skirmish
n
'/skərmɪʃ/
F > E
a minor dispute or contest between opposing parties.
Winston hopes that his skirmish with the neighbors over his dog does not foreshadow a lengthy feud.

skirret
n
'/skɪrɛt/
Ar? > F > E
an Asiatic herb cultivated in Europe for its sweet edible tuberous roots.
After foraging for an hour, Yang happened on a skirret, the roots of which he would boil and eat.

skittish

skoal

skookum
adj
'/skʊkəm/
Chinook marked by excellent quality: first-rate.
Liz felt sure that the pail of blueberries would make a skookum pie.

slalom
n
'/slələm/
Norw skiing in a zigzag or wavy course between upright obstacles.
Tully did the slalom down the mountainside.

slanderous

slantindicular
adj
'/slæntɪndɪkjʊlər(r)/
E + L > F > E somewhat oblique.
The main staircase of the new library rises at a slantindicular angle to the facade.

slapstick
n
'/slæpstɪk/
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.
The Three Stooges were famous for their slapstick.

sleazily

sledgehammer

sleuth
v
'/slɛθ/
ON > E act as a detective or investigator: search for information or facts. There are several game programs that teach children how to sleuth out facts and figures on the Internet.

slobberhannes

sloganeer
n
'/slɒgənɪr/
Gaelic a coiner or user of brief striking phrases in advertising or promotion.
Without the sloganeer, most commercials would probably be deadly dull.

slovenly
adj
'/sləvənlə/
G or Flemish negligent of neatness and order especially in dress or person.
He that is born under Capricorn shall incline to the slovenly.

sluice
n
'/sluːs/
L > F > E a body of water pent up behind a floodgate.
Ellen crossed the sluice in a canoe.

slumgullion
n
'/sləmˈɡʌlɪən/
unknown + (L > F > E)? a meat stew.
The sailors protested when they were served yet another meal of slumgullion.

smectic

smoggy
adj
'/smɑːɡi /
(E + Scand?) > E characterized by or abounding in a fog made heavier and darker by smoke and chemical fumes.
The smoggy atmosphere of Los Angeles aggravated Frank’s allergies.

smorgasbord
n
'/smɔɹɡəʊsˈbɔːrd/
Sw a luncheon or supper buffet offering a variety of foods and dishes.
Nita’s smorgasbord included turkey and smoked salmon.

snagrel
n
'/snæɡrɛl/
unknown an herb of the genus Aristolochia of the eastern United States. Snagrel is also called Virginia snakeroot.

snood
n
'/snʊd/
E a net or fabric bag for confining a woman’s hair pinned or tied on at the back of the head.
Kathryn auditioned for a part in the Noel Coward play wearing a tealegth gown and snood from the 1930s.
soavemente
adv
/ sō'āvĕ'mentē / 
L > It
with sweetness or smoothness—in a
gentle manner—used as a direction
in music.
The serenade was played
soavemente by the strings.

sociable
adj
/ 'sōshəbəl / 
L
enjoying companionship.
The dolphin is one of the most
sociable creatures known to man.

sodality

sojourner
n
/ 'sōjərnə(r) / 
F > E
one that stays as a temporary
resident.
Even though he had lived there for
five years, Russell knew he was
regarded as a sojourner by the
neighbors.

solace
v
/ 'sēləs / 
L
[has near homonym: solus] console.
When Janie learned she had failed
her swimming exam, she decided to
solace herself by going out to a
movie.

solatium
n
/ sō'lāshēəm / 
L
something that alleviates or
compensates for suffering or loss;
especially: an additional allowance
(as for injured feelings).
The government offered a solatium
to the families of those killed in the
terrorist bombing.

soldier
v
/ 'sādə(r) / 
L > F > E
[has homonym: sodder] unite or
make whole by means of a melted
metallic alloy.
Jennifer's science class learned
how to solder wires so they could
experiment with electrical circuits.

soliloquy
n
/ sə'li'ləkwē / 
L
da discourse made by one in solitude
to oneself.
At the talent contest Angelo stepped
into the spotlight and recited
Hamlet's famous soliloquy "To be
or not to be, . . ."

solipsism
n
/ sə'lipsizəm / 
L
extreme indulgence of and concern
with the self at the expense of
social relationships especially as
expressed in a failure of artistic
communication.
Critics accused the popular actor
of solipsism.

solitaire
n
/ sə'li:tər / 
L
a card game designed for one
person to play alone.
Shelley often relaxes by playing
solitaire after everyone else has
gone to bed.

solerraneous
adj
/ sō'lərənēəs / 
L
of or relating to Earth and the Sun.
Scientists attribute the recent
drought to solerraneous causes.

solivagant
adj
/ sō'livəgənt / 
L
marked by solitary wandering.
During his first semester in college,
Gerry took frequent solivagant
walks around the campus.

solleret
n
/ sōlə'ret / 
L > F
a flexible steel shoe forming part of
a medieval suit of armor.
The curator explained that the
cumberstone solleret had to be
removed to allow the knight to fight
on foot.
solmization

solon
n
/ˈsɒlən/
Gk name
a wise and skillful lawgiver or statesman.
Judge Kantz is revered throughout the county as a solon.

solstice
n
/ˈsɔlzstɪs/
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.
The North Pole is tilted directly toward the Sun at the summer solstice.

solstitial
adj
/ˈsɔlzˈtɪʃəl/
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.
Ancient myths about the eternal battle between light and dark are tied to equinoctial and solstitial moments in the year.

solvolysis

sombrero
n
/ˈsombrərəʊ/
Sp
a high-crowned hat of felt or straw with a very wide brim worn especially in the Southwest and in Mexico.
Maria was dressed quite expensively, with leather boots covering her legs and a dark sombrero poised levelly on her head.

somnambulant
adj
/ˈsəʊmənˈbæmlənt/
L + L
walking or addicted to walking while asleep.
Sheila could remember nothing of her somnambulant activities when she was told of them the next morning.

somniloquist

somnolence

sonorous
adj
/ˈsɔnərəs/
L
characterized by full or loud sound often with clear or rich tone, marked volume, or easy audibility.
Alex’s sonorous voice made him the clear choice to perform the reading.

soothsaying

sophisticate
v
/ˈsɒfɪstəkət/
Gk > L
alter deceptively: adulterate.
Lanny feared that someone would sophisticate the survey results.

sophistry
n
/ˈsɒfɪstri/
Gk > F
reasoning that is superficially plausible but actually fallacious.
Larry’s masterful but irresponsible sophistry easily convinced naïve listeners.

