

# Searching word in Dictionary

**AA** *abbr.* 1 Automobile Association. 2 Alcoholics Anonymous. 3 anti-aircraft.

**aardvark** *n.* mammal with a tubular snout and a long tongue, feeding on termites. [Afrikaans]

**ab-** *prefix* off, away, from (*abduct*). [Latin]

**aback** *adv.* ☐ **take aback** surprise, disconcert. [Old English: related to \*a²]

**abacus** *n.* (*pl.* -cuses) 1 frame with wires along which beads are slid for calculating. 2 *Archit.* flat slab on top of a capital. [Latin from Greek from Hebrew]

**abaft** *Naut.* —*adv.* in the stern half of a ship. —*prep.* nearer the stern than. [from \*a², -baft: see \*aft]

**abandon** —*v.* 1 give up. 2 forsake, desert. 3 (often foll. by *to*; often *refl.*) yield to a passion, another's control, etc. —*n.* freedom from inhibitions. ☐ **abandonment** *n.* [French: related to \*ad-, \*ban]

**abandoned** *adj.* 1 deserted, forsaken. 2 unrestrained, profligate.

**abase** *v.* (-sing) (also *refl.*) humiliate, degrade. ☐ **abasement** *n.* [French: related to \*ad-, \*base²]

**abashed** *predic. adj.* embarrassed, disconcerted. [French *es- \*ex-¹, baîr* astound]

**abate** *v.* (-ting) make or become less strong etc.; diminish. ☐ **abatement** *n.* [French *abatre* from Latin *batt(u)o* beat]

**abattoir** *n.* slaughterhouse. [French *abatre* fell, as \*abate]

**abbacy** *n.* (*pl.* -ies) office or jurisdiction of an abbot or abbess. [Latin: related to \*abbot]

**abbé** *n.* (in France) abbot or priest. [French from Latin: related to \*abbot]

**abbess** *n.* head of a community of nuns.

**abbey** *n.* (*pl.* -s) 1 building(s) occupied by a community of monks or nuns. 2 the community itself. 3 building that was once an abbey.

**abbot** *n.* head of a community of monks. [Old English from Latin *abbas*]

**abbreviate** *v.* (-ting) shorten, esp. represent (a word etc.) by a part of it. ☐ **abbreviation** *n.* [Latin: related to \*brief]

**ABC** *n.* 1 the alphabet. 2 rudiments of a subject. 3 alphabetical guide.

**abdicate** *v.* (-ting) 1 (usu. *absol.*) give up or renounce (the throne). 2 renounce (a duty, right, etc.). ☐ **abdication** *n.* [Latin *dico* declare]

**abdomen** *n.* 1 the belly, including the stomach, bowels, etc. 2 the hinder part of an insect etc. ☐ **abdominal** *adj.* [Latin]

**abduct** *v.* carry off or kidnap illegally. ☐ **abduction** *n.* **abductor** *n.* [Latin *duco* lead]

**abeam** *adv.* at right angles to a ship's or an aircraft's length.

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Fig: A section of Dictionary

There are several things we should operate to search a word in a dictionary. All words are arranged in an alphabetical way so follow sequentially to get your word. If there are the same words occupying different meaning, they would be in the same place. A good focus and concentration make easier to find the exact word.