

		Grammatical information (in square brackets)
Verb inflections	edit ▶ verb (edits, editing, edited); [with obj.] 1 prepare (written material) for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it: <i>Volume 1 was edited by J. Johnson.</i> ■ choose material for (a film or radio or television programme) and arrange it to form a coherent whole: (as adj. edited): <i>edited highlights of the match.</i> ■ change (text) on a computer. ■: (edit something out): remove unnecessary or inappropriate material from a text, film, or radio or television programme. 2 be editor of (a newspaper or magazine).	Typical form (in bold)
Typical pattern (in bold)	▶ noun a change or correction made as a result of editing. – ORIGIN late 18th cent. (as a verb): partly a back-formation from EDITOR , reinforced by French <i>éditer</i> 'to edit' (from <i>édition</i> 'edition').	

		Plural form
Derivatives (in alphabetical order)	elf ▶ noun (pl. elves) a supernatural creature of folk tales, typically represented as a small, delicate, elusive figure in human form with pointed ears, magical powers, and a capricious nature. – DERIVATIVES elfish adjective, elven adjective (literary), elvish adjective. – ORIGIN Old English, of Germanic origin; related to German <i>Alp</i> 'nightmare'.	

Cross-reference entry	eon ▶ noun US spelling of AEON .
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		Variant spelling
	epicentre (US epicenter) ▶ noun the point on the earth's surface vertically above the focus of an earthquake. ■ the central point of something, typically a difficult or unpleasant situation: <i>the epicentre of labour militancy was the capital itself.</i> – DERIVATIVES epicentral adjective. – ORIGIN late 19th cent.: from Greek <i>epikentros</i> 'situated on a centre', from <i>epi</i> 'upon' + <i>kentron</i> 'centre'.	