Sophoclean
adj
/ˌsɒfəˈklēən/
Gk name
of, relating to, or characteristic of the Athenian tragic poet Sophocles or his dramas.
Finding a new Sophoclean fragment in the museum’s papyri was Gunther’s claim to fame.

soporific
adj
/ˌsɒpəˈrɪfɪk/
L > F
causing or tending to cause sleep.
The students valiantly attempted to fight off the soporific effects of the lecture.

sorbet
n
/ˈsɔrbɛt/
Turkish > It > F
[Note: Could be confused with sherbet.] a frozen dessert made with a mixture of fruits.
Wylie ate sorbet between courses to cleanse his palate.

sorcerer
n
/ˈsɔrərər/
L > F
magician.
Traveling alone in the dark, the sorcerer saw no harm in conjuring up a lamp for his convenience.

sorcery

sorghum
n
/ˈsɔrgəm/
L? > It
syrup produced by evaporating the juice from stems of certain tropical grasses.
Rachel likes sorghum on her oatmeal.
sorrel
n
/sørəl/
Gmc > F > E
[has homonyms: saurel, soral, sorel] a light bright chestnut horse often with white mane and tail.
Ken promised to take good care of the sorrel his dad had bought for him.

sortie

sortileger
n
/só(r)dˈliːjə(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.
The sortileger predicted a radical change in Frank’s lifestyle.

soubise
n
/suˈbɛz/
F geog name
a white or brown sauce containing onions or onion puree.
_A sauceboat of soubise accompanied the roast._

soubresaut
n
/suˈbrəsɔ̃/ 
L > F
a ballet jump from and a landing on both feet in closed position.
_Keith demonstrated his lack of ballet prowess with an awkward soubresaut._

soubrette

sourdough

sousaphone
n
/sūzəˈfɑːn/
Amer name + Gk > E
a large circular tuba having a flaring adjustable bell.
The band director was looking for someone who could play the sousaphone.

souterrain

southpaw
n
/saʊθˈpɔʊ/ 
E + F > E
left-hander; specifically : a left-handed baseball pitcher.
_Some fans think Babe Ruth was the best southpaw ever to play major league baseball._

souvenir
n
/suˌvəˈnɪr/
L > F
something that serves as a reminder: memento, remembrance.
_Moira kept a seashell as a souvenir of her trip to the ocean._

spacious

spacistor
n
/spəˈsista(r)/
L
a high-frequency semiconductor amplifying device.
The spacistor has replaced the transistor because of its greater ability to amplify electrical energy.

spaghetti
n
/spəˈɡɛdɛ/ 
It
a pasta made in solid strings of small diameter but larger than vermicelli.
The specialty of the restaurant was spaghetti with meat sauce.

spandex

spangle
n
/spæ(ə)ˈʃələ/ 
L
a small object that brightly reflects light.
The packrat ran out into the road to pick up the glittering spangle.

spatula

spatula
n
/sˈpætələ/
L
a flat thin flexible dull-edged usually metal implement used especially for spreading or mixing soft substances, scooping, or lifting.
_With batter on his face and a spatula in his fist, Casey smiled for his mom and her camera._

species
n pl
/spˈiːs(ə)z/ 
L
a category of biological classification ranking immediately below a genus or subgenus.
The housefly belongs to the genus Musca and the species domestica.

speciesism
n
/spˈiːs(ə)ˈsizəm/ 
L + EcF
prejudice or discrimination based on species; especially: discrimination against animals.
_Some animal rights activists go so far as to claim that swatting a fly is an act of speciesism._

specimen
n
/spˈiːsmən/
L
a particular single item, part, aspect, or incident that is typical and indicative of the nature, character, or quality of others in the same class or group.
_At the museum Ken and Allison saw an excellent specimen of a moon rock._

spatiotemporal
adj
/spəˈtiːtəmp(ə)rəl/
L
having the quality of something that is at once extended and enduring.
The philosopher pointed out that two things cannot coexist in one spatiotemporal point.

spatterdock
specious
adj
/ˈspɛʃəs/
L
superficially fair, just, or correct, but not so in reality. Only after the candidate was elected was the actual truth of her specious claims exposed.

spectral
adj
/ˈspektrəl/
L
of, like, or relating to a disembodied spirit, apparition, or ghost. Galloping toward him was a spectral rider on horseback.

spectrum
n
/ˈspektrəm/
L
a series of images formed when a beam of light is subjected to dispersion. The specialty store carried a spectrum of ties to suit any man’s taste.

speleologist
n
/ˈspɛləˈɔləjəst/
Gk > L > ISV
a specialist in the scientific study or systematic exploration of caves. Dale’s work as a speleologist takes him to spectacular natural features around the world.

speleothem
n
/ˈspɛləˌθɛm/
Gk > L > ISV + Gk
a cave deposit or formation. Receding waters have left a speleothem of carbonate on the cavern floor.

spelunking
n
/ˈspɛləŋkəŋ/
E
the hobby or practice of exploring caves. Spelunking is a popular activity in eastern Kentucky.

sphegnum
n
/ˈsfægnəm/
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. A large patch of sphagnum grew in the bog by the police station.

spherical
adj
/ˈsfɪrəklə/
Gk > L + Ecfc like a sphere : globular. Linda suspected that the spherical rock she found was a geode.

spheterize
v
/ˈsfɛdəˌriz/
Gk
take for one’s own : appropriate. The invading army proceeded to spheterize the villagers’ private property.

sphinx
n
/ˈsfɪn(k)s/
Gk > L
a monster in Greek mythology having typically a lion’s body, wings, and the head and bust of a woman. 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.

spiracle
n
/ˈspiərəklə/
L
one of the breathing pores found on the thorax and abdomen of an insect. The muscular valve of a spiracle opens only to allow the uptake of oxygen and the escape of carbon dioxide.

spoliation
**spondylitis**
*n*  
/ spändəˈlidəs /  
Gk > L  
inflammation of the vertebrae.  
*Jewel*'s back pain was caused by *spondylitis.*

**spongicolous**

**sponson**

**spontaneity**
*n*  
/ spəntəˈnēədē /  
L  
the quality or state of being unconstrained or impulsive.  
*Brian has always liked to stick to a schedule, but lately he has shown more spontaneity than usual.*

**spontaneous**
*adj*  
/ spəntəˈnēəs /  
L  
proceeding from natural feeling or native tendency without external constraint.  
*His employee’s spontaneous obedience made Tim’s job pleasant.*

**spoonerism**
*n*  
/ˈspüənərizəm /  
E name  
a transposition of usually initial sounds of two or more words that generally creates a comic effect.  
*Vivian was afraid that she would utter a spoonerism in her recitation.*

**sporadically**

**sporogenous**
*adj*  
/ˈspɔrədʒənəs /  
Gk > L  
producing or adapted to the production of minute unicellular reproductive bodies.  
*The botany class studied the development of the fern’s sporogenous tissue.*

**sporran**
*n*  
/ˈspærən/  
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.  
*Angus picked up a quarter and put it in his sporran.*

**springerle**
*n*  
/ˌspriːnˈərlə/  
G  
a thick hard cookie usually flavored with anise and impressed with a relief design and traditionally eaten at Christmas in German-speaking countries.  
*Klaus broke his tooth on a stale springerle.*

**spur**

**spurious**

**squadron**

**squalid**
*adj*  
/ˈskwælɪd/  
L  
marked by filthiness and degradation usually from neglect.  
*The squalid tenement building was condemned and scheduled for demolition.*

**squaliform**
*adj*  
/ˌskwɔːlɪˈfɔːrm/  
L > E  
resembling a shark or dogfish in form.  
*While scuba diving, Mike encountered a group of curious squaliform fish.*

**squeamish**
*adj*  
/ˈskweɪmɪʃ/  
AF > E  
inclined to become nauseated : queasy.  
*Pat is squeamish when it comes to rides at the fair.*

**squelch**
*vi*  
/ˈskweltʃ/  
imit  
move with water or mud in one’s shoes and produce a sucking or splashing sound.  
*After playing in mud puddles all the way home, Frances tried to squelch quietly to her room without getting caught by her mother.*

**squirrel**
*n*  
/ˈskwɔːrl/  
Gk > L > F > E  
any of various widely distributed small to medium-sized rodents that have a bushy tail and long strong hind limbs.  
*On the trunk of the tree, a brown squirrel was clinging and watching the boy below.*

**stabilimeter**

**stable**

**staccato**
*adj*  
/ˈstækətəʊ/  
F > It  
marked by short clear-cut playing or singing of tones or chords.  
*Marcia’s piano teacher told her to practice the etude’s staccato passage several minutes each day.*

**stagnant**
*adj*  
/ˈstægnənt/  
L  
having undergone physical changes while standing; especially : impaired in flavor, odor, or texture by such changes.  
*Josh stood still in disbelief after Kevin pushed him into the stagnant water of the ditch.*

**stalactite**
*n*  
/ˈstælaktaɪt/  
Gk  
a deposit of calcium carbonate resembling an icicle hanging from the roof or sides of a cavern.  
*It takes hundreds of years for a stalactite to form.*
stalagmite
n
/staˈlæg.mɪt/
Gk
a deposit of crystalline calcium carbonate more or less like an inverted stalactite formed on the floor of a cave.
A gigantic stalagmite blocked the spelunker’s path.

stalwart
adj
/ˈstɔlwa(r)ət/ E
brave, valiant, resolute.
The new musical comedy is based on the story of Robin Hood and his stalwart companions.

stamina
n
/ˈstæmənə/
L
strength or courage of conviction: staying power.
The elderly senator doubted that he had the stamina to last through another election campaign.

stannous
adj
/ˈstænəs/
L
of, relating to, or containing tin—used especially of compounds in which this element is bivalent.
In geology class Syadi was surprised to learn that cassiterite, the principal ore of tin, is not considered stannous.

stanzical
adj
/ˈstanzəkəl/
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.
Kerri prefers poetry with a more stanzical form.

stationery
n
/ˈstæʃə.nerē/ L > F > E
[has homonym: stationary]
materials (as paper, pens, pencils, ink, blankbooks, ledgers, and cards) for writing or typing.
Claudia complained that just before the beginning of every school year the office stationery began to disappear.

statistician
n
/ˌstætɪˈstɪʃən/
L > G
one versed in or engaged in compiling masses of numerical data.
Jamie’s career as a statistician began with following baseball scores.

statistics
n pl
/stəˈtɪstɪks/
L
a science dealing with the collection, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of masses of numerical data.
Our state has lost some of its voting clout because of statistics reported by the U.S. Census Bureau.

statuesque
adj
/ˈstɑtʃəˈwesk/ L > F > E + F > Ecf
having a massive dignity or impressiveness: majestic.
A statuesque sculpture stood in the town square.

steadily

stearic

steatogenous

steeple

stegosaur
steinkern
n  /ˈstɛ̃k-nərn/  
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. 
For show-and-tell, Rose brought in a steinkern she had found at the beach.

stellar
adj  /ˈstel-ər/  
L  of, relating to, or derived from the stars. 
Rapid stellar rotation can modify the structure of a star’s atmosphere.

stenographer
n  /stəˈnäɡrəfər(r)/  
Gk + Gk  one who is employed chiefly to take and transcribe dictation. 
Sergeant Fitzpatrick called in a stenographer to record the suspect’s confession.

stentorophonic

steppe
n  /ˈstɛp/  
Russ  [has homonym: step] one of the vast tracts in southeastern Europe or Asia that are usually level and without forests. 
The tourists explored the steppe in search of exotic wildlife.

stereotype

sternutation
n  /ˈstɜrn-yə-ˈtishən/  
L  the act, fact, or noise of sneezing. 
Pat’s sternutation was so frequent and loud that his office mate asked to be transferred to another department.

stertorous
adj  /ˈstɛr-tər-əs/  
L  characterized by a harsh snoring or gasping sound. 
While asleep in his easy chair, Uncle Max would give a start every few minutes, briefly awakened by his own stertorous breathing.

stethoscope
n  /ˈstɛθ-əsköp/  
Gk > F  an instrument used for the detection and study of sounds within the body. 
Heard through a stethoscope, the rumbling of the stomach can sound like a storm at sea.

stevedore
n  /ˈstɛvə-də(ɔ)ər/  
L > Sp  one who works at or is responsible for the loading or unloading of a ship in port. 
The stevedore returned to the ship after dining at his favorite dockside restaurant.

stewardess
n  /ˈstɛr-ə-dəs/  
E  a woman who attends to the needs of passengers (as on an airplane, ship, or train). 
When addressed as stewardess, Emily requested that she be called a flight attendant.

sthenic
adj  /ˈsten-ik/  
Gk  marked by excessive vitality or nervous energy. 
Fido’s sthenic symptoms finally subsided.

stifle
v  /ˈstif-əl/  
F > E  kill by smothering; asphyxiate. 
Smoke can stifle a person in a short period of time.

stimulus

stipend
n  /ˈstɪp-ənd/  
L  a fixed sum of money typically modest in amount that is paid periodically in compensation for services. 
The university gave Professor Barrett a stipend for his lecture series.

stirrup

stochastic
adj  /stəˈkæstɪk/  
Gk  lacking or seeming to lack a regular plan, purpose, or pattern. 
Vince programmed the computer to create a stochastic series of numbers.

stoically

stolkjaerre

stollen
n  /ˈstə-lən/  
G  [has homonym: stolen] a sweet yeast bread containing fruits and nuts, usually made in a long oval loaf. 
Henrietta found a recipe for stollen in her German cookbook.

strabisimus
n  /ˌstrəˈbɪz-əməs/  
Gk > L  inability of one eye to attain binocular vision with the other because of imbalance of the extrinsic eye muscles. 
Corrective surgery was performed to remedy Herman’s strabisimus.
straiten
v
/ˈstrātən/
L > F > E
[has homonym: straighten] cause to suffer or ebb by reason of insufficient funds: reduce (as oneself) to poverty.

With the generous university grant, Joanne’s family would not have to straiten itself to provide the education she desired.

strangulate
v
/ˈstrăngəlät/
L
compress the windpipe of until death results from stoppage of respiration.

Many nonvenomous snakes strangulate their prey.

stratagem
n
/ˈsträdʒəm/
Gk
a cleverly contrived trick or scheme for gaining an end.

Barb was disappointed that her mother saw through her stratagem for staying out past curfew.

strategist

strathspey
n
/ˈstrāthspē/
Scot geog name
a Scottish dance similar to but slower than the reel.

The highland fling is one example of a dance in the manner of the strathspey.

stratocirrus
n
/ˈstrătəsɪrəs/
L
a low dense fairly uniform cloud formation.

The meteorologist predicted a heavy cover of stratocirrus for the weekend.

strength

strephosymbolia
n
/ˈstre(ʒ)əsɪmbəlēə/
Gk
reversal or transposition of phrases, words, or letters or of any symbols especially in reading.

Because of his strephosymbolia, Ryan was diagnosed as having a learning disorder.

streptious
adj
/ˈstrepədəs/
L
characterized or accompanied by much noise.

The playoff game was a streptious event.

streptomycin
n
/ˈstreptəmɪsən/
Gk
an antibiotic organic base active against many bacteria and used especially in the treatment of infections (as tuberculosis) by gram-negative bacteria.

Streptomycin was the first drug to prove effective against tuberculosis.

streusel

streuselkuchen
n
/ˈstrœsəlkukən/
G
coffee cake that is baked with a topping of a crumbly mixture of butter, sugar, and flour and sometimes nuts and spices.

Mrs. Messer, our neighbor, always bakes her family a streuselkuchen for the holidays.

strident
adj
/ˈstridənt/
L
marked by insistent, discordant, harsh, shrill, or grating noise or sound.

Mary-Ellen’s fingernails produced a strident sound as she drew them across the blackboard.

strigil
n
/ˈstrigəl/
L
an instrument usually of metal or ivory used by the ancient Greeks and Romans for scraping the skin especially after athletic exercises.

Damocles appreciated receiving a strigil personalized with his initials.

stringent
adj
/ˈstrinjənt/
L
marked by rigor, strictness, or severity.

Stringent regulations have helped curb environmental pollution.

stroganoff
adj
/ˈstrōgənəf/
Russ name
sliced thin and cooked in a sauce of meat stock, sour cream, onion, and condiments.

Erica prepared beef stroganoff for the mayor’s visit.

strongylid

strophulus
n
/ˈstrəfələs/
Gk
a rash in infants popularly associated with teething distress.

The pediatrician prescribed an ointment for our baby’s strophulus.
strudel

n /ˈstrudəl/  
G  
a sheet of paper-thin dough rolled up with any of various fillings and baked.  
*The flight attendant served the coach passengers a light breakfast of coffee, juice, and strudel.*

strychnine

n /ˈstriknən/  
Gk  
a very poisonous bitter crystalline alkaloid obtained from various plants.  
*Strychnine is a popular poison in murder mystery novels.*

stubborn

studious

adj /ˈstydʒəs/  
L  
of, relating to, or concerned with the application of the mental faculties to the acquisition of knowledge.  
*Pam is the most studious pupil in Mr. Ramsey’s class.*

stultiloquence

n /ˈstʌltɪloʊkwən(ə)tʃ/  
L + L  
senseless or silly talk: babble.  
*Myra soon broke her vow never to resort to stultiloqu difference when communicating with her baby.*

stupefy

v /ˈstʃiːpəfɪ/  
L  
blunt or deaden the faculties of perception and understanding of.  
*Bright headlights will often stupefy a deer and cause it to stand motionless in the path of an oncoming vehicle.*

stupendous

adj /ˈstʌpədəs/  
L  
of amazing size or greatness.  
*The construction of Khufu’s pyramid was a stupendous accomplishment for the ancient Egyptians.*

sturgeon

stygian

adj /ˈstɪj(ə)n/  
Gk name characteristic of death.  
*A black robe, a papier-maché sickle, and some grayish makeup completed Sean’s stygian Halloween costume.*

stylebook

styptic

adj /ˈstɪptɪk/  
Gk  
tending to arrest bleeding.  
*Kenneth had to apply a styptic agent to his chin where he cut himself while shaving.*

suable

suasible

adj /ˈswəsəbəl/  
L  
capable of being induced into some mental position: easily brought to belief, certainty, or conviction.  
*When it comes to trying new foods, Ming is the least suasible member of her family.*

suavity

subaltern

adj /ˈsəbəlta(r)ən/  
L  
inferior in status or quality: subordinate.  
*Julia is disappointed with her subaltern role in the school play.*

subaqueous

adj /ˈsəbəkwəʊs/  
L  
being or found under water or beneath the surface of water.  
*Bartley rented a glass-bottomed boat to get a better look at the subaqueous fauna.*

subbasement

subboreal

adj /ˈsəbbrəˈrɔːl/  
L  
very cold: approaching the frigid.  
*Hope grew up in Florida and finds it very difficult to live in what she calls the “subboreal climate” of Minnesota.*

subfulgent

adj /ˈsəbfʊlʒənt/  
L  
moderately lustrous.  
*The silver platter in Mary’s antique shop was battered but still had a subfulgent gleam.*

subfuscous

subjugate

v /ˈsəbjʊdʒɪt/  
L  
bring under the yoke of power or dominion.  
*The love of acquisition and conquest are powers of destruction when used to subjugate one person to another.*

submersible

adj /ˈsəbˈmɜːrsəbəl/  
L + Ecf  
capable of functioning under water.  
The earliest designs for submersible vehicles date to antiquity.
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<td>v / 'səbər(ə)rən / L &gt; F induce (as a person) by underhanded means to do some improper or unlawful thing. The sting operation exposed Mr. Underwood’s attempts to suborn the city treasurer.</td>
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<td>adj / (ˌsəbˈsidēərē / L of secondary importance or prominence. Marge’s role was subsidiary, but her first-rate performance stole the show.</td>
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<td><strong>subsistence</strong></td>
<td>n / 'səbˈsɪstənt(ə)s / L a mode of obtaining the necessities of life: livelihood. Mr. Ellis preaches to his students that a good education goes far to ensure a respectable subsistence.</td>
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<td><strong>substitute</strong></td>
<td>n / 'səbstıˈtjuːt / L a person who takes the place of or acts for another. When Donald fouled out of the basketball game, the coach decided to send in a substitute who had been warming the bench for weeks.</td>
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<td>n / 'səbˈtərɡ (ə)ˈfiːj / L deception by trickery or stratagem to conceal, escape, avoid, or evade. George’s experience in subterfuge is mostly in cryptography.</td>
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<td>n / 'səkə(r)ən(t)əs / L &gt; F &gt; E dependence. Harold took measures to reduce his succorance on nasal decongestants.</td>
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<td>n / 'səkəˈtash / Algonquian a mixture of lima beans or shell beans and kernels of corn cooked together. Even though Thelma likes both corn and lima beans, she isn’t fond of succotash.</td>
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<td>v / 'səkəm / L yield and cease to resist or contend before a superior strength, overpowering appeal or desire, or inexorable force. Joanie found it impossible not to succumb to her drowsiness.</td>
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<td>n / 'sədəˈde(ə)rə / L &gt; Sp a broad piece (as of leather) attached to a stirrup strap to protect a rider’s leg from sweat. Before mounting his horse, the cowboy checked to see that each sudadero was properly attached.</td>
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n
/aˈwer(t)ə/ 
L > Sp 
a skilled movement or pass in a bullfight. 
_The crowd cheered as the matador demonstrated a dangerous suerte._

suffice
v
/səˈfɪs/ 
L 
be enough: meet or satisfy a need. 
_One teaspoonful of salt will suffice for the stew._

sufficiently
adv
/səˈfɪʃəntI/ 
L + Ec 
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
/səˈflæməˌnæt/ 
L 
obstruct, impede. 
_Because Tim said not having a computer would sufflaminate his progress, his parents relented and bought him one._

suffocate
v
/ˈsəfəˌkæt/ 
L 
die from being unable to breathe. 
_It was so hot and stuffy in the classroom that Mark thought he would suffocate._

suffrage
n
/ˈsəfrɪj/ 
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
/ˌsəfəˈrʊtɪsənt/ 
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
/ˌsəfəˈfyʊməˈɡæt/ 
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
/ˌsəfəˈfyʊz/ 
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
/ˌsʊkɪˈjɑːki/ 
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
/ˈsəlkəlI/ 
E 
in a moodyly silent manner. 
_When asked to explain why he had been fighting, Tim looked sulkily down at the floor._

sultanate
n
/ˈsələnət/ 
Ar > F 
a state or country governed by a sultan. 
_Arhat’s ancestors ruled a small sultanate on the Arabian Peninsula._

sultriness
n
/ˈsəltrənəs/ 
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
/ˈsom(p)ter/ 
L > F > E 
a saddlebag. 
_Grandpa’s sumpter is embossed with his initials._

sumptuous
adj
/ˈsom(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
/ˈsəpəˈræntəˌwədəd/ 
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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*The supercilious senior ignored the first-year student.* |
| **superficies** | adj | exceeding what is sufficient, necessary, normal, or desirable.  
*Alex’s teacher told him to eliminate superfluous words from his essay.* |
| **superintendent** | n | one who has the oversight and charge of a place, institution, department, organization, or operation with the power of direction.  
*Frustrated residents petitioned the superintendent to improve the building’s electrical service.* |
| **supernatural** | adj | attributable to or liable to be attributed to the action or presence of a ghost, spirit, or other invisible agent.  
*The book was filled with tales of supernatural occurrences.* |
| **supernumerary** | n | an actor employed to play a walk-on (as in a mob scene or spectacle).  
*The casting director wanted a supernumerary to play one of the bank’s customers.* |
| **supersonic** | adj | moving or capable of moving at speeds from one to five times the speed of sound in air.  
*Myrna says that when she grows up, she wants to fly supersonic aircraft.* |
| **superstitious** | adj | having or based on a belief, conception, act, or practice resulting from ignorance, unreasoning fear of the unknown, or a false conception of causation.  
*The bridge became more than ever an object of superstitious awe.* |
| **supination** | n | a rotation of the hand and radius around the ulna so that the palm is turned up.  
*Supination aggravated Henri’s tennis elbow.* |
| **supine** | adj | lying on the back or with the face upward.  
*Greg’s dog stayed supine while getting her belly rubbed.* |
| **suppedaneum** | n | an actor employed to play a walk-on (as in a mob scene or spectacle).  
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| **supplicate** | v | ask earnestly and humbly of.  
*The defendant’s only hope was to supplicate the court for mercy.* |
| **suretyship** | n | the obligation of a person to answer for the debt, default, or failure in duty of another.  
*When Sally’s father co-signed her first automobile loan, he accepted the suretyship that it represented.* |
| **surfactant** | n | a substance useful for its cleansing, wetting, dispersing, or similar powers.  
*The surfactant in a detergent lowers the water’s surface tension, enabling faster wetting of the fabric being washed.* |
| **surfeit** | n | an overabundant supply, yield, or amount of something: excess.  
*The reviewer commented that the novel was burdened with a surfeit of details.* |
| **surgeon** | n | ill-natured, abrupt, and rude: churlishly cross.  
*Marie complained to the manager about the surly, uncooperative clerk.* |
| **surplus** | n | the principles, ideals, or practice of producing fantastic or incongruous imagery in art or literature by means of unnatural juxtapositions and combinations.  
*David Lynch is a modern master of cinematic surrealism.* |
surreptitious
adj
/ˈsʊərəˈpɪtʃɪs/ /TsErDpStishEs/
L
done, made, or acquired in secret or by stealth.
Denise was embarrassed when her surreptitious note to Steve was intercepted by the teacher.

surrey
n
/ˈsʊərəˈgɛt/ /L
something that replaces or substitutes for another.
In formulating new laws, the legislature acts as a surrogate for the entire population.

surtout
n
/soʊˈrʊtʊ/ /L > F + L > F
a man’s fitted coat or overcoat; especially: frock coat.
Gerald rented a surtout to complete his Abraham Lincoln costume for the party.

surveillance
n
/soʊˈvɛlən(t)əs/ /L
close watch kept over one or more persons (as to detect movements or activities).
The suspects in the bombing investigation were kept under police surveillance.

surviving
adj
/soʊˈvɪvɪŋ/ /L > F
remaining alive or in existence.
Uncle Leonard is the oldest surviving graduate of Milburn College.

susceptible
adj
/soʊˈseptəbəl/ /L
easily influenced or affected through some trait.
People who smoke are very susceptible to chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

suspicion
n
/soʊˈspɪʃən/ /L
mistrust, doubt.
President Kennedy called for cooperation with our adversaries to “push back the jungle of suspicion” and allow the preservation of peace.

suspirious

sustain
v
/ˈsʊstən/ /L>F
unite the parts of by using a strand or fiber.
The doctor estimated that it would take about 45 minutes to suture the gash in Tim’s leg.

suzerain
n
/ˈsʊzərən/ /F
a superior lord to whom allegiance is due: a feudal lord.
The suzerain gave the vassal the use of his land and agreed to protect him when necessary.

suzerainty

Svengali
n
/ˌsfɛnˈɡæli/ /Brit literary name
one who attempts usually with evil intentions to persuade or force another to do his bidding.
Many fans thought that the rock star’s wife was a Svengali who engineered the group’s breakup.

swallow

sweltering
adj
/ˈswɛltərɪŋ/ /E
oppressively hot: causing or marked by excessive sweating or faintness.
Despite the sweltering heat, thousands of people lined the streets to watch the Fourth of July parade.

swill

swindleable
adj
/ˈswɪnd(ə)ləbəl/ /G + EcF
capable of being deprived of money or property by fraud or deceit.
The circus owner maintained that the majority of people are gullible and swindleable.

swineherd
n
/ˈswɪn.ɪərd/ /E
a person who looks after hogs.
Ian loathed his job as a swineherd.
### swivel

**v**
/ˈswɪvəl/

E

turn or pivot freely.

*Frank chose an office chair that could swivel and tilt.*

### sybaritic

**adj**
/ˈsɪbəˈrɪdɪk/

Gk geog name

marked by or given to luxury or voluptuous living.

*The duke’s sybaritic bathroom had marble sinks with gold fixtures, floor-to-ceiling mirrors, and a whirlpool bath.*

### sycamine

### sychnocarpous

**adj**
/ˈsɪknaˈkærps/

Gk + Gk > L > E

able to produce fruit repeatedly.

*The apple and pear are sychnocarpous trees.*

### syllogism

**n**
/ˈsɪləˌdʒɪzəm/

Gk

a brief form of argument that consists of two statements and a conclusion that must be true if these two statements are true.

*The following argument is a syllogism: All lawbreakers deserve punishment. This person is a lawbreaker. Therefore, this person deserves punishment.*

### syllogize

**v**
/ˈsɪləˌdʒɪz/

GK > L > E

deduce something by analysis of a formal argument that consists of a major premise, a minor premise, and a conclusion.

*To teach logical thinking, Mr. Canby had the class syllogize the philosopher’s argument.*

### sylph

**n**
/ˈsɪlf/

unknown > L

a slender woman or girl of light and graceful carriage.

*One sylph after another joined the growing circle of ballerinas on the stage.*

### symbalophone

### symbiosis

**n**
/ˈsɪmˈbɪəsɪs/

Gk + Gk

the intimate living together of two dissimilar organisms in any of various mutually beneficial relationships.

*Some insects depend on symbiosis with bacteria to supplement otherwise nutrient-poor diets.*

### symphony

**n**
/ˈsɪm(p)ənɪ/  
Gk + Gk

an elaborate instrumental composition usually in sonata form for full orchestra.

*The concert program featured a symphony by Gustav Mahler.*

### symposiarch

### synchronicity

**n**
/ˌsɪŋkrəˈnɪsədə/  
Gk + Ec

the state of happening, existing, or arising at the same time.

*The fireworks display was a spectacle of synchronicity.*

### syncopation

**n**
/ˌsɪŋkəˈpɑːʃən/  
Gk > L

a temporary displacement or shifting of the regular metrical accent in a musical composition.

*Syncopation is typical of much Eastern European folk dance music.*

### syncope

**n**
/ˌsɪŋkəˈpɛ/  
Gk

a partial or complete temporary suspension of respiration and circulation: faint, swoon.

*Unexplained dizziness and syncope occasionally occur on arrival at high altitude.*

### syndicate

**n**
/ˈsɪndəkət/  
L

a loose association of racketeers in control of organized crime.

*The police have spent years trying to get evidence to convict the head of the local crime syndicate.*
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<td>an ecclesiastical council: a formal meeting to consult and decide on church matters. Karl is an active participant in the regional Presbyterian synod.</td>
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<td>a brief orderly outline affording a general view. Marvin read a plot synopsis before he saw Macbeth.</td>
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<td>an instrument for diagnosing imbalance of eye muscles. The ophthalmologist prescribed eye exercises to correct the muscular imbalance detected by the synoptophore.</td>
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<td>a device used to inject fluids into or withdraw them from the body or its cavities. Cameron let the toddler use an old ear syringe as a bathtub toy.</td>
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<td>the nearly straight-line configuration of three celestial bodies in a gravitational system. Tides are highest when the Sun, Moon, and Earth are in syzygy.</td>
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<td>a meetinghouse with a large assembly hall. The town meeting will be held at the tabernacle.</td>
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<td>unfrozen ground above, within, or below the permanently frozen ground. Arctic wildflowers are able to survive in areas of tabetisol.</td>
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<td>[Note: Plural form can be pronounced similarly.] a static depiction usually presented on a stage with participants in appropriate costume. The final scene is a tableau in which the family is gathered at the gravesite.</td>
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<td>a device for indicating the speed of rotation. By watching the tachometer, Mr. Henderson was able to keep the engine running above 3000 rpm.</td>
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<td>the art or practice of rapid writing. Professor Jespersen lectures so quickly that students who practice tachygraphy have an advantage.</td>
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<td>n / 'tigə/ Turkish &gt; Russ [has near homonym: tiger] swampy coniferous forest of Siberia beginning where the tundra ends. Olga’s great-grandfather was born in a cabin on the edge of the taiga and grew up playing among spruce and fir trees.</td>
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<td>n / 'taləpəz/ L a congenital deformity of the foot in which the forepart is twisted into one of several directions: clubfoot. Gordon’s talipes was so severe that surgery was needed to adjust the tendons and bones of his foot.</td>
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<td>talisman</td>
<td>n / 'taləsmən/ Gk &gt; Ar &gt; It &gt; Sp &gt; F an object thought to act as a charm to avert evil and bring good fortune. Vern showed us his rabbit’s foot, which he claimed was an effective talisman.</td>
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<td>n / 'ta*ləl/ E the rendered fat of cattle and sheep that is used chiefly in making soap, glycerol, margarine, candles, and lubricants. Inside of her little tent, the fortune teller began to shuffle her cards by the light of a candle made from tallow.</td>
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<td>adj / 'tanəbəl/ L capable of being touched. The black darkness of the night seemed to have a tangible quality.</td>
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<td>adj / 'taŋ/ Scand &gt; E + Ecf having a particularly pungent odor. The burning pile of old tires will leave the air tangy for several days.</td>
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<td>Talmudic</td>
<td>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. The novel was full of Talmudic lore.</td>
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<td>tangerine</td>
<td>n / tan'jərēn/ Moroccan geog name a variable color ranging from moderate reddish orange to vivid or strong orange. To Petra, the most beautiful color of mum is tangerine.</td>
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<td>tapestry</td>
<td>n / tap'astrē/ Gk &gt; F &gt; E + Ecf a heavy handwoven textile for hangings, curtains, and upholstery. Teresa admired the vivid colors of the tapestry hanging in the corridor.</td>
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<td>tantamount</td>
<td>adj / 'tantə.maŭnt/ L &gt; F &gt; AF &gt; E equivalent in value, significance, or effect. Because of inflation, Jamie’s meager raise was tantamount to a pay reduction.</td>
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<td>adv / tan'tivē/ unknown in a headlong dash. Patsy ran tantivy toward second base after the bunt.</td>
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<td>taphephobia</td>
<td>n / tapəfəbə / Gk fear of being buried alive. After reading Edgar Allan Poe’s &quot;The Cask of Amontillado,&quot; Mr. Gallo developed a bad case of taphephobia.</td>
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| **tapir**  | any of a genus of chiefly nocturnal hoofed mammals of tropical America and Myanmar to Sumatra that have the snout and upper lip prolonged into a short flexible proboscis.  
*The tapir is both a browser and a grazer, feeding on leaves, twigs, and fruits, as well as on grasses.* |
| **tarantula** | any of a family of large hairy spiders that are capable of biting but are not significantly poisonous to humans.  
*Alexander’s friend tried in vain to convince him to get a pet tarantula.* |
| **tardigrade** | moving or stepping slowly.  
*The sloth is a well-known tardigrade animal.* |
| **tariff** | the duty or rate of duty imposed by a government on imported or exported goods.  
*A high tariff protects the home industries from foreign competition.* |
| **tarmac** | a road, apron, or runway made of asphalt.  
*Neil’s suitcase fell out of the airplane and its contents spilled out onto the tarmac.* |
| **tarpaulin** | a piece of material (as durable plastic) used for protecting exposed objects or areas.  
*When rain began during the second inning of the baseball game, the ground crew rolled out the tarpaulin to protect the field.* |
| **tarragon** | a small European perennial wormwood grown for its aromatic foliage that is used in cooking.  
*Paul planted tarragon in his herb garden.* |
| **tartar** | an incrustation on the teeth consisting of salivary secretion, food residue, and various salts.  
*The hygienist carefully removed the tartar from Rekha’s teeth.* |
| **tassel** | a straw matting used as a floor covering in a Japanese home.  
*The Japanese restaurant had a special room in which patrons could sit on a tatami while dining.* |
| **tatterdemalion** | ragged or disreputable in dress or appearance.  
*No one would have guessed that the tatterdemalion fellow is a millionaire.* |
| **tattersall** | a fabric having a pattern of colored lines forming squares of solid background.  
*Jeanne bought a blue-and-white tattersall to make into a skirt.* |
| **tattletale** | one that blabs or tells secrets.  
*Erica’s official title is “social reporter,” but Will considers her a plain old tattletale.* |
| **taught** | reproach in a mocking or insulting manner: jeer at.  
*Spectators on the sidewalk began to taunt the suspect as he exited the van.* |
| **tauntingly** |  |
| **taupe** | a light brownish gray.  
*It took some time, but Pam finally matched the taupe of her dress to a pair of shoes.* |
| **tauromachy** | the art or practice of bullfighting.  
*The toreador is well known for his slow, dignified style of tauromachy.* |
| **taut** |  |
tautology
n
/tôteɪˈɒlədʒi/  
Gk
an instance of needless or meaningless repetition in close succession of an idea, statement, or word.  
The phrase a beginner who has just started is a tautology.

tautophony
n
/totaʊˈfɒnɪ/  
Gk
repetition of the same sound.  
The insistent tautophony of Josh’s alarm clock finally woke him up.

tawdrily
adv
/ˈtɔdrəli/  
name > E
in a cheap and gaudy manner.  
The tawdrily dressed actress signed autographs outside her hotel.

tawdry

taxation

tazza

technetronic

technical

tedious

tektite

telamon
n
/ˈteləmɑːn/  
Gk > L
a male figure used as a supporting column or pilaster.  
While in Athens, Anita had her picture taken beside a telamon.

television

telegraphy


teleology
n
/ˈteləˈɒlədʒi/  
Gk + L
the study of the nature and purpose of life.  
According to some scientists, teleology is a branch of philosophy that explores the reasons for the existence of living organisms.

telesis
n
/ˈteləsɪs/  
Gk
progress intelligently planned and directed.  
The mayor revealed the city council’s ten-year plan for telesis at the press conference.

tempo

/ˈtempərəm/  
L
the speed of music, indicating how fast or slow it should be played.  
The conductor played the music in tempo.

temporary
adj
/ˈtempərəri/  
E
lasting for a limited time.  
The temporary studio was set up in a corner of the building.

template
n
/ˈtempələm/  
L
a model or pattern to be followed.  
The sculptor used the template to create the statue.

tempest
n
/ˈtempəst/  
L
an extreme and violent storm.  
The tempest on the sea caused the sailors to panic.

tempestuous
adj
/ˈtempəstʃəs/  
L
of, involving, or resembling a violent storm.  
The tempestuous storm caused widespread damage.

temperate
adj
/ˈtempərət/  
L > E
having a moderate climate.  
All of the United States, except for Hawaii and parts of Alaska and Florida, lies within the temperate zone.

temperament
n
/ˈtempərəmənt/  
L
a person’s natural or inherent qualities that influence their behavior.  
Randy’s temperament often made him seem stubborn.

temper
n
/ˈtempər/  
E
the act of controlling or moderating one’s feelings or actions.  
Mrs. Jasper temper her anger by reminding herself of the consequences of her actions.

tempering
n
/ˈtempərɪŋ/  
L
the process of hardening steel by heating it to a high temperature and then cooling it slowly.  
The blacksmith tempered the blade of the sword to make it stronger.

temperance
n
/ˈtempərəns/  
E
the practice of controlling one’s drinking or eating habits.  
The doctor advised her to moderate her temperance.

temperamental
adj
/ˈtempərəmətərəl/  
E
relating to the influence of temperament on behavior.  
The temperamental child was often difficult to manage.

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tenaculum
n
/ təˈnækəl əm /
L
a slender sharp-pointed hook attached to a handle and used mainly in surgery for seizing and holding parts (as arteries). Connie slipped the tenaculum under the patient’s carotid artery.

tendency
n
/ 'tendənsi ə /
L
a proneness to or readiness for a particular kind of thought or action. Tom’s tendency to say exactly what he feels has gotten him into trouble several times.

tenderloin


tendon
n
/ 'tenənd ə /
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. The team doctor said that Larry’s Achilles tendon was inflamed and that he shouldn’t run in Saturday’s race.

tendresse
n
/ tēdˈrēs ə /
F
tender feeling: fondness. Sarah portrayed the sister who, in maidenly fashion, conceals her tendresse for the hero.

tenebrific
adj
/ ˈtenəbˈrɪfɪk/ 
L + Ecf + L > Ecf causing gloom or darkness. Tenebrific rain clouds overshadowed the entire region.

tenebriosity
n
/ ˌtenəˈbrɪzəd ə /
L
darkness. Nocturnal animals moved silently through the tenebrosity of the forest.

tenement


tenet
n
/ 'tenət /
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. The basic tenet of Central High’s Key Club is that community service benefits everyone.

tenis
n
/ 'tenəs /
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. Jeannine is so eager to learn to play tennis that she is willing to pay for lessons out of her allowance.

tenon
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. Curtis used his jigsaw to cut a tenon on each board of the box he was making.

tensile
adj
/ 'ten(t)səbəl /
L
capable of being extended. The old rubber band was not very tensile.

tension


tentacle
n
/ 'tenəkəl /
L
one of the arms of a cephalopod. In the horror movie the giant octopus tried to grab the heroine with a long tentacle.

tentative


tentatively
adv
/ 'tentədəvli ə /
L
in a hesitant or uncertain manner. Janna smiled tentatively, not knowing if she should show her happiness.

tenuous
adj
/ 'tenjuəs ