *n.* instrument registering blood pressure. **sphygmophone**, *n.* instrument for hearing the pulse. **sphygmus**, *n. Med.*, the pulse. *e.*

spicate

a. having, like or in a spike. **spical**, **spicant**, **spiciferous**, **spiciform**, **spicigerous**, **spicose**, **spicous**, *a.* having spikes. **spicula**, **spicule**, *n.* small spike; small spiky body in sponges and similar creatures.

spificate, spifflicate

v.t. jocular & slang, beat up; trounce.

spigot

n. bung; plug of a tap; end of smaller pipe when inserted into larger one to form a junction.

spikenard

n. ancient sweetly scented ointment; Indian plant yielding it.

spiloma

n. birthmark; naevus. **spilomalus**, *n. (pl. - li)* naevus.

spinaceous

a. pertaining to or like spinach; belonging to spinach family of plants.

spindrift

n. sea spray.

spinel

n. ruby-like precious stone.

spinescent

a. becoming or tending to be spiny; tapering. **spinescence, *n.***

spinnaker

n. large triangular sail on side opposite mainsail.

spinneret

n. insect's or spider's silk-spinning organ.

spintharoscope

n. instrument demonstrating the emission of alpha rays by radium compound.

spintherism

n. seeing of sparks before the eyes.

spiracle

n. air-hole. **spiracular**, *a.* spiraculate, spiraculiferous, *a.* having these.

spirant

a., n. (consonant) pronounced with friction of breath against part of mouth, as *f* or *s.*; fricative. **obsolete**, **spirate**, *a.* voiceless. **spiration**, *n.* act of breathing.

spirochaete

n. spirally-moving, disease-producing organism. **spirochaetaemia**, *n.* presence of these in blood. **spirochaeticide** *n.* substance killing these. **spirochaetosis**, *n.* infection by these.

spiograph

n. instrument recording movements of breathing. **spirogram**, *n.* record made by this. **spirometer**, *n.* instrument recording volume of air taken in by lungs or volume of gas.

spirulate

a. spirally arranged.

spissated

a. thickened. **spissitude**, *n.*

spitchcock

n. eel split and grilled or fried.

splanchnic

a. visceral. **splanchnology**, n. study of viscera. **splanchnopathy**, n. disease of viscera. **splanchnotomy**, n. incision into viscera.

spleen

n. gland-like organ near stomach, concerned in blood-cell production; malice; anger. **splenectomy**, n. surgical removal of the spleen. **splenetic**, a. ill-tempered; crabbed. **splenic**, a. pertaining to spleen. **splenization**, n. congestion of tissue which becomes spleen-like. **splenitive**, a. fiery; splenetic. **splenomegaly**, n. enlargement of the spleen.

spodium

n. bone charcoal. **spogenous**, spogenous, a. pertaining to or due to waste matter. **spodomancy**, n. divination by study of ashes.

spokeshave

n. plane or knife for rounding spokes or spoke-like objects.

spoliation

n. pillage. **spoliative**, a. robbing; diminishing. **spoliator**, n. robber. **spoliatory**, a.

spondee

n. metrical foot of two long syllables. **spondaic**, spondean, a.

spondyl(e)

n. vertebra. **spondylexarthrosis**, n. displacement of this. **spondylic**, **spondylous**, a. **spondylitis**, n. inflammation of this. **spondylotherapeutics**, n.

medical treatment by manipulating spine. .

sponson

n. act of taking pledge or becoming surety for a person.

sponson

n. projection from side of ship, as protection, gun platform, etc.

spontoon

n. short pike carried by 18th-century infantry officer.

spoondrift

n. spindrift.

sporangium

n. (pl. -gia) spore case or receptacle of ferns, fungi, etc. **sporangial**, *a.* **sporangiferous**, *a.* having sporangia. **sporangiform**, *a.* like sporangium. **sporangiophore**, *n.* stalk bearing sporangium.

spore

n. plant's or protozoan's reproductive body. **sporiferous**, *a.* producing spores. **sporocarp**, *n.* body producing spores. **sporogenesis**, *n.* reproduction by, or production of, spores. **sporogony**, *n.* reproduction by spores. **sporophorous**, *a.* sporiferous. **sporophyll**, *a.* sporiferous leaf. **sporophyte**, *n.* spore-bearing phase of plant. **sporozoan**, *n.* parasitic spore-producing kind of protozoan. *n.* *n.*

sporulate

v.i. form (into) spores. **sporule**, *n.* small spore. **sporuliferous** *a.* producing sporules. **sporuloid**, *a.* like a sporule. **sporulation**, *n.*

Sprachgefühl

n. instinctive grasp of a language and its usage.

sprag

n. bar, stake etc. used as a chock to stop a vehicle rolling back; pitprop.

Sprechgesang

n. mode of voice production between singing and recitation used in some 20th-century operas.

sprew

n., spreeuw *n.* African starling.

springbok

n. white-striped and -rumped S African gazelle.

spritzer

n. drink of (white) wine and soda water.

sprue

n. tropical inflammatory disease of digestive tract.

spruit

n. small stream flowing only in wet season.

spumescent

a. foaming; foamy. spumescence, *n.*

sputnik

n. a satellite, spacecraft.

sputum

n. saliva or mucus spat out. sputative, *a.* habitually spitting.

squab

n. young pigeon; nestling; stuffed lower cushion of chair; sofa.

squadism

n. government by armed squadrons of supporters or party members.

squaliform

a. shark-shaped. squaloid, *a.* like a shark.

squamaceous

a. scaly. **squamate**, **squameous**, **squamose**, **squamous**, *a.* like, having or covered with scales. **squamellate**, **squamelliferous**, **squamulate**, **squamulose**, *a.* having small scales. **squamoid**, *a.* like a scale.

squatnid

a., n. (pertaining to an) angelfish.

squill

n. sea onion, used as expectorant, etc.

squinancy

n. wild plant believed to cure quinsy.

squinch

n. arch, etc., across corner of room.

SST

abbreviation of Super-Sonic Transport (aircraft).

Stabat Mater

n. 'the mother stood'; hymn describing the Virgin Mary at the Cross.

stable

a. stationary; *n.* stationary abstract sculpture similar to a mobile.

staccato

a., adv. Music, with notes sharply separated.

stactometer

n. glass for measuring drops.

stadiometer

n. kind of theodolite; wheel by which length of line is measured.

stagia^ry

n. resident canon; law student.

Stagirite

n. native or inhabitant of ancient Stagira, Macedonia; Aristotle. **Stagiritic**, *a.*

stagmometer

n. device for measuring number of drops in certain volume of liquid.

stagnicolous

a. living in stagnant water.

Stakhanovism

n. voluntary system in former USSR of increasing production through hard work, efficiency, teamwork, and competition. **Stakhanovite**, *n.* worker honoured for success in the system.

Stalag

n. (*abbreviation of Stammlager*), prisoner- of-war camp for non-commissioned officers and men.

stalagmometer

n. drop-measuring instrument.

stamen

n. (*pl. -s or stamina*), flower's pollen-bearing organ, comprising filament and anther. **staminal**, *a.* **staminate**, *a.* having stamen. **stamineal**, **stamineous**, *a.* pertaining to or having stamen.

stanchion

n. upright support or post.

stanhope

n. high four-wheeled driving carriage.

stannary

n. tin-mine or -works. **stannic**, *a.* pertaining to tin; *Chemistry*, in which tin has valency of four. **stannous**, *a.* pertaining to tin; *Chemistry*, in which tin has valency of two.

stapes

n. innermost bone of ear; stirrup bone. **stapedectomy**, *n.* removal of stapes and insertion of an artificial replacement to relieve deafness. **stapedial**, *a.* pertaining to stapes. **stapediform**, *a.* like a stapes or stirrup.

staphylic

a. pertaining to alveolar arch. **staphylorrhaphy**, *n.* surgical union of cleft palate.

staphylococcus

n. (*pl. -ci*) a pus- producing bacterium occurring in clusters.

stasis

n. (*pl. -ses*), stoppage in circulation; stagnation.

stant

a. in profile with all four feet on the ground.

statics

n. study of bodies and forces in equilibrium.

statism

n. concentrating economic and political power in the organs of the state. **statist**, *a.*; *n.* believer in this; statistician.

stative

a. (of a verb) denoting a state rather than an action; *n.* such verb.

statocyst

n. organ of balance in some invertebrates.

statolith

n. calcium granule in statocyst, whose movement stimulates sensory cells; solid, free-moving particle in plant cytoplasm, thought to influence changes in plant's orientation.

stator

n. stationary part of motor.

statoscope

n. kind of aneroid barometer recording minute barometric changes.

status quo (ante)

see in statu quo (ante).

staurolatry

n. worship of the cross or crucifix.

stavesacre

n. kind of larkspur, from which ointment for lice is obtained.

stearin

n. hard fat. **stearic**, *a.* **steariform**, *a.* like stearin.

steatite

n. soapstone. **steatitic**, *a.* **steatogenous**, *a.* fat-producing. **steatolysis**, *n.* breaking down of fats. **steatopathic**, *a.* pertaining to disease of sebaceous glands. **steatopygic**, **steatopygous**, *a.* having excessively fat buttocks. **steatorrhea**, *n.* fattiness of faeces; seborrhoea. **steatosis**, *n.* adiposity.

stechados

n. French lavender.

steeve

n. long spar with pulley used to stow cargo in ship's hold; *v.t.* stow (cargo).

steganography

n. cryptography.

stegnosis

n. constipation. **stegnotic**, *n.* & *a.* (medicine) causing constipation.

stegophilist

n. person whose pastime is climbing the outside of buildings.

stein

n. large earthenware beer-mug.

steinbok

n. small S African antelope.

stele

n. (*pl. -iae*) carved or painted stone pillar or slab; central part of plant's stem.
stelar, a.

stella

n. 'star'. **stella maris**, 'star of the sea'; Virgin Mary. **stella polaris**, Pole Star.
stelliferous, a. having many stars. **stellify, v.t.** place among stars; glorify.
stellular, a. like a star; having star-like spots. **stellar, a.** **stellate, a.** star- like.

stemma

n. (*pl. -mas, -mata*) family tree; genealogy of literary text; simple eye of insect.

stemson

n. curved timber joining stem of ship to kelson.

stenocardia

n. angina pectoris. **stenocardiac, a.** **stenocephaly, n.** narrowness of head.

stenochoric, *a.* not widely distributed. **stenochromy**, *n.* printing of many-coloured pattern at one impression.

stenometer

n. distance-measuring instrument.

stenopaic, stenopaeic

a. with narrow aperture. **stenopetalous**, *a.* with narrow petals. **stenophagous**, *a.* eating only a narrow range of food. **stenophyllous**, *a.* with narrow leaves. **stenophobia**, *n.* morbid fear of narrow places.

stenosis

n. narrowing of an orifice. **stenotic**, *a.* **stenotypy**, *n.* type of shorthand using ordinary characters.

stentor

n. loud-voiced person. **stentorian**, **stentorous**, **stentorophonic**, *a.*

stercoraceous

a. pertaining to dung. **stercoral**, **stercorous**, *a.* **stercorary**, *n.* place for dung. **stercoricolous**, *a.* living in dung.

stereobate

n. masonry platform used as foundation for a building. **stereobatic**, *a.*

stereochemistry

n. chemical study of arrangement of molecules and atoms.

stereochromy

n. kind of wall painting. **stereochrome**, *n.* **stereochromic**, *a.*

stereognosis

n. ability to perceive weight, form, etc., of a body by touch. **sterognostic**, *a.*

stereography

n. representation of solid bodies on plane surface. **stereogram**, *n.*
representation giving impression of solidity of object. **stereograph**, *n.* picture
used in stereoscope. **stereographic**, *a.*

stereometry

n. measurement of volumes, etc., of solid figures. **stereometric(al)**, *n.*

stereomonoscope

n. instrument projecting image with appearance of solidity, by means of two lenses.

stereoplasm

n. solid protoplasm.

stereopsis

n. stereoscopic vision.

stereoscope

n. instrument with two lenses combining images of two almost identical pictures to give effect of solidity and distance. **stereoscopic**, *a.* pertaining to stereoscope or stereoscopy. **stereoscopy**, *n.* use of the stereoscope; seeing or representation of objects with the effect of solidity and distance.

stereostatic

a. geostatic. **stereostatics**, *n.* statics of solids.

stereotomy

n. cutting of solids, especially stone. **stereotomical**, *a.* **stereotomist**, *n.*

stereotype

n. metal printing plate cast from a mould of the set-up type; standardised or hackneyed image or concept; *v.t.* make stereotype of; fix permanently; make trite; repeat without alteration. **stereotypic**, *a.* **stereotypy**, *n.*

steric(al)

a. stereochemical.

sterlet

n. small sturgeon yielding best caviare.

sternson

n. timber joining sternpost of ship to kelson.

sternum

n. (pl. -na) breastbone. **sternal**, *a.*

sternutation

n. sneezing. **sternutative**, **sternutatory**, *n. & a.* (substance) causing sneezing.

steroid

n. any of a large group of fat-soluble organic compounds, including bile acids and hormones, having specific physiological action; a synthetic hormone.

sterol

n. organic solid alcohol.

stertor

n. snoring. *Medicine*, **stertorous**, *a.* breathing loudly or hoarsely; snoring.

stet

'let it stand'; direction to ignore alteration; *v.t.* mark with such direction.

stethometer

n. instrument measuring chest expansion in breathing. **stethoscopy** *n.* examination with a stethoscope. **stethospasm**, *n.* spasm of chest muscles.

stevedore

n. dock labourer loading or unloading ship. **stevedorage**, *n.*

sthenia

n. (unusual or abnormal) strength. **sthenic**, *a.* (unusually) strong.

stibial

a. pertaining to antimony. **stibiated**, *a.* containing antimony.

stibnite

n. natural compound of antimony from which it is obtained.

stich

n. line of verse. **stichic**, *a.* **stichometry**, *n.* measurement by counting lines, especially of books or documents; division of written or printed matter into lines, especially in accordance with the sense. **stichomythia**, *n.* alternating single lines of dialogue in poetic drama. *a.* .

stifle

n. joint above hock of horse, equivalent of human knee.

stigma

n. (*pl. -mata*), mark; spot; stain; disgrace; mark representing wound of Christ; *Botany*, part of pistil, especially end of style, on which pollen germinates. **stigmal**, **stigmatic**, **stigmatiform**, *a.* **stigmatize**, *v.t.* mark with a spot or stain; brand as infamous or evil. **stigmatism**, *n.* correct focusing power of lens or eye.

stilliform

a. drop-shaped.

stimie

see **stymie**.

stingo

n. strong (Yorkshire) beer.

stipe

n. Botany, short stalk.

stipend

n. salary. **stipendiary**, *n.* & *a.* (person) receiving stipend.

stipes

n. stock; stalk. **stipiform**, *a.* like a stalk. **stipitate**, *a.* borne on a stipe.

stipple

v.t. mark, paint etc. with dots; dab on; *n.* this method of painting; stippled effect.

stipulate

v.i., v.t. bargain; guarantee; demand as a condition. **stipulation**, *n.* **stipulator**, *n.* **stipulatory**, *a.*

stipule

n. one of a pair of leaf-like appendages at base of leaf. **stipuliferous** *a.* producing this. **stipuliform**, *a.* like this.

stirpiculture

n. breeding of special stocks. **stirps**, *n.* (*pl. -pes*) family line; stock; biological category.

stithy

n. blacksmith's anvil or forge.

stiver

n. Dutch coin worth about one penny; thing of little or no value.

stoa

n. (*pl. -as, -ae*) covered walk with colonnade(s).

stochastic

a. pertaining to random variables in statistics and their interrelations with the laws of probability.

stoep

n. verandah.

stogy

n. cheap cigar.

stoichiometry

n. physical study of composition of animal tissues. **stoichiometry**, *n.* *Chemistry*, calculation of elements' combining weights; study of chemical composition and combination.

STOL

abbreviation of Short Take-Off and Landing (aircraft).

stolon

n. runner of plant. **stolonate**, *a.* having stolon. **stoloniferous** *a.* producing stolon.

stoma

n. (pl. -mata), mouth; orifice; breathing pore of plants. **stomatal**, *a.* stomatic *a.* pertaining to stoma.; *n. & a.* *Medicine*, used for disorders of mouth. **stomatiferous**, *a.* having stoma. **stomatitis**, *n.* inflammation of mouth. **stomatology**, *n.* medical study of mouth. **stomatose**, **stomatous**, *a.* having stoma.

stopes

n. step-like working in a mine to extract ore; *v.t.* excavate in stopes.

stopple

n. stopper; plug.

storge

n. parental instinct.

storiate

v.t. ornament with historical designs. **storiation, n.**

storiology

n. study of folk-lore. **storiological, a.** **storiologist, n.**

stovaine

n. anaesthetic cocaine-substitute, chiefly injected into spine.

strabismus

n. squint. **strabismal, strabismic(al), a.** **strabismometer, n.** instrument measuring degree of strabismus.

stramineous

a. like straw or its colour; worthless.

stramonium

n. thorn apple, and its leaves used in medicine.

strandlooper

n. Bushman; native beachcomber.

strappado

n. form of torture in which victim was let fall the length of a rope tied to his wrists, etc.

strata

n. see stratum.

strath

n. wide river valley. **strathspey**, *n.* reel-like Scottish dance.

stratification

n. arrangement in layers or strata. **stratiform**, *a.* like a stratum.

stratigraphy

n. study of geological strata; stratification. **stratigrapher**, **stratigraphist**, *n.* **stratigraphic**, *a.*

stratocracy

n. military rule. **stratocrat**, *n.* **stratocratic**, *a.* **stratography**, *n.* art of directing an army.

stratocumulus

n. uniform stretch of grey cloud in lines or waves.

stratosphere

n. upper atmosphere, from about 7 miles/11 km. up. **stratospheric**(al), *a.*

stratum

n. (*pl. -ta*) layer, especially of earth's crust. **stratose**, *a.* in strata. **stratous**, *a.* in strata; like stratus.

stratus

n. (*pl. -ti*) sheet of cloud covering sky at height of 2,000 to 7,000 ft./610 to 2,135 km.

strepore

n. noise. **strepent**, **strepitant**, **strepitous**, *a.*

strepsis

n. twisting.

streptococcus

n. (*pl. -cocci*) harmful bacterium occurring in chains. **streptococcal**, *a.*

streptomycin

n. antibiotic produced by a soil fungus, used chiefly against tuberculosis.

stretcher

n. brick placed lengthwise in brick-laying.

stria

n. (pl. -ae) line; small groove; flute of column; scratch; band; stripe. **strate**, *v.*
t. mark with striae. **striation**, *n.*

strickle

n. scythe-sharpening instrument; template; instrument for levelling off material, especially grain, in a container.

stricture

n. harsh criticism; *Med.*, contraction; constriction of body passage; constricted passage.

stridor

n. harsh noise; whistling sound in breathing. **stridulate**, *v.i.* make a shrill or harsh noise. **stridulation**, *n.* **stridulator**, *n.* **stridulous**, *a.* squeaky.

striga

n. (pl. -gae) stria; plant's stiff bristle. **strigal**, *a.* **strigate**, *a.* having striga.

strigil

n. instrument used to scrape down skin in Greek and Roman baths.

strigilation

n. scraping.

strigine

a. pertaining to or like an owl.

strigose

a. having strigae.

stringent

a. strict; tight; cogent. **stringency**, *n.*

striola

n. (*pl.* -iae) small or weak stria. **striolate**, *a.* having striolae.

strobic

a. spinning; like a top.

strobile

n., **strobilus** *n.* cone-like inflorescence, especially of hop. **strobilaceous**, **strobiline**, **strobiloid**, *a.*

stroboscope

n. instrument for studying periodic motion by illuminating object with flashes at same frequency as that of its motion. **stroboscopic**, *a.* **stroboscopy**, *n.*

strombuliform

a. like a spinning top or screw.

strongyle

n. parasitic roundworm; spicule. **strongylate**, *a.* having these. **strongylidosis**, **strongylosis**, *n.* infestation with these.

strophe

n. section of Greek ode sung by chorus when moving from right to left; stanza. **strophic**, *a.* **strophosis**, *n.* twist; turn.

strudel

n. kind of tart with fruit between layers of very thin pastry. **apfel-strudel**, strudel containing apple.

struma

n. (*pl. -mae*) goitre. **strumectomy**, *n.* surgical removal of struma. **strumose**, **strumous**, **strumatic**, *a.*

strumpet

n. prostitute.

struthian

a. ratite. **struthiform**, *a.* like an ostrich. **struthionine**, **struthious**, *a.*

stucco

n. (*pl.* -oes) kind of plaster for exteriors of buildings, especially highly ornamented.

stulm

n. adit.

stultify

v.t. make to seem foolish; frustrate; make futile. **stuttification**, *n.*

stupa

n. dome-like Buddhist shrine.

stupe

n. flannel for fomentation; pledget.

stupefiant

a. stupefying; *n.* narcotic. **stupefy**, *v.t.* make stupid; daze.

stupeous

a. tow-like. **stupose**, *a.* having tow-like tufts.

stuprations

n. rape.

stupulose

a. downy.

Sturm und Drang

'storm and stress'; nationalist literary movement of 18th- century Germany.

sturnine

a. pertaining to starlings. **strunoid**, *a.* like a starling.

Stygian

a. pertaining to Styx, river of the mythical underworld; murky; applied to solemn, unbreakable vow.

style

n. ancient writing instrument with one sharp and one blunt end; *Botany* stalk-like outgrowth of ovary bearing stigma. **stylate**, **styliferous**, *a.* bearing a style. **styliform**, *a.* like a style. **styline**, *a.* **stylite**, *n.* ascetic saint living on top of pillar.

stylobate

n. coping, etc., supporting colonnade.

stylograph

n. fountain pen with needle-like point. **stylography**, *n.* writing with a style on wax tablet, etc. **stylographic**, *a.*

stylometer

n. column-measuring instrument.

stylus

n. style; gramophone needle; any pointed tracer or indicator.

stymie

n. obstruction of golfer's putt by opponent's ball; *v.t.* obstruct putt in this way; thwart.

styptic

a., n. (substance) checking bleeding by constricting blood vessels. **stypsis**, *n.* use of this.

stythe

n. choke-damp.

suation

n. persuasion; advice.

sub

prep. 'under'. **sub judice**, still under judicial consideration. **sub plumbo**, 'under lead'; under the Pope's seal. **sub rosa**, in confidence; secret. **sub sigillo**, 'under seal'; in strict confidence. **sub silentio**, secret; tacit. **sub specie aeternitatis**, 'under the aspect of eternity'; in respect of its essential nature or worth. **sub voce**, under that word; in the place where that subject is considered (*abbreviated as s.v.*).

subacid

a. slightly acid.

subacute

a. applied to diseases between acute and chronic.

subaerial

a. in open air; on surface of ground.

subahdar

n. viceroy; provincial governor; sepoy company commander.

subalary

a. beneath wings.

subalpine

a. of higher mountain slopes below timber line.

subangular

a., subangulate *a.* somewhat angular.

subarid

a. slightly arid.

subarrhatiōn

n. betrothal, with gift from man to woman.

subastral

a. sublunary.

subaudition

n. understanding of something not expressed; thing so understood. **subaudible**,
a. hardly audible. **subauditur**, *n.* thing understood; implication.

subboreal

a. very cold.

subcentral

a. beneath the centre; not exactly central.

subcontinent

n. mass of land almost as large as a continent. **subcontinental**, *a.*

subcutaneous

a. beneath the skin.

subdecimal

a. applied to quotient of division by a multiple of ten. **subdecuple**, *a.* containing one part of ten.

subduct

v.t. draw or turn downwards; deduct. **subduction**, *n.* turning downward; *Geology*, movement of one part of earth's crust beneath another.

subduplicate

a. expressed by square root.

subereous

a. pertaining to or like cork. **suberise**, *v.t.* convert into corky tissue. **suberose**, *a.* like cork.

subfluvial

a. beneath, or at bottom of, a river.

subfocal

a. of which one is not entirely conscious.

subfusc

a. dusky drab; *n.* formal academic dress at Oxford University.

subglacial

a. beneath, or at bottom of, a glacier.

subinfeudate

v.i., v.t. grant to another land held from feudal lord; sublet. **subinfeudation**, **subinfeudatory**, *n.*

subitaneous

a. sudden.

subito

adv. Music. 'at once'; immediately; suddenly.

subjacent

a. lying or situated below.

subjectivism

n. philosophical doctrine that all knowledge is merely subjective, or that attaches great importance to subjective experiences.

subjunctive

a., n. Grammar, (pertaining to) mood of verb expressing possibility, desire, etc., and not actuality or fact.

sublate

v.t. deny; cancel; reduce, especially an idea to subordinate part of a greater unity. **sublation**, *n.* **sublative**, *a.* tending to remove.

sublethal

a. not quite fatal.

sublime

v.t. vaporise substance and allow to solidify; *Psychology*, direct instinctive energy to higher plane; *a.* refined; *n.* product of sublimating. **sublimation**, *n.* **sublimatory**, *a.*

subliminal

a. Psychology, present though unknown to conscious mind; too weak, small, or rapid to be consciously noticed.

sublineation

n. act of underlining.

sublunary

a. of the world; terrestrial.

subluxation

n. state of being almost dislocated.

submaxillary

a. beneath lower jaw. **submaxillary gland**, salivary gland discharging beneath tongue.

submerge

v.i., v.t. submerge. **submersible**, *a.*; *n.* vessel used for undersea exploration or maintenance. **submersion**, *n.*

submicron

n. ultra-microscopic particle.

submiliary

a. smaller than a millet seed.

subminiature

a. (especially of electronic components) very small. **subminiaturise**, *v.t.* reduce to a very small size.

subminimal

a. less than minimum necessary; subliminal.

submontane

a. at foot of mountain.

submultiple

a.,n. (quantity) dividing into another exactly.

subnubilar

a. under clouds. **subnuvolar**, *a.*

suboctuple

a. containing one part of eight; related as 1 is to 8.

suborn

v.t. induce, especially to commit crime; procure. **subornation**, *n.* **subornative**, *a.* **suborner**, *n.*

subpoena

n. writ calling person to attend at court; *v.t.* serve subpoena on. **subpoenal**, *a.* under penalty.

subquintuple

a. having ratio of 1 to 5.

subreptary

a. adapted to crawling. **subreption**, *n.* false or unfair deduction or representation due to suppression of truth. **subreptitious**, *a.* pertaining to subreption.

subrident

a. smiling. **subrision**, *n.*

subrogate

v.t. substitute. **subrogation**, *n.*

subserve

v.t. be useful to; promote. **subservient**, *a.* servile.

subsextuple

a. related as 1 is to 6.

subsist

v.t. (be able to) continue to exist; consist; *Philosophy*, be conceivable; feed and clothe. **subsistence**, *n.* (continuing) existence; (means of obtaining) the bare necessities of life. **subsistent(ial)**, *a.*

subsolari

a. beneath the sun; sublunary; between tropics.

subsonic

a. pertaining to or at a speed less than the speed of sound in air.

substantive

a. pertaining to or like a substance or entity; existing alone; independent; substantial; solid; essential; real, actual; *Grammar*, expressing existence; *n.* noun or pronoun. **substantival**, *a.*

substituent

n. thing, especially atom, substituted for another.

substratum

n. (*pl.* -ta) underneath layer; foundation. **substratal**, **substrative**, *a.* **substrate**, *n.* **substratose**, *a.* imperfectly stratified.

subsultus

n. convulsive movement. **subsultory**, *a.* leaping.

subsume

v.t. include within a larger entity or under a broader heading. **subsumption**, *n.* **subsumptive**, *a.*

subtend

v.t. extend beneath or opposite to. **subtense**, *a.* pertaining to object of known length by which distances are measured.

subterfuge

n. means of evading; trick.

subtopia

n. deceptively spacious suburban paradise.

subtrahend

n. amount to be subtracted.

substrist

a. rather sad.

subturbary

a. beneath turf.

subulate

a. long and tapering; awl-shaped. **subulicorn**, *a.* having such horns or antennae.
subuliform, *a.*

subungual

a., subungual *a.* beneath a nail or hoof.

suburbicarian

a. pertaining to suburbs, especially of Rome.

subvention

n. subsidy. **subvene**, *v.t.* support; aid; happen to help.

subvert

v.t. overthrow; pervert; destroy. **subversion**, *n.* subversive, *a.* tending to overthrow existing order.

subvocal

a. put into words but not spoken.

succedaneum

n. (*pl.* -ea) substitute; remedy. **succedaneous**, *a.*

succent

v.t. sing second part. **succentor**, *n.* deputy precentor.

succès d'estime

'success of esteem'; state of being highly praised or respected but not a financial success. **succès fou**, 'mad success'; tremendous success.

succinct

a. concise; curt.

succiniferous

a. producing amber.

succise

a. having appearance of having lower part cut off.

succorrhoea

n. excessive secretion.

succory

n. chicory.

succubus

n. (pl. -bi) demon, especially one taking on female form to have sexual intercourse with man in his sleep; harlot. **succubine**, *a.*

succusal

a. like a branch or outgrowth; subordinate.

succus

n. (pl. -cci) juice. **succus entericus**, digestive secretion of small intestine.

succuss

v.t. shake violently, especially *Medicine*, to detect presence of fluid.
succussion, succussion, n. succussory, succussive, a.

sucrose

n. cane or beet sugar.

suctorial

a. pertaining to, or for, sucking; having such organs. **suctorian, n.** such animal.

sudamen

n. (*pl. -mina*) eruption due to retention of sweat under skin.

sudarium

n. (*pl. -ia*) handkerchief or cloth for wiping away sweat, especially St. Veronica's, on which portrait of Christ is supposed to have been impressed; **sudatorium**.
sudatorium, n. (*pl. - ia*) sweating room of a bath.

sudatory

a. sweating; sudorific; *n.* sudatorium; sudarium.

sudd

n. mass of floating weed blocking the Nile.

sudiform

a. having shape of stake.

sudor

n. sweat. **sudoral**, **sudoric**, *a.* **sudoresis**, *n.* copious sweating. **sudoriferous**, **sudoriparous**, *a.* sweat- producing. **sudorific**, *n.* & *a.* (drug) promoting perspiration.

Suecism

n. peculiarity of Swedish speech, thought, life, etc.

sufflaminate

v.t. check; obstruct. **sufflamination**, *n.*

sufflation

n. afflatus.

suffragan

a. Ecclesiastical, subordinate; *n.* assistant bishop. **suffraganal**, **suffraganeous**, *a.* **suffraganate**, **suffragancy**, *n.* office or jurisdiction of suffrangan.

suffrage

n. vote; right to vote; supplication. **suffragial**, *a.* **suffragist**, *n.* believer in extension of suffrage.

suffrutescent

a. having woody base. **suffruticose, suffruticous, a.** applied to such perennial plant, remaining herbaceous in upper part.

suffuse

v.t.; usually spread from within; fill with fluid. **suffusion, n. suffusive, a.**

sugent

a. suctorial. **sugescent, a.**

suggilate

v.t. beat black and blue; slander. **suggilation, n.**

sui generis

a. 'of its, his or her own kind'; unique. **sui juris, 'in his or her own right';** having full legal rights.

suilline

a.,n. (person or animal) like a pig.

suint

n. sheep's dried perspiration in wool.

sukiyaki

n. Japanese dish of thin slices of meat, bean curd and vegetables with soy sauce cooked at the table.

sulcate

a. having grooves; furrowed; *v.t.* furrow. **sulcation**, *n.* **sulcus**, *n.* groove, furrow, especially on surface of brain.

sullage

n. refuse; sewage; pollution; silt.

sulpha-drugs

n. pl. pl. group of synthetic chemical drugs also called sulphonamides, including sulphadiazine for pneumonia; sulphaguanidine for intestinal infections; sulphanilamide for throat infections, blood-poisoning, etc.; and others.

sulphate

n. salt of sulphuric acid. **sulphide**, *n.* compound of sulphur. **sulphite**, *n.* salt of sulphurous acid.

sulphonal

n. kind of sedative drug. **sulphonalm**, *n.* condition due to abuse of this.

sulphonamide

n. sulpha-drug.

sulphurate

v.t. impregnate with sulphur. **sulphureous**, *a.* pertaining to or like sulphur. **sulphuretted**, *a.* impregnated with sulphur. **sulphuric**, *a.* containing sulphur in higher valency. **sulphurous**, *a.* containing sulphur in lower valency; pertaining to hellfire; scathing; profane.

sumi

n. Japanese black ink in block form.

summa

n. (*pl. -mae*) comprehensive treatise. **summa cum laude**, 'with the highest praise'; highest distinction in some academic examinations. **summa rerum**, 'sum of things'; great public interest. **summa summarum**, 'sum of sums'; consummation.

summand

n. number, quantity to be added in a sum.

summation

n. total; addition; summing up. **summative**, **summatory**, *a.*

summum bonum

'highest good'. **summum jus**, exact legal right.

sumpitan

n. E Indian poisoned-arrow blow-pipe.

sumpter

n. pack; pack horse; beast of burden.

sumptuary

a. regulating expenditure.

sunn

n. E Indian plant yielding hemp-like fibre.

Sunna

n. body of traditional Islamic law and custom based on words and deeds of Mohammed.

Suomic

a. Finnish.

supari

n. betel nut.

superannuate

v.t. discharge as too old; pension off. **superannuation**, *n.* retirement pension.

supercargo

n. (*pl.* -oes) ship's official in charge of business affairs.

superciliary

a. pertaining to brows or eyebrows. **supercilious**, *a.* haughty; contemptuous.

supercrescent

a. parasitic.

supererogate

v.i. do more than necessary. **supererogation**, **supererogator**, *n.* supererogative, supererogatory, *a.*

superfetate

a. conceive during pregnancy. **superfetation**, *n.* such conception; cumulative growth by accretion; overproduction.

superficies

n. surface; surface area. **superficiary**, *a.* built on another's land.

superheterodyne

a. *Radio*, applied to reception in which oscillations of slightly different frequency are imposed on the received oscillations, producing beats of a frequency above audio-frequency which are easily amplified.

superhumeral

n. garment, especially ecclesiastical, worn over shoulders.

superincumbent

a. lying on top of; overhanging. **superincidence, superincumbency, n.**

superinduce

v.t. bring as addition. **superinduction, n.**

superjacent

a. lying over or above.

superlative

a.,n. (of) the highest degree.

superlunary

a. above the moon; other-worldly.

supermaxillary

a. pertaining to the upper jaw.

supernal

a. heavenly.

supernatant

a. floating on surface. **supernatation**, *n.*

supernova

n. star that suddenly increases immensely in brightness, emitting up to 100 million times its normal light.

supernumerary

a., n. (person) in addition to usual or necessary number.

superphosphate

n. acid phosphate.

superscribe

v.t. write on top or at head. **superscript**, *a.* written above. **superscription**, *n.*

supersensible

a. beyond physical perception; spiritual.

supersolid

n. magnitude of more than three dimensions.

supersonic

a. denoting speed greater than speed of sound; pertaining to vibrations above the audible limit.

superstratum

n. (*pl.* -ta) overlying layer.

superterranean

a., superterraneous *a.* above or on surface of earth. **superterrene**, *a.*

supervene

v.i. occur in addition or unexpectedly; follow close upon. **supervenient**, *a.* **supervenience**, **supervention**, *n.*

supinate

v.i., v.t. lie or make lie on back; turn arm so that palm is upward. **supination**, *n.* **supinator**, *n.* muscle producing supination.

supine

a. lying flat on back; sluggish; lazy;; *n.* *Grammar*, kind of Latin verbal noun.

suppedaneum

n. (*pl.* -ea) support for feet, especially on cross for crucifixion. **suppedaneous**, *a.*

suppletion

n. *Philology*, use of a word form as tense, inflection etc. of another, different word form, as e.g. *worse* as comparative of *bad*. **suppletive**, *a.* **suppletory**, *a.* **supplementary**.

suppliant

a., n. beseeching (person). **supplicate**, *v.i. & t.* beseech; beg. **supplication**, *n.*

suppository

n. soluble medical remedy introduced into orifice.

suppressio veri

'suppression of truth'.

suppurate

v.i. fester; discharge pus. **suppuration**, *n.* **suppurative**, *a.*

supra

adv. 'above'; previously. **vide supra**, 'see above' (*abbreviated as v.s.*)

supraliminal

a. conscious.

supraorbital

a. above the eye socket.

suprarenal

a. above the kidneys; adrenal.

surah

n. soft silk fabric.

sural

a. pertaining to calf of leg.

surcease

v.i., v.t. cease; stop; n. cessation.

surcingle

n. band fastening anything on horse's back; girdle or belt worn with cassock.

surculose

a. producing suckers. **surculous**, a. **surculus**, n. (pl. -li) sucker.

surd

a. deaf; senseless; *Phonetics*, unvoiced; n. *Mathematics*, irrational number, as pi. **surdomutism**, **surdimutism**, n. state of being deaf and dumb. **surdmute**, n. deaf and dumb person.

suricate

n. mongoose-like animal of S Africa.

surma

n. eye-shadow.

surmullet

n. red mullet.

surnominal

a. pertaining to surnames.

surrebutter

n. Law, plaintiff's reply to defendant's rebutter. **surrebuttal**, *n.* giving evidence in support of this.

surrejoinder

n. Law plaintiff's reply to defendant's rejoinder.

surrogate

n. substitute; deputy, especially for bishop; *a.* substitute; deputizing.
surrogation, *n.*

sursum corda

n. 'lift up your hearts'; versicle in church service.

surveillance

n. observation; watch. **surveillant, n.** & **a.**

suscept

n. parasite's host.

suscitate

v.t. stimulate. **suscitation, n.**

suspensus per collum

'hung by the neck'; executed (*abbreviated as sus. per coll.*).

suspire

v.i. breathe; sigh. **suspiration, n.** **suspirative, a.**

sustentation

n. sustaining; maintenance; sustenance. **sustentative a.**

susurate

v.i. whisper. **susurrant, a.** **susurrous, a.** rustling. **susurrus, n.** whispering sound. **susurration, n.**

sutler

n. camp-follower vending provisions. **sutlery, n.**

suttee

n. suicide of Hindu woman on husband's funeral pyre; this custom. **sutteeism**, *n.*

suture

n. stitching up of wound; seam-like joint between parts; connection; *v.t.* stitch up. **sutural**, *a.* **suturation**, *n.*

suum cuique

'to each his own'.

suzerain

n. sovereign. **suzerainty**, *n.*

svelte

a. slim and attractive; sophisticated.

swage

n. groove; metal-worker's grooved shaping tool; *v.t.* shape with this.

swale

n. meadow; marshy hollow.

swami

n. lord; learned master.

swaraj

n. self-government. **swarajist**, *n.*

swipple

n. blade of a flail.

sybarite

n. inhabitant of Sybaris, S Italy; person excessively fond of luxury. **sybaritic**, *a.*

sybil

n. prophetess; hag. **sybillic**, sybilline, *a.* like sybil or oracle; mysterious.
sybillism, *n.* prophecy by sybil.

sybotic

a. pertaining to swineherd. **sybotism**, *n.*

syce

n. Indian groom or mounted attendant.

syconium

n. form of fruit with ovaries on enlarged receptacle, as fig.

sycophant

n. flatterer; parasite. *sycophantic a. sycophancy, sycophantry, n.*

sycosis

n. inflammatory pustular disease of facial hair follicles. *sycosiform, a.*

syllabary

n. set of symbols for syllables. *syllabatim, adv.* syllable by syllable.

syllepsis

n. (pl. -ses) use of word agreeing with only one of them to govern two or more words; use of word in figurative and literal senses in same phrase. *sylleptic(al), a.*

syllogism

n. argument in which conclusion is deduced from two premises. *syllogize, v.i. & t. syllogistic(al), a.*

sylph

n. spirit of air; slim girl. *sylphic, sylphid, a.*

sylva

n. tree of a region; treatise on trees; anthology. *sylvan, sylvestral, a.*

symbiosis

n. living together of two organisms of different kinds, especially to their mutual benefit. **symbion**, **symbiont**, **symbiote**, *n.* such organism. **symbiotic**, *a.* **symbiotics**, *n.* study of symbiosis.

symbolaeography

n. drawing up of legal documents.

symbolofideism

n. having faith in symbols. **symbolatry**, *n.* worship of symbols.

symphil

n. living together to their mutual benefit, of insects and other organisms. **syphilic**, **syphilous**, *a.*

symphonious

a. harmonious.

symphysis

n. (*pl. -ses*) fixed articulation of two bones, especially by cartilaginous pad. **symphysis menti**, symphysis of two lower jawbones at chin. **symphysis pubis**, symphysis of two pubic bones. **syphytic**, *a.*

symploce

n. repetition of initial and concluding phrases or words of a sentence at beginning and end of following sentence.

symposium

n. (*pl. -ia*) collection of opinions; discussion. **symposiac(al)**, *a.* **symposiarch**, *n.* leader of symposium. **symposiast**, *n.* contributor to symposium.

symprosis

n. emaciation.

synactic

a. acting in addition or together; cumulative.

synaeresis

n. pronunciation as one of two vowels usually pronounced separately.

synaesthesia

n. sensation occurring in part distant from part stimulated; association of sensation, as colour, etc., with other sensation. **synaesthetic**, *a.*

synallagmatic

a. bilateral; reciprocal.

synaloepha

n. contraction of two syllables into one by omission of vowel.

synanthesis

n. synchronous maturity of male and female elements of plant. **syntheticic**, *a.*
synanthy, *n.* growing together of two flowers.

synapse

n. place of passage of impulse from one neurone to next.

synarchy

n. joint rule. **synarchical**, *a.*

synartesis

n. close junction. **synarthrosis**, *n.* (*pl.* -ses) fixed articulation of bones.

synastry

n. relationship between individuals as denoted by relationships between planets etc. in their astrological charts.

syncategorematic

a. having meaning only in conjunction with another word.

synchoresis

n. rhetorical device of apparently conceding point to strengthen argument.

synchronous

a. pertaining to or happening at same time. **synchronal**, **synchronic**, *a.*
synchronize, *v.i.* & *t.* occur or make occur simultaneously. **synchronism**, *n.*

synchroscope

n. device indicating the degree of synchronism of associated machines or moving parts.

synchrotron

n. apparatus, combination of betatron and cyclotron, for accelerating charged particles for atomic fission experiments.

synchysis

n. confusion.

synclastic

a. curved in all directions towards same point.

syncline

n. *Geology*, downward fold. **synclinal**, **synclinical**, *a.*

syncopate

v.t. omit part from interior of; *Music*, begin rhythm on unaccented beat.
syncope, *n.* omission of sound from word; *Medicine*, fainting. **syncopation**, *n.*

syncrasy

n. combination.

syncretism

n. combination of different religious beliefs; eclecticism; compromise.

syncretize, v.i. & t. become or cause to become fused. *syncretist, n.*

syncretistic, a.

syndactyl(e)

a., n. (animal) with digits joined together. *syndactylia, syndactylism,*
syndactyly, n. *syndactylic, syndactylous, a.*

syndetic(al)

a. connective.

syndic

n. magistrate; member of committee. *syndical, a.* *syndicalism, n.* theory of obtaining control of means of production by workers' organizations.

syndrome

n. group of things, especially medical symptoms, happening together.

synecdoche

n. Literature device of signifying thing by its part, or part by whole. *synecdochic (al), a.* *synecdochism, n.*

synechiology

n. doctrine of the continuity or union of things. *synechiological*, *a.*

synechthry

n. living together of hostile species.

synecology

n. study of ecological communities.

synectics

n. problem-solving by creative and lateral thinking among a diverse group of people.

synergetic

a. co-operating. *synergize*, *v.i.* *synergism*, *n.* synergy; *Religion*, doctrine of co-operation of human will with divine grace. *synergy*, *n.* combined action of drugs, muscles, units, etc. to produce an effect greater than the sum of its parts.

synesis

n. *Grammar*, construction in which grammatical agreement is according to sense rather than syntax.

synethnic

a. of same race or country.

syngamy

n. conjunction of gametes, etc. **syngamic**, **syngamous**, *a.*

syngensis

n. sexual reproduction. **syngenetic**, *a.*

synizesis

n. contraction of two syllables by combining pronunciation of successive vowels.

synkinesis

n. movement of part when another is moved.

synod

n. assembly or council, especially of Church. **synodal**, **synodic(al)**, *a.* *Astronomy*, (of period) between two conjunctions with sun.

synoecious

a. having male and female flowers in same inflorescence. **synoecize**, *v.t.* join together. **synoecism**, *n.* **synoecy**, *n.* association of species with benefit to one and neither harm nor benefit to other.

synonym

n. word having same meaning as another. **synonymic**, **synonymous**, *a.* **synonymy**, *n.* use for emphasis of several synonyms.

synopsis

n. (*pl. -ses*) summary; outline. **synoptic(al)**, *a.* giving or pertaining to synopsis; taking the same view; **synoptic Gospels**, those according to Matthew, Mark and Luke. **synoptist**, *n.* writer of synoptic Gospel.

synoptophore

n. instrument correcting defects in eye muscle.

synorthographic

a. spelt alike.

synovia

n. lubricating fluid secreted by certain membranes. **synovial**, *a.* **synoviparous**, *a.* producing this. **synovitis**, *n.* inflammation of synovial membrane.

syntagma

n. a systematic collection.

syntax

n. sentence-construction; systematic arrangement. **syntactic(al)**, *a.*

syntectic

a. pertaining to syntaxis.

synteresis

n. intuitive knowledge of right and wrong; 'divine spark' of the soul.

syntaxis

n. wasting or melting away.

synthermal

a. having same temperature.

syntony

n. tuning wireless instrument to same wavelength. **syntonic**, *a.* pertaining to syntony; *Psychology*, in harmony with one's surroundings. **syntonize**, *v.t.*

sypher

v.t. (of boards) join edge to edge or overlap to form a level surface.

syringadenous

a. pertaining to sweat glands.

syrinx

n. (*pl. -rings*) tubular object; bird's vocal organ; Pan's pipes.

systaltic

a. pulsatory.

systatic

a. bringing together.

systemic

a. affecting the whole organism; (of a pesticide) making the whole plant toxic to pests.

systole

n. contraction, alternating with diastole, in pulsation of heart; shortening of long syllable. **systolic**, *a.*

syzygy

n. conjunction or opposition of celestial body with the sun. **syzygial**, *a.*

Taal

n. the Afrikaans language.

tabacosis

n. tobacco-poisoning.

tabagie

n. smoking-room or -party.

tabard

n. herald's sleeveless tunic; coat worn over armour.

tabaret

n. striped material of watered silk and satin.

tabasco

n. kind of pepper sauce.

tabasheer

n. hard substance extracted from bamboo joints and used medicinally; sugar of bamboo.

tabefaction

n. emaciation.

tabellion

n. scrivener.

tabes

n. wasting or emaciation of body or organ. **tabes dorsalis**, *n.* locomotor ataxia. **tabetic**, **tabid**, *a.* **tabescent**, *a.* wasting away. **tabescence**, *n.*

tabinet

n. silk-and-wool watered material.

tabitude

n. tabes.

tablature

n. Music, notation, especially for the lute; mental image; description; picture; any plate-like surface or object.

tableau

n. (pl. -leaux) graphic description; dramatic or artistic grouping, especially at the end of a scene on stage. **tableau vivant**, 'living picture'; pose reproducing a well-known painting, sculpture, scene, etc.

table d'hôte

n. 'table of the host'; restaurant menu with limited choice of dishes at fixed price.

tabor

n. small drum.

tabouret

n. low stool; small tabor; embroidery frame.

tabula rasa

n. 'smoothed tablet'; condition of mind free from ideas or impressions.

tace

n. 'be silent'. **tacet**, 'it, he or she is silent'.

tacheometer

n. tachymeter.

tachistoscope

n. instrument exposing visual signals, e.g. colours or shapes, for very short periods of time, especially one showing words and phrases at increasing speeds, to accelerate reading.

tachograph

n. instrument installed in vehicle recording distance travelled, number and length of stops, speeds, and similar data.

tachometer

n. instrument indicating engine speed in revolutions per minute. **tachometry**, *n.* measurement of speed.

tachycardia

n. abnormally rapid heart beat. **tachycardiac**, *a.*

tachygraphy

n. shorthand; shortened cursive writing. **tachygrapher**, **tachygraphist**, *n.* **tachygraphical**, *a.*

tachymeter

n. instrument for making quick surveys.

tachyphylaxis

n. rapid development of immunity to the effects of a drug, especially to those of a poison through previous ingestion of small amount of same.

tachypn(o)ea

n. abnormally rapid breathing.

tachytelic

a. pertaining to abnormally rapid evolution.

tacit

a. silent; unspoken; merely implied. **taciturn**, *a.* silent; morose. **taciturnity**, *n.*

tactile

a. pertaining to sense of touch; tangible; *n.* person whose mental processes are stimulated most by sense of touch. **tactility**, *n.* **taction**, *n.* touching. **tactual**, *a.* **tactus**, *n.* sense of touch; stroke in beating time.

taedium vitae

n. 'weariness of life'.

taenia

n. (*pl. -ae*) band; fillet; tapeworm. **taeniacide**, **taenicide**, *n.* substance destroying tapeworms. **taeniafuge**, **taenifuge**, *n.* substance expelling tapeworms. **taenial**, *a.* **taeniasis**, *n.* infestation with tapeworms. **taeniform**, **taeniate**, *a.* ribbon-like. **taeniod**, *a.* like a ribbon or tapeworm.

taffrail

n. rail round ship's stern.

tagmeme

n. smallest meaningful unit of grammatical form.

tahsil

n. administrative district in India. **tahsildar**, *n.* tax-collector.

taiga

n. subarctic coniferous forest.

taipan

n. rich merchant in China; highly poisonous Australian snake.

taj

n. cap, especially of dervish.

talalgia

n. pain in heel or ankle.

talapoin

n. Buddhist monk; species of monkey of W Africa.

talar

n. ankle-length robe. **talaria**, *n. pl.* winged sandals. **talaric**, *a.* pertaining or reaching to ankles.

taligrade

a. (animal) walking on outer side of foot.

talionic

a. retaliatory.

talipes

n. clubfoot. **taliped**, *n.* person with talipes.

talipot

n. palm tree with huge leaves.

talisman

n. thing believed to have magical power. **talismanic(al)**, *a.*

tallith

n. Jewish prayer-shawl.

Talmud

n. Jewish scriptures. **Talmudic**, *a.*

talpa

n. Medicine, mole.

taluk

n. estate. **talukdar**, *n.* owner of taluk.

talus

n. (*pl. -li*) ankle bone; slope; *Geology*, rock detritus at base of slope.

tamandu(a)

n. small anteater of Central and S America. **tamanoir**, *n.* ant bear.

tamaricaceous

a. pertaining to or like tamarisk; belonging to tamarisk family of trees.

tamarind

n. cultivated tropical tree, with edible leaves and flowers, and fruit used as medicine, flour and in preserves.

tamarisk

n. heathlike shrub or tree of warm regions.

tamasha

n. show; important occasion; commotion.

tambour

n. drum; embroidery frame; sloping buttress or fortification.

tamis

n. woollen cloth for straining.

tampan

n. venomous S African tick.

tampon

n. surgical plug of cotton-wool; double-headed drumstick. **tamponage**, *n.* use of tampons.

tanager

n. finch-like American bird.

tanagra

n. brown madder; terracotta statuette, especially found at Tanagra, Greece.

tangram

n. puzzle or toy made by cutting square into seven pieces, which are fitted together to form other shapes.

tannin

n. highly astringent substance obtained from many plants. **tannic**, *a.* **tanniferous**, *a.* yielding tannin. **tannoid**, *a.* like tannin.

tantalus

n. case or stand, fitted with a lock, for wine or spirit bottles.

tantivy

adv. adv. at full gallop.

tant mieux

'so much the better'.

tant pis

'so much the worse'.

taphephobia

n. dread of being buried alive.

tapinosis

n. use of degrading diction about a subject.

tapir

n. ant-eater with short proboscis.

tapis

n. 'carpet'. **on the tapis**, under discussion.

tapotement

n. use of percussion in massage.

tarantas(s)

n. low four-wheeled Russian carriage.

tarantella

n. fast violent S Italian dance. **tarantism**, *n.* nervous disease marked by desire to dance.

tarantula

n. poisonous spider of S Europe. **tarantulous**, **tarantular**, *a.*

taraxacum

n. dandelion, and its dried roots used in medicine.

tarboosh

n. fez.

tardigrade

a. slow-moving. **tardiloquous** *a.* slow in speech. **tardive**, *a.* unpunctual.

tarlatan, tarletan

n. kind of thin stiff muslin.

tarpon

n. large American marine game fish.

tarsier

n. large-eyed squirrel-like E Indian animal.

tarsus

n. (*pl. -si*) ankle and bones supporting it. **tarsal**, *a.*

tartar

n. crust-like deposit of grape juice on wine casks; incrustation on teeth.
tartareous, tartaric, a.

tartarology

n. doctrine about Hell.

tartrate

n. salt of tartaric acid.

tasimetry

n. measurement of pressures. **tasimeter, n.** instrument measuring temperature changes by responding to minute changes of air pressure due to expansion and contraction of solid bodies.

tassie

n. small cup.

tatami

n. (*pl. -mi, -mis*) straw mat of standard size.

tatou

n. armadillo. **tatouay, n.** large S American armadillo.

tau

n. nineteenth letter, of Greek alphabet; any T-shaped thing.

taupe

n. mole-colour.

taurian

a. pertaining to bull. **tauricide**, *n.* killing or killer of bull. **tauriform**, *a.* bull-like. **taurine**, *a.* **tauromachy**, *n.* bullfight.

tautology

n. repetition of sense of word(s) in other unnecessary words. **tautological**, *a.* **tautologize**, *v.i.*

tautomerism

n. *Chemistry*, possession by a substance of more than one structure. **tautomer**, *n.* **tautomeric** *a..*

taws(e)

n. thong for punishment.

taxaceous

a. pertaining to or like yew; belonging to the yew family of trees. **taxine** *a.*

taxeme

n. linguistic feature (*e.g.* difference in stress, pronunciation or word-order)

differentiating otherwise identical utterances.

taxonomy

n. classification, especially of animals and plants. **taxonomic(al)**, *a.*
taxonomist, *n.*

tazza

n. cup with saucer-shaped bowl on a pedestal.

teapoy

n. three-legged stand or table.

tebbad

n. simoom of Central Asia.

technocracy

n. government by technical experts. **technocrat**, *n.* **technography**, *n.*
description of arts and crafts. **technolithic**, *n.* pertaining to implements of
stone. **technonomy**, *n.* laws of industrial arts. **technophobia**, *n.* fear of using
technological devices or of the impact of technology on society.

tecnology

n. study of children.

tectiform

a. rooflike.

tectonic

a. structural; *Geology*, pertaining to deformation of earth's crust. **tectonics**, *n.* science of construction; *Geology*, study of structure of earth's crust.

tectorial

a. acting as covering.

tectrix

n. (*pl. -rices*) bird's wing or tail covert. **tectrial**, *a.*

ted

v.t. spread out for drying.

tedesco

a. (*feminine -ca*) German. **tedescan**, *a.*

Te Deum

n. *abbreviation* of **te deum laudamus**, 'we praise thee, O God'; *n.* ancient Christian hymn sung at morning service; any song of praise or thanks.

teg

n. sheep, and fleece, in second year.

tegestologist

n. collector of beer mats.

tegmen

n. (*pl.* -mina) covering. **tegminal**, **tegmental**, *a.*

tegula

n. (*pl.* -iae) tile. **tegular**, *a.* **tegulated**, *a.* made of overlapping plates.

tegument

n. integument. **tegumental**, **tegumentary**, *a.*

te igitur

'thee therefore'; first words of Canon of Roman Mass; binding oath.

teil

n. lime tree.

teinoscope

n. prism telescope.

tektite

n. small glassy body found on the surface of the Earth in large numbers and many forms, of uncertain origin but probably from outer space, perhaps debris from the moon or from a comet.

telacoustic

a. pertaining to telaesthesia by sound.

telaesthesia

n. perception of events or objects not actually present or near, e.g. clairvoyance.

telamon

n. Architecture, male figure supporting entablature.

telarian

a.,n. (spider) spinning web. **telary**, *a.* web-spinning.

telautograph

n. telecommunication system reproducing handwriting, drawings, etc.

telecast

n. television broadcast. **telecaster**, *n.*

telechiric

a.,n. (pertaining to) machine able to grasp and manipulate objects at a distance.

teledu

n. Javanese skunk.

telegenic

a. looking attractive on television.

telegnosis

n. clairvoyance. **telegnostic**, *a.*

telegony

n. supposed influence of female's first mate on offspring of her later matings with other males. **telegenic**, **telegonous**, *a.*

telekinesis

n. causing objects to move by mind power. **telekinetic**, *a.*

telelectric

a. pertaining to electrical transmission over long distance. **telegraphy**, *n.* instrument transmitting a picture electrically.

telemark

n. method of turning in skiing.

telemechanics

n. transmission of power, or control of machinery, over a distance, especially by radio.

telemeter

n. distance- or strain-measuring instrument; instrument recording a measurement of quantity and transmitting it over a distance. **telemetric**, *a.*
telemetrograph *n.* telescopic instrument for measuring and drawing distant objects. **telemetry**, *n.*

telenergy

n. application of spiritualistic energy at a distance. **telenergetic**, *a.*

teleology

n. fact of being directed to an end, as by Providence; doctrine as to the purposes of nature; explanation of a phenomenon by reference to its purpose.
teleological, *a.* **teleologist**, *n.*

teleorganic

a. necessary to organic life.

teleost(ean)

a. pertaining to the bony fishes.

telephotography

n. photography of distant objects with telescopic lens; electrical transmission of photographs.

teleplasm

n. ectoplasm. **teleplasmic, teleplastic, a.**

teleprompter

n. device unrolling a magnified script visible to speakers on a television programme but invisible to viewers.

teleran

n. navigation system transmitting ground-based radar scan to aircraft by television.

telergy

n. force that effects telepathy. **telergic, a.** effective at a distance.

teleseism

n. tremor due to distant earthquake. **teleseismic, a. teleseismology, n.** study of teleseism.

telestich

n. acrostic-like poem, etc., in which last letters of lines spell a name.

teletactor

n. instrument enabling deaf to feel sound vibrations with finger tips. **teletactile, a.**

teletherapy

n. medical treatment by telepathy.

telic

a. purposive; *Grammar*, signifying intention.

tell

n. mound of accumulated debris over site of ancient settlement.

tellurian

a. pertaining to the earth; *n.* dweller on the earth. **telluric**, *a.* **tellurion**, *n.* instrument showing how night and day alternate and the seasons change owing to the obliquity of Earth's axis. **tellurism**, *n.* disease production by the soil. **tellurometer**, *n.* electronic instrument for surveying and measuring large areas of the Earth's surface.

telmatology

n. study of peat-bogs. **telmatological**, *a.*

telodynamic

a. pertaining to transmission of power to a distance.

telopsis

n. visual telaesthesia. **teloptic**, *a.*

telpher

n. electrically propelled light car on overhead cable. **telpherage, n.**
transportation by telpher.

telson

n. last segment of crustacean, etc.

telurgy

n. telepathy.

temerity

n. boldness. **temerarious a.**

tempera

n. painting with white of egg or similar medium replacing oil.

temperate

a. moderating; soothing.

template, templet

n. bezel; supporting beam, etc.; shaped plate used as gauge or pattern.

temporal

a. pertaining to time; earthly; secular; pertaining to temples or head.
temporality, *n.* property or revenue of religious body.

tempore

adv. 'in the time of'.

temporize

v.i. procrastinate; delay; comply with circumstances.

tempus fugit

'time is fleeting'.

tenable

a. that can be held or maintained. **tenability**, *n.*

tenacious

a. grasping firmly; clinging closely; not quickly relinquishing or forgetting.
tenacity, *n.*

tendentious

a. tending to uphold or advance a cause; not impartial. **tendential**, *a.*

tendinous

a. pertaining to or like a tendon; sinewy.

tendresse

n. tender feeling; care; delicacy.

tenebra

n. (pl. -ae) 'darkness'; *pl., Roman Catholic*, matins and lauds for last three days of Holy Week. **tenebrific**, *a.* making dark. **tenebrious**, **tenebrose**, **tenebrous**, *a.* dark; gloomy. **tenebrity**, **tenebrosity**, *n.*

tenesmus

n. Medicine, ineffective urge or straining to empty bowels or bladder. **tenesmic**, *a.*

tenet

n. doctrine; dogma.

tenon

n. projecting part of joint for inserting into mortise.

tenonectomy

n. surgical removal of tendon. **tenonitis**, **tenositis**, *n.* inflammation of tendon. **tenorrhaphy**, *n.* surgical stitching of tendon. **tenotomy**, *n.* surgical incision into tendon.

tensile

a. pertaining to tension; that can be stretched. **tensile strength**, ability to

endure lengthwise pull without breaking. **tensile**, *a.* **tensive**, *a.* causing tension. **tensor**, *n.* stretching muscle.

tentamen

n. (*pl.* **-mina**) experiment; attempt. **tentation**, *n.* experiment by trial and error.

tenue

n. general appearance or manner.

tenuous

a. thin; sparse; rarefied. **tenuity**, *n.*

teinary

n. kind of hardy bean of southern USA and Mexico.

tepefy

v.t. make tepid. **tepefaction**, *n.*

tephrosis

n. incineration.

tepor

n. tepidness.

tera-

comb. form of measurement meaning one million millions (10^{12}) (abbrev. as *T*).

teramorphous

a. monstrous; of abnormal form.

teraph

n. (*pl. -phim*) ancient Jewish household god.

teratism

n. monstrosity; love of monsters or marvels. **teratological**, *a.* **teratogen**, *n.* substance that can cause fetal deformities if absorbed during pregnancy. **teratogenesis**, **teratogeny**, *n.* production of malformations in a fetus or of biological monstrosities. **teratoid**, *a.* abnormal. **teratology**, *n.* composition of fantastic stories; study or description of, or doctrine about, miracles; study of freaks, monsters, and physical abnormalities. **teratosis**, *n.*

tercel

n. male hawk.

tercentenary

a. pertaining to or lasting 300 years; *n.* 300th anniversary. **tercentennial**, **tercentenarian**, *a.* & *n.*

tercet

n. set of three rhyming verse-lines.

terdiurnal

a. three times per day.

terebinth

n. tree yielding turpentine. **terebinthine**, *a.*

terebrant

a. boring (hole in); pertaining to long thin sharp sea-shell. **terebrate**, *v.t.* bore.
terebration, *n.*

teredo

n. ship worm.

terek

n. kind of sandpiper.

terephah

n. unclean or forbidden meat.

terete

a. round and tapering.

tergal

a. pertaining to back.

tergiversation

n. act or state of being apostate or renegade; equivocation. **tergiversator**, *n.*
tergiversatory, *a.*

termagant

n. virago.

terminus ad quem

n. 'end to which'; aim; terminal or latest point in time.

terminus a quo

n. 'end from which'; starting point.

termitarium

n.

termitarium

n. termites' nest.

ternary

a. triple; pertaining to or consisting of three(s); in threes; having three as base;
n. set of three. **ternion**, *n.* three; set of three.

Terpsichore

n. muse presiding over the dance. **Terpsichoreal**, **Terpsichorean**, *a.* pertaining to Terpsichore or dancing.

terra

n. 'earth'. **terra alba**, 'white earth'; gypsum, kaolin, magnesia, etc. **terra cotta**, glazed earthenware and its reddish colour. **terra firma**, dry land. **terra incognita**, unknown land.

terraceous

a. earthen.

terramara

n. kind of earthy fertilizer; neolithic pile dwelling.

terramycin

n. antibiotic produced by a soil fungus.

terrane

n. geological formation; area covered by certain type of rock. **terranean**, **terraneous**, *a.* pertaining to earth.

terrapin

n. kind of edible N American turtle.

terraqueous

a. amphibious; consisting of land and water.

terrarium

n. (*pl. -riums, -ria*) enclosure for small land animals; glass container for growing plants.

terrazzo

n. flooring of marble chips.

terrene

a. pertaining to or consisting of earth; mundane.

terricolous

a. living in or on ground.

terrigenous

a. produced by earth.

terrine

n. earthenware jar or dish; tureen; ragout.

territelarian

a., n. (pertaining to) trap-door spider.

terry

n. (cloth) with pile of uncut loops.

tertian

a., n. (fever) recurring after three (*i.e.*, every two) days. **tertiary**, *a.* of third degree; *n.* member of third monastic order. **tertium quid**, *n.* 'third something', not included in simple classification; intermediate or anomalous thing. **tertius**, *n.* third of the name; 'minimus'.

terza rima

n. 'third rhyme'; rhyming scheme of linked tercets. **terzet**, **terzetto**, *n.* trio.

tessara

n. pl. pl. quadrilaterals. **tessaraglot**, *a.* pertaining to, in or speaking four languages.

tesselated

a. chequered; pertaining to or like mosaic. **tesselation**, *n.*

tessera

n. (pl. -rae) small block of stone, tile, etc., used in mosaic; piece of wood, bone, etc., used in ancient times as a token, voucher, tally, etc. **tesseral**, **tessular**, *a.*

test

n. *Zoology*, shell of invertebrate. **testacean**, *n.* shell-fish. **testaceous**, *a.* pertaining to, like or bearing a test.

testa

n. (*pl. -tae*) hard external covering of a seed.

testa

n.

testacy

n. dying testate.

testamur

n. certificate of passing university examination.

testate

a., n. (person) dying leaving a valid will. **testation**, *n.* **testator**, **testatrix**, *n.* **testatory**, *a.*

tester

n. bed canopy.

testicle

n. male reproductive gland. **testicular**, *a.* **testiculate**, *a.* like a testicle in shape.

testis

n. (*pl.* **-tes**) testicle.

testudinal

a. pertaining to or like tortoise or tortoiseshell. **testudinarious**, *a.* **testudinate**, *a.* like tortoiseshell; arched; *n.* turtle.

testudo

n. cover, especially of overlapping shields, used by Roman army against attack from above.

tetanus

n. muscular spasm due to a soil bacillus; lockjaw. **tetanic(al)**, *a.* **tetanize**, *v.t.* cause tetanus in. **tetanoid**, *a.* like tetanus. **tetany**, *n.* state resembling tetanus.

tête-à-tête

a., n. 'head to head'; (meeting or conversation) of two persons; *a. & adv.* (in) private; confidentially.

tethydan

n. ascidian.

tetrabrach

n. metrical foot, or word, of four short syllables.

tetrachord

n. musical scale of four tones, or instrument with four strings. **tetrachordal**, *a.*

tetrachotomous

a. divided into fours.

tetrachromatic

a. having four colours; denoting or pertaining to theory that there are four primary colours.

tetracycline

n. antibiotic drug used against many infections.

tetrad

n. four; set of four.

tetradactyl(e)

a.,n. (animal) with four digits. **tetradactylous**, *a.*

tetraglot

a. in four languages. **tetraglottic(al)**, *a.*

tetragon

n. four-sided plane figure. **tetragonal**, *a.*

tetragram

n. word of four letters; quadrilateral. **tetragrammaton**, *n.* four Hebrew consonants (JHWH) forming name of Creator (Jahweh, or Jehovah).

tetrahedron

n. four-sided solid figure. **tetrahedral**, *a.*

tetralemma

n. dilemma-like position with four alternatives.

tetralogy

n. set of four connected works of literature or music.

tetramerous

a. having four parts; *Botany*, having parts in fours. **tetrameral**, **tetrameric**, *a.*

tetrameter

n. verse line of four feet.

tetrapla

n. edition of book, especially Old Testament, with four texts.

tetraplegia

n. paralysis of all four limbs.

tetrapod

n. quadruped; caltrop; four-armed concrete structure used in sea defences.

tetrapody

n. verse of four feet. **tetrapodic**, *a.*

tetrapolis

n. group of four cities. **tetrapolitan**, *a.*

tetrapous

a. four-footed.

tetrapteran

a. four-winged. **tetrapteron**, *n.* (*pl.* - *ra*) such insect. **tetrapterous**, *a.*

tetraptych

n. painting in four parts, especially hinged.

tetrarch

n. ruler of quarter of a province; member of tetrarchy. **tetrarchic**, *a.* **tetrarchy**, *n.* jurisdiction or office of a tetrarch; rule by four persons.

tetrastich

n. four-lined poem or stanza. **tetrastichal**, **tetrastichic**, *a.* **tetrastichous**, *a.* in four rows.

tetrasyllable

n. word of four syllables. **tetrasyllabic**, *a.*

tetravalent

a. quadrivalent.

tetter

n. any of several kinds of skin disease, as eczema, etc. **tetterous**, *a.*

thalamus

n. (*pl. -mi*) part of brain with a co-ordinating and relaying function. **thalamic**, *a.*

thalassa

n. 'the sea', especially exclamation of the Greek soldiers on seeing the Black Sea in the Anabasis. **thalassaemia**, *n.* hereditary anaemia common especially in Mediterranean regions. **thalassian**, *n.* sea turtle. **thalassic**, *a.* pertaining to the sea, especially to small or inland seas. **thalassiophyte**, *a.* seaweed.

thalassocracy, *n.* supremacy at sea. **thalassography**, *n.* study and mapping of (especially coastal and smaller) seas. **thalassometer**, *n.* tide gauge. **thalassophilous**, *a.* living in or fond of the sea. **thalassophobia**, *n.* dread of the sea. **thalassotherapy**, *n.* medical treatment by sea baths, etc.

Thalian

a. pertaining to Thalia, muse of comedy.

thallus

n. (*pl. -li*) frond- like body of lower plants, as lichens, algae, etc. **thalliform**, *a.* shaped like a thallus. **thalline**, **thalloidal**, **thallic**, **thalloid**, **thallose**, *a.* **thallogen**, **thallophyte**, *n.* plant having thalli.

thalposis

n. sensation of warmth. **thalpotic**, *a.*

thamuria

n. abnormally frequent micturition.

thanatography

n. description of person's death. **thanatognomonic**, *a.* indicating death. **thanatoid**, *a.* apparently dead. **thanatology**, *n.* study, description or theory of death. **thanatophidian**, *n.* venomous snake. **thanatopsis**, *n.* meditation on death. **thanatosis**, *n.* necrosis; state imitating death. **thanatousia**, *n.* funeral rites.

thaumaturgy

n. miracle-working; magic. **thaumaturge**, **thaumaturgist**, **thaumaturgus**, *n.* miracle-worker; saint. **thaumaturgic**, *a.* **thaumaturgics**, **thaumaturgism**, *n.*

thaumatology, *n.* study of thaumaturgy.

THC

abbreviation of tetrahydrocannabinol (chief intoxicant in marijuana).

theaceous

a. pertaining to or like tea-plant; belonging to tea family of plants.

theandric

a. pertaining to combination of divine and human; Christ-like. **theanthropic**, *a.* pertaining to god-like human being; theandric. **theanthropism**, *n.* state of being both God and man; anthropomorphism. **theanthropos**, *n.* god-man; Christ.

thearchy

n. government by or power of God; theocracy.

thebaine

n. poisonous alkaloid obtained from opium.

theca

n. (*pl. -cae*) spore-case; capsule; sheath. **thecal**, *a.* **thecate**, *a.* having thecae.

thé dansant

(*pl. thés dansants* *pron.* same) 'tea dance'.

theiform

a. like tea or tea plant. **theine**, *n.* caffeine.

theism

n. belief in God, especially one God; *Medicine*, condition due to excessive tea-drinking. **theistic**, *a.*

thelemite

n. libertine.

thelyotoky, thelytoky

n. production of females parthenogenetically. **thely(o)tokous**, *a.*

theobromine

n. caffeine-like alkaloid in cocoa beans.

theocentric

a. having God or divine being as central fact. **theocentrism**, *n.*

theocracy

n. government of a state by priests or according to religious law. **theocratic**, *a.*
theocrasy, *n.* worship of a mixture of gods.

theodicy

n. proof of God's justice; theological study of God's government, especially over the soul. **theodicean**, *a.*

theodolite

n. surveyor's angle-measuring swivel-telescope. **theodolitic**, *a.*

theody

n. hymn in praise of God.

theogamy

n. marriage of gods.

theogony

n. doctrine of origin of gods. **theogonal**, **theogonic**, *a.* **theogonism**, *n.* belief in a theogony.

theoktony

n. death of gods. **theoktonic**, *a.*

theomachy

n. battle between or against gods. **theomachist**, *n.*

theomancy

n. divination by divinely inspired oracles. **theomantic**, *a.*

theomania

n. delusion that one is God or inspired.

theomastix

n. punishment, or punisher, of mortals sent by God.

theomicrist

n. person belittling God.

theomorphic

a. god-like. **theomorphism**, *n.*

theonomy

n. government by God.

theopantism

n. belief that God is the only reality.

theopathy

n. mystical religious experience; entire devotion to religion. **theopathetic**, **theopathic**, *a.*

theophagy

n. eating of god, or of thing symbolising god, as a sacrament. **theophagic**, **theophagous**, *a.* **theophagite**, *n.*

theophany

n. manifestation of a god. **theophanic**, **theophanous**, *a.* **theophanism**, *n.*

theophilanthropism

n. love of God and Man. **theophilanthropic**, *a.* **theophilanthropist**, *n.* **theophilanthropy**, *n.*

theophile

n. person loving, or loved by, God.

theophobia

n. fear or hatred of God.

theophorous

a. having name of a god; derived from god's name. **theophoric**, *a.*

theopneustic

a. divinely inspired. **theopneusty**, *n.*

theorbo

n. 17th-century double-necked lute.

theosophy

n. supposed mystical or philosophical knowledge of God, especially of a Buddhist-like sect, 'The Theosophical Society'. **theosophical**, *a.* **theosophist**, *n.*

theotechny

n. supernatural beings involved in the action of a poem, play, etc.; introduction of such beings. **theotechnic**, *a.*

theotherapy

n. faith-healing.

thereoid

a. bestial; savage.

thereology

n. therapeutics.

theriac(a)

n. antidote to poison; treacle. **theriacal**, **therial**, *a.* medicinal.

therianthropic

a. half-man half-animal; pertaining to such gods. **therianthropism**, *n.*

theriodic

a. malignant.

theriomorphic

a. having form of an animal. **theriomorphism**, *n.* such representation of a god.
theriomorphous, *a.*

thermae

n. pl. warm public baths.

thermaesthesia

n. sensitivity to heat.

thermantidote

n. air-cooling apparatus.

thermatology

n. study of heat as medical remedy. **thermatologic**, *a.* **thermatologist**, *n.*

thermion

n. ion emitted by incandescent object or substance. **thermionic**, *a.* **thermionic valve**, vacuum tube with several electrodes - cathode, anode, and grid(s) - the heated cathode emitting electrons.

thermistor

n. electrical resistor, the resistance of which varies with changes of temperature.

thermit(e)

n. heat-producing mixture of powdered aluminium and iron oxide, used in welding and incendiary bombs.

thermocline

n. intermediate layer of water in lake, sea, etc. with steep temperature gradient.

thermocouple

n. device for measuring temperature thermoelectrically by the junction of two dissimilar metallic conductors.

thermoduric

a. resistant to high temperatures.

thermodynamics

n. study of relationships of heat and mechanical energy.

thermoelectricity

n. electricity due directly to action of heat. **thermoelectric**, *a.*

thermogenesis

n. production of heat; spontaneous combustion. **thermogenetic**, **thermogenic**, **thermogenous**, *a.*

thermogram

n. record made by a thermograph.

thermograph

n. recording thermometer. **thermographic**, *a.* **thermography**, *n.* writing or printing process in which heat is used; the making of a photographic record of the surface temperature of the human body, used in diagnosing disease.

thermolabile

a. easily decomposed by heat.

thermology

n. study of heat. **thermological**, *a.*

thermolysis

n. disintegration by heat; loss of body heat. **thermolyse** *v.t.* **thermolytic**, *a.*

thermonasty

n. abnormality in position of plant organs due to heat. **thermonastic** *a.*

thermonous

a. pertaining to stimulation by heat.

thermonuclear

a. pertaining to fusion of atomic nuclei brought about by, and producing, intense heat, as in hydrogen bomb.

thermophile

n. organism thriving in high temperatures. **thermophilic, thermophilous, a.**

thermophore

n. heat-conveying apparatus.

thermopile

n. instrument consisting of several linked thermocouples used to generate electricity or measure radiant heat.

thermoplastic

a.,n. (substance) becoming soft and mouldable when heated.

thermopolypnoea

n. rapid respiration due to heat. **thermopolypnoeic, a.**

thermoscope

n. instrument indicating, but not measuring, changes of temperature.
thermoscopic, a.

thermosetting

a. becoming permanently hard and rigid when heated.

thermosphere

n. region of the Earth's atmosphere beyond about 50 miles/80 km above the surface, in which the temperature steadily increases with height.

thermostat

n. automatic apparatus for regulating temperature, or for actuating a mechanism at a pre-set temperature. **thermostatic**, *a.* **thermostatics**, *n.* study of thermal equilibrium.

thermotaxis

n. movement controlled or influenced by heat. **thermotactic**, *a.*

thermotherapy

n. medical treatment by heat. **thermotherapeutics**, *n.*

thermotic(al)

a. thermal. **thermotics**, *n.* thermology.

thermotropism

n. growth influenced by temperature. **thermotropic**, *a.*

theroid

a. feral. **therology**, *n.* study of wild mammals. **theromorphism**, *n.* reversion to animal type in human being.

therophyte

n. Botany, annual.

thersitical

a. like Thersites, an ugly and scurrilous Greek in Greek legend; scurrilous; violent in speech.

thesmoothete(s)

n. (pl. -tae) lawgiver.

Thespian

a. pertaining to Thespis, supposed founder of Greek drama; pertaining to drama;
n. actor or actress.

theta

n. eighth letter of Greek alphabet.

thetic

a. prescriptive; pertaining to metrical stress.

theurgy

n. art of persuading beneficent divinity to perform desired act; supernatural intervention in human affairs. **theurgic**, *a.* **theurgist**, *n.*

thionate

n. combine with sulphur. **thionic**, *a.* pertaining to or containing sulphur.

thixotropy

n. property of some gels of becoming fluid when stirred or shaken, and setting to gel again when allowed to stand. **thixotropic**, *a.*

thipsis

n. Medicine, compression.

thole

n. upright peg in boat's gunwale against which oar is worked; *v.i. & t. dialect*, endure.

thoid

a. like a wolf.

thorax

n. (pl. -races) cavity between neck and abdomen, containing lungs, heart, etc.; chest. **thoracic**, *a.* **thoracoscope**, *n.* stethoscope; instrument for viewing thorax.

thranite

n. rower in ancient galley. **thranitic, *a.***

thrasonical

a. boasting.

thremmatology

n. science of breeding domesticated animals and plants.

threnetic(al)

a. mournful.

threnody

n. lament; dirge. **threnodial, threnodic, *a.* threnodist, *n.***

threpsology

n. science of nutrition. **threptic, *a.* pertaining to rearing of young.**

thrombin

n. substance in blood helping to form fibrin in clotting. **thrombogen, *n.***
substance from which thrombin is derived.

thrombus

n. (pl. -bi) clot of blood; tumour in blood vessel. **thrombogenic, *a.* producing**

thrombus. **thromboid**, *a.* like a thrombus. **thrombosis**, *n.* formation of thrombi.

thrum

n. (any of) a fringe of warp threads left on the loom after weaving.

thuggee

n. robbery and murder as practised by Indian sect of Thugs.

Thule

n. northernmost region in ancient geography. **ultima Thule**, furthest Thule; any very distant or unknown region; distant objective or end.

Thummim

n. one of the sacred instruments (Urim and Thummim) of ancient Jews, worn by high priest in breastplate in some ceremonies.

thurible

n. censer. **thurifer**, *n.* carrier of a thurible. **thuriferous**, *a.* yielding frankincense. **thurify**, *v.t.*

Thyestean

a. pertaining to Thyestes, in Greek legend, whose sons were killed and served to him at a banquet by his brother. **Thyestean banquet**, one at which human flesh is eaten.

thylacine

n. Tasmanian wolf.

thymus

n. lymphoid gland in lower part of throat, disappearing in adult. **thymic**, *a.* **thymopathy**, *n.* mental disorder; disease of thymus.

thyatron

n. gas-discharge triode used as a relay or electronic switch, and in television as voltage generator.

thyristor

n. electronic switch without moving parts.

thyroid

a., n. (denoting or pertaining to) large ductless gland of the neck, the hormone of which influences growth, etc. **thyroidism**, *n.* deficient thyroid action. **thyrocale**, *n.* goitre. **thyrogenic**, *a.* due to thyroid action. **thyrotherapy**, *n.* medical treatment by thyroid extract. **thyroxine**, *n.* hormone of thyroid gland.

thrysus

n. (*pl. -si*) ornamented staff carried by Bacchus; *Botany*, mixed cymose and racemose inflorescence, as of lilac. **thyrsoid**, *a.* like a thyrsus.

tibia

n. shin-bone; kind of ancient flute. **tibial**, *a.*

tic

n. involuntary nervous movement. **tic douloureux**, neuralgia with tic of facial muscles.

tichorrhine

n. woolly rhinoceros.

ticpolonga

n. venomous Indian snake; Russell's viper.

tierce

n. three or third; sequence of three playing cards of same suit; ecclesiastical service sung at third hour (9 a.m.).

tiercel

n. tercel.

Tiergarten

n. zoological garden.

tiffany

n. light gauzy material.

tiffin

n. light meal; lunch.

tigella

n. Botany, short stem. **tigellate**, *a.*

tika

n. tilka.

tiki

n. carved figure of ancestor, worn as an amulet.

til

n. sesame.

tilak

n. tilka.

tilbury

n. kind of two-wheeled carriage.

tilde

n. wavy mark indicating *ny* sound of Spanish ñ (as in *cañon* or *canyon*.)

tileaceous

a. pertaining to or like linden tree; belonging to linden family of trees.

tilka

n. Hindu caste-mark on forehead.

timbal

n. kettledrum.

timbre

n. distinctive quality of a sound.

timbrel

n. tambourine.

timocracy

n. state in which possession of property is required for participation in government; ideal state in which love of honour is ruling principle. **timocratic**, *a.*

timpani

n. pl. (*singular -no*) set of kettledrums. **timpanist**, *n.* player of timpani.

tinction

n. act of dyeing. **tinctorial**, *a.* pertaining to tinction or colours. **tinctumutation**,

n. change of colour.

tincture

n. colour; dye; slight amount; extract of medicinal principle of a plant; *v.t.* stain; imbue.

tine

n. prong.

tinea

n. ringworm, or similar disease. **tineal**, *a.*

tinnitus

n. ringing sound in the head.

tintinnabulate

v.i. ring; tinkle. **tintinnabulant**, **tintinnabular(y)**, **tintinnabulous**, *a.*
tintinnabulation, *n.*

tiqueur

n. person suffering from tics.

tirade

n. long, violent speech.

tirailleur

n. infantry soldier.

tiro

n. beginner. **tirocinium**, *n.* (*pl.* - **ia**) first experience.

tisane

n. medicinal beverage of barley, camomile, etc.; ptisan.

Titan

n. one of a race of giants in Greek mythology; giant; genius. **titanic**, *a.*

tithe

n. tenth part; tax payable to church.

Titian

a. reddish-brown.

titillate

v.t. tickle; stimulate. **titillant**, *a.* **titillation**, *n.* **titillator**, *n.* **titillative**, *a.* **titillatory**, *a.*

titivate

v.t. smarten up.

titrate

v.t. Chemistry, determine strength of, or analyse, etc., by finding the smallest amount of the substance that will produce a given effect with another known quantity. *titre, n.* such smallest amount. *titrimetry, n.* measuring by such means. *titration, n.*

tittup

v.i. prance.

titubant

a. staggering. *titubancy, n.*

tmesis

n. introduction of word, etc., between parts of a compound word.

toadstone

n. any stone or stone-like concretion believed to be formed in a toad and to have magic powers.

toccata

n. brilliant, quick, fantasia-like musical composition.

tocology

n. midwifery. **tocological**, *a.* **tocologist**, *n.*

tocsin

n. alarm bell.

tody

n. very small, long-billed W Indian bird.

toga praetexta

n. toga with broad purple border, worn by magistrates, etc.

togated

a. wearing toga; dignified.

toga virilis

n. toga adopted as sign of manhood.

tohubohu

n. chaos.

toison

n. sheep's fleece. **toison d'or** Golden Fleece.

toluene

n. light liquid hydrocarbon, obtained from coal tar and used in dye manufacture.

tomalley

n. fat or 'liver' of lobster, eaten as a delicacy.

tombac

n. alloy of zinc and copper used for cheap jewellery, etc.; Dutch gold.

tombolo

n. narrow spit linking an island with another island or the mainland.

tomentose, tomentous

a. bearing thickly matted hairs. **tomentulose**, *a.* slightly tomentose. **tomentum**, *n.* *Botany*, covering of matted woolly hairs; *Anatomy*, network of minute blood vessels in the brain.

tomography

n. X-ray photography in which parts of body in front of, or behind, the part under examination are not shown. **tomogram**, *n.* such photograph. **tomographic(al)**, *a.*

tonant

a. making loud, deep noise.

tondo

n. a circular painting or relief sculpture.

tonetics

n. study of intonation in languages. **tonetician**, *n.*

tonga

n. light Indian two-wheeled carriage; tonka.

tonic

a. *Medicine*, pertaining to tension, especially muscular; improving muscular condition; invigorating; *Music*, pertaining to keynote; *n.* *Medicine*, tonic medicine; *Music*, keynote. **tonicity**, *n.*

tonitruous

a. thundering. **tonitruone**, *n.* musical instrument imitating thunder.

tonka

n. bean-like tree and seed, used in perfumes, vanilla extract, etc.

tonneau

n. rear seating compartment of car.

tonometer

n. instrument measuring pitch of tones; *Medicine*, instrument measuring tension

or pressure. **tonograph**, *n.* recording tonometer.

tonsillectomy

n. surgical removal of tonsils. **tonsillotomy**, *n.* removal of part or all of tonsils.

tonsorial

a. pertaining to barber or hairdressing.

tontine

n. allocation of certain benefits, as annuities, etc., among a group of persons such that at the death of one member the remainder share his or her portion; annuity, etc., so shared.

tonus

n. normal response to stimuli; muscular spasm.

toparch

n. ruler, especially of toparchy. **toparchy**, *n.* petty state under a toparch.

tope

n. small shark.

topee

n. see **topi**.

tophaceous

a. gritty. **tophus**, *n.* (*pl.* **-phi**) tufa; bodily concretion.

topi, topee

n. see **sola topi**.

topiary

a.,n. (pertaining to) art of clipping shrubs, etc., into ornamental shapes.
topiarian, *a.* **topiarist**, *n.* expert in topiary.

topography

n. geography of a locality; configuration of a land surface; arrangement of physical features. **topographer**, *n.* **topographic(al)**, *a.*

topology

n. *Mathematics*, study or theory of the properties of a figure that is not affected by deformation; topographical study of one place; regional anatomy.
topological, *a.* **topologist**, *n.*

toponym

n. name of, or designating, a place; name derived from a place- name.
toponymic, *a.* **toponymics** *n.* study of place-names. **toponymy**, *n.* region's place-names.

topophobia

n. dread of certain places.

toque

n. woman's turban-like brimless hat.

Torah

n. law; revelation; Pentateuch.

torchon

n. kind of coarse lace or paper.

torcular

n. tourniquet.

tore

n. torus.

toreutic

a. pertaining to metal ornamented with small engraved patterns; chased.
toreutics, n. art of doing such work.

torii

n. Japanese gateway of curved posts and lintel only.

t tormentum

n. (pl. -ta) ancient catapult-like war machine.

tormina

n. pl. pl. gripes. torminal, torminous, a.

tornote

. with blunt extremities.

torose

a. bulging, knobbly; muscular. torous, a. torosity, n.

torpid

a. numb; sleepy; dull. torpidity, n. torpify, v.t. make torpid. torpor, n. torpid state; apathy. torporific, a. torpifying.

torque

n. collar, especially of twisted metal; force tending to produce rotation. torque(d), a. having a collar.

torrid

a. dried up; very hot; tropical. torrefy, torrify, v.t. scorch; parch.

torsade

n. twisted cord.

torsion

n. act of twisting; state of being twisted. **torsibility**, *n.* tendency to untwist.
torsile, *a.* torsive, *a.* spirally twisted.

tort

n. civil injury, excluding breach of contract, actionable for damages. **tortfeasor**, person committing tort.

torticollis

n. Medicine, condition in which neck is permanently twisted and head held at an unusual angle.

tortile

a. twisted; capable of being twisted. **tortility**, *n.*

tortious

a. causing or committing tort.

torulose, torulous

a. slightly torose.

torus

n. (pl. -ri) rounded swelling; *Architecture*, such lowest moulding of column;

Botany, receptacle; *Geometry*, ring shape as of quoit or doughnut formed by rotation of a circle about an axis in its own plane. **toric**, *a.*

torvous

a. stern. **torvity**, *n.*

totara

n. timber tree, with reddish wood, of N.Z.; mahogany pine.

totem

n. animal or plant adopted as ancestor by savage tribe, and held in great veneration. **totemic**, *a.* **totemism**, *n.*

toties quoties

adv. 'as often as'; repeatedly; n. Roman Catholic, indulgence obtainable as often as desired.

touché

a. 'touched' by opponent's rapier in fencing; hit; defeated in argument.

tourbillion

n. whirlwind; any whirling object.

tourmaline

n. kind of black, blue, red and green silicate cut as gem.

tourniquet

n. device to stop bleeding, as a bandage twisted tight by a stick, etc.

tournure

n. grace; poise; expressive phrase.

tout

a., n. 'all'. **tout à fait**, 'entirely'. **tout à l'heure**, 'in a moment'; 'a moment ago'. **tout court**, 'quite short'; simply; without any addition. **tout de suite**, 'immediately'. **tout ensemble**, 'all together'; general effect; outfit.

tovarish, tovarisch

n. 'comrade'.

toxaemia

n. blood poisoning due to toxins in blood.

toxic

a. poisoning; pertaining to or due to poison. **toxicity**, *n.* toxicogenic, *a.* producing or produced by poison. **toxicology**, *n.* study of poisons. **toxicopathy**, *n.* disease due to poison. **toxicophagy**, *n.* eating of poisons. **toxicosis**, *n.* condition due to poisoning.

toxin

n. poison, especially one produced by a living organism.

toxiphobia

n. dread of being poisoned.

toxoid

n. toxin treated to reduce toxicity and used in immunisation.

toxophily

n. archery. **toxophilite**, *n.* person fond of toxophily. **toxophilous**, *a.*

trabeate(d)

a. constructed of horizontal beams. **trabeation**, *a.*

trabecula

n. (*pl. -iae*) small bar, rod, etc. **trabecular**, *a.* **trabeculate**, *a.* crossbarred.

trachea

n. (*pl. -cheae*) windpipe. **tracheitis**, *n.* inflammation of trachea. **tracheotomy**, *n.* making of incision into trachea. **tracheal**, **tracheary**, *a.*

trachoma

n. chronic form of conjunctivitis. **trachomatous**, *a.*

trachycarpous

a. rough-fruited. **trachyglossate**, *a.* rough-tongued. **trachyphonia**, *n.* roughness of voice. **trachyspermous**, *a.* rough-seeded.

tractable

a. easily managed or led; obedient; malleable. **tractability**, *n.*

tractarian

n. writer of tracts; Anglo-Catholic, especially member of Tractarian movement at Oxford in 1833-41.

tractile

a. ductile. **tractility**, *n.*

tractive

a. pulling.

traduce

v.t. slander. **traduction**, **truducement**, *n.*

tragacanth

n. valuable gum exuded by Indian tree, used in medicine.

tragopan

n. kind of bright-hued Asiatic pheasant.

tragus

n. (pl. -gi) prominence in front of opening of ear.

tralatition

n. metaphor. **tralatitious**, *a.* metaphorical; handed down from father to son.

trammel

n. net to catch fish, birds, etc.; shackle on horse's leg; check; obstacle; instrument for drawing ellipses; *v.t.* restrain; hamper.

tramontane

a. (from) across the mountains; transalpine.

transalpine

a. on the other (*i.e.* the north) side of the Alps; crossing the Alps.

transcalent

a. pervious to heat. **transcalescent**, *a.* **transcalency**, *n.*

transceiver

n. combined radio transmitter and receiver.

transcend

v.t. pass beyond or over; surpass; lie outside; excel. **transcendence**, **transcendency**, *n.* **transcendent**, *a.* **transcendental**, *a.* beyond human understanding; supernatural; not founded on experience; theoretical. **transcendentalism**, *n.* philosophical theory emphasising that which transcends knowledge or sense perception, or the importance of spiritual over material things.

transcribe

v.t. make a written or typewritten copy of; *Music*, arrange for other instrument(s) or voice(s); *Radio*, prerecord for sound broadcasting. **transcript**, *n.* such copy, arrangement, or recording. **transcription**, *n.*

transducer

n. electronic device transmitting received energy in a different form.

transect

v.t. cut across; *n.* cross section. **transection**, *n.*

transept

n. transverse part of church at right angles to and between nave and choir. **transeptal**, *a.*

transfluent

a. flowing across. **transflux**, *n.*

transforation

n. perforation.

transgenic

a. which has had a foreign gene added to it.

transhume

v.t. move (cattle) to summer pastures or winter quarters. **transhumance, *n.***

transient

a. fleeting. **transience, *n.***

transilient

a. passing abruptly from one state to another. **transilience, *n.***

transilluminate

v.t. pass light through, especially through body for medical examination..

transire

n. ship's document for customs declaration, showing cargo, etc.

transition

n. act or state of passing from one condition or time to another. **transitional, *a.***
transitive, *a.* Grammar, requiring direct object. **transitory *a.* transient.**

transliterate

v.t. write in letters of another alphabet. **transliteration**, *n.* **transliterator**, *n.*

translucent

a. shining through; permitting the passage of light but not transparent.
translucid, *a.* **translucence**, *n.*

translunary

a. beyond the moon; spiritual; unearthly.

transmarine

a. across or beyond the sea.

transmigrate

v.i. pass from one body or place into another; transfer. **transmigration**, *n.*
transmigrative, *a.*

transmogrify

v.t. transform. **transmogrification**, *n.*

transmute

v.t. change into another substance or species. **transmutation**, *n.* **transmutative**, *a.*

transom

n. horizontal or transverse beam or bar.

transpadane

a. on the other (*i.e.* the north) side of the river Po.

transpicuous

a. easily seen through or understood. **transpicuity, *n.***

transpire

v.i., v.t. exhale; give off or escape as vapour; become known; happen.
transpiratory, *a.* transpiration, *n.*

transponder

n. radio or radar transceiver, automatically transmitting a reply to a certain signal.

transpontine

a. on the other (*i.e.* the south) side of the bridges over the Thames; pertaining to or like the lurid melodrama played in theatres there in the 19th century.

transrhenane

a. on the other (*i.e.* the east) side of the river Rhine; German.

transubstantiate

v.t. transmute. **transubstantiation**, *n.*; *Theology*, conversion of Communion bread and wine into body and blood of Christ.

transude

v.i. be exuded. **transudate**, *n.* such substance. **transudation**, *n.* **transudative**, *transudatory*, *a.*

transumptive

a. transferred; metaphorical.

transuranic

a. denoting any chemical element having atomic number beyond uranium (92), not occurring in nature but artificially produced by bombardment of atoms.

transvection

n. flying by supernatural means, *e.g.* like a witch.

transverbate

v.t. translate word for word. **transverbation**, *n.*

transverberate

v.t. pierce. **transverberation**, *n.*

transvolation

n. flying higher than normal.

transvest

v.i., v.t. disguise; wear clothes of another, especially of other sex. **transvestism**, *n.* **transvestite**, *n. & a.*

trapezium

n. (*pl. -ia*) quadrilateral with two parallel sides; any irregular quadrilateral; *American*, trapezoid. **trapezial**, **trapeziform**, *a.* **trapezoid**, *n.* quadrilateral with no sides parallel; *American*, trapezium.

traulism

n. stammering.

traumatology

n. scientific description of wounds.

travail

n. painful or arduous labour; suffering; labour pains; *v.i.* toil; suffer; be in labour. **travailous**, *a.*

trave

n. crossbeam; space between crossbeams. **travated**, *a.*

travertine

n. crystalline calcium carbonate, deposit of hot springs; onyx marble.

trebuchet

n. large sling-like medieval engine for hurling stones.

trecento

n. thirteenth century. **trecentist**, *n.* writer or artist of that period.

trechometer

n. device measuring distance travelled by a vehicle.

treen

a. made of wood. **treenware**, *n.* cups, dishes etc. made of wood.

trefoil

n. clover, or other plants with leaf divided into three lobes; architectural ornament of that shape.

trematode

n. kind of parasitic flatworm.

trenchant

a. sharp; cutting.

trente et quarante

n. 'thirty and forty'; gambling card game with betting on red and black.

trepan

n. surgical saw for incision into skull; *v.t.* use trephine on; decoy; swindle.
trepanation, n.

trepang

n. sea cucumber.

trephine

n. form of trepan; *v.t.* use trephine on. *trephination, n.*

tressilate

v.i. quiver. *tressilation, n.*

trey

n. card, domino, etc., bearing three pips.

triad

n. group of three; *Music,* chord of three notes. *triadic, a.*

triage

n. sorting into order of urgency, as with battlefield casualties.

triagonal

a. triangular.

triarch

n. triumvir. **triarchy**, *n.*

tribade

n. homosexual woman. **tribadism**, *n.*

tribology

n. scientific study of friction and lubrication.

tribrach

n. verse foot of three syllables; object, etc., with three branches. **tribrachial**, **tribrachic**, *a.*

tribuloid

a. yielding prickly fruit.

tribune

n. tribal chief; representative of a section of people; demagogue; platform; dais.

tricenary

a. pertaining to or consisting of thirty; lasting thirty days.

tricephalous

a. having three heads. **tricephalus**, *n.* (*pl.* - **li**) such monster.

triceps

n. muscle of back of upper arm with three points of attachment.

trichiasis

n. ingrowing eyelashes.

trichinosis

n. disease due to eating pork infested with certain kind of nematode worms.
trichinize, *v.t.* infest with such worms. **trichinotic**, **trichinous**, *a.*

trichoid

a. hair-like. **trichology**, *n.* study of hair. **trichome**, *n.* hair-like outgrowth on the surface of a plant. **trichosis** *n.* any disease of the hair.

trichotomy

n. division into three parts or categories. **trichotomic**, **trichotomous**, *a.*

trichromatic

a. pertaining to or in three colours; having normal colour vision. **trichromatism**,
n. use of the three primary colours for colour reproduction; normal colour vision.

tricipital

a. pertaining to triceps; tricephalous.

triclinic

a. having three unequal axes meeting at oblique angles.

tricorn

a. having three corners or horns. **tricorne**, *n.* three-cornered hat.

tricot

n. silk, rayon, nylon or woollen fabric resembling knitting. **tricotine**, *n.* double-twilled worsted fabric.

tridactyl

a. having three fingers or toes. **tridentate**, *a.* having three teeth. **tridigitate**, *a.* tridactyl.

tridiurnal

a. lasting three days; happening every three days.

triennial

a. happening every three years; lasting three years; *n.* such plant; third

anniversary.

trieteric

a., n. (festival) occurring each third year (*i.e.* in alternate years).

trifarious

a. facing three ways.

trifid

a. divided into three parts.

triforium

n. gallery over nave and choir. **triforial**, *a.*

trifurcate

a. divide into three forks; *a.* so dividing. **trifurcation**, *n.*

trigamy

n. state of being married to three living spouses. **trigamist**, *n.* **trigamous**, *a.*

trigeminal

a. pertaining to pair of nerves from cranium to jaw. **trigeminous**, *a.* (one of) three born together; threefold.

trigeneric

a. belonging to three kinds or genera; having three genders.

triglot

a.,n. (book) in three languages.

triglyph

n. architectural ornament of tablet bearing two V-shaped channels. **triglyphal**, **triglyphic**, *a.*

trigonal

a. pertaining to or having three angles.

trigonometry

n. mathematical study of triangles and measurement by deducing unknown from known sides and angles. **trigonometric**, *a.*

trigonus

a. having triangular cross-section.

trigram

n. figure of three lines; inscription of three letters. **trigrammatic**, *a.*

trigraph

n. three letters having one sound, as *eau*. **trigraphic** *a*.

trihedron

n. solid figure of three planes. **trihedral**, *a*.

trihoral

a. happening every three hours.

trijugate

a. with three pairs of leaflets.

trilabiate

a. having three lips. **trilaminar**, *a.* having three layers.

trilateral

a. three-sided (figure).

trilemma

n. dilemma-like position offering three choices.

trilinear

a. pertaining to, having or bounded by three lines.

trilingual

a. pertaining to, in or speaking three languages.

trilateral

a., n. (word) of three letters.

trilith(on)

n. ancient monument of two upright stones bearing one transverse stone.

trillion

n. a million billions (10^{18}); (*American and French*) a thousand billions (10^{12}).

trilobite

n. oval, flattened fossil with trifid body. **trilobitic**, *a.*

trilocular

a. having three cells. **triloculate**, *a.*

trimacer

n. metrical foot of three long syllables.

trimacular, trimaculate

a. bearing three spots.

trimensual

a. happening every three months.

trimerous

a. having its parts in threes.

trimester

n. period of three months. **trimestral, trimestrial, *a.***

trimeter

n. verse-line of three feet. **trimetric, *a.***

trimorph

n. substance crystallising into three forms. **trimorphism, *n.* trimorphous, *a.***

trin

n. triplet. **trinal, trine, *a.* threefold. trinary, *n.* group of three.**

tringoid

a. pertaining to sandpipers.

trinitrotoluene

n. high explosive obtained from toluene (*abbr.* T.N.T.).

Trinkgeld

n. 'drink money'; tip; gratuity. **Trinklied**, *n.* 'drinking song'.

trinoctial

a. lasting three nights.

trinomial

a. pertaining to or using three names; having name of three terms; pertaining to such scientific nomenclature; *n.* mathematical expression of three terms joined by + or -. **trinominal**, *a.*

trioecious

a. having male, female and hermaphrodite flowers on different plants.
trioecism, *n.*

triolet

n. eight-lined poem, with repetition of first line as fourth and seventh, and of second line as eighth; and with first, third, fourth, fifth and seventh lines, and second, sixth and eighth lines, rhyming.

tripara

n. woman who has had three childbirths.

tripartite

a. in three parts; between three parties or States. **tripartient**, *a.* dividing into three parts. **tripartition**, *n.*

tripedal

a. having three feet.

triphibian

a. equipped to operate from land or water and in the air; triphibious. **triphibious**, *a.* involving land, sea and air forces.

triphthong

n. three vowel sounds pronounced as one.

triphyllous

a. three-leaved.

triplegia

n. hemiplegia with paralysis of a part on the other side.

triplopia

n. triple vision.

tripody

n. verse measure of three feet.

tripos

n. honours examination at Cambridge University.

tripsis

n. act of rubbing or grinding; massage.

triptote

a., n. *Grammar*, (noun) with three cases only.

triptych

n. painting in three parts, especially altar piece with one central and two hinged side panels.

triptyque

n. customs pass for importing motor car.

triquetra

n. triangular-shaped pattern, object, etc. **triquetal, triquetric, triquetrous, a.**

trireme

n. ancient galley with three banks of oars.

trisect

v.t. cut into three equal parts. **trisection, trisector, n.**

triskelion

n. pattern of three curved branches, especially of three bent legs as badge of Isle of Man.

trismus

n. lockjaw. **trismic, a.**

tristachyous

a. three-spiked.

triste

a. 'sad'. **tristesse, n.** sadness.

tristich

n. stanza of three lines. **tristichic, a. tristichous, a.** in three rows.

tristiloquy

n. mournful manner of speech. **tristisonous, a.** mournful-sounding.

trisulcate

a. with three ridges, forks or furrows.

trisyllable

n. word of three syllables. **trysyllabic**, *a.*

tritanopia

n. inability to distinguish properly between blue and yellow. **tritanope**, *n.*
sufferer from this.

tritheism

n. belief that members of Trinity are three separate gods. **tritheist**, *n.*

triticism

n. trite remark.

triticoid

a. like wheat.

tritium

n. isotope of hydrogen of mass number 3.

triton

n. positively charged atomic particle consisting of a proton and two neutrons,
equivalent to the nucleus of an atom of tritium.

triturate

v.t. rub; bruise; grind to powder. **tritural**, *a.* of use in grinding. **trituration**, *n.* **triturator**, *n.*

triumvir

n. (*pl. -viri*) member of triumvirate. **triumvirate**, *n.* ruling body of three men.

triune

a. three in one. **triunity**, *n.*

trivalent

a. having valency of three.

trivirgate

a. bearing three linear markings.

trivium

n. lower division (i.e. grammar, rhetoric, logic) of the seven liberal arts as taught in medieval universities.

trocar

n. surgical instrument with sharp point for inserting drainage tube into body cavity.

trochaic

a. pertaining to or consisting of trochees; *n.* such verse line.

trochal

a. wheel-shaped.

troche

n. circular lozenge, especially for throat affection.

trochee

n. verse foot of one long and one short syllable.

trochilic

a. rotary; able to turn. *trochilics, n.* study of rotary motion.

trochiline, trochilidine

a. pertaining to or like a hummingbird; belonging to hummingbird family of birds.
trochilus, n. hummingbird; crocodile bird; gold-crest.

trochlea

n. pulley-like structure of shoulder, thigh, or orbit of eye. **trochleiform**,
trochlear, trochleariform, trochleate, *a.* like a pulley.

trochocephalic

a. having abnormally round head. **trochocephalia**, **trochocephalus**, **trochocephaly**, *n.* such condition.

troglodyte

n. cave-dweller. **troglodytal**, **troglodytic**, *a.*

trogon

n. brightly coloured bird of American, African and Indian jungle.

trompe-l'oeil

'deceives the eye'; *n.* type of painting exactly imitating reality, and of interior decoration producing an illusion of space, height, length, etc.

tronc

n. 'alms-box'; system of pooling tips among waiters.

trope

n. figure of speech; heading; *Music*, interpolation into a plainsong setting of the Mass.

trophic

a. pertaining to nutrition. **trophesy**, *n.* disease due to fault in such nerves. **trophism**, *n.* nutrition. **trophogenic**, *a.* due to differences in food. **trophopathy**, *n.* disorder of nutritional processes. **trophoplasm**, *n.* nutritive substance of cell. **trophotropism**, *n.* growth direction by nutritional factors.

tropism

n. movement of an organism, especially direction of growth of plant, in response to a stimulus; innate inclination. **tropismatic, tropistic, a.**

tropology

n. figurative style of writing; interpretation of Bible stressing figurative nature of language. **tropological, a.**

tropometer

n. instrument measuring rotation.

tropopause

n. level where troposphere ends and stratosphere begins.

tropophilous

a. flourishing in seasonal extremes of climate. **tropophyte, n.** such plant.

troposphere

n. all the atmosphere below the stratosphere.

trotyl

n. trinitrotoluene.

troubadour

n. medieval romantic poet; wandering minstrel.

trouvaille

n. lucky find; ingenious idea.

trouvère

n. troubadour of N France.

trovatore

n. (*pl. -ri*) troubadour.

trucidation

n. slaughter.

truculent

a. bellicose; cruel; savage. **truculence, n.**

trumeau

n. (*pl. -eaux*) pier glass; pillar supporting tympanum of doorway.

truncate

a., v.t. cut off. **truncation, truncator, n.**

trunnion

n. one of a pair of projecting pivots.

truttaceous

a. pertaining to or like trout.

tryma

n. kind of nut-like fruit, as walnut.

trypanosome

n. parasitic protozoan, especially causing sleeping sickness. **trypanosomiasis**, *n.* infestation with these.

trypsin

n. pancreatic enzyme digesting protein. **tryptic**, *a.*

tsetse

n. African fly carrying trypanosome that causes sleeping sickness.

tsiology

n. treatise on tea.

tsunami

n. 'storm wave', a tidal wave caused by seismic disturbance of the ocean floor.

tuan

n. sir.

tuber

n. fleshy underground stem, as potato. **tuberaceous**, *a.* pertaining to fungus family having tubers. **tuberation**, *n.* formation of tubers.

tubercle

n. small knob or outgrowth; small tuber; *Medicine*, small diseased nodule, especially of tuberculosis. **tubercular**, *a.* pertaining to tubercles or tuberculosis. **tuberculation**, *n.* formation of tubercles. **tuberculin**, *n.* culture of products of tubercular bacilli used as test for tuberculosis. **tuberculous**, *a.*

tubicinate

v.i. blow a trumpet. **tubicination**, *n.*

tubiculous

a. spinning a tubular web; living in a self-constructed tube.

tubicorn(ous)

a. hollow-horned. **tubifacient**, *a.* constructing a tube. **tubifex**, *n.* freshwater tubicolous worm used as bait. **tubiform**, *a.* tube-like. **tubinarial**, *a.* with tubular nostrils. **tubiparous** *a.* secreting matter used in making tube.

tubulure

n. tubular opening.

tucket

n. flourish on trumpet.

tucuma

n. fibre-yielding Brazilian palm.

tufa

n. porous calcareous rock deposited by springs, etc.; rock composed of fine volcanic detritus. **tufaceous, a.**

tufhunter

n. toady.

tuism

n. use of second person (*thou, you*); philosophical theory stressing existence of a second, or other, self.

tulwar

n. Indian sabre.

tumbak(i), tumbek(i)

n. kind of coarse tobacco of Persia.

tumblehome

n. inward curve of a ship's side near the stern.

tumbrel

n. farm-cart, especially as used to carry condemned persons to the guillotine in French revolution.

tumid

a. swollen; bombastic. **tumidity**, *n.* **tumefacient**, *a.* producing swelling. **tumefy**, *v.t.* swell. **tumescent**, *a.* somewhat tumid.

tump, tumpline

n. American, band across forehead or chest to aid in carrying or hauling a load.

tumulus

n. (pl. -li) mound over ancient grave; barrow. **tumular**, *a.* **tumulose**, *a.* having many small mounds.

tundra

n. arctic plain with mosses, shrubs, etc.

tungsten

n. white metal, also called wolfram, with highest melting point of all metals, used in filaments of electric lamps, steel alloys, etc. **tungstic**, *a.*

tunicate

n. one of a class of marine animals, including ascidians; *a.* covered with layers.

tup

n. ram; head of pile-driver, steam-hammer, *v.t.* mate with.

tuque

n. Canadian knitted winter cap.

tu quoque

'thou also'; act of imputing to one's accuser the same fault as that with which one is charged.

turbary

n. land from which peat may be cut.

turbellarian

n. kind of flatworm.

turbid

a. muddy; not clear. **turbidity**, *n.*

turbinate

a. spirally rolled; like a spinning-top in shape; *v.t.* spin; whirl. **turbinal**, *a.* turbination, *n.*

turbit

n. kind of fancy pigeon.

turdiform

a. like a thrush. **turdoid**, *a.*

turgid

a. swollen; inflated; bombastic. **turgescent**, *a.* becoming turgid. **turgidity**, *n.* **turgor**, *n.* normal rigid state of a cell; turgidity.

turmeric

n. plant with rootstock yielding dye, or used ground as condiment.

turpeth

n. root of tropical plant used as purge; Indian jalap.

turpitude

n. depravity.

turrecal

a. turret-like. **turricular**, **turriculate** *a.* **turriferous**, *a.* bearing towers.

tussis

n. *Medicine*, cough. **tussal**, **tussive**, *a.* **tussicular**, *a.* pertaining to slight cough.

tutelage

n. guardianship. **tutelary**, *a.* protecting.

tutti-frutti

'all fruits'; mixture of, or flavoured with, fruits of many kinds.

tychism

n. theory that chance plays an active role in the universe, especially such theory of evolution.

tympanum

n. (*pl. -na*) ear-drum; *Architecture*, triangular face of pediment; space within arch. **tympanal**, **tympanic**, *a.* **tympani**, *n. pl.* (*sing. -no*) timpani. **tympaniform**, *a.* like a tympanum. **tympanist**, *n.* timpanist. **tympanites**, *n.* distention of abdomen by flatulence. **tympanitis** *n.* inflammation of the tympanum. **tympany**, *n.* inflation; turgidity.

Tynwald

n. legislature of Isle of Man.

typhlitis

n. inflammation of caecum; *archaic*, appendicitis.

typhlogy

n. study of blindness. **typhlosis**, *n.* blindness.

typhogenic

a. causing typhoid fever or typhus.

typhonic

a. pertaining to or like a typhoon.

typography

n. art of printing; style and layout of printed matter. **typographer**, *n.*
typographic(al), *a.*

typology

n. study of types; theological doctrine of symbolization of New Testament events
in the Old Testament. **typologist**, *n.*

typothetae

pl. n. American, (an association of) printers.

typtology

n. theory concerning rappings by spirits. **typtological**, *a.* **typtologist**, *n.*

tyrannicide

n. killing or killer of tyrant.

tyremesis

n. vomiting of curd-like matter.

tyro

n. see **tiro**.

tyroma

n. (*pl. -mata*) cheese-like matter. **tyromatous**, *a.*

uberous

a. abundant; fruitful. **uberty**, *n.*

ubiety

n. state of being in a place; 'thereness'; position.

ubiquity

n. state of being everywhere. **ubiquitous**, *a.*

udometer

n. rain gauge. **udograph**, *n.* recording udometer. **udometric**, *a.* **udometry**, *n.*

ufology

n. study of unidentified flying objects. **ufologist** *n.*

uhlan

n. kind of lancer.

uitlander

n. 'foreigner'; British resident in former Boer state.

ukase

n. decree; proclamation.

uliginose, uliginous

a. marshy; muddy.

ulitis

n. inflammation of gums.

ullage

n. lack; deficiency; amount by which a quantity, especially of liquor, is short of full measure; dregs. **ullaged**, *a.* not full measure.

ulna

n. (*pl. -nae*) inner of two bones of forearm. **ulnæd**, *adv.* towards the ulna.
ulnar, *a.*

uloid

a. like a scar.

ulotrichous

a. having woolly hair. **ulotrichan**, *n.* such person. **ulotrichy**, *n.* such state.

ulterior

a. further; beyond; not seen or avowed; secret.

ultimo

adv. Now rare *adv.* of last month (*abbr. ult.*).

ultimogeniture

n. inheritance by the youngest son.

ultra

a., n. extremist. **ultraism**, *n.*

ultracrepidarian

a. venturing beyond one's province; presuming. **ultracrepitate**, *v.i.*

ultrafidian

a. going beyond faith.

ultramarine

a. beyond the sea; *n.* & *a.* (of) greenish-blue colour or pigment.

ultramicroscope

n. instrument for viewing particles too small to be seen by ordinary microscope.
ultramicroscopic, *a.* pertaining to or visible only with ultramicroscope.
ultramicroscopy, *n.*

ultramontane

a. beyond (*i.e.* south of) the Alps; supporting the supremacy of the Pope; *n.* such person. ultramontanism, *n.*

ultramundane

a. beyond the world; spiritual.

ultrasonic

a. denoting air-waves or vibrations with frequencies higher than those audible to the human ear, *i.e.* more than about 20,000 cycles per second. ultrasonics, *n.*
study and use of such waves.

ultra vires

'beyond strength'; beyond or exceeding the authority of a person, court, etc.

ultroneous

a. spontaneous, voluntary.

ululate

v.i. howl. **ululant**, **ululatory**, *a.* howling. **ululation**, *n.*

umbel

n. umbrella-like inflorescence with stalks of equal length springing from one point, as in carrot. **umbellar**, **umbellate**, **umbelliferous**, *a.* having flowers in this shape. **umbellifer**, *n.* plant having umbel, or belonging to carrot family.

umber

n. reddish-brown pigment.

umbilicus

n. (*pl. -ci*) navel; navel-like growth. **umbilical**, *a.* pertaining to navel or umbilical cord; central; related on mother's side. **umbilicate**, **umbiliform**, *a.* navel- like.

umbo

n. (*pl. -ones*) boss of shield; any rounded projection. **umbonal**, **umbonic**, *a.* **umbonate**, *a.* having umbo.

umbrage

n. offence; shade; foliage. **umbrageous**, *a.* shady; offended. **umbratile**, *a.*

shadowy; unreal; secluded; giving shade. **umbriferous**, *a.* giving shade. **umbrous**, *a.* shady.

umiak

n. large, open Eskimo boat.

umlaut

n. vowel change due to following sound; diaeresis marking such changed vowel in German.

unasinous

a. being equally stupid.

uncate

a. hooked.

uncial

a., n. (letter or manuscript) written in large rounded script of before 10th century AD; majuscule; capital.

unciform

a. hook-like. **uncinate**, *a.* hooked.

unco

a. strange; foreign; extraordinary. **unco guid**, strictly moral.

unconscionable

a. unreasonable; against the conscience.

unction

n. act of, or oil used in, anointing; fervour; oiliness; simulated emotion.
unctuous, *a.* oily; greasy; soothing; suave; smug.

undecagon

n. eleven-sided plane figure.

undecennial

a. happening every, or lasting, eleven years.

undecillion

n. a million decillions (10^{66}); (*American & French*) a thousand decillions (10^{36}).

undecimal

a. in eleven parts.

undine

n. water spirit.

und so weiter

'and so forth'; et cetera (*abbr. usw.*).

ungual

a. pertaining to or like nail, hoof or talon.

unguent

n. soothing ointment. **unguentary**, *a.*

unguiculate

a. having claws or nails.

unguinous

a. oily; fatty.

ungulate

n. hooved (mammal). **unguligrade**, *a.* walking on hoofs.

unicameral

a. having one legislative chamber. **unicity**, *n.* one-ness; state of being unique. **unidextral**, *a.* using one hand more deftly than other. **unifarous**, *a.* in one row or series. **unifilar**, *a.* having or using one thread or wire. **unifoliate**, *a.* with one leaf only. **unigenesis**, *n.* non-sexual reproduction. **unigenital**, *a.* only- begotten. **unigenous**, *a.* of same kind. **unilateral**, *a.* one-sided; done by one of two or more contracting parties. **unilingual**, *a.* in one language only. **uniliteral**, *a.* having one letter only. **uninominal**, *a.* pertaining to or consisting of one name only. **unipara**, *n.* woman having had one childbirth only. **uniparous**, *a.* producing

only one at a birth. **uniped**, *n.* & *a.* one-legged or one-footed (person).
unipotent, *a.* powerful in one direction only. **unireme**, *n.* & *a.* (galley) with one bank of oars. **unisonous**, *a.* in unison; agreeing. **unitarian**, *n.* & *a.* (person) denying doctrine of Trinity. **univalent**, *a.* single; having valency of one.
univocal, *a.* unmistakable; pertaining to things of same kind. **univoltine**, *a.* single-brooded. **univorous**, *a.* applied to parasites living on one host only.

Unterseebot

n. submarine (*abbrev.* U-Boot, *English*, U-Boat).

untoward

a. unlucky; awkward; inconvenient; improper.

upas

n. poison-yielding tree of Java.

upher

n. rough scaffolding pole of fir.

upsilon

n. twentieth letter of Greek alphabet.

uraemia

n. accumulation in the blood of urinary products normally excreted.

uraeus

n. representation of the sacred asp as emblem of supreme power, especially on headdress of Egyptian rulers.

uranism

n. homosexuality in males. **uranist**, *n.*

uranography

n. description or mapping of heaven(s). **uranolatry**, *n.* worship of heavenly bodies. **uranology**, *n.* treatise on or study of heavens. **uranometry**, *n.* chart or measurement of heavenly bodies. **uranoscopy**, *n.* star-watching.

urbacity

n. excessive civic pride.

urbanism

n. characteristic way of life in cities; study of this. **urbanist**, *n.* expert on town-planning. **urbanite**, *n.* town-dweller.

urbarial

a. founded on landed property register. **urbicolous**, *a.* city-dwelling.

urceus

n. single-handed jug; urn. **urceolate**, *a.* *Botany*, shaped like a pitcher.

ure

n. custom; use.

urea

n. crystalline constituent of urine. **ureal**, *a.* **ureic**, *a.*

uredinous

a. pertaining or belonging to rusts (fungus); *Medicine*, pertaining to or like uredo. **uredinoid**, *a.* like rusts. **uredinology**, *n.* study of rusts.

uredo

n. burning feeling of skin.

ureter

n. duct through which urine enters bladder. **ureteral**, **ureteric**, *a.* **urethra**, *n.* duct through which urine leaves bladder. **urethral**, *a.*

uretic

a. (medicine) affecting urination.

Urgrund

n. basis; primary principle, cause or factor.

uric

a. pertaining to or contained in urine. **uridrosis**, *n.* excretion of perspiration containing urinary products.

Urim

see Thummim.

uro-

comb.form pertaining to urine or the urinary tract. **urochrome**, *n.* yellowish pigment colouring urine. **urogenital**, *a.* pertaining to organs used for urination and reproduction. **urogenous**, *adj.* producing, or produced by, urine. **urolith**, *n.* calculus in urinary tract. **urology**, medical study of urinary organs. **uroscopy**, *n.* examination of urine in diagnosis. **urosis**, *n.* disease of urinary organs.

uro-

comb.form pertaining to tail, rump. **urochord** *n.* notochord, confined to tail area, of tunicate larvae. **urodele** *n.* amphibian, e.g. newt, that retains its tail through life.

uropygium

n. rear part of bird's body from which tail feathers grow. **uropygial**, *a.* **uropygial gland**, gland at base of tail feathers secreting fluid used in preening.

ursine

a. pertaining to or like a bear. **ursiform**, *a.* bear-shaped. **ursoid**, *a.* like a bear.

urticaceous

a. pertaining to or like nettles; belonging to nettle family of plants. **urticant**, *n.* & *a.* stinging (substance). **urticaria**, *n.* nettle-rash. **urticate**, *v.t.* sting; cause wheals; flog. **urticose**, *a.* full of nettles.

usance

n. *Commerce*, time allowed for payment of a bill of exchange; interest on loan.

user

n. *Law*, continued use; right to use.

usine

n. factory.

usitative

a. signifying usual act.

usquebaugh

n. whiskey; kind of Irish cordial.

ustulate

v.t. give burned appearance to; *a.* scorched. **ustulation**, *n.* roasting; lust.

usufruct

n. right to enjoy property. **usufructuary**, *n.* & *a.*

usurer

n. moneylender, especially one demanding very high interest. **usurious**, *a.*

usury, n.

ut

conj. conj. 'as'. **ut infra**, as below. **ut supra**, as above.

uti possidetis

n. principle of international law allowing a belligerent to claim the territory it occupies at the end of a war.

Utopian

a. pertaining to or like Utopia, imaginary country where life is perfect; ideal; impracticable.

utraquist

n. person speaking two or both languages, or believing that both kinds of Sacrament should be administered.

utricle

n. small cavity or sac. **utricular**, **utriculate**, *a.* **utriculitis**, *n.* inflammation of inner ear.

utriform

a. like a leather bottle.

uvula

n. (*pl. -iae*) fleshy outgrowth at back of soft palate. **uvulitis**, *n.* inflammation of uvula. **uvular**, *a.*

uxorial

a. wifely. **uxoricide** *n.* killing or killer of own wife. **uxorious**, *a.* loving wife to excess; submissive to wife.

vaccinia

n. cow-pox.

vacillate

v.i. waver; fluctuate. **vacillation**, **vacillator**, *n.* **vacillatory**, *a.*

vacuity

n. emptiness; void; inanity, fatuousness; inane thing, thought or saying. **vacuole**, *n.* small air- or fluid- containing cavity. **vacuous**, *a.* empty; inane, fatuous.

vade-mecum

'come with me'; *n.* guide-book; manual. **vade retro**, 'go behind'; 'get thee behind me'.

vadose

a. pertaining to water above the water table.

vagary

n. whim, caprice. **vagarious**, *a.* erratic.

vagile

a. able to move about freely.

vaginate

a. sheathed.

vaginismus

n. painful contraction of the vagina.

vagitus

n. new-born child's cry.

vale

n. 'farewell'. **valediction**, *n.* bidding farewell. **valedictory**, *a.*

valency

n. element's power to combine, measured by number of atomic weights of other elements with which the atomic weight of the element will combine. **valence**, *n.* **valent**, *a.*

valetudinarian

n. hypochondriac; sickly person. **valetudinarianism**, *n.* **valetudinary**, *a.*

valgus

a. clubfoot; bow-legged or knock-kneed (condition). **valgoid**, *a.* like valgus.

vallate

a. having a raised rim. **vallated**, *a.* having a rampart. **vallation**, *n.* rampart.

vallecular

a. pertaining to or like a groove. **valleculate**, *a.* bearing grooves.

valorise

v.t. fix arbitrary price of. **valorization**, *n.*

vapid

a. dull; uninteresting; insipid. **vapidity**, *n.*

vaquero

n. cowboy.

varec

n. seaweed; kelp.

varia

n. pl. miscellany.

varication

n. varicose state.

varicella

n. chicken-pox. **varicellosus**, *a.*

varicose

a. swollen, especially in irregular lumps and twists. **varicotomy**, *n.* incision into varicose vein. **varicosis**, *n.* state of being varicose. **varicosity**, *n.*

varietal

a. pertaining to a variety. **varietist**, *n.* person who chooses variety in the satisfaction of (sexual) desire.

variola

n. smallpox. **variolic**, **variolar**, *a.* **varioloid**, *a.* like smallpox; *n.* mild form of same. **variolate**, *v.t.* inoculate with smallpox.

variole

n. small depression resembling pockmark; *Geology*, small light- coloured sphere found in type of igneous rock. **variolite**, *n.* such rock. **variolitic**, *a.*

variometer

n. instrument measuring variations in magnetic force; variable inductor with one coil rotating within another.

variorum

a., n. (edition) with comments by various critics, or containing various versions of text.

varistor

n. semiconductor with resistance varying in accordance with voltage.

varix

n. (*pl. -rices*) varicose swelling; ridge on surface of e.g. snail's shell.

varsovienne

n. polka-like Polish dance.

varus

a. pigeon-toed (person or condition).

vas

n. (*pl. vasa*) *Medicine*, duct; vessel. **vas deferens**, spermatic duct. **vasal**, *a.* **vascular**, **vasculose**, **vasculous**, *a.* pertaining to fluid-conveying vessels. **vasculature**, *n.* arrangement of blood vessels. **vasculiform**, *a.* flowerpot-shaped. **vasiferous**, *a.* bearing a vas.

vasoconstriction

n. constriction of blood vessels. **vasodilatation**, *n.* dilatation of blood vessels. **vasomotor**, *a.* applied to nerves controlling constriction and dilatation of blood vessels.

vastate

v.t. make immune. **vastation**, *n.* purification.

Vaterland

n. 'fatherland'.

vatic(al)

a. pertaining to prophecy. **vaticide**, *n.* killing or killer of a prophet.

vaticinate

v.i., v.t. prophesy. **vaticinal**, **vaticinatory**, *a.* prophetic. **vaticination**, **vaticinator**, *n.*

vection

n. infection with disease. **vector**, *n.* disease-carrying insect; *Mathematics*, symbol of quantity having magnitude and direction; compass direction of aircraft.

vedette

n. outpost mounted sentry. **vedette boat**, small boat or ship for watching enemy.

vegetal

a. pertaining to or like a vegetable; lacking feelings. **vegetant**, *a.* vegetable-like; causing growth; tonic. **vegetative**, *a.* growing; plant-like; fertile; pertaining to unconscious life processes, as growth, digestion, etc. **vegetivorous**, *a.* eating vegetables.

velamen

n. (*pl. -lamina*) water-absorbing outer covering of aerial roots of certain orchids. **velamentous**, *a.* pertaining to or like a thin membrane.

velar

a. pertaining to soft palate; pronounced with back of tongue touching soft palate, as *k*, *ng*, etc.; *n.* such sound. **velate**, *a.* having veil or velum. **velation**, *n.* act of veiling; secrecy. **velic**, *a.* pertaining to velum. **veliferous**, **veligerous**, *a.* bearing a sail or velum.

velitation

n. skirmish; minor argument.

velleity

n. state of desiring faintly; slight wish.

vellicate

vb. Rare. pinch; tickle; make to twitch. **vellication**, *n.* **vellicative**, *a.*

vellum

n. calf or lamb gut or skin prepared for writing on; parchment.

velocious

a. *jocular*, with great speed.

velocipede

n. old-fashioned bicycle. **velocipedist**, *n.*

velodrome

n. cycle-racing track, or building containing one.

velouté

n. rich white sauce or soup.

velum

n. (*pl.* **-la**) veil-like membrane; soft palate.

velutinous

a. having downy covering; velvety.

venal

a. capable of being bribed or corrupted; based on bribery or corruption; mercenary. **venality**, *n.* **venalize**, *v.t.*

venatic(al)

a. pertaining to, used in, or fond of hunting.

venation

n. arrangement of veins on leaf or wing of insect.

vendeuse

n. saleswoman.

vendible

a. capable of being sold; venal.

vendue

n. auction.

venenation

n. poisoning; poisoned state.

venenose

a. poisonous.

venereology

n. study of venereal diseases. **venereologist, n.**

venery

n. hunting; game (animals); sexual intercourse. **venerer**, *n.* huntsman.

venesect

v.i., v.t. open vein in blood-letting. **venesection**, *n.*

venial

a. forgivable; not criminal. **veniality**, *n.*

venin

n. poisonous substance in snake venom.

veni, vidi, vici

'I came, I saw, I conquered'.

venous

a. pertaining to the veins; applied to blood carried by veins to heart, containing impurities. **venostasis**, *n.* constricting veins to check blood.

vantage

n. small vent, as finger hole on a wind instrument.

venter

n. *Zoology*, abdomen, belly; *Law*, womb, whence wife or mother.

ventiduct

n. air-pipe. **ventifact**, *n.* stone rounded by wind action.

ventral

a. pertaining to the belly.

ventricle

n. cavity, especially of heart from which blood enters arteries. **ventricose**, *a.* swollen on one side; big-bellied. **ventricular**, *a.*

ventricumbent

a. lying on front. **ventriduct**, *v.i.* turn towards belly. **ventrine**, *a.* ventral.

ventripotent

a. big-bellied, gluttonous.

venule

n. small vein. **venulose**, **venulous**, *a.* having many venules.

veracious

a. truthful; true; exact. **veracity**, *n.*

verbigerate

v.i. involuntarily repeat certain words, phrases, etc. **verbigeration**, *n.*
verbigerative, *a.*

verbile

n. person whose mental processes are most easily stimulated by words.

verboten

a. 'forbidden'; prohibited.

verbum sapienti (sat est)

'a word (is enough) to the wise' (abbr. **verb. sap.**).

verd-antique

n. kind of green mottled marble.

vere cund

a. shy. **vere cundity**, *n.*

vergiform

a. like a rod.

veridic(al)

a. veracious; genuine. **veridicality**, *n.*

verisimilitude

n. appearance of being true. **verisimilar**, *a.*

verjuice

n. sour juice; sourness.

vermeil

n. vermillion; *n.* gilded metal.

vermian

a. like a worm.

vermicelli

n. fine variety of spaghetti.

vermicide

n. substance killing worms. **vermicular**, **vermiform**, *a.* worm-like. **vermiculate**, *v.t.* decorate with worm-like markings; *a.* worm-like; worm-eaten. **vermifugal**, *a.* expelling worms. **vermifuge**, *n.* vermifugal substance. **vermigerous**, *a.* infested with worms. **vermigrade**, *a.* creeping in worm- like manner. **vermiparous**, *a.* producing worms. **vermivorous**, *a.* feeding on worms.

vermiculite

n. any of a group of hydrous silicates of mica, used as heat- insulation, etc.

vernacular

a. native; common; everyday; local; *n.* such language.

vernal

a. pertaining or belonging to spring (season).

vernalize

v.t. to cause (plants) to come to early maturity, especially by chilling seeds, bulbs etc. **vernalization**, *n.*

vernicose

a. covered with natural varnish.

vernier

n. short sliding scale indicating fractions of a graduation; additional control for obtaining fine adjustments.

vernissage

n. preview or opening of an art exhibition.

veronal

n. hypnotic drug, also called barbital.

verricule

n. tuft of bristles, hairs, etc. **verrucate**, *a.* having verricules.

verruca

n. wart. **verrucated**, *a.* bearing wart-like prominences. **verrucose**, **verrucous**, *a.* covered with warts. **verruculose**, *a.* having very small warts or wart-like prominences.

versant

n. slope of a mountain (range); general slope of a region.

versicle

n. short verse; *Ecclesiastical*, short verse followed by response. **versicular**, *a.* pertaining to or marking verses.

versicolour

a. of various or varying colours.

vers libre

'free verse'. **verslibrist**, *n.* writer of such.

verso

n. left-hand page or back cover of book; reverse of coin.

verst

n. unit of distance, equivalent of two-thirds of a mile.

vertebra

n. (*pl. -brae*) segment of backbone. **vertebral**, *a.* vertebrate, *n.* & *a.* (animal) having a backbone. **vertebration**, *n.* division into segments; firmness.

vertex

n. (*pl. -tices*) apex.

verticil

n. *Botany*, whorl.

vertiginous

a. having or causing vertigo; whirling.

vervain

n. verbena plant.

vervet

n. small monkey of S and E Africa.

vesicle

n. small blister; bladder-like or rounded cavity; cell; cyst. **vesical**, *a.* pertaining to bladder; oval. **vesicant**, **vesicatory**, *a.* raising blisters. **vesicate**, *v.t.* blister. **vesicular**, *a.* like a vesicle or bladder; bearing many vesicles.

vespal

a. pertaining to wasps. **vespacide**, *n.* substance or person killing wasps.

vespertine

a. in or of the evening; setting at same time as, or just after, the sun.

vespiary

n. wasps'nest. **vespid**, *n.* social wasp. **vespine**, *a.* pertaining to or like wasps.

vesta

n. wax-match.

vestal

a. having taken vows of chastity; *n.* such virgin.

vestiary

a. pertaining to clothes or dress.

vesuvian

n. old-fashioned kind of match; fusee. **vesuviate**, *v.i.* erupt; burst with heat.

vetanda

*n.**pl.* *pl.* forbidden things.

veterinary

a. pertaining to diseases of domestic animals.

vetitive

a. having power to forbid or veto.

vexillary

a. pertaining to regimental colours or standard; *n.* standard-bearer. **vexillology**, *n.* study of flags.

viable

a. born alive and able to live; able to exist alone.

via media

'middle way'.

viands

*n.**pl.* *pl.* food.

viatic(al)

a. pertaining to roads or travel. **viaticum**, *n.* Holy Communion administered to dying person; travelling provisions or expenses. **viator**, *n.* traveller. **viatorial**, *a.* travelling.

vibrissa

n. (*pl. -sae*) sensitive whisker on animal's face. **vibrissal**, *a.*

viburnum

n. kind of shrub or tree including guelder-rose, etc.

vicarial

a. pertaining to vicar or delegate. **vicarious**, *a.* acting for another; enjoyed or suffered for, or through, another; substituted.

vice

prep. prep. 'in place of'; succeeding to.

vicegerent

a., n. (person) representing a ruler or God. **vicegerency**, *n.* **vicegeral**, *a.*

vicenary

a. pertaining to or consisting of 20; having 20 as a base. **vicennial**, *a.* lasting, or happening every, 20 years.

viceroy

n. ruler having king's authority. **viceroyalty**, *n.* **viceregal**, *a.* **vicereine**, *n.* viceroy's wife; female viceroy.

vicinage

n. neighbourhood. **vicinal**, *a.* neighbouring; local.

vicissitude

n. change of fortune; alternation. **vicissitudinous**, *a.*

victoria

n. light open two-seater four-wheeled carriage, with raised driver's seat.

victual

v.i. provision; *n.pl.* food. **victualler**, *n.* licensee of public house.

vicuna

n. wild wool-bearing llama-like animal of the Andes.

vide

'see'. **vide infra**, 'see below' (*abbr. v.i.*). **vide supra**, 'see above' (*abbr. v.s.*).
videlicet, *adv.* namely (*abbr. viz.*). **videtur**, 'it seems'.

viduage

n. widowhood. **viduity**, *n.*

vi et armis

'by force and arms'.

vieux jeu

'old game'; antiquated or worn-out subject.

vigentennial

a. lasting, or happening every, twenty years; n. twentieth anniversary.

vigesimal

a. pertaining to or based on number twenty; twentieth.

vigintillion

n. a million novemdecillions (10^{120}); (American and French) a thousand novemdecillions (10^{63}).

vignette

n. small, ornamental illustration without frame or with background shaded off; slight portrait or character sketch.

vilayet

n. Turkish province.

vilify

v.t. slander; degrade. **vilification**, n. **vilipend**, v.t. speak slightlyingly of.

vilipenditory, *a.* despising.

villanelle

n. poem of three tercets and a quatrain, with special rhyming scheme.

villar

a. pertaining to feudal manor or village; *n.* villein. **villatic**, *a.* rural; pertaining to villa.

villeggiatura

n. stay at country seat.

villein

n. free villager; serf. **villeinage**, *n.*

villus

n. (*pl. -li*) small vein-like outgrowth; soft hair. **villiiform**, *a.* like villus; with velvety surface. **villose**, **villous**, *a.* bearing soft hairs. **villosity**, *n.*

vimen

n. (*pl. -mina*) long thin branch or twig. **vimineous**, *a.* pertaining to or made of twigs.

vinaceous

a. pertaining to or like grapes or wine; wine-coloured.

vinaigrette

n. bottle of smelling-salts; salad dressing made of oil and vinegar. **vinaigrous**, *a.* like vinegar; sour in manner.

vincular

a. connective. **vinculum**, *n.* (*pl.* - **la**) bond, tie; *Mathematics*, horizontal line over figures with the same function as brackets.

vindemiate

v.i. gather in fruit, or the vintage. **vindemiation**, *n.* **vindemiatory**, *a.*

vingt-et-un

'twenty-one'; *n.* card game the object of which is to obtain cards with values adding up to twenty-one.

vin ordinaire

n. *n.* 'common wine'; ordinary, cheap wine, especially cheap claret.

vinous

a. pertaining to or like wine; fond of wine; wine-coloured. **vinosity**, *n.*

vintner

n. wine-seller.

virago

n. nagging or abusive woman.

virelay

n. old French poem with refrain and various special rhyming schemes.

virescent

a. becoming or slightly green. **virescence**, *n.*

virgal

a. composed of twigs. **virgate**, *a.* like a rod; having many twigs; *v.i.* branch off.

virginals

n. kind of spinet of 16th and 17th centuries.

virgule

n. slanting mark (/) indicating pause, hyphen, or alternative. **virgulate**, *a.* rod-like.

viridescent

a. greenish. **viridigenous** *a.* producing greenness. **viridity**, *n.* greenness; freshness.

virilescence

n. acquisition by females of male characteristics. **virilia**, *n.* male reproductive organs. **virilism**, *n.* masculinity in women, especially with secondary male characteristics.

viripotent

a. (sexually) potent.

virology

n. study of viruses and viral diseases.

virose

a. poisonous; foul-smelling.

virtu, vertu

n. objects of art; antiques; love or study of such objects; artistic value. **virtuoso**, *n.* (*fem. -sa; pl. -si*) technically brilliant performer, especially musical. **virtuosity**, *n.* skill of virtuoso.

visage

n. face. **visagiste** *n.* make-up artist.

visard

n. mask; visor.

vis-à-vis

a., *adv.*, *prep.* facing; opposite; regarding; *n.* person facing one.

viscera

pl. n. pl. internal organs; intestines. **visceral**, **viscerous**, *a.* **visceroptosis**, *n.* prolapse of visceral organs.

viscerotonic

a. *Psychology*, having sociable, comfort-loving temperament associated with endomorphy.

viscid

a. viscous. **viscose**, *n.* cellulose prepared for use as rayon, etc. **viscous**, *a.* thick and sticky like glue or treacle. **viscosity**, *n.* treacliness; force opposing flow.

visile

a., n. (person) with mental processes most readily stimulated by visual impressions.

vis major

n. 'greater force'; act of God; unavoidable accident.

vitalism

n. philosophical doctrine that life processes are not entirely explicable, or bound, by scientific laws. **vitalist**, *n.* **vitalistic**, *a.*

vitascope

n. moving picture projector.

vitative

a. fond of life.

vitellus

n. yolk of egg. **vitelline**, *a.* pertaining to or coloured like egg yolk. **vitelline membrane**, sac surrounding fertilized ovum. **vitellin**, *n.* protein in egg yolk.

vitiate

v.t. impair; spoil; debase; make useless or impure. **vitiation**, **vitiator**, *n.*

viticulture

n. vine-growing. **vitiferous**, *a.* bearing vines.

vitiligo

n. Medicine, condition characterized by smooth white patches on skin.

vitrail

n. (pl. -aux) stained glass.

vitreous

a. pertaining to or like glass. **vitreal**, *a.* **vitrescent**, *a.* becoming vitreous; able to be made into glass. **vitrescible**, *a.* **vitrifiable**. **vitric**, *a.* glassy. **vitrics**, *n.*

study of glassware. **vitrifac*ture***, *n.* making of glassware. **vitriform**, *a.* glassy. **vitrify**, *v.i. & t.* make or become vitreous. **vitrine**, *n.* glass case.

vitriol

n. sulphuric acid; several sulphates of metals. **vitriolic**, *a.* like vitriol; corrosive; caustic, scathing.

vittate

a. striped length-wise.

vituline

a. pertaining to or like calf, or veal.

vituperate

v.i., v.t. speak bitterly, harshly or abusively (of). **vituperation**, *vituperator, n.* **vituperative**, *vituperatory, a.*

viva

exclamation 'long live'; hurrah.

vivandière

n. woman camp-follower supplying provisions.

vivarium

n. (*pl. -ia*) place or box, etc., for keeping living animals.

vivat

'may he or she live'; long live; hurrah.

viva voce

'by word of mouth'; oral(ly); *n.* oral examination (*abbr.* *viva*).

vive

'long live'.

viverrine

a. pertaining to or like a civet; belonging to civet family; *n.* civet.

vives

n. swelling of horse's submaxillary glands.

viveur

n. person who lives (well); person indulging in pleasures.

vivify

v.t. make alive or vivid; animate; sharpen. **vivification**, *n.*

viviparous

a. bringing forth live young. **viviparism**, **viviparity**, *n.*

vivisection

v.t. experiment on by dissecting, while alive. **vivisection**, *n.* **vivisepulture**, *n.* burying alive.

vizard

n. mask; visor.

vizier

n. Muslim minister of state.

vocable

n. word; name; sound. **vocabulary**, *a.*

vocalic

a. pertaining to or like vowels.

vocative

a. used when addressing a person; *n.* such grammatical case.

vociferate

v.i., v.t. shout loudly or repeatedly. **vociferant**, **vociferous**, *a.* **vociferation**, **vociferator**, *n.*

voetsak

exclamation, go away.

voilà

exclamation, 'see there'; behold; there is or are. **voilà tout**, that is all.

voivode

n. former Russian military governor.

volant

a. flying; able to fly; quick.

volar

a. pertaining to palm or sole; pertaining to flight.

volary

n. aviary.

volatile

a. light-hearted; changeable; readily evaporating; ephemeral. **volatility**, *n.* **volatilize**, *v.t.* vaporize.

violation

n. ability to fly.

volcanology

n. vulcanology.

volent

a. exercising will power.

volitate

v.i. fly about; flutter. **volitant**, *a.* able to fly; flying. **volitation**, *n.*

volition

n. act of willing; will. **volitional**, **volitionary**, *a.* volitive, *a.* pertaining to or derived from the will; *Grammar*, expressing desire or permission.

volitorial

a. able to fly.

volk

n. people, nation, especially the Afrikaner nation.

volplane

v.i. glide through air.

volte-face

n. change to opposite opinion or direction.

volucrine

a. pertaining to birds.

volumetric

a. pertaining to measurement by volume.

voluntary

n. Music, (improvised) music introducing or closing performance or church service.

voluptuary

n. person excessively devoted to luxury. **voluptuous**, *a.* luxurious; given up to luxury; sensuous. **volupty**, *n.* sexual pleasure.

volute

a., n. spiral (object or ornament). **voluteate** *v.i.* roll. **volution**, *n.* twist; convolution.

vomer

n. thin bone separating nasal passages.

vomitory

n. emetic; vessel for receiving vomit; passageway leading to a tier of seats, especially in Roman amphitheatre.

vomiturition

n. retching; unsuccessful attempt to vomit; easy vomiting.

voracious

a. greedy; ravenous. **voracity, n.**

vortex

n. (pl. -tices) whirlpool. **vortical, vorticose, vorticular, vortiginous, a.** whirling. **vorticist, n.** painter whose theory of art was that it should express the complexity of modern machinery, etc.

votary

n. person vowed or devoted to God, etc. **votaress, n.** such woman or girl.

votive

a. fulfilling a vow; done in devotion.

vousoir

n. any wedge-shaped stone forming part of arch, vault, etc.

vox populi

n. 'the voice of the people'; public verdict. **vox populi vox Dei**, 'the voice of the people (is) the voice of God'.

vrouw

n. housewife; woman.

VTOL

abbreviation of Vertical Take-Off and Landing (aircraft).

vulcanize

v.t. harden (rubber) by chem. process. **vulcanite**, *n.* hardened rubber.

vulcanology

n. study of volcanic activity.

vulgarian

n. vulgar person, especially one who is rich or has pretensions to taste.

vulgarism

n. coarse, substandard or obscene expression; vulgarity.

Vulgate

n. 4th-century Latin translation of Scriptures; generally accepted text or version.

vulgus

n. the common people; school composition in Latin verse.

vulnerary

a., n. (remedy) that heals wounds.

vulpicide

n. killing or killer of fox, except by hunting. **vulpecular**, *a.* pertaining to young fox. **vulpine**, *a.* fox-like; cunning.

vulturn

n. brush turkey.

vulva

n. external portion of female reproductive organs. **vulval**, **vulvar**, *a.* **vulvate**, **vulviform**, *a.* shaped like vulva. **vulvitis**, *n.* inflammation of vulva.

waddy

n. war-club of aborigines.

wadi

n. valley; stream; watercourse drying up in summer; oasis.

wagon-lit

n. sleeping compartment of railway train.

wain

n. farm wagon. **wainwright**, *n.* maker or repairer of carts.

waldgrave

n. former German title of count; head forest ranger. **waldgravine**, *n.* wife of a waldgrave.

wallah

n. person employed in certain capacity or connected with a certain thing or activity; -worker; -carrier.

wallaroo

n. large species of kangaroo.

wall-eye

n. eye with light grey or whitish iris or cornea, or showing abnormal amount of white by turning outwards. **wall-eyed**, *a.*

wampum

n. beads used as money.

wamus

n. heavy knitted cardigan.

wanderoo

n. kind of monkey of Sri Lanka with purple face, or of India with lion-like tail.

wapentake

n. subdivision of certain counties; court or bailiff of such area.

wapiti

n. elk.

wappenshaw

n. muster of men with their weapons formerly held in certain areas of Scotland.

warble

n. small tumour of horse, especially under saddle, or caused by warble fly.
warble fly, fly with larvae living under skin of cattle, etc.

warison

n. bugle call ordering the attack.

warlock

n. wizard.

warp

n. in weaving, lengthwise threads in loom.

warranty

n. guarantee as to the fitness for use of thing sold, with undertaking to repair defects, etc. *Law*, covenant by which vendor guarantees security of title to real estate conveyed; understanding given by insured as to truth of statements regarding risk; act of warranting.

wassail

n. toast to a person; festive drink, especially spiced ale; revelry; *v.i.* carouse; go carol-singing.

wayzgoose

n. annual outing or dinner of employees, especially of printing firm.

wazir

n. vizier.

weasand

n. throat; gullet; wind-pipe.

weatherometer

n. device measuring the weather resistance of paint.

weft

n. woof; woven thing; web; film.

Wehrmacht

n. 'defence force'; the armed forces of Germany.

Weltanschauung

n. 'world view'; personal philosophy of life. **Weltpolitik**, (*German*) *n.* international politics; policy towards the world. **Weltschmerz**, (*German*) *n.* 'world sorrow'; sadness at the world's woes; pessimism.

werewolf

n. human being transformed into wolf.

wergild

n. value of a man's life, payable to his family by his murderer.

wet-bob

n. Etonian adopting rowing as his sport.

wether

n. castrated ram.

wharfinger

n. owner or manager of a wharf.

whicker

v.i. whinny, neigh.

whiffle

v.i. blow in puffs or gusts; make a light whistling sound; be evasive; vacillate.
whiffler *n.* evasive or vacillating person; attendant who cleared the way for a procession.

whigmaleerie

n. whim, caprice.

whilom

adv. adv. once, formerly; *a.* former.

whim-wham

n. trifle; knick-knack.

whin

n. gorse. **whinchat**, *n.* small brown and buff song-bird.

whippoorwill

n. N American nightjar.

whisht

exclamation, hush.

whitlow

n. abscess on finger, especially round nail.

widdershins

adv. adv. anticlockwise; backwards, in the reverse order or direction to normal.

widgeon

n. kind of fresh-water duck with light crown.

wie geht's

'how goes it?'; how do you do?

wimble

n. boring tool, e.g. gimlet, brace and bit.

wimple

n. women's head covering worn round neck and chin, as by nuns.

windage

n. deflection of projectile by the wind.

window

n. in space research, period of time within which a rocket or spacecraft must be launched to accomplish a particular mission; area at the limit of the Earth's atmosphere through which a spacecraft must pass for successful re- entry; *Computing*, section of a VDU screen displaying a particular type of information.

wingding

n. noisy party.

witan

n. early English King's council.

witenagemot

n. early English national council; witan.

withe

n. tough, flexible branch or twig, especially one used for binding.

withershins

adv. adv. widdershins.

withhold

v.t. not give or grant; restrain; deduct; *v.i.* refrain (from).

withy

n. willow; withe.

wittol

n. complacent cuckold.

wivern

n. winged dragon in heraldry.

wobbegong

n. carpet shark.

wolfram

n. tungsten.

wolverine

n. shaggy-furred animal of weasel family.

wombat

n. bear-like marsupial; Australian badger.

woof

n. threads crossing warp in weaving; weft.

word

n. in computers, a block of data made up of many 'bits'.

wort

n. infusion of malt before fermentation.

wrack

n. sea-weed cast up on shore; wreckage; vestige.

wrangler

n. at Cambridge University, an honours graduate in first class in mathematics tripos. **senior wrangler**, first on list of such graduates.

wrasse

n. a bright-hued marine fish of Atlantic and Mediterranean.

wroth

a. archaic angry.

wuther

v.i. (of the wind) blow strongly, bluster.

wynd

n. alley.

xanthic

a. yellow; yellowish. **xanthochroid**, *n.* & *a.* fair-haired and pale-skinned (person). **xanthochroism**, *n.* condition in which all skin pigments except yellow and orange disappear. **xanthoma**, *n.* skin disease causing yellow patches. **xanthopsia**, *n.* optical defect causing everything to seem yellow. **xanthous**, *a.* yellow- or red-haired; yellow-skinned.

xebec

n. ancient three-masted Mediterranean pirate ship.

xenial

a. pertaining to hospitality, or relations with friendly visitors. **xenian**, *a.*

xenodocheionology

n. jocular, love of hotels and inns.

xenogamy

n. cross-fertilization. **xenogenesis**, *n.* production of offspring unlike the parent. **xenograft**, *n.* heterograft. **xenolith**, *n.* rock particle included in another rock. **xenomorphic** *a.* with a form not its own.

xenophobia

n. hatred or dread of foreigners.

xerarch

a. growing in dry places. **xerasia**, *n.* morbid dryness of hair. **xeric**, *a.* pertaining to or adapted to dry conditions. **xeroderma**, *n.* morbid dryness of skin. **xerography**, *n.* method of reproducing illustrations, text, etc., electrostatically, by attraction of ink powder to positively charged sheet of selenium metal. **xerophagy**, *n.* strict fast of Eastern Church during Holy Week. **xerophilous**, *a.* resisting drought. **xerophobic**, *a.* unable to survive drought. **xerophthalmia**, *n.* *Medicine*, abnormal dryness of the eyeball. **xerophyte**, *n.* plant thriving in desert conditions. **xerosis**, *n.* *Medicine*, abnormal dryness. **xerostoma**, *n.* dryness of mouth. **xerotic**, *a.* dry.

xi

n. fourteenth letter of Greek alphabet.

xiphoid

a. sword-like. **xiphoid process**, lowest division of sternum; king-crab's tail. **xiphophyllous**, *a.* with sword-shaped leaves.

xylem

n. woody tissue of plants. **xylocarp**, *n.* woody fruit.

xylograph

n. wood-engraving; print made from a wood block. **xylography**, *n.*

xyloid

a. like wood. **xylonite**, *n.* celluloid. **xylophagous**, *a.* destroying or boring in wood. **xylophilous**, *a.* living on or in wood. **xylotomous**, *a.* boring into or cutting wood.

yaffle

n. green woodpecker.

yahoo

n. member of brutish, quasi-human species in Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*; depraved person.

yamen

n. official residence.

yammer

v.i. complain peevishly; whine; howl.

yarborough

n. hand of cards containing no card above a nine.

yare

a. nimble, brisk; ready.

yarmulke

n. skullcap worn by orthodox Jewish males.

yashmak

n. veil of Muslim women.

yataghan

n. Muslim long curved knife.

yaw

v.i., v.t. move or deviate from course; move in a zigzag; *n.* such deviation or movement.

yawl

n. ship's small rowing-boat; small sailing vessel with from one to three lugsails; small fore-and-aft rigged vessel with mizzen-mast abaft rudder post.

yaws

n. contagious skin disease resembling syphilis.

yean

v.i., v.t. bring forth (lamb or kid). **yeanling**, *n.* lamb or kid.

yerba (maté)

n. Paraguay tea. **yerbal**, *n.* plantation of yerba.

yom

n. 'day'. **yom Kippur**, 'day of atonement', a solemn Jewish fast. **yom Tob**, 'good day'; religious festival; Sabbath.

ypsiliform

a. shaped like Greek upsilon Upsilon. **ypsiloid**, *a.*

yurt

n. tent consisting of a framework of poles covered by skins or felt, used by Mongol nomads.

zaibatsu

n. large industrial and financial combines.

zamindar

n. landowner. **zamindari**, *n.* land or jurisdiction of a zamindar.

zariba, zareba

n. protective hedge, etc., round Sudanese village; fortified camp.

zebrule, zebrula

n. hybrid of male zebra and female horse.

zebu

n. humped ox of the East and E Africa.

zeigarnik

n. Psychology, tendency to remember an uncompleted rather than a completed task.

Zeitgeist

n. 'spirit of the age'; philosophy or outlook of a particular period.

zenana

n. harem; system of segregating women in harems.

zenography

n. study or description of planet Jupiter. **zenographic(al)**, *a.*

zeta

n. sixth letter of Greek alphabet.

zetetic

a. proceeding by inquiry.

zeugma

n. literary device of using word to modify two other words with only one of which it is correctly used. **zeugmatic**, *a.*

zibeline, zibelline

a. pertaining to sables.

zibet

n. Indian civet.

Zigeuner

n. 'gypsy'.

zingaro

n. (pl -ri) 'gypsy'.

zircon

n. brownish or greyish mineral used as gem. **zirconiferous**, *a.*

zither

n. musical instrument of strings stretched over a horizontal sounding board and plucked with a plectrum.

zoanthropy

n. delusion of a person who believes himself changed into an animal.

zoea

n. early larva of crab and other crustaceans. **zoal**, *a.*

zoetrope

n. device whereby a series of drawings are made to seem, by revolving them, one continuous moving picture.

zoic

a. showing traces of life; containing organic remains. **zoism**, *n.* doctrine that life depends on a peculiar vital principle.

Zollverein

n. 'customs-union' as organized by Prussia in the 1830s.

zombie

n. in voodoo worship, a corpse made by witchcraft to move and walk as if alive; *slang*, a person of the lowest order of intelligence.

zomotherapy

n. medical treatment by raw meat or meat juice. **zomotherapeutic**, *a.*

zoogamy

n. sexual reproduction of animals. **zoogenous**, *a.* originating in animals. **zoography**, *n.* description of animals.

zooid

n. organism resembling animal, especially asexually produced; sperm cell.
zooidal, *a.*

zoolite, zoolith

n. fossil animal.

zoometry

n. measurement of animals. **zoomimetic**, *a.* imitating an animal or part of an animal. **zoomorph**, *n.* object in form of animal. **zoomorphism**, *n.* representation of god as lower animal.

zoonic

a. pertaining to or derived from animals. **zoonosis**, *n.* disease that can be communicated among animals or from animal to man.

zoopery

n. experimenting on lower animals. **zooperal**, *a.* **zooperist**, *n.*

zoophile

n. lover of animals; plant pollinated by animals. **zoophilia**, **zoophilist**, *n.* **zoophilous**, *a.* **zoophobia**, *n.* dread of animals.

zoophorus, zophorus

n. sculptured relief frieze with a continuous pattern of men or animals.

zoophyte

n. plant-like animal, as coral, sea anemone, etc. **zoophytal**, **zoophytic**, *a.*
zoophytology, *n.* study of such.

zooscopy

n. hallucination of seeing animals. **zooscopic**, *a.*

zootechny, zootechnics

n. breeding and taming of animals. **zootechnic**, *a.*

zootomy

n. study of animal anatomy. **zootomic(al)**, *a.* **zootomist**, *n.*

zootropy

n. feeding of animals. **zootrophic**, *a.*

zouave

n. French-Algerian infantry soldier; woman's short jacket.

zwitterion

n. ion charged both positively and negatively.

zygal

a. H-shaped. **zygodactyl(ic)**, *a.* having toes in two pairs, one behind the other.
zygomorphic, *a.* bilaterally symmetrical.

zygophyte

n. plant with reproduction by union of two similar cells. **zygospore**, *n.* spore formed by such union.

zygote

n. cell formed by union of two gametes; fertilized egg. **zygotic**, *a.*

zymase

n. enzyme converting sugar to alcohol and carbon dioxide.

zymogenic

a. causing fermentation. **zymogenous**, *a.*

zymology

n. study of or treatise on fermentation. **zymologic(al)**, *a.* **zymologist**, *n.*

zymolysis

n. action of enzymes.

zymoplastic

a. partaking in the production of enzymes.

zymosis

n. fermentation; process resembling fermentation in development of infectious disease.

zymotic

a. pertaining to fermentation; due to development of germs entering body from outside; *n.* contagious or infectious disease.