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### aardwolf

n  
/ 'ärd.wülf /

Afrikaans

a striped hyenlike mammal of southern and eastern Africa that feeds chiefly on carrion and insects.  
*Termites are the favorite food of the aardwolf.*

### abacus

n  
/ 'abəkəs /

Gk > L

a calculating instrument for performing arithmetical processes by sliding counters by hand on rods or in grooves.

*The grocer used an abacus instead of a modern cash register.*

### abalienation

### abalone

n  
/ .abə'lōnē /

Sp

a gastropod mollusk that clings to rocks tenaciously with a broad muscular foot.

*At the beach, Marta made a necklace from the shell of an abalone.*

### abandonment

### abattoir

n  
/ 'abə.twär /

F

slaughterhouse.

*At the end of the day the battlefield at Hastings looked like an abattoir.*

### abbot

### abbreviate

### abbreviation

### abdicate

v  
/ 'abdə.kāt /

L

relinquish formally, renounce.

*The crown prince will abdicate his throne so that his brother may rule.*

### abdomen

n  
/ 'abdə.mən /

L > F

region of an insect's body.

*The three main body parts of an insect are the head, the thorax, and the abdomen.*

### abdominal

### abecedarium

### abecedarius

n  
/ .ābē(.)sē'da(a)rēəs /

L

a poem in which the lines or stanzas begin with the letters of the alphabet in regular order.

*Geoffrey Chaucer wrote a famous abecedarius.*

### aberrant

### aberration

n  
/ .abə'rāshən /

L

deviation from the natural state or from a normal type.

*Jane's outburst at the meeting was a shocking behavior aberration, for her manner is usually so reserved.*

### abeyance

n  
/ ə'bāən(t)s /

L > F + Ecf

[has homonym: obeyance]

cessation or suspension (as of a customary practice).

*Use of the swimming pool was put in abeyance until a new lifeguard could be hired.*

### abhor

### abhorrence

### abidance

n  
/ ə'bīdən(t)s /

E

compliance.

*Abidance with the golden rule helps one have a happy life.*

### ability

### abiogenist

### abjuration

### ablution

n  
/ ə'blüshən /

L

the washing of one's body or part of it as a religious rite.

*A common example of ablution in Judaism is washing the hands before a meal that includes bread.*

### abolition

### abominable

adj  
/ ə'bäm(ə)nəbəl /

L > F > E

worthy of or causing loathing or hatred.

*Charlie's abominable pretense of being attracted to Jane was the result of a dare by his friends.*

### aborigine

n  
/ .abə'rijə(.)nē /

L

[Note: Could be confused with aborigen.] one of the native people especially as contrasted with an invading or colonizing people.

*Cathy Freeman, an Australian aborigine, carried the flame into the Olympic stadium.*

### abracadabra

n  
/ .abrəkə'dabrə /

L

confused or unintelligible language : nonsense.

*Despite the abracadabra in the poem "Jabberwocky," its message is rather clear.*

### abrasion

n  
/ ə'brāzhən /

L

wearing, grinding, or rubbing away by friction.

*Moving glaciers caused abrasion on Earth's surface.*

### abrasive

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<b>abrogated</b>	<b>abstinence</b>	<b>academic</b>
<b>abruptly</b>	<b>abstractive</b>	<b>adj</b>
adv / ə'brəp(t)lē /	<b>abstruse</b>	/ .əkə'demik /
L in a manner that produces the effect of a sudden ending. <i>George's mom stopped abruptly at the door of his room when she saw his pet python on the floor.</i>	adj / əbz'trūs /	Gk > L > F
<b>abscess</b>	L [has obsolete variant with similar pronunciation: obstruse] difficult to comprehend or understand. <i>Mr. Thompson's abstruse calculations covered the blackboard.</i>	relating to a school, especially an institution of higher education. <i>Claudia postponed her academic pursuits after learning of her father's serious illness.</i>
<b>abscissa</b>	<b>absurdity</b>	<b>acarology</b>
n / ab'sisə /	<b>abundance</b>	<b>accede</b>
L the horizontal coordinate of a point in a plane Cartesian coordinate system obtained by measuring parallel to the x-axis. <i>Bill was asked to mark the point on the graph at which the abscissa is 4 and the ordinate is 7.</i>	<b>abyssmal</b>	<b>accelerate</b>
<b>abscond</b>	adj / ə'bizməl /	v / ik'selə.rāt /
<b>abscondence</b>	Gk > L > E having the characteristics of an abyss : bottomless. <i>Ahmet jumped his motorcycle over the abyssmal gorge.</i>	L add to the speed of or quicken the motion of. <i>To qualify for the finals, the jogger had to accelerate his pace.</i>
<b>abseil</b>	<b>abyssmally</b>	<b>accelerator</b>
n / 'äp.zil /	<b>acacia</b>	<b>accentuator</b>
G descent in mountaineering by means of a rope looped over a projection above. <i>In her wilderness survival class, Elisa learned how to perform an abseil without losing control.</i>	n / ə'kāshə /	<b>acceptance</b>
<b>absence</b>	Gk > L any plant of the genus of woody plants of warm regions having pinnate leaves and white or yellow flower clusters. <i>Giraffes have specialized teeth that help them comb leaves from the spiny branches of the acacia.</i>	<b>accessible</b>
<b>abstemious</b>	<b>academia</b>	<b>adj</b>
adj / abz'tēmēəs /	n / .əkə'dēmyə /	/ ik'sesəbəl /
L sparing in eating and drinking. <i>Evelyn is abstemious by nature and never orders dessert.</i>	Gk > L life and interests associated with a school especially of higher learning. <i>Robert prefers academia to the business world.</i>	L capable of being reached or easily approached. <i>Wilbur made sure his restaurant was accessible to those in wheelchairs.</i>
<b>abstention</b>		<b>accession</b>
n / əbz'tēnshən /		n / ik'seshən /
L withholding of a vote. <i>Helga resented her senator's abstention on the crime bill.</i>		L > F the act of attaining or coming to high office or a position of honor or power. <i>The best seller chronicled the accession of the new prince.</i>
		<b>accessorial</b>
		<b>accidental</b>

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<b>accipiter</b> n / ak'sipədə(r) / L any hawk of the genus Accipiter (as the Cooper's hawk, sharp-shinned hawk, goshawk). <i>Calvin spotted an accipiter darting among the trees.</i>	<b>accordionist</b> <b>accreditation</b> <b>accrescent</b> adj / ə'kres'nt / L growing continuously; specifically : growing larger after flowering. <i>After its flower had fallen away, the plant's accrescent calyx became noticeably larger.</i>	<b>acescent</b> adj / ə'ses'nt / L turning sour or tending to turn sour. <i>Natalie spit out the acescent milk.</i>
<b>acclimatization</b> n / əklīmātēz'əshən / L > F + Ecff the process of adapting to a new temperature, altitude, environment, or situation. <i>The wild fern's acclimatization to Mrs. Bennett's rock garden amazed her.</i>	<b>accrual</b> <b>accrue</b> <b>accrued</b> v / ə'krüd / L > F > E came by way of increase or addition. <i>Helen argued that many advantages have accrued to society from the freedom of the press.</i>	<b>acetate</b> <b>acetylene</b> n / ə'sēd'lēn / L + Gk + Gk a colorless gaseous hydrocarbon that is explosive when compressed but safe if diluted with nitrogen or acetone. <i>The welder ran out of acetylene while cutting through the ship's hull.</i>
<b>acclivity</b> n / ə'klivēdē / L an ascending slope (as of a hill). <i>The biker hoped that a downhill stretch would soon follow what seemed to be an endless acclivity.</i>	<b>achondrite</b> n / ə'kändrīt / Gk a stony meteorite devoid of the granular structures known as chondrules. <i>The claim that the achondrite originated from the moon was based on compositional matches of lunar rocks obtained by the Apollo missions.</i>	<b>achromatism</b>
<b>accolade</b> n / 'akəlād / L > F a bestowal of praise. <i>Martin received one accolade after another at the awards banquet.</i>	<b>accumulate</b> v / ə'kyümyəlāt / L heap up in a mass : pile up. <i>The weather forecaster said that as much as two feet of snow might accumulate overnight.</i>	<b>acicicular</b> adj / ə'sikyələr / L + Ecf like a needle in shape : slender and pointed. <i>Under the microscope, the crystals appear as single acicular structures.</i>
<b>accommodable</b>	<b>accurate</b> adj / 'akyərət / L correct, exact, precise. <i>The detective prided himself on making accurate reports of crime scenes.</i>	<b>acknowledge</b>
<b>accommodate</b> v / ə'kämədāt / L provide with lodgings. <i>Leah begged the hotel clerk to accommodate her for just one more night.</i>	<b>accusatory</b>	<b>acknowledging</b>
<b>accomplice</b> n / ə'kämplēs / L > F > E one that participates with another in a crime either as principal or accessory. <i>The juvenile was convicted as an accomplice in the robbery.</i>	<b>acerbity</b> n / ə'sərbədē / L acidity of temper or tone : astringency or sharpness of manner. <i>Rosemary remarked with acerbity that her son's chores hadn't been done in days.</i>	<b>acme</b> n / 'akmē / Gk the highest point or stage (as of growth or development). <i>Many of her fans think Barbra Streisand is at the acme of the music profession.</i>

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<b>acolyte</b>	<b>acre</b>	<b>acrostic</b>
n / 'akəlīt / Gk > L > F > E one who attends or assists : follower. <i>Not one acolyte remained after the cult leader's fall from grace.</i>	n / 'ākə(r) / E any of various units of land area. <i>Miriam had to cross a 10-acre field to get to her favorite swimming hole.</i>	n / ə'krōstik / Gk a composition usually in verse in which one or more sets of letters when taken in order form a word, a connected group of words, or the regular sequence of the letters of the alphabet. <i>Mrs. Taylor was not at all pleased with the acrostic her students made using her name.</i>
<b>acorn</b>	<b>acid</b>	<b>acrylic</b>
<b>acoustician</b>	adj / 'akrēd / L unpleasantly sharp or strong to the taste or to the smell. <i>The acrid sulfur fumes made Gustavo's eyes water.</i>	
<b>acoustics</b>	<b>acrimonious</b>	<b>actinic</b>
n pl / ə'küstiks / Gk the aggregate of qualities (as absence of echo or reverberation) of an enclosure (as an auditorium) or other area that affects production, control, transmission, reception, and perception of sound. <i>As a result of the renovation, the acoustics of the concert hall have improved dramatically.</i>	adj / .akrē'mōnēəs / L > F caustic, biting, or rancorous, especially in feeling, language, or manner : bitter. <i>It was obvious that Marjorie's comments were acrimonious and complaining.</i>	adj / ak'tinik / Gk > L + Ecf having photochemical properties or effects. <i>The stars emit actinic rays as well as light and heat.</i>
<b>acquaintance</b>	<b>acrobat</b>	<b>actuary</b>
n / ə'kwānt̄n(t)s / F > E familiarity, experience. <i>Ruth developed an acquaintance with Tibetan musical tradition.</i>	n / 'akrē.bat / Gk > F one who performs gymnastic feats or exercises. <i>Paul is developing the skills of a first-rate acrobat.</i>	n / 'akchə.werē / L one trained in mathematics and statistics whose business it is to calculate insurance and annuity premiums, reserves, and dividends. <i>An actuary uses such factors as age and health status to determine a person's life insurance premiums.</i>
<b>acquiesce</b>	<b>acronym</b>	<b>acuate</b>
<b>acquiescence</b>		
<b>acquittal</b>	<b>acronym</b>	
n / ə'kwid'l / L + L > F [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] release or discharge from debt or other liability. <i>Mr. Churchill was deeply involved in the game and was too much indebted to it for his acquittal.</i>	n / 'akrē.nim / Gk + Gk a word formed from the initial letter or letters of each of the successive parts or major parts of a compound term. <i>The word radar is an acronym of radio detection and ranging.</i>	adj / akyəwāt / L having a sharp point : shaped like a needle : sharpened. <i>Cobb's beagle was distinctive because of its acuate tail.</i>
	<b>acropolis</b>	<b>aculeate</b>
		adj / ə'kyüleēt / L marked by incisiveness : stinging, pointed. <i>No actor was spared in the reviewer's aculeate criticisms.</i>

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<b>acumen</b>	<b>adenoidal</b>	<b>adjunct</b>
n / ə'kyüümən /	adj / .ad'n'oid'l /	n / 'a.jən(k)t /
L acuteness of mind : keenness of perception, discernment, or discrimination : shrewdness especially in practical matters. <i>Della's business acumen helped her amass a fortune of over \$50 million.</i>	Gk typical or suggestive of one affected with abnormally enlarged glands in the back of the throat. <i>The critics panned the tenor, whose voice was terribly adenoidal and breathy.</i>	L something joined or added to another thing but not essentially a part of it. <i>Exercise is an adjunct to a long and healthy life.</i>
<b>acuminate</b>	<b>adequate</b>	<b>adjuvant</b>
adj / ə'kyüümənät /	<b>adequation</b>	<b>admeasure</b>
L tapering to a slender point : pointed. <i>Steve found one of his parakeet's acuminate tail feathers on the floor.</i>	<b>adhere</b>	<b>adminicle</b>
<b>acupuncture</b>	<b>adherence</b>	n / ad'minékəl /
<b>adactylous</b>	<b>adherent</b>	L support, auxiliary. <i>Shelly enjoyed serving as an adminicle of the local Girl Scout troop.</i>
<b>adage</b>	n / .ad'hirənt /	<b>admiral</b>
<b>adagio</b>	L a believer in or advocate of a particular thing, idea, or religion. <i>Julia has been an adherent of Buddhism since 1985.</i>	n / 'adm(ə)rəl /
n / ə'dä(.)jō / (L + L > OProv) > It [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a series of sustained and perfectly controlled dance movements displaying balance and grace. <i>The wicked fairy performed a perfect adagio just before Sleeping Beauty appeared.</i>	<b>adhesional</b>	Ar > L a naval officer of high rank. <i>Petty Officer Pritchard saluted the admiral and continued to her post.</i>
<b>adamantine</b>	<b>adiaphorism</b>	<b>admire</b>
adj / .adə'man.tīn /	<b>adipose</b>	<b>admonitory</b>
Gk > L > E rigidly firm : unyielding. <i>Debra's adamantine chain of logic bedazzled her philosophy professor.</i>	<b>adjacency</b>	<b>adolescence</b>
<b>addlepated</b>	<b>adjacent</b>	<b>Adonis</b>
	adj / ə'jās'nt /	n / ə'dänēs /
	L living nearby or sitting or standing relatively near or close together. <i>Citizens of Centerville and its adjacent communities banded together to form a volunteer fire department.</i>	Gk name an exceptionally handsome young man. <i>Nearly all the eighth-grade girls think that Leonardo is an Adonis.</i>
	<b>adjourn</b>	<b>adsmith</b>
	<b>adjudicate</b>	<b>adumbrate</b>
		v / 'adəm.brāt /
		L give a sketchy representation of : outline broadly, omitting details. <i>There was time to only adumbrate the escape plan.</i>
		<b>advantageous</b>

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<b>adverb</b>	<b>Aeschylean</b>	<b>affiliate</b>
<b>adversary</b>	adj / .eska'lēən / Gk name of, relating to, or suggestive of the Greek tragic poet Aeschylus. <i>The Aeschylean chorus plays an important role in the plot of the tragedy.</i>	v / ə'file.ət / L attach as a member or branch : bring or receive into close connection. <i>The university assists in trying to affiliate local high schools.</i>
<b>adverse</b>		
<b>advisory</b>		
n / əd'vez(ə)rē / L > F a report giving information (as one issued by a weather bureau on the progress of a hurricane). <i>The weather advisory warned small craft that winds would be in excess of 34 knots today.</i>	<b>affability</b> n / .afə'bilədē / L sociability. <i>Miss Smith was delighted with the affability with which Miss Woodhouse had treated her all the evening.</i>	<b>affiliation</b> n / ə'filē'āshən / L the state or relation of being attached as a member or branch. <i>Professor Bruner retired after a 30-year affiliation with Harvard University.</i>
<b>advocaat</b>		
<b>advocate</b>	<b>affable</b>	<b>affinity</b>
n / 'advə.kāt / L one that argues for, defends, maintains, or recommends a cause or proposal. <i>Isabella was sure nobody ought to be, or could be, a greater advocate for matrimony than she.</i>	<b>affectionate</b> adj / ə'feksh(ə)nōt / L having warm regard : loving, fond. <i>Tipper is the most affectionate collie Susan had ever owned.</i>	n / ə'finədē / L sympathy especially as marked by community of interest. <i>Marie felt an affinity with the new chess prodigy, remembering how she had followed Bobby Fischer's early career many years before.</i>
<b>aerial</b>	<b>affianced</b>	<b>affirmative</b>
<b>aerodynamic</b>	v / ə'fiən(t)st / L > F > E solemnly promised (oneself or another) in marriage : betrothed. <i>The ruler of Austria affianced his daughter to the king of France.</i>	
adj / .a(ə)rō(.)dī'namik / Gk of or relating to the science that treats of the motion of air and other gaseous fluids. <i>The aerodynamic design of race cars helps them achieve great speeds.</i>		
<b>aeronautics</b>	<b>affidavit</b>	<b>afflatus</b>
<b>aerosol</b>	n / .afə'dāvət / L a sworn statement in writing made especially under oath or before an authorized officer. <i>The police asked Heather to prepare an affidavit regarding what she saw when she surprised a burglar in her house.</i>	n / ə'flādəs / L a divine imparting of knowledge or power : inspiration. <i>Most art students are familiar with Michelangelo's painting on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel depicting the afflatus from God to Adam.</i>
n / 'a(ə)rō.sōl / Gk + L a suspension of ultramicroscopic solid or liquid particles in air or gas. <i>Volcanic eruptions propel hydrogen sulfide into the stratosphere, where it reacts with oxygen to form an aerosol that can persist for more than a year.</i>		<b>affluence</b>
		<b>forementioned</b>
		<b>afterwale</b>

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<b>agape</b> n / ä'gä·pä / Gk spontaneous self-giving love expressed freely without calculation of cost or gain to the giver or merit on the part of the receiver. <i>The question "What's in it for me?" is unheard of in agape.</i>	<b>aggravate</b> v / 'agrävät / L make worse, more serious, or more severe. <i>Shane worried that a game of one-on-one would aggravate his ankle injury.</i>	<b>agreeable</b> adj / ə'grēəbəl / L > F pleasing to the mind or senses : to one's liking : pleasant. <i>The famous ballplayer proved to be the most likable and agreeable man that Billy had ever met.</i>
<b>agate</b> adj / 'agät / Gk > L > F of or resembling a fine-grained chalcedony frequently mixed with opal and having various colors arranged in stripes or bands; especially : of the color of agate. <i>Rachel's brown agate eyes are extremely unusual and beautiful.</i>	<b>aggregate</b> n / 'agrëgät / L a body of units or parts somewhat loosely associated with one another. <i>The protesters straggled toward the muddy park in a dispirited aggregate as the organizers set up tents and microphones.</i>	<b>agriology</b>
<b>agelicism</b>	<b>aghast</b>	<b>agronomy</b>
<b>agenda</b>	<b>agiotage</b>	n / ə'gränəmē / L + Gk the branch of agriculture that deals with field crop production and soil management. <i>Vince earned a degree in agronomy at the state university's school of agriculture.</i>
<b>agglomerate</b> n / ə'glämərät / L [Note: Could be confused with agglomerant.] a confused or jumbled mass, heap, or collection. <i>Helen's favorite jeans are somewhere in the agglomerate of clothing on her bedroom floor.</i>	<b>agitated</b> adj / 'ajëtädäd / L troubled in mind : disturbed, excited. <i>The crowd became agitated when the candidate failed to appear.</i>	<b>aikido</b>
<b>agglomeration</b>	<b>agnostic</b>	<b>ailanthus</b>
<b>agglutinate</b>	 n / ag'nästik / Gk one who maintains a continuing doubt about the existence or knowability of a god or any ultimates. <i>Raymond and Olive have been happily married for ten years, even though she is an agnostic and he never misses Sunday morning mass.</i>	n / ə'lan(t)thës / Amboinese a tree of a small genus of East Indian and Chinese trees with greenish flowers. <i>The ailanthus is fast growing and its shallow, wide-spreading root system effectively anchors the soil.</i>
<b>agrandizement</b> n / ə'grandəzmënt / L > F the act, action, or result of making great or greater (as in power, honor, or wealth). <i>Because she was a commoner, Ruth was accused of marrying the prince for her own personal agrandizement.</i>	<b>agoraphobia</b>	<b>aileron</b>
<b>agrarian</b>		n / 'älə.rän / L > F a movable portion of an airplane wing or a movable airfoil external to the wing for imparting a rolling motion and thus providing lateral control. <i>An aileron is usually situated at the trailing edge of an airplane's wing near the wing tip.</i>

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<b>airedale</b> n / 'a(a)(ə)r.dāl / E geog name a large terrier with a wiry black and tan coat. <i>Shantha's airedale is registered with the American Kennel Club.</i>	<b>albatross</b> n / 'albətrōs / Ar? > Pg or Sp any of a number of large web-footed seabirds that are capable of long-continued flight. <i>The wingspan of an albatross can exceed ten feet.</i>	<b>alcove</b> n / 'alkōv / Ar > Sp > F a recessed part (as a breakfast nook) of a room. <i>Silvio found an alcove in the library that was a perfect place for taking a nap.</i>
<b>akimbo</b> adj / ə'kim(,)bō / E having the hands on the hips with the elbows projecting outward. <i>With her arms akimbo, Marion waited for Tim to explain himself.</i>	<b>albedo</b> n / al'bē(,)dō / L reflective power. <i>Arno researched the effects of soil albedo on vegetation.</i>	<b>aleatoric</b> adj / ə'lēə'tōrik / L characterized by chance or random elements. <i>By digitizing thunder and traffic noises, Georgia was able to compose aleatoric music.</i>
<b>akropodion</b> n / .akrə'pōdēən / Gk the most prominent point on the back of the heel. <i>After the hike, Eli had a nasty blister on his left akropodion.</i>	<b>albedometer</b> n / .albē'dämədō(r) / L + Gk a device for measuring the reflection of light (as by snow). <i>David used an albedometer to measure the reflection of light by the clouds.</i>	<b>aleatory</b>
<b>aktograph</b>	<b>albeit</b> conj / əl'bēät / E although. <i>Sonia had a simple, albeit expensive, wedding.</i>	<b>alegar</b> n / 'alīgō(r) / E + L > F sour ale or vinegar made of ale. <i>While studying in England as an exchange student, Judith developed a taste for fried potatoes with salt and alegar.</i>
<b>alabaster</b> adj / 'alə.bastə(r) / Gk > L > F > E of or resembling alabaster; specifically : having a nearly white color and a light-diffusing surface. <i>Patsy's alabaster skin gives her a spectral appearance.</i>	<b>albino</b>	<b>alfalfa</b> n / al'falfə / Ar > Sp an important European leguminous forage plant. <i>The farmer alternated his crops, growing alfalfa one season and corn the next.</i>
<b>alacrity</b> n / ə'lakrədē / L cheerful readiness : eagerness. <i>Dr. Cameron's students always enter his class with alacrity and depart with reluctance.</i>	<b>alchemy</b> n / 'alkəmē / Gk > Ar > L > F the medieval chemical science and speculative philosophy whose aims were the transmutation of base metals into gold. <i>The wizard's apprentice was determined to learn enough alchemy to turn lead into gold.</i>	<b>alfresco</b> adj / al'fre(.)skō / It open-air. <i>Everyone looks forward to the alfresco party that the Smiths hold every Derby Day.</i>
<b>alar</b>	<b>alcohol</b>	<b>algorithm</b>
<b>alary</b> adj / 'alərē / L wing-shaped or fan-shaped. <i>There was an alary membrane on each side of the seed.</i>	<b>alcoholature</b>	
<b>alcoholism</b>		

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<b>alibi</b>	<b>allegiance</b>	<b>alliance</b>
n / 'alə.bī / L the plea of having been elsewhere at the time an act was committed. <i>To support his alibi, Jake showed his lawyer a video made during his Hawaii trip.</i>	n / ə'lējən(t)s / F > E the duty of fidelity owed by a subject or citizen to his sovereign or government. <i>The new citizens pledged allegiance to their adopted country.</i>	n / ə'līən(t)s / L > F > E union or connection especially between families, states, parties, or individuals. <i>The alliance between the two nations has been strong for nearly 50 years.</i>
<b>alien</b>	<b>allegory</b>	<b>alligator</b>
adj / 'älēən / L different in nature or character : far removed. <i>Nguyen's response to his mother's question had results entirely alien from what he intended.</i>	n / 'alē.gōrē / Gk a story in which people, things, and happenings have a hidden or symbolic meaning. <i>Gail disliked the moralistic tone of the allegory.</i>	n / 'älō.gādō(r) / L > Sp a reptile having a head not tapering to the snout and being in general much more sluggish than the typical crocodiles. <i>Jason's favorite sight at the fair was a woman wrestling an alligator.</i>
<b>alienation</b>	<b>allegro</b>	<b>allision</b>
<b>aliferous</b>	n / ə'le(,)grō / It > L ballet steps performed in a lively, fast tempo. <i>After the allegro, Madame Delacroix instructed the dancers to cool down slowly.</i>	
<b>alimentary</b>	<b>allemande</b>	<b>alliteration</b>
adj / .alə'mentərē / L [Note: Could be confused with elementary.] of, concerned with, or relating to nourishment or to the function of nutrition. <i>Pasta is sometimes called an "alimentary paste."</i>	v / 'alə.mand / Gmc > L > F perform a step with arms interlaced. <i>The caller told the square dancers to allemande left and swing their partners.</i>	n / ə.lidə'rāshən / L + Ecf the repetition usually initially of a sound that is usually a consonant in two or more neighboring words or syllables (as in "daring deed"). <i>Poor writers rely on alliteration when lacking ideas.</i>
<b>aliquot</b>	<b>allergy</b>	<b>allocate</b>
<b>alkali</b>	n / 'äl.lär'gän(,)dō / L in a manner becoming gradually broader with the same or greater volume. <i>David's piano teacher indicated that the piece was to be played allargando.</i>	v / 'alə.kāt / L set apart and earmark or designate. <i>Leon hoped the committee would allocate funds for the new playground.</i>
<b>allargando</b>	<b>allocation</b>	
adv / .ä.lär'gän(,)dō / L in a manner becoming gradually broader with the same or greater volume. <i>David's piano teacher indicated that the piece was to be played allargando.</i>	n / 'alə(r)jē / Gk > G exaggerated or pathological reaction (as by sneezing, itching, or skin rashes) to substances, situations, or physical states that are without comparable effect on the average individual. <i>Because of her allergy, Mrs. Griffin discouraged her students from bringing in any furry pets for show-and-tell.</i>	n / alə'kāshən / L the act of apportioning. <i>The allocation of powers in the United States Constitution is clearly defined.</i>
<b>allayment</b>	<b>alluded</b>	
<b>allege</b>		
v / ə'lej / L assert, affirm, state without proof or before proving. <i>Residents of the area allege that the lake water has curative properties.</i>		

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<b>alluviation</b>	<b>alopecia</b>	<b>altiplano</b>
n / ə.lüvē'ashən / L the process that results in deposits of clay, silt, sand, or gravel at places in rivers or estuaries where stream velocity is decreased. <i>The effects of alluviation can be seen along the banks of a large river.</i>	n / .alə'pēsh(ē)ə / Gk loss of hair, wool, or feathers : baldness. <i>Prescription drugs such as minoxidil have had limited success in treating alopecia.</i>	n / .altē'plä(.)nō / L > Sp a high plateau or plain : tableland. <i>A cold northerly wind over the altiplano heralded the arrival of winter.</i>
<b>almond</b>	<b>alpaca</b>	<b>altitude</b>
n / 'ä(l)mənd / Gk > L > F > E the fruit of a small tree; especially : the nutlike stone or kernel of this tree. <i>The almond is a nut that is easy to crack.</i>	n / al'pakə / Aymara > Sp an animal like a llama with fine long woolly hair and domesticated in Peru and adjacent countries. <i>The petting zoo featured four goats, an alpaca, a pony, and three lambs.</i>	n / 'altə.tüd / L > E position at a height. <i>When the plane suddenly lost altitude, the pilot told the passengers to fasten their seat belts.</i>
<b>almoner</b>	<b>alpenglow</b>	<b>altogether</b>
n / 'almənə(r) / L > F > E one who distributes charitable gifts, often for another. <i>In his role as the king's almoner, Jared tossed a few pennies to the audience.</i>	n / 'alpən.glō / G + E a reddish glow or sometimes the entire series of light phenomena seen near sunset or sunrise on the summits of mountains. <i>Jocelyn and Ruth enjoyed the rich alpenglow from the balcony of their cabin.</i>	adv / ,öltə'gethə(r) / E wholly, completely, thoroughly. <i>The suffragettes argued that it was altogether fit and proper that women have the right to vote.</i>
<b>alnico</b>	<b>alphabet</b>	<b>altruism</b>
n / 'alnə.kō / L + G > Sw + G a powerful permanent-magnet alloy containing iron, nickel, aluminum, and one or more of the elements cobalt, copper, and titanium. <i>Mr. Arkin's factory makes industrial magnets from alnico.</i>	<b>altazimuth</b>	<b>altruistically</b>
<b>aloof</b>		
adj / ə'lüf / E + D? > F > E removed or distant either physically or spiritually and usually by choice and with indifference to the feelings, opinions, or interests of others. <i>Greg's aloof personality discouraged his gregarious colleagues.</i>	n / al'tazəməth / L + Ar > L an instrument consisting of a telescope mounted so that it can swing horizontally and vertically. <i>Josh saw an antique altazimuth in the maritime museum.</i>	<b>alveolate</b> adj / al'veələt / L + Ecf pitted like a honeycomb. <i>The porous sandstone had an alveolate surface.</i>
	<b>altercation</b>	<b>amadelphous</b>
	n / .öltə(r)'kāshən / L dispute carried on with feeling (as anger). <i>Police broke up a minor altercation between two street vendors.</i>	<b>amalgam</b> n / ə'malgəm / Ar? > L > F an alloy of mercury with another metal. <i>Because mercury will form an amalgam with most other metals, it can be used to extract them from ore.</i>

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<b>amanuensis</b>	<b>ambivalent</b>	<b>amelioration</b>
n /ə'maňyə'wen(t)səs / L one who is employed to write from dictation or to copy what another has written. <i>During the six weeks that Chrissie's arm was in a cast, she completed her homework with her mother as her amanuensis.</i>	adj /am'bivələnt / L characterized by, suggestive of, motivated by, or exhibiting contradictory emotional or psychological attitude. <i>Because Tad has a grueling job lined up, he is ambivalent about the upcoming summer vacation.</i>	n /ə'mēlyə'rāshən / L the act of making better or the state of being made better : improvement. <i>The committee submitted its recommendations for the amelioration of the undesirable conditions at the overcrowded school.</i>
<b>amaryllis</b>	<b>amblyopia</b>	<b>amenable</b>
n /ə'mær'ilēs / L name any of several African bulbous herbs grown for their large showy flowers. <i>Deborah's amaryllis bloomed just in time for the December holidays.</i>	n /ə'mblē'ōpēə / Gk dimness of sight without apparent change in the eye structures associated especially with the toxic effects of certain drugs or chemicals or with dietary deficiencies. <i>The doctor told Henry to quit smoking if he wanted his amblyopia to improve.</i>	adj /ə'mēnəbəl / L > F readily brought to yield or submit : responsive, tractable. <i>Horst is amenable to any ideas for the prom's theme.</i>
<b>amateur</b>	<b>ambrosia</b>	<b>amendment</b>
<b>amber</b>	n /əmber(r) / Ar > L > F a very hard yellowish to brownish translucent fossil resin that takes a fine polish. <i>Sarah was delighted when her mother gave her some earrings made of amber.</i>	n /ə'mēn(d)mēnt / L + Ecf the process of changing or modifying in any way for the better (as a motion, bill, act, or constitution). <i>A well-drafted constitution will provide for its own amendment.</i>
<b>ambidextrous</b>	<b>ambulation</b>	<b>amertoy</b>
<b>ambiguity</b>	<b>ambuscade</b>	n /ə'mērtoi / E geog name + E a small terrierlike dog having a short sleek satiny coat and weighing between six and ten pounds. <i>Ricky was forever chasing Trixie, the family amertoy, out of the flower beds.</i>
n /ə'mbē'gyüədē / L the condition of admitting of two or more meanings, of being understood in more than one way, or of referring to two or more things at the same time. <i>The ambiguity of Mr. Mitchell's essay questions encouraged creative interpretations.</i>	<b>ambush</b>	<b>amethyst</b>
	<b>ameliorate</b>	
	v /ə'mēlyə'rāt / L make better : improve. <i>Activists lobbied to ameliorate prison conditions.</i>	<b>amiable</b>

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<b>amicable</b> adj / 'amēkəbəl / L characterized by or as if by friendship and goodwill. <i>Carla and Jeanine have had an amicable relationship since they settled their initial dispute.</i>	<b>amnesia</b> n / am'nēzhə / Gk loss of memory : forgetfulness. <i>Alice suffered from amnesia as the result of a head injury.</i>	<b>amulet</b> n / 'amyələt / L an inscribed charm believed to protect or aid the wearer. <i>The archaeologist discovered an amulet in the tomb of an ancient Egyptian ruler.</i>
<b>amice</b> n / 'amēs / L [has near homonyms: amas, amiss] a liturgical vestment consisting of an oblong piece of cloth usually of white linen, worn about the neck and shoulders and partly under the alb. <i>Father Patrick put on a fresh white amice before serving mass.</i>	<b>amole</b> n / ə'mōlē / Nahuatl > Sp any of a number of plants utilized as a source of soap. <i>The discovery of an amole created much excitement among the castaways.</i>	<b>amuse</b> v / ə'myüz / L > F entertain or occupy in a pleasant manner. <i>The children seemed to tumble about and amuse themselves like good-natured collie puppies.</i>
<b>amiss</b>	<b>amortization</b>	<b>amygdaline</b>
<b>amity</b> n / 'amədē / L friendship and goodwill, especially as characterized by mutual acceptance and tolerance of potentially antagonistic standpoints or aims. <i>The natural amity between Avital and her sister has helped them maintain strong ties through many family disagreements.</i>	<b>amphibian</b> n / am'fibēən / Gk [has homonym: amphibion] an animal or plant accustomed or adapted to life both on land and in the water. <i>The frog is perhaps the best-known amphibian.</i>	<b>adj</b> / ə'migdə.līn / Gk of or relating to a tonsil. <i>Because of a persistent amygdaline infection, Lana checked into the hospital to have her tonsils removed.</i>
<b>ammeter</b> n / 'a(m).medə(r) / F + Gk [has near homonym: amateur] an instrument for measuring electric current. <i>Perry and Ayrton's ammeter helped measure the efficiency of the battery.</i>	<b>amphibious</b>	<b>anabasis</b>
<b>ammonia</b>	<b>amphora</b> n / 'amfərə / Gk > L a Greek unit of capacity equal to 10.3 gallons or 39 liters. <i>The group ordered 1 amphora of punch for the Antiquity Party.</i>	 n / ə'nable.səs / Gk a going or marching up; especially : a military advance. <i>Hannibal is famous for his remarkable anabasis across the Alps into Italy.</i>
	<b>ampicillin</b> n / .ampə'silən / ISV a penicillin that is effective against gram-negative and gram-positive bacteria and is used to treat various infections of the urinary, respiratory, and intestinal tracts. <i>Pneumonia has been successfully treated with ampicillin.</i>	<b>anabibazon</b> n / .anə'bibə.zän / Gk the ascending node of the Moon's orbit with the ecliptic. <i>Lars waited for the Moon to reach its anabibazon so he could confirm his findings.</i>

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<b>anabolic</b>	<b>analects</b>	<b>anaphora</b>
adj / .anə'bälɪk / Gk + Gk relating to, characterized by, or promoting constructive metabolism. <i>The weightlifter was disqualified after it was discovered he had used anabolic steroids.</i>	<b>analemma</b> n / .anə'lemə / Gk a graduated scale shaped like a figure 8 and showing the Sun's declination for each day of the year usually constituting part of a sundial and often shown on globes. <i>Katrina consulted the sundial's analemma to calculate the correct time.</i>	n / ə'naf(ə)rə / Gk repetition of a word or words at the beginning of two or more successive clauses or verses. <i>"The voice of the Lord" occurred three times in anaphora in the psalm Julie read.</i>
<b>anachronism</b>		<b>anarchy</b>
<b>anachronous</b>		n / 'anə(r)kē / Gk > L a state of lawlessness or political disorder due to the absence of governmental authority. <i>After the revelation of election fraud, some observers feared that the tiny republic would succumb to anarchy.</i>
<b>anaconda</b>	<b>analgesic</b>	<b>anastomosis</b>
n / .anə'kändə / Singhalese a large arboreal snake of the boa family of tropical South America. <i>The anaconda has been known to forage in trees for birds.</i>	<b>analogy</b> n / ə'naləjē / Gk a figure of speech involving an extended or elaborate comparison between two things or situations. <i>Hugo used an analogy to illustrate his point, but no one understood the analogy either.</i>	n / ə.nastə'mōsēs / Gk a joining of the parts of a branched system. <i>Hal pointed out the anastomosis in the veined mulberry leaf.</i>
<b>anaglyph</b>	<b>analysand</b>	<b>anastrophe</b>
n / 'anəglif / Gk a stereoscopic still or moving picture producing a three-dimensional effect when viewed through colored filters. <i>Troy begged his parents to take him to the newest anaglyph at the IMAX theater.</i>	n / ə'nalə.sand / Gk + L > Ecf one that is analyzed; specifically : one who is undergoing psychoanalysis. <i>The psychotherapist encouraged the analysand to unburden herself of her anxieties.</i>	n / ə'nastrə(.)fē / Gk inversion of the usual syntactical order of words for rhetorical effect. <i>In the poem "Jabberwocky," the line "So rested he by the TumTum tree" is an example of anastrophe.</i>
<b>anagnorisis</b>	<b>anonym</b>	<b>anathema</b>
n / .anag'nōrēsēs / Gk an incident or solution of plot in tragedy in which the main character recognizes his or her own or some other character's true identity or discovers the true nature of his or her own situation. <i>The moment of anagnorisis occurs when the boy finds out he is actually the king's son.</i>	n / 'anə.nim / Gk [has homonym: anonym] a fictitious name consisting of the real name written backwards. <i>Pat often uses the anaym Tap when writing secret messages to her friends.</i>	n / ə'nathēmə / Gk one that is cursed by ecclesiastical authority. <i>The Sixth Ecumenical Council pronounced Pope Honorius anathema in A.D. 681.</i>
<b>anagogic</b>		<b>anaudia</b>
adj / .anə'gäjik / Gk > L having a spiritual meaning or a sense referring to the heavenly life. <i>Terrance recited anagogic poems by a Greek mystic.</i>		n / a'nōdēə / Gk loss of voice : inability to articulate.

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*A blow to the throat can cause temporary anaudia.*

### anautogenous

### ancestor

### anchovy

n

/'an.chōvē /

Gk > L? > It > Sp

any of a number of small herringlike fishes; especially : a common Mediterranean form esteemed for its rich and peculiar flavor.

*Joshua informed his mother that one anchovy had rendered the entire pizza inedible.*

### ancillary

adj

/'ansələrē /

L

serving to aid or assist : auxiliary : supplementary.

*Electronic media usually include radio, film, and television, as well as the ancillary industries of audio and video recording.*

### anecdote

n

/'anik.dōt /

F&Gk

a usually short narrative of an interesting, amusing, or curious incident.

*The speaker's presentation ended with a touching anecdote.*

### anemochore

n

/ə'nemə.kō(ə)r /

Gk > F + Gk

a plant that has seeds or spores adapted to distribution by wind.

*The dandelion is a familiar anemochore.*

### anemometer

n

/ə.nə'mäməd-ə(r) /

Gk > F + Gk > Ecf

an instrument for measuring and indicating the force or speed of the wind.

*The anemometer spun furiously as the hurricane approached.*

### anemone

n

/ə'nemənē /

Heb name > Gk

a plant or flower of a widely distributed genus of plants with showy flowers that lack petals but have showy sepals.

*Xantha picked an anemone from the flower bed.*

### aneroid

adj

/'anə.rōid /

Gk > F

containing no liquid or functioning without the use of liquid.

*Tasha carefully monitored the aneroid manometer throughout the course of the experiment.*

### anglaise

adj

/än'glāz /

Gmc > F

boiled and served without sauce.

*Carrots anglaise are not very tasty.*

### anguish

### anhydride

### anise

n

/'anēs /

Gk

an herb cultivated for its aromatic seeds.

*The flavor of anise is similar to that of licorice.*

### anisette

### ankh

n

/'ānk /

Egypt

a cross having a loop instead of an upper vertical arm used especially in ancient Egypt.

*Roger's first discovery as an Egyptian archeologist was a gold ankh.*

### anklet

### anneal

### annihilate

v

/ə'nīə.lāt /

L

destroy a considerable part of.  
*Armyworms can annihilate a beautiful lawn in just a few days.*

### anniversary

n

/ə.nā'vərs(ə)rē /

L

the annual recurrence of a date marking an event or occurrence of notable importance.

*Next Thursday will be the 23rd anniversary of our family grocery store's first day of operation.*

### annotation

### annoyance

n

/ə'nōiən(t)s /

F > E

a source of vexation or irritation : bothersome disturbance.

*Vera enjoyed raking leaves on the warm autumn day, but the loud music from the neighbor's yard was an annoyance.*

### annual

### annuity

n

/ə'n(y)üədē /

L

an amount payable yearly or at other regular intervals (as quarterly) for a certain or uncertain period.

*Carl's grandparents set up a trust fund that will provide him with an annuity for the next 20 years.*

### annul

v

/ə'nəl /

L > F > E

cause to cease to exist : reduce to nothing.

*The legislator's motion to annul the out-of-date law met with the approval of his colleagues.*

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<b>anodyne</b>	<b>anschluss</b>	<b>anterior</b>
adj / 'ənədɪn / Gk serving to assuage pain : soothing. <i>Before aspirin was developed, certain spirits and herbs were valued for their anodyne properties.</i>	n / 'än.shlüs / G union; especially : political or economic union of one government or territory with another. <i>Hitler's annexation of Austria to Germany in the 1930s is what is generally meant by "the anschluss."</i>	adj / an'tirēə(r) / L relating to or situated near or toward the head or front. <i>The portion of the flower which faces the subtending bract is the anterior.</i>
<b>anomalous</b>	<b>anserous</b>	<b>anteroom</b>
<b>anomaly</b>	<b>Antarctic</b>	<b>anthography</b>
n / ə'näməlē / Gk > L the angular distance of a planet from its perihelion as seen from the Sun. <i>The anomaly in a planet's orbit is caused by the gravitational influence of other planets.</i>	adj / ant'ärktik / Gk relating to the South Pole or the region near it. <i>Samuel's stamp collection included a complete collection of the stamps of the French Antarctic Territory.</i>	n / an'thägrəfē / Gk + Gk + Ecf the description of flowers. <i>A botanist, Wilbur excelled in anthography.</i>
<b>anon</b>	<b>antecedent</b>	<b>anthology</b>
adv / ə'nän / E in a little while : soon, presently. <i>Anon he arrived at his destination.</i>	n / .anta'sēdənt / L a substantive word, phrase, or clause referred to by a pronoun, typically by a following pronoun. <i>In the sentence "I saw John and spoke to him," John is the antecedent of him.</i>	n / an'thäləjē / Gk a usually representative collection of selected literary pieces or passages. <i>John hopes to find "The Raven" in his mom's anthology of American literature.</i>
<b>anonymous</b>	<b>antecessor</b>	<b>anthroponymy</b>
adj / ə'nänəməs / Gk > L of unknown or unnamed source or origin (as authorship, donorship, workmanship). <i>An anonymous 18th-century painting recently sold for two million dollars.</i>	n / 'antə.sesə(r) / L > E one that goes before. <i>Phoebe's antecessor in the presidency served six terms.</i>	<b>anticyclone</b>
<b>anorthopia</b>	<b>antediluvian</b>	
n / .a(.)nōr'θōpēə / Gk distorted vision in which straight lines appear bent. <i>When Liz put on Jan's glasses, she was overcome with anorthopia.</i>	<b>antelope</b>	
<b>anosmic</b>		
adj / ə'näzmik / Gk > L of or characterized by loss or impairment of the sense of smell. <i>Anesthesia can leave a patient temporarily anosmic.</i>	n / 'antə.lōp / Gk > L > F > E any of various ruminant mammals of Africa and southwest Asia that differ from the true oxen especially in lighter racier build and horns directed upward and backward. <i>The bounding antelope managed to outdistance the pursuing lion.</i>	
	<b>antenna</b>	
		<b>antifoulant</b>
		n / .an(.)tī'fāūlənt / L + E a substance (as paint for use on the bottom of a boat) designed to prevent, reduce, or eliminate an accumulation of deposits. <i>Antifoulant was applied to the ship's bottom in dry dock.</i>
		<b>antilogy</b>

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<b>antimacassar</b>	<b>antithesis</b>	<b>apathy</b>
n / antē'ma'kasə(r) / Gk + Celebes island geog name a cover to protect the back or arms of furniture from Macassar oil or other hair preparations. <i>Fran found the missing antimacassar under one of the sofa cushions.</i>	n / an'tithēsēs / Gk the rhetorical opposing or contrasting of ideas by means of grammatically parallel arrangements of words, clauses, or sentences. <i>A Tale of Two Cities opens with the famous antithesis: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."</i>	n / 'apothē / Gk absence or lack of interest or concern : listlessness, indifference. <i>The active interest women are taking in today's issues strongly contrasts with the apathy many women had a century ago.</i>
<b>antimony</b>	<b>antonomasia</b>	<b>aperitif</b>
n / 'antō.mōnē / Ar? > L > E a metalloid element that is commonly metallic silvery white, crystalline, and brittle and is used especially as a constituent of alloys. <i>Pewter is an alloy of antimony and tin.</i>	n / (.)an.tānə'māzh(ē)ə / Gk the making of a common noun or verb from a proper name. <i>The formation of the verb pasteurize from the name Pasteur is an example of antonomasia.</i>	<b>aperture</b> n / 'apə(r).chü(ə)r / L an opening that restricts a beam of radiation or a stream of particles; specifically : the opening in a photographic lens that admits the light passing through. <i>A photographer typically has to adjust the shutter speed and set the aperture.</i>
<b>antipasto</b>	<b>antonym</b>	<b>apex</b>
n / .antē'pastō / L > It any of various savory foods usually served as appetizers : hors d'oeuvre. <i>Herbert ordered antipasto for the table.</i>	<b>anxiety</b>	n / 'ā.peks / L [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] the point of the heavens toward which a celestial body is moving at a given time. <i>Helga tracked the planet's movement towards the apex.</i>
<b>antipodal</b>	<b>apartheid</b>	<b>aphasia</b>
adj / an'tipōdəl / Gk situated at the opposite sides of the earth. <i>Regina imagined that she could reach an antipodal town somewhere in China if she continued digging in her garden.</i>	n / ə'pärtāt / D > Afrikaans a policy of segregation and political and economic discrimination against certain population groups. <i>The end of apartheid in South Africa was one of the great world events of the decade.</i>	n / ə'fāzh(ē)ə / Gk [has near homonym: aphagia] the loss or impairment of the power to use words as symbols of ideas that results from a brain lesion. <i>As a speech therapist, Tonya takes a particular interest in patients struggling with aphasia.</i>
<b>antiquarian</b>	<b>apastron</b>	<b>aphelion</b>
adj / .antē'kwərēən / L dealing in old and rare books or in secondhand books. <i>Pamela went to an antiquarian bookseller to have her first edition of Oliver Twist appraised.</i>	n / a'pastrən / Gk the point in the orbit of one star of a binary where it is farthest from the other. <i>In binary star systems the motion in the orbits is not uniform but is least rapid near apastron.</i>	n / a'fēlyən / Gk the point of a planet's or comet's orbit most distant from the Sun. <i>Earth generally reaches aphelion around July 4.</i>
<b>antique</b>	<b>apathetic</b>	
<b>antiquity</b>		
<b>antiseptic</b>		

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<b>aphid</b>	<b>apogee</b>	<b>aporia</b>
n / 'äfèd / Gk > L any of numerous small sluggish insects that suck the juices from plants, causing damage to the plants. <i>An aphid can cause wilting, distorted growth, or gall formation in plants.</i>	n / 'apø(.)jē / Gk the point in the orbit of a satellite of Earth (as the Moon or an artificial body) at the greatest distance from the center of Earth. <i>The transmission delay was longest when the spacecraft reached apogee.</i>	n / ə'pōrēə / Gk a passage in speech or writing incorporating or presenting a difficulty or doubt. <i>The Bible verse "Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do?'" is an aporia.</i>
<b>aphorism</b>	<b>apolaustic</b>	<b>aposiopesis</b>
n / 'afø.rizəm / Gk > L > F a terse and often ingenious formulation of a truth or sentiment usually in a single sentence. <i>Clark lives his life by the aphorism "Clothes make the man."</i>	adj / .apø'lōstik / Gk devoted to enjoyment. <i>The students spent the vacation in apolaustic pursuits.</i>	n / .apø.sīə'pēsēs / the leaving of a thought explicitly incomplete in writing or speaking often by a sudden breaking off and shifting of grammatical construction. <i>Gail answered with an aposiopesis when she replied, "His problem is—how shall I say?"</i>
<b>apiarian</b>	<b>apologue</b>	<b>apostle</b>
<b>apiary</b>	n / 'apø.lōg / Gk an allegorical narrative (as a beast fable) usually intended to convey a moral. <i>Most schoolchildren are familiar with the apologue of the tortoise and the hare.</i>	n / ə'pāsēl / Gk > L > E one who is sent forth : messenger. <i>Many voters regard Ralph Nader as the apostle of protected environments.</i>
<b>apiculus</b>	<b>apology</b>	<b>apostrophe</b>
<b>aplomb</b>	n / ə'pläm / L > F complete confidence or assurance in oneself : poise. <i>A seasoned public relations officer, Karen handles difficult situations with aplomb.</i>	n / ə'päløjē / Gk > L > F an admission to another of a wrong or courtesy done him or her accompanied by an expression of regret. <i>The teacher received an apology from the tardy student.</i>
<b>apocalypse</b>	<b>apoplexy</b>	<b>apothecary</b>
<b>apocope</b>	n / ə'päkə.pē / Gk the loss of one or more sounds or letters from the end of a word. <i>The song title "Singin' in the Rain" exemplifies apocope.</i>	n / ə'päthə.kerē / Gk > L > E one who prepares and sells drugs or compounds for medicinal purposes : pharmacist. <i>The visits of Mr. Perry, the apothecary, were one of the few comforts of Mr. Woodhouse's life.</i>
<b>apocryphal</b>	<b>appalling</b>	
adj / ə'päkrəfəl / Gk of doubtful authenticity : fictitious, spurious, untrustworthy. <i>The historian thought the story about the cemetery apocryphal.</i>	n / 'apø.pleksē / Gk a sudden loss of consciousness followed by paralysis caused by hemorrhage within the brain—called also "stroke." <i>When Ray regained consciousness, his doctor told him he was recovering from severe apoplexy.</i>	adj / ə'pōlinj / L > F > E inspiring dismay : shocking. <i>There was something about the night that was mysterious and appalling.</i>

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<b>Appaloosa</b> n / .apə'lüsə / American Indian one of a breed of rugged saddle horses distinguished by a mottled skin and a patch of white hair over the rump and loins that is blotched or dotted with darker color. <i>Sherry begged her father to buy her an Appaloosa for her birthday, but to no avail.</i>	<b>appendages</b> n pl / ə'pendijəz / L things accompanying or appended to another thing and usually subordinate or not essential to it. <i>The Abbey-Mill Farm, with all its appendages of prosperity and beauty, was a favorable spot for a walk.</i>	<b>appropriate</b> adj / ə'prōprēät / L specially suitable : fit, proper. <i>Calvin had orange hair and the appropriate freckles to go with it.</i>
<b>apparatchik</b> n / .äpə'rächik / Russ a Communist secret agent. <i>Oren and Elaine went to see an old movie in which an apparatchik tries to blow up the Empire State Building.</i>	<b>appendant</b> <b>appendicitis</b> n / ə'pendə'sīdəs / L + Ecf an inflammation of the appendix characterized usually by abdominal pain, nausea, and vomiting. <i>The doctor diagnosed Sharon's illness as appendicitis.</i>	<b>appurtenant</b> adj / ə'pərt(ə)nənt / F annexed or belonging legally to some more important thing. <i>The property insurance covers any additions to the building and to private structures appurtenant to the building.</i>
<b>apparatus</b> n / .apə'radəs / L any compound instrument or appliance designed for a specific mechanical or chemical action or operation. <i>The trainer went into much detail about which apparatus is better for a cardiovascular workout.</i>	<b>appetite</b> n / 'apə.tit / L > F > E the immediate desire to eat when food is present. <i>George went back to his meal with a good appetite.</i>	<b>apricot</b> <b>apropos</b> adj / .aprə'pō / F pertinent, relevant. <i>Rachel wondered if Herman had understood her question, for his answer was not very apropos.</i>
<b>apparel</b>	<b>apprentice</b> n / ə'prentəs / L > F > E one who learns a trade, art, or craft by practical experience under skilled workers. <i>Jake hopes to become an apprentice in the stained-glass studio.</i>	<b>apsidal</b> adj / 'apsədəl / Gk > L of or relating to the point of a celestial body's orbit at which it is farthest from the center of attraction. <i>Laura researched apsidal ocean tidal levels.</i>
<b>apparition</b> n / .apə'rishən / L > E ghost, phantom, specter. <i>The apparition of a figure on horseback, without a head, haunts this enchanted region.</i>	<b>probation</b> n / .aprə'bāshən / L an act of approving formally or authoritatively : sanction. <i>The mayor's actions have the approbation of none of the other members of the city council.</i>	<b>aquatic</b> adj / ə'kwädik / L living wholly or chiefly in or on water. <i>Porpoises and seals are aquatic mammals.</i>
<b>appealed</b>		
<b>appease</b>		
<b>appellation</b>		
<b>appellative</b>		

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<b>aqueduct</b>	<b>arboret</b>	<b>archipelago</b>
n / 'akwədĕkt / L an artificial channel for conveying water. <i>The ancient Romans used the aqueduct to provide water to the city's residents.</i>	n / .ärbə'ret / L + Ecf a small tree or shrub. <i>Gwen trekked purposefully through the forest, dodging an occasional arboret but generally heading in a straight line.</i>	n / ärkə'peləgō / Gk > It a group or cluster of islands. <i>The country of Indonesia is an enormous archipelago.</i>
<b>aquiline</b>	<b>arbuscle</b>	<b>architecture</b>
adj / 'akwəlin / L curving or hooked like an eagle's beak. <i>The senator was easily recognizable by his aquiline nose.</i>	n / 'är'bəsəl / L a dwarf tree or treelike shrub. <i>The gardener recommended that Micah purchase an arbuscle to plant next to the house.</i>	n / 'ärkə.tekchər / Gk > L the art or science of building; specifically : the art or practice of designing and building structures in accordance with principles determined by aesthetic and practical or material considerations. <i>The building that housed the department of architecture was, to many students, the most hideous-looking edifice on campus.</i>
<b>arabesque</b>	<b>arcanum</b>	<b>archivalia</b>
n / .ärə'besk / Ar > It > F a posture (as in ballet dancing) in ballet in which the body is bent forward from the hip on one leg with one arm extended forward and the other arm and leg backward in a line parallel to the floor. <i>The painting depicts a ballerina in a flawless arabesque.</i>	n / är'kānəm / L a secret or mysterious knowledge or information known only to the initiate. <i>Ralph developed a secret handshake as an arcانum for his club.</i>	n pl / ärkə'välēə / Gk > L material preserved in or suitable for preservation in rooms for the exhibition of a collection. <i>Included in the library's archivalia is a copy of the first edition of The Adventures of Tom Sawyer.</i>
<b>arability</b>	<b>archaic</b>	<b>arcing</b>
n / .ärə'bilĕdē / L + Ecf the state of being fit for tillage and crop production. <i>Before Caleb bought Jed's property, he had the land checked for arability.</i>		v / 'ärkiŋ / L following or describing a curving course. <i>Waterfalls arcing outward into white plumes plummet down and flow into Cayuga Lake.</i>
<b>arachnid</b>	<b>archangel</b>	<b>arctic</b>
<b>arbiter</b>	<b>archangel</b>	<b>ardency</b>
<b>arboreal</b>	n / 'är'bōrēəl / F > E the art, practice, or skill of shooting with bow and arrow. <i>Joe chose archery as one of his physical education electives.</i>	<b>ardent</b> adj / 'ärd'nt / L extremely loyal : devoted, faithful. <i>Bickford was an ardent supporter of environmental causes.</i>
adj / är'bōrēəl / L inhabiting or frequenting trees. <i>The arboreal fauna of Madagascar are endangered by logging.</i>		

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<b>arduous</b> adj / 'ärjəwəs / L hard to accomplish or achieve : difficult. <i>Alan was not prepared for the arduous demands of his construction job.</i>	<b>argosy</b> n / 'ärgəsē / It a fleet of ships or of anything likened to ships. <i>The lone schooner had gotten separated from the argosy in the inclement weather.</i>	<b>Armageddon</b> n / ärmə'gedən / Gk > L final and conclusive conflict between the forces of good and evil. <i>In the Bible, the book of Revelation mentions Armageddon.</i>
<b>arenaceous</b> adj / arə'nāshəs / L growing in sandy places. <i>Arenaceous plants develop blossoms after the first spring rain.</i>	<b>argot</b> n / 'ärgət / F the special vocabulary and idiom (as slang) of a particular social group or class. <i>Nowadays the argot of many teenagers includes the word cool.</i>	<b>armaments</b>
<b>arenicolous</b> adj / arə'nikələs / L + L inhabiting or burrowing in sand : growing in sand soil. <i>Numerous arenicolous organisms can be found at the beach.</i>	<b>argumentative</b> adj / ärgyə'mentətiv / L given to or fond of disagreement : contentious. <i>Jill is so argumentative that no one likes to sit beside her on the bus.</i>	<b>armature</b> n / ärməchü(ə)r / L [has near homonym: armiger] armor. <i>As part of the preparation for the contest at the medieval fair, the jousters were given their choice of armature.</i>
<b>areology</b> n / are'äləjē / Gk the scientific study of the planet Mars. <i>Todd's interest in areology was spurred by the discovery of possible life forms on Mars.</i>	<b>aristoi</b> n pl / 'arə.stōi / Gk citizens of high rank making up a governing body. <i>When the aristoi ignore the needs of the common people, they are sowing the seeds of rebellion.</i>	<b>armistice</b> n / 'ärməst̄s / L > F temporary suspension of hostilities as agreed upon by those engaged in the hostilities. <i>Fortunately, the armistice that ended World War I turned out to be permanent.</i>
<b>aretalogy</b> n / arə'taləjē / Gk a narrative of the miraculous deeds of a god or hero. <i>Owen was fascinated by the areatology of Hercules' labors.</i>	<b>arithmocracy</b> n / .a(.)rith'mäkrəsē / Gk + Gk rule of the majority. <i>The United States is an arithmocracy as well as a republic.</i>	<b>arpeggio</b> n / är'pejē.ō / Gmc > It production of the tones of a chord in succession and not simultaneously. <i>The opening measure of Ryan's piano recital piece featured a difficult arpeggio.</i>
<b>argillaceous</b> adj / .ärjə'lāshəs / L of, relating to, or containing clay or clay minerals. <i>The geologist determined that a large part of the mountain consisted of argillaceous limestone.</i>	<b>armadillo</b> n / ärmə'di(.)lō / L > Sp any of several burrowing chiefly nocturnal mammals having body and head encased in an armor of small bony plates. <i>Using its long, sticky tongue to extract ants from their nests, the armadillo may eat up to 40,000 ants at a sitting.</i>	<b>arraignment</b> n / ə'rānmənt / F > E an act of finding fault with : denunciation. <i>It seems that every few years there is a wholesale arraignment of existing educational standards.</i>
		<b>arrasene</b>
		<b>arrive</b>

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<b>arrogance</b>	<b>arthritis</b>	<b>ascension</b>
n / 'ärəgən(t)s / L a genuine or assumed feeling of superiority that shows itself in an overbearing manner. <i>After Sam won the contest, he displayed an annoying arrogance.</i>	n / är'thrīdēs / Gk inflammation of one or more joints due to infectious, metabolic, or constitutional causes. <i>Theo's arthritis kept him from playing tennis.</i>	n / ə'senchnən / L the act or process of going upward from a lower level or degree. <i>The article describes Tiger Woods's rapid ascension to the top rank of golfers.</i>
<b>arrogant</b>	<b>arthroscopy</b>	<b>ascertained</b>
adj / 'ärəgənt / L exhibiting a level of superiority that is inconsistent with one's position. <i>Jack's arrogant attitude annoyed his more qualified colleagues.</i>	<b>artichoke</b>	v / .asə(r)'tānd / L > F > E made sure of : discovered. <i>In the moonlight, the form of the heretofore unknown might now be ascertained.</i>
<b>arsenal</b>	<b>article</b>	<b>asceticism</b>
n / 'ärs(ə)nəl / Ar > It a storehouse or source of supply for arms, ammunition, or other military equipment. <i>In early 1941 Franklin Roosevelt believed that America's most immediate role was to act as an arsenal for democratic nations.</i>	<b>articulacy</b>	<b>ascrivable</b>
<b>arsenic</b>	<b>artifice</b>	adj / ə'skrībəbəl / L capable of being attributed to a supposed cause, source, or author. <i>Dad explained that the two books were ascribable to the same author under different pen names.</i>
n / 'ärs(ə)nik / Gk > L&F > E a metalloid element that is used in small amounts in alloys and in the form of its compounds chiefly as poisons (as insecticides), in pharmaceutical preparations, and in glass. <i>Ingestion of arsenic was listed as the official cause of Tim's mysterious death.</i>	n / 'ärdəfēs / L a wily or artful stratagem. <i>Emma saw the artifice of Jane's reserved response, and she returned to her first surmises.</i>	<b>asinine</b>
<b>artesian</b>	<b>artificial</b>	<b>askew</b>
adj / är'tēzhən / F involving, relating to, or supplied by the upward movement of water under hydrostatic pressure in rocks or unconsolidated material beneath Earth's surface. <i>The water bubbling up in the pasture was coming from an artesian spring.</i>	<b>artillerist</b>	adv / ə'skyü / E + F > E out of line : to one side. <i>Jared's house was leaning because one of the joists had gone askew.</i>
<b>artillery</b>	<b>artillery</b>	<b>asparagus</b>
n / är'til(ə)rē / F > E the missiles discharged by the weapons of war. <i>The May Day parade in Red Square was widely known for its display of artillery.</i>	n / är'til(ə)rē / F > E the missiles discharged by the weapons of war. <i>The May Day parade in Red Square was widely known for its display of artillery.</i>	n / ə'sparəgəs / Gk > L a plant widely cultivated for its tender edible young shoots. <i>Jack didn't touch the asparagus his mother served him.</i>
<b>arviculture</b>	<b>ascend</b>	

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<b>aspartame</b>	<b>assailant</b>	<b>assonance</b>
n / 'aspə(r)tām / L > ISV a noncarbohydrate crystalline compound that is formed from the amino acids phenylalanine and aspartic acid and is used as a low-calorie sweetener. <i>Since Bertha began her diet, she prefers foods that are sweetened with aspartame.</i>	<b>assassin</b>	n / 'asənən(t)s / L + Fcf relatively close juxtaposition of similar sounds especially of vowels. <i>"Zip your lips" was the teacher's favorite example of assonance.</i>
<b>aspersion</b>	<b>assassinate</b>	<b>assuage</b>
n / ə'spərzhən / L a calumnious or defamatory expression or reflection. <i>Questions about Tom's handling of the club's petty cash cast an aspersion on his honesty.</i>	v / ə'sas'n.ət / L > F murder (usually a prominent person). <i>The newspapers carried gripping accounts of an attempt to assassinate the prime minister.</i>	v / ə'swāj / L > F > E reduce to a state of peace, calm, or quiet : mollify, pacify. <i>No one could assuage Bertina after she dropped her ice-cream cone.</i>
<b>asphalt</b>	<b>assemblage</b>	<b>assuagement</b>
<b>asphodel</b>	<b>assess</b>	<b>Assyrian</b>
n / 'asfədəl / Gk any of various Old World usually perennial herbs that bear their flowers in long erect racemes. <i>Bernice thought that an asphodel would complete the bouquet nicely.</i>	v / ə'ses / L determine the rate or amount of. <i>Joyce's job with the insurance company was to assess damages.</i>	adj / ə'sirēən / geog name of, relating to, or characteristic of Assyria, an ancient empire of western Asia. <i>The doorways of the Assyrian palace of Nineveh were flanked by large winged bulls.</i>
<b>asphyxiant</b>	<b>asseveration</b>	<b>asthmatic</b>
<b>asphyxiate</b>	<b>assiduously</b>	
<b>asphyxiated</b>	<b>assimilate</b>	
v / a'sfikse.ədēd / Gk killed or made unconscious by obstruction of normal breathing. <i>When the volcano erupted, many of the town's inhabitants were asphyxiated by the dust and ashes.</i>	adv / ə'sijəwəslē / L + Ecf in a diligent, attentive, or solicitous manner. <i>Lucinda questioned her brother assiduously before his interview.</i>	adj / az'madik / Gk > L caused by or affected with labored breathing. <i>Because of Pam's asthmatic condition, her mother had to dust and vacuum the house every day.</i>
<b>aspirin</b>	<b>assimilation</b>	<b>astigmatism</b>
n / 'asp(ə)rēn / ISV a white crystalline compound of salicylic acid used especially in tablet form as a pain-killer. <i>Tests have shown that small, daily doses of aspirin can reduce the risk of stroke.</i>		n / ə'stigmə.tizəm / Gk + Ecf a defect of an optical system (as of the eye) that prevents light from focusing accurately and results in a blurred image. <i>Amy's new eyeglasses correct her astigmatism.</i>

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<b>astringe</b> v / ə'strɪŋ / L cause (tissue) to draw together : constrict. <i>Larry uses witch hazel to astringe his facial pores.</i>	<b>atmospheric</b> adj / .atmə'sfirik / Gk + Gk > L > F of or relating to the whole mass of air surrounding Earth. <i>Only two elements are known to be liquid under atmospheric conditions: mercury and bromine.</i>	<b>attitude</b> n / 'adə.tüd / L > It [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] any posture held momentarily in dancing. <i>The premier danseur held his final attitude briefly, then leapt offstage to thunderous applause.</i>
<b>astrogator</b>	<b>atomic</b>	<b>attitudinal</b>
<b>astronomy</b> n / ə'stränəmē / Gk the science that treats of the celestial bodies. <i>Astronomy is a popular topic for science writers.</i>	<b>atrabilious</b>	<b>attrition</b>
<b>astuteness</b> n / ə'st(y)ütnēs / L + Ecf the quality or state of having or displaying shrewd discernment and sagacity. <i>The candidate showed political astuteness in attacking his opponent's weak arguments.</i>	<b>atrichia</b> n / ə'trikēə / Gk congenital or acquired baldness. <i>Some dogs are afflicted with atrichia from birth.</i>	 n / ə'trishən / L a usually gradual loss of personnel from causes normal or peculiar to a given situation (as death, retirement, and resignation in a labor force) often without filling the vacancies. <i>The CEO promised that all of the cuts would come from attrition; no employees would be laid off.</i>
<b>asylum</b>	<b>atrium</b>	<b>aubade</b>
<b>asymmetry</b>	<b>atrocious</b> adj / ə'trōshəs / L markedly inferior in quality. <i>Mrs. Diamond vowed to do something about her grandson's atrocious table manners.</i>	<b>auctioneer</b>
<b>atelier</b> n / .ad'ĕl'yā / L > F an artist's studio or workroom. <i>Ken hoped to find some affordable loft space downtown for his atelier.</i>	<b>atrophy</b> v / 'atrōfē / Gk > L undergo a wasting away or progressive decline. <i>Jay knows that his muscles will atrophy while he recuperates from surgery.</i>	 n / .ökshə'ni(ĕ)r / L + Ecf one who conducts the sale of goods at public auction usually as an agent on commission. <i>The auctioneer at the antique sale had a booming voice.</i>
<b>athletic</b>	<b>attenuate</b> adj / ə'ten'yə.wāt / L tapering gradually often into a long slender point. <i>The locust tree has narrow attenuate leaves.</i>	<b>audacious</b> adj / ə'dăshəs / L recklessly venturesome : presumptuously bold. <i>Tom's audacious disregard for physical limitations will catch up with him sooner or later.</i>
<b>atmosphere</b> n / 'atmə.sfi(ĕ)r / Gk the air of a given place especially as affected by a particular characteristic (as heat, moisture, wholesomeness, or unwholesomeness). <i>Christy could barely tolerate the close atmosphere of her one-room schoolhouse.</i>		<b>audacity</b>

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<b>audience</b>	<b>aureate</b>	<b>auriferous</b>
n / 'ädēən(t)s / L [has homonym: audients] those attending a stage or film production or viewing a televised program. <i>The audience erupted with thunderous applause at the act's conclusion.</i>	adj / 'örēät / L marked by a rhetorical style that is affected, grandiloquent, and heavily ornamental. <i>Many students today have little appreciation of the aureate language of English Renaissance poetry.</i>	adj / ɔ'rifərəs / L + Ecf gold-bearing—used of gravels and rocks. <i>The auriferous quartz veins sparkled in the sunlight.</i>
<b>audition</b>	<b>aureity</b>	<b>aurora</b>
n / ö'dishən / L or F a trial performance to appraise an entertainer's merits. <i>After hearing Alice's stunning audition, the director offered her the role without hesitation.</i>	n / ö'rēädē / L + Ecf the distinctive properties of gold. <i>Pyrite's apparent aureity has fooled many a prospector.</i>	n / ə'rōrə / L the redness of the sky just before the Sun rises. <i>As the aurora began to brighten the sky, the airline passengers eagerly looked out their windows to see the rising Sun.</i>
<b>auger</b>	<b>aurelian</b>	<b>auscultation</b>
<b>augment</b>	n / ö'rēlyən / L + Ecf a collector and breeder of moths and butterflies. <i>Sarah admired the beautiful butterflies pictured in the book by Mr. Jacobson, a well-known aurelian.</i>	n / öskəl'tāshən / L the act of listening to sounds arising within organs (as the lungs or heart) as an aid to diagnosis and treatment. <i>Warming her stethoscope with her hands before performing auscultation has become second nature to Dr. Harris.</i>
<b>augur</b>	<b>auricle</b>	<b>auslander</b>
v / 'ögə(r) / L [has homonym and near homonym: auger and agar] give indirect evidence of : portend. <i>The club members' enthusiasm and dedication augur success for the club's projects.</i>	n / 'örékəl / L [has homonym: oracle] a chamber of the heart that receives blood from the veins and forces it into the ventricle or ventricles. <i>The heart of a fish has one auricle and one ventricle.</i>	<b>auspices</b>
<b>augury</b>	<b>auricular</b>	n pl / 'ospèsəz / L patronage and kindly guidance : protection. <i>The medical team entered the country under the auspices of the International Red Cross.</i>
<b>auk</b>	adj / ö'rikyələ(r) / L of, relating to, or using the ear or the sense of hearing. <i>George's understanding of unfamiliar words is auricular; that is, he must hear out loud the words he reads before he can comprehend them.</i>	<b>austere</b>
n / 'ök / ON > Norw or Icelandic any of several black and white short-necked diving seabirds that nest in colder parts of the Northern Hemisphere. <i>In one of her books, Laura Ingalls Wilder writes of a strange midwinter encounter with a stray bird resembling an auk.</i>	GK > L > F > E stern and unyielding in appearance and manner. <i>The substitute teacher was austere and humorless.</i>	

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<b>authentic</b> adj / östhentik / Gk > L > F > E worthy of acceptance or belief by reason of conforming to fact or reality. <i>The restoration society aims to provide an authentic reproduction of the colonial village.</i>	<b>autumnal</b> adj / (.)ötəmnəl / L characterized by qualities associated with or suggested by the season between summer and winter. <i>Jessica's new paintings have a serene, autumnal warmth.</i>	<b>avocado</b> n / .avə'kä(.)dō / Nahuatl > Sp the pulpy green or purple somewhat pear-shaped edible fruit of various tropical American trees. <i>Tanisha's first taste of sushi was a roll containing avocado, crab, and cucumber.</i>
<b>author</b>	<b>auxiliary</b>	<b>avocet</b>
<b>authoritative</b> adj / ə'thärə.tādīv / L exercising or assuming power to influence the outward behavior of others. <i>Dr. Martin issued the instructions in an authoritative manner.</i>	adj / ög'zilyərē / L offering or providing help, assistance, or support especially by interaction. <i>Roland volunteers as an auxiliary guide for the local Youth Mountaineers Club.</i>	n / 'avə.set / F&It any of several rather large long-legged shore birds having webbed feet and a slender upwardly curved bill. <i>Making their way through the marsh, the birders happened on a foraging avocet.</i>
<b>autobahn</b> n / 'aūdō.bän / Gk > G + G a road in Germany with double traffic lanes in each direction separated by a parkway. <i>Klaus pulled his Mercedes over to the side of the autobahn to read the map.</i>	<b>available</b>	<b>avoirdupois</b>
<b>autodidact</b>	<b>avalanche</b>	<b>avuncular</b>
<b>autonomous</b>	<b>avalement</b>	adj / ə'veŋkyələ(r) / L acting or speaking with the familiarity, kindness, or indulgence of an uncle. <i>Morris took an avuncular tone with Susan when he advised her on her college plans, even though he was her elder by only three years.</i>
<b>autonomy</b> n / ö'tänəmē / Gk the quality or state of being independent, free, and self-directing. <i>After years of fighting the colonial government, the island was finally granted autonomy.</i>	<b>avarice</b> n / 'avərēs / L > F > E excessive desire for wealth or gain. <i>Pride, avarice, and gluttony are among the seven deadly sins.</i>	<b>awe</b> n / 'ō / ON > E [has homonym: aw] abashed reverence and fear inspired by authority or power. <i>The good people of Sleepy Hollow were often filled with awe at hearing his nasal melody floating from the distant hill.</i>
<b>autopsy</b> n / 'ō.täpsē / Gk examination of the body after death, usually with dissection. <i>An autopsy showed that arsenic was the cause of death.</i>	<b>avaricious</b>	<b>awestruck</b>
<b>autumn</b>	<b>averred</b>	<b>awl</b>

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<b>awry</b>	<b>azure</b>	<b>bacchanalian</b>
adv / ə'ri /	adj / 'azhə(r) / Per > Ar > Sp > F resembling the color of the unclouded sky. <i>Sarah prefers to call her eyes "azure" instead of "blue."</i>	<b>bacciferous</b> adj / bak'sif(ə)rəs / L + Ecf bearing berries. <i>Sylvia took care not to park her car under any bacciferous trees.</i>
E wrong, amiss. <i>Gayle's plans for the victory parade went hopelessly awry.</i>	<b>babblative</b> adj / 'bablətiv / E imitative? given to excessive talking : garrulous. <i>The babblative waitress called everyone at our table "sweetheart."</i>	<b>bachelor</b> n / 'bach(ə)lə(r) / Celt > L > F > E an unmarried man of marriageable age. <i>Kendrick was the only bachelor living in the apartment building.</i>
<b>axiology</b>	<b>baboon</b>	<b>bacillus</b>
<b>axiom</b>	n / 'aksēəm / Gk a proposition, rule, or maxim that has found general acceptance or is thought worthy thereof. <i>"Early to bed, early to rise" is Uncle Abdul's favorite axiom.</i>	n / ba'bün / F > E a large primate with a short tail and a doglike snout. <i>The children at the zoo were entertained by the strange sounds of the baboon.</i>
<b>axunge</b>	<b>babushka</b>	<b>backfisch</b>
n / 'ak.sənj / L fat or grease usually of pigs or of geese. <i>Suzanne's cookbook of home remedies recommended axunge to soothe minor burns.</i>	n / bə'būshkə / Russ a triangularly folded kerchief worn over the head and usually tied under the chin. <i>Emma's Ukrainian doll wears a red babushka and an elaborately embroidered apron.</i>	<b>backgammon</b>
<b>ayatollah</b>	<b>Babylonian</b>	n / 'bak.gamən / E a game played with dice and counters on a board divided into two tables each marked with 12 points in which each player tries to move his own counters from point to point and off the board. <i>Ed explained to Tim that the game board edged with tall, thin triangles was used to play backgammon.</i>
n / .iə'tōlə / Ar > Per a religious leader among Shiite Muslims—used as a title of respect especially for one who is not an imam. <i>When Ayatollah Khomeini gained political control of Iran in 1979, he re-created it as a religious Islamic republic.</i>	adj / .babə'lōnyən / Heb > Gk of, relating to, or characteristic of Babylonia, an ancient country of southern Mesopotamia. <i>Houses and temples of the Old Babylonian Kingdom have square open courts, arched doorways, and battlemented walls.</i>	<b>bacteriolytic</b> adj / bak.tirēə'lidik / Gk > L of, relating to, or producing the destruction or dissolution of bacterial cells. <i>The bacteriolytic power of blood helps the body overcome many diseases.</i>
<b>azimuth</b>	<b>baccalaureate</b>	<b>badgeringly</b>
n / 'azəməθ / Ar an arc of the horizon measured between a fixed point and the vertical circle passing through the center of an object. <i>Using a compass, the navigator estimated the azimuth of the star.</i>	n / .bakə'lōrēət / L the degree of bachelor conferred by universities and colleges. <i>Marika earned a baccalaureate at the age of 12.</i>	
<b>azotea</b>		

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<b>badigeon</b>	<b>baignoire</b>	<b>balbriggan</b>
n / bə'dijən / F a cement or paste (as of plaster and powdered freestone) used to fill holes or cover defects in wood or stone. <i>The plasterer smeared badigeon in the pockmarks on the wall.</i>	n / bān'wär / L > F [Note: Could be confused with peignoir.] a theater box having low partitions that is in the lowest tier. <i>Seats in the baignoire afforded an unobscured view of the stage.</i>	n / bal'brigən / Ir geog name a plain-stitch knitted often tubular usually cotton fabric used especially for underwear, hosiery, or sweaters. <i>Moira's imported Irish sweater was made of balbriggan.</i>
<b>badinage</b>	<b>bailiff</b>	<b>balcony</b>
n / .bad̩n'äzh / L > OProv > F light and playful repartee or wit : banter. <i>Mrs. Lopez, our bus driver, frequently engages in badinage with her lively passengers.</i>	n / 'bālēf / F > E a court officer who seats witnesses and spectators, announces the entrance of the judge, and keeps order in the court. <i>Judge Cantor asked the bailiff to remove Mr. Sims from the courtroom.</i>	n / 'balkənē / Gmc > It an interior projecting gallery in a public building (as a theater); specifically : such a gallery immediately above the main floor. <i>Tickets for seats in the balcony sold out before those in the orchestra.</i>
<b>badminton</b>	<b>bailiwick</b>	<b>balestra</b>
n / 'bad̩.mint̩n / E geog name a court game played by two or four persons with light long-handled rackets and a shuttlecock volleyed over a net. <i>After lunch John suggested a leisurely game of badminton.</i>	n / 'bālē.wik / E field of activity : sphere of operations. <i>Only when the topic was birdwatching, his particular bailiwick, did Robin feel at ease talking to strangers.</i>	<b>ballast</b>
<b>Baedeker</b>	<b>baize</b>	<b>ballerina</b>
n / 'bād̩kə(r) / G name guidebook, handbook. <i>By the time his Italian vacation was over, Ronnie's Baedeker had come apart at the spine.</i>	<b>balacalava</b>	n / ,balə'rēnə / L > It a female ballet dancer. <i>Although the ballerina seemed a bit nervous before her performance, her dancing was faultless.</i>
<b>bagatelle</b>		<b>balletomane</b>
n / ,bagə'tel / L > It > F a game played with a cue and usually nine balls on an oblong table having cups or both cups and arches at one end. <i>Aaron is an excellent snooker player but is unfamiliar with the rules of bagatelle.</i>	n / ,balə'klävə / Crimean geog name a hoodlike knitted cap covering the head, neck, and part of the shoulders and worn especially by soldiers and mountaineers. <i>Every climber wore a balaclava for protection from the cold air.</i>	n / ba'ledə.mān / L > It > F + Ecff + Gk > L > E one who takes extraordinary delight in artistic dance performances. <i>The well-known balletomane took roses to every performance.</i>
<b>bagel</b>	<b>balalaika</b>	<b>ballistic</b>
	n / ,balə'līkə / Russ an instrument of the guitar kind having a triangular wooden body and from two to four strings. <i>Vladimir strummed the balalaika and sang a Ukrainian folk song.</i>	adj / bə'listik / Gk > L of or belonging to the hurling of missiles. <i>Simon used ballistic laws to determine where the arrow would land.</i>

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<b>ballistics</b>	<b>balustrade</b>	<b>bandage</b>
n pl / bə'listiks / Gk > L the science of the motion of powder-propelled projectiles in flight. <i>An expert in ballistics testified that the fatal bullet had been fired from the defendant's gun.</i>	n / 'baləstrād / It > F a row of short supports topped by a rail to serve as an open parapet. <i>Juliet leaned on the balustrade and gazed down at Romeo with adoring eyes.</i>	n / 'bandij / F a narrow length of fabric used to cover a wound, hold a dressing in place, immobilize an injured part, or apply pressure. <i>Mom immediately cleaned and put a bandage on Ted's scraped knee.</i>
<b>balloon</b>	<b>bamboo</b>	<b>bandalore</b>
<b>balminess</b>	<b>bamboozle</b>	n / 'bandəlō(ə)r / unknown
n / 'bämēnəs / Semitic? > Gk > L > F > E + Ecff the quality or state of being mild or soothing. <i>The balminess of the evening breeze helped Kate forget the accident.</i>	v / bam'büzəl / unknown conceal one's true motives from someone, especially by elaborately feigning good intentions so as to gain an end or achieve an advantage : mislead, hoodwink. <i>Gavin tried to bamboozle his neighbor into offering her garage for his party by saying how much it needed a good airing out.</i>	a toy with an automatically winding cord by which it is brought back to the hand when thrown. <i>Jeffrey brought a bandalore to school for show-and-tell.</i>
<b>balmoral</b>	<b>banality</b>	<b>bandicoot</b>
n / bal'mōrəl / Scottish geog name a boot or shoe that is laced in front; especially : an oxford shoe with quarters meeting and centered over a separate tongue. <i>The balmoral first became fashionable in the 1850s, when Prince Albert popularized this type of shoe.</i>	n / bā'nalədē / F the quality of lacking originality, freshness, or novelty. <i>Pearl's English teacher commented on the banality of much of the class's poetry.</i>	n / 'bandēküt / Telugu any of certain small active insectivorous and herbivorous marsupial mammals found in Oceania. <i>Some species of bandicoot are endangered.</i>
<b>balneation</b>	<b>banana</b>	<b>banditry</b>
n / ,balnē'āshən / L the act or action of bathing. <i>Alicia uses a sponge to assist in her daily balneation.</i>	n / bə'nanə / African > Sp or Pg the elongated often curved and usually tapering fruit of the banana plant having soft pulpy flesh and a rind that is usually yellow when ripe. <i>To introduce fractions, the teacher showed her students how a banana can be divided lengthwise into thirds.</i>	n / 'bandētrē / Gmc > It the practice of roving about and pillaging especially in semiorganized groups. <i>With the government in chaos, outbreaks of banditry were common throughout the country.</i>
<b>balsam</b>	<b>banausic</b>	<b>banishment</b>
n / 'bōlsəm / L an aromatic substance flowing spontaneously or by incision from a plant and not necessarily remaining liquid. <i>When Henrietta retrieved the ball from the branches of the fir tree, the balsam made her fingers sticky.</i>	adj / bə'nōsik / Gk moneymaking, breadwinning : vocational. <i>Brandon showed no inclination toward banausic pursuits.</i>	<b>banjo</b>
		<b>banjorine</b>
		<b>bankruptcy</b>
		<b>banquet</b>
		<b>baobab</b>

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<b>baptismal</b> adj / bap'tizməl / Gk > L > F of or relating to the ceremony of admitting one into membership in a Christian church with the use of water by immersion, pouring, or sprinkling. <i>The church's new baptismal font is made of Italian marble.</i>	<b>barbiturate</b> n / bär'bichərōt / Gk any of a large group of acids or their salts that are used as sedatives, hypnotics, and antispasmodics. <i>Even a mild barbiturate can be habit-forming if used incorrectly.</i>	<b>barnstorm</b> v / bärnz.tōrm / E + E tour through rural districts staging theatrical performances in large farm buildings or makeshift theaters. <i>The troupe set off in buses to barnstorm the Midwest with their version of The Music Man.</i>
<b>baragouin</b> n / 'barägwa^n / F outlandish unintelligible speech. <i>The explorer was taken aback by the baragouin of the excited natives.</i>	<b>bardiglio</b> n / bär'dēl(.)yō / L? > Sp > It an Italian marble commonly having a dark gray or bluish ground traversed by veins. <i>The most exquisite mantel in the country estate was made of bardiglio.</i>	<b>barognosis</b> n / ,ba.räg'nōsəs / Gk > L the perception of weight by the cutaneous and muscle senses. <i>The loss of barognosis is a symptom of some muscle diseases.</i>
<b>barbaric</b> adj / bär'barik / Gk > L of, relating to, or characteristic of one who lacks refinement, gentleness, learning, or artistic or literary culture. <i>Harold was embarrassed by his little brother's barbaric table manners.</i>	<b>bargain</b>	<b>barometer</b>
<b>barbarism</b>	<b>bargello</b>	n / bə'rämədə(r) / Gk + Gk an instrument for determining the pressure of the atmosphere. <i>Erica predicts the weather by using the barometer located on her kitchen wall.</i>
<b>barbarous</b>	<b>bariolage</b> n / 'bareō.läzh / F a special effect in violin playing obtained by playing in rapid alternation upon open and stopped strings. <i>Bjorn's deft bariolage during the third movement thrilled the audience.</i>	<b>baronet</b> n / ,barə'net / Gmc > F > E the holder of a dignity or degree of honor ranking immediately below a baron and above a knight. <i>The baronet swaggered among the knights but quailed before the baron.</i>
<b>barbellate</b> adj / 'bärbəlāt / L having short stiff hooked bristles or hairs. <i>The biology students were asked to identify animals with barbellate hides.</i>	<b>barker</b>	<b>baronial</b> adj / bə'rōnēəl / F > E splendid, stately, spacious, ample. <i>The baronial fireplace had enough room to hold six-foot logs.</i>
<b>barbican</b> n / 'bärbəkən / L > F > E an outer defensive work of a city or castle. <i>The invaders aimed their catapult at the castle's barbican.</i>	<b>barnacle</b> n / 'bärnəkəl / E any of numerous marine crustaceans that are free-swimming as larvae but fixed to rocks or floating objects as adults. <i>The sailors scraped many a barnacle from the sides of the ship.</i>	
	<b>barnacled</b>	

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<b>baroque</b> adj / bə'rōk / It name? > F of, relating to, or having the characteristics of a style of artistic expression prevalent especially in the 17th century, marked by elaborate and sometimes grotesque ornamentation. <i>The baroque style in art and architecture was marked by the use of curved figures.</i>	<b>barratry</b> n / 'bärətrē / F > E the persistent incitement of litigation. <i>Barratry has overloaded our country's courts.</i>	<b>bartizan</b> n / 'bärdəzən / E a small structure overhanging or projecting from a building for lookout or defense. <i>The guard posted at the bartizan was the first to spot the approaching army.</i>
<b>barothermograph</b> n / ,bärō'thərmə,graf / Gk + Gk + Gk an instrument for recording both pressure and temperature (as of the atmosphere). <i>The barothermograph was first used to collect atmospheric data in 1895.</i>	<b>barrel</b> n / 'bärəl / F > E [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a unit of measure for petroleum equal to 42 gallons. <i>Sheiks wept as the price of oil dropped below 17 dollars per barrel.</i>	<b>bascule</b> n / 'baskyü'l / F an apparatus or structure in which one end is counterbalanced by the other on the principle of the seesaw or by weights (as in a bascule bridge). <i>The castle architect proposed building a bascule over the moat.</i>
<b>barouche</b> n / bə'rūsh / L > It > G a four-wheeled shallow carriage with a driver's seat high in front, two double seats inside, one facing back and the other front, and a folding top over the back seat. <i>Michelle and Phil rode to the prom in a barouche.</i>	<b>barren</b> adj / 'bärən / F > E [has homonym: baron] deficient in producing vegetation : bare, desolate. <i>The overcultivated land, once fertile, was now barren.</i>	<b>bashful</b>
<b>barracks</b> n pl / 'bärəks / Catal > F an often permanent building or set of buildings used especially for lodging soldiers. <i>Each new recruit was assigned a bunk in the barracks.</i>	<b>barricade</b> n / 'bärə,kād / F a barrier or obstacle that prevents passage. <i>A police barricade kept the crowds at a safe distance from the burning building.</i>	<b>basilica</b>
<b>barrage</b> n / bə'rāzh / F a massive concentrated and usually continuous discharge or shower (as of missiles or blows). <i>In Puritan New England, those who broke the law were sometimes put to death by a barrage of stones.</i>	<b>barrio</b> n / 'bärē.ō / Ar > Sp a Spanish-speaking neighborhood or quarter in a city or town in the United States especially in the Southwest. <i>The politician continually reminded the public of his roots in the barrio.</i>	<b>basilisk</b> n / 'basə,lisk / Gk > L > E a legendary reptile that has a fatal breath and glance. <i>Jessie debated whether to incorporate a basilisk or a poisonous snake into her fable.</i>
		<b>basin</b>
		<b>basmati</b> n / ,bäz'mädē / Hindi a cultivated South Asian long grain rice. <i>Jacques enjoys the aroma of basmati.</i>
		<b>bassoon</b>
		<b>bastion</b> n / 'baschən / Gmc > Prov > F a projecting part of a fortification. <i>Matthew paused at the castle bastion to look out over the countryside.</i>

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<b>bathymeter</b>	<b>bayou</b>	<b>beauteous</b>
n / bə'thimēdə(r) / Gk > ISV + Gk > F a device for the sounding of depths. <i>Proper use of the bathymeter was crucial as Captain Byron navigated through the shallows in the fog.</i>	n / 'bī(y)ū / Choctaw > Louisiana F a creek, secondary watercourse, or minor river that is tributary to another river or other body of water. <i>Dale's grandfather lives near a bayou in southern Alabama.</i>	
<b>bathymetry</b>	<b>bazooka</b>	<b>bedlam</b>
<b>bathyscaphe</b>	n / bə'zükə / Amer E a light portable usually crew-served shoulder weapon used especially to launch armor-piercing rockets. <i>Lenny begged his mother for the tank, bazooka, and toy soldiers that he had seen in a commercial.</i>	n / 'bedləm / Palestinian geog name > E a place or scene of wild mad uproar. <i>After the final game of the championship, the parking lot was bedlam.</i>
<b>batik</b>	<b>beachcomber</b>	<b>bedstead</b>
n / bə'tēk / Javanese > Malay an Indonesian method of hand-printing textiles by coating parts of the fabric with wax to resist dye and dipping in a cold dye solution. <i>Sheila used both batik and tie-dye in her T-shirt creations.</i>	<b>beacon</b>	<b>befuddled</b>
<b>batiste</b>	n / 'bēkən / E a signal fire or lighthouse commonly on a hill, tower, or pole. <i>That lighthouse once served as a beacon for ships nearing the shore.</i>	<b>beforehand</b>
<b>batrachoid</b>	<b>beaker</b>	<b>beggar</b>
<b>battalion</b>	n / 'bēkə(r) / Old Saxon > ON > E a deep openmouthed thin vessel that often has a projecting lip for pouring and is used especially by chemists and pharmacists. <i>As Frank reached for the pipette, he knocked an acid-filled beaker off the lab bench.</i>	<b>beguile</b>
n / bə'tālyən / L > It > F a considerable body of troops organized to act together : army. <i>The commander advanced the battalion confidently when he saw the pitifully few defenders remaining at the castle walls.</i>	<b>beaujolais</b>	v / bā'gīl / E gain the notice of by the use of wiles : charm. <i>The teenager tried to beguile her teacher into giving her a good grade.</i>
<b>bauble</b>	<b>beatitude</b>	<b>beguiling</b>
<b>bavardage</b>	<b>beaufort</b>	adj / bā'gīlinj / E provoking pleased interest and diverting from concern or vexation. <i>Todd blamed the beguiling influence of TV for his low grades.</i>
n / ,bavə(r)'däzh / L > F small talk, chitchat. <i>After a stressful math class, Cora welcomed the opportunity for bavardage with her friends in the cafeteria.</i>	n / bō'mäntij / unknown > French a composition used by artisans to fill and conceal holes or cracks in wood or metal. <i>Bart asked the conservator to replace all the old beaumontage in the statuette.</i>	<b>beguine</b>
<b>bayonet</b>		n / bā'gēn / F a vigorous popular dance of the islands of Saint Lucia and Martinique somewhat like the rumba. <i>Cole Porter's song "Begin the Beguine" started the beguine on the road to popularity in this country.</i>

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<b>behemoth</b> n / bə'hēməθ / Heb > L > E something of oppressive or monstrous size or power. <i>Anwar's wrestling opponent was a behemoth of a man.</i>	<b>bellipotent</b> adj / be'lipədənt / L + L mighty in war. <i>The nation's desire to become a bellipotent power resulted in a drastic increase in its defense budget.</i>	<b>benevolent</b> adj / bə'nevələnt / L > E marked by a kindly disposition to promote the happiness and prosperity of others. <i>Elmer received a commendation for his benevolent actions.</i>
<b>beige</b> adj / bāzh / Per? > Gk? > L? > It? > F of a variable color averaging light grayish yellowish brown. <i>Tired of the beige walls in her home, Ellen decided to repaint all the rooms with bold colors.</i>	<b>bellwether</b> n / 'bel.wethə(r) / E one that takes the lead or initiative : leader. <i>Brooke's firm has long been considered a bellwether in the industry.</i>	<b>benignant</b> adj / bə'nignənt / L kindly, mild, gentle. <i>The department store always chose a Santa Claus with a benignant countenance.</i>
<b>beleaguer</b> v / bə'lēgə(r) / D subject to oppressive or grievous forces. <i>In June the black flies will invade the campsite and beleaguer the unsuspecting campers.</i>	<b>bellwort</b>	<b>benison</b> n / 'benəsən / L > F > E [Note: Could be confused with venison.] the pronouncing of a blessing : benediction. <i>Tim's favorite vocal benison is his youth choir's rendition of the Irish Blessing.</i>
<b>belemnoid</b> adj / 'beləm.nōid / Gk shaped like a dart. <i>The museum's collection included belemnoid carvings of unknown origin.</i>	<b>belomancy</b>	<b>bequeath</b>
<b>bellicose</b>	<b>belton</b>	<b>berceuse</b> n / ber'sə(r)z / F a vocal or instrumental composition of a soothing character. <i>Maya hummed a berceuse to her son to soothe him to sleep.</i>
<b>belligerent</b> adj / bə'līj(ə)rənt / L waging war. <i>The victorious faction is setting up an interim government and purging its belligerent enemies.</i>	<b>benediction</b> n / .benə'dikshən / L an expression or utterance of blessing or good wishes. <i>Alta's mother orated an impressive benediction at her wedding reception.</i>	<b>bereave</b>
<b>believe</b>	<b>beneficence</b>	<b>bereavement</b> n / bə'rēvmənt / E deprivation; especially : loss of a loved one by death. <i>Some scientific studies have shown that bereavement, such as the loss of a spouse, can affect one's immunity to illness.</i>
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<b>beret</b> n / bə'rā / Prov > F a soft flat visorless cap of woolen material originally worn by Basque peasants. <i>The painter's beret was a bit tattered and moth-eaten.</i>	<b>besom</b> n / 'bēzəm / E a broom made with a bundle of twigs. <i>Milena pretended she was a pioneer, sweeping out the garage with a crudely constructed besom.</i>	<b>bibelot</b> n / 'bēbəlō / Gk > L > F a small household ornament or decorative object : trinket. <i>Mrs. Carnes gave her toddler a bibelot to play with while the women discussed plans for the rally.</i>
<b>bergamot</b> n / 'bərgəmät / Turk > It > F an essential oil much used in perfumery. <i>Elisa was wearing cologne scented with bergamot.</i>	<b>bestial</b>	<b>biblioclast</b>
<b>bergschrund</b> n / 'berk.shründ / G a deep and often broad crevasse or series of such crevasses frequently occurring near the head of a mountain glacier. <i>The rescuers descended into the bergschrund to reach the injured mountain climber.</i>	<b>betacism</b>	<b>bibliography</b>
<b>beriberi</b> n / ,berē'berē / Sinhalese a disease caused by a lack of or inability to assimilate vitamin B-1. <i>The symptoms of beriberi usually respond well to dietary improvements.</i>	<b>bethel</b> n / 'bethəl / Heb a place of worship, as a chapel for nonconformists. <i>The shelter overlooking the waterfall has become a bethel for Sunday morning hikers who want to contemplate the grandeur of nature.</i>	<b>biblioklept</b>
<b>berouged</b>	<b>bevel</b> v / 'bevəl / F cut or shape to an angle : put a slant on the edge of. <i>Rhoda wants the glass shop to bevel her mirror before it is framed.</i>	<b>bibliopegy</b> n / ,biblē'äpōjē / Gk + Gk the art of binding books. <i>A local bookbinder visited the class and explained how bibliopegy is both a craft and an art.</i>
<b>berylloid</b> n / 'berə.loïd / Indic > Gk > L > F + Ecf a form consisting of a double 12-sided pyramid. <i>The jeweler decided to cut the unusual crystal into a berylloid to heighten its allure to potential buyers.</i>	<b>bevy</b> n / 'bevē / E a usually large group or collection. <i>A bevy of reporters crowded around the gold medal winner.</i>	<b>bibliothecarial</b> adj / ,biblē'äthē'ka(a)rē'əl / Gk + Lcf of or related to a library. <i>Thurmond has great interest in the Dewey decimal system and other things bibliothecarial.</i>
<b>besmirched</b>	<b>bewilder</b>	<b>bibliotics</b>
	<b>bewitched</b> v / bə'wicht / E cast a spell over. <i>Some say a sorceress bewitched the valley during the early days of settlement.</i>	 n pl / ,biblē'ädiks / Gk the scientific study of handwriting, documents, and writing materials especially for determining genuineness or authorship. <i>Several experts in bibliotics were asked to examine the scroll.</i>
	<b>bialys</b>	<b>bicameral</b> adj / bī'kam(ə)rē'l / L having or made up of two distinct legislative bodies. <i>The U.S. Congress is bicameral, consisting of the Senate and the House of Representatives.</i>

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<b>bicentennial</b>	<b>bilge</b>	<b>bimillenary</b>
n / bī'sen'tenēl / Lcf + L + L > E a 200th anniversary or its celebration. <i>Bargersville will celebrate the bicentennial of its founding next year.</i>	n / 'bilj / unknown water that collects by seepage or leakage in the bottom of a ship or other vessel. <i>Jeannie awoke to find bilge sloshing against her bunk.</i>	n / bī'milə'nerē / L a 2000th anniversary or its celebration. <i>In 1951 the city of Paris celebrated the bimillenary of its founding.</i>
<b>biceps</b>	<b>bilharzia</b>	<b>binary</b>
<b>biennial</b>	<b>bilingual</b>	adj / 'bī.nerē / L
<b>bifurcation</b>	<b>billed</b>	involving a choice or condition of two alternatives only (as on-off or yes-no). <i>The symbols conventionally used in a binary system of numeration are 0 and 1.</i>
n / bī'fər'kāshən / L > F the point at which separation or branching into two parts, areas, aspects, or connected segments occurs. <i>Satish pulled his car over and studied the map when he reached a bifurcation in the road.</i>	v / 'bilōdōd / L > F > E served with an official order directing that a member of a military force be provided with board and lodging (as in a private home). <i>During the Civil War it was not uncommon for homeowners to be billeted.</i>	<b>binoculars</b> n pl / bō'näkyələ(r)z / L > E + L a handheld optical instrument composed of two telescopes and a focusing device and usually having prisms to increase magnifying ability. <i>Binoculars have proved to be a great boon to bird-watching.</i>
<b>bijou</b>	<b>billiards</b>	<b>binomial</b>
<b>bijouterie</b>	n pl / 'bilyə(r)dz / Celt > F any of several games played on an oblong table in which small balls are driven against one another or into pockets by means of a cue. <i>Honoria supplemented her scholarship money by playing billiards for pocket change.</i>	<b>bioluminescent</b> adj / bī(.)ō.lümē'nes̄nt / Gk + L of, relating to, or characterized by the emission of light from living organisms as the result of internal oxidative changes. <i>Bioluminescent animals occur in at least 39 orders of the animal kingdom.</i>
n / bē'zhüə'rē / F jewelry in which delicate or intricate metalwork contributes more to the value than do the constituent materials. <i>Marge scoured the display case in the antique shop for an addition to her collection of bijouterie.</i>	<b>billionaire</b>	<b>biopsy</b>
<b>bikini</b>	<b>billon</b>	<b>bireme</b>
n / bə'kēnē / Pacific geog name a woman's abbreviated two-piece bathing suit. <i>Joan's father does not approve of the bikini she would like to purchase.</i>	n / 'bilōn / F gold or silver alloyed with a considerable amount of some less valuable metal. <i>The numismatist showed the wide-eyed youngster several coins made of billon.</i>	
<b>bilateral</b>	<b>bioculine</b>	
adj / bī'ladərəl / L > Ecf + L of or relating to the right and left sides of a central area. <i>The maple leaf exhibits bilateral symmetry.</i>	<b>bimestrial</b>	

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<b>bisagre</b>	<b>blague</b>	<b>blatant</b>
n / bō'sa(.)grē / MexSp a small spiny cactus of Mexico and the southwestern United States that is sometimes cut into slices and candied. <i>Elena often rewarded her children's good behavior with slices of bisagre.</i>	v / 'bläg / F talk pretentiously and usually inaccurately or boastfully. <i>Politicians who blague generally alienate their audiences.</i>	adj / 'blātənt / L completely or crassly obvious : brazen. <i>Mr. Nall suspended Ed for blatant disobedience during the fire drill.</i>
<b>biscuit</b>	<b>blandishment</b>	<b>blather</b>
n / 'biskēt / (L + L) > F > E a quick bread made in a small shape from dough that has been rolled and cut or dropped and that is raised in the baking by a leavening agent other than yeast. <i>A hot biscuit with butter and honey was the best part of the lunch.</i>	n / 'blandishmēnt / L > F > E + Ecf speech, action, or device that flatters and tends to coax or cajole. <i>No blandishment can sway Gil from his steadfast sense of propriety.</i>	n / 'blathə(r) / ON voulike, foolish, or nonsensical talk. <i>Matt's announcement consisted of 10 percent information and 90 percent blather.</i>
<b>bise</b>	<b>blanquette</b>	<b>blatherskite</b>
n / bēz / Gmc > F > E [has homonym: bees] a cold wind; especially : a cold dry north wind of southern France, Switzerland, and Italy. <i>Jake was told that he would need to pack warm clothes to withstand the bise while he toured Switzerland.</i>	n / blä'ket / Gmc > Prov > F a light meat (as veal or breast of chicken) in a white sauce. <i>After the play, Grandmother took us to a French restaurant, where we sampled a blanquette of veal from the buffet.</i>	n / 'blathə(r).skīt / ON + ON a blustering, talkative, and often incompetent person. <i>With Jay's luck, the biggest blatherskite in the theater will sit directly behind him.</i>
<b>bisector</b>	<b>blarney</b>	<b>blazon</b>
<b>bittern</b>		
<b>bivouac</b>	<b>blasphemous</b>	
n / 'biv.wak / G > F a camping out for a night. <i>Private Slater packed a peanut butter sandwich for his bivouac.</i>	adj / 'blasfēməs / Gk > L speaking or writing irreverence toward God. <i>During the Middle Ages many books were condemned as blasphemous and burned.</i>	n / 'blāzən / F > E coat of arms. <i>The duke's blazon was on everything from the tableware to the towels.</i>
<b>bizarre</b>	<b>blasphemously</b>	<b>bleach</b>
adj / bē'zär / It > F [has near homonym: bazaar] being strikingly out of the ordinary or at variance with some standard, real or implied. <i>Todd's bizarre behavior prompted his parents to call a doctor.</i>	adv / 'blasfēməslē / Gk > L > + Ecf in an impiously irreverent manner. <i>Dad blasphemously berated the driver who suddenly cut in front of him without warning.</i>	v / 'blech / E remove the color or stains from. <i>Eliza decided not to bleach her stained socks for fear of ruining their elastic.</i>
	<b>blasphemy</b>	<b>bleary</b>

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<b>blepharal</b> adj / 'blefərəl / Gk of or relating to the eyelids. <i>Leroy's blepharal inflammation was caused by allergies.</i>	<b>blizzard</b> n / 'blizə(r)d / unknown a severe and prolonged snowstorm. <i>Last winter many cattle perished in a blizzard.</i>	<b>blunderbuss</b> n / 'bləndə(r).bəs / D + L > D an obsolete short gun or firearm that had a large bore and was intended for shooting at close quarters without exact aim. <i>The museum exhibit featured a blunderbuss along with other 18th-century weapons.</i>
<b>blessing</b> n / 'blesɪŋ / E the act or words of one who issues approval or praise. <i>Nate and Irene sought the blessing of their priest before they married.</i>	<b>blossom</b> <b>blossoming</b> adj / 'bläsəmɪŋ / E + Ecf flowering. <i>Between the blossoming branches of the canopy, bits of blue sky looked down like wonderful eyes.</i>	<b>bobbin</b>
<b>blight</b>	<b>blotch</b> n / 'bläich / L? > F > E imperfection, blemish. <i>The vendor referred to the ugly blotch on the leather as "natural discoloration."</i>	<b>bobolink</b>
<b>blissful</b> adj / 'blisfəl / E marked by a state of complete or ecstatic happiness. <i>The blissful bride and groom hurried off on their honeymoon.</i>	<b>blouse</b>	<b>bocaccio</b>
<b>blithe</b>	<b>bloviate</b>	<b>n</b> / bō'kä.chō / AmSp&It > E a large olive to brown red-flushed rockfish of the Pacific coast from British Columbia to southern California. <i>The bocaccio feeds on a variety of fishes, crabs, and squids.</i>
<b>blitz</b> v / 'blitz / G rush (a passer) in football from a position as a linebacker or defensive back. <i>In a desperate bid to stop the other team from scoring, the coach told all three linebackers to blitz the quarterback.</i>	<b>blucher</b> n / 'blükə(r) / Prussian name a shoe having the tongue and vamp cut in one piece and the quarters lapped over the vamp and laced together for closing. <i>The blucher was very popular with returning servicemen after World War I.</i>	<b>boage</b> n / bō'käzh / F countryside or landscape marked by intermingled patches of woodland and heath, small fields, tall hedgerows, and orchards. <i>The charming boage of rural France presents a variety that delights travelers.</i>
<b>blitzkrieg</b> n / 'blits.krēg / G war conducted with great speed and force; specifically : a violent surprise offensive by massed air forces and mechanized ground forces in close coordination. <i>The French forces were roundly defeated by the Germans' blitzkrieg.</i>	<b>bludgeon</b> n / 'bljəjn / unknown a short stick used as a weapon usually having one thick, heavy, or loaded end. <i>The shop teacher confiscated the crude bludgeon Harlan had fashioned from a baseball bat.</i>	<b>bodega</b> n / bō'dāgə / L > Sp a combined wineshop and grocery store. <i>Miguel's mother sent him to the bodega for a loaf of bread.</i>
	<b>blueprint</b>	<b>boiserie</b> n / 'bwäzə.rē / Gmc > F carved wood paneling. <i>In Louis's living room painted boiserie provides a backdrop for a melange of upholstered armchairs.</i>

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<b>boisterous</b> adj / 'bōist(ə)rəs / F > E full of exuberant uninhibited and often excessive spirits. <i>The locker room was boisterous after the championship.</i>	<b>bonhomous</b> adj / 'bänəməs / L > F + Ecf warmly genial. <i>Will told us about the bonhomous master of ceremonies at the banquet.</i>	of France, the capital of which is Bordeaux. <i>Stuart thickened the Bordelaise over a low flame.</i>
<b>bole</b> n / 'bōl / ON the trunk of a tree. <i>Biff threw a knife into the old oak's bole.</i>	<b>boniface</b> n / 'bänfəs / name in an Irish play the proprietor of a hotel, nightclub, or restaurant. <i>The boniface of the Red Horse Inn loves to have his picture taken with visiting celebrities.</i>	<b>bordereaux</b> <b>borderline</b>
<b>bolero</b> n / bə'la(a)(-)rō / Sp a Spanish dance to music in three-quarter time and characterized by sharp turns and revolutions of the body and stamping of the feet in syncopated rhythm. <i>Miguel and Ana danced the bolero as the rest of the partygoers watched and clapped.</i>	<b>bonnet</b> n / 'bänēt / L > F > E a woman's head covering of cloth or straw usually tied under the chin. <i>Marie was tying her handkerchief over the kitten's head for a bonnet.</i>	<b>bore</b> n / 'bōr(ə)r / E [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, word has homonyms and near homonym: boar, Boer, and boor.] a tidal flood that regularly or occasionally rushes with a roaring noise into certain rivers. <i>Ships in the harbor when a bore occurred could suffer damage from its considerable height or force.</i>
<b>bolide</b> n / 'bō.lid / Gk an exploding or exploded meteor or meteorite. <i>Some UFO reports turn out to result from the appearance of a bolide.</i>	<b>bonsai</b> n / 'bōn.sī / Jpn [has near homonym: banzai] a potted plant (as of a tree) dwarfed by special methods of culture. <i>Joanie spent the afternoon instructing a class on pruning a bonsai.</i>	<b>borealization</b> n / ,bōrēəlā'zāshən / Gk > L + Ecff adaptation (as of plants) to life in more northerly regions. <i>In the far North, borealization is a primary factor in the evolution of different plant species.</i>
<b>Bolshevik</b> n / 'bōlshə.vik / Russ a member of the Russian Communist Party. <i>The Bolshevik kept repeating, "This could never happen in a communist country."</i>	<b>bookcase</b>	<b>borzoi</b> n / 'bōr.zōi / Russ a Russian wolfhound. <i>The borzoi resembles a large greyhound with long wavy hair.</i>
<b>bombilation</b>	<b>bookkeeper</b> n / 'bük.kēpə(r) / E one who maintains accounts. <i>Dad has been a bookkeeper at the plant for 14 years.</i>	<b>bosky</b>
<b>bonanza</b> n / bə'nanzə / L > Sp something that yields an often unexpectedly large profit. <i>Millie struck a bonanza with her latest business venture.</i>	<b>boondoggle</b>	<b>botanist</b> n / 'bät(ə)nēst / Gk + Ecf a professional student of plants. <i>A botanist identified the mysterious plant growing behind Alyssia's garage.</i>
	<b>Bordelaise</b> n / ,bōrd'lāz / F geog name a brown sauce flavored with a table wine from the Gironde department	

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<b>botany</b> n / 'bät(°)nē / Gk > F the branch of biology dealing with plant life. <i>Jan has no formal education in botany, but she does seem to have a green thumb.</i>	<b>boulevard</b> n / 'bulə,värd / D > F a broad thoroughfare often having grassplots with trees along the center or between curbings and sidewalks. <i>On a warm sunny day many strollers can be found on the boulevard.</i>	<b>bourgeoisie</b> n / ,bürzh,wä'zē / F the social and economic middle class. <i>Dillon went to college to, as he put it, "escape from the throes of the bourgeoisie."</i>
<b>botuliform</b> adj / 'bächələ,fōrm / L + Ecf shaped like a sausage. <i>Cattails have botuliform flower heads.</i>	<b>boulevardier</b>	<b>boutonniere</b> n / ,bütn'ēr / F a flower or bouquet worn in a buttonhole. <i>The groom wore a sprig of orange blossom as a boutonniere.</i>
<b>boudoir</b> n / 'bü,dwā(r) / F a woman's dressing room, bedroom, or private sitting room. <i>The boudoir adjacent to the master bedroom was, to Brooke, the most fascinating room on the tour.</i>	<b>boundary</b>	<b>bowdlerize</b> v / 'bōdlə,rīz / E name + Ecf remove matter considered indecent or otherwise objectionable from. <i>When the publisher chose to bowdlerize the novel, the school librarian refused to order it.</i>
<b>bough</b> n / 'baū / E [has homonym: bow] a branch of a tree. <i>Grass would grow better beneath the tree if the lowest bough were removed.</i>	<b>bouquet</b> n / bō'kā / F the distinctive fragrance (as of a wine or brandy) derived from the processes of fermentation and aging. <i>Jim found the bouquet of the mystery wine much to his liking.</i>	<b>bowery</b>
<b>bouillabaisse</b>	<b>bouquiniste</b> n / bükēnēst / D > F a dealer in secondhand books. <i>The bouquiniste encouraged us to browse as long as we wanted.</i>	<b>bowline</b> n / 'bōlēn / E a rope fastened near the middle of the perpendicular edge of a square sail and used to keep the weather edge of the sail taut forward when the ship is close-hauled. <i>Suzanne told Julio to cleat the bowline down tightly as she prepared to tack.</i>
<b>bouillon</b> n / 'bü,yän / F [Note: Alternate pronunciation has homonym: bullion.] a broth made by slow boiling of meat and especially beef in water. <i>Benny learned how to make bouillon in his home economics class.</i>	<b>bourgeois</b> adj / bürzh,wä / F of, belonging to, or characteristic of the townsman or the social middle class. <i>The senator said that he espoused the bourgeois virtues of thriftiness, forethought, and a serious attitude toward life.</i>	<b>boycott</b> v / 'bōikät / E name combine against (a person, employer, a group of persons, or a nation) in a policy of suspension of dealings or relations for economic or political reasons. <i>The people of New Athens resolved to boycott the offending company.</i>

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<b>boysenberry</b>	<b>bradyseism</b>	<b>bravura</b>
n / 'boɪz^n.bərē / Amer name + E a very large bramble fruit with a flavor like a raspberry especially valued for canning and preserving. <i>Mark enjoys the tart flavor of a freshly picked boysenberry.</i>	n / 'brādē.sīzəm / Gk a slow quiet upward or downward movement of Earth's crust. <i>The outskirts of Naples have been afflicted by bradyseism since a 1980 earthquake.</i>	n / brə'v(y)ūrə / It a show of daring or brilliancy. <i>The crowd cheered the aerialist for his bravura.</i>
<b>bracelet</b>	<b>braggadocio</b>	<b>brawniness</b>
<b>brachiate</b>	n / 'brakē.āt / Gk > L progress by swinging from one hold to another by the arms. <i>The children enjoyed watching the chimpanzees playfully brachiate from tree to tree.</i>	n / 'brōnēnās / Gmc > F > E the quality or state of having large strong muscles : muscular. <i>Chip's brawniness proved to be an asset in playing football.</i>
<b>brachygraphy</b>	<b>brankursine</b>	<b>brazen</b>
n / bra'kigrəfē / Gk + Gk shorthand : a method of writing rapidly by substituting characters, abbreviations, or symbols for letters, words, or phrases. <i>Current job listings for administrative assistants rarely list brachygraphy as a mandatory skill.</i>	n / bran'kərs̩n / L > F a prickly European herb having rough, fuzzy leaves. <i>The brankursine has ornamental value because of its claw-shaped leaves.</i>	adj / 'brāz̩n / E done in the open or in plain sight with or as if with complete scorn of public opinion, the common good, or ethical principle. <i>Kevin hopes that his brazen violation of the school's dress code will get him sent home for the day.</i>
<b>brachylogy</b>	<b>brannigan</b>	<b>breach</b>
n / bra'kiləjē / Gk conciseness of expression. <i>A successful poet is a master of imagery and brachylogy.</i>	n / 'branəgən / name? a difference of opinion : controversy, squabble. <i>A rousing brannigan erupted at the dinner table.</i>	<b>breakfast</b>
<b>bradawl</b>	<b>brasserie</b>	<b>breath</b>
n / 'brad.əl / E + E an awl with a chisel edge used to make holes for screws or thin, small nails. <i>Desmond found a bradawl in his grandfather's toolbox, but he couldn't figure out what it was used for.</i>	<b>bratwurst</b>	n / 'breth / E air charged with a certain fragrance, odor, or other suggestion. <i>The breath of roses in the parlor came from the window open to the garden.</i>
<b>bradycardia</b>	<b>braunschweiger</b>	<b>breccia</b>
	n / 'braʊn.shwīgə(r) / G name smoked liver sausage. <i>Derek made a braunschweiger and pickle sandwich for his afternoon snack.</i>	n / 'brech(ē)ə / It [has near homonym: Brescia] a rock consisting of sharp fragments embedded in a fine-grained matrix (as sand or clay). <i>A breccia was among the rock specimens that the scientist brought back from her trip to the desert.</i>

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<b>bretelle</b> n / brə'tel / Gmc > F one of a pair of ornamental straps that go from the belt on the front of a dress over the shoulders to the belt in back. <i>Candace asked for help in adjusting her bretelle.</i>	<b>brigadier</b> n / .brigə'di(ə)r / It > F > E an army, marine, or air force officer ranking just below a major general and above a colonel. <i>After winning the decisive battle, Hiram was promoted to brigadier.</i>	<b>brininess</b> n / 'brīnēnəs / E the quality or state of being like salt water or the sea. <i>Nadine does not enjoy swimming in the ocean because its brininess irritates her skin.</i>
<b>brevet</b> n / brə'vet / F > E an official document from a government granting a privilege, title, or dignity. <i>Dominic found a brevet signed by President Fillmore among his grandfather's papers.</i>	<b>brigand</b> n / 'brigənd / Celt > It > F > E one who lives by plunder usually as a member of a band. <i>The captured brigand refused to say a word about his group's leader.</i>	<b>brioche</b> n / brē'ōsh / Gmc > F a fancy roll of very light yeast dough rich with eggs and butter. <i>Amy wanted just a brioche and juice for breakfast.</i>
<b>breviloquent</b>	<b>brigantine</b> n / 'brigən.tēn / Celt > It > F a two-masted square-rigged sailing ship. <i>Sailing school will be held on a specially outfitted brigantine.</i>	<b>broach</b> v / 'brōch / F > E [has homonym: brooch] open up (a subject) for discussion or debate. <i>No one dares broach the subject of politics in front of Monique.</i>
<b>brevity</b> n / 'brevədē / L expression in few words : terseness, conciseness. <i>Polonius told Queen Gertrude that "brevity is the soul of wit."</i>	<b>brightness</b> n / 'brīt.nēs / E the state of being radiant : lustrous. <i>Walter wore sunglasses while he was skiing to protect his eyes against the brightness of the snow.</i>	<b>broadcaster</b> n / 'brōd.kastə(r) / E + ON > E a person who disseminates news on radio or television. <i>Russell has the clear voice and precise diction of an experienced broadcaster.</i>
<b>bribery</b> n / 'brīb(ə)rē / F > E the act or practice of giving or taking a reward, gift, or favor with a view to corrupt the conduct especially of a person in a position of trust (as a public official). <i>When the gambler offered the athletes money to lose the game, he was arrested and charged with bribery.</i>	<b>brilliant</b>	<b>brocade</b> n / brō'kād / L > It > Catal > Sp a rich oriental fabric with raised patterns embroidered in gold and silver threads. <i>Tina discovered a gorgeous brocade in the remnant bin at the fabric store.</i>
<b>bridle</b>	<b>brimstone</b> n / 'brimz.tōn / E sulfur. <i>If the story were true, upon reaching the sacred spot the demon would vanish in a flash of fire and brimstone.</i>	<b>brochette</b> n / brō'shet / F meat broiled on a skewer. <i>Marsha garnished her beef brochette with green peppers.</i>
<b>briefcase</b>	<b>brine</b>	

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<b>brochure</b>	<b>brougham</b>	<b>brume</b>
n / brō'shū(ə)r / F pamphlet, booklet. <i>Juanita designed a brochure for the zoological society.</i>	n / 'brü(ə)m / Scottish name [has near homonyms: broom, brume] a light closed horse-drawn carriage with the driver outside in front. <i>The brougham was once a common sight on the streets of London.</i>	n / 'brüm / L > OProv > F [has homonym and near homonym: broom and brougham] mist, fog. <i>The ship's foghorn blared through the drifting brume.</i>
<b>brockage</b>	<b>brouhaha</b>	<b>brummagem</b>
n / 'bräkij / E an imperfectly minted coin. <i>Allen found a brockage in his piggy bank.</i>	n / 'brü'hä.hä / Hebrew? > F publicity, attention, or excitement far beyond the merits or importance of its cause. <i>Sean dropped his tray in the cafeteria, causing quite a brouhaha.</i>	adj / 'brəməjəm / E geog name spurious especially in a cheap and showy way : phony, sham. <i>Irene usually wears brummagem jewelry when she dines at fancy restaurants.</i>
<b>bromeliad</b>	<b>brucellosis</b>	<b>brumous</b>
n / brō'mēlē.ad / Sw name + Lcf a plant of a family of tropical American herbs or subshrubs. <i>The colorful leaves of the bromeliad make it a popular houseplant.</i>	n / .brüsə'lōsōs / E name + Lcf a human disease characterized by extreme exhaustion and generalized aches and pains and acquired through infected animal products. <i>An outbreak of brucellosis forced the sausage factory to shut down.</i>	<b>brutal</b> adj / 'brüd̥l / L > F > E characterized by ruthlessness and insensitivity. <i>The judge gave Gary the maximum sentence, noting the brutal nature of the crime.</i>
<b>bronchial</b>	<b>bruise</b>	<b>bruxism</b>
<b>bronchitis</b>	<b>bruise</b>	<b>bruxism</b>
n / brän'kīd̥əs / Gk acute or chronic inflammation in the lungs. <i>Because of his bronchitis, Sam had given up jogging.</i>	n / 'brüz / F > E [has homonym: brews] an injury, especially one produced by a blow or collision, that does not break the surface it injures. <i>Heather's fall from her bicycle left her with a bad bruise.</i>	n / 'bræk.sizəm / Gk > E the habit of unconsciously gritting or grinding the teeth especially in situations of stress or during sleep. <i>Ellie's bruxism was so pronounced that her dentist made a bite guard for her to wear at night.</i>
<b>brontometer</b>	<b>bruit</b>	<b>buccaneer</b>
n / brän'tämədə(r) / Gk an instrument for measuring the phenomena of thunderstorms. <i>In 1888 meteorologists began using a brontometer to record the details of thunderstorms.</i>	<b>brujo</b>	<b>buccaneer</b>
<b>bronze</b>	<b>brujo</b>	<b>buccaneer</b>
v / 'bränz / L > It > F [has near homonym: brawns] become like bronze, a moderate yellowish brown alloy of copper and tin, especially in color. <i>Ike's attempt to bronze on the beach took an unfortunate turn when he fell asleep.</i>	n / 'brü.hō / Sp sorcerer, witch doctor; especially : one that works black magic. <i>The character of the brujo in the ballet was played by a dancer who scowled through the entire first act.</i>	n / ,bəkə'ni(e)r / Tupi > F one of the pirates preying upon Spanish ships and settlements especially in the West Indies in the 17th century. <i>While on the "Pirates of the Caribbean" ride at Disneyland, Maria thought she saw the eyes of the nearest buccaneer move.</i>

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<b>buccolingual</b>	<b>buffoon</b>	<b>bullion</b>
adj / bək'ling(yə)wəl / L relating to or affecting the cheek and the tongue. <i>Pipe smoking can harm the buccolingual tissue.</i>	n / bə'fün / L > It > F a person professionally engaged in entertaining others by tricks, gestures, or comic pantomime. <i>Along the midway a buffoon entertained the children with a laughable pantomime.</i>	n / 'bulyənəst / F > E + Ecf an advocate of a metallic medium of exchange. <i>The bullionist proposed a return to the gold standard.</i>
<b>buckboard</b>	<b>buffoonery</b>	<b>umptuously</b>
n / 'bæk.bō(ə)rd / E + E a four-wheeled horse-drawn vehicle without springs with the platform fastened directly to the front and rear axle, usually with a seat above it often mounted on springs. <i>The Wilson family used a buckboard for travel and to transport supplies from town.</i>	n / (.)bə'fün(ə)rē / F the practices of a clown or clownish person; especially : coarse loutish behavior. <i>Mrs. Decker warned that she would tolerate no buffoonery in her classroom.</i>	<b>bungalow</b>
<b>buckram</b>	<b>bugaboo</b>	<b>bungalow</b>
<b>bucolic</b>	n / 'bəgə.bü / E something that causes fear or distress often out of proportion to its actual importance in a situation. <i>Failing the geometry test was Kara's bugaboo.</i>	n / 'bəngə.lō / Hindi a lightly built single-story house or cottage. <i>Wendy's dream vacation includes renting a bungalow on a South Pacific island.</i>
<b>Buddhism</b>	<b>bulbous</b>	<b>buoyant</b>
n / 'bù.dizəm / Skt name a religion of eastern and central Asia. <i>Buddhism has spread from its original home in Asia to all corners of the globe.</i>	adj / 'bəlbəs / L [has homonym: bulbus] resembling or suggesting a bulb especially in roundness or in the gross enlargement of a part. <i>The cartoon character's heavy bulbous body lurched dangerously on his spindly legs, which barely supported him.</i>	adj / 'bōɪənt / Sp able to regain high spirits after depression : lighthearted. <i>The buoyant author gladly autographed his book for buyers.</i>
<b>budgetary</b>	<b>bulgur</b>	<b>buoyantly</b>
<b>buffalo</b>	n / 'bəfəlō / Gk > L > Sp > It a large wild ox with a shaggy mane and short horns that was once abundant on the central and western plains of the United States. <i>Jamie was awed by the enormousness of the buffalo she saw at the zoo.</i>	<b>buran</b>
n / bəfəlō / Gk > L > Sp > It a large wild ox with a shaggy mane and short horns that was once abundant on the central and western plains of the United States. <i>Jamie was awed by the enormousness of the buffalo she saw at the zoo.</i>	n / bəlgū(ə)r / Turk parched crushed wheat as prepared and used as a dietary staple in Turkey and adjacent regions. <i>Omar's favorite dish is a salad made with bulgur, pine nuts, and raisins.</i>	n / bü'rän / Turk > Russ a northeasterly wind of gale force in Russia and central Asia usually identified with sandstorms in summer and blizzards in winter. <i>The dreaded buran from northern Siberia swept across the tundra with extraordinary violence.</i>
<b>bulletin</b>	<b>bulletinize</b>	<b>bureaucracy</b>
		n / byü'räkrəsē / F a system of administration marked by lack of initiative and flexibility, by indifference to human needs or public opinion, and by a tendency to defer decisions to superiors or to impede action with red tape. <i>Helga blamed the bureaucracy for the six-week delay in getting her passport.</i>

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<b>bureaucrat</b>	<b>burrito</b>	<b>butte</b>
n / 'byürəkrat / L > F + Gk > F a member of the whole body of nonelected government officials. <i>Alexis spent 20 minutes trying to convince a bureaucrat that she really was seeking employment.</i>	n / bə'rēd.ō / Sp a usually baked flour tortilla rolled or folded around a filling (as of meat, beans, or cheese). <i>For lunch Fred ordered a burrito, rice, and refried beans.</i>	n / 'byüt / F [has homonym: beaut] an isolated hill or small mountain with steep or precipitous sides that usually has a smaller summit area than does a mesa. <i>A butte erodes mostly from its sides because its uppermost layers consist of hard rock and resist weathering.</i>
<b>burgher</b>	<b>bursar</b>	<b>butterfly</b>
n / 'bərgər / G&D a resident of a town : townsman. <i>Every burgher showed up for Springfield's fireworks display.</i>	n / 'bərsər / L [Note: Could be confused with purser.] an administrative officer (as of a monastery or college) in charge of funds : treasurer. <i>The bill for the new gym floor was submitted to the school's bursar.</i>	v / 'bədə(r).flī / E split almost entirely and spread apart in such a way as to resemble the spread wings of a butterfly. <i>George tried to butterfly the chicken breast but ended up with two ragged chunks of meat.</i>
<b>burgherly</b>	<b>bursiculate</b>	<b>butterscotch</b>
<b>burgoo</b>		n / 'bədə(r).skäch / E a hard candy made by boiling together brown sugar, corn syrup, and water. <i>Butterscotch has a deep golden color and a delicious rich taste.</i>
n / (.)bər'gü / unknown a savory highly seasoned stew or thick soup containing several kinds of meat and vegetables originally served at political rallies, barbecues, picnics, and community occasions. <i>Everyone looks forward to eating burgoo at Drew's Derby Day party.</i>	<b>bursitis</b> adj / .bər'sikyələt / L > E shaped like a small pouch or purse. <i>Some seaweed plants have bursiculate leaves.</i>	<b>buttress</b>
<b>burin</b>		<b>butyraceous</b>
n / 'byürən / Celt? > Catal? > F an engraver's tool having a steel blade ground obliquely to a sharp point. <i>The artist used a burin to engrave a design on a copper plate.</i>	n / .bər'sīdəs / L + Ecf inflammation of a fluid-filled cavity in a joint of the body. <i>Pain during the tennis game was Brett's first symptom of bursitis.</i>	adj / ,byüdə'rāshəs / Gk > L resembling butter. <i>The mixed vegetables were flavored with a butyraceous sauce.</i>
<b>burly</b>	<b>busby</b>	<b>buzzard</b>
adj / 'bərlē / E [has homonym: burley] strongly built : stout, sturdy. <i>The director chose Harry for the part of the construction worker because of his burly appearance.</i>	n / 'bəzbē / E name? a military full-dress hat made of fur with a bag usually of cloth of the color of the facings of the regiment hanging from the top on the right. <i>The drum major strutted proudly in his white uniform and black busby.</i>	n / 'bəzə(r)d / L > F > E any of various birds of prey, such as a turkey vulture or condor. <i>The buzzard is a common figure in cartoons, making its appearance when other characters are sick or dying.</i>
<b>bushel</b>		

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<b>byssinosis</b>	<b>cabriole</b>	<b>cacophony</b>
n / bɪsə'nōsəs / Gk > L a chronic industrial disease associated with the inhalation of cotton dust over a long period of time. <i>Employees at the mill wore masks to protect themselves from byssinosis.</i>	n / 'kabrē.əl / F [Note: Could be confused with capriole.] a ballet leap in which one leg is extended in mid-air and the other struck against it. <i>The dancers dressed as wood sprites performed a cabriole in every measure of the music.</i>	n / ka'käfənē / Gk harsh or discordant sound. <i>Spot's encounter with the skunk was accompanied by a burst of cacophony.</i>
<b>byte</b>	<b>cache</b>	<b>cacuminal</b>
<b>Byzantine</b>	<b>cache</b>	<b>cadaver</b>
adj / 'bizəntīn / Gk of, relating to, or characteristic of the eastern Roman Empire. <i>Byzantine bureaucracy has become a byword for cumbersome, complicated, inefficient, and inflexible administration.</i>	v / 'kash / L > F [has homonym: cash] place or store in safety or concealment. <i>Jim asked Zelda to cache his valuables while he was on sabbatical in Japan.</i>	n / kə'davə(r) / L a dead human or animal body usually intended for cutting so as to expose the several parts and their locations and connections. <i>Duncan dissected a cadaver in anatomy class.</i>
<b>cabana</b>	<b>cachet</b>	<b>cadaverous</b>
n / kə'ban(y)ə / L > Sp a tentlike often portable shelter with a projecting canopy over an open side facing a beach or swimming pool. <i>Sam and Doug will move the cabana closer to the swimming pool.</i>	n / ka'shā / F a characteristic feature or quality conferring prestige or distinction or inspiring respect. <i>Acting in a hit TV sitcom does not carry the same cachet as acting in a hit movie.</i>	<b>cadence</b>
<b>cabaret</b>	<b>cachinnate</b>	<b>cadre</b>
n / kabə'rā / L? > F a restaurant that provides entertainment, usually singing and dancing. <i>Sheila's training in tap dancing helped her get a job at the local cabaret.</i>	<b>cachinnation</b> n / .kakə'nāshən / L the act or action of laughing loudly or convulsively. <i>The cachinnation of the comedy club's audience convinced the comedian that he was on his way to becoming a star.</i>	n / kā(.)drā / L > It > F a nucleus or core group especially of trained personnel or active members of an organization who are capable of assuming leadership or of training and indoctrinating others. <i>Its highly skilled cadre of managers enabled the company to achieve great success in its first year.</i>
<b>cabinet</b>	<b>cacography</b>	<b>caduceus</b>
<b>cabochon</b>	<b>cacophonous</b>	
adv / 'kabə.shän / F in convex form highly polished but not faceted. <i>The jeweler cut the stone cabochon and mounted it in a platinum setting.</i>	n / ka'kägrəfē / Gk bad handwriting. <i>Martin's cacography made his work illegible.</i>	

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<b>cafeteria</b>	<b>calamity</b>	<b>calico</b>
n /kafə'tirēə/ Turk > Sp a self-service restaurant or lunchroom. <i>On the last day of school the students had a food fight in the cafeteria.</i>	<b>calcium</b> n /'kalsēəm/ L a soft, silver-white bivalent metallic element that occurs in combination with minerals and rocks. <i>Calcium is an essential element in bones.</i>	n /kalō.kō/ Indian geog name any of various cheap cotton fabrics with figured patterns. <i>Molly's dress was made of a bold orange and yellow checked calico.</i>
<b>caisson</b> n /kā.sän/ L > F a two-wheeled vehicle for artillery ammunition attachable to a horse- drawn limber for marching. <i>A caisson is sometimes used to carry the coffin in a military funeral.</i>	<b>calculate</b> v /'kalkyə.lāt/ L ascertain or determine by mathematical processes especially of some intricacy. <i>Toriko likes to calculate her car's gas mileage after every trip.</i>	<b>caliginous</b> adj /kə'lijənəs/ F or L dark, obscure. <i>A caliginous sky foreshadowed the approaching storm.</i>
<b>caitiff</b> n /kādōf/ L > F > E a base despicable person. <i>The story centers on Batman's encounters with a psychotic caitiff, the Riddler.</i>	<b>calculator</b> n /'kalkyə.lādə(r)/ L > E + Ecf a device used for computing amounts. <i>Mr. Jensen permitted each student to use a calculator during the exam.</i>	<b>calisthenics</b> n pl /kaləs'θeniks/ Gk + Ecf systematic exercises performed usually in rhythm and often in a group to improve the strength, suppleness, balance, and health of the body. <i>Aunt Julia does calisthenics twice a week in a program called "Body Recall."</i>
<b>cajole</b>	<b>calculiform</b> adj /'kalkyəlō.fōrm/ L > ISV shaped like a pebble. <i>In the Mayan writing system, the characters were rounded like pebbles and so were described as being calculiform.</i>	<b>callidity</b> n /ka'lidədē/ L craftiness, cunning, shrewdness. <i>Br'er Rabbit was famous for his callidity.</i>
<b>cajolery</b> n /kə'jōl(ə)rē/ F use of delusive enticements. <i>After much cajolery, the kitten finally came down from the tree.</i>	<b>calculus</b>	<b>calligrapher</b>
<b>calabash</b> n /'kalə.bash/ Ar? > Sp&F the common bottle gourd. <i>A calabash with a hole cut in it makes a dandy birdhouse.</i>	<b>calefacient</b> adj /kälə'fashənt/ L making warm : heating. <i>A calefacient ointment relieved some of Dave's muscular pain.</i>	n /kə'ligrəfə(r)/ Gk one that writes a beautiful, ornamental, or stylized hand. <i>Joni and William had their wedding invitations inscribed by a calligrapher.</i>
<b>caladium</b> n /kə'lādēəm/ Malay > L any of a small genus of tropical American plants with variously colored arrow-shaped leaves. <i>Julie delivered a potted caladium to her sick cousin.</i>	<b>calendar</b>	
<b>calamine</b>	<b>calibrate</b>	

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<b>calliope</b> n / kə'līō(pē) / Gk > L a musical instrument consisting of a series of crude steam or air whistles used on riverboats and in circuses and carnivals. <i>Passengers gathered on the upper deck of the Mississippi Queen to listen to the calliope.</i>	<b>calypso</b> n / kə'lip(ō)sō / Gk name a balladlike improvisation in African rhythm usually satirizing current events first composed and sung in competition in the British West Indies. <i>Harry Belafonte gained fame as a singer of calypso.</i>	<b>camouflaged</b> <b>camoufleur</b> <b>campanile</b> n / kampə'nēlē / L > It [Note: Plural form can be pronounced identically.] a bell tower usually freestanding. <i>From the hilltop Obin could just spot the great campanile of Christ Church in Oxford.</i>
<b>callously</b>	<b>camaraderie</b>	<b>camphor</b>
<b>callow</b>	<b>cameline</b> n / 'kaməlēn / Sem > Gk > L a twilled camel's-hair fabric. <i>Jordan bought a new overcoat made of cameline to wear with his dress suits.</i>	n / 'kam(p)fə(r) / Malay > Ar > L > AF > E [has near homonym: chamfer] a tough gumlike substance obtained especially from the wood and bark of the camphor tree and used chiefly as a stimulant in medicine. <i>Whenever Johnny has a cold, his mother spreads on his chest an aromatic ointment containing camphor.</i>
<b>caloric</b> adj / kə'lōrik / L > F of or relating to the heat-producing or energy-producing value of food. <i>Suzy became obsessed with caloric intake while on her crash diet.</i>	<b>cameo</b> n / 'kamēō / L > F > It a small theatrical or film role usually performed by a well-known actor and often limited to a single scene. <i>The producer was grateful that the star accepted a cameo in his new film.</i>	<b>campodeiform</b> adj / kam'pōdēəfōrm / Gk + Gk + L having an elongated and flattened shape—used especially of larvae of some beetles and other higher insects. <i>Cybelle identified one of the five campodeiform larvae.</i>
<b>calque</b>	<b>camera</b>	<b>campus</b>
<b>calumet</b> n / 'kalyəmet / L > F a highly ornamented ceremonial pipe of the North American Indians that was smoked at sacrifices and other magical or religious rites and on state occasions. <i>After the three chiefs reached agreement, they passed a feathered calumet.</i>	<b>camionette</b> n / .kamyənet / F a small truck or bus. <i>The hotel provides a camionette to shuttle guests to and from the airport.</i>	<b>canaille</b> n / kə'nī / L > It > F mob, rabble, riffraff. <i>During the riot the canaille destroyed and looted many stores.</i>
<b>calumny</b> n / 'kal(y)əmnē / L a false charge or misrepresentation intended to harm one's reputation : slander. <i>According to Neal, the recent article about him was pure calumny.</i>	<b>camisole</b>	<b>canard</b> n / kə'närd / F a false or unfounded report or story; especially : a fabricated report (as by a newspaper). <i>The report of the famous singer's death turned out to be a canard.</i>
<b>calvities</b> n / kal'veshēēz / L baldness. <i>Larry's calvities is intentional: He shaves his head every morning.</i>	<b>camouflage</b> n / 'kaməflāzh / It > F a disguise, behavior, or expedient adopted or designed to deceive or hide. <i>Behind Jerry's camouflage of ignorance resides a wealth of knowledge.</i>	

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<b>canary</b> n / kə'nerē / L geog name > Sp > F a small greenish-yellow finch extensively bred as a cage bird and singer. <i>When the canary escaped in her living room, Susan put her cat outside until she found the bird.</i>	<b>candent</b> adj / 'kandənt / L white or glowing usually from great heat. <i>The wire glowed candent like the filament of a light bulb.</i>	<b>cannelloni</b> <b>cannibal</b> <b>cannibalism</b> <b>cannonade</b> <b>canny</b> <b>canoe</b> <b>canoeist</b> n / kə'nüēst / Arawak > Sp > L > F + Ecf one that paddles a type of long narrow boat. <i>Evan became an expert canoeist at summer camp.</i>
<b>canasta</b> n / kə'nastə / L > Sp a card game that is a form of rummy played usually as a two- hand or as a four-hand partnership game using two full decks plus four jokers. <i>The two couples often played canasta after having dinner together.</i>	<b>candescent</b> adj / kan'desənt / L glowing or dazzling often from great heat. <i>A candescent meteorite streaked across the southern sky.</i>	<b>candidacy</b> n / 'kan(d)ədəsē / L + Ecf the quality or state of being one that is likely or worthy to gain a post, position, or distinction. <i>Tony's candidacy for the student council will be jeopardized if he fails his algebra exam.</i>
<b>cancellous</b> adj / kan'seləs / L having a spongy or porous structure. <i>Cancellous tissue occurs at the ends of some bones.</i>	<b>candlewick</b> n / 'kand'l.wik / L > E + E the twisted threads of soft cotton yarn contained in a candle. <i>Victor groped to light the candlewick in the dark.</i>	<b>cantankerous</b> adj / kan'ta(i)ŋk(ə)rəs / AF? > E? + Ecf marked by ill humor, irritability, and determination to disagree. <i>The cantankerous old man yelled at Grady as he attempted to retrieve the football.</i>
<b>cancrivorous</b>	<b>candor</b> n / 'kanda(r) / L [has near homonym: canter] unreserved, honest, or sincere expression. <i>Russell's candor in dealing with difficult issues won over the voters.</i>	<b>cantata</b>
<b>candelabra</b> n / kandə'läbrə / L a usually ornate and often heavy and large standard supporting a candlestick or lamp. <i>In December Stella put red and green candles in her candelabra on the mantle.</i>	<b>canine</b>	<b>cantatory</b>
<b>candelabrum</b> n / kandə'läbrəm / L a large candlestick or a lamp usually ornamented and having several arms or branches. <i>Germaine admired the ornate silver candelabrum in the center of the table.</i>	<b>canitist</b> n / 'kanətēst / L + Ecf one who dyes or tints hair especially in a beauty shop. <i>Polly has been a canitist in a local beauty shop for 25 years.</i>	<b>canteen</b>  <b>canter</b> v / 'kantə(r) / E geog name [has homonym: cantor] move at or as if at a three-beat gait resembling but smoother and slower than the gallop. <i>Cindy let the horse canter for a while but soon spurred it on to a gallop.</i>
		 <b>cantilever</b>
		 <b>cantonment</b>

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<b>cantor</b> n / 'kantə(r) / L [has homonym: canter] a synagogue official who sings or chants liturgical music and leads the congregation in prayer. <i>Jacob's vocal talent led him to consider becoming a cantor.</i>	<b>capital</b> adj / 'kapəd'l / L [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, word has homonym: capitol.] highly meritorious : most enjoyable. <i>On his dad's birthday, Philip served a capital feast, with every dish cleverly wrapped up in ribbons.</i>	<b>capsize</b> <b>capstan</b> <b>capsule</b> <b>caracole</b> n / 'karəkōl / L? > Sp > F a half turn either to the right or the left executed by a mounted horse. <i>The front rank of galloping cavalrymen fired their pistols and then peeled off in a caracole to regroup.</i>
<b>canvasser</b> n / 'kanvəsə(r) / Gk > L > F > E + Ecf one that takes or counts votes. <i>Helga volunteered as a canvasser for the upcoming election.</i>	<b>capitatum</b> adj / .kapə'tādəm / L levied or granted at so much per head. <i>Collecting an affordable capitatum fee for civic pool use will not cover operating costs.</i>	<b>carafe</b> n / kə'raf / Ar > It > F a bottle usually made of glass with a narrow neck and spherical body and used to hold water or beverages. <i>Shlomo ordered a carafe of the house wine.</i>
<b>capable</b>	<b>capitulate</b>	<b>caramel</b>
<b>capacious</b> adj / kə'pashəs / L able to contain a great deal. <i>Dodie went to the beach carrying a capacious canvas bag.</i>	<b>cappelletti</b> n pl / .kapə'ledē / L > It [Note: Could be confused with cavalletti.] small cases of dough usually filled with meat or cheese. <i>Bo and Annette dined on cappelletti in marinara sauce.</i>	n / 'karəməl / L > Pg > Sp > F a firm chewy candy often containing fruits and nuts and typically cut into small blocks. <i>Ida's mother warned her not to eat a caramel before she went to the orthodontist.</i>
<b>caparison</b> n / kə'parəsən / Sp > F an ornamental covering for a horse. <i>The king's horse wore an elaborately decorated caparison.</i>	<b>cappuccino</b>	<b>caramelize</b>
<b>capillary</b> adj / 'kapələrē / L resembling a hair : fine, minute, slender. <i>The capillary tubes in the tissue puzzled Dr. Chang.</i>	<b>capriccioso</b> adv / kə.prēchē'ō(.)sō / It + Itcf free and impulsive—used chiefly as a direction in music. <i>The ending segment of the violin concerto was played capriccioso.</i>	v / 'karəməlīz / L > Pg > Sp > F + Ecf change (sugar or the sugar content of a food) into a brittle brown substance by heating to about 170–180 °C. <i>Kara is going to caramelize some sugar to make peanut brittle.</i>
<b>caprice</b>	<b>capricious</b>	
	adj / kə'prishəs / It not guided by steady judgment, intent, or purpose. <i>Hazel's capricious behavior is a source of constant annoyance for her sister, Ruth.</i>	

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<b>carbohydrate</b>	<b>cardigan</b>	<b>cark</b>
n /kär'bō'hīdrāt/ L + Gk any of a group of neutral compounds composed of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen including the sugars and starches. <i>The nutrition facts indicated that the candy bar would provide Sheila with over half her daily allowance of carbohydrate.</i>	n /kärdēgən/ E name a sweater or jacket that opens the full length of the center front and usually has a round or V-shaped collarless neck. <i>Samantha's aunt in Scotland sent her a colorful wool cardigan for her birthday.</i>	n /kärnij/ L > F great destruction of life (as in battle) : great bloodshed. <i>Appeals to stop the carnage of war fell on deaf ears.</i>
<b>carbonaceous</b>	<b>cardinal</b>	<b>carnival</b>
<b>carbonate</b>	n /kär'bōnāt/ L + ISVcf of or relating to a salt or ester of carbonic acid. <i>After reading the paragraph six times, Hugo still could not understand the bonding in the carbonate ion.</i>	n /kärd(ə)nəl/ L > F > E an American songbird, the male being bright red with a black face and pointed crest and the female being much duller in color. <i>One of Stephanie's favorite winter scenes is that of a cardinal perched on a snow-covered branch.</i>
<b>carboy</b>	<b>cardinalate</b>	
<b>carcass</b>	<b>cardiomegaly</b>	<b>carnivore</b>
n /kärkəs/ Per > Ar > L > F a dead body of a human being or an animal : corpse. <i>Kasey found the fresh carcass of one of his cows and knew that the wolves were back.</i>	n /kärdēō'megālē/ Gk enlargement of the heart. <i>Severe anemia can result in cardiomegaly.</i>	n /kärnə.vō(ə)r/ L a flesh-eating animal. <i>The hyena is a carnivore that usually eats animals found dead.</i>
<b>carcinogen</b>	<b>caribou</b>	<b>carnivorous</b>
n /kär'sinōjən/ Gk a substance or agent producing or inciting cancerous growth. <i>Asbestos has been proven to be a powerful carcinogen.</i>	n /karə.bü/ Algonquian > F any of several large deer of northern North America. <i>While in Montana, Jill photographed a caribou silhouetted on a high ridge.</i>	<b>carotid</b> adj /kär'ädēd/ Gk belonging to or situated near either of the two main arteries that supply blood to the head. <i>Lara felt her pulse with a finger placed on her carotid artery.</i>
<b>cardiac</b>	<b>caricaturable</b>	
	<b>caricature</b>	<b>carpaccio</b>
	<b>carillon</b>	n /kär'päch(ē)ō/ It thinly sliced raw meat or fish served with a sauce. <i>When Linda ordered carpaccio, she didn't know that it is uncooked.</i>
	n /karə.län/ L > F a set of fixed bells pitched in a chromatic series of at least two octaves and sounded by hammers controlled by a keyboard. <i>Latasha will play the carillon at Andy's wedding.</i>	

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<b>carpenter</b>	<b>cartonnage</b>	<b>cask</b>
n / 'kärpəntə(r) / L > E a person who builds or repairs with wood. <i>Matthew hired a carpenter to construct four bookcases.</i>	n / 'kärt'n.äzh / F material consisting of linen or papyrus glued together in many thicknesses and usually coated with stucco. <i>The museum guide said that the elaborate mummy case made of cartonnage had been found in a hidden vault of a pyramid.</i>	n / 'kask / Sp [has homonym: casque] any barrel-shaped vessel made of staves, headings, and hoops. <i>The salesman boasted that the Scotch had been aged in an old sherry cask for many years.</i>
<b>carpophagous</b>		<b>casserole</b>
<b>carriageable</b>		n / 'kasə.röl / Gk > L > OProv > F a vessel usually having a cover and a handle and in which food may be baked and served. <i>Laura baked the chicken and broccoli in a casserole.</i>
<b>carrion</b>	<b>caryatid</b>	
n / 'karēən / L > AF > E [has near homonym: carillon] the dead and putrefying flesh of an animal. <i>Vultures were picking over skunk and opossum carrion at the roadside.</i>	n / .karē'adəd / Gk a draped female figure supporting an entablature in the place of a column or pilaster. <i>The caryatid appeared to be grimacing from the strain of holding up the temple.</i>	
<b>carrot</b>	<b>cascade</b>	<b>cassoulet</b>
<b>cartel</b>		n / 'kasə.lā / F a casserole of beans baked with herbs and pork sausage and sometimes other meats. <i>The cassoulet was originally a specialty of southwestern France.</i>
n / kärt'el / It > F a voluntary often international combination of independent private enterprises supplying like commodities or services that agree to limit their competitive activities (as by regulating quantity or quality of output). <i>Started as a cartel, the oil-producing nations control the worldwide price of petroleum.</i>	n / ka'skād / L > It > F a fall of water over steeply slanting rocks (as in a river or brook). <i>The swiftly moving mountain stream became a cascade as it rushed toward the valley below.</i>	
<b>cartilage</b>	<b>cashew</b>	<b>cassowary</b>
n / kärd'līj / L a translucent elastic tissue that composes most of the skeleton of the embryos and very young of vertebrates and is for the most part converted into bone in the higher forms. <i>Hans had a small piece of cartilage removed from his elbow.</i>	n / 'ka(.)shü / Tupi > Pg the kidney-shaped nut of a tropical American tree naturalized in all warm countries. <i>Jack dug through the can of mixed nuts, looking for the last cashew.</i>	
<b>carton</b>	<b>cashier</b>	<b>castanets</b>
		n pl / .kastə'nets / L > Sp a pair of rhythm instruments consisting of two shells made of ivory, wood, or plastic which are fastened together to hang from the thumb and are clicked by the other fingers. <i>The flamenco dancer's rapidly clicking castanets intrigued Diana.</i>
		<b>castigate</b>
		<b>Castilian</b>
		adj / ka'stilyən / L of, relating to, or characteristic of the standard Spanish language. <i>Juan incorporates so many English words in his conversation that his speech is far from Castilian.</i>
		<b>casuistic</b>

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<b>casuistry</b>	<b>catalytic</b>	<b>catastasis</b>
n / 'kazhəwəstrē / L > Sp the study of or the doctrine that deals with cases of conscience. <i>To complete her degree in philosophy, Tisha had to take a semester of casuistry.</i>	adj / .kadəl'ɪdɪk / Gk causing, involving, or relating to the change in the rate of a chemical reaction brought about by often small amounts of a substance that is unchanged chemically at the end of the reaction. <i>Iron plus small amounts of potassium and aluminum oxides has a catalytic effect on the synthesis of ammonia.</i>	n / kə'tastəsēs / Gk the dramatic complication immediately preceding the climax of a play. <i>During the catastasis the audience wondered how the hero would resolve his predicament.</i>
<b>catachresis</b>	<b>catamaran</b>	<b>catastrophe</b>
n / .kadə'krēsēs / Gk the misuse of words. <i>When Monica used the word <i>infer</i> to mean “imply” in her essay, her English teacher wrote catachresis in the margin.</i>		n / kə'tastrə(.)fē / Gk the final action that completes the unraveling of the plot in a tragedy : denouement. <i>In the drama's catastrophe the hero dies a valiant death to save his beloved.</i>
<b>cataclysm</b>	<b>cataphract</b>	<b>catechism</b>
n / 'kadə.klizəm / Gk a violent geologic change involving sudden and extensive alterations of Earth's surface. <i>Scientists are standing by their prediction that a cataclysm will occur in California.</i>	n / 'kadə.frakt / Gk a suit of armor for the whole body. <i>The knight in a cataphract was mounted on a charger and equipped with a lance.</i>	
<b>cataclysmic</b>	<b>catapult</b>	<b>catechumen</b>
	v / 'kadə.pəlt / Gk > L move with a suddenness or force as if propelled by a device that hurls heavy stones. <i>The general's wartime success was enough to catapult him into political power.</i>	n / .kadə'kyümēn / Gk > L > F one receiving rudimentary instruction in the doctrines of Christianity. <i>A child who attends a Sunday School program could be considered a catechumen.</i>
<b>catacomb</b>	<b>cataract</b>	<b>category</b>
	n / 'kadə.rakt / Gk > L > E a clouding of the lens of the eye obstructing the passage of light. <i>Grandpa's cataract necessitated surgical replacement of the lens in his eye.</i>	
<b>catadromous</b>	<b>catarrh</b>	<b>catenary</b>
adj / kə'tadrəməs / Gk > L living in fresh water and going to the sea to spawn. <i>Whereas the salmon migrates from the sea to fresh water to spawn, the catadromous American eel does just the reverse.</i>	n / kə'tär / Gk > L > F [has homonym and near homonym: Qatar and guitar] inflammation of a mucous membrane in humans or animals characterized by congestion and secretion of mucus. <i>Catarrh can be brought on by infection, allergies, dry air, or chemical irritants.</i>	n / 'kadə.nerē / L the curve assumed by a perfectly flexible cord hanging freely from two fixed points. <i>Part of Dominick's math test was to figure out the equation for a catenary.</i>
<b>catalepsy</b>		<b>catenulate</b>
n / 'kadə.lepsē / Gk a condition of suspended animation and loss of voluntary motion associated with hysteria and schizophrenia. <i>Doctors were confounded by Juan's catalepsy.</i>		adj / kə'ten'yələt / L having a chain-like form. <i>The artist's paintings mimic the catenulate markings on butterflies' wings.</i>
<b>catalina</b>		

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<b>caterer</b>	<b>caudal</b>	<b>cauterize</b>
n / 'kādərə(r) / AF > E + Ecf one whose business is to arrange for and supervise all the details relating to food service for any social affair. <i>The caterer placed a parsley leaf on each deviled egg.</i>	adj / kōd'əl / L [has near homonym: coddle] constituting, belonging to, or relating to a tail. <i>As a tadpole's legs grow, its caudal appendage gradually disappears.</i>	v / 'kōdərīz / Gk > L burn or sear with a caustic brand. <i>Dr. Bennett used a laser to cauterize Tony's wound.</i>
<b>caterpillar</b>	<b>caudillo</b>	<b>cavalcade</b>
n / 'kadə(r)pilər / L > F > E the elongated wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth. <i>The body-surface hairs on the caterpillar in Jamie's hand contain a poisonous substance that causes intense itching.</i>	n / kaū'thē(l)ōyō / L > Sp a military leader (as in a Latin-American country) usually of guerrilla or irregular forces loyal to him or her personally. <i>The reporter found that most of the soldiers would willingly give their lives for their caudillo.</i>	n / 'kavəlkād / L > It > F a procession of riders or carriages. <i>The king headed up the cavalcade proceeding toward the Duke of Parma.</i>
<b>caterwaul</b>	<b>cauliflower</b>	<b>cavalier</b>
<b>cathartic</b>		
<b>cathedral</b>	<b>cauliflower</b>	
adj / kə'thēdrəl / L > E of, relating to, or being a bishop's church. <i>Sister Agatha watered the tulips in the cathedral garden.</i>	n / kōləflaū(ə)r / L > It a garden plant that is closely related to the cabbage and is grown for food. <i>Sheldon won't eat cauliflower unless it is smothered in melted cheese.</i>	adj / kavə'li(ə)r / L > OProv > It > F marked by lofty disregard of others' interests, rights, or feelings. <i>Eloise displayed a cavalier attitude toward the homecoming plans.</i>
<b>cathole</b>	<b>causerie</b>	<b>cavalletti</b>
<b>Catullian</b>		
adj / kə'təlēən / L name of, relating to, or like the Roman poet Catullus or his lyric poems. <i>The great felicity of language and intense personal feeling of Randolph's poem made it Catullian.</i>	n / .kōz(ə)'rē / L > F an informal light conversation : chat. <i>Briget tried unsuccessfully all evening to engage Mrs. Vickers in causerie.</i>	n / kavə'ledē / L > It [Note: Could be confused with cappelletti.] a series of timber jumps that are adjustable in height for schooling horses. <i>Black Beauty easily jumped over the cavalletti as Justin watched with pride.</i>
<b>caucus</b>	<b>causeway</b>	<b>cavalry</b>
n / 'kōkəs / Algonquian a conference of party or organization leaders to decide on policies, plans, appointees, or candidates. <i>The caucus stayed in session until 3 a.m. finalizing its slate of nominees.</i>	<b>caustic</b>	
	adj / 'kōstik / Gk capable of destroying the texture of anything or eating away its substance by chemical action : corrosive. <i>Ned never suspected that perfume might have a caustic effect on plastic.</i>	
		<b>caveat</b>
		n / 'kävē.ät / L a warning enjoining one from certain acts or practices. <i>The oldest caveat of commerce is "Let the buyer beware."</i>
		<b>cavernicolous</b>
		<b>cavernous</b>
		adj / 'kavə(r)nəs / L constituting or suggesting a large underground chamber. <i>The thick grove of vine-covered trees threw a cavernous gloom over the area.</i>

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<b>cavil</b>	<b>celeritous</b>	<b>cement</b>
v / 'kavəl / L object or criticize adversely for trivial reasons. <i>Even if Tracy's room is spotlessly clean, she knows that her mom will cavil at something about it.</i>	adj / sə'lerədəs / L > F > E swift-moving. <i>The celeritous bicyclist almost knocked Trudy down.</i>	v / sō'ment / L > F > E join, unite, or cause to adhere by or as if by means of a binding element. <i>After Byron chose the tiles for his mosaic, he used a strong glue to cement them in place on the pattern.</i>
<b>cavort</b>	<b>celery</b>	<b>cemetery</b>
v / kə'verōt / L? > F > It bound, prance, or frisk about. <i>In Bosch's painting Garden of Earthly Delights, horses and giant birds cavort in a surreal landscape.</i>	n / 'sel(ə)rē / Gk > L > It? a vegetable with leafstalks that are eaten raw or cooked. <i>Terry's favorite snack is celery filled with pimento cheese.</i>	<b>cenotaph</b>
<b>cedilla</b>	<b>celestial</b>	
n / sə'dilə / L > Sp a mark placed under a letter to indicate a sound different from that which the unmodified character bears in certain situations. <i>Martha did not earn a perfect score on her French paper because she forgot the cedilla in the word garçon.</i>	adj / sə'les(h)chəl / L of or relating to the sky. <i>The awesome display of celestial light was later identified as a meteor shower.</i>	<b>cenotaph</b>
<b>ceiling</b>	<b>celibacy</b>	<b>censorious</b>
n / 'sēlinj / E [has homonym: sealing] the overhead inside lining of a room. <i>There was a terrible crash from inside the wagon that sounded as if a whole set of dishes had been dropped from the ceiling onto a hard stone floor.</i>	<b>cellarage</b>	adj / sen'sōrēəs / L marked by or given to an inclination to discover and severely condemn especially social, moral, or artistic errors. <i>Helen was in one of her censorious moods at the reception this evening.</i>
<b>celebrant</b>	<b>cellist</b>	<b>census</b>
<b>celeriac</b>	<b>cello</b>	
n / sə'lerē.ək / Gk > L > It? a plant of the parsley family grown for its turniplike edible root. <i>Rhoda added chopped celeriac to her soup.</i>	<b>cellophane</b>	<b>centaur</b>
	n / 'seləfān / (L + Gk) > F a transparent sheet or tube of regenerated cellulose used chiefly for packaging food and merchandise. <i>Nina refused to buy tomatoes packaged in cellophane.</i>	n / 'sen(t)səs / L an official enumeration of the population of a country, city, or other administrative district. <i>In the United States, a census is taken every ten years.</i>
	<b>cellulose</b>	
	n / 'selyə.lōs / L > F + Ecf any of several fibrous substances constituting the chief part of the cell walls of plants and of many fibrous products. <i>Most household sponges are made of cellulose.</i>	<b>centaur</b>
		n / 'sen.tō(ə)r / Gk > L one of an ancient mythical Greek race imagined as men with the bodies of horses. <i>The estate garden included a marble statue of a centaur.</i>

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<b>centaury</b>	<b>cephalalgia</b>	<b>cereal</b>
n / 'sen.törē / Gk an Old World herb formerly used as a tonic. <i>Since ancient times centaury has had medicinal uses.</i>	n / .sefə'lalj(ē)ə / Gk pain inside the head : headache. <i>Mortimer's cephalalgia made him irritable and short-tempered.</i>	n / 'sirēəl / L [has homonym: serial] a prepared foodstuff of grain (as oatmeal or cornflakes) used especially as a breakfast food. <i>David was eating his cereal when the school bus drove by his house.</i>
<b>centennial</b>	<b>cephalometry</b>	<b>cerecloth</b>
<b>centimeter</b>	<b>cephalopod</b>	<b>cerise</b>
n / 'sentə.mēdə(r) / F a unit of length equal to 1/100 meter. <i>Your little finger is about a centimeter wide at the top.</i>	n / 'sefələ.päd / Gk any of a class of marine mollusks including the squids, cuttlefishes, and octopuses all having around the front of the head a group of elongated muscular arms usually furnished with prehensile suckers or hooks. <i>The squid is a ten-armed cephalopod.</i>	<b>cerium</b>
<b>centipede</b>	<b>Cepheid</b>	<b>cerography</b>
<b>centrifugal</b>	n / 'sēfēəd / Gk name one of a class of pulsating stars whose intrinsic light variations are very regular. <i>The apparent magnitude of a Cepheid can vary greatly in a month's time.</i>	n / sō'rāgrəfē / Gk the art of making characters or designs in or with wax. <i>The maps in the old book were originally made by the process of cerography, in which beeswax was used.</i>
<b>centrifuge</b>	<b>ceraceous</b>	<b>certainty</b>
n / 'sentrə.fyūj / L > F a machine for whirling fluids rapidly to separate substances of different densities. <i>A centrifuge was used to separate the cream from the milk.</i>	<b>ceramic</b>	n / 'sōr̄ntē / L > F > E the quality or state of being objectively fixed, settled. <i>Science boasts the beauty of certainty.</i>
<b>centripetal</b>	<b>cerumen</b>	
adj / sen'tripətəl / L + L + Ecf moving, proceeding, or acting in a direction toward a center or axis. <i>Centripetal force serves to keep electrons moving around the nucleus of an atom.</i>	n / sō'ramik / Gk of or relating to the art of fashioning clay into useful or ornamental objects. <i>Luke's home is a showcase for ceramic objects he has created.</i>	<b>cerumen</b>
<b>century</b>	<b>ceraunograph</b>	
n / 'sench(ə)rē / L a period of 100 years. <i>Mr. Davis asked each student to name what he or she thought was the most important invention of the past century.</i>	n / sō'rōnə.graf / Gk + Gk an instrument for recording chronologically by pen the occurrence of thunder and lightning. <i>Marie set up a ceraunograph to monitor the late-summer storms.</i>	<b>cessation</b>
		n / se'sāshən / L > F > E a temporary or final ceasing or discontinuance (as of action). <i>The peal of the bell marked the cessation of the emergency preparedness drill.</i>

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<b>cetology</b>	<b>chamberlain</b>	<b>chandelier</b>
n / sē'täləjē / L + Gk [has near homonym: sitology] a branch of zoology dealing with the whales. <i>Many renowned scientists in the field of cetology assembled in Japan to discuss the recent beaching incidents.</i>	n / 'chāmberlā(r)lēn / Gmc > F > E a bedchamber attendant for royalty or nobility. <i>The grand council insisted that the chamberlain wake the king.</i>	n / shandə'li(ə)r / L > F a lighting fixture suspended from the ceiling and having two or more lights. <i>Dad finally got around to installing a dimmer switch for our chandelier.</i>
<b>chaffinch</b>	<b>chamfer</b>	<b>chandelle</b>
n / 'cha(,)finch / E a common Old World bird often kept as a cage bird and having in the male a reddish breast plumage and a cheerful song. <i>Along the river path Janice spotted a chaffinch perched on the back of a bench.</i>	v / 'cham(p)fə(r) / L > F cut off corners or edges (as of timber columns or beams). <i>Gordon decided to chamfer the ceiling beams of his cottage.</i>	n / shan'del / F an abrupt climbing turn of an airplane. <i>Many of the passengers gasped when the pilot executed a chandelle.</i>
<b>chaffseed</b>	<b>champagne</b>	<b>changeable</b>
<b>chagrin</b>	<b>champagne</b>	<b>chansonnette</b>
n / shə'grin / F vexation, disquietude, or distress of mind brought on by humiliation, hurt pride, disappointment, or consciousness of failure or error. <i>Pete tried to conceal his chagrin when his younger brother beat him at chess.</i>	n / sham'pān / L > F [has homonym: champaign] a pale orange yellow to light grayish yellowish brown. <i>Of the colors of limousines available for hire, Ted and Kara preferred champagne.</i>	<b>chaos</b>
<b>chalaza</b>	<b>champignon</b>	<b>chaotic</b>
<b>chalice</b>	<b>chancery</b>	
<b>chalicosis</b>	<b>chancel</b>	
n / kälə'kōsōs / Gk > L a pulmonary disease occurring among stonemasons that is caused by inhalation of stone dust. <i>Chalicosis afflicted an alarming number of workers at the monument plant.</i>	n / 'chan(t)səl / L > F > E the part of a church in which is located the altar or communion table, the pulpit, and the lectern and which is customarily on a higher level than the nave. <i>Fitting 75 choir members in the chancel will be an almost impossible task.</i>	adj / kā'ädik / Gk being in a state of or marked by utter confusion completely wanting in order, sequence, organization, or predictable operation. <i>The course in time management did not help Brenda alter her chaotic lifestyle.</i>
<b>chapeau</b>	<b>chancellor</b>	<b>chapeau</b>
<b>chalice</b>	<b>chancery</b>	
<b>chalicosis</b>	<b>chancel</b>	
n / kälə'kōsōs / Gk > L a pulmonary disease occurring among stonemasons that is caused by inhalation of stone dust. <i>Chalicosis afflicted an alarming number of workers at the monument plant.</i>	n / 'chan(t)s(ə)lə(r) / L > F > E a university officer of high rank. <i>Professor Burns has all the requirements to be the next chancellor of Highland College.</i>	n / sha'pō / L > F [Note: Plural form can be pronounced identically. In addition, word has near homonyms: chapon, shapo.] a hat. <i>Pierre doffed his chapeau when he entered the room.</i>
<b>chaplaincy</b>	<b>chapelin</b>	<b>chapelin</b>

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<b>chaplet</b>	<b>charcoal</b>	<b>chasmophyte</b>
n / 'chaplət / L > F > E a garland or wreath to be worn on the head. <i>Rosalie gazed admiringly at the painting of the maiden in a scarlet gown with a chaplet of flowers on her head.</i>	n / 'chär.kəl / (F + E) > E a dark-colored or black porous form of carbon used for fuel and various other mechanical, artistic, and chemical processes. <i>The only supplies Debbie needs for her drawing class are charcoal and a sketch pad.</i>	n / 'kazməfɪt / Gk a plant that grows in the crevices of rocks. <i>There was just enough soil for the chasmophyte to grow in the chinks between rocks on the cliff.</i>
<b>character</b>	<b>chariot</b>	<b>chassepot</b>
n / 'karəktə(r) / Gk > L > F > E personality as represented or realized in fiction or drama. <i>The main character in the play is Joan of Arc.</i>	<b>charlatan</b> n / 'shärlətən / It a pretender to medical knowledge : quack. <i>A consumer group called the herbal potion vendor a "charlatan."</i>	<b>chassis</b> n / 'chassē / L > F the frame upon which is mounted the body (as of an automobile or airplane). <i>Gary popped his slot car's body back onto the chassis and set the vehicle back on the track.</i>
<b>characteristic</b>	<b>chartaceous</b>	<b>chasuble</b>
adj / .karəktə'ristik / Gk belonging to or especially typical of the essential nature of. <i>At last Meg looked at him, pushing her glasses in characteristic gesture.</i>	adj / kär'tāshəs / Gk > L + Ecf resembling paper : made of paper. <i>Andrew collected a handful of chartaceous dead leaves.</i>	n / 'chazəbəl / L > F an outer ecclesiastical garment in the form of a sleeveless cloak or mantle that slips over the wearer's head but remains open at the sides. <i>The priest wore a white chasuble to celebrate Sunday mass.</i>
<b>charactonym</b>	<b>chartreuse</b>	<b>chateaubriand</b>
n / 'karəktə.nim / Gk > L > F > E a name especially for a fictional character that suggests a distinctive trait of the character. <i>In his novel Breakfast at Tiffany's, Truman Capote gave his protagonist the charactonym "Holly Golightly."</i>	n / shär'trüz / L > F trademark a variable color averaging a brilliant yellow green. <i>Elsie commented that the chartreuse vehicle looked like a huge dollop of wasabi.</i>	n / .sha.tōbrē'ä / F name a thick tenderloin steak. <i>The server commented that both the prime rib and the chateaubriand were excellent menu choices.</i>
<b>charango</b>	<b>chary</b>	<b>chatoyant</b>
n / chə'ran(.)gō / Sp a small guitar of Spanish America with a body typically made of an animal shell. <i>Luisa plucked the melody of the song on the charango.</i>	<b>chasm</b> n / 'kazəm / Gk > L a deep opening : a narrow, deep steep-walled valley, gorge or canyon. <i>Earthquake tremors opened a great chasm in the valley.</i>	<b>chattel</b>
		<b>Chaucerian</b>
		adj / chō'sirēən / E name of, relating to, befitting, or resembling the English medieval writer Geoffrey Chaucer or his writings. <i>The old Chaucerian manuscript was unfortunately not on display when Hugh visited the museum.</i>

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<b>chauffeur</b>	<b>cheapskate</b>	<b>chevelure</b>
n / 'shōfə(r) / F [has homonyms: shofar, shophar] one that is employed to operate a motor vehicle for the transportation of persons. <i>Henry hired a chauffeur to pick up his grandmother at the airport.</i>	n / 'chēp-skāt / E + ON > E a person unwilling to share expenses or give : miser. <i>Tom accused Cathy of being a cheapskate after learning that she recycled gifts.</i>	n / .shevə'lū(ə)r / L > F a nebulous envelope (as around the nucleus of a comet). <i>The chevelure of Halley's comet was much dimmer than expected at its last appearance.</i>
<b>chaussure</b>	<b>cheilion</b>	<b>chianti</b>
n / shō'sū(ə)r / L > F > E footgear. <i>Before entering the mosque, all are required to remove their chaussure.</i>	<b>chemicalize</b>	<b>chicanery</b>
<b>chautauqua</b>	<b>chemistry</b>	n / shē'kān(ə)rē / F
n / shē'tōkwə / N Amer geog name an institution of the late 19th and early 20th centuries that combined popular education with entertainment, often presented outdoors or in a tent. <i>Chautauqua declined with the advent of radio.</i>	<b>chemotherapy</b>	deception by artful subterfuge or misrepresentation : trickery. <i>The mayor was dogged by allegations of financial chicanery and links to organized crime.</i>
<b>chauvinism</b>	<b>chenille</b>	<b>chicle</b>
n / 'shōvə.nizəm / F name undue especially invidious partiality for a group or place to which one belongs or has belonged. <i>Chauvinism is alive and well in the school's alumni association.</i>	<b>cheongsam</b>	<b>chiclero</b>
<b>chauvinistic</b>	n / 'chōng.säm / Chinese a dress with a slit skirt and a mandarin collar. <i>Elizabeth's cheongsam had a teardrop-shaped opening below the collar closed by a single frog button.</i>	n / chi'kler(,)ō / Sp a gatherer of latex from the sapodilla tree. <i>Toby interviewed a chiclero for the journal.</i>
<b>chayote</b>	<b>chernozem</b>	<b>chieftain</b>
n / chä'yōdē / Nahuatl > Sp the rounded or pear-shaped fruit of a West Indian annual vine of the cucumber family that is widely cultivated as a vegetable. <i>Aaron went to three different grocery stores, but none carried the chayote that he needed for his recipe.</i>	n / 'chernəz.yōm / Russ any of a group of dark-colored zonal soils with a deep rich humus horizon found in regions (as the grasslands of central North America) of temperate to cool climate. <i>The rich chernozem of Ukraine has helped it earn a reputation as "the breadbasket of Eastern Europe."</i>	<b>chiffon</b>
<b>cheroot</b>	<b>cheroot</b>	n / shē'rüt / Tamil a cigar cut off square at both ends. <i>Josephine had to leave the room whenever her uncle lit up a cheroot.</i>
	n / shē'rüt / Tamil a cigar cut off square at both ends. <i>Josephine had to leave the room whenever her uncle lit up a cheroot.</i>	<b>chiffonade</b>
		n / .shifə'nād / F shredded or finely cut vegetables used in soup or salad dressing. <i>Lettuce and sorrel are often made into chiffonade to garnish soups.</i>

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### chignon

n  
/ 'shēn.yān /  
L > F

a smooth arrangement of hair worn at the back of the head especially at the nape of the neck.

*To emphasize her long neck, Cecile combed her hair into a tight chignon.*

### Chihuahua

n  
/ chē'wā(,)wā /  
Mexican geog name

a very small round-headed large-eared short-coated dog reputed to antedate Aztec civilization.

*A popular fast food restaurant chain has used a talking Chihuahua in its advertisements.*

### chilblains

n pl  
/ 'chil.blānz /  
E + E

instances of redness and swelling of toes, fingers, nose, or ears or sometimes cheeks in cold weather accompanied by itching and burning of skin.

*The children stayed out in the snow too long and ended up suffering from chilblains.*

### chime

### chimerical

adj  
/ kī'merikəl /  
Gk + Ecff

[Note: Could be confused with chimeric and chimera.] unreal and existing only as the product of wild unrestrained imagination.

*Many video games pit the player against chimerical monsters.*

### chimney

### chimpanzee

n  
/ .chim.pan'zē /  
Kongo

an anthropoid ape of equatorial Africa that is smaller and more arboreal than the gorilla.

*The chimpanzee shows inventiveness in making and using tools.*

### chinchilla

n  
/ chin'chilə /  
Aimara or Quechua > Sp

a small rodent the size of a large squirrel having very soft fur of a pearly gray color and native to the mountains of Peru and Chile but now extensively bred in captivity. *The chinchilla was introduced into the United States in 1923.*

### chinook

n  
/ shō'nük /  
Chehalis

a warm moist southwest wind of the Pacific coastal region from Oregon northward.

*The mild temperatures are thanks to a chinook that rolls over the Canadian Rockies.*

### chiragra

n  
/ kī'ragrə /  
Gk

pain in the hand.

*Aunt Molly's chiragra keeps her from writing many letters.*

### chiropodist

### chisel

n  
/ 'chizəl /  
L? > F > E

a tool consisting of a metal bar with a sharpened edge at one end that is used for chipping, carving, or cutting into solid material and is often driven by a mallet.

*With chisel and mallet, Fred started shaping the block of wood into a model.*

### chistera

### chivalrous

adj  
/ 'shivəlrəs /  
F > E

marked by especial courtesy and high-minded disinterested consideration to women.

*Chivalrous behaviors of previous generations are less common in today's atmosphere of equal rights for women.*

### chivalry

n  
/ 'shivəlrē /  
F > E

qualifications or character of the ideal knight of the age of chivalry according to the romantic tradition of courtesy, gallantry, and honor. *To the knights of the Round Table, chivalry was of primary importance.*

### chlorine

n  
/ 'klōrēn /  
Gk > L + Ecff  
a common nonmetallic element that is used chiefly as a powerful bleaching, oxidizing, and disinfecting agent.  
*Samantha refused to swim on Thursday because someone put too much chlorine in the pool.*

### chocolate

adj  
/ 'chäklät /  
Nahuatl > Sp  
of a warm light brown color approximating the color of fresh milk chocolate.  
*Eva plans to put her chocolate mink coat in storage until the animal rights activists are less vocal.*

### cholera

n  
/ 'kälərə /  
Gk > L  
any of several diseases of man and domestic animals usually marked by severe gastrointestinal symptoms.  
*Cholera is a major public health concern in many tropical countries.*

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<b>choleric</b> adj / 'kälərɪk / Gk > L > F > E angry, irate, wrathful. <i>The vice-principal was ill suited to his job; he was impatient and choleric.</i>	<b>chowder</b> n / 'chaūdə(r) / L > F a soup or stew of seafood (as clams or white-fleshed sea fishes) usually made with milk and containing salt pork or bacon, onions, and potatoes and sometimes other vegetables. <i>Dean and Susan went to the beach to collect clams for chowder.</i>	<b>chronic</b> adj / 'kränik / Gk marked by long duration and by frequent recurrence over a long time. <i>Clarence never looked forward to eating because he was troubled with chronic indigestion.</i>
<b>cholesterol</b>	<b>chrematistic</b>	<b>chronically</b>
<b>cholesterosis</b> n / kə'lestə'rōsəs / Gk > ISV abnormal deposition of cholesterol in the blood. <i>Cholesterosis can often be moderated by changes in diet.</i>	adj / .krēmə'tistik / Gk of, relating to, or occupied in the gaining of wealth. <i>Chrematistic industrialists cared little about the living conditions of their employees.</i>	<b>chronicle</b>
<b>chonolith</b> n / 'kōnə'lith / Gk an intrusive igneous rock mass of wholly irregular form. <i>Ages ago a huge chonolith formed at the base of the volcano as it erupted.</i>	<b>chrestomathy</b> n / kre'stäməthē / Gk a selection of passages from various authors compiled as an aid to learning a language. <i>At the end of each chapter of the textbook was a chrestomathy illustrating a particular rule of grammar.</i>	<b>chronological</b>
<b>choose</b>	<b>chromatic</b>	<b>chrysalis</b>
<b>choreographer</b> n / .kōrē'ägrəfə(r) / Gk > F one engaging in the composing and often the teaching of stage dancing. <i>Martha Graham was a celebrated choreographer of modern dance.</i>	adj / krō'madik / Gk of or relating to color or color phenomena or sensations. <i>As Doris walked home during the shower, she admired the chromatic splendors of a huge rainbow.</i>	n / 'krisəlēs / Sem > Gk > L an insect (as a butterfly or moth) in the pupal stage of its development in which it is enclosed in a firm case. <i>Bob and Sam put the chrysalis in a dry container and kept it in the hope that a butterfly would later emerge.</i>
<b>chortle</b>	<b>chromium</b>	<b>chrysanthemum</b>
<b>chortling</b>	adj / 'krōmēəm / Gk > F > L a blue-white metallic element found naturally only in combination and used especially in alloys and in electroplating. <i>The car's bumpers were plated with chromium to make them shiny.</i>	n / krō'san(t)thēməm / Gk > L any plant or flower of a large genus of perennial herbs that are widely distributed in the Old World and that are cultivated for their showy often double and brightly colored flower heads. <i>Orlando's chrysanthemum won first prize at the flower show.</i>
<b>chorus</b> n / 'kōrəs / Gk [has homonym: koras] a group of dancers and usually singers supporting the featured players in a musical comedy or revue. <i>The chorus joined the principal singers in the musical's finale.</i>	<b>churlish</b> adj / 'chrēlīsh / E difficult to work with or deal with. <i>Although he was a brilliant conductor, Toscanini could be churlish at times.</i>	
<b>chough</b>	<b>chromotrichial</b>	<b>churn</b> v / 'chrērn / E produce or be in violent agitation. <i>Landon's stomach will churn at the thought of public speaking.</i>

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<b>churrasco</b>	<b>Ciceronian</b>	<b>cinnabar</b>
n / chü'räskō / Sp beef broiled on a spit over an open fire or grilled under an oven flame. <i>At the barbecue the whole family feasted on the churrasco that Dad cooked.</i>	adj / .sis'ərōnēən / L name resembling the Roman orator Cicero in oratorical or literary qualities. <i>Beulah's Ciceronian bombast about Destiny and Youth impressed the audience.</i>	n / 'sinəbär / Gk > L&F artificial red mercuric sulfide used principally as a pigment. <i>The orange color of rubber gaskets is often created by the addition of cinnabar.</i>
<b>chutney</b>	<b>ciguatera</b>	<b>cinnamon</b>
n / 'chətnē / Prakrit > Hindi a condiment that has the consistency of jam and is made of acid fruits with added raisins, dates, and onions and seasoned to taste with spices and vinegar. <i>Spicy or sweet chutney is sometimes eaten with Indian meals containing curry.</i>	n / .sēgwo'terə / Taino > Sp poisoning caused by eating fish or mollusks with flesh toxic to man. <i>Although she contracted ciguatera in June, Constance could not return to work until November.</i>	n / 'sinəmən / ? > Gk > L > F > E a culinary spice prepared from the bark of certain tropical trees. <i>Akbar likes cinnamon in his hot chocolate.</i>
<b>chymous</b>	<b>cilantro</b>	<b>cioppino</b>
adj / 'kiməs / Gk + Ecf of or relating to the semifluid mass of partly digested food resulting from the action of gastric juice. <i>One of the coroner's less pleasant tasks is testing chymous material.</i>	n / sə'ləntrō / L > Sp leaves of coriander used as a flavoring or garnish. <i>In Janet's opinion, the best part of the fresh salsa was the chopped cilantro.</i>	n / chə'pē.nō / It a dish of fish and shellfish cooked in tomato sauce and usually seasoned with wine, spices, and herbs. <i>After an afternoon at the beach, Beverly stopped at a local restaurant for cioppino and coffee.</i>
<b>ciborium</b>	<b>cincture</b>	<b>circadian</b>
<b>cicada</b>		<b>circinate</b>
n / sə'kādə / L any insect of the family Cicadidae—called also “locust.” <i>The male cicada produces sound by vibrating miniature “drumheads” on the lower surface of its abdomen.</i>	v / 'sing(k)chə(r) / L girdle with or as if with a belt or band. <i>For the Halloween party, Evelina chose to cincture her gypsy costume with a spangled belt.</i>	adj / 'sərs'n.āt / L rounded in outline : characterized by or having the form of a flat coil of which the apex is the center. <i>The retracted tongue of a butterfly forms a circinate coil.</i>
<b>cicerone</b>	<b>cinematographer</b>	<b>circuit</b>
n / sisə'rōnē / L > It one who acts as a guide to or shows the sights to. <i>At the end of the tour, Maria praised her cicerone as being very knowledgeable and articulate.</i>	n / .sinəmə'tägrəfə(r) / Gk a motion-picture camera operator. <i>Darina won the award for outstanding cinematographer at last year's Montreal Film Festival.</i>	n / 'sərkət / L > F the complete path of an electric current. <i>The average electrical house circuit carries about 30 amperes.</i>
	<b>cinereous</b>	

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<b>circuitous</b>	<b>cislunar</b>	<b>civitas</b>
adj / sər'kyüədəs / L being a circular or winding course : indirect, roundabout. <i>As we drove through the mountains, the road took an increasingly circuitous route.</i>	adj / sis'lünə(r) / L + L of or relating to the space between Earth and the Moon or the Moon's orbit. <i>The space enthusiast talked often about the practicalities of setting up a colony in the cislunar region.</i>	n / 'kēwē.täs / L a body of people constituting a politically organized community. <i>The concept of civitas remains strong in many small towns.</i>
<b>circular</b>	<b>cistern</b>	<b>clairvoyant</b>
<b>circumambulate</b>		<b>clandestine</b>
v / sərkəm'ambyəlāt / L wander about at leisure without definite purpose or as a result of indirection. <i>Her first day in London, Connie decided to circumambulate instead of taking a guided tour.</i>	n / 'sistə(r)n / L > F > E [has homonym: sistern] an artificial reservoir or tank for holding or storing water or other liquids. <i>Three weeks into the drought, the farm's cistern ran dry.</i>	adj / klan'destīn / L marked by, held in, or conducted with secrecy and concealment. <i>Mike and Sally made clandestine preparations for their mom's surprise birthday party.</i>
<b>circumlocution</b>	<b>citadel</b>	<b>claque</b>
n / sərkəmlō'kyūshən / L the use of an unnecessarily large number of words to express an idea. <i>The attorney's circumlocution caused one of the jurors to doze off.</i>	n / 'sidəd'l / L > It > F a fortress that commands a city both for control and defense; broadly : a strong fortress. <i>The citadel had three separate walls around it so that defenders could retreat again and again to a position of safety.</i>	n / 'klak / F [has homonym: clack] an opera hat with a collapsible crown. <i>As the gentleman entered the opera house, he doffed and flattened his claque.</i>
<b>circumstantial</b>	<b>citation</b>	<b>claret</b>
adj / sərkəmz'tanchəl / L + Ecf belonging to, consisting of, influenced by, or dependent on conditions, facts, or events accompanying others. <i>The report contains strong circumstantial evidence of wrongdoing by the governor.</i>	<b>cite</b>	<b>clarify</b>
<b>cirrhosis</b>	<b>citify</b>	<b>clarion</b>
n / sə'rōsəs / Gk + Lcf [has homonym and near homonym: sorosis and xerosis] a chronic progressive disease of the liver. <i>The damage caused by cirrhosis is irreversible.</i>	<b>citizen</b>	<b>claustrophobe</b>
	<b>citronella</b>	<b>claustrophobia</b>
	n / sitrə'nelə / F > L a yellowish essential oil with lemonlike odor obtained from either of two grasses and used especially as an insect repellent. <i>Candles containing citronella were kept burning on the picnic table.</i>	n / klōstrə'fōbēə / Gk + Gk abnormal dread of being in closed or narrow spaces. <i>Herman's claustrophobia keeps him from flying on crowded airplanes.</i>
		<b>clavichord</b>

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<b>clavicle</b> n / 'klavékəl / L a bone in man situated just above the first rib on either side of the neck and having the form of a narrow elongated S. <i>Garth wore shoulder pads to football practice to protect his clavicle.</i>	<b>clerisy</b> n / 'klerəsē / L > G the well-educated or learned class : intelligentsia. <i>Many believe that laws should be readily understood by the general public, not solely by an elite clerisy.</i>	<b>cloche</b> n / klōsh / L > F [alternate pronunciation has homonym: clog] a woman's small helmetlike hat usually with deep rounded crown and very narrow brim. <i>At the Thatchers' wedding Margaret looked smashing in her white ostrich-feather cloche.</i>
<b>claviger</b> n / 'klavéjə(r) / L one that keeps the key or keys : custodian, warden. <i>Because she had forgotten her key, Marsha needed to locate the claviger, Mr. Carl, to open her classroom door.</i>	<b>clientele</b> n / kliən'tel / L > F a body of patrons or customers. <i>Bill hopes to enlarge the clientele of the shoe store.</i>	<b>clodhopper</b> n / 'kläd.häpə(r) / E + E a large heavy shoe. <i>The thump of Archie's clodhopper hitting the floor announced that he was going to bed.</i>
<b>clematis</b> n / 'klemədēs / Gk a plant of a genus of opposite-leaved slightly woody vines or erect herbs having elongate plumose styles. <i>The clematis is cultivated in North America for its attractive flowers.</i>	<b>clinician</b> n / klé'nishən / Gk > F one who directs, is closely allied with, or works in or through a clinic or with clinical methods. <i>At the hospital a clinician drew a vial of Harry's blood to test for diabetes.</i>	<b>cloistered</b>
<b>clemency</b> n / 'klemənsē / L [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] tendency to be mild and compassionate. <i>Emma supposed she must say more before she would be entitled to Mr. Knightley's clemency.</i>	<b>clinquant</b> adj / 'klinkənt / F glittering especially with gold decoration : showily ornate. <i>The theater lobby in its clinquant splendor cast dazzling reflections from every gleaming surface.</i>	<b>clothe</b> v / 'klōth / E put garments on. <i>Elizabeth Cady Stanton stressed that she did not propose petitioning the legislature to clothe every woman in male attire.</i>
<b>clepsydra</b> n / 'klepsədrə / Gk > L an instrument designed to measure time by the flow of a quantity of water. <i>For his science project Kerry designed and built a clepsydra.</i>	<b>clique</b> n / 'klik / F [alternate pronunciation has homonym: cleek] a narrow exclusive circle or group of people. <i>Sofia didn't want to be part of the popular clique because she thought they were the most boring kids in school.</i>	<b>closure</b>
		<b>cloudy</b> adj / 'klaūdē / E made or consisting of fog, mist, or haze. <i>The mountain with its cloudy veil inspired Sven's painting.</i>
		<b>clough</b>
		<b>clowder</b>
		<b>cluse</b> n / klüz / L > F [has homonym: clues] a narrow gorge cutting transversely through an otherwise continuous ridge. <i>Although Brian studied the trail map carefully, he found no mention of the cluse that barred his way.</i>

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<b>cnemial</b>	<b>coalition</b>	<b>cocoon</b>
adj / 'nēmēəl / Gk + E relating to the shin or shinbone. <i>Bud suffered a cnemial injury while quarterbacking in the game last night.</i>	n / .kōə'lishən / L > F + Ecf the temporary alliance of distinct parties, persons, or states to achieve a common purpose. <i>Representatives from a coalition of labor unions met with the multinational corporation's lawyers in an attempt to work out a new contract.</i>	n / kə'kün / L > Prov > F a silky or fibrous protective encasement created by a larval insect for shelter during the pupal stage. <i>Ricky found the cocoon of a moth clinging to a branch of an oak tree.</i>
<b>coacervate</b>	<b>coaming</b>	<b>codeine</b>
n / .kōə'sərvāt / L an aggregate of colloidal droplets held together by electrostatic attractive forces. <i>The chemist referred to the aggregation of liquid particles in an emulsion as a coacervate.</i>		n / 'kō(.)dēn / Gk + F a crystalline alkaloid usually made from morphine but feebler in action. <i>The patient was given codeine to kill the pain.</i>
<b>coadjutor</b>	<b>coaration</b>	<b>codicil</b>
n / .kōə'jüdə(r) / L > F > E one who works together with another usually in a somewhat subordinate position : assistant. <i>Offended by being called a "lackey," Marcus prefers to be called a "coadjutor."</i>	n / .kōə'rāshən / L cooperative tilling of soil as practiced by early village communities. <i>The villagers found that coaration was the most efficient system for cultivating the land.</i>	n / 'kädəsəl / L > F a legal instrument made subsequently to a will and modifying it in some respects. <i>Robert had his lawyer draw up a codicil to clarify a few ambiguities in his will.</i>
<b>coagulate</b>	<b>coax</b>	<b>codicology</b>
v / kō'agyə.lāt / L curdle, clot. <i>Hemophiliacs lack a protein needed to help blood coagulate.</i>		
<b>coalesce</b>	<b>coccygeal</b>	<b>coelostat</b>
v / .kōə'les / L unite by growth into one body. <i>The nervous host hoped that the tight little groups of guests would coalesce into a real party.</i>	n / 'kächə.nēl / Sp > F a red dyestuff consisting of the dried bodies of the cochineal insect. <i>Before the introduction of synthetic dyes, cochineal was commonly used in textile production.</i>	n / 'sēləstat / L > ISV + GK > ISV a device consisting of a flat mirror that is turned slowly by a motor to reflect the Sun continuously into a fixed telescope. <i>Professor Merkle plans to use a coelostat to photograph the movements of planetary bodies.</i>
<b>coalescence</b>	<b>cochleariform</b>	<b>coerce</b>
n / .kōə'les̩n(t)s / L a growing together or union in one body, form, or group. <i>Rain is the result of the coalescence of water droplets within a cloud.</i>	v / .kōklē'a(a)rō.fōrm / Gk > L + Ecf shaped like a spoon. <i>Jacques theorized that the cochleariform bone was used in prehistoric times as a spoon.</i>	
<b>coalification</b>	<b>cockatoo</b>	<b>coercion</b>
		<b>coeval</b>
		adj / kō'ēvəl / L + Ecf of the same or equal age or antiquity. <i>Nearly the same in mass and brightness, the stars were thought to be coeval.</i>

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<b>coffee</b>	<b>cointise</b>	<b>collate</b>
<b>cogent</b>	n / kwan'tēz /	v / kə'lāt /
<b>cogitate</b>	F > E a scarf worn on a lady's headdress or as a token of favor on a knight's helmet. <i>Sir Agravaine proudly displayed the bright red cointise.</i>	L arrange or assemble (paper, sheets, or forms) according to an orderly system. <i>Edith's favorite feature of the new copier was its ability to collate documents.</i>
<b>cogitating</b>	<b>colectomy</b>	<b>collateral</b>
<b>cognizant</b>	<b>colic</b>	adj / kə'lādərəl /
adj / 'kägnəzənt / L > F > E aware : perceiving with a degree of controlled thought or observation. <i>Watching television commercials can make viewers more cognizant of fads and fashions.</i>	n / 'kälik / Gk > L > F > E acute abdominal pain in man or animals. <i>Last spring Sam's horse had colic.</i>	L > F > E [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] placed or regarded as side by side : parallel, coordinate, or corresponding in position, order, time, or significance. <i>Mexico's Sierra Madre Oriental and Occidental mountain ranges are collateral.</i>
<b>cognomen</b>	<b>collabent</b>	<b>college</b>
n / käg'nōmən / L one's family name : surname. <i>The cognomen "Crane" fit the physical attributes of the tall, lank, long-armed, and shovel-footed Ichabod, whose whole frame most loosely hung together.</i>	adj / kō'lābənt / L sunken or falling in : collapsing in the middle. <i>Orville poked the collabent anthill with a stick.</i>	n / kälij / L [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] an organized group of persons engaged in a common pursuit, having a common duty or role and sometimes a charter or special rights and privileges. <i>Pope John Paul II was 58 years old when the College of Cardinals elected him to lead the Roman Catholic Church.</i>
<b>cognoscitive</b>	<b>collaborator</b>	<b>collegial</b>
adj / käg'näsətiv / L + EcF having the power of knowing. <i>Lillian explained to her friends that her cognoscitive ability was innate, something like a sixth sense.</i>	n / kə'labərādə(r) / L [has near homonym: collaborateur] one that works jointly with others. <i>Sir William Gilbert was Arthur Sullivan's collaborator for many operettas.</i>	<b>colliery</b>
<b>coherence</b>	<b>collage</b>	
<b>cohesion</b>	n / kə'lāzh / Gk > LF + Fcf an artistic composition of fragments of printed matter and other materials pasted on a picture surface. <i>Sabrina spent weeks finishing a large collage of a Paris street scene.</i>	n / 'kälyərē / E [has near homonym: colory] a coal mine and the buildings connected with it. <i>The colliery around which the village was built closed when its reserves of coal were exhausted.</i>
<b>coincidental</b>		<b>collocal</b>
adj / kō.insə'dent'l / L characterized by the concurrence of events between which there is no causal connection. <i>It was purely coincidental that the electricity went off just as the guests began to arrive for the surprise party.</i>		<b>colloquial</b>

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<b>colloquy</b>	<b>coloratura</b>	<b>commemorate</b>
n / 'käləkwē / L high-level serious discussion. <i>Listeners in the gallery must remain silent during the legislators' colloquy.</i>	n / kələrətūrə / L > It [Note: Could be confused with colorature.] the florid ornamentation in vocal music (as runs, trills, arpeggios). <i>Barry thinks that he would enjoy opera music more if it did not contain so much coloratura.</i>	v / kə'memərāt / L call to remembrance as by speech, writing, or ceremony. <i>Every year on December seventh, ceremonies are held to commemorate those who died during the attack on Pearl Harbor.</i>
<b>collusion</b>	<b>colossal</b>	<b>commencement</b>
n / kə'lüzhən / L secret agreement : secret cooperation for a fraudulent or deceitful purpose. <i>For acting in collusion with an enemy agent, the nuclear scientist was sentenced to 20 years in prison.</i>	adj / kə'läsəl / Gk > L > F characterized by extremely great bulk, extent, force, strength, power, or effect. <i>The new stadium is a colossal building seating about a hundred thousand people.</i>	<b>commendable</b> adj / kə'mendəbəl / L worthy of praise. <i>Jim received several scholarships as a result of his commendable academic performance.</i>
<b>cologne</b>	<b>column</b>	<b>commensurable</b>
n / kə'lōn / G name > F a perfumed liquid composed of alcohol and certain aromatic oils. <i>The taxi driver sprayed expensive cologne in his cab every evening.</i>	<b>comedienne</b> n / kəmēdē'en / Gk > F [Note: Could be confused with comedian.] an actress who plays in dramas of light and amusing character and typically with a happy ending. <i>Lucille Ball was America's favorite comedienne during the 1950s.</i>	<b>commensurate</b> adj / kə'men(t)s(ə)rət / L corresponding in size, extent, amount, or degree : proportionate. <i>The want ad stated that salary would be commensurate with experience.</i>
<b>colonel</b>	<b>comestible</b>	<b>commentary</b>
<b>colonelcy</b>	<b>comet</b>	<b>commercial</b>
n / 'kərn'lśē / L > It > F + Ecf the office, rank, or commission of a colonel. <i>Nathan announced that he was being considered for a colonelcy in the infantry.</i>	adj / 'kämōt / Gk a celestial body that consists of a fuzzy head usually surrounding a bright nucleus and that has an orbit varying in eccentricity. <i>The vaunted Kohoutek comet proved to be a great disappointment for stargazers.</i>	adj / kə'mərshəl / L > F + Ecf from the point of view of profit : having profit as the primary aim. <i>Leila was determined that her jewelry store would be a commercial success.</i>
<b>colonnade</b>	<b>comfort</b>	<b>commercialize</b>
<b>colophon</b>		v / kə'mərshəlīz / L > F + Ecff make use of for profit-seeking purposes. <i>The Hopi denounced those who would commercialize their religious dances and ceremonies.</i>
n / 'käləfən / Gk an identifying mark, emblem, or device used by a printer or publisher sometimes on the title page, cover, shelfback, or jacket. <i>The publisher decided on the figure of a Russian wolfhound as its colophon.</i>		

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<b>commination</b>	<b>commute</b>	<b>complement</b>
n /kämə'nāshən/ L [Note: Could be confused with combination.] an instance or the action of announcing, warning of, or threatening punishment or vengeance. <i>The president ended his speech with a severe commination against the rebels.</i>	v /kə'myüt/ L travel back and forth regularly or frequently. <i>For his work, Horst must commute daily between Philadelphia and New York.</i>	n /kämpləmənt/ L a finishing or consummating part, integral, or component. <i>The earrings made the perfect complement to Anjali's ensemble.</i>
<b>comminate</b>	<b>comparatively</b>	<b>comprehend</b>
<b>commiseration</b>	adv /kəm'parədivlē/ L nearly, approximately. <i>"Well, approximately yes," he replied; "that is, comparatively no."</i>	v /kämprə'hend/ L > E see the nature, significance, or meaning of. <i>Although he had read every word of Moby Dick, Stu failed to comprehend it.</i>
<b>commiseration</b>	<b>compatible</b>	<b>compulsory</b>
n /kəmizə'rāshən/ L the feeling or showing of sorrow or the expression of condolence for the wants or distresses of another. <i>Aunt Betsy sighed and moralized with true and steady commiseration.</i>	<b>compelled</b> v /kəm'peld/ L forced by physical necessity. <i>Artie was compelled to hold his breath while swimming under water.</i>	<b>compunction</b> n /kəm'pəŋ(k)shən/ L normal human regret, pity, or anxiety : remorse. <i>The children showed no compunction about having eaten the entire cake before dinner.</i>
<b>commissionary</b>	<b>compendium</b>	<b>compunctious</b>
<b>commissional</b>	n /kəm'pendēəm/ L a work treating in brief form the important features of a whole field of knowledge or subject matter category. <i>Eileen is writing a compendium of investment information for small company shareholders.</i>	<b>computernik</b>
<b>commitment</b>	<b>compensable</b>	<b>comradeliness</b>
n /kə'mitmənt/ L the consignment or sentencing to confinement (as in a prison or mental hospital). <i>Tony's sentence included commitment to the state penitentiary for at least five years.</i>	<b>competency</b> n /'kämpdənsē/ L the quality or state of being functionally adequate. <i>The prospective student questioned the competency of the professor.</i>	n /käm.radlēnēs/ L > Sp > F + Ecff a spirit of friendly familiarity and goodwill. <i>The comradeliness of her shipmates put Mrs. Stein at ease.</i>
<b>commodious</b>	<b>competently</b>	<b>comstockery</b>
adj /kə'mōdēəs/ L > F > E + Lcf + Ecf large or roomy and convenient. <i>Leo and his family rented a modest but commodious villa in Spain.</i>	<b>compilation</b>	<b>concatenate</b> v /kän'kadə.nāt/ L link together : unite in a series or chain. <i>The professor told the class to write a program that would concatenate two or more files.</i>
<b>commorancy</b>		<b>conceit</b>
<b>communicate</b>		<b>conceivable</b>

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<b>conceivably</b>	<b>conch</b>	<b>concinnity</b>
<b>concentrate</b>	n / 'kän(t)sən.trāt / L + Ecf bring all one's powers, faculties, or activities to bear : focus. <i>Anthony couldn't concentrate on the reading material because he was sick.</i>	n / kən'sinədē / L harmony or fitness in the adaptation of parts to a whole or to each other. <i>After reading through the writer's first draft, the editor praised the writer for her consistency and concinnity of style.</i>
<b>concentric</b>	<b>conchiform</b>	<b>conclamant</b>
adj / kən'sentrik / L having a common center (as circles one within another). <i>Shane stared at the concentric circles of the dart board for so long that he seemed to be hypnotized.</i>	adj / 'känkə.fōrm / Gk > L > ISV shell-shaped. <i>Mom keeps her jewelry in a conchiform box.</i>	<b>concoct</b> v / kən'käkt / L put together : devise, fabricate. <i>Mom overheard the boys concoct a story to explain the broken window.</i>
<b>concept</b>	<b>conchitic</b>	<b>concoction</b>
n / 'kän.sept / L thought, idea, notion. <i>Julie's concept of an entertaining movie was not the same as her younger brother's.</i>	adj / käj'kidik / Gk composed of shells. <i>The professor brought in a piece of conchitic limestone so students could examine the mollusk shells in it.</i>	<b>concomitant</b> adj / kən'kämədənt / L occurring along with or at the same time as and with or without causal relationship. <i>Mr. Simmons noted that his son's poor grades in algebra were concomitant with the start of the basketball season.</i>
<b>concertina</b>	<b>concierge</b>	<b>concordat</b>
<b>concerto</b>	n / kən'cherd(,)ō / L > It a virtuoso piece for solo instrument or voice and orchestra that usually has three contrasting movements. <i>A violin concerto by Vivaldi concluded the orchestra's program.</i>	n / kō'n'syerzh / L > F an attendant at the entrance of a building : doorkeeper. <i>The concierge took note of the mysterious man's comings and goings at the hotel.</i>
<b>concessible</b>	<b>conciergerie</b>	<b>concile</b>
<b>concession</b>	<b>conciliate</b>	v / kən'seshən / L the admitting of a point claimed in argument; especially : the voluntary yielding of a disputable contention. <i>Concession was out of the question, but it was time to appear to forget that they had ever quarreled.</i>
<b>concessionary</b>	n / kən'silē.āt / L win over from a state of hostility or distrust : appease. <i>The new king hoped to conciliate his subjects by doing them all the good in his power.</i>	<b>concrescence</b>

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<b>concurrence</b>	<b>condor</b>	<b>confluence</b>
n / kən'kərən(t)s / L [has homonym: concurrents] agreement in opinion. <i>Frank agreed to it, but with so quiet a "Yes," as inclined Emma almost to doubt his real concurrence.</i>	n / 'kän.dō(ə)r / Quechua > Sp a very large American vulture having the head and neck bare and being one of the largest and most powerful of flying birds. <i>Of all the birds of prey at the zoo, the Andean condor is Alison's favorite.</i>	n / 'kän.flüən(t)s / L the place of meeting of two streams. <i>Martina agreed to meet Lynn at the confluence of Rogers Creek and the Little Red River.</i>
<b>concussion</b>	<b>conductor</b>	<b>confusion</b>
n / kən'keshən / L a smart or hard knock, blow, or collision; also : the shock of such a blow. <i>When Amy slipped on the ice she nearly suffered a concussion.</i>	<b>conduit</b> n / 'kän(.)düēt / F > E a natural or artificial channel through which water or other fluid passes or is conveyed. <i>Grandfather showed Logan the conduit that irrigated his large garden.</i>	<b>conga</b> n / 'kängə / African geog name a Cuban dance of African origin involving three steps followed by a kick and performed by a group in single file. <i>When he was a child, Jimmy loved to dance the conga.</i>
<b>condemn</b>	<b>conferential</b>	<b>congeal</b>
v / kən'dem / L [has near homonym: contemn] pronounce as ill-advised, reprehensible, wrong, or evil. <i>Often custom justifies an action that years later it will condemn.</i>	<b>confetti</b> n pl / kən'fedē / L > It tiny colored paper disks or paper streamers so made as to scatter readily when thrown. <i>Ticker tape and confetti swirled like snow over the crowded street.</i>	<b>congenial</b> adj / kən'jēnyəl / L characterized by friendly sociability. <i>Paul and Linda appreciated the restaurant's congenial atmosphere.</i>
<b>condescended</b>	<b>confiscate</b>	<b>congenital</b>
v / .kändə'sendēd / L > F > E + Ecf stooped or bent to action or speech less formal or dignified than is customary in one's social rank. <i>The rajah condescended to seat himself on a rug under the tree.</i>	v / 'känfəskāt / L seize by or as if by public authority. <i>After a two-hour wait, the border guard decided not to confiscate Brenda's antique necklace.</i>	<b>conglobe</b> v / kən'glōb / L form into a ball. <i>Time-lapse photos showed how clouds conglobe.</i>
<b>condign</b>	<b>conflagration</b>	<b>conglomerate</b>
<b>condiment</b>	n / 'kändəmənt / L > F > E something usually pungent, acid, salty, or spicy added to or served with food to enhance its flavor or to give added flavor : seasoning. <i>Mustard is the condiment usually served on hot pastrami sandwiches.</i>	n / kən'gläm(ə)rēt / L a mixture gathered from various sources : a composite mass. <i>Father called his specialty "Irish stew," but it was really more like a conglomerate of indeterminate substances.</i>
<b>condolence</b>		<b>congruent</b>

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<b>coniferous</b>	<b>connubial</b>	<b>consciousness</b>
adj / kō'�if(ə)rəs / (Gk + L) > L + Ecf bearing cones. <i>A covering of coniferous trees keeps some mountains green all winter.</i>	adj / kō'n(y)übēəl / L of or relating to marriage or the marriage state. <i>Susan and Stuart spent their honeymoon in a state of connubial contentment.</i>	n / 'kānchēsnəs / L + Ecf intuitively perceived knowledge of something in one's inner self. <i>With a sort of sneering consciousness, Tyler admitted that he had nothing to say that would be entertaining to anyone.</i>
<b>conjugal</b>	<b>conqueror</b>	<b>consecrate</b>
<b>conjunctiva</b>	<b>conquian</b>	v / 'kānsə.krāt / L make or declare sacred or holy. <i>The bishop will consecrate the new chapel next Sunday.</i>
<b>Connecticut</b>	<b>conquistador</b>	<b>consecutive</b>
adj / kā'nedēkēt / Mohican? > American geog name of or from the state of Connecticut. <i>Ichabod Crane is a famous character of Connecticut lore.</i>	n / kōn'k(w)ēstədō(ə)r / L > Sp conqueror; specifically : any one of the leaders in the Spanish conquest of America, especially of Mexico and Peru, in the 16th century. <i>Mr. Sanchez found the helmet of a conquistador deep in the canyon.</i>	<b>consenescence</b>
<b>connived</b>	<b>consanguinity</b>	<b>consensus</b>
<b>connivery</b>	n / kā'nīv(ə)rē / L + Ecf the practice of cooperating secretly, especially in a wrongful act. <i>Allen suspects Brenda of connivery in the mysterious sale of the mansion.</i>	n / kānsan'gwinədē / L the quality or state of being related by blood. <i>Consanguinity has historically been of great importance in determining who sits on the various thrones of Europe.</i>
<b>connoisseur</b>	<b>conscience</b>	<b>consentaneous</b>
n / .kānə'sū(ə)r / L > F one who is an expert in a subject; especially : one who understands the details, technique, or principles of an art and is competent to act as a critical judge. <i>The connoisseur who judged the culinary creations is a chef at a five-star restaurant.</i>	n / 'kānchēn(t)s / L the sense of right or wrong within the individual. <i>In this country everyone has a right to exercise individual conscience and judgment on all matters of public interest.</i>	<b>conservatory</b>
<b>connote</b>	<b>conscientious</b>	<b>considerable</b>
v / kā'nōt / L arouse as an inseparably associated idea or feeling : imply, suggest. <i>Eli wonders if sending a dozen long-stemmed roses to Gretchen might connote what he finds difficult to say.</i>	adj / kānchē'enchəs / L governed by the dictates of the sense of right or wrong : honest, scrupulous. <i>Janice was very conscientious about telling the truth.</i>	<b>consignment</b>
		<b>consistory</b>
		<b>consomme</b>
		<b>consortium</b>
		n / kān'sōrsh(ē)əm / L [has near homonym: consortium] an organization of persons having a common interest. <i>Several organizations joined the consortium that fosters inclusion of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of society.</i>

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<b>conspiracy</b>	<b>consummate</b>	<b>continuum</b>
n / kən'zpirəsē / L an illegal, treasonable, or treacherous plan to harm or destroy another person, group, or entity. <i>The commissioner charged that the entire industry was in conspiracy to keep out competition.</i>	adj / kän(t)səmət / L of the very highest or finest : supremely excellent. <i>Marie was worried that her son would ruin the party, but he behaved like a consummate gentleman.</i>	
<b>constabulary</b>	<b>contagious</b>	<b>contraband</b>
n / kənz'tabyələrē / L a body of policemen (as of a particular town, district, country). <i>The local constabulary was out in force at the Halloween celebration.</i>		n / 'käntrəband / L > It goods or merchandise the importation, exportation, or sometimes possession of which is forbidden. <i>On the teacher's desk sat the contraband taken from students during the day.</i>
<b>constellation</b>	<b>container</b>	<b>contrabass</b>
n / .känzta'lāshən / L any one of 88 arbitrary configurations of stars or an area of the celestial sphere covering one of these configurations. <i>Rani found it difficult to see a scale in the constellation Libra.</i>		
<b>constituent</b>	<b>contemplate</b>	<b>contrapuntal</b>
<b>constitution</b>	v / 'käntəmplät / L carefully and intently think about something : ponder. <i>The board of directors will contemplate the proposal from the rival company.</i>	adj / .käntrə'pənt'l / It of, relating to, or according to the rules of melodic part writing. <i>J. S. Bach was a master of contrapuntal melody.</i>
<b>constrain</b>	<b>contemporaneous</b>	<b>contrariety</b>
<b>construe</b>	<b>contemptible</b>	n / .käntrə'rīdē / L the quality or state of being in opposition or disagreement. <i>Amanda was becoming impatient with her two-year-old son's contrariety.</i>
v / kənz'trü / L > E explain the sense or intention of often to one's own satisfaction or according to or in conformity with a given set of circumstances. <i>Paul tried to construe the situation in the best possible light.</i>	adj / kən'tem(p)təbəl / L meriting scorn and condemnation as paltry, mean, base, or vile. <i>Though most people viewed the accused man as a contemptible being, Sister Agatha pitied him and tried to reach out to him.</i>	
<b>consuetude</b>	<b>contiguous</b>	<b>contretemps</b>
n / kän(t)swə.t(y)üd / L social usage : custom, habit. <i>The practice of men opening doors for women has fallen from consuetude.</i>	adj / kən'tigyəwəs / L touching or connected throughout. <i>Mr. Wallace understands but resents higher shipping costs for U.S. customers living in states outside the contiguous 48.</i>	n / kōntrətäp / F + L > F an inopportune embarrassing occurrence : mishap, mischance. <i>Jeremy moved steadily from blunder to contretemps to embarrassment.</i>
	<b>contingencies</b>	<b>contrition</b>
	n pl / kən'tinjənēz / L possible future events or conditions or unforeseen occurrences that may necessitate special measures. <i>Setting the date of the family reunion involved considering the contingencies and conveniences of about 100 people.</i>	n / kən'trishən / L consciousness of guilt or sin giving rise to humility and sorrow. <i>In the warmth of true contrition she would call upon Miss Bates the very next morning, and it should be the beginning, on her side, of a regular, equal, kindly relationship.</i>

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<b>controversy</b>	<b>convection</b>	<b>convivially</b>
n / 'käntrə.vərsē / L a difference marked especially by the expression of opposing views : dispute. <i>Most television talk shows seem more interested in creating controversy than in trying to resolve it.</i>	n / kən'vekshən / L the circulatory motion that occurs in a fluid at a nonuniform temperature owing to the variation of its density and the action of gravity. <i>In the tropics, strong convection draws warm air high into the sky.</i>	adv / kən'vivēəlē / L + Ecf in a manner that is fond of good company and festivity. <i>Though the hostess felt ill and wanted to leave the party, she behaved convivially.</i>
<b>contumacious</b>	<b>convene</b>	<b>convolute</b>
<b>contumacy</b>	<b>convenience</b>	<b>convoy</b>
n / kən't(y)üməsē / L > E stubborn resistance to authority; specifically : willful contempt of court. <i>In the Middle Ages contumacy could be punished by excommunication and the loss of civil rights.</i>	<b>convergent</b> adj / kən'verjənt / L tending to move toward one point or each other. <i>The crowds leaving the stadium became convergent on their way to the subway entrance.</i>	<b>coordinate</b> adj / kō'ōrd(ē)nāt / L equal in rank, quality, or significance. <i>The United States attempts to keep the branches of government coordinate.</i>
<b>contusion</b>	<b>conversant</b>	<b>coossify</b>
n / kən't(y)üzhən / L a bruise caused by external violence. <i>The contusion on Wayne's shoulder began to fade nine days after his accident.</i>	adj / kən'vers̄nt / L familiar or acquainted by use or study : well-informed. <i>Sabendra is conversant in the latest movements in European art.</i>	<b>Copernican</b> adj / kō'pərnēkən / Pol name of, relating to, or being the astronomic system of Copernicus in which the Sun is taken as the center of the planets. <i>The Copernican view of the solar system was originally regarded as heretical.</i>
<b>conundrums</b>	<b>convertible</b>	<b>copious</b>
n pl / kə'nəndrəmz / unknown riddles based on some fanciful or fantastic resemblance between things quite unlike and forming a puzzling question whose answer is or involves a pun. <i>Mr. Elton was invited to contribute any really good conundrums to Emma's collection of riddles of every sort.</i>	n / kən'verdəbəl / L an automobile having a top that may be folded back, lowered, or removed. <i>Thelma and Louise enjoyed cruising the highway in Louise's convertible.</i>	adj / kōpēəs / L present in large quantity : plentiful, abundant, lavish. <i>Patrick took copious notes during the lecture.</i>
<b>convalescence</b>	<b>conveyance</b>	<b>copyright</b>
	<b>convivial</b> adj / kən'vevēəl / L fond of good company and festivity. <i>The convivial lodge owners enjoyed socializing with their guests.</i>	<b>coquetry</b> n / kōkōtrē / F effort or action intended to attract admiration, gallantry, or affection without responsive feeling. <i>The princess used coquetry as a tool as a carpenter uses a hammer.</i>

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<b>coquettishly</b>	<b>cornice</b>	<b>coronary</b>
<b>coracle</b>	n / 'kórəkəl / W a small boat made by covering a wicker frame with hide or leather. <i>Ted rowed an old coracle to the small island in the lake.</i>	adj / 'kórənerē / L of or involving the blood vessels of the heart; broadly : of or relating to the heart. <i>A blockage in a coronary artery caused Tom's heart attack.</i>
<b>cordially</b>	<b>corniculate</b>	<b>coroner</b>
<b>cordillera</b>	adj / kò(r)ník'yələt / L having horns or small horn-shaped processes. <i>In some species of animals, only the males are corniculate.</i>	n / 'kórənə(r) / L > F > AF > E a public officer whose principal duty is to inquire into the cause of any death which there is reason to suppose is not due to natural causes. <i>The job of coroner combines elements of medicine and detective work.</i>
<b>corduroy</b>	<b>cornucopia</b>	<b>coronet</b>
n / kò(r)də.rōi / F > E name a cut-pile fabric with vertical ribs or wales, usually made of cotton. <i>His worn trousers of corduroy were three inches too short.</i>	n / kò(r)n(y)ə'kōpēə / L a curved goat's horn from the mouth of which fruit and ears of corn overflow, emblematic of abundance—called also “horn of plenty.” <i>Robert placed various kinds of rolls in the basket shaped like a cornucopia and set it in the center of the table.</i>	n / kórə'net / Gk > L > F a small or lesser crown usually signifying a high rank below that of a sovereign. <i>The princess happily let her young cousin try on the coronet.</i>
<b>coriander</b>	<b>corollary</b>	<b>corporeal</b>
n / kōrē'andə(r) / L an Old World herb whose ripened dried fruit is used for flavoring especially of pickles, curries, confectioneries, and liquor. <i>Jane almost always uses coriander to season her stew.</i>	n / 'kórəlerē / L a proposition that follows upon one just demonstrated and that requires no additional proof. <i>After proving the theorem, Mr. Barnes showed how the corollary logically followed.</i>	adj / kò(r)'pōrēəl / L having, consisting of, or relating to a physical material body : not spiritual. <i>It's very difficult for Mrs. O'Connor to think in a corporeal way.</i>
<b>cormorant</b>	<b>coronach</b>	<b>corpulent</b>
n / 'kōrm(ə)rənt / L > F > E any of various dark-colored web-footed seabirds. <i>In parts of eastern Asia the cormorant is domesticated by fishermen.</i>	n / kórənək / ScGael&IrGael a lamentation for the dead as sung or played on the bagpipes in Scotland and Ireland : dirge. <i>The mournful coronach could be heard throughout the valley.</i>	adj / kò(r)pyələnt / L having a large bulky body. <i>Mike and Edie laughed at the corpulent gorilla as it stuffed bananas into its mouth.</i>
<b>cornea</b>		

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<b>corpuscle</b>	<b>cortisone</b>	<b>coterie</b>
n / 'kō(r).pəsəl /		n / 'kōdərē /
L a living cell that is somewhat isolated and not aggregated into continuous tissues. <i>In the science fiction movie, a white corpuscle attacked the tiny ship as it traveled through the bloodstream.</i>	v / 'kōrəskāt / L gleam with intermittent flashes : glitter, sparkle. <i>The flickering light from Trudy's lantern made the cave walls coruscate.</i>	F an intimate often exclusive group of persons having a binding common interest or purpose : clique. <i>Phyllis and her coterie arrived fashionably late for the gallery opening.</i>
<b>corral</b>	<b>corybantic</b>	<b>coterminous</b>
v / kə'ral / L > Sp [has homonym: chorale] round up and drive (livestock) into a pen. <i>With the help of his dog, Jerry managed to corral the herd.</i>	adj / .kōrə'bantik / Gk like or in the spirit of the attendants or priests of the nature goddess Cybele noted for wildly emotional processions and rites; specifically : wild, frenzied. <i>At the rock concert many fans engaged in corybantic dancing.</i>	
<b>corralled</b>	<b>corymb</b>	<b>cotyledon</b>
	n / 'kōrə'spänd / L communicate with a person by exchange of letters. <i>Mason and his friends correspond frequently by e-mail.</i>	n / .käd'lēdən / Gk > L > F the first leaf or one of the first pair or whorl of leaves developed by the embryo in seed plants and in ferns and related plants. <i>Mr. Pittman drew a fern cotyledon on the blackboard.</i>
<b>correspond</b>		
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<b>corridor</b>	<b>corymb</b>	<b>couchant</b>
	n / 'kō.räbə.rät / L provide evidence of the truth of : confirm. <i>Without a witness to corroborate his alibi, Zorba remained the chief suspect in the robbery case.</i>	adj / 'kaūchənt / F lying down with the head up. <i>The coat of arms depicted a couchant lion.</i>
<b>corroborate</b>		
v / kə'räbə.rät / L provide evidence of the truth of : confirm. <i>Without a witness to corroborate his alibi, Zorba remained the chief suspect in the robbery case.</i>		
<b>corrugated</b>	<b>cosmogenesis</b>	<b>cough</b>
adj / 'kōrə.gätəd / L having a ridged or furrowed surface. <i>The corrugated sand dune looked like a work of art.</i>	n / käzmō'jenəsəs / Gk a part of the science of astronomy that deals with the origin and development of the universe. <i>Contrary to his expectations, Lionel's study of cosmogenesis made him more religious.</i>	
		<b>coulisse</b>
		n / kü'lēs / F a side scene of the stage in a theater or the space between the side scenes. <i>The path depicted in the coulisse led the eyes to the center stage.</i>
<b>corruptible</b>	<b>cosmopolite</b>	<b>couloir</b>
	n / käz'mäpə.līt / Gk one that is at home in every country. <i>Although she considered herself a cosmopolite, Sharon still couldn't get used to driving on the left side of the road.</i>	n / kül'wär / L > F a deep gorge. <i>Lance hiked along the stream at the bottom of the couloir.</i>
<b>corsage</b>		
<b>corsair</b>		

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<b>counsel</b>	<b>courier</b>	<b>coyote</b>
n / 'kaün(t)səl / L > F > E [has homonym: council] advice, direction. <i>Mr. Knightley shared unpleasant truths with Emma and proved himself her friend by very faithful counsel.</i>	n / 'kürēə(r) / L > It > F [has homonym: currier] one who carries messages, news, or information either with urgent haste or in accordance with a regular schedule. <i>Jaime worked as a courier after school to earn money for a new car.</i>	n / kī'ōd(,)ē / Nahuatl > Sp a small wolf native to the western part of North America and well established northward in Alaska and eastward at least as far as New York state. <i>The lone male coyote kept to the edges of the pack for many days before being accepted into the group.</i>
<b>countenance</b>	<b>courlan</b>	<b>cozened</b>
n / 'kaünt(°)nən(t)s / L > F > E the expressive appearance of one's face : look, expression. <i>The department store Santa's countenance set Loretta at ease.</i>	<b>courteously</b>	v / 'kəz̄nd / L > It obtained by artful wheedling or tricky dishonesty. <i>The crooked lawyer cozened the life's savings of several of his clients.</i>
<b>counterfeit</b>	<b>cousin</b>	<b>craniectomy</b>
<b>countermand</b>	<b>couture</b>	<b>craquelure</b>
<b>countervail</b>	n / kü'tū(ə)r / L > F the business of designing, making, and selling fashionable expensive custom-made women's clothing. <i>At the Paris fashion shows Carolyn talked to several young designers who were just starting out in couture.</i>	<b>crassamentum</b>
v / 'kaüntər.väl / L > F > E oppose or exert force against : counteract. <i>Miles built a low wall around his sloping garden to countervail erosion.</i>	<b>covenant</b>	<b>credential</b>
<b>countian</b>	n / 'kəvənənt / L > F > E an agreement that is usually formal, solemn, and intended as binding. <i>The book of Genesis describes Noah's covenant with God that saved his family from the Great Flood.</i>	<b>credenza</b>
<b>coup</b>	<b>covey</b>	n / krə'denzə / L > It a sideboard, buffet, or bookcase without legs whose base rests flat on the floor. <i>Robin's CDs are on the second shelf of the credenza.</i>
n / kü / F a sudden decisive exercise of localized or concentrated force unseating the personnel of a government. <i>The dictator was ousted by a military coup.</i>	n / 'kəvē / L > F > E a small flock or number of birds of the same kind—used typically of partridges and certain related birds. <i>The hunter aimed at the covey of quail flying over the pasture.</i>	<b>credulity</b>
<b>coupon</b>		n / crə'd(y)ülədē / L belief or readiness of belief especially on slight or uncertain evidence. <i>Marco's personality was a strange mixture of shrewdness and credulity.</i>

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<b>creekology</b>	<b>crescendo</b>	<b>cribral</b>
n / krē'kälōjē / ON > E + Gk any method of searching for oil based on a limited knowledge of geology and practiced especially by wildcat prospectors. <i>Doug, who was known for his nose for oil, attributed his success to creekology.</i>	n / krē'shēn(.)dō / L > It the peak of a gradual increase (as in physical or emotional force or intensity). <i>As soon as his boat sailed out of the harbor, Angus realized that the wind was nearing a crescendo.</i>	adj / 'krībrəl / L of or relating to a sieve : perforated. <i>The mouths of certain whales contain a cribral structure for collecting food.</i>
<b>creel</b>	<b>crescent</b>	<b>cricetid</b>
<b>crenate</b>	<b>crescive</b>	<b>crimson</b>
adj / 'krē.nāt / L having the margin cut into rounded scallops. <i>The crenate leaves on Freda's specimen gave her a clue as to its classification.</i>	n / 'kres'nt / L > F > E the shape or figure defined by a convex and a concave edge. <i>The moon's silvery crescent disappeared as the eclipse reached totality.</i>	n / krē'sēdād / Slav > L any of a family of small rodents including lemmings, voles, and hamsters. <i>The hamster is an example of a cricetid that is kept as a pet.</i>
<b>creophagy</b>	<b>crescograph</b>	<b>crinoline</b>
n / krē'äfəjē / Gk the use of flesh as food. <i>After visiting a slaughterhouse, Stephanie was repulsed by creophagy and became a vegetarian.</i>	n / 'kreskə.graf / L + Ecf + Gk an instrument for making perceptible the growth of plants. <i>The crescograph can magnify small plant movements as much as ten million times.</i>	n / 'krimzən / Ar > Sp > E any of several deep or vivid reds or purplish reds of rather indefinite range. <i>The sun was dropping slowly from sight, and stripes of purple and orange and crimson and gold reached upward from the distant hills.</i>
<b>crepitant</b>	<b>cretonne</b>	<b>criophore</b>
adj / 'krepədənt / L having or making a crackling sound : crackling. <i>The boys rolled and tumbled in the pile of crepitant leaves.</i>	<b>crewelwork</b>	<b>crocheting</b>
<b>crepuscular</b>	<b>cribbage</b>	v / krō'shāin / F + Ecf working with needlework consisting of the interlocking of looped stitches formed with a single thread and a hooked needle. <i>Marie sat nearby crocheting and tried to take a friendly interest in the game.</i>
adj / krō'pəsk(y)ələ(r) / L + Ecf active in the twilight. <i>Darnel blurted out "firefly" when the teacher asked for an example of a crepuscular insect.</i>	n / 'kribij / E a card game for two and sometimes three or four players each of whom is dealt six cards one or two of which are discarded before play to form an extra hand for the dealer. <i>Kathy and her cousins are ferociously competitive when they play cribbage.</i>	

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<b>cromlech</b>	<b>croupier</b>	<b>Crusade</b>
n / 'kräm.lek / W a circle of monoliths usually enclosing a dolmen or mound. <i>Inspired by their study of Stonehenge, Mr. Akala's fifth-grade class built a cromlech on the playground.</i>	n / 'krüpē.ā / F an employee of a gambling casino who watches, collects, and pays bets and assists the dealer in charge of the table. <i>The croupier tossed two more \$100 chips onto Daphne's growing pile.</i>	n / krü'säd / F an expedition undertaken for a declared religious purpose. <i>The first Crusade to reclaim Jerusalem for Christians began in 1096.</i>
<b>cronyism</b>	<b>croustade</b>	<b>crustacean</b>
n / 'krōnē.izəm / Gk + Ecf partiality to familiar friends especially as evidenced in the appointing of political hangers-on to office without due regard for their qualifications. <i>When the mayor appointed his best friend head of the police department, he was accused of cronyism.</i>	n / krü'städ / Prov > F a crisp shell (as of toasted or fried bread) in which to serve food. <i>Louise didn't know whether or not she was supposed to eat the croustade in which her salad was served.</i>	n / krə'stāshən / L an animal belonging to a large class of Arthropoda comprising the majority of the marine or freshwater arthropods (as lobsters, shrimps, crabs, and barnacles). <i>Our team's mascot is Crusty the Crustacean, a ten-pound Maine lobster.</i>
<b>croquet</b>	<b>crucial</b>	<b>cryology</b>
n / krō'kā / F a game in which players drive wooden balls with mallets through a series of wickets set out on a lawn in a particular order. <i>Erica and her friends played croquet in the churchyard.</i>	<b>crucible</b> n / 'krüsəbəl / L a vessel or melting pot that is used for melting and calcining a substance (as metal and ore) which requires a high degree of heat. <i>Clyde began the experiment by dumping the collected samples into a crucible.</i>	n / krī'äləjē / Gk the study of snow and ice. <i>In cryology, students learn how glaciers grow, shrink, advance, and retreat.</i>
<b>crotchety</b>	<b>cruciferous</b>	<b>cryophilic</b>
adj / krächēdē / F > E subject to whims, crankiness, or ill temper. <i>Not getting enough sleep usually makes Trudy crotchety in the morning.</i>	adj / krü'sif(ə)rəs / L + Ecff belonging to or having the characteristics of the mustards or related plants. <i>Cruciferous vegetables are an excellent source of beta carotene.</i>	<b>cryophorus</b> n / krī'äfərəs / Gk > L an instrument that illustrates the freezing of water by its own evaporation. <i>The cryophorus was made of glass in the form of a tube connecting two globes partially filled with liquid.</i>
<b>croup</b>	<b>cruller</b>	<b>cryptic</b>
n / 'krüp / imit a spasmodic laryngitis in infants and children characterized by episodes of difficult breathing and hoarse cough. <i>Mrs. Dowling hoped Everett's sore throat wouldn't develop into croup.</i>	n / 'krələ(r) / D a small sweet cake made of a rich egg batter formed into twisted strips and fried brown in deep fat. <i>Olive couldn't decide whether to order a cruller or an éclair with her coffee.</i>	

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<b>cryptographer</b> n / krip'tägrəfə(r) / Gk one that practices the art of preparing or reading messages in a form intended to prevent their being read by those not privy to secrets of the form. <i>An inveterate cryptographer, Rico enjoys searching ordinary writing samples for hidden messages.</i>	<b>cucaracha</b> n / .kük'ärächə / Mexican song a Mexican ballroom and nightclub dance. <i>Determined to win the state ballroom dance title, Joan and Marlon practiced their cucaracha for weeks.</i>	<b>culgee</b> n / 'kəlgē / Per > Hindi a jeweled plume worn in India on the turban. <i>Professor Singh happily loaned his grandfather's culgee to the museum.</i>
<b>cryptonym</b> n / 'kriptənim / Gk a secret name. <i>Each person in our club was given a cryptonym known only to the other members.</i>	<b>cuchifrito</b> n / .küchi'frēdō / Sp a deep-fried cube of pork. <i>When Lane wasn't looking, Stephanie popped a cuchifrito into the dog's mouth.</i>	<b>culinary</b> adj / 'kələ.nerē / L of or relating to the kitchen or cookery. <i>The early colonists used herbs for both culinary and medicinal purposes.</i>
<b>crystal</b> adj / 'krist'l / Gk consisting of or resembling quartz that is transparent or nearly so and that is either colorless or only slightly tinged. <i>Once inside, they hurried down a long hallway, which glittered with crystal chandeliers.</i>	<b>cuckoo</b> n / 'kü(.)kü / E imitative [has homonym: kuku] a familiar European bird that is noted for its characteristic two-syllabled whistle and for its habit of laying its eggs in the nests of other birds for them to hatch. <i>The cuckoo in the aviary sounded just like Grandmother's clock.</i>	<b>culminant</b> adj / 'kəlmənənt / L being at greatest altitude or on the meridian. <i>The Sun casts the shortest shadows when it is culminant.</i>
<b>crystosphere</b> n / 'kristəsfēn / Gk a buried sheet of ice under the tundra of North America formed by the freezing of spring water. <i>The geologist measured the thickness of the crystosphere.</i>	<b>cucurbit</b> n / kyü'kərbət / L > F > E (Note: Dictionary designates as attributive.) a many-seeded fleshy fruit plant with a hard rind (such as squashes, pumpkins, and certain gourds). <i>The cucurbit is probably put to a wider variety of uses than is any other fruit family.</i>	<b>culotte</b>  <b>culpable</b> adj / 'kəlpəbəl / L meriting condemnation or censure especially as criminal or as conducive to accident, loss, or disaster. <i>The property owner was guilty of culpable negligence in the accident involving an uncovered manhole.</i>
<b>cubic</b> adj / 'kyübik / Gk > L > F relating to a crystal form that consists of six similar, mutually perpendicular faces. <i>Gold crystallizes in a cubic structure with a density of 19.4 grams per cubic centimeter.</i>	<b>cudgel</b> n / 'kəjəl / E a short heavy stick used as an instrument for punishment or a weapon. <i>A nightstick is one kind of cudgel.</i>	<b>culprit</b> n / 'kəlprət / L > AF one who is guilty of a crime or other wrongdoing. <i>The detectives devised a plan to capture the culprit.</i>
	<b>cuirass</b>	

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<b>cultivation</b>	<b>cuneiform</b>	<b>current</b>
n /kəltə'veshən/ L the art or process of farming. <i>Frigid weather conditions and barren soil make cultivation of tundra almost impossible.</i>	adj /kyü'nēfōrm/ L + L written in characters composed of strokes having the form of a wedge or arrowhead. <i>The cuneiform Code of Hammurabi is the most complete record of ancient Babylonian law in existence.</i>	adj /kərənt/ L [has homonyms: courant, currant] presently elapsing. <i>In the current fiscal year Cornucopia College enjoys a slight budget surplus.</i>
<b>culturati</b>	<b>cupboard</b>	<b>curriculum</b>
n pl /kəlchə'rād(ə)ē/ Gk + Lcf people intensely interested in the artistic and intellectual aspects or content of human activity. <i>The scheduled performance by "The Three Tenors" generated excitement among the city's culturati.</i>	<b>cupressineous</b> adj /k(y)üprə'sinēəs/ Gk > L + Ecf relating to or resembling the cypress. <i>The wood of cupressineous trees is usually light, moderately hard, and very durable.</i>	n /kə'rikyələm/ L the whole body of courses offered by an educational institution or one of its branches. <i>The school is planning to add Latin to its curriculum next year.</i>
<b>cumbersome</b>	<b>curator</b>	<b>cursory</b>
adj /kəmbə(r)səm/ F > E + Ecf of an excessive size, shape, or length : unwieldy. <i>Emrick dragged his cumbersome duffel bag by its strap.</i>	adj /kyə'rādə(r)/ L one in charge of the exhibits, research activities, and personnel of a museum, zoo, or other place of exhibit. <i>Eric interviewed the curator of marine mammals at the aquarium.</i>	<b>curtain</b> n /kərt'�/ L > F > E the screen separating the stage from the auditorium of a theater. <i>The law states that the theater curtain must be made of fireproof material.</i>
<b>cumbrous</b>	<b>curiousness</b>	<b>curtilage</b>
adj /kəmbrəs/ E giving trouble : vexatious. <i>A swarm of cumbrous gnats followed the hikers all day long.</i>	n /kyürēəsnəs/ L > F > E + Ecf the quality of being inquisitive. <i>Dickon's round eyes were full of eager curiousness but he said not a word.</i>	n /kərd'lij/ F > E a yard, courtyard, or other piece of ground included within a fence surrounding a dwelling house. <i>The police searched the house and the curtilage for any clues relating to the robbery.</i>
<b>cummerbund</b>	<b>curlew</b>	<b>curvature</b>
n /kəmə(r)bənd/ Per > Hindi a waistband worn in place of a vest with men's dress clothes. <i>The bride wanted the groom's cummerbund to match the pale pink of her flowers.</i>	<b>curliewrly</b>	n /kərvəchü(ə)r/ L the act or state of deviating from a straight line or course typically with a rounded gradual effect. <i>The curvature of the brick path gave the garden a pleasing informality.</i>
<b>cumulative</b>	<b>curmudgeon</b>	
	n /(.)kər'məjən/ unknown a crusty, ill-tempered, or difficult and often elderly person. <i>Fiona's dad called her grandfather a "cantankerous old curmudgeon."</i>	

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<b>custard</b> n / 'kəstə(r)d / L > Prov > E a sweetened mixture of milk and eggs that is baked, boiled, or frozen. <i>Lemon custard is Harold's favorite dessert.</i>	<b>cybernetics</b> n pl / .sibə(r)'nediks / Gk the comparative study of the automatic control system formed by the nervous system and brain and by mechanical-electrical communication systems and devices (as computers or thermostats). <i>Bertha's new robotics software promised to revolutionize cybernetics.</i>	<b>cylinder</b> <b>cymbals</b> <b>cynegetics</b> n pl / .sinə'jediks / Gk the art of hunting. <i>Mrs. White began her talk about cynegetics with a recording of melodies played on hunting horns.</i>
<b>custody</b> n / 'kəstədē / L > E charge or control (as of a suspect) exercised by a person or an authority. <i>The suspect was kept in police custody until she provided an incontrovertible alibi.</i>	<b>cyclical</b> adj / 'sikləkəl / Gk of, relating to, or belonging to a regularly recurring succession of events or phenomena. <i>Mr. Ramirez explained the cyclical phases of the Moon to the science class today.</i>	<b>cynology</b> n / sə'näləjē / Gk [has homonym: sinology] scientific study of the dog especially in respect to its natural history. <i>Having a coyote as a childhood pet gave Rick an early interest in cynology.</i>
<b>cutaneous</b> adj / kyü'tānēəs / L of or relating to the skin. <i>Cutaneous sensation includes feeling cold, heat, contact, and pain.</i>	<b>cyclogenesis</b> n / .sī(.ə)klō'jenēsəs / Gk the process of development or intensification of a rotating storm system. <i>Satellites have greatly improved the monitoring of cyclogenesis.</i>	<b>cynophilist</b> n / sə'näfələst / Gk [Note: Could be confused with form of sinophil/sinophile.] a dog fancier : one that is favorably disposed toward dogs. <i>Although Leon considered himself a cynophilist, he did not trust the pit bull terrier.</i>
<b>cuticle</b> n / 'kyüd-əkəl / L an external membranous or hardened noncellular investment secreted by the outer surface of the body (as in arthropods). <i>Because expansion cannot occur in the chitinous cuticle, the growing insect must periodically shed its covering.</i>	<b>cyclonic</b> adj / sī'klänik / Gk of, relating to, or having the characteristics of a rotating storm. <i>Cyclonic disturbances known as hurricanes usually occur during the summer and fall.</i>	<b>cynosure</b> n / 'sīnəshū(ə)r / Gk a center of attraction or interest. <i>The student union, with its billiard tables, bowling alley, and snack bar, is a cynosure for freshmen during orientation week.</i>
<b>cyanosis</b> n / .sīə'nōsəs / Gk a bluish or purplish discoloration (as of skin) due to deficient oxygenation of the blood. <i>Cyanosis may result from pneumonia, asphyxiation, heart failure, or heart anomalies.</i>	<b>cycloserine</b>  <b>cygnet</b> n / 'signēt / Gk > L > F > E a young swan. <i>Six-year-old Abby, openly contemptuous of the fairy tale, patiently explained to her mother that there's no way an ugly duckling can turn into a swan—only a cygnet can.</i>	<b>Cytherean</b> adj / .sithə'rēən / Gk > L + Ecf of or relating to the goddess Venus or to the planet Venus. <i>The Cytherean atmosphere has a high concentration of sulfuric acid.</i>

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<b>cytology</b>	<b>daedal</b>	<b>dalliance</b>
n / sī'tälōjē / Gk + Gk [has homonym: sitology] the branch of biology concerned with the study of cells as vital units with reference to their structure, function, multiplication, pathology, and life history. <i>For differentiating between benign and malignant lesions, cytology offers a more precise method of diagnosis than does the use of X rays.</i>	adj / 'dēd'l / Gk ingeniously formed or working : like a maze : intricate. <i>The children's quiz show led its contestants through a daedal journey of stunts and questions.</i>	<b>dallied</b>
<b>dachshund</b>	<b>daffodil</b>	<b>damask</b>
n / 'däks.hünt / G + G a small dog of a breed of German origin having long drooping ears, commonly a short sleek coat, and the legs short in comparison with the body length. <i>Chloe has a brown dachshund named "Oscar."</i>	<b>daffodils</b> n pl / 'däfə.dilz / D + L > F > D plants having flowers that have a large corona elongated into a trumpet. <i>These flowers blooming in the snow are daffodils and snowdrops.</i>	<b>Damoclean</b> adj / .damə'klēən / Gk name + Ecf involving imminent danger. <i>Retrieving the car keys from the piranha tank was a Damoclean task indeed.</i>
<b>dacquoise</b>	<b>daguerreotype</b>	<b>dandelion</b>
n / dákwāáz / F a dessert made of baked layers of nut meringue with a filling usually of buttercream. <i>The hotel dessert buffet included a chocolate-pecan dacquoise.</i>	<b>dahlia</b> n / 'dalyə / Sw name > L a plant of a genus of tuberous-rooted herbs having rayed flower heads. <i>The brightly colored flowers of the dahlia can be six inches in diameter.</i>	<b>dangerous</b>
<b>dactylogram</b>	<b>daiquiri</b>	<b>danseuse</b>
n / dak'tiləgram / Gk + Gk an impression taken from a finger : fingerprint. <i>Calvin used a magnifying glass to examine the loops and whorls in a dactylogram of his index finger.</i>	<b>dais</b> n / 'dās / L > F > E a platform raised usually above the floor of a hall or large room to give distinction or prominence to those occupying it. <i>A round dais was exactly in the center of the room.</i>	<b>Dantesque</b> adj / ,dän'tesk / It name of, relating to, or resembling the Italian writer Dante or his writings. <i>The Dantesque image of a soul in torture repulsed Regina.</i>
<b>dactylography</b>	<b>Daliesque</b>	<b>dashiki</b>
<b>dactyloscopy</b>	adj / ,daktə'läskəpē / Gk identification by comparison of fingerprints. <i>Dactyloscopy indicated that the suspect's fingerprints are indeed on the murder weapon.</i>	<b>dashing</b> adj / 'dashin / E imit + Ecf vigorously active : spirited. <i>The dashing actor was the talk of the party.</i>
	Sp name resembling or suggesting the paintings of the Spanish surrealist artist Dali. <i>The poster showed a Daliesque face with feathers poking out of each nostril.</i>	<b>dastardly</b>
		<b>dasymeter</b>
		<b>dauntless</b>
		<b>dawdle</b>

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<b>dawdler</b>	<b>debility</b>	<b>deceitful</b>
n / 'dōd(ə)lə(r) / unknown + Ecf one who wastes time in idle lingering. <i>Lauren was such a dawdler that she often missed the school bus.</i>	 <b>debonairness</b>	adj / də'sētfəl / E + Ecf dishonest. <i>The Better Business Bureau warned Jasper of the awning company's deceitful business practices.</i>
<b>dazzling</b>	<b>debouchment</b>	<b>deceive</b>
v / 'daz(ə)lin / ON > E + Ecf overpowering with brightness : shining. <i>Morgan took great satisfaction in dazzling his neighbors with his Christmas light display.</i>	n / də'büsħmənt / F a mouth or outlet especially of a river. <i>The river's debouchment had to be dredged because the sediment was a hazard to navigation.</i>	v / də'sēv / L > F > E cause to believe the false : delude. <i>Cara's forgery of her mother's signature did not deceive the principal.</i>
<b>deacon</b>	<b>debridement</b>	<b>decelerate</b>
<b>deactivate</b>	n / də'brēd.mēt / F the surgical removal of lacerated, devitalized, or contaminated tissue. <i>The doctor explained to the firefighter why debridement was the best treatment for his second-degree burns.</i>	v / dē'selə.rāt / L lessen the speed of : slow down. <i>Reversing engine thrust is used to decelerate jets upon landing.</i>
<b>deaerate</b>	<b>debris</b>	<b>deceleron</b>
<b>dearth</b>	n / 'dərθ / E scarcity : lack of a present necessity. <i>The general realized that his army was suffering from a dearth of self-confidence.</i>	<b>decennial</b>
<b>debacle</b>	<b>debut</b>	<b>decentralization</b>
n / də'bäkəl / L > OProv > F a sudden breakdown : collapse. <i>Craig reads everything he can find regarding the Wall Street debacle of 1929.</i>	<b>decadent</b>	<b>decibel</b>
<b>debarrass</b>	<b>decaffiniate</b>	n / 'desə.bəl / L + Scottish-American name a unit for measuring the relative loudness of sounds equal approximately to the smallest degree of difference of loudness ordinarily detectable by the human ear. <i>Differences of one decibel can be important to a recording engineer.</i>
<b>debenture</b>	<b>decanter</b>	<b>deciduous</b>
n / də'benchə(r) / L a writing or certificate signed by a public officer as evidence of a debt or of a right to demand or receive a sum of money. <i>Uncle John treasures the debenture issued by the Confederate government, even though it is actually worthless.</i>	<b>decedent</b>	adj / də'sijəwəs / L falling off or shed at the end of the growing period, at certain seasons, or at certain stages of development. <i>Deciduous trees drop their leaves each fall.</i>
	n / də'sēd'nt / L a dead person; especially : a person who has recently died. <i>The relatives of the decedent gathered for the reading of the will.</i>	<b>decimal</b>

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<b>decimate</b>	<b>decompose</b>	<b>decussate</b>
v / 'desə.māt / L select by lot and kill every tenth person of. <i>The terrorist promised to decimate the group of hostages every half hour until his demands were met.</i>	v / dēkəm'pōz / L > F separate or resolve into constituent parts or elements or into simpler compounds. <i>Mr. Landry asked the students whether they knew any compounds other than methanol which decompose into carbon dioxide and water.</i>	adj / 'dekəsət / L shaped like an X. <i>Each wing of the moth had a decussate marking.</i>
<b>deciphered</b>	<b>decorous</b>	<b>deducibility</b>
v / də'sīfə(r)d / L + Ar > L > F > E made out, read, or interpreted despite obscuration. <i>When one considers the variety of handwriting, and of bad handwriting, too, that must be deciphered, it increases the wonder that so seldom a letter is delivered to the wrong person.</i>	adj / 'dekərəs / L marked by propriety and good taste. <i>Lucia was surprised to find that the disc jockey was as decorous off the air as he was volcanic while on the air.</i>	<b>defamatory</b>
<b>decistere</b>	<b>decorticate</b>	<b>defeasible</b>
n / 'desə.sti(ə)r / F a metric unit of capacity equal to 1/10 cubic meter. <i>Caleb bought a decistere of lime for his front lawn.</i>	v / dē'kō(r)dəkāt / L remove the bark, husk, or other outer covering from. <i>Sharp front teeth allow squirrels to decorticate hickory nuts.</i>	adj / də'fēzəbəl / F + Ecf capable of being or liable to being voided, annulled, or undone. <i>When a family adopts a baby, several requirements have to be met; otherwise the adoption is defeasible.</i>
<b>declamatory</b>	<b>decoupage</b>	<b>defendant</b>
adj / də'klamə.tōrē / L marked by rhetorical effect or display : stilted. <i>Minna's declamatory sermon alienated many of her listeners.</i>	n / dākü'päzh / F the art of decorating surfaces by applying cutouts and then coating them with several layers of a finish such as lacquer or varnish. <i>Aunt Hazel's interest in arts and crafts was kindled by a free class in decoupage.</i>	n / də'fendənt / L > F a person required to make answer in an action or suit in law or equity or in a criminal action. <i>When the foreman of the jury read the verdict of "not guilty," the defendant embraced his attorneys.</i>
<b>declension</b>	<b>decreolization</b>	<b>deferential</b>
<b>decline</b>	<b>decrecendo</b>	<b>defervescence</b>
<b>declivate</b>	<b>decuman</b>	n / ,dē(,)fər'ves^n(t)s / L the subsidence of a fever. <i>Antonio's mother was relieved to note the signs of defervescence in her son.</i>
adj / də'klī.vāt / L inclining downward : sloping. <i>Mary Ann slid down the declivate roof of the playhouse.</i>	adj / 'dekyəmən / L (of a wave) : extremely large. <i>That decuman wave that took the ship fore and aft swept the life raft off the deck.</i>	<b>deficiency</b>
<b>declivous</b>	<b>decumbiture</b>	n / də'fishənsē / L the quality or state of lacking some quality, faculty, or characteristic necessary for completeness. <i>Scurvy is caused by a deficiency of vitamin C in the diet.</i>
		<b>defilade</b>

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<b>definite</b> adj / 'def(ə)nət / L free of all ambiguity, uncertainty, or obscurity. <i>Dad sounded quite definite when he told us to turn off the TV.</i>	<b>deleteriously</b> adv / ,də'lə'tirēəslē / Gk + Ecf in a hurtful or destructive manner. <i>It seems that every day we are reminded that smoking affects the body deleteriously.</i>	<b>delirious</b> adj / də'lirēəs / L affected with frenzied excitement or wild enthusiasm. <i>The delirious fans rushed onto the field to congratulate the champions.</i>
<b>degauss</b>	<b>delicacy</b> n / 'delēkəsē / L something pleasing to eat that is accounted rare or luxurious. <i>Caviar is considered a delicacy.</i>	<b>delitescent</b> adj / ,delē'tesənt / L lying hidden : obfuscated, latent. <i>The psychiatrist tried to discover the delitescent significance of his patient's dreams.</i>
<b>deglutition</b>	<b>delicatessen</b> n / ,delēkə'tesən / F > G a store where ready-to-eat food products (as cooked meats and prepared salads) are sold. <i>Marta stopped at the delicatessen to buy some cold cuts for our lunch.</i>	<b>delphinium</b>
<b>dehisce</b>	<b>delicious</b> adj / də'lishəs / L appealing to one of the bodily senses, especially that of taste. <i>Judith said the fudge was the most delicious she had ever tasted.</i>	<b>deltiology</b> n / ,deltē'äləjē / Gk the hobby of collecting postcards. <i>Jodie got started in deltiology just last year but already has postcards from over 100 countries.</i>
<b>dehiscence</b> n / də'hisəns(t)s / L + Ecf the bursting open of a capsule or pod at maturity. <i>In dry weather, dehiscence of some seed pods occurs prematurely.</i>	<b>delineate</b>	<b>deltoidal</b>
<b>deify</b>	<b>delinquent</b> n / dō'liŋkwənt / L a transgressor against duty or law. <i>The police referred to Harold as a "delinquent" when he was found on the street after curfew.</i>	<b>delude</b>
<b>deign</b>	<b>delinquency</b>	<b>deluge</b> n / 'del(ə)yüj / L > F > E a drenching rain : downpour. <i>The children were caught in a deluge as they waited for the school bus.</i>
<b>deipnosophist</b> n / dīp'näsəfəst / Gk a person skilled in table talk. <i>Clint's reputation as a deipnosophist makes him an ideal dinner guest.</i>	<b>demagoguery</b> n / 'deməgäg(ə)rē / Gk + Ecf the principles or practices of rabble-rousers. <i>Economic hardship often gives rise to demagoguery.</i>	
<b>delectable</b> adj / də'lektəbəl / L deliciously flavored. <i>JoAnne selected Black Forest cake from the delectable dessert offerings.</i>	<b>deliquesce</b> v / ,dəlē'kwas / L become soft or liquid with age. <i>After a couple of weeks in the refrigerator, lettuce begins to deliquesce.</i>	
<b>delegate</b>	<b>deliquescent</b>	
<b>deleterious</b> adj / ,delē'tirēəs / Gk hurtful, destructive. <i>The museum did not permit flash photography because of the possible deleterious effects on the paintings.</i>		

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<b>demarcate</b>	<b>demitasse</b>	<b>demurs</b>
v / də'märkāt / Gmc > It > Sp mark by bounds. <i>Sol used fishing line to demarcate his half of the room from his brother's.</i>	n / 'dēmē.tas / L > F > E + Per > Ar > F a small cup of coffee usually taken black. <i>Nathan sipped nervously at a demitasse while he waited for his attorney.</i>	n pl / də'mərz / L difficulties in making up one's mind : indecisions. <i>Harriet's message was unequivocal, containing no doubts or demurs.</i>
<b>demaree</b>	<b>demobilize</b>	<b>dengue</b>
<b>demeanor</b>	<b>democracy</b>	n
n / də'mēnō(r) / L > F > E behavior toward others : outward manner. <i>The vice-president's icily serious demeanor was fodder for the late-night talk shows.</i>	n / də'mäkrəsē / Gk > L a government by the people : rule of the majority. <i>Cara could not imagine what her life would be like if it were governed not by a democracy but instead by the whims of a few people.</i>	/ 'deŋ(ə)gē / African? > Sp [has homonym: dinghy] an acute infectious disease characterized by sudden onset, headache, racking joint pain, and a rash and caused by a virus transmitted by mosquitoes. <i>The African village was quarantined after an outbreak of dengue.</i>
<b>demegoric</b>	<b>demography</b>	<b>denizen</b>
<b>dementia</b>		n
<b>demersal</b>	<b>demography</b>	/ 'denəzən /
<b>demesne</b>	n / də'män / F [has near homonym: domain] legal possession of land as one's own. <i>The earl vowed to defend his demesne at any cost.</i>	L > F > E a dweller in a certain place or region. <i>Melvin asked a local denizen for directions.</i>
<b>demiglace</b>	<b>demolition</b>	<b>denominator</b>
<b>demijohn</b>	<b>demoniacal</b>	<b>denouement</b>
n / 'demē.jän / F + F name > E a narrow-necked bottle of glass or stoneware that is enclosed in wickerwork and has one or two wicker handles. <i>Water glugged from the demijohn as Emily emptied it on the lawn.</i>	<b>demulcent</b>	n / dānū'mäⁿ /
<b>demise</b>	adj / də'məlsənt / L soothing, softening. <i>The pharmacist told Boris that a demulcent syrup would be best for his sore throat.</i>	L > F the final outcome, result, or unraveling of the main dramatic complication in a play or other work of literature. <i>The loose ends of the plot were neatly tied up in the surprising denouement.</i>
	<b>demurrage</b>	<b>dentifrice</b>
		n / 'dentəfrēs / L a powder, paste, or liquid used in cleaning the teeth. <i>John decided to use a dentifrice containing baking soda.</i>

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### denunciation

n  
/ də.nən'sē'āshən /

L  
the act of pronouncing (as a person, idea, course of conduct, or political philosophy) as blameworthy or evil.

*The senator's speech was a denunciation of many federal programs.*

### depilatory

n  
/ də'pilətōrē /

L > F  
a cosmetic for the temporary removal of undesired hair.  
*Hank mixed a depilatory into his sister's shampoo.*

### deprecated

v  
/ 'deprəkādēd /

L  
sought to avert.

*When a very thick letter from Mr. Churchill was brought to Emma, she guessed what it must contain and deprecated the necessity of reading it.*

### deprecatory

#### predatory

adj  
/ 'deprədātōrē /

L  
tending to lay waste or prey upon : plundering.  
*Following the earthquake, predatory gangs looted many stores.*

### depurate

v  
/ 'depyə.rāt /

L  
free from impurities or heterogeneous matter : purify, cleanse.  
*The hiking book advised using iodine tablets and a filter to depurate groundwater before drinking it.*

### deracinated

adj  
/ də'rəs'n.ātēd /

L > F + Ecf  
physically, mentally, or emotionally separated from one's racial, social, or intellectual group.  
*Erica's father worries that she might become deracinated at such a large university.*

### derailleur

n  
/ də'rālē(r) /

F  
[has homonym: derailer] a mechanism for shifting gears on a bicycle that operates by moving the chain from one set of exposed gears to another.

*Laurent's derailleur jammed a few minutes into the race, and he was forced to the side of the road.*

### deranged

adj  
/ də'rānjēd /

F  
disordered, unbalanced.

*Jane's health seemed completely deranged, though she had no absolutely alarming symptoms.*

### dereism

#### derelict

n  
/ 'derəlikt /

L  
a thing voluntarily abandoned by its owner with the intention of not retaking it and rightly claimed by the first person who takes possession of it; specifically : a boat abandoned on the high seas.  
*Tom sank his yacht when his rescuers arrived lest it become a derelict.*

### dereliction

n  
/ dərə'līkshēn /

L  
intentional or conscious neglect (as of principles).

*The security guard was summarily fired for dereliction of duty.*

### dermatitis

n  
/ dərmə'tīdōs /

Gk > L  
inflammation of the skin typically marked by reddening, swelling, and scaling.  
*Bonnie treated her dermatitis with aloe juice.*

### dermonecrotic

adj  
/ dər(ə)mō.nā'krädik /

Gk  
relating to or causing the death of skin tissue.  
*The powerful medication had a dermonecrotic effect on Uncle Arthur's legs.*

### derogatorily

#### derogatory

adj  
/ də'rāgətōrē /

L  
expressive of low estimation or reproach : disdainful.  
*Janet did not appreciate the derogatory remarks her brother made about her dress.*

### derrick

n  
/ 'derik /

E name  
the framework or tower over a deep drill hole (as that of an oil well) for supporting the tackle for boring or for hoisting and lowering.  
*The rocket was supported on the launch pad by a tower that was a converted oil derrick.*

### descendible

#### descent

v  
/ dē'sent /

L + E  
rid of odor or smell.  
*After their dog was sprayed by a skunk, the Andersons tried everything to descent him, but nothing worked.*

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<b>described</b>	<b>desperado</b>	<b>desultorily</b>
v / dō'skrīd / F > E caught sight of especially by watchful attention and careful observation of the distant, uncertain, or obscure. <i>When the dog desried his master walking up the lane, he hurried out to greet him.</i>	n / .despə'rā(.)dō / L > Sp a bandit of the western frontier. <i>Louis pretended to be a desperado holding up a stagecoach.</i>	adv / .desəl'tōrē / L in an erratic, wavering manner. <i>Orna behaved desultorily at the dress rehearsals.</i>
<b>desecrate</b>	<b>desperate</b>	<b>desultory</b>
<b>desiccate</b>	<b>despicable</b>	adj / 'desəkāt / L meriting hatred, scorn, or loathing. <i>Sylvester's stress level would be greatly reduced if he found fewer situations despicable.</i>
v / 'desəkāt / L [has near homonym: desecrate] dry up or cause to dry up : deprive or exhaust of moisture. <i>The hot sunshine and the dry wind combined to desiccate Martha's tomato plants.</i>	adj / dō'spikəbəl / L absolute government in which power is vested in a single ruler. <i>Those who believe in the progress of humanity have a hard time explaining 20th-century despotism.</i>	adj / 'desəltōrē / L not cogently relevant : digressive. <i>Nancy's comments in class are usually rather desultory, but today her remarks were very relevant.</i>
<b>design</b>	<b>despotism</b>	<b>detective</b>
<b>desirable</b>	v / 'deskwə.māt / L peel off in the form of scales. <i>Ed came down with scarlet fever and was horrified when his skin began to desquamate.</i>	n / dō'tektiv / L a plainclothes police officer. <i>The detective asked the bystanders if any of them had actually seen the shooter.</i>
<b>desman</b>	<b>desquamate</b>	<b>deterge</b>
n / 'dezmān / Sw an aquatic insectivorous mammal of Russia that resembles a mole. <i>At one end the desman has a long, flared snout and at the other end a long, flattened tail.</i>	n / 'destrēər / L > F > E a large powerful horse used as a war-horse by a medieval knight. <i>The knight rapidly saddled his destrier and galloped off to battle the invaders.</i>	<b>detergent</b>
<b>desolate</b>	<b>destrier</b>	<b>deterrence</b>
adj / 'desəlāt / L characterized by abandonment, isolation, or barrenness. <i>The irrigation project revived the once desolate farming community.</i>	n / 'deswē.tüd / L discontinuance from use, practice, exercise, or functioning : a state of protracted suspension or of apparent abandonment. <i>In some schools the practice of memorizing great poems has fallen into desuetude.</i>	n / dō'tərən(t)s / L + Ecf the act or process of turning aside, discouraging, or preventing from acting especially by fear. <i>The police hoped that Ted's severe jail sentence would promote the deterrence of criminal acts by the other gang members.</i>
<b>despair</b>	<b>desuetude</b>	<b>deterrent</b>
n / dō'spa(a)(ə)r / L utter loss of hope. <i>Despair overcame Gerald as he stared at his French exam.</i>		n / dō'tərənt / L something that discourages or prevents from acting by fear or consideration of unpleasant attendant consequences. <i>The police hoped that Ted's severe jail sentence would serve as a deterrent to criminal activity by the other gang members.</i>
		<b>detinue</b>
		<b>detonator</b>

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<b>detour</b>	<b>dhurrie</b>	<b>diagonal</b>
<b>detriment</b>	n / də'trɪmənt /	adj / di'agənəl /
<b>detritus</b>	Hindi a thick cotton cloth or carpet made in India. <i>The dhurrie in Morgan's foyer is one she purchased during her trip to Delhi.</i>	Gk > L running across from corner to corner. <i>Chris preferred the tile floor with the diagonal pattern.</i>
n / də'trɪdəs /		
L		
a product of disintegration or wearing away : fragment or fragmentary material. <i>The aerial photo of Don's ranch shows a fan of detritus at the mouth of the gulch.</i>		
<b>detrude</b>	<b>diabetes</b>	<b>diagram</b>
<b>deuce</b>	n / d(y)üüs /	<b>dialysis</b>
n / d(y)üüs /	Gk any of certain abnormal conditions characterized by the secretion and excretion of excessive amounts of urine. <i>Drugs and diet changes can control diabetes in most patients.</i>	n / dī'alōsōs /
L > F		Gk
[has near homonyms: do's, dues] a tie in tennis in points toward a game or in games requiring scoring of two consecutive points by one side to win the game or set. <i>The first point won in tennis after deuce is called "advantage in" if won by the server, "advantage out" if won by the receiver.</i>		the separation of substances in solution by means of their unequal diffusion through semipermeable membranes. <i>Blood was removed from the patient, purified by dialysis, and then returned to the patient's bloodstream.</i>
<b>deuteronist</b>	<b>diablerie</b>	<b>diapason</b>
n / d(y)üdə'ragənəst /	n / dē'äblə(.)rē /	n / dī'ə'pāzōn /
Gk + Gk	L > F dealings with the devil or devils : witchcraft, sorcery. <i>Each Halloween, stories of diablerie resurface in the media.</i>	Gk > L a burst of harmonious sound : melody, strain. <i>The trumpeters filled the courtyard with thrilling diapason.</i>
a person who serves as a foil to another. <i>The movie's hero was thwarted by the villainous deuteronist.</i>		
<b>deutanopia</b>	<b>diacetate</b>	<b>diapered</b>
n / d(y)üdərə'nōpēə /	<b>diadem</b>	<b>diaphanous</b>
Gk	n / 'dīə.dem /	adj / di'afənəs /
red-green blindness believed due to a defect in the optic nerve. <i>Joel's deutanopia disqualified him from the Air Force's pilot school.</i>	Gk > L > F > E crown; specifically : an ornamental headband worn (as by Eastern monarchs) as a badge of royalty. <i>A brocade diadem would be a perfect finishing touch for Josh's King David costume.</i>	GK > L characterized by such fineness and delicacy of texture as to permit seeing through. <i>The jellyfish were so diaphanous that you could be next to them in the water and never know they were there.</i>
<b>devotion</b>	<b>diagnose</b>	<b>diaphragm</b>
<b>dewclaw</b>	v / 'diäg.nōs /	<b>diary</b>
<b>dextrally</b>	Gk > L identify a condition by evaluating its signs and symptoms. <i>Dr. Morris was reluctant to diagnose Tina's condition until he had the test results.</i>	

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<b>diaspora</b> n / dī'asp(ə)rə / Gk a dispersion (as of people of a common national origin or of common beliefs). <i>The guest lecturer at the Modern Language Association meeting jokingly referred to the diaspora of Esperanto speakers.</i>	<b>dietetic</b> <b>dietetics</b> n pl / dī'etēdiks / Gk the science or art of applying the principles of nutrition to the feeding of individuals or groups under different economic conditions or for hygienic or therapeutic purposes. <i>Pam concentrated on dietetics in her graduate studies with hopes of joining a world hunger organization after receiving her degree.</i>	<b>dilapidated</b> adj / dī'lāpədādəd / L decayed, deteriorated, injured, or fallen into partial ruin. <i>Only birds and bats resided in the dilapidated old house.</i>
<b>diaspore</b>		<b>dilatory</b> adj / 'dīlətōrē / L characterized by procrastination or delay : slow. <i>Mr. Knightley always moved with the alertness of a mind which could be neither undecided nor dilatory.</i>
<b>diatribe</b> n / 'dīətrīb / Gk a bitter, abusive, and usually lengthy speech or piece of writing. <i>After supper, Deirdre launched into her familiar diatribe against commercial television.</i>	<b>different</b>	<b>dilemma</b>
<b>diazotype</b>	<b>difficult</b> adj / 'dīfə(,)kəlt / L hard to understand : puzzling, obscure. <i>There were so many words that were difficult, and Milo knew hardly any of them.</i>	<b>diligence</b>
<b>dicerous</b> adj / 'disərəs / Gk having two antennae. <i>Because most insects have a pair of antennae, they are dicerous.</i>	<b>diffident</b> adj / 'dīfədənt / L lacking confidence in oneself : distrustful of one's own powers. <i>Emma was always quick and assured; her sister was slow and diffident.</i>	<b>diligently</b>
<b>dichotomy</b> n / dī'kädəmē / Gk the phase of the Moon or an inferior planet in which just half its disk appears illuminated. <i>The Moon had just reached dichotomy when Amos began planting.</i>	<b>digitalis</b> n / dījə'talēs / L the dried leaf of the purple foxglove containing substances that are used to prepare a drug that is a heart stimulant. <i>Digitalis has proved to be the most effective treatment for Ginger's heart disorder.</i>	<b>dillydally</b> v / 'dīlē.dalē / Gmc > F > E waste time by loitering or delay. <i>"There's lots to do; we have a very busy schedule—from 6:00 to 7:00 we dillydally," he exclaimed.</i>
<b>dickeyssel</b>		<b>diluent</b>
<b>didactic</b> adj / dī'daktik / Gk fitted or intended to teach. <i>Guy's innovative and effective didactic style inspired his students to produce amazing work.</i>		<b>n</b> / 'dīlyəwənt / L an inert substance added to a mixture especially for reducing the concentration of active ingredients. <i>Water added to the insecticide acts as a diluent and a carrier.</i>
<b>didacticism</b>		<b>dilute</b> v / dī'lüt / L make less concentrated : diminish the strength, activity, or flavor of. <i>Because of the heat produced, caution is needed when using water to dilute concentrated sulfuric acid.</i>
<b>didascaly</b>		

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<b>dimension</b>	<b>diphthong</b>	<b>diremption</b>
n / də'menʃən / L a measurable aspect such as length or width. <i>Height is one dimension of a cube.</i>	n / 'dɪfθɒŋ / Gk a gliding monosyllabic sound that starts at or near the articulatory position for one vowel and moves to or toward the position for another. <i>Many people do not pronounce the diphthong in the word realtor correctly.</i>	<b>dirigibility</b>
<b>diminuendo</b>	<b>diphyodont</b>	<b>dirigible</b>
<b>diminutive</b>		n / 'dirɪgəbəl / L + Ecf airship. <i>The explosion of the dirigible Hindenburg is famous for its dramatic radio coverage.</i>
adj / də'mɪnɪtɪv / L small especially in size : tiny. <i>Kerry was first to notice the diminutive hummingbird at the honeysuckle bush.</i>		<b>dirigisme</b>
<b>dimissory</b>	<b>diploma</b>	n / dērēzhēsm(ə) / L > F economic planning and control by the state. <i>Dirigisme is a characteristic of socialist law.</i>
adj / 'dɪmɪsərē / L dismissing or granting leave to depart. <i>Upon hearing the principal's dimissory words, the students bolted out of the auditorium.</i>		<b>dirndl</b>
<b>dinosauric</b>	<b>diplopia</b>	<b>disaffiliate</b>
adj / ,dīnə'sō(ə)rɪk / Gk + Gk + Ecf huge. <i>Angela was astounded by the dinosauric size of the statue of Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial.</i>	n / də'plōpēə / Gk a disorder of vision in which two images of a single object are seen, owing to unequal action of the eye muscles. <i>Shirley noticed that her medicine produced the side effects of dizziness and diplopia.</i>	<b>disappointed</b>
<b>diocese</b>	<b>dipnoous</b>	adj / ,disə'pɔɪntəd / L > F defeated in expectation or hope. <i>Ken's parents were disappointed that he earned only a D in math.</i>
n / 'dīəsēs / Gk > L > F the district in which a bishop has churchly authority. <i>The local bishop's diocese covers five counties.</i>		<b>discalced</b>
<b>diphtheria</b>	<b>dipody</b>	adj / di'skalst / L unshod, barefooted. <i>The discalced runner became a celebrity at the Olympics.</i>
n / dif'thīrēə / Gk an acute highly contagious bacterial disease chiefly of young children that is marked by swelling and obstruction of the throat. <i>During the Depression, diphtheria claimed the lives of many children.</i>	n / 'dipədē / Gk > L a prosodic unit or measure of two feet. <i>The teacher commented on the poet's use of dipody for dramatic effect.</i>	<b>discern</b>
<b>diptych</b>		<b>discerp</b>
	n / 'dip(ə)tik / Gk a picture or series of pictures painted on two tablets connected by hinges. <i>The church's altarpiece is a Byzantine diptych.</i>	<b>discerptible</b>
		adj / dē'sərpətbəl / L + Ecf capable of being torn to pieces or pulled apart. <i>Al's pet dog made short work of his discerptible stuffed animals.</i>

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<b>disciples</b>	<b>discretion</b>	<b>disintegration</b>
n pl / də'sīpəlz / L those who receive instruction from another : followers. <i>Katrina was among Mr. Crane's musical disciples who assembled for instruction one evening a week.</i>	n / də'skreshən / L power of decision : individual judgment. <i>The Constitution was framed and adopted to establish a government that should not depend on state opinion and state discretion.</i>	n / dəs.intə'grāshən / L the act or process of shattering suddenly : flying to bits. <i>Mark caused the disintegration of the mirror when he slammed the door.</i>
<b>disclaimant</b>	<b>discursive</b>	<b>disinter</b>
n / də'sklāmənt / L > F one who makes a denial or disavowal of legal claim. <i>The disclaimant did not want any part of his grandfather's estate.</i>	<b>disdain</b> n / dəs'dān / L > F > E a feeling of contempt and aversion for something regarded as unworthy of or beneath one : scorn, contempt. <i>"This," said Clara with complete disdain, "is my little brother."</i>	<b>dismal</b> adj / 'dizməl / L > F > E marked by gloom, dejection, somberness, or depression of spirits. <i>The children who forgot their gloves spent a dismal recess looking out the window at the snow.</i>
<b>discoloration</b>	<b>disembogue</b>	<b>disobey</b>
<b>discomfiture</b>	v / disəm'bōg / L > Sp discharge water from an outlet or mouth. <i>Many streams disembogue into the river along its course.</i>	v / ,disō'bā / F refuse or fail to abide by orders, rules, or laws. <i>A well-trained dog would not disobey a familiar command.</i>
<b>discotheque</b>	<b>disentangle</b>	<b>disparage</b>
n / 'diskətēk / Gk > L > F a nightclub for dancing to recorded music. <i>Allen is a disk jockey at a popular discotheque in Chicago.</i>	v / ,disən'tangəl / L > Ecf + E straighten out : unravel. <i>Mrs. Luce helped David disentangle the strands of the plot in Hamlet.</i>	v / də'sparij / F > E speak slightlying of. <i>Arthur did not want to disparage his mother's cooking, so he complimented her on her pot roast and secretly fed it to the dog.</i>
<b>discredit</b>	<b>disguise</b>	<b>disparate</b>
<b>discrepancy</b>	v / dəs'gīz / E, F change the customary dress or appearance of. <i>Ben tried to disguise his voice when he telephoned Jill.</i>	<b>disparity</b> n / də'sparədē / L marked difference (as in age, rank, grade, condition, quantity, quality, or kind). <i>The evil of the actual disparity between Mr. Woodhouse's and his daughter's ages was increased by his constitution and habits.</i>
n / də'skrepənsē / L difference, variation, inconsistency. <i>The accountant found a mysterious discrepancy between the two payroll records.</i>	<b>disingenuousness</b> n / disən'jenyəwəsnēs / L state of being unworthily or meanly artful. <i>Disingenuousness and double dealing seemed to meet Mr. Churchill at every turn.</i>	<b>disponible</b>

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<b>disputatious</b>	<b>dissuade</b>	<b>diurnal</b>
adj /dɪs'pʊtətɪʃəs/	v /dɪ'swād/	adj /dɪ'ɔrnəl/
L inclined to argue for or against something asserted or maintained. <i>Helen did not enjoy going to family reunions because of her disputatious relatives.</i>	L divert by advice or persuasion : turn from something by reasoning. <i>Penny tried to dissuade her friend from making a choice she might later regret.</i>	L active chiefly during the daytime. <i>Few cats are naturally diurnal, which can be a problem for light-sleeping owners.</i>
<b>disquisition</b>	<b>dissymmetry</b>	<b>divagate</b>
n /dɪskwə'zishən/	n /di(s)'simətrē/	v /dɪvəgāt/
L an elaborate analytical or explanatory discussion : discourse. <i>Rhetta's first book was a lengthy disquisition on the Irish potato famine.</i>	Gk + Gk + Gk the absence of or the lack of balanced proportions. <i>The quilt designer was inspired by dissymmetry in crystal formations.</i>	L move or extend in different directions from a common point. <i>Several ancient caravan routes divagate from the extinct oasis.</i>
<b>disseminate</b>	<b>distillate</b>	<b>divergent</b>
<b>dissentient</b>	<b>dithyramb</b>	<b>divestiture</b>
adj /də'sen(t)ənt/	n /'dɪθə.ram/	n /dɪ'vestə.chu(ə)r/
L not concurring : disagreeing. <i>There was not a dissentient voice on the subject.</i>	Gk a statement or piece of writing in an exalted impassioned style usually in praise of something. <i>Dennis launched into a dithyramb on Moira's beauty and manifold virtues.</i>	L + Ecf the compulsory transfer of title or disposal of interests (as stock in a corporation) upon government order. <i>The Interstate Commerce Commission ordered the divestiture of the company to be carried out no later than September 30.</i>
<b>dissertation</b>	<b>ditokous</b>	<b>division</b>
<b>dissident</b>	<b>divorce</b>	
<b>dissilient</b>	<b>divulge</b>	
<b>dissimilitude</b>		
n /di(s)sə'milə.tüd/		
L lack of resemblance. <i>Although the plots of Gary's two stories resemble each other, there are several points of dissimilitude.</i>		
<b>dissipated</b>		
v /dɪsə.pædəd/		
L dispelled, dissolved. <i>Mr. Knightley walked in soon after tea and dissipated every melancholy fancy.</i>		
<b>dissonant</b>	<b>diuretic</b>	

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<b>docilely</b> adv / 'dæsəl(l)ē / L in an obedient or submissive manner. <i>Greg's pet dog docilely follows his every command.</i>	<b>doleful</b> adj / 'dōlfəl / L > E + Ecf attended with or indicating grief or a morose or despairing attitude. <i>Martha had a doleful look on her face as she gazed out the window at the rain.</i>	<b>domestic</b> adj / də'mestik / L relating to the household or the family. <i>Selma's domestic situation changed drastically after she married a pack rat.</i>
<b>docility</b> n / dä'silədē / L the quality or state of being easily taught, led, or managed. <i>Docility and intelligence are important qualities that breeders look for in the horses they buy.</i>	<b>dolioform</b> adj / 'dōlēəfōrm / L shaped like a barrel. <i>The barrel cactus is a common dolioform plant of the deserts of North and South America.</i>	<b>domiciliated</b> v / dämə'silēādēd / L had established residence : resided. <i>The schoolmaster was domiciliated in a different village house each week.</i>
<b>dockhand</b>	<b>dolorifuge</b> n / də'lōrəfyūj / L > F > E something that banishes or mitigates grief. <i>Martina was so heartbroken when her dog died that her dad brought home a new puppy as a dolorifuge.</i>	<b>domineering</b>
<b>doctrinaire</b> n / däktrē'na(a)(ə)r / L > F one who attempts to put into effect some especially political theory with little or no regard for practical difficulties. <i>Benito described his opponent as an ivory-tower doctrinaire.</i>	<b>dolorimetry</b>	<b>domino</b> n / 'dämə.nō / L > F a flat rectangular block of bone, ivory, wood, or plastic the face of which is divided into two equal parts called "ends" which are blank or bear from one to six dots, used in a set of 28 to play a game in which the ends are matched. <i>As a joke, Grandpa hid a domino before asking Billy if he'd like to play.</i>
<b>documentary</b> n / däkyə'mentərē / L a presentation (as a film or novel) that has the objective quality, authority, or force of documentation in the representation of a scene, place, condition of life or of a social or political problem or cause. <i>The documentary is being produced by environmentalists who protest the destruction of forests.</i>	<b>dolorous</b> adj / 'dōlərəs / L expressive of sorrow or affliction. <i>In a dolorous voice the reporter described the scene of the disaster.</i>	<b>donnism</b>
<b>dolcissimo</b> adv / dōl'chēsō.mō / L > It very sweet or soft—used as a direction in music. <i>The composer and the conductor argued over whether the passage should be played dolcissimo.</i>	<b>dolphin</b> n / 'dälfən / Gk > L > Prov > F > E any of various small toothed whales with the snout more or less elongated into a beak and the neck vertebrae partially fused. <i>The trained dolphin performed its feats with great agility and grace.</i>	<b>doraphobia</b>
	<b>domain</b>	<b>dorcastry</b> n / 'dōrkəs.trē / Biblical name + Ecf a church auxiliary organized to plan and execute benevolent work. <i>The dorcastry served free Thanksgiving dinners for the homeless.</i>
		<b>dormancy</b> n / 'dō(r)mənsē / L > F > E + Ecf the quality or state of being inactive. <i>Certain Australian frogs undergo long periods of dormancy during drought.</i>

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<b>dorsicollar</b>	n / 'dōrēnās /	adj / drā'kōnēən /
<b>dosage</b>	E	Gk name
<b>dosseret</b>	the quality or state of being not thoroughly baked.	marked by extreme severity or cruelty : harsh, rigorous.
<b>dossier</b>	<i>The doughiness of the cake mortified Mrs. Cavendish.</i>	<i>The pop star's main residence was on an island where the tax laws were less draconian than in her native England.</i>
n / 'dōs.yā /		
F		
an accumulation of records, reports, miscellaneous pertinent data, and documents bearing on a single subject of study or investigation : file.		
<i>The physician kept a careful dossier on each of her patients.</i>		
<b>Dostoevskian</b>	<b>doughty</b>	<b>drainage</b>
adj / dästə'yefskēən /	adj / 'daudē /	<b>drama</b>
Russ name	E	
of, relating to, or typical of the Russian novelist Fedor Dostoevski or his writings.	[has homonym: dowdy] marked by fearless resolution and by stoutness in contest or struggle : valiant.	<b>dramaturgy</b>
<i>The Dostoevskian character's tortured psychic state gripped and twisted Randy's mind as he read page after page.</i>	<i>Daniel was a soldier's soldier—rough, tough, and doughty.</i>	n / 'dramətərjē /
<b>dotard</b>	<b>dowager</b>	Gk > L > F > E
	n / 'daūējə(r) /	the technical devices that are used in writing plays and that tend to distinguish the play from other literary forms.
<b>douanier</b>	F	<i>Shakespeare was skilled at both poetry and dramaturgy.</i>
n / dwānyā /	one of the elder women of assured position who tend to set the tone of an assembly, social group, or community.	
F	<i>Great Aunt Georgine is the dowager of the Arts Council.</i>	<b>dreadful</b>
a customs officer.		adj / 'dredfəl /
<i>At the international airport the douanier insisted on searching the luggage of everyone proceeding through customs.</i>		E
		arousing feelings of disapproval or dissatisfaction.
<b>doublure</b>		<i>"Turn off that dreadful song," Cynthia's mom calmly demanded.</i>
n / də'blü(ə)r /		
L > F		<b>dreary</b>
the lining of a book cover; especially : an ornamental lining.		adj / 'drirē /
<i>The doublure is an important clue in identifying pirated editions of early novels.</i>		E
		being without liveliness, cheer, joy, or hope.
<b>douceur</b>		<i>The dreary accountant decided that it was time to take an extended vacation.</i>
		<b>dreidel</b>
		n / 'drādəl /
		G > Yiddish
		a four-sided die that revolves like a spinning top, that is marked on each side with a different Hebrew letter, and that is used as a toy especially during the Hanukkah festival.
		<i>Evan gave each of his classmates a dreidel after presenting his report on traditions associated with Hanukkah.</i>

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adj / drə'pənəfɔrm / Gk + Ecf hooked or curved like a sickle. <i>As Cliff walked home, the drepaniform Moon did little to light his way.</i>	n / 'drämədərē / Gk > L > F > E a camel of unusual speed, bred and trained especially for riding, and having a single large hump on the back. <i>Camel rides at the zoo featured a dromedary.</i>	adj / drü'päshəs / Gk > L of or relating to a one-seeded indehiscent fruit having a hard bony endocarp, a usually fleshy mesocarp, and a thin exocarp that is either like a skin or dry and almost leathery. <i>Cherries, plums, and almonds are drupaceous fruits.</i>
<b>dressage</b>	<b>dromomania</b>	<b>duarchy</b>
n / drə'säzh / F the execution by a horse of maneuvers involving changes of gait, pace, and airs in response to barely perceptible movements of a rider's hands, legs, and weight. <i>While in Austria, Derrick attended an exhibition of dressage at a famous equestrian school.</i>	n / drämo'mänēə / Gk > L an exaggerated desire to wander. <i>Yielding to his dromomania, Jack bought a recreational vehicle and spent the summer touring the country.</i>	n / 'd(y)üärkē / Gk a government by two rulers having equal power. <i>Critics accused the governor of establishing a duarchy with her husband.</i>
<b>drisheen</b>	<b>drone</b>	<b>dubiety</b>
n / drə'shēn / IrGael a sausage prepared with sheep's blood, milk, and seasonings. <i>While in County Cork, Mr. O'Donnell ordered drisheen and eggs for breakfast.</i>	n / 'drōn / E one that lives on the labors of others. <i>In Sleepy Hollow there were some rustic patrons who considered a schoolmaster a mere drone.</i>	n / d(y)ü'bīdē / L the quality or state of being doubtful or skeptical : uncertainty. <i>There was dubiety in his voice and a hint of uncertainty in his eye.</i>
<b>drivel</b>	<b>drosophilist</b>	<b>duchy</b>
v / 'drivəl / E talk stupidly and carelessly without due thought, knowledge, or consideration. <i>Bart's opinion is highly valued, for he is not one to drivel.</i>	n / drō'säfələst / G + L + Ecf one who uses the vinegar fly in the study of genetics. <i>The drosophilist has helped to advance our knowledge of genes and the role they play in heredity.</i>	<b>ductile</b>
<b>drogue</b>	<b>drudgery</b>	<b>dudgeon</b>
n / 'drōg / E [has homonym: drog] a sea anchor (as a canvas bag with a hooped mouth) used to reduce the speed of a boat and keep her head into the wind. <i>The captain yelled at the crew to lower the drogue while he signaled the other boat.</i>	n / 'drəj(ə)rē / E dull, fatiguing, or unrelieved work or expenditure of effort. <i>Machines now take much of the drudgery out of housework.</i>	n / 'dəjən / unknown aggrieved or angered feeling : ill humor. <i>Fuming at the insult, Carl stalked off in high dudgeon.</i>
<b>druggist</b>	<b>duet</b>	
n / 'drōgəst / F one who sells medicine : pharmacist. <i>Jean asked her druggist to recommend a cough syrup.</i>	n / d(y)ü'et / It performance of a musical composition or movement for two singers or two instrumentalists. <i>Stephan and Christiana's duet featured Bach's concerto for two violins in D Minor.</i>	

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<b>dulcamara</b>	<b>dunnage</b>	<b>duvet</b>
n /dəlkə'märə / L a sprawling Old World poisonous plant that is common as a weed in America and has purple flowers and oval coral-red berries and that has a taste at first sweetish and then bitter. <i>The dried stems of the dulcamara were once used in pharmaceutical preparations as a sedative.</i>	n /dənij / unknown [Note: Could be confused with tonnage, tunnage.] cushioning or padding used in a shipping container to protect fragile articles against shock and breakage. <i>Mother used popcorn as dunnage in her gift boxes to her family in Germany.</i>	n /d(y)ü'vā / ON > F a warm bedcover : quilt, comforter. <i>Sally stored her duvet in the linen closet and used a light bedspread during the summer months.</i>
<b>dulcet</b>	<b>duodenitis</b>	<b>dvandva</b>
adj /dəlsēt / L > F > E pleasing to the ear. <i>Hiroshi marveled at the dulcet tones of the quartet.</i>	n /d(y)üədē'nīdēs / L inflammation of the first part of the small intestine. <i>George's cramps were diagnosed as duodenitis.</i>	n /dvän(ə)dvä / Skt a class of compound words having two constituents that are equal in rank and related to each other as if joined by and. <i>The word secretary-treasurer is an example of a dvandva.</i>
<b>dulcitude</b>	<b>duplicitous</b>	<b>dwarf</b>
<b>dullard</b>	<b>duplicity</b>	n /dwō(ə)rf / E an abnormally small person. <i>The adult dwarf was offended when people treated him as a child.</i>
n /dələ(r)d / F a stupid person. <i>Barry apologized for rashly calling James a dullard.</i>	n /d(y)ü'plisədē / L deception by pretending to entertain one set of feelings and acting under the influence of another. <i>When the candidate's duplicity was exposed, his supporters felt embarrassed and betrayed.</i>	<b>dwindling</b>
<b>dumbbell</b>	<b>durable</b>	<b>dynamitard</b>
n /dəm'bel / E an exercise device that consists of round weights joined by a bar. <i>With great effort, Tony hoisted the dumbbell above his shoulder.</i>	adj /d(y)ürəbəl / L > F > E able to exist for a long time : lasting. <i>Jimmy brought along a pair of durable hiking boots for his trek through the mountainous terrain.</i>	n /dīnəmə:tärd / Gk > Sw + Ecf one that uses explosives for anarchistic or other political acts of violence. <i>Police agents seized the dynamitard in an old warehouse.</i>
<b>dune</b>	<b>duress</b>	<b>dynamite</b>
<b>dungarees</b>	<b>durezza</b>	<b>dynasty</b>
n pl /dəngə'rēs / Hindi heavy cotton work clothes made usually of heavy, coarse, durable, blue cotton twill. <i>Greg preferred his faded dungarees to any other pants in his wardrobe.</i>	n /d(y)ə'res / L > F > E [has near homonym: dress] stringent compulsion by threat of danger, hardship, or retribution. <i>Contracts signed under duress are not valid.</i>	<b>dysbarism</b>
<b>dungeon</b>		<b>dyscalculia</b>
		n /diskal'kyüleə / Gk + L impairment of mathematical ability due to an organic condition of the brain. <i>Because she disliked math class so much, Kathy was convinced that she suffered from dyscalculia.</i>
		<b>dysentery</b>

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<b>dyskinesia</b> n /dɪskɪ'nesɪə/ Gk impaired or abnormal motion of voluntary or involuntary muscle. <i>Some drugs that are used to treat psychiatric disorders can have dyskinesia as a side effect.</i>	<b>dysrhythmia</b> n /dɪs'rɪthmēə/ Gk a condition characterized by various psychological and physiological effects and which occurs following long flight through several time zones and probably results from disruption of human body rhythms that occur in 24-hour cycles : jet lag. <i>The travel agent gave the tour group several tips on how to avoid dysrhythmia.</i>	<b>ebullient</b> adj /ə'bʊlɪənt/ L characterized by enthusiasm or exuberance. <i>Angela tried to be as ebullient as possible during the cheerleading tryouts.</i>
<b>dyslexia</b> n /dɪ'sleksēə/ Gk a disturbance of the ability to read. <i>In Maria's school, students with dyslexia are given special training to improve their reading, spelling, and writing.</i>		<b>ebullition</b>
<b>dyspepsia</b>	<b>dystopia</b> n /dɪ'stōpēə/ Gk an imaginary place which is distressingly wretched and whose people lead a fearful existence. <i>The science-fiction tale was set in a 23rd-century dystopia.</i>	<b>eburnated</b>
<b>dyspeptic</b> adj /də'spektik/ Gk gloomy or negative. <i>The editor's dyspeptic views on the election irritated many readers.</i>	<b>eagle</b>	<b>eccentric</b>
<b>dysphemia</b>	<b>eaglet</b>	<b>ecchymosis</b>
<b>dysphemism</b> n /dɪsfə'mizəm/ L substitution of a disagreeable, offensive, or disparaging word or expression for an agreeable or inoffensive one; also, a word or expression so substituted. <i>Rachel, whose father is an auto mechanic, cringes every time she hears the dysphemism grease monkey.</i>	<b>earlobe</b>	<b>n</b> /e'kə'mōsəs/ Gk > L the escape of blood into the tissues from ruptured blood vessels marked by a livid black-and-blue or purple spot or area. <i>A black eye results from ecchymosis.</i>
	<b>earnest</b> n /ərnēst/ E [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] something of value given by a buyer to a seller to bind a bargain. <i>Ms. Giblin gave the sellers \$3,000 as earnest so that they would not entertain other offers.</i>	<b>ecclesiastic</b> n /əklēzē'astik/ Gk a person in holy orders or consecrated to the service of the church. <i>The new bishop was an ecclesiastic of high learning and virtue.</i>
	<b>eavesdrop</b>	<b>ecclesiastical</b> adj /əklēzē'astikəl/ Gk > L belonging to, suggestive of, or suitable for use in a church building or service of worship. <i>Ramona designed and sewed all the ecclesiastical garments worn in the church's services.</i>
<b>dysphoria</b> n /də'sfōrēə/ Gk a generalized state of feeling unwell or unhappy. <i>Edith has had frequent crying spells and periods of dysphoria since early childhood.</i>	<b>ebony</b>	<b>ecclesiology</b>
	<b>ebriosity</b>	
	<b>ebullience</b>	

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<b>ecesis</b>	<b>echt</b>	<b>economist</b>
n / è'sèsəs / Gk the successful establishment of a plant or animal in a new environment or habitat. <i>Ecessis by an introduced species often threatens native flora or fauna.</i>	adj / ekt / G genuine, authentic. <i>All the lamps were very attractive, but only one was echt Tiffany.</i>	n / è'känəmèst / Gk a specialist in or student of the social science that studies the production, distribution, and consumption of commodities. <i>Adam Smith was the most influential economist of the 18th century.</i>
<b>echelon</b>	<b>eclectic</b>	<b>ecru</b>
n / 'eshə.län / L > F one of a series of levels or grades (as of leadership or responsibility) in an organization or field of activity. <i>Employees at every echelon of the company were encouraged to make suggestions.</i>	adj / e'klektik / Gk + Gk composed of elements drawn from various sources. <i>Gaynor's eclectic taste in music makes selecting CDs for her a cinch.</i>	n / à'krü / L > F [has near homonym: accrue] of a textile : a light grayish yellowish brown that is yellower and lighter than gravel. <i>The bridal gown is available in both ecru and white.</i>
<b>echelonment</b>	<b>eclipse</b>	<b>ecstasy</b>
<b>echinoderm</b>	<b>eclogue</b>	<b>ecstatic</b>
n / è'kīnō.dərm / Gk any of a phylum of radially symmetrical marine animals that have a true body cavity, a calcareous exoskeleton, a blood-vascular system, a nervous system, and a water-vascular system that provides tentacles and organs of locomotion. <i>The starfish is a familiar echinoderm.</i>	n / è'klips / L > F > E the obscuration of one celestial body by another. <i>Susan and Stuart flew to Mexico to view a total eclipse of the Sun.</i>	adj / ek'stadik / Gk caused by, expressing, or causing a state of exaltation or rapturous delight. <i>Maria was ecstatic when her boyfriend proposed to her.</i>
<b>echoed</b>	<b>ecocatastrophe</b>	<b>ectocanthion</b>
v / 'e(.)kōd / Gk resounded with sounds caused by reflections of sound waves. <i>Reanna's words echoed back to her from across the canyon.</i>	n / è(.)kōkə'tastrə(.)fē / Gk a major destructive upset in the balance of nature especially when caused by the intervention of humans. <i>Sam considers the destruction of the rain forests an ecocatastrophe.</i>	n / .ektō'kan(t)thēən / Gk + Gk the point at which the outer ends of the upper and lower eyelids meet. <i>Plastic surgery was needed to repair an injury to the patient's face at the ectocanthion.</i>
<b>echolalia</b>	<b>ecologist</b>	<b>ectoplasm</b>
n / .ekō'lälēə / Gk + Gk the often pathological repetition of what is said by other people as if imitating them. <i>The speech of autistic persons is sometimes characterized by echolalia.</i>	n / è'käljäst / Gk > G a specialist in the branch of science concerned with the interrelationship of organisms and their environment. <i>Kimberly will work as a summer intern for an ecologist in the Everglades.</i>	n / 'ektə.plazəm / Gk the emanation from a spiritualistic medium that is believed to effect telekinesis and similar phenomena. <i>In the movies people are always getting slimed by what they call "ectoplasm," but if it exists, it would more likely look like mist.</i>

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<b>ecumenism</b>	<b>edentulate</b>	<b>effectually</b>
n / 'ekyəmənizəm / Gk + Ecf principles and practices relating to or promoting worldwide Christian unity. <i>The World Council of Churches is a major force in the religious movement known as "ecumenism."</i>	<b>edentulous</b> adj / .ē'denchələs / L lacking teeth; especially : having lost teeth previously present. <i>When Susie skipped into the second grade classroom, she gave Miss O'Connell an edentulous grin.</i>	adv / ə'fekch(əw)əlē / L&F > E in a manner producing the desired results. <i>A warm drink is said to fortify one effectually against the cold.</i>
<b>ecumenopolis</b>	<b>edible</b>	<b>effervesce</b>
n / .ekyəmō'näpələs / Gk a single city encompassing the whole world that is held to be a possibility of the future. <i>Many science fiction stories are based on the premise of Earth's future ecumenopolis.</i>	<b>edification</b> n / .edəfə'kashən / L a building up of the mind, character, or faith : intellectual, moral, or spiritual improvement. <i>Though she knew that the word origins wouldn't be on the test, Tara studied them for her own edification.</i>	<b>effervescent</b> adj / .efə(r)'vesənt / L impossible or difficult to restrain or suppress : bubbling, exuberant. <i>Sean's effervescent personality caught the attention of the job recruiter.</i>
<b>eczematous</b>	<b>edifice</b>	<b>effete</b>
adj / ig'zēmədəs / Gk relating to or having the characteristics of an inflammatory skin condition characterized by redness, itching, and lesions. <i>Eczematous skin eruptions may be due to allergies to certain foods, drugs, or cosmetics.</i>	n / 'edəfəs / L building; especially : a large or massive structure (as a church or government building). <i>To Amy, the most beautiful edifice in our nation's capital is the National Cathedral.</i>	<b>efficacious</b>
<b>edacious</b>	<b>editorial</b>	<b>efficacy</b>
adj / ē'dāshəs / L + Ecf [has near homonym: audacious] voracious, devouring. <i>Mary Ellen's edacious appetite for gossip is offensive to all.</i>	<b>edulcorate</b> v / ē'dəlkərāt / L free from harshness (as of attitude) : make pleasant. <i>Ben is under the mistaken impression that his flattery will edulcorate the stern judge.</i>	n / 'efəkəsē / L the power to produce an effect : effectiveness. <i>For Harriet, the idea of being preferred by Mr. Elton had all the usual weight and efficacy.</i>
<b>edaphon</b>	<b>eerily</b>	<b>efficiency</b>
n / 'edəfən / Gk > ISV the animal and plant life present in soils. <i>Stephanie is studying the edaphon of the river delta.</i>	<b>efface</b>	<b>effigy</b>
<b>edelweiss</b>		n / 'efəjē / L > F a full or partial representation especially of a person. <i>Andy felt a chill when he spotted the effigy of his ancestor in the cathedral crypt.</i>
n / 'ād'l.wīs / G a small perennial herb growing high in the Alps. <i>Eva recognized the edelweiss by its distinctive white petals.</i>		<b>effleurage</b> n / .eflə'räzh / L > F a light stroking movement used in massage. <i>Abdominal effleurage is a technique used in prepared childbirth.</i>

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<b>efflorescence</b>	<b>effusive</b>	<b>egress</b>
n / .eflō'resən(t)s /	adj / ə'fyüsiv /	n / 'ēgrēs /
L the result or culminating feature of a developmental process : outgrowth, flower. <i>The museum guide commented that change in art is merely the efflorescence of certain long prepared and anticipated effects.</i>	L expressing or marked by unrestrained emotion : unduly demonstrative. <i>Troy was bowled over by the effusive greeting of his Labrador retriever.</i>	L the act or right of going or coming out. <i>Every hotel should provide accessible ways of egress.</i>
<b>effluent</b>	<b>egalitarian</b>	<b>eider</b>
n / 'e.flüənt /	adj / (.)ē.galə'terēən /	<b>eiderdown</b>
L [Note: Could be confused with affluent.] something that flows out, as liquid discharged as waste (as water used in an industrial process). <i>The effluent from the cooling tower is pure water.</i>	L > F marked by or adhering to a belief that all persons are equal in intrinsic worth and are entitled to equal access to the rights and privileges of their society. <i>The senator promised to help create and expand opportunities and distribute them in an egalitarian fashion.</i>	n / 'īdə(r).daūn /
<b>effluvium</b>	<b>egocentric</b>	ON > Icel > G the small fluffy under feathers of any of several large northern sea ducks.
n / e'flüvēəm /	adj / ēgō'sentrik /	<i>The price tag on the sleeping bag stuffed with eiderdown shocked Kevin's parents.</i>
L an exhalation or smell especially when unpleasant. <i>The effluvium from the backed-up drain nauseated Mr. Locke.</i>	L + Gk > E self-centered, selfish. <i>Dillard's friends claimed there was not an egocentric bone in his body.</i>	<b>eidetic</b>
<b>effrontery</b>	<b>egocentricity</b>	adj / ī'dētik /
n / ə'frōntərē /	n / ēgō(.)sen'trisədē /	Gk [has near homonym: identic] of or relating to voluntarily producible visual images having almost photographic accuracy : vivid, lifelike.
L > F flagrant boldness that is offensive or insolent : gall. <i>Chuck had the effrontery to interrupt the senator during his speech.</i>	L + Gk > L the quality or state of being concerned with oneself rather than with others. <i>The conductor's egocentricity made his interaction with the musicians less than harmonious.</i>	<i>Sometimes Grandma would fall into eidetic reveries and talk to her long-deceased brother.</i>
<b>effulgence</b>	<b>egregious</b>	<b>eigne</b>
<b>effulgent</b>	<b>egregiously</b>	<b>einkorn</b>
adj / e'fūljənt /	adj / ə'grējəs /	n / īn.kōrn /
L marked by or as if by brightly shining light. <i>An effulgent flash of intuition enabled Tony to solve the geometry exam's final problem.</i>	L flagrant : glaringly evident. <i>As a medical researcher, Laura knew that many of the reports of medical breakthroughs on television contained egregious errors.</i>	G a one-grained wheat that is regarded by some as the most primitive wheat and is grown especially in poor soils in central Europe. <i>Einkorn grown in southeastern Turkey is believed to be closely related to a grain first domesticated as early as 9000 B.C.</i>

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<b>Einsteinian</b>	<b>eleemosynary</b>	<b>elision</b>
adj / 'inz.tīnēən /	adj / .elə'mäs̄n.erē /	n / ē'lizhən /
G name of or relating to American physicist and mathematician Albert Einstein or his theories. <i>The Einsteinian theory of special relativity revolutionized the field of physics.</i>	L of or relating to charity : charitable, philanthropic. <i>Participation in eleemosynary activities is a graduation requirement at Janie's school.</i>	L the use of a speech form that lacks a final or initial sound that a variant speech form has. <i>Today's French class concentrated on when to use elision.</i>
<b>einsteinium</b>	<b>elegiacal</b>	<b>elitist</b>
<b>ejector</b>	<b>elementary</b>	adj / ə'lēdəst /
<b>ekistics</b>	<b>elephant</b>	L > F of or relating to a consciousness of being one of a segment or group regarded as socially superior. <i>The private school offers many need-based scholarships to combat the impression that its student body is elitist.</i>
n pl / ē'kīstiks /	n / 'eləfənt /	
Gk a science dealing with human settlements and drawing on the research and experience of professionals in various fields (as architecture, engineering, city planning, and sociology). <i>Dora's degree in sociology aided her in her study of ekistics.</i>	Hamitic? > Gk > L > F any of a family of thickset extremely large nearly hairless herbivorous mammals that have a snout elongated into a muscular trunk and two incisors in the upper jaw developed especially in the male into large ivory tusks. <i>Zack and Debbie enjoyed watching the elephant use its trunk to spray water on its back.</i>	
<b>elasticity</b>	<b>elephantine</b>	<b>elixir</b>
<b>electrolysis</b>	adj / ,elə'fān.tēn /	n / ī'likso(r) /
n / ā.lek'trälōsēs /	Gk > L of enormous size or weight : uncommonly large : immense, massive. <i>Troy was served an elephantine ice cream sundae.</i>	Gk? > Ar > L > E a substance or concoction held to be capable of prolonging life indefinitely. <i>Explorers through the ages have sought the elixir of life, better known as the "fountain of youth."</i>
Gk the destruction of hair roots with an electric current. <i>Electrolysis was one of the means of hair removal demonstrated in Rowena's cosmetology class.</i>		<b>ellipse</b>
		n / ī'lips /
		Gk an elongated circle. <i>The walking path behind the school forms an ellipse around the tennis courts.</i>
<b>electuary</b>	<b>eligible</b>	<b>ellipses</b>
n / ē'lekchə.werē /	adj / 'elājəbəl /	n pl / ē'lip.sēz /
Gk > L > E a medicated paste prepared with honey or other sweet substance, used in veterinary practice, and administered by smearing on the teeth, gums, or tongue. <i>The veterinarian patiently smeared an electuary on the horse's gums.</i>	L [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] preferable, desirable. <i>The quietness of the game made it particularly eligible for Mr. Woodhouse, who had often been distressed by the more animated sort.</i>	Gk [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] omissions of one or more words that are obviously understood but must be supplied to make a construction grammatically complete. <i>Pat's use of suspension periods to punctuate her main character's ellipses visually portrays the character's disjointed thought.</i>

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<b>ellipticity</b>	<b>emancipation</b>	<b>embarrassment</b>
<b>elocution</b>	n / ələ'kyüshən / L the art of oratorical or expressive public speaking. <i>Senator Okada is a master of elocution.</i>	n / ə'man(t)sə'pāshən / L the act or process of setting or making free; broadly : deliverance from any onerous and controlling power. <i>Abraham Lincoln's decree proclaiming emancipation for slaves came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of captivity.</i>
<b>eloquence</b>	<b>emanometer</b>	<b>embassy</b>
n / 'eləkwen(t)s / L discourse marked by apt and fluent diction and imaginative fervor. <i>The defense lawyer addressed the courtroom audience with eloquence.</i>	n / .emə'nämədə(r) / L + Gk any of various devices designed to measure quantities or intensity of a heavy gaseous element produced by radioactive disintegration. <i>The emanometer detected dangerous amounts of radon in Theo's basement.</i>	<b>embellish</b> v / əm'bəlɪsh / F > E enhance, amplify, or garnish (an account) by elaboration with inessential but decorative or fanciful details. <i>Ivan likes to embellish his stories a little differently each time he tells them.</i>
<b>elucidate</b>	<b>embarcadero</b>	<b>embezzlement</b>
v / ə'lüsədāt / L make intelligible by clear explanation or careful analysis. <i>Belinda asked Mrs. Dent to elucidate the complicated essay question.</i>	n / embärkə'de(.)rō / L > Sp a landing place; especially : a landing place on an inland waterway. <i>An organ grinder and his monkey entertained visitors at the embarcadero of the restored village.</i>	n / əm'bezəlmənt / F > AF > E fraudulent appropriation of money by a person to whom it has been entrusted. <i>The FBI investigation led to the union leader's indictment for embezzlement.</i>
<b>elutriation</b>	<b>embargo</b>	<b>emblazon</b>
<b>emaciated</b>	<b>embark</b>	<b>emblazon</b>
adj / ə'māshē.ādād / L made lean by impairment (as from hunger). <i>The emaciated cat stared at Tina with hollow eyes.</i>	n / əm'bär(.)gō / L > Sp an edict or order of the government prohibiting the departure or entry of ships of commerce at ports within its dominions. <i>In defiance of the embargo, the boat slipped out of the harbor at night.</i>	v / əm'blāz̄n / Lcf > Ecf + F > E set off conspicuously (as by rich or brilliant decorations). <i>Andrea asked the seamstress to emblazon the sweater with embroidered flowers.</i>
<b>emanation</b>	<b>embarrass</b>	<b>emblem</b>
n / .emə'nāshən / L a flowing forth. <i>The air was tainted with the musky emanation from the alligator pen.</i>		<b>embolism</b> n / 'embəлизəm / Gk the sudden obstruction of a blood vessel by a foreign or abnormal particle (as a bubble of air or a blood clot). <i>Careless administration of an injection can cause an embolism.</i>

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<b>embouchure</b>	<b>embryonic</b>	<b>emissary</b>
n / 'ämbü.shü(ə)r / L > F the position and use of the lips in producing a musical tone on a wind instrument. <i>After six weeks of criticism about her poor embouchure, Kirsten switched from the clarinet to the piano.</i>	adj / .embrē'änik / Gk > L + Ecf being in an early and undeveloped stage. <i>Delia disclosed embryonic plans for the new theater.</i>	n / 'emə.serē / L an agent or representative usually empowered to act more or less independently. <i>Each government sent an emissary to the trade talks.</i>
<b>embracery</b>	<b>emerald</b>	<b>emolliate</b>
n / èm'bräs(ə)rē / F > E the act of one who attempts to or acts so as to influence a court, jury, or other office or officer corruptly (as by promises, money, or threats). <i>After trying to bribe a juror, the mobster was arrested and charged with embracery.</i>	adj / 'em(ə)rälđ / Gk > L > F > E a highly prized gemstone of rich green color. <i>Beth's grandfather has a lovely unmounted emerald that he plans to give to her for a graduation present.</i>	<b>emollient</b> adj / è'mälyənt / L [Note: Could be confused with emolument.] soothing especially to the skin or mucous membrane. <i>Erna usually applies an emollient cream to her hands after washing dishes.</i>
<b>embrasure</b>	<b>emeritus</b>	<b>emolument</b>
n / èm'bräzhə(r) / F an opening with sides flaring outward in a wall or parapet of a fortification usually for allowing the firing of cannon. <i>Bobby and Jackie amused themselves during the castle tour by climbing into every embrasure to look out the windows.</i>	adj / è'merədəs / L retired from an office after gaining recognition. <i>Our summer school teacher, Dr. Benteen, is Professor Emeritus of history from Dartmouth University.</i>	n / è'mälyəmənt / L [Note: Could be confused with emollient.] profit or perquisites from office, employment, or labor. <i>The waitress who did not report the tips portion of her emolument faced incarceration for tax evasion.</i>
<b>embrocate</b>	<b>emigrant</b>	<b>empanada</b>
<b>embrocation</b>	n / 'embrə'kashən / Gk > L liniment. <i>The fact that Della's throat is so much better can be attributed to the excellent embrocation her mother applied regularly.</i>	n / 'emägrənt / L [has near homonym: immigrant] a person who leaves a country or region to establish permanent residence elsewhere. <i>Sidney's great-great-grandfather was an Irish emigrant during the potato famine.</i>
<b>embroidery</b>	<b>eminent</b>	<b>empathy</b>
<b>embryo</b>	n / 'emənənt / L [has homonym and near homonyms: emanent and immanent, imminent] standing out so as to be readily perceived. <i>The National Cathedral is a building of eminent beauty.</i>	<b>empennage</b> n / ämpə'näzh / Fcf + L + Fcf the tail assembly of an aircraft. <i>After the accident the FAA ordered the airline to inspect the empennage of every plane in its fleet.</i>
	<b>eminently</b>	
	<b>emissaries</b>	

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<b>emphatically</b>	<b>emulate</b>	<b>encore</b>
adv / èm'fadékəlē /		n / 'än.kō(ə)r /
Gk in a markedly forceful manner. <i>At the school board meeting Jonah spoke emphatically in favor of requiring students to wear uniforms.</i>		L > F the further appearance of a performer or an additional performance requested by an audience. <i>The audience was so thrilled by the singer's rendition of the aria that it cheered for an encore.</i>
<b>emphysema</b>	<b>encephalitis</b>	<b>encroachment</b>
n / .em(p)fə'zēmə /	n / èn.sefə'lidəs /	n / èn'krōch.mənt /
Gk a condition characterized by air-filled, blisterlike expansions in the tissues of the lungs. <i>Most cases of emphysema are caused by smoking.</i>	Gk inflammation of the brain, especially when due to infectious agents or their toxins. <i>The symptoms of encephalitis usually include fever, headache, and tremors.</i>	Scand > F > E advancement beyond set limits. <i>When a football player enters the neutral zone and makes contact with an opponent before the ball is snapped, the head linesman will penalize the team for encroachment.</i>
<b>empirical</b>	<b>enchilada</b>	<b>encumbrance</b>
adj / èm'pirēkəl /	n / enchə'lädə /	
Gk > L originating in or relying on factual information, observation, or direct sense experience usually as opposed to theoretical knowledge. <i>Epidemiologists rely heavily on empirical data in predicting the spread of a contagious disease.</i>	Sp a tortilla topped or rolled up with a highly seasoned meat or other filling and served with tomato sauce seasoned with chili. <i>The sampler platter included a taco, an enchilada, and a burrito.</i>	
<b>empleomania</b>	<b>enclave</b>	<b>encyclical</b>
n / 'emplēō'mānēə /	n / 'en.klāv /	
F > Sp + Gk > L an excessive desire for holding public office. <i>Otis's empleomania drove him to squander his fortune on political campaigns.</i>	L > F a district or region (as in a city) inhabited by a particular race or set apart for a special purpose. <i>The Warsaw Ghetto was an infamous enclave during World War II.</i>	
<b>emporium</b>	<b>enclitic</b>	<b>endemic</b>
		adj / en'demik /
<b>empyrean</b>	<b>encomium</b>	Gk peculiar to a locality or region. <i>Despite its name, Rocky Mountain spotted fever is not endemic to the western United States.</i>
n / .em.pi'rēən /	n / èn'kōmēəm /	
Gk > L the highest heaven or heavenly sphere in ancient and medieval cosmology usually described as a sphere of fire or light. <i>According to Ptolemy, there are five heavens, the last of which is called the "empyrean," from the Greek word meaning "fiery."</i>	Gk an often formal expression of warm or high praise : eulogy. <i>At the dedication of the war memorial, the president offered an encomium for the fallen heroes.</i>	
<b>emu</b>		<b>endocrinology</b>

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<b>endorphin</b>	<b>enfilade</b>	<b>enlightenment</b>
n / en'dörfən / Gk > ISV any of a group of proteins with potent pain-killing properties that occur naturally in the brain. <i>In long-distance runners, elevated blood levels of endorphin can prevent the pain of sustained exertion.</i>	n / 'enfə.lād / F arrangement (as of rooms, doorways, trees) in opposite and parallel rows. <i>The hallway of the huge hotel was seemingly endless, with an enfilade of doors appearing to grow ever tinier in the distance.</i>	n / ēn'līt'nmənt / Ecf + E + Ecf the act or means of furnishing with useful information. <i>The rules of the debate will be posted on the bulletin board for the enlightenment of all participants.</i>
<b>endorsement</b>	<b>enfranchisement</b>	<b>enmity</b>
<b>endow</b>		n / 'enmədē / L > F hostility, animosity. <i>The enmity which Mr. and Mrs. Elton dared not show in open disrespect to Miss Woodhouse found a broader vent in contemptuous treatment of her best friend.</i>
<b>endurable</b>		<b>ennead</b>
<b>energetic</b>	<b>engineer</b>	<b>enneastyle</b>
adj / .enə(r)'jedik / Gk marked by energy. <i>The energetic captain kept the police force ready for any emergency.</i>	n / .enjə'ni(ə)r / F > E the act of endowing with a constitutional or statutory right or privilege; especially : the act of endowing with the right to vote. <i>It is hard to believe today that segments of American society were once denied enfranchisement.</i>	adj / 'enēə.stīl / Gk + Gk marked with columniation with nine columns across the front. <i>The new monument has an enneastyle arrangement with Corinthian columns.</i>
<b>enervate</b>		<b>ennui</b>
v / 'enə(r).vāt / L [has near homonym with opposite meaning: innervate] lessen the nerve, vitality, or strength of. <i>Being outside in the heat of the day would enervate Grandma, so she weeds her garden in the cool hours of early morning.</i>	<b>engrossed</b> adj / ēn'grōst / L > AF > E completely occupied or absorbed. <i>Engrossed in her book, Mary did not hear her mother's repeated calls for her to come downstairs.</i>	n / än'wē / F languor or emptiness of spirit : boredom. <i>Though she claimed to dislike school, Tara felt a certain ennui when not doing something academic.</i>
<b>enervated</b>	<b>enhance</b>	<b>ensconce</b>
adj / 'enə(r).vādēd / L lacking physical, mental, or moral vigor. <i>After the 15-mile mountain hike, Marsha found herself completely enervated.</i>	<b>enigmatic</b> adj / .e(.nig'madik / Gk > L inexplicable, puzzling. <i>Marla scribbled an enigmatic message on Lance's arm cast.</i>	v / ənz'kän(t)s / L > F > E place or hide (as oneself) securely : conceal. <i>Jared was able to ensconce himself behind the sofa before his brother came looking for him.</i>
		<b>ensconced</b>

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<b>ensemble</b>	<b>entomologist</b>	<b>enunciate</b>
n / än'sämbəl / L > F a group of supporting players, singers, or dancers. <i>The principals in the play were ably supported by the ensemble.</i>	n / entə'mäləjəst / Gk one specializing in the study of insects. <i>Dirk has wanted to be an entomologist since he was in the third grade.</i>	v / ē'nən(t)sē'āt / L utter articulate sounds. <i>Mr. Dubek reminded Val to stand straight and enunciate clearly.</i>
<b>ensilage</b>	<b>entourage</b>	<b>enunciator</b>
<b>entablature</b>	n / .äntə'räzh / L > F one's attendants or subordinates. <i>The rock star and his entourage occupied an entire floor of the hotel.</i>	<b>environs</b>
<b>entangled</b>	<b>entrance</b>	
adj / ən'tangəld / E involved in a perplexing or troublesome situation from which escape is difficult. <i>Several birds got entangled in the net Mr. Cantrell placed over his cherry tree.</i>	<b>entrecote</b>	<b>envise</b>
<b>entente</b>	n / än'tänt / L > F a written or unwritten international understanding usually less formally binding than an alliance. <i>The president decided that her government's policy of isolationism would not be broken by an entente.</i>	v / ən'vezij / F have a mental picture of in advance of realization. <i>Benjamin could scarcely envisage the scale of the project, so he broke it down into smaller, more manageable units.</i>
<b>entertain</b>	<b>entremets</b>	<b>envisagement</b>
<b>enthymeme</b>	n pl / äntrə'mā(z) / L > F dishes (as vegetables or savories) served in addition to the main course of a meal. <i>At some restaurants, entremets must be ordered separately from the main course.</i>	<b>enzyme</b>
n / 'en(t)thämēm / Gk an argument or truncated syllogism in which one of the propositions is understood but not stated. <i>A good example of an enthymeme is the statement "We are dependent; therefore, we should be humble."</i>	<b>entrepreneur</b>	n / 'en.zīm / Gk any of a very large class of complex proteinaceous substances that are produced by living cells and that are essential to life by acting as catalysts. <i>Emil Fischer theorized in 1894 that an enzyme acts like a lock to which a certain reactant is the key.</i>
<b>entitle</b>	n / äntrəp(r)ə'nər / L > F the organizer of an economic venture; especially : one who organizes, owns, manages, and assumes the risks of a business. <i>The local college gives accounting classes for the first-time entrepreneur.</i>	<b>ephapse</b>
<b>entomogenous</b>	<b>enumerate</b>	
adj / entə'mäjənəs / Gk growing on or in the bodies of insects. <i>Some scale insects that feed on trees have entomogenous fungi.</i>		

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<b>ephedrine</b> n / ē'fēdrēn / Gk a white crystalline alkaloid used often in the form of a salt (as the sulfate) chiefly in relieving hay fever, asthma, and nasal congestion. <i>Ephedrine has been used to treat the bronchoconstriction associated with asthma.</i>	<b>epidemic</b> n / ēpēdēmēk / Gk the outer layer of the skin of a vertebrate. <i>The paper cut, though painful, barely broke Kayla's epidermis.</i>	<b>epistemology</b> n / ēpīstōlōjē / Gk the study of the method and grounds of knowledge especially with reference to its limits and validity; broadly : the theory of knowledge. <i>The middle books of Plato's Republic are the key to his epistemology.</i>
<b>ephemeral</b>	<b>epigram</b> n / ēpēgrām / Gk a short poem with a witty or satirical point. <i>Kelly kept a calendar on her desk that gave a humorous epigram for each day of the year.</i>	<b>epistle</b>
<b>ephemeris</b> n / ēfēm(ə)rēs / Gk a publication giving the computed places of the celestial bodies for each day of the year. <i>Tracy's attorney consulted an ephemeris to verify her story about having seen Venus on the morning of the crime.</i>	<b>epilepsy</b> n / ēpēlēpsē / Gk a chronic nervous disorder of humans and other animals that involves changes in the state of consciousness and of motion. <i>Epilepsy is sometimes caused by glandular disturbances.</i>	<b>epistolary</b> adj / ēpīstōlērē / L written in the form of a series of letters. <i>Evan read four epistolary novels last summer.</i>
<b>epicede</b> n / ēpēsēd / Gk a funeral song or ode. <i>The poet laureate composed an epicede for the queen's funeral.</i>	<b>epiphany</b> n / ēpīfēnē / Gk an appearance or revelatory manifestation of a divine being or a god. <i>Apuleius's Metamorphoses includes a description of an epiphany of the goddess Isis.</i>	<b>epistrophe</b>
<b>epicure</b>	<b>episcopacy</b>	<b>epitaph</b>
<b>epicurean</b> adj / ēpē'kyūrēən / Gk name > L + Ecf stimulating and satisfying to the senses. <i>The presentation of the epicurean dishes was as delightful as their taste and aroma.</i>	<b>episode</b> n / ēpēsōd / Gk the part of a radio, television, or motion-picture serial presented at one performance. <i>The ending of each episode of the soap opera left one wanting to see the next episode.</i>	<b>epitaphs</b> n pl / ēpētāfs / Gk inscriptions on or at tombs or graves in memory of those buried there. <i>For amusement the children like to read the epitaphs in the old church cemetery.</i>
<b>epicycle</b> n / ēpēsīkēl / Gk a circle in which a planet moves and which has a center that is itself carried around at the same time on the circumference of a larger circle. <i>Ancient astronomers used the epicycle to explain their theory that Earth is at the center of the solar system.</i>		<b>epitasis</b> n / ēpīdēsēs / Gk the part of a play developing the main action and leading to the catastrophe. <i>During the epitasis the characters developed relationships that would complicate their lives.</i>
		<b>epithet</b> n / ēpēthēt / Gk a disparaging or abusive word or phrase. <i>Donnie apologized for shouting an epithet at Mr. Garibaldi.</i>

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<b>epitome</b>	<b>equanimity</b>	<b>equilibrium</b>
<b>epitomize</b>	n / ē'pidəmīz /	n / ēkwa'librēəm /
v Gk serve as the typical representation of. <i>Sharon's choice of clothing must surely be an attempt to epitomize bad taste.</i>	L evenness of mental disposition : emotional balance especially under stress. <i>The writer learned to accept with equanimity the rejections from publishers.</i>	L a state of dynamic balance attained in a reversible chemical reaction when the velocities in both directions are equal. <i>Marge injected a flask of colorless nitrogen dioxide with dinitrogen tetroxide, a brown gas, to illustrate chemical equilibrium: When equilibrium occurred, the gas in the flask stopped becoming browner.</i>
<b>epizootic</b>	<b>equation</b>	<b>equine</b>
adj / epəzə'twädik /	<b>equator</b>	<b>equinoctial</b>
Gk of or relating to a disease affecting many animals of one kind at the same time. <i>Great measures are being taken to ensure that the epizootic foot-and-mouth disease does not enter the United States.</i>	n / ē'kwādə(r) /	adj / ēkwa'näkshəl /
<b>epoch</b>	L the great circle of the celestial sphere whose plane is perpendicular to the axis of Earth. <i>Spring begins when the Sun moves north across the equator.</i>	L > F > E relating to either of the two times each year when the Sun crosses the equator and day and night are everywhere of equal length. <i>Marge began making preparations for her annual spring equinoctial festival.</i>
<b>epoché</b>	<b>equatorial</b>	<b>equinox</b>
<b>eponymous</b>	adj / ē'pänəməs /	n / ēkwa.näks /
adj Gk + Ecf bearing the name of, being, or relating to one for whom or which something is named. <i>Jason will play the role of Julius Caesar in the drama club's presentation of the eponymous play.</i>	L of, at, or relating to the equator. <i>The length of the days and nights doesn't vary much in equatorial regions.</i>	L > E either of the two times each year when the Sun crosses the equator and day and night are everywhere of equal length, being about March 21st and September 23rd. <i>Legend has it that you can balance an egg on its end only during the equinox.</i>
<b>epopee</b>	<b>equestrienne</b>	<b>equipage</b>
<b>epyllion</b>	<b>equilateral</b>	<b>equipment</b>
n / e'pilēən /	<b>equilibrist</b>	<b>equipoise</b>
Gk a relatively short narrative poem resembling an epic in theme, tone, or style. <i>Is "Hiawatha" short enough to be considered an epyllion?</i>	n / ēkwa'librəst /	v / 'ekwə.pōiz /
	L > F one who balances himself in unnatural positions and performs hazardous movements. <i>Of all the acts in the circus, Yancy liked the equilibrist best.</i>	L + L > F put or hold in a state of equilibrium or balance. <i>Tod's efforts to equipoise the opposing interests of the two groups enabled them to coexist civilly.</i>
		<b>equipped</b>

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<b>equitable</b>	<b>eremology</b>	<b>erudite</b>
<b>equity</b>	n / 'ekwədē /	adj / 'eryədīt /
n / 'ekwədē /	Gk + Gk a science concerned with the desert and its phenomena. <i>Professor Heath's research on desert flora was hailed as a significant contribution to eremology.</i>	L > E characterized by a love of knowledge for its own sake : devoted to the pursuit of learning. <i>The speaker's presentation was a compilation of research that would interest only the most erudite scholars in his field.</i>
L the money value of a property or of an interest in a property in excess of claims or liens (as mortgaged indebtedness) against it. <i>During the three-year real estate boom, Jan's home equity went up 300%.</i>		
<b>equivalent</b>	<b>ergot</b>	<b>erudition</b>
adj / è'kwiv(ə)lənt /	n / 'ɔrgət /	n / .eryə'dishən /
L corresponding or virtually identical especially in effect or function. <i>Butter and margarine are equivalent in most recipes.</i>	F a fungal disease of rye and other cereals. <i>An outbreak of ergot destroyed Mr. Kern's crop.</i>	L an extensive knowledge acquired chiefly from books. <i>The schoolmaster was esteemed as a man of great erudition.</i>
<b>equivocate</b>	<b>ermine</b>	<b>erumpent</b>
v / è'kwivəkāt /	n / 'ərmən /	<b>escalator</b>
L avoid committing oneself in what one says : speak evasively. <i>When confronted with the facts, Bernie realized it would do no good to equivocate.</i>	Gmc > F > E any of several weasels that assume white winter fur usually with more or less black on the tail. <i>Despite the outcry of animal activists, the fine fur of the ermine is still used for ornamentation of some designer clothing.</i>	
<b>eradicable</b>	<b>errancy</b>	<b>escamotage</b>
<b>eradicate</b>	<b>errand</b>	n / eskāmōtāāzh /
v / è'radəkāt /	<b>erroneous</b>	F juggling, hand trickery. <i>The street magician accompanied his deft escamotage with jokes and a distracting patter.</i>
L [has homonym with opposite meaning: irradicate] do away with : destroy completely. <i>Many wheat farmers use aerial sprays to eradicate weeds, diseases, and insect pests from their fields.</i>		
<b>erasable</b>	<b>ersatz</b>	<b>escargot</b>
adj / è'rāsəbəl /	adj / 'er.zäts /	n / eskārgō /
L capable of being rubbed or scraped out or removed from existence or memory. <i>Penelope signed the contract with erasable ink.</i>	G substitute, synthetic : simulated. <i>Because copper was needed for armaments, pennies were made with an ersatz material during World War II.</i>	OProv > F a snail prepared for use as food. <i>Saul fished the escargot out of its shell with a tiny fork and popped it into his mouth.</i>
<b>erasure</b>	<b>erubescent</b>	<b>escarpment</b>
	adj / .er(y)ə'bes̄nt /	n / ə'skärpmənt /
	L becoming red : reddening. <i>Eufemia's erubescent complexion made her embarrassment obvious.</i>	F a long cliff or steep slope separating two comparatively level or more gently sloping surfaces. <i>From the top of the escarpment, Peter had a commanding view of both baseball fields.</i>
		<b>eschew</b>

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<b>eschewal</b>	<b>espionage</b>	<b>estoppel</b>
n / əs(h)'chüəl / Gmc > F > E shunning, avoidance. <i>Peter's eschewal of anything containing peanuts or peanut oil is a matter of life and death.</i>	n / 'espēə.näzh / F the practice of spying or using spies to obtain information about the plans and activities especially of a foreign government or a competing company. <i>After discovering that Mr. Carmichael had sold company trade secrets to a competitor, his employer charged him with industrial espionage.</i>	n / ə'stäpel / F a legal preclusion by which one is prevented from alleging something previously denied or denying something previously alleged. <i>Because his previous statement was on record, an estoppel prevented Tom from changing his position.</i>
<b>esconson</b>		<b>estrepement</b>
<b>escritoire</b>		n / 'estrēpmēnt / F > AF waste or needless destruction of lands; especially : damage wrought by a tenant for life. <i>The tenant's estrepement of the farm had made the land almost useless.</i>
n / 'eskrōtwär / L > F a piece of furniture resembling a bureau and providing a writing surface or desk area behind a hinged front that drops down. <i>Jennifer bought a valuable 18th-century escritoire at Sotheby's.</i>	<b>esplanade</b> n / 'esplānād / L > It > F a level open stretch of paved or grassy ground; especially : one designed for walking or driving and often providing a vista (as over water). <i>Carole decided to go for a stroll on the esplanade before dinner.</i>	<b>estuarine</b>
<b>escrow</b>	<b>espresso</b>	
<b>esoteric</b>	<b>essence</b>	<b>estuary</b>
adj / .esə'terik / Gk difficult to understand. <i>Phil found the article on metaphysics too esoteric.</i>	n / 'es̄n(t)s / L an extract (as from fruit) used as flavoring in cooking. <i>Tatiana could taste the pomegranate essence in the cake's frosting.</i>	n / 'es(h)chə.werē / L a water passage where the tide meets the current of a stream. <i>Small boats were warned not to travel the estuary without aid.</i>
<b>espadrille</b>	<b>estaminet</b>	<b>esurient</b>
n / 'espədril / L > Prov > F a flat sandal having a fabric upper and a flexible often rope sole. <i>Marsha put on her other espadrille and headed for the beach.</i>	n / estāmēnā / Gmc > F a small café : bistro. <i>While driving through Belgium, Jeff and Linda stopped at a charming estaminet for lunch.</i>	adj / ə'sürēənt / L having a huge appetite : greedy. <i>Which one of you esurient fellows ordered the extra-large pizza?</i>
<b>espalier</b>	<b>esteem</b>	<b>ethnic</b>
<b>espaliers</b>	<b>estimable</b>	<b>ethos</b>
n pl / ə'spalyərz / L > It > F fruit trees or other plants trained to grow flat against a building, wall, railing, trellis, or other support. <i>Harriet walked up the broad and neat gravel walk, which led between rows of espaliers to the front door.</i>	adj / 'estəməbəl / L worthy of esteem or respect. <i>The statesman had a tarnished youth but is now, in many ways, an estimable figure.</i>	<b>etiolation</b> n / ēdēə'lāshən / F the yellowing or whitening of a green plant through lack of sunlight. <i>Rhonda uses a special lamp on her houseplants to prevent etiolation.</i>
<b>especially</b>		

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<b>etiquette</b> n / 'edəkət / F the forms required by good breeding or prescribed by authority to be observed in social or official life. <i>The defendant's attorney advised him on the observance of courtroom etiquette.</i>	<b>Euhemerism</b> n / yü'hēmə.rizəm / Gk name a theory held by the Greek mythographer Euhemerus that the gods of mythology were but deified mortals. <i>While studying Euhemerism, Serjei learned that the god Vulcan was the first to discover how to make bronze and iron.</i>	<b>eureka</b> interj / yo'rēkə / Gk used to express triumph concerning a discovery. <i>A loud "Eureka!" emanated from the chemistry laboratory.</i>
<b>etymology</b> n / .edə'mäljē / Gk > L > E a branch of linguistics concerned with the complete history of a linguistic form (as a word or morpheme). <i>Students have rated Dr. Bailly's class in etymology the best course in the English department.</i>	<b>eulogy</b> n / 'yüləjē / Gk a composition (as a set oration) in commendation of someone or something (as of the character and accomplishments of a deceased person). <i>The university president delivered a moving eulogy at the funeral of the dean.</i>	<b>euterm</b> n / 'yürəthərm / Gk + Gk an organism that tolerates a wide range of temperature. <i>Whereas some animals hibernate during the winter, a euterm is active throughout the cold months.</i>
<b>etymon</b> n / 'edə.män / Gk the word in a foreign language that is the source of a particular loanword. <i>The etymon of the English word cantata is the same word in Italian.</i>	<b>eueptic</b> adj / yü'peptik / Gk cheerful, optimistic. <i>The eueptic president put the people at ease about the nation's economy.</i>	<b>eustacy</b> n / 'yü.taksē / Gk good order or management. <i>Rose's Christmas decoration routine was an example of the eustacy she practiced constantly.</i>
<b>eucalyptus</b> n / yüke'liptəs / Gk a tree or shrub native to western Australia. <i>Brad planted a eucalyptus in the vain hope of attracting koalas.</i>	<b>euphemism</b> n / yüfə.mizəm / Gk a polite term used to avoid the direct naming of an unpleasant reality. <i>Marjorie referred to her illness with a vague euphemism.</i>	<b>euthanasia</b>  <b>euthenics</b> n pl / yü'theniks / Gk a science that deals with developing human well-being and efficient functioning through the improvement of environmental conditions. <i>As the world becomes more populated, people pay more attention to the relevance of euthenics.</i>
<b>eudaemonic</b> adj / yüdē'mänik / Gk producing happiness : based on the idea of happiness as the proper end of conduct. <i>The company's decision to eliminate production quotas had a eudaemonic effect on all the workers.</i>	<b>euphoric</b> adj / yü'förik / Gk characterized by a feeling of well-being or elation. <i>The golfer was absolutely euphoric after making a hole in one.</i>	<b>eutrophic</b> adj / yü'träfik / Gk + Gk of a lake : rich in dissolved nutrients but frequently shallow and with seasonal oxygen deficiency. <i>Since the 1970s the use of phosphates in detergents has been banned in some states because they make lakes eutrophic.</i>

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<b>evaluate</b>	<b>evocative</b>	<b>excise</b>
v / ə'veləwāt / L > F > E examine and judge concerning the worth, quality, significance, amount, degree, or condition of. <i>The company sent Chris to evaluate the project's potential for profit.</i>	adj / ə'vākədīv / L tending to call forth an emotional response. <i>Kathy sang an evocative ballad about her emigrant grandparents.</i>	n / 'ek.sīz / D any of various taxes on privileges (as of engaging in a particular trade or sport) that are often assessed in the form of a license or other fee. <i>An excise is included in the cost of a fishing license.</i>
<b>evanescent</b>	<b>evoke</b>	<b>exclamation</b>
adj / .ēvə'nes̄n(t) / L of short life or duration : fleeting. <i>The joy and moral stimulation of work is often forgotten in the mad chase of evanescent profits.</i>	v / ə'vōk / L call forth or up : summon. <i>For Eva, the first crisp days of autumn always evoke memories of her semester in England.</i>	n / eksklō'māshōn / L vehement expression (as of protest, reproach, or complaint). <i>Trudy gave a loud exclamation as the plane took off without her.</i>
<b>evaporable</b>	<b>exacerbate</b>	<b>exclamatorily</b>
	v / ig'zasə(r)bāt / L make more violent or bitter : intensify the bad qualities of. <i>Cindy learned how name-calling could exacerbate an already violent argument.</i>	
<b>evidentiary</b>	<b>exaggerate</b>	<b>excoriate</b>
adj / .ēvə'denč(ə)rē / L + Ecf being, relating to, or affording evidence. <i>Because he is not an expert in forensics, Harvey's opinion has no evidentiary value.</i>	v / ig'zajə.rāt / L misrepresent on the side of largeness (as of size, extent, or value) : overstate the truth. <i>Like any fisherman, Tio tends to exaggerate the size of his catches.</i>	v / ek'skōrē.āt / L censure scathingly. <i>Mr. Dent proceeded to excoriate Ellen in front of the entire pep squad.</i>
<b>evildoer</b>	<b>example</b>	<b>exculpate</b>
n / 'ēvəl.düə(r) / E one who does wicked deeds. <i>The prosecutor portrayed the defendant as a friendly face with the heart of an evildoer.</i>		v / 'ek(.)skəlpāt / L clear from alleged fault or guilt. <i>Greg is positive that the honor council will exculpate him after a thorough investigation.</i>
<b>evincible</b>	<b>exanimate</b>	<b>excursion</b>
<b>eviscerate</b>	<b>exaration</b>	<b>exedent</b>
v / ə'vesə.rāt / L take out the entrails of : disembowel, gut. <i>The chef showed his apprentice how to eviscerate a fish.</i>	<b>excelsior</b>	<b>exemplary</b>
		adj / ig'zemplərē / L deserving imitation : commendable. <i>Hubert was praised for his exemplary conduct.</i>
<b>eviternity</b>	<b>exchequer</b>	<b>exercise</b>

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<b>exhaustion</b>	<b>exoskeleton</b>	<b>expiate</b>
n / ig'zōschōn / L weariness following overstrain or overexertion. <i>Vance collapsed from exhaustion after running the marathon.</i>	n / .eksō'skelōt̩n / Gk + Gk > L an external supportive or protective structure or framework of an insect. <i>An exoskeleton provides protection for an insect, much like a suit of armor.</i>	v / 'ekspē.āt / L extinguish the guilt incurred by : make conciliation for. <i>Buddhist doctrine holds that one must expiate the sins committed in past lives.</i>
<b>exhibit</b>	<b>exotic</b>	<b>exploit</b>
<b>exhilarate</b>	adj / ig'zädik / Gk from another country : not native to the place where found. <i>Little did Polly know that the exotic bird she bought had been illegally smuggled into the country.</i>	n / 'ek.splōit / L > F > E deed, act. <i>Sarah's first exploit in baking resulted in a burned pie and charred juice in the oven.</i>
<b>exhortation</b>	<b>expatriate</b>	<b>explosive</b>
<b>exigency</b>	v / ek'spāshē.āt / L speak or write at length or in considerable detail. <i>The mighty bulk of the whale affords a congenial theme whereon to enlarge, amplify, and expatriate.</i>	adj / ik'splō.siv / L + Ecf of or relating to the act of violently expanding and bursting. <i>Witnesses told the arson investigator that two men ran from the side door of the warehouse moments before the explosive fire.</i>
<b>exiguous</b>	<b>expatriate</b>	<b>expostulate</b>
adj / eg'zigyōwəs / L scanty in amount : meager, narrow. <i>Fran's father disapproves of her plan to use her exiguous savings for the down payment on a motorcycle.</i>	<b>expectorant</b>	v / ik'späschə.lāt / L clear from accusation or blame. <i>DNA analysis has the potential either to exonerate suspects or to place them at the scene of the crime.</i>
<b>existential</b>	<b>expeditious</b>	<b>expostulate</b>
<b>exonerate</b>	adj / ig'zānə.rāt / L acting with promptness or efficiency : speedy. <i>Mrs. Elton boasted that her horses were extremely expeditious and that her carriage probably drove faster than anyone else's.</i>	v / ik'späschə.lāt / L reason earnestly with a person for purposes of dissuasion or remonstrance. <i>Nelson takes every opportunity to expostulate about politics with strangers on the subway.</i>
<b>exonerated</b>	<b>expensive</b>	<b>expunge</b>
<b>exoneration</b>	adj / ik'spen(t)siv / L characterized by high price or cost. <i>The concert tickets were expensive, but the event sold out a month before the performance date.</i>	v / ik'spōnj / L + L strike out, obliterate, or mark for deletion (as a word, line, or sentence). <i>Jeff agreed to expunge the word stupid from his book report.</i>
<b>exorbitant</b>	<b>exquisite</b>	
adj / ig'zō(r)bēdənt / L > F > E excessive. <i>The ferryman charged an exorbitant rate to carry people across the strait.</i>		
	<b>exsculptate</b>	

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<b>exsiccate</b>	<b>extripate</b>	<b>extravaganza</b>
v / 'eksə.kāt / L + L drive moisture from (as by the action of heat). <i>Sara wants to exsiccate the plums she picked to see if they will really turn into prunes.</i>	v / 'ekstə(r).pāt / L pull up or out by or as if by the roots or stem. <i>Fay made it her mission to extirpate every weed in the lawn.</i>	n / ik.stravə'ganzə / L > It a lavish or spectacular show or event. <i>The Mardi Gras extravaganza in New Orleans has several carnival-like parades.</i>
<b>exsuccous</b>	<b>extract</b>	<b>extravasate</b>
adj / ek(s)'səkəs / L + L devoid of all juices or sap : dried up. <i>The exsuccous orange in Tamra's locker must have been left there months ago.</i>	<b>extraneous</b> adj / ek'strānēəs / L existing or originating outside or beyond. <i>Leona didn't let extraneous noises bother her while she was studying.</i>	v / ik'stravə.sāt / L pour out or erupt. <i>When extreme heat and pressure build within a volcano, molten lava may extravasate into the air.</i>
<b>exsufflation</b>	<b>extraordinarily</b>	<b>extricate</b>
<b>extemporaneous</b>	<b>extraordinary</b>	<b>exuberance</b>
adj / .ek.stempə'rānēəs / L composed, performed, or uttered on or as if on the spur of the moment. <i>Suzi gave an extemporaneous talk about bonsai at the craft club meeting.</i>	adv / ik.strō(r)d̥'n'erəlē / L in a manner beyond what is usual, regular, common, or customary. <i>Dr. Miller told us that Brutus was extraordinarily frisky this morning.</i>	v / 'ekstrə.kāt / L pull out. <i>When the whistle blew, Jason tried to extricate himself from the bottom of the pile of players.</i>
<b>extempore</b>	<b>extrapolate</b>	<b>exuberant</b>
<b>extensive</b>	<b>extraterrestrial</b>	
<b>extinct</b>		
adj / ik'stɪŋ(k)t / L > E no longer living : deceased, dead. <i>Latin is an extinct language.</i>	adj / ik'strapə.lāt / L + L > E infer from a trend within an already observed interval. <i>From the data she had collected so far, Mirna tried to extrapolate a preliminary conclusion about the insect population of the state.</i>	adj / ig'züb(ə)rənt / L joyously unrestrained and enthusiastic. <i>The students at Payton Middle School gave the visiting astronaut an exuberant welcome.</i>
<b>extinguish</b>		<b>fabiform</b>
v / ik'stingwish / L + Ecf cause (as a fire or light) to cease burning. <i>Procedure dictated that Lenny extinguish his car's headlights before approaching the guardhouse.</i>	adj / ekstrə.tə'restrēəl / L originating or existing outside Earth or its atmosphere. <i>The shiny rock appeared to Zelda to be extraterrestrial.</i>	adj / 'fābə.fōrm / L + Ecf [has near homonym: faviform] shaped like a bean. <i>Jodie is having a fabiform swimming pool installed in her backyard.</i>
		<b>fabled</b>
		<b>fabricate</b>
		<b>facade</b>

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<b>facetiosity</b>	<b>factotum</b>	<b>faineant</b>
n / fə.sēshē'äsədē / L + Ecf the quality or state of being jocular in an often clumsy or inappropriate way. <i>Mrs. Foster did not appreciate Barney's facetiosity during her history class.</i>	n / fak'tōdəm / L a person having many diverse activities or responsibilities : a general servant. <i>Mrs. Alexander has so many responsibilities not related to instruction that she feels more like a factotum than a teacher.</i>	adj / 'fānēənt / F idle and ineffectual. <i>Lack of purpose can contribute to a faineant life.</i>
<b>facetious</b>		<b>faint</b>
<b>facial</b>		
<b>facile</b>	<b>facula</b>	<b>faithful</b>
adj / 'fasəl / L easily accomplished or attained. <i>Sarpedon's facile backgammon victory over his sister made him suspicious of her intent.</i>	n / 'fakyələ / L any of the bright regions of the Sun's photosphere seen most easily near the Sun's edge and occurring most frequently in proximity to sunspots. <i>Seymour tracked the Sun's rotation by charting the position of a facula.</i>	n pl / 'fāthfəl / E adherents of a system of religious belief. <i>The pope spoke to the faithful from his balcony, asking them to pray for the future of the world.</i>
<b>facilely</b>	<b>facultative</b>	<b>falbala</b>
adv / 'fasəl(l)ē / L + Ecf in an easy manner : with ease or assurance. <i>Andy sat down at the piano and played facilely through a book of show tunes.</i>	<b>faculties</b> n pl / 'fakəltēz / L > F > E inherent capabilities, powers, or functions. <i>While Barbara was recovering from eye surgery she had to rely more on her faculties of hearing and smelling.</i>	<b>falcate</b> adj / 'falkət / L hooked or curved like a sickle— used also of the Moon or an inferior planet when less than half its disk is illuminated. <i>The Moon's falcate form loomed above the horizon.</i>
<b>facilitate</b>	<b>faddist</b>	<b>falcon</b>
<b>facilitator</b>	<b>Fahrenheit</b>	<b>faldstool</b>
n / fə'silə.tād(ə)r / L + Ecff one that makes something easier or less difficult. <i>As a teacher, Mr. Logan considers himself a facilitator of learning rather than a dispenser of information.</i>	adj / 'farən.hīt / G name relating or conforming to a thermometric scale on which under standard atmospheric pressure the boiling point of water is at 212 degrees and the freezing point at 32 degrees. <i>Nathan knew it was hot outside, but he was astonished to learn that the temperature was 100 degrees Fahrenheit.</i>	<b>fallacious</b>
<b>faconne</b>		<b>fallacy</b>
<b>facsimile</b>	<b>faille</b>	
n / fak'siməlē / L an exact and detailed copy. <i>Jared bought a facsimile of Noah Webster's 1828 dictionary.</i>		<b>fallibility</b> n / falə'bilədē / L liability or proneness to err. <i>The executive pardon can be seen as a recognition of the fallibility of our system of justice.</i>
<b>factitious</b>		

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<b>fallow</b> adj / 'fa(l)ō / E left untilled or unsown after plowing. <i>Miriam has big plans for the patch of fallow ground in her backyard.</i>	<b>fandango</b> n / fan'daŋ(.)gō / Pg? > Sp a lively Spanish dance usually performed by a man and woman with castanets and in triple time. <i>Craig and Ursula danced a fandango in the high school talent competition.</i>	<b>farcical</b> adj / 'fär'sikəl / L receiving or meriting laughter or amused scorn as utterly without claim to serious consideration or as laughably inept. <i>Shakespeare employs farcical characters in many of his plays to provide comic relief.</i>
<b>false</b> adj / fôl'se(,) / L > It an artificially high voice. <i>Dad draped a mop over his head and sang "Mary Had a Little Lamb" in falsetto.</i>	<b>fanfare</b> n / fän'fär / Gk > L > F > E + Ecf create or develop imaginative and often fantastic views, ideas, or explanations. <i>After Calvin was elected to the student council, all he ever did was fantasize about becoming president of the United States.</i>	<b>farcically</b> adv
<b>falsify</b> v / fôl'sifē / L > F > E frequently seen or experienced. <i>Sandy was chosen for the job because she was familiar with computers.</i>	<b>fantasize</b> v / 'fanta.sīz / Gk > L > F > E + Ecf create or develop imaginative and often fantastic views, ideas, or explanations. <i>After Calvin was elected to the student council, all he ever did was fantasize about becoming president of the United States.</i>	<b>farewell</b> n
<b>familiar</b> adj / fä'milyə(r) / L > F > E frequently seen or experienced. <i>Sandy was chosen for the job because she was familiar with computers.</i>	<b>fantoccini</b> n pl / fänto'chēnē / L > It puppets moved by strings or mechanical devices. <i>So many spectators stopped to watch the fantoccini that the puppet shows had to be moved to one of the park's larger amphitheaters.</i>	<b>farinaceous</b> adj / ,färə'nāshəs / L containing or rich in starch. <i>Common farinaceous foods include bread and pasta.</i>
<b>famish</b> v / 'famish / E deprive of food : starve. <i>The war will famish many people trapped in the besieged city.</i>	<b>farad</b> n / 'fa.rad / E name the practical meter-kilogram-second unit of capacitance equal to the capacitance of a capacitor between whose plates there appears a potential of 1 volt when it is charged by 1 coulomb. <i>Todd calculated the necessary capacitance of the insulation to be exactly 1 farad.</i>	<b>faro</b> n
<b>fanaticism</b> n / fə'nadəsizəm / L + Ecf excessive enthusiasm and intense uncritical devotion usually toward some controversial matter (as religion, politics, or philosophy). <i>Throughout history, political fanaticism has led to many violent wars.</i>	<b>farouche</b> adj / fə'rūsh / L > F lacking social graces and experience : marked by shyness and lack of polish. <i>As a teenager, Inez was rather farouche, hesitant to make eye contact with strangers.</i>	<b>farraginous</b> adj
<b>fanchonette</b> n / ,fanchə'net / F an open tart covered with meringue or sometimes whipped cream. <i>Randy ordered a lemon fanchonette for dessert.</i>	<b>farrago</b> n / fə'rä(.)gō / L a confused, disordered, or irrational assemblage (as of words or ideas). <i>The candidate's concession speech was a rambling farrago that underscored his instability.</i>	

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<b>farthingale</b> n / 'färthəngäl / L > Sp > F a support worn especially in the 16th century beneath a skirt to swell out and extend it at the hip line. <i>No lady-in-waiting at the court of Queen Elizabeth I would have been seen in public without a farthingale.</i>	<b>fathom</b> n / 'fathəm / E a unit of length equal to 6 feet based on the distance between fingertips of a man's outstretched arms and used especially for measuring the depth of water. <i>The fathom, once standard on British admiralty charts, has been replaced by the meter.</i>	<b>faveolate</b> adj / fa'veələt / L honeycombed. <i>The tiny chapel had a faveolate ceiling.</i>
<b>fascinate</b>	<b>fatigue</b> n / fə'tēg / F weariness from work or exertion. <i>Fatigue results from doing too much too fast.</i>	<b>fealty</b> n / 'fēl(ə)ltē / L > F > E faithfulness, allegiance. <i>One by one, the nobles knelt before the queen and swore fealty to the crown.</i>
<b>fascine</b>	<b>fatuous</b> adj / 'fachəwəs / L marked by want of intelligence and rational consideration. <i>Lenny characterized Nestor's attempts to build a perpetual motion machine as fatuous.</i>	<b>feasibility</b> n / ,fēzə'bilədē / L > F > E the capability of being done, executed, or effected. <i>Engineers are studying the feasibility of constructing a tunnel under the river.</i>
<b>fascism</b> n / 'fa.shizəm / L any program for setting up a centralized autocratic national regime with severely nationalistic policies exercising rigid censorship and forcible suppression of opposition. <i>Given the current regime's fascism, a coup was inevitable.</i>	<b>faucet</b>	<b>feasible</b> adj / 'fēzəbəl / L > F > E capable of being done, executed, or effected. <i>Because our Constitution is simple and practical, it is feasible to meet extraordinary needs by making changes without loss of essential form.</i>
<b>fashion</b>	<b>fauna</b> n / 'fōnə / L animals in general or animal life especially as distinguished from flora. <i>The customs agent asked Bart if he was bringing any flora or fauna into the country.</i>	<b>feature</b>
<b>fastidious</b>	<b>Fauntleroy</b> adj / 'fōntlə.rōi / E literary name characterized by a short tailored jacket, knee-length trousers, rather frilly shirt, wide collar with rounded corners, or large loose bow. <i>Lulu's masterpiece was a painting of her little brother dressed in a Fauntleroy costume, holding their basset hound by its collar.</i>	<b>febrifugal</b> adj / fə'brif(y)əgəl / L mitigating or removing fever. <i>Aspirin is well known for its analgesic and febrifugal properties.</i>
<b>fastish</b> adj / 'fastish / E rather speedy. <i>Jane's mutt was a fastish runner despite its injured leg.</i>		<b>febrility</b> n / fə'brilədē / L feverishness. <i>As her febrility increased, the patient became delirious.</i>
<b>fatal</b> adj / 'fäd'l / L&F > E causing death. <i>The cholera had broken out in its most fatal form.</i>		

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<b>feckless</b> adj / 'fek.ləs / E impractical and shiftless. <i>Mort was worried that his long periods of unemployment would make him look feckless when he applied for a job.</i>	<b>felicitous</b> adj / fə'lisədəs / L marked by general happiness or good fortune. <i>All of Rob's college roommates showed up for the felicitous occasion of his wedding.</i>	<b>femoral</b> adj / 'femərəl / L [has homonym: femerell] of, relating to, or located near the thigh. <i>The femoral artery supplies blood to the abdomen and lower extremities.</i>
<b>fecund</b> adj / 'fēkənd / L marked by noteworthy intellectual productivity and inventiveness. <i>The Renaissance was a fecund era for the arts.</i>	<b>felicity</b> n / fə'lisədē / L the quality or state of being happy. <i>Liberty from British rule became more and more necessary for the felicity of the American colonists.</i>	<b>fenestrated</b> adj / 'fenəstrātəd / L provided with or characterized by windows. <i>Symmetrically fenestrated buildings characterize Georgian architecture.</i>
<b>federal</b>	<b>feliform</b> adj / 'fēləfōrm / L + Lcf > Ecf resembling a cat. <i>Eric found a feliform stone in a cave.</i>	<b>fenestration</b>
<b>fedora</b> n / fē'dōrə / F name a soft felt hat with a low crown creased lengthwise and with or without a high roll on the side brim. <i>Brent stepped into the spotlight and pulled his fedora low over one eye.</i>	<b>felonious</b>	<b>fennel</b> n / 'fen̄l / L > E a perennial European herb introduced to North America and cultivated for the aromatic flavor of its seeds. <i>Celene often flavors her vegetables with curry powder and fennel.</i>
<b>feign</b>	<b>felsenmeer</b> n / 'felzən.mē(ə)r / G an assemblage of rock fragments completely mantling the surface and commonly present in mountainous regions. <i>Our guide showed us a field of felsenmeer formed from underlying bedrock by the action produced by frost.</i>	<b>ferocious</b> adj / fē'rāshəs / L producing abundantly : prolific. <i>Sylvia decided to can some of the tomatoes from her extraordinarily ferocious plants.</i>
<b>feigned</b>	<b>feminine</b> adj / 'femənīn / L female. <i>The feminine characters were played by men and the masculine characters were played by women in Cornell Theatre's production of King Lear.</i>	<b>feral</b> adj / 'ferəl / L lacking a human personality due to being reared in isolation from all or nearly all human contacts. <i>The television executive rejected the idea of another series about a feral child trying to adjust to modern culture.</i>
<b>feigning</b> v / fānij / L > F > E simulating falsely. <i>Darla wondered if her mother was feigning good feelings about her decision to marry Edgar.</i>		
<b>feint</b> v / fānt / F make a pretense of. <i>George broke his hand when he attempted to feint a punch at the wall but overshot his target.</i>		
<b>felicific</b>		

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<b>feretory</b>	<b>ferruminate</b>	<b>fianchetto</b>
n / 'ferə.tōrē / Gk > L a place for keeping an ornate coffin for the relics of a saint. <i>Every two hours the monks at the shrine of St. Dionysios in Greece perform a prayer service and open the feretory for viewing.</i>	v / fə'rümə.nāt / L join together (as metals) : solder. <i>Fortunately, Tom's dad was able to ferruminate the broken parts of the metal toy.</i>	v / .fēən'ched(.)ō / F + It move (a bishop) in a chess game to the position Knight 2. <i>The analysts correctly predicted that Evangeline would fianchetto her bishop.</i>
<b>fermata</b>	<b>fervent</b>	<b>fiasco</b>
n / fer'mädə / L > It a prolongation at the discretion of the performer of a musical note, chord, or rest beyond its given time value. <i>To the conductor's consternation, Dean exaggerated each fermata.</i>	adj / 'fərvənt / L of great intensity; specifically : characterized by often deep intensity of feeling or expression. <i>Natalia's remorseful look and fervent plea for leniency did not sway the vice-principal.</i>	n / fē'a(.)skō / Gmc > It an utter and often ridiculous failure especially of an ambitious or pretentious undertaking. <i>The attempt to distribute campaign leaflets by air turned into a fiasco when the wind changed direction.</i>
<b>fermeture</b>	<b>fervorous</b>	<b>fibrillar</b>
<b>ferocious</b>	adj / 'fərv(ə)rəs / L full of intensity of feeling or expression. <i>The crowd couldn't help but be swayed by Greg's fervorous speech.</i>	<b>fibrillation</b>
<b>ferraiolone</b>	<b>fescue</b>	n / ,fibrə'lāshən / L very rapid irregular contractions of the muscle fibers of the heart resulting in a lack of synchronism between heartbeat and pulse beat. <i>Ventricular fibrillation is a condition in which the heart twitches haphazardly instead of propelling blood forward in an organized way.</i>
<b>ferret</b>	<b>festoon</b>	<b>fibrosis</b>
n / 'ferēt / L > F > E a semidomesticated variety of the European polecat. <i>Carl's ferret comes to him for a reward every time he squeezes a squeaky toy.</i>	<b>festucine</b> adj / 'fest(y)ə.sīn / L of the color straw yellow. <i>Dorothy's blue eyes suited her festucine hair.</i>	<b>fibrous</b> adj / 'fibrəs / L containing, consisting of, or like fibers. <i>The fibrous content of fruits and vegetables is beneficial to the digestive system.</i>
<b>ferrous</b>	<b>feud</b>	<b>fichu</b>
<b>ferrule</b>	n / 'ferəl / L > F > E [has homonym: feral] a band or cap usually of metal enclosing the end of a cane, tool handle, table leg, or similar object to strengthen it or prevent splitting and wearing. <i>Both the knob and the ferrule of Mr. Benson's walking stick were made of finely engraved silver.</i>	<b>fictile</b>
	Gmc > F > E a relationship of aggressive hostility : quarrel. <i>A feud over the property boundaries developed between the two families.</i>	<b>fiction</b>
		<b>fictitious</b>
		<b>fideism</b>

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<b>fidelity</b>	<b>filasse</b>	<b>finger</b>
n / fə'delədē / L the quality or state of being faithful or loyal (as to a person, cause, party, or nation). <i>When taking the oath of office, the president pledged fidelity to the Constitution.</i>	n / fə'las / L > F a vegetable fiber prepared for manufacture. <i>At the mill, sisal plants are processed into filasse.</i>	<b>finialed</b> adj / 'finēəld / L > F > E provided with a capping ornament. <i>The lampposts and street signs were elaborately finialed with iron pineapples.</i>
<b>fiduciary</b>	<b>filial</b>	<b>finite</b>
adj / fə'd(y)üshē.erē / L of, having to do with, or involving a confidence or trust. <i>Zoe acted in a fiduciary capacity during the lease negotiations.</i>	adj / 'filēəl / L befitting a child in relation to his or her parents. <i>During adolescence, many children feel uncomfortable demonstrating filial love in public.</i>	adj / 'fī.nīt / L > E having clear limits. <i>Phoebe's creativity was bound by a finite set of resources.</i>
<b>fiefdom</b>	<b>filibuster</b>	<b>firkin</b>
n / fēfdəm / F + E an area over which one exercises control. <i>The manager's fiefdom consisted of two departments and the company newsletter.</i>	n / 'filəbəstə(r) / F > Sp the use of extreme delaying tactics (as speaking merely to consume time) in an attempt to prevent action by the majority in a deliberative assembly. <i>The Senate effectively killed the bill with a filibuster.</i>	n / 'fērkən / D > E a British unit of weight for butter equal to 56 pounds. <i>Lord Nelson wrote, "I beg that you will send us the following articles: 50 pounds loaf sugar, 1 firkin of good butter, and 2 pounds of black pepper."</i>
<b>fiendish</b>	<b>filoselle</b>	<b>firmament</b>
<b>fierce</b>	<b>finance</b>	n / 'fērməmənt / L > E the vault or arch of the sky : heavens. <i>Carmen looked to the firmament for a sign, but none was forthcoming.</i>
<b>fiery</b>	<b>financier</b>	<b>firnification</b>
adj / 'fī(ə)rē / E of the color of fire : red. <i>Kevin knew that a photograph would not portray the fiery sunset in its full splendor.</i>	n / .finən'si(ə)r / F a large-scale investor. <i>Mary's uncle, a Boston financier, works one day a week in a soup kitchen.</i>	n / ,firnəfē'kāshən / G + L > E the process whereby snow becomes partially compacted and forms the surface part of the upper end of a glacier. <i>Solid ice is the end product of firnification.</i>
<b>filament</b>	<b>finesse</b>	<b>fiscal</b>
n / 'filēmənt / L > F a fine conductor that is rendered incandescent by the passage of an electric current. <i>Beulah could see that the filament was broken, so she replaced the bulb.</i>	<b>finessing</b> v / fē'nesiŋ / L > F bringing about or managing by adroit manipulation. <i>Vigor and resolution, not maneuvering and finesse, were needed to get the St. Bernard into the car.</i>	adj / 'fiskəl / F > Sp of or relating to financial matters. <i>Several of the president's advisors on fiscal policy are participating in the symposium.</i>
<b>fingent</b>		

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<b>fissile</b>	<b>flagellum</b>	<b>flamenco</b>
adj / 'fɪsəl / L capable of being split, cleft, or divided in the direction of the grain or along natural planes of cleavage. <i>The fissile quality of cedar makes it an excellent material for boxmaking.</i>	n / flə'jeləm / L a long tapering projection that is the primary organ of motion of many algae and bacteria. <i>The bacterium whipped its flagellum furiously.</i>	n / flə'men(ə)kō / D > Sp [has near homonym: flamingo] a vigorous rhythmic dance of the Andalusian Gypsies. <i>The dancer entertained the patrons at the Spanish restaurant with a rousing flamenco.</i>
<b>fission</b>	<b>flageolet</b>	<b>flamingo</b>
<b>fissiparous</b>	<b>flagitious</b>	n / flə'min(ə)gō / L > OProv > Sp > Pg [has near homonym: flamenco] any of several aquatic birds that have remarkably long legs and neck, webbed feet, and usually rosy-white plumage. <i>Tom and his buddies placed a giant plastic pink flamingo on the roof of the school.</i>
adj / fi'sipərəs / L + L tending to break up into parts or to disintegrate : divisive, factional. <i>Strong leadership is needed to keep the fissiparous tendencies of the political party in check.</i>	adv / flə'jishəslē / L > E in a grossly wicked manner. <i>The criminal was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for his flagitiously cruel assault.</i>	<b>flammable</b> adj / 'flaməbəl / L capable of being easily ignited and of burning with extreme rapidity. <i>Both gasoline and kerosene are flammable, but gasoline is more explosive.</i>
<b>fissure</b>	<b>flagon</b>	<b>flammeous</b>
n / 'fishə(r) / L [has homonym: fisher] a narrow opening, chasm, or crack of some length and considerable depth usually occurring from some breaking, rending, or parting. <i>A fissure ran through Irene's backyard after the earthquake.</i>	n / 'flaɡən / Gmc? > L > F > E [has near homonym: flacon] a large usually metal or pottery vessel with handle and spout and often a lid used to hold liquid. <i>The knights passed around a flagon of ale before riding off to battle.</i>	adj / 'flamēəs / L consisting of or resembling the color of flame. <i>Flammeous maple leaves carpeted the lawn of the inn.</i>
<b>fisticuffs</b>	<b>flail</b>	<b>flammiferous</b>
n pl / 'fistə.kəfs / E + E a fight with the fists : boxing. <i>The two campers' friendly rivalry ended in a round of mock fisticuffs.</i>	<b>flambeau</b> n / 'flam.bō / F a flaming torch usually made by combining thick wicks saturated with a quick-burning substance (as pitch). <i>A procession of skiers zigzagged down the slope, each of them bearing a flambeau.</i>	adj / fla'mif(ə)rəs / L + Ecf producing flame or bright with flame. <i>Theflammiferous volcano was an awesome spectacle to behold.</i>
<b>fixture</b>	<b>flamboyantly</b>	<b>flaneur</b>
n / 'fikschə(r) / L something that is attached as a permanent appendage or structural part; specifically : an electric lighting device usually ornamental and permanently mounted in place. <i>Mel attached a light fixture to the side of his house for protection against burglars.</i>	adv / flam'bōi(y)əntlē / F in a showy and unrestrained manner. <i>At the pep rally the students flamboyantly demonstrated their support for the football team.</i>	

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<b>flange</b>	<b>fleet</b>	<b>flokati</b>
n / 'flanj / F? > E a rim or edge projecting at right angles to provide a means of attachment to another part. <i>The plumber pointed out a chipped flange that had caused the leak.</i>	n / 'fleɪt / E a number of warships under a single command : a naval force. <i>Naval Intelligence learned that terrorists were noting information about the movement of the fleet.</i>	n / flō'kätē / Gk a hand-woven Greek wool rug with a thick shaggy pile. <i>Katina loves to hear the story of how her grandparents came to the United States with all their possessions wrapped in one flokati.</i>
<b>flannel</b>	<b>flexibility</b>	<b>floppety</b>
adj / 'flanəl / W > E a napped cotton fabric of soft yarns. <i>The sleeves of his plaid flannel shirt were rolled back to the elbow.</i>	<b>flexuosity</b>	adj / 'flæpədē / E imit soft and flexible. <i>Moira purchased her floppety straw hat during a visit to Key West.</i>
<b>flannelette</b>	<b>flexure</b>	<b>florid</b>
<b>flaunting</b>	n / 'flōntɪŋ / Scand? seeking to attract attention especially by appearing or acting brash and brazen. <i>During the party Terry seemed to be flaunting his ability to play piano.</i>	n / 'flekshə(r) / L the slight bending of an astronomical observing instrument caused by the weight of its parts. <i>Emily reinforced her telescope with strips of titanium to minimize flexure.</i>
<b>flautino</b>	<b>flibbertigibbet</b>	<b>floriferous</b>
n / flaʊ'tē(,)nō / It a small flute : piccolo. <i>Harriet plays many wind instruments, but she especially enjoys playing flautino in a baroque music group.</i>	n / 'libə(r)dē,jibēt / E a light-minded or silly restless person. <i>Mrs. French proved far less of a flibbertigibbet than the world took her to be.</i>	adj / flō'rif(ə)rəs / L + Ecf bearing flowers; especially : blooming freely. <i>Begonias are floriferous even in the shade.</i>
<b>flaxen</b>	<b>flimflammer</b>	<b>florilegium</b>
<b>fleabane</b>	<b>flippant</b>	<b>florisugent</b>
n / flē,bān / E + E any of various plants of the family Compositae that are supposed to drive away fleas. <i>A young rabbit was hidden under a clump of fleabane.</i>	adj / 'flipənt / imit? + Ecf treating or tending to treat with unsuitable levity that which is serious or to which respect is due. <i>The principal chastised Clyde and his friends for their flippant behavior during the memorial service.</i>	adj / flōrə'süjənt / L + L sucking nectar from flowers. <i>The honeysuckle attracted the florisugent hummingbird.</i>
<b>fleeciness</b>	<b>flocculent</b>	<b>floruit</b>

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<b>floscular</b>	<b>fluoridation</b>	<b>fogginess</b>
adj / 'fläskyələ(r) / L composed of florets. <i>A daisy bears floscular flower heads.</i>	n / flü'rə'dāshən / L + Ecff the adding of a binary compound of fluorine to drinking water. <i>Fluoridation has been proven to deter tooth decay.</i>	n / 'fögēnəs / Scand? + Ecff the quality or state of being covered or enveloped with vapor condensed to fine particles of water suspended in the lower atmosphere. <i>Severe fogginess was blamed for the ten-car pileup on the expressway.</i>
<b>flotilla</b>	<b>fluorocarbon</b>	<b>foible</b>
n / flō'tilə / ON > F > Sp a small fleet or a fleet of small watercraft. <i>The Boy Scouts launched a flotilla of toy sailboats across the lake.</i>	n / 'flū(ə)rō.kärbən / L + L any of a class of chemically inert compounds (as tetrafluoroethylene) composed entirely of carbon and fluorine and used chiefly as lubricants and in making resins and plastics. <i>Fluorocarbon is used to make the nonstick coatings for pots and pans.</i>	n / 'föibəl / F a minor flaw or shortcoming in personal character or behavior : failing, weakness. <i>Kevin's tendency to procrastinate is a foible he claims he will one day correct.</i>
<b>flotsam</b>	<b>fluvial</b>	<b>foist</b>
n / 'flätsəm / F > AF wreckage of a ship or its cargo found floating on the sea. <i>Flotsam is part of wreckage, whereas jetsam has been deliberately cast overboard.</i>	adj / 'flüvēəl / L of or relating to rivers. <i>A lawyer specializing in fluvial law told Emmett that he could claim possession of the newly formed island in the Rum River.</i>	v / 'föist / D force another to accept especially by stealth or deceit. <i>Brent knew that Karen would foist another kitten upon him if he wasn't careful.</i>
<b>flourish</b>	<b>fluxion</b>	<b>foliaceous</b>
<b>fluctuant</b>		<b>foliage</b>
adj / 'flækchəwənt / L moving like a wave : varying and unstable. <i>The fluctuant beam from Amy's flashlight resulted from weak batteries.</i>	n / 'flækshən / L the action of flowing. <i>The fluxion of many liquids slows in cold weather.</i>	n / 'föläjij / F&L the mass of leaves of a plant as produced in nature : leafage. <i>Tourists who come to see fall foliage at its peak are sometimes referred to as "leaf peepers."</i>
<b>flue</b>	<b>fodder</b>	<b>foliiform</b>
<b>flummery</b>		adj / 'föläförm / F having the shape of a leaf. <i>In October, Rhoda and Lamar decorated the classroom windows with foliiform cutouts.</i>
n / 'fläm(ə)rē / W porridge made of flour or meal. <i>Hulbert made flummery for dessert.</i>	adj / 'fädə(r) / E something (as hay, vegetables, corn) fed to domestic animals. <i>Field corn makes good fodder.</i>	
<b>fluorescent</b>		
adj / flü'(ə)'res'nt / L > F + L > Ecff [has homonym: fluorescent] emitting electromagnetic radiation especially in the form of visible light. <i>The fluorescent bulb above Gary's cubicle thrummed noisily.</i>		

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<b>folliculitis</b>	<b>forecaster</b>	<b>forlorn</b>
n / fəlikyə'līdəs /	n / 'fōrkastə(r) /	adj / fo(r)'lō(ə)rn /
L inflammation of one or more small cavities in the skin. <i>An ingrown hair on Bo's cheek resulted in folliculitis.</i>	E one who predicts weather conditions on the basis of correlated meteorological observations. <i>When the forecaster predicted freezing rain, the highway department loaded up its trucks with sand and salt.</i>	E sad and lonely especially by reason of emptiness or abandonment. <i>The forlorn widow was most appreciative of the party her neighbors held to honor her birthday.</i>
<b>folliculose</b>	<b>foreclosable</b>	<b>formaldehyde</b>
<b>fomentation</b>	<b>foreignness</b>	n
<b>fontinal</b>	<b>forensic</b>	/ fōrm'aldəhīd /
adj / 'fānt'nəl /	<b>forensics</b>	L + Ar > Sp > L + L + Gk
L growing in or near springs. <i>Cottonwoods are well-known fontinal trees throughout the American Southwest.</i>	n pl / fə'ren(t)siks /	an aqueous solution that is used chiefly as a disinfectant and preservative. <i>The medical laboratory contained specimens preserved in formaldehyde.</i>
<b>forage</b>	<b>foreordain</b>	<b>formicary</b>
v / 'fōrij /	<b>forestallment</b>	n
Gmc > F > E	<b>forfeit</b>	/ 'fōrməkerē /
wander or rove in search of food. <i>The survivors of the airplane crash on the remote mountainside decided to forage in groups of three.</i>	v / 'fōrfāt /	L
<b>foraminate</b>	L > F > E lose or lose the right to by some error, fault, offense, or crime. <i>Individuals who are convicted of a felony forfeit their right to vote.</i>	an ant hill or ant nest. <i>Junior made the mistake of sitting on a formicary of red ants.</i>
adj / fə'ramənāt /	<b>forfeiture</b>	<b>formicivorous</b>
L perforated. <i>Sid examined the foraminite leaf under a microscope.</i>	<b>forgeable</b>	adj
<b>foray</b>	<b>forgery</b>	/ ,fōrmə'siv(ə)rəs /
n / 'fō.rā /	n / 'fōrj(ə)rē /	L + Ecf + L + Ecf
F > E a raid or brief invasion. <i>Captain McMaster led his troops on a foray into the village.</i>	L > F > E an act of falsely or fraudulently making or altering a document. <i>Lorna is charged with two counts of check forgery.</i>	feeding on ants. <i>Formicivorous woodpeckers spend much of their time on the ground looking for ants.</i>
<b>forbearance</b>	<b>forgotten</b>	<b>formidable</b>
<b>forceps</b>		adj
		/ 'fō(r)mādəbəl /
		L > E tending to inspire awe or wonder usually by reason of notable size, quantity, superiority, or excellence. <i>Though the competition was formidable, Bernie was confident he would emerge victorious.</i>
		<b>forsooth</b>
		adv
		/ fə(r)'süth /
		E in truth : certainly. <i>Forsooth, the queen was the most beautiful woman in the world.</i>

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<b>forsythia</b> n / fə(r)'sithēə / Brit name any plant of a small genus of ornamental shrubs that have bright yellow flowers which appear before the leaves in early spring. <i>The gardener planted forsythia along the entire outer edge of the yard.</i>	<b>fossilize</b> v / 'fäsəlīz / L > ISV turn (as remains of organisms from past geologic eras) into a mineralized form in Earth's crust. <i>Since not all plant materials fossilize equally well, some plants will be preserved and others will vanish in the course of time.</i>	<b>franchisee</b> n / .franchī'zē / L > F + Ecf one who is granted a right to operate a unit in a chain of business establishments. <i>The franchisee agreed to pay the franchisor an initial fee and a percentage of gross sales.</i>
<b>fortemente</b>	<b>fossorial</b>	<b>frangible</b>
<b>fortieth</b>	<b>adj</b> / fä'sörēəl / L adapted to digging. <i>Gophers are fossorial rodents having strong claws on their forelimbs.</i>	<b>adj</b> / 'franjəbəl / L capable of being broken : breakable, brittle, fragile. <i>Road signs are designed to be frangible so that they won't severely damage cars that hit them.</i>
<b>fortissimo</b> adj / fō(r)'tisə.mō / L > It very loud—used as a direction in music. <i>When playing the fortissimo passage of her lesson, Suzanne banged so loudly on the piano that the neighbor's dog began to bark.</i>	<b>foudroyant</b>	<b>frankincense</b>
<b>fortitude</b> n / 'fō(r)də.tüd / L > E the strength or firmness of mind that enables a person to encounter danger with coolness and courage. <i>John Kennedy displayed exceptional fortitude after his patrol boat was attacked during World War II.</i>	<b>fougasse</b>	<b>n</b> / 'frangkən.sen(t)s / E a gum resin containing volatile oil. <i>Aunt Ruby likes to burn frankincense at Christmastime.</i>
<b>fortuitous</b> adj / fō(r)'tüdəs / L occurring by chance without evident causal need or relation or without deliberate intention. <i>Their meeting was fortuitous, but Dan and Mattie believed that they had been destined to be together.</i>	<b>foul</b> adj / 'faūl / E offensive to the senses : rotten. <i>The spoiled contents of the refrigerator created an extremely foul odor.</i>	<b>fraternal</b>
<b>fortunate</b>	<b>foulard</b>	<b>fraud</b>
<b>fossil</b>	<b>foundation</b>	<b>n</b> / 'frōd / L > F > E deceit, trickery; especially : misrepresentation intended to induce another to part with something of value or to surrender a legal right. <i>Joel is suing his former manager for fraud and breach of contract.</i>
	<b>foundry</b> n / 'faündrē / F a building or establishment where metal or glass casting is carried on. <i>The students saw molten metal being poured into engine block molds at the foundry.</i>	<b>fraudulent</b> adj / 'frōjelənt / L characterized by or based on trickery or deceit especially when involving misrepresentation. <i>The manufacturer was charged with fraudulent advertising.</i>
	<b>fracas</b>	
	<b>fraction</b>	
	<b>fragile</b>	
	<b>fragrant</b>	
	<b>frailty</b>	
	<b>franchise</b>	

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<b>fraught</b>	<b>Freudian</b>	<b>frisson</b>
adj / 'frōt / OFr is? > G > D > E burdened or menaced with. <i>The work of the firefighter is fraught with danger.</i>	adj / 'frōidēən / Austrian name + EcF of, relating to, or according with the theories of Austrian neurologist Sigmund Freud and his system of psychoanalysis. <i>A Freudian slip of the tongue may reveal the speaker's deep-seated concerns and reasons for action.</i>	n / frē'sōn / L > F shudder, quiver, chill; especially : a pleasurable sensation of fright or gloom : thrill. <i>Amy suddenly awakened from a nightmare and felt a frisson of terror.</i>
<b>freckles</b>	<b>friable</b>	<b>fritillary</b>
<b>freight</b>		
<b>fremitus</b>		
<b>frenetically</b>		
adv / frā'ned-āk(ə)lē / Gk > L > F > E in a frenzied, hectic manner. <i>Four dancers moved frenetically around the stage.</i>		
<b>frescade</b>	<b>fricassee</b>	<b>frittata</b>
n / fres'kād / Gmc > OProv > F a cool walk : shady place. <i>The landscape architect's suggestion of a long frescade under a grape arbor thrilled her client.</i>	n / 'frikə.sē / F a stew of meat or other foods in light or brown gravy. <i>Mrs. Delaney prefers to make her fricassee with chicken.</i>	n / frē'tādə / L > It an unfolded omelet often containing chopped vegetables or meats. <i>Tony's frittata was filled with seasoned asparagus tips.</i>
<b>fresco</b>	<b>fried</b>	<b>frivolity</b>
n / 'fres.kō / Gmc > It the art of painting on freshly spread moist lime plaster with pigments suspended in a water vehicle. <i>Fresco is a demanding technique because the image cannot be changed after the plaster dries.</i>	adj / 'frīd / L > F > E cooked in hot fat. <i>Milton's favorite meal is fried catfish and cornbread.</i>	n / frē'välədē / L > F the quality or state of being not serious : playfulness. <i>The Mardi Gras celebration was marked by boisterousness and frivolity.</i>
<b>fresnel</b>	<b>friend</b>	<b>frivolous</b>
n / frā'nel / F name a unit of frequency equal to 1 trillion cycles per second. <i>A rarely used multiple of the hertz is the fresnel, which was named for the French scientist Augustin Jean Fresnel.</i>	<b>friendliness</b>	
	<b>frieze</b>	
	<b>frigorific</b>	
	adj / .frigə'rifik / L causing cold. <i>Michael was curious about how the frigorific device for wine bottles could possibly work.</i>	

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<b>frolicsome</b>	<b>frugal</b>	<b>fuguiст</b>
adj / 'frälik.səm / L + Ecf full of gaiety and mirth : playful. <i>Each year the Kentucky Derby attracts horse lovers who enjoy the frolicsome festivities associated with the race.</i>	adj / 'frügəl / L economical in the use or expenditure of resources. <i>The "Golden Fleece Award" was started by Senator William Proxmire, who advocated a more frugal government.</i>	n / 'fyüg.əst / L > It one who composes or performs fugues. <i>As a fuguiст, Johann Sebastian Bach has never been excelled.</i>
<b>frondeur</b>	<b>fruition</b>	<b>fulcrum</b>
n / frōndəør / L? > F rebel, malcontent, dissident. <i>The mayor's denouncement referred to Jules as a "frondeur."</i>	n / frü'ishən / L > F > E the state of being real, accomplished, or complete. <i>The new civic center came to fruition after many years' planning and labor.</i>	n / 'fulkrəm / L prop, support; specifically : the support about which a lever turns. <i>Using the edge of his plate for a fulcrum, Danny put peas on his fork and catapulted them across the cafeteria.</i>
<b>frontiersman</b>	<b>fruticetum</b>	<b>fulgorant</b>
n / frən'ti(ə)rzmən / F > E a man living at the edge of known civilization. <i>Daniel Boone was a famous Kentucky frontiersman of the 18th century.</i>	n / früdə'sēdəm / L a collection of shrubs grown for ornament or study. <i>At the botanical garden, the arboretum and fruticetum were combined under one roof.</i>	adj / 'fūlg(y)ərənt / L flashing like lightning : dazzling. <i>Emily's fulgorant diamond brooch attracted many eyes at the dinner party.</i>
<b>frontispiece</b>	<b>fruticose</b>	<b>fuliginous</b>
n / 'frəntə.spēs / L > F an illustration preceding and usually facing the title page of a book or magazine. <i>Morgan was hired to draw the school yearbook's frontispiece.</i>	<b>fuchsia</b>	adj / fyü'ljənəs / L having the color of soot : dark, dusky. <i>Smoke-belching factories cast a fuliginous cloud over the entire city.</i>
<b>fronton</b>	<b>fughetta</b>	<b>fulminate</b>
n / 'frän.tän / L > It > F a court or building for the game of jai alai. <i>The fronton looked bigger on television than in actuality.</i>	n / f(y)ü'gedə / It a short or condensed musical piece in which one or two melodic themes are repeated by successively entering voices. <i>The Vienna Boys' Choir performed a fughetta in their concert at St. Paul's Cathedral.</i>	v / 'fūlmənāt / L issue or send forth censures or invectives menacingly or authoritatively. <i>The neighbor's habit of mowing the lawn early every Sunday morning caused Dad to fulminate under his breath.</i>
<b>froufrou</b>	<b>fugitive</b>	<b>fulsome</b>
n / 'frü.frü / F imit abundant or excessive ornamentation (as ruffles, beading, flowers) in women's clothing. <i>The slippers covered with froufrou had to be "for looks" only.</i>	<b>fugue</b>	adj / 'fūlsəm / E offensive to the senses : disgusting. <i>The fulsome odor of a skunk drove the campers out of their tent.</i>

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<b>fulvous</b>	<b>furfuraceous</b>	<b>fusion</b>
adj / 'fūlvəs / L dull brownish yellow. <i>When Mr. Brown's soybean field turned fulvous, he knew it was time to harvest.</i>	adj / .fōrf(y)o'rāshəs / L consisting of or covered with flaky particles : scaly, scurfy. <i>The dermatologist recommended a dandruff-removing shampoo to treat Linda's furfuraceous scalp.</i>	n / 'fyūzhən / L a merging of diverse elements into a unified whole. <i>The spicy pasta dish Fran ordered was a fusion of Italian and Thai cuisine.</i>
<b>fumigate</b>	<b>furibund</b>	<b>fustian</b>
<b>funambulist</b>	<b>furlough</b>	
n / fyü'nambyələst / L an acrobat who performs feats on a rope extended through the air at some height. <i>A hush came over the crowd as the funambulist balanced himself on one foot.</i>	n / 'fər(.)lō / D a leave of absence granted to a governmental or institutional employee (as a soldier, civil servant, or missionary). <i>While on furlough last year, the Lees raised \$10,000 for the dental clinic.</i>	n / 'fəschən / L > F > E pretentious writing or speech : an inflated style : bombast. <i>The literary journal refused to print Herman's overwrought fustian.</i>
<b>funeral</b>	<b>furniture</b>	<b>futilitarian</b>
n / 'fyün(ə)rəl / L > E the observances held in honor of or on behalf of one who has died. <i>Bonnie wanted dancing at her funeral, so she arranged for a band before she died.</i>	<b>furtive</b> adj / 'fərdiv / L done by stealth : secret. <i>Wendy's furtive attempt to sneak a cookie was interrupted by the appearance of her little brother.</i>	adj / (.)fyü.tilə'terēən / L exhibiting or based on an attitude of uselessness. <i>The futilitarian worker doesn't try to improve his status because he can't see any chance of success.</i>
<b>fungicide</b>	<b>fuselage</b>	<b>gabbro</b>
n / 'fənjə.sid / L an agent that destroys a group of lower plants including molds, rusts, mildews, mushrooms, and yeasts. <i>A fungicide was sprayed on the apple trees to protect the fruit.</i>	n / 'fyüsəläch / F the central body portion of an airplane designed to accommodate the crew and the passengers or cargo. <i>Leslie pointed out the bulbous fuselage of a Boeing 747 on the tarmac.</i>	n / 'ga(.)brō / L? > It a rock of a family of granular igneous rocks. <i>An outcropping of gabbro showed through the soil.</i>
<b>funicular</b>	<b>fusillade</b>	<b>gabion</b>
adj / fyü'nikyələ(r) / L dependent on the tension of a cord or cable. <i>Too nervous to take the funicular tramway, Selena chose to drive to the top of the mountain.</i>	n / 'fyüsəlād / F a number of shots fired simultaneously or in rapid succession especially with small arms : volley. <i>The first rank of infantrymen fired a fusillade, sank to their knees, and waited for the second rank to fire over their heads.</i>	n / 'gābēən / L > It > F a hollow cylinder of wickerwork or strap iron like a basket without a bottom that is filled with stones and is sunk in water to form the foundation of a dam or similar structure. <i>With the availability of poured cement, the gabion became outmoded.</i>
		<b>gadabout</b>
		<b>gadgeteer</b>

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<b>gaggle</b> n / 'gagəl / E a flock of geese especially when on the water. <i>The largest goose in the gaggle was soon to play an important role in the holiday dinner.</i>	<b>gallery</b> n / 'gal(ə)rē / geog name > L > F a platform projecting from one or more interior walls (as of a theater) for additional accommodation (as of a part of an audience); especially : the highest of such platforms in a theater commonly having the cheapest seats. <i>For the opera's opening performance there wasn't a vacant seat in the entire gallery.</i>	<b>gallop</b> galloping adj / 'galəpɪŋ / F marked by a bounding and fast natural three-beat gait of a horse. <i>A galloping horse splashed through the waves on Sunset Beach.</i>
<b>gainsay</b> v / 'gān.sā / E speak against : contradict. <i>The ruling of the umpire allowed no one to gainsay his decision.</i>	<b>gallimaufry</b> n / ,galə'mōfrē / F medley, mixture, hodgepodge, jumble. <i>Ever since her around-the-world trip, Lindsey uses a gallimaufry of foreign phrases when she speaks.</i>	<b>gallyware</b> <b>galore</b> adj / gə'lō(ə)r / IrGael abundant, plentiful, profuse. <i>Edie found bargains galore at the flea market.</i>
<b>gait</b>	<b>galling</b>	<b>galosh</b> n / gə'lāsh / F > E a high overshoe designed to protect the shoe in wet weather or in wet areas and usually made with a rubber or water-repellent fabric. <i>The galosh was the first type of footwear to employ a zipper fastener.</i>
<b>gaiter</b>	<b>gallinule</b> n / 'galə.n(y)ūl / L any of several aquatic birds that resemble a small domestic hen in general proportions and carriage. <i>Mitch found an injured gallinule in the rushes near Pearson's dock.</i>	<b>galvanize</b> v / 'galvə.nīz / It name > F stimulate as if by the application of an electric current. <i>The enemy attack served to galvanize the government into immediate action.</i>
<b>galactic</b> adj / gə'laktik / Gk > L extremely great : huge. <i>Ralph was overwhelmed by the store's galactic profusion of merchandise.</i>	<b>gallipot</b>	<b>gambado</b> n / gam'bā(,)dō / It a long boot or legging attached to each side of a saddle to protect the rider's feet and legs from the wet or cold. <i>Preparing for a ride in the rain, the horseman attached a gambado to each stirrup strap.</i>
<b>galaxy</b>	<b>gallon</b> n / 'galən / F > E a unit of liquid capacity equal to 231 cubic inches. <i>Long-term blood donors tally their donations by the gallon.</i>	<b>gambit</b>
<b>Galbraithian</b> adj / gal'brāthēən / American name of or relating to the economic theories of John Kenneth Galbraith. <i>The speaker at the symposium claimed that Galbraithian theories on limited growth were not sound.</i>	<b>galloon</b> n / gə'lūn / F a narrow ornamental fabric used especially for trimming clothes or upholstery. <i>Instead of the more common lace, Ling chose a white galloon for the trim on her wedding dress.</i>	<b>gamble</b>
<b>galette</b>		
<b>gallantry</b>		
<b>galleon</b> n / 'galeən / F > Sp [has homonyms and near homonym: gallein, Gallian and Galium] a heavily built chiefly square-rigged sailing ship of the 15th to early 18th centuries. <i>Traci built a model of a Spanish galleon out of matchsticks for her history project.</i>		

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<b>gambol</b> v / 'gambəl / GK > L > OProv > F [has homonym: gamble] bound or spring as in dancing or play. <i>Susan watched the fawns gambol in the field.</i>	<b>gardenesque</b> adj / .gärd'ñ'esk / Gmc > F > E + Ecf resembling or relating to a plot of land devoted to the growing of herbs, fruits, flowers, or vegetables. <i>Rosita turned her balcony into a gardenesque area with vines and potted plants.</i>	<b>garrulity</b> n / gə'rülədē / L the quality or state of being talkative or long-winded. <i>Paul talks so much that his teacher calls him a "geyser of garrulity."</i>
<b>gamopetalous</b> adj / .gamə'pedələs / Gk having the corolla composed of united petals. <i>The flowers of the huckleberry, bluebell, and foxglove are gamopetalous.</i>	<b>garderobe</b> n / 'gär.drob / F > E a wardrobe or its contents. <i>The seamstress hung the completed gown in the garderobe.</i>	<b>garrulous</b> adj / 'garələs / L given to conversation : loquacious, talkative. <i>The old colonel turned quite garrulous when talking of war.</i>
<b>gamut</b> n / 'gamət / Gk > L an entire range from one extreme to another. <i>The gamut of fall fashions included micro-miniskirts as well as ankle-length dresses.</i>	<b>gargantuan</b> adj / gär'ganch(əw)ən / F name of tremendous size or volume. <i>The seemingly gargantuan gorilla in the movie was really a four-foot-high computerized model.</i>	<b>gasconade</b> v / .gaskə'nād / F name boast or bluster especially to excess. <i>Mr. Clay could gasconade at such length that his listeners became bored.</i>
<b>ganglion</b> n / 'ganglēən / Gk > L a mass of nerve tissue containing nerve cells. <i>Each insect ganglion controls certain activities and is more or less independent of the others.</i>	<b>garish</b>	<b>gaseous</b> adj / 'gasēəs / L having the form of or being a fluid (as air) that has neither independent shape nor volume but tends to expand indefinitely. <i>The energy required to completely separate one mole of a solid ionic compound into gaseous ions is called "lattice energy."</i>
<b>gangrene</b> n / 'ganj.grēn / Gk > L local death of soft tissues (as from disease, injury, or infection) resulting from loss of blood supply. <i>The soldier knew that if gangrene set in, his wounded leg would need to be amputated.</i>	<b>garlion</b> n / 'gärlēən / E + L > F > E a hybrid vegetable resulting from a cross between garlic and onion. <i>Shannon uses garlion in her spaghetti sauce.</i>	<b>gasification</b>
<b>garage</b>	<b>garnishee</b> v / .gärnə'shē / Gmc > F > E + Ecf take by legal writ the wages or other property of a debtor. <i>Norton was afraid the court would garnishee his entire salary to pay his back taxes.</i>	<b>gastric</b>
	<b>garrison</b>	<b>gastriloquist</b> n / ga'striləkwēst / Gk + L ventriloquist. <i>Lanny hired a gastriloquist to entertain at Betsy's birthday party.</i>
		<b>gastronomical</b>

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<b>gastronomy</b>	<b>gazelle</b>	<b>n</b>
n / ga'stränəmē /	n / gə'zel /	/ 'zhän.därm /
Gk > F	Ar > F	F
the art or science of good eating : epicurism.	any of numerous small graceful and swift African and Asian antelopes noted for the luster and soft expression of their eyes.	a continental European police officer; especially : a French police officer.
<i>Chef Bernie specializes in French gastronomy.</i>	<i>The fawn and white coloration of the gazelle serves to minimize detection by predators.</i>	<i>The gendarme asked the victim for a description of the mugger.</i>
<b>gauche</b>	<b>gazetteer</b>	<b>genealogy</b>
adj / 'gōsh /	n / gəzə'ti(ə)r /	n / jēnē'äləjē /
Gmc > F	Venetian dialect > It > F	Gk
lacking in social graces or ease, tact, and familiarity with polite usage.	a geographical dictionary in which names and descriptions of places are usually given in alphabetical order.	a study of family ancestral lines and the methods of investigation of them.
<i>Gertrude was embarrassed by her cousin's gauche behavior at the christening.</i>	<i>Chandra consulted her gazetteer to find the capital of Sri Lanka.</i>	<i>Many Americans interested in genealogy eventually come to the National Archives in Washington, D.C., to do research.</i>
<b>gaucherie</b>	<b>gazpacho</b>	<b>general</b>
n / 'gōshərē /	n / gā'spā(.)chō /	adj / 'jen(ə)rəl /
Gmc > F	Sp	L
a tactless or awkward action; often : a bit of social or literary crudity.	a soup made of uncooked chopped tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, onion, garlic with vinegar, oil, and condiments, and served cold.	applicable or relevant to the whole rather than to a limited part, group, or section.
<i>Daphne's mom told her that using one's dinner napkin as a handkerchief is an unforgivable gaucherie.</i>	<i>The restaurant was famous for its gazpacho.</i>	<i>The spring thaw began in one or two areas, but soon there was a general change in temperature throughout the country.</i>
<b>gaufrette</b>	<b>gegenschein</b>	<b>generalissimo</b>
n / gö'fret /	n / 'gägən.shīn /	<b>generosity</b>
F	G	
a wafer of crisply fried potato cut to resemble a small waffle.	a faint elliptical nebulous light about 20 degrees across on the ecliptic and opposite the Sun.	<b>genesis</b>
<i>At the summer festival the French restaurant featured gaufrette.</i>	<i>The gegenschein is lost in the light of the Milky Way in the summer and winter.</i>	<b>genethliacal</b>
<b>gauleiter</b>	<b>gelatigenous</b>	<b>genial</b>
n / 'gaü.līdə(r) /	<b>gelatinous</b>	adj / 'jēnyəl /
G	adj / jə'lat'ñəs /	L
a political functionary occupying a subordinate but important position in a totalitarian regime.	L > It > F + Ecf	marked by sympathetic cheerfulness, warmth, and friendliness.
<i>The memoirs of the gauleiter contained little of historical importance.</i>	resembling gelatin or jelly especially in appearance and consistency.	<i>Kim's goal was to make the club members more genial and less cliquish.</i>
<b>gauze</b>	<i>Troy stepped on a gelatinous mass of frog eggs.</i>	<b>geniohyoid</b>
	<b>gendarme</b>	<b>genitive</b>

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<b>geniture</b>	<b>genuflect</b>	<b>geosyncline</b>
n / 'jenə.chü(ə)r / L nativity, birth. <i>The geniture of the prince was an event of national importance.</i>	v / 'jenyə.flekt / L touch the knee to the floor or ground especially in worship. <i>Amy asked the tour guide if everyone had to genuflect upon entering the cathedral.</i>	n / jē(ə)sin.klīn / Gk a great downward flexure of Earth's crust. <i>A deep layer of sediment has accumulated in the geosyncline.</i>
<b>genocide</b>	<b>geochrony</b>	<b>geranium</b>
n / 'jenə.sīd / Gk + L the use of deliberate systematic measures calculated to bring about the extermination of a racial, political, or cultural group. <i>What stands between civilization and genocide is the respect for the rights and lives of all human beings.</i>	n / jē'äkrōnē / Gk a system of time divisions used in geology. <i>In geochrony, time is divided into eras, periods, and epochs.</i>	n / jō'rānēəm / Gk > L any of a widely distributed genus of plants having regular usually white, pink, or purple flowers. <i>For decoration, Anita placed a potted geranium at the side of the front door.</i>
<b>genre</b>	<b>geodesy</b>	<b>geriatrics</b>
n / 'zhä(")nrə / L > F a category of artistic composition characterized by a particular style, form, or content. <i>Most of the director's work has been in the genre of science fiction.</i>	n / jē'ädəsē / Gk a branch of applied mathematics used to determine the exact positions and areas of large portions of Earth's surface and also the gravitational field of Earth. <i>An expert in geodesy, Dr. Buck determined the variation in gravity between the highest and lowest points of Earth's exposed surface.</i>	n pl / jērē'atriks / Gk + E a branch of medicine that deals with the problems and diseases of old age and aging people. <i>Marie's expertise in geriatrics made her well qualified to work in the city's Department of Aging.</i>
<b>genteel</b>	<b>geognosy</b>	<b>germane</b>
adj / jen'tēl / L > F free from vulgarity or rudeness : marked by delicacy of manner. <i>Despite his genteel manner, Senator Smith could be a ruthless opponent.</i>	n / jē'ägnəsē / Gk + Gk a branch of geology that deals with the materials of Earth and its general exterior and interior constitution. <i>Hilda's research in geognosy involved classifying several kinds of minerals and recording their distribution throughout the world.</i>	adj / jō(r)'mān / L > F > E having a close relationship : appropriate, pertinent. <i>Judge Beacon ruled that the plaintiff's past record was not germane to the current case.</i>
<b>gentian</b>	<b>geography</b>	<b>germicide</b>
<b>gentilitial</b>		
adj / jēntə'līshəl / L + Ecf relating or peculiar to a people or a family. <i>In 1917 the gentilitial name of Britain's royal family was changed to Windsor.</i>	n / jē'ägrəfē / Gk the descriptive science that deals with the surface of Earth and its features. <i>Chelsea was surprised by how much she learned about geography in her history class.</i>	n / 'jōrmə.sīd / L > F an agent that destroys germs (as disease germs). <i>Mouthwash is a common germicide.</i>
<b>gentility</b>	<b>geometric</b>	

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<b>germinal</b> adj / 'jərmənəl / L > F being in the earliest stage of development. <i>Jonathan's social studies class is studying the germinal political ideas underlying our democratic government.</i>	<b>gesture</b> n / 'jes(h)chə(r) / L a movement usually of the body or limbs that symbolizes or emphasizes an idea, sentiment, or attitude. <i>When Alex made the winning touchdown, Coach Miller swung his hands up in the air as a gesture of victory.</i>	<b>gibberish</b> adj / 'jibəs / L > F > E seen with more than half but not all of the apparent disk of a moon or a planet illuminated. <i>Vladimir and Sonya took a long romantic walk under the gibbous Moon.</i>
<b>gerontocracy</b>		
<b>gerrymander</b> v / 'jerē.mandə(r) / American name + Gk > L divide (an area) into political units so as to give special advantages to one group. <i>The governor vetoed the bill that would gerrymander a county in favor of his opponent.</i>	<b>gesundheit</b> interj / gə'zūnt.hīt / G —used to wish good health especially to one who has just sneezed. <i>"Gesundheit" echoed throughout the school when Mr. Brown sneezed during an intercom announcement.</i>	<b>gibleh</b> n / 'giblə / Ar a hot desert wind of northern Africa. <i>The gibleh brought huge clouds of powdery sand that covered the roads.</i>
<b>gerund</b> n / 'jerənd / L the English verbal noun ending in -ing. <i>In the sentence "Swimming is Claudia's favorite activity," the word swimming is a gerund.</i>	<b>ghastliness</b>	<b>gigantesque</b>
<b>gestapo</b> n / gə'stä(.)pō / G acronym a secret-police organization that operates especially against persons suspected of treason or sedition and employs means held to be underhanded and terrorist. <i>In the novel, morality became nothing more than subservience to the dictates of the ruthless gestapo.</i>	<b>ghastly</b> adj / 'gastlē / E giving rise to terror : frightening. <i>The gnarled trees appeared ghastly in the moonlight.</i>	<b>gigantic</b> adj / jī'gantik / Gk greater in size than the usual or expected. <i>The American flag flying over the service station is so gigantic that it can be seen from a mile away.</i>
<b>gesticulate</b> v / je'stikyə.lāt / L make gestures or motions of the body or limbs especially when speaking. <i>The way public figures gesticulate while talking is often fodder for comedians.</i>	<b>ghetto</b>	<b>gigot</b>
	<b>ghoul</b>	 n / 'jigōt / F [has homonym: jigget] a leg (as of lamb or mutton) especially when cooked. <i>Marie praised the chef for cooking the gigot with exactly the right touch of garlic.</i>
	<b>ghoulish</b> adj / 'gūlīsh / Ar of, resembling, or suggestive of an evil being held to rob graves and feed on corpses. <i>Tricia favors rather ghoulish nail colors like green and black.</i>	<b>gimmick</b>
	<b>giallolino</b>	
	<b>giantesque</b> adj / jīənt'esk / Gk > L > F > E + Fcf having the characteristics of a giant : immense. <i>A giantesque Snoopy balloon was the highlight of the parade.</i>	

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<b>gimmicky</b>	<b>giraffe</b>	<b>glacier</b>
adj / 'gimk / unknown + Ecf having or being like a new and ingenious device, scheme, or idea with a novel or unconventional twist. <i>The advertisement displayed gimmicky gizmos, such as a wristwatch that played Notre Dame's fight song.</i>	n / jo'raf / Ar > It a large fleet African ruminant mammal that is the tallest of living quadrupeds and has a very long neck and a short coat with dark blotches separated by pale lines. <i>Each giraffe has a unique pattern of coat markings that distinguishes it from all other giraffes.</i>	n / 'glsh(r) / L > F [has near homonym: glazier] a large body of ice moving slowly down a slope or valley or spreading outward on a land surface. <i>The iceberg that sank Titanic had probably broken off from a glacier on Greenland.</i>
<b>gingerbread</b>	<b>girandole</b>	<b>glaciology</b>
n / 'jinj(r).bred / F > E a cake made with molasses, flavored with ginger, and often cut in shapes and frosted. <i>Pam entertained the children by helping them bake and decorate gingerbread.</i>	n / 'jirn.dl / L > It > F a mirror having attached candle holders. <i>The girandole over Pete's mantel is a replica of one in a Loire Valley chateau.</i>	<b>glacon</b> n / gla'so / F a piece of sea ice ranging in size from a small fragment to a floe of medium dimensions. <i>At least one seagull was perched on every glacon in the bay.</i>
<b>gingham</b>	<b>girth</b>	<b>gladiator</b>
n / 'gim / Malay a fabric in plain weave made in solid colors, checks, plaids, and stripes. <i>Betsy made curtains of blue gingham for her kitchen.</i>	<b>gizzard</b> n / 'giz(r)d / Iranian? > L > F > E the muscular enlargement of the alimentary canal of birds that serves to grind the food, its muscular action being commonly assisted by gravel swallowed by the bird. <i>Aunt Lena's favorite part of the chicken is the gizzard.</i>	n / 'gladd(r) / Celt > L a person engaged in a fight to the death as public entertainment for ancient Romans. <i>The victorious gladiator was cheered by the excited crowd in the Coliseum.</i>
<b>gingivitis</b>	<b>glabrescent</b>	<b>glasnost</b>
n / jinj'vs / L inflammation of the gums. <i>To prevent gingivitis Beth has her teeth cleaned regularly.</i>	<b>glabrous</b> adj / 'glbrs / L having an epidermal covering that is totally or relatively devoid of hairs or down. <i>Mr. Franklin showed the first graders that reptiles, unlike mammals, are completely glabrous.</i>	n / 'gls.nst / Russ a policy permitting public discourse and expression of opinion on domestic issues formerly forbidden to discussion especially in the former Soviet Union. <i>Glasnost spawned a profusion of new political and literary journals in Moscow.</i>
<b>ginglymus</b>	<b>glacial</b>	<b>glasphalt - not a word!</b>
n / 'jingls / Gk a hinge joint admitting of motion in one plane only. <i>In health class Jerry learned that the humerus and the ulna are connected by a ginglymus.</i>	adj / 'glshl / L extremely cold, frigid, freezing. <i>A glacial wind withered the roses overnight.</i>	

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<b>glaucoma</b>	<b>glioma</b>	<b>glockenspiel</b>
n / glō'kōmə / Gk > L a disease of the eye marked by increased pressure within the eyeball that damages the optic disk and results in gradual loss of vision and ultimate blindness. <i>Ophthalmologists routinely test for glaucoma as part of their eye examinations.</i>	n / gliōmə / Gk a tumor arising from the tissue which supports the essential elements of nervous tissue. <i>An examination by our veterinarian revealed that the problems our dog was having were caused by a glioma.</i>	n / 'gläkən.s(h)pēl / Celt > G a percussion musical instrument consisting of a series of graduated metal bars tuned to the chromatic scale and played with two hammers. <i>The glockenspiel tinkled to life as its player joined in a rendition of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy."</i>
<b>glaucous</b>	<b>glissade</b>	<b>glogg</b>
adj / 'glōkəs / Gk [has homonym: Glaucus] of a pale yellow green color. <i>The antique glass beads had a glaucous color that matched Pamela's dress exactly.</i>	v / glē'säd / F move along smoothly and effortlessly : glide. <i>Kris watched the skaters glissade over the frozen pond.</i>	n / 'glüg / Sw a Swedish hot punch made from a sweetened highly spiced mixture of wines, almonds, raisins, and usually orange peel. <i>Each evening a bowl of hot glogg awaited the returning skiers.</i>
<b>glazier</b>	<b>glissando</b>	<b>glomerulus</b>
n / 'glāzhə(r) / E [has near homonyms: glacier, glazer] one whose work is cutting and setting glass. <i>Mom called a glazier who agreed to repair our broken window on Thursday.</i>	n / glē'sän(.)dō / F + It a rapid series of consecutive notes played on a piano, harp, or other similar instrument by sliding one or more fingers across adjacent keys or strings. <i>Joachim diligently practiced the glissando at the end of the first movement.</i>	<b>glossary</b>
<b>glimmer</b>	<b>glistening</b>	<b>glottogonic</b>
v / 'glimə(r) / E emit feeble or intermittent rays of light. <i>From Table Top Mountain, the couple watched the city lights glimmer in the cool clear evening air.</i>	v / 'glis̄'nɪŋ / E shining brightly usually by reflection with a sparkling radiance. <i>Clarabelle watched the raindrops glistening in the moonlight.</i>	adj / glädō'gänik / Gk of or relating to the origin of language. <i>Three Russian linguists lectured on their glottogonic research.</i>
<b>glimpse</b>	<b>globular</b>	<b>glowworm</b>
n / 'glim(p)s / E a brief fleeting look : a momentary or incomplete view. <i>From the taxi the passengers caught a glimpse of the Jefferson Memorial.</i>	adj / 'gläbyələ(r) / L round like a ball : spherical. <i>A globular lamp hung from the center of the ceiling in Gretchen's dining room.</i>	n / 'glō.wərm / E + E any of various luminous insects with wings rudimentary or lacking. <i>Kyle scooped up the glowworm and put it in his collection jar.</i>
<b>globule</b>		<b>gloxinia</b>
		n / gläk'sinēə / G name a greenhouse herb having large flowers with a turbinete calyx and irregular bell-shaped corolla; especially : a Brazilian herb that is the source of many horticultural varieties. <i>Charlena's gloxinia bears bright pink, trumpetlike flowers in early summer.</i>

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<b>glucose</b> n / 'glü.kōs / Gk > F the sweet colorless sugar that occurs especially in plant saps and fruits and normally in blood. <i>Glucose is formed from water and carbon dioxide by photosynthesis.</i>	<b>gnotobiotic</b> adj / .nōdō(. )bī'ädik / Gk of, relating to, living in, or being a controlled environment containing one or a few kinds of organisms. <i>A good example of a planned gnotobiotic environment is the international space station.</i>	<b>golem</b> n / 'gōləm / Heb > Yiddish an artificial figure constructed to represent a human being and endowed with life. <i>Some people believe that Mary Shelley based her story of Frankenstein on the ancient Jewish tradition of the golem.</i>
<b>gluttonously</b> adv / 'glöt(°)nəslē / L > F > E in a manner marked by excess in eating and drinking especially when habitual. <i>After eating gluttonously, Jack took a short nap on the couch.</i>	<b>goalie</b> n / 'gōlē / E a player who defends the goal in various games. <i>Jake rifled off shot after shot on goal, but the goalie was too good.</i>	<b>gondola</b>
<b>glycogen</b>	<b>goatee</b> n / (.)gō'tē / E a small trim pointed or tufted beard on a man's chin. <i>Sally wanted to know why she couldn't have a goatee when she grew up.</i>	<b>gondolier</b>
<b>gnocchi</b> n pl / 'näkē / Gmc? > It dumplings of a pasta often made with cheese or riced potato and served with a sauce. <i>Celeste ladled a cream sauce over the gnocchi before serving them.</i>	<b>gobemouche</b> n / (.)gōb'müsh / F + L > F a credulous person; especially : one who believes everything heard. <i>Jack's brothers are always making up fantastic stories to tell him because he is such a gobemouche.</i>	<b>gonfalon</b> n / 'gänfə.län / F > It [Note: Could be confused with synonym gonfanon.] a flag that hangs from a crosspiece or frame. <i>As a distinguished alumnus, Walter was asked to carry the gonfalon of the College of Arts and Sciences at the graduation ceremony.</i>
<b>gnome</b>	<b>goldenrod</b> n / 'gōldən.räd / E + E a yellow flower with long stalks with small clusters of petals. <i>Many people are allergic to the goldenrod.</i>	<b>gongorism</b> n / 'gängərizəm / Sp name an excessively involved, ornate, and artificial style of writing. <i>In his later years, the poet lapsed into gongorism.</i>
<b>gnomic</b> adj / 'nōmik / Gk [has homonym: nomic] characterized by or expressive of moralistic wisdom especially concerning human condition or conduct. <i>The calendar contained 12 Norman Rockwell illustrations, each accompanied by a gnomic sentiment.</i>		<b>goosander</b>
<b>gnomon</b>		<b>gorgeous</b> adj / 'gōrjəs / F > E characterized by brilliance or magnificence of any kind. <i>The parade floats were gorgeous with their array of flowers.</i>
		<b>gorget</b> n / 'gōrjət / F a specially colored patch on the throat. <i>The woodpecker sported a broad black gorget and beautiful red and white plumage.</i>

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<b>gorgonize</b>	<b>gossamer</b>	<b>gout</b>
v / 'gō(r)gənīz / Gk name stupefy, petrify. <i>The glare of Mrs. McGillicutty has the potential to gorgonize even the most arrogant student.</i>	n / 'gäsəmə(r) / E a fine filmy substance consisting of fragments or strands of cobweb often seen floating in air in calm clear weather or caught on grass or bushes. <i>The dew and gossamer had dried from the grass by midmorning.</i>	n / 'gaut / L > F > E a metabolic disease marked by a painful inflammation of the fibrous and ligamentous parts of the joints. <i>Poor old John is bedridden with the rheumatic gout in his joints.</i>
<b>Gorgonzola</b>	<b>gossip</b>	<b>governess</b>
n / ,gō(r)gən'zōlə / It geog name a blue cheese usually made of cow's milk. <i>Kendra crumbled some Gorgonzola on a piece of bread and toasted it.</i>	n / 'gäsəp / E rumor, report, tattle, or behind-the-scenes information especially of an intimate or personal nature. <i>"Turn a deaf ear to gossip," advised Mrs. Dunbar.</i>	n / 'gəvə(r)nəs / Gk > L > F > E a woman entrusted with the care and supervision of a child or young person; especially : a female teacher employed in a private household. <i>Alice plans to enroll in a course that will enable her to be a certified governess.</i>
<b>gorilla</b>	<b>gouge</b>	<b>gracile</b>
n / gə'rīlə / Gk > L [has homonym: guerrilla] an anthropoid ape of the forest region of equatorial West Africa. <i>The behavior of the gorilla has been extensively studied by anthropologists and zoologists.</i>	n / 'gaūj / Celt > L > F > E a chisel for scooping or cutting holes, channels, or grooves (as in wood or stone). <i>Adrian used a gouge to incise a leaf pattern on the bench.</i>	<b>gracility</b> n / gra'silētē / L the quality of being pleasing in movement. <i>David's youthful gracility was one of his chief assets as a dancer.</i>
<b>gorse</b>	<b>gourami</b>	<b>grackle</b>
n / 'gō(r)ərs / E a spiny evergreen shrub : juniper. <i>Taryn went hiking in an area of England that is just miles and miles of wild land covered with heather and gorse.</i>	n / gü'rämē / Malay any of several small brightly colored Asian fishes often kept in the tropical aquarium. <i>Jonathan bought a colorful gourami for his new aquarium.</i>	<b>gradient</b>
<b>gory</b>	<b>gourd</b>	<b>graffiti</b>
<b>gosling</b>	<b>gourmet</b>	<b>grallatorial</b>
n / 'gäzlin / E a young goose. <i>Judy rescued a stray gosling from Mrs. Porter's cat.</i>	n / ,gù(r)ərmā / F a connoisseur in eating and drinking. <i>At the market the gourmet chose his ingredients with the greatest of care.</i>	adj / ,gralə'tōrēəl / L of or belonging to the wading birds. <i>The horned screamer is a South American grallatorial bird with a long projection on its forehead and a shrill cry.</i>
		<b>gramineous</b>
		adj / grə'minēəs / L [has near homonym: graminous] resembling or relating to a grass. <i>The vast plain is an excellent habitat for gramineous plants.</i>

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### grammar

n  
/ 'græmə(r) /  
Gk > L > F > E

a branch of linguistic study that deals with the classes of words, their means of indicating relation to each other, and their functions in the sentence as employed according to established usage.

*Mrs. Cates makes sure that her students can define the eight parts of speech before she progresses to other aspects of grammar.*

### gramarian

n  
/ græ'merēən /  
Gk > L > F > E

a specialist in the study of what is to be preferred and what avoided in the inflections and syntax of language.

*The gramarian in Johnny cringes every time he hears someone ask, "Where at?"*

### grammatically

### gramophile

n  
/ 'gramə.fil /

Gk

a lover and protector of old phonograph records.

*Earl became a real gramophile after inheriting his uncle's record collection.*

### grandeur

n  
/ 'granjə(r) /  
L > F

personal greatness characterized chiefly by dignity of character, largeness of spirit, or significant scope of accomplishment.

*After Katherine Graham's death, many magazines ran feature articles describing her grandeur in the world of newspapers.*

### grandiloquence

n  
/ gran'diləkwən(t)s /  
L

the use of lofty words or phrases : bombast.

*Professor Simon's grandiloquence failed to impress Robbie.*

### grandiose

adj  
/ 'grandē.ōs /  
L > I > F

impressive because of uncommon largeness, scope, effect, grandeur, or majesty.

*Cleo didn't want to listen to all of Nicolette's grandiose ideas for the party.*

### grangerize

v  
/ 'grānjə.rīz /  
E name + Ecf

illustrate (as a book) by inserting material (as photographs or engravings) collected from other sources.

*To complete her family memoirs, Miriam will have to grangerize the book using her great-aunt's scrapbooks and artwork.*

### granophyre

### granule

### graphospasm

### grapnel

### graticule

n  
/ 'gradə.kyüł /  
L

the network of lines of latitude and longitude upon which a map is drawn.

*Jeff plotted a graticule before he began to draw his map of the islands.*

### gratinate

v  
/ 'grat̩n.āt /  
F > Ecf

cook with a covering of buttered crumbs or grated cheese until a crust or crisp surface forms.

*Mom decided to gratinate the macaroni for lunch.*

### gratuitous

### graupel

n  
/ 'graüpəl /  
Slav? > G

granular snow pellets.

*Peter calls graupel "tapioca snow" because of its shape and color.*

### gravel

### graveolent

adj  
/ gr̩'vēələnt /  
L

having a rank smell.

*Elaine quickly disposed of the rotten, graveolent egg.*

### gravitate

v  
/ 'gravə.tāt /  
L

move casually but inexorably as though under an external force.

*Ellen tends to gravitate toward the shoe store in any mall.*

### grazioso

adv  
/ grātsē'ō(.)sō /  
L > It

graceful, smooth, or elegant in style—used as a direction in music.  
*Several of Mozart's piano sonatas include pieces that are played grazioso.*

### greffier

n  
/ 'grefē.ā /  
L > F  
registrar, recorder.  
*The office of the greffier is lined with ledgers.*

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<b>gregarious</b>	<b>grimoire</b>	<b>gristmill</b>
adj / grə'ga(a)rēəs / L marked by an instinctive or temperamental preference for a social rather than a solitary existence. <i>Because of their gregarious nature, dogs make good house pets.</i>	n / grōm'wär / F a magician's manual for invoking demons and the spirits of the dead. <i>The witch looked in her grimoire to find a spell to change the child into a rat.</i>	  <b>grizzled</b>
<b>grenadier</b>	<b>grimthorpe</b>	<b>grobian</b>
n / ,grenā'di(ə)r / F a soldier who carries and throws missiles consisting of a container fitted with a priming charge and a bursting charge and filled with a destructive agent (as gas, high explosive, incendiary chemicals). <i>The grenadier started the assault, followed immediately by the riflemen.</i>	v / 'grim(p).thō(ə)rp / E name remodel (an ancient building) without proper knowledge or care to retain its original quality and character. <i>Darryl is afraid the developers will grimthorpe the old mill.</i>	n / 'grōbēən / G name a slovenly crude often buffoonish individual : boor, lout. <i>Vicki knew better than to expect Prince Charming on her blind date, but she never envisioned a grobian.</i>
<b>gressorial</b>	<b>griot</b>	<b>groceries</b>
adj / gre'sōrēəl / L adapted for walking. <i>Some birds, such as the turkey, have gressorial feet.</i>	n / 'grē(.)ō / F any of a class of musician-entertainers of West Africa whose performances include tribal histories and genealogies. <i>While doing research for his book Roots, Alex Haley was stunned to meet a griot who was able to tell the story of how Haley's ancestors were captured by slavers and sent to America.</i>	  <b>grocery</b>
<b>grievance</b>	<b>grisaille</b>	<b>groceteria</b>
<b>grievous</b>	<b>grissini</b>	  <b>groggy</b>
adj / 'grēvəs / F > E causing, characterized by, or indicative of severe physical pain or suffering. <i>Jason screamed as if the scratch on his leg were a grievous wound.</i>	n / grōzī / F painting in monochrome usually in shades of gray often as decoration to simulate sculptured relief. <i>The old manuscript contained a grisaille of a skeleton personifying death.</i>	n / ,grōsə'tirēə / F > E + Ecf a self-service food store. <i>Patrice bought four lemons at the groceteria.</i>
<b>grimace</b>	<b>gristliness</b>	  <b>grosgrain</b>
n / 'grimās / Gmc > F a deliberate or involuntary distortion of the face expressive of some feeling (as contempt, disapprobation, complacency). <i>The camera caught Allie's grimace during the pep rally.</i>	n / 'gris(ə)lēnēs / E the quality or state of containing tough fiber or cartilage especially in table meats. <i>When Ruth noticed the gristliness of the beef, she decided to cut it up and cook it in a stew.</i>	n / 'grō.grān / F a firm fabric in plain weave. <i>The ribbon in Alta's hair was made of grosgrain.</i>
<b>grotesque</b>	  <b>grovel</b>	  <b>grotesque</b>
<b>grovel</b>	  <b>gruel</b>	  <b>grovel</b>
  <b>groves</b>	  <b>grissini</b>	  <b>gruel</b>
  <b>groves</b>	  <b>gristliness</b>	n / 'grüəl / Gmc > F > E a liquid food made by boiling a cereal (as cornmeal, oatmeal, flour) in water or milk. <i>Isabella and her father had a nice basin of gruel together.</i>

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<b>grunion</b>	<b>guernsey</b>	<b>guilloche</b>
n / 'grənyən / L > Sp a small silver-striped fish of the California coast notable for the regularity with which it comes inshore to spawn at the time of a nearly full moon. <i>Jose caught a grunion with his bare hands when it came to spawn on the beach.</i>	n / 'gərnzē / E geog name an animal of the breed of fawn and white dairy cattle producing rich yellowish milk. <i>A lone guernsey grazed in the middle of the herd of black and white holsteins in Mr. Henley's pasture.</i>	n / gō'lōsh / F name? a pattern (as on metalwork) made by interlacing curved lines. <i>The dense guilloche on the iron gate prevented people from reaching through to turn the inside knob.</i>
<b>gruyere</b>	<b>guess</b>	<b>guillotine</b>
<b>guardian</b>	v / 'ges / Scand? > E form an opinion or judgment of without knowledge. <i>Harvey decided to guess how much sugar to put in the pie.</i>	n / 'gilə.tēn / F name a machine for beheading by means of a heavy ax or blade that slides down in vertical guides. <i>The guillotine was considered a merciful means of capital punishment when it was invented.</i>
n / 'gārdēən / F > AF > E one to whom a person or thing is committed for protection, security, or preservation. <i>Alcibiades' guardian was the famous statesman Pericles.</i>		
<b>Guatemalan</b>	<b>guffaw</b>	<b>guipure</b>
n / .gwādə'mälən / Central American name a native or inhabitant of Guatemala, a country in Central America. <i>Maria was a Guatemalan by birth, but had become a naturalized Brazilian.</i>	v / (.)gə'fō / imit laugh noisily or coarsely. <i>The comic hoped that the audience members would guffaw at his jokes, but they merely snickered.</i>	<b>guitar</b>
		n / gē'tär / Gk > Ar > Sp > F [Note: Could be confused with catarrh.] a flat-bodied stringed instrument with a long fretted neck and usually six strings plucked with a pick or with the fingers. <i>Brett's parents bought him an acoustic guitar for his 15th birthday.</i>
<b>guava</b>	<b>guidon</b>	<b>gullibility</b>
n / 'gwävə / Arawak > Sp the globular yellow fruit of a small shrubby tropical American tree. <i>A slice of guava topped off Rawonda's fruit salad.</i>	n / 'gīdān / OProv > F a usually swallow-tailed flag borne by a military unit usually as a unit marker. <i>Leah was selected to carry the guidon in the ROTC parade.</i>	n / gələ'bilədē / E + Ecff the quality or state of being easily deceived. <i>Gertrude's gullibility made her the object of many practical jokes.</i>
<b>gubernatorial</b>	<b>guignolet</b>	<b>gullible</b>
adj / .gübə(r)nə'tōrēəl / L + Ecff of or relating to a governor or government. <i>The gubernatorial signature was required for the law to become effective.</i>	<b>guile</b>	<b>gulosity</b>
	<b>guileful</b>	n / gyü'läsədē / L excessive appetite : greediness. <i>It would be much easier for Roslyn to lose weight if she could curb her gulosity.</i>
	adj / 'gīlfəl / Gmc > F > E characterized by cunning, deceit, or treachery. <i>His classmates thought Jack was guileful in paying \$12 for a \$1200 baseball card.</i>	
<b>guerdon</b>	<b>guillemot</b>	

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<b>gummiferous</b>	<b>guttural</b>	<b>gyrations</b>
adj / ˌgʊmˈfɪrəs / Egypt > Gk > L + L producing or bearing a colloidal substance that is gelatinous when moist but hardens on drying. <i>A sapodilla is a gummiferous tree.</i>	adj / ˈgʊtərəl / L > F being or belonging to a speech sound that is articulated in the throat. <i>Guttural consonants posed a problem for Emily in German class.</i>	<b>gyroscope</b>
<b>gummosis</b>	<b>gutturalize</b>	<b>gyroscopic</b>
n / ˌɡəmˈmōsəs / L the pathological production of sticky exudates in plants as a result of cell degeneration. <i>Plants afflicted with gummosis are often beset with ants.</i>	v / ˈgʊtərəlīz / L + Ecf pronounce or utter with sounds articulated in the throat. <i>Because of her German background, Ursula has a tendency to gutturalize certain words.</i>	<b>haberdasher</b>
<b>gumption</b>	<b>gymkhana</b>	<b>habiliment</b>
n / ˈgəm(p)shən / unknown blended initiative, resolution, and effort. <i>Of all his brothers, only Grandpa had the gumption to leave the old country and come to America.</i>	n / ˌdʒimkənə / Per&Gk > Hindi a horseback-riding meet featuring games and novelty contests. <i>Clem practiced daily with his horse so that he could enter several events in the upcoming gymkhana.</i>	<b>habiliments</b>
<b>gurney</b>	<b>gymnasium</b>	<b>habilitate</b>
n / ˈgɜrnē / American name a wheeled cot or stretcher. <i>The gurney squeaked ominously as Heywood was wheeled into the operating room.</i>	<b>gynarchy</b>	<b>habitat</b>
<b>guru</b>		n / ˈhabə.tat / L the place where a plant or animal species naturally lives and grows. <i>The government appropriated money to preserve the natural habitat of the endangered species.</i>
adj / ˈgūrū / Skt > Hindi a personal religious teacher and spiritual guide in Hinduism. <i>Shri asked his guru whether he should undertake a pilgrimage.</i>	<b>gypsum</b>	<b>habitual</b>
<b>gustatory</b>		adj / ˌhəˈbich(ə)wəl / L established by or repeated by force of a developed mode of behavior that has become nearly or completely involuntary. <i>Brian had to explain his habitual tardiness to the assistant principal.</i>
adj / ˌgəstə.tɔrē / L + Ecf of, relating to, affecting, or associated with the sense of taste. <i>Gaylord was hired as a food taster because of his highly refined gustatory skills.</i>	<b>gyrate</b>	<b>hacienda</b>
	v / ˈjī.rāt / Gk > L turn or swing back and forth often rapidly with or as if with a circular or spiral motion. <i>Couples on the dance floor started to gyrate as a new song began.</i>	n / .(h)äṣē'endə / L > Sp the main building of a farm or ranch. <i>A winding, tree-lined driveway led to the hacienda.</i>

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<b>hackamore</b>	<b>haiku</b>	<b>hallucinogen</b>
n / 'hakəmō(r) / Ar > Sp a bridle that consists of a halter often of soft rope or braided horsehair and is used especially in breaking and training horses. <i>Charlene pulled back on the hackamore and cried "Whoa!"</i>	n / 'hi.kü / Jpn an unrhymed verse form of Japanese origin having three lines containing usually five, seven, and five syllables, respectively. <i>Compressing an image or idea into only 17 syllables is what makes a haiku most challenging to compose.</i>	n / hə'lüs^n̩.jen / L + Gk a substance that induces perceptions of objects with no reality; especially : one taken orally. <i>The medicine that the doctors prescribed was an effective pain killer, but in larger doses it sometimes became a frightening hallucinogen.</i>
<b>hacked</b>	<b>halberdier</b>	<b>halophyte</b>
<b>hackneyed</b>	<b>halcyon</b>	n / 'haləfit / Gk + Gk a plant that grows naturally in soils having a high content of various salts. <i>Australian aborigines grind into flour the seeds of a halophyte that grows in the coastal mud flats.</i>
adj / 'haknēd / E geog name commonplace : trite. <i>The marketing adjective extreme will soon be as hackneyed as super and ultra.</i>	adj / 'halsēən / Gk > L > E pleasingly or idyllically calm or peaceful : serene. <i>Aaron spent the halcyon afternoon in his hammock.</i>	<b>halophyte</b>
<b>haggard</b>	<b>halibut</b>	<b>hamadryad</b>
adj / 'hagə(r)d / F having a worn or emaciated appearance caused by suffering, anxiety, or age. <i>Ever since she last saw him in the courtroom, Frank's haggard face and wild eyes had haunted her.</i>	n / 'haləbət / E the largest of the flatfishes, being an inhabitant of all northern seas. <i>At the aquarium, Ernie saw a halibut the size of a sleeping bag.</i>	n / hamə'drī.ad / Gk > L a nymph of trees and woods; especially : a nymph whose life begins and ends with that of a particular tree. <i>Darcy sat on a bench in the arboretum and imagined she was a hamadryad.</i>
<b>haggis</b>	<b>halieutics</b>	<b>hamartia</b>
n / 'hag̩s / E a pudding especially popular in Scotland made of the heart, liver, and lungs of a sheep or a calf minced with suet, onions, oatmeal, and seasonings and boiled in the stomach of the animal. <i>Haggis is often served on January 25, the birthday of the Scottish poet Robert Burns.</i>	n pl / .hale'(y)üdiks / Gk the art or practice of fishing. <i>Izaak Walton's <i>The Compleat Angler</i> is the most famous book on halieutics.</i>	n / hä.mär'tēə / Gk a defect of character : error, guilt, or sin especially of the tragic hero in a literary work. <i>Overweening ambition proved to be Macbeth's hamartia.</i>
<b>hagiocracy</b>	<b>halitosis</b>	<b>hamate</b>
<b>hagiography</b>	n / .halə'tōs̩s / L a condition of having bad breath. <i>The new mouthwash is advertised to cure halitosis.</i>	adj / 'hā.māt / L hooked. <i>Elliott examined the hamate hairs on the insect's forelegs.</i>
	<b>hallucination</b>	<b>hammering</b>
	n / hə.lüs^n̩.ashən / L perception of objects with no reality. <i>Maynard swears that the ghost he saw was no hallucination.</i>	<b>hammock</b>

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<b>hamulus</b>	<b>harangue</b>	<b>haricot</b>
<b>handleable</b>	n / hə'raŋ / Gmc? > It > F > E a bombastic, ranting speech. <i>Amasa's harangue at the sophomore assembly offended nearly everyone.</i>	n / 'harə.kō / F the ripe seed or the unripe pod of any of several beans used as a vegetable. <i>The baby nibbled on a haricot and wrinkled her nose.</i>
<b>handwrought</b> adj / 'hand.rōt / E fashioned by hand or chiefly by hand processes. <i>Barbie found a handwrought trivet at the garage sale.</i>	<b>harass</b>	<b>Harlequin</b>
<b>hansom</b> n / 'han(t)səm / E name [has homonym: handsome] a light two-wheeled covered carriage with the driver's seat elevated behind and with the reins passed over the top. <i>Holmes and Watson jumped into a hansom and ordered the driver to follow discreetly the cab ahead.</i>	<b>harassed</b> adj / hə'rast / Gmc > F sorely troubled, vexed, or burdened : badgered. <i>The harassed waitress decided she had tolerated inconsiderate customers long enough and found a different line of work.</i>	adj / härlēk(w)ən / E > F > It > F a stock character in comedy and pantomime who appears variously as a clown and a magician and usually wears a mask and variegated tights and carries a wooden sword. <i>The children especially enjoyed the buffoonish antics of the Harlequin.</i>
<b>haphazard</b> adj / hap'hazə(r)d / ON > E + Ar > F > E aimless, random. <i>The apartment's haphazard furniture arrangement made it look untidy.</i>	<b>harbinger</b> n / härbənjər / Gmc > F > E something that presages or foreshadows what is to come. <i>The howling wind was the harbinger of a storm.</i>	<b>harmonica</b>
<b>hapless</b> adj / 'hapləs / ON > E + Ecf marked by the absence of good luck : unfortunate. <i>The hapless students were caught between the school district and the striking teachers.</i>	<b>hardiness</b> n / 'härdēnəs / E the capability of endurance or resistance. <i>The rose's hardiness was severely tested by a cold snap.</i>	<b>harmoniously</b> adv / härmōnēəslē / Gk in a manner marked by accord in sentiment or action : compatibly. <i>For a large family to live harmoniously, rules and chores are a must.</i>
<b>haplogy</b> n / ha'pläləjē / Gk contraction of a word by the omission of one or more similar sounds or syllables in pronunciation. <i>The use of "probly" instead of probably in hasty speech is an example of haplogy.</i>	<b>hare</b> n / 'ha(a)(ə)r / E [has homonym: hair] any of various timid long-eared gnawing mammals with a divided upper lip, long strong hind legs adapted to leaping, and a short tail. <i>Most schoolchildren have heard the story of the tortoise and the hare.</i>	<b>harness</b> n / härnəs / ON > F > E the gear or tackle other than a yoke of a draft animal such as a horse. <i>The horse pulling the carriage through Central Park had silver bells on its harness that jingled whenever the driver shook the reins.</i>
<b>happiness</b>		<b>harpoon</b>

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<b>harpsichord</b>	<b>hassock</b>	<b>hauteur</b>
n / 'härpsəkôrd / L > It a keyboard instrument resembling the grand piano in shape and producing tones by the plucking of wire strings with quills or leather points. <i>Kristin heard the jangling tones of the harpsichord through the practice room door.</i>	n / 'hasôk / E a bulky upholstered footstool. <i>Phyllis decided to purchase the wing chair with the matching hassock.</i>	n / hô'tôr / F [has near homonyms: auteur and hotter] an assumption of superiority : arrogant or condescending manner. <i>The young couple was put off by the waiter's hauteur.</i>
<b>harridan</b>	<b>hatchet</b>	<b>haversack</b>
n / 'harôdən / F? a haggard old woman. <i>Ruth asked a woman in the town square if she could take her picture, but the harridan just shook her fist at her and walked away.</i>	<b>hauberk</b> n / 'hô(,)bôrk / Gmc > F > E a long tunic of ring or chain mail that with a close-fitting helmet and a shield constituted the main defensive armor of the 12th to 14th centuries. <i>Most of the Norman soldiers wore a hauberk, which was put on over the head.</i>	<b>havoc</b> n / 'havôk / Gmc > F > AF > E wide and general damage or destruction. <i>The havoc created by the hurricane made the area look like a war zone.</i>
<b>harrier</b>	<b>haughtily</b>	<b>hazardous</b>
<b>harrumph</b>	<b>haulage</b>	<b>headache</b>
v / hô'rôm(p)f / imit make a pompous throat-clearing sound. <i>Monique wished that Mr. Nickels wouldn't harrumph directly into the microphone.</i>	adv / 'hôd'le / L > F > E in a disdainfully proud or overbearing manner. <i>Gertrude haughtily replied that she receives an allowance of 20 dollars per week.</i>	adj / 'hazô(r)dôs / Ar > F > E exposed or exposing one to danger or peril. <i>The mountain road has many hazardous curves.</i>
<b>hartal</b>	<b>haunted</b>	<b>healthy</b>
n / här'täl / Hindi concerted cessation of work and business especially as a protest against a political situation. <i>The Goa liberation committee called a hartal on Friday in memory of Indians killed by Portuguese fire on Monday.</i>	adj / 'hônted / Gmc > F > E a charge made for transporting something. <i>Paul's final bill for his new car included haulage for transportation from the factory to the dealer.</i>	adj / 'helthô / E free from disease : functioning properly and normally in its vital functions. <i>A perfectly healthy tree in Tammy's backyard was twisted and torn out of the ground by the tornado.</i>
<b>hartebeest</b>		<b>hearsay</b>
n / härdə'bêst / D > Afrikaans a large African antelope with short ringed divergent horns. <i>The hartebeest grazes mainly on the open plains and scrublands of sub-Saharan Africa.</i>	adj / 'hônted / Gmc > F > E inhabited by or as if by apparitions : frequented by ghosts. <i>The deserted Victorian house outside town is said to be haunted.</i>	n / hi(ə)r.sâ / E something heard from another : report, rumor. <i>Jody's elaborate account of the argument was based purely on hearsay.</i>

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<b>hearth</b> n / 'härth / E a brick, stone, or cement area of floor in front of a fireplace. <i>Toby placed a plate of cookies and a glass of milk on the hearth for Santa.</i>	<b>hebetate</b> v / 'hebətät / L blunt the sensitivity or keenness of : make dull or obtuse. <i>Some parents fear that video games hebetate young minds.</i>	<b>heifer</b> n / 'hefə(r) / E a young cow. <i>This year's blue-ribbon heifer belongs to Mrs. Cates.</i>
<b>heathen</b> n / 'hēthən / E a person whose culture or enlightenment is of an inferior grade. <i>Embarassed by her brother's behavior in front of her friends, Simone asked her mother to send the little heathen outside.</i>	<b>hebetude</b>	<b>heinous</b>
<b>heather</b> n / 'hethə(r) / E a common evergreen low-growing shrubby plant that has racemes of tiny usually purplish pink flowers. <i>The true heather of Scotland is also called "ling" or "common heath."</i>	<b>heckelphone</b>	<b>heinousness</b>
<b>heaume</b> n / hōm / F [has homonym: home] a large helmet chiefly of the 13th century worn over a hood of mail or close-fitting steel cap and supported by the shoulders rather than the head. <i>Each knight wore a heaume and carried a lance in the tournament.</i>	<b>nectare</b> n / 'hek.ta(a)(ə)r / Gk > F + L > F a metric unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters. <i>The firefighters reported that more than a hectare of land was on fire.</i>	<b>heiress</b> n / 'erəs / L > F > E [has near homonym: eros] a female who inherits or is entitled to inherit great wealth. <i>Antoine dreamed that he married an heiress and moved to an island.</i>
<b>hebdomad</b> n / 'hebdə.mad / Gk a group of seven. <i>Though some people think there is just a hebdomad of stars in the Pleiades, there are actually many more.</i>	<b>hedgehog</b> n / 'hej.hög / E any of several Old World nocturnal spine-bearing mammals. <i>Prudence spotted a hedgehog in the strawberry patch.</i>	<b>heirloom</b>
<b>hedgingly</b>	<b>hedonism</b> n / 'hēd'n.izəm / Gk a way of life based on or suggesting the principle that pleasure or happiness is the sole or chief good in life. <i>When André turned 30, he renounced his youthful hedonism.</i>	<b>heldentenor</b>
<b>heleoplankton</b> n / helē(,)planktōn / Gk plankton typical of small bodies of still fresh water. <i>Dozens of species gathered at the south end of the lake to feed on heleoplankton.</i>	<b>helicon</b>	
<b>helicopter</b>	<b>heliography</b>	
<b>heliolatry</b>		

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<b>heliophobous</b> adj / hēlē'äfəbəs / Gk + Gk + Ecf avoiding the sun : shade-loving. <i>Jackie planted ferns, hostas, and other heliophobous plants in her shady garden.</i>	<b>hemisphere</b> n / 'heməsfɪ(ə)r / Gk a half of the celestial sphere. <i>Vince's star chart depicts all visible heavenly objects in the hemisphere.</i>	<b>hepatitis</b> n / hepə'tīdəs / Gk > L inflammation of the liver. <i>Serum hepatitis can be transmitted through blood transfusions and unsterilized hypodermic needles.</i>
<b>heliotrope</b>	<b>hemophiliac</b>	<b>heptarchy</b>
<b>helium</b>	n / hēmə'filē.ək / Gk one affected with a tendency to uncontrolled bleeding. <i>A hemophiliac must take care to avoid even minor cuts and bruises.</i>	<b>herbaceous</b> adj / (h)ərbāshəs / L of, relating to, or having the characteristics of a nonwoody plant. <i>Monique surrounded her patio with herbaceous perennials.</i>
<b>helmeted</b>	<b>hemorrhage</b>	<b>herbalist</b>
<b>helotry</b> n / 'helōtrē / Gk > L + Ecf the slaves or serfs of a country or an estate. <i>In ancient Sparta the helotry was required to serve in the army.</i>	<b>hemorrhagic</b>	n / '(h)ərbəlāst / L + Ecff one that collects, grows, or deals in medicinal plants. <i>Lisa consulted an herbalist regarding her wart.</i>
<b>hematogenous</b> adj / hēmə'tājənəs / Gk spread by way of the blood stream. <i>Andrea was treated with antibiotics to prevent any hematogenous infection.</i>	<b>hendiadys</b> n / hen'dīədəs / Gk the expression of an idea by two nouns connected by and instead of by a noun and an adjective. <i>Thierry used the hendiadys iron and bit to denote an iron bit.</i>	<b>herbarium</b> n / ,(h)ər'bə(a)rēəm / L a room, building, or institution housing a collection of dried plant specimens. <i>Jackson was looking forward to visiting the herbarium while on vacation.</i>
<b>hematoma</b> n / hēmətōmə / Gk > L a tumor or swelling containing blood. <i>A hematoma can result from various types of blunt trauma to the head.</i>	<b>henna</b> n / 'henə / Ar a reddish brown dye used in tinting the hair, skin, or nails red. <i>The ancient use of henna is confirmed by the presence of the dye in Egyptian mummies.</i>	<b>hercogamy</b>
<b>hemeralopia</b> n / hemərə'lōpēə / Gk a defect of vision characterized by reduced visual capacity in bright lights. <i>A deficiency of vitamin A can lead to hemeralopia.</i>	<b>hennin</b> n / 'henən / F a high cone-shaped headdress usually with a thin veil pendent from the top worn by European women in the 15th century. <i>Lady Agnes appeared at the king's ball wearing an elegant hennin.</i>	<b>Herculean</b> adj / hərk'yə'lēən / Gk name > L of heroic proportions. <i>Jim's competitor was known for his Herculean frame and great strength.</i>
		<b>hereditary</b>

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<b>heresy</b>	<b>heroic</b>	<b>heteroclite</b>
n / 'herəsē / Gk dissent from a dominant theory or opinion in any field. <i>Much of what used to be considered scientific heresy is now regarded as truth.</i>	adj / hō'rōik / Gk > L arising from, exhibiting, or suggestive of boldness, spirit, or daring. <i>The mountain climbers made a heroic effort to reach the peak.</i>	adj / 'hedərə.däks / Gk differing from an established religious point of view. <i>Father O'Driscoll holds a few heterodox opinions that astonish his parish.</i>
<b>heretical</b>	<b>heroine</b>	<b>heterogeneous</b>
adj / hō'redēkəl / L of, relating to, or characterized by departure from accepted beliefs or standards : unorthodox. <i>A free society allows the expression of all opinions, however heretical they may seem.</i>	n / 'herəwən / Gk > L [has homonym: heroin] the principal female character in a drama, novel, story, or narrative poem. <i>In the melodrama the spunky heroine took the law into her own hands and brought down the villain.</i>	<b>heterophemy</b> n / 'hedərə.fēmē / Gk + Gk unconscious use of words other than those intended. <i>When his client used the term debtor to mean "creditor," the accountant corrected the heterophemy.</i>
<b>heritage</b>	<b>herpetology</b>	<b>heuristic</b>
<b>hermeneutics</b>	n / hōrmə'n(y)üdiks / Gk the study of the general principles of biblical interpretation. <i>Experts in hermeneutics met to discuss the Dead Sea scrolls.</i>	adj / '(h)yü.ristik / Gk of or relating to exploratory problem-solving techniques that utilize self-educating strategies to improve performance. <i>The computer that beat Gary Kasparov in the chess tournament was programmed to use heuristic methods.</i>
<b>hermetically</b>	<b>herring</b>	<b>hexamethyl</b>
adv / hō(r)'med-ēk(ə)lē / Gk + Ecff in a manner that prevents entry or change. <i>With its flowered wallpaper and quaint furniture, the old house looked as though it had been hermetically sealed sometime in the 1880s.</i>	<b>herringbone</b> n / 'heriŋ.bōn / E a pattern (as on a fabric) made up of adjacent rows of parallel lines where any two adjacent rows slope slightly in reverse directions. <i>Dina wove herself a new wool scarf in herringbone.</i>	<b>hibachi</b> n / hē'bächē / Jpn a charcoal brazier. <i>Antoni's hot dog fell through the grill of the hibachi onto the glowing coals below.</i>
<b>hermit</b>	<b>hesitancy</b>	<b>hibernal</b>
<b>hermitage</b>	<b>hesitant</b>	adj / hi'bərnəl / L of or relating to winter : wintry. <i>Horace admired the hibernal scene depicted in the painting.</i>
n / 'hōrmədij / Gk + L > F a secluded residence or private retreat. <i>Dave's father has always dreamed of living in the city during the week and escaping to some country hermitage on the weekends.</i>	adj / 'hezədənt / L tending to hold back, pause, or falter. <i>The toddler took hesitant steps toward the large dog.</i>	<b>hibernate</b>
	<b>hesthogenous</b>	

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<b>hibiscus</b> n / hī'biskəs / L any plant or flower of a large widely distributed genus of herbs, shrubs, or small trees with dentate or lobed leaves and large showy flowers. <i>Darla planted a hibiscus outside her bedroom window.</i>	<b>hieroglyphics</b> n pl / .hī'(ə)rō'glifiks / Gk characters in the ancient Egyptian writing system which are for the most part recognizable pictures of objects. <i>Egyptian hieroglyphics remained a mystery until the Rosetta Stone provided the key to deciphering them.</i>	<b>hippodrome</b> n / 'hipədrōm / Gk > L > F an arena for equestrian performances. <i>The circus horses performed for the spectators in the hippodrome.</i>
<b>hickory</b> n / 'hik(ə)rē / Virginia word any of a genus of North American trees of the walnut family that produce a hard nut. <i>Sophie napped in the shade of the tall hickory.</i>	<b>hierophant</b> n / 'hī'(ə)rō.fant / Gk a priest in ancient Greece. <i>The hierophant portrayed in Tim's history book was dressed in an animal skin and wore a crown of leaves.</i>	<b>ippogriff</b> n / 'hipə.grif / Gk > L > It > F [Note: Could be confused with hippocgriffin.] a legendary animal having the foreparts of a winged griffin and the body and hindquarters of a horse. <i>The Gothic cathedral contained many strange carvings, including a hippocriff and several gargoyles.</i>
<b>hideous</b> adj / hidēəs / F > E offensive to the sight : gruesome, ugly. <i>During the thunderstorm, Ernie saw a hideous face at the window.</i>	<b>hilarious</b> <b>Himalayan</b> n / himā'lāən / Asian geog name any of a breed of domestic cats developed by crossing the Persian and Siamese. <i>A Himalayan won "Best of Show" in the local cat competition this winter.</i>	<b>hippopotamian</b> adj / hi(.)pōpō'tāmēən / Gk > L + Ecf unwieldy because of massive size. <i>Uncle Lon's hippopotamian armchair takes up half the living room.</i>
<b>hiemal</b> adj / hī'məl / L of or relating to winter : wintry. <i>Inger's favorite hiemal activity is skiing.</i>	<b>hinge</b> n / 'hinj / E a jointed or flexible device on which a door, lid, or other swinging part turns. <i>The hinge stopped creaking after Tony oiled it.</i>	<b>hippopotamus</b> n / hipə'pädəməs / Gk any of various large herbivorous four-toed chiefly aquatic mammals with an extremely large head and mouth, bare and very thick skin, and short legs. <i>The hippopotamus spends most of the day in water because in the warm, dry air it loses water through its skin.</i>
<b>hierarchy</b> n / hī'ə.rärkē / Gk > L > F > E a form of government administered by an authoritarian group. <i>Michelle's study of hierarchy made her appreciate living in the United States.</i>	<b>hippocampus</b> n / .hipə'kampəs / Gk a curved elongated ridge extending over the lateral ventricles of the brain. <i>Injury to the hippocampus often results in emotional impairment.</i>	<b>hippotigrine</b> adj / hipə'tīgrīn / Gk + Gk of or relating to the zebra. <i>The city zoo has a special exhibit on the hippotigrine environment.</i>
<b>hieroglyph</b> n / 'hī'(ə)rō.glf / Gk a character used in a system of writing mainly in pictorial characters. <i>The Egyptian hieroglyph for the word king was a royal head complete with beard.</i>		

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<b>hircine</b> adj / 'hər.sīn / L of, relating to, or resembling a goat; especially : resembling a goat in smell. <i>After the week-long camping trip, the Flidre family was relieved to get out of their hircine clothes and into the shower.</i>	<b>hoeing</b> v / 'hō.iŋ / imit D or G raise, lift, elevate. <i>Manuel decided to use a crane to hoist the stone into place.</i>	<b>homburg</b> n / häm.børg / G a man's hat of smooth-finished felt with a stiff curled brim and a high tapered crown creased lengthwise. <i>The villain in the movie wore a dark suit and a black homburg.</i>
<b>hirsute</b>		<b>homely</b> adj / hōmlē / E commonplace, familiar. <i>Mr. Mann can translate the most complex issue into homely terms.</i>
<b>hirundine</b> adj / hè'rəndēn / L of, relating to, or resembling the swallow. <i>The hirundine population in near-equatorial countries rises sharply when autumn returns to the northern hemisphere.</i>	<b>hokku</b> n / 'hō(.kū / Jpn a fixed lyric form of Japanese origin having three short unrhymed lines of five, seven, and five syllables and being typically epigrammatic or suggestive. <i>Haiku, the most familiar form of hokku, pertains to the seasons.</i>	<b>homeostasis</b> n / .hōmēō'stāsēs / Gk a tendency toward maintenance of a relatively stable internal environment in the bodies of higher animals through a series of interacting physiological processes. <i>Panting is the primary means of achieving homeostasis for dogs.</i>
<b>histrionic</b>	<b>holard</b>	<b>homespun</b>
<b>histrionics</b> n pl / .histrē'äniks / L theatrical performances. <i>Teresa loved the theater from an early age and excelled in histrionics while in school.</i>	<b>holiness</b>	<b>homestead</b> n / hōmz.ted / E + E the home and land of a family; especially : ancestral home. <i>The city offered reduced property taxes on any homestead occupied by the legal owner.</i>
<b>hitchhike</b>	<b>hollandaise</b>	<b>homily</b> n / 'häməlē / Gk a lecture or discussion on a moral theme : admonition. <i>At the baccalaureate service, Mr. Lopez gave a brief homily on the theme "To thine own self be true."</i>
<b>hoarseness</b> n / 'hōr(ə)rsnēs / E the quality or state of having a rough-sounding voice. <i>Paul's remedy for hoarseness is hot water with lemon.</i>	<b>hollyhock</b>	<b>hominy</b>
<b>hoax</b> n / 'hōks / unknown [has homonym: hokes] an act intended to trick or dupe : a piece of trickery. <i>Sarah forwarded the e-mail message, unaware she was participating in a hoax.</i>	<b>holocaust</b> n / 'hälə.köst / Gk a complete or thorough sacrifice or destruction especially by fire. <i>Many lives were lost in the hotel holocaust.</i>	<b>homogenized</b>
<b>hoboism</b>	<b>holograph</b> n / 'hälə.graf / Gk a document (as a letter, deed, or will) wholly in the handwriting of the person from whom it proceeds and whose act it purports to be. <i>Amongst the early wills of Middlesex County, Roberta found many a fascinating holograph.</i>	

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<b>homologate</b>	<b>horizontal</b>	<b>hosanna</b>
v / hō'mäləgät / Gk approve, allow, confirm. <i>The fact that the Joneses do not appeal the court's decision does not mean they homologate it.</i>	adj / hōrə'zänt'l / L + Ecf placed or operating in a plane parallel to the horizon. <i>Lori wore a sweater with red and blue horizontal stripes.</i>	n / hō'zənə / Heb > Gk > L > E an expression of enthusiastic praise : acclamation. <i>Mr. Wong greeted Katya with a loud hosanna.</i>
<b>homologous</b>	<b>hormone</b>	<b>hosiery</b>
<b>homonym</b>	<b>horologium</b>	
<b>homophonous</b>	n / hōrō'lōj(ē)əm / L an instrument (as a clock) for measuring time. <i>A sundial was the ancient Egyptians' horologium.</i>	n / hōzh(ə)rē / E + Ecff stockings, socks. <i>Mrs. Desmond prefers silk hosiery to that made of nylon.</i>
<b>honorific</b>	<b>horrendous</b>	<b>hospice</b>
n / hänə'rifik / L conferring or conveying public esteem. <i>Dr. Ellerman received an honorific wreath at the banquet.</i>		n / 'häspēs / L a facility or program designed to provide a caring environment for supplying the physical and emotional needs of the terminally ill. <i>Rebekah works as a counselor at a hospice for the elderly.</i>
<b>hoochinoo</b>	<b>horripilation</b>	<b>hospitable</b>
<b>hoodwink</b>	n / hōrō'lāshən / L a bristling of the hair of the head or body (as from disease, terror, or chilliness) : gooseflesh. <i>Jennifer reacted to the movie's scary scenes with noticeable horripilation.</i>	
<b>hooligan</b>	<b>hortative</b>	<b>hospitality</b>
n / 'hülgən / Ir name? thug, hoodlum. <i>After an intense interrogation by detectives, the hooligan finally broke down and confessed.</i>	adj / hō(r)dədīv / L giving persuasive counsel : advisory, urging strongly. <i>Joe's hortative letter to the editor of the newspaper persuaded many citizens to contact their representatives regarding the proposed budget.</i>	<b>hostage</b>
<b>horde</b>	<b>horticulture</b>	<b>hostelry</b>
n / hō(r)rd / Mongolic > Pol > G&F [has homonym: hoard] a vast number : crowd, swarm. <i>To prepare for the horde of tourists, the police department is using computer modeling to aid in logistics.</i>	n / hō(r)dəkəlchə(r) / L the science and art of growing fruits, vegetables, flowers, or ornamental plants. <i>Mr. Sakai's skill in horticulture has won him many blue ribbons at garden shows.</i>	n / 'häst'lērē / L > F > E a place where food and lodging are available to the traveler : inn, hotel. <i>To celebrate their tenth anniversary, the Mortons returned to the French hostelry where they spent their honeymoon.</i>
<b>horizon</b>		<b>hotelless</b>
n / hōrīz'ən / Gk > L > E the point where the earth appears to meet the sky. <i>Stan thought he saw an airplane on the horizon.</i>		<b>howel</b>

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<b>howitzer</b> n / 'haū̄otsə(r) / Czech > G > D a cannon employed to fire projectiles at a target (as enemy artillery behind a ridge) which cannot be reached by flat-trajectory weapons. <i>Corporal Slater towed the howitzer to the base of the ridge.</i>	<b>humane</b> adj / hyū̄'mān / L > F > E marked by compassion, sympathy, or consideration for other human beings or animals. <i>Sharon received an award for her humane treatment of stray pets.</i>	<b>humoresque</b> n / .(h)yū̄mō'resk / (E + Fcf) > G a musical composition typically whimsical or fanciful in character. <i>Schumann's opus 88 is a humoresque for violin, cello, and piano.</i>
<b>hoyden</b> n / 'hōid̄n / D? a girl or woman of loud, boisterous, or carefree behavior : tomboy. <i>Sierra knew that her skateboard expertise and casual clothing made her look like a hoyden to the neighbors, but she didn't care.</i>	<b>humectant</b> n / hyū̄'mektənt / L a substance that promotes retention of moisture. <i>Toothpastes contain a humectant to carry the abrasive and other agents.</i>	<b>Hunanese</b> adj / .hū̄nə'nēz / Chin geog name of or relating to the province of Hunan, China. <i>The waiter indignantly replied that hamburger was not a feature of Hunanese cuisine.</i>
<b>hoyle</b> n / 'hōil / unknown a natural object used as an archery mark at short range. <i>Martha used a large mushroom in her backyard as a hoyle.</i>	<b>humerus</b>	<b>hundredth</b> adj / 'həndrədth / E being number 100 in a countable series. <i>Residents lined the streets to watch the parade on Danville's hundredth anniversary.</i>
<b>hubbubble</b> n / 'hə̄bəb / Celt? a noisy confusion of sound. <i>In the hubbubble after the concert, Bronwen did not notice the pickpocket who took her wallet.</i>	<b>humidistat</b> n / (h)yū̄'midəstat / L > F > E an instrument for regulating or maintaining the degree of moisture. <i>Since he bought the humidistat, Rudy has gotten fewer colds.</i>	<b>hurl</b>
<b>hubristically</b> adv / hyū̄'bristik(ə)lē / Gk insolently, vainly, arrogantly. <i>Lance's opinions, though brilliant and sound, are unwelcome because he conveys them so hubristically.</i>	<b>humidor</b> n / 'hyū̄mə.dō(ə)r / L or F + Ecf a case or enclosure (as for storing cigars) in which the air is kept properly humidified. <i>Art always kept his expensive cigars in a humidor.</i>	<b>hurricane</b> n / 'hərə.kān / Taino > Sp a tropical cyclone with winds of 73 miles per hour or greater. <i>When the townspeople realized that the hurricane was heading their way, they boarded up their windows and evacuated.</i>
<b>huisache</b>	<b>humiliation</b> n / (.)hyū̄.milē'āshən / L > F > E the state of being reduced to a lower position in one's own eyes or the eyes of another : an instance of being humbled. <i>Mary did not even try to control her rage and humiliation.</i>	<b>hurtle</b>
		<b>hussar</b> n / hō̄zär / L > Serb > Hung [Note: Could be confused with huzza, huzzah.] a member of the light cavalry of various European armies usually distinguished by a brilliant much-decorated uniform. <i>In a short story by Thomas Hardy, a young Englishwoman has an ill-fated romance with a homesick German hussar.</i>

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<b>hutch</b>	<b>hydraulic</b>	<b>hydroplane</b>
<b>hyacinth</b>	adj / hī'əsɪn(t)θ / Gk > L a common garden flower widely grown for its beauty and fragrance. <i>Mimi planted a hyacinth right next to her screened porch.</i>	v / 'hīdrəplān / Gk + L skim over the water with the hull either clear of the surface or barely immersed. <i>Lex loves to make his speedboat hydroplane across a glassy lake.</i>
<b>hyalithe</b>	<b>hydrofoil</b>	<b>hyetology</b>
<b>hybrid</b>	<b>hydrogen</b>	n / hīə'täləjē / Gk a branch of meteorology that deals with precipitation (as of rain or snow). <i>Even a period of extended drought can be of interest to a student of hyetology.</i>
n / 'hībrēd / L an offspring of two animals or plants of different races, breeds, varieties, species, or genera. <i>A hybrid often has increased vigor and strength.</i>	n / 'hīdrōjēn / Gk > F a nonmetallic element that is the simplest and lightest of the elements and which is normally a colorless, odorless, and highly flammable diatomic gas. <i>Hydrogen and oxygen are the components of water.</i>	<b>hygiene</b>
<b>hybridize</b>	<b>hydrography</b>	<b>hygienist</b>
v / 'hībrēdīz / L cause to produce offspring that are a cross between breeds : interbreed. <i>Horace is attempting to hybridize a large, showy, red rose and a smaller, more fragrant variety.</i>	n / hī'drägrəfē / Gk description and study of seas, lakes, rivers, and other waters. <i>A knowledge of hydrography is helpful in navigation.</i>	<b>hymn</b>
<b>hydrangea</b>	<b>hydrolysis</b>	<b>hymnody</b>
n / hī'drānjē / Gk > L any of a genus of shrubs of the family Saxifragaceae having showy clusters of usually sterile white or tinted flowers. <i>Although the flowers of the hydrangea are spectacular, the leaves are poisonous.</i>	n / hī'drälēsōs / Gk + Gk a chemical process of decomposition involving the splitting of a bond and the addition of the hydrogen cation and the hydroxide anion of water. <i>Digestive enzymes promote the hydrolysis of nutrients into simpler compounds.</i>	n / 'himnədē / Gk a body of hymns of a specified kind or period. <i>Gospel songs enjoy wide popularity in American hymnody.</i>
<b>hydrant</b>	<b>hydrophilous</b>	<b>hypaethral</b>
n / 'hīdrənt / Gk a discharge pipe with a valve and spout at which water may be drawn from the mains of waterworks. <i>The city workers affixed a metal rod with a red diamond on the top of the hydrant in Mishi's yard so they would be able to find it if it snowed.</i>	adj / hī'dräfəlēs / Gk pollinated by the agency of water. <i>The ultimate adaptation to aquatic life is the formation of completely submerged hydrophilous flowers.</i>	<b>hyperbaton</b>

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### **hyperbole**

n

/ hī'pərbə(ə)lē /

Gk

extravagant exaggeration that represents something as much greater or less, better or worse, or more intense than it really is or that depicts the impossible as actual.

*To say that life as we know it will never be the same after the next election is hyperbole.*

### **hypercritical**

adj

/ hīpə(r)'krɪdĕkəl /

Gk

meticulously or excessively inclined to notice faults and imperfections.

*Ellen's skating coach was hypercritical of her technique the day before a competition.*

### **hyperglycemia**

n

/ hīpə(r)glī'sēmēə /

Gk

excess of sugar in the blood.

*Since diabetes runs in her family, Carla is regularly tested for hyperglycemia.*

### **hypertension**

n

/ hīpə(r)'tenchən /

Gk + L

abnormally high arterial blood pressure.

*Doctors recommend reducing salt intake for patients with hypertension.*

### **hypertrophic**

adj

/ hīpər'träfik /

Gk + Gk + Ecf

affected with or tending toward overgrowth or excessive development of an organ or part.

*After Blake lost one kidney, the other became hypertrophic.*

### **hyphen**

### **hypnology**

### **hypobulia**

n

/ hīpō'bÿüłēə /

Gk > L

lowered ability to make decisions or to act.

*The climbers began to suffer from hypobulia as they moved higher and higher on the mountain.*

### **hypochondria**

n

/ hīpə'kändrēə /

Gk

extreme depression of mind or spirits often centered on imaginary physical ailments.

*Having found nothing physically wrong with her, Sylvia's doctor noted that her persistent complaints about her health are probably due to hypochondria.*

### **hypochondriac**

n

/ hīpə'kändrē.ək /

Gk

one whose depression is centered on imaginary physical ailments.

*Colin was an hysterical half-crazy little hypochondriac.*

### **hypocorism**

n

/ hī'päkə.rizəm /

Gk

a pet name or term of endearment.

*Susan's parents bestowed the hypocorism "Bubbles" on her when she was a toddler.*

### **hypocrisy**

n

/ hē'päkrəsē /

Gk > L > F > E

the act or practice of pretending to be what one is not or to have principles or beliefs that one does not have.

*The abominable proceeding was nothing but a system of hypocrisy and deceit, espionage and treachery.*

### **hypodermic**

### **hypothalamus**

n

/ hī'(ə)pō'thäləməs /

Gk

a part of the brain that is usually considered to include vital autonomic regulatory centers.

*The hypothalamus exercises control over involuntary actions such as temperature regulation, emotional responses, and the rhythm of sleep.*

### **hypothesis**

### **hypothetical**

### **hypotrophy**

n

/ hī'pätrōfē /

Gk

subnormal growth.

*Nutritional deficiency resulted in hypotrophy among the aborigines.*

### **hypotyposis**

n

/ hīpō.tī'pōsəs /

Gk

[Note: Could be confused with plural hypotypes.] vivid picturesque description.

*Mark Twain employed hypotyposis in his writing.*

### **hypsography**

### **hyssop**

n

/ 'hisəp /

Sem > Gk > L > F > E

a European mint that has highly aromatic and pungent leaves and is often cultivated in gardens as a remedy for bruises.

*Aunt Cara made a paste of hyssop and oil and applied it to Darien's bruised shoulder.*

### **hysteria**

n

/ hē'sterēə /

Gk > L

conduct or an outbreak of conduct exhibiting unmanageable fear or emotional excess.

*Hysteria overcame the defendant when the guilty verdict was announced.*

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<b>hysterical</b>	<b>ichthyology</b>	<b>ideogram</b>
adj / hi'stərōkəl / Gk exhibiting unrestrained emotionalism. <i>When their team won the world championship, the fans became hysterical with joy.</i>	n / i.kthē'äləjē / Gk a branch of zoology that deals with fishes. <i>Mr. Pout didn't need a degree in ichthyology to see that he had caught a dead branch.</i>	n / 'idēə.gram / Gk + Gk a character in Chinese writing made by combining two or more other characters for words of related meaning. <i>In Chinese, the ideogram for to love depicts a woman and her child.</i>
<b>iatrogenic</b>	<b>icicle</b>	<b>idiosyncratic</b>
adj / īatrō'jenik / Gk > L induced by a physician—used chiefly of ailments induced in a patient by autosuggestion based on a physician's words or actions during examination. <i>Belinda had iatrogenic pains after her annual checkup.</i>	n / ī.sikəl / E a pendent usually conical mass of ice formed by the freezing of dripping water. <i>By evening, the longest icicle hanging from the eaves had grown to about two feet.</i>	adj / .idēō.sin'kradik / Gk marked by a peculiarity of physical or mental constitution or temperament. <i>In his autobiography Andrew described the idiosyncratic behavior of his zany upper-class family.</i>
<b>icequake</b>	<b>iconoclast</b>	<b>idiosyncratically</b>
<b>ichneumon</b>	n / i.k'n(y)ümən / Gk any member of the insect family Ichneumonidae. <i>The ichneumon burrowed into the caterpillar larva, providing a natural check on the destructive insect.</i>	adv / .idēə.sin'kradēk(ə)lē / G > E in a manner peculiar to the individual. <i>Because Emily Dickinson wrote so idiosyncratically, her poems are immediately recognizable.</i>
<b>ichnolite</b>	<b>icosahedron</b>	<b>idly</b>
n / 'iknə.lit / Gk a fossil footprint. <i>The museum guide showed us an ichnolite of a plesiosaur.</i>	n / īkōsə'hēdrən / Gk a figure or solid formed by 20 plane faces. <i>The icosahedron occurs frequently in nature in molecular and viral structures.</i>	<b>idolater</b>
<b>ichnology</b>	<b>identical</b>	<b>idolatry</b>
n / ik'näləjē / Gk the study of fossil footprints. <i>Several students interested in ichnology took a field trip to Dinosaur State Park in Connecticut.</i>	<b>identify</b> v / ī'dentə.fī / F show or prove the sameness of (as with something known, stated, or possessed). <i>The victim was asked to identify the attacker from a lineup.</i>	<b>idyllic</b> adj / ī'dilik / Gk pleasing or picturesque in its natural simplicity. <i>The Elsons spent a week in an idyllic little town in the Pyrenees.</i>
		<b>igneous</b> adj / 'ignēəs / L of, relating to, or suggestive of fire. <i>The igneous desert air shimmered on the horizon.</i>

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<b>ignite</b>	<b>illegible</b>	<b>illusory</b>
v / ig'nit /	adj / i(l)'lejəbel /	adj / ə'lüs(ə)rē /
L set aflame : kindle. <i>The arson squad spent hours trying to discover what could ignite such a variety of apparently safe materials.</i>	L not capable of being read or deciphered. <i>Although the physician's prescription appeared illegible, the pharmacist seemed to have no trouble deciphering it.</i>	L of, relating to, or marked by illusion : deceptive. <i>Citizens of both countries hope that the apparent peace between the two nations is not illusory.</i>
<b>ignominious</b>	<b>illegitimate</b>	<b>illustrate</b>
<b>ignominy</b>	<b>illeism</b>	v / ilə.strāt /
n / 'ignə[min]ē /	<b>illicit</b>	L make clear by giving or by serving as an example or instance. <i>The stained-glass windows illustrate the Nativity scene.</i>
L > F disgraceful or dishonorable conduct, quality, or action. <i>Although the coward was glad to be alive, he felt the ignominy of abandoning his comrades.</i>	<b>illiterate</b>	<b>illustration</b>
<b>ignoramus</b>	<b>illth</b>	<b>image</b>
n / .ignə'rāməs /	n / 'ilth /	<b>imagery</b>
L an utterly uninformed person : dunce. <i>Schuyler is so afraid of his own intelligence that he refuses to speak in class and refers to himself as a "happy ignoramus."</i>	ON > E the condition of being economically unprosperous or miserable. <i>Sharon didn't mind her family's illth as much as she minded the fact that they had all simply given up on any possibility of prosperity.</i>	<b>imaginary</b>
<b>ignorance</b>	<b>illuminati</b>	adj / ə'majə.nerē /
<b>ikebana</b>	n pl / ə.lüümə'näd(.)ē /	L having no real existence : existing only in imagination or fancy : fictitious, hypothetical. <i>Not all of the characters in the novelist's best seller were imaginary.</i>
n / ikə'bänə /	L > It persons who are or who claim to be unusually enlightened. <i>The mayoral candidate worked hard to win the support of the city's illuminati.</i>	<b>imbecile</b>
Jpn the Japanese art of flower arranging that emphasizes form and balance. <i>Hana is trained in ikebana, and her arrangements are displayed in many restaurants throughout the city.</i>	<b>illumination</b>	n / 'imbəsəl /
<b>ileitis</b>	n / ə.lüümə'näshən /	L > F one marked by mental deficiency. <i>The professor told his students that they should not be writing as if their reader were an imbecile.</i>
n / ilē'īdəs /	L > F > E a giving of physical light or the state of being lighted up. <i>Because of its many windows, Sarah's office always has ample illumination.</i>	<b>imbecilic</b>
L inflammation of the lower small intestine. <i>Stella mistook her ileitis for indigestion.</i>	<b>illusion</b>	adj / əm'bə'silik /
<b>iliacus</b>		L > F + Ecf characteristic or suggestive of one that acts stupidly or recklessly. <i>Iris effectively tuned out her brother-in-law as he described another of his imbecilic money-making schemes.</i>
		<b>imitative</b>

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<b>immaculate</b>	<b>immiserization</b>	<b>impalpable</b>
adj / ī'makyəlēt / L > E having no spot, soil, or smirch : spotlessly clean. <i>Told that her room must be immaculate before she could go to the mall with friends, Tollie started cleaning feverishly.</i>	v / ī'məlāt / L [has near homonym: emulate] sacrifice or abnegate (as oneself) usually in the interests of some cause or objective. <i>Sheri persuaded the monk not to immolate himself in protest.</i>	adj / im'palpəbəl / L + L + L incapable of being felt by the touch. <i>The puppy began chasing his impalpable shadow.</i>
<b>immalleable</b>	<b>immortal</b>	<b>imparisyllabic</b>
adj / i(m)'malēbəl / L > F > E not open to outside forces or influences : unyielding, rigid. <i>Dean remained immalleable in his refusal to resign.</i>	adj / i(m)'mōrd̩l / L connected with or possessing everlasting life. <i>The priest warned his flock of the many dangers to their immortal souls, such as envy, greed, and sloth.</i>	n / 'impas / F barrier, deadlock. <i>A rockslide created an impasse on the mountain road.</i>
<b>immature</b>	<b>immunocyte</b>	<b>impeccable</b>
adj / im.mə'tū(ə)r / L lacking complete growth or development. <i>The immature insect resembles the adult in form and eating habits but differs in size, body proportions, and color pattern.</i>	n / 'imyənəsīt / L a cell that functions in the prevention of a disease. <i>The immunocyte is the body's primary defense against germs.</i>	adj / īm'pekəbəl / L free from fault or blame : flawless. <i>A background investigation affirmed the candidate's impeccable character.</i>
<b>immense</b>	<b>immured</b>	<b>impecancy</b>
adj / ī'men(t)s / L > F characterized by greatness in size or degree. <i>Wilbur's portliness is a reflection of his immense appetite.</i>	v / ī'myü(ə)rd / L [has near homonyms: enured, inured] enclosed within or as if within walls. <i>While Sir Walter Raleigh was immured in the Tower of London, he used his time to write his Historie of the World.</i>	
<b>immersion</b>	<b>immutable</b>	<b>impecunious</b>
<b>imminent</b>		<b>impecuniously</b>
adj / 'imnənənt / L ready to take place : near at hand. <i>Although Ellen's departure date was imminent, she was not ready to go.</i>	adj / i(m)'myüdəbəl / L not capable of or susceptible to change. <i>The immutable laws of thermodynamics preclude the invention of a perpetual motion machine.</i>	adv / īmpə'kyünyəslē / L in an indigent, penniless manner. <i>George squandered his inheritance and plodded through the remainder of his life impecuniously.</i>
<b>immiscible</b>	<b>impair</b>	<b>impedance</b>
adj / i(m)'misəbəl / L not capable of mixing or being mixed. <i>Oil and water are immiscible.</i>		n / īm'pēd̩n(t)s / L the apparent opposition in an electrical circuit to the flow of an alternating current that is analogous to the actual electrical resistance to a direct current. <i>A high-fidelity amplifier must have a low output impedance to make loudspeakers produce natural sound.</i>

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<b>impediment</b> n / əm'pedəmənt / L hindrance, block. <i>Clementine's lack of a degree was an impediment to her getting a good job.</i>	<b>impertinence</b> n / im'pərt(ə)nən(t)s / L lack of due respect for others in conduct. <i>For his impertinence Mrs. Brennan sent Kyle to the principal's office.</i>	<b>implacable</b> adj / im'plakəbəl / L > F not capable of being appeased or pacified. <i>The defeated candidate harbored implacable resentment toward his opponent.</i>
<b>impedimenta</b> n pl / əm'pedə'məntə / L things that hinder progress or movement; especially : baggage, equipment, or supplies. <i>Regina always travels with one small carry-on bag and considers anything more to be impedimenta.</i>	<b>imperturbable</b> adj / .im'pər'tərbəbəl / L > E unlikely to be disconcerted, agitated, or alarmed. <i>Hitherto imperturbable, Stacy suddenly showed signs of alarm.</i>	<b>implausible</b>
<b>impenetrable</b> adj / im'penətrəbəl / L > F > E incapable of being comprehended. <i>Sarah found Einstein's theories impenetrable.</i>	<b>impervious</b> adj / im'pərvēəs / L not allowing entrance or passage through : impenetrable. <i>Ted covered the woodpile with a tarp impervious to water.</i>	<b>implement</b> n / 'impləmənt / L + L a tool or utensil forming part of equipment for work. <i>Dawson discovered a paleolithic stone implement near the entrance to a cave.</i>
<b>imperatively</b>	<b>impetigo</b> n / .impa'tī(ə)gō / L an acute contagious skin disease transmitted by contact between persons or between healthy and infected skin. <i>Impetigo can quickly make the rounds in a kindergarten class.</i>	<b>implicit</b> adj / im'plisət / L capable of being inferred : implied. <i>Implicit in Amy's reaction was a message for Carole to mind her own business.</i>
<b>imperative</b>	<b>impetuosity</b> n / im'pechəwəsnes / L > F > E the quality or state of being impulsively vehement in feeling. <i>Theo's youthful frankness and impetuosity were excused by his boss.</i>	<b>imponderabilia</b>
<b>imperceptible</b> adj / impə(r)'septəbəl / L extremely slight, gradual, or subtle. <i>The air was filled with a delicate, springlike fragrance, almost imperceptible.</i>	<b>impetus</b> n / 'impədəs / L a driving or impelling force. <i>Ralph's new girlfriend was the impetus behind his new exercise program.</i>	<b>importance</b> n / əm'pōrtən(t)s / L the quality or state of being marked by or possessing consequence : weight, significance. <i>Mrs. Lynch cannot understand why some students do not see the importance of good manners.</i>
<b>imperial</b> adj / im'pirēəl / L [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] being the British legal standard : belonging to the official British series of weights and measures. <i>Several measurement terms are used both in the U.S. customary and British imperial systems.</i>	<b>impinge</b>	<b>impossible</b> adj / im'päsəbəl / L > It > F incapable of being or occurring. <i>So many things are possible just as long as you don't know they're impossible.</i>

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### impoverish

v  
/ əm'päv(ə)rish /  
F > E

make poor : reduce to indigence.  
*Medical bills will impoverish the Williams family if outside aid is not available.*

### imprecation

n  
/ .imprə'kāshən /  
L  
[Note: Could be confused with imbrication.] curse : malediction.  
*Jerod did not realize that the microphone was on when he uttered an imprecation under his breath.*

### impresario

n  
/ .imprə'särē.ō /  
It  
[has homonym: empresario] the projector, manager, or conductor of an opera or concert company.  
*The impresario arranged for the opera company to perform in several cities.*

### imprescriptible

adj  
/ .imprē'skriptəbəl /  
L > F  
inalienable, absolute.  
*A dictator considers few human rights imprescriptible.*

### impressionable

adj  
/ əm'presh(ə)nəbəl /  
L + L > E + Ecf  
easily influenced or affected.  
*Dan's grandmother considered him very young and very impressionable.*

### imprimatur

n  
/ .imprə'mädə(r) /  
L  
a sign or mark of approval.  
*The dean put her imprimatur on the smoking ban.*

### imprimis

### impromptu

adv  
/ əm'präm(p).t(y)ü /  
L > F  
without previous study, preparation, or consideration : on the spur of the moment.  
*Leah is able to speak impromptu and at length on countless subjects.*

### improprieties

n pl  
/ .imprə'prīədēz /  
L  
unsuitable or improper acts or remarks.  
*Emma was willing to forget Mr. Elton's late improprieties and be as well satisfied with him as before.*

### impropriety

**impugn**  
v  
/ əm'pyün /  
L  
assail by words or arguments : make insinuations against.  
*Josie's comment was a feeble attempt to impugn Sara's honesty.*

### impuissance

**impunity**  
n  
/ əm'pyünədē /  
L  
exemption or freedom from punishment, harm, or loss.  
*Mr. Starks allowed anglers to trespass on his land with impunity.*

### imputable

**imputrescible**  
adj  
/ .impyü'tresbəl /  
L  
not capable of rotting.  
*Imputrescible trash is filling up dump sites throughout the state.*

### inaccurate

### inadvertence

### inagglutinable

### inanimate

adj  
/ in'anəmət /  
L  
not endowed with consciousness or animal life.  
*Vera talked to her plants as if they were not inanimate objects.*

### inanition

n  
/ inə'nishən /  
L  
the exhausted condition which results from a complete lack of food and water.  
*The injured hiker, finally found after a three-day search, had to be treated for inanition.*

### anity

n  
/ ə'nanədē /  
L  
meaningless quality : shallowness.  
*The inanity of conversation at the party made Karen think up an excuse to leave early.*

### inapplicable

adj  
/ in'aplēkəbəl /  
L  
not adapted : not suitable.  
*The name Brutus was inapplicable to the small dog.*

### inaugural

adj  
/ ə'nōgyərəl /  
L + Ecf  
relating to or performed or pronounced at a formal induction or investiture.  
*In his inaugural address, the president promised to get the country on the road to economic recovery.*

### inauguration

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<b>incandescence</b> n / in(kə)n'desən(t)s / L > F the glowing of a body due to its high temperature. <i>The first light bulbs were illuminated via the phenomenon of incandescence.</i>	<b>inchoate</b> adj / in'kōät / L imperfectly formed or formulated : unorganized. <i>The songwriter explained that his melodies usually begin as inchoate hummus.</i>	<b>incomprehensible</b> adj / in.kämpr̄ə'hen(t)səbəl / L > E lying above or beyond the reach of the human mind. <i>Every civilization tries to penetrate the incomprehensible mysteries of creation.</i>
<b>incandescent</b>	<b>incienco</b>	<b>inconclusive</b>
<b>incarcerate</b> v / ēn'kärsə.rāt / L put in prison. <i>Because the crime was his first offense, Lonnie was hopeful that the judge would not incarcerate him.</i>	<b>incienco</b> n / īn(t)sē'en(t)(ō)sō / L > Sp a desert shrub producing a resin that when burned emits a fragrant odor. <i>Early missionaries in the Southwest used to burn incienso in their churches.</i>	<b>incondite</b>
<b>incarceration</b> n / (ō)in.kärsə'rāshən / L a confining or state of being confined : imprisonment. <i>The terrorist was sentenced to incarceration for the rest of his life.</i>	<b>incinerate</b> v / ēn'sinə.rāt / L cause to burn to ashes. <i>In her fury, Elise decided to incinerate all of Jerry's letters.</i>	<b>incongruous</b>
<b>incendiary</b> n / ēn'sendē.erē / L [Note: Could be confused with incendiary.] a person who deliberately sets fire to a building or other property. <i>The state fire inspectors determined that the fire was the work of an incendiary.</i>	<b>incipiency</b> n / ēn'sipēənsē / L [Note: Could be confused with incipience.] beginning, commencement. <i>Stan was quick to extinguish the fire in its incipiency.</i>	<b>inconnu</b>
<b>incense</b>	<b>incipient</b>	<b>inconscious</b>
<b>incessancy</b>	<b>inclement</b>	<b>incontrovertible</b>
<b>incessant</b> adj / in'sesənt / L continuing or following without interruption. <i>Incessant changes in other parts of this restless country bypass the inhabitants of Sleepy Hollow.</i>	<b>inclemency</b> adj / in'klemənt / L unmerciful, rigorous. <i>The harsh sentence of an inclement judge took 30 years of Sam's life.</i>	<b>incorrigible</b> adj / in'körjəbəl / L bad beyond the possibility of correction or rehabilitation : utterly bad or depraved. <i>They sentenced the incorrigible offender to life imprisonment.</i>
<b>incognito</b>	<b>incoherence</b>	<b>increment</b>
<b>incompetent</b>		<b>incubator</b>

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<b>inculcate</b>	<b>indefatigable</b>	<b>indicable</b>
v / ēn'kəlkāt / L teach and impress by frequent repetitions or admonitions. <i>Religion is professed and practiced in various forms, yet most of them inculcate honesty, truth, temperance, gratitude, and the love of humanity.</i>	adj / īndā'fadēgəbəl / L incapable of being tired out : untiring. <i>The mayor thanked his indefatigable campaign workers for their invaluable help in getting him reelected.</i>	<b>indictment</b> n / ēn'dītmənt / L > AF an official written statement charging a person with an offense. <i>The grand jury's indictment of the seven men charges that they conspired to smuggle guns into the country.</i>
<b>incumbency</b>	<b>indefeasible</b>	<b>indigenous</b>
n / ēn'kəmbənsē / L the sphere of action or period of office of one who holds a public or academic office. <i>Political analysts now say that a candidate's incumbency is not an asset but a liability.</i>	adj / īndō'fēzəbəl / L > F > AF not capable of being or liable to being voided, annulled, or undone. <i>The Constitution vests the populace with indefeasible rights.</i>	adj / ēn'dijənəs / L originating or produced naturally in a particular land or region or environment. <i>Tomatoes are not indigenous to Europe.</i>
<b>incumbent</b>	<b>indelible</b>	<b>indigent</b>
<b>incunabulum</b>		
n / īnk'yə'nabyələm / L a book printed before 1501. <i>Alfred was looking at an incunabulum in the British Library when he met his future wife.</i>	adj / īn'deləbəl / L that cannot be removed, washed away, or erased : permanent. <i>Lily's narrow escape from drowning left an indelible mark on her personality.</i>	adj / 'indējənt / L being poor usually without being destitute : impoverished, needy. <i>The basketball star donated money to build a community center for the indigent residents of his old neighborhood.</i>
<b>incurvariid</b>	<b>indemnify</b>	<b>indigo</b>
adj / īn.kər've(a)rēd / L of or relating to a member of the Incurvariidae family of minute moths. <i>Many brilliantly colored incurvariid moths are found worldwide.</i>	<b>independence</b>	n / 'indēgō / Gk > L > It a blue vat dye that was obtained originally from plants (as indigo plants or woad). <i>The production of indigo was the major factor in South Carolina's early development.</i>
<b>indebted</b>	<b>indescribable</b>	
adj / ēn'dedēd / L > F > E owing gratitude (as for a favor received or a kind act done). <i>Carmen was indebted to her piano teacher for helping her perfect her technique.</i>	adj / īndē'skrībəbəl / L that cannot be described with precision. <i>The aromatic herb has a peppery odor and an indescribable but delicious flavor.</i>	<b>indiscretion</b> n / īndē'skreshən / L an act at variance with the accepted morality of a society. <i>Biographers of presidents often comb their subjects' lives in search of every indiscretion.</i>
	<b>indicate</b>	
	<b>indicia</b>	
	n pl / ēn'dish(ē)ə / L indications, signs, tokens, criteria. <i>The reporter used many different indicia of public sentiment to obtain a reliable rating of the leader's popularity.</i>	

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<b>indissoluble</b>	<b>inducement</b>	<b>ineludible</b>
adj / .ində'sälyəbəl / L incapable of being annulled or undone or broken. <i>The friendship of Holmes and Watson proved indissoluble even by Watson's marriage and Holmes's supposed death.</i>	n / ön'd(y)üsment / L + Ecf a motive or consideration that leads one to action. <i>Emma's desire to see Harriet better informed was an inducement to read more herself.</i>	adj / .inə'lüdəbəl / L + Ecf inescapable. <i>Detective Marchand's bloodhounds were considered by many to be ineludible.</i>
<b>indoctrinate</b>	<b>indulge</b>	<b>inenarrable</b>
v / ön'däktrə.nät / L give instructions especially in fundamentals or rudiments : teach. <i>Special classes were designed to indoctrinate the new employees.</i>	v / ön'dälj / L give free rein to. <i>It is natural for humans to indulge in the illusions of hope.</i>	adj / .inē'narəbəl / L incapable of being narrated : indescribable, ineffable. <i>The sight of his newborn son brought Elijah inenarrable pleasure.</i>
<b>indolence</b>	<b>indulgent</b>	<b>ineptitude</b>
<b>indolent</b>	<b>indurate</b>	<b>ineradicable</b>
adj / 'indələnt / L constantly indulging in ease : chronically averse to labor and exertion. <i>Doctors warn that an indolent lifestyle can contribute to heart disease.</i>	adj / 'ind(y)ərət / L > E physically or morally hardened. <i>The war contributed greatly to Herbert's seemingly indurate manner, but he was always tender with his pigeons.</i>	adj / .inē'radēkəbəl / L incapable of being rooted out or destroyed completely. <i>In the 1920s Britain had to yield to Ireland's ineradicable will for independence.</i>
<b>indomitable</b>	<b>industrious</b>	<b>inertia</b>
adj / èn'dämədəbəl / L incapable of being subdued. <i>The pens, the tongues, the fortunes, and the indomitable wills of many women were pledged to secure the right of the elective franchise.</i>	<b>ineducable</b>	
<b>indubitable</b>	<b>ineffable</b>	
adj / (.)in'd(y)übədəbəl / L not open to question or doubt. <i>Shakespeare is considered by many to be the indubitable master of English literature.</i>	adj / in'efəbəl / L incapable of being expressed in words. <i>Sarena's joy at being chosen for the play was ineffable.</i>	
	<b>ineluctable</b>	
	adj / .inə'ləktəbəl / L not to be avoided, changed, or resisted : inevitable. <i>Mrs. Badger joked that death and taxes are the only two ineluctable aspects of life.</i>	
		<b>inexorable</b>
		adj / .i'neks(ə)rəbəl / L unyielding, inflexible, relentless. <i>The inexorable force of the hurricane changed the shape of Bell Island.</i>
		<b>inexplicable</b>
		<b>inextinguishable</b>
		<b>inextirpable</b>
		<b>inextricable</b>

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<b>infallible</b> adj / in'fäləbəl / L incapable of error. <i>Dr. Cameron's colleagues on the faculty regard him as virtually infallible.</i>	<b>inflammatory</b> adj / īn'flamətōrē / L tending to excite anger, animosity, disorder, or tumult. <i>Rachel received a two-day suspension after she delivered an inflammatory speech at the assembly.</i>	<b>ingenuous</b> adj / īngyoo'neus / L capable of being taken in for digestion. <i>An increasing number of Americans are using food, dietary supplements, and other ingestible products to cure what ails them.</i>
<b>infatuation</b>	<b>influenza</b> n / īn.flü'enzə / L > It an acute highly contagious infectious virus disease. <i>Influenza kept Russell out of school for a week.</i>	<b>inglenook</b>
<b>infaust</b>	<b>infractible</b>	<b>ingratiate</b>
<b>infectious</b> adj / īn'fekshəs / L producing the establishment of a pathogen in its host after invasion. <i>Katie's sore throat is not infectious, so she will not have to miss any school.</i>	<b>infrangible</b> adj / īn'franjəbəl / L not capable of being broken or separated into parts. <i>Though it looks like the finest china, Jennifer's teapot is made of an infrangible polymer.</i>	<b>ingratiating</b> adj / īn'grāshē.ādīñ / L intended or adopted in order to win favor : flattering. <i>During his campaign, the politician's manner became ingratiating.</i>
<b>inferentially</b> adv / īnfō'renchəlē / L in a manner that involves a conclusion reached by reasoning or implication. <i>The report concludes that our social stresses are based almost wholly on misunderstanding, and thus, inferentially, can be eliminated by good communication.</i>	<b>infruituous</b> adj / īn'frakchəwəs / L fruitless, unprofitable. <i>Efforts to discourage the bear from returning to Cynthia's backyard proved infruituous, and so it was tranquilized and taken to a more suitable area.</i>	<b>inhale</b> v / īn'hāl / Ecf + L > E draw in by breathing. <i>Natasha stopped to inhale the wonderful aroma emanating from the bakery.</i>
<b>inferior</b> adj / īn'firēə(r) / L of poor quality : second-rate. <i>An inferior violinist has no chance of becoming an orchestra's concertmaster.</i>	<b>infusible</b>	<b>inimical</b>
<b>inficete</b>	<b>ingenious</b>	<b>inimically</b> adv / ȳnimēk(ə)lē / L in a hostile or unfriendly manner. <i>The majority of citizens reacted inimically to the proposed increase in city taxes.</i>
<b>infinitesimal</b> adj / īn.fīnē'tes(ə)məl / L + Ecf immeasurably or incalculably small : very minute. <i>Infinitesimal yellow flecks on the leaf made it appear metallic.</i>	<b>ingenu</b> n / 'änjə.nü / L > F a stage part representing a character that is youthful, innocent, appealing, sweet, and sympathetic. <i>Stephanie was one of three students called back in the tryouts for the ingenue in the school's spring musical.</i>	<b>inimitable</b> adj / ī'nimēdəbəl / L not capable of being copied : matchless. <i>Charmed by Miss Woodhouse, Mr. Elton considered all of her drawings inimitable.</i>
		<b>iniquitous</b>

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<b>iniquity</b>	<b>innocuity</b>	<b>inquisitor</b>
n / ə'nikwədē / L > F > E absence of or deviation from just dealing : wrongful conduct : wickedness. <i>The judge referred to the defendant's house as a "den of iniquity."</i>	n / i.nä'kyüədē / L the quality or state of being harmless. <i>Thelma was wary of the seeming innocence of her sister's remarks.</i>	n / ən'kwizədə(r) / L a person whose official duty is to examine and inquire. <i>When the inquisitor asked a very personal question, the witness glared at him and remained silent.</i>
<b>initial</b>	<b>innocuous</b>	<b>insalubrious</b>
<b>initials</b>	adj / i'näkyəwəs / L not likely to arouse ill will or give offense : inoffensive. <i>Betty was dismayed when Henry interpreted her innocuous remark as an insult.</i>	adj / ənsə'lübriəs / L + Ecf tending to impair health : unwholesome, noxious. <i>Andrew has vowed to give up all his insalubrious habits.</i>
<b>initiative</b>	<b>innovation</b>	<b>insatiable</b>
<b>initiatory</b>	n / ənə'torē / L constituting an introduction or beginning. <i>On page three of the book is an initiatory paragraph that gives personal information about the author.</i>	<b>inscribe</b>
adj		
<b>innocuous</b>	<b>innovation</b>	<b>inscrutable</b>
	n / ənə'veshən / L the introduction of something new. <i>The people of the small village were suspicious of all innovation.</i>	adj / inz'krüdəbəl / L not readily comprehensible : mysterious. <i>Kayla's grin was so inscrutable that no one could tell if she were happy or up to something mischievous.</i>
<b>injurious</b>	<b>innumerable</b>	<b>insecticide</b>
<b>inmate</b>	adj / ə'n(y)üm(ə)rəbəl / L too many to be numbered or counted. <i>Katie's seemingly innumerable chicken pox blisters slowly faded away.</i>	n / ən'sekta.sid / L an agent that destroys insects. <i>Malathion is an insecticide with low toxicity to mammals.</i>
<b>innermost</b>	<b>inoculate</b>	<b>insentient</b>
adj / 'inə(r).mōst / E farthest inward. <i>Starletta reached the cave's innermost chambers by crawling on her hands and knees and sometimes on her stomach.</i>	v / ə'näkyə.lāt / L > E introduce microorganisms, vaccines, or sera into a living body to establish immunity to a disease. <i>Dr. Cooper had to bribe Frank with a lollipop before he would let her inoculate him.</i>	
<b>innkeeper</b>	<b>inoculator</b>	<b>inseparable</b>
<b>innocent</b>	<b>inquiline</b>	<b>insessorial</b>
adj / 'inəsənt / L free of wrongdoing or corruption : guiltless. <i>Julian's offer to help stems from innocent motives.</i>	n / 'inkwəlīn / L an animal that lives habitually in the nest or abode of some other species. <i>The burrowing owl is an inquiline who lives in prairie dog colonies.</i>	adj / ən'sidēəs / L having a gradual, cumulative, and usually hidden effect : subtle. <i>Loretta's suspicion led her to pose a question with the insidious design of further discovery.</i>

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<b>insinuate</b>	<b>insouciant</b>	<b>insurrection</b>
v / ēn'sin(yə)wāt / L impart or communicate with artful indirect wording or oblique reference : hint, imply. <i>Did April insinuate that she won't be inviting Dante to the party?</i>	adj / ēn'süsēənt / F exhibiting or characterized by freedom from concern or care. <i>The pompous, insouciant aristocrat never had to work a day in his life.</i>	n / īn(t)sō'rekshən / L > F > E an act or instance of revolting against civil or political authority or against an established government. <i>The dictator quickly suppressed the peasants' insurrection.</i>
<b>insipid</b>	<b>inspirometer</b>	<b>insusceptibility</b>
adj / ēn'sip̄d / L dull, uninteresting, commonplace. <i>Jed could hardly bear listening to the sportscaster's insipid comments.</i>	n / īnzp̄ə'rämədə(r) / L > F > E + Gk > L > F > E an apparatus for measuring air inhaled in breathing. <i>The nurse used an inspirometer on Mr. Davis during his checkup.</i>	n / īnsə'septə'biliđē / L the quality or state of being incapable of being moved, affected, or impressed. <i>Sylvia prides herself on her insusceptibility to flattery.</i>
<b>insititious</b>	<b>instantaneous</b>	<b>intaglio</b>
adj / īn(t)sə'tishəs / L constituting an insertion. <i>Research that Jennifer failed to include in her bound report was included as insititious pages.</i>	adj / īnzstən'tānēəs / L done or occurring without any perceptible duration of time. <i>Harold's slow, nervous marriage proposal was balanced by Emily's instantaneous reply.</i>	n / ēn'tal(ō)yō / It an engraving or incised figure in stone or other hard material. <i>Judd was pleased with the intaglio on his signet ring.</i>
<b>insolence</b>	<b>instauration</b>	<b>intangible</b>
n / 'in(t)s(ə)lən(t)s / L [has homonyms and near homonym: insolents, insultants and insultins] the quality or state of being haughty and contemptuous or brutal in behavior or language. <i>In Greek mythology Athena transformed Arachne into a spider for her insolence.</i>	n / īnz.tō'rāshən / L restoration after decay, lapse, or dilapidation. <i>The instauration of the Statue of Liberty was a long and complicated project.</i>	<b>integument</b>
<b>insolent</b>	<b>insulin</b>	
<b>insomnia</b>		
n / ēn'sämnēə / L prolonged inability to obtain adequate sleep : sleeplessness. <i>Cora's doctor suggests that her insomnia may be caused by the emotional stress of her new job.</i>	n / 'in(t)səlēn / L + Ecf a protein pancreatic hormone that is essential especially for the metabolism of carbohydrates and which is used in the treatment and control of diabetes mellitus. <i>Marty gives himself an injection of insulin every morning to control his diabetes.</i>	n / ēn'tegyəmənt / L an enveloping layer, membrane, or structure (as the skin of a fish or the exoskeleton of an insect). <i>The dried cicada integument attached to the brick wall fascinated the children.</i>
<b>insomniac</b>		<b>intensity</b>
<b>insouciance</b>		

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<b>intercalate</b>	<b>intermezzo</b>	<b>interplanetary</b>
v / ēn'tərkəlāt / L insert between or among existing elements. <i>It was the editor's job to intercalate the new manuscript pages into the narrative.</i>	n / .intə(r)'met(.)sō / L > It a movement coming between the major sections of a symphony or other extended work. <i>The singers were able to take a break while the orchestra played the intermezzo.</i>	adj / .intə(r)'plānə.terē / L + Gk + Lcf > E existing, carried on, or operating between planets. <i>Interplanetary travel may someday be a reality, but for now it must remain the stuff of science fiction.</i>
<b>intercede</b>	<b>interminable</b>	<b>interpolate</b>
<b>intercept</b>	adj / .intə(r)'sept / L stop or interrupt the progress or course of. <i>Rick will intercept the office mail, as requested by Dr. Taylor.</i>	v / .intə(r)'prēt / L > F > E explain or tell the meaning of : translate into intelligible or familiar language or terms. <i>Shareen asked the psychiatrist to interpret her dream.</i>
<b>intercessory</b>	<b>intermittence</b>	<b>interregnum</b>
adj / .intə(r)'ses(ə)rē / L relating to or marked by the act of pleading in behalf of another. <i>The congregation joined in intercessory prayers for the sick parishioners.</i>	n / .intə(r)'mit̄n(t)s / L periodic cessation or interruption. <i>The intermittence of the moving windshield wipers supposedly allows better visibility during a light rain.</i>	n / .intə(r)'regnəm / L the time during which a throne is vacant between the death, abdication, or expulsion of a sovereign and the coronation of his or her successor. <i>The prime minister urged citizens to band together during the interregnum.</i>
<b>interfered</b>	<b>intermittent</b>	<b>interrogatory</b>
<b>interior</b>		
<b>interlocutor</b>	<b>internal</b>	
n / .intə(r)'läkyədə(r) / L one who takes part in a dialogue or conversation. <i>The seminar leader instructed everyone to choose an interlocutor and discuss the video one-on-one.</i>	<b>international</b>	
<b>interlucent</b>	<b>internecine</b>	<b>interrupt</b>
<b>interment</b>	adj / .intə'rē.mənt / L > F > E the act or ceremony of placing a dead body in a grave or tomb. <i>Uncle Oliver's desire was that only family members be present at his interment.</i>	v / .intə'rēpt / L prevent (one) from proceeding by intrusive or interpolated comment or action. <i>"Must you always interrupt like that?" asked Mr. Kelley.</i>
	<b>interpellation</b>	<b>intersperse</b>

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<b>interstice</b>	<b>intricate</b>	<b>inveigh</b>
n / īn' tərstēs / L a space that intervenes between one thing and another : a space between things closely set. <i>The tightly-woven cloth looked solid, but a sharp needle easily found an interstice to slip through.</i>	adj / īn' trōkēt / L > E having many complexly interrelating parts or elements : complicated. <i>Jason described the intricate mechanism of the clock as "awesome."</i>	v / īn' vā / L protest bitterly or violently. <i>When the suspect was arraigned, he began to inveigh against what he claimed was police brutality.</i>
<b>intertriginous</b>	<b>intrigue</b>	<b>inveigle</b>
<b>interviewee</b>	v / īn' trēg / L > I > F arouse the interest, desire, or curiosity of. <i>The designer wanted the picture on the dust jacket to intrigue potential readers.</i>	<b>inveterate</b>
n / īntə(r).vyü' ē / F one that is questioned or conversed with especially in order to obtain information or ascertain personal qualities. <i>The receptionist administered a spelling test to each interviewee.</i>		adj / īn' vedəröt / L continuous, recurrent, chronic. <i>The inveterate lateness of Linda's mail delivery caused her concern.</i>
<b>intestacy</b>	<b>intrinsic</b>	<b>invidious</b>
<b>intolerable</b>	<b>introduction</b>	adj / īn' vidēəs / L of an unpleasant or objectionable nature : hateful. <i>It is not uncommon for Sean to respond with invidious remarks that may or may not be true.</i>
adj / īn' täl(ə)rəbəl / L not capable of being endured : unbearable. <i>The intolerable cold made Janice's eyes water.</i>	<b>introit</b>	<b>invincible</b>
<b>intractable</b>	<b>intuitable</b>	<b>inviolable</b>
adj / īn' traktəbəl / L not easily governed, managed, or directed. <i>The intractable child was amusing for a while.</i>	adj / īn' t(y)üədəbəl / L knowable by insight or without rational thought. <i>Ashley believes that the concepts of good and evil are intuitable.</i>	adj / īn' vīələbəl / L secure from assault or trespass. <i>An electrified security fence, ten feet high, did not make the film star's estate inviolable.</i>
<b>intrait</b>	<b>inumbrete</b>	<b>invitation</b>
<b>intramural</b>	v / īnəmbrāt / L put in shadow : shade. <i>Carl watched the cloud temporarily inumbrate the soccer field.</i>	<b>ionosphere</b>
<b>intrepid</b>	<b>inundate</b>	n / īänəsfī(ə)r / Gk the part of Earth's atmosphere containing free electrically charged particles. <i>Ham radio operators transmit their signals great distances by bouncing them off the ionosphere.</i>
adj / īn' trepēd / L characterized by resolute fearlessness in meeting dangers or hardships and enduring them with fortitude. <i>Bob's military honors attest to his intrepid character.</i>	<b>inundation</b>	
	n / īn' nēdāshən / L a rising and spreading of water over land not usually submerged : a flood. <i>As the river swelled with snowmelt, the levees protected the fields from inundation.</i>	
	<b>inurement</b>	
	<b>invective</b>	

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<b>iota</b>	<b>iridescent</b>	<b>irrelevant</b>
n / ī'ōdə /	adj / ī'rēdes'nt /	adj / ī'reləvənt /
Gk an infinitesimal amount : a very small degree. <i>The analgesic worked so well that Jeremy felt not even an iota of pain.</i>	L showing colors like those of the rainbow especially in shifting patterns of hues and shades that vary with a change of light or point of view. <i>Louis C. Tiffany developed a famous type of iridescent glass.</i>	L not applicable or pertinent : foreign, extraneous. <i>Patrick introduced irrelevant arguments to cloud the central issue.</i>
<b>ipsedixitism</b>	<b>irradiate</b>	<b>irreparable</b>
n / īpsē'diksād.izəm /	v / ī'rādē.āt /	<b>irrepressible</b>
L dogmatic assertion or assertiveness. <i>Martine's ipsedixitism tired her friends and put off strangers.</i>	L throw rays of light upon : shine upon. <i>Cynthia's beauty seemed to irradiate the room with a mystical glow.</i>	adj / ī'rē'presəbəl /
<b>ipseity</b>	<b>irreconcilable</b>	<b>irresistible</b>
<b>irascibility</b>	adj / ī'rāsə'bīlədē /	<b>irretrievably</b>
n / ī.rāsə'bīlədē /	L not capable of being brought into friendly accord or understanding. <i>Bill finally realized that his differences with Sheila were irreconcilable.</i>	adv / ī'rē'trēvəblē /
L the quality or state of being marked by a hot temper and resentful anger. <i>The artist's stubborn irascibility led to many family squabbles.</i>	<b>irrecusable</b>	L > F > E so as to be impossible to recoup, repair, or overcome. <i>Environmentalists bemoan the irretrievably lost sections of the rain forest.</i>
<b>irascible</b>	<b>irredeemable</b>	<b>irrevocability</b>
adj / ī'rāsəbəl /	adj / ī'rē'kyüzəbəl /	n / ī.revəkə'bīlədē /
L marked by hot temper and resentful anger. <i>After breaking his leg, Lennie became so irascible that his friends stopped visiting him.</i>	L not subject to exception or rejection. <i>The company's most recent offer to the strikers was presented as irrecusable.</i>	L > F > E + E cff the quality or state of being unalterable. <i>The chairman insisted upon the irrevocability of the rules of order.</i>
<b>irate</b>	<b>irrefragable</b>	<b>irrevocable</b>
adj / ī'rāt /	adj / i(r)'refrāgəbəl /	<b>irrevocably</b>
L feeling and showing a high degree of anger. <i>When Calvin returned home late, his father was irate.</i>	L impossible to gainsay, deny, or refute. <i>The prosecutor maintained that the evidence against the defendant was irrefragable.</i>	adv / (.)i'revəkəblē /
<b>irenicism</b>	<b>irregular</b>	L beyond any possibility of change. <i>The coach announced that the intramural team rosters had been irrevocably determined.</i>
n / ī'renəsizəm /		<b>irrigation</b>
Gk + Ecf a social temper or condition or a state of public opinion making for peace. <i>Ella detected a growing irenicism among her constituents, though many still advocated cold war.</i>		

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<b>irritability</b>	<b>isogram</b>	<b>Isthmian</b>
n / ɪrədə'bilədē / L quick excitability to annoyance, impatience, or anger. <i>On the second day of Josh's diet, his irritability was apparent to everyone around him.</i>	n / ɪsə'grəm / Gk + Gk a line on a map or chart along which there is a constant value (as of temperature, pressure, or rainfall). <i>The meteorologist drew an isogram on the map to show places having the same barometric pressure.</i>	adj / 'ismēən / Gk of or relating to the Isthmus of Corinth or the games anciently held there. <i>Pindar's victory odes celebrate the victors in Olympic, Nemean, Pythian, and Isthmian games.</i>
<b>irritate</b>	<b>isohyetal</b>	<b>isthmus</b>
<b>isagogue</b>	<b>isolability</b>	
n / 'isə,gōjē / Gk a scholarly introduction to a branch of study or research. <i>The eminent economist wrote an isagogue for the new economics text.</i>	adj / īlō'sō'hīēd'l / Gk > ISV relating to or indicating equal rainfall. <i>The weather forecaster's map shows isohyetal areas of the Great Plains.</i>	n / 'isməs / Gk > L a narrow strip of land running through a body of water and connecting two larger land areas. <i>The country of Panama is an isthmus connecting North and South America.</i>
<b>isinglass</b>	<b>isomeric</b>	<b>italicization</b>
n / īz'nglas / D mica especially when in thin transparent sheets. <i>Isinglass is economically important because its low iron content makes it a good electrical and thermal insulator.</i>	n / īsələ'bilədē / L > F > E the capability of being placed alone or apart. <i>According to the philosophical principle of isolability, every isolated event must have an isolated cause.</i>	
<b>Islamic</b>	<b>isomorphic</b>	<b>iterance</b>
adj / i'slämik / Ar of, relating to, or characterized by the religious faith of Muslims. <i>The central tenets of Islamic doctrine are that there is no god but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet.</i>	adj / īsō'mōrfik / Gk being of identical or similar form or shape or structure. <i>English spelling is difficult because of the frequent lack of isomorphic correspondence between the spoken word and the written word.</i>	n / idərən(t)s / L > E [Note: Could be confused with iterancy.] repetition, repetitiousness, recurrence. <i>Carol noticed an iterance of the name Elizabeth in her genealogical chart.</i>
<b>isle</b>	<b>isosceles</b>	<b>iterative</b>
n / īl / L > F > E [has homonyms: aisle, I'll] a small piece of land surrounded by water on all sides. <i>Kent dreamed of vacationing on a tropical isle.</i>	adj / īsäsə.lēz / Gk > L having two equal sides—used of a triangle. <i>Zola counted 16 isosceles triangles on the playground equipment.</i>	adj / idərətiv / L marked by or involving repetition or recurrence. <i>The name Elizabeth formed an iterative pattern in Maggie's genealogical chart.</i>
<b>isocryme</b>	<b>isotope</b>	<b>itinerant</b>
	<b>issuable</b>	adj / ī'tin(ə)rənt / L traveling about from place to place. <i>The large farm employed many itinerant workers during the harvest season.</i>

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<b>itinerary</b>	<b>jackal</b>	<b>jaguar</b>
n / i'tinə.rerē / L a sketch of the prospective course of a journey or trip. <i>The senator's itinerary called for ten stops in two days.</i>	n / 'jakəl / Skt > Per > Turkish any of several small wild dogs of Africa and Asia having large ears and a bushy tail and feeding on small animals, fruits, and carrion. <i>The zoologist explained that the popular image of a jackal as a cowardly scavenger is not justified by the facts.</i>	n / 'jag.wär / Tupi&Guarani > Pg&Sp a large cat chiefly of Central and South America that is larger and stockier than the leopard and is brownish yellow or buff with black spots. <i>Although the jaguar is a good climber, it usually stalks its prey on the ground.</i>
<b>ivory</b>	<b>jackanapes</b>	<b>jaleo</b>
adj / 'iv(ə)rē / Hamitic > L > F > E of a creamy white color. <i>The ivory sweater that Karen purchased qualifies as "winter white."</i>	n / 'jakə.nāps / E nickname an impertinent or conceited fellow. <i>Billy was thrown out of English class for being an insolent jackanapes.</i>	<b>jalousie</b>
<b>izzat</b>	<b>jackknife</b>	
	<b>jaconet</b>	
<b>jabberwocky</b>	<b>jacquard</b>	<b>jambalaya</b>
n / 'jabə(r).wäkē / E nonsense name meaningless speech, writing, or patter : gibberish. <i>Dina listened as the two babies carried on a lengthy conversation in jabberwocky.</i>	n / ja'kärd / F name a fabric of an intricate variegated weave. <i>In the antique store's front window was a fabulous jacquard that portrayed the Last Supper.</i>	n / .jəmbə'līə / Prov > F rice cooked with ham, sausage, chicken, shrimp, or oysters and usually tomato and seasoned with herbs. <i>No trip to New Orleans would be complete without sampling a bowl of spicy jambalaya.</i>
<b>jabot</b>	<b>jadeite</b>	<b>jambeau</b>
n / zha'bō / F a ruffle or pleated frill of cloth, lace, or both attached down the center front of a shirt, blouse, or dress bodice. <i>Tom insisted that the shirt of his Captain Hook costume have a jabot.</i>	n / 'jādīt / Sp > F a monoclinic mineral found chiefly in Myanmar that when cut constitutes a valuable variety of jade. <i>Alexis bought a necklace made of jadeite and black onyx at the craft bazaar.</i>	n / jam'bō / F > E [has homonym: jambo] a piece of medieval plate armor for the lower leg. <i>The knight staggered under a blow that left a groove across his jambeau.</i>
<b>jacal</b>		
<b>jacamar</b>		
n / 'jakə.mär / Tupi > F any of many brightly colored birds inhabiting tropical forests from Mexico to Argentina. <i>Tio recognized the cry of the jacamar but couldn't see the bird through the thick foliage.</i>		

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<b>jamboree</b>	<b>jargon</b>	<b>javelin</b>
n / 'jambə'rē / unknown a long mixed program of entertainment. <i>The finale at the jamboree was a brilliant display of fireworks.</i>	n / 'järgən / imit > F > E the technical terminology or characteristic idiom of specialists or workers in a particular activity or area of knowledge. <i>Anna was sure the computer programmers were speaking English, but their jargon made it impossible for her to understand what they were saying.</i>	n / 'jav(ə)lēn / Celt > F a slender shaft of wood not less than 260 centimeters long, tipped with iron or steel, and intended to be thrown for distance as an athletic feat or exercise. <i>Lucas threw the javelin only 20 feet on his first attempt.</i>
<b>jangle</b>	<b>jarl</b>	<b>javellization</b>
<b>janiform</b>	<b>jasper</b>	<b>jealousy</b>
adj / 'janəfōrm / L + L having a face on each of two sides. <i>While in Rome, Stacey bought a replica of an ancient coin depicting a janiform figure.</i>		n / 'jeləsē / F [has near homonym: jalouse] a disposition or state of mind that is intolerant of rivalry or unfaithfulness. <i>Tormented by jealousy, Shakespeare's Othello is driven to murder his wife.</i>
<b>janitor</b>	<b>jaundice</b>	<b>jecorize</b>
n / 'janədə(r) / L one that keeps the premises of an apartment, office, or other building clean and free of refuse, tends the heating system, and makes minor repairs. <i>Morris took a part-time job as a janitor at an apartment complex in exchange for free rent.</i>	n / 'jōndəs / L > F > E yellowish pigmentation of the skin, tissues, and body fluids caused by the deposition of bile pigments. <i>David's jaundice was brought on by a liver problem.</i>	
<b>japery</b>	<b>jaundiced</b>	<b>jeer</b>
n / 'jāp(ə)rē / E jesting talk : jokes. <i>Tired of the disk jockey's japery, Terry turned the radio off.</i>	adj / 'jōndēst / L > F > E + Ecff exhibiting or affected by distaste, or hostility. <i>Dr. Willis was jaundiced and querulous after being bedridden for so long.</i>	v / 'ji(ə)r / unknown speak or cry out with derision or mockery. <i>No one dared jeer when the venerable actor forgot his lines.</i>
<b>jarabe</b>	<b>jauntily</b>	<b>jejune</b>
n / hə'rä(.)bā / Ar > Sp any of several provincial Mexican couple dances that have the zapateado as their basic step. <i>The jarabe is sometimes performed at Mexican weddings.</i>	adv / 'jōnt'lē / F > E + Ecff in a light or carefree manner. <i>Steve's hat was perched jauntily on the side of his head.</i>	adj / jə'jün / L immature, juvenile. <i>Dennis rejected the jejune poems for publication.</i>
<b>jardiniere</b>	<b>jaunty</b>	<b>jellyfish</b>
	adj / 'jōntē / L > F nonchalant or sprightly in manner or appearance. <i>The music teacher is far more jaunty at the keys of a piano than in the classroom.</i>	

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<b>jerboa</b> n / jér'bōə / Ar any of several social nocturnal Old World jumping rodents with long hind legs and a long tail. <i>The well-developed jumping ability of the jerboa enables it to escape from many predators.</i>	<b>jillion</b> <b>jinete</b> <b>jingoism</b> <b>jittery</b> <b>jocose</b> <b>jocosity</b> n / jō'käsədē / L the quality or state of being given to jokes and jesting. <i>Lennie's jocosity endeared him to no one.</i>	<b>jonquil</b> n / 'jänkwäl / L > Sp > F a perennial bulbous herb native to southern Europe and northern Africa that has long slender leaves and is widely cultivated for its flowers. <i>A single jonquil in a bud vase adorned each table in the restaurant.</i>
<b>jeremiad</b> n / .jera'mīəd / Heb name > Gk > L > F a protracted speech marked by deep misery. <i>The old philosopher gave a moving jeremiad against a culture that values knowledge above wisdom.</i>		<b>jostlement</b>
<b>jerkin</b> n / 'jerkən / unknown a close-fitting hip-length jacket. <i>As his quest led him northward, the knight began wearing a jerkin for additional warmth.</i>	<b>jocular</b> adj / 'jäkyələ(r) / L given or disposed to jesting. <i>The jocular keynote speaker peppered his remarks with humorous anecdotes.</i>	<b>joule</b> n / 'jüł / E name [has near homonym: jewel] the absolute meter-kilogram-second unit of work or energy equal to 10 million ergs or approximately 0.7375 foot-pound or 0.2390 gram calorie. <i>In electrical terms, a joule represents the energy released in 1 second by a current of 1 ampere through a resistance of 1 ohm.</i>
<b>jeroboam</b>	<b>jocund</b> adj / 'jäkənd / L feeling or exhibiting mirth or good cheer : cheerful. <i>The jocund host made everyone feel completely at ease.</i>	<b>journal</b>
<b>jettison</b> v / 'jedəsən / L > F > E drop (as auxiliary equipment, bombs, cargo, or fuel) from an airplane in flight (as for lightening the load or providing greater safety). <i>The airplane's malfunctioning engine prompted the crew to jettison all unnecessary cargo.</i>	<b>jodhpur</b> n / 'jädpə(r) / Indian geog name a short riding boot; especially : an ankle-length boot fastened with a strap that is buckled at the side. <i>Among young or short equestrians, the jodhpur is a popular choice of boot.</i>	<b>journalism</b> n / 'jörn'l.izəm / F an academic study concerned with the collection and editing of news or the editorial or business management of a news medium. <i>Students of journalism at Northwestern University often list the class taught by Oprah Winfrey as one of their favorites.</i>
<b>jettisoned</b>		<b>journey</b>
<b>jibboom</b>	<b>joist</b>	
<b>jicama</b> n / 'hēkəmə / Nahuatl > Sp a tall-climbing Mexican vine with showy flowers and a sweet watery root that is sometimes eaten raw or cooked. <i>Suleika made a coleslaw of jicama and shredded carrot.</i>	<b>jongleur</b> n / zhōng'lər / F an itinerant medieval minstrel reciting and singing for hire. <i>Timothy went to the Renaissance Fair dressed as a jongleur, with a handmade lute and a velvet cap.</i>	<b>joyful</b> adj / 'jōvēəl / L > F characterized by or showing marked good humor especially as exhibited in mirth, hilarity, or conviviality. <i>The joyful chef made cooking look easy and enjoyable.</i>

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<b>jubilant</b>	<b>juiciness</b>	<b>junta</b>	
adj / 'jübələnt / L manifesting or expressing exultation or gladness. <i>Fans were jubilant when the batter hit the winning home run in the bottom of the ninth inning.</i>	<b>juicy</b>	n / 'hüntə / L > Sp [has somewhat near homonyms: hunter, junto] a closely knit group of persons composing or dominating a government especially after a revolutionary seizure of power. <i>The military junta set up its headquarters in the former presidential palace.</i>	
<b>jubilarian</b>	<b>julienne</b>		
<b>jubilation</b>	adj / 'jüle.en / F (name?) [has homonym: Julian] cut in long thin strips—used especially of vegetables and fruits. <i>Bruce added julienne cucumber to the salad.</i>		
<b>judicial</b>	<b>jumart</b>	<b>jurimetrician</b>	
<b>judiciary</b>	<b>jumelle</b>	n / jürəmə'trishən / L + Gk > E a specialist in the application of scientific methods to legal problems. <i>The judge heard testimony from a jurimetrician and a forensic pathologist.</i>	
<b>judicious</b>	<b>junction</b>		
adj / jü'dishəs / L directed or governed by sound usually dispassionate judgment : characterized by discretion. <i>Jane's mom saw to it that her summer activities were a judicious mixture of chores and amusement.</i>	<b>junction</b>		
<b>juggernaut</b>	<b>uncture</b>	<b>jurisdiction</b>	
n / 'jegə(r).nöt / Skt > Hindi a massive force or object that advances irresistibly and crushes whatever is in its path. <i>Sherman's armies moved like a juggernaut through the South.</i>	n / 'jəŋ(k)chə(r) / L joint, seam. <i>Lulu found a note wedged in the juncture between the two seats.</i>	n / jürəs'dikshən / L the limits or territory within which any particular power may be exercised. <i>Sgt. Voss couldn't issue the reckless driver a ticket because the highway was outside his jurisdiction.</i>	
<b>juggler</b>	<b>jungle</b>		
n / 'jeg(ə)lə(r) / L > F > E [has near homonym: jugular] one skilled in keeping several objects in motion in the air at the same time by alternately tossing and catching them. <i>The crowd was most impressed when the juggler started juggling flaming torches.</i>	<b>juniper</b>	<b>jurisprudence</b>	
<b>jugular</b>	n / 'jegyələ(r) / L of or relating to the throat or neck. <i>It is easy to find one's own pulse in the jugular region.</i>	n / 'jünəpə(r) / L > E an evergreen shrub or tree characterized by low, lateral spreading. <i>Grandma gathers berries from her juniper to use in cooking.</i>	n / jürə'sprüdən(t)s / L [has homonym: jurisprudents] the science or philosophy of law. <i>Tom is a professor of jurisprudence at Yale Law School.</i>
<b>junket</b>		<b>jussive</b>	
	n / 'jəŋkət / L > It > E a pleasure trip or tour made by an official at public expense ostensibly for purposes of inspection, investigation, or other public business. <i>Many citizens complained that the mayor's business trip to Japan was merely a junket.</i>	adj / 'jəsiv / L + Ecf expressing or having the effect of a command. <i>There was a jussive tone to Mr. Contreras's request, and the boys obeyed him immediately.</i>	
		<b>justice</b>	

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<b>justiciable</b> adj / jə'stish(ē)əbəl / L > F capable of being decided by legal principles or by a court of justice : liable to trial in a court of justice. <i>The judge decided that Al's dispute with his employer was justiciable under the new law.</i>	<b>juxtaposition</b> n / jĕkstōpə'zishən / L the act or an instance of placing two or more objects in a close spatial or ideal relationship. <i>The juxtaposition of the different styles within the same painting won the praise of the art critic.</i>	<b>kakistocracy</b> n / kăk'əstăkrəsē / Gk government by the worst individuals. <i>Denny thought the current student council was a kakistocracy.</i>
<b>justifiable</b>	<b>Kabuki</b>	<b>kaleidoscope</b>
<b>juvenescence</b> n / jüvə'nes̸n(t)s / L the state of being youthful or of growing young. <i>The director helped the aging actress produce the illusion of juvenescence through careful makeup and lighting.</i>	n / kō'bükē / Jpn traditional Japanese popular drama with singing and dancing performed in a stylized manner. <i>Performers of Kabuki must learn to move with great control.</i>	n / kă'lidəskōp / Gk + E an instrument that contains loose fragments of colored glass confined between two flat plates and two plane mirrors placed so that changes of position exhibit its contents in an endless variety of forms. <i>Raj received a fancy brass kaleidoscope for a birthday present.</i>
<b>juvenile</b> n / jüvənīl / F or L of or relating to childhood. <i>Many breakfast-cereal advertisements are geared to a juvenile audience.</i>	<b>kairos</b> n / 'kī,räs / Gk a time when conditions are right for the accomplishment of a crucial action. <i>Feeling that the kairos would never be better, Barbara approached her boss and demanded a raise.</i>	<b>kamikaze</b>
<b>juvenilia</b> n pl / jüvə'nilēə / L artistic or literary compositions produced in the author's youth and typically marked by immaturity of style, treatment, or thought. <i>The artist's juvenilia showed that he had been developing the same themes throughout his career.</i>	<b>kaiser</b>	<b>kangaroo</b>
<b>juxtapose</b> v / 'jĕkstō,pōz / L place side by side. <i>Picasso often used collage to juxtapose coarse and refined elements in his art.</i>	<b>kaiserdom</b> n / 'kīzə(r)dəm / G the territory ruled by the German emperors from 1871 to 1918. <i>Otto was the best clockmaker in the kaiserdom.</i>	<b>kanone</b>
	<b>kakemono</b> n / kăkə'mō(.)nō / Jpn a picture or writing on silk or paper that usually has a roller at its lower edge. <i>Yasuki hung a kakemono in the living room.</i>	<b>karate</b>
		<b>karst</b>
		<b>karting</b>
		<b>katabatic</b> adj / kădə'badik / Gk of or relating to the downward motion of air (as in air drainage induced by surface cooling). <i>The ventilation system relied on katabatic action for optimal efficiency.</i>
		<b>katana</b> n / kă'tānə / Jpn a single-edged sword that is the longer of a pair worn by the Japanese samurai. <i>Hiroko proudly showed the guests her great-grandfather's katana hanging on the wall.</i>

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<b>katharometer</b> n / .kathə'rämədə(r) / Gk an apparatus for determining the composition of a gas mixture. <i>With the help of a katharometer, the chemist was able to analyze the engine's exhaust.</i>	<b>kepi</b> n / kāpē / L > G > F a military cap having a close-fitting band, a round flat top sloping toward the front, and a visor. <i>In the foyer of the French embassy there is a statue of a general with a kepi atop his head.</i>	<b>kerflop</b> <b>kernel</b> <b>kerplunk</b> adv / kə(r)'pləŋk / imit with a thud. <i>Mimi dropped the apple kerplunk onto Mrs. Vega's desk.</i>
<b>katzenjammer</b>	<b>keratitis</b>	<b>kerseymere</b>
<b>kaumographer</b> n / kō'mägrəfə(r) / Gk a worker who transfers designs, trademarks, or other printed material to cloth articles with a hot iron. <i>The sweatshirt store employs a kaumographer to decorate shirts with designs chosen by the customer.</i>	n / kerə'tīdəs / Gk inflammation of the cornea of the eye. <i>After being struck in the eye, the boxer had to be treated for keratitis.</i>	<b>kestrel</b> n / 'kestrl / L > F > E a common small European falcon. <i>Sean found an injured kestrel on the roof of the library.</i>
<b>keepsake</b>	<b>keratoderma</b>	<b>ketch</b>
<b>keeshond</b>	n / kerədō'dərmə / Gk a hard, callous condition of the skin. <i>The patient's keratoderma caused him pain and loss of movement.</i>	<b>khaki</b>
<b>kempt</b>	<b>keratoplasty</b> n / 'kerədō.plastē / Gk plastic surgery on the cornea. <i>Keratoplasty, especially corneal grafting, has improved the vision of many people.</i>	<b>kibitz</b>
<b>kennel</b> n / 'ken̩l / L > F > E [has near homonym: quenelle] a house for a dog or pack of hounds. <i>Jack plans to help his father build a kennel for their beagles.</i>	<b>kerchief</b> n / 'kərchōf / F > E a square of cloth usually folded worn by women as a head covering. <i>Before Eileen went out to tend to her garden, she put on a blue and white kerchief.</i>	<b>kibitzer</b> n / 'kibōtsə(r) / Yiddish an outsider or nonparticipant who looks on and may offer unwanted advice or comment. <i>Officer Morrow ordered the kibitzer to stand back and get out of the way of the rescue squad.</i>
<b>keno</b> n / 'kē(.)nō / F [has homonym: kino] a game resembling lotto or bingo in which numbers printed on pellets are taken from a sack and announced to the players who cover the numbers on cards and in which five numbers covered in the same horizontal row win for the player. <i>The casino coffee shop had runners to sell the diners cards for keno.</i>	<b>kerf</b> n / 'kərf / E a slit or notch made in cutting usually by a saw or cutting torch. <i>Roger's toy racetrack is made from a piece of wood with a wide kerf along which the little cars move.</i>	<b>kidnap</b> <b>kielbasa</b> n / kil'bäsə / Pol [Note: A differently pronounced variant of the word is kielbasy.] a smoked sausage. <i>Adria ordered a half-pound of potato salad and a kielbasa from the deli.</i>
		<b>kilim</b>
		<b>kiln</b>

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<b>kiloton</b>	<b>kinetic</b>	<b>kitsch</b>
n / 'kilətən / Gk + E an explosive force equivalent to that of 1,000 tons of TNT—used especially in reference to an atom or hydrogen bomb. <i>Given the strength of nuclear bombs, 1 kiloton is a small amount of explosive force.</i>	adj / kō'nedik / Gk relating to the motion of matter and the forces and energy associated therewith. <i>The kinetic theory of gases treats each molecule in a gas as a point, which has mass but negligible volume.</i>	n / 'kich / G artistic or literary material held to be of low quality, often produced to appeal to popular taste, and marked especially by sentimentalism, sensationalism, and slickness. <i>Souvenir shops are filled with kitsch for the undiscriminating tourists.</i>
<b>kilowatt</b>	<b>ketosis</b>	<b>kiwi</b>
<b>kimono</b>	n / .kīnō' tōsōs / Gk > L sickness induced by motion and characterized by nausea. <i>Before boarding the ship, Claire made sure she had brought along medication for ketosis.</i>	
<b>kindergarten</b>	<b>kingdom</b>	<b>klendusity</b>
adj / 'kində(r).gärtən / G of or relating to an elementary level or initial phase. <i>After her request to skip from the sixth to the eighth grade was denied, Kathleen was openly scornful of the kindergarten math problems the teacher kept assigning.</i>		n / klen'd(y)üssədē / Gk the tendency of a plant or variety to escape infection as a result of having some property that prevents or hinders inoculation : disease-escaping ability. <i>The plant's thick cuticle is largely responsible for its klendusity.</i>
<b>kindling</b>	<b>kinkajou</b>	<b>klinotaxis</b>
<b>kindness</b>	n / 'kīkəjü / Algonquian > F a slender long-tailed mammal of Central and South America related to the raccoon. <i>The kinkajou is sometimes called the honey bear.</i>	n / .klīnə'taksōs / Gk directional orientation involving turning toward a stimulus. <i>The klinotaxis of honeybees is dependent on the angle of the sun.</i>
<b>kinesiology</b>	<b>kishke</b>	<b>klomp</b>
n / kē.nēsē'älōjē / Gk the study of the principles of mechanics and anatomy in relation to human movement. <i>All physical therapy students are required to take a course in kinesiology.</i>	n / 'kishkə / Slav > Yiddish beef or fowl casing stuffed with a savory filling (as of matzoth flour, chicken fat, and onion) and roasted. <i>Steve ate four helpings of his grandmother's kishke.</i>	n / 'klämp / D [has homonym: clomp] a wooden shoe worn in the Low countries. <i>The Dutch villager proudly showed Pam a klomp that he had just finished carving.</i>
<b>kinesitherapy</b>	<b>kitchen</b>	<b>knapsack</b>
n / kē.nēsē'therəpē / Gk the therapeutic and corrective application of active and passive movements (as by massage) and of exercise. <i>The stroke victim's muscular problems were almost totally corrected through intensive kinesitherapy.</i>	n / 'kichən / E a room or some other space (as a wall area or separate building) with facilities for cooking : a place for preparing meals. <i>Joey spent several hours in the kitchen on Thanksgiving Day.</i>	n / 'nap.sak / G&D a bag or case often of canvas supported on the back by a strap over each shoulder and used especially for carrying supplies while on a march or hike. <i>The next morning, Boris found a young snapping turtle in his knapsack.</i>

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<b>knave</b>	<b>knoll</b>	<b>kriegspiel</b>
<b>knavery</b>	n / 'nōl / E a usually small rounded land eminence. <i>Drucilla lay at the top of the knoll to catch some rays.</i>	n / 'krēgз.pē(ə)l / G chess in which neither player sees the other's board but is given some information as to the opponent's moves by a referee who keeps track of all moves on a third board. <i>Orvil attributes his ability to mentally picture a chessboard in play to his fondness for kriegspiel.</i>
<b>knead</b>	<b>knout</b>	<b>Krugerrand</b>
<b>kneadable</b>	<b>knowledge</b>	n / 'krūgə.rand / S Afr name + S Afr geog name a one-ounce gold coin of the Republic of South Africa. <i>Martin purchased a Krugerrand at the New York Coin Show last year.</i>
adj / 'nēdəbəl / E + Ecf having the proper texture for mixing into a well-blended whole by or as if by repeatedly drawing out and pressing together. <i>Flour was mixed with other ingredients to produce a kneadable dough.</i>	n / 'nälij / E the fact or condition of knowing. <i>Jack's knowledge of carpentry immediately earned him a job when he arrived in Miami.</i>	
<b>knickers</b>	<b>knuckle</b>	<b>krypton</b>
n pl / 'nikə(r)z / American name [has homonym: nickers] loose-fitting knee-length pants gathered at the knee on a band for sports and informal wear. <i>The man was dressed in a shaggy tweed jacket and knickers with long woolen stockings.</i>	<b>knucks</b>	n / 'krip.tän / Gk a colorless relatively inert gaseous element found in air at about one part per million and used especially in electric lamps. <i>A light bulb filled with krypton will last longer and shine more brightly than a regular bulb of the same wattage.</i>
<b>knickknacky</b>	<b>knurl</b>	<b>kuchen</b>
<b>knight</b>	<b>kohlrabi</b>	n / 'kükən / G any of several varieties of coffee cake typically made from sweet yeast dough and variously shaped, flavored, and frosted. <i>Aunt Mitzi served a warm apple kuchen for Christmas brunch.</i>
<b>knightling</b>	n / kō'l'rābē / G a variety of cabbage having a turnip-shaped edible stem. <i>The flesh of the kohlrabi resembles that of the turnip but is sweeter and milder.</i>	
<b>knish</b>	<b>kookaburra</b>	
n / kē'nish / Russ > Yiddish a round or square of rich baking-powder dough folded over a savory meat or cheese filling and baked or fried. <i>Sol searched his new neighborhood in vain for a restaurant that served a decent knish.</i>	n / 'kükə.bərə / Australian name a kingfisher of Australia that is about the size of a crow, has a call resembling loud laughter, and feeds in part on reptiles. <i>While vacationing in Melbourne, Lindsay was at first startled by the peculiar chortling of a kookaburra.</i>	
<b>knishes</b>	<b>kremlin</b>	<b>kudize</b>
<b>knock</b>	n / 'kremlən / Russ the citadel or fortress of a Russian city or town. <i>Bruce hiked to the ancient kremlin for the best view of the city.</i>	v / 'k(y)ü.dīz / Gk grant honors to : praise. <i>The planning committee had a luncheon to kudize Mr. Blalock, who donated 100 acres of land for the city park.</i>
<b>knockabout</b>		

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<b>kudos</b> n pl / 'k(y)ü.dōz / Gk praises given for achievement. <i>Daphne received many kudos from the drama coach after her performance in the school play.</i>	<b>labyrinthine</b> adj / lə'bərɪnθɪn / L + Ecf having a varnished or lacquered appearance. <i>The leaves of some tropical evergreens have a laccate surface.</i>	<b>lacrosse</b> n / lə'krōs / F a game that is played on a turfed field by two teams of ten players, each of whom uses a long-handled stick with which the ball is caught, carried, and thrown, with the object being to throw the ball into the opponents' goal. <i>Curious about lacrosse, Pamela signed up for a college intramural team.</i>
<b>kudzu</b> n / 'küd(.)zü / Jpn a vine of China and Japan that is used widely in the southern United States for erosion control and soil improvement. <i>Along many highways of the deep South, kudzu covers the roadside like drapery.</i>	<b>lacerate</b> v / lə'serāt / L > F a wound made by tearing or rending roughly. <i>Forty stitches were required to close the laceration in Jeremy's scalp.</i>	<b>lacteal</b> adj / 'laktēäl / L + Ecf relating to, consisting of, producing, or resembling milk. <i>Liz was surprised to learn that her lacteal drink was made from soybeans.</i>
<b>kwashiorkor</b> n / kwäshē'örkər / Ghana name severe malnutrition in infants and children caused by a high-carbohydrate, low-protein diet. <i>Supplying protein supplements to affected children is one way in which UNICEF works to eradicate kwashiorkor.</i>	<b>lachrymose</b> adj / 'lakrə.mōs / L dismal, melancholy. <i>The lachrymose play ruined Samantha's weekend.</i>	<b>lacuna</b> n / lə'k(y)ünə / L a blank space : a missing part : gap, hole. <i>Gabe discovered a mysterious lacuna in the manuscript.</i>
<b>labefaction</b>	<b>lackadaisical</b> adj / ləkə'dāzēkəl / E + Ecf lacking life, spirit, or zest : devoid of energy or purpose. <i>John's piano teacher criticized him for his lackadaisical performance in the recital.</i>	<b>ladle</b>
<b>laboratory</b>	<b>laconic</b> adj / lə'känik / Gk > L spoken, written, or expressed briefly or tersely : pithy. <i>Mrs. Fitzpatrick's laconic speaking style was quite popular with her students.</i>	<b>lageniform</b> adj / lə'jēnə.fōrm / L + Ecf shaped like a flask : dilated below and tapering to a slender neck above. <i>While on the field trip, the botanist directed the class to an example of a lageniform fungus.</i>
<b>laborious</b> adj / lə'bōrēəs / L involving much work : tiresome. <i>Restoration of the mansion will require laborious effort.</i>		<b>laggard</b> adj / 'lagə(r)d / Scand + Ecf slow or relatively slow to act, move, follow, or respond. <i>Successful mail order companies are rarely laggard in handling complaints.</i>
<b>labyrinth</b> n / 'labə.rin(t)th / Carian? > Gk > L > E a structure full of intricate passageways that make it difficult to find the way from the interior to the entrance or from the entrance to the interior. <i>Lost in the labyrinth of passages beneath the castle, the invaders gave up the attack plan and instead concentrated on finding a way out.</i>		<b>laggardly</b>

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<b>lagniappe</b>	<b>lambrequin</b>	<b>lampyrid</b>
<b>lagomorph</b>	n / 'lagə.môrf / Gk > L [Note: Could be confused with Lagomorpha.] any of several gnawing animals (as hare, rabbit, or pika) resembling the rodents. <i>A lagomorph has well-developed incisors to help it sever plant stems and gnaw on bark.</i>	n / 'lambə(r)kén / D > F a short decorative drapery for a shelf edge or for the top of a window casing : valance. <i>An embroidered lambrequin hung over each of the mansion's windows.</i>
<b>laity</b>	<b>lament</b>	<b>landau</b>
n / 'lādē / Gk > L > F > E + Ecf [Note: Could be confused with lady.] the great body of the people of a religious faith as distinguished from its clergy. <i>In most churches, many tasks and duties are given to the laity.</i>	v / lə'ment / L express sorrow for : bewail, mourn. <i>Railroad buffs still lament the demise of the steam locomotive.</i>	n / 'lan.dau / G geog name a four-wheeled covered carriage. <i>People who cannot picture what a landau looks like should think of Cinderella's carriage.</i>
<b>lallation</b>	<b>lampoon</b>	<b>landscape</b>
<b>laloplegia</b>	n / .lal'ə'plēj(ē)ə / Gk paralysis of the muscles involved in speech. <i>Since Uncle Harry's stroke caused laloplegia, he had to communicate with pencil and paper.</i>	n / lam'pün / F a light mocking satire. <i>The new movie is a lampoon of the horror films that are made especially for teenagers.</i>
<b>lamasery</b>	<b>lamppost</b>	<b>langlauf</b>
n / 'lämə.serē / Tibetan > F + Per > F a monastery of Tibetan Buddhist monks or priests. <i>Xiang returned from the lamasery a wiser and more introspective man.</i>	n / 'lamp.pōst / Gk > L > FE + E a pole supporting a usually outdoor lighting device. <i>The speeding automobile didn't make the curve and slammed into a lamppost, knocking it to the ground.</i>	<b>langouste</b>
<b>lambda</b>	<b>lamprey</b>	<b>language</b>
<b>lambent</b>	n / 'lambəntē / L in a light and brilliant manner. <i>Carla's eyes flashed lambently under her dark brows.</i>	n / 'lamprē / Gaulish? > L > F any of various freshwater and saltwater vertebrates that are widely distributed in temperate and subarctic regions and resemble eels but have a large circular jawless suctorial mouth with numerous small conical teeth. <i>A large lamprey slithered out of the underwater cave, startling the diver.</i>
<b>lambently</b>		[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] the inner tongue or flat plate opposite the mouth of an organ flue pipe. <i>A small chip in the organ's smallest language subtly affected its tone.</i>
adv / 'lambəntlē / L		

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<b>languescent</b>	<b>lapideous</b>	<b>larigo</b>
adj / lan'gwesənt / L becoming listless or fatigued. <i>The languescent ballerina struggled through the final scene.</i>	adj / lə'pidēəs / L of the nature of stone. <i>Lapideous concretions that form in the bladder or kidneys can cause extreme pain.</i>	n / 'lärə,gō / Sp a ring at each end of the cinch of a western saddle through which the straps pass. <i>When Lynn investigated her loose saddle, she found that a larigo had broken.</i>
<b>languid</b>	<b>lapillus</b>	<b>arithmics</b>
adj / 'laŋwēd / L > F sluggish in character or disposition. <i>In India Mary had always felt hot and too languid to care much about anything.</i>	<b>larcenous</b>	n pl / la'riθmiks / Gk the scientific study of the quantitative aspects of population. <i>In accordance with a principle of arithmics, the emigration from the country was offset by an increased rate of population growth.</i>
<b>languor</b>	<b>larceny</b>	<b>larmoyant</b>
<b>languorous</b>	n / 'lärs(ə)nē / L > F > E the unlawful taking and carrying away of personal property without the consent of its lawful possessor. <i>When Tina first saw Victor's art collection, she suspected him of larceny.</i>	adv / lär'moiənt / L > F given to tears or weeping : tearful. <i>Even Jorge, who is not usually larmoyant, had to wipe his eyes during the eulogy.</i>
<b>languorously</b>	<b>larghetto</b>	<b>larrigan</b>
adv / 'laŋ(gə)rəslē / L + Ecff in a manner characterized by listless indolence or sluggishness. <i>After returning from work, Cora reclined languorously on the sofa.</i>	adv / lär'ged(.)ō / It in a somewhat slow manner—used as a direction in music. <i>In the second movement, which is played larghetto, Beethoven unfolds one melodic idea after another.</i>	n / 'larəgən / unknown an oil-tanned moccasin with legs that is used especially by loggers and trappers. <i>The statue of Paul Bunyan depicted him with an ax over his shoulder and a hole in one larrigan.</i>
<b>laniary</b>	<b>largitional</b>	<b>larva</b>
adj / 'lānē.ərē / L adapted for tearing. <i>Laniary teeth are common in most carnivores.</i>	adj / lär'jishənəl / L + Ecf of or relating to a gift or gratuity. <i>The seed money for the new museum consists entirely of largitional funds.</i>	n / 'lärvə / L the immature, wingless, and often vermiform feeding form of an insect which has hatched from the insect egg. <i>The caterpillar is the larva of the butterfly.</i>
<b>lanolated</b>	<b>lariat</b>	
adj / 'lan'lādēd / L > ISV + Ecff containing wool grease refined for use in ointments and cosmetics. <i>Agnes used lanolated cream to treat her dry, rough skin.</i>	n / 'larēət / L > Sp a long light but strong rope used with a running noose for catching livestock. <i>Jonathan watched in fascination as the cowboy demonstrated his skill with the lariat.</i>	
<b>lantern</b>		
n / 'lantərn / Gk > L > F > E a portable lamp. <i>The red light in the distance came from a lantern that hung from the last car of the train.</i>		
<b>lapidary</b>		

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<b>laryngitic</b> adj / lärēn'jidik / Gk affected with an inflammation of the upper part of the trachea containing the vocal cords. <i>After a long day of pitching his merchandise, the salesman returned home exhausted and laryngitic.</i>	<b>lathe</b> n / läth / E a machine in which work is rotated about a horizontal axis and shaped by a fixed cutting tool while being held in a chuck. <i>Chloe donned her safety glasses before switching on the lathe.</i>	<b>laudatory</b> adj / lōdətōrē / L of, relating to, or containing praise. <i>Seth made sure everyone saw his laudatory telegram from the dean.</i>
<b>laryngitis</b>	<b>laticiferous</b>	<b>laughable</b>
<b>larynx</b> n / 'lärij(k)s / Gk > L the modified upper part of the respiratory passage of air-breathing vertebrates bounded above by the glottis and continuous below with the trachea. <i>The vocal cords are situated within the larynx.</i>	adj / lādə'sif(ə)rəs / Gk? > L + Ecff containing, bearing, or secreting latex. <i>Some laticiferous tropical vines are good sources of rubber.</i>	adj / 'lafəbəl / E + Ecf comical, absurd. <i>Marlene wore antique finery which would have been laughable on any other woman.</i>
<b>laser</b> n / 'lāzə(r) / English acronym a device that utilizes the natural oscillations of atoms or molecules between energy levels for generating coherent electromagnetic radiation. <i>The surgeon used a laser to make the incision.</i>	<b>latitude</b> <b>latitudinous</b> adj / .ladə'tüd'nəs / L having breadth especially of thought or interpretation. <i>Poetry is a latitudinous category, ranging from the moralistic to the nihilistic.</i>	<b>laughter</b>
<b>lassitude</b> n / 'lasətüd / L a condition of weariness or debility : fatigue. <i>Lassitude is a symptom of many tropical diseases.</i>	<b>latkes</b> <b>lattice</b> n / 'ladēs / Gmc? > F > E a framework or structure of wood or metal made by crossing laths or other thin strips so as to form a network. <i>The window has a lattice, but that did not stop Renton from getting through it.</i>	<b>launderer</b> n / 'lōndərə(r) / L > F > E one who washes and irons clothing. <i>Gina took her blouse to the launderer for cleaning.</i>
<b>latensify</b>	<b>laureation</b>	<b>laureation</b>
<b>laterigrade</b> adj / 'ladərəgrād / L + L running sidewise or characterized by such running. <i>The laterigrade movements of the crab delighted the children on the beach.</i>	v / 'lōd / L sing the praises of. <i>The proud parents would laud their child's slightest accomplishment.</i>	n / lōrē'āshən / L an act of crowning with or as if with a wreath of leaves as a mark of honor or achievement. <i>At her laureation the recipient of the honorary degree paid tribute to her college professors.</i>
<b>laud</b>	<b>laurel</b>	<b>laurel</b>

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<b>lavash</b>	<b>lebkuchen</b>	<b>legerdemain</b>
n / 'läväsh / Armenian a large thin crisp unleavened wafer with a rough surface caused by air bubbles during baking. <i>Phil served lavash with goat cheese.</i>	n / 'läpkükən / G a Christmas cookie usually made with honey, brown sugar, almonds, candied fruit peel, and spices. <i>Bart slipped a lebkuchen to the schnauzer.</i>	n / lejə(r)də'mān / F skill and dexterity in the performance of juggling or conjuring tricks. <i>The performer's legerdemain included making a coworker disappear from an enclosure.</i>
<b>lavatory</b>	<b>lecithin</b>	<b>legerity</b>
n / 'lavətōrē / L a room with conveniences for washing the hands and face and usually with one or more toilets. <i>All of the soap dispensers in the lavatory were empty.</i>	n / 'lesəthēn / Gk a substance that is obtained in the manufacture of soybean oil and that is used in foods (as margarine, chocolate, bakery products). <i>Lecithin is used in the production of caramel to make it smoother.</i>	n / lä'jerədē / L > F mental or physical agility and quickness. <i>The gymnast performed on the balance beam with remarkable legerity.</i>
<b>lavender</b>	<b>lectern</b>	<b>leggieramente</b>
<b>layette</b>	<b>lectern</b>	<b>legibility</b>
<b>league</b>	<b>lectern</b>	<b>legible</b>
n / lēg / Gaulish > L > E [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] an English unit of distance of about 3 miles. <i>Long car rides seem shorter if you figure them by the league instead of by the mile.</i>	n / 'lekta(r)n / L a desk or stand with a sloping top and usually a ledge at the bottom of the slope designed to support a book or script in a convenient position for a reader standing before it. <i>Miguel clutched the lectern in an attempt to conceal his nervousness.</i>	<b>legislate</b>
<b>leaky</b>	<b>lectionary</b>	<b>legislatorial</b>
<b>leasable</b>	<b>lectotype</b>	adj / .lejəslə'tōrēəl / L + Ecf having the power or performing the function of making laws. <i>Unfinished legislatorial duties kept Congress in session past its normal adjournment date.</i>
<b>lease</b>	<b>lederhosen</b>	<b>legislature</b>
<b>leatherine</b>	n pl / 'lädə(r).hōz̩n / G knee-length leather trousers worn especially in Bavaria. <i>All the men who volunteered to work at Oktoberfest were asked to wear lederhosen.</i>	n / 'lejəslāchə(r) / L + Ecf an organized body of persons having the authority to make laws. <i>Ellen served as a page for the legislature last year.</i>
<b>leaven</b>	<b>legacy</b>	<b>legitimacy</b>
n / 'levən / L > F > E [has homonym and near homonyms: levin and eleven, levan] a substance (as yeast) acting or used to produce fermentation in a dough or a liquid. <i>Nina neglected to add the leaven that causes the bread dough to rise.</i>	n / 'legəsē / L > F > E money or property given to someone by direction of a will. <i>Tim opened a small business with the legacy from his father.</i>	<b>leguminous</b>
		adj / lä'gyümənəs / L of, resembling, or consisting of peas or other vegetables. <i>The only leguminous food that Mandy likes is peas.</i>

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<b>leisurable</b> adj / 'lēzh(ə)rəbəl / L > F > E proceeding deliberately without haste. <i>The bikers made a leisurable tour of the campus.</i>	<b>lenient</b> n / lēnēənt / L	<b>leporiform</b> adj / 'lepərəfōrm / L + E resembling a hare or rabbit in form. <i>For Easter, Mom decorates the windows with leporiform figures bearing baskets of eggs.</i>
<b>leisure</b>		<b>leprosy</b> n / 'leprəsē / Gk > L a progressive infectious disease that affects the skin and nerves and causes lumps, ulcers, white scaly patches, deformities, and eventual loss of sensation. <i>Even though approximately 270 cases of leprosy are diagnosed in the United States each year, effective medications have made the existence of leper colonies unnecessary.</i>
<b>lemming</b> n / 'lemin / ON > Norw any of several small rodents of circumpolar distribution. <i>The legend of suicide by drowning associated with the lemming is fascinating but probably untrue.</i>	<b>leonine</b> adj / 'lēənīn / L resembling or suggesting that of a lion. <i>Portraits of Beethoven and Einstein always depict them with leonine hairstyles.</i>	<b>leptocercal</b> adj / ,lepta'sərkəl / Gk + Gk tapering off to a long slender point—used of the tail of a fish. <i>The scuba diver showed Jane his scar from a wound he received when whipped by the leptocercal tail of a stingray.</i>
<b>lemniscate</b>	<b>leopard</b> n / 'lepə(r)d / Gk > L > F > E a large strong cat of southern Asia and Africa that is adept at climbing and is usually tawny or buff with black spots. <i>The so-called "black panther" is actually a black-coated form of the leopard.</i>	
<b>lemonade</b>	<b>leopardess</b>	<b>lesion</b> n / 'lēzhən / L > F > E [has near homonym: legion] an abnormal change in structure of an organ or part due to injury or disease. <i>Sarah had Dr. Kendall treat the lesion on her shin.</i>
<b>lemur</b> n / 'lēmə(r) / L any of numerous arboreal chiefly nocturnal mammals formerly widespread but now largely confined to Madagascar that are related to the monkeys. <i>The lemur is lower on the evolutionary scale and less intelligent than the monkey.</i>	<b>leotard</b> n / 'lēətärd / F name a close-fitting garment for the torso that is worn for practice or performance by dancers and acrobats. <i>In modern dance, performers often wear a very simple leotard.</i>	
<b>length</b> n / 'len(k)th / E the longer of the two straight-line dimensions of a surface or plane or the longest of the three straight-line dimensions of a solid : extent from end to end. <i>Marsha and her father frequently argue over the length of her skirts.</i>	<b>lepidopterist</b> n / ,lepo'däptərēst / Gk a specialist in the study of butterflies and moths. <i>Judy was well on her way to becoming a lepidopterist; she already had her own butterfly net.</i>	<b>lethal</b> adj / 'lēthal / L of, relating to, or causing death. <i>The lethal fire spread through the Riggs Building rapidly.</i>
<b>leniency</b> n / 'lēnēənsē / L the quality or state of being tolerant or merciful. <i>At his sentencing the convicted felon expressed remorse and pleaded for leniency.</i>		

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<b>lethargic</b>	<b>levanter</b>	<b>levy</b>
adj / lə'θärjik / Gk > L > F slow-moving, sluggish. <i>Rhea's dry throat and lethargic disposition warned her that a cold was coming.</i>	n / lə'ventə(r) / L > F > E + Ecf a strong easterly Mediterranean wind. <i>When the levanter hits the Rock of Gibraltar, it soars up 1,400 feet, and its vapor becomes a dense white cloud.</i>	v / 'levē / F > E impose or collect by legal process or by authority. <i>The political candidate promised to levy no new taxes if he were elected.</i>
<b>lethargy</b>	<b>levee</b>	<b>lexicography</b>
n / 'lethə(r)jē / Gk the quality or state of being lazy or indifferent : lassitude, apathy. <i>The hot, humid air of the tropics spreads a feeling of lethargy over everyone.</i>	n / 'levē / L > F [has homonym: levy] an embankment built alongside a body of water to prevent flooding of nearby land. <i>The city plans to construct a levee to prevent flooding from the river.</i>	<b>lexicon</b> n / 'leksəkän / Gk the vocabulary of a subject or of an occupational group. <i>The lexicon of computer programmers is slowly becoming part of everyday language.</i>
<b>letteret</b>	<b>level</b>	<b>liability</b>
<b>lettuce</b>	<b>leverage</b>	<b>liable</b>
n / 'ledəs / L > F > E a common garden vegetable with succulent leaves that are often used in salads. <i>Rosemarie prefers romaine lettuce for her salads.</i>	<b>leveret</b> n / 'lev(ə)rət / L > F > E a wild rabbit in its first year. <i>Jimmy's pet rabbit is a leveret that his dad caught while cutting hay.</i>	<b>liaison</b>
<b>leucitite</b>	<b>leviathan</b>	<b>libel</b>
<b>leucoryx</b>	<b>levity</b>	<b>liberalism</b>
n / 'lükə(ə)riks / Gk a large chiefly pale brownish antelope of North Africa. <i>The horns of the leucoryx are evenly curved backwards.</i>	adj / lə'veiəthən / Heb > L > E of enormous size. <i>The ore was hauled away in leviathan trucks.</i>	n / 'lib(ə)rəlizəm / L + Ecf a political philosophy based on the belief in freedom for the individual and on the belief of governmental guarantees of human rights and civil liberties. <i>Alex believes that persons attracted to liberalism are often more compassionate than practical.</i>
<b>levade</b>		<b>liberalize</b>
n / lə'väd / F > G a show-ring movement in which a horse raises the forequarters, brings the hindquarters under him, and balances with haunches deeply bent and forelegs drawn up. <i>When a horse's body is at a less-than-45-degree angle with the ground, the movement is called a "levade."</i>	n / 'levədē / L excessive or unseemly frivolity : lack of fitting seriousness. <i>The minister's levity during the eulogy was inappropriate.</i>	<b>librarian</b> n / lib'rærēən / L one whose vocation is working with collections of books, manuscripts, or other literary materials kept for study or reading. <i>Juan asked the librarian for the key to the rare-book cabinet.</i>

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<b>library</b>	<b>licit</b>	<b>lieutenant</b>
n / 'lī-brērē / L a room or section of a building or a building itself given over to books, manuscripts, or other literary and sometimes artistic materials usually kept in some convenient order for use but not for sale. <i>Stella owns many books and plans to convert a spare bedroom to a library.</i>	adj / 'lisēt / L not forbidden by law : lawful. <i>Even licit drugs can be dangerous if not used as directed by a physician.</i>	n / lü'tenənt / L > F > E a military officer in the army, navy, air force, or marine corps. <i>At the end of the novel, the young naval hero was finally promoted to lieutenant.</i>
<b>libretto</b>	<b>lidocaine</b>	<b>ligament</b>
n / lē'bretō / L the text of a work (as an opera) for the musical theater. <i>Michelle bought a dual-language edition of the libretto of Tosca for a quarter at a garage sale.</i>	liege adj / 'lēj / L > F > E having the right to feudal allegiance and service. <i>The serf bowed low before his liege lord.</i>	n / 'ligəmēnt / L something that ties or unites one thing or part to another. <i>International law is considered by some to be the ligament of mankind.</i>
<b>licensable</b>	<b>lien</b>	<b>ligature</b>
<b>licentiate</b>	<b>lienholder</b>	
n / lī'senchēāt / L an academic degree ranking below that of a doctor given by some European institutions of higher education. <i>After two years' study, Reverend Pease received a licentiate in canon law.</i>	n / 'lēn.hōldēr / L > F + E one having a valid mortgage. <i>When she returned from vacation, Iris was mortified to find a stack of letters from her lienholder.</i>	n / 'ligəchē(r) / L > F > E something that is used to bind; specifically : a thread, wire, or other material used in surgery. <i>Dr. Adams removed the ligature that had held the vein closed during the operation.</i>
<b>lichen</b>	<b>lieu</b>	<b>lightning</b>
n / 'līkēn / Gk > L [has homonym: liken] any of numerous complex plants that are made up of an alga and a fungus growing in symbiotic association on various solid surfaces (as rocks or the bark of trees). <i>Sean used a mixture of green paint and sawdust to simulate lichen on his model train layout.</i>	n / 'lü / L > F [has homonym: loo] place, stead. <i>Miss Woodhouse had many acquaintances, but not one among them could be accepted in lieu of her best friend Miss Taylor for even half a day.</i>	adj / 'lītniŋ / E [has near homonym: lightening] moving with or having the speed and suddenness of lightning. <i>The lightning rapidity of Mr. Julia's jargon and wit is a tool of his trade as an auctioneer.</i>
<b>lichenified</b>	<b>lieutenancy</b>	<b>ligneous</b>
<b>lichenophagous</b>	n / lü'tenənsē / L > F > E the term of a commissioned officer in the army, air force, or marine corps ranking below a captain. <i>During his lieutenancy, Lionel served in Guam.</i>	adj / 'līgnēəs / L of or resembling wood. <i>Mr. Hart described the plant as a perennial herb with a ligneous crown.</i>

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<b>ligniperdous</b> adj / līgnō'pərdəs / L + L destructive to wood. <i>The house had to be inspected for any ligniperdous insects before it could be sold.</i>	<b>limerick</b> n / 'lim(ə)rɪk / Irish geog name a light verse form of five anapestic lines. <i>Noel composed a funny limerick about his teacher.</i>	<b>limpid</b> adj / 'limpēd / L completely free from cloudiness or other obstacles to the passage of light. <i>Mary got an eerie feeling when she looked into the limpid blue eyes of the Siberian Husky.</i>
<b>lilac</b>	<b>limitrophe</b>	<b>linctus</b>
<b>liliaceous</b> adj / līlē'āshəs / L of, relating to, or resembling any of numerous erect perennial leafy-stemmed bulbous herbs. <i>Deb's curtain material has a colorful liliaceous pattern.</i>	adj / 'limətrōf / L + Gk situated on a border or frontier : adjacent, neighboring. <i>The geography teacher asked the class to name all the countries that are limitrophe to Russia.</i>	<b>lineament</b>
<b>lilliputian</b> adj / līlē'pyūshən / imaginary geog name + Ecf extremely small. <i>The lilliputian furniture and fixtures in the dollhouse astounded and delighted the museum visitors.</i>	<b>limn</b> v / 'lim / L > F > E [has homonym: limb] outline in clear sharp detail : delineate. <i>The object of the video game is to fire when the periscope sights limn the tanker.</i>	<b>linear</b> adj / 'linēə(r) / L involving a single dimension : not square or cubic. <i>The micrometer caliper is an instrument for making precise linear measurements of dimensions such as diameters, thicknesses, and lengths.</i>
<b>limb</b> n / 'lim / E [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, word has homonym: limn.] the outer edge of the apparent disk of a celestial body or a portion of the edge. <i>Teresa spied a crater directly on the Moon's limb.</i>	<b>limnology</b> n / lim'näljē / L + Gk the scientific study of physical, chemical, meteorological, and biological conditions in fresh waters especially of ponds and lakes. <i>An expert in limnology testified that pollution is reducing the fish population in Crystal Lake.</i>	<b>linen</b>
<b>limbiferous</b> adj / lim'bif(ə)rəs / L + L having a border or margin. <i>Mr. Lovejoy told his pupils that they would be expected to use limbiferous paper for all their assignments.</i>	<b>limousine</b> n / 'liməzēn / F geog name a small bus (as for transporting passengers to and from an airport). <i>Mrs. Waldrupe was disappointed that her airport limousine was a ramshackle van.</i>	<b>lingerie</b>
<b>limby</b>		<b>linguist</b> n / 'lingwəst / L a student of or expert in languages. <i>The famous linguist described how many tribal languages are becoming extinct.</i>
		<b>linguistically</b>
		<b>liniment</b> n / 'linəmēnt / L > E a liquid or semiliquid alcoholic, oily, or saponaceous preparation for application to the skin with friction. <i>Winona delicately rubbed liniment over her sore shoulder.</i>

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<b>linoleum</b>	<b>literate</b>	<b>litigator</b>
n / lə'nōlēəm / L a floor covering made by laying on a cloth backing a mixture of solidified linseed oil and various solid particles and usually pigments. <i>The pattern in Sheena's kitchen linoleum resembles inlaid pebbles.</i>	adj / 'lidərət / L able to read and write. <i>The government's goal for all adult citizens to be literate in 20 years needs a strategic plan.</i>	n / 'lidəgādə(r) / L one that prosecutes or defends by pleadings, evidence, and debate in a court. <i>The cough drop manufacturer hired a famous litigator to appear in its new commercial.</i>
<b>liquefaction</b>	<b>literati</b>	<b>litigiousness</b>
n / .likwə'fakshən / L the process of making or becoming liquid : conversion of a solid into a liquid by heat or of a gas into a liquid by cold or pressure. <i>Much earthquake damage results from the liquefaction of soil on which buildings stand.</i>	n pl / .lidə'rädē / L&It the educated class : intelligentsia. <i>The New York literati gathered at the book-signing party.</i>	n / lə'tijəsnös / L the quality or state of being prone to engage in lawsuits. <i>An increase in lawsuits can be attributed in part to the growing litigiousness of American society.</i>
<b>liquefiable</b>	<b>literature</b>	<b>litmus</b>
adj / .likwə'fīəbəl / L capable of being reduced to a liquid state. <i>Many familiar solid materials are easily liquefiable by heating.</i>	<b>lithesome</b> adj / 'līthsəm / E + E characterized by agile grace. <i>Denise's lithesome performance in her audition won her a place in the Royal Ballet.</i>	<b>litmus</b> n / 'litməs / Scand a coloring matter that turns red in acid solutions and blue in alkaline solutions and is obtained from several lichens. <i>Chris will use litmus to test for acidity in the chemical solution.</i>
<b>liquecent</b>	<b>lithification</b>	<b>litotes</b>
adj / li'kwasənt / L being, becoming, or tending to become liquid : melting. <i>When a giant asteroid hits the ground, it is transformed into a liquecent mass that becomes a fireball.</i>	n / .lithəfə'kāshən / Gk + L the conversion of unconsolidated sediments into solid rock. <i>Ben's science project explained how limestone is formed by lithification.</i>	n / 'līdətēz / Gk understatement in which an affirmative is expressed by a negative of the contrary (as in "He's not a bad ball player"). <i>Rupert loved to use the litotes "not bad" to convey high praise.</i>
<b>liqueur</b>	<b>lithochromy</b>	<b>litterateur</b>
<b>liquidate</b>		<b>litterbug</b>
<b>lisle</b>	<b>lithograph</b>	<b>littoral</b>
<b>lisse</b>	<b>lithoid</b>	adj / 'lidərəl / L [has homonym: literal] of, relating to, or being near a shore, especially of the sea. <i>Eduardo finally realized his dream when he established a littoral nature preserve.</i>
<b>litany</b>		
	<b>litigation</b>	

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<b>liturgical</b>	<b>lobotomy</b>	<b>lodging</b>
adj / lō'tərjēkəl / Gk > L of, relating to, or having the characteristics of ceremonial or ritualistic worship. <i>The priest donned his liturgical vestments before the mass.</i>	n / lō'bädəmē / Gk incision into the brain to sever nerve fibers for the relief of certain mental disorders and tension. <i>Lobotomy is no longer the preferred treatment in cases of extreme psychosis.</i>	n / 'läjin / E a place to live : dwelling. <i>After a fire destroyed their home, the family depended on relatives for temporary lodging.</i>
<b>liturgy</b>	<b>lobscouse</b>	<b>logarithm</b>
n / 'lidə(r)jē / Gk a rite or series of rites, observances, or procedures prescribed for public worship in the Christian church in accordance with authorized or standard form. <i>Since the Second Vatican Council, the use of the vernacular language, rather than Latin, has become widespread in Catholic liturgy.</i>	n / läb.skaūs / unknown a sailor's dish prepared by stewing or baking bits of meat with vegetables, hardtack, and other ingredients. <i>After Fritz returned from his fishing trip, he ordered a hearty portion of lobscouse for dinner.</i>	n / 'lögə.rithəm / Gk the exponent that indicates the power to which a number must be raised to produce a given number. <i>When the math teacher said that 4 is the logarithm of 16 to the base 2, only half the class understood what she was saying.</i>
<b>livelihood</b>	<b>locale</b>	<b>logarithmic</b>
<b>livered</b>	n / lō'kal / L > F a place or locality especially when viewed in relation to a particular event or characteristic. <i>Evan's doctor told him he needed to live in a drier locale, so he moved to Tucson.</i>	<b>loggia</b>
<b>livid</b>	<b>location</b>	n / 'läj(ē)ə / F > It [has near homonym: logia] a roofed open gallery or arcade in the side of a building especially when facing upon an open court. <i>An airy second-floor loggia ran around three sides of the tiny courtyard.</i>
adj / 'livēd / L > F discolored by or as if by bruising : black-and-blue. <i>The bicycle accident left a large livid patch on Violet's arm.</i>		
<b>llama</b>	<b>lochetetic</b>	<b>logician</b>
n / 'lämə / Quechua > Sp [has homonym: lama] any of a genus of wild or domesticated cud-chewing mammals of South America related to the camels but smaller and without a hump. <i>The llama thrives in the Alpine grasslands of Bolivia, Peru, Chile, and Argentina.</i>	adj / lō'kēdik / Gk lying in wait for prey—used especially of insects. <i>Josh claimed that the ants in the nest next to his porch must be lochetetic, because they always seemed to know when he was barefoot.</i>	n / 'löjē.än / Gk a usually short pointed saying or observation especially of a religious teacher. <i>The guru's devotees treasured every logion that he uttered.</i>
<b>loam</b>	<b>locomotion</b>	<b>logistics</b>
<b>loathsome</b>	<b>locust</b>	n pl / lō'jistik / Gk military science in its planning and handling and implementation of personnel, equipment, and facilities. <i>Juan has been interested in logistics since he first played with toy soldiers.</i>
	n / 'lökəst / L > E a grasshopper that frequently travels in swarms. <i>Cooper placed the captured locust in a mason jar.</i>	

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<b>logograph</b> n / 'lōgə.grif / Gk [has near homonym: logograph] a word puzzle. <i>Katrina spent the afternoon constructing a logograph for her little brother.</i>	<b>\longiloquence</b> n / lōng'lokwəns / L given to excessive talking : garrulous. <i>Bryn's loquacious sister was quite a hit at the rehearsal party.</i>	<b>lovat</b> n / 'lōvət / E the state of being beautiful. <i>Colette was awestruck by the loveliness of the stained-glass windows.</i>
<b>logomachy</b> n / lō'gäməkē / Gk a dispute over or about words. <i>Behind the legislature's logomachy about what makes a Great Lake "great" lay political and economic motives.</i>	<b>loquacious</b> adj / lō'kwashəs / L given to excessive talking : garrulous. <i>Bryn's loquacious sister was quite a hit at the rehearsal party.</i>	<b>loxocosm</b> n / 'läksə.käzəm / Gk a device to show how the inclination of Earth's axis causes the day's length to vary from season to season. <i>John constructed a loxocosm for the science fair.</i>
<b>logorrhea</b> n / lōgə'rēə / Gk pathologically excessive and often incoherent talkativeness. <i>The patient's logorrhea was indicative of deep emotional problems.</i>	<b>lorgnette</b> n / lō(r)n'yēt / F a pair of eyeglasses or opera glasses with a handle. <i>Lorgnette in one hand and hankie in the other, Mrs. Vandergriff looked just like the opera-goers portrayed in cartoons.</i>	<b>lozenge</b> n / 'läz'nj / F a small diamond-shaped medicated candy. <i>Mother gave Rick a cherry-flavored lozenge for his sore throat.</i>
<b>loiter</b>	<b>loricate</b> n / 'lōrəkāt / L an animal having a hard protective case or shell. <i>The armadillo is a well-known loricate, as is the alligator.</i>	<b>luau</b> n / 'lü.uā / Hawaiian a feast with Hawaiian food and usually Hawaiian entertainment. <i>Sabrina wore a grass skirt to the luau.</i>
<b>lonely</b> adj / 'lōnlē / E + Ecf being without company. <i>Allie took a picture of a lonely fisherman on the pier.</i>	<b>lorikeet</b> n / 'lōrə.kēt / Malay + Sp&F any of numerous small arboreal parrots that are found in Australasia and that feed largely upon the nectar of flowers. <i>Ginger has a pet lorikeet that rides on her shoulder.</i>	<b>lucernal</b> adj / .lü'sərn'l / L + Ecf of or relating to a lamp. <i>A slide projector is a lucernal device for displaying images on a screen.</i>
<b>longanimity</b> n / läng'ə'nimədē / L a disposition to bear injuries patiently : forbearance. <i>Murphy's Law strikes often in George's project, but his longanimity will help him weather all setbacks.</i>	<b>lounge</b>	<b>lucid</b> adj / 'lüsəd / L penetrated with light : translucent. <i>The otters romped and played in the lucid stream.</i>
<b>longevity</b> n / län'jévədē / L a long duration of individual life. <i>Mr. Wade's longevity was remarkable, considering he had been sickly as a child.</i>	<b>loupe</b> n / 'lüp / Gmc > F [has homonyms: loop and loup] small magnifying glass used by jewelers and watchmakers. <i>At his jewelry store Arlo always wears a loupe on a chain around his neck.</i>	<b>lucidity</b>

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<b>lucrative</b>	<b>lumen</b>	<b>luncheonette</b>
<b>luculent</b>	n / 'lümənt /	n / lənchə'net /
adj / 'lükyələnt /	L	E + Fcf
L	a unit of luminous flux equal to the light emitted in a unit solid angle by a uniform point source of one candle.	a place where light lunches are sold.
transparently clear in thought or expression. <i>The audience was pleasantly amazed at the luculent commentary on the state of the economy.</i>	<i>The lumen is used in calculations regarding artificial lighting.</i>	<i>After playing racquetball, Jaime stopped at the luncheonette for a sandwich.</i>
<b>ludicrous</b>	<b>luminaire</b>	<b>lunge</b>
adj / 'lüdəkrəs /	n / .lümo'na(a)(ə)r /	v / lənj /
L	L > F	F
meriting derisive laughter or scorn : absurd.	a complete lighting unit including lamp, shade, reflector, fixture, and other accessories.	make a forceful forward movement.
<i>The jury was instructed to disregard the ludicrous remarks made by the defendant.</i>	<i>A luminaire was built into each cubicle in the office.</i>	<i>Every few seconds the swordsman would lunge at his opponent.</i>
<b>luftmensch</b>	<b>luminary</b>	<b>lunule</b>
n / 'lüft.mench /	n / 'lümə.nerē /	<b>luscious</b>
G > Yiddish	L	adj / 'leshəs /
an impractical contemplative person having no definite trade, business, or income : dreamer.	one that is an inspiration to others : one who has achieved success in his or her chosen field.	E
<i>Every large family seems to have at least one luftmensch among its members.</i>	<i>Although a luminary in the field, Peter was reluctant to weigh in with his opinion about the ethics of cloning.</i>	<i>having a delicious taste or smell.</i> <i>The waiter pointed to cakes and pastries, each more luscious than the last, as he told us about them.</i>
<b>lugubrious</b>	<b>luminosity</b>	<b>lustrious</b>
adj / lə'gübriəs /	n / .lümo'näsədē /	adj / 'ləstrəs /
L > E	L	L > It > F + Ecf
expressive of, marked by, or giving rise to grief or sorrow.	the quantity of radiation emitted by a star or other celestial source usually expressed in terms of the Sun's intensity.	having a gloss or shine : gleaming.
<i>The funeral director spoke in lugubrious tones as she explained the arrangements.</i>	<i>The comet's luminosity was so great that it could be seen during the day.</i>	<i>When dining out, Marcia always wears some lustrious jewelry.</i>
<b>lullaby</b>	<b>luminous</b>	<b>lute</b>
n / 'lələ.bī /	adj / 'lümənəs /	n / 'lüt /
E	L	Ar > OProv > F > E
a soothing refrain; especially : a song used to quiet children or lull them to sleep.	emitting or seeming to emit a steady suffused light that is reflected or produced from within.	[has homonym: loot] a stringed musical instrument of Oriental origin that has a large pear-shaped body.
<i>The baby was asleep before Mary finished singing the lullaby.</i>	<i>During the movie Stan periodically checked the time on the luminous dial of his watch.</i>	<i>The court minstrel strummed his lute thoughtfully, deciding which song to play next.</i>
	<b>luncheon</b>	<b>luthier</b>
		n / 'lüdēə(r) /
		Ar > OProv > F
		a maker of stringed instruments.
		<i>The luthier gave Dolores a choice of inlay patterns for her new guitar.</i>

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<b>lux</b>	<b>lynx</b>	<b>macaroni</b>
n / 'ləks /	n / 'lin(k)s /	n / .makə'rōnē /
L [has homonyms: lucks, luxe] a unit of illumination equal to the direct illumination on a surface that is everywhere 1 meter from a uniform point source of one candle. <i>Paul's new video camera is designed to operate in a light intensity of only 1 lux.</i>	Gk [has homonym: links] any of several wildcats with relatively long legs, a short stubby tail, mottled coat, and often tufted ears. <i>The lynx lives in cold northern latitudes, where its favorite prey is the snowshoe hare.</i>	It an alimentary pasta composed chiefly of semolina dried in the form of slender tubes or small fancy shapes. <i>Lucy's favorite pasta dish is macaroni and cheese.</i>
<b>luxate</b>	<b>lyonnaise</b>	<b>macaroon</b>
<b>luxuriant</b>	adj / 'līə.nāz /	n / .makə'rün /
<b>luxurious</b>	F geog name prepared or seasoned with onions and sometimes parsley. <i>Ricardo ordered lyonnaise potatoes as an elegant alternative to french fries.</i>	It > F a small cake composed chiefly of the white of eggs, sugar, and ground almonds or almond paste or coconut. <i>Cheryl placed a fresh macaroon on each saucer before serving the coffee.</i>
adj / .ləg'zhürēəs /		
L characterized by wealth or rich abundance. <i>The price of the car with the luxurious interior astounded even wealthy customers.</i>		
<b>luxury</b>	<b>lyre</b>	<b>macaw</b>
<b>lycanthrope</b>	<b>lyrically</b>	<b>maceral</b>
n / 'līkən.thrōp /		n / 'masə.ral /
Gk a person transformed temporarily or permanently into a wolf or capable of assuming a wolf's form. <i>The zoologist contends that the myth of the lycanthrope is one of the reasons wolves are so maligned.</i>		L? a fragment of plant debris in coal. <i>Penny examined the maceral under a microscope.</i>
<b>lyceum</b>	<b>macadam</b>	<b>macerate</b>
<b>lycopene</b>	n / mə'kadəm /	<b>Machiavellian</b>
<b>lymphatic</b>	British name broken stone used in roadway paving. <i>Depending on the climate, some roads are best made of macadam and others, of asphalt.</i>	adj / .makēə'velēən /
adj / lim'fadik /		It name of or relating to Machiavelli or his political theory that any means however lawless or unscrupulous can justifiably be used in achieving political power. <i>The Machiavellian politician was accused of wheeling and dealing, backstabbing, and creating fall guys and cover-ups.</i>
Gk > L conveying a pale fluid that bathes the tissues of an organism. <i>The lymphatic system is vital in removing harmful bacteria from tissues.</i>	<b>macaque</b> n / mə'kak / Pg > F any of numerous short-tailed Old World monkeys chiefly of southern Asia and the East Indies. <i>The islanders trained a macaque to perform several routines for public entertainment.</i>	
	<b>macarize</b> v / 'makə.rīz /	
	Gk pronounce happy or blessed : felicitate, laud. <i>After the wedding ceremony various friends will give speeches to macarize the happy couple.</i>	

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<b>machicolation</b>	<b>madarosis</b>	<b>maestro</b>
n / mə'chikə'lāshən / F > L + L an opening on a parapet of a battlement for the purpose of dropping missiles upon assailants attacking from below. <i>Whenever a castle gets stormed in the movies, the defenders are shown pouring boiling oil through a machicolation onto the enemy attacking the gates.</i>	n / .mada'rōsōs / Gk > L loss of the eyelashes or of the hair of the eyebrows. <i>Dorothy suffered from madarosis during chemotherapy, but her eyelashes eventually grew back even thicker than before.</i>	n / 'mī(,)strō / L > It a master or teacher of an art (as music). <i>The award-winning singer gave tribute to her maestro at the conservatory.</i>
<b>machination</b>	<b>madeleine</b>	<b>maffick</b>
<b>machinator</b>	n / 'mad'lēn / F name a small rich cake baked in a tin shaped like a shell. <i>Knut skipped the main course and went right to the madeleine.</i>	<b>magazine</b>
<b>mackerel</b>	<b>mademoiselle</b>	<b>magenta</b>
<b>mackinaw</b>	n / 'makənō / Amer geog name a short usually double-breasted and belted coat or jacket of heavy fabric. <i>"No guts, no glory!" exclaimed the skier in a plaid mackinaw as he pushed off down the slope.</i>	n / mə'jentə / It geog name a deep purplish red; specifically : one of the subtractive primary colors. <i>The visual afterimage of magenta is green.</i>
<b>macle</b>	<b>madrigal</b>	<b>maggoty</b>
<b>macrame</b>	n / 'makrāmā / Ar > Turk > It or F a coarse lace or decorative fringe made by knotting threads or cords in a geometrical pattern. <i>Penny prefers to use soft yarn in her macrame.</i>	<b>magisterial</b>
<b>macrocosm</b>	<b>madrilene</b>	adj / 'majə.stirēəl / L of, relating to, or having the characteristics of a master or teacher : authoritative. <i>Jubril's magisterial air served him well with everyone but his daughter.</i>
<b>Madagascar</b>	<b>maelstrom</b>	<b>magistracy</b>
adj / .mada'gaskə(r) / African geog name of or from Madagascar, an island in the Indian Ocean. <i>Lemurs, cute large-eyed furry monkey-like animals, are the best known Madagascar fauna.</i>	n / 'mälztrəm / D a powerful water current that usually moves in a circular direction with extreme rapidity. <i>A memorable scene from the movie Fantasia features the sorcerer's apprentice caught in a maelstrom.</i>	n / 'majəstrəsē / L the office of a public official entrusted with administration of the laws : magisterial power and dignity. <i>The dissenters were persecuted by the state for refusing to accept the authority of the magistracy.</i>

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### magnanimity

n  
/mægnə'nimədē/

L  
a nobility of feeling that is superior to meanness, pettiness, or jealousy and that disdains revenge or retaliation.

*The philosopher praised the victor's magnanimity in allowing the captives to return home.*

### magnanimous

adj  
/mæg'nanəməs/

L  
showing or suggesting nobility of feeling and generosity of mind.  
*Simone's magnanimous attitude toward the homeless wasn't shared by her sister.*

### magnetic

adj  
/mag'ned-ik/

Gk geog name  
possessing the ability or power to attract.  
*Even as a child, Julie's magnetic personality charmed everyone who spoke to her.*

### magnetizable

### magnificat

### magnificent

### mahatma

n  
/mæ'hätmə/

Skt  
a person held worthy of reverence for high-mindedness, wisdom, and selflessness.  
*Raoul trekked for three days to seek the advice of the mahatma.*

### mahogany

n  
/mæ'hägənē/

unknown  
the durable yellowish brown to reddish brown wood of a West Indian tree that is widely used for cabinetwork and fine finish work.  
*Kate's bedroom furniture is made of solid mahogany.*

### mahout

n  
/mə'haut/  
Skt > Hindi  
a keeper and driver of an elephant.  
*The mahout trained his elephant to move logs.*

### mai

n  
/mī/  
Jpn

[has homonym: my] a slow Japanese folk or theater dance featuring hand gestures.  
*Midori is an expert in all forms of Japanese dance, but her favorite is the mai.*

### maillot

n  
/ma'yō/  
F

[has near homonym: mayo] a woman's one-piece usually strapless bathing suit.  
*Becky thought that the maillot was out of fashion until she saw several in the catalog.*

### maimed

adj  
/māmd/  
Gmc > F > E  
crippled, mutilated.

*The maimed dog was taken to the animal hospital for treatment.*

### maintenance

n  
/mānt(ə)nən(t)s/  
F

the labor of keeping something (as buildings or equipment) in a state of repair or efficiency : upkeep.  
*Excellent maintenance preserved the original gingerbread trim on the Victorian house.*

### maize

n  
/māz/  
Taino > Sp  
[has homonym: maze] Indian corn.  
*Gina enjoys hearing the story of how the native Americans taught the Pilgrims to grow maize.*

### majordomo

n  
/mājō(r)'dō(mō)/

L > It > Sp  
[has near homonym: mayordomo]  
a head steward or palace official.  
*Jeeves has been majordomo of Huntington Castle for the last 30 years.*

### majority

n  
/mē'jōrədē/  
L

a number greater than half of a total.  
*A runoff is necessary because none of the candidates captured a majority of the votes in the primary.*

### majuscule

adj  
/'majəskyl/

L > F  
written in large letters (as capitals).  
*Dr. Jenkins could see immediately that the majuscule scripts of the two letters were identical and deduced that the same scribe had written both.*

### malachite

n  
/malə.kit/

Gk > L > E  
a mineral consisting of a green carbonate of copper that is an ore of copper and is used to make ornamental objects.  
*Pierre bought a piece of malachite at the museum of natural history.*

### maladive

### maladroit

### malady

n  
/malədē/  
L > F > E

a disease, distemper, disorder, or indisposition of the body proceeding from impaired or defective functions.  
*In the 14th century, the malady known as The Black Death swept across Europe, leaving about 25 million people dead.*

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<b>malaguena</b>	<b>malefactor</b>	<b>malleable</b>
n / .mälə'gānyə / Sp geog name a Spanish couple dance similar to a fandango. <i>Juan and Carmela danced the malaguena with extraordinary grace and emotional excitement.</i>	n / 'malə:faktə(r) / L one who commits an offense against the law. <i>The state's correctional program was designed to rehabilitate as well as punish the malefactor.</i>	adj / 'malēəbəl / L > F > E capable of being extended or shaped by beating with a hammer or by the pressure of rollers. <i>Because tin is malleable at ordinary temperatures, it has been used to make many household implements.</i>
<b>malapropism</b>	<b>maleficent</b>	<b>malleolus</b>
n / 'malə.prä.pizəm / F > E theater name a blundering use of a word that sounds somewhat like the one intended but is ludicrously wrong in the context. <i>No matter how careful he tries to be, Sherman usually utters at least one malapropism in every campaign speech.</i>	n / 'maləs / L > F > E revengeful or unfriendly feelings : ill will, enmity. <i>In spite of all he has had to put up with from his classmates, Joel bears them no malice.</i>	n / mə'lēələs / L [has somewhat near homonym: malleus] the rounded lateral projection on each bone of the leg at the ankle. <i>When Marcie realized that her brother was about to reveal her secret, she kicked him on the malleolus.</i>
<b>malaria</b>	<b>malign</b>	<b>mallet</b>
n / mə'lērēə / L > It + Gk > L > It a disease caused by sporozoan parasites in the red blood cells, transmitted by the bite of anopheline mosquitoes, and characterized by periodic attacks of chills and fevers. <i>During the construction of the Panama Canal many workers succumbed to malaria.</i>	n / mə'līgnənt / L evil in nature or influence or effect. <i>The dark clammy coldness surrounded her like a malignant beast of prey.</i>	n / 'malēt / F > E a tool with a large head for striking a surface without marring it. <i>Ray used a rubber mallet to put the wheel cover back in place after he changed the flat tire.</i>
<b>malaxage</b>	<b>maligner</b>	<b>maloseismic</b>
n / 'mā.laksij / Gk > L > F the act or process of softening a material (as clay) by moistening and working it. <i>After the malaxage the clay was ready for molding on the potter's wheel.</i>	n / mə'lingerə(r) / Gmc? > F one who pretends to be ill or otherwise physically or mentally incapacitated so as to avoid duty or work. <i>Jamie Farr's character on the television series M*A*S*H was an entertaining malingerer.</i>	adj / .malō'sīzmik / Gk of, relating to, or being a region subject to frequent destructive earthquakes. <i>Chris refuses to move to any of the maloseismic areas of California.</i>
<b>malediction</b>	<b>mallard</b>	<b>malocclusion</b>
n / .mälə'dikshən / L curse, execration. <i>The villain's last words were a malediction on the entire royal family.</i>	n / 'malə(r)d / F > E a common wild duck of the northern hemisphere. <i>When Timmy fed the ducks at the marina, he gave his last piece of bread to the mallard.</i>	n / malə'klüzhən / L an abnormality in the fitting together of upper and lower teeth or dentures. <i>Hector wore braces on his teeth to correct a malocclusion.</i>

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<b>malodorous</b> adj / mal'ōdərəs / L + L having a bad odor : rank, fetid, stinking. <i>Evelina smelled the malodorous skunk from 500 yards away.</i>	<b>mandible</b> n / 'mandəbəl / L any of various invertebrate mouthparts serving to hold or bite into food materials. <i>Most insects use the mandible for crushing their food.</i>	<b>mangonel</b> n / 'mangə.nel / Gk > L > F > E a military engine formerly used for throwing missiles. <i>With a sharp twang the mangonel hurled a boulder at the castle gate.</i>
<b>mammoth</b> adj / 'maməθ / Yakut? > Russ gigantic. <i>Clarence specialized in growing mammoth vegetables and held several records for his specimens.</i>	<b>mandolinist</b>	<b>manicotti</b>
	<b>manducatory</b> adj / 'manjəkə.tōrē / L relating to, employed in, or adapted for chewing. <i>Mr. Rollins brought a live lobster to our biology class so that we could observe its manducatory processes.</i>	<b>mandicotti</b> n pl / .manə'kädē / L > It tubular pasta shells stuffed with ricotta. <i>The caterer filled the chafing dish with manicotti.</i>
<b>manacle</b>	<b>manganese</b> n / 'mangə.nēz / Gk > L > It a grayish white metallic element that is ordinarily hard and brittle, resembles iron but is not magnetic, and is used chiefly in making steel. <i>Manganese nodules, which cover vast stretches of ocean floor, are composed mostly of manganese but also contain iron, nickel, copper, and cobalt.</i>	<b>manifesto</b> n / .manə'fe(.)stō / L > It a public declaration of intentions, motives, or views. <i>The Unabomber's rambling manifesto appeared in a number of newspapers nationwide.</i>
<b>managerial</b> adj / .manə'jirēl / L > It + Ecf of, relating to, or characteristic of a person who conducts, directs, or supervises something. <i>The classified ads included a notice for a managerial position at the steel wool factory.</i>		<b>manipulator</b>
<b>mandate</b> n / 'man.dāt / L a formal order from a superior court or official to an inferior one. <i>The clerk delivered the written mandate to the lower court judge by hand.</i>	<b>manganese</b> n / 'mangə.nēz / Gk > L > It a grayish white metallic element that is ordinarily hard and brittle, resembles iron but is not magnetic, and is used chiefly in making steel. <i>Manganese nodules, which cover vast stretches of ocean floor, are composed mostly of manganese but also contain iron, nickel, copper, and cobalt.</i>	<b>manna</b> n / 'manə / Heb > Gk > L > E [has near homonym: mana] something of value that falls one's way : windfall. <i>Children swarmed the parade route collecting the manna of treats tossed from the float.</i>
<b>mandatory</b> adj / 'mandə.tōrē / L containing, constituting, or relating to an authoritative command, order, or injunction. <i>Several states are instituting a mandatory work program for employable welfare recipients.</i>	<b>mange</b> v / 'mängəl / F > AF > E [has homonym: mangel] cut, bruise, or hack with repeated blows or strokes. <i>As an act of vengeance, Scott vowed that he would mangle Sara's prize-winning painting.</i>	<b>manoptoscope</b>
	<b>mangle</b> v / 'mängəl / F > AF > E [has homonym: mangel] cut, bruise, or hack with repeated blows or strokes. <i>As an act of vengeance, Scott vowed that he would mangle Sara's prize-winning painting.</i>	<b>mansard</b>
		<b>mansuetude</b> n / 'man(t)swə.tüd / L the quality or state of being gentle : meekness. <i>Gary remembered his mother as having the sensitivity and mansuetude of a saint.</i>

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<b>manumit</b> v / 'mæn.yə.mit / L set free; especially : release from slavery. <i>The tobacco farmer had agreed to manumit his one slave just before the Civil War began.</i>	<b>marcescent</b> adj / mär'sesənt / L of a plant part : withering without falling off. <i>Autumn's first cold snap left many marcescent leaves in its wake.</i>	<b>marine</b> adj / mæ'rēn / L of or relating to the sea. <i>Marine iguanas live on the shores of the Galapagos Islands and eat seaweed.</i>
<b>manuscript</b>	<b>marchioness</b>	<b>marionette</b>
<b>maraca</b> n / mä'räkə / Tupi > Pg a dried gourd or rattle containing dried seeds or pebbles that has a handle and is used as a percussion instrument often in pairs. <i>The band's percussionist accentuated the rhythm with a maraca.</i>	n / 'märsh(ə)nəs / L a woman who holds in her own right the rank of marquess. <i>Once a month the workers on the estate brought their disputes before the marchioness to be resolved.</i>	n / .ma(a)rēə'net / F a puppet moved by strings or by hand (as in a puppet show). <i>A marionette of Jay Leno was the hit of the show.</i>
<b>maraschino</b> n / .marə'skē.nō / It a sweet liqueur that is used as a cocktail ingredient and in preserving cherries. <i>Even though she's a grown woman, Evelyn sometimes likes to make herself a Shirley Temple with clear soda and maraschino.</i>	<b>mare</b> n / 'mä(.r)ā / L [has near homonym: moray] one of several dark areas of considerable extent on the surface of either the Moon or Mars. <i>The Sea of Tranquility is perhaps the best-known mare on the Moon.</i>	<b>maritime</b> adj / 'marə.tīm / E name of or relating to navigation or commerce on the sea. <i>After Bob graduates, he plans to join the Navy to study maritime law.</i>
<b>maraud</b>	<b>margaritaceous</b>	<b>marjoram</b>
<b>marauding</b> v / mä'rōdij / F roaming about and making irregular sudden small-scale attacks, raids, or incursions for the sake of obtaining loot. <i>Outlaws were marauding in areas where the law was not well established.</i>	adj / .märgərə'tāshəs / Gk > L > F > E having a satiny iridescence like that of pearl or mother-of-pearl : pearly. <i>The tabletops at the diner have a margaritaceous finish.</i>	n / 'mär.jərəm / L > F > E any of various usually fragrant and aromatic mints that include several forms used as seasoning in cookery. <i>Vance likes to add marjoram and cream cheese to his scrambled eggs.</i>
<b>marble</b>	<b>mariachi</b>	<b>marmalade</b>
	n / .märē'ächē / F > Sp a group of Mexican folk musicians usually consisting of singers, guitarists, and a violinist. <i>On weekends the mariachi entertained diners at the Mexican restaurant.</i>	n / 'märme.lād / Gk > L > Pg a soft clear translucent jelly holding in suspension pieces or slices of fruit and fruit rind. <i>Mom's homemade marmalade on toast is always a great treat for breakfast.</i>
	<b>maricolous</b>	

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<b>marmoset</b> n / 'mär-mə-set / F > E any of numerous small soft-furred South and Central American monkeys with claws instead of nails on all the digits except the great toe. <i>The chisel-like incisors of the marmoset are used for gouging trees to obtain gums and saps.</i>	<b>martial</b> adj / 'mär-shəl / L [has homonyms: marshal, marshall] belonging or relating to an army or to military life. <i>Patrick Henry believed that the only purpose of England's martial array in the colonies and their seaports could be to force the colonists into submission.</i>	<b>marzipan</b> n / 'märtsə-pän / Ar > It > G a confection made of crushed almonds or almond paste, sugar, and egg whites that is often shaped into various forms (as fruit or animals). <i>Marlene filled the candy dish with marzipan.</i>
<b>marotte</b> n / mə'rät / F name + Fcf a pet idea or notion. <i>Katrina's marotte is that she is really too good for life as a bookkeeper and should be a company vice-president.</i>	<b>martinet</b> n / 'märt'�n-et / F name one who lays stress on a rigid adherence to the details of forms and methods. <i>A true-born martinet never thinks he is at all severe.</i>	<b>mascara</b>
<b>marplot</b>	<b>martinetish</b> adj / .märt'�n-ed-ish / F name + Ecf like or characteristic of a person who lays stress on a rigid adherence to the details of forms and methods. <i>Though all the students disliked Mr. Wall's martinetish attitude, most of them thought he was an excellent teacher.</i>	<b>masonry</b>
<b>marriageable</b>	<b>martyr</b> n / 'märd-rər / Gk one who voluntarily suffers death as the penalty of witnessing to and refusing to renounce his or her religion or a tenet, principle, or practice belonging to it. <i>St. Stephen, who was stoned to death, is believed to have been the first Christian martyr.</i>	<b>masquerade</b> n / .maskə'rād / It > F a social gathering of persons wearing covers on their faces and often fantastic costumes especially to impersonate characters from history or legend. <i>Todd and Sheila wore Conehead costumes to the masquerade.</i>
<b>marshmallow</b> n / 'märsh.melō / E a confection made from corn syrup, sugar, albumen, and gelatin, beaten to a light creamy consistency, and usually rolled in powdered sugar when partly dry. <i>Burt toasted a marshmallow and put it between layers of graham crackers and chocolate squares.</i>	<b>massacre</b> n / 'masēkə(r) / F the act or instance of killing a considerable number of human beings or animals. <i>The massacre of buffalo is a regrettable part of the history of the West.</i>	
<b>marsupial</b> n / mär'sü-pēəl / Avestan? > Gk > L any of an order of mammals having a pouch for carrying the young and including kangaroos, wombats, bandicoots, and opossums. <i>The common stereotype of a marsupial is a female kangaroo with a large young one in her pouch.</i>	<b>massage</b>	
	<b>masseter</b> n / mə'sēdə(r) / Gk > L a large muscle that raises the lower jaw and assists in chewing. <i>Tracy argued that she was trying to strengthen her masseter, but Mr. Gold made her throw out her chewing gum anyway.</i>	

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<b>masseuse</b> n /ma'so(r)z/ Ar > F + Fcf a woman who practices massage and physiotherapy. <i>Delia spent an hour with the club's masseuse working out the kinks in her back.</i>	<b>matelote</b> n /'madəlōt/ F a sauce made of wine, onions, seasonings, and fish stock. <i>Even though it is served with fish, a matelote often contains red wine.</i>	<b>mattock</b> n /'madək/ L > E a tool that combines features of an ax, adze, and pick and is used for digging and chopping. <i>It took Mark three hours of hard work with a mattock and shovel to dig up the tree stump.</i>
<b>massif</b> n /ma'sef/ F a block of Earth's crust bounded by faults or flexures and displaced as a unit without internal change. <i>In the late 13th century a roadway was opened over the St. Gotthard massif in Switzerland.</i>	<b>mathematician</b> <b>mathematics</b> n pl /.mathə'madiks/ Gk a science that deals with the relationship and symbolism of numbers and magnitudes and that includes quantitative operations and the solution of quantitative problems. <i>Jill's favorite subject in school is mathematics.</i>	<b>mattress</b> <b>maturesent</b> <b>matutinal</b> <b>matutine</b> adj /machə.tin/ L of a star : rising in or just before the dawn. <i>For centuries those who live outdoors have used matutine stars as a kind of alarm clock.</i>
<b>mastiff</b> n /'mastəf/ L > F > E a very large powerful deep-chested smooth-coated dog of a very old breed used chiefly as a watchdog and guard dog. <i>A big brown mastiff stood motionless behind the gate.</i>	<b>matinee</b> n /.mat'�n'ā/ L > F a performance of a production (as a play, opera, film) or the presentation of a concert or sometimes the holding of some other event in the afternoon or occasionally in the morning or at midnight. <i>The English class attended a matinee of Our Town at the local playhouse.</i>	<b>maudlin</b> adj /mōdlēn/ Biblical Gk name > L > F > E tearfully or weakly emotional : effusively sentimental. <i>Brian allowed himself to become maudlin only on St. Patrick's Day.</i>
<b>mastodon</b> n /'mastədān/ L someone or something of gigantic size or unusually large size : giant. <i>Mrs. Campbell's automobile collection ranges from a tiny two-seater to an antique mastodon.</i>	<b>matriarch</b> <b>matriarchal</b> <b>matriculant</b> <b>matriculation</b> <b>matrimony</b> n /matrə.mōnē/ L + L the union of man and woman as husband and wife : marriage. <i>The Las Vegas chapel specialized in instant matrimony.</i>	<b>maudlinism</b> <b>mausoleum</b> <b>mauve</b> n /mōv/ L > F a strong purple with a bluish cast. <i>Karen has tired of her bedroom of mauve and blue.</i>
<b>mastoiditis</b> n /ma.stōi'dīdēs/ Gk > L inflammation of the process of the temporal bone behind the ear. <i>Amy's doctor treated her mastoiditis immediately so that it wouldn't cause any permanent hearing damage.</i>	<b>matrix</b>	<b>maverick</b> n /mav(ə)rɪk/ Amer name a member of any group who refuses to conform and who takes an unorthodox stand. <i>The rest of the teachers considered Ms. Thorne to be a maverick because she invited her students to call her by her first name.</i>
<b>matelot</b>		

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<b>mawkish</b>	<b>mealy-mouthed</b>	<b>mediate</b>
<b>mawkishly</b>	adj / 'mōkishlē /	v / 'mēdē.āt /
adv ON > E in a cloying or sickly sentimental manner. <i>During a mawkishly romantic scene in the movie, Ted got up to get some popcorn.</i>	E + E tending to cloak thoughts, ideas, or intents by the use of obscure or devious language. <i>All of Judy's friends saw through her mealy-mouthed explanation.</i>	L interpose between parties in order to reconcile them or to interpret them to each other. <i>The envoy attempted to mediate between the warring factions.</i>
<b>maxim</b>	<b>meandering</b>	<b>medicinal</b>
n / 'maksəm /	adj / mē'andrəs / Gk geog name winding, flexuous, rambling. <i>Over thousands of years the river had cut a meandering channel through the plain.</i>	n / 'medəsən /
L a saying of proverbial nature. “The early bird gets the worm” is Toni’s favorite maxim.		L the science and art dealing with the maintenance of health and the prevention, alleviation, or cure of disease. <i>Campbell knows that she would like to one day pursue a career in the field of medicine.</i>
<b>mayhem</b>	<b>measles</b>	<b>medicolegal</b>
n / 'mā.hem /	pl / 'mēzəlz /	<b>mediocre</b>
AF > E willful and permanent crippling, mutilation, or disfigurement of any part of another’s body. <i>The victim was so badly disfigured that the assailant was charged with felony mayhem.</i>	E a contagious disease characterized by red spots. <i>Most doctors recommend that children be vaccinated against measles, mumps, and rubella.</i>	adj / .mēdē.'ōkə(r) /
<b>mayonnaise</b>	<b>measurable</b>	L of but a moderate or low degree of quality. <i>Jill’s grades were mediocre until she started wearing glasses.</i>
n / 'mā.ə.nāz /	<b>mecometer</b>	<b>Mediterranean</b>
geog name? > F a semisolid dressing made by emulsifying a mixture of raw eggs or egg yolks, vegetable oil, and vinegar or lemon juice usually together with salt and condiments. <i>Helga wouldn’t eat a roast beef sandwich without mayonnaise.</i>	<b>medallion</b>	adj / .medētə'rānēən /
<b>mayorality</b>	<b>medallionist</b>	L of, relating to, characteristic of, or situated near the Mediterranean Sea. <i>The Mediterranean island of Malta has been the location for the filming of several movies.</i>
n / 'mā.ərəltē /	<b>meddlesome</b>	<b>medulla</b>
L > F > E the term of office as the chief executive or nominal head of a city or borough. <i>His opponent’s television commercial made the point that Henry Vermillion had accomplished little during his mayoralty.</i>	adj / 'med'lsəm / L > F > E officiously intrusive. <i>Her landlady’s meddlesome manner annoyed Hatty so much that she moved out.</i>	n / mē'dələ /
<b>meadow</b>		L a posterior portion of the brain. <i>The medulla governs various involuntary vital functions such as respiration.</i>
		<b>meemies</b>
		<b>meerschaum</b>

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<b>megacephalic</b>	<b>melba</b>	<b>mellow</b>
<b>megalomaniac</b>	n / 'mēgəlō'mānē.äk / Gk one affected with or exhibiting an excessive enthusiasm for doing great or grandiose things. <i>The candidate decried his opponent as a publicity-seeking megalomaniac.</i>	adj / 'mēlōbə / Australian name fruit served with ice cream, raspberry sauce, and whipped cream. <i>The peach melba was served in a crystal goblet.</i>
<b>megropolis</b>	<b>melee</b>	<b>melodrama</b>
n / 'mēgə'läpəlēs / Gk a very large city. <i>Without community growth guidelines, a moderately sized city could become a megalopolis like Los Angeles in just a few decades.</i>	n / 'mā(,)lā / F [has homonyms: Malay, mele] a fight or contest between individuals mingled in a confused mass : a confused struggle. <i>The soccer match turned into a melee after angry fans stormed the field.</i>	n / 'mēlōdrāmə / Gk > L > F a play characterized by extravagant theatricality, subordination of characterization to plot, and predominance of physical action. <i>George was put off by the opera's melodrama but was enthralled by the beauty of the music.</i>
<b>megaphone</b>	<b>melitensis</b>	<b>melophonic</b>
<b>megaseism</b>	adj / .mēgəsīzəm / Gk + Gk a violent earthquake. <i>A nuclear bomb can have effects far worse than those of a megaseism.</i>	<b>memoir</b>
<b>megohmmeter</b>	<b>mellifluous</b>	<b>memorial</b>
n / 'mē.gōm.mēdə(r) / Gk + G name + Gk an instrument for the measurement of large electrical resistances. <i>Professor Allen designed a laboratory session to acquaint students with the use of the megohmmeter.</i>	adj / mē'liflōwəs / L sweetly flowing : smooth, honeyed. <i>The soprano's mellifluous voice lulled Frank to sleep.</i>	n / 'mēmōrē / L > F a history or narrative composed from or stressing personal experience and acquaintance with the events, scenes, or persons described. <i>The memoir of Burton Smith was published last year.</i>
<b>melancholia</b>	<b>mellisonant</b>	<b>memorabilia</b>
<b>melancholy</b>	adj / 'mēlōn.kälē / Gk > L > F > E depressed in spirits : mournful. <i>The melancholy chirp of a cricket was the only sign of life near him.</i>	adj / mē'lis'nənt / L + L pleasing to the ear. <i>Tonia's mellisonant voice never failed to put her little sister to sleep.</i>
	<b>mellophone</b>	<b>memoriter</b>
		adv / mē'mōrē.te(ə)r / L by or from memory : by heart. <i>Much to her surprise, Sue was able to recite the soliloquy that 20 years ago she had learned memoriter.</i>
		<b>memory</b>
		<b>menace</b>

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<b>menagerie</b>	<b>meningitis</b>	<b>mentor</b>
n /mə'naj(ə)rē/ F a collection of wild or foreign animals in cages or enclosures. <i>The eccentric billionaire's menagerie includes two pandas and a white rhino.</i>	n /mə'nēnjīdōs/ Gk > L a disease in which microorganisms cause inflammation of the membranes that envelop the brain and spinal cord. <i>Trudy had meningitis when she was seven.</i>	n /mēn.tō(ə)r/ Gk name teacher, tutor, coach. <i>After Helen won the spelling competition, she said that her mother was her mentor.</i>
<b>mendacious</b>	<b>meniscus</b>	<b>mephitis</b>
<b>mendicancy</b>	n /mēndikānsē/ L the practice or act of begging. <i>Panhandlers became so aggressive in the city that its voters demanded legal enactments against mendicancy.</i>	n /mēfīdōs/ OScan > L a noxious, pestilential, or foul exhalation from the earth. <i>Ivy suspected she was approaching the geyser when she smelled a strong mephitis.</i>
<b>mendicant</b>	<b>menorah</b>	<b>mercantilism</b>
n /mēndikānt/ L one who begs; especially : one who lives by begging. <i>The mendicant on the street corner once had a high-paying job.</i>	n /mē'nōrə/ Heb a candelabrum with nine candlesticks used in the celebration of Hanukkah. <i>Stuart put the candles in the menorah just before the ceremony.</i>	n /mērkāntē.lizēm/ L > It > F + Ecf devotion to commercial enterprise. <i>The turn of the century saw a boom in mercantilism.</i>
<b>menehune</b>	<b>mentality</b>	<b>mercenarily</b>
n /mēnə'hūnē/ Hawaiian a small mythical Polynesian being living in the mountains and working at night as a stone builder. <i>The Hawaiian folklorist told the tale of a stone temple built overnight by a menehune.</i>	n /men'talēdē/ L intellectual power or capacity : learning ability. <i>The mentality of dolphins is greater than that of sharks.</i>	adv /mērs'�erēlē/ L + Ecff in a manner showing conspicuous lust for money. <i>Being mercenarily inclined, Joel refused to work for just the minimum wage.</i>
<b>menial</b>	<b>menthol</b>	<b>mercenary</b>
adj /mēnēəl/ L > E of, relating to, or being work not requiring special skill or not calling into play the higher intellectual powers and often regarded as lacking dignity, status, or interest. <i>Viewed by some office workers as a menial task, making coffee can be quite an art.</i>	n /men.thōl/ L > G an alcohol that occurs naturally in peppermint oil and Japanese mint oil and can be made synthetically. <i>Menthol is used in medicines to relieve pain, itching, and nasal congestion.</i>	adj /mērs'�erē/ L showing conspicuous lust for money : based on or marked by greed. <i>No one in the family knows where Antonio gets his mercenary tendencies.</i>
		<b>mercurial</b>
		adj /mēr'kyūrēl/ L characterized by rapid and unpredictable changeableness or by quick-wittedness : sprightly, temperamental, volatile. <i>Christopher's mercurial twists of temperament were a trial to his mother.</i>

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<b>merely</b>	<b>merotomize</b>	<b>metallurgist</b>
adv / 'mi(ə)rlē / L > E + Ecf no more than : barely, only. <i>Joseph was merely pretending to be asleep.</i>	v / mə'rädə.mīz / Gk + Ecf divide into parts. <i>In tomorrow's biology class Jan will merotomize a frog to study its anatomy.</i>	n / 'med'l.ərjēst / Gk a specialist in the study of the structure and properties of metals. <i>Theobald hired a metallurgist to evaluate the ore deposits on his ranch.</i>
<b>merganser</b>	<b>merriment</b>	<b>metamorphosis</b>
n / mər'gan(t)sər / L any of various fish-eating diving ducks with a slender bill and usually a crested head. <i>Many people consider the red-breasted merganser one of the most beautiful ducks.</i>	<b>meshummad</b>	n / .medə'mō(r)fəsəs / Gk > L change of physical form or substance that takes place during an insect's life as it matures. <i>Complete metamorphosis is characteristic of beetles, butterflies and moths, flies, and wasps.</i>
<b>meridian</b>	<b>mesoscale</b>	<b>metaphor</b>
n / mə'ridēən / F > E a great circle of the celestial sphere passing through its poles and the zenith of a given place. <i>The apparent solar day is measured by the interval of time between two successive passages of the Sun across the observer's celestial meridian.</i>	adj / 'mezō.skāl / Gk > L + ON > E of or relating to a meteorological phenomenon approximately 1 to 100 kilometers in horizontal extent. <i>Unlike a blizzard, which can blanket a dozen states for days, mesoscale weather covers only a small area and passes through quickly.</i>	n / 'medə.fō(ə)r / Gk an implied comparison in contrast to the explicit comparison of the simile. <i>The poet used the image of a drifting boat as a metaphor for the troubled soul.</i>
<b>meringue</b>	<b>mesoseismal</b>	<b>metaphrast</b>
n / mə'ranj / F [has near homonym: marang] a mixture of beaten egg whites and powdered sugar baked at low temperature and used as a topping (as on pies and puddings). <i>Thelma scraped the meringue off her pie.</i>	adj / .mezō'sīzməl / Gk of or relating to the center of an area of earthquake disturbance. <i>The town in the mesoseismal area suffered the most damage from the earthquake.</i>	n / 'medə.frāst / Gk translator; specifically : one who turns verse into a different meter or prose into verse. <i>In translating the epic poem, Elliott consulted a well-known metaphrast.</i>
<b>mermaid</b>	<b>metachrosis</b>	<b>metastasize</b>
n / 'mər.mād / E a fabled marine creature having the upper body of a woman and the lower body of a fish. <i>As they sailed closer to what they thought was the end of the world, the sailors kept expecting to see a mermaid.</i>	n / .medə'krōsēs / Gk the power of some animals (as many fishes and reptiles) to change color voluntarily by the expansion of special pigment cells. <i>Metachrosis helps octopi blend with their environments to avoid being easy prey.</i>	v / mə'tastə.sīz / Gk spread, as a disease-producing agent, from the original site of disease to another part of the body. <i>The oncology professor pointed on the diagram to where the cancer cells would metastasize next.</i>
<b>mermithergate</b>	<b>metagnomy</b>	
	<b>metallurgical</b>	

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<b>meteoroidal</b> adj / .mēdēə'rōid'l / Gk + Ecf of or relating to meteors in orbit around the Sun. <i>The many craters on the Moon are the result of meteoroidal bombardment.</i>	<b>meuniere</b> n / mē'nērē / L > It > F the lowest balcony in a theater. <i>Melinda says that she enjoys the view from the mezzanine better than the view from the orchestra.</i>	<b>micrograph</b> n / 'mīkrōgrāf / Gk + Gk a graphic reproduction of the image of an object formed by a microscope. <i>The biology teacher showed the class a micrograph of a plant cell.</i>
<b>methodical</b>		<b>micerurgy</b>
<b>meticulousity</b> n / mē.tikyə'läsədē / L + Ecf the quality or state of being extremely painstaking in the consideration or treatment of details. <i>The gallery visitor marveled at the artist's meticulosity in depicting details so realistically.</i>	 n / mī(.)krērjē / Gk > ISV the practice of using minute tools in a magnified field. <i>Lorraine's excellence at micrurgy helped her greatly with her model making.</i>	
<b>metonymy</b> n / mē'tänəmē / Gk a figure of speech that consists in using the name of one thing for that of something else with which it is associated (as in "spent the evening reading Shakespeare"). <i>The metonymy "threads" for clothes has recently come back into popular slang.</i>	<b>miasma</b> n / mī'azmə / Gk > L [Note: Could be confused with miasm.] a vaporous exhalation (as of a marshy region or of rotting matter) formerly believed to contain a substance causing disease. <i>Eloise couldn't wait to escape from the miasma that had settled over the entire swamp.</i>	<b>midgetism</b> n / mijēd·izəm / E + Ecf the state of being an unusually small creature or thing. <i>In the art of bonsai, midgetism is highly valued.</i>
<b>metoposcopy</b> n / medə'päskəpē / Gk the art of reading character or telling fortunes from the markings of the forehead. <i>Gerald has a high, bumpy forehead that would provide a truly interesting study in metoposcopy.</i>	<b>Micawber</b> n / mē'kōbə(r) / E literary name [has near homonym: macabre] an improvident person who lives in expectation of an upturn in his fortunes. <i>Jenny was careful not to live like a Micawber just because she expected to receive a fellowship.</i>	<b>midinette</b> n / .mid'n'et / F a Parisian shopgirl. <i>In the novel, Marie was a midinette who worked as a seamstress during the 1890s.</i>
<b>metronome</b> n / 'metrə.nōm / Gk an instrument that emits an audible repetitive tap regulated to mark rhythm (as for music or marching). <i>Martina used a metronome to hypnotize her cat.</i>	<b>microcosm</b> n / 'mīkrō.käzəm / Gk a miniature universe. <i>Kate could spend hours watching the microcosm of her ant farm.</i>	<b>midriff</b> n / 'mi.drif / E the midregion of the human torso; especially : its external ventral aspect. <i>According to the dress code, any student coming to school with an exposed midriff will be sent home.</i>
<b>mettwurst</b>	<b>microfiche</b> n / 'mīkrō.fēsh / F a sheet of film containing several rows of photographic records on a reduced scale that are enlarged for reading or viewing. <i>Norma examined a microfiche of old newspaper pages while doing research at the library.</i>	<b>mien</b> n / 'mēn / L > F > E [has homonym: mean] the air or bearing of a person. <i>Fame and fortune did not alter Cindy's humble mien.</i>

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<b>mignonette</b>	<b>millennium</b>	<b>minacious</b>
n /mīñyō'net/	n /mī'lēnēəm/ L a period of 1,000 years. <i>In his "Four Freedoms" speech, Franklin D. Roosevelt stressed that his vision was not that of a distant millennium.</i>	adj /mī'nāshōs/ L of a menacing or threatening character. <i>Though the butler seemed minacious, he was not the culprit.</i>
F an annual plant native to North Africa that has long racemes of fragrant yellow or greenish white flowers. <i>Lord Bateman sent seeds of mignonette to England in 1742 and called it mignonette, although it was not known by that name in France at the time.</i>		
<b>migraine</b>	<b>millinery</b>	<b>minaret</b>
n /mīgrān/ Gk > L > F a condition marked by recurrent severe headache often with nausea and vomiting. <i>Karen's doctor found out that her migraine was due to a food allergy.</i>		
Jpn an emperor of Japan. <i>The Mikado is one of Gilbert and Sullivan's best-loved operettas.</i>	<b>millionaire</b>	<b>minatory</b>
<b>mikado</b>	<b>mimeograph</b>	
n /mē'kā(ō)dō/ Jpn	v /mīmēə.graf/ Gk + Gk copy with a duplicator that consists of a frame in which the stencil is stretched and an inking roller for pressing ink through the porous lines of the stencil onto paper. <i>Kerry was puzzled when her grandmother talked of how she used to mimeograph her boss's company memos.</i>	adj /mīnā.tōrē/ L having a menacing quality : expressive of or conveying a threat. <i>In a minatory tone, Mrs. Sampson asked the boys what they planned to do about her broken window.</i>
	<b>mimic</b>	<b>minestrone</b>
<b>milacre</b>	v /mīmik/ Gk > L copy or imitate very closely especially in external characteristics (as voice, gesture, or manner). <i>Christie has learned to mimic Grandma so well on the telephone that she can fool the whole family.</i>	n /mīnāstrōnē/ L > It a rich thick vegetable soup with dried beans, macaroni, vermicelli, or similar ingredients sometimes topped with grated cheese. <i>Steve crumbled oyster crackers into his minestrone.</i>
<b>milchig</b>	<b>mimicry</b>	<b>miniascape</b>
adj /mīlkik/ G > Yiddish made of or derived from milk or dairy products. <i>The dairy association posted on its web site several menus for milchig meals.</i>		
<b>mildewed</b>	<b>mimosa</b>	<b>miniature</b>
<b>militancy</b>		
<b>militia</b>	<b>n</b>	
n /mē'līshā/ L a reserve unit of the armed forces. <i>Captain Weston's military career began when he entered his county's militia.</i>	/mē'mōsə/ L a tree or shrub that is native to tropical and warm regions and that has usually bipinnate leaves and globular heads of small pink or white flowers. <i>Deanna planted a mimosa in the front yard.</i>	adj /'min(ē)ə.chū(ē)r/ L > It being or represented on a small scale. <i>The miniature productions of architects' dream houses were all made out of children's building blocks.</i>
<b>millennialism</b>		<b>miniaturize</b>

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### minimization

n

/ˌmɪnəməˈzæʃən /

L + Ecff

the action or process of reducing to the smallest possible number, degree, or extent.

*The credit counselor told Shanika that the first step should be the minimization of her interest payments.*

### minor

n

/'mīnə(r) /

L

[has homonym: miner] a person under full age or majority : one who has not attained the age at which full civil rights are accorded. *Because Randy is a minor, the airline will not allow him to take the red-eye flight unaccompanied.*

### minstrel

### minuend

n

/'minyəwənd /

L

a quantity in mathematics from which another quantity is to be subtracted.

*In the equation 7 – 5 = 2, 7 is the minuend.*

### minuscular

adj

/mə'nəskyələ(r) /

L

very small in size or importance.

*A minuscular speck of dirt on Alison's frock was enough to infuriate her.*

### minutia

### mirabelle

n

/'mīrəbel /

F

the fruit of a small hardy European plum tree used especially for preserves and for making a liqueur.

*Joey ate a stewed mirabelle as he helped his grandmother make jam.*

### mirador

n

/'mīrədō(ə)r /

L > Catal > Sp

a turret or a bay window or enclosed balcony designed to command an extensive outlook—used chiefly of Spanish architecture.

*The castle's mirador offered a commanding view of the sea.*

### mirage

### Miranda

adj

/mē'rāndə /

American name

of, relating to, or being the legal rights of an arrested person to have an attorney and to remain silent so as to avoid self-incrimination.

*At the time of arrest, each person must be advised of his Miranda rights.*

### mirrored

v

/'mīrə(r)d /

L > F > E + Ecf

reflected.

*The moonlight was mirrored in the smooth surface of the pond.*

### misanthropic

adj

/ˌmīsən'θräpik /

Gk + Ecf

marked by a hatred or contempt for humankind.

*The moral corruption the policeman witnessed caused him to become a misanthropic cynic.*

### miscellanea

n pl

/ˌmīsə'lānēə /

L

a collection of assorted objects.

*Among the miscellanea on Ernie's bookshelf were five textbooks on world history and a complete set of the works of Shakespeare.*

### miscellaneous

### miscellany

### mischief

n

/'mis(h)chēf /

F > E

action or conduct that annoys or irritates without causing or meaning to cause serious harm.

*Hearing the puppy's thumping and barking, Erica went to investigate the mischief he was creating.*

### mischievous

### miscible

adj

/'mīsəbəl /

L

[Note: Pronouncer should provide definition of this word.] capable of being mixed in any ratio without separation of two phases—used especially of fluids.

*Oil and kerosene are miscible, but carbon tetrachloride and water are not.*

### miscreant

n

/'miskrēənt /

L > F > E

one who behaves criminally or viciously.

*Some miscreant dumped a bucket of paint in Herb's convertible.*

### misdemeanor

n

/ˌmīsdē'mēnə(r) /

E + L > F > E

a crime less than a felony.

*The trespasser was arrested and charged with a misdemeanor.*

### miserable

adj

/'mīz(ə)rəbəl /

L

marked by extreme discomfort or unhappiness.

*The refugees struggled for survival in the miserable mountainside encampment.*

### misericordia

### misfeasance

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<b>misnomer</b>	<b>misshapen</b>	<b>misuse</b>
n / mò'snōmə(r) / L > F > E an incorrect designation or term. <i>The name "Greenland" is a misnomer because an icecap covers most of the island.</i>	adj / mis(h)shāpən / E having an ugly or deformed shape. <i>The misshapen pumpkin made a fierce-looking jack-o'-lantern.</i>	v / mis'yüz / Ecf + L > F > E employ for a wrong or improper purpose. <i>Employees who misuse their Internet connection at work will be fired.</i>
<b>misogynistic</b>	<b>missile</b>	<b>mitigate</b>
adj / mò'säjë'nistik / Gk relating to or given to a hatred of women. <i>The soprano complained that only a critic with misogynistic cruelty could have written the review.</i>	n / 'misəl / L [has homonym: missal] a weapon or other object thrown or projected. <i>Ichabod endeavored to dodge the horrible missile, but too late.</i>	v / 'midəgät / L make less severe, cruel, intense, painful. <i>The general interceded to mitigate the soldier's punishment.</i>
<b>misogyny</b>	<b>missionary</b>	<b>mitigative</b>
<b>misoneism</b>	<b>mistassini</b>	
n / .misə'nē.izəm / Gk + Gk a hatred or intolerance of something new or changed. <i>Because of his mom's misoneism, Brian still does not have a computer in his home.</i>	n / .mīstə'sēnē / Canadian geog name a dwarf primrose of northern and alpine America. <i>Ava saw a mistassini growing in a rock crevice.</i>	adj / 'midə.gādīv / L tending to make less severe : alleviating. <i>Mariko's herbal tea had a mitigative effect on Raga's headache.</i>
<b>misopedia</b>	<b>mistigris</b>	<b>mitochondrion</b>
n / .misə'pēdēə / L + Ecf one who hates children. <i>W. C. Fields was a famed misopedia.</i>	n / 'mistē.gris / F a joker or blank card that the holder can play as any card. <i>Darryl won the hand using a mistigris and three queens for four of a kind.</i>	n / .mīdə'kändrēən / Gk + Gk any of various round or long cellular organelles that are found outside the nucleus, produce energy for the cell through cellular respiration, and are rich in fats, proteins, and enzymes. <i>Gabrielle easily found the mitochondrion in the image projected by the electron microscope.</i>
<b>misprision</b>	<b>mistletoe</b>	<b>mitrailleuse</b>
n / mò'sprizhən / L > F > E the active or passive concealment of treason or felony from the prosecuting authorities by one not guilty of those crimes. <i>Congressman Walters was charged with misprision of felony in the election fraud.</i>	n / 'misəltō / E any of various American plants of the genus Phoradendron that grow on deciduous trees. <i>Lance earned extra Christmas money selling mistletoe at the mall.</i>	<b>mittimus</b>
<b>misstral</b>	<b>mneme</b>	
n / 'mistrəl / L > OProv > F a violent cold dry northerly wind of the Mediterranean provinces of France. <i>In Provence, the mistral sometimes dries out the vines and grapes.</i>		n / 'midəməs / L a warrant committing the person specified to prison. <i>In this state no person can be committed to a correctional facility without a mittimus from a judge.</i>

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<b>mnemonic</b>	<b>mohair</b>	<b>momentum</b>
<b>mnestic</b>	n / 'mō.ha(a)(ə)r / Ar > It > E any of various fabrics or yarns made wholly or in part of the hair of the Angora goat. <i>For her birthday Linda got a matching scarf and sweater, both made of mohair.</i>	n / mō'mentəm / L a property of a moving body that determines the length of time required to bring it to rest when under the action of a constant force or moment. <i>The snowball gained momentum as it rolled down the hill.</i>
<b>mocha</b>	<b>moiety</b>	<b>monadnock</b>
n / 'mōkə / Arabian geog name a flavoring made of a strong coffee infusion or of a mixture of cocoa or chocolate with coffee. <i>Samantha detected a hint of mocha in her hot chocolate.</i>	n / 'mōiədē / L > F > E a share paid by the government to an informer out of duties and penalties collected because of the individual's help. <i>The whistleblower received a moiety of the large fine imposed upon his employer for supplying faulty engine parts to the military.</i>	n / mə'nad.näk / New Hampshire geog name a hill or mountain of resistant rock surmounting an eroded plain. <i>The familiar shape of the monadnock was a landmark for travelers.</i>
<b>moderate</b>	<b>molasses</b>	<b>monarch</b>
adj / 'mād(ə)rāt / L > E neither small nor large. <i>Sally's room was of moderate size, but her sister's was quite small.</i>	n / mə'lasəz / L > Pg the thick dark to light brown syrup that is separated from raw sugar in sugar manufacture. <i>Mollie always adds molasses to beans before baking them.</i>	<b>monastery</b>
<b>modicum</b>	<b>molecule</b>	
n / 'mādəkəm / L > F a small portion : a limited quantity or amount. <i>Bernie displayed not even a modicum of modesty as he bragged about his hole in one.</i>	<b>molecules</b>	
<b>modificative</b>	<b>molinary</b>	<b>monetarily</b>
adj / 'mādəfə.kādīv / L + Ecf serving to make minor changes in the form or structure of. <i>To thicken the runny sauce, Hester used flour as the modificative ingredient.</i>	adj / 'mälə.nerē / L of or relating to a mill or the process of grinding. <i>Elsworth's firm specializes in the manufacture of molinary equipment.</i>	adv / ,mānə'terēlē / L + Ecf with respect to money. <i>Bud said he wasn't broke, just monetarily deficient.</i>
<b>modiste</b>	<b>mollify</b>	<b>monetary</b>
		adj / 'mänə.terē / L of or relating to money or to the instrumentalities and organizations by which money is supplied to the economy. <i>So many Americans are active investors that even a slight change in interest rates can have serious monetary repercussions.</i>
	<b>momentousness</b>	
	n / mō'mentəsnəs / L > F > E the quality or state of being very important. <i>An orchestra fanfare accentuated the momentousness of the occasion.</i>	

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### **mongoose**

n

/'mänjgüs/

Dravidian? > Prakrit > Hindi  
an agile keen-sighted grizzled brown and black mammal of India that is about the size of a ferret and feeds on snakes and rodents.  
*The mongoose is an active, bold predator.*

### **mongrel**

n

/'mängrəl/

E

an animal or plant resulting from the interbreeding of two or more breeds or strains.

*Jeff's dog is a friendly mongrel named Mutt.*

### **monocle**

n

/'mänékəl/

L

[has homonyms: monacal, monachal] an eyeglass for one eye.  
*The villain wore a tuxedo, a top hat, and a monocle.*

### **monocoque**

### **monolith**

n

/'män'lith/

Gk

something resembling a single great stone.

*Sir Larry is considered a pillar of strength by his friends and a hulking obstinate monolith by his enemies.*

### **monomachy**

### **monomaniacal**

adj

/'män'mä'nīəkəl/

Gk + Gk + Ecf

relating to, characterized by, or affected with such concentration on a single object or idea as to suggest mental derangement.

*Stuart's obsession with racing cars seems almost monomaniacal to his friends.*

### **mononucleosis**

n

/'mänō.n(y)üklē'ōsəs/

Gk + L

an acute infectious disease associated with Epstein-Barr virus and characterized by fever, swelling of the lymph nodes, and an increase in the number of lymphocytes in the blood.  
*Morgan had to spend several weeks in bed after contracting mononucleosis.*

### **monopoly**

### **monotonous**

adj

/mə'nät'nəs/

Gk

having no change or variety : wearisomely uniform.

*The lecturer's monotonous tone put half the audience to sleep.*

### **monotony**

### **monsoon**

n

/män'sün/

Ar > Pg > D

a periodic wind especially in the Indian Ocean and in southern Asia.

*The monsoon brought thunderstorms that blanketed the city with a dust cloud and then flooding rains.*

### **monstrosity**

n

/mänz'träsədē/

L

an object of terrifying size or force or complexity.

*The atom bomb is the greatest monstrosity of the 20th century.*

### **monstrous**

adj

/'mänztrəs/

L > F > E

having extraordinary and often overwhelming size : unusually and unpleasantly huge.

*The tourists in South America were terrified and sickened by the monstrous flying cockroach.*

### **montage**

n

/män'täzh/

F

an impressionistic sequence of images introduced into a film or television program to develop a single theme, suggest a state of mind, or bridge a time lapse.  
*The program's opening credit sequence is a montage of white beaches, swaying palm trees, racing boats, and attractive sun worshipers.*

### **moppet**

### **moraine**

n

/mə'rān/

F

an accumulation of earth and stones carried and finally deposited by a glacier.

*A push moraine is carried ahead of an advancing glacier, whereas a lateral moraine is deposited at the side of a glacier as it moves.*

### **morass**

### **moratorium**

n

/mōrə'tōrēəm/

L

a suspension of activity : a temporary ban on the use or production of something.

*Environmentalists demanded a moratorium on the mining operation until its potential effects on the ecosystem could be evaluated.*

### **morbid**

adj

/'mōrbēd/

L

abnormally susceptible to or characterized by gloomy or unwholesome feelings.

*The inventor was haunted by a morbid sense of guilt about the possible harmful effects of her invention.*

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### **morbidezza**

n  
/mò(r)bə'detsə /

L > It

an extreme delicacy and softness.  
*The piano music had a certain morbidezza that required a delicate touch.*

### **morceau**

n  
/mò'rso /

F

[Note: Could be confused with more so. Also, plural of word can be similarly pronounced.] a short literary or musical piece.  
*Natasha entertained the partygoers with a lively morceau on the violin.*

### **mordacious**

### **mordancy**

n  
/mò(r)d°nsē /

L > F

a biting and caustic quality of style.  
*The mordancy of the candidate's comments made her opponent wince.*

### **mores**

n pl  
/mò(.)rāz /

L

[has homonym: morays] the fixed customs or folkways of a particular group which are morally binding upon all members of the group and necessary to its welfare and preservation.

*Some religious groups have developed a society of their own with distinct and strict mores.*

### **morigeration**

n  
/mərijə'rāshən /

L

servile obedience : obsequiousness.  
*The judge expected morigeration from everyone in the courtroom.*

### **morion**

n  
/mōrēən /

F

a visorless high-crested helmet of Spanish origin worn by foot soldiers in the 16th and 17th centuries.

*The conquistador was pictured wearing a morion, with the brim forming high peaks at the front and back.*

### **mormorando**

adj  
/mò(r)mə'rān(,)dō /

L > It

in a murmuring manner—used as a direction in music.

*At first Ralph thought his CD player was broken, but then he realized he was listening to a mormorando passage.*

### **morose**

adj  
/mə'rōs /

L

marked by or expressive of gloom.  
*The basketball team was morose after losing in the state finals.*

### **Morpheus**

n  
/mōrfēəs /

Gk

something that induces or prolongs sleep.

*Tim cannot recall exactly what Morpheus caused Rip van Winkle to sleep for 20 years.*

### **mortal**

adj  
/mōrd'l /

L

destructive to life : causing or capable of causing death.

*The diver's cage would protect him from receiving a mortal wound from a shark.*

### **mortar**

n  
/mōrdər /

L > F > E

something that binds or holds together.

*Sam watched as the bricklayer expertly set the bricks into the hardening mortar.*

### **mortarboard**

n  
/mōrdər.bō(ə)rd /

L > F > E + E

an academic cap consisting of a closely fitting headpiece with a broad flat projecting square top.

*Lamont adjusted his mortarboard as he joined the procession to begin the commencement program.*

### **mortgage**

n  
/mōrgij /

L > F > E

a binding obligation.

*Sarah found a signed copy of the mortgage in Richard's desk.*

### **mortuary**

adj  
/mō(r)chə.werē /

L

of or relating to the burial of the dead.

*Professor Habib is an expert in ancient mortuary rituals.*

### **mosaic**

### **mosaicist**

n  
/mō'zāəs̄əst /

L > It > F > E

a designer who creates surface decoration by inlaying small pieces of variously colored material.

*An expert mosaicist decorated the altar of the new church.*

### **mosque**

n  
/mäsk /

Ar > Sp > It > F

an Islamic place of public religious worship.

*Visitors were required to remove their shoes before entering the mosque.*

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<b>mosquito</b>	<b>mountebank</b>	<b>mucilaginous</b>
n / mō'skēd(ō)ō / L > Sp	n / 'maūntəbank / It an entertainer (as a juggler or magician) employed by a quack to attract a crowd. <i>The charlatan used a mountebank to entice crowds into the tent.</i>	adj / .myüse'lajənəs / L relating to or resembling a liquid adhesive of low bonding strength. <i>Billy's mother told him to wash the mucilaginous remains of his peanut butter and jelly sandwich from his face and hands.</i>
any of numerous two-winged flies that have a rather narrow abdomen and usually a long slender rigid proboscis with which they puncture the skin of animals to suck the blood. <i>Dr. Walter Reed proved that the yellow fever virus is carried by the mosquito.</i>		
<b>mosquitoey</b>	<b>mourn</b>	<b>mufti</b>
		n / 'mōftē / Ar
<b>mostaccioli</b>	<b>moussaka</b>	civilian dress when worn by one in military service. <i>The general ambled down the street unrecognized in mufti.</i>
n / .mōstāt'chōlē / It a pasta in the form of a short tube with oblique ends. <i>It was the usual banquet fare: mostaccioli and roast beef.</i>	n / mü'säkə / Turkish > Gk a dish of ground meat (as lamb) and sliced eggplant or potatoes often topped with a seasoned sauce. <i>Dimitrio's restaurant serves the best moussaka in the area.</i>	
<b>motley</b>	<b>mousse</b>	<b>mugient</b>
adj / 'mätłē / E composed of a haphazard and incongruous mixture of heterogeneous elements. <i>Each guest drew a gift from the motley assortment in the grab bag.</i>	n / 'müs / L > F [has homonym: moose] a frothy dessert; especially : a dessert of sweetened and flavored whipped cream, or thin cream and gelatin, frozen without stirring. <i>Michael ordered chocolate hazelnut mousse for dessert, but Vera ordered just coffee.</i>	adj / 'myüjēənt / L making a lowing sound : bellowing. <i>In mid-April the mugient herds of cattle are turned out to pasture.</i>
<b>moulage</b>	<b>mousseline</b>	<b>mugwump</b>
n / mü'läzh / F an impression (as of a tire mark or tooth print) made for use as evidence in a criminal investigation. <i>At the scene of the crime, detectives were able to make a moulage of the tire marks left by the criminal's car.</i>		n / 'mə.gwəmp / Natick one who is undecided or neutral (as in politics) often as a result of an inability to make up one's mind. <i>William is too much a mugwump to ever realize his ambition to hold elective office.</i>
<b>mountain</b>	<b>mozambique</b>	<b>mugwumpery</b>
n / 'maūnt'n / L > F [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a vast number or quantity : pile, slew. <i>Mrs. Johnson assigned her students a mountain of homework that was due the day after the holiday break.</i>	<b>mozzarella</b>	<b>mulberry</b>
	n / .mätsə'relə / It a moist white rubbery unsalted cheese. <i>Mozzarella is used in many Italian foods.</i>	n / 'məl.berē / Gk > L > F > E a tree or shrub that bears a fruit resembling a raspberry. <i>The Nelsons planted a mulberry in their backyard.</i>
	<b>mucedine</b>	<b>mulch</b>
	<b>mucilage</b>	

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### **muliebral**

adj

/ .myü'lē'brəl /

L + Ecf

of, relating to, or characteristic of women.

*The artist captured the essence of muliebral beauty in his portrait of Venus.*

### **mulligan**

n

/ 'mələgən /

E name

a free shot sometimes awarded a golfer in nontournament play when the preceding shot has been poorly played.

*Gordy took a mulligan after hitting a "worm burner" on the first tee.*

### **mullion**

### **multifarious**

adj

/ .məltə'fa(a)rēəs /

L

having multiplicity : having great diversity or variety.

*The multifarious activities at the Hands-On Museum make it a place that everyone can enjoy.*

### **multiplication**

n

/ .məltəplē'kāshən /

L

a mathematical operation commonly indicated by ab that repeats b as many times as there are units in a.

*The fourth grade class was learning the process of multiplication of whole numbers.*

### **multipotent**

### **multitude**

n

/ 'məltətüd /

L

a great number : host.

*A multitude of reporters besieged the plaintiff as she left the courtroom.*

### **multitudinous**

adj

/ .məltə'tüdənəs /

L + Ecf

existing in great numbers.

*Multitudinous varieties of wildflowers grow on Sand Mountain.*

### **mummery**

n

/ 'məmərē /

F

a performance given by actors in a pantomime.

*Costumed actors performed a comic mummery in the school auditorium.*

### **mumps**

n pl

/ 'məmpəs /

imit

an acute contagious viral disease marked by fever and swelling of the parotid gland.

*Russell sympathized with his brother who was suffering with mumps, but couldn't help but laugh at his swollen face.*

### **municipal**

adj

/ myü'nisəpəl /

L

of or relating to a primarily urban political unit (as a town or city).

*Real estate taxes are set by the municipal government.*

### **municipally**

### **munificence**

n

/ myü'nifəsən(t)s /

L

a giving or bestowing with extraordinary liberality : lavish generosity.

*Hazel's uncle, known widely for his munificence, hosted an elaborate dinner for her bat mitzvah.*

### **murarium**

n

/ myü'rə(a)rēəm /

L

a place for rearing mice or rats under controlled conditions.

*Research at the murarium resulted in the initial claim that saccharine consumption causes cancer.*

### **murenger**

n

/ 'myürənje(r) /

L > F > E

one in charge of the wall of a town and its repairs.

*When city walls served as fortresses, the murenger was responsible for the security of the citizens.*

### **murmur**

v

/ 'mərmər /

L

utter or give forth in low or indistinct sounds or words.

*Mrs. Chambers reminded Dylan not to murmur his introduction.*

### **murrain**

### **musciform**

adj

/ 'məsəfōrm /

L

resembling moss.

*Rosa's new hat has a musciform texture.*

### **muscle**

### **musculature**

n

/ 'məskyələchü(ə)r /

L

the muscles of an animal that are related to each other and function together.

*Dissection of the frog revealed its underlying musculature.*

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<b>muse</b> v / 'myüz / L > F > E [has homonyms: meuse, mews] become absorbed in thought. <i>When he was a boy, Howard used to sit on the porch and muse on what he would do with his life.</i>	<b>mutable</b> adj / 'myüdəbəl / L prone or liable to change. <i>The weather in the foothills was extremely mutable due to the nearby mountains.</i>	<b>myelitis</b> n / mī'ə'līdəs / Gk > L inflammation of the spinal cord or of the bone marrow. <i>Myelitis is usually a result of a viral infection such as mononucleosis or mumps.</i>
<b>museum</b> n / myü'zēəm / Gk > L an institution devoted to the procurement, care, study, and display of objects of lasting interest or value. <i>The National Air and Space Museum is one of the components of the Smithsonian Institution.</i>	<b>mutafacient</b> adj / .myüdə'fashənt / L + L + Ecf capable of inducing a biological change in hereditary material. <i>Botanists make use of mutafacient chemicals to develop new strains of plants.</i>	<b>myelopathy</b> n / mī'ə'läpəthē / Gk a disease or disorder of the spinal cord or the bone marrow. <i>After the accident Ursula's dog had to be treated for myelopathy.</i>
<b>muskmelon</b> n / 'məsk.melən / Skt > Per > Gk > L > F > E + Gk > L the usually sweet odorous edible melon that is the fruit of a trailing or climbing Asiatic herbaceous vine. <i>The muskmelon was one of the foods that Columbus introduced to the New World.</i>	<b>mutinous</b>	<b>mynheer</b> n / mīn'he(ə)r / D mister—used as a polite address to a Dutch gentleman. <i>The owner of the village bank was addressed as Mynheer Grauer.</i>
<b>muslin</b> n / 'məzlən / Iraq geog name > Ar > It > F [has near homonym: Muslim] a plainwoven cotton fabric that is used bleached or unbleached for sheeting, embroidery, or other purposes. <i>The simple look of tab curtains made of unbleached muslin is perfect for Barbara's den.</i>	<b>mutton</b> n / 'mətən / Celt > F > E the flesh of a sheep that is used for food. <i>Ingrid purchased some mutton and pork chops from the butcher.</i>	<b>myocarditis</b> n / mīə.kär'dīdəs / Gk > L inflammation of the middle muscular layer of the heart wall. <i>A severe case of myocarditis could result in heart failure.</i>
<b>mussitation</b> n / .məsə'tāshən / L movement of the lips as if in speech but without accompanying sound. <i>The cameras picked up the speller's mussitation as she pondered the word.</i>	<b>myasthenia</b> n / mīəs'thēnēə / Gk > L muscular debility. <i>Keith was informed that his myasthenia was brought on by overexertion and would disappear with rest.</i>	<b>myopia</b> n / mī'ōpēə / Gk nearsightedness. <i>Kyle's myopia was first apparent when he had trouble reading what was on the chalkboard at school.</i>
	<b>mycophagous</b> adj / mī'käfəgəs / Gk feeding on fungi. <i>Because they are mycophagous, ladybugs are good for gardens.</i>	<b>myriads</b> n pl / 'mirēədz / Gk immense numbers. <i>The plain was covered with myriads of insects swarming and devouring all the vegetation.</i>

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<b>myringitis</b>	<b>mystique</b>	<b>naiad</b>
n /mɪrən'jɪdəs/ Gk > L inflammation of the tympanic membrane. <i>Dr. Croke explained that Amy's myringitis was caused by a bacterial infection in her ear.</i>	n /mi'stēk/ Gk > L > F the special esoteric skill or mysterious faculty essential in a calling or activity. <i>The mystique of computer programming is completely foreign to Jacqueline.</i>	n /nāəd/ Gk one of the nymphs believed by the ancient Greeks and Romans to live in and give life to lakes, rivers, springs, and fountains. <i>Glenda came upon a statue of a naiad by the lake.</i>
<b>myrmecologist</b>	<b>mythologem</b>	<b>naiant</b>
n /mərmə'käləjēst/ Gk a specialist in the scientific study of ants. <i>The myrmecologist told the reporter that his interest in ants began when he had been given an ant farm at the age of seven.</i>	<b>mythomania</b>	<b>nainsook</b>
<b>myrmecology</b>	<b>nabob</b>	n /nānsūk/ Skt > Hindi a soft lightweight cotton fabric in plain weave and various finishes that is used especially for clothing and curtains. <i>Janet's new summer blouse is made of nainsook.</i>
n /mərmə'käləjē/ Gk a scientific study of ants. <i>Receiving an ant farm for Christmas was the beginning of Art's interest in myrmecology.</i>	n /nā'bāb/ Ar > Hindi man of great wealth. <i>The Hollywood nabob rarely traveled without his personal chef, secretary, and masseur.</i>	<b>naology</b>
<b>myrmidon</b>	<b>nacelle</b>	n /nā'äləjē/ Gk a study of sacred edifices. <i>With her background in architecture and naology, Shauna is just the right person to help restore the old cathedral.</i>
n /'mərmədän/ Gk a follower or subordinate who unquestioningly or pitilessly executes orders : hireling. <i>Although the mayor always speaks civilly to everyone, his myrmidon can be ruthless in criticizing opponents.</i>	n /nə'sel/ L > F an enclosed shelter on an aircraft for an engine or sometimes for the crew. <i>The cramped, stifling nacelle gave Rico an attack of claustrophobia.</i>	<b>napalm</b>
<b>myrrh</b>	<b>Naderism</b>	v /nā,päm/ Iranian > Gk > L + L > F attack with bombs made with a highly flammable jellied fuel composed of gasoline and a mixture of aluminum soaps as a thickener. <i>The decision to napalm enemy territory had more ramifications than the intended destruction of vegetation.</i>
n /'mər/ Semitic > Gk > L > E a yellow to reddish brown aromatic bitter gum resin that is obtained from various trees of East Africa and Arabia. <i>In medieval Europe myrrh was rare and precious.</i>	n /'nādərɪzəm/ American name named after consumer advocate Ralph Nader, the promotion of consumer interests especially by public outcry against dangerous or defective goods. <i>The policy of Naderism is named for an outspoken consumer advocate.</i>	<b>naprapathy</b>
<b>mysticity</b>	<b>nadir</b>	n /nō'prapəthē/ Czech + Gk > E a therapeutic system of drugless treatment by manipulation of the ligaments and connective tissues. <i>Norma relied on naprapathy to relieve her pain after she sprained her back.</i>
	n /'nādə(r)/ Ar > F > E the point of the celestial sphere that is directly opposite the zenith and vertically downward from the observer. <i>There was no way for Amos to see the Moon, since it was at the nadir.</i>	

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<b>narcissus</b> n / nærs'isəs / Gk > L any plant of the genus Narcissus of which the flowers have a short corona and are usually borne separately. <i>The common daffodil is a type of narcissus.</i>	<b>narrow</b> adj / 'na(r)o / E not possessing usual or expected width. <i>The sidewalk was too narrow for the three friends to walk side by side.</i>	<b>nasturtium</b> n / næ'stərshəm / L any of several herbs having showy variously colored spurred flowers. <i>The nasturtium will add color to a drab landscape design.</i>
<b>narcoleptic</b> adj / nærkə'leptik / Gk of, relating to, or affected with a transient compulsive tendency to attacks of deep sleep usually of unknown causes. <i>Steve becomes narcoleptic whenever he is under great stress.</i>	<b>narthex</b> n / 'när,theks / Semitic? > Gk a vestibule leading to the nave of a church. <i>The bridal party lined up in the narthex and waited for the cue to proceed down the church's center aisle.</i>	<b>natal</b>
<b>narcoticism</b> n / nä'rädə.sizəm / Gk addiction to habit-forming drugs. <i>The police sergeant lectured Zakia's class about the dangers of narcoticism.</i>	<b>nasal</b> adj / 'nāzəl / L of or relating to the nose. <i>Juno's nasal inflammation caused considerable discomfort and made it hard for her to breathe.</i>	<b>natatorium</b> n / nādə'tōrēəm / L a place for swimming; especially : an indoor swimming pool. <i>William Randolph Hearst built an ostentatious natatorium at his California mansion.</i>
<b>naricorn</b> n / 'na(a)rə.kōrn / L the horny covering protecting the nostrils of albatrosses and some other birds. <i>The naricorn is an irregularly convoluted little scroll, very thin and delicate in texture.</i>	<b>nascency</b> n / 'nas'nsē / L the condition or process of being born or of beginning to exist. <i>The nascency of the novel as a literary form can be traced to 18th-century England.</i>	<b>naupathia</b> n / nō'pathēə / Gk seasickness. <i>Several spells of naupathia made Joni's cruise an experience she hopes never to repeat.</i>
<b>narrate</b> v / 'na.rāt / L tell or recite the happenings of (a story). <i>Jacob volunteered to narrate the slide show.</i>	<b>nascent</b> adj / 'nās'nt / L undergoing the process of being born : beginning to exist. <i>The Boston Tea Party revealed nascent revolutionary tendencies among the American colonists.</i>	<b>nausea</b> n / 'nōshə / Gk > L a feeling of discomfort in the stomach usually associated with an urge to vomit. <i>A bout of nausea kept Denise from enjoying the ferry ride.</i>
<b>narrative</b> adj / 'narədīv / L having the form of a story. <i>A ballad is a poem that has several distinct characteristics, including a strong narrative element.</i>	<b>nastaliq</b>	<b>nauseate</b>
		<b>nauseous</b> adj / 'nōshəs / L causing a sensation of discomfort in the stomach and an urge to vomit. <i>The smell emanating from the swamp was nauseous.</i>
		<b>nautical</b>

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<b>nautilus</b>	<b>nectarine</b>	<b>nemesis</b>
n / 'nôd'lôs / Gk > L any of several cephalopod mollusks of the southern Pacific and Indian oceans that produce a spiral chambered shell. <i>Frank keeps a polished shell of a nautilus in his bookcase.</i>	n / 'nekta.rēn / Gk > L+Ecf a peach that has a smooth-skinned fruit. <i>Jason prefers a nectarine to a common peach.</i>	n / 'neməsəs / Gk a formidable and usually victorious rival or opponent. <i>The Tigers were defeated by the first-rate pitching of their old nemesis.</i>
<b>nebula</b>	<b>nefarious</b>	<b>nemoral</b>
n / 'nebyələ / L any of many immense bodies of highly rarified gas or dust in interstellar space. <i>The astronomer identified the Horsehead Nebula on the chart.</i>	adj / nè'fa(a)rēəs / L heinously or impiously wicked : detestable. <i>The murderer's crimes were considered so nefarious that he was sentenced to life imprisonment without parole.</i>	adj / 'nem(ə)rəl / L of, relating to, or inhabiting a wood or grove. <i>Doris collected a basketful of nemoral mushrooms.</i>
<b>nebulous</b>	<b>negative</b>	<b>nenuphar</b>
adj / 'nebyələs / L vaguely defined, poorly grasped, or dimly realized. <i>Melissa's nebulous fears about the future interfered with her enjoyment of the present.</i>	<b>neglect</b>	n / 'nenyə.fär / Skt > Per > Ar > L water lily; especially : Egyptian lotus. <i>The nenuphar is a common motif in Egyptian art.</i>
<b>necessary</b>	<b>negligent</b>	<b>neolalia</b>
<b>necklace</b>	<b>negotiable</b>	n / nēō'lālēə / Gk speech especially of a psychotic that includes words that are new and meaningless to the hearer. <i>The doctor recorded the patient's neolalia for further study.</i>
<b>neckwear</b>	<b>negotiate</b>	<b>neologism</b>
n / 'nek.wa(a)r / E articles of clothing worn about the neck. <i>Greta thinks warm neckwear is the key to avoiding a cold.</i>	<b>negotiator</b>	n / nē'älə.jizəm / Gk > F a new word, usage, or expression. <i>Nelson encountered a neologism in almost every paragraph of the computer article.</i>
<b>necromancy</b>	<b>negus</b>	<b>neomenia</b>
n / 'nekrə.man(t)sē / Gk > L > F > E the art or practice of magically conjuring up the souls of the dead. <i>Abraham Lincoln was interested in necromancy, and his wife held séances in the White House.</i>	<b>neigh</b>	<b>neon</b>
<b>nectar</b>	<b>nematocyst</b>	adj / 'nē.än / Gk of, relating to, or resembling the reddish glow of neon lamps. <i>Even though Tim was wearing neon swimming trunks, his mom had trouble spotting him on the crowded beach.</i>
	n / nē'madə.sist / Gk + Gk one of the minute stinging organs of coelenterates (as corals, sea anemones, and jellyfishes) used in catching prey. <i>Each nematocyst of the jellyfish contains a spiral-coiled thread tipped with a toxin-bearing barb that can be ejected into the skin.</i>	

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<b>neonatology</b>	<b>nephelometer</b>	<b>nettlesome</b>
n / .nēōnā'tälōjē / Gk + L + Gk a branch of medicine concerned with the care, development, and diseases of newborn infants. <i>Jackie hopes to specialize in either pediatrics or neonatology.</i>	n / .nēfə'lämədə(r) / G + G an instrument for measuring cloudiness. <i>The nephelometer has been proved useful in detecting and measuring air pollution.</i>	adj / 'ned'lsəm / E + E causing vexation : irritating. <i>The city's traffic situation was nettlesome to the visitors from the small town.</i>
<b>neophyte</b>	<b>nephew</b>	<b>neuralgia</b>
n / 'nēə.fīt / Gk a new convert; especially : a convert to the Christian faith in the early church. <i>In just three years St. Cyprian of Carthage went from being a neophyte to being the bishop of Carthage.</i>	<b>nephology</b>	n / n(y)ü'rålje / Gk an acute paroxysmal pain radiating along the course of one or more nerves usually without demonstrable changes in the nerve structure. <i>Garret's neuralgia was so painful that he sought relief from a chiropractor.</i>
<b>neossology</b>	<b>nephoscope</b>	<b>neurasthenic</b>
n / .nē.ä'säləjē / Gk the study of young birds. <i>The student of neossology was thrilled to receive a baby parrot for his birthday.</i>	n / 'nēfə.skōp / Gk an instrument for observing the direction of motion and velocity of clouds. <i>Mr. Tadeusz explained to his new assistant how the nephoscope worked.</i>	adj / n(y)üras'thenik / Gk affected with a syndrome characterized by easy fatigability, by worrying and depression, and often by headache and digestive and circulatory problems. <i>The neurasthenic patient complained of being bored, neglected, and depressed.</i>
<b>nepenthe</b>	<b>nephrectomy</b>	<b>neurokyme</b>
n / nə'pen(t)thē / Gk something capable of causing oblivion of grief and suffering. <i>The old man sought respite and nepenthe from bad memories.</i>	n / nə'frektə.mē / Gk the surgical removal of a kidney. <i>Barry's kidney was so diseased that his physician recommended a nephrectomy.</i>	<b>neurological</b>
<b>nephalism</b>	<b>nepotism</b>	adj / n(y)ürläjēkəl / Gk of or relating to the scientific study of the nervous system. <i>Dr. Will is a specialist in the treatment of neurological disorders.</i>
n / 'nēfə.lizəm / Gk total abstinence from alcoholic beverages. <i>In Muslim countries nephalism is a way of life for many people.</i>	n / 'nepə.tizəm / L > It > F favoritism shown to relatives (as by giving them positions because of their relationship rather than on their merits). <i>Most employees resent nepotism because it reduces motivation for advancement via hard work.</i>	<b>neuropathy</b>
<b>nephelognosy</b>	<b>nescience</b>	n / n(y)ü'räpəthē / Gk > ISV an abnormal and usually degenerative state of the nervous system or nerves. <i>Neuropathy can lead to numbness and weakness of the hands, feet, or limbs.</i>
n / .nēfə'lägnəsē / Gk + Gk scientific observation of clouds. <i>Satellite photos of cloud formations and movements have been a great aid in the field of nephelognosy.</i>	<b>nescient</b> adj / 'nesh(ē)ənt / L exhibiting or characterized by lack of knowledge or awareness : ignorant. <i>George's nescient response to the question about the plot demonstrated that he had not read the book.</i>	<b>neurotic</b>

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<b>neuston</b>	<b>nicety</b>	<b>nidificate</b>
<b>neutercane</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>v</b>
n / 'n(y)üde(r).kān /	/ 'nīsədē /	/ 'nidəfē.kāt /
L + Taino > Sp	F > E	L
a subtropical cyclone that is usually less than 100 miles in diameter and that draws energy from sources common to both the hurricane and the frontal cyclone.	a dainty, delicate, or elegant thing or feature. <i>Dad considered a meal at a posh restaurant to be a nicety of good living.</i>	build a nest. <i>While recuperating, Jan watched the robin gather bits of string and small twigs to nidificate in the maple tree outside the bedroom window.</i>
<i>The weather bureau is tracking the neutercane to see if it develops into a hurricane.</i>		
<b>neutral</b>	<b>niche</b>	<b>nidifugous</b>
<b>neutralize</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>adj</b>
v / 'n(y)ütrəliz /	/ 'nīch /	/ nī'difyəgəs /
L + Ecf	L > F	L
make chemically neither acid nor base.	a place suitable for the capabilities or merits of a person. <i>Wendy felt she had found her niche at school in the student government association.</i>	leaving the nest soon after hatching. <i>Because they are relatively highly developed when they hatch, ducks and chickens are nidifugous.</i>
<i>Scientists used nitric acid to neutralize the magnesium hydroxide that had formed on the space capsule tape when it came in contact with seawater.</i>		
<b>newel</b>	<b>nickelodeon</b>	<b>nidor</b>
<b>newspaporial</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
<b>nexus</b>	/ .nikə'lōdēən /	/ 'nī.dō(ə)r /
n / 'nek'səs /	G? > Sw + F > G	L
L	a theater affording a motion-picture exhibition or a variety show for an admission price of five cents. <i>The silent movies at the nickelodeon were usually enhanced by piano music.</i>	[Note: Alternate pronunciation has homonym: niter/nitre.] a strong smell : reek. <i>The nidor of the hot grease warned Della that she should lower the temperature.</i>
a connected group or series. <i>A nexus of events led to the overthrow of the government and the exile of the king.</i>		
<b>Nicaraguan</b>	<b>nicotinism</b>	<b>nidorous</b>
adj / .nikə'rägwən /	<b>n</b>	<b>adj</b>
Central American geog name of or relating to the country of Nicaragua in Central America. <i>Much Nicaraguan coffee is exported to the United States.</i>	/ 'nikə.tē.nizəm /	/ 'nīdərəs /
	F name + cff	L
	the effect of the excessive use of tobacco. <i>Patients who suffer from nicotinism exhibit lung and heart problems.</i>	smelling of or like burning or decaying animal matter. <i>The sailors were repulsed by the nidorous bilge water.</i>
<b>nictitant</b>	<b>niece</b>	
<b>nidicolous</b>	<b>niello</b>	
adj / nī'dikələs /	<b>n</b>	
L	/ nē'e(.)lō /	
living in a nest; especially : sharing the nest of another kind of animal. <i>Many insects are nidicolous, sharing the nests of birds who sometimes eat their larvae.</i>	L > It	
		any of several alloys of sulphur with silver, copper, or lead having a deep black color. <i>After cutting a design in the silver jewelry box, Phillip filled in the design with niello.</i>

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<b>Nietzschean</b>	<b>nimety</b>	<b>nitrogen</b>
adj / 'nēchēən / G name of or relating to the German philosopher Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche. <i>Norman characterized John's views as juvenile Nietzschean nonsense.</i>	n / ni'mēdē / L excess, redundancy. <i>Usually Caleb's writing is concise, but his most recent essay is a glowing example of nimety.</i>	n / 'nītrōjēn / Gk a colorless tasteless odorless element that as a diatomic gas is relatively inert and constitutes 78 percent of the atmosphere by volume and occurs as a constituent of all living tissues. <i>Lightning causes the oxidation of nitrogen to nitric oxide, which is rained out as nitrate.</i>
<b>niggardly</b>	<b>nimious</b>	<b>niveau</b>
adj / 'nigə(r)dīlē / Scand > E characterized by a reluctance to part with money : tightfisted. <i>The wealthy banker was best known for his niggardly spending habits.</i>	adj / 'nimēəs / L [Note: Could be confused with niveous.] excessive, extravagant. <i>Oscar, who could barely afford to rent a costume for the masked charity ball, found the whole thing oppressively nimious.</i>	n / nē've / F [Note: Plural form is pronounced similarly.] a level (as of existence or achievement) especially in a progression. <i>Ben's tennis class is at the intermediate niveau.</i>
<b>nightingale</b>	<b>nineteenth</b>	<b>niveous</b>
n / 'nīt'nīgāl / E a thrush common in Great Britain that is noted for the sweet song of the male often heard at night during the breeding season. <i>Haley was awakened by a nightingale singing outside her bedroom window.</i>	<b>ninetieth</b>	adj / 'nivēəs / L of, relating to, or resembling snow. <i>The niveous landscape looked most inviting to the cross-country skiers.</i>
<b>nightmare</b>	<b>nisei</b>	<b>nobiliary</b>
n / 'nīt.ma(a)(ə)r / E a frightening dream accompanied by anxiety or terror. <i>Cara's nightmare was caused by the ghost stories told around the campfire.</i>	n / 'nē.sā / Jpn a son or daughter of Japanese immigrant parents who is born and educated in the United States. <i>Tomoko is the only nisei in her family; all her siblings were born in Japan.</i>	adj / nō'bilē.erē / L > F > E + Ecf of or relating to the nobility. <i>By threat of force the king quelled the nobiliary squabbles.</i>
<b>nihilism</b>	<b>nitidity</b>	<b>nobly</b>
n / 'nīəlizēm / L + Ecf a viewpoint that all traditional values and beliefs are unfounded and that all existence is consequently senseless and useless. <i>The rock star's lyrics were criticized for advocating a bleak nihilism.</i>	n / ni'tidēdē / L + Ecf the quality or state of being bright, glossy, or lustrous. <i>The moon's nitidity helps owls find their prey.</i>	<b>nocent</b>
		<b>nociceptor</b>
		n / 'nōsē.septə(r) / L a part of the body that transmits to the central nervous system injurious or painful stimuli. <i>The spicy salsa activated each nociceptor on Michelle's tongue, bringing her to tears.</i>

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<b>nocive</b>	<b>nomenclature</b>	<b>nonchalance</b>
adj /nōsiv / L harmful, injurious. <i>The laboratory assistant wore a mask to protect himself from nocive fumes.</i>	n /nōmən.klāchə(r) / L the collective names given to or borne by places in a particular region or area. <i>The nomenclature of Boston streets confused Ling when she first arrived.</i>	n /nänshə'län(t)s / F a display or air of jaunty unconcern or indifference. <i>Sarah reacted with nonchalance when her neighbors complained about her unruly dog.</i>
<b>noctivagant</b>	<b>nominal</b>	<b>nonchalant</b>
adj /näk'tivāgənt / L going about in the night : night-wandering. <i>The bat, being a noctivagant mammal, has inspired many legends.</i>	adj /'nämən'l / L of, relating to, or being a word that is otherwise characteristically an adjective or adverb but that takes a noun construction in a given context. <i>A good example of a nominal word is good in "the good die young."</i>	adj /nänkə'mid'l / L taking no clear position or giving no clear indication of attitude, feeling, or point of view. <i>Lacy's tone was friendly but noncommittal.</i>
<b>nocturnal</b>	<b>nominee</b>	<b>nondescript</b>
adj /näk'tōrn'l / L > F active at night. <i>Some zoos have special habitats for nocturnal animals.</i>	n /nämə'nē / L + Ecf a person named or proposed for an office, duty, or position. <i>The president's nominee for the Supreme Court had to be approved by a Senate committee.</i>	adj /nändə'skript / L lacking distinguishing characteristics. <i>Because he was utterly nondescript, Virgil was the perfect infiltrator.</i>
<b>nocuous</b>	<b>nomological</b>	<b>nonmetal</b>
<b>nodosity</b>	<b>nonage</b>	<b>nonpareil</b>
n /nō'däsədē / L a protuberance or swelling. <i>Ardis felt a slight nodosity on the cat's back.</i>	n /'nänij / F > E a period of youth, childhood, or infancy. <i>The pieces that Mozart wrote in his nonage demonstrate an understanding of music that few adults ever attain.</i>	adj /nänpə'rel / L > F having no equal : peerless. <i>Tom's lack of common sense overshadowed his nonpareil intellect.</i>
<b>nodule</b>	<b>nonagenarian</b>	<b>nonplus</b>
<b>noogenesis</b>		v /nän'pləs / L cause to be at a loss as to what to say, think, or do. <i>Vince's aggressive interviewing technique tends to nonplus inexperienced candidates.</i>
<b>noisome</b>		<b>nonsense</b>
adj /nōisəm / E offensive to the senses : noxious, harmful, unwholesome, destructive. <i>A noisome odor emanated from the plastics factory.</i>		

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<b>nonuple</b> adj / 'nä.n(y)üpəl / L > F consisting of nine : being nine times as great or as many. <i>There was a nonuple increase in the rate of traffic citations after the new regulations went into effect.</i>	<b>nostrum</b> n / 'nästrəm / L a remedy or medicine of secret composition recommended by its preparer but usually lacking general repute or acceptance. <i>Mr. Sherwood insists that his nostrum will cure warts within a week.</i>	<b>novice</b> n / 'nävəs / L > F > E [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] one who has entered a religious house for a trial period. <i>The film <i>The Nun's Story</i> stars Audrey Hepburn as a young novice who eventually becomes a nurse in Africa.</i>
<b>noology</b> n / nō'äləjē / Gk the study of mind : the science of phenomena regarded as purely mental in origin. <i>Ahmet found that his interests in philosophy and psychology converged in the field of noology.</i>	<b>notabilia</b>	<b>noxious</b> adj / 'näkshəs / L harmful or destructive to man or to other organisms. <i>Emma is studying the noxious effects of gasoline fumes.</i>
<b>noontide</b>	<b>notarize</b>	<b>noxiously</b>
<b>normocyte</b>	<b>notoriety</b> n / nōdə'rīədē / L the condition of being an object of wide or general attention, interest, and comment for something reprehensible or scandalous. <i>A red convertible enhanced Thurmon's notoriety.</i>	<b>noyade</b>
<b>nosocomial</b> adj / näsə'kōmēəl / L originating or taking place in a hospital. <i>Since implementing its new disinfection protocol, the hospital has seen a 40 percent drop in nosocomial infections.</i>	<b>nougat</b> n / 'nügət / L > Prov > F a confection of nuts or fruit pieces in a sugar paste. <i>Lynn's boyfriend gave her a box of chocolates filled with hazelnut nougat.</i>	<b>nuance</b> n / 'n(y)ü.än(t)s / L > F minute variation : delicate gradation : subtle distinction. <i>The music critic took notes on every nuance of the performance.</i>
<b>nostalgia</b> n / nə'stalj(ē)a / Gk > L homesickness. <i>Theo was overcome with nostalgia at the sight of a McDonald's in Istanbul.</i>	<b>noumenal</b> adj / 'nümənəl / Gk of or relating to an object of purely rational apprehension as opposed to an object of perception. <i>Philosophy deals with noumenal concepts, while science deals with phenomenal concepts.</i>	<b>nubbin</b>
<b>nostril</b> n / nästrəl / E either of the outer openings of the nose. <i>In some cultures, a pierced nostril adorned with a ring is considered attractive.</i>	<b>novemdecillion</b>	<b>nubilous</b> adj / 'n(y)übələs / L cloudy, foggy, misty. <i>Trade wind clouds are constantly piling up in nubilous traffic jams.</i>
	<b>novercal</b> adj / nə'verkəl / L of, relating to, or characteristic of a stepmother. <i>Helene's novercal relationship with her husband's children is close and loving.</i>	<b>nuchal</b> adj / 'n(y)ükəl / Ar > L + Ecf of or relating to the nape, the back part of the neck. <i>Midge's new necklace gave her a nuchal rash.</i>

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<b>nuciform</b>	<b>nullification</b>	<b>nuncio</b>
adj /n(y)üsəfɔrm/	n /nələfə'kāshən/ L the act of depriving of legal or binding force or validity. <i>Louis XIV's accession to the throne was ushered in by the nullification of his father's will.</i>	n /nən(t)sē.ō/ L a top-ranking diplomatic envoy of the pope accredited to a civil government. <i>The papal nuncio worked with the governor's office to prepare for the pope's tour of the region.</i>
<b>nuclear</b>		<b>nuncupation</b>
<b>nugacious</b>	<b>nullifidian</b>	
adj /n(y)ü'gāshəs/ L trifling, trivial. <i>Arguments about who sits in the front seat seem nugacious to many adults.</i>	n /nələ'fidēən/ L a person of no faith or religion. <i>The nullifidian decided to start a magazine devoted to the theory and practice of secular humanism.</i>	n /nənkyə'pāshən/ L an oral will. <i>While the sailor was ill aboard ship, he made a nuncupation in which he bequeathed his property to his mother.</i>
<b>nugacity</b>	<b>numb</b>	<b>nuncupative</b>
<b>nugatory</b>	<b>numerology</b>	
adj /n(y)ügə.tōrē/ L having little or no consequence : worthless. <i>The prize Jeff won at the carnival was just a nugatory plastic trinket.</i>	<b>numinous</b>	
<b>nugget</b>		
n /nəgət/ unknown a lump; especially : a lump of gold. <i>Adrian kept a gold nugget as a good-luck charm.</i>	adj /n(y)ümənəs/ L + Ecf dedicated to or hallowed by association with a deity : sacred. <i>A soft light seemed to glow from the numinous vessel on the altar.</i>	adj /nənkyə.pādīv/ L stated verbally : oral—used chiefly of a will. <i>The terms of Grandpa's nuncupative will were not contested by the family.</i>
<b>nuisance</b>	<b>numismatist</b>	<b>nuptiality</b>
n /n(y)üs'n(t)s/ L > F > Ar > E something that is disagreeable or troublesome : annoyance. <i>The barking dogs in Jeff's backyard were a nuisance he could not ignore.</i>	n /n(y)ü'mizmədēst/ L a specialist in the study of coins : a coin collector. <i>When Emery wanted to know the value of a coin, he showed it to his neighbor, who was a numismatist.</i>	n /nəpshē'alədē/ L the marriage rate. <i>Nuptiality usually increases dramatically in June.</i>
<b>nullibicity</b>	<b>nummary</b>	<b>nurture</b>
n /nələ'bisədē/ L + Ecf the quality or state of being nowhere. <i>Natalie accused the state of putting freedom and basic rights into nullibicity.</i>	<b>numnah</b>	<b>nurturer</b>
	<b>nunchaku</b>	<b>nutrient</b>
	n /nün'chäk(.)ü/ Jpn dialect a weapon of Japanese origin made of two hardwood sticks joined at their ends by a short length of rawhide, cord, or chain. <i>Eli insists that a nunchaku with a Bruce Lee image would make his martial arts paraphernalia complete.</i>	<b>nutrition</b>
		<b>nutritiously</b>
		adv /n(y)ü'trishəslē/ L + Ecf in a manner that promotes growth and development. <i>Judging from the kinds of foods that George likes, it is not going to be easy to get him to eat nutritiously.</i>

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<b>nyala</b> n / 'nyälə / Tsonga&Venda an antelope of southeastern Africa with vertical white stripes on the sides of the body and with shaggy hair along the male underside. <i>The nyala thrives in the heaths and forests of the Ethiopian highlands.</i>	<b>obdurate</b> adj / 'äbd(y)öröt / L resistant to persuasion or softening influences : unyielding. <i>Fritz is maintaining an obdurate opposition to the new highway bypass.</i>	<b>obfuscatory</b> adj / äb'föskə.törē / L tending to make difficult of comprehension or interpretation. <i>Oleg found the obfuscatory language in his apartment lease infuriating.</i>
<b>nyctalopia</b> n / .niktə'lōpēə / Gk a defect of vision characterized by reduced visual capacity in faint light or at night. <i>Nyctalopia may be corrected by vitamin therapy.</i>	<b>obedient</b> adj / ö'bēdēənt / L > F > E submissive to the restraint, control, or command of authority. <i>The toddler was not very obedient and even seemed to enjoy being defiant.</i>	<b>obituary</b>
<b>nymph</b>	<b>obeisance</b> n / ö'bāsən(t)s / L > F > E an attitude of respect : deference, homage. <i>Josh demonstrated his obeisance for the famous professor by writing down her every word.</i>	<b>objective</b> n / öb'jektiv / L a lens or system of lenses that forms an image of the object in the focal plane of an eyepiece (as in a telescope). <i>The light-gathering power of a telescope is a function of the diameter of its objective.</i>
<b>nystagmus</b> n / nō'stagməs / Gk a rapid involuntary oscillation of the eyeballs occurring normally with dizziness during and after bodily rotation or abnormally after injuries. <i>Bart suffered from nystagmus for several days following the boxing match.</i>	<b>obeisant</b> adj / ö'bāsənt / F servile, obsequious. <i>By the third course, the waiter's obeisant behavior was starting to get on Tara's nerves.</i>	<b>objicient</b> n / öb'jishənt / L one who opposes something with words or argument. <i>The bill became a law despite the protests of a very influential objicient.</i>
<b>oakenshaw</b>	<b>obelisk</b> n / 'äbə.lisk / Gk an upright four-sided monolithic pillar that tapers as it rises and terminates in a pyramid. <i>The Washington Monument is a world-famous obelisk.</i>	<b>objurgation</b>
<b>oakum</b>	<b>obese</b>	<b>objurgatory</b>
<b>oarlock</b>	<b>obesity</b>	adj / öb'jörgə.törē / L expressing sharp reprimand. <i>The mayor sent an objurgatory letter to the negligent department head.</i>
<b>oasis</b> n / ö'äsəs / Hamitic? > Gk > L a small isolated fertile area that is surrounded by general barrenness and typically marked by trees or other greenery and that has a water supply. <i>The caravan rested for two days at the oasis.</i>	<b>obfuscate</b>	<b>obligation</b> n / äblə'gäshən / L something that one is bound to do : an imperative duty. <i>Because of Carr's past assistance, Craig felt an obligation to return the favor.</i>
		<b>obligatory</b>

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<b>oblique</b>	<b>obreptitious</b>	<b>obstetrician</b>
adj / ə'blēk / L neither perpendicular nor parallel : having a slanting direction or position. <i>All triangles have at least one oblique side.</i>	adj / .ä.brep'tishəs / L done or obtained by trickery or by concealing the truth. <i>The undercover agent passed the obreptitious information to his superiors.</i>	n / .äbz.te'rishən / L a physician or veterinarian specializing in birth and its antecedents and sequels. <i>The obstetrician often relied more on instincts and old-fashioned psychology than he did on his medical expertise.</i>
<b>obliquity</b>	<b>obrogate</b>	<b>obstetrics</b>
n / ə'blikwədē / E > F > L + Ecf the angle between the planes of Earth's equator and orbit. <i>Seasonal changes in temperature are due to the obliquity of Earth's orbital path.</i>	<b>obsecration</b> n / .äbsə'krāshən / L a supplicatory prayer mentioning in its appeal things or events held to be sacred. <i>"Through thy victory over death, O Lord, deliver us" is an obsecration.</i>	<b>obstinate</b> adj / 'äbztnət / L pertinaciously adhering to an opinion, purpose, or course. <i>Franklin has missed at least two promotions because he is so obstinate about doing things his own way.</i>
<b>obliterative</b>	<b>obsequious</b>	<b>obstreperous</b>
<b>oblivion</b>	adj / ə'bsekwēəs / L meanly or servilely attentive. <i>Marshall tends to be obsequious toward Mrs. Kirby.</i>	adj / əbz'trep(ə)rəs / L stubbornly defiant : resisting control or restraint often with a show of noisy disorder. <i>The noisy diner was asked to leave but became obstreperous and had to be escorted out of the restaurant.</i>
<b>obliviscence</b>	<b>obsessive</b>	<b>obtenebrate</b>
n / .äblə'veis'ən(t)s / L [Note: Could be confused with obliviscence.] forgetfulness. <i>Serious obliviscence in older people may be a symptom of Alzheimer's disease.</i>	<b>obsolescence</b>	v / äb'tenəbrāt / L darken by or as if by shadowing. <i>As the storm approaches, dark clouds obtenebrate the valley.</i>
<b>obloquy</b>	<b>obsolescent</b>	<b>obtrusive</b>
n / 'äbləkwē / L a strongly and often intemperately condemnatory utterance. <i>Mr. Willett recited the names of the pranksters with uncharacteristic obloquy.</i>	adj / .äbsə'lesənt / L falling into disuse especially as unable to compete with something more recent. <i>Many linguists believe that the relative pronoun whom is obsolescent except when it follows a preposition.</i>	<b>obtundent</b> adj / äb'təndənt / L blunting irritation or lessening pain. <i>Aspirin is used for its obtundent as well as its antipyretic qualities.</i>
<b>obmutescence</b>	<b>obsolete</b>	<b>obviate</b>
n / .äbmyə'tesən(t)s / L a becoming or keeping silent. <i>To ensure the press's obmutescence regarding the case, the judge issued a gag order.</i>	<b>obstacle</b> n / 'äbz(.t)ikəl / L something that hinders progress : hindrance. <i>Carrie believes there is no obstacle she cannot overcome in her quest to become an Olympian.</i>	
<b>obnounce</b>		

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<b>obvious</b>	<b>occlusion</b>	<b>ochlocratic</b>
adj / 'äbvēəs / L readily and easily perceived by the sensibilities or mind. <i>"We're moving!" Harold shouted, which was a fact that had already become obvious to everyone.</i>	n / ə'klüzhən / L the front formed by a cold front overtaking a warm front and lifting the warm air above Earth's surface. <i>As the advancing cold air met the warm front, a cold occlusion developed that caused the temperature to drop.</i>	adj / äklə'kradik / Gk of or relating to mob rule. <i>Pure ochlocratic government would pay no heed to minority voices.</i>
<b>ocarina</b>	<b>occult</b>	<b>ochlophobia</b>
n / .äkə'rēnə / L > It a simple wind instrument or toy of the flute class having a mouthpiece and fingerholes. <i>Professor Miller unearthed a four-hole ocarina used by the ancient Mayas.</i>	<b>occultation</b> n / .ä( )kəl'tāshən / L > E the shutting off of the light of a celestial body by the intervention of some other celestial body. <i>A solar eclipse is the occultation of the Sun by the Moon.</i>	n / .äklə'fōbēə / Gk morbid fear of crowds. <i>Alice never attended rock concerts because of her ochlophobia.</i>
<b>occasion</b>	<b>occurrence</b>	<b>ochlophobist</b>
<b>occasionally</b>	<b>occurring</b>	<b>octane</b>
adv / ə'kāzhən'lē / L now and then : here and there. <i>The Spelling Bee replied, "Years ago I was just an ordinary bee minding my own business, smelling flowers all day, and occasionally picking up part-time work in people's bonnets."</i>	<b>ocellus</b> n / ə'seləs / L one of usually three simple eyes in an insect located in a triangle between the compound eyes. <i>A single ocellus can do no more than detect light, but more than one grouped together can produce an image of the surrounding area.</i>	<b>octave</b> n / 'äktəv / L > E a musical interval embracing eight diatonic degrees. <i>Tricia explained the concept of an octave to her music class at school.</i>
<b>occipital</b>	<b>ocelot</b>	<b>octavo</b>
adj / äk'sipəd'l / L of or relating to the back part of the head of a vertebrate or an insect. <i>In the accident Mr. Stein's occipital bone was fractured.</i>	n / 'ōsə.lät / Nahuatl > F a medium-sized American wildcat ranging from Texas to Patagonia and having a tawny yellow or grayish coat that is dotted and striped with black. <i>The ocelot appears in Aztec stone carvings.</i>	<b>octogenarian</b>
<b>occision</b>		<b>octopus</b>
n / äk'sizhən / L an act or instance of slaughtering. <i>Ecologists are protesting the wholesale occision of sea turtles within national boundaries.</i>		<b>oculauditory</b>
<b>occlude</b>		<b>oculogyric</b>
		adj / äkyəlō'jīrik / L + Gk > L relating to or involving circular movements of the eyeballs. <i>The silent movie comedian specialized in oculogyric close-ups.</i>
		<b>oculus</b>
		n / äkyələs / L an architectural part resembling or suggestive of an eye. <i>In the west end of Norman churches there is often an oculus.</i>
		<b>oddment</b>
		<b>odious</b>

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<b>odium</b>	<b>ogre</b>	<b>oleaginous</b>
<b>odograph</b>	n / 'ōdə.graf / Gk an instrument for automatically plotting the course and distance traveled by a vehicle. <i>Now that Carlos has a car equipped with a Global Positioning System receiver, an odograph is the logical next step.</i>	adj / 'ōlē'ajənəs / Gk > L > F a hideous giant represented in fairy tales and folklore as feeding on human beings : monster. <i>Jason wrote a tale about an ogre who lived under a bridge and feasted on every tenth person who crossed.</i>
<b>odontoloxia</b>	<b>ohm</b>	<b>oleander</b>
n / ū.däntə'läksēə / Gk irregularity of the teeth. <i>Odontoloxia can usually be corrected with braces.</i>	n / 'ōm / G name [has homonyms: aum, om] the practical meter-kilogram-second unit of electric resistance that is equal to the resistance of a circuit in which a potential difference of 1 volt produces a current of 1 ampere. <i>Michael was confused by the Greek symbol for omega in his textbook until he realized that it was the abbreviation for an ohm.</i>	n / 'ōlē.andə(r) / L an ornamental evergreen shrub that has narrow leaves and clusters of fragrant white to red flowers. <i>The sweet aroma of the oleander wafted through the window.</i>
<b>odyssey</b>	<b>oilcloth</b>	<b>oleiculture</b>
n / 'ādəsē / Gk a long wandering or series of adventurous journeys. <i>When he talks about his odyssey, André means the summer he spent working his way across Europe.</i>	n / 'ōilkloth / Gk > L > F > E + E cotton cloth coated with a dull or glossy finish made of oil, clay, and colored pigment to make the cloth waterproof. <i>A kitchen stove, a table covered with oilcloth and two chairs could be seen from the doorway.</i>	<b>olericulture</b> n / 'älərə.kəlchə(r) / L + Ecf + L a branch of horticulture that deals with the production, storage, processing, and marketing of vegetables. <i>As a college subject, olericulture is generally divided into market gardening and truck farming.</i>
<b>oeuvre</b>	<b>ointment</b>	<b>olfactory</b>
n / 'ōv(r̥) / L > F a substantial body of work constituting the lifework of a writer, an artist, or a composer. <i>The poet won the award not for any particular work, but for his oeuvre.</i>		adj / āl'fakt(ə)rē / L of, relating to, or connected with the sense of smell. <i>Humans have relatively weak olfactory abilities compared to many other animals.</i>
<b>officiousness</b>	<b>okapi</b>	<b>oligarchic</b>
	n / ū'kāpē / African name an African animal that is related to the giraffe but has a relatively short neck and solid reddish coat with black and cream rings on its legs. <i>In Zaire the meat of the okapi is a favorite food of the Pygmies.</i>	adj / .älə'gärkik / Gk of, relating to, characteristic of, or supporting a group or organization that is controlled by a privileged few. <i>A society dominated by large-scale oligarchic organizations eventually develops an oligarchic political regime.</i>
<b>ogive</b>		
n / 'ōjīv / L? > F? > E a diagonal arch or rib across a Gothic vault. <i>The middle of a Gothic vault, where each ogive cuts across the others, is called the key and is often in the form of a rose.</i>		
<b>ogle</b>		

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<b>oligarchy</b>	<b>ombudsman</b>	<b>omnibus</b>
n / 'äləgärkē / Gk + Gk government by the few. <i>Over the years, the tiny state's government eroded from a democracy to an oligarchy.</i>	n / 'äm.büdzmən / Sw [Note: Plural form is pronounced identically.] one that investigates complaints (as from students or customers), reports findings, and helps to achieve equitable settlements. <i>The college hired a special ombudsman to investigate widespread charges of unfair grading practices.</i>	adj / 'ämnbäbəs / L of, relating to, or providing for many things or classes at once : containing or including many items. <i>Ursula purchased an omnibus edition of Shakespeare's works, which was bound in leather.</i>
<b>oligophrenia</b>	<b>omega</b>	<b>omnifarious</b>
n / .älgō'frēnēə / Gk mental deficiency. <i>Although afflicted with oligophrenia, Cynthia was capable of taking care of herself in her home.</i>	<b>ominous</b> adj / 'ämənəs / L indicative of future misfortune or calamity : causing anxiety and fear. <i>For an instant there was an ominous stillness, quieter and more silent than ever before, as if even the air was holding its breath.</i>	adj / ämnə'fa(a)rēəs / L of all varieties, forms, or kinds. <i>The natural history museum has an omnifarious collection of animal bones.</i>
<b>ombrometer</b>	<b>omissible</b>	<b>omnigenous</b>
n / äm'brämədə(r) / Gk + Gk an instrument for measuring the quantity of precipitation that falls at a given place and time. <i>Precipitation in the area was studied by collecting data from radar scans and an ombrometer.</i>	<b>omission</b> n / ö'mishən / L the act of failing to insert, include, or name. <i>Katie refused to believe that Joe's omission of her name on the guest list was accidental.</i>	<b>omnilegent</b> adj / äm'niləjənt / L reading or having read everything : characterized by encyclopedic reading. <i>The omnilegent student was a valued member of the academic team.</i>
<b>ombrophilous</b>	<b>omitted</b>	<b>omnipotence</b>
adj / äm'bräfələs / Gk capable of withstanding or thriving in the presence of much rain. <i>After three days of rain, Kathy hoped that her garden plants were ombrophilous.</i>	v / ö'midəd / L left out. <i>Harry Nebuchadnezzar Schwartz usually omitted his middle name when he filled out forms.</i>	n / äm'nipədən(t)s / L almighty or unlimited power. <i>With an attitude of omnipotence, the government presumed that it could take any land it wanted.</i>
<b>ombrophobous</b>		<b>omnipotent</b>
adj / äm'bräfəbəs / Gk incapable of withstanding long-continued rain. <i>Ombrophobous plants would perish in a Seattle garden.</i>		<b>omniscience</b>
		<b>omniscient</b> adj / äm'nishənt / L having infinite awareness, understanding, and insight : knowing all things. <i>In most monotheistic religions, God is understood to be both omniscient and all-powerful.</i>
		<b>omnivorous</b>

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### **onager**

n

/ 'änəjə(r) /

Gk > L > E

an Asian wild ass that usually has a broad dorsal stripe.

*Although the onager looks like a donkey, it runs as swiftly as a horse.*

### **oncogeny**

n

/ än'käjənē /

Gk > L

the process of tumor formation.

*Certain plant extracts have been shown to inhibit oncogeny.*

### **oncology**

n

/ .äj'käləjē /

Gk

the study of tumors.

*Ed is focusing on oncology in his medical studies and is particularly interested in pancreatic cancer.*

### **oneiric**

### **onerous**

adj

/ 'änərəs /

L > F > E

that involves, imposes, or constitutes much oppressive or irksome work, effort, difficulty, or responsibility.

*Ron grudgingly completed the onerous task of cutting and stacking the firewood.*

### **oniomania**

### **onion**

### **onionskin**

### **onlooker**

### **onomastics**

n pl

/ .äñ'mastiks /

Gk

the science or study of the origins and forms of proper names of persons or places.

*A book on onomastics explained that the name Donald is a Scottish Gaelic word meaning "world ruler."*

### **onomatope**

n

/ 'änəmə.tōp /

Gk

a word formed in imitation of natural sounds.

*Tim found the onomatope kaboom in today's comic strip.*

### **onomatopoeia**

### **onslaught**

n

/ 'önslōt /

D > E

an especially fierce attack.

*The Britons were unable to withstand the onslaught of the Saxons.*

### **ontogeny**

n

/ än'täjənē /

Gk + Gk

the biological development or course of development of an individual organism.

*The role of brain ontogeny in Alzheimer's disease requires that an autopsy be performed to obtain a definitive diagnosis.*

### **onus**

n

/ 'ōnəs /

L

burden.

*Caring for her six children was an onus for the young widow.*

### **onychosis**

n

/ änə'kōsōs /

Gk

[has near homonym: onchooses] a disease of the nails.

*Even though he had only a mild onychosis, Eric was not allowed to work in the lab.*

### **onyx**

adj

/ än'iks /

Gk

of the color jet black.

*The teacher told the schoolchildren that space looks onyx from the shuttle.*

### **oometer**

n

/ öämədə(r) /

Gk + Gk

an instrument for measuring eggs.

*Mr. Horton uses an oometer to determine which eggs go in which cartons.*

### **ophagous**

adj

/ öäfəgəs /

Gk

living or feeding on eggs—used of insects or reptiles.

*Oophagous insects help control the bug population.*

### **opacity**

n

/ ö'pasədē /

L > F

the quality or state of a body that renders it impervious to the rays of light : lack of transparency or translucency.

*The envelope's opacity made it impossible for Garnet to see if there was a check inside.*

### **opah**

### **opalescence**

n

/ öpə'lesən(t)s /

Skt > L + Lcf

the quality or state of reflecting an iridescent light.

*The moonstone's opalescence gave it a pearly luster.*

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<b>opalescent</b>	<b>ophthalmologist</b>	<b>opportuneness</b>
<b>opaque</b>	n	<b>opposite</b>
adj	/ ə'fəl'mälōjəst /	n
/ ə'päk /	Gk	/ 'äpəzät /
L	a physician that specializes in the study and treatment of defects and diseases of the eye.	L
impervious to the rays of visible light : not transparent or translucent.	<i>Monica goes to the ophthalmologist once a year because she has a family history of glaucoma.</i>	the person occupying the position across from one's own in square dancing.
<i>The Dornans hung an opaque window shade in their son's nursery.</i>	<b>ophthalmology</b>	<i>Daniel's opposite in the square dance is a better dancer than he.</i>
<b>opeidoscope</b>	<b>opiate</b>	<b>opposition</b>
n		n
/ ə'pīdəskōp /		/ .äpə'zishən /
Gk		L
an instrument using light rays, a flexible membrane, and a mirror to exhibit the vibratory motions caused by sounds.		a configuration in which one celestial body is opposite another in the sky.
<i>Mr. Peterson used a simple opeidoscope to compare the sounds of musical instruments.</i>	<b>opine</b>	<i>The Moon, when full, is said to be in opposition to the Sun.</i>
<b>operable</b>	v	<b>opprobrious</b>
adj	/ ə'pin /	adj
/ 'äpə'rādəbəl /	L > F	/ ə'prōbrēəs /
L + Ecf	state as an opinion.	L > F > E
fit, possible, or desirable to use.	<i>There are some things humans think they know, and some that they merely opine.</i>	conveying or intending to convey disgrace.
<i>Renata hoped that her car would be operable after the collision.</i>	<b>opodeldoc</b>	<i>The principal denounced the vandals in opprobrious terms.</i>
<b>operettist</b>	<b>opossum</b>	<b>opprobrium</b>
<b>ophelimity</b>	n	<b>oppugn</b>
<b>ophicleide</b>	/ ə'päsəm /	v
<b>ophiolatry</b>	Algonquian	/ ə'pyün /
n	[Note: Could be confused with possum.] an omnivorous largely nocturnal and arboreal mammal that has a prehensile tail and an abdominal pouch to which the young are transferred at birth.	L
/ .äfē'älətrē /	<i>Arnold caught the opossum eating the cat's food.</i>	challenge the accuracy, propriety, probity, or other quality of.
Gk	<b>oppidan</b>	<i>The newspaper had a tendency to oppugn the actions of Congress in its editorials.</i>
the worship of or the attribution of divine or sacred nature to snakes.	adj	<b>optimistic</b>
<i>Before the rise of monotheism, ophiolatry in one form or another was nearly universal among ancient peoples.</i>	/ 'äpədən /	adj
<b>ophthalmic</b>	L	/ .äptə'mistik /
	of or relating to a town or to town as opposed to country.	L > F + Ecff
	<i>The painter sold his oppidan scenes of market day on the sidewalk, earning just enough to live on.</i>	anticipating the best.
	<b>opportune</b>	<i>Jackie remained optimistic about winning the national spelling bee.</i>
	adj	<b>option</b>
	/ .äpə(r)'tün /	
	L > F > E	
	fit, suitable, or convenient for a given purpose.	
	<i>We could not have chosen a more opportune spot for a picnic than the shore of Lake Walcott.</i>	

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<b>opulent</b>	<b>orchestra</b>	<b>orfevrerie</b>
adj / 'äpyələnt / L exhibiting or characterized by wealth or affluence. <i>Leather wall covering is one feature of the room's opulent décor.</i>	n / 'ō(r)kəstrə / Gk a large group of players of musical instruments including typically strings, woodwinds, brasses, and percussion organized especially for performing one of the larger forms of concert music or for accompanying an oratorio or other dramatic work. <i>The orchestra dazzled the audience with its performance of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture.</i>	n / örfevrə'rē / F goldsmith's or jeweler's work : jewelry. <i>Dave carefully looked over the orfevrerie, trying to decide what his wife would like for her birthday.</i>
<b>opusculum</b>	<b>orchid</b>	<b>organ</b>
n / ō'pəskyləm / L a minor work (as of literature). <i>Although critics regarded Jerome's first novel as an opusculum, it has steadily risen on the best-seller lists.</i>	n / 'ōrkēd / Gk > L a distinctive and often brightly colored tropical flower with three petals. <i>Many varieties of the orchid can be found in Hawaii.</i>	<b>oriel</b> n / 'ōrēəl / L? > F > E [has homonym and near homonym: oriole and aureole] a large bay window of semihexagonal or semisquare plan projecting from the face of a wall and supported by a corbel or bracket. <i>Megan set her chair in the pleasantly sunny oriel and sat down to read.</i>
<b>oracle</b>	<b>orchidaceous</b>	<b>orifice</b>
<b>orally</b>		n / 'ōrifēs / L > F the mouth or opening of something. <i>Each sprinkler head had an orifice of one-half inch.</i>
<b>orator</b>		
n / 'ōrədə(r) / L one distinguished for skill and power in public speaking. <i>Daniel Webster was an eminent 19th-century orator.</i>	adj / 'ōrkē'dāshəs / Gk > L + Ecf expressing or characterized by a showy or ostentatious quality. <i>Today's journalists generally eschew orchidaceous writing.</i>	<b>oriflamme</b>
<b>orbital</b>	<b>ordeal</b>	
n / 'ō(r)bēd'l / L a solution of the Schrödinger wave equation describing a possible mode of motion of a single electron in an atom or molecule. <i>There is theoretically no outer limit to the orbital of an electron.</i>	<b>ordination</b> n / .ō(r)dō'n'āshən / L the act or state of being admitted into the Christian ministry. <i>At her ordination Heather delivered a sermon on the 23rd Psalm.</i>	<b>origami</b> n / ,ōrə'gämē / Jpn the art or process of Japanese paper folding. <i>After only a few hours of studying origami, Veronica was creating paper cranes by the dozen.</i>
<b>orchard</b>	<b>ordnance</b>	<b>original</b>
n / 'ōrchərd / L + E a plantation or enclosure containing fruit trees, nut-bearing trees, or sugar maples. <i>In the orchard were bare fruit trees growing in the winter-browned grass.</i>	n / 'ōrdnən(t)s / F [has homonym and near homonym: ordinance and ordonnance] military supplies including weapons, ammunition, and combat vehicles. <i>As quartermaster, Sergeant Russo was responsible for all of the ordnance on the base.</i>	<b>oriole</b> n / 'ōrəsən / L > F > E prayer. <i>The pastor designated time in the service for a silent orison for the hostages.</i>

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<b>ormolu</b> n / 'ò(r)mə'lü / F brass made to imitate gold and used in mounts for furniture and for other decorative purposes. <i>The large mirror's frame was decorated with ormolu.</i>	<b>orphanage</b> <b>orpiment</b> n / 'ò(r)pəmənt / L > F > E an orange to yellow mineral consisting of arsenic trisulfide and used in fireworks and as a pigment. <i>Orpiment is used to produce yellow pigment for painting.</i>	<b>oryx</b> n / 'òriks / Gk > L any of a genus of large heavily built African and Arabian antelopes that have a light-colored coat with dark conspicuous markings especially on the face. <i>The adaptations of the Arabian oryx to the desert include its predominantly white coat to reflect heat and its splayed hooves for walking on sand.</i>
<b>ornithopter</b>	<b>orrery</b>	<b>oscillating</b>
<b>ornithotomy</b> n / .ò(r)nə'thädəmē / Gk the anatomy or dissection of birds. <i>Through ornithotomy Derrick learned how a bird's bones are interconnected.</i>	E name an apparatus that illustrates the relative positions and motions of bodies in the solar system. <i>Sheila fashioned a crude orrery out of coat hangers and Styrofoam.</i>	<b>oscillation</b> n / .äse'lāshən / L a swinging or moving backward and forward like a pendulum. <i>Engineers specified that slots be constructed in the deck of the bridge to reduce oscillation.</i>
<b>orofacial</b> adj / .òrə'fāshəl / L of or relating to the mouth and face. <i>Roseanne underwent plastic surgery to correct orofacial abnormalities.</i>	<b>orthodox</b> adj / 'ò(r)thədäks / Gk + Gk marked by conformity to doctrines or practices especially in religion that are held as right or true by some authority, standard, or tradition. <i>In orthodox Jewish synagogues, men and women are seated separately.</i>	<b>oscillatory</b> adj / 'äslə:tōrē / L characterized by the action of swinging or moving backward and forward like a pendulum. <i>The oscillatory motion of the airplane caused Deborah to become airsick.</i>
<b>orogeny</b> n / ò'räjənē / Gk the process of mountain making especially by folding of Earth's crust. <i>Mrs. Scott was demonstrating orogeny when she used a piece of carpet to show how mountains form.</i>	<b>orthoepy</b> n / 'ò(r)thə.wepē / Gk > L the study of the pronunciation of a language. <i>Differences between the English spoken in the United States and that spoken in England is a topic of orthoepy familiar to many linguists.</i>	<b>oscilloscope</b> n / ə'silə.skōp / L + Gk > L an instrument in which the variations in a fluctuating electrical quantity appear as a visible wave form on the fluorescent screen of a cathode-ray tube. <i>The technician used an oscilloscope to help him pinpoint the problem.</i>
<b>orotund</b> adj / 'òrə.tənd / L unduly full and strong in delivery or style : pompous, bombastic. <i>The more nervous Jeff gets while giving a speech, the more orotund his delivery becomes.</i>	<b>orthogonal</b>	<b>oscitation</b>
<b>orphan</b> n / 'òrfən / Gk > L a child without parents. <i>Oliver Twist is a famous fictional orphan.</i>	<b>orthographize</b>	

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<b>osculatory</b>	<b>ostentatious</b>	<b>otitis</b>
adj / 'äskyələ.tōrē / L of, relating to, or characterized by kissing. <i>Julie had no idea Shaun was talking about kissing when he asked if she would help him refine his osculatory skill.</i>	adj / .ästən'tāshəs / L for the purpose of attracting attention : pretentious. <i>Mrs. Howell's purchase of a diamond-studded collar for her poodle was one of her many ostentatious extravagances.</i>	n / ətīdēs / Gk > L inflammation of the ear. <i>Jeff's earache was diagnosed as a symptom of otitis of the middle ear.</i>
<b>osmosis</b>	<b>ostentatiously</b>	<b>otolaryngology</b>
n / äz'mōsōs / Gk the flow or diffusion that takes place through a semipermeable membrane typically separating either a solvent and a solution or a dilute solution and a concentrated solution. <i>An experiment using red dye gave a dramatic demonstration of osmosis.</i>	<b>osteoclasis</b>	n / ,ōdə.larən'gäləjē / G a branch of medicine that deals with the ear, nose, and throat and their disorders and diseases. <i>When Hazel's sore throat persisted, her family physician recommended an appointment with a specialist in otolaryngology.</i>
<b>osprey</b>	<b>osteoporosis</b>	<b>otomycosis</b>
n / 'äsprē / L > F > E a large hawk that is a dark brown color above and mostly pure white below and feeds on fish that it captures by hovering and diving. <i>Because of its preferred diet, the osprey is also called a "fish hawk."</i>	n / .ästēōpə'rōsōs / Gk + L a condition characterized by decrease in bone mass with decreased density and enlargement of bone spaces producing porosity and fragility. <i>Diane's doctor recommended increasing her calcium intake to prevent osteoporosis.</i>	n / ,ōdə.mī'kōsōs / Gk disease of the ear produced by the growth of fungi in the external auditory canal. <i>Jane's otomycosis proved resistant to treatment.</i>
<b>ossicle</b>	<b>ostracism</b>	<b>otter</b>
n / 'äsəkəl / L any of certain small bones. <i>The sports doctor told Nate that an ossicle in his left ear had been damaged by the blow from his opponent.</i>	<b>ostracize</b>	n / 'ädə(r) / E
<b>ossuary</b>	<b>ostrich</b>	[has homonym: odder] any of various largely aquatic carnivorous mammals that are related to the weasels and minks and usually have webbed and clawed feet and dark brown fur. <i>The sea otter places a stone on its chest and uses it as an anvil on which to open mussels and clams.</i>
<b>ostensible</b>	<b>otacoustic</b>	
adj / ä'sten(t)səbəl / L professing genuineness and sincerity but often concealing the real aspects behind a plausible facade. <i>Mr. Elton's ostensible reason for stopping by was to ask whether Mr. Woodhouse's party could be made up in the evening without him.</i>	adj / ,ōdə'küstik / Gk assisting the sense of hearing. <i>Mrs. Jordan fashioned a piece of cardboard into an otacoustic horn.</i>	
<b>otherwise</b>	<b>otalgia</b>	
	adv / 'əthə(r).wīz / E in a different way or manner : differently. <i>Bret told us to always back up our work; otherwise, we would be sorry.</i>	

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<b>oubliette</b>	<b>oviparous</b>	<b>oxymoron</b>
n / .üblē'et / L > F a dungeon with an opening only at the top and often a concealed pit below the floor. <i>Every medieval French castle Karen visited on the tour had an oubliette.</i>	adj / ə'vīpərəs / L producing eggs that develop and hatch outside the maternal body. <i>The platypus is an oviparous mammal.</i>	n / .äksō'mōr.än / Gk a combination for epigrammatic effect of contradictory or incongruous words. <i>Dexter feels that the phrase jumbo shrimp is an oxymoron.</i>
<b>ourselves</b>	<b>ovoid</b>	<b>oyez</b>
<b>outlet</b>	<b>oxbow</b>	v / ə'yā / F
<b>outrageous</b>	<b>oxen</b>	—used by criers of courts as a command to secure silence and attention before a proclamation. <i>"Oyez, oyez, oyez!" yelled the crier as the judge entered the courtroom.</i>
adj / .aut'rājəs / F extravagant, fantastic. <i>The sophomores created an outrageous float for the homecoming parade.</i>	<b>oxidation</b>	
<b>ouzo</b>	<b>oximeter</b>	<b>oyster</b>
<b>ovation</b>	<b>oxlip</b>	n / 'ōistə(r) / Gk > L > F > E a marine bivalve mollusk found along seacoasts or in the mouths of rivers. <i>Dad would not eat an oyster.</i>
<b>overbearance</b>	<b>oxydactyl</b>	
<b>overcast</b>	adj / 'ōvə(r).kast / E clouded over. <i>On a gloomy overcast muggy Minnesota summer day, the circus came to town.</i>	adj / .äksə'daktəl / Gk + Gk having slender tapered digits. <i>The glove was made for a delicate, oxydactyl hand.</i>
<b>overcompensate</b>	<b>oxygen</b>	<b>ozonic</b>
<b>override</b>	n / 'äksəjən / Gk > F a nonmetallic element that is normally a colorless odorless tasteless nonflammable gas, is the most abundant of the elements on Earth, and occurs in air and water, in most common rocks and minerals, and in a great variety of organic compounds. <i>Oxygen is the second most abundant element in Earth's atmosphere.</i>	<b>ozonosphere</b>
<b>overriding</b>	<b>oxylophyte</b>	<b>pabulum</b>
<b>overt</b>	n / äk'silə.fīt / Gk a plant that prefers or is restricted to an acid soil. <i>Sphagnum moss, which grows in bogs, is a common oxylophyte.</i>	n / 'pabyoləm / L rudimentary or sentimental writing. <i>The famous poet's early works were pure pabulum.</i>
<b>overweening</b>		<b>pachinko</b>
adj / .ōvə(r)'wēnij / E unduly confident. <i>Elaine's overweening pretensions fell flat when it was revealed that she could not even speak French.</i>		n / pə'chin(j.)kō / Jpn a Japanese gambling device resembling a pinball machine but with automatic payoff as in a slot machine. <i>Since the 1950s, playing pachinko has been a favorite pastime among the youth of Japan.</i>

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<b>pachyderm</b> n / 'pakódərm / Gk > F one of a group of thick-skinned mammals (as an elephant or rhinoceros). <i>When the circus came to town, it usually featured at least one pachyderm.</i>	<b>pageant</b> n / 'pejənt / L + Ecf an actor or other performer in a spectacle. <i>The pageanteer startled Benji by leaping onto the table.</i>	<b>paladin</b> n / 'paləd̩n / L > It > F a champion of a medieval prince : a legendary hero. <i>A medieval prince could be challenged to a duel, but his paladin would do the actual fighting.</i>
<b>pacifier</b>	<b>pageantry</b> n / 'pejəntrē / L > E colorful, rich, or splendid display. <i>Rachel could not wait to see the pageantry of the medieval festival.</i>	<b>palatable</b> adj / 'paləd̩əbəl / Etruscan? > L > E + Ecf agreeable to the palate or taste : savory. <i>Mom poured cheese over the spinach to make it more palatable.</i>
<b>pacifist</b>	<b>pagination</b>	<b>palatial</b>
<b>pacifistically</b> adv / .pasə'fistɪk(ə)lē / L > F > E in a manner characterized by opposition to violence as a means of settling disputes. <i>Randall approached his angry neighbor pacifistically.</i>	<b>pagoda</b> n / pə'gōdə / Skt > Pg a Far Eastern structure resembling a tower that is often richly decorated and typically has projecting roofs that curve upward between each story and that is erected usually as a temple or memorial. <i>The tour guide claimed that 1000 pounds of gold went into the decoration of the ornate pagoda.</i>	<b>palatially</b> adv / pə'lāshəlē / L + Ecff in a manner suitable for a palace. <i>The new hotel was palatially surrounded by high stone walls with elaborate bronze gates.</i>
<b>paddock</b>	<b>paisley</b> adj / 'pāzlē / Scottish geog name printed with an elaborate design consisting typically of curved abstract figures. <i>Mrs. Whatsit untied a blue and green paisley scarf.</i>	<b>palatinate</b> n / pə'lat̩nət / L the province or territory of a European nobleman. <i>Prince Vlad bowed, saying "I offer you the hospitality of my palatinate."</i>
<b>padishah</b> n / 'pādə.shā / Per a powerful important personage : mogul. <i>George Lucas is a padishah of motion picture epics.</i>	<b>pajamas</b> n / pə'jäməz / Hindi loose clothing designed for sleeping and relaxation. <i>Danielle received some flannel pajamas for Christmas.</i>	<b>palaver</b> n / pə'lavə(r) / Gk > L > Pg profuse, idle, or worthless talk : chatter. <i>Dean left when the seminar discussion degenerated into palaver.</i>
<b>paella</b> n / pə'ełə / L > F > Catal a saffron-flavored stew containing rice, chicken, seafood, and various vegetables. <i>Paella can be an expensive dish to prepare because saffron threads are so costly.</i>	<b>palazzo</b>	
<b>pagan</b> adj / pāgən / L of, relating to, or having the characteristics of followers of a polytheistic religion (as in ancient Rome). <i>New Age spirituality has given rise to a number of organized pagan groups.</i>		

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<b>paleontology</b>	<b>pallbearer</b>	<b>palooka</b>
n / pālē.än'tälōjē / Gk > F a science that deals with the life of past geological periods, is based on the study of fossil remains of plants and animals, and gives information especially about the chronology of the history of Earth. <i>Theo traces his interest in paleontology back to his discovery of fossils in his yard when he was a young boy.</i>	n / pōl'berə(r) / L > E+E an attendant at a funeral who helps carry the coffin. <i>Each pallbearer wore a carnation in his lapel.</i>	n / pō'lükə / unknown an inexperienced or incompetent boxer. <i>The boxing manager told his fighter to box like a palooka for one round, then come out swinging hard.</i>
<b>palilalia</b>	<b>pallescent</b>	<b>palouser</b>
n / pālē'lālēə / Gk > L a speech defect marked by abnormal repetition of syllables, words, or phrases. <i>Palilalia is a symptom of some mental disorders.</i>	<b>palesthesia</b>	<b>palpability</b>
<b>palimpsest</b>	<b>palliate</b>	<b>palpable</b>
n / 'palēm(p).est / Gk a parchment, tablet, or other portion of writing material that has been used twice or three times after the earlier writing has been erased. <i>Special equipment will help determine whether the old parchment Colin found is a palimpsest.</i>	v / 'pālē.ät / L moderate the intensity of : lessen. <i>For many prisoners, books palliate the boredom of isolation from society.</i>	adj / 'palpəbəl / L easily perceptible by the mind : obvious, manifest. <i>The injustice of the situation was palpable to even the least fair-minded individual present.</i>
<b>palindrome</b>	<b>palliative</b>	<b>palpebral</b>
n / 'palēndrōm / Gk a word, verse, or sentence that reads the same backward or forward. <i>Ada struggled to contrive a palindrome centered around her own name.</i>	<b>pallor</b>	adj / 'palpəbrəl / L [has near homonym: palpable] of, relating to, or located on or near the eyelids. <i>Mike's palpebral spasms were alleviated when he was treated with a muscle relaxant.</i>
<b>palladium</b>	<b>palmyra</b>	<b>palpitant</b>
n / pō'lādēəm / Gk > L something that affords effectual protection or security. <i>Many consider the Second Amendment to be the palladium of democracy.</i>	n / pal'mirə / L > Pg a tall fan palm that is native to Africa but widely cultivated in India. <i>The palmyra made a stately addition to Ramu's garden.</i>	adj / 'palpədənt / L trembling, quivering, throbbing. <i>Darryl jabbed his fork into the palpitant pudding.</i>
	<b>palometa</b>	<b>palpitation</b>
	n / .pālē'medə / L any of various butterfishes (as the California pompano). <i>The fish dealer readily identified Chet's greenish, slippery-coated catch as a palometa.</i>	n / palpə'tāshən / L an abnormally rapid beating of the heart when excited by violent exertion, strong emotion, or disease. <i>Ron could feel the palpitation in his chest as he approached Marie to ask her out on a date.</i>

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<b>paludal</b>	<b>panbroil</b>	<b>panickiness</b>
adj / pə'lüdəl / L of, relating to, or made up of marshes. <i>The map shows a boardwalk trail through the paludal areas.</i>	v / 'pan;bröil / L > F > E cook food in a skillet with little or no fat. <i>The recipe called for one to panbroil the chicken along with the vegetables.</i>	n / 'panäkēnōs / Gk > E the quality or state characterized by or resulting from sudden overpowering fright. <i>In her panickiness in calling for an ambulance, Gretchen forgot to give the street address.</i>
<b>palustrine</b>	<b>pancreatitis</b>	<b>panoramic</b>
adj / pə'ləstrən / L living or thriving in a marshy environment. <i>The alligator is an excellent palustrine hunter.</i>	n / ,pankrēə'tidēs / Gk > L inflammation of the gland that produces insulin. <i>The physician recommended immediate surgery for Gordon's acute pancreatitis.</i>	<b>pantisocracy</b> n / ,panta'säkrəsē / Gk a utopian community in which all rule equally. <i>The romantic poets dreamed of establishing a pantisocracy wherein everyone would share in the governing of the community.</i>
<b>palynology</b>	<b>pandiculation</b>	<b>pantomime</b>
<b>pamphlet</b>	n / pan.dikyə'lāshən / L a stretching and stiffening especially of the trunk and extremities (as when fatigued and drowsy or after waking from sleep). <i>A cat usually extends its claws during pandiculation.</i>	n / 'pantə.mīm / Gk > L a dramatic performance using no dialogue. <i>The sixth-grade class put on a pantomime of the story "Androcles and the Lion."</i>
<b>pamphleteer</b>	<b>panegyric</b>	<b>papacy</b>
n / pam(p)flè'ti(ə)r / Gk > L name + Ecf a writer of pamphlets attacking something or urging a cause. <i>Thomas Paine made a name for himself in colonial America as a pamphleteer.</i>	n / ,panə'jirik / Gk > L an oration or writing expressing praise. <i>Walt Whitman composed a famous panegyric on the occasion of Abraham Lincoln's death.</i>	<b>paparazzi</b> n pl / ,päpə'rätsē / It name free-lance photographers who aggressively pursue celebrities in order to take candid photographs. <i>Many people still blame the paparazzi for their apparent role in the death of Princess Diana.</i>
<b>panacea</b>	<b>panelist</b>	<b>papeterie</b>
<b>panacean</b>	<b>panettone</b>	<b>paprika</b>
adj / panə'sēən / Gk > L + Ecf having the properties of a remedy for all ills and difficulties. <i>Advertisements for the new pain medicine suggest that it has panacean qualities.</i>	n / ,päñə'tōñē / L > It a usually yeast-leavened holiday bread containing raisins and candied fruit peels. <i>Tad received a panettone in the mail from his Italian grandmother.</i>	n / pə'prēkə / Gk > Serb > Hung a condiment consisting of the dried finely ground pods of various cultivated sweet peppers. <i>Paprika has been a prized export of Hungary for centuries.</i>
<b>panache</b>	<b>panary</b>	<b>papyrus</b>
n / pə'nash / L > It > F dash or flamboyance in style or action. <i>The novel's great strength is the splendidly depicted panache of the protagonist.</i>		

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<b>parable</b>	<b>paradox</b>	<b>paralysis</b>
n /'parəbəl / L a usually short fictitious story that illustrates a moral attitude or a religious principle. <i>Ella's Sunday school teacher began every class with a parable.</i>	n /'parədäks / Gk a statement or sentiment that is seemingly contradictory or opposed to common sense and yet perhaps true in fact. <i>The homework assignment was to write an essay on the following paradox: "To guarantee freedom of religion, the government must be free from religion."</i>	n /pə'raləsəs / Gk a state of powerlessness or inactivity. <i>A sort of paralysis overcame the frightened child.</i>
<b>parabolize</b>		<b>paramedic</b>
<b>parabulia</b>	<b>paraffinic</b>	<b>paramount</b>
n /parə'büleə / Gk > L abnormality or perversion of willpower. <i>One critic called Nietzschean philosophy "a celebration of parabulia."</i>	adj /parə'finik / L > G of, relating to, or characterized by paraffin hydrocarbons or paraffin wax. <i>The new pesticide contains a highly refined paraffinic oil.</i>	adj /parə.maunt / L > F > AF superior to all others (as in power, position, or importance). <i>Victor holds the paramount seat on the library's board of directors.</i>
<b>parachute</b>		<b>paranoia</b>
<b>paraclete</b>	<b>paragraph</b>	n /parə'nöi(y)ə / Gk a tendency on the part of individuals or of groups toward suspiciousness and distrustfulness of others that is based not on objective reality. <i>Paranoia of government eavesdropping caused members of the militia to encrypt their communications.</i>
n /'parəklēt / Gk [Note: Could be confused with parrakeet.] one called to aid or support : an advocate. <i>The popular senator was hailed as a paraclete of civil rights.</i>		
<b>paradigm</b>	<b>parallax</b>	<b>paraparesis</b>
n /'parədīm / Gk an outstandingly clear or typical example or pattern. <i>The paradigm of sin and salvation underlies much of 17th-century English poetry.</i>	n /'parə.laks / Gk > F the apparent displacement or the difference in apparent direction of an object as seen from two different points not on a straight line with the object. <i>Sujata carefully allowed for the parallax when framing the picture in her viewfinder.</i>	n /parəpə'rēsəs / Gk partial paralysis affecting the lower limbs. <i>Kent's paraparesis was caused by a skateboarding accident.</i>
<b>paradise</b>	<b>parallel</b>	<b>parapet</b>
<b>parador</b>		
	adj /'parə.lel / Gk extending in the same direction and everywhere equidistant. <i>The parallel lines of the railroad tracks tipped off analysts to the location of the munitions plant.</i>	n /'parəpēt / L > It a rampart raised upon or above the main wall in a permanent fortification. <i>The princess walked along the parapet every evening at dusk, watching for the return of her beloved.</i>
	<b>paralogize</b>	
	v /pə'raləjīz / Gk reason falsely : draw conclusions not warranted by the premises. <i>Although James tends to paralogize, he is so eloquent that his listeners often overlook his faulty reasoning.</i>	

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<b>paragraph</b>	<b>parasol</b>	<b>parishioners</b>
n / 'parəf / Gk > L a flourish at the end of a signature sometimes used as a sort of rude safeguard against forgery. <i>Delia always signs her name with an elaborate paragraph ending in a smiley face.</i>	n / 'parəsəl / L > It > F a lightweight umbrella used as a sunshade. <i>Georgina decided to splurge on an antique parasol even though she knew she'd never actually use it.</i>	n pl / po'rish(ə)nə(r)z / Gk > L > F > E + Ecf the members of a local church community. <i>The parishioners held a meeting and decided to build a new gymnasium for the school.</i>
<b>paraphernalia</b>	<b>parboil</b>	<b>parity</b>
n pl / .parəfə(r)'nālyə / Gk > L articles of equipment. <i>Mark lugged all his photographic paraphernalia to every spelling bee.</i>	v / 'pär,bōil / L > F > E cook briefly in simmering liquid as a preliminary or incomplete cooking procedure. <i>It is advisable to parboil dense vegetables like carrots before stir-frying them with other vegetables.</i>	n / 'parədē / L [has homonym: parody] the quality or state of being equal : close equivalence or resemblance. <i>American automobile manufacturers believe they have achieved parity with their foreign competitors.</i>
<b>paraphrasable</b>	<b>parcel</b>	<b>parkin</b>
adj / 'parəfrāzəbəl / Gk + Ecf capable of being restated in another form usually for clearer and fuller exposition. <i>The teacher asked the students if the meaning of the poem was paraphrasable.</i>	<b>pare</b>	<b>parlance</b>
<b>paraplegic</b>	<b>parenthesize</b>	n / 'pärlən(t)s / F idiom, phraseology. <i>In educational parlance the new high school is a "magnet school."</i>
adj / .parə'plējik / Gk affected with paralysis of the lower half of the body including both legs due to disease or injury to the spinal cord. <i>With much determination, effort, and training, the paraplegic patient learned how to take care of himself at home.</i>	<b>parfait</b>	<b>parley</b>
<b>parasite</b>	<b>pariah</b>	n / 'pärle / L > F [has homonym: parlay] conversation, discussion. <i>Mr. Elton and Harriet had a very interesting parley about what could be done and should be done.</i>
<b>parasitic</b>	<b>parietal</b>	<b>parliament</b>
adj / .parə'sidik / Gk > L living in or on another organism. <i>Dogs are susceptible to parasitic organisms such as fleas and heartworms.</i>	adj / pə'rīəd'l / L > F of, relating to, or located in the upper posterior part of the head. <i>The X ray revealed no damage to Hernando's parietal bone.</i>	<b>parochial</b>
		adj / pə'rōkēəl / L > F > AF > E of or relating to a church parish. <i>Five of Susan's friends attended parochial schools.</i>
		<b>parodist</b>

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<b>parody</b>	<b>parrhesia</b>	<b>partridge</b>
n / 'parədē / Gk [has homonym: parity] a writing in which the language and style of an author or work is closely imitated for comic effect or in ridicule. <i>The Battle of the Frogs and the Mice is a Hellenistic parody of the Iliad.</i>	n / pa'rēzh(ē)ə / Gk [Note: Could be confused with Parisian.] boldness or freedom of speech. <i>When Bill was in elementary school, his parrhesia earned him many stints of standing in the corner.</i>	n / pärtrij / L > F > E any of several game birds belonging to the same subfamily as the bobwhite. <i>A partridge fluttered out of the tall grass and startled Katrina.</i>
<b>paroemia</b>	<b>parsec</b>	<b>parturition</b>
n / pə'rēmēə / Gk > L a rhetorical proverb. <i>Coach Morgan's favorite paroemia is "A rolling stone gathers no moss."</i>	n / pär sek / Gk + L a unit of measure for interstellar space equal to a distance of 3.26 light-years or to 19.2 trillion miles. <i>Porgy estimated the distance between the stars to be one parsec.</i>	n / pärdə'rishən / L the action or process of giving birth to offspring. <i>In some cultures, women return to manual labor within hours of parturition.</i>
<b>paroxysm</b>	<b>parsimony</b>	<b>parvenuism</b>
n / 'parəksizəm / Gk a sudden, violent, and uncontrollable action or occurrence of emotion. <i>When Jeff unknowingly sat on the whoopie cushion, Al burst into a paroxysm of laughter.</i>	n / pär snip / L > F > E a biennial plant with yellow flowers and a long, thick, sweet, white root used as a vegetable. <i>Jake yanked a parsnip from his garden.</i>	n / 'pärvən(y)ü.izəm / L > F + Ecf the behavior of one who makes great pretensions because of acquired wealth. <i>The parvenuism of the steel and railroad barons caused them to build some of the most amazing private homes in the United States.</i>
<b>paroxysmal</b>	<b>parterre</b>	<b>pasigraphy</b>
adj / ,parək'sizməl / Gk > L > F marked or accompanied by sudden attacks or spasms (as of a disease). <i>Mike's whooping cough was treated with antibiotics in its early paroxysmal stage.</i>	n / pär'te(ə)r / L > F the part of the floor of a theater behind the orchestra. <i>For the season premiere, the seats in the parterre were reserved for the stockholder of the opera company.</i>	n / pasə'mäləjē / Gk? + Gk + Gk the study of gestures as a means of communication. <i>Native American sign language is one means of communication studied in pasimology.</i>
<b>parquet</b>	<b>parthenogenesis</b>	<b>pasimology</b>
n / pär'kā / F a patterned flooring. <i>Terry had expensive parquet installed in the foyer.</i>	n / pärthənō'jenəsēs / Gk reproduction that involves development of a gamete without fertilization. <i>Parthenogenesis occurs commonly among some stick insect species.</i>	n / pasə'mäləjē / Gk? + Gk + Gk the study of gestures as a means of communication. <i>Native American sign language is one means of communication studied in pasimology.</i>
		<b>pasqueflower</b>
		<b>pasquinade</b>
		n / paskwə'nād / It > F a lampoon or satire usually having a political significance. <i>The president's misadventure quickly became the subject of an editorial pasquinade.</i>
		<b>passementerie</b>
		<b>passenger</b>

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<b>passerine</b>	<b>pathogeny</b>	<b>patriciate</b>
adj / 'pasərɪn / L of or relating to the largest order of birds including more than half of all living birds and consisting chiefly of songbirds of perching habits. <i>Mr. Perrault, an avid birder, told us that passerine birds have a maximum life-span of about ten years in the wild.</i>	n / pə'thäjənē / Gk the origination and development of a disease. <i>Much research has been done on the factors involved in the pathogeny of muscular dystrophy.</i>	n / pə'trishēt / L a class of high-ranking nobles or aristocrats. <i>As members of the New York patriciate, Donald and his wife kept a high social profile and lived extravagantly.</i>
<b>pasteurization</b>	<b>pathos</b>	<b>patrikin</b>
<b>pasteurize</b>	n / 'pā.thäs / Gk an element in experience or in artistic representation evoking pity or compassion. <i>The actress was highly praised for the pathos she evoked in her death scene.</i>	<b>patriot</b>
v / 'pas(h)chə.rīz / F name + Ecf subject to heating long enough to kill disease-causing microorganisms. <i>Dairies pasteurize milk before delivering it to stores.</i>		n / 'pātrēt / Gk > L > F a person who loves his country and defends and promotes its interests. <i>The foreign spy convinced others that he was a flag-waving patriot.</i>
<b>pastiche</b>	<b>patois</b>	<b>patroness</b>
n / pa'stēsh / It > F a usually incongruous medley of different styles and materials : hodgepodge. <i>Jordan considers the design for the new library a pretentious pastiche.</i>	n / 'pātwā / F a dialect other than the standard or literary dialect. <i>Parisians considered the French spoken in the English court to be a patois.</i>	n / pātrənēs / L a woman who provides for or promotes the interests of a protégé. <i>Emma was soon left in peace, not forced to be the very active patroness of Jane Fairfax.</i>
<b>pasture</b>	<b>patriarch</b>	<b>patronymic</b>
n / 'pas(h)chə(r) / L > F > E land that is used for the grazing of animals. <i>Every morning the cows returned to the grassy pasture.</i>	n / pātrē.ärk / Gk a man regarded as father or founder (as of a race, science, religion, or class of people). <i>In many religious circles Adam is considered to be the patriarch of the human race.</i>	<b>patulous</b>
<b>patache</b>	<b>patrician</b>	
<b>patella</b>	adj / pə'telə / L kneecap. <i>Shelby bumped her patella against the bottom of the desk when she stood up too quickly.</i>	adj / pachələs / L spreading widely from a center. <i>The old apple tree had many patulous branches.</i>
	n / pə'trishən / L of, relating to, or characteristic of gentle or noble birth or of breeding and cultivation. <i>Escorting Cassie to her debutante ball is a patrician experience Rob will never forget.</i>	<b>patzer</b>
		n / pātsə(r) / G an inept chess player. <i>When Drew won the chess game so easily, he jokingly called his opponent a "patzer."</i>
		<b>paucispiral</b>
		n / pōsədē / L a small number : fewness. <i>The choir suffered from a paucity of male voices.</i>

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<b>paunchiness</b>	<b>pearly</b> adj / 'perlē / L > F > E having the color of a pearl, which is usually white or light-colored. <i>"Show me your pearly whites," encouraged the photographer.</i>	<b>pedestrian</b> adj / pĕ'destrēən / L marked by drabness or dullness : commonplace. <i>The critic wrote the play off as a pedestrian imitation of Shakespeare.</i>
<b>paupiette</b> n / pō'pyet / F a thin slice of meat or fish wrapped around a filling (as of forcemeat). <i>At the new restaurant Carol enjoyed a veal paupiette stuffed with ham and cheese.</i>	<b>peccadillo</b> n / .peka'di(.)lō / L > Sp a slight offense or petty fault. <i>The defense lawyers lost the case when they tried to classify high treason as a "minor peccadillo."</i>	<b>pedicure</b>
<b>pavement</b>	<b>peccant</b> adj / 'pekənt / L guilty of a moral offense : sinning, corrupt. <i>The council members railed against the peccant mayor.</i>	<b>pedodontist</b> n / pēdō'dāntēst / Gk a specialist in the branch of dentistry that is concerned with the dental care of children. <i>The pedodontist recommends that infants and toddlers not be allowed to fall asleep with a bottle of milk or juice in their mouths.</i>
<b>pavilion</b> n / pĕ'velyən / L > F > E a large often sumptuous tent. <i>The servants scurried to set up the queen's pavilion before the Sun went down.</i>	<b>peculiar</b>	<b>peekaboo</b> n / pēkə.bü / E + cf + E a game to entertain an infant or young child in which one hides his or her face and then reappears and makes an exclamation. <i>The photographer finally managed to elicit a smile from the baby when she started playing peekaboo.</i>
<b>pavonine</b> adj / 'pavə.nīn / L of, relating to, or resembling the peacock. <i>Audrey cooled herself by waving a pavonine fan.</i>	<b>pecuniary</b> adj / pō'kyünē.ərē / L taking the form of or consisting of money. <i>Margaret values her grandmother's engagement ring for its sentimental rather than its pecuniary worth.</i>	<b>peerless</b> adj / 'pi(ə)rlēs / E matchless, incomparable. <i>Randy wondered how he could compete against the peerless defending champion.</i>
<b>paysanne</b> adj / pā'zan / F prepared (as with diced root vegetables) in country or simple style. <i>Errol served a paysanne sauce with the tenderloins.</i>	<b>pedagogist</b> n / 'pedəgäjēst / Gk a specialist in education. <i>It didn't take a pedagogist to know the school was overcrowded.</i>	<b>peeishly</b> adv / 'pēvəshlē / E in a manner marked by ill temper. <i>"There, you see," he said peeishly; "I'm even afraid to make a positive statement."</i>
<b>peaceable</b> adj / 'pēsəbəl / L > F > E + Ecf marked by freedom from war, strife, hostilities, or disorder. <i>Aggressive doctrines are incompatible with any peaceable administration of the government.</i>	<b>pedantic</b> adj / pō'dantik / L? > It > F + Ecf excessively meticulous. <i>Frazier's pedantic approach bored the few remaining audience members.</i>	
<b>pearlescent</b>		

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<b>peirastic</b>	<b>penalty</b>	<b>penicillin</b>
adj / pī'rastik / Gk fitted for trial : experimental. <i>The new drug has been approved only for peirastic use with patients who volunteer to take it.</i>	n / 'penəltē / L a disadvantage (as loss of yardage, time, or possession of the ball) imposed for violation of the rules of a contest. <i>In ice hockey a penalty of two minutes off the ice is frequently given to players who commit minor infractions of the rules.</i>	n / pen'i silən / L a mixture of antibiotic relatively nontoxic acids produced especially by molds of the genus <i>Penicillium</i> . <i>When penicillin did not cure Frankie's ear infection, the doctor prescribed a different antibiotic.</i>
<b>pejorative</b>	<b>penance</b>	<b>peninsula</b>
adj / pē'jōrātiv / L having a tendency to make or become worse : depreciatory, disparaging. <i>The critic's pejorative comments angered the entire cast.</i>	n / 'penən(t)s / L > F > E [has homonym: pennants] act of self-abasement either voluntarily performed to show sorrow for sin or imposed as a punishment for sin by a church official. <i>Emma resolved to keep Harriet no longer in the dark and went, the very next day, to undergo the necessary penance of communication.</i>	n / pō'nin(t)s(ə)lə / L a portion of land nearly surrounded by water and connected with a larger body by an isthmus. <i>Florida is actually a very large peninsula.</i>
<b>pelagic</b>	<b>penchant</b>	<b>penitence</b>
<b>pelican</b>		
<b>pelisse</b>	<b>penchant</b>	<b>penitentiary</b>
n / pē'lēs / L > F [has homonym: police] a woman's loose lightweight cloak with wide collar and fur trimming. <i>Grandmother's old pelisse was a perfect costume for our production of A Christmas Carol.</i>	n / 'penchənt / L > F a strong leaning or attraction; broadly : liking. <i>While traveling overseas, Brad developed a penchant for Turkish coffee.</i>	n / 'penədən(t)s / L sorrow for sins or faults. <i>Because of Ella's true penitence, her best friend was quick to forgive her for her breach of confidence.</i>
<b>pellagra</b>	<b>pendeloque</b>	
<b>pellucid</b>	<b>pendulum</b>	
<b>Peloponnesian</b>		
adj / pēlōpō'nēzhən / Gk name + Gk of or relating to the southern peninsula of Greece. <i>The Peloponnesian War was between Athens and Sparta.</i>	<b>pendeloque</b>	
<b>pemphigoid</b>	<b>pendulum</b>	
	n / 'penjələm / L a body suspended from a fixed point so as to swing freely to and fro under the action of gravity and commonly used to regulate the movements of clockwork and other machinery. <i>Trina stops the grandfather clock's pendulum each evening so that the chimes will not ring during the night.</i>	
	<b>penguin</b>	

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<b>pensive</b> adj / 'pen(t)siv / L > F > E absorbed or engrossed in or given to sober thoughtfulness. <i>Lori appeared pensive on the last day of vacation.</i>	<b>perambulate</b> v / pə'rambyəlāt / L travel over or through especially on foot. <i>Sid and Amy often perambulate the park on sunny days.</i>	<b>peremptory</b> adj / pə'rem(p)t(ə)rē / L putting an end to or precluding a right of action, debate, or delay. <i>Mr. Stone interrupted Cindy's wrong answer by raising his hand in a peremptory gesture.</i>
<b>pentathlon</b> n / pen'tath.län / Gk a contest in the modern Olympic Games involving participation by each contestant in horseback riding, shooting, fencing, swimming, and running. <i>Miguel is practicing four hours a day for the upcoming pentathlon.</i>	<b>perceive</b>	<b>perennate</b>
	<b>perceptible</b>	v / 'perə.nät / L live over from season to season : persist. <i>Ornamental banana trees will seldom perennate outdoors north of the subtropics.</i>
	<b>percipient</b>	
	<b>percnosome</b> n / 'pərknə.sōm / Gk a small body occurring in the androcyte of a fern. <i>Under the microscope, the dark shape of the percnosome was clearly visible.</i>	<b>perennial</b> adj / pə'renēəl / L continuing or lasting through several years—used specifically of a plant that dies back seasonally and produces new growth from a part that lives over from season to season. <i>The garden is bare of flowers because the perennial plants have been cut down for their winter rest.</i>
<b>pentecostys</b>	<b>percolate</b> v / 'pərkəlāt / L prepare by causing (a liquid) to pass through (as coffee) in order to extract the essence. <i>Sal did not allow enough time to percolate his coffee before he had to go to work.</i>	<b>perestroika</b>
<b>penumbra</b> n / pə'nəmbrə / L a shadow cast (as in an eclipse) where the light is partly but not wholly cut off by the intervening body. <i>Bert caused a penumbra on the screen when he walked in front of the slide projector.</i>	<b>percussor</b> n / pə(r)'kəsə(r) / L a small hammer with a rubber head used as a diagnostic tool by physicians. <i>Dr. Goldman tested Paula's reflexes with a percussor.</i>	n / (ə)perə'strōikə / Russ extensive restructuring and reform intended to revitalize the government and economy of the former Soviet Union. <i>Perestroika was the key that unlocked the former Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact nations to democratization.</i>
<b>penurious</b>	<b>peregrinate</b> v / 'perəgrə.nāt / L travel on foot : walk, tour. <i>Nicki hopes to peregrinate across England in the fall.</i>	<b>perezone</b>
<b>penury</b> n / 'penyərē / L scantiness. <i>Jane cited the penury of intelligent conversation at the children's table as her reason for wanting to sit with the adults in the main dining room.</i>		<b>perfervid</b> adj / pər'fərvēd / L extremely or excessively fervent : zealous, impassioned. <i>In front of the Capitol a man was giving a perfervid speech on the evils of national taxation.</i>
<b>peony</b> n / 'pēənē / E any of a genus of perennial often double-flowered plants with large pink, white, red, or yellow showy flowers. <i>Ben placed a brightly colored peony in a tall vase.</i>		

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<b>perfidious</b>	<b>peripatetic</b>	<b>perishable</b>
<b>perfidy</b>	adj / pərə'pə'tedik / Gk performed or performing while moving about : itinerant. <i>Adrian spent an exciting three years as a peripatetic journalist before settling in Chicago.</i>	adj / 'perəshəbəl / L > F > E + Ecf subject to quick deterioration or spoilage except under proper conditions (as of temperature or moisture content). <i>The advent of refrigeration changed the way perishable foods are packaged.</i>
<b>perforate</b>		<b>peristalsis</b>
<b>perfume</b>	<b>peripety</b>	
n / 'pər.fyüm / L > OProv > F a fluid preparation used for scenting : fragrance. <i>Some theaters designate a fragrance-free seating area for those persons allergic to perfume and scented lotions.</i>	n / pə'ripədē / Gk > F a sudden or unexpected reversal of circumstances or situation in a literary work. <i>The peripety in the last act of the play stunned the audience.</i>	n / ,perə'stōlsōs / Gk successive waves of involuntary contraction passing along the walls of the intestine and forcing the contents onward. <i>Disruption of peristalsis can lead to digestion problems.</i>
<b>pergelisol</b>	<b>peripheral</b>	<b>perjury</b>
n / pər'jelə.sōl / L permanently or perennially frozen ground : permafrost. <i>Chan's theory is that there are large oil deposits beneath the pergelisol.</i>	adj / ,pə'rif(ə)rəl / Gk located away from a center or a central portion. <i>Although Kerry's main interest lies in literature, she has peripheral interests in art history and psychology.</i>	n / 'pərj(ə)rē / L > AF > E the voluntary violation of an oath. <i>One thing is certain after the testimony: Either Mr. Jakes or Mr. Cleveland has committed perjury.</i>
<b>Periclean</b>	<b>periphery</b>	<b>perlustrate</b>
adj / ,perə'klēən / Gk name of or relating to Pericles or his age when Athens was at its highest material and intellectual state. <i>Periclean Athens bequeathed the Parthenon and many other monuments of artistic splendor to the world.</i>	n / pə'rif(ə)rē / Gk the external boundary or surface of any body or area. <i>Many villages dotted the periphery of the extinct volcano.</i>	<b>permanence</b>
<b>perigee</b>	<b>periphrasis</b>	<b>permeable</b>
n / 'perə(ə)jē / Gk the point in the orbit of a satellite of Earth that is nearest to the center of Earth. <i>As the communications satellite neared perigee, its signal became stronger.</i>	n / pə'rifrəsēs / Gk the use of a longer phrasing in place of a possible shorter and plainer form of expression. <i>Frustrated by the document's endless periphrasis, Ludwig threw up his hands in despair.</i>	v / 'pərmē.āt / Gk spread or diffuse through. <i>Igor wiped up the spill immediately, lest the smell of formaldehyde permeate the room.</i>
<b>perinatal</b>		<b>pernicious</b>
		adj / pə(r)'nishəs / L highly injurious or destructive : deadly. <i>The doctors finally eradicated the pernicious infection from the patient's lungs.</i>

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<b>pernoctate</b>	<b>perseverance</b>	<b>personification</b>
v / (ə)per'näk.tät / L stay up or out all night. <i>Brian knew he would have to pernoctate at least once in order to finish his term paper.</i>	n / .persə'virən(t)s / L continued or steadfast pursuit or prosecution of an undertaking or aim. <i>After much perseverance, Frank induced the most upright female mind in creation to stoop in charity to a secret engagement.</i>	<b>personification</b> <b>personnel</b>
<b>peroration</b>	<b>persevere</b>	<b>perspicacious</b>
n / .perə'rāshən / L a flowery, highly rhetorical speech. <i>Trudy's peroration was lost on her audience at the school board meeting.</i>	<b>persevered</b> v / .pərsə'vi(ə)rd / L > F > E persisted in spite of counter influences, opposition, or discouragement. <i>Winston persevered at his post in accordance with his duty.</i>	adj / .pərspə'kāshəs / L + Ecf of acute mental vision or discernment. <i>The chairman attributed the company's record profits to perspicacious management.</i>
<b>perpendicular</b>	<b>persiflage</b>	<b>perspicuity</b>
<b>perpetual</b>	<b>perspiration</b>	<b>perspiration</b>
adj / pə(r)'pech(əw)əl / L > F > E everlasting, eternal. <i>Shawna expected to enjoy perpetual bliss in heaven.</i>	<b>persuade</b>	<b>pertinacious</b>
<b>perplexing</b>	<b>persiflage</b>	adj / .pərt'n'āshəs / L stubbornly unshakable. <i>There was something mysterious in the moody and dogged silence of this pertinacious companion.</i>
adj / pə(r)'pleksiŋ / L that causes an agitated or confused mental condition. <i>Silvio found English grammar terribly perplexing.</i>	<b>pertinent</b>	
<b>perquisite</b>	<b>persillade</b>	<b>pertinently</b>
n / 'pərkwəzət / L a privilege, gain, or profit incidental to an employment in addition to regular salary or wages. <i>A perquisite attractive to many business executives is unlimited use of a cellular telephone.</i>	adj / .persē'äd / F dressed with or containing parsley. <i>Marina's dinner guests enjoyed a flavorful sea bass in a persillade sauce.</i>	<b>perusal</b> n / .pə'rüzəl / L? > E + E the action of reading through or over with some attention and typically for the purpose of discovering or noting one or more specific points. <i>The legal advisor's perusal of the proposed contract identified many points of concern.</i>
<b>persecute</b>	<b>persimmon</b>	<b>peruse</b>
v / 'persə.kyüt / L harass in a manner to injure, grieve, or afflict usually because of some difference of opinion. <i>The revolutionary extremists vowed to persecute the peasants who would not support their cause.</i>	n / pə(r)'simən / Algonquian a medium-sized tree of the southern and eastern United States with hard fine-grained wood, oblong leaves, and bell-shaped flowers followed by an orange several-seeded berry that is edible when fully ripe but usually extremely astringent when unripe. <i>Leroy's mouth puckered when he bit into an unripe persimmon.</i>	v / pə'rüz / L > E read; specifically : read through or read over with some attention and typically for the purpose of discovering or noting one or more specific points. <i>Jan plans to peruse several journals in the hope of getting needed material for further research.</i>

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<b>pervasive</b>	<b>petrolage</b>	<b>phaeton</b>
adj / pə(r)'vāsiv / L + Ecf that permeates or tends to permeate. <i>The turkey farm had a pervasive odor that clung to clothes.</i>	n / 'petrōlij / L > F + Ecf the treatment of stagnant water with mineral oil so as to exterminate mosquitoes. <i>The health department was advised to use petrolage every spring to eliminate the mosquitoes.</i>	n / 'fāēt̄n / Gk > L [has near homonym: Phaethon] an open automobile with two cross seats, usually four doors, and a folding top. <i>Charles almost bought the 1931 Rolls Royce phaeton at the auction.</i>
<b>pervicacious</b>	<b>petroleum</b>	<b>phalacrosis</b>
<b>perwitsky</b>	<b>petrophilous</b>	n / fālə'krōsōs / Gk baldness. <i>Phalacrosis is an inherited characteristic.</i>
<b>pessimist</b>	<b>adj</b>	
n / 'pesəmēst / L > F one inclined to put the least favorable construction on actions and happenings, to emphasize adverse aspects, conditions, and possibilities, or to anticipate the worst possible outcome. <i>Being a pessimist made keeping friends very difficult for Mark.</i>	/ pə'träfələs / Gk attached to or living on rock; used especially of algae and crustaceans. <i>Petrophilous barnacles and limpets can be found along rocky shores.</i>	
<b>pestilence</b>	<b>pettifogger</b>	<b>phalanx</b>
n / 'pestələn(t)s / L a contagious or infectious epidemic disease that is virulent and devastating. <i>Pestilence has historically been one of society's main causes of death.</i>	n / 'pedē.fāgə(r) / E + G name? lawyer whose methods are petty, underhanded, or disreputable. <i>Unlike the pettifogger who hung out his shingle across the street, Mr. Patterson was a gentleman of the law.</i>	n / 'fā.lāŋks / Gk a group or body in close formation. <i>Sarah craned her neck in wonder as the phalanx of military jets flew over in tight formation.</i>
<b>pestle</b>	<b>petulance</b>	<b>phansigar</b>
n / 'pesəl / L > F > E a usually club-shaped implement for pounding or grinding substances especially in a mortar. <i>Grandma bought a brass mortar and pestle from an antique dealer.</i>	<b>petulant</b>	<b>pharaoh</b>
	adj / 'pechələnt / L characterized by temporary or capricious ill humor : peevish. <i>The striking ballplayers were characterized as spoiled, petulant, and self-obsessed.</i>	n / 'fe(.)rō / Egypt > Heb > Gk > L a ruler of ancient Egypt. <i>Tutankhamen is one pharaoh whose name most people recognize.</i>
<b>patchary</b>	<b>petunia</b>	<b>pharisaical</b>
<b>petechia</b>	<b>n</b>	adj / 'farə'sāēkəl / Aram > GK > L + E making an outward show of piety and morality but lacking the inward spirit : hypocritical.
<b>petrogeny</b>	<b>/ pō'tūnyə /</b>	<i>Cardinal Newman spoke of the vast numbers of pharisaical individuals among baptized Christians.</i>
n / pō'träjənē / Gk + Gk the science of the origin of rocks. <i>A vacation trip to the Grand Canyon sparked Lauren's interest in petrogeny.</i>	L > F a common garden plant with funnel-shaped flowers of many colors and patterns. <i>Russell pulled a purple petunia from the flower bed.</i>	<b>pharmaceutical</b>

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<b>pharos</b>	<b>pheromone</b>	<b>philippics</b>
n / 'färəs / Gk a lighthouse or beacon to guide seamen. <i>Leland said the restaurant acted like a pharos for all those at sea off the tip of the island.</i>	n / 'ferə.mōn / Gk a chemical substance that is produced by an animal and serves as a specific stimulus to other individuals of the same species for one or more behavioral responses. <i>When attacked by another beetle, the defensive beetle emitted a repellent pheromone.</i>	n pl / fō'lipiks / Gk declamations full of acrimonious invective : tirades. <i>The philippics that the two legislators shot back and forth across the chamber roused the lethargic Senate.</i>
<b>pharynx</b>	<b>phew</b>	<b>philistine</b>
<b>phase</b>	<b>phial</b>	adj / 'filə.stēn / Heb > Gk of, relating to, or characterized by crass materialism and insensitivity to aesthetics.
n / 'fāz / Gk [has homonyms: fays, faze] a homogeneous, physically distinct, and mechanically separable portion of matter that is present in a nonhomogeneous physical-chemical system and that may be either a single compound or a mixture. <i>Water exists in the solid phase as ice, in the liquid phase as water, and in the gaseous phase as vapor or steam.</i>	<b>philatelist</b>	<i>Nineteenth-century essayists derided the English middle class as being vulgar and philistine.</i>
<b>pheasant</b>	<b>philately</b>	<b>phillumenist</b>
n / 'fezənt / Gk > L > F > AF > E any of numerous large, often long-tailed, and brilliantly colored Old World birds with legs adapted for running and scratching the ground where most of their food (as seeds or worms) is found. <i>After a morning of hunting, Larry returned with a pheasant, two rabbits, and a wild duck.</i>	n / fə'lad̩lē / Gk > F [has near homonym: flatly] stamp collecting. <i>Philately can be an excellent inexpensive hobby.</i>	n / fā'lūmənēst / Gk > L + Ecf one who collects matchbooks or matchbox labels. <i>The phillumenist kept a fire extinguisher near his prize collection.</i>
<b>phenomenon</b>	<b>philharmonic</b>	<b>philologist</b>
n / fə'nämə.nän / Gk > L an observable fact or event. <i>The civil rights movement began as a startling phenomenon to many complacent Americans.</i>	n / .filə(r)'mänik / Gk > L > It a musical concert or musical organization (as a society or orchestra). <i>The philharmonic celebrated the Fourth of July with a program of patriotic music.</i>	n / fə'läləjēst / Gk a scholar concerned with human speech as the vehicle of literature and as a field of study that sheds light on cultural history. <i>Hannah wants to become a philologist and study ancient Russian dialects.</i>
<b>pheon</b>	<b>philhellene</b>	<b>philology</b>
	n / fil'he.lēn / Gk an admirer or supporter of Greece or of the Greeks. <i>After one trip to the museum, Lydia became an instant philhellene.</i>	<b>philomath</b>
	<b>philippic</b>	<b>philosopher</b>
		<b>phlebitis</b>
		n / flə'bīd̪ēs / Gk + Lcf inflammation of a vein. <i>If phlebitis is not treated early, a blood clot can form in the inflamed vein.</i>

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<b>phlebotomize</b>	<b>phonasthenia</b>	<b>phraseology</b>
<b>phlegm</b>	n /fənəs'θēnēə/	n /frāzē'älōjē/
<b>phlegmatic</b>	Gk weakness or hoarseness of voice. <i>After the football game some of the cheerleaders complained of phonasthenia.</i>	Gk > L choice of words : vocabulary. <i>The candidate's careful phraseology avoided any hint of controversy.</i>
<b>phloem</b>	<b>phoresy</b>	<b>phrasing</b>
n /flō'em/ Gk > G a complex tissue in the vascular system of higher plants functioning chiefly in distributing food materials but also in support and storage. <i>Mr. Cartwright pointed out the xylem and the phloem on the newly cut tree.</i>	n /fōrēsē/ Gk > L the nonparasitic association of one kind of animal with another in order to obtain transportation. <i>Feather lice accomplish phoresy by clinging to the body hairs of blood-sucking flies.</i>	n /frāzīŋ/ Gk > L style of expression : wording. <i>In writing poetry, phrasing is critically important.</i>
<b>phlox</b>	<b>phosphoresce</b>	<b>phrenology</b>
n /fläks/ Gk > L any plant of a genus of American herbs having red, purple, white, or variegated flowers. <i>Dean planted phlox along the sidewalk.</i>	v /fāsfā'res/ Gk > L > F glow especially in the dark. <i>Emmet's jigsaw puzzle will phosphoresce after being exposed to a strong light source.</i>	n /frā'nälōjē/ Gk + Gk + Ecf the study of the conformation of the skull as indicative of mental faculties and traits of character. <i>Phrenology enjoyed great popular appeal well into the 20th century but has been wholly discredited by scientific research.</i>
<b>phocine</b>	<b>photogenic</b>	<b>phylactery</b>
adj /fō.sīn/ Gk > L + Ecf of, relating to, or resembling seals. <i>One of the phocine characteristics is having limbs modified into webbed flippers adapted primarily to swimming.</i>	<b>photogrammetry</b>	n /fē'lakt(ə)rē/ Gk either of two small square leather boxes containing slips inscribed with scriptural passages and traditionally worn by Jewish males during morning prayer. <i>Milton explained that a phylactery is worn as a reminder to keep the laws of Judaism.</i>
<b>phoenix</b>	<b>photograph</b>	
n /fēniks/ Gk a legendary bird represented by the ancient Egyptians as living five or six centuries in the Arabian desert, being consumed in fire by its own act, and rising in youthful freshness from its own ashes. <i>The phoenix is a well-known symbol of immortality.</i>	<b>photophygous</b>	
	adj /fō'täfəgəs/ Gk + Gk + Ecf preferring or thriving in shade. <i>Ferns and hostas are photophygous plants often used in gardens.</i>	
	<b>photosynthesis</b>	
	n /fōdō'sin(t)hēsəs/ Gk + Gk synthesis of chemical compounds with the aid of light. <i>Photosynthesis in plants provides them with necessary carbohydrates.</i>	
		<b>phylliform</b>
		adj /filə.fōrm/ Gk + Ecf having the shape of a leaf. <i>Every fall, phylliform silhouettes adorn the windows of Mrs. Gaskin's classroom.</i>
		<b>phyllophorous</b>
		adj /fē'läf(ə)rōs/ Gk + Gk producing leaves : leaf-bearing. <i>Softwoods come from coniferous trees, while hardwoods come from phyllophorous trees.</i>

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<b>phylon</b>	<b>piacular</b>	<b>piccalilli</b>
<b>physically</b>	adj / pī'æk(yə)lē /	n / 'pikə.lilē /
adv	L	unknown
/ 'fizək(ə)lē /	of, relating to, or involving sacrifice : sacrificial.	a relish of chopped vegetables and pungent spices.
Gk + Ecff	<i>While visiting the island of Patmos, tourists saw an ancient altar where the Greeks burned piacular offerings to the gods.</i>	<i>Wanda put a dab of piccalilli in her tuna salad.</i>
in respect to the body. <i>It was physically impossible for the campers to hike another mile.</i>		
<b>physician</b>	<b>pianissimo</b>	<b>piccata</b>
<b>physicist</b>	<b>piazza</b>	n
n	n	/ pè'kädə /
/ 'fizəsəst /	/ pè'azə /	F > It
Gk	L > It	thin slices of meat (as veal) sautéed and served in a lemon and butter sauce.
a specialist in the science of matter and energy and their interactions. <i>The physicist explained how a laser is used to read what is recorded on a compact disc.</i>	an arcaded and roofed gallery that often surrounds an open court. <i>The tourists ran to the abandoned monastery's piazza when the rain started pouring down.</i>	<i>Julia served veal piccata and asparagus at Jack's birthday dinner.</i>
<b>physics</b>	<b>pica</b>	<b>piccolo</b>
<b>physiognomy</b>	<b>picaresque</b>	<b>pickelhaube</b>
n	adj	n
/ .fizē'ä(g)nəmē /	/ pikə /	/ 'pikəl.haübə /
Gk	ML	G
the technique or art of discovering temperament and character from outward appearance (as from facial features). <i>The artist's careful study of physiognomy showed up in his brilliant caricatures of politicians.</i>	[has homonym: pika] a size of type equivalent to 12 point. <i>Part of Katie's proofreading job was to add another line of pica to pages that had enough space.</i>	[Note: Could be confused with pickelhauben.] a spiked helmet formerly worn by German soldiers. <i>In the chapter on World War I, the history book included a photo of a German general wearing a silver-plated pickelhaube.</i>
<b>physique</b>	<b>picayune</b>	<b>pickle</b>
<b>phytocoenosis</b>	<b>adj</b>	v
n	/ pikə'resk /	/ 'pikəl /
/ .fidōsē'nōsēs /	Sp	D? > E
Gk	relating to or being a type of prose fiction in which the principal character is a rogue or vagabond and the narrative is a series of incidents or episodes. <i>In a typical picaresque novel, the hero has many adventures.</i>	[has homonyms: pickel, picol, picul, pikel, pikol] steep in a solution of salt or vinegar for preservation. <i>Every year, the Johnsons pickle enough onions to give a jar to everyone in the neighborhood.</i>
the whole body of plants occupying a particular habitat. <i>William studied the effects of acid rain on the Adirondack phytocoenosis.</i>		
<b>phytophilous</b>	<b>picayune</b>	<b>picnicking</b>
adj	adj	<b>pictorialism</b>
/ fī'täfələs /	/ pikē'yün /	
Gk + Gk + Ecff	L > Prov > F	
living or feeding on plants. <i>The forest fire deprived many phytophilous animals of their habitat and food.</i>	of little value : paltry, measly. <i>The other players chided the halfback for his picayune contribution to the team.</i>	<b>picturesque</b>

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<b>pidan</b>	<b>pilchard</b>	<b>pillory</b>
n / pē'dän / Chinese [has near homonym: piton] duck eggs preserved in brine to which lime, ashes, and tea are added. <i>Art's grandmother makes authentic pidan.</i>	n / 'pilchə(r)d / unknown a fish related to the herring and sardine occurring in great schools along the coasts of Europe. <i>The pilchard is the principal fish used for canning by the French and Portuguese.</i>	n / 'pilərē / F > E a device formerly used for the public punishment of wrongdoers that consists of a wooden frame with holes in which the head and hands can be locked. <i>Pam took a snapshot of Julian standing by a pillory in the reconstructed colonial village.</i>
<b>piecemeal</b>	<b>pilferage</b>	<b>piloncillo</b>
adv / 'pē.smē(ə)l / Gaulish > L > F > E + E one piece at a time : little by little. <i>The magazine published the novel piecemeal for several weeks.</i>	n / 'pilf(ə)rij / F > E the act of stealing stealthily in small quantities. <i>Pilferage in stores usually leads to increased prices for the customers.</i>	n / .pēlōn'sē(.)yōō / Sp unrefined sugar especially when molded into cones or sticks. <i>Rosita grated piloncillo into a bowl of custard.</i>
<b>piety</b>	<b>pilgrimage</b>	<b>pinafore</b>
	n / 'pilgrāmij / L > F > E a journey to visit a shrine or a holy place as a devotee. <i>Felipe made a pilgrimage to Santiago last year.</i>	n / 'pinə.fō(ə)r / E a covering garment worn to protect clothes from soil, made variously as an apron with or without a bib. <i>Mrs. Dobbins wears a canvas pinafore while working in the potting shed.</i>
<b>pigeon</b>	<b>pillar</b>	<b>pinioned</b>
n / 'pijən / L > F > E [has homonym: pidgin] a bird having a stout body with rather short legs and smooth and compact plumage. <i>A pigeon fluttered about the eaves of the old barn.</i>		
<b>pignorate</b>	<b>pillbox</b>	<b>pinnacle</b>
	n / 'pilbäks / L + Gk > L > E a small round brimless hat; specifically : a woman's shallow hat with a flat crown and straight sides. <i>Margaret wore her blond hair pinned up under a leopard skin pillbox.</i>	n / 'pinēkəl / L a lofty mountain peak. <i>The clouds obscured the pinnacle from the view of those in the valley below.</i>
<b>pilaster</b>	<b>pillion</b>	<b>pinnigrade</b>
n / pē'lastə(r) / Gk > L > It > F an upright architectural member that is structurally a vertical support but architecturally treated as a column that usually partially projects from the wall and may be load-bearing or merely applied as surface decoration. <i>The architect explained that because the pilaster was merely a decoration, removing it for the room's renovation would be permissible.</i>	n / 'pilyən / ScotGael or IrGael a motorcycle or bicycle riding saddle for a passenger. <i>Denny improvised a pillion in order to give LaToya a ride home.</i>	adj / 'pinə.grād / L walking by means of fins or flippers. <i>The seal and the walrus are pinnigrade animals.</i>

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<b>pinniped</b>	<b>piracy</b>	<b>pittance</b>
n / 'pinəped / L any of a suborder of aquatic carnivorous mammals (as a seal or walrus) with all four limbs modified into flippers. <i>Although the pinniped finds its food in the sea, it needs to be on land or ice to give birth to its young.</i>	n / 'pɪrəsē / Gk > L robbery on the high seas. <i>Charged with piracy, Blackbeard was hunted down by government warships.</i>	n / 'pitən(t)s / L > F > E a usually small often barely sufficient portion, amount, or allowance. <i>Gloria was tired of working long hours for a pittance.</i>
<b>pinocytosis</b>	<b>pirouette</b>	<b>pityriasis</b>
<b>pintle</b>	n / .pirə'wet / F a full turn on the toe or ball of one foot in ballet. <i>The pirouette is one of the most striking movements in a dancer's repertoire.</i>	n / .pidə'rīəsēs / Gk one of several skin diseases marked by the formation and peeling of scales. <i>Uncle Nick's pityriasis prevents him from sleeping well.</i>
<b>pioneer</b>	<b>piscatorial</b>	<b>pivot</b>
adj / .pīə'ni(ə)r / F of, relating to, or characteristic of early settlers or their time. <i>Julie worked last summer in a restored pioneer village.</i>		n / 'pivət / L > F a person or thing on or around which something turns or depends : central point. <i>The pivot of controversy is Roberta's questionable handling of public funds.</i>
<b>pious</b>	<b>pistachio</b>	<b>pivotally</b>
adj / 'piəs / L devout. <i>The pious Jewish historian saw in Israel's exile God's punishment for sin.</i>	n / pē'stashē.ō / Gk > L > It the edible green seed of a small tree of southern Europe and Asia Minor. <i>Patricia placed a pistachio on each parfait.</i>	
<b>piquancy</b>	<b>piston</b>	<b>pizzeria</b>
n / 'pēkənsē / F + Ecf the quality of being agreeably stimulating to the palate : pleasantly tart. <i>Colette especially liked the piquancy of Cajun cuisine.</i>	n / 'pistən / L > It > F the part of an engine that is forced back and forth inside a cylinder due to combustion. <i>Kyle learned to identify a piston in the automobile repair class.</i>	n / pētsə'rēə / L > It + Itcf An establishment (as a bakery, restaurant, shop) where pizzas are made and sold. <i>Hank waited tables in the pizzeria on weekends.</i>
<b>piqued</b>	<b>pitcher</b>	<b>pizzicato</b>
v / pēkt / F [has homonyms: peaked, peeked] excited or aroused by a provocation, challenge, or rebuff. <i>The envelope sealed with sealing wax piqued Helen's curiosity.</i>		adv / .pitsə'käd(.)ō / It played by plucking with the fingers. <i>The score called for the violins to play the passage pizzicato.</i>
<b>pitiable</b>	<b>piton</b>	<b>placable</b>
		<b>placatory</b>
		<b>placebo</b>

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<b>placet</b> n / 'plásət / L an expression of approval or vote of assent. <i>The commander got the placet of the other generals for his coup d'etat.</i>	<b>plantar</b> <b>planxty</b> <b>plasticize</b> <b>platelet</b> n / 'plātlét / Gk? > L > F > E + Ecf a minute flattened body. <i>A blood platelet is a minute protoplasmic disk that plays a role in blood clotting.</i>	<b>pleach</b> <b>pleiad</b> n / 'plēəd / Gk > F [has near homonym: plead] a group of illustrious or brilliant persons or things usually seven in number. <i>The maestro named a pleiad of pianists who were once his pupils.</i>
<b>placidity</b> n / pla'sidədē / L the quality or state of being calm or composed. <i>Not resenting the repeated attention offered to another woman was a degree of placidity which Emma could neither comprehend nor respect.</i>	<b>platinum</b> <b>platypus</b> n / 'pladəpəs / Gk a small egg-laying aquatic mammal of southern and eastern Australia and Tasmania having a fleshy bill resembling that of a duck, dense blackish brown fur, five-toed webbed feet, and a broad flattened tail. <i>Cindy has asked for a pet platypus for her birthday.</i>	<b>plenary</b> adj / 'plenərē / L fully attended or constituted : including all entitled to be present. <i>Because of the important bills to be voted on, the legislature convened a plenary session.</i>
<b>plagiarism</b>		<b>plenilune</b> n / 'plēnə.lün / L > E the time of full Moon. <i>Zeke will begin planting after the plenilune.</i>
<b>plagiarize</b> v / 'plājə.rīz / L + Ecf present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source. <i>Simon knew that it would be better not to turn in an essay at all than to plagiarize.</i>	<b>plaudit</b> n / 'plōdət / L strong and openly expressed approval : enthusiastic approbation. <i>Claudette's report on UFOs was accorded a special plaudit by the professor for its originality.</i>	<b>plenipotentiary</b>
<b>plaintiff</b> n / 'plāntəf / L > F > E [has near homonym: plaintive] one who commences a personal action or lawsuit to obtain a remedy for an injury to one's rights. <i>The plaintiff was suing the hospital for negligence because he suffered bacterial infection after surgery.</i>	<b>plauditory</b> <b>plaustral</b> <b>playwright</b> n / 'plā.rīt / E + E a person who writes a composition arranged for enactment (as by actors on a stage) and intended to portray life or character or to tell a story through the actions and usually dialogue of the enactors. <i>The playwright based his drama on the struggles between gangs in the ghetto.</i>	<b>plentiful</b> adj / 'plentəfəl / L > F > E + Ecf containing or yielding abundance. <i>The orange growers are looking forward to a plentiful harvest.</i>
<b>planetarium</b>		<b>pleonasm</b> n / 'plēə.nazəm / Gk iteration or repetition in speaking or in writing : the use of more words than those necessary to denote mere sense. <i>Mr. Miller gave the phrase true facts as an example of a pleonasm to be avoided.</i>
<b>planetary</b> adj / 'planətērē / Gk > L > F > E global, worldwide. <i>Deforestation is a planetary concern.</i>		
<b>plangi</b>		

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<b>plethora</b>	<b>plover</b>	<b>plumber</b>
n / 'pleθərə / Gk excess, profusion. <i>The jury retired to consider the plethora of evidence presented in court.</i>	n / 'pləvə(r) / L > F > E any of numerous shore-inhabiting birds having a short hard-tipped bill and a stout compact build. <i>Taylor could see that the plover circling over the tennis court had spotted upper plumage.</i>	n / 'pləmə(r) / L > F > E one who installs, repairs, and maintains piping, fittings, and fixtures that are involved in the distribution and use of water in a building. <i>The plumber replaced the lead pipes in the Davidsons' house with copper ones.</i>
<b>pleurisy</b>	<b>plucky</b>	<b>plummet</b>
n / 'plürəsē / Gk > L > F > E inflammation of the membrane lining the chest cavity and enveloping the lungs. <i>Pleurisy, causing fluid to accumulate in Zachary's chest cavity, further complicated his pneumonia.</i>	adj / 'pləkē / E + Ecf having or marked by courage : spirited, brave, resolute. <i>Henry was plucky enough to get back on his bicycle although he had just fallen for the seventh time.</i>	<b>plurality</b>
<b>pleuston</b>	<b>plumage</b>	n / plü'rələdē / L a number of votes cast for a candidate in a contest of more than two candidates that is greater than the number cast for any other candidate but not more than half the total votes cast. <i>Because all three candidates have strong voter support, the number of votes cast for the winner will probably be a plurality, not a majority.</i>
n / 'plüstən / Gk small but macroscopic floating organisms that form mats or layers on or near the surface of a body of water. <i>The mat of pleuston floating in the swamp consists mostly of green algae.</i>	n / 'plümij / L > F > E the entire clothing of feathers of a bird. <i>The plumage of the male peacock is more colorful than that of the female.</i>	<b>plutology</b>
<b>plexus</b>	<b>plumassier</b>	n / plü'täləjē / Gk + Gk the scientific study of wealth : theoretical economics. <i>Jeremy is using his expertise in plutology to study emerging democracies.</i>
n / 'pleksəs / L an intricately interwoven combination of elements or parts in a cohering structure. <i>The transportation board carefully mapped out the plexus of commuter paths across the city.</i>	n / plüma'si(ə)r / F one who prepares or deals in ornamental plumes or feathers. <i>The plumassier showed DeeDee a boa that complemented her recital costume perfectly.</i>	<b>pluvioscope</b>
<b>pliant</b>	<b>plumbeous</b>	n / 'plüvēə.skōp / L + Gk > L rain gauge. <i>Johnny ordered a pluvioscope from the scientific catalog.</i>
adj / 'pliənt / F > E flexible, workable, lithe. <i>To make his catcher's mitt more pliant, Gary smeared shaving gel on it and baked it at a low temperature.</i>	adj / 'pləmbēəs / L having a dull gray color like that of lead. <i>The plumbeous core of a so-called "lead pencil" is graphite.</i>	<b>pneumatic</b>
		adj / n(y)ü'madik / Gk [has homonym: neumatic] adapted for holding compressed air : inflated with air. <i>The development of the pneumatic tire was a major advance for the bicycle.</i>

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<b>pneumatography</b>	<b>poignant</b>	<b>polarize</b>
<b>poacher</b>	adj / 'pōchə(r) / Gmc > F > E one who kills or takes wild animals (as game or fish) illegally. <i>The sign at the reservation stated that any poacher would be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.</i>	v / 'pōlərīz / L > F painfully sharp with regard to the feelings : piercing, keen. <i>Emma's distress was not poignant enough to keep her from falling asleep, and she awoke feeling somewhat more hopeful.</i>
<b>podiatrist</b>	<b>poinciana</b>	<b>polder</b>
n / pə'dīətr̄ist / Gk one who practices the care and treatment of the human foot in health and disease. <i>The podiatrist recommended that Carlita get special inserts for her shoes.</i>	n / pōin(t)sē'anə / F name + Lcf an ornamental tropical tree or shrub having bright orange or red flowers. <i>While in southern Florida, Jake was impressed by the fiery flowers of the poinciana.</i>	n / 'pōldə(r) / Gk a tract of low land reclaimed from the sea or other body of water. <i>Leanne and Amy scoured the polder for fossils.</i>
<b>poetaster</b>	<b>poinsettia</b>	<b>polemic</b>
n / pō'ēd.astə(r) / L a writer of worthless or inferior verses. <i>The poetaster spewed out poem after poem, each worse than the last.</i>	n / pōin'sedēə / American name a showy Mexican and South American plant with tapering scarlet petallike leaves that surround small yellow flowers. <i>The delivery woman brought a poinsettia to Karen's door.</i>	adj / pə'lemik / Gk of, relating to, or of the nature of a controversial discussion or argument. <i>Try as he might, Rupert could not prevent the conversation from turning into a polemic debate.</i>
<b>poetic</b>	<b>poise</b>	<b>polemology</b>
adj / pō'ēdik / Gk of or relating to poets. <i>Ovid tried to become a lawyer early in life, but his true and natural poetic character would not be suppressed.</i>	<b>poised</b> adj / 'poizd / L > F > E + Ecf marked by easy composure of manner or bearing. <i>The poised skater performed her routine with great precision and self-assurance.</i>	n / (.)pōlə'mäljē / Gk + Gk > E the study of war. <i>In polemology, military and naval strategies are studied and discussed.</i>
<b>pogonip</b>	<b>poisonous</b>	<b>polemoscope</b>
n / 'pägə.nip / Paiute a dense winter fog containing frozen particles that is formed in deep mountain valleys of the western United States. <i>The dense pogonip leaves a sheath of frost crystals on every shrub and blade of grass.</i>	adj / 'pōiz(ə)nəs / L > F > E + Ecf having the qualities or effects of a toxin. <i>The mushrooms looked and tasted great but were devastatingly poisonous.</i>	n / pō'lemə.skōp / Gk an opera or field glass with an oblique mirror arranged for seeing objects not directly before the eye. <i>The detective used a polemoscope to observe the suspect unobtrusively.</i>
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<b>poliomyelitis</b>	<b>pollute</b>	<b>polyester</b>
n / pōlēō·mīə'līdēs / Gk an acute infectious viral disease characterized by fever, motor paralysis, and atrophy of skeletal muscles often with permanent disability and deformity. <i>Up to about 40 years ago, poliomyelitis often meant a lifetime on crutches or in an iron lung.</i>	 <b>polonaise</b> n / pälō'nāz / L geog name > Pol > F a stately Polish processional dance fashionable in 19th-century Europe. <i>Chopin wrote many compositions based on the rhythm of the polonaise.</i>	 <b>n</b> / 'pälē.estər / Gk a synthetic fiber consisting wholly or chiefly of a complex ester formed by polymerization. <i>Bridget bought the loudest polyester jacket she could find at the thrift store to wear on Halloween.</i>
<b>poliosis</b>	<b>poltergeist</b>	<b>polygamous</b>
n / pōlē'ōsēs / Gk loss of color from the hair. <i>One of the effects of the disease was poliosis.</i>	n / 'pōltē(r).gīst / G a noisy and usually mischievous ghost. <i>Our favorite Halloween story is about a poltergeist who tormented the tenants of a house in which there had previously been a murder.</i>	 <b>adj</b> / 'pälē.glät / Gk containing matter in several languages; especially : composed of correlative text in several languages often arranged in parallel columns. <i>Products sold in electronics stores often have polyglot instructions.</i>
<b>politesse</b>	<b>poltroon</b>	<b>polygonal</b>
n / pälē'tes / L > F formal and cultivated politeness. <i>The ambassador greatly enjoyed the diplomatic world of pomp and politesse.</i>	 <b>poltroonery</b> n / päl'trūn(ə)rē / L > It > F cowardice. <i>The historian said that poltroonery among politicians in an election year is not uncommon.</i>	 <b>adj</b> / pō'ligōnəl / Gk having many sides. <i>Mr. Ewing taught his math class how to find the areas of polygonal figures.</i>
<b>polka</b>	<b>polychrest</b>	<b>polyphagism</b>
n / 'pōlkə / Pol > Czech a lively Bohemian dance in fast duple time that consists of three steps and a hop. <i>Gwen taught her dance students the polka.</i>	 <b>polychromatic</b> adj / pālēkro'madik / Gk showing a variety or a change of colors : multicolored. <i>It is not unusual for people to drive by Sarah's house simply to admire its polychromatic brickwork.</i>	 <b>n</b> / pē'lifə,jizēm / Gk the habit of feeding on a variety of plants or animals. <i>By feeding various kinds of foods to the insects, the researcher could discover which ones exhibited polyphagism.</i>
<b>pollen</b>	<b>polydactyly</b>	
n / 'pälən / L the fine, dustlike mass of grains produced by seed plants. <i>Many hay fever sufferers are bothered by ragweed pollen.</i>	n / pālē'daktəlē / Gk + Gk the condition of having more than the normal number of toes or fingers. <i>The Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum on Key West is home to approximately 60 cats, about half of which exhibit polydactyly.</i>	
<b>pollutant</b>		
n / pō'lüt'nt / L any substance that makes the air or water impure or unclean. <i>Ethylene gas is a pollutant associated with industrial manufacturing and automobile exhaust.</i>		

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<b>polysaccharide</b>	<b>pomegranate</b>	<b>porcelain</b>
n / pälē'sakərīd / Gk a carbohydrate that can be decomposed by hydrolysis into two or more molecules of monosaccharides or their derivatives; especially : one of the more complex carbohydrates (as starch or cellulose). <i>Cellulose is the polysaccharide providing the chief constituent of the framework of plants.</i>	n / 'päm(ə).grānōt / L > F > E + L a thick-skinned several-celled reddish berry that is about the size of an orange and has many seeds in a crimson acid pulp. <i>The bright red splotches on Julia's hands testified to her having eaten a pomegranate.</i>	n / 'pōrs(ə)lēn / L > It > F [has near homonym: purslane] a hard, fine-grained, white ceramic ware that has a hard paste body, is fired at a high temperature, and is used especially for table and ornamental wares. <i>Many old houses have doorknobs made of porcelain.</i>
<b>polysemous</b>	<b>pomological</b>	<b>porcine</b>
adj / pälē'sēmōs / Gk + Gk having many meanings. <i>Puns are based on the humorous use of polysemous words.</i>	adj / pōmə'lājēkəl / Gk > L of or relating to the science of the cultivation of fruits. <i>Certainly in the pomological sense, one bad apple eventually spoils the whole bunch.</i>	adv / 'pōr.sinlē / L + Ecf swinishly. <i>In Wanda's opinion, Bart treated his hosts porcinely.</i>
<b>polysyllabic</b>	<b>pompadour</b>	<b>porcupine</b>
adj / pälēsə'labik / Gk > L + Ecf having three or usually four or more units of spoken language. <i>Martha often uses polysyllabic words to impress her teachers.</i>	n / 'pämpə.dō(ə)r / F name a man's style of hairdressing in which the hair is combed back so as to stand up straight. <i>Chuck spent an hour in front of the mirror preening his pompadour.</i>	n / 'pōrkyə.pīn / L > It > F > E any of various relatively large rodents having stiff sharp erectile bristles mingled with the hair. <i>The yelping dog's snout was covered with quills from a porcupine.</i>
<b>pomaceous</b>	<b>pompous</b>	<b>porphyry</b>
<b>pomade</b>	<b>ponderous</b>	
n / pə'mäd / L > It > F a perfumed ointment. <i>Mr. Underwood was partial to sweet-smelling pomade.</i>	adj / 'pänd(ə)rəs / L > F > E unwieldy or clumsy because of weight and size. <i>Roy could barely lift the ponderous ancient weapon.</i>	n / 'pō(r)fərē / Gk > L an Egyptian rock consisting of feldspar crystals embedded in a dark red or purple groundmass much used by the ancient Romans. <i>At the archaeological dig Carlo unearthed a broken urn made of porphyry.</i>
<b>pomander</b>	<b>pontificalibus</b>	<b>porpoise</b>
n / pō'mandə(r) / L > F > E a mixture of perfumed or aromatic substances usually made in a ball and enclosed in a perforated bag or box. <i>Gayle included a pomander in the chest containing her winter clothes.</i>	<b>pontificate</b> v / pän'tifə.kät / L deliver oracular utterances or dogmatic opinions. <i>Randy proceeded to pontificate for five minutes on the dangers of listening to loud music.</i>	n / 'pōrpəs / L > F > E a small, friendly whale with teeth and a short, rounded snout and that somewhat resembles a dolphin. <i>Miles saw a porpoise at the aquarium.</i>
	<b>populous</b>	

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<b>porraceous</b>	<b>portrayal</b>	<b>postcibal</b>
adj / pō'rāshəs / L having the clear light green color of leek leaves. <i>The deep green of the kitchen countertops seemed to tint the walls a porraceous color.</i>	n / pōr'trā(ə)l / L > F > E the act of representing something in a drawing or painting. <i>Vincent used witnesses' descriptions in his portrayal of the criminal.</i>	adj / pōs(t)sībəl / L occurring after a meal. <i>George and Harriet hired a vocalist for the banquet's postcibal entertainment.</i>
<b>porridge</b>	<b>posology</b>	<b>posterity</b>
n / 'pōrij / F > E a soft food made by boiling grains or legumes in milk or water until thick. <i>The campers were extremely hungry, and each consumed a large bowl of porridge.</i>	n / pē'säləjē / Gk a branch of medical science concerned with dosage. <i>Derek took several classes in posology for his pharmacy degree.</i>	n / pā'sterədē / L > F > E all succeeding generations : future time. <i>The seventh grade class put together a time capsule for posterity.</i>
<b>porringer</b>	<b>posse</b>	<b>postern</b>
<b>portcullis</b>	<b>possessed</b>	<b>posthumous</b>
n / pōrt'kəlēs / F > E a large grating of iron bars or heavy timbers suspended by chains over the gateway of a fortified place and lowered between grooves to prevent passage. <i>The guard quickly lowered the portcullis after the king and his knights had passed through the gate.</i>	n / 'pāsē / L a detachment or body (as of police) often assigned to or brought together because of a particular emergency. <i>Noah's favorite part of westerns is when the marshal and his posse corner the bandit.</i>	adj / pōstə(r)n / L > F > E a back door or gate. <i>The thief escaped through the postern without being detected.</i>
<b>portentous</b>	<b>possessor</b>	<b>postprandial</b>
adj / pōr'tēntəs / L of, relating to, or constituting something that foreshadows a coming event : ominous. <i>Oliver's dream proved portentous.</i>	<b>posset</b> v / pāsēt / E [has near homonym: posit] pamper with delicacies. <i>Aunt Mimi expects everyone to posset Pedro, her chihuahua.</i>	adj / pōs(t)'prandēəl / L > E of, relating to, or occurring in the period after a meal. <i>After the huge dinner, George and Barbara decided to take a leisurely postprandial walk.</i>
<b>portiere</b>		<b>posttension</b>
<b>portmanteau</b>		v / pōrt'mant(ə)ō / L + F a large traveling bag. <i>The clown removed an enormous pumpkin from his portmanteau.</i>
		L + L apply stress to (reinforcing steel) after concrete has set. <i>The construction crew will posttension the steel in the columns.</i>
<b>portraiture</b>		

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<b>postulate</b> n / 'päschələt / L an underlying hypothesis or assumption. <i>Most cosmologists base their work upon the postulate of the Big Bang.</i>	<b>potpourri</b> n / pōpō'rē / F a jar of flower petals mixed with spices and used for scent or perfume. <i>Stella kept a potpourri on her kitchen windowsill.</i>	<b>praline</b> n / prälēn / F name a round patty of creamy brown sugar containing pecan meats. <i>The praline is a favorite candy of the southern United States.</i>
<b>posture</b> n / 'päschə(r) / L characteristic position or bearing of the body. <i>A dancer's posture is as important in ballroom dancing as it is in ballet.</i>	<b>poultice</b> n / pōltēs / L a soft mass usually heated and spread on cloth for application to inflamed areas to supply moist warmth, relieve pain, or act as a counterirritant. <i>Aunt Julia's remedy for rashes or skin problems of any sort is a mustard poultice.</i>	<b>precaution</b> <b>precautionary</b> adj / prē'kōshənerē / L advising, suggesting, or using caution beforehand. <i>Vaccinating children against polio is a wise precautionary measure.</i>
<b>potable</b> adj / pōdəbəl / L suitable, safe, or prepared for drinking. <i>Chemicals are often added to water supplies to make them potable.</i>	<b>poultry</b>	<b>precedent</b> n / presədənt / L something done or said that may serve as an example or rule to authorize or justify a subsequent act of the same or an analogous kind. <i>As far as Sasha knew, the decision to allow a girl to play on the football team was without precedent.</i>
<b>potamology</b>	<b>pourboire</b> n / pür'bwar / L > F a tip or gratuity. <i>When he checked out of the hotel, Jonathan left a pourboire for the chambermaid.</i>	<b>precept</b> n / 'prē.sept / L a command or principle intended as a general rule of action. <i>Mark owes his success to the precept that it never hurts to ask a question.</i>
<b>potassium</b> n / pə'tasēəm / L an element of the alkali metal group. <i>Bananas and potatoes are good dietary sources of potassium.</i>	<b>pourparler</b>	<b>precibal</b> adj / prē'sibəl / L occurring before meals. <i>The host graciously proposed a precibal toast to the guest of honor.</i>
<b>potatoes</b> n pl / pə'tādōz / Taino > Sp the edible starchy tubers of plants of the genus Solanum and species tuberosum. <i>For dinner Harry made roast beef and baked potatoes.</i>	<b>poussette</b> v / pü'set / F swing in a semicircle hands joined with one's partner. <i>The caller instructed the couples to poussette before changing partners.</i>	
<b>potentate</b> n / pōt'n.tät / L one who possesses great power or sway : ruler. <i>Barry acts more like a potentate than a leader in his role as class president.</i>	<b>poussin</b> n / pü'sa <sup>n</sup> / L > F a young chicken of about one pound weight for table use : a small broiler. <i>Celeste was not sure how to season and cook a poussin, so she consulted a cookbook by Julia Child.</i>	

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<b>precinct</b> n / 'prē̄.sin̄(k)t / L > E a part of a territory (as a city) having definite bounds or functions and often established for administrative purposes. <i>In this precinct voters cast their ballots at the middle school.</i>	<b>An insect may be of value because it is a predator on another insect that is a pest to humans.</b>	<b>prejudicial</b> adj / ,prej̄'dishəl / L > E leading to premature judgment or unwarranted opinion. <i>The jury was sequestered in order to prevent exposure to any prejudicial material.</i>
<b>preciosity</b>	<b>predecessor</b>	<b>preliminary</b>
<b>precipice</b> n / 'presəp̄ēs / L a very steep, perpendicular, or overhanging place (as the face of a cliff). <i>Just looking down from the precipice made Gloria dizzy.</i>	one who comes before in order of time; especially : a person who has previously occupied a position or office to which another has succeeded. <i>The employees are hoping that the new CEO is more labor-friendly than his predecessor.</i>	n / prē̄'limənerē / L something introductory or preparatory. <i>As a preliminary to a video there is usually a warning regarding its use.</i>
<b>precipitately</b>	<b>predestine</b>	<b>premeditation</b>
<b>precisionist</b>	<b>predilection</b> n / ,pred̄'l'ekshən / L inclination, liking, preference. <i>Moira has a predilection for bittersweet chocolate.</i>	n / prē̄.medə'tāshən / L consideration or planning of an act beforehand that shows intent to commit that act. <i>The prosecutor's position is that the accused killer acted with premeditation and thus should be charged with first-degree murder.</i>
<b>precocious</b>	<b>preeminent</b> adj / ,prē̄'emənənt / L having paramount rank, dignity, or importance : first, outstanding, supreme. <i>The attorney introduced her expert witness as the preeminent researcher in his field.</i>	<b>premonition</b> n / premə'nishən / L anticipation of an event without conscious reason. <i>Yolanda had a premonition that she would win the lottery.</i>
<b>precocity</b> n / prē̄'käsədē / L exceptionally early or premature development; especially : early development of the mental powers. <i>The precocity of five-year-old Stella becomes evident after just a few minutes of talking with her.</i>	<b>preen</b> v / 'prē̄n / E trim or dress with or as if with the beak or the tongue. <i>Kitty liked to sit and preen herself in the afternoon sun.</i>	<b>prepollent</b>
<b>preconceive</b>	<b>prefatorily</b>	<b>preposterous</b>
<b>precursor</b> n / prē̄'kərsər / L one that precedes another in an office or process : forerunner. <i>Greek geometry was the precursor to modern calculus.</i>	<b>preferential</b>	<b>prerogative</b> n / prē̄'rāgədīv / L a special right or privilege belonging to a person, group, or class of individuals. <i>It is the prerogative of the president of the United States to have Air Force One at his disposal.</i>
<b>precursory</b>		<b>presage</b>
<b>predator</b> n / 'predədə(r) / L an animal that preys on or devours other animals for its food.		<b>presbyter</b>

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<b>prescience</b>	<b>presume</b>	<b>primitive</b>
n / 'prēsh(ē)ən(t)s / L the human faculty or quality of being able to anticipate the occurrence or nature of future events : foresight. <i>In 1955 the city authorities had the prescience to set aside land for a future park site.</i>	v / prē'z(y)üm / L&F > E accept as true or credible without proof. <i>If it rains that day, Nancy will presume that our tennis game will be postponed.</i>	adj / 'primədīv / L of or relating to the earliest age or period of something. <i>Primitive humans fashioned tools from rocks.</i>
<b>prescient</b>	<b>pretentious</b>	<b>primordial</b>
adj / 'prēsh(ē)ənt / L having foreknowledge : characterized by foresight. <i>Carrie seemed unusually prescient as she sat smugly under her umbrella on what was once a clear afternoon.</i>	adj / prē'tenchəs / L > F making or possessing claims (as of excellence, superiority, greatness). <i>The pretentious candidate found little support among the common people.</i>	adj / prī'mō(r)dēəl / L existing at or from the beginning : first created or developed : earliest, primeval. <i>Blake's story depicted a creature emerging from the primordial ooze.</i>
<b>presentient</b>	<b>preterition</b>	<b>principal</b>
adj / prē'senchtənt / L apprehensive in advance : feeling or perceiving beforehand. <i>Kate was presentient of her lost dog's return.</i>	n / predə'rishən / L the act or an instance of passing by or over without mention, notice, or attention. <i>"I won't even mention his lesser crimes," cried the orator in preterition.</i>	adj / 'prin(t)səpəl / L [has homonym: principle] most important, consequential, or influential. <i>The map showed principal roads, towns and cities, and locations of historic sites.</i>
<b>prestidigitation</b>	<b>prevalent</b>	<b>pristine</b>
<b>prestidigitator</b>	<b>prevaricate</b>	
n / prestō'dijə.tādə(r) / L&F&It a performer of sleight of hand. <i>The prestidigitator mystified the children by making cards appear and disappear.</i>	v / prē'varə.kāt / L deviate from the truth : speak equivocally or evasively : lie. <i>Emmy tends to prevaricate whenever the teacher questions her behavior.</i>	adj / 'pri.stēn / L belonging to the earliest period or state. <i>The antique chest was in pristine condition.</i>
<b>presumably</b>	<b>priest</b>	<b>private</b>
adv / prē'z(y)üməblē / L by reasonable assumption : probably. <i>Mrs. Janko is presumably going to the Christmas party this year.</i>	n / 'prēst / Gk > L > E one who performs sacrificial, ritualistic, mediatorial, interpretative, or ministerial functions especially as an authorized or ordained religious functionary or official minister of a particular religion. <i>A Greek Orthodox priest, unlike a Catholic priest, is allowed to be married.</i>	<b>privilege</b> n / 'priv(ə)lij / L a peculiar or personal advantage or right. <i>Mr. Neng grants his neighbors the privilege of fishing in his pond.</i>
	<b>primaveral</b>	<b>proaulion</b>
		n / prō'ölēən / Gk a portico or colonnade that opens into the narthex of a church or temple. <i>Pine garlands adorned the proaulion.</i>

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<b>proboscis</b> n / prō'bäsəs / Gk > L the flexible conspicuously long snout of some animals; especially : the trunk of an elephant. <i>An elephant's proboscis can support great weight.</i>	<b>procurable</b>  <b>prodigal</b> adj / 'prädēgəl / L + Ecf given to reckless extravagance. <i>Victor has written a memoir of his prodigal youth in Europe.</i>	<b>profuse</b> adj / prə'fyüs / L overly plentiful : bountiful. <i>Buttons on the entertainer's suit were so profuse that not another one could be placed anywhere.</i>
<b>probouleutic</b>	<b>prodigious</b> adj / prə'dijəs / L extraordinary in bulk, extent, quantity, or degree : enormous, immense. <i>The public works crews were complimented for coping with this year's prodigious job of snow plowing.</i>	<b>progenitor</b> n / prō'jenədə(r) / L an ancestor in the direct line : forefather. <i>Tad assumed his unusual height was inherited from a particularly tall progenitor.</i>
<b>procedure</b> n / prə'sējər / L > F > E a particular way of doing or of going about the accomplishment of something. <i>Even though he carefully followed all the steps in the procedure, Jack still couldn't retrieve his messages.</i>	<b>producible</b>	<b>progeny</b>
<b>proceed</b>	<b>proem</b> n / 'prō'em / Gk > L > F > E a preliminary discourse to a longer piece of writing. <i>The excited scholar was sure he had found a previously unknown proem to Plato's Republic.</i>	<b>prognosis</b> n / präg'nōsəs / Gk the act or art of foretelling the course of a disease. <i>Although the patient's surgery was touch and go, Dr. Symm's prognosis was for complete recovery.</i>
<b>procellous</b> adj / prō'seləs / L stormy. <i>There are many dangers for a small boat on a procellous sea.</i>	<b>profane</b> v / prō'fān / L treat as not sacred : desecrate. <i>Michael was told sternly not to profane the holy water font by throwing pennies in it.</i>	<b>prognostication</b>
<b>proclivity</b> n / prō'klivēdē / L an inclination or predisposition toward something. <i>After spending a couple of days in Las Vegas, Conan decided he had no proclivity for gambling.</i>		<b>prognosticator</b> n / (ə)präg'nästəkādə(r) / L one that forecasts from signs or indications. <i>The local prognosticator predicted a balmy spring weekend.</i>
<b>procrustean</b> adj / prō'krəstēən / Gk name > L marked by complete disregard of individual differences and by violent forcing into conformity with something. <i>The principal's procrustean attitude left no room for a student government at the school.</i>	<b>profiterole</b>	<b>prolegomenon</b>
	<b>profligacy</b> n / 'präflēgəsē / L reckless wastefulness and extravagance. <i>Arno's profligacy during his sophomore year caused him to forfeit his scholarship.</i>	n / prōlē'gämə,nän / Gk a reading or group of readings or intellectual exercises leading to further understanding, development, or advance in knowledge or technique in a subject matter field. <i>Dr. Taylor's course in art history constituted a carefully planned prolegomenon for students who would be choosing art as their major.</i>
<b>proctor</b>		
<b>procumbent</b>		

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<b>proletarian</b> adj /prə'lə'terēən/ L of, relating to, or representative of the lowest social or economic class of a community. <i>Gina's proletarian background proved to be an asset in her campaign for mayor.</i>	<b>promontory</b> n /prä'mən.tōrē/ L a high point of land projecting into a body of water. <i>The architect designed a home that blended in with the rocky promontory.</i>	<b>propagate</b> v /prä'pə:gāt/ L cause to spread out and affect a greater number or greater area : foster the spread of. <i>Chris uses e-mail to propagate news among his friends.</i>
<b>proliferation</b>	<b>promulgate</b>	<b>propensity</b>
<b>prolific</b> adj /prə'lif'ik/ L > F occurring or existing in large numbers : abundant, profuse. <i>The article's prolific footnotes hampered rather than aided Tina's comprehension.</i>	make known (as a decree, a dogma) by open declaration : proclaim. <i>The high school principal attempted to promulgate the attendance policy many times, but the seniors mostly ignored him.</i>	n /prə'pen(t)sədē/ L a natural inclination. <i>Most cats have a propensity to be curious.</i>
<b>prolix</b> adj /prōlik/s/ L given to verbosity and diffuseness in speaking or writing : long-winded. <i>Quentin's prolix style was not well suited to a short-answer exam.</i>	<b>pronounceable</b> adj /prə'naün(t)səbəl/ L > F > E + EcF capable of being pronounced. <i>A word that Dr. Cameron finds easily pronounceable could tie your tongue into knots.</i>	<b>propinquity</b> n /prō'piñkwədē/ L nearness in place : proximity. <i>The roots of the trees in close propinquity to the new sidewalk will soon ruin it.</i>
<b>prolonger</b> n /prə'lōnjə(r)/ L > E one who lengthens in time, extends in duration, or draws out. <i>Dr. Murphy kept his remarks short because he did not want to be the prolonger of the meeting.</i>	<b>propaedeutic</b> adj /prōpē'd(y)üdik/ Gk needed as preparation for learning or study. <i>Reading is a propaedeutic skill.</i>	<b>propitiate</b>
<b>prolusory</b>	<b>propaganda</b>	<b>propitious</b>
<b>promenade</b> n /prämə'nād/ L > F a leisurely walk or ride especially in a public place for pleasure, display, or exercise. <i>After the meeting Gilda and Jaime took a promenade down Main Street.</i>	dissemination of ideas, information, or rumor for the purpose of helping or injuring an institution, a cause, or a person. <i>In 1941 President Roosevelt warned that the democratic way of life was being assailed by secret spreading of poisonous propaganda.</i>	adj /prə'pishəs/ L > E being of good omen : auspicious, encouraging, favorable. <i>Ray's perfect score on his science test was a propitious start for the new school year.</i>
<b>prominent</b>	<b>propolis</b>	
		<b>n</b> /präpələs/ Gk > L a brownish resinous material of waxy consistency collected by bees from the buds of trees and used as a cement. <i>A honeycomb is constructed from beeswax and propolis.</i>
		<b>proportion</b>
		n /prə'pōrshən/ L relative size or portion. <i>The proportion of local, domestic, and foreign news varies considerably on television.</i>

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<b>proposition</b>	<b>prosciutto</b>	<b>prospicience</b>
n /präpə'zishən/ L a project, plan, undertaking, or situation requiring some action. <i>The highway superintendent presented his proposition for spring street repair to the mayor.</i>	n /prō'shüd(.)ō / L > It dry-cured spiced ham. <i>Melon slices wrapped in prosciutto make a classic appetizer.</i>	n /prō'spishən(t)s / L the act of looking forward : foresight. <i>Qualities associated with leadership usually include prospicience.</i>
<b>proprietor</b>	<b>proselyte</b>	<b>protagonist</b>
<b>propulsion</b>	n /präsəlīt / Gk > L one who has been converted from one religious faith to another. <i>Edith Stein, canonized in 1998 as Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, was a proselyte to Catholicism.</i>	n /prō>tagənəst / Gk one who takes the leading part in a drama. <i>The protagonist was portrayed with his faults as well as his virtues.</i>
<b>prorogue</b>	<b>proselyting</b>	<b>protean</b>
v /prō'rōg / L > F defer, postpone. <i>Parliament decided to prorogue discussion of the bill until after the election.</i>	v /präsəlītij / Gk recruiting members for an institution, team, or group especially by the offer of special inducements. <i>Though it does not engage in proselyting, the college usually turns out fine basketball teams.</i>	adj /prōdēən / Gk name [has near homonym: protein] readily assuming different shapes or forms. <i>An amoeba is a protean organism.</i>
<b>prosaical</b>	<b>prosody</b>	<b>protocol</b>
adj /prō'zāēkəl / L of, relating to, or written in the ordinary language of speaking and writing. <i>Jonathan's Veteran's Day poem was more memorable than the major's 20-minute prosaical speech.</i>	n /präsədē / Gk the study of versification. <i>The prosody of Horace's first ten odes was Humbert's downfall on the exam.</i>	n /prōdəkōl / Gk + Gk a rigid long-established code prescribing complete deference to superior rank and strict adherence to due order of precedence and precisely correct procedure. <i>Lieutenant Griffin was censured for violating protocol after he got up in the middle of the meal without excusing himself.</i>
<b>prosateur</b>	<b>prospectus</b>	<b>protuberant</b>
n /prōzə'tər / L > It > F a writer of prose. <i>Scott's fountain pen belonged to a famous prosateur of the 19th century.</i>	n /prə'spektəs / L a preliminary printed statement describing a business or other enterprise and distributed to potential buyers, investors, or participants. <i>According to the prospectus, the scooter market increased threefold in the last year.</i>	<b>provenance</b> n /prävənən(t)s / L place of origin. <i>The lecturer maintained that Africa was the provenance of all human life.</i>
<b>proscenium</b>		
n /prə'sēnēəm / Gk the wall that separates the stage from the auditorium in a modern theater. <i>An apron stage juts out from the proscenium.</i>		

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<b>provincial</b>	<b>psalmody</b>	<b>psychiatry</b>
adj / prə'venchəl / L exhibiting the ways and manners of a province or rural district : unsophisticated. <i>Katie's open midwestern friendliness was labeled "provincial" by the snooty big city dwellers.</i>	n / 'sä(l)mədē / Gk the act, practice, or art of singing sacred songs in worship. <i>Although the New England Puritans did away with church organs and instruments, they kept their psalmody.</i>	n / sò'kīətrē / Gk + L a branch of medicine that deals with the science of treating mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders. <i>The concept of multiple personalities is of special interest to Helen, who plans to pursue a career in psychiatry.</i>
<b>proviso</b>	<b>philanthropy</b>	<b>psychological</b>
n / prə've(ə)zō / L an article or clause (as in a statute, contract, or grant) that introduces a condition, qualification, or limitation and usually begins with the word provided. <i>The grant's proviso was that the money would be awarded only if the student maintained an A average in his studies.</i>	n / sī'lan(t)thrəpē / Gk + Gk a doctrine of the merely human existence of Christ. <i>A well-known subscriber to philanthropy was Thomas Jefferson, who regarded Jesus as a great moral teacher but not as a divine being.</i>	<b>psychomachy</b> n / sī'käməkē / Gk > L a conflict of the soul (as with the body or between good and evil). <i>Countless novels have as their theme the psychomachy within the hero as he struggles to do right.</i>
<b>provost</b>	<b>psoriasis</b>	<b>psychrometer</b>
n / 'prō,vōst / L > E a high-ranking administrative officer of an American university. <i>Professor Myers met with the provost to discuss the new curriculum.</i>	n / sī'lōsəs / Gk a falling out of hair. <i>Jerome's psoriasis was a side effect of chemotherapy.</i>	n / sī'krämədə(r) / Gk + Gk a hygrometer whose operation depends on two similar thermometers with the bulb of one being kept wet so that it is cooled as a result of evaporation and shows a temperature lower than that of the dry-bulb thermometer. <i>Greg built a crude psychrometer out of two old thermometers and some cotton gauze.</i>
<b>prowess</b>	<b>psyche</b>	<b>psychophilic</b>
n / 'praūəs / F > E distinguished bravery : gallantry. <i>The knight's prowess on the battlefield was surpassed only by the king's.</i>	n / 'sī(ə)kē / Gk soul, self, personality. <i>Brianna loves music so much that she considers it part of her psyche.</i>	adj / sīkrō'filik / Gk thriving at a relatively low temperature. <i>The psychophilic bacteria died when the refrigerator's compressor failed.</i>
<b>proximity</b>	<b>psychedelic</b>	<b>ptarmic</b>
n / präk'simədē / L > F the quality or state of being close. <i>The Fletchers bought the house on Vine Street because of its proximity to neighborhood schools.</i>	adj / sīkē'delik / Gk + Gk very bright in color. <i>Kate showed Mary a psychedelic Peter Max poster she had saved as a memento of the '60s.</i>	n / tärmik / Gk > L a substance that causes sneezing. <i>Andrea is extremely allergic to dust, an everpresent ptarmic difficult for her to avoid.</i>
<b>prudent</b>		
<b>prytanis</b>		

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<b>ptarmigan</b> n / 'tärməgən / ScotGael any of various grouses of northern regions having completely feathered feet. <i>"Why did the ptarmigan cross the road?" asked Martha.</i>	<b>pucellas</b> n pl / pyə'seləs / It a spring tool resembling tongs and used for shaping molten glass. <i>With the pucellas the glassblower grasped the lip of the vase and turned it over in a graceful curve.</i>	<b>puissant</b> adj / 'pyüəsənt / F strong, powerful. <i>Enduring Adria's piano practice called on all of her mother's puissant patience.</i>
<b>pteridology</b>	<b>puchero</b>	<b>pulchritude</b>
<b>pterodactyl</b> n / .terə'daktəl / Gk any of numerous extinct flying reptiles having a featherless wing membrane and a rudimentary tail. <i>The museum's dinosaur exhibit includes a mechanical replica of a pterodactyl.</i>	n / pü'che:rō / L > Sp a Latin American boiled dinner or stew containing beef, sausage, bacon, and various vegetables. <i>Olivia sampled puchero at an Argentine restaurant.</i>	<b>pullulate</b> v / 'pəlyəlāt / L swarm, teem. <i>At rush hour the train station began to pullulate with activity.</i>
<b>ptomaine</b> n / 'tō.mān / Gk > It any of various organic bases some of which are poisonous and which are formed by the action of putrefactive bacteria on nitrogenous matter. <i>About three hours after he had eaten, Dunstan realized that his lunch had been tainted with ptomaine.</i>	<b>puerile</b> adj / 'pyü(ə)rəl / L childish or immature. <i>Mrs. Yolton was not impressed by Tommy's puerile behavior.</i>	<b>pulmonary</b> adj / 'pülmə.nerē / L of, relating to, or associated with the lungs. <i>Uncle Rob's pulmonary disease requires that he breathe pure oxygen at all times.</i>
<b>ptosis</b> n / 'tōsəs / Gk [has near homonym: tussis] a sagging or prolapse of an organ or part; specifically : drooping of the upper eyelid. <i>The film star had a clear case of ptosis.</i>	<b>puerilely</b> adv / 'pyü(ə)rəl(l)ē / L + Ecf [Note: Could be confused with purely.] in an immature or childish manner. <i>Hunter reacted puerilely when his mother told him it was time for bed.</i>	<b>pulsatile</b> adj / 'pəlsədəl / L beating, throbbing. <i>The heart is a pulsatile muscular organ that maintains the flow of blood.</i>
<b>publication</b>	<b>pugilist</b>	<b>pultaceous</b>
<b>puce</b>	n / 'pyüijələst / L + E a professional boxer. <i>Years as a pugilist took their toll on Leo's coordination.</i>	adj / .pəl'tashəs / L + Ecf having a consistency like that of porridge. <i>Serena dislikes rice pudding because of its pultaceous consistency.</i>
	<b>pugilistic</b>	<b>pulverize</b>
	<b>pugnacious</b> adj / pəg'nāshəs / L having a quarrelsome or belligerent nature. <i>Bushpigs are pugnacious enough to put up a fight against a leopard.</i>	<b>pulverulent</b> adj / pəl'verələnt / L consisting of or reducible to fine powder. <i>Chalk is a pulverulent deposit of calcium carbonate.</i>
	<b>puissance</b>	

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<b>pumice</b>	<b>purlieu</b>	<b>putrescent</b>
n / 'pəmēs / L [has homonyms: pomace and pumace] hardened volcanic froth. <i>Ground pumice is sometimes used as an abrasive ingredient in soap.</i>	n / 'pərl(,)yü / F a place of resort : haunt. <i>Vince can be found most evenings in the local pool hall, his favorite purlieu.</i>	adj / pyü'tresənt / L decaying, rotting. <i>The disagreeable odor was coming from the putrescent skunk carcass.</i>
<b>pumpernickel</b>	<b>purloin</b>	<b>putrid</b>
n / 'pəmpə(r).nikəl / G a sourdough bread made with rye and wheat flours. <i>Sam's favorite sandwich is ham and Swiss on pumpernickel.</i>	v / pə(r)'lōin / L > F > E appropriate wrongfully and often under circumstances that involve a breach of trust. <i>The district manager was fired when he was caught trying to purloin company earnings.</i>	adj / 'pyütrōd / L in an advanced state of decomposition : rotten. <i>The putrid heap of kitchen scraps will compost in no time.</i>
<b>punchinello</b>	<b>purportedly</b>	<b>putsch</b>
<b>punctilious</b>	<b>pursued</b>	<b>putsch</b>
adj / pən(k)'tilēəs / L marked by precise exact accordance with the details of codes or conventions. <i>Inflexible people often pay punctilious attention to rules of etiquette.</i>	<b>pursuer</b> n / pə(r)'süə(r) / E one that chases or follows after. <i>By the middle of the race, Gail had outdistanced her nearest pursuer by two yards.</i>	n / 'püch / imit G a secretly plotted and suddenly executed attempt to overthrow a government or governing body. <i>The right-wing nationalist group plotted a putsch for early September.</i>
<b>punctual</b>	<b>purveyor</b>	<b>putty</b>
adj / 'pən(k)ch(əw)əl / L marked by exact adherence to an appointed time. <i>Everybody was punctual for the wedding, and all behaved charmingly.</i>	n / pə(r)'vāə(r) / L > F > E one who provides supplies of food or whose business is to make provisions for the table : caterer. <i>The reception was delayed because the purveyor got stuck in traffic.</i>	n / 'pədē / F [has homonym: puttee] a cement usually made of whiting and boiled linseed oil beaten or kneaded to the consistency of dough and used in fastening glass in sashes and stopping crevices in woodwork. <i>The window repairman smoothed the new putty and inserted the double-paned glass into the sash.</i>
<b>punctuation</b>	<b>pusillanimous</b>	<b>puzzling</b>
<b>punditry</b>		
<b>pungent</b>		
adj / 'pənjənt / L causing a sharp sensation : pricking, irritating, acrid. <i>The pungent odor of wet dog sent the guests out for fresh air.</i>	adj / pyüsə'lanəməs / L lacking or showing a lack of courage, manly strength, and resolution : marked by mean-spirited and contemptible timidity. <i>Edgar never forgave his brother's pusillanimous desertion during the war.</i>	adj / 'pəz(ə)liŋ / unknown + Ecf mystifying : difficult to understand. <i>The puzzling directions in the instruction manual rendered it useless.</i>
<b>punishment</b>		
<b>punitive</b>		
<b>purgatory</b>		

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<b>pylon</b>	<b>pyrosis</b>	<b>quadrangle</b>
n / 'pī.län / Gk a tower for supporting either end of a wire over a long span. <i>The steel pylon at the north end of the footbridge was showing dangerous signs of wear.</i>	n / pī'rōsōs / Gk heartburn. <i>Gill had a wicked case of pyrosis after eating at Billy Joe Bob's Char and Grill.</i>	n / 'kwädrangəl / L > F > E a square or rectangular enclosure or court especially when surrounded by buildings (as in some schools and colleges). <i>Norm sailed a pie tin across the quadrangle.</i>
<b>pylorus</b>	<b>pyrotechnics</b>	<b>quadrant</b>
n / pī'lōrəs / Gk > L the opening in a vertebrate from the stomach into the intestine. <i>The pylorus regulates the flow of food and liquid from the stomach.</i>	n pl / pīrə'tekniks / Gk a display of fireworks. <i>The amusement park had a show including pyrotechnics every night.</i>	<b>quadrennial</b>
<b>pyramid</b>	<b>Pyrrhic</b>	<b>quadrilateral</b>
n / 'pirə.mid / Gk an ancient massive structure of huge stone blocks found especially in Egypt having typically a square ground plan, outside walls in the form of four triangles that meet in a point at the top, and inner sepulchral chambers. <i>The sight of a pyramid on the desert horizon took Rico's breath away.</i>	adj / 'pirik / Gk > L [has homonym: pyric] of, relating to, or resembling that of Pyrrhus, a king who sustained heavy losses in defeating the Romans. <i>When the team's star quarterback broke his leg in the game it won against its toughest rival, the win was indeed a Pyrrhic victory.</i>	n / 'kwädərə'lādərəl / L a plane figure of four sides and consequently four angles. <i>The perimeter of a baseball diamond forms a quadrilateral.</i>
<b>pyre</b>	<b>pythonic</b>	<b>quadrille</b>
<b>pyrethrum</b>	<b>quackery</b>	<b>quadrumanous</b>
n / pī'rēthrəm / Gk > L any of various chrysanthemums with finely divided and often aromatic leaves. <i>The pyrethrum is a source of a natural insecticide.</i>	adj / pī'thānik / Gk > L of, relating to, or like a python : huge, monstrous. <i>In classical mythology, the god Apollo killed a pythonic serpent at Delphi.</i>	adj / kwä'drümənəs / L having four hands. <i>Luke complained that a bass player would have to be quadrumanous to master the piece he was given to play.</i>
<b>pyretogenic</b>	<b>quadragenarian</b>	<b>quagmire</b>
adj / pīrətō'jenik / Gk inducing fever. <i>Because Jamie's illness was not pyretogenic, his mom did not initially believe that he was sick.</i>	n / .kwädrəjē'na(a)rēən / L a person who is 40 or more and less than 50 years old. <i>Evelyn became a grandmother while she was a quadragenarian.</i>	n / 'kwag.mī(ə)r / unknown + ON > E a complex or precarious position where disengagement is difficult. <i>In his position as protocol officer, Russell often found himself in a quagmire of delicate relationships.</i>
<b>pyrite</b>		

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<b>quail</b> n / 'kwāl / L > F > E a migratory game bird of Europe, Asia, and Africa that is about seven inches long. <i>The vintner decided to name his wine after the quail because the birds were so plentiful on his property.</i>	<b>quarrel</b> <b>quarrelsome</b> adj / 'kwōr(ə)lsōm / L > F > E + E apt or disposed to argue : contentious. <i>If Angie weren't so quarrelsome, she might have more friends.</i>	<b>quebracho</b> n / kā'bra(.)chō / Sp a tree that is native to Argentina and is used as a source of tannin and in dyeing. <i>In Argentina grows the quebracho, which literally means "ax-breaker," so named because its wood is so hard.</i>
<b>quaint</b> adj / 'kwānt / L > F > E uncommon, old-fashioned, or unfamiliar but often agreeable or attractive in character, appearance, or action. <i>In the middle of the ultramodern mall was a quaint tearoom that drew customers from miles around.</i>	<b>quarry</b> <b>quartz</b> <b>quash</b> <b>quasi</b> <b>quaternion</b> n / kwā'tōrnēən / L a set of four parts, things, or persons. <i>The auto parts store offered a special price on a quaternion of tires.</i>	<b>quell</b> <b>quellable</b> adj / kweləbəl / E capable of being quieted or allayed. <i>The restless crowd proved quellable at the sight of the entertainer they had come to see.</i>
<b>qualitative</b> adj / 'kwälə.tādīv / L of, relating to, or involving quality or kind. <i>Although the essay was judged to be short quantitatively, it was a qualitative masterpiece.</i>	<b>quatorzain</b> n / kə'tōr.zān / F a poem of 14 lines that resembles a sonnet but lacks strict sonnet structure. <i>When his English teacher was satisfied with Walter's quatorzain, she encouraged him to write a sonnet.</i>	<b>quench</b> v / 'kwench / E put out (as a fire or a light). <i>For three days the firefighters tried to quench the blaze.</i>
<b> qualm</b>  <b>quandary</b> n / 'kwänd(ə)rē / unknown a state of perplexity or doubt : dilemma. <i>Taylor's advice left Miriam in more of a quandary than she was in when she sought his help.</i>	<b>quatrefoil</b> n / 'kadə(r).fōil / F a conventionalized representation of a flower with four petals or of a leaf with four leaflets. <i>The Gothic window featured a quatrefoil at the top of its arch.</i>	<b>quenelle</b> n / kə'nel / G > F a ball or oval of meat stuffing cooked in boiling water or stock and served as a garnish or as a separate dish. <i>Martha served a quenelle of chicken in brown onion sauce as an appetizer.</i>
<b>quantum</b>  <b>quaquaversal</b> adj / .kwākwə'versəl / L dipping from a center to all points of the compass. <i>From the air, the quaquaversal shape of the Indian mound could be seen.</i>	<b>quay</b>	<b>quercitron</b> n / 'kwər.sitrən / L a black oak or the bark of this tree used in tanning and dyeing. <i>When used as a dye, quercitron turns fabrics yellow.</i>
<b>quarantine</b>		<b>querimonious</b> adj / .kwərə'mōnēəs / L habitually complaining. <i>Luther was known for his querimonious temperament.</i>

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<b>quern</b>	<b>quiche</b>	<b>quincunx</b>
n / 'kwərn / E a primitive mill for grinding grain consisting of two circular stones with the upper one being turned by hand. <i>Some Tibetan villagers still grind wheat into flour by using a quern.</i>	n / 'kēsh / G > F a baked custard pie usually having an added savory ingredient (as chopped ham, seafood, or vegetables). <i>Lois served soup and a seafood quiche for lunch today.</i>	n / 'kwɪn.kən(k)s / L an arrangement of five things with one at each corner and one in the middle of a square. <i>Any nine-block square of a chessboard will include a quincunx of either black or white blocks.</i>
<b>querulous</b>	<b>quiddity</b>	<b>quinine</b>
adj / 'kwer(y)ələs / L expressing or suggestive of complaint : fretful, whining. <i>As the crow fluttered from the tree, it gave a loud, querulous caw.</i>	n / 'kwidədē / L the essential nature or ultimate form of something. <i>The photographer was noted for her ability to capture the quiddity of her subjects.</i>	n / 'kwī.nīn / Quechua > Sp a bitter alkaloid derived from cinchona bark and used in medicine especially in the form of bitter salts to reduce fever. <i>Quinine was a common remedy when Dr. Prentice was young.</i>
<b>querulously</b>	<b>quidnunc</b>	<b>quinquennial</b>
<b>query</b>	<b>quidnunc</b>	<b>quinquennial</b>
<b>quest</b>	<b>quidnunc</b>	<b>quinquennial</b>
n / 'kwest / L > F > E an act or instance of searching : expedition, pursuit, venture. <i>In "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," the horseman rides forth to the scene of battle in nightly quest of his head.</i>	n / 'kwid.nəŋk / L one that is avidly curious and given to speculating especially about ephemeral or petty things. <i>Every neighborhood seems to have a quidnunc.</i>	adj / kwin'kwenēəl / L + L occurring at the end of every five years. <i>The philanthropist makes a quinquennial gift to the school.</i>
<b>question</b>	<b>quiescent</b>	<b>quinsyberry</b>
v / 'kwes(h)chən / L express doubt about : dispute. <i>Corporal Sage decided he had to question Sergeant McGonigle's orders.</i>	<b>quietus</b> n / kwī'ēdəs / L final discharge or acquittance (as from debt or obligation) : final settlement. <i>The judge is expected to rule tomorrow on a quietus in Mr. Ford's civil case.</i>	n / 'kwinzē.berē / Gk > L > F > E + E an Old World black currant. <i>Edgar mashed a quinsyberry on his sister's new yellow dress.</i>
<b>questionnaire</b>	<b>quill</b>	<b>quintessence</b>
<b>queue</b>	<b>quill</b>	<b>quintessence</b>
<b>queuer</b>	n / 'kwil / E a bird's feather; especially : one of the large stiff feathers of a bird's wing or tail. <i>Jay found a beautiful quill and placed it alongside his mom's antique inkwell on her desk.</i>	n / kwin'tes̩n(t)s / L the most typical example or representative : the consummate instance (as of a quality or class). <i>To be steadfast in the face of mortal danger is the quintessence of courage.</i>
<b>quibble</b>	<b>quincen-</b> <b>quicentennial</b>	<b>quire</b>
		n / 'kwī(ə)r / L four sheets (as of paper) folded together into eight leaves. <i>The teacher showed the second-graders how to make a book from a quire of paper.</i>

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<b>quirt</b>	<b>quoits</b>	<b>quotable</b>
n / 'kwɔrt / L > Sp a riding whip with a short handle and a rawhide lash. <i>Eager to get home, Juanita urged her horse on by using the quirt.</i>	n pl / 'k(w)ɔits / F > E a game played with flattened rings of iron or circles of rope that are thrown from a mark toward a pin in an attempt to ring the pin or to come as near to it as possible. <i>Jordan had never played quoits before but found it very similar to horseshoes.</i>	adj / kwōdəbəl / L fit to be repeated or published. <i>Tonya likes to highlight quotable passages in the books she reads.</i>
<b>quisling</b>	<b>quokka</b>	<b>quotation</b>
n / 'kwizlin / Norw name a traitorous national who aids the invader of his country and often serves as chief agent or puppet governor. <i>Many French citizens thought that Marshal Petain, head of the Vichy regime during World War II, was little better than a quisling.</i>	n / 'kwäkə / Australian name a stocky Australian reddish or chestnut brown wallaby with a short tail—called also “short-tailed wallaby.” <i>Meggie’s pet quokka wanted to follow her everywhere.</i>	<b>quotidian</b> adj / kwō'tidēən / L commonplace, ordinary. <i>Thelma rebelled against her quotidian existence.</i>
<b>quiver</b>	<b>quomodo</b>	<b>quotient</b>
n / 'kwivə(r) / Gmc > F > AF > E [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a case for carrying arrows. <i>The archer slung his quiver over his shoulder and set out in search of deer.</i>	n / 'kwōmədō / L means, manner. <i>Devon claims that he lacks the quomodo to repay Philip before next month.</i>	n / 'kwōshənt / L the number resulting from the division of one number by another. <i>In the equation 48 ÷ by 4 = 12, 12 is the quotient.</i>
<b>quixotic</b>	<b>quondam</b>	<b>rabbinate</b>
<b>quizzical</b>	<b>quondam</b>	<b>Rabelaisian</b>
<b>quizzically</b>	adj / 'kwändəm / L having been formerly. <i>Jared and his quondam stepbrother are still the best of friends.</i>	adj / rabə'lāzēən / F name marked by or manifesting a gross robust humor or extravagance of caricature, characteristic of the French humorist François Rabelais. <i>In the 19th century many writers, including Mark Twain, were criticized for having a Rabelaisian view of life.</i>
adv / 'kwizək(ə)lē / unknown + Ecff in a questioning, curious manner. <i>Martin sat with his head quizzically tilted as the algebra teacher was explaining the new concept.</i>	<b>quorum</b> n / 'kwōrəm / L the number of members of an organization who when assembled can legally transact business in the absence of the other members. <i>There were not enough members present at the school board meeting to constitute a quorum, so no voting took place.</i>	<b>rachiometer</b> n / rākē'ämədə(r) / Gk an instrument for measuring spinal curvatures. <i>When Kate complained of back problems, her orthopedist used a rachiometer to examine her spine.</i>
<b>quodlibet</b>		
n / 'kwädłəbet / L a subtle or debatable point; especially : a theological or scholastic question proposed for argument or disputation. <i>The best students in the philosophy seminar were often given a quodlibet to sharpen their debating skills.</i>		

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<b>racketeer</b>	<b>radicchio</b>	<b>raiment</b>
n /rakə'ti(ə)r / imit? one who extorts money or advantages by threats of violence or blackmail. <i>The Justice Department was successful in prosecuting the racketeer for tax evasion.</i>	n /ra'dikēō / L > It a chicory of a red variety with variegated leaves that is used as a salad green. <i>Instead of lettuce, Angela always uses radicchio in her salads.</i>	n /rāmənt / E clothing, garments. <i>The stranger's raiment was well-worn but clean and pressed.</i>
<b>raconteur</b>	<b>radioactive</b>	<b>raisiny</b>
n /ra.kän'tör / F one who excels in telling anecdotes : storyteller. <i>Mr. Backstrom is the resident raconteur at the county library.</i>	n /rādē.ō'ak.tiv / L + L of, relating to, caused by, or exhibiting the emission of radiant energy. <i>Radioactive materials are carefully tracked and monitored.</i>	adj /rāz'ñē / L > F > E containing or resembling sun-dried grapes. <i>Taylor enjoyed the raisiny trail mix.</i>
<b>radar</b>	<b>radioactivity</b>	<b>ramage</b>
n /rā.där / E acronym a radio device for locating an object. <i>With the help of radar, the weather bureau was able to track the storm.</i>		n /ramij / L > F the boughs or branches of a tree. <i>As soon as Buttons got out the door, she disappeared into the ramage of the big poplar.</i>
<b>radarscope</b>	<b>radioscopy</b>	<b>rambunctious</b>
n /rādär.skōp / E acronym + Gk the oscilloscope or screen serving as the visual indicator in a radar receiver. <i>The pilot relied on the radarscope to fly through the storm safely.</i>	n /rādē'äskōpē / L + Gk + Ecf direct observation of objects opaque to light by means of some other form of radiant energy (as X rays). <i>Upon radioscopy Thelma's fracture became clearly visible.</i>	adj /ram'bən(k)shəs / E excessively exuberant : wild, uncontrollable. <i>Nothing pleases a group of rambunctious youngsters more than a good pillow fight.</i>
<b>radiant</b>	<b>radius</b>	<b>ramellose</b>
adj /rādēənt / L marked by or expressive of joy, pleasure, love, confidence, or happiness. <i>Emily looked positively radiant when she saw her newborn sister for the first time.</i>		adj /raməlōs / L having little branches. <i>In the biology lab Carla observed the ramellose extremities of freshwater algae.</i>
<b>radical</b>	<b>ragout</b>	<b>ramification</b>
adj /'radēkəl / L > E characterized by a significant difference from the norm: extreme. <i>The new governor promised radical changes in the state's welfare system.</i>	n /ra'gü / L > F meat and vegetables well seasoned in a thick rich usually brown sauce. <i>The rich ragout made a complete meal.</i>	n /raməfē'kāshən / L a resulting development : consequence. <i>Tina felt that the only negative ramification of accepting the job offer was that she would have to take a pay cut.</i>
<b>raillery</b>		
	n /rālərē / F good-natured ridicule : mockery. <i>The new students soon became accustomed to the raillery of their dormitory mates.</i>	

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<b>rampage</b>	<b>rantipole</b>	<b>rascette</b>
v / 'ram>pāj / Scots act, rush, or storm wildly or excitedly. <i>Crazed fans began to rampage in the streets after their team won the championship.</i>	adj / 'rantē>pōl / D? + G > E? characterized by a wild unruly manner or attitude. <i>The antics of the rantipole bear cubs amused the zoo visitors.</i>	n / ra'set / Ar > L > F a line crossing the wrist below the palm of the hand that is sometimes held by palmists to provide additional indication of a strong or weak constitution. <i>Madame Xantha peered closely at Helen's rascette and told her she would live to be 100.</i>
<b>rampant</b>	<b>rapacious</b>	<b>rasgado</b>
adj / 'rampənt / F marked by the absence of check or restraint. <i>A rampant smallpox epidemic decimated the population.</i>		n / räs'gä(,)dō / L > Sp the arpeggio effect produced by sweeping the strings with the thumb in guitar playing. <i>Rod ended his guitar solo with a resounding rasgado.</i>
<b>ramshackle</b>	<b>rappelled</b>	<b>rasorial</b>
adj / 'ram.shakəl / ON > E appearing as if ready to collapse : dilapidated, rickety. <i>Bonnie heard strange noises coming from the ramshackle house next door.</i>	v / ra'peld / L > F [has near homonym: repelled] descended a precipitous cliff by means of a rope. <i>Simon pushed off with his feet as he rappelled down the precipice.</i>	
<b>rancid</b>	<b>rappelling</b>	<b>raspberry</b>
adj / 'ran(t)sēd / L having an offensive smell or taste usually from chemical change or decomposition. <i>After a month at room temperature, most cheese will be rancid.</i>	<b>rapport</b> n / ra'pō(ə)r / F relation characterized by harmony, accord, or affinity. <i>Mr. Sanchez works hard to achieve rapport with all his students.</i>	n / 'raz.beरē / unknown + E any of various usually black or red sweet juicy edible berries. <i>The raspberry is highly prized for making jams and preserves.</i>
<b>rancor</b>	<b>rapprochement</b>	<b>ratafia</b>
n / 'raŋkə(r) / L vehement hatred or ill will. <i>Samuel's rancor flashed from his eyes.</i>	n / .ra.prōsh'mä <sup>n</sup> / F establishment or a state of cordial relations. <i>The rapprochement between the country's two religious groups suffered a setback when members of one group bombed a church that belonged to the other group.</i>	n / .radə'fēə / F a small sweet biscuit made from almond paste. <i>May ate a ratafia with her coffee for breakfast.</i>
<b>rancorous</b>	<b>rapscallion</b>	<b>rataplan</b>
<b>ransack</b>	<b>raptatorial</b>	
<b>ransom</b>	<b>rapturous</b>	
	adj / 'rapchərəs / L feeling, expressing, or marked by ecstasy : ecstatic. <i>Cecilia always became rapturous during the final movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.</i>	

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<b>ratatouille</b>	<b>raucous</b>	<b>realize</b>
n / rätätyü / L > F a stew made of eggplant, tomatoes, green peppers, squash, and sometimes meat. <i>Marnie used vegetables from her own garden to make the ratatouille.</i>	adj / rökəs / L disagreeably harsh or strident. <i>Up in one of the elms an old black crow gave its raucous cry.</i>	v / rēəliz / F bring into existence. <i>With her inheritance money, Marty was able to realize her dream of owning a small business.</i>
<b>rathskeller</b>	<b>ravel</b>	<b>realm</b>
n / 'rätskələ(r) / G a restaurant located usually below the street level and patterned after the cellar or basement of a German city hall. <i>There are three good restaurants on this block, but college students seem to prefer the rathskeller.</i>	<b>ravenous</b> adj / 'rav(ə)nəs / F craving for satisfaction or gratification. <i>The children tore into the meal with a ravenous hunger.</i>	<b>realpolitik</b> n / rā'äl.pōlē'tik / (L + Gk) > G politics based on practical factors as distinguished from theoretical objectives. <i>Some analysts credit realpolitik for the increase in voter participation.</i>
<b>ratification</b>	<b>ravigote</b>	<b>realschule</b>
<b>ratihabition</b>	n / rävē'gōt / L > F a sauce or dressing colored green with spinach puree and seasoned with vinegar and a mixture of herbs. <i>The specialty of the seafood brunch was shrimp ravigote.</i>	<b>realty</b> n / 'rē(ə)ltē / L > F > E land and its permanently affixed buildings or other structures together with its improvements and its natural assets (as minerals, crops, waters). <i>Aurora built a large business in corporate realty.</i>
<b>ratiocinate</b>	<b>ravine</b>	<b>reappraisal</b>
v / .radē'os'n.āt / L reason according to a logical process. <i>A philosopher should ratiocinate strictly and rigorously.</i>	<b>ravioli</b> n / .rave'ölē / L > It alimentary paste made in little shells or cases and stuffed (as with cheese, spinach, or meat). <i>Fletcher bought a package of frozen spinach ravioli and a jar of tomato sauce.</i>	<b>rebarbative</b> adj / rē'bärbətiv / L serving or tending to repel or irritate. <i>Teresa complained that she found the school play rebarbative.</i>
<b>ratioincation</b>	<b>rawinsonde</b>	<b>rebellion</b>
<b>ration</b>	<b>rayonnant</b>	<b>reboant</b>
<b> rational</b>	adj / 'rāenənt / F depicted with rays darting forth—used especially in heraldry. <i>The sun rayonnant on the Philippine flag signifies liberty and freedom.</i>	
<b>rationale</b>	<b>razzia</b>	
<b>rattlesnake</b>		
n / rad'ls.nāk / E + E any of numerous pit vipers that have a series of interlocking joints at the end of the tail which make a sharp rattling sound when vibrated. <i>Mr. Bergson's valuable stallion died last summer after being bitten by a rattlesnake.</i>		

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<b>reboation</b>	<b>recension</b>	<b>recluse</b>
n /rə'bə'wāshən/ L a loud reverberation. <i>The reboation of the ship's foghorn signaled the ship's entrance into the harbor.</i>	n /rə'senshən/ L a critical revision of a text (as of an ancient author) by an editor. <i>Patricia recently read a modern recension of Dante's Inferno.</i>	n /rē.klüs/ L one who leads a retired or solitary life. <i>Alison was shocked when the old recluse next door called to invite her for tea.</i>
<b>rebote</b>	<b>receptacle</b>	<b>recognizance</b>
<b>rebus</b>	<b>recess</b>	n /rə'kägnəzən(t)s/ L > F > E an obligation of record entered into before a court or magistrate requiring the performance of an act (as appearance in court) usually under penalty of a money forfeiture. <i>The suspect was arraigned the next morning and released on his own recognizance.</i>
n /rē'bəs/ L a representation of words or syllables by pictures of objects or by symbols whose names resemble the intended words or syllables in sound. <i>A popular game show required contestants to solve a rebus to win.</i>	<b>recidivism</b> n /rə'sidə.vizəm/ L + Ecff repeated relapse into criminal or delinquent habits. <i>Unemployment of ex-convicts is at the root of much of the recidivism that leads to overcrowded prisons.</i>	
<b>rebuttal</b>	<b>recipe</b>	<b>recommendation</b>
n /rə'bət'l/ F > E the act of contradicting. <i>Dennis's convincing rebuttal sent Oscar home in a huff.</i>	n /rē'sə(.)pē/ L a formula for cooking or preparing something to be eaten or drunk. <i>Chuck's chili recipe is a closely guarded secret.</i>	
<b>recalcitrant</b>	<b>recipient</b>	<b>reconcile</b>
adj /rə'kalsətrənt/ L obstinately defiant of authority or restraint : stubbornly disobedient. <i>An extremely recalcitrant adolescent, Tommy rejects everything any authority figure says.</i>	<b>reciprocal</b> adj /rə'siprəkəl/ L + Ecf consisting of or functioning as a return in kind. <i>James is truly unselfish, always ready to help without expecting reciprocal benefit.</i>	v /rekən.sil/ L obtain agreement between two financial records. <i>Because he kept such poor records, it often took Evan several hours to reconcile his checkbook to his bank statement.</i>
<b>recapitulate</b>	<b>reciprocity</b>	<b>recondite</b>
v /rēkə'pichə.lāt/ L repeat the principal points of : restate briefly : give a summary of. <i>It is customary for Professor Burns to recapitulate his lecture at the end of class.</i>	n /rēsə'präsədē/ L mutual dependence, action, or influence. <i>A treaty of reciprocity called for the lowering of protective tariffs by both countries.</i>	adj /rekən.dīt/ L very difficult to understand and beyond the reach of ordinary comprehension and knowledge. <i>Mansur chose the recondite subject of quantum mechanics for his paper.</i>
<b>receipt</b>	<b>recital</b>	<b>recreant</b>
<b>receive</b>		<b>recrementitious</b>
		<b>recrudescence</b>

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<b>recrudescent</b>	<b>redoppe</b>	<b>refugium</b>
adj / rēkrü'desənt / L breaking out again : renewing disease or dangerous activity after abatement, suppression, or cessation. <i>Because of the recrudescent nature of tuberculosis, those who have been exposed to this disease should be tested for it periodically.</i>	n / rə'däp / L > It > F a show-ring movement in which a horse gallops in circles whose diameter never exceeds ten feet. <i>The last movement in Thunder's performance was a fast redoppe.</i>	v / rō'gal / F entertain (as a person) sumptuously or agreeably : feast with delicacies. <i>The hostess will regale her bridge club members with a variety of delightful homemade desserts.</i>
<b>recuperate</b>	<b>redoubtable</b>	<b>regale</b>
v / rē'k(y)üpərāt / L recover health or strength. <i>Aaron spent a month in Florida to recuperate after the campaign.</i>	adj / rō'daūdəbəl / F > E inspiring awe or reverence : august, eminent. <i>Mount Rushmore is a fitting memorial to four redoubtable statesmen.</i>	v / rō'gal / F entertain (as a person) sumptuously or agreeably : feast with delicacies. <i>The hostess will regale her bridge club members with a variety of delightful homemade desserts.</i>
<b>recurrence</b>	<b>reductase</b>	<b>regardless</b>
<b>recurrent</b>	<b>redundancy</b>	<b>regatta</b>
<b>recusancy</b>	<b>referee</b>	n / rēgātə / It an organized series of rowing, speedboat, or sailing races. <i>The famous rowing regatta at Henley-on-Thames has been held each year since 1839.</i>
n / 'rekyəzənsē / L refusal to accept or obey constituted authority : nonconformity. <i>In post-Reformation England, recusancy was the refusal especially of Roman Catholics to attend the services of the Church of England.</i>	<b>referential</b>	<b>reggae</b>
<b>recusant</b>	<b>refluence</b>	n / 'rā(ə)gā / unknown a popular music of Jamaican origin that combines indigenous styles with elements of rock 'n' roll and soul music and is performed with the accent on the offbeat. <i>The video travelogue about Jamaica included a soundtrack of reggae.</i>
<b>redingote</b>	<b>refocillate</b>	<b>regicide</b>
<b>redolent</b>	<b>refraction</b>	n / 'rejəsīd / L the killing or murder of a king. <i>The peasants resorted to regicide when their pleas were ignored by the tyrannical monarch.</i>
adj / 'redələnt / L > F > E conveying an aura : tending to suggest. <i>Every page of Ryan's essay is redolent of fine scholarship.</i>	n / rē'frakshən / L the deflection from a straight path undergone by a light ray in passing obliquely from one medium into another in which its velocity is different. <i>Mr. Popkin explained that an oar in water is not bent, but that refraction makes it appear bent.</i>	n / rē'zhēm / L > F the period during which a government or social system prevails. <i>During the communist regime in Romania, environmental problems were flagrantly ignored.</i>
<b>refuge</b>		
	n / 're(ə)fyüj / L > F > E shelter or protection from danger or distress. <i>The high hills are a refuge for wild goats.</i>	

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<b>regimen</b> n / 'rejəmən / L a systematic plan designed to improve and maintain health. <i>Cassandra's regimen includes getting at least seven hours of sleep per night.</i>	<b>rejuvenescence</b>  <b>relegate</b> v / 'relə,gāt / L [has homonym: religate] degrade, demote. <i>The coach decided to relegate the quarterback to second string after his poor performance in the game.</i>	<b>reminiscingly</b>  <b>remuneration</b> n / rə'myüñə,rāshən / L an act of paying an equivalent for a service, loss, or expense : compensation. <i>Mr. Shimada gave Mitzi two tickets to Disneyland as remuneration for the many errands she had run for him.</i>
<b>regurgitate</b> v / rə'gərjə,tāt / L throw, cast, or pour back or out again. <i>Brenda watched the redbird regurgitate food to feed his nestlings.</i>	<b>reliable</b>  <b>relic</b> n / 'relik / L an object (as a bone, an article of clothing or of personal use) kept in esteem and veneration because of its association with a saint or martyr. <i>The Shroud of Turin is the most famous relic in Christendom, in spite of its disputed history.</i>	<b>renaissance</b> n / ,renə'sän(t)s / L > F enthusiastic activity along literary, artistic, and cultural lines distinguished by a revival of interest in the past and an increasing pursuit of learning. <i>In the 1970s, there was a renaissance of interest in organic gardening techniques.</i>
<b>rehabilitation</b> n / .rē(h)ə,bilə'tāshən / L the process of restoring an individual (as a convict, mental patient, or disaster victim) to a useful and constructive place in society. <i>The penitentiary employed psychologists and educators to help in the rehabilitation of the prisoners.</i>	<b>relinquish</b>  <b>reliquary</b>  <b>remainder</b>  <b>remedial</b> adj / rə'mēdēəl / L concerned with the correction of faulty study habits, the improvement of skills imperfectly learned, and the raising of a pupil's general competence. <i>The test results indicate that 20 percent of the students in Laura's school need to take a remedial course in math.</i>	<b>render</b> v / 'rendə(r) / L > F > E melt down : extract or clarify by melting. <i>The process of cooking a few strips of bacon can render enough fat to fry several eggs.</i>
<b>rehearsal</b> n / rē'hərsəl / E a private recital or practice session held in preparation for a public appearance. <i>Roland was somewhat nervous during his first rehearsal with the New York City Ballet.</i>	  <b>rendezvous</b> n / 'rändə,vü / F a meeting at an appointed place and time. <i>The astronauts completed a rendezvous with the orbiting space station.</i>	  <b>renege</b>  <b>renitent</b> adj / 'renədənt / L resisting pressure, constraint, or compulsion. <i>Mark's dog proved too renitent to learn any tricks.</i>
<b>reindeer</b>	  <b>reminisce</b> v / ,remə'nis / L&F indulge in the practice of thinking about past experiences. <i>The old photographs prompted Grandpa to reminisce about his youth.</i>	  <b>reminiscence</b>

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<b>renounce</b>	<b>repechage</b>	<b>replenish</b>
v / rə'naün(t)s / L [has near homonym: renowns] announce one's abandonment of the ownership of : give up, abandon, or resign usually formally (something possessed). <i>In 1936 Edward, Prince of Wales, decided to renounce his claim to the throne of England and marry American divorcée Wallis Simpson.</i>	n / .repə'shäzh / L > F a second-chance trial heat (as in Olympic rowing) in which losers in the first round of competition are given another chance to qualify for the semifinals. <i>Luigi fell behind in the first heat of the single sculls, but he hoped to make up for it in the repechage.</i>	v / rə'plenish / L fill up again. <i>The heavy rain from the hurricane served to replenish the drought-stricken reservoirs of the state.</i>
<b>renovation</b>	<b>repercussions</b>	<b>replevin</b>
<b>renovator</b>	<b>repertoire</b>	n / rə'plēvən / L? > F the return to or recovery by a person of goods claimed to be wrongfully taken or detained upon the person's giving security to try the matter in court and return the goods if defeated in the action. <i>Before the goods could be moved from the warehouse, the judge issued a writ of replevin.</i>
n / 'renə.vādə(r) / L one that restores to a former state (as worn or damaged articles). <i>The Rehmers hired a renovator to work on the old farmhouse they bought.</i>	n / 'repə(r).twär / L > F a list or supply of pieces or parts that a company or person has thoroughly rehearsed and is prepared to perform. <i>The folk dance troupe has added several Balkan dances to its repertoire.</i>	<b>repository</b>
<b>renvoi</b>	<b>repertory</b>	<b>repoussage</b>
n / ren'veoi / F the return by a government of an alien to his own country. <i>Because of crowded prisons, New York has been practicing renvoi on illegal aliens who have committed a crime.</i>	n / 'repə(r).tōrē / L the practice of presenting with a resident company a number of different productions (as plays or dances) during a season either successively or alternately. <i>The ballet company is presenting four productions in repertory this winter.</i>	n / rə.pü'säzh / F the art or process of hammering out or pressing thin metal from the reverse side. <i>Fiona bought a brass box decorated with repoussage at the antique shop.</i>
<b>repaint</b>	<b>repetition</b>	<b>reprehensible</b>
<b>reparation</b>	n / repə(r)'tē / L the fact of occurring, appearing, or being said again. <i>The repetition in the epic poem was anything but boring.</i>	adj / ,reprə'hen(t)səbəl / L > E deserving rebuke or reprimand : censurable. <i>This amiable, upright, perfect Jane Fairfax was apparently cherishing very reprehensible feelings.</i>
<b>repartee</b>	<b>repetitious</b>	<b>represent</b>
n / repə(r)'tē / F a succession of clever retorts. <i>Susie and Josh's repartee is so excessive that even their friends tire quickly of the constant retorts.</i>	adj / .repə'tishəs / L marked by the act of repeating something already said or done. <i>Bettina complained that her piano lessons were repetitious.</i>	<b>reprieve</b>
	<b>replaceable</b>	n / rə'prēv / F? a formal suspension of the execution of a sentence especially of death. <i>Bowing to public pressure, the governor granted a reprieve to the convict awaiting execution.</i>

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<b>reprimand</b>	<b>repudiate</b>	<b>rescue</b>
v / 'reprə'mänd / L > F reprove severely : chide for a fault : censure formally and especially with authority. <i>Dean felt guilty as he began to reprimand Shirley; was the blame partially his?</i>	v / rə'pyüdēät / L refuse approval or belief to : reject as untrue or unjust. <i>Jacqueline wanted to repudiate her family's ideas about class distinction, so she married their chauffeur.</i>	v / 're(ə)skyü / L > F > E free from confinement, violence, danger, or evil : save, deliver. <i>Three lifeguards dived into the pool to rescue the flailing girl.</i>
<b>reprisal</b>	<b>repugnance</b>	<b>reservoir</b>
n / rə'prīzəl / L > I > F > E an action of retaliation (as for injury or attack). <i>The team captain decided to use a trick play as a reprisal for the other team's roughhousing.</i>	n / rə'pəgnən(t)s / L strong dislike, distaste, or antipathy. <i>Mr. Churchill felt deep repugnance toward his aunt, whose illnesses never occurred but for her own convenience.</i>	n / 'rezəv̄wär / L > F a place where water is collected and kept in quantity for use when wanted. <i>Because of the dry spell, our reservoir was only half full, and water restrictions had to be imposed.</i>
<b>repristinate</b>	<b>Requiem</b>	<b>residential</b>
v / rē'pristənāt / L restore to an original state or condition : revive. <i>Barb and Ray spent the better part of the summer working to repristinate the old farm house.</i>	n / 'rekwēəm / L a grand musical hymn in honor of the dead. <i>Many orchestras include a classical Requiem in their repertoire.</i>	<b>residual</b>
<b>reproach</b>	<b>requiescence</b>	<b>residue</b>
v / rē'prōch / F > E rebuke strongly or sternly : scold. <i>Van hoped that Mrs. Krishnan wouldn't reproach him in front of the whole lunchroom crowd.</i>	<b>requisite</b> adj / 'rekwəzēt / L required by the nature of things or by circumstances or by the end in view. <i>Buried under a calmness that seemed all but indifference was an attachment that would have led either of the two brothers, if requisite, to do everything for the good of the other.</i>	n / 'rezəd(y)ü / L the part of a molecule that remains after the removal of a portion of its constituents. <i>Sondra asked Jeff to analyze and write out the formula for the residue in the Erlenmeyer flask.</i>
<b>reprobate</b>	<b>rescind</b>	<b>residuum</b>
v / 'reprə'bāt / L disapprove of : reject as unworthy or evil. <i>Patty will not be going to the sock hop because her parents reprobate dancing.</i>	v / rē'sind / L repeal. <i>The new bill would rescind several outdated laws.</i>	<b>resile</b> v / rē'zil / L draw back : recoil, retract, recede. <i>The rubber bands in Greta's desk were so old that several had lost their ability to resile.</i>
<b>reptilian</b>	<b>rescindable</b>	<b>resilience</b>
		n / rē'zilyən(t)s / L + Ecf an act of springing back : rebound, recoil. <i>Vera showed her resilience by recovering so quickly from her skiing accident.</i>

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<b>resiliency</b>	<b>respite</b>	<b>resuscitate</b>
n / rə'zil'yənsē / L + Ecff capability of a strained body to recover its size and shape after deformation caused especially by compressive stress. <i>A pole vaulter must adjust to the resiliency of his pole.</i>	n / 'respōt / L > F temporary intermission of labor or of any process or operation : interval of rest. <i>Seeking respite from the arguing of his siblings, Jerold left the table in the middle of their family dinner.</i>	v / rə'səsətāt / L revive from apparent death or from unconsciousness. <i>A young intern pushed through the crowd to resuscitate the unconscious child.</i>
<b>resilient</b>	<b>resplendence</b>	<b>resuscitation</b>
<b>resinous</b>	n / rə'splendən(t)s / L the quality or state of shining brilliantly. <i>The resplendence of the sunset over Loon Lake enticed Eric to stay one more day.</i>	<b>reticence</b>
<b>resipiscence</b>	<b>restauratrice</b>	<b>reticulated</b>
n / .resə'pisən(t)s / L change of mind or heart; often : return to a sane, sound, or correct view or position. <i>The soldier's severe war experience brought about in him a resipiscence marked by much regret for shortcomings in his personal life.</i>	n / .restərə'trēs / L a woman who operates or owns a public eating place. <i>While Ted and Sue were dining, the restauratrice came to their table to ask for their comments on the food and service.</i>	adj / rə'tikyə.lādād / L + Ecf constructed or faced with diamond-shaped stones or square stones placed diagonally. <i>The hotel lobby's reticulated floor provided stark geometric contrast with the gentle curves of the atrium.</i>
<b>resistible</b>	<b>restitution</b>	<b>reticule</b>
<b>resolute</b>	<b>restitutory</b>	
adj / 'rezəlüt / L having or characterized by a decided purpose : determined. <i>Jody remained resolute in his decision to resign from the committee.</i>	adj / .restə'tüdərē / L of, relating to, or aiming at the return of something to its rightful owner. <i>The judge's verdict included punitive as well as restitutory features.</i>	n / 'redəkyüł / L a woman's small drawstring bag used as a pocketbook, workbag, or carryall. <i>Mrs. Bates folded up a letter which she had been reading and returned it into the purple and gold reticule by her side.</i>
<b>resonance</b>	<b>resurgence</b>	<b>retina</b>
n / 'rezənən(t)s / L [Note: Could be confused with plural noun resonants.] a phenomenon that is shown by a molecule, ion, or radical to which two or more structures differing only in the distribution of electrons can be assigned. <i>To illustrate the concept of resonance, Mr. Abadi drew two different Lewis structures of ozone on the board.</i>	<b>resurgent</b>	
	adj / rə'sərjənt / L rising again from an inferior state to a superior state. <i>The former Soviet republic is experiencing resurgent nationalism.</i>	n / 'retənə / L > E the multilayered innermost lining of the eyeball that contains various types of photoreceptive cells that are connected to the brain via the optic nerve. <i>The ophthalmologist treated Mrs. Simpson for a detached retina.</i>
<b>respiratory</b>	<b>resurrection</b>	

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<b>retinue</b>	<b>revenant</b>	<b>revictualment</b>
n / 'ret̩n(y)ü / L > F > E a train of attendants. <i>The actress obtained coveted awards ceremony tickets for her entire retinue.</i>	adj / 'revənənt / F coming back : recurring. <i>The more Rachel tries to put the revenant dream out of her mind, the more often it recurs.</i>	n / rē'vidʒlmənt / L + L > F > E + Ecf the obtaining of fresh stocks of provisions (as by an army). <i>We cannot go that far into enemy territory without a clear plan for revictualment.</i>
<b>retractile</b>	<b>revenue</b>	<b>revirescent</b>
<b>retribution</b>	n / retrə'bÿüshən / L something given or exacted in compensation. <i>Art felt certain that his fender bender was divine retribution for all the times he had honked his horn impatiently at other drivers.</i>	adj / ,revə'res̩nt / L the income that comes back from an investment. <i>The revenue from Maria's rental property enabled her to buy a vacation cabin.</i>
<b>retrocedence</b>	<b>reverberate</b>	<b>reviviscent</b>
n / ,ret्र'sēd̩n(t)s / L the act of ceding back typically by treaty. <i>In 1997 the British government completed the retrocedence of Hong Kong to China.</i>	v / rē'verbərāt / L continue or become repeated in or as if in a series of echoes. <i>Kevin stood on one side of the canyon, yelled as loudly as he could, and waited for his voice to reverberate.</i>	<b>rhabdomancer</b> n / 'rabdə,man(t)sə(r) / Gk one who practices divination by rods or wands. <i>With his divining rod in hand, the rhabdomancer set out to find an undiscovered spring of water.</i>
<b>retrogress</b>	<b>reverberated</b>	<b>rhapsodical</b>
<b>retrospect</b>	v / 'ret्र,spekt / L practice the act of surveying the past. <i>Colin's ability to retrospect makes history classes a breeze for him.</i>	adj / rap'sädēkəl / Gk extravagantly emotional : rapturous. <i>The music critic lavished rhapsodical praise on the Brahms concert.</i>
<b>revanche</b>	<b>revere</b>	<b>rheostat</b>
n / rē'vanch / F the policy of a government intent on the recovery of lost territory. <i>Under the domination of the USSR, tendencies toward revanche were kept under tight control.</i>	<b>reverence</b>	n / 'rēə,stat / Gk a resistor for regulating a current by means of variable resistances. <i>The light dimmer has refused to work ever since Henry adjusted the rheostat.</i>
<b>reveille</b>	<b>reversible</b>	<b>rhetoric</b>
	adj / rē'versəbəl / L > F > E made to be worn either side out and often with a different fabric on each side. <i>Mark's reversible vest matches everything else in his wardrobe.</i>	

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<b>rhetorician</b>	<b>rhinitis</b>	<b>rhombus</b>
n /redə'rishən/ Gk one who writes or speaks in an inflated or bombastic style. <i>People tend to ignore Mr. Wade's good ideas because he is such a rhetorician.</i>	n /rī'nīdōs/ Gk common cold. <i>The doctor diagnosed rhinitis and prescribed rest.</i>	n /rämbəs/ Gk > L an equilateral parallelogram. <i>The most familiar form that a rhombus takes must certainly be a square.</i>
<b>rheumatic</b>	<b>rhinoceros</b>	<b>rhubarb</b>
adj /rū'madik/ Gk > L > F of, relating to or characteristic of inflammation, pain, and swelling in and around the joints. <i>Once Ben had rheumatic fever, and once he had typhoid.</i>	n /rī'nās(ə)rēs/ Gk any of various large powerful herbivorous thick-skinned mammals that have one or two heavy upright horns on the snout. <i>The videotape showed dramatic footage of a rhinoceros charging a photographer.</i>	n /'rū.bärb/ (Gk + L) > L? > F > E a plant having large leaves with thick succulent stems that are often eaten in pies or preserves. <i>Rhubarb and strawberries make a good combination for a pie.</i>
<b>rheumatism</b>	<b>rhizotomy</b>	<b>rhythm</b>
n /rūmātizəm/ Gk any of numerous conditions characterized by inflammation or pain in muscles, joints, or fibrous tissue. <i>Shea's grandfather complained of rheumatism whenever the weather was cold and damp.</i>	<b>rhodium</b>	n /rīthōm/ Gk > L > F the aspect of music comprising all the elements (as accent, meter, time, tempo) that relate to forward movement as contrasted with pitch sequence or tone combination. <i>Latin American music is usually easily recognizable by its distinctive rhythm.</i>
<b>rheumy</b>	<b>rhododendron</b>	<b>ribald</b>
<b>rhinarium</b>	n /rī'na(a)rēəm/ Gk > L the hairless area of roughened skin at the tip of the snout of a mammal. <i>Vince checked the puppy's temperature by touching its rhinarium.</i>	adj /ribəld/ Gmc > F > E characterized by broad coarse humor. <i>Sharon's mom was surprised to learn that the ribald tale her daughter was reading was written by Geoffrey Chaucer.</i>
<b>rhinestone</b>	<b>rhodolite</b>	<b>ricochet</b>
n /rīnz.tōn/ geog name + E a colorless imitation stone of high luster made of glass, paste, or gem quartz. <i>Basil didn't bother looking for the rhinestone that fell out of his belt buckle.</i>	n /rōd'līt/ Gk + Gk a pink or purple garnet that is used as a gem. <i>The gem exhibit included a 75-carat rhodolite from Tanzania.</i>	n /rikəshā/ F a glancing rebound or skipping (as of a flat stone thrown along the surface of water). <i>Albert and Tyler carefully counted each ricochet in the stone-skipping contest.</i>
<b>rhinitis</b>	<b>rhomboid</b>	
n /rī'nīdōs/ Gk common cold. <i>The doctor diagnosed rhinitis and prescribed rest.</i>	n /räm.bōid/ Gk > L > F a parallelogram in which the angles are oblique and adjacent sides are unequal. <i>One of our geometry problems was to find the area of a rhomboid.</i>	

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<b>ricotta</b>	<b>righteous</b>	<b>rivulet</b>
n / rē'kōdə / L > It a white unripened whey cheese of Italian origin that resembles cottage cheese. <i>Angela's favorite Italian recipe calls for ravioli stuffed with ricotta.</i>	adj / rīchəs / E characterized by uprightness or justice. <i>The civil rights protesters were fearless in their righteous cause.</i>	n / 'rivyələt / L > It a small stream : brook. <i>The fast-melting snow gushed down the rivulet to the pond below.</i>
<b>rictus</b>	<b>rigorous</b>	<b>roan</b>
n / 'riktəs / L a gaping grin or grimace. <i>Reuben's face was frozen in a rictus of horror during the movie's last scene.</i>	<b>rime</b> n / 'rīm / E [has homonym: rhyme] a covering of minute ice crystals on a cold surface that is formed by the condensation of atmospheric vapor at temperatures below freezing : frost. <i>Rime may occur in large, feathery flakes, but they lack the crystalline patterns of snowflakes.</i>	adj / 'rōn / Gothic > Sp > F [has near homonym: rowan] of an animal's coat : having the base color (as black, red, gray, or brown) muted and lightened by a liberal admixture of white hairs. <i>The roan pony is the tamest mount at Camp Wannagohome.</i>
<b>rideau</b>	<b>riparian</b>	<b>roborant</b>
n / rē'dō / F a small ridge or mound of earth. <i>The cottage was built on a rideau overlooking the marsh.</i>	adj / rē'perēən / L [Note: Could be confused with riparial.] of, relating to, or living or located on the bank of a watercourse (as a river or stream). <i>Most wildlife depends on riparian areas for survival.</i>	adj / 'rābərənt / L strengthening. <i>In China, ginseng has for ages been esteemed for its roborant effects on the body.</i>
<b>ridiculous</b>	<b>risibility</b>	<b>rococo</b>
<b>rifeness</b>		adj / rē'kō(,)kō / F excessively ornate or intricate. <i>The rococo decor of Griselda's new house is typical of those built with "new money."</i>
<b>riffler</b>		<b>rodomont</b>
<b>rift</b>		n / 'rädə.mänt / It name a vain or blustering boaster. <i>James's new roommate is something of a rodomont.</i>
n / 'rift / Scand > E a divergence (as of interests or beliefs) resulting in disagreement or dispute. <i>Deciding what the puppy should be named caused a temporary rift between the twins.</i>		<b>rognon</b>
<b>rigatoni</b>	<b>rissole</b>	<b>rogue</b>
n / .rīgə'tōnē / Gmc > It hollow alimentary paste made in short curved fluted pieces. <i>Paula served rigatoni stuffed with cheese and diced vegetables.</i>	n / rē'sōl / L > F [has near homonym: resole] minced meat or fish covered with pastry and fried in deep fat. <i>Marianne ate a rissole for lunch.</i>	n / 'rōg / unknown a dishonest unprincipled person. <i>The sheriff warned the newcomers that he would not tolerate a rogue in his town.</i>
	<b>ritziness</b>	
	<b>riverain</b>	

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<b>roleo</b>	<b>Rorschach</b>	<b>rouletet</b>
n / 'rōlēō / L > F > E&E a logrolling tournament. <i>A roleo is similar to a rodeo but has floating logs instead of bucking broncos.</i>	n / 'rō(ə)r.shäk / Swiss name a psychological test of personality and intelligence using inkblot designs. <i>Keesha's responses during the Rorschach caused the examiner to believe that she was trying to make the results unreliable.</i>	n / 'rächəlēt / L a small scroll or register. <i>The circuit judge logged all his court business in a rouletet.</i>
<b>romance</b>	<b>rosemaling</b>	<b>rotundity</b>
<b>rondache</b>	n / rän'dash / F a small shield carried by a foot soldier. <i>In medieval warfare the rondache often had a slit in the upper part for seeing through.</i>	n / rō'təndədē / L roundness. <i>When he looked in the fun-house mirror, Chris was astounded by his rotundity.</i>
<b>ronquil</b>	<b>roseola</b>	<b>rouge</b>
n / 'räŋkēl / Sp any of several fishes of the northwest coast of North America that resemble the jawfishes. <i>Sheila caught a ronquil while fishing off the Alaskan coast.</i>	<b>rostrum</b> n / 'rästrəm / L a pulpit or platform occupied by an orator or public speaker. <i>Robin stepped up on the rostrum, took a drink of water, and then began her speech.</i>	n / 'rüzə / L > F any of various cosmetics that give a red coloring to the cheeks or lips. <i>Loretta's mother said she was too young to wear rouge.</i>
<b>rood</b>	<b>rotisserie</b>	<b>rough</b>
n / 'rüd / E [has homonym: rude, rued] a unit of land area used in England and Scotland equal to 40 square rods or $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. <i>After the uprising, every rood of the estate of Hugh of Thorpe was left burnt and barren.</i>	n / rō'tisərē / F a cooking appliance with a spit on which food is rotated before or over a source of heat. <i>Herb cooked the chicken on a rotisserie over his gas grill.</i>	adj / 'rəf / E [has homonym: ruff] difficult to travel over or penetrate. <i>The rough waters off its coast made the island a bane for sailors.</i>
<b>roommate</b>	<b>rotogravure</b>	<b>roughhewn</b>
<b>roriferous</b>	n / rō'rif(ə)rəs / L generating dew. <i>The cool, roriferous evenings were a pleasant contrast to the hot, dry days.</i>	<b>roulette</b> n / rü'let / L > F a gambling game in which players bet on which compartment of a revolving wheel a small ball spun in the opposite direction will come to rest in. <i>Bonita spent the entire time on the riverboat playing roulette.</i>

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<b>roundelay</b> n / 'raündəlā / F a folk or ritual group or couple dance in which participants form a ring and move in a prescribed direction. <i>The roundelay dates back to prehistoric times, when people danced around a central totem.</i>	<b>rubicund</b> n / .rübə'kəndədē / L the quality or state of being ruddy or reddish. <i>The rubicundity of Laura's face was evidence of her embarrassment.</i>	<b>ruminate</b> v / 'rümə.nät / L muse upon : contemplate over and over. <i>Luke likes to ruminate in the backyard while chewing on a stem of grass.</i>
<b>rowel</b> v / 'raù(ə)l / F > E goad with a revolving disk at the end of a spur. <i>After she rounds the bend, Gabrielle will rowel her horse to a fresh burst of speed.</i>	<b>rubric</b> n / 'rü(.)brik / L name, title. <i>The fields of botany, zoology, and geology were once classified together under the rubric of "natural history."</i>	<b>rumormonger</b> n / 'rümə(r).mängə(r) / L + Gk > L > E one that spreads unconfirmed pieces of information. <i>If Alfonso doesn't learn to hold his tongue, he's going to earn a reputation as a rumormonger.</i>
<b>ruade</b>	<b>rudimentary</b> adj / .rüdə'mentərē / L basic, fundamental. <i>Thurston possessed only a rudimentary knowledge of opera.</i>	<b>runnel</b>
<b>rubefacient</b> n / .rübə'fashənt / L a substance for external application that causes redness of the skin. <i>Isopropyl alcohol is a well-known rubefacient found in many people's medicine cabinets.</i>	<b>ruefully</b> adv / 'rufəlē / E + Ecf in a pitiable or woeful manner. <i>Joe ruefully replied that he hadn't been able to bring any lunch with him.</i>	<b>rupestrian</b> adj / rü'pestrēən / L composed of rock. <i>The designer of the famous rupestrian monument known as "Mt. Rushmore" died before the 14-year project was completed.</i>
<b>rubella</b> n / rü'belə / L an acute contagious disease usually affecting children and young adults and characterized by a red skin eruption, mild symptoms, and a short duration : German measles. <i>Rubella is especially dangerous when contracted by an expectant mother because it can threaten the health of her unborn child.</i>	<b>ruminant</b> n / 'rümənənt / L any of a suborder of even-toed hoofed mammals (as sheep, giraffes, deer, and camels) that chew the cud and have a complex usually four-chambered stomach. <i>Microorganisms play an essential role in the digestive system of a ruminant.</i>	<b>rural</b> adj / 'rürəl / L of, relating to, associated with, or typical of the country. <i>Kevin has always resided in the city and knows little about the rural way of life.</i>
<b>Rubenesque</b> adj / .rübə'nesk / Flem name of, relating to, or having the characteristics of the Flemish painter Peter Paul Rubens. <i>The luxuriant drapery, use of light, and coloration of the painting in the Jones's entryway were Rubenesque.</i>		<b>rurigenous</b> adj / rü'rijənəs / L born or living in the country. <i>As the town grew, some of the stores began to neglect their rurigenous customers.</i>

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<b>ruse</b>	<b>sable</b>	<b>saccadic</b>
n / 'rüs / F a stratagem or trick usually intended to deceive. <i>Little did Carey know that Mrs. Bradley was onto his ruse.</i>	n / 'säbəl / Slav > G > F > E [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] the heraldic color black. <i>Anita began painting her family's coat of arms by creating a background of sable.</i>	adj / sa'kädik / F [has near homonym: psychotic] of or relating to a sudden movement : jerky. <i>Virginia's saccadic motions were symptomatic of a neurological disorder.</i>
<b>russet</b>	<b>sabotage</b>	<b>saccharify</b>
adj / 'rəsət / L > F > E reddish brown. <i>Troy's Robin Hood costume featured a russet top and forest green pants.</i>	n / 'sabə.täzh / F malicious destruction of or damage to property with the intention of injuring a business or impairing the economic system or weakening a government or nation in time of war or national emergency. <i>When a drug enforcement agency airplane crashed, sabotage was suspected and an investigation was launched.</i>	<b>sacciform</b> adj / 'sak(s)ə.förm / L resembling a pouch. <i>The squirrel filled its sacciform cheeks with acorns.</i>
<b>rustic</b>	<b>saboteur</b>	<b>sacerdocy</b>
adj / 'rəstik / L naturally simple in character or manners. <i>Visitors to the village considered the inhabitants rustic.</i>		n / 'sasə(r).dōsē / L priesthood. <i>Will announced in a letter to his sister that he felt a calling to the sacerdacy.</i>
<b>rutabaga</b>	<b>sacalait</b>	<b>sacerdotal</b>
n / 'rüdəbāgə / ON > Sw a turnip with a very large yellowish root that is used as food both for stock and for human beings. <i>In England, the vegetable Americans know as a rutabaga is called a "swede."</i>	n / 'sakə.lā / Choctaw > F a crappie that is typically smaller and more silvery than the black crappie and that is highly esteemed as a food fish. <i>Ray and Moira went to the French Quarter to dine on sacalait and cornbread.</i>	adj / .sasə(r)'dōd'l / L of or relating to priests or a priesthood. <i>Some types of sacerdotal clothing distinguish the clergy from the laity, and some signify rank within the priesthood.</i>
<b>rutile</b>	<b>saccade</b>	<b>sachem</b>
adj / 'rüd'lənt / L having a reddish glow : shining. <i>The evening sun put a rutile sheen on the sunbathers' skin.</i>	n / sa'käd / F a small rapid jerky movement of the eye especially as it jumps from fixation on one point to another (as in reading). <i>Mary felt that her eyes could not take one more saccade, so she closed them during the remainder of the PowerPoint presentation.</i>	n / 'sāchəm / Narraganset&Pequot the leader of a political party; specifically : one of the 12 governors of the Tammany Society. <i>William Tweed was a sachem of the political organization known as Tammany Hall.</i>
<b>sabbatical</b>		

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<b>sachet</b>	<b>saffron</b>	<b>salamander</b>
n / sa'ʃət / F [has homonym: sashay] a small bag or packet; especially : a small bag containing a perfumed powder that is used to scent clothes. <i>Aunt Kate keeps a sachet in her clothes closet.</i>	n / 'safrən / Ar > L > F > E a deep orange-colored substance consisting of the aromatic pungent dried stigmas of the saffron crocus and used to color and flavor foods. <i>Saffron is the most expensive spice at Walker's Market.</i>	n / 'salə mandə(r) / Gk > L > F > E a metal disk or plate heated and held over a food (as pastry or pudding) to brown the top of it. <i>A salamander is often used to caramelize the top of desserts like crème brûlée.</i>
<b>sacralize</b>	<b>sagacious</b>	<b>salami</b>
<b>sacrifice</b>	adj / so'gāshəs / L possessing quick intellectual perceptions. <i>The neighbors often came to the sagacious old man for advice about investments.</i>	n / sə'lämē / L > It a highly seasoned sausage made of pork and beef. <i>Randy made a sandwich of salami and cheese.</i>
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] bunt in baseball with fewer than two out, enabling a base runner to advance a base while the batter is put out at first base. <i>The coach told Marvin to sacrifice because George was on third base and the team needed one more run to win.</i>	<b>sagacity</b> n / sə'gasədē / L quickness or acuteness of sense perceptions. <i>Chuck's sagacity made him the finest detective in the arson unit.</i>	<b>salesclerk</b>
<b>sacrificial</b>	<b>sagathy</b>	<b>salicetum</b>
<b>sacristy</b>	<b>sagebrush</b>	n / salə'sēdəm / L a collection or plantation of willows. <i>The salicetum is Nikki's favorite picnic spot.</i>
<b>sacroiliac</b>	<b>sagittal</b> adj / 'sakrōsan̄(k)t / L of, relating to, or shaped like an arrow or arrowhead. <i>Murray fantasized that the sagittal rock he found in the quarry was an Indian arrowhead.</i>	<b>salient</b>
<b>sacrosanct</b> adj / 'sakrōsan̄(k)t / L most holy or sacred : inviolable. <i>The use of loud voices is inappropriate in the sacrosanct temple.</i>	<b>saline</b>	<b>salivary</b>
<b>safari</b> n / sə'färē / Ar > Swahili a hunting or other expedition in east Africa, especially on foot. <i>While on safari, Ariel photographed lions and elephants.</i>	<b>Salittarius</b> n / sajə'ta(a)rēəs / L the ninth sign of the zodiac. <i>The Moon was in Sagittarius when Sherman was born.</i>	<b>salmon</b> n / 'samən / L > F > E a variable color of salmon's flesh averaging a strong yellowish pink. <i>Unable to find a purse in the right shade of salmon, Vera decided to stick with basic black.</i>
	<b>salaam</b>	

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<b>salmonellosis</b>	<b>salvo</b>	<b>sanctimonious</b>
n /salmə.nē'lōsēs / American name + Lcfr infection with a bacterial disease typically marked by gastroenteritis but often complicated by septicemia, meningitis, and other conditions. <i>Vaughn contracted salmonellosis while on the cruise.</i>	n /sal(ō)vō / L > F > It a sudden eruption or explosion (as of laughter, cheers, or handclaps). <i>When the villain met with doom after an intense struggle, the movie theater was filled with a salvo of applause.</i>	adj /san(k)tə'mōnēəs / L displaying high-mindedness with intent to impress. <i>Ronnie's voice took on a sanctimonious tone when he volunteered to give his mother his meal.</i>
<b>salon</b>	<b>samba</b>	<b>sanction</b>
<b>salsilla</b>	n /salsilə / L a tropical American plant with edible roots sometimes used as a substitute for potatoes. <i>In the West Indies we had our first taste of salsilla.</i>	<b>sanctity</b>
<b>saltine</b>	<b>samizdat</b>	<b>sanctum</b>
n /sōl'tēn / E a thin, crisp cracker sprinkled with salt. <i>The stale saltine crumbled as the raccoon tried to wash it in the creek.</i>	n /sämēz.dät / Russ the system in the former U.S.S.R. by which government-suppressed literature was clandestinely printed and distributed; also : such literature. <i>After the fall of communism, numerous small publishers of samizdat found their place in the open market.</i>	n /san(k)təm / L a sacred place. <i>The innermost sanctum of the temple in Jerusalem was known as the Holy of Holies.</i>
<b>salutary</b>	<b>samovar</b>	<b>sandal</b>
adj /salyə.terē / L promoting health : curative, restorative. <i>The long vacation had a salutary effect on Grace's mental health.</i>	<b>samphire</b>	<b>sangaree</b>
<b>salve</b>	<b>sampler</b>	<b>sangfroid</b>
n /'sav / E a healing ointment. <i>Jason's grandmother prepared a mustard oil salve and told him that if he used it, his troubles would be over in three days.</i>	n /sam.fī(ə)r / F name a fleshy European coastal plant that is sometimes pickled. <i>Daphne ordered the salad of samphire and other greens.</i>	n /san'frwā / L > F extraordinary self-possession or imperturbability, especially under strain. <i>Justin remained calm during the prosecutor's attack and replied to the questions with sangfroid.</i>
<b>samurai</b>	<b>sanguinary</b>	
<b>sanctified</b>	<b>sanguine</b>	
	adj /sangwēn / L marked by eager hopefulness. <i>Ever sanguine, Kathy said that she would one day win the lottery.</i>	

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<b>sanguinolent</b> adj / sən'gwin'lənt / L of, containing, or tinged with blood. <i>Theo's phlegm became sanguinolent for a while from bronchitis.</i>	<b>sapphiric</b> adj / sə'firik / Skt > Heb > Gk > L > F > E having the nature of or resembling a sapphire. <i>Diane's bracelet held a series of sapphiric stones.</i>	<b>sarsaparilla</b> n / səs(ə)pə'rīlə / Sp a sweetened carbonated beverage similar to root beer with the predominant flavor from birch oil and sassafras. <i>Sylvester's yen for sarsaparilla is well known to cartoon aficionados.</i>
<b>sanitary</b> adj / 'sanətērē / L for or relating to the preservation of health. <i>Conditions at Christ Hospital are as sanitary as is humanly possible.</i>	<b>saprogenous</b> adj / sə'präjənəs / Gk + Gk + Ecf capable of producing decay or putrefaction. <i>Saprogenous bacteria aid in the decomposition of dead organic matter.</i>	<b>sartorial</b> adj / sär'tōrēəl / L of or relating to dress or to tailored clothes. <i>Sandy, who longed to be a sartorial rebel, sometimes went to class wearing purple tights under her uniform.</i>
<b>sapiential</b> adj / 'sāpē̄.enčəl / L characterized by wisdom. <i>The philosopher's library is filled with sapiential books.</i>	<b>saprophagous</b> adj / sə'präfəgəs / Gk + Gk feeding on decaying matter. <i>While hiking, Ted and Paul passed the carcass of a squirrel that was covered with saprophagous insects.</i>	<b>sashay</b> v / sa'shā / F > E [Note: Could be confused with chassé. Also, word has homonym: sachet] strut in an ostentatious or conspicuous manner. <i>Tommy and Suzanne tried to sashay as the caller instructed, but they both tripped and fell.</i>
<b>saponaceous</b> adj / .sapə'nāshəs / L soapy. <i>Talc and soapstone have a saponaceous feel.</i>	<b>saran</b>	<b>Saskatchewan</b>
<b>saporous</b> adj / 'sapərəs / L having flavor; especially : agreeable in taste. <i>When Dad returned from work, Mom treated him to a saporous beef stew.</i>	<b>sarcasm</b>	adj / sə'kachəwən / Cree > Canad geog name of or from the province of Saskatchewan, Canada. <i>Among the Saskatchewan flora is the saskatoon, a sweet purple berry.</i>
<b>sapphire</b> n / 'sa.fī(ə)r / Skt > Heb > Gk > L > F > E a precious stone of transparent rich blue corundum of great value. <i>Sapphire has been highly prized as a gemstone since 800 B.C.</i>	<b>sardine</b> n / sär'dēn / Gk? > L > F > E any of several small or immature fishes preserved for food. <i>The only way to entice the frightened cat from under the porch was to offer him a sardine.</i>	<b>saskatoon</b> n / .saskə'tūn / Canadian geog name a juneberry of the northern and western United States and adjacent Canada. <i>The purple fruit of the saskatoon is eaten eagerly by birds.</i>
<b>sardonic</b>	<b>sardonyx</b>	
<b>sarong</b>	<b>sarrazin</b>	

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<b>sassafras</b> n / 'sas(ə).fras / Sp > L the dried bark of the root of an aromatic tree used as a diaphoretic, a flavoring agent, an aromatic stimulant, or as a source of an aromatic volatile oil used in perfumes. <i>Alba's family has a recipe for medicinal tea that contains sassafras.</i>	<b>satirical</b> adj / sə'tirəkəl / L > F characterized by caustic or ironic comment. <i>Ned's cartoons have a sharp, satirical edge.</i>	<b>saurian</b> n / 'sōsij / L > F > E highly seasoned chopped or ground meat that is used either fresh or cured. <i>Harry's favorite pizza is topped with sausage and onions.</i>
<b>satchel</b>	<b>saturate</b> v / 'sachə.rāt / L infuse thoroughly or cause to be pervaded. <i>The aroma of a turkey roasting in the oven began to saturate the entire house.</i>	<b>savagism</b>
<b>satellite</b> n / 'sadəlīt / Etruscan? > L > F a celestial body orbiting another of larger size. <i>Earth has only one natural satellite—the Moon.</i>	<b>saturnine</b> adj / 'sadə(r).nīn / L of a moody or surly character : morose, sullen. <i>Shirley's father-in-law is a saturnine person with a quick temper.</i>	<b>savorous</b> adj / 'sāv(ə)rəs / L > F > E pleasurable to the taste : flavorful. <i>Mabel prepared a savory Thanksgiving dinner for her family.</i>
<b>satiate</b>	<b>saucer</b>	<b>savory</b> adj / 'sāv(ə)rē / F fragrant. <i>Guido bought a savory wooden bowl smelling of rich cedar and varnish.</i>
<b>satiety</b> n / sə'tīdē / L > F the quality or state of being fed to or beyond capacity. <i>Nell wondered if her beagle puppy would ever reach satiety.</i>	<b>sauciness</b> n / 'sōsēnēs / L > F + Ecf the quality or state of being amusingly or unobjectionably forward or impertinent. <i>Emma felt they were friends again, and the conviction gave her at first great satisfaction, and then a little sauciness.</i>	<b>savvy</b> n / 'savē / L > Sp expertness in a particular field based on experience and native ability. <i>Officer Ramos's street savvy was a great help in apprehending drug dealers.</i>
<b>satire</b> n / 'sa.tī(ə)r / L a usually topical literary composition holding up human or individual vices, folly, abuses, or shortcomings to censure by means of ridicule, derision, burlesque, irony, or other method sometimes with an intent to bring about improvement. <i>Gulliver's Travels is a scathing satire of political and religious hypocrites.</i>	<b>sauerbraten</b> n / 'sau(ə)r.brät̩n / G oven-roasted or pot-roasted beef marinated in a vinegar solution with peppercorns, garlic, onions, and bay leaves before cooking. <i>Phil's favorite German restaurant features sauerbraten during Oktoberfest.</i>	<b>saxophone</b>
<b>satiric</b>	<b>sauger</b>	<b>sayonara</b> n / säyə'närə / Jpn good-bye. <i>Charlene found it hard to bid Nagano sayonara at the end of the 1998 Winter Olympics.</i>
	<b>saunter</b>	

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<b>scabbard</b> n /'skabə(r)d / G > AF > E a usually leather or metal sheath in which the blade of a sword, dagger, bayonet, or other cutting weapon is enclosed when not in use. <i>The knight began to pull his sword from its scabbard, but a look from the queen stopped him.</i>	<b>scaphoid</b> adj /'ska.foid / Gk > L shaped like a boat. <i>Terence found a scaphoid depression in the rock.</i>	<b>scelidosaur</b> n / sè'na(a)rēō / Gk > L an outline or synopsis of a play. <i>After the actor read the scenario, he decided that he was not right for the leading role.</i>
<b>scabrous</b> adj /'skabrəs / L rough to the touch : having small raised dots, scales, or points. <i>The leaf's scabrous texture was caused by insect attacks.</i>	<b>scarce</b> adj /'ske(ə)rs / L > F > E not plentiful or abundant. <i>Lettuce became scarce and expensive after the recent flooding.</i>	<b>scenewright</b> n / 'sēn.rīt / Gk > L + E a designer and maker of theatrical sets. <i>The scenewright worked closely with the playwright to create the appropriate backgrounds for each act.</i>
<b>scaffold</b>	<b>scarcity</b>	<b>scentless</b>
<b>scalene</b> adj /'skālēn / Gk having the sides unequal—used of a triangle. <i>The boat's sail formed a scalene triangle.</i>	<b>scarifier</b> n /'ska(a)rəfī(ə)r / Gk > L > F an implement or machine that tears up the surface of a road prior to resurfacing. <i>Paul operates a scarifier for the Highway Department.</i>	<b>scepter</b> n / 'septə(r) / Gk > L > F > E a staff or baton borne by a sovereign as a ceremonial emblem of authority. <i>When Ben played Henry VIII in the school play, his mother made him a scepter.</i>
<b>scallopini</b>	<b>scarlatina</b>	<b>schadenfreude</b>
<b>scalpel</b> n /'skalpal / L a small straight knife with a thin keen blade used especially for dissecting. <i>In surgery the scalpel is now often replaced by a laser beam.</i>	<b>scarlet</b> adj /'skärłät / Per > L > F having the face reddened by emotion (as embarrassment, anger) : red-faced. <i>Jill turned scarlet with rage when she discovered her sister was wearing her new sweater.</i>	<b>n</b> / 'shädən.fröidə / G enjoyment obtained from the mishaps of others. <i>Morgana claimed to be sympathetic, but the schadenfreude was all too obvious.</i>
<b>scampi</b>	<b>scatulant</b>	<b>scheduling</b>
<b>scandal</b>		
<b>scansion</b> n /'skanchən / L the analysis of a rhythmic structure (as a verse) so as to show the elements or units of which its rhythm is composed. <i>There are three major types of English scansion: the graphic, the musical, and the acoustic.</i>	<b>scavenging</b>	

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<b>schefflera</b> n / 'sheflərə / G name > L any of several shrubby tropical plants that are cultivated for their showy foliage. <i>When frost was predicted, Demont covered the schefflera with a blanket.</i>	<b>schnitzel</b> n / 'shnitsəl / G a veal cutlet variously seasoned and garnished. <i>The Bavarian restaurant's menu included sauerbraten, sausages, and schnitzel.</i>	<b>sciama</b> n / sī'äməkē / Gk a fighting with a shadow or an imaginary enemy. <i>Engaging in sciama helped the boxer prepare for his next match.</i>
<b>scheme</b> v / skēm / Gk accomplish by clever contriving. <i>Walter resolved to scheme out a way to get a new bike.</i>	<b>scholarly</b> adj / 'skälə(r)lē / Gk > L characteristic of one who is devoted to learning : studious. <i>Nathan's scholarly habits earned him a spot on the honor roll.</i>	<b>sciatica</b> n / sī'adēkə / Gk > L pain along the course of a sciatic nerve or its branches and especially in the leg. <i>As Alicia struggled out of bed, she complained of sciatica in her left leg.</i>
<b>schemer</b> n / 'skēmə(r) / Gk one that forms plots or intrigues. <i>Joe was a schemer who always had big plans to get rich.</i>	<b>schooner</b>	<b>scientific</b> adj / ,sīən'tifik / L concerned with or treating of a branch or department of systematized knowledge that is or can be made a specific object of study. <i>Alain's scientific training landed him a job at Dow Chemical.</i>
<b>scherzando</b> adj / skert'sän(.)dō / Gmc > It playful, jesting—used as a direction in music indicating style and tempo. <i>The Flight of the Bumblebee was played with scherzando lightness.</i>	<b>schottische</b> n / 'shädish / G a round dance in duple time characterized by gliding and hopping steps and similar to but slower than the polka. <i>After an hour of dancing the schottische, Ed and Sarah wearily headed for the soda machine.</i>	<b>scientist</b>
<b>scherzo</b>	<b>schuss</b> n / 'shüs / G a straightaway skiing course. <i>In a tucked position Kira followed the schuss all the way to the bottom.</i>	<b>scilicet</b>
<b>sciavone</b>	<b>schussboomer</b> n / 'shüs.bümər / G + imit one who skis usually straight downhill at high speed. <i>When the schussboomer lost control, he somersaulted and rolled to the foot of the slope.</i>	<b>scintilla</b>
<b>schipperke</b>	<b>scialytic</b> adj / sīə'lidik / Gk > L dispersing or dispelling shadows. <i>After a long night of ghost stories, Erma welcomed the scialytic dawn.</i>	<b>scintillate</b> v / 'sintəl.ät / L gleam or emit quick flashes as if throwing off sparks. <i>Mom's eyes scintillate whenever she is joyously excited.</i>
<b>schism</b>		<b>scintillation</b> n / sīnt'lāshən / L rapid changes in the brightness of a celestial body caused by turbulence in Earth's atmosphere. <i>The stars' scintillation is less pronounced at higher altitudes.</i>
<b>schismatic</b> adj / siz'madik / Gk > L of, relating to, or characteristic of division, separation, or discord. <i>The book describes numerous schismatic movements in church history.</i>		<b>scintiscan</b>
<b>schizoid</b>		
<b>schizophrenia</b>		

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<b>sciolytic</b>	<b>scotopia</b>	<b>screenplay</b>
adj / sī'əlistik / L of or relating to superficial knowledge or to one whose knowledge is superficial. <i>The students' sciolytic conversation amused Professor Pickett.</i>	n / skə'tōpēə / Gk + Gk > L vision in dim light with dark-adapted eyes believed to be mediated by the rods of the retina. <i>Astronomers rely on scotopia to resolve detail in images.</i>	n / 'skrēn,plā / D > F > E + E the written form of a story prepared for motion-picture production including description of characters, details of scenes and settings, dialogue, and stage directions. <i>The director, with screenplay in hand, was ready for the day's filming.</i>
<b>sciosophy</b>	<b>scoundrel</b>	<b>scrimmage</b>
<b>scissors</b>	n / 'skaündrəl / unknown a bold selfish person who has very low ethical standards. <i>The treasurer of the company was fired when he was found out to be an opportunistic scoundrel.</i>	n / 'skrimij / Gmc > E practice play between a team's various squads. <i>Today's exciting scrimmage is a good indication that both squads are ready for the upcoming season.</i>
<b>sclerosis</b>	<b>scourge</b>	<b>scrimshaw</b>
n / sklə'rōsəs / Gk pathological hardening of tissue produced by overgrowth of fibrous tissue and other changes or by increase in interstitial tissue. <i>Sclerosis is often a consequence of old age.</i>	n / 'skərj / L > F > E a social evil. <i>Much of the city's crime is attributed to the scourge of recurrent unemployment.</i>	n / 'skrim.shō / unknown any of various carved or engraved useful or decorative articles sometimes colored by brushing ink into the engraved lines and made especially by American whalers from whalebone or whale ivory. <i>The whaling museum has a large collection of scrimshaw.</i>
<b>scofflaw</b>	<b>scraggly</b>	<b>script</b>
n / skäflō / E + E a contemptuous lawbreaker; especially : one who ignores parking tickets. <i>The scofflaw tore up his ticket in front of the police officer and was subsequently fined \$500.</i>	<b>scramble</b> v / 'skrambəl / D? prepare (eggs) by stirring during frying. <i>After she burned the meatloaf, Arlene decided to scramble some eggs for dinner.</i>	n / 'skript / L something written : text. <i>By the end of vacation, Mary had the entire script of the play memorized.</i>
<b>sconce</b>	<b>scrawny</b>	<b>scriptural</b>
n / 'skän(t)s / L > F > E an ornamental electric light fixture for a wall that resembles a bracket candlestick or group of candlesticks. <i>Tamara bought an elaborate sconce for her hallway.</i>	adj / 'skrōnē / unknown marked by an appearance of undernourishment : skinny and bony. <i>The scrawny kitten mewed plaintively in the tree.</i>	adj / 'skripchərəl / L > E + Ecf of, relating to, contained in, or according to a sacred writing. <i>Ivan spent five years translating the scriptural material.</i>
<b>scopate</b>		
adj / skō,pāt / L + E resembling a brush. <i>Some cacti have scopate flowers.</i>		

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<b>scrivener</b>	<b>sculpin</b>	<b>scurvy</b>
n / 'skriv(ə)nə(r) / L > F a professional or public copyist or writer. <i>The critic dismissed the writer's novel as the uninspired work of a scrivener.</i>	n / 'skʌlpən / unknown any of a family of spiny large-headed broad-mouthed often scaleless bony fishes. <i>A small sculpin was Van's only catch on the expensive charter-boat outing.</i>	n / 'skɜrvē / Scan > E a disease characterized by spongy gums, loosening of the teeth, and a tendency to bleed into the skin and mucous membranes and caused by a dietary deficiency of ascorbic acid. <i>Scurvy is easily preventable by eating fruits and vegetables rich in vitamin C.</i>
<b>scroll</b>	<b>sculptor</b>	<b>scutellate</b>
n / 'skrōl / Gmc > F > E a long strip used as the body of a written document and often having a rod or rods for convenience in rolling and storing. <i>The writing on the magician's scroll erased itself after the spell was read aloud.</i>	n / 'skəlpṭə(r) / L one that carves, engraves, molds, welds, or constructs (materials) into a primarily three-dimensional work of art. <i>Pablo Picasso was equally influential as a painter, a sculptor, and a draftsman.</i>	adj / sk(y)ü'telät / L rather flat with a distinct rim and a rounded to oval outline. <i>Beryl opened the packet and examined the scutellate seeds.</i>
<b>scrumptious</b>	<b>sculpture</b>	<b>scuttlebutt</b>
adj / 'skrəm(p)shəs / L delightful, excellent. <i>The bakery down the street makes a scrumptious almond coffee cake.</i>	<b>scuppernong</b>	<b>scythe</b>
<b>scruples</b>	n / 'skrüpəlz / L mental reservations : qualms. <i>Emma recommended the minced chicken and scalloped oysters with an urgency she knew would be acceptable to the civil scruples of her guests.</i>	<b>scytodepsic</b>
<b>scrupulously</b>	<b>scurrilous</b>	<b>seabound</b>
adv / 'skrüpyələslē / L conscientiously, painstakingly. <i>Katie washes her hands so scrupulously that her friends wonder if she has a psychological disorder.</i>	adj / 'skərələs / L containing low obscenities or coarse abuse. <i>The farmers hurled scurrilous accusations across the barbed-wire fence.</i>	<b>seafaring</b>
		<b>searchlight</b>
		n / 'sərch.lit / L > F > E + E an apparatus for projecting a powerful beam of light of approximately parallel rays usually devised so that it can be swiveled about. <i>The festival hired a searchlight to sweep the sky and advertise its presence.</i>
		<b>seasonably</b>
		<b>sebaceous</b>
		adj / sə'bāshəs / L relating to, composed of, or secreting fatty matter. <i>Oily skin is usually the result of overactive sebaceous glands.</i>
		<b>secco</b>

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<b>secede</b>	<b>Seder</b>	<b>seguidilla</b>
v / sə'sēd / L withdraw from a federation. <i>About ten more deputies have opted to secede from the governing majority.</i>	n / 'sādə(r) / Heb [has homonym: satyr] a Jewish home or community service and ceremonial dinner held on the first evening of the Passover. <i>Jim had never been to a Seder before he met Julia.</i>	n / .sāgē'dē(y)ə / L > Sp a Spanish dance with many regional variations or the music for this dance performed with guitar and castanets. <i>In the second act of the opera, the Spanish gypsy performs a seguidilla.</i>
<b>secernment</b>	<b>sediment</b>	<b>seiche</b>
n / sə'sərnmənt / L [Note: Could be confused with secernent.] the act or process of distinguishing or discriminating in thought. <i>The thesaurus proved enlightening in its secernment of the subtle differences between synonyms.</i>	n / 'sedəmənt / L material deposited (as by water, wind, or glaciers). <i>The layers of sediment were evident in the shades of color on the rocky hillside.</i>	n / 'sāsh / F an oscillation of the surface of a lake or landlocked sea. <i>A seiche can be almost as powerful as a tidal wave.</i>
<b>secession</b>	<b>sedition</b>	<b>seine</b>
n / sə'seshən / L formal withdrawal from an organization (as a religious communion or political party or federation). <i>The history teacher explained that the South's secession from the United States was not solely an issue regarding slavery.</i>	n / sə'dishən / L > F > E an insurrection against constituted authority. <i>Because Paul openly advocated the overthrow of the government, he was charged with sedition.</i>	v / 'sān / E [has homonym: sane] fish with or catch fish with a net that hangs vertically in the water. <i>David and Joel like to seine for perch.</i>
<b>secessionist</b>	<b>sedulous</b>	<b>seismism</b>
<b>secondariness</b>	<b>seedling</b>	n / 'sīz.mizəm / Gk earthquake phenomena. <i>Ralph gave a report about seismism in Chinese folklore.</i>
<b>secularism</b>		
<b>secund</b>		<b>seity</b>
<b>sedens</b>		<b>seizure</b>
<b>sedentary</b>	<b>seersucker</b>	n / 'sēzhə(r) / E a sudden attack (as of a disease or sickness). <i>A seizure of hay fever ruined the picnic for Tom.</i>
adj / 'sedən.terē / L characterized by or requiring sitting or slight activity. <i>Isabelle's sedentary job provided little opportunity for exercise.</i>	<b>seethe</b>	
	<b>segue</b>	<b>seldom</b>
	v / 'sā(.)gwā / L > It make a transition from one activity, topic, scene, or part to another as or as if part of a natural progression. <i>Senator Ward used an anecdote to segue to a new topic in his speech.</i>	<b>selectivity</b>

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<b>selenian</b> adj / sə'lēnēən / Gk of, relating to, or designating the Moon. <i>Jim's story tells the tale of an explorer going off to create a selenian colony.</i>	<b>semolina</b> n / semə'lēnə / L > It the purified middlings of durum or other hard wheat used for macaroni and other alimentary pastes. <i>The best pasta is made from semolina.</i>	<b>sententious</b> adj / sen'tenchəs / L terse, aphoristic, or moralistic in expression : pithy. <i>The sitcom's drop in popularity was attributed to its growing tendency toward sententious sermonizing.</i>
<b>selenologist</b> n / sələ'näləjəst / Gk an astronomer who specializes in the study of the Moon. <i>The selenologist gave a description of the chief craters of the moonscape.</i>	<b>senary</b> adj / 'sēnərē / L [has homonym: scenery] of, based upon, or characterized by six : compounded of six things : consisting of six parts. <i>Jethro experimented with music using a senary scale.</i>	<b>sentient</b>
<b>selenology</b>	<b>senectitude</b>	<b>sentimental</b>
<b>semanteme</b> n / sə'mantēm / Gk > F a word or a base that expresses a definite image or idea—distinguished from morpheme. <i>The verb run is an example of a semanteme.</i>	<b>senescent</b> adj / sə'nesənt / L growing old. <i>The town's senescent infrastructure struggled under the burden of a growth spurt.</i>	<b>sentinel</b> n / 'sent(ə)nəl / L > It > F one that watches or guards. <i>The sentinel peered into the distance through tiny binoculars.</i>
<b>semaphore</b>	<b>seneschal</b>	<b>sentry</b>
<b>semester</b> n / sə'mestə(r) / L either of the two periods of instruction commonly 18 weeks in length into which an academic year is usually divided. <i>Yolanda was delighted that her grades for the first semester were all A's.</i>	<b>n</b> / 'senēshəl / Gmc > F > E a bailiff, steward, or majordomo of a great medieval lord. <i>The seneschal pounded his staff on the floor three times and announced the king's visitors.</i>	<b>n</b> / 'sentrē / E [has near homonym: century] a soldier standing guard. <i>The sentry reported a suspicious vehicle parked down the street from the barracks.</i>
<b>semiautomatic</b>	<b>senile</b>	<b>separate</b>
<b>seminary</b> n / 'semənerē / L an institution for the training of candidates for the priesthood, ministry, or rabbinate. <i>The pulpit committee's first choice is a young person who has just completed seminary.</i>	<b>sensibilia</b>	<b>sepia</b>
	<b>sensibility</b>	<b>n</b> / 'sēpēə / Gk > L a pigment of rich brown color containing melanin, prepared from the ink of various cuttlefishes, and used in watercolor painting and in ink. <i>Black-and-white photographs can be stained with sepia to give them an old-fashioned look.</i>
	<b>sensible</b>	<b>septennial</b>
	<b>sensory</b> adj / 'sen(t)s(ə)rē / L + E of or relating to the senses. <i>In some insects the sensory organs of taste, touch, smell, and hearing are located in the antennae.</i>	<b>adj</b> / sep'tenēəl / L continuing or lasting for seven years. <i>Since legislation in 1716 the British government has had septennial parliaments; previously they were triennial.</i>

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<b>septentrional</b>	<b>sequester</b>	<b>serictery</b>
adj /sep'tentrēənl/ L northern. <i>The septentrional seaports of Russia are frozen in the winter.</i>	v /sō'kwestə(r)/ L > F > E hide from public view : seclude. <i>The judge wanted to sequester the jury to keep them from hearing news reports that might sway their opinions.</i>	n /sō'rikterē/ Gk > L the silk-producing gland of a caterpillar or other insect larva. <i>As it spins its cocoon, the silkworm caterpillar secretes a gummy substance from each serictery.</i>
<b>septuagenarian</b>	<b>seraphic</b>	<b>serigraphy</b>
n /sep.t(y)üəjə'nérēən/ L a person who is 70 or more but fewer than 80 years old. <i>Aunt Daisy is proud of the fact that she has lived to be a septuagenarian.</i>	adj /sō'rafik/ Heb > L of, relating to, or befitting an angel of the highest order especially in beauty or ecstatic adoration. <i>The choir's hymn of praise sounded sublimely seraphic.</i>	
<b>sepulchral</b>	<b>serenade</b>	<b>sermonize</b>
adj /sō'pəlkrl/ L having a funereal quality. <i>Dusk and a vase of gardenias gave the parlor a sepulchral air.</i>	v /sərē'nād/ L > I > F play or sing music in honor of. <i>The football team plans to serenade its coach during the pep rally.</i>	v /'sərmənīz/ F > E address at length in a didactic and solemn manner. <i>Everyone is hoping that Dad won't find something to sermonize about when he chaperones the school dance.</i>
<b>sequaciousness</b>	<b>serendipitous</b>	<b>serotinal</b>
n /sō'kwāshəsnəs/ L > E the quality or state of being imitative or obsequious. <i>Cal's sequaciousness failed to win him a promotion.</i>	adj /sərēn'dipədəs/ Ar geog name + Ecf obtained or characterized by unexpected but fortunate discovery. <i>Mickey's serendipitous discovery of five quarters and two dimes on the sidewalk made his day.</i>	adj /sō'rātēnəl/ L + Ecf of or relating to the latter and usually drier part of summer. <i>Many small ponds dry up during the serotinal season.</i>
<b>sequel</b>	<b>serge</b>	<b>serpiginous</b>
n /'sēkwəl/ L continuation; especially : a literary work continuing the course of a narrative begun in a preceding one. <i>The film was so popular that the producer asked the screenwriter for a sequel.</i>		
<b>sequela</b>	<b>seriatim</b>	<b>serrated</b>
n /sō'kwelə/ L an aftereffect of disease or injury. <i>Peeling of the skin is a common sequela of sunburn.</i>	adv /sirē'ādēm/ L in sequence. <i>Although the classes meet seriatim, each day of the week starts with a different class in the series.</i>	adj /'sē.rādēdə/ L notched or toothed on the edge. <i>Under the microscope, dust mites appear to be hairy monsters with serrated claws.</i>
<b>sericeous</b>	<b>serrefine</b>	
	adj /sō'rishəs/ Gk > L having a fuzzy surface; specifically : covered with soft, silky hairs. <i>The plant's sericeous leaves felt almost like velvet.</i>	adj /serēd/ F crowded or pressed together. <i>The serried tenements of the big city soon gave way to rolling hills.</i>

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<b>serviceable</b>	<b>shackle</b>	<b>shale</b>
adj / 'sərvəsəbəl / L > F suited for a purpose. <i>Filene lamented that the poncho's design, though serviceable, is not very fashionable.</i>	v / 'shakəl / E [has homonym: shackel] confine the limbs of so as to prevent free motion. <i>The prisoner of war told the United Nations delegation that his guards had threatened to shackle him 24 hours a day.</i>	n / 'shāl / E a fissile rock that is formed by the consolidation of clay, mud, or silt. <i>The petroleum refinery also markets by-products of shale.</i>
<b>servile</b>	<b>shaddock</b>	<b>shallot</b>
adj / 'sərvəl / L [has homonym: serval] of, relating to, or appropriate to slaves. <i>Oscar was thankful to be freed from his servile status.</i>	n / 'shadək / E name a very large thick-rinded typically pear-shaped citrus fruit. <i>The shaddock resembles the grapefruit but is larger, coarser, and drier.</i>	n / shə'lät / L > F a perennial herb that resembles an onion and is used in cooking. <i>Ted didn't have time to go to the store again, so he substituted a white onion for a shallot in the recipe.</i>
<b>sesquicentennial</b>	<b>shadiness</b>	<b>shanghai</b>
n / .seskwəsen'tenēəl / L a 150th anniversary. <i>The state issued special license plates to commemorate its sesquicentennial.</i>	n / 'shādēnəs / E + Ecff the quality or state of comparative darkness. <i>On a hot day, the cool shadiness of a tree is very welcome.</i>	v / 'shaŋhī / Chinese geog name to put by trickery into an undesirable position. <i>Winona won't allow the condominium board to shanghai her into serving as its president.</i>
<b>sesquipedalian</b>	<b>shaganappi</b>	<b>shanghaied</b>
adj / .seskwəpē'dālēən / L given to or characterized by the use of long words. <i>Norbert dozed off halfway through the principal's sesquipedalian speech.</i>	<b>shagreen</b>	<b>shears</b>
<b>session</b>		<b>shebang</b>
<b>severance</b>		<b>sheepshearer</b>
<b>sewage</b>		n / 'shēp.shirə(r) / E + E a person that cuts the wool from sheep by hand or machine. <i>At the county fair, the sheepshearer always draws the largest crowd.</i>
n / 'süij / L > F > E waste matter that is carried away by a drain. <i>The smell of sewage permeated the dilapidated building.</i>	<b>shako</b>	<b>shekel</b>
	n / 'sha(ə)kō / G > Hung > F a stiff military headdress with a metal plate in front, a high crown, and a plume. <i>Each member of the band wore a plumed shako in parades.</i>	n / 'shekəl / Hebrew a Hebrew unit of weight equal to about 252 grains troy. <i>In the Talmudist system, a shekel is 1/60 of a mina.</i>
		<b>shenanigan</b>

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<b>shenanigans</b>	<b>shipwreck</b>	<b>shubunkin</b>
n pl / shə'nanəgənz / unknown high-spirited, daring, or mischievous acts : pranks. <i>On the first day of school Mrs. Gibson warned the class that she would not put up with any shenanigans in her classroom.</i>	n / 'shi:prek / E + Scand > F > E a large ruined or stranded seagoing boat or its parts. <i>The shipwreck was mottled with barnacles.</i>	<b>shuddering</b> v / 'shəd(ə)riŋ / E shaking with fear, aversion, horror, or cold. <i>Joan woke shuddering from a nightmare.</i>
<b>shepherdess</b>	<b>shivering</b>	<b>sibilant</b>
n / 'shepə(r)dēs / E a woman or girl who tends sheep. <i>Alma painted a watercolor of a shepherdess and three lambs.</i>	v / 'shiv(ə)riŋ / E trembling due to cold, fear, or physical pressure. <i>Norma was shivering because she did not dress in warm clothing.</i>	adj / 'sibələnt / L imit having, containing, or producing the sound of or a sound resembling that of the s or the sh in sash. <i>"She sells sea shells. . . ." is a sibilant tongue twister.</i>
<b>sheriff</b>	<b>shoal</b>	<b>siccative</b>
n / 'sherif / E a county officer who is usually elected by the people of the county and has the duty of preserving the peace. <i>The office of sheriff is a holdover from medieval English law.</i>	n / 'shōl / E [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, word has homonym: shole.] a great number thronged together or considered as a group. <i>The spelling bee champion received a shoal of congratulatory letters in the month following her win.</i>	adj / 'sikədīv / L causing to dry : promoting the action of drying. <i>Zinc oxide is often used as a siccative agent for skin rashes.</i>
<b>shibboleth</b>	<b>shrapnel</b>	<b>sickle</b>
n / 'shibəlēth / Heb a custom or usage regarded as a criterion for distinguishing members of one group (as a social class) from those of another. <i>Table manners are sometimes used as a shibboleth of class distinction.</i>	n / 'shrapnəl / E name bomb, mine, or shell fragments. <i>The surgeon found and removed all of the shrapnel in the soldier's leg, ensuring a swift recovery.</i>	<b>sicklocyte</b> n / 'sik(ə)ləsīt / E + Gk an abnormal red blood cell of crescent shape. <i>The patient with sickle-cell anemia wanted to see a sicklocyte under the microscope.</i>
<b>shillibeer</b>	<b>shrewdness</b>	<b>sidereal</b>
n / 'shiləbi(ə)r / E name a horse-drawn hearse with seats for mourners. <i>The museum has acquired an ornate Victorian shillibeer.</i>	n / 'shrüdnəs / E the quality or state of being discerning or astute. <i>Shrewdness is Janet's strong suit.</i>	adj / sī'dirēəl / L [has near homonym: sideral] of or relating to stars or constellations. <i>Time-lapse photography was used by the observatory to detect sidereal motion.</i>
<b>shillyshallyer</b>	<b>shriek</b>	
<b>shindig</b>		
n / 'shindig / E a jovial social affair that includes dancing. <i>Max hosted the shindig at the hotel.</i>	n / 'shrēk / E a shrill, usually wild or involuntary cry. <i>Nancy let out a shriek when her little brother dropped an ice cube down the back of her dress.</i>	

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<b>siege</b>	<b>silica</b>	<b>similarity</b>
n / 'sēj / L > F > E the operations of an army around a fortified place for the purpose of compelling its surrender by assault or blockade. <i>The defenders were confident they could outlast the siege, since the castle had an underground source of fresh water.</i>	n / 'silēkə / L the chemically resistant dioxide of a nonmetallic element that occurs in combined form as the most abundant element next to oxygen in Earth's crust. <i>Nora learned from her research that silica is used for making glass and ceramic products and is found naturally in quartz and sand.</i>	<b>simile</b> n / 'simə(.)lē / L a figure of speech comparing two essentially unlike things and often introduced by like or as. <i>Kermit has a pet chicken and knows firsthand what the simile "as scarce as hens' teeth" means.</i>
<b>siffilate</b>	<b>siliciferous</b>	<b>simnel</b>
v / 'sifə.lāt / L > F whisper. <i>The diners began to siffilate when the celebrity entered the restaurant.</i>	adj / .silə'sif(ə)rəs / L producing, containing, or united with silica. <i>When geologists analyzed the siliciferous rock, they found quartz and chlorite veins.</i>	n / 'simnəl / Semitic? > L > F > E a rich fruit cake sometimes covered with almond paste. <i>Auntie Grace always serves simnel during the December holidays.</i>
<b>sightseer</b>	<b>silicon</b>	<b>simpatico</b>
n / 'sít.sēə(r) / E one that visits places of interest. <i>The unusual sightseer asked whether anyone had noticed any interesting manhole covers or drain grates in the area.</i>	n / 'silēkən / L [Note: Could be confused with silicone.] a nonmetallic element that occurs abundantly in combined form and is used chiefly in the form of alloys. <i>The scientist was striving to devise a new method for purifying silicon for use in fabricating microchips.</i>	adj / sim'pädō.kō / L > It possessing attractive qualities : appealing, likable. <i>The hero of the novel is a thoroughly simpatico character.</i>
<b>signature</b>	<b>sillar</b>	<b>simulacrum</b>
<b>silentiary</b>		
n / sī'lenchē.erē / L one appointed to keep silence and order (as in a court of law or a public assembly). <i>One stern glance from the silentiary was all it took to stop Karsten's insipid murmuring.</i>	n / sēl'yär / L > Sp [has somewhat near homonym: sillier] building material consisting of large blocks cut from a natural deposit. <i>The hikers came upon a low structure made of sillar and nearly covered in vines.</i>	n / .simyə'lākrəm / L a representation of something : image, effigy. <i>A simulacrum of Elvis stood at the entrance to the wax museum.</i>
<b>silhouette</b>	<b>sillographer</b>	<b>simulcast</b>
n / .sile'wet / F name a representation of the outlines of an object filled in with black or some other uniform color. <i>Mrs. Baldwin has a framed silhouette of each of her children on the wall of her foyer.</i>	n / sē'lägrəfə(r) / Gk a writer of satires. <i>The marble bust of the ancient sillographer crashed to the library floor.</i>	v / 'sīməl.kast / L + ON > E broadcast by radio and television simultaneously. <i>Years ago, radio and television stations would sometimes simulcast operatic performances to provide listeners with quality stereophonic sound.</i>
<b>silhouettist</b>		<b>simultaneity</b>
		<b>simultaneous</b>

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<b>simultaneously</b>	<b>sinuosity</b>	<b>skeleton</b>
adv / sīməl'tānēəslē / L at the same time : concurrently. <i>Jason, who often types and talks simultaneously, calls himself a "master of multitasking."</i>	n / sīnyo'wāsədē / L the quality or state of bending in and out. <i>The sinuosity of the mountain road taxed Ken's driving skills.</i>	n / 'skelətən / Gk the bones of a human being or other vertebrate. <i>Dr. Symonds has a real human skeleton in his office.</i>
<b>sinciput</b>	<b>sinusitis</b>	<b>skewbald</b>
<b>sinecure</b>		<b>skewer</b>
n / 'sinēkyü(ə)r / L an office or position that requires little or no work and that usually provides an income. <i>The mayor made the grave mistake of handing out a sinecure to a friend.</i>	n / sīnə'sīdēs / L inflammation of any of the several cavities in the skull. <i>The allergist explained that Alice's headaches and sneezing are due to sinusitis.</i>	n / 'skyüə(r) / unknown [has near homonym: skua] a pin of wood or metal for fastening meat to keep in form while roasting or to hold small pieces of meat and vegetables for broiling. <i>Maggie put pieces of steak and vegetables on the skewer.</i>
<b>sinew</b>	<b>Sioux</b>	<b>skillet</b>
n / 'si(.)nyü / E tendon; especially : one dressed for use as a cord or thread. <i>Ephraim wore a jade pendant in the shape of a bear on a sinew around his neck.</i>	adj / 'sü / Dakota [has homonyms: sault, sou, sue] of or relating to the Dakota people or their language. <i>Following a speech in Sioux language, the dancers began the Sun Dance.</i>	n / 'skilət / E frying pan. <i>A quality deep skillet has many uses in the kitchen.</i>
<b>singeing</b>	<b>sirloin</b>	<b>skimeister</b>
<b>singular</b>		
adj / 'singyələ(r) / L extraordinary, exceptional. <i>The singular quality of Sean's voice was the envy of all the other choir members.</i>	n / 'sərlōin / L > F > E a cut of meat and especially of beef taken from the hindquarters. <i>The butcher cut the sirloin into steaks for his customers.</i>	n / 'skē.mīstə(r) / G + L > G [Note: Caution should be taken not to confuse second part of this compound word with master.] a professional skier or skiing instructor. <i>Diantha pretended to be a poor skier just to get close to the handsome skimeister.</i>
<b>singularize</b>	<b>sitology</b>	<b>skimpiness</b>
v / 'singyələrīz / L + Ecff distinguish. <i>By practicing every day, Ben believed he could singularize himself in the school orchestra.</i>	n / sī'täləjē / Gk [Word has homonym: cytology. In addition, an alternate pronunciation has near homonym: cetology.] the science of nutrition and dietetics. <i>Deirdre plans to major in sitology and write cookbooks for vegetarians.</i>	n / 'skimpēnēs / Scand? > E? + Ecff the quality or state of being deficient in supply or execution. <i>The skimpiness of Eunice's budget did not allow for many luxuries.</i>
<b>sinistral</b>	<b>skedaddle</b>	
adj / 'sinēstrəl / L of or relating to the left. <i>The sorcerer's mask was ripped away, revealing terrible scars on the sinistral side of his face.</i>	v / skē'dad'l / unknown run away : leave hastily. <i>A sudden shower caused Karen to skedaddle from the bazaar.</i>	

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<b>skirmish</b>	<b>slapstick</b>	<b>slumgullion</b>
n / 'skərmɪʃ / F > E a minor dispute or contest between opposing parties. <i>Winston hopes that his skirmish with the neighbors over his dog does not foreshadow a lengthy feud.</i>	n / 'slap.stik / G imit + E comedy that depends for its effect on fast, boisterous, and zany physical activity and horseplay often accompanied by broad rowdy verbal humor. <i>The Three Stooges were famous for their slapstick.</i>	n / sləm'gʌlɪən / unknown + (L > F > E)? a meat stew. <i>The sailors protested when they were served yet another meal of slumgullion.</i>
<b>skirret</b>	<b>sleazily</b>	<b>smectic</b>
n / 'skirət / Ar? > F > E an Asiatic herb cultivated in Europe for its sweet edible tuberous roots. <i>After foraging for an hour, Yang happened on a skirret, the roots of which he would boil and eat.</i>	<b>sledgehammer</b>	<b>smoggy</b>
<b>skittish</b>	<b>sleuth</b>	<b>smägē</b>
<b>skoal</b>	v / 'slüθ / ON > E act as a detective or investigator : search for information or facts. <i>There are several game programs that teach children how to sleuth out facts and figures on the Internet.</i>	(E + Scand?) > E characterized by or abounding in a fog made heavier and darker by smoke and chemical fumes. <i>The smoggy atmosphere of Los Angeles aggravated Frank's allergies.</i>
<b>skookum</b>	<b>slobberhannes</b>	<b>smorgasbord</b>
adj / 'skükəm / Chinook marked by excellent quality : first-rate. <i>Liz felt sure that the pail of blueberries would make a skookum pie.</i>	<b>sloganeer</b>	n / 'smörgəs.börd / Sw a luncheon or supper buffet offering a variety of foods and dishes. <i>Nita's smorgasbord included turkey and smoked salmon.</i>
<b>slalom</b>	<b>slovenly</b>	<b>snagrel</b>
n / 'släləm / Norw skiing in a zigzag or wavy course between upright obstacles. <i>Tully did the slalom down the moutainside.</i>	adj / 'sləvənlē / G or Flemish negligent of neatness and order especially in dress or person. <i>He that is born under Capricorn shall incline to the slovenly.</i>	n / 'snagrəl / unknown an herb of the genus Aristolochia of the eastern United States. <i>Snagrel is also called Virginia snakeroot.</i>
<b>slanderous</b>	<b>sluice</b>	<b>snood</b>
<b>slantindicular</b>		
adj / slant <sup>n</sup> 'dikyələ(r) / E + L > F > E somewhat oblique. <i>The main staircase of the new library rises at a slantindicular angle to the facade.</i>	n / 'slüs / L > F > E a body of water pent up behind a floodgate. <i>Ellen crossed the sluice in a canoe.</i>	

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<b>soavemente</b>	<b>solder</b>	<b>soliloquy</b>
adv / sō'ävā'mentə /	v / 'sädə(r) /	n / sə'liləkwē /
L > It with sweetness or smoothness : in a gentle manner—used as a direction in music. <i>The serenade was played soavemente by the strings.</i>	L > F > E [has homonym: solder] unite or make whole by means of a melted metallic alloy. <i>Jennifer's science class learned how to solder wires so they could experiment with electrical circuits.</i>	L a discourse made by one in solitude to oneself. <i>At the talent contest Angelo stepped into the spotlight and recited Hamlet's famous soliloquy "To be or not to be, . . ."</i>
<b>sociable</b>	<b>soldier</b>	<b>solipsism</b>
adj / 'sōshəbəl /	<b>solecism</b>	n / 'sōləp.sizəm /
L enjoying companionship. <i>The dolphin is one of the most sociable creatures known to man.</i>	<b>solecistic</b>	L extreme indulgence of and concern with the self at the expense of social relationships especially as expressed in a failure of artistic communication. <i>Critics accused the popular actor of solipsism.</i>
<b>sodality</b>	<b>sofatara</b>	<b>solitaire</b>
<b>sojourner</b>	<b>solfatara</b>	n / 'sälə.ta(ə)r /
n / 'sōjərnə(r) /	n / sälfə'tära /	L a card game designed for one person to play alone. <i>Shelley often relaxes by playing solitaire after everyone else has gone to bed.</i>
F > E one that stays as a temporary resident. <i>Even though he had lived there for five years, Russell knew he was regarded as a sojourner by the neighbors.</i>	L > It a volcanic area or vent that yields sulfur gases and hot vapors and represents a late stage of volcanic activity. <i>Harry noticed a rotten-egg odor coming from a solfatara on the north side of the previously inactive volcano.</i>	<b>soliterraneous</b>
<b>solace</b>	<b>solférino</b>	adj / sōlətə'rānēəs /
v / 'säləs /	<b>solicitous</b>	L of or relating to Earth and the Sun. <i>Scientists attribute the recent drought to soliterraneous causes.</i>
L [has near homonym: solus] console. <i>When Janie learned she had failed her swimming exam, she decided to solace herself by going out to a movie.</i>	adj / sə'lisədəs /	<b>solivagant</b>
<b>solatium</b>	L manifesting or expressing concern. <i>Dr. Turner is especially solicitous toward his older patients.</i>	adj / sō'livəgənt /
n / sō'lāshēəm /		L marked by solitary wandering. <i>During his first semester in college, Gerry took frequent solivagant walks around the campus.</i>
L something that alleviates or compensates for suffering or loss; especially : an additional allowance (as for injured feelings). <i>The government offered a solatium to the families of those killed in the terrorist bombing.</i>		<b>solleret</b>
		n / sälə'ret /
		L > F a flexible steel shoe forming part of a medieval suit of armor. <i>The curator explained that the cumbersome solleret had to be removed to allow the knight to fight on foot.</i>

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<b>solmization</b>	<b>somnambulant</b>	<b>sophomore</b>
<b>solon</b>	adj / säm'nambyələnt / L + L walking or addicted to walking while asleep. <i>Sheila could remember nothing of her somnambulant activities when she was told of them the next morning.</i>	n / 'säf(ə)mō(ə)r / Gk a student in his second year or with second-year standing at a college. <i>As a sophomore, Jason was expected to find a one-semester internship in his major subject.</i>
<b>solstice</b>	<b>somniloquist</b>	<b>soporific</b>
n / 'sälztēs / L > F > E one of two points on the ecliptic at which its distance from the celestial equator is greatest and which is reached by the Sun each year about June 22nd and December 23rd. <i>The North Pole is tilted directly toward the Sun at the summer solstice.</i>	<b>sommolence</b>	adj / .säpə'rifik / L > F causing or tending to cause sleep. <i>The students valiantly attempted to fight off the soporific effects of the lecture.</i>
<b>solstitial</b>	<b>sonorous</b>	<b>sorbet</b>
adj / sälz'tishəl / L of or relating to the two points on the ecliptic at which its distance from the celestial equator is greatest and which is reached by the Sun each year about June 22nd and December 23rd. <i>Ancient myths about the eternal battle between light and dark are tied to equinoctial and solstitial moments in the year.</i>	adj / 'sänərəs / L characterized by full or loud sound often with clear or rich tone, marked volume, or easy audibility. <i>Alex's sonorous voice made him the clear choice to perform the reading.</i>	n / 'sōrbət / Turkish > It > F [Note: Could be confused with sherbet.] a frozen dessert made with a mixture of fruits. <i>Wylie ate sorbet between courses to cleanse his palate.</i>
<b>solvolysis</b>	<b>soothsaying</b>	<b>sorcerer</b>
<b>sombrero</b>	<b>sophisticate</b>	<b>sorcery</b>
n / səm'brelō / Sp a high-crowned hat of felt or straw with a very wide brim worn especially in the Southwest and in Mexico. <i>Maria was dressed quite expensively, with leather boots covering her legs and a dark sombrero poised levelly on her head.</i>	n / sə'fistəkāt / Gk > L alter deceptively: adulterate. <i>Lanny feared that someone would sophisticate the survey results.</i>	n / 'sōrərə / L > F magician. <i>Traveling alone in the dark, the sorcerer saw no harm in conjuring up a lamp for his convenience.</i>
<b>sophistry</b>	<b>Sophoclean</b>	<b>sorghum</b>
	n / 'säfəstrē / Gk > F reasoning that is superficially plausible but actually fallacious. <i>Larry's masterful but irresponsible sophistry easily convinced naïve listeners.</i>	n / 'sōrgəm / L? > It syrup produced by evaporating the juice from stems of certain tropical grasses. <i>Rachel likes sorghum on her oatmeal.</i>
	adj / .säfə'klēən / Gk name of, relating to, or characteristic of the Athenian tragic poet Sophocles or his dramas. <i>Finding a new Sophoclean fragment in the museum's papyri was Gunther's claim to fame.</i>	

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<b>sorrel</b> n / 'sôrəl / Gmc > F > E [has homonyms: saurel, soral, sorel] a light bright chestnut horse often with white mane and tail. <i>Ken promised to take good care of the sorrel his dad had bought for him.</i>	<b>souterrain</b> n / 'sô'terēn / E + F > E left-hander; specifically : a left-handed baseball pitcher. <i>Some fans think Babe Ruth was the best southpaw ever to play major league baseball.</i>	<b>spatiotemporal</b> adj / spāshē(.)temp(ə)rəl / L having the quality of something that is at once extended and enduring. <i>The philosopher pointed out that two things cannot coexist in one spatiotemporal point.</i>
<b>sortie</b>	<b>souvenir</b> n / .süvə'ni(ə)r / L > F something that serves as a reminder : memento, remembrance. <i>Moira kept a seashell as a souvenir of her trip to the ocean.</i>	<b>spatterdock</b>
<b>sortileger</b> n / 'sô(r)d'ljē(r) / L one that tells fortunes; especially : a person who for payment predicts what are claimed to be future events or influences in the life of another. <i>The sortileger predicted a radical change in Frank's lifestyle.</i>	<b>spatula</b> n / 'spachələ / L a flat thin flexible dull-edged usually metal implement used especially for spreading or mixing soft substances, scooping, or lifting. <i>With batter on his face and a spatula in his fist, Casey smiled for his mom and her camera.</i>	
<b>soubise</b> n / sü'bēz / F geog name a white or brown sauce containing onions or onion puree. <i>A sauceboat of soubise accompanied the roast.</i>	<b>spacious</b>	<b>species</b> n pl / 'spē(.)shēz / L a category of biological classification ranking immediately below a genus or subgenus. <i>The housefly belongs to the genus Musca and the species domestica.</i>
<b>soubresaut</b> n / .sübrə'sō / L > F a ballet jump from and a landing on both feet in closed position. <i>Keith demonstrated his lack of ballet prowess with an awkward soubresaut.</i>	<b>spacistor</b> n / 'spā.sistə(r) / L a high-frequency semiconductor amplifying device. <i>The spacistor has replaced the transistor because of its greater ability to amplify electrical energy.</i>	<b>speciesism</b> n / 'spē(.)s(h)ē.zizēm / L + Ecf prejudice or discrimination based on species; especially : discrimination against animals. <i>Some animal rights activists go so far as to claim that swatting a fly is an act of speciesism.</i>
<b>soubrette</b>	<b>spaghetti</b> n / spē'gedē / It a pasta made in solid strings of small diameter but larger than vermicelli. <i>The specialty of the restaurant was spaghetti with meat sauce.</i>	<b>specimen</b>
<b>sourdough</b>	<b>spandex</b>	
<b>sousaphone</b> n / 'süzə.fōn / Amer name + Gk > E a large circular tuba having a flaring adjustable bell. <i>The band director was looking for someone who could play the sousaphone.</i>	<b>spangle</b> n / 'spangəl / Scand > E a small object that brightly reflects light. <i>The packrat ran out into the road to pick up the glittering spangle.</i>	
<b>soutane</b>	<b>spaniel</b>	

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<b>specious</b>	<b>sphagnum</b>	<b>spinescent</b>
adj / 'spēshəs / L superficially fair, just, or correct, but not so in reality. <i>Only after the candidate was elected was the actual truth of her specious claims exposed.</i>	n / 'sfagnəm / Gk > L any plant of a large genus of atypical mosses that grow only in very wet acid areas where their accumulated remains become compacted with other plant debris to form peat. <i>A large patch of sphagnum grew in the bog by the police station.</i>	adj / spī'nesənt / L tapering to a sharp rigid point. <i>The fish Homer caught had two spinescent fins.</i>
<b>spectral</b>	<b>spherical</b>	<b>spinet</b>
adj / 'spektrəl / L of, like, or relating to a disembodied spirit, apparition, or ghost. <i>Galloping toward him was a spectral rider on horseback.</i>	adj / 'sfirēkəl / Gk > L + Ecf like a sphere : globular. <i>Linda suspected that the spherical rock she found was a geode.</i>	n / 'spinēt / L > It a compactly built upright piano of reduced height and usually reduced keyboard suitable for limited space. <i>Percival didn't have room for a full-size piano in his studio apartment, so he bought a spinet.</i>
<b>spectrum</b>	<b>spheterize</b>	<b>spinnaker</b>
n / 'spektrəm / L a series of images formed when a beam of light is subjected to dispersion. <i>The specialty store carried a spectrum of ties to suit any man's taste.</i>	v / 'fedə.rīz / Gk take for one's own : appropriate. <i>The invading army proceeded to spheterize the villagers' private property.</i>	n / 'spinēkə(r) / unknown a large triangular sail set on a long light pole and used when running before the wind. <i>The spinnaker on Diane's boat is cardinal red.</i>
<b>speleologist</b>	<b>sphinx</b>	<b>spiracle</b>
n / ,spēlē'äləjēst / Gk > L > ISV a specialist in the scientific study or systematic exploration of caves. <i>Dale's work as a speleologist takes him to spectacular natural features around the world.</i>	n / 'sfīn(k)s / Gk > L a monster in Greek mythology having typically a lion's body, wings, and the head and bust of a woman. <i>According to Greek legend, the sphinx of Thebes would pose a riddle to a passerby and then kill that person if he or she could not answer it.</i>	n / 'spirēkəl / L one of the breathing pores found on the thorax and abdomen of an insect. <i>The muscular valve of a spiracle opens only to allow the uptake of oxygen and the escape of carbon dioxide.</i>
<b>speleothem</b>	<b>spiedino</b>	<b>spiritual</b>
n / 'spēlē.ə them / Gk > L > ISV + Gk a cave deposit or formation. <i>Receding waters have left a speleothem of carbonate on the cavern floor.</i>	n / ,spēdē'ē(nō) / Gmc > F > It a dish of meat rolled around a filling or minced and formed into balls, then usually batter-dipped and cooked on a skewer. <i>The chef grilled a spiedino of beef on a charcoal grill.</i>	<b>splendent</b>
<b> spelunking</b>		<b>splenectomy</b>
n / spē'lōŋkīng / E the hobby or practice of exploring caves. <i>Spelunking is a popular activity in eastern Kentucky.</i>		adj / splō'nedik / Gk > L marked by morose bad temper, sullen malevolence, or spiteful, peevish anger. <i>The splenetic critic gave the musical a scathing review.</i>
		<b>spoliation</b>

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<b>spondylitis</b>	<b>sporran</b>	<b>squelch</b>
n / spändə'līdəs / Gk > L inflammation of the vertebrae. <i>Jewel's back pain was caused by spondylitis.</i>	n / 'spärən / ScotGael a large pouch of skin with the hair or fur on that is worn in front of the kilt by Highlanders in full dress and used as a purse. <i>Angus picked up a quarter and put it in his sporran.</i>	v / 'skwelch / imit move with water or mud in one's shoes and produce a sucking or splashing sound. <i>After playing in mud puddles all the way home, Frances tried to squelch quietly to her room without getting caught by her mother.</i>
<b>spongicolous</b>	<b>springerle</b>	<b>squirrel</b>
<b>sponson</b>	n / 's(h)prinjərlə / G a thick hard cookie usually flavored with anise and impressed with a relief design and traditionally eaten at Christmas in German-speaking countries. <i>Klaus broke his tooth on a stale springerle.</i>	n / 'skwər(ə)l / Gk > L > F > E any of various widely distributed small to medium-sized rodents that have a bushy tail and long strong hind limbs. <i>On the trunk of the tree, a brown squirrel was clinging and watching the boy below.</i>
<b>spontaneity</b>	<b>spur</b>	<b>stabilimeter</b>
n / späntə'nēdē / L the quality or state of being unconstrained or impulsive. <i>Brian has always liked to stick to a schedule, but lately he has shown more spontaneity than usual.</i>	<b>spurious</b>	<b>stable</b>
<b>spontaneous</b>	<b>squadron</b>	<b>staccato</b>
adj / spän'tānēəs / L proceeding from natural feeling or native tendency without external constraint. <i>His employee's spontaneous obedience made Tim's job pleasant.</i>	<b>squalid</b>	adj / stə'käd(,)ō / F > It marked by short clear-cut playing or singing of tones or chords. <i>Marcia's piano teacher told her to practice the etude's staccato passage several minutes each day.</i>
<b>spoonerism</b>	<b>squaliform</b>	<b>stagnant</b>
n / 'spünə.rizəm / E name a transposition of usually initial sounds of two or more words that generally creates a comic effect. <i>Vivian was afraid that she would utter a spoonerism in her recitation.</i>	adj / 'skwälə.fōrm / L > E resembling a shark or dogfish in form. <i>While scuba diving, Mike encountered a group of curious squaliform fish.</i>	adj / 'stagnənt / L having undergone physical changes while standing; especially : impaired in flavor, odor, or texture by such changes. <i>Josh stood still in disbelief after Kevin pushed him into the stagnant water of the ditch.</i>
<b>sporadically</b>	<b>squeamish</b>	<b>stalactite</b>
<b>sporogenous</b>	adj / spə'rājənəs / Gk > L producing or adapted to the production of minute unicellular reproductive bodies. <i>The botany class studied the development of the fern's sporogenous tissue.</i>	n / stə'lak.tīt / Gk a deposit of calcium carbonate resembling an icicle hanging from the roof or sides of a cavern. <i>It takes hundreds of years for a stalactite to form.</i>

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<b>stalagmite</b>	<b>stanniferous</b>	<b>stationery</b>
n / stə'lag.mīt / Gk a deposit of crystalline calcium carbonate more or less like an inverted stalactite formed on the floor of a cave. <i>A gigantic stalagmite blocked the spelunker's path.</i>	adj / sta'nif(ə)rəs / Celt > L containing tin. <i>In Spain, Italy, and the Middle East pottery is sometimes covered with a white stanniferous glaze as a base for other decoration.</i>	n / 'stāshə.nerē / L > F > E [has homonym: stationary] materials (as paper, pens, pencils, ink, blankbooks, ledgers, and cards) for writing or typing. <i>Claudia complained that just before the beginning of every school year the office stationery began to disappear.</i>
<b>stalwart</b>	<b>stannous</b>	<b>statistician</b>
adj / 'stōlwə(r)t / E brave, valiant, resolute. <i>The new musical comedy is based on the story of Robin Hood and his stalwart companions.</i>	adj / 'stanəs / L of, relating to, or containing tin—used especially of compounds in which this element is bivalent. <i>In geology class Syadi was surprised to learn that cassiterite, the principal ore of tin, is not considered stannous.</i>	n / .stad.ə'stishən / L > G one versed in or engaged in compiling masses of numerical data. <i>Jamie's career as a statistician began with following baseball scores.</i>
<b>stamina</b>	<b>stanzaical</b>	<b>statistics</b>
n / 'stamənə / L strength or courage of conviction : staying power. <i>The elderly senator doubted that he had the stamina to last through another election campaign.</i>	adj / .stan'zāikəl / L > It relating to or consisting of groups of lines arranged together in a recurring pattern of metrical lengths and usually a sequence of rhymes. <i>Kerri prefers poetry with a more stanzaical form.</i>	n pl / stə'tistiks / L a science dealing with the collection, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of masses of numerical data. <i>Our state has lost some of its voting clout because of statistics reported by the U.S. Census Bureau.</i>
<b>stamnos</b>	<b>stapes</b>	<b>statuesque</b>
<b>stampede</b>	<b>statically</b>	
n / stam'pēd / Gmc > Sp a wild headlong rush or flight of a number of animals usually due to fright. <i>The lightning strike caused a cattle stampede.</i>	adv / 'städ.ək(ə)lē / Gk > L in stable or unchanging terms. <i>Alan's problem was that he always viewed problems statically.</i>	adj / .stachə'wesk / L > F > E + F > Ecf having a massive dignity or impressiveness : majestic. <i>A statuesque sculpture stood in the town square.</i>
<b>stanchion</b>	<b>stationary</b>	<b>steadily</b>
n / 'stanchən / L > F an upright bar, post, prop, brace, or support. <i>When Oliver lost control of his car, it swerved and hit a traffic-light stanchion.</i>	adj / 'stāshə.nerē / L [has homonym: stationery] fixed in a place, position, course, or mode. <i>The clerk calmly remained in a stationary position.</i>	<b>stearic</b>
		<b>steatogenous</b>
		<b>steeple</b>
		<b>stegosaur</b>

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<b>steinkern</b>	<b>stertorous</b>	<b>stifle</b>
n / 's(h)tīn.kern / G a fossil consisting of a stony mass that entered a hollow natural object (as a bivalve shell) in the form of mud or sediment, was consolidated, and remained as a cast after dissolution of the mold. <i>For show-and-tell, Rose brought in a steinkern she had found at the beach.</i>	adj / 'stĕrdĕrəs / L characterized by a harsh snoring or gasping sound. <i>While asleep in his easy chair, Uncle Max would give a start every few minutes, briefly awakened by his own stertorous breathing.</i>	v / 'stīfəl / F > E kill by smothering : asphyxiate. <i>Smoke can stifle a person in a short period of time.</i>
<b>stellar</b>	<b>stethoscope</b>	<b>stimulus</b>
adj / 'stĕlə(r) / L of, relating to, or derived from the stars. <i>Rapid stellar rotation can modify the structure of a star's atmosphere.</i>	n / 'stethō.skōp / Gk > F an instrument used for the detection and study of sounds within the body. <i>Heard through a stethoscope, the rumbling of the stomach can sound like a storm at sea.</i>	<b>stipend</b> n / 'stī.pend / L a fixed sum of money typically modest in amount that is paid periodically in compensation for services. <i>The university gave Professor Barrett a stipend for his lecture series.</i>
<b>stenographer</b>	<b>stevedore</b>	<b>stirrup</b>
n / stĕ'nägrəfə(r) / Gk + Gk one who is employed chiefly to take and transcribe dictation. <i>Sergeant Fitzpatrick called in a stenographer to record the suspect's confession.</i>	n / 'stēvədō(ə)r / L > Sp one who works at or is responsible for the loading or unloading of a ship in port. <i>The stevedore returned to the ship after dining at his favorite dockside restaurant.</i>	<b>stochastic</b> adj / stă'kastik / Gk lacking or seeming to lack a regular plan, purpose, or pattern. <i>Vince programmed the computer to create a stochastic series of numbers.</i>
<b>stentorophonic</b>	<b>stewardess</b>	<b>stoically</b>
<b>steppe</b>	<b>sthenic</b>	<b>stolkjaerre</b>
n / 'step / Russ [has homonym: step] one of the vast tracts in southeastern Europe or Asia that are usually level and without forests. <i>The tourists explored the steppe in search of exotic wildlife.</i>	n / 'st(y)üə(r)dĕs / E a woman who attends to the needs of passengers (as on an airplane, ship, or train). <i>When addressed as stewardess, Emily requested that she be called a flight attendant.</i>	<b>stollen</b> n / 's(h)tōlĕn / G [has homonym: stolen] a sweet yeast bread containing fruits and nuts, usually made in a long oval loaf. <i>Henrietta found a recipe for stollen in her German cookbook.</i>
<b>stereotype</b>		<b>strabismus</b>
<b>sternutation</b>		
n / .stĕrn'yə'tāshən / L the act, fact, or noise of sneezing. <i>Pat's sternutation was so frequent and loud that his office mate asked to be transferred to another department.</i>	adj / 'sthenik / Gk marked by excessive vitality or nervous energy. <i>Fido's sthenic symptoms finally subsided.</i>	n / stră'bizməs / Gk > L inability of one eye to attain binocular vision with the other because of imbalance of the extrinsic eye muscles. <i>Corrective surgery was performed to remedy Herman's strabismus.</i>

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<b>straisten</b>	<b>strephosymbolia</b>	<b>strident</b>
v / 'strāt̩n / L > F > E [has homonym: straighten] cause to suffer or ebb by reason of insufficient funds : reduce (as oneself) to poverty. <i>With the generous university grant, Joanne's family would not have to straiten itself to provide the education she desired.</i>	n / stre(,)fō.sim'bōlēə / Gk reversal or transposition of phrases, words, or letters or of any symbols especially in reading. <i>Because of his strephosymbolia, Ryan was diagnosed as having a learning disorder.</i>	adj / 'strīd̩nt / L marked by insistent, discordant, harsh, shrill, or grating noise or sound. <i>Mary-Ellen's fingernails produced a strident sound as she drew them across the blackboard.</i>
<b>strangulate</b>	<b>strepitous</b>	<b>strigil</b>
v / 'strāngyəlāt / L compress the windpipe of until death results from stoppage of respiration. <i>Many nonvenomous snakes strangulate their prey.</i>	adj / 'strepōdəs / L characterized or accompanied by much noise. <i>The playoff game was a strepitous event.</i>	n / 'strijəl / L an instrument usually of metal or ivory used by the ancient Greeks and Romans for scraping the skin especially after athletic exercises. <i>Damocles appreciated receiving a strigil personalized with his initials.</i>
<b>stratagem</b>	<b>streptomycin</b>	<b>stringent</b>
n / 'stradəjēm / Gk a cleverly contrived trick or scheme for gaining an end. <i>Barb was disappointed that her mother saw through her stratagem for staying out past curfew.</i>	n / streptō'mīs̩n / Gk an antibiotic organic base active against many bacteria and used especially in the treatment of infections (as tuberculosis) by gram-negative bacteria. <i>Streptomycin was the first drug to prove effective against tuberculosis.</i>	adj / 'strinjənt / L marked by rigor, strictness, or severity. <i>Stringent regulations have helped curb environmental pollution.</i>
<b>strategist</b>	<b>streusel</b>	<b>stroganoff</b>
<b>strathspey</b>	<b>streuselkuchen</b>	
n / 'strath.spā / Scot geog name a Scottish dance similar to but slower than the reel. <i>The highland fling is one example of a dance in the manner of the strathspey.</i>	n / 'strüsəlkükən / G coffee cake that is baked with a topping of a crumbly mixture of butter, sugar, and flour and sometimes nuts and spices. <i>Mrs. Messer, our neighbor, always bakes her family a streuselkuchen for the holidays.</i>	adj / 'strōgə.nōf / Russ name sliced thin and cooked in a sauce of meat stock, sour cream, onion, and condiments. <i>Erica prepared beef stroganoff for the mayor's visit.</i>
<b>stratocirrus</b>	<b>stricture</b>	<b>strongylid</b>
n / stradō'sirəs / L a low dense fairly uniform cloud formation. <i>The meteorologist predicted a heavy cover of stratocirrus for the weekend.</i>	n / 'strikhə(r) / L an abnormal narrowing of a tubular organ : constriction. <i>The stricture of Lucy's throat was caused by an allergic reaction to a bee sting.</i>	<b>strophulus</b>
<b>strength</b>		n / 'sträfyələs / Gk a rash in infants popularly associated with teething distress. <i>The pediatrician prescribed an ointment for our baby's strophulus.</i>

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<b>strudel</b> n / 's(h)trüdəl / G a sheet of paper-thin dough rolled up with any of various fillings and baked. <i>The flight attendant served the coach passengers a light breakfast of coffee, juice, and strudel.</i>	<b>stupendous</b> adj / st(y)ü'pendəs / L of amazing size or greatness. <i>The construction of Khufu's pyramid was a stupendous accomplishment for the ancient Egyptians.</i>	<b>subaqueous</b> adj / səb'ākwēəs / L being or found under water or beneath the surface of water. <i>Bartley rented a glass-bottomed boat to get a better look at the subaqueous fauna.</i>
<b>strychnine</b> n / 'strik.nīn / Gk a very poisonous bitter crystalline alkaloid obtained from various plants. <i>Strychnine is a popular poison in murder mystery novels.</i>	<b>sturgeon</b> <b>stygian</b> adj / 'stij(ē)ən / Gk name characteristic of death. <i>A black robe, a papier-mâché sickle, and some grayish makeup completed Sean's stygian Halloween costume.</i>	<b>subbasement</b> <b>subboreal</b> adj / səb'bōrēəl / L very cold : approaching the frigid. <i>Hope grew up in Florida and finds it very difficult to live in what she calls the "subboreal climate" of Minnesota.</i>
<b>stubborn</b>	<b>stylebook</b>	<b>subfulgent</b> adj / səb'fūljənt / L moderately lustrous. <i>The silver platter in Mary's antique shop was battered but still had a subfulgent gleam.</i>
<b>studious</b> adj / 'st(y)üdēəs / L of, relating to, or concerned with the application of the mental faculties to the acquisition of knowledge. <i>Pam is the most studious pupil in Mr. Ramsey's class.</i>	<b>styptic</b> adj / 'stiptik / Gk tending to arrest bleeding. <i>Kenneth had to apply a styptic agent to his chin where he cut himself while shaving.</i>	<b>subfuscous</b>
<b>stultiloquence</b> n / stəl'tiləkwən(t)s / L + L senseless or silly talk : babble. <i>Myra soon broke her vow never to resort to stultiloquence when communicating with her baby.</i>	<b>suable</b> <b>suasible</b> adj / 'swāsəbəl / L capable of being induced into some mental position : easily brought to belief, certainty, or conviction. <i>When it comes to trying new foods, Ming is the least suasible member of her family.</i>	<b>subjugate</b> v / 'səbjə.gāt / L bring under the yoke of power or dominion. <i>The love of acquisition and conquest are powers of destruction when used to subjugate one person to another.</i>
<b>stupefy</b> v / 'st(y)üpəfī / L blunt or deaden the faculties of perception and understanding of. <i>Bright headlights will often stupefy a deer and cause it to stand motionless in the path of an oncoming vehicle.</i>	<b>suavity</b> <b>subaltern</b> adj / sə'bōltə(r)n / L inferior in status or quality : subordinate. <i>Julia is disappointed with her subaltern role in the school play.</i>	<b>submersible</b> adj / səb'mərsəbəl / L + Ecf capable of functioning under water. <i>The earliest designs for submersible vehicles date to antiquity.</i>

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<b>suborn</b>	<b>substitute</b>	<b>succotash</b>
v / sə'bō(ə)rn / L > F induce (as a person) by underhanded means to do some improper or unlawful thing. <i>The sting operation exposed Mr. Underwood's attempts to suborn the city treasurer.</i>	n / 'səbztə.tüt / L a person who takes the place of or acts for another. <i>When Donald fouled out of the basketball game, the coach decided to send in a substitute who had been warming the bench for weeks.</i>	n / 'səkə.tash / Algonquian a mixture of lima beans or shell beans and kernels of corn cooked together. <i>Even though Thelma likes both corn and lima beans, she isn't fond of succotash.</i>
<b>subrident</b>	<b>subterfuge</b>	<b>succulence</b>
adj / .sə'brīd'nt / L wearing or offered with a smile. <i>Eilene's subrident answer belied the furious feelings she had toward the questioner.</i>	n / 'səbtə(r).fyüj / L deception by trickery or stratagem to conceal, escape, avoid, or evade. <i>George's experience in subterfuge is mostly in cryptography.</i>	adj / 'səkyələnt / L full of juice : juicy. <i>Perry wiped his mouth with his sleeve after he bit into the succulent peach.</i>
<b>subscriber</b>	<b>subterranean</b>	<b>succumb</b>
<b>subservient</b>	<b>subtness</b>	v / sə'kəm / L yield and cease to resist or contend before a superior strength, overpowering appeal or desire, or inexorable force.
adj / (.)səb'sərvēənt / L subordinate. <i>In ancient Rome, wives were legally subservient.</i>	n / 'səd'lnəs / L > F > E + Ecf the quality or state of being delicate or elusive. <i>The subtness of the almond custard eluded Mr. Denson.</i>	<i>Joanie found it impossible not to succumb to her drowsiness.</i>
<b>subsidiary</b>	<b>succedent</b>	<b>succumbence</b>
adj / (.)səb'sidē.erē / L of secondary importance or prominence. <i>Marge's role was subsidiary, but her first-rate performance stole the show.</i>	<b>successor</b>	<b>sudadero</b>
<b>subsistence</b>	<b>succinct</b>	n / .südə'de(.)rō / L > Sp a broad piece (as of leather) attached to a stirrup strap to protect a rider's leg from sweat. <i>Before mounting his horse, the cowboy checked to see that each sudadero was properly attached.</i>
n / səb'sistən(t)s / L a mode of obtaining the necessities of life : livelihood. <i>Mr. Ellis preaches to his students that a good education goes far to ensure a respectable subsistence.</i>	adj / sək'sin̩(k)t / L marked by brief and compact expression or by lack of unnecessary words and details. <i>Sandy's succinct answers do not satisfy those who question him.</i>	<b>suddenness</b>
<b>succorance</b>	<b>succorance</b>	<b>sudoriferous</b>
n / 'səkə(r)rən(t)s / L > F > E dependence. <i>Harold took measures to reduce his succorance on nasal decongestants.</i>	n / 'səkə(r)rən(t)s / L producing or conveying sweat. <i>Cycling and running are sudoriferous forms of exercise.</i>	adj / .südə'rif(ə)rəs / L
<b>suede</b>		

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### **suerte - misspelled on original!**

n  
/ 'swér(.)tā /

L > Sp

a skilled movement or pass in a bullfight.

*The crowd cheered as the torero demonstrated a dangerous suerte.*

### **suffice**

v  
/ sə'fīs /

L

be enough : meet or satisfy a need.

*One teaspoonful of salt will suffice for the stew.*

### **sufficiently**

adv  
/ sə'fishəntlē /

L + Ecf

in a manner marked by quantity, scope, power, or quality to meet with the demands, wants, or needs of a situation.

*The number of books printed sufficiently filled the back orders.*

### **sufflaminate**

v  
/ sə'flamə.nāt /

L

obstruct, impede.

*Because Tim said not having a computer would sufflaminate his progress, his parents relented and bought him one.*

### **suffocate**

v  
/ 'səfə.kāt /

L

die from being unable to breathe.

*It was so hot and stuffy in the classroom that Mark thought he would suffocate.*

### **suffrage**

n  
/ 'səfrāj /

L > F

the right or power to participate in electing public officials and adopting or rejecting legislation in a representative form of government.

*The 19th Amendment to the Constitution gives women suffrage.*

### **suffrutescent**

adj  
/ .səfrü'tes̄nt /

L

having a base that is somewhat woody and does not die down each year—used of a plant or stem.  
*Eunice prunes her suffrutescent shrubs in the fall.*

### **suffumigate**

v  
/ sə'fyümə.gāt /

L

apply smoke, vapor, or gas to from below, as to treat (as a house or room) with a gas for the purpose of disinfecting or of destroying pests.  
*Clayton joked that his downstairs neighbor was trying to suffumigate him with his incessant grilling on his deck.*

### **suffuse**

v  
/ sə'fyüz /

L

spread over or through in the manner of fluid or light.

*The fixtures were intended to suffuse the patio in warm light.*

### **suggestible**

### **suitable**

### **sukiyaki**

n  
/ .sükē'(y)äkē /

Jpn

meat, soybean curd, onions, bamboo shoots, and other vegetables cooked in soy sauce, sake, and sugar.

*Joyce watched with fascination as the Japanese cook prepared sukiyaki right at the table.*

### **sulkily**

adv  
/ 'səlkəlē /

E?

in a moodily silent manner.

*When asked to explain why he had been fighting, Tim looked sulkily down at the floor.*

### **sultanate**

n  
/ 'səltənät /

Ar > F

a state or country governed by a sultan.

*Arhat's ancestors ruled a small sultanate on the Arabian Peninsula.*

### **sultriness**

n  
/ 'səltrēnəs /

E

the quality or state of being oppressively hot and humid.

*Marge's air-conditioned car provided welcome relief from July's sultriness.*

### **summarily**

### **summary**

### **sumpter**

n  
/ 'səm(p)tər /

L > F > E

a saddlebag.

*Grandpa's sumpter is embossed with his initials.*

### **sumptuous**

adj  
/ 'səm(p)chəwəs /

L

involving large outlay or expense : costly, lavish.

*Our grandparents treated the whole family to a sumptuous brunch on Saturday.*

### **sundae**

### **superannuated**

adj  
/ .süpə'ranyə.wād̄.d̄ /

L

rated no longer fully or passably efficient in one's job because of age : incapacitated or disqualified for active duty by advanced age.

*The superannuated file clerk held little hope of finding a job in the near future.*

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<b>supercilious</b>	<b>supersonic</b>	<b>suretyship</b>
adj / .süpə(r)'sileəs / L arrogantly superior : haughty, disdainful. <i>The supercilious senior ignored the first-year student.</i>	adj / .süpə(r)'sänik / L moving or capable of moving at speeds from one to five times the speed of sound in air. <i>Myrna says that when she grows up, she wants to fly supersonic aircraft.</i>	n / 'shür(ə)dē.ship / L > E + Ecf the obligation of a person to answer for the debt, default, or failure in duty of another. <i>When Sally's father co-signed her first automobile loan, he accepted the suretyship that it represented.</i>
<b>superficies</b>	<b>superstitious</b>	<b>surfactant</b>
<b>superfluous</b>	<b>supination</b>	<b>surfeit</b>
adj / sü'pərflüwəs / L exceeding what is sufficient, necessary, normal, or desirable. <i>Alex's teacher told him to eliminate superfluous words from his essay.</i>	adj / .süpə(r)'stishəs / L > F > E having or based on a belief, conception, act, or practice resulting from ignorance, unreasoning fear of the unknown, or a false conception of causation. <i>The bridge became more than ever an object of superstitious awe.</i>	n / .sər'faktənt / L a substance useful for its cleansing, wetting, dispersing, or similar powers. <i>The surfactant in a detergent lowers the water's surface tension, enabling faster wetting of the fabric being washed.</i>
<b>superintendent</b>	<b>supine</b>	<b>surgeon</b>
n / .süp(ə)rən'tendənt / L one who has the oversight and charge of a place, institution, department, organization, or operation with the power of direction. <i>Frustrated residents petitioned the superintendent to improve the building's electrical service.</i>	n / .süpə'nāshən / L a rotation of the hand and radius around the ulna so that the palm is turned up. <i>Supination aggravated Henri's tennis elbow.</i>	<b>surly</b>
<b>supernatural</b>	<b>suppedaneum</b>	<b>adjective</b>
adj / .süpə(r)'nach(ə)ral / L attributable to or liable to be attributed to the action or presence of a ghost, spirit, or other invisible agent. <i>The book was filled with tales of supernatural occurrences.</i>	<b>supplicate</b>	<b>adjective</b>
<b>supernumerary</b>	<b>surplus</b>	<b>surrealism</b>
n / .süpə(r)'n(y)ümə.rerē / L an actor employed to play a walk-on (as in a mob scene or spectacle). <i>The casting director wanted a supernumerary to play one of the bank's customers.</i>	v / 'səplə.kāt / L ask earnestly and humbly of. <i>The defendant's only hope was to supplicate the court for mercy.</i>	n / sə'rēəlizəm / F the principles, ideals, or practice of producing fantastic or incongruous imagery in art or literature by means of unnatural juxtapositions and combinations. <i>David Lynch is a modern master of cinematic surrealism.</i>
<b>surcease</b>		

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<b>surreptitious</b>	<b>susceptible</b>	<b>suzerain</b>
adj / sərəp'tishəs / L done, made, or acquired in secret or by stealth. <i>Denise was embarrassed when her surreptitious note to Steve was intercepted by the teacher.</i>	adj / sə'septəbəl / L easily influenced or affected through some trait. <i>People who smoke are very susceptible to chronic bronchitis and emphysema.</i>	n / 'süzərən / F a superior lord to whom allegiance is due : a feudal lord. <i>The suzerain gave the vassal the use of his land and agreed to protect him when necessary.</i>
<b>surrey</b>	<b>suspicion</b>	<b>suzerainty</b>
<b>surrogate</b>	<b>suspicion</b>	<b>Svengali</b>
n / 'sərə,gāt / L something that replaces or substitutes for another. <i>In formulating new laws, the legislature acts as a surrogate for the entire population.</i>	n / sə'spishən / L mistrust, doubt. <i>President Kennedy called for cooperation with our adversaries to "push back the jungle of suspicion" and allow the preservation of peace.</i>	n / sfen'gälē / Brit literary name one who attempts usually with evil intentions to persuade or force another to do his bidding. <i>Many fans thought that the rock star's wife was a Svengali who engineered the group's breakup.</i>
<b>surtout</b>	<b>susprious</b>	<b>swallow</b>
n / sər'tü / L > F + L > F a man's fitted coat or overcoat; especially : frock coat. <i>Gerald rented a surtout to complete his Abraham Lincoln costume for the party.</i>	<b>sustain</b>	<b>sweltering</b>
<b>surveillance</b>	<b>sustenance</b>	adj / 'sweltəriŋ / E oppressively hot : causing or marked by excessive sweating or faintness. <i>Despite the sweltering heat, thousands of people lined the streets to watch the Fourth of July parade.</i>
n / sə(r)'välən(t)s / L > F close watch kept over one or more persons (as to detect movements or activities). <i>The suspects in the bombing investigation were kept under police surveillance.</i>	<b>susurrant</b>	<b>swill</b>
<b>surviving</b>	<b>susurration</b>	<b>swindleable</b>
adj / sə(r)'vīviŋ / L > F remaining alive or in existence. <i>Uncle Leonard is the oldest surviving graduate of Milburn College.</i>	n / süssə'rāshən / L a whispering sound : murmur. <i>A mild susurration could be heard in the study hall despite the teacher's "no talking" mandate.</i>	adj / 'wind(ə)ləbəl / G + Ecf capable of being deprived of money or property by fraud or deceit. <i>The circus owner maintained that the majority of people are gullible and swindleable.</i>
<b>suture</b>	<b>suture</b>	<b>swineherd</b>
v / 'süchə(r) / L&F unite the parts of by using a strand or fiber. <i>The doctor estimated that it would take about 45 minutes to suture the gash in Tim's leg.</i>	v / 'süchə(r) / L&F unite the parts of by using a strand or fiber. <i>The doctor estimated that it would take about 45 minutes to suture the gash in Tim's leg.</i>	n / 'swīn,hərd / E a person who looks after hogs. <i>Ian loathed his job as a swineherd.</i>

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<b>swivel</b>	<b>syllogism</b>	<b>symphony</b>
v / 'swivəl / E turn or pivot freely. <i>Frank chose an office chair that could swivel and tilt.</i>	n / 'silojizəm / Gk a brief form of argument that consists of two statements and a conclusion that must be true if these two statements are true. <i>The following argument is a syllogism: All lawbreakers deserve punishment. This person is a lawbreaker. Therefore, this person deserves punishment.</i>	n / 'sim(p)fənē / Gk + Gk an elaborate instrumental composition usually in sonata form for full orchestra. <i>The concert program featured a symphony by Gustav Mahler.</i>
<b>sybaritic</b>	<b>syllogize</b>	<b>symposiarch</b>
adj / .sibə'ridik / Gk geog name marked by or given to luxury or voluptuous living. <i>The duke's sybaritic bathroom had marble sinks with gold fixtures, floor-to-ceiling mirrors, and a whirlpool bath.</i>	v / 'siləjīz / GK > L > E deduce something by analysis of a formal argument that consists of a major premise, a minor premise, and a conclusion. <i>To teach logical thinking, Mr. Canby had the class syllogize the philosopher's argument.</i>	<b>synchronicity</b> n / .siŋkrə'nēədē / Gk + Ecf the state of happening, existing, or arising at the same time. <i>The fireworks display was a spectacle of synchronicity.</i>
<b>sybaritically</b>	<b>sylph</b>	<b>syncopation</b>
adv / .sibə'ridēk(ə)lē / Gk > L > E in a luxurious or voluptuous manner. <i>Dana reclined sybaritically on the velvet sofa.</i>	n / 'silf / unknown > L a slender woman or girl of light and graceful carriage. <i>One sylph after another joined the growing circle of ballerinas on the stage.</i>	n / .siŋkə'pāshən / Gk > L a temporary displacement or shifting of the regular metrical accent in a musical composition. <i>Syncopation is typical of much Eastern European folk dance music.</i>
<b>sycamine</b>	<b>symbolophone</b>	<b>syncope</b>
<b>sychnocarpous</b>	<b>symbiosis</b>	
adj / .siknə'kärpəs / Gk + Gk > L > E able to produce fruit repeatedly. <i>The apple and pear are sychnocarpous trees.</i>	n / .simbē'ōsəs / Gk + Gk the intimate living together of two dissimilar organisms in any of various mutually beneficial relationships. <i>Some insects depend on symbiosis with bacteria to supplement otherwise nutrient-poor diets.</i>	n / .siŋkə(.)pē / Gk a partial or complete temporary suspension of respiration and circulation : faint, swoon. <i>Unexplained dizziness and syncope occasionally occur on arrival at high altitude.</i>
<b>sycophant</b>	<b>symbol</b>	<b>syndicate</b>
<b>syllable</b>	<b>symmetry</b>	
<b>syllabus</b>	<b>symminct</b>	
n / 'siləbəs / Gk > L a compendium or summary outline of a discourse, course of study, or examination requirements. <i>After reading the syllabus for the seminar, Brad realized he had made a terrible mistake by enrolling.</i>		
	<b>sympathy</b>	

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<b>synecdoche</b>	<b>syringe</b>	<b>tachometer</b>
n / sə'nekdə(.)kē / Gk a figure of speech by which a part is put for the whole or vice versa. <i>Fifty sail is a synecdoche for fifty ships.</i>	n / sō'rīnj / Gk > L > E a device used to inject fluids into or withdraw them from the body or its cavities. <i>Cameron let the toddler use an old ear syringe as a bathtub toy.</i>	n / ta'kämədə(r) / Gk a device for indicating the speed of rotation. <i>By watching the tachometer, Mr. Henderson was able to keep the engine running above 3000 rpm.</i>
<b>synod</b>	<b>syzygy</b>	<b>tachygraphy</b>
n / 'sinəd / Gk > L > E an ecclesiastical council : a formal meeting to consult and decide on church matters. <i>Karl is an active participant in the regional Presbyterian synod.</i>	n / 'sizəjē / Gk the nearly straight-line configuration of three celestial bodies in a gravitational system. <i>Tides are highest when the Sun, Moon, and Earth are in syzygy.</i>	n / ta'kigrəfē / Gk > F the art or practice of rapid writing. <i>Professor Jespersen lectures so quickly that students who practice tachygraphy have an advantage.</i>
<b>synopsis</b>	<b>tabby</b>	<b>taciturn</b>
n / sə'näpsōs / Gk a brief orderly outline affording a general view. <i>Marvin read a plot synopsis before he saw Macbeth.</i>	<b>tabernacle</b> n / 'tabə(r).nakəl / L > F > E a meetinghouse with a large assembly hall. <i>The town meeting will be held at the tabernacle.</i>	adj / 'tasə.tərn / L > F habitually silent : temperamentally disinclined or reluctant to talk or converse. <i>Mrs. Gibbons found it challenging to draw the taciturn boy into class discussions.</i>
<b>synoptophore</b>	<b>tabetisol</b>	<b>taciturnity</b>
n / sə'näptə.fō(ə)r / Gk an instrument for diagnosing imbalance of eye muscles. <i>The ophthalmologist prescribed eye exercises to correct the muscular imbalance detected by the synoptophore.</i>	n / tə'bedə.sōl / L + Ecf unfrozen ground above, within, or below the permanently frozen ground. <i>Arctic wildflowers are able to survive in areas of betisol.</i>	n / ,tasə'tərnədē / L the quality or state of being disinclined or reluctant to talk or converse. <i>Gene and Leo's taciturnity about the cause of the scuffle resulted in a trip to the principal's office.</i>
<b>syntax</b>	<b>tableau</b>	<b>tackline</b>
	n / 'ta blō / F [Note: Plural form can be pronounced similarly.] a static depiction usually presented on a stage with participants in appropriate costume. <i>The final scene is a tableau in which the family is gathered at the gravesite.</i>	
<b>synthesis</b>	<b>tabloidism</b>	<b>tactful</b>
n / 'sin(t)thəsēs / Gk composition or combination of parts or elements so as to form a whole. <i>Language arts is a synthesis of reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills.</i>		<b>tactician</b>
	<b>tabulable</b>	<b>tadpole</b>
		<b>tagraggery</b>

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<b>taiga</b> n / 'tīgə / Turkish > Russ [has near homonym: tiger] swampy coniferous forest of Siberia beginning where the tundra ends. <i>Olga's great-grandfather was born in a cabin on the edge of the taiga and grew up playing among spruce and fir trees.</i>	<b>Talmudic</b> adj / tal'm(y)üdik / Heb of, relating to, or characteristic of the authoritative body of Jewish law and custom developed on the basis of the scriptural law. <i>The novel was full of Talmudic lore.</i>	<b>tantalize</b> v / tantə'līz / Gk name tease or torment by presenting something to the view and exciting desire but continually frustrating the expectations by keeping it out of reach. <i>Philip used a rod and reel to tantalize the kitten with a toy mouse tied to the fishing line.</i>
<b>tailgate</b>	<b>taloned</b>	<b>tantamount</b>
<b>takkanah</b>	<b>tamale</b> n / tə'mälē / Nahuatl > Sp ground meat seasoned with chili or other filling, rolled up in cornmeal dough, wrapped in corn husks, and steamed. <i>Rosita ordered a tamale, two tacos, and a burrito from the street vendor.</i>	<b>adv</b> / 'tantə.maūnt / L > F > AF > E equivalent in value, significance, or effect. <i>Because of inflation, Jamie's meager raise was tantamount to a pay reduction.</i>
<b>talcum</b>	<b>tamarack</b>	<b>tantivy</b>
<b>talebearer</b>	<b>tambourine</b>	<b>adv</b> / tan'tivē / unknown in a headlong dash. <i>Patsy ran tantivy toward second base after the bunt.</i>
<b>talipes</b> n / 'talə.pēz / L a congenital deformity of the foot in which the forepart is twisted into one of several directions : clubfoot. <i>Gordon's talipes was so severe that surgery was needed to adjust the tendons and bones of his foot.</i>	<b>tamburello</b>	<b>tapestry</b>
<b>talisman</b> n / 'taləsmən / Gk > Ar > It > Sp > F an object thought to act as a charm to avert evil and bring good fortune. <i>Vern showed us his rabbit's foot, which he claimed was an effective talisman.</i>	<b>tandem</b>	<b>n</b> / 'tapəstrē / Gk > F > E + Ecf a heavy handwoven textile for hangings, curtains, and upholstery. <i>Teresa admired the vivid colors of the tapestry hanging in the corridor.</i>
<b>talkathon</b>	<b>tangerine</b> n / .tanjə'rēn / Moroccan geog name a variable color ranging from moderate reddish orange to vivid or strong orange. <i>To Petra, the most beautiful color of mum is tangerine.</i>	<b>taphephobia</b>
<b>tallow</b> n / 'ta(,)lō / E the rendered fat of cattle and sheep that is used chiefly in making soap, glycerol, margarine, candles, and lubricants. <i>Inside of her little tent, the fortune teller began to shuffle her cards by the light of a candle made from tallow.</i>	<b>tangible</b> adj / 'tanjəbəl / L capable of being touched. <i>The black darkness of the night seemed to have a tangible quality.</i>	<b>n</b> / ,tafē'fōbēə / Gk fear of being buried alive. <i>After reading Edgar Allan Poe's "The Cask of Amontillado," Mr. Gallo developed a bad case of taphephobia.</i>
<b>tallowy</b>	<b>tangy</b> adj / 'tanjē / Scand > E + Ecf having a particularly pungent odor. <i>The burning pile of old tires will leave the air tangy for several days.</i>	

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<b>tapir</b>	<b>tarpaulin</b>	<b>tattersall</b>
n / 'tāpə(r) /	n / tär'pōlēn / E + E a piece of material (as durable plastic) used for protecting exposed objects or areas. <i>When rain began during the second inning of the baseball game, the ground crew rolled out the tarpaulin to protect the field.</i>	n / 'tadə(r)sōl / E name a fabric having a pattern of colored lines forming squares of solid background. <i>Jeanne bought a blue-and-white tattersall to make into a skirt.</i>
<b>tarantula</b>	<b>tarragon</b>	<b>tattletale</b>
n / tə'ranch(ə)lə / It geog name any of a family of large hairy spiders that are capable of biting but are not significantly poisonous to humans. <i>Alexander's friend tried in vain to convince him to get a pet tarantula.</i>	n / 'tarə,gän / Ar > L > F a small European perennial wormwood grown for its aromatic foliage that is used in cooking. <i>Paul planted tarragon in his herb garden.</i>	n / 'tadəltäl / D + E one that blabs or tells secrets. <i>Erica's official title is "social reporter," but Will considers her a plain old tattletale.</i>
<b>tardigrade</b>	<b>tartar</b>	<b>taught</b>
adj / 'tärdəgrād / L moving or stepping slowly. <i>The sloth is a well-known tardigrade animal.</i>	n / 'tärdər / L [has homonym and near homonyms: tarter and tartare, Tatar] an incrustation on the teeth consisting of salivary secretion, food residue, and various salts. <i>The hygienist carefully removed the tartar from Rekha's teeth.</i>	v / tōnt / F? > E reproach in a mocking or insulting manner : jeer at. <i>Spectators on the sidewalk began to taunt the suspect as he exited the van.</i>
<b>tariff</b>	<b>tassel</b>	<b>tauntingly</b>
n / 'tarəf / Ar > It the duty or rate of duty imposed by a government on imported or exported goods. <i>A high tariff protects the home industries from foreign competition.</i>	<b>tatami</b> n / tə'tämē / Jpn a straw matting used as a floor covering in a Japanese home. <i>The Japanese restaurant had a special room in which patrons could sit on a tatami while dining.</i>	<b>taupe</b> n / tōp / L > F [has homonym: tope] a light brownish gray. <i>It took some time, but Pam finally matched the taupe of her dress to a pair of shoes.</i>
<b>tarmac</b>	<b>tatterdemalion</b>	<b>tauromachy</b>
n / tär.mak / (E + Brit name) > trademark a road, apron, or runway made of asphalt. <i>Neil's suitcase fell out of the airplane and its contents spilled out onto the tarmac.</i>	adj / .tadə(r)də'mäl'yən / Scand > E + unknown ragged or disreputable in dress or appearance. <i>No one would have guessed that the tatterdemalion fellow is a millionaire.</i>	n / tō'räməkē / Gk + Gk the art or practice of bullfighting. <i>The toreador is well known for his slow, dignified style of tauromachy.</i>

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<b>tautology</b>	<b>telegnosis</b>	<b>temperate</b>
n / tō'täləjē / Gk an instance of needless or meaningless repetition in close succession of an idea, statement, or word. <i>The phrase a beginner who has just started is a tautology.</i>	n / .tel'ōnōsōs / Gk + Gk knowledge of distant happenings obtained by occult or unknown means : clairvoyance. <i>The psychic claimed to have telegnosis of events happening on the other side of the Atlantic.</i>	adj / 'temp(ə)rōt / L > E having a moderate climate. <i>All of the United States, except for Hawaii and parts of Alaska and Florida, lies within the temperate zone.</i>
<b>tautophony</b>	<b>telephone</b>	<b>tempest</b>
n / tō'täfōnē / Gk repetition of the same sound. <i>The insistent tautophony of Josh's alarm clock finally woke him up.</i>	n / 'telōfōn / Gk + Gk a device for reproducing sounds, especially articulate speech, at a distance. <i>Ginger's parents asked her to limit her time on the telephone to three 15-minute conversations per night.</i>	<b>tempestuous</b> adj / tem'pes(h)chōwəs / L of, involving, or resembling a furious storm. <i>The tempestuous action of wind and waves imperiled the ships.</i>
<b>tawdrily</b>	<b>telesis</b>	<b>tempura</b>
adv / 'tōdrōlē / name > E in a cheap and gaudy manner. <i>The tawdrily dressed actress signed autographs outside her hotel.</i>	n / 'teləsōs / Gk progress intelligently planned and directed. <i>The mayor revealed the city council's ten-year plan for telesis at the press conference.</i>	n / .tempə'rā / Jpn [has near homonym: tempera] fritters of seafood and vegetables fried in deep fat. <i>The waiter brought a small dish of vegetable tempura as an appetizer.</i>
<b>tawdry</b>	<b>telltale</b>	<b>tenacious</b>
<b>taxation</b>	<b>temerarious</b>	<b>tenacity</b>
<b>tazza</b>		
<b>technetronic</b>		
<b>technical</b>		
<b>tedious</b>		
<b>tektite</b>		
<b>telamon</b>		
n / 'telə.män / Gk > L a male figure used as a supporting column or pilaster. <i>While in Athens, Anita had her picture taken beside a telamon.</i>		
<b>telecine</b>		
	<b>temerity</b>	
	n / tə'merədē / L unreasonable or foolhardy contempt of danger or opposition. <i>The private with the temerity to speak up against the sergeant's bullying was assigned to KP indefinitely.</i>	
	<b>temperament</b>	

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<b>tenaculum</b>	<b>tenebrosity</b>	<b>tension</b>
n / tə'nakyələm / L a slender sharp-pointed hook attached to a handle and used mainly in surgery for seizing and holding parts (as arteries). <i>Connie slipped the tenaculum under the patient's carotid artery.</i>	n / .tēnə'bräsədē / L darkness. <i>Nocturnal animals moved silently through the tenebrosity of the forest.</i>	<b>tentacle</b> n / 'tentəkəl / L one of the arms of a cephalopod. <i>In the horror movie the giant octopus tried to grab the heroine with a long tentacle.</i>
<b>tendency</b>	<b>tenement</b>	<b>tentative</b>
n / 'tendənsē / L a proneness to or readiness for a particular kind of thought or action. <i>Tom's tendency to say exactly what he feels has gotten him into trouble several times.</i>	<b>tenet</b> n / 'tenēt / L [has near homonym: tenant] a principle, dogma, belief, or doctrine generally held to be true; especially : one held in common by members of a group or profession. <i>The basic tenet of Central High's Key Club is that community service benefits everyone.</i>	<b>tentatively</b> adv / 'tentədävlē / L in a hesitant or uncertain manner. <i>Janna smiled tentatively, not knowing if she should show her happiness.</i>
<b>tenderloin</b>	<b>tennis</b>	<b>tenuous</b>
<b>tendon</b>	<b>tennis</b>	<b>tepid</b>
n / 'tendən / L a tough cord of specialized fibrous connective tissue that unites a muscle with some other part and transmits the force which the muscle exerts. <i>The team doctor said that Larry's Achilles tendon was inflamed and that he shouldn't run in Saturday's race.</i>	n / 'tenēs / L > AF > E [has homonym: tenace] a typically outdoor game that is played with rackets and a light elastic ball by two players or pairs of players on a level court divided by a low net. <i>Jeannine is so eager to learn to play tennis that she is willing to pay for lessons out of her allowance.</i>	adj / 'tenyəwəs / L having little substance or strength : flimsy, weak. <i>The prosecutor's case was so tenuous that the judge dismissed the charge against the defendant.</i>
<b>tendresse</b>	<b>tenon</b>	<b>teratism</b>
n / tä'dres / F tender feeling : fondness. <i>Sarah portrayed the sister who, in maidenly fashion, conceals her tendresse for the hero.</i>	n / 'tenən / L > F > E a projecting member in a piece of wood or other material for insertion into a mortise to make a joint. <i>Curtis used his jigsaw to cut a tenon on each board of the box he was making.</i>	n / 'terə.tizəm / Gk + Ecf fascination with monsters. <i>Monster movies appeal to the teratism of the viewing public.</i>
<b>tenebrific</b>	<b>tensible</b>	<b>teratogenic</b>
adj / .tēnə'brifik / L + Ecf + L > Ecf causing gloom or darkness. <i>Tenebrific rain clouds overshadowed the entire region.</i>	adj / 'ten(t)səbəl / L capable of being extended. <i>The old rubber band was not very tensile.</i>	adj / .terətō'jenik / Gk tending to cause developmental malformations. <i>Sylvia carefully avoided any potentially teratogenic drugs during her pregnancy.</i>
<b>tensile</b>		

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<b>teratological</b> adj /tərətəl'äljikəl/ Gk relating to abnormality of organic growth or structure. <i>Because of his several deformities, the so-called "elephant man" was the subject of teratological study.</i>	<b>tergiversation</b> n /tərjəvər'sashən/ L evasion of straightforward action or clear-cut statement of position. <i>The ambassador explained that in diplomacy there is sometimes defensible tergiversation in communication.</i>	<b>terrarium</b> n /tə'rērēəm/ L a fully enclosed wholly or predominantly glass container for the indoor cultivation of moisture-loving plants. <i>Mosses and other small woodland plants thrive in a terrarium.</i>
<b>teratology</b> n /tərətäljē/ Gk the study of malformations, monstrosities, or serious deviations from the normal type in growing organisms. <i>Because of his several deformities, the so-called "elephant man" is often featured in textbooks for courses in teratology.</i>	<b>termagancy</b> n /'tərmægənsē/ E name habitual bad temper : scolding disposition. <i>Lillian's abusive termagancy alienated her husband and children.</i>	<b>terrazzo</b> n /tə'rät(,)sō/ OProv > It a mosaic flooring made by embedding small pieces of marble or granite in freshly placed mortar and after hardening grinding and polishing the surface. <i>The contractor explained that if Travis wanted a hard, shiny floor at a reasonable price, terrazzo was an excellent option.</i>
<b>tercentenary</b> n /tərsən'tenərē/ L a 300th anniversary or its celebration. <i>Next year Possumville will celebrate the tercentenary of its founding.</i>	<b>termitarium</b> <b>terrace</b> n /terēs/ L > OProv > F a colonnaded porch or promenade. <i>The marketplace consisted of a row of shops along a terrace.</i>	<b>terrestrial</b> <b>terrible</b> adj /terəbəl/ L > F > E requiring extreme effort or fortitude. <i>Donating blood may be a terrible ordeal for those people who do not like needles.</i>
<b>terdiurnal</b> adj /tərdī'ərnəl/ L occurring three times per day. <i>The meteorologist set his instrument to take terdiurnal measurements of the air pressure.</i>	<b>terraceous</b> adj /te'rāshəs/ L made of earth : earthen. <i>Bulldozers hurriedly built up a terraceous dam to prevent further flooding.</i>	<b>terricolous</b> adj /tərikələs/ L + L living on or in or growing from the land. <i>The heath was rich in terricolous lichens.</i>
<b>tergiversate</b> v /tərjəvər.sāt/ L evade straightforward action or clearcut statement of position. <i>While political leaders tergiversate, petty tyrants are taking over the country.</i>	<b>terrapin</b> n /terəpēn/ Algonquian any of various North American turtles living in fresh or brackish water. <i>Murray awoke from his lakeside nap to find a terrapin sunning on the blanket.</i>	<b>terrific</b> adj /tə'rifik/ L of an extraordinary nature : astounding, tremendous. <i>Terrific, serrated outcrops of bare rock stood on either side of the lush valley.</i>
	<b>terraqueous</b> adj /ter'ākwēs/ L consisting of land and water. <i>Global pollution threatens Earth's terraqueous environment.</i>	

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<b>terrigenous</b>	tetracycline	theodicy
adj / tə'rijənəs / L formed by the erosive action of rivers, tides, and currents—used of an ocean bottom. <i>At the brink of the continental shelf, terrigenous deposits build up and are swept away.</i>	<b>textuary</b>  <b>thalassic</b> adj / thə'ləsik / Gk of or relating to the sea or ocean. <i>Some thalassic currents travel for thousands of miles.</i>	n / thə'ädəsē / Gk > F an area of philosophy that treats of the nature and government of God and the destiny of the soul. <i>One hotly contested question in theodicy is whether the existence of evil precludes the existence of an omnipotent and perfect God.</i>
<b>tertiary</b>	<b>thanatophobia</b>	<b>theodolite</b>
<b>tessitura</b>	n / .tesə'türə / L > It the general range of a melody or voice part; specifically : the part of the register in which most of the tones of a melody or voice part lie. <i>Soprano parts in Bellini's operas call for a very high tessitura.</i>	n / .thanətə'fōbēə / Gk fear of death. <i>Michael had such a strong belief in an afterlife that he was not troubled by thanatophobia.</i>
<b>testaceous</b>	<b>thaumatology</b>	<b>theosophize</b>
adj / te'stāshəs / L having a shell. <i>The oyster is a testaceous marine animal.</i>	n / .thōmə'täljē / Gk doctrine, discussion, or study of the performing of miracles. <i>Although he had never successfully performed any miracles, the young priest was nonetheless an expert in thaumatology.</i>	<b>therapeutant</b> n / .therə'pyüt'nt / Gk > E a healing or curative agent or medicine. <i>The diseased elm trees were sprayed with a chemical therapeutant.</i>
<b>testimony</b>	<b>thaumaturgy</b>	<b>therapeutic</b>
n / 'testə.mōnē / L a solemn declaration usually made orally by a witness under oath in response to interrogation by a lawyer or authorized public official. <i>According to Victoria's testimony, she had just returned from vacation when she discovered that the statue was missing.</i>	n / 'thōmə.tərjē / Gk > L > F the performance of miracles. <i>The sacred writings of many religions contain stories of thaumaturgy.</i>	adj / .therə'pyüdik / Gk of or relating to the treatment of disease or disorders by remedial agents or methods. <i>Changes in diet can have a therapeutic effect on obesity, hypertension, peptic ulcer, and osteoporosis.</i>
<b>tetanus</b>	<b>theatrical</b>	<b>therblig</b>
n / 'tetə'nəs / Gk an acute infectious disease characterized by tonic spasm of voluntary muscles and especially of the jaw muscles. <i>Puncture wounds are dangerous because they allow the bacteria that cause tetanus to enter the body.</i>	adj / thə'atrəkəl / Gk marked by extravagant display or exhibitionism : showy, spectacular. <i>The performer took a theatrical bow, but the audience's applause was lukewarm.</i>	n / 'thər(ə)blig / anagram of Amer name one of the manual, visual, or mental elements into which an industrial manual operation may be analyzed in time and motion study. <i>The supervisor's goal was to eliminate one therblig at each station in the assembly line.</i>
<b>theftproof</b>	<b>theocracy</b>	

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<b>theretofore</b>	<b>thesmophete</b>	<b>thorax</b>
adv / 'herdəfō(r) / E up to that time : until then. <i>The public parks committee created a playground where theretofore there had been a weedy vacant lot.</i>	n / 'thezmə.thēt / Gk lawgiver, legislator. <i>Joseph has in his office a marble bust of a famous Athenian thesmophete.</i>	n / 'thōr.aks / Gk > L > E the portion of an insect body that is the middle of the three chief divisions. <i>The thorax of an insect consists of three segments, each having a pair of legs.</i>
<b>therianthropic</b>	<b>thespian</b>	<b>thoroughbred</b>
adj / .thirē.an'thräpik / Gk + Gk combining human and animal form. <i>The falcon-headed Horus was a therianthropic god of ancient Egypt.</i>	n / 'thespēən / Gk name an actor. <i>Fiona became stagestruck at an early age and was determined to become a thespian.</i>	n / 'thōrə.bred / E purebred or pedigreed animal. <i>Alex's thoroughbred comes from a line of Kentucky Derby winners.</i>
<b>thermometer</b>	<b>thirsty</b>	<b>thoroughfare</b>
n / thə(r)'mämədər / Gk + Gk an instrument for determining temperature. <i>The thermometer that takes a temperature reading from one's ear is now used widely.</i>	<b>thistle</b>	<b>threaten</b>
<b>thermostat</b>		<b>threnody</b>
n / 'thərməstat / Gk + Gk an automatic device for regulating temperature (as by controlling the supply of gas or electricity to a heating apparatus). <i>The repair person found that our heating problem was caused by a defective thermostat.</i>	n / 'thisəl / E a plant with prickly leaves having a head with white, purple, pink, or yellow flowers. <i>Dean plucked a thistle from the lawn of the middle school.</i>	n / 'threnədē / Gk a song, poem, composition, or speech of lamentation especially for someone dead or something regarded as dead. <i>Asked to write a threnody for English class, Libby composed a song about the death of a robin.</i>
<b>thesaurus</b>	<b>tholepin</b>	<b>threshold</b>
n / thə'sörəs / Gk > L a book containing a store of words or of information about a particular field or set of concepts; specifically : a dictionary of synonyms. <i>Caleb's paper read as if he had consulted a thesaurus frequently while writing it.</i>	<b>thoracic</b>	n / 'thresh.(h)old / E place or point of entering or beginning : entrance, outset. <i>Now at the threshold of adulthood, James wonders if he will miss the carefree days of his previous years.</i>
	<b>thoracodynia</b>	<b>thrombosis</b>
	n / .thōrəkə'dinēə / Gk pain in the chest. <i>When Grandpa complained of thoracodynia, Dolly immediately took him to the hospital.</i>	n / thräm'bōsēs / Gk the formation or presence of a blood clot within a blood vessel. <i>The severe pain in Greg's leg was found to have been caused by a thrombosis in one of the veins.</i>

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<b>throstle</b>	<b>tibia</b>	<b>tilapia</b>
n / 'thräslə / E a largely olive-brown Old World perching bird noted for its song. <i>While on a walking tour in London, Madeline spotted a throstle in a sycamore tree.</i>	n / 'tibēə / L the fourth joint counting from the base of the leg of an insect that lies between the femur and tarsus. <i>A cricket's ear is located on the tibia of its foreleg.</i>	n / tō'lāpēə / L any of a genus of African freshwater food fishes that resemble the American sunfishes. <i>Some American fish farms have been raising tilapia for stocking in ponds and lakes.</i>
<b>thule</b>	<b>tichorrhine</b>	<b>tilde</b>
<b>thumb</b>	n / 'tīkərīn / Gk > L > F > E an extinct two-horned woolly rhinoceros. <i>The remains of a tichorrhine were found frozen in the ice of Siberia with the flesh and hair well preserved.</i>	n / 'tīldə / L > Sp a mark ~ placed especially over the letter n to denote the /ny/ sound or over vowels to indicate nasality. <i>Marcia could not find the tilde on the computer keyboard.</i>
<b>thurible</b>	<b>tickicidal</b>	<b>tilth</b>
n / 'th(y)ürəbəl / Gk > L > F > E a vessel used in religious services for burning incense. <i>When a thurible is used in the procession, the odor of incense suffuses the church.</i>	adj / .tikə'sidəl / E + L + Ecf destroying or controlling any of several wingless parasitic insects. <i>The exterminator used a tickicidal agent to eliminate the pests.</i>	<b>timorous</b>
<b>thylacine</b>	<b>tickled</b>	<b>timorously</b>
n / 'thīləsīn / Gk > L a now-extinct somewhat doglike carnivorous marsupial that formerly inhabited Tasmania—called also “Tasmanian wolf.” <i>The female thylacine had a rearward-opening pouch in which two to four young were carried.</i>	v / 'tikəld / E excited or stirred up agreeably. <i>The young actor was tickled to be offered the leading role in his next movie.</i>	adv / 'tim(ə)rəslē / L in a manner showing fear or apprehension. <i>Pam timorously responded to her name and said that she had not finished her book report.</i>
<b>thyme</b>	<b>tightrope</b>	<b>tinctorial</b>
n / tīm / Gk [has homonym: time] a common garden herb used in seasoning and formerly in medicine. <i>The chicken recipe called for a teaspoon of dried thyme.</i>	<b>tilak</b>	<b>tincture</b>
<b>thymiaterion</b>	n / 'thimēə'tirēən / Gk a vessel used by the ancient Greeks for burning incense. <i>Cecil found a bronze thymiaterion in an antique shop.</i>	n / 'ting(k)chə(r) / L hue, tint. <i>The main difference between American and Irish glass is in tincture.</i>
	 <b>tilak</b> n / 'tilək / Skt an ornamental spot worn on the forehead chiefly by Hindus as a sectarian mark. <i>After three months of travel Lana returned home clad in a sari and wearing a tilak.</i>	<b>tinnient</b> adj / 'tinēənt / L having a clear or ringing quality. <i>Grandmother's old silver knives made a tinnient sound in the sink as we rinsed them after Thanksgiving dinner.</i>

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<b>tinnitus</b>	<b>tobacco</b>	<b>toggery</b>
n / tò'nīdəs / L a ringing, roaring, or hissing in the ears that is purely subjective. <i>It's hard to understand how annoying tinnitus is unless you have experienced it yourself.</i>	n / tò'ba(,)kò / Taino > Sp the leaves of a plant of the genus Nicotiana prepared and processed for use in smoking or chewing or as snuff. <i>At an early age, Amy vowed never to use tobacco.</i>	n / tòm / Gk a volume forming part of a larger work. <i>Fiona bought an old copy of The Messages of the Presidents that was missing the first tome.</i>
<b>tinselry</b>	<b>toboggan</b>	<b>tongue</b>
<b>tintinnabulation</b>	n / tò'bägən / Algonquian a long flat-bottomed light sled made of thin boards curved up at one end with usually low handrails at the sides and used for coasting on snow or ice. <i>Bart's new toboggan is the fastest one on the hill.</i>	<b>tonitruous</b> adj / tò'nitrəwəs / L + Ecf thundering, fulminating. <i>The tonitruous artillery guns had been shelling the enemy positions for several hours.</i>
<b>tirade</b>	<b>tobogganer</b>	<b>tonsillectomy</b>
n / 'tīrād / F a protracted speech usually marked by abusive language. <i>The grumpy woman screamed a tirade of protest whenever children made joyful noises outside her window.</i>	n / tò'bägənər / Algonquian > F one that coasts on a long flat-bottomed light sled. <i>On hitting the unexpected bump, the tobogganer was thrown off his sled.</i>	<b>tonsillitis</b> n / ,tän(t)sə'lidəs / L inflammation of the tonsils. <i>Dr. Graham treated Erica's tonsillitis with antibiotics.</i>
<b>tiralee</b>	<b>tobogganing</b>	<b>tonsillotome</b>
n / ,tirə'lē / imit [has homonym: teary] a succession of musical notes (as in a bugle call). <i>Daniel managed a tiralee on the saxophone, but there was no recognizable melody.</i>	<b>toccata</b> n / tò'kädə / It a brilliant musical composition usually for pipe organ or harpsichord, in free fantasia style, and usually with many equal-timed notes in rapid movement. <i>Jamila sat down at the church organ and played a fast Bach toccata.</i>	<b>tonsorial</b>
<b>titian</b>	<b>tocsin</b>	<b>tonsure</b>
n / 'tishən / Ital name one having hair that is brownish orange. <i>Mr. Rodman decided that he would be a titian for awhile.</i>	n / 'täksən / L > OProv > F [has homonym: toxin] an alarm bell or the ringing of a bell for the purpose of alarm. <i>In the event of a natural disaster or a civil alert, the fire stations would set off a tocsin that could be heard for two miles in any direction.</i>	n / 'tänchə(r) / L > E the shaven crown or patch worn by monks or various clerics. <i>The actor who played Brother Cadfael had a hairpiece to cover his tonsure when he was off camera.</i>
<b>tmesis</b>		
<b>toastmaster</b>		
n / 'tōst.mastə(r) / E+L > F > E one that presides (as at a banquet) and introduces the after-dinner speakers. <i>Eric will serve as toastmaster at the Golden Lamp banquet.</i>		

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<b>tontine</b>	<b>toreador</b>	<b>tortoni</b>
n / 'tän.tēn / It name > F a financial arrangement whereby the participants share benefits equally on such terms that when one dies or defaults the others equally share the portion until all but one remains to own the entirety. <i>In the days before a central bank or common currency, villagers often used a tontine to share ownership of property.</i>	n / 'tōrēdō(ə)r / L > Sp bullfighter. <i>The toreador posed for the crowd in his suit of lights.</i>	n / tō(r)'tōnē / It name an ice cream made of heavy cream, minced almonds, chopped maraschino cherries, or other flavorings. <i>Tortoni is definitely not the dessert for someone on a low-fat, low-calorie diet.</i>
<b>toolach</b>	<b>toroidal</b>	<b>totality</b>
<b>toothache</b>	<b>torpor</b>	<b>totemism</b>
n / 'tüth.äk / E pain in one of the teeth. <i>Nelson thought an abscess might be the cause of his toothache.</i>	<b>torrential</b>	n / tō'talədē / L the phase of an eclipse during which it is total : state of total eclipse. <i>An eerie silence crept over the crowd as the eclipse reached totality.</i>
<b>topaz</b>	<b>torrentially</b>	<b>totemism</b>
n / 'tō.paz / Gk > L > F > E a usually yellow, reddish, or pink transparent mineral used as a gem. <i>Leslie received a yellow topaz for her birthday.</i>	adv / tō'renchəlē / L in a manner resembling a rushing stream of water. <i>Patricia wept torrentially when she found out about her pet dog's injury.</i>	n / 'tōdə.mizəm / Ojibwa + Ecf belief in kinship with or a mystical relationship between a group or individual and an emblematic plant, animal, or other object. <i>Powerful animals are common objects of totemism.</i>
<b>topiary</b>	<b>tortellini</b>	<b>toucan</b>
n / 'tōpē.erē / Gk > L + Lcf the practice or art of training, cutting, and trimming trees or shrubs into odd or ornamental shapes. <i>Edward Scissorhands was skilled in topiary.</i>	n / ,tō(r)dō'l'ēnē / L > It noodle dough cut in rounds, filled with savory fillings, and boiled. <i>Vic's favorite Italian meal was tortellini stuffed with meat and cheese.</i>	<b>tourelle</b>
<b>topography</b>	<b>tortilla</b>	<b>touristry</b>
n / tō'pägrəfē / Gk the art or practice of graphic delineation in detail usually on maps or charts of selected natural and man-made features of a region especially in a way to show their relative positions and elevations. <i>Identifying the enemy's rocket sites will require an expert in topography.</i>	n / tō(r)'tē(y)ə / Sp a round thin unleavened cake usually eaten hot with a savory topping or filling. <i>Theron covered his tortilla with beans and cheese.</i>	<b>tournedos</b>
	<b>tortoise</b>	
	n / 'tōrdəs / F? > E any of a family of terrestrial turtles. <i>The park ranger told the children that a tortoise takes five hours to walk just one mile.</i>	n / ,tūrnə'dō / L > F a small fillet of beef usually cut from the tip of the tenderloin. <i>Diane usually prepares a tournedos in wine sauce with mushrooms.</i>
		<b>towhee</b>

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<b>toxicosis</b>	<b>trafficking</b>	<b>transducer</b>
n /täk'sōsōs/	v /'trafikin/	n /tran(t)s'd(y)üsə(r)/
Gk a pathological condition caused by the action of a poison or toxin. <i>The chihuahua exhibited no symptoms of toxicosis after eating the soap.</i>	It > F engaging in commercial activity. <i>The townspeople were shocked when they learned that Mr. Bailey had been trafficking in drugs.</i>	L + Ecf a device actuated by power from one system and supplying power in the same or any other form to a second system. <i>A common transducer is a microphone, which converts sound waves into electrical signals.</i>
<b>toxophilite</b>	<b>tragedian</b>	<b>transference</b>
n /täk'säfəlit/	<b>tragedienne</b>	n /tranz'fərən(t)s/
Gk + Gk + Ecf one fond of or expert at archery. <i>The legendary toxophilite William Tell successfully shot an apple from the head of his own son.</i>	n /trəjēdē'en/ F [Note: Could be confused with tragedian.] an actress who specializes in tragic roles. <i>On Thursday night, Ms Siddons, the granddaughter of the tragedienne, made her first appearance.</i>	L an act, process, or instance of carrying or taking something from one person or place to another. <i>Ralph's dad was in charge of the transference of fish from the fishery to the lake being restocked.</i>
<b>toxophily</b>	<b>tragedy</b>	<b>transience</b>
<b>trachea</b>	<b>trajectory</b>	n /tranzēənts/
<b>tracheostomy</b>	<b>tralatitious</b>	L [has homonym: transients] the quality or state of passing through or by only briefly. <i>The photographer is able to capture transience by being ready to click the shutter at the crucial moment.</i>
n /trākē'ästəmē/	<b>trammel</b>	<b>transient</b>
Gk + Gk the surgical formation of an opening into the trachea through the skin. <i>When Chris developed throat cancer, a tracheostomy had to be performed to facilitate his breathing.</i>	<b>tramontana</b>	<b>transit</b>
<b>tracheotomy</b>	n /trä(ə)mōn'tänə/ L > It the north wind; especially : a dry cold strong northerly wind of the west coast of Italy. <i>Each winter the tramontana swoops piercingly through the streets of Rome.</i>	n /tran(t)sät/
<b>tractable</b>	<b>transcend</b>	L the passage of a smaller body across the disk of a larger (as of Venus or Mercury across the Sun's disk). <i>Barrie used sensitive equipment to photograph the transit of Venus.</i>
adj /traktəbəl/	<b>transcendental</b>	<b>translucent</b>
L capable of being easily led, taught, or controlled. <i>Maybe Fatima's work would improve if she were more tractable.</i>	adj /tran.sen'dent/	<b>transmissible</b>
<b>tractile</b>	L extending or being beyond the limits of ordinary experience. <i>Edward's transcendental meditation guru also instructs him in yoga.</i>	adj /tran(t)'smisəbəl/
adj /trakt'l/		L capable of being sent or conveyed to another person or place. <i>Poison ivy is transmissible through the air to those who are very sensitive to it.</i>
L > Ecf capable of being drawn out in length. <i>With laboratory equipment, Dr. Abrams was able to extend the tractile material to a great length.</i>		

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<b>transmit</b>	<b>treacherous</b>	<b>treatise</b>
<b>transmogrify</b>	adj / 'trech(ə)rəs / F > E characterized by usually hidden dangers, hazards, or perils. <i>Throughout the winter, frigid temperatures and the damp sea air cause treacherous black ice to form on streets.</i>	n / 'trēdəs / F? > AF > E a writing that provides in a systematic matter and for an expository or argumentative purpose a methodical discussion of the facts and principles involved and conclusions reached. <i>Victor's treatise on international relations was well received by his colleagues.</i>
<b>trattoria</b>	<b>treachery</b>	<b>treble</b>
n / .trädə'rēə / F > It an eating house : restaurant. <i>It seems to Fran that any trattoria located next to the golf course fails, regardless of the cuisine.</i>	adj / 'trēk(ə)lē / Gk > F > L > E heavily sweet and cloying. <i>Sarah's treacly voice warned her mother that a big request was forthcoming.</i>	adj / 'trebəl / F > E threefold. <i>Whatever might be their motive or motives—whether single, double, or treble—their actions were unjustified.</i>
<b>traulism</b>	<b>treadmill</b>	<b>trefoil</b>
<b>trauma</b>	n / 'traūmə / Gk an injury or wound caused by the application of external force or violence. <i>The football player suffered the trauma of a broken leg.</i>	n / 'tred·mil / E + E a device operated by walking on an endless belt for the purpose of exercise. <i>Walking on a treadmill in his apartment was convenient, but Sam preferred to get his exercise outside, weather permitting.</i>
<b>traumatize</b>	<b>treason</b>	<b>treillage</b>
<b>traumatropism</b>	n / trō'matrəpizəm / Gk a modification of the orientation of an organ (as a plant root) as a result of wounding. <i>Traumatropism of the roots does not usually affect plant growth.</i>	<b>trekked</b>
<b>traversed</b>	n / 'trēvərst / L > F > E moved to and fro over or along. <i>Zane serenely traversed the frozen pond.</i>	<b>trellis</b>
<b>travesty</b>	<b>treasure</b>	<b>tremendous</b>

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<b>tremulous</b>	<b>trianon</b>	<b>trichogenous</b>
adj / 'tremyələs / L quivering, shaking. <i>Uncle Edgar's tremulous handwriting is one sign of his Parkinson's disease.</i>	n / 'trēə.nän / F architecture a small elegant villa. <i>Albert wrote his latest thriller in a rented trianon on the Riviera.</i>	adj / trō'käjənəs / Gk producing hair. <i>Trichogenous cells produce the tiny hairs on insect bodies and limbs.</i>
<b>trenchant</b>	<b>tribunal</b>	<b>trichotomy</b>
<b>trenchantly</b>	n / trī'byün'l / L a court or forum of justice. <i>The people have wisely provided, in the constitution itself, a tribunal for settling questions of constitutional law.</i>	n / trī'kädə.mē / Gk a system divided or divisible into three constituents or elements. <i>Golda's civics teacher explained how the United States government is a trichotomy, divided into the legislative, judicial, and executive branches.</i>
<b>trepidation</b>	<b>tributary</b>	<b>trickle</b>
<b>trespass</b>	n / 'trespəs / L > E make an unwarranted or uninvited incursion. <i>The rock salt from farmer Brown's shotgun taught Wally a painful lesson: Don't trespass.</i>	<b>trigonometry</b>
<b>tressed</b>	<b>tricenary</b>	n / .trigō'nämōtrē / Gk a branch of mathematics dealing with the relations holding among the sides and angles of triangles and among closely related magnitudes and especially with methods of deducing from given parts other required parts. <i>Rachel enjoyed her course in trigonometry much more than she enjoys her calculus class.</i>
<b>trey</b>	<b>tricephalous</b>	<b>triangular</b>
n / 'trā / L > F > E [has homonym: tray] the side of a die or domino that has three spots. <i>If Ian draws either a trey or an ace from the boneyard, he believes he will win the game of dominoes.</i>	adj / trī'sefələs / Gk having or depicted with three heads. <i>Orpheus managed to lull the tricephalous watchdog to sleep by playing his lyre.</i>	n / 'trīngō:l / Gk a figure having three sides and three angles.
<b>triage</b>	<b>trichinosis</b>	<b>trillion</b>
n / trē'äzh / F the sorting of and allocation of treatment to patients and especially battle and disaster victims according to a system of priorities designed to maximize the number of survivors. <i>Once the system of triage was implemented, medics were better able to decide which soldiers should receive immediate treatment.</i>	n / trikə'nōsəs / Gk infestation with or disease caused by certain nematode worms contracted by eating raw or undercooked infested food and especially pork. <i>Madeline cooked the pork chops well so there would be no danger of trichinosis.</i>	<b>Trinity</b> n / 'trinədē / L > F > E the union of three persons or personified concepts (as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit) in one godhead so that all the three are one God as to substance but three persons or concepts as to individuality. <i>The Catholic Church once excommunicated believers in the false Trinity of God, Mary, and Jesus.</i>
		<b>tripelennamine</b>

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<b>tripod</b>	<b>trochanter</b>	<b>trophallaxis</b>
<b>triquetra</b>	n / trī'kwētrə / L a triangle-shaped figure or decoration. <i>Murray stenciled a leafy triquetra in each corner of the kitchen ceiling.</i>	n / trō'kantə(r) / Gk > L the second segment counting from the base of the leg of an insect. <i>A trochanter is one of the five parts of an insect's leg.</i>
<b>triskelion</b>	<b>trocheameter</b>	<b>tropicopolitan</b>
n / trī'skelēən / Gk a figure composed of three usually curved or bent branches radiating from a center. <i>A triskelion has been the emblem of the Isle of Man since the 13th century, when the Vikings were ousted.</i>	n / .träkē'amēdə(r) / Gk? + Gk > E an instrument used to count the revolutions of a wheel. <i>According to the trocheameter attached to one of the wagon wheels, the wagon train had traveled 30 miles.</i>	adj / ,träpəkō'pälətən / Gk inhabiting all countries near the equator. <i>Today the coconut palm is a tropicopolitan species.</i>
<b>triste</b>	<b>trochilene</b>	<b>tropophilous</b>
adj / 'trēst / L > F > E sad, dismal, dull, depressing. <i>A triste quartet could be heard from the window.</i>	<b>trodden</b> v / 'trädən / E walked or trampled upon something. <i>The cattle had trodden over the field, flattening the tall grass and weeds.</i>	adj / trō'päfələs / Gk + Gk thriving in an environment that undergoes marked periodic changes (as in temperature, soil moisture, or available light). <i>Deciduous trees of the temperate regions are examples of tropophilous plants.</i>
<b>triturate</b>	<b>troglodyte</b>	<b>trough</b>
<b>triumph</b>	n / 'trümp / Gk a member of a primitive people dwelling in caves or pits. <i>While spelunking, Zan and Patrick stumbled on the bones of a troglodyte.</i>	n / 'trōf / E [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] an elongated area of low barometric pressure usually with a minimum pressure at each end and between two areas of higher pressure. <i>Eric listened to the weather forecaster explain how the local weather was being influenced by the trough that was present.</i>
<b>triumphant</b>	<b>troglodytic</b>	
<b>triumvirate</b>	<b>troika</b>	
n / trī'əmvərāt / L a group, party, or association of three. <i>Vince, Steve, and Phil jokingly refer to themselves as the "terrible triumvirate."</i>	n / 'trōikə / Russ a group of three. <i>Astrology, yoga, and poetry are the troika of humanities that most interest Bryce.</i>	
<b>trivet</b>		
n / 'trivēt / L > E a usually ornamental metal stand with short feet especially for use under a hot dish at a table. <i>A brass trivet featuring the local college's insignia is the best-selling item in the gift shop.</i>		
<b>trochaic</b>		

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<b>trowel</b>	<b>tuberculosis</b>	<b>tumulus</b>
<b>truculent</b>	n / tə'bərk'yə'lōsəs /	n / 't(y)ümyələs /
adj / 'trəkyələnt /	L a communicable disease caused by the tubercle bacillus and characterized by toxic symptoms or allergic manifestations which in humans primarily affect the lungs. <i>The antibiotic drug streptomycin has been successfully used to treat tuberculosis.</i>	L [has homonym: tumulous] an artificial hillock or mound (as over a grave). <i>In the center of the cemetery is a large tumulus where one of the town's founders is buried.</i>
L feeling or evincing savage ferocity : fierce. <i>Hunger makes the tiger a truculent hunter.</i>		
<b>trumpet</b>		
<b>truncated</b>	<b>tufaceous</b>	<b>tundra</b>
adj / 'trənjkādād /	adj / t(y)ü'fāshəs /	n
L abbreviated by or as if by lopping. <i>Cindy's cat has a truncated tail.</i>	Osco-Umbrian > L > It of or resembling a rock composed of the finer kinds of volcanic debris. <i>Many buildings in Italy were constructed of tufaceous rock.</i>	/ 'təndrə / Finno-Ugric > Russ a treeless plain characteristic of arctic and subarctic regions with a permanently frozen subsoil. <i>Do reindeer graze on the moss of the tundra?</i>
<b>truncheon</b>	<b>tuffet</b>	<b>tungsten</b>
<b>trunnioned</b>		n / 'təŋstən /
adj / 'trənyənd /		Sw a gray-white high-melting hard metallic element that is used in the pure form chiefly for electrical purposes (as for filaments for incandescent lamps). <i>The filament in many light bulbs is a thin wire of tungsten.</i>
F having a pin or pivot usually mounted on bearings for rotating or tilting. <i>Dave attached a trunnioned compass to the deck of his sailboat.</i>	<b>tuffet</b> n / 'təfət / Gmc? > F? > E a low seat : stool. <i>Katie stood on the tuffet to reach the book on the top shelf.</i>	
<b>truttaceous</b>	<b>tularemia</b>	<b>turban</b>
adj / .trə'tāshəs /	n / .tūlə'rēmēə / Calif geog name + Lcf a bacterial disease of rodents, man, and some domestic animals. <i>Jerry's temperature reached a dangerously high level during his bout with tularemia.</i>	n / 'tərbən / Per > Turk > F a headdress worn chiefly in countries of the eastern Mediterranean and southern Asia especially by Muslims and made of a cap around which is wound a long cloth.
L of, relating to, or resembling a trout. <i>Truttaceous fish are highly esteemed as sport fish because of their spiritedness.</i>		<i>A camel driver wearing a blue turban asked Rebecca if she would like a short ride.</i>
<b>trypanosome</b>	<b>tulle</b>	<b>turbid</b>
<b>tsetse</b>	<b>tumefaction</b>	<b>turbine</b>
<b>tsunami</b>	<b>tumultuous</b>	n / 'tərbən /
n / (t)sü'nämē /	adj / t(y)ü'məlch(ə)wəs / L full of commotion and uproar : boisterous. <i>As the basketball star entered, he received tumultuous applause from his schoolmates.</i>	L > F [has homonym: turban] a rotary engine. <i>The plane could not take off until the damaged turbine was repaired.</i>
Jpn a great sea wave produced by submarine earth movements or volcanic eruption. <i>The dock workers were alerted in time to evacuate the harbor area before the tsunami hit.</i>		
		<b>turbot</b>

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<b>turbulence</b>	<b>turpentine</b>	<b>tutelary</b>
n / 'tərb(y)ələn(t)s / L highly irregular atmospheric motion characterized by rapid changes in wind speed and direction and the presence of up and down currents. <i>The captain warned the plane's passengers to brace themselves for a patch of turbulence.</i>	n / 'tərpən.tīn / Gk > L > F > E any of various oleoresins that are derived from coniferous trees and are obtained in crude form as yellowish viscous exudates of characteristic odor and taste from incisions in the tree trunks and that usually thicken and solidify in the air. <i>The most common use of turpentine is in paint and lacquer thinners.</i>	adj / 't(y)üd.lerē / L having the guardianship or charge of protecting a person or a thing. <i>The young princesses were surrounded by tutelary employees.</i>
<b>turgescence</b>	<b>turpitude</b>	<b>tutoyer</b>
<b>turgescent</b>	n / 'tərpə.tüd / L inherent baseness or vileness of principle, words, or actions : depravity. <i>Sean accused Amitab of moral turpitude for teasing the cat.</i>	<b>tuyere</b>
<b>turgid</b>	<b>turret</b>	n / tü'ye(ə)r / F a nozzle through which an air blast is delivered to a forge. <i>Dan checked the tuyere for an obstruction.</i>
<b>turmoil</b>	n / 'tər.möil / unknown an utterly confused, extremely agitated, or tumultuous state or condition. <i>Jacob experienced unrelenting turmoil after his parents informed him that the family might move.</i>	<b>tweezers</b>
<b>turnstile</b>	n / 'tərn.stī(ə)l / E + E a post with four arms pivoted on the top set in a gateway to regulate or monitor passage. <i>Contrary to the prominently posted warning sign, Calvin hopped over the turnstile.</i>	n pl / twēzə(r)z / F > E any of various small pincer-shaped tools used for plucking, holding, or manipulating. <i>The jeweler used a pair of fine tweezers to extract the broken spring from inside Jeff's pocket watch.</i>
<b>turnverein</b>	<b>turricular</b>	<b>twelfth</b>
<b>turophile</b>	n / 't(y)ürə.fil / Gk a gourmet of cheese : a cheese fancier. <i>The turophile warned us not to be beguiled by the low cost of inferior processed cheese.</i>	n / twinkəl / E shine with a flickering, sparkling, or intermittent light. <i>Atmospheric conditions affect how a star will twinkle in the night sky.</i>
	<b>turriferous</b>	<b>tycoon</b>
	<b>tutania</b>	<b>tympanum</b>
	<b>tutelage</b>	n / 'timpənəm / Gk > L a thin tense membrane covering an organ of hearing (as in the leg of an insect). <i>The tympanum, which is sometimes hidden beneath the base of an insect's wing cover, is activated by the pressure of sound waves.</i>
	n / 't(y)üd.lij / L instruction; especially : individual instruction accompanied by close personal attention and a conscious attempt at guidance. <i>Evan made astounding progress under the tutelage of his new trumpet teacher.</i>	

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<b>typhlogy</b>	<b>tyranny</b>	<b>ultimatum</b>
n / tī'fălōjē / Gk the scientific study of blindness, its causes, effects, and control. <i>Researchers in typhlogy have found that certain nutritional deficiencies can result in the clouding and softening of the cornea.</i>	n / 'tirənē / L > F > E absolute government in which power is vested in a single ruler. <i>The tyranny of many medieval kingdoms was eventually supplanted by democracy.</i>	n / .əltō'mādəm / L a final proposition, condition, or demand; especially : one whose rejection will end negotiations and cause a resort to force or other direct action. <i>If the striking workers refused its ultimatum, the company threatened to close the factory permanently.</i>
<b>typhoon</b>	<b>ubiquitous</b>	<b>ultraviolet</b>
n / tī'fūn / Gk&Chinese a tropical cyclone occurring in the region of the Philippines or the China Sea. <i>A typhoon of unimaginable fury swung across the coastal plains of Bangladesh, swallowing up villages and sweeping away food crops.</i>	adj / yü'bikwədəs / L existing or being everywhere at the same time : omnipresent. <i>The drum is a ubiquitous instrument in world music.</i>	adj / .əltrə'velət / L + L > F > E situated beyond the visible spectrum at the violet end and having a wavelength shorter than visible light and longer than X rays. <i>Arthur purchased sunglasses that provide some protection against ultraviolet radiation.</i>
<b>typify</b>	<b>udometer</b>	<b>ululant</b>
v / 'tipə.fī / L + Ecf embody the essential or salient characteristics of. <i>Dickens's characters typify the Victorian era.</i>	n / yü'dämədə(r) / L + Gk an instrument for measuring the quantity of precipitation that falls at a given place and time. <i>The local television station asked Karen to put a udometer in her backyard.</i>	<b>ululation</b>
<b>typothetae</b>	<b>udomograph</b>	
<b>tyrannical</b>	<b>ugly</b>	
adj / tē'ranēkəl / Gk exhibiting imperious and usually oppressive exercise of absolute power : despotic. <i>Patrick Henry spoke fervently about the urgent need to arrest the tyrannical hands of the British ministry and Parliament.</i>	<b>ulcerous</b>	
<b>tyrannize</b>	<b>ullage</b>	<b>umbilical</b>
<b>tyrannous</b>	<b>ulotrichous</b>	adj / .əm'bilēkəl / L attached by or as if by a cord arising at the navel that connects a fetus with the placenta. <i>Important medical research is being done with stem cells obtained from umbilical cords.</i>
	adj / yü'lätrēkəs / Gk + Gk having woolly or crisp hair. <i>The ulotrichous aborigines crafted wide-toothed combs for their hair.</i>	
	<b>ulterior</b>	
	adj / .əl'tirēə(r) / L not apparent : hidden. <i>When Sherman volunteered to walk the dog, his ulterior motive was to escape the boring conversation in the house.</i>	<b>umbra</b>
	<b>ultimacy</b>	n / 'əmbrə / L a shaded area : darkness. <i>Trent saw something flicker in the umbra beneath the side porch.</i>

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<b>umbrage</b>	<b>unanimous</b>	<b>unctuosity</b>
n / 'əmbrij / L > F > E displeasure, resentment, annoyance. <i>Hatred between nations disposes each more readily to offer insult and injury and lay hold of slight causes of umbrage.</i>	adj / yü'nanəməs / L being of one mind : agreeing in opinion, design, or determination. <i>The advice given the candidate by those in his confidence was unanimous.</i>	<b>unctuous</b>
<b>umbrageous</b>	<b>unaу</b>	<b>underrate</b>
adj / .əm'bräjəs / L > F > E providing protection from heat and light : shady. <i>Sherwood Forest was the umbrageous domain of the legendary Robin Hood and his outlaw band.</i>	n / yü'nò / Tupi > F a two-toed sloth of Central and South America. <i>The unaу seldom descends to the ground because its slow movements make it easy prey for jaguars and other predators.</i>	<b>underread</b>
<b>umbrella</b>	<b>unciferous</b>	<b>undisciplinable</b>
<b>umlaut</b>	<b>uncinate</b>	<b>undulance</b>
n / 'üm.laut / G a diacritical mark composed of two adjacent dots placed especially over a German vowel to indicate a vowel shift. <i>Gary never knew how to pronounce words with an umlaut until he studied German.</i>	adj / .ən'sif(ə)rəs / L bearing a hook or hooklike structure. <i>Weaving and other fiber arts involve the use of several unciferous tools.</i>	<b>undulate</b> v / 'ənjəlāt / L form or move in waves. <i>Terry stood on the shore and watched the ocean undulate in the moonlight.</i>
<b>umpire</b>	<b>unconscionable</b>	<b>undulation</b>
n / 'əm.pī(ə)r / L > F > E one having authority to arbitrate and make a final decision, as an official in a sport who rules on the plays. <i>The coach vehemently objected when the umpire ejected the player for unsportsmanlike conduct.</i>	adj / 'ən(t)sənət / L bent at the tip like a hook. <i>Using a magnifying glass, Chad was able to examine the insect's uncinate antennae.</i>	<b>unencrypted</b>
<b>unabridged</b>	<b>uncouth</b>	<b>unexceptionable</b>
<b>unaccompanied</b>	<b>unguent</b>	adj / .ən'ksepsh(ə)nəbəl / Ecf + L not open or liable to objection, criticism, or reproach : unimpeachable. <i>Mr. Weston was a man of unexceptionable character, easy fortune, suitable age, and pleasant manners.</i>

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<b>unguligrade</b> adj / 'əngyələgrād / L walking on hoofs. <i>Unguligrade mammals include horses, cows, swine, camels, deer, elephants, rhinoceroses, and tapirs.</i>	<b>unisonous</b> <b>universally</b> <b>unparalleled</b> <b>unprecedented</b> adj / ən'presədəntēd / Ecf + L + Ecff new, unexampled. <i>Last year the city experienced an unprecedented expansion in population and industry.</i>	<b>untenantable</b> adj / ən'tenəntəbəl / Ecf + L + Lcf [Note: Could be confused with untenable.] incapable of being occupied or lived in. <i>The hurricane left thousands of homes untenantable.</i>
<b>unhygienic</b>	<b>unveiled</b>	
<b>unicameral</b>	<b>unyielding</b> adj / ən'yēldiŋ / Ecf + E refusing to give way : resolute, obstinate. <i>Jake's unyielding opposition to the proposed surprise party is becoming tiresome.</i>	
<b>unicorn</b> n / 'yünəkōrn / L > F > E a fabulous animal possibly based on faulty old descriptions of the rhinoceros and generally depicted with the body and head of a horse, the hind legs of a stag, the tail of a lion, and in the middle of the forehead a single long straight horn. <i>Sarah has a poster of a beautiful white unicorn on her wall.</i>	<b>unpredictable</b> adj / ənprediktəbəl / Ecf + L not to be foretold. <i>The raging forest fire was difficult to contain because of the unpredictable weather patterns of that area.</i>	<b>upbraid</b>
<b>unilateral</b>	<b>unprincipled</b> adj / ən'prin(t)səpəld / E + L lacking or exhibiting a lack of a moral code of conduct. <i>The detective described the arsonist as "unprincipled and conscienceless."</i>	<b>upeygan</b> n / ü'pāgən / Shona a black rhinoceros. <i>The front horn of the upeygan can reach a length of over 30 inches.</i>
<b>unintelligible</b> adj / ənən'teləjəbəl / Ecf + E + L difficult to comprehend. <i>Dave readily admitted that he found the article unintelligible.</i>	<b>unpronounceable</b> <b>unrequited</b> adj / ənrē'kwīdēd / Ecf + L > E not returned in kind. <i>Several passages in the novel were devoted to Harriet's unrequited love for Mr. Elton.</i>	<b>upheaval</b>
<b>unique</b> adj / yü'nēk / L being without a like or equal : single in kind or excellence : unequaled. <i>The class agreed that Martin Luther King Jr. had a unique impact on civil rights in the 20th century.</i>	<b>unscrupulous</b> adj / ən'skrūpyələs / E + L unprincipled. <i>Desmond was not so unscrupulous as to betray his comrades.</i>	<b>upholstery</b>
<b>unison</b> adj / 'yünəsən / L > F identical in musical pitch. <i>The choir was well trained in unison singing; every member could hit the same note perfectly.</i>	<b>unsullied</b>	<b>uppity</b> adj / 'əpədē / E + Ecf marked by airs of superiority. <i>Nicole forgave Amanda for her uppity behavior at the party.</i>
		<b>upright</b> adj / 'əp.rīt / E standing up straight on the feet or on one end. <i>When Mom's old upright vacuum cleaner finally broke down, she went out and bought a new canister model.</i>
		<b>uproarious</b>

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<b>urbanity</b>	<b>usher</b>	<b>usurper</b>
n / ər'banədē / L the quality or state of evincing the polish and suavity characteristic of social life in larger cities. <i>Melissa's easy urbanity belied her discomfort at the pie-eating contest.</i>	n / 'eshə(r) / L > F > E one who escorts persons to seats at an assemblage (as in a theater, church, or hall). <i>The usher informed the latecomers that they would not be seated until the end of the first act.</i>	n / yü'sərpər / L one that infringes or encroaches upon the rights or property of another. <i>By the end of his term, the mayor had become known as a usurper of authority.</i>
<b>urbiculture</b>	<b>ustion</b>	<b>usury</b>
n / 'erbəkəlchər / L the practices and problems peculiar to cities. <i>The congressman proposed a new federal department of urbiculture to deal with the problems of city dwellers.</i>	n / 'es(h)chən / L > F the action of burning. <i>Finding the paper too thick to tear or cut easily, Richard resorted to ustion to destroy it without a trace.</i>	<b>utensil</b>
<b>urceolate</b>	<b>ustulation</b>	<b>utilitarian</b>
adj / 'or.sēəlōt / L shaped like an urn. <i>At the end of the drive stood a pair of urceolate boxwoods.</i>	n / .əs(h)chə'lāshən / L the action of burning or searing. <i>By ustulation the metallurgist separated the sulfur from the ore.</i>	adj / (.)yü.tilə'terēən / L > F > E characterized by or aiming at usefulness as distinguished from beauty or ornament. <i>Dean chose a utilitarian briefcase over the fancy leather model.</i>
<b>urchin</b>	<b>usufruct</b>	<b>utility</b>
<b>urgency</b>	n / 'yüzə.frəkt / L the right to use or enjoy something. <i>The homeowners in Eleanor's neighborhood have a usufruct to a large fenced park.</i>	<b>utilizable</b>
<b>ursine</b>	<b>usurious</b>	n / 'yüd'lizəbəl / L > F > E capable of being made use of. <i>It took three months, but eventually Leon was able to convert the prototype into a utilizable product.</i>
adj / 'ər.sīn / L [has near homonym: hircine] of, relating to, or characteristic of a bear. <i>Some children are particularly fascinated by ursine hibernation.</i>	adj / yü'zhürēəs / L + Ecf involving or taking illegal or exorbitant interest for the use of money. <i>The officers of the bank were charged with usurious practices.</i>	<b>utterance</b>
<b>urticant</b>	<b>usurpatve</b>	n / 'ädərən(t)s / F > E something that is spoken. <i>Smoke and clamor accompanied every utterance of the Great Oz.</i>
adj / 'ärdəkənt / L producing itching or stinging. <i>Strawberry nettles are notorious for their urticant effect on human skin.</i>	adj / yü'sərpədīv / L characterized by or constituting the unauthorized arbitrary assumption and exercise of power especially as infringing on others' rights. <i>The king banished the prince for his traitorous usurpatve acts.</i>	<b>uxorial</b>
		adj / .æk'sōrēəl / L > E of, relating to, or having the characteristics of a wife. <i>The new bride's conduct defied Mrs. Ketchum's notions of proper uxorial behavior.</i>
		<b>uxorious</b>
		<b>vacation</b>
		<b>vacationland</b>

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<b>vacatur</b>	<b>vacuous</b>	<b>valedictory</b>
n / vā'kādər / L an order of court making void a legal proceeding. <i>The court issued a vacatur when it found that the defendant's rights had not been upheld.</i>	adj / 'vakyəwəs / L emptied of or lacking content (as of air or gas). <i>Vacuous spaces within the meteorite made it easy to split in half.</i>	n / valə'dikt(ə)rē / L a speech or farewell usually given at the commencement exercises of a school or college. <i>Alice's valedictory at graduation brought the entire senior class to its feet.</i>
<b>vaccary</b>	<b>vacuum</b>	<b>valet</b>
n / 'vakərē / L a place where cows or cattle are kept : dairy farm. <i>The teacher plans to take her students to a vaccary during their study of the dairy food group.</i>	<b>vagabond</b> adj / 'vagəbänd / L > F > E moving from place to place without a fixed home. <i>Orson wanted to buy a motor home and lead a vagabond life, but Eileen refused to sell their house.</i>	<b>valetudinarian</b> n / ,valətüd'ən'erēən / L a person of a weak or sickly constitution; especially : one whose chief concern is his invalidism. <i>Grandpa hopes that he will never be a valetudinarian.</i>
<b>vaccinate</b>	<b>vagary</b>	<b>valiant</b>
v / 'vaksə.nāt / L > F administer a preparation of microorganisms in order to produce or increase immunity to a particular disease. <i>Doctors no longer vaccinate American children against smallpox, as that disease was eradicated during the 1970s.</i>	n / 'vāgərē / L a whimsical, fanciful, or extravagant idea or notion. <i>George's idea that he would be spending his spring break in Paris was sheer vagary.</i>	<b>valiantly</b> adv / 'valyəntlē / L > F > E in a brave or bold manner : courageously. <i>Deidre tried valiantly to swim the English Channel.</i>
<b>vaccine</b>	<b>vagrancy</b>	<b>validity</b>
<b>vaccinoid</b>	n / 'vāgrənsē / L? the state or offense of being a person who has no established residence and wanders idly from place to place without lawful or visible means of support. <i>To clear the downtown area of homeless people, the mayor instructed the police to arrest them for vagrancy.</i>	n / və'lidədē / L the quality or state of being well grounded or justifiable. <i>Some people question the validity of Darwin's theory of evolution.</i>
<b>vacillate</b>	<b>vaguely</b>	<b>valley</b>
v / 'vasə.lāt / L waver in mind, will, or feeling : hesitate in choice of opinions or courses. <i>Theresa must allow more time to choose what she will wear if she cannot stop her tendency to vacillate.</i>	<b>vainness</b>	<b>valorous</b> adj / 'valərəs / L brave, courageous. <i>Carrie's valorous behavior during the flood earned her a medal.</i>
<b>vacuity</b>		<b>valve</b>
		<b>vampire</b>

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<b>vandalism</b>	<b>variation</b>	<b>vaudeville</b>
n / 'vandəlizəm / L > E willful or malicious destruction or defacement of things of beauty or of public or private property. <i>The boys who knocked over the gravestones were eventually caught and charged with vandalism.</i>	n / ,verē'āshən / L a solo dance in ballet. <i>Erik choreographed a variation to be performed by the stars of his ballet company.</i>	n / 'vōd(ə)vōl / F geog name a stage entertainment especially popular in the early decades of the 20th century that consisted of various unrelated acts following one another in succession and that might include performing animals, acrobats, comedians, dancers, singers, or magicians. <i>Some of the stars of vaudeville went on to become movie actors.</i>
<b>vandalize</b>	<b>varicelliform</b>	<b>vaudevillian</b>
v / 'vandəliz / Gk > L > F destroy or deface property, usually with malicious intent. <i>The gang planned to vandalize the tombstones at the cemetery with spray paint on Halloween.</i>	adj / ,varə'seləfōrm / L + L resembling chicken pox. <i>A virus was responsible for Lloyd's varicelliform rash.</i>	n / vōd'vilyən / F geog name&L a writer or performer of stage entertainments especially popular in theaters in the early decades of the 20th century. <i>In his days as a vaudevillian, Mr. Kramer was a comedian's sidekick.</i>
<b>vanguard</b>	<b>varicose</b>	<b>vault</b>
<b>vanilla</b>	<b>variegated</b>	<b>vaward</b>
n / və'nilə / L > Sp a flavoring extract made by soaking comminuted vanilla pods in a mixture of water and grain alcohol. <i>The chef specified that real vanilla be used when making the cake.</i>	adj / 'varəkōs / L abnormally swollen or dilated. <i>Extreme cases of varicose veins can require surgical treatment.</i>	n / 'vāū,(w)ōrd / F > E the foremost part : forefront. <i>The vaward of the column stopped to allow stragglers to catch up.</i>
<b>vanquish</b>	<b>variolous</b>	<b>veal</b>
<b>vapidity</b>	<b>vasodilator</b>	<b>vealskin</b>
<b>vaporetto</b>	n / ,vā(,)zō'dīlādə(r) / L an agent (as a parasympathetic nerve fiber or a drug) that induces or initiates widening of the lumen of blood vessels. <i>Red wine contains tyramine, a vasodilator that can cause flushing and headaches.</i>	<b>vegetable</b>
<b>vargueno</b>	<b>vassal</b>	<b>vegetarian</b>
<b>variable</b>	n / 'verēəbəl / L [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a star whose brightness changes in more or less regular periods. <i>Clement spent six months tracking changes in the variable.</i>	adj / ,vejə'terēən / L > E + Ecf consisting wholly of edible plants. <i>After spending two years in Japan, Annabelle followed a vegetarian diet.</i>
	<b>vaticinator</b>	

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<b>vehemence</b>	<b>velocity</b>	<b>venerable</b>
n / 'vēmən(t)s / L > F the quality or state of being expressive of strong emotion or conviction. <i>Norm's impetuosity and vehemence of temper made him his own worst enemy.</i>	n / vō'lāsədē / L > F quickness of motion : swiftness, speed. <i>George estimated the velocity of the wind at 22 miles per hour.</i>	adj / 'venər(ə)bəl / L deserving to be regarded with profound respect and affection. <i>The venerable teacher's retirement saddened students who had hoped to benefit from her instruction.</i>
<b>vehicle</b>	<b>velodrome</b>	<b>vengeance</b>
<b>vein</b>	n / 'vēlədrōm / L > F + Gk > F a building containing a track designed for cycling. <i>The university's new velodrome was funded by an alumnus who was an ardent bicyclist.</i>	n / 'venjən(t)s / L > F > E infliction of punishment in return for an injury or offense. <i>The defeated team howled with rage and fury and swore bloody vengeance.</i>
<b>velitation</b>	<b>vendaval</b>	<b>venireman</b>
n / ,velə'tāshən / L [Note: Could be confused with <i>vellication</i> .] a dispute or slight contest : skirmish. <i>Police used every means to keep the velitation from exploding into a riot.</i>	n / ,vendə'val / F > Sp an autumnal thundersquall on the coast of Mexico. <i>A recent vendaval damaged the banana grove.</i>	<b>venison</b>
<b>velleity</b>	<b>vendetta</b>	n / 'venəsən / L > F > E the flesh of a deer. <i>Mandy roasted a leg of venison with prunes and chestnuts.</i>
n / və'lēdē / L a slight wish : a faint desire. <i>Mr. and Mrs. Newton found that the hotel staff had anticipated their every velleity.</i>	n / ven'dedə / L > It a prolonged feud marked by bitter hostility. <i>Chloe's all-night party exacerbated the vendetta with her neighbor.</i>	<b>venom</b>
<b>vellication</b>	<b>veneer</b>	n / 'venəm / L > F > E poisonous matter normally secreted by some animals (as snakes, scorpions, or bees). <i>The snake's venom paralyzed its prey.</i>
n / ,velə'kāshən / L the act of twitching or of causing to twitch. <i>While dissecting a frog in biology class, Sam noticed vellication of the legs.</i>	n / vō'ni(ə)r / G a thin sheet of wood cut or sawed from a log and adapted for adherence to a smooth surface (as of wood). <i>The maple veneer really spruced up the old pine table.</i>	<b>ventilate</b>
<b>vellum</b>	<b>veneniferous</b>	v / 'vent̄lāt / L cause fresh air to circulate through and contaminated air to be simultaneously withdrawn from. <i>To ventilate her kitchen, Margo set a fan in the doorway and opened the windows.</i>
n / 'veləm / F > E a thin calfskin specially prepared as a surface for writing. <i>Sanford carefully turned the rare vellum over to see if there was any writing on the back.</i>	adj / ,venə'nif(ə)rəs / L + Ecf bearing or transmitting poison and especially a natural venom. <i>Ellen couldn't believe that anyone would want to work with veneniferous snakes for a living.</i>	
<b>velocious</b>		

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<b>ventriloquist</b>	<b>verbena</b>	<b>verdolaga</b>
n / ven'triləkwəst / L one who is skilled in the art of speaking in such a manner that the voice appears to come from some source other than the vocal organs of the speaker. <i>A ventriloquist entertained at Rebecca's birthday party.</i>	n / və(r)'bēnə / L any of numerous garden plants that are widely cultivated for their showy spikes of white, pink, red, or blue flowers which are borne in profusion over a long season. <i>Marcy noticed tiny flower buds on her verbena in early April and anxiously awaited its full bloom.</i>	n / vərdə'lägə / L > Ar > Sp an annual herb with fleshy leaves. <i>Latin American cooks use verdolaga in soups and salads.</i>
<b>venue</b>	<b>verbigerate</b>	<b>verdure</b>
n / 'ven(.)yü / L > F a place designated to be the scene of a gathering, such as for a sports event. <i>The Georgia Dome in Atlanta was the venue for Super Bowl XXXIV.</i>	v / (.)vər'bijərāt / L repeat a word or sentence endlessly and meaninglessly. <i>The psychiatrist explained that some schizophrenic patients often verbigerate.</i>	n / 'vərjər / F > E [has homonym: verger] fresh and green growing vegetation. <i>Joe walked back into the soft thick verdure of the hills and tramped until he was tired.</i>
<b>veracious</b>	<b>verbomania</b>	<b>verglas</b>
adj / və'rāshəs / L + Ecf [has homonym: voracious] observant of the truth : habitually speaking the truth. <i>It was up to the jury to decide which of the two witnesses was the more veracious.</i>	n / vərbə'mānēə / L + Gk excessive use of or obsession with words. <i>Frances was accused of verbomania by her classmates, who didn't understand why she liked to study spelling.</i>	n / ver'glä / F a thin film of ice on rock. <i>On her way to the stream for some fresh water, Connie slipped on the nearly invisible verglas.</i>
<b>veracity</b>	<b>verboten</b>	<b>verisimilitude</b>
n / və'rāsədē / L devotion to the truth : truthfulness. <i>The prosecutor questioned the veracity of the witness.</i>	adj / və(r)'bōtən / G forbidden; especially : prohibited by dictate. <i>Speaking English in the German language-immersion program is verboten.</i>	n / verəsə'milətūd / L + L the quality or state of having the appearance of truth. <i>The artist's scrupulous attention to detail provided an impressive degree of verisimilitude.</i>
<b>verbally</b>	<b>verdant</b>	<b>verjuice</b>
adv / 'vərbəlē / L + Ecff in a manner involving the use of words rather than action or performance. <i>Johann couldn't describe the shape verbally, so he drew it.</i>		
<b>verbatim</b>	<b>verdigris</b>	<b>vermeil</b>
adv / və(r)'bādəm / L word for word : in the same words. <i>Marcelle can recite the entire Gettysburg Address verbatim.</i>	n / vərdə.grēs / L > F > E a green or greenish blue poisonous pigment obtained by the action of acetic acid on copper. <i>The verdigris on the church steeple has aged beautifully.</i>	

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<b>vermiculate</b>	<b>vertex</b>	<b>vespertine</b>
adj / və(r)'mikyələt / L wormlike in shape. <i>When Tom's two-year-old brother tried to draw something, he could manage only a few vermiculate lines.</i>	n / 'vər.teks / L the point on the limb of a celestial body nearest the zenith. <i>The tiny dark spot near the Moon's vertex is a huge crater.</i>	adj / 'vespə(r).tīn / L setting with or just after the Sun. <i>Venus is the most prominent vespertine planet.</i>
<b>vernacular</b>	<b>vertical</b>	<b>vessel</b>
adj / və(r)'nakyələr / L belonging to or being a language or dialect developed in and spoken and used by the people of a particular place, region, or country in a form considered nonstandard. <i>Mr. Hillis could not understand the vernacular language of the rappers.</i>	adj / 'vərdəkəl / L > F perpendicular to the plane of the horizon or to a primary axis : upright. <i>Blythe preferred the fabric with broad vertical stripes.</i>	<b>vestibule</b> n / 'vestə.byüü'l / L > F a passage, hall, or chamber between the outer door and the interior of a building. <i>The elevators were located at the end of the vestibule.</i>
<b>ernal</b>	<b>vertiginate</b>	<b>vestige</b>
adj / 'vərn'l / L of, relating to, or characteristic of the spring. <i>Cherry trees produce some of the prettiest vernal blossoms.</i>	v / ,vər'tijə.nāt / L whirl dizzily around : twirl. <i>Young children love to vertiginate until they fall down.</i>	n / 'vestij / L > F a remaining bit that constitutes a memorial or trace of something formerly present. <i>Dmitri thought he detected a vestige of natural gas odor in the kitchen.</i>
<b>vernissage</b>	<b>vertiginous</b>	<b>veterinary</b>
<b>verricule</b>	<b>vertigo</b>	<b>vexation</b>
<b>versatile</b>	<b>vesicant</b>	<b>vexatious</b>
adj / 'vərsəd'l / L [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] marked by a tendency to change : fluctuating readily. <i>Tricia's versatile temperament made it impossible to predict her reactions.</i>	n / 'vərdə.gō / L a disordered state in which the individual or the individual's surroundings seem to whirl dizzily. <i>The constant rocking of the boat produced feelings of vertigo and nausea in many of the passengers.</i>	adj / vejk'sāshəs / L causing or likely to cause mental suffering. <i>A lame carriage horse threw everything into sad uncertainty and created a situation Emma found most vexatious.</i>
<b>vertebrate</b>	<b>vespicide</b>	<b>vexillology</b>
adj / 'vərdəbrət / L having a spinal column. <i>Vertebrate animals include fishes, reptiles, birds, and mammals.</i>	n / 'vespə.sīd / L one that kills wasps. <i>Mindy waved the can of vespicide threateningly at the nest of yellow jackets.</i>	<b>viable</b>
	<b>vespertilian</b>	<b>vibraphone</b>
		<b>vibrato</b>

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<b>vicarage</b>	<b>vicontiel</b>	<b>vignette</b>
n / 'vikərij / L > E the house of a priest of a parish. <i>About a quarter of a mile down the road rose the vicarage, an old and not very good house.</i>	adj / vī'käntēəl / F > AF of or relating to a viscount or sheriff. <i>Robin Hood was wanted by the vicontiel authorities of several counties.</i>	
<b>vicegerency</b>	<b>victorious</b>	<b>vilify</b>
<b>vicegerent</b>	<b>viduity</b>	v / 'viləfi / L
n / vī'sjirənt / L an administrative deputy appointed to perform functions of a king or magistrate. <i>The emperor claimed that he was ruling as God's vicegerent.</i>	n / vē'd(y)üədē / L widowhood. <i>Wendy's first husband was killed in the Gulf War, but her viduity ended when she remarried in 1994.</i>	utter slanderous and abusive statements against : defame. <i>Wouldn't it be refreshing if the candidates vying for the office did not vilify each other?</i>
<b>vicereine</b>	<b>vigentennial</b>	<b>vilipend</b>
<b>vichyssoise</b>	adj / ,vījēn'tenēəl / L occurring once every 20 years : relating to a 20th anniversary. <i>The store celebrated its vigentennial anniversary with a big sale.</i>	v / 'viləpend / L speak of slightlying or disparagingly : deprecate. <i>The candidate decided to vilipend her opponent instead of discussing the issues.</i>
<b>vicinage</b>	<b>vigesimal</b>	<b>villain</b>
<b>viciously</b>	<b>vigilance</b>	n / 'vilén / L > F > E [has homonyms: villein, villan] one who deliberately plots and does serious harm to others. <i>The police were seeking the villain who conned several senior citizens out of their savings.</i>
adv / 'vishəslē / L > F > E in a manner marked by violence or ferocity. <i>The puppy attempted to shake the old sock viciously.</i>		
<b>vicissitude</b>	<b>vigilante</b>	<b>villainous</b>
n / vē'sisə.tüd / L an accident of fortune : a shift of luck. <i>By the vicissitude of winning the lottery, Helen was able to buy the dream house she always wanted.</i>	n / ,vījē'lantē / L > Sp a member of a volunteer committee organized to protect an interest, especially to suppress and punish crime. <i>The cowboy movie was about a rancher who became a vigilante and joined in the search for a criminal.</i>	<b>villainy</b>
		<b>vinaceous</b>
		adj / vī'nāshəs / L of the color wine red. <i>The vinaceous liquid in the three-foot-high bottle at the restaurant is not really wine.</i>
	<b>vignerons</b>	<b>vinaigrette</b>
	n / ,vēnyə'rōn / F one who cultivates a vineyard and makes wine from the grapes. <i>The American vigneron was delighted that the French judges chose his wine as being among the world's best.</i>	n / ,vinə'gret / F a sauce made typically of vinegar, oil, onions, parsley, and herbs. <i>The salad was dressed with a tomato-flavored vinaigrette.</i>
		<b>vincible</b>

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<b>vinculum</b>	<b>violin</b>	<b>virulent</b>
n / 'vɪŋk'yələm / L a unifying bond. <i>Their mutual love of dolls is the vinculum between Delia and Christine, who are otherwise very different.</i>	n / vī'əlin / OProv > It a bowed stringed instrument having four strings, a shallow body, a fingerboard without frets, and a curved bridge. <i>Reuben demonstrated his technical virtuosity on the violin when he auditioned for the string ensemble.</i>	adj / 'vir(y)ələnt / L characterized by rapid course, severity, and malignancy—used especially of a disease or infection. <i>The virulent strain of flu spread rapidly through the community.</i>
<b>vindicate</b>	<b>violoncello</b>	<b>visage</b>
v / 'vindəkāt / L free from any question of error, dishonor, guilt, or negligence. <i>Oliver felt the judge's decision would vindicate him completely.</i>	n / vīələn'che(.)lō / It the bass member of the violin family that is tuned an octave below the viola and held vertically on the floor between the player's knees while in a sitting position. <i>The violoncello played plaintively in the prelude to the last act of the opera.</i>	<b>visceroptosis</b> n / visərəp'tōsōs / L + Gk downward displacement of the abdominal organs. <i>The growth of the tumor had caused visceroptosis.</i>
<b>vinegar</b>	<b>virago</b>	<b>viscount</b>
n / 'vinigə(r) / L > F > E a sour liquid used as a condiment or a preservative that is obtained by acetic fermentation of dilute alcoholic liquids (as fermented cider, malt beer, or wine) and is often seasoned especially with herbs. <i>Pete used a special aged balsamic vinegar in the salad dressing.</i>	n / vē'rāgō / L [has near homonym: vorago] a loud overbearing woman. <i>The manager at the Department of Motor Vehicles was, unfortunately, a virago.</i>	n / vī.kaūnt / L > F > E a noble ranking below an earl and above a baron. <i>The viscount had no children and was becoming desperate to have an heir.</i>
<b>vineyard</b>	<b>viridescent</b>	<b>viscous</b>
n / 'vīnyə(r)d / E a field of grapevines. <i>While touring a Napa Valley winery, Jamie wandered through the vineyard.</i>	adj / vīr'desənt / L greenish. <i>Gideon removed the viridescent scum from the bottom of the horse trough and added fresh water.</i>	adj / 'viskəs / L [Note: Could be confused with viscose.] having the physical property of a fluid or semifluid that enables it to develop a certain amount of shearing stress dependent upon the velocity of flow and then to offer continued resistance to the flow. <i>Joe was surprised to learn that glass is viscous, as evidenced by the fact that a windowpane, over time, becomes thicker at its lower edge and thinner at its upper edge.</i>
<b>vintner</b>	<b>virtue</b>	<b>visibility</b>
n / 'vīntnə(r) / L > F > E a person who sells wine : a wine merchant. <i>The vintner assured Babette that the wine she was considering would go well with veal.</i>	<b>virtuoso</b> n / vərchə'wō(.)sō / L > It one who excels in the technique of an art; especially : a musical performer. <i>The virtuoso took 12 curtain calls, setting a new record for the concert hall.</i>	n / vizə'bilədē / L the degree or extent to which something is capable of being seen. <i>The captain announced that visibility was approximately five miles.</i>
<b>violated</b>		

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<b>vitiate</b> v / 'vishēāt / L make incomplete, faulty, or defective : injure the substance or quality of. <i>Freddie argued that Clark's poor acting abilities would vitiate the school play.</i>	<b>vivace</b> adv / vē'vä(.)chā / L > It in a brisk spirited manner—used as a direction in music. <i>To her teacher's frustration, Marcie plays every piece as if it were marked vivace.</i>	<b>volatile</b> adj / 'välədōl / L > F easily passing off by evaporation. <i>The fact that gasoline is highly volatile produces an advantage in starting engines.</i>
<b>vitreous</b> adj / 'vitrēəs / L of, relating to, derived from, or consisting of glass. <i>The huge vitreous wall of skyscrapers reflected the mountains and the sunset.</i>	<b>vixenish</b> adj / 'viksənish / E resembling a shrewish ill-tempered woman. <i>Elena could become vixenish when she felt slighted.</i>	<b>volition</b> n / vō'lishən / L the act of willing or choosing : the act of deciding. <i>The notary public asked Nigel to state that he was signing the contract of his own volition.</i>
<b>vitrescible</b> adj / vē'tresəbəl / L of a kind that can be changed into glass or a glassy substance by heat and fusion. <i>The ceramics shop owner used only the most vitrescible materials in his work.</i>	<b>vizierial</b>	<b>volubility</b> n / välyə'bilədē / L talkativeness. <i>The cheerful volubility at Mrs. King's luncheon is largely due to the fact that she is a great hostess.</i>
<b>vitrine</b> n / vē'trēn / L > F a glass showcase for display (as of fine wares or specimens). <i>Allegra has a large vitrine that houses her collection of porcelain figurines.</i>	<b>vocabulary</b>	<b>voracious</b>
<b>vitriolic</b> adj / ,vitrē'älik / L > F > E marked by a caustic biting quality. <i>Howard had to be reprimanded for his vitriolic outbursts against the referees and opposing players.</i>	<b>vocation</b> n / vō'kāshən / L [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a summons from God to an individual to undertake the obligations and perform the duties of a particular task or function in life. <i>The parents of Thomas Aquinas entreated him to abandon his religious vocation and return home.</i>	<b>vorago</b> n / və'rāgō / L [has near homonym: virago] an engulfing chasm : abyss. <i>Before he knew it, Beck had crossed the bridge over the vorago.</i>
<b>vituperative</b> adj / (.)vī'tüpə.rādīv / L containing or characterized by wordy abuse. <i>Josh's dad gave him a vituperative lecture after the accident.</i>	<b>vociferate</b> <b>vociferous</b> adj / vō'sif(ə)rəs / L marked by or given to ready vehement insistent outcry. <i>A vociferous couple in the back row ruined our evening at the poetry reading.</i>	<b>vorlage</b> n / fōrlägə / G the position of a skier leaning forward from the ankles usually without lifting the heels from the skis. <i>The object of the vorlage is to keep the body of the skier perpendicular to the slope.</i>
	<b>vogue</b>	<b>vorspiel</b>
	<b>volante</b>	

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<b>vortex</b>	<b>vulture</b>	<b>wallaby</b>
n / 'vôr.teks / L a rapidly spinning current of water. <i>The toy sailboat got caught in the vortex and spun wildly as the bathtub drained.</i>	n / 'vôlchô(r) / L > E any of various large raptorial birds related to the hawks, eagles, and falcons but having weaker claws and a usually naked head and that subsist chiefly or entirely on the decaying flesh of dead animals. <i>The turkey vulture rarely gets credit for its help in removing unfortunate opossums and skunks from our roadways.</i>	n / 'wäl'bë / Australian name any of various small or medium-sized kangaroos. <i>The wallaby usually feeds in the safety of dusk or darkness.</i>
<b>vowel</b>		<b>wallet</b>
<b>voyage</b>		<b>walleyed</b>
n / 'vô(i)j / L > E an act or instance of traveling : excursion, tour. <i>Bill and Gail went on a sea voyage for their honeymoon.</i>		adj / 'wô.lid / E having very light gray or whitish eyes. <i>The Appaloosa foaled a walleyed filly last spring.</i>
<b>vulgar</b>	<b>waffle</b>	<b>wallop</b>
adj / 'vôlgô(r) / L lacking in cultivation, perception, or taste. <i>Harriet vowed that she would not visit Mr. Martin's wife if he married an ignorant vulgar woman.</i>	n / 'wäfôl / D a crisp cake made of pancake batter baked in a specialized appliance. <i>For breakfast, Mary ordered a waffle topped with blueberry compote.</i>	v / 'wäl'ôp / F gain a decisive victory over : beat by a wide margin : trounce. <i>Coach Garrett predicts that the Cougars will soundly wallop the Buccaneers.</i>
<b>vulnerable</b>	<b>waggish</b>	<b>waltz</b>
adj / 'vôlnô(rô)bôl / L capable of being wounded : defenseless against injury. <i>Maggie's sensitive nature made her vulnerable to cross remarks.</i>		n / 'wôlts / G a moderately fast dance in three-quarter time with a strong accent on the first beat of the measure and characterized by one step per beat. <i>When the band started playing a waltz, Marilyn hoped that someone would ask her to dance.</i>
<b>vulnerary</b>	<b>wagonload</b>	<b>wander</b>
adj / 'vôlnô.rerë / L promoting the healing of wounds : curative. <i>There was a section in the old medical book about vulnerary herbs.</i>		<b>wanderlust</b>
<b>vulpine</b>	<b>waif</b>	
	<b>wainscot</b>	
	n / 'wânskôt / D > E the lower three or four feet of an interior wall when finished differently from the remainder of the wall (as with wood panels, tile, or marble slabs). <i>Michelle chose a striped wallpaper for the wainscot in the dining room.</i>	
	<b>wainwright</b>	
	<b>waldmeister</b>	
	n / 'wôld.mîstô(r) / G + L > G a small European sweet-scented herb. <i>The Germans use waldmeister to flavor May wine.</i>	

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<b>wantonness</b>	<b>wasabi</b>	<b>wearisome</b>
n / 'wôntən(n)əs / E the quality or state of being without check or limitation. <i>The wantonness of comfort Georgetta experienced as a young child caused her to become a spoiled brat.</i>	n / 'wäsəbē / Jpn an Asiatic herb whose greenish root is grated and eaten with fish or other food. <i>In Japan, Pam had raw fish seasoned with wasabi, which tasted like horseradish.</i>	adj / 'wirēsəm / E tiresome, tedious. <i>Gondolph found hearing accounts of other people's dreams wearisome.</i>
<b>wapiti</b>	<b>washtrough</b>	<b>weasel</b>
n / 'wäpədē / Algonquian a North American deer similar to the European red deer but considerably larger. <i>The older male wapiti is often hunted for its antlers.</i>	<b>wasp</b> n / 'wäsp / E any of numerous winged hymenopterous insects that have well-developed wings and biting mouthparts, and a more or less formidable sting. <i>The well-known yellow jacket is a wasp with a hurtful sting.</i>	n / 'wēzəl / E any of various small slender active carnivorous mammals that are mostly reddish brown with white or yellowish underparts and in northern forms turn white in winter. <i>In the snow the white fur of the weasel camouflages it against attacks by hawks or owls.</i>
<b>warden</b>	<b>wastewehr</b>	<b>weather</b>
n / 'wôrdən / Gmc > F > E an official in charge of the operation of a prison. <i>The warden recommended that the disruptive prisoner be denied parole.</i>	n / 'wäst,wi(ə)r / L > F > E + E a notch in a levee or other barrier across a stream for the escape of superfluous water. <i>A wastewehr was constructed in the dam to prevent flooding along the banks of the stream.</i>	
<b>warehouse</b>	<b>wastrel</b>	<b>webelos</b>
<b>warison</b>		n / 'wēbəlōz / E acronym a Cub Scout of the fifth rank who is at least 10½ years old and is preparing for entrance into Boy Scouts. <i>Noah spent his second year as a webelos working on his fitness, geologist, and handyman activity badges.</i>
<b>warmonger</b>		
<b>warmth</b>		<b>weddellite</b>
<b>warrior</b>		<b>wedge</b>
n / 'wôryər / E a human engaged or experienced in warfare and especially in primitive warfare or the close combat typical of ancient or medieval times. <i>The warrior attended a council before battle in the morning.</i>	n / 'wāstrəl / L > F > E something rejected or discarded as useless or imperfect. <i>Hardly any item is wastrel to the ardent recycler.</i>	<b>weevil</b> n / 'wēvəl / E any of numerous snout beetles in which the head is elongated and usually curved downward to form a snout bearing the jaws at the tip. <i>The boll weevil is a serious pest to the cotton crop in North America.</i>
	<b>watercress</b>	
	n / 'wōdə(r).kres / E a white-flowered plant growing in water with leaves that are used in salads. <i>Jesse added some watercress and carrots to the tossed salad.</i>	
	<b>waxen</b>	

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<b>weigh</b> v / 'wā / E [has homonym: way] evaluate : ponder. <i>Mrs. Avery asked Sam to weigh the potential consequences of his decision.</i>	<b>wharfinger</b> n / '(h)wō(r)fənjə(r) / E a person or company operating a marine terminal with facilities for the berthing of ships and the loading, unloading, and storage of goods. <i>The wharfinger keeps a parrot in his office.</i>	<b>whilom</b> adj / 'hwīləm / E having been at an earlier time : former. <i>Mother frowned when Edgar said the food was probably too hot to eat, a whilom excuse for being late for lunch.</i>	
<b>weir</b> n / 'wi(ə)r / E [has homonyms: weir, we're] a fence or enclosure set in a stream to catch fish. <i>Bored by fishing, the boys set up a weir and went off to play basketball.</i>	<b>wheedle</b> v / 'hwēd'l / unknown get or take something from by using soft words or flattery. <i>Ginger's attempt to wheedle ten dollars out of her father was unsuccessful.</i>	<b>whimper</b> v / 'hwimpə(r) / imit make a low whining plaintive or broken sound. <i>Laura's dog starts to whimper whenever he wants to be fed.</i>	
<b>weird</b> adj / 'wi(ə)rd / E [has homonym: weirded] curious in nature or appearance : of strange or extraordinary character. <i>Most episodes of The X-Files begin with a weird or puzzling event.</i>	<b>wheelbarrow</b>	<b>whimsical</b> adj / 'hwimzəkəl / unknown resulting from or determined by sudden unpredictable impulses. <i>Ichabod became the object of whimsical persecution to Brom and his gang of rough riders.</i>	
<b>welfare</b>	<b>wheelwright</b> n / '(h)wēl.rīt / E a person whose occupation is to make or repair circular frames of metal, wood, or other hard material. <i>In the days of the horse and buggy, the wheelwright had an essential job to do.</i>	<b>whimsicality</b>	
<b>welfarism</b> n / 'wel.fa(a).rizəm / E + Ecf the complex of policies, attitudes, and beliefs associated with a welfare state. <i>Free health care was touted as one of the benefits of welfarism.</i>	<b>whelk</b>	<b>whininess</b> n / 'hwīnēnəs / E the quality or state of complaining or lamenting with or as if with a prolonged high-pitched sound. <i>Allen's habitual whininess when asked to do something he didn't like annoyed both his teacher and his classmates.</i>	
<b>welkin</b> n / 'welkən / E the celestial regions as the abode of God or the gods : the heavens. <i>The hymn that begins "Hark! The herald angels sing" was originally written as "Hark how all the welkin rings."</i>	<b>whelp</b> n / 'hwelp / E one of the young of various carnivorous mammals. <i>Wendy was delighted when the eyes of the cocker spaniel whelp finally opened.</i>	<b>whinyard</b>	
<b>wellaway</b>	<b>wherewithal</b> n / '(h)we(ə)rwə <th>hōl / E + E + E financial resources : money. <i>Everyone was surprised that Jake had the wherewithal to buy a sailboat.</i></th>	hōl / E + E + E financial resources : money. <i>Everyone was surprised that Jake had the wherewithal to buy a sailboat.</i>	<b>whippersnapper</b>
<b>welterweight</b>	<b>wherry</b>	<b>whippet</b>	
<b>wharf</b>	<b>whetstone</b>		

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<b>whippoorwill</b>	<b>whistleable</b>	<b>wickiup</b>
n / 'hwi <p>po(r).wil /</p> imit a nocturnal bird of the eastern United States and Canada that is seldom seen although its call is often heard at nightfall or just before dawn. <i>At camp Nick recorded the call of a whippoorwill.</i>	adj / 'hwisələbəl / E + Ecf capable of being whistled. <i>Rufus could botch up even the most whistleable tune.</i>	n / 'wikē.əp / Sac, Fox, & Kickapoo a hut used by Native Americans that is typically elliptical in form and has a rough frame covered by reed mats or grass. <i>As they constructed the wickiup, the campers were careful to leave a hole in the top for campfire smoke to escape.</i>
<b>whirligig</b>	<b>whodunit</b>	<b>widget</b>
n / 'hwərləgig / E a child's toy having a whirling or spinning motion. <i>Sandy bought a whirligig at the dime store.</i>	n / hü'dənət / E a detective story or a mystery story presented as a novel, a play, or a motion picture. <i>The whodunit proved to be the most popular play at the summer theater.</i>	n / 'wijət / E an unnamed article considered for purposes of hypothetical example as the typical product of a company. <i>On Trudy's graph, each star represents one widget.</i>
<b>whirlwind</b>	<b>wholesale</b>	<b>width</b>
n / 'hwərlwind / Scand > E + E a small rotating windstorm of limited extent. <i>A whirlwind is sometimes called a "dust devil."</i>	adv / 'hōlsāl / E in a manner of, relating to, or engaged in the sale of goods or commodities in quantity for resale. <i>Juliana purchased several store fixtures wholesale.</i>	
<b>whisk</b>	<b>wholesome</b>	<b>wince</b>
n / 'hwisk / Scand > E a small usually wire kitchen implement used for hand beating of food (as eggs, cream, or potatoes). <i>Rose used a whisk to beat the egg whites into a stiff froth.</i>	adj / 'hōlsəm / E promoting health of body : health-giving. <i>Ellie sometimes ate junk food rather than the wholesome lunch her mother had made for her.</i>	
<b>whisperer</b>	<b>whorlywort</b>	<b>winsome</b>
n / 'hwispərə(r) / E one that speaks softly with the aim of preserving secrecy. <i>Reverend Loomis scanned the congregation in vain, searching for the whisperer.</i>	n / 'hwō(ə)rle.wərt / E a tall perennial herb—called also “Culver’s root.” <i>Darnell bought a hand-colored engraving of a whorlywort at the auction.</i>	adj / 'win(t)səm / E pleasant because of cheer, childlike nature, and open candor. <i>The little tyke's winsome smile won him many friends.</i>
<b>whist</b>	<b>whortleberry</b>	<b>wintriness</b>
n / 'hwist / imit E a four-player card game from which bridge evolved. <i>In learning to play whist, Carole found it helpful to make a chart of its similarities to bridge.</i>	n / 'hwərt'lberē / E a sweet edible European blueberry. <i>The unripe whortleberry was too sour for Vernon to eat.</i>	
		<b>wirrah</b>
		<b>wiseacre</b>
		<b>wisent</b>
		n / 'vē.zənt / G a European bison. <i>The advance of European civilization drove the wisent to the brink of extinction; it survived mainly by breeding in zoos.</i>

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### withernam

n  
/ 'withə(r).näm /

E > F > E  
the action of taking by way of reprisal : a second or reciprocal distress of other goods in lieu of goods taken by a first distress.  
*Jeff discouraged Larry from going through with the planned withernam by saying "Two wrongs don't make a right."*

### witloof

n  
/ 'wit.löf /

D  
chicory; also : its crown of foliage as a salad green.  
*Emily decided to vary her salad by using witloof instead of lettuce.*

### witticism

n  
/ 'widə.sizəm /

E  
a clever or amusing expression.  
*The careful use of a witticism in Kevin's speech helped hold the attention of his listeners.*

### wizardry

n  
/ 'wizə(r)drē /

E  
magic skill : sorcery, witchcraft.  
*Merlin practiced his wizardry at the court of King Arthur.*

### wizen

### wobbulator

n  
/ 'wäbyə.lädə(r) /

G + Ecf  
a testing device for radio sets in which the frequency is varied periodically and automatically over a predetermined range.  
*The primary function of a wobbulator is broadcast receiver testing.*

### woebegone

adj  
/ 'wōbē.gōn /  
E  
exhibiting a condition of suffering, sorrow, or misery.  
*The teacher looked up at 20 woebegone faces staring at the essay question.*

### woebegoneness

### wok

n  
/ 'wák /

Chin  
[has near homonym: walk] a bowl-shaped cooking utensil used especially in the preparation of Chinese food.  
*Lydia received an electric wok as a housewarming gift.*

### wolveboon

### womp

### wondrous

### worrisome

### wraith

n  
/ 'räth /

unknown  
an apparition of the exact likeness of a living person seen usually just before that person's death.  
*The wraith of a person shortly to die is a firm article in the creed of Scottish superstition.*

### wrangler

### wrasse

### wreak

### wreath

n  
/ 'rēth /

E  
a coronet, band, or fillet of intertwined flowers or leaves worn or bestowed as a mark of honor or victory or symbol of esteem.  
*The figure on the vase wearing a laurel wreath is identified as Apollo.*

### wreckage

n  
/ 'rekij /  
Scand > AF > E  
something that has been reduced to a ruinous state by violence : the remains of a wreck.  
*Cleaning up the wreckage from the tornado would take money as well as time.*

### wren

### wrestle

v  
/ 'resəl /

E  
[has near homonym: rustle] contend by grappling with and striving to trip or throw down an opponent.  
*Inspired by the championship match they saw on television, Bobby and Alan began to wrestle on the living room floor.*

### wretched

adj  
/ 'rechēd /

E  
squalid, dismal, foul.  
*After the flood, the whole neighborhood looked wretched.*

### wriggle

v  
/ 'rigəl /

G? > E  
move the body or a bodily part to and fro with short writhing motions like a worm.  
*Zakia was startled when she saw a snake wriggle through the tall grass.*

### writhe

v  
/ 'rīth /

E  
move or proceed with twists and turns.  
*Silently, we watched a seven-foot boa constrictor writhe through the trees.*

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<b>wunderkind</b>	<b>xerocolous</b>	<b>xylophone</b>
n / 'vündə(r).kint / G a child prodigy : one who succeeds in a competitive or highly difficult field or profession at an early age. <i>Mozart, a famous wunderkind, wrote complicated sonatas at the age of five.</i>	adj / zə'rækələs / Gk > L + L + Ecf thriving in a relatively dry environment. <i>The xerocolous plants of the desert generally have roots that penetrate deeply into the soil to obtain moisture.</i>	n / 'ziləfōn / Gk + Gk a musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars graduated in length and sounded by striking with two small wooden hammers. <i>Many African musical instruments are variations of the xylophone.</i>
<b>xanthic</b>	<b>xerosis</b>	<b>xylophonist</b>
adj / 'zan(t)thik / Gk of a flower : colored with some tint of yellow. <i>The forsythia rivals the daffodil for being the loveliest xanthic bloom in Cynthia's garden.</i>	n / zə'rōsəs / Gk abnormal dryness of the skin. <i>Xerosis can be an indication of an underlying health problem.</i>	<b>xylotomy</b>
<b>xanthism</b>	<b>xerostomia</b>	<b>xystus</b>
<b>xanthoma</b>	n / zan'thōmə / Gk a condition that is marked by the development (as on the eyelids, neck, or back) of irregular yellow patches or nodules. <i>High cholesterol or triglyceride levels can be factors in causing xanthoma.</i>	n / zirə'stōmēə / Gk abnormal dryness of the mouth due to insufficient secretions. <i>Xerostomia was one of the drug's side effects.</i>
<b>xenocentric</b>	<b>xylem</b>	<b>yacht</b>
<b>xenogamy</b>	n / zə'nägəmē / Gk fertilization by cross-pollination; especially : cross-pollination between flowers on different plants. <i>Xenogamy may occur by wind or by bees carrying pollen from plant to plant while feeding on nectar.</i>	n / 'yätsmən / G > D + E [Note: Plural form is pronounced identically.] a person who owns or sails a boat used for pleasure, as for racing or cruising. <i>Mike fancied himself a true yachtsman after one week at sea.</i>
<b>xenophobia</b>	<b>xyloglyphy</b>	<b>yammer</b>
	<b>xylograph</b>	<b>yannigan</b>
	n / 'zilə.graf / Gk an engraving on wood. <i>A Chinese xylograph of a bull decorated the restaurant wall.</i>	<b>Yarborough</b>
	<b>xylography</b>	n / 'yär(.)bərə / E name a hand in bridge or whist containing no card higher than a nine. <i>Gene was not sure how to signal to his bridge partner that he held a Yarborough.</i>
	<b>xylophagous</b>	<b>yardage</b>
	<b>xylophilous</b>	<b>yarrow</b>
		<b>yawl</b>
		<b>yearn</b>

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<b>yeast</b> n / 'yēst / E a substance used in baking and the fermentation of alcoholic beverages : leaven. <i>The sourdough bread recipe called for two packages of yeast.</i>	<b>yoga</b> n / 'yōgə / Skt union of the individual self with the universal spirit. <i>The teacher explained that through years of mental and physical exercise, she had been able to attain a complete yoga.</i>	<b>zaibatsu</b> n pl / zī'bät(,)sü / Jpn the powerful financial and industrial conglomerates of Japan. <i>Keiko intended that her electronics company become one of the zaibatsu.</i>
<b>yeasty</b>	<b>yokel</b>	<b>zapateado</b>
<b>yenta</b> n / 'yentə / Yiddish one that meddles. <i>Evelyn's children laughingly refer to her as a yenta when she tries to set them up on blind dates.</i>	n / 'yōkəl / imit E an unpolished, naïve, or gullible inhabitant of a rural area or of a small town. <i>The pool hustler disguised himself as a yokel to lure unsuspecting victims.</i>	n / zäpäteä(,)dō / Sp a rhythmic stamping or tapping step characteristic of Spanish dancing. <i>Juliana needs practice in zapateado before she can take advanced flamenco classes.</i>
<b>yeoman</b>	<b>yore</b>	<b>zeal</b>
<b>yeomanry</b> n / 'yōmənrē / E the whole body of small farmers who cultivate their own land; specifically : the body of small landed proprietors of the middle class. <i>Among the legal privileges of the yeomanry was the right to serve as a juror.</i>	n / 'yōrə / E [has homonym: your] time past and especially long since past. <i>Adam's favorite books contain stories about knights of yore.</i>	n / 'zēl / Gk > L > E impassioned eagerness. <i>Russell entered into his new job with great zeal.</i>
<b>yewberry</b>	<b>youngster</b>	<b>zealot</b>
<b>yield</b> v / 'yēld / E agree to accept or comply with something : exhibit willingness rather than opposition. <i>Sarah looks forward to the day when she will not have to yield to her parents' wishes.</i>	<b>youthfully</b>	<b>zealous</b>
<b>ytterbium</b>	<b>yowl</b>	<b>zebra</b>
<b>yttrium</b> n / 'itrēəm / Sw geog name a trivalent metallic element usually included among the rare-earth metals. <i>Yttrium is one of the elements used in making lasers.</i>	<b>zeitgeber</b> n / tsītgābər / G an environmental agent or event that provides the stimulus for setting or resetting the biological clock of an organism. <i>Frederick used a zeitgeber consisting of his bedroom lamp hooked to a timer prior to his trip and was able to avoid severe jetlag.</i>	
<b>yule</b>	<b>zule</b>	<b>zenith</b>
<b>yuletide</b>	<b>zaguan</b>	n / 'zēnōth / Ar > Sp > L > F > E the point of culmination : peak, summit. <i>Winning the Faculty Award was the zenith of Stephanie's college career.</i>

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<b>zephyr</b> n / 'zeф(r) / Gk a soft warm breeze from the west. <i>The gentle zephyr was not sufficient to keep Renee's kite airborne.</i>	<b>zodiacal</b> adj / зо'diækəl / Gk of, relating to, or within the zodiac. <i>Jessica has a pendant in the shape of Pisces, her zodiacal symbol.</i>	<b>zwieback</b> n / 'swē.bak / G a usually sweetened bread enriched with eggs that is first prepared and baked and then sliced and toasted until dry and crisp. <i>Liza placed a slice of zwieback on the baby's tray.</i>
<b>zeppelin</b> n / 'zep(ə)lēn / G name a rigid airship. <i>Olga's dream was to ride in a zeppelin one day.</i>	<b>zoning</b>	<b>zygosis</b>
<b>zeugma</b> n / 'zügmə / Gk the use of a word in the same construction with two adjacent words in the context with only one of which it is appropriate in sense. <i>The statement "John upset the table and his mother" is, one would hope, a zeugma.</i>	<b>zoological</b>	<b>zymology</b>
<b>zigzaggedness</b> n / zig'zagədnəs / G? > F + Ecff the quality or state of having short sharp turns or angles. <i>An aerial photograph revealed the zigzaggedness of the mountain road.</i>	<b>zoophilist</b> n / зо'äfəlëst / Gk + Gk + Ecf a lover of animals; especially : a person concerned with the rights of lower animals and their protection from abuse. <i>The noted zoophilist explained how deforestation is endangering several species of mammals and birds.</i>	
<b>zircon</b> n / 'zərkän / It > F > G a mineral occurring in brown or grayish square prisms or sometimes in transparent forms which are used as gems. <i>The zircon in Wendy's ring looks very much like a diamond.</i>	<b>zootechny</b>	
<b>zoanthropy</b>	<b>zucchetto</b> n / zü'ked(.)ō / L > It a small round skullcap worn by Roman Catholic ecclesiastics in colors that vary according to the rank of the wearer. <i>In public appearances, the pope usually wears a white cassock and zucchetto.</i>	
<b>zodiac</b>	<b>zucchini</b> n / zü'kēnē / It a slender green summer squash. <i>Tim picked a large zucchini from his garden.</i>	
	<b b="" zugzwang<=""> n / 'tsük.tsfāŋ / G the necessity of moving in chess when it is to one's disadvantage. <i>Valerie forced the grandmaster into zugzwang.</i></b>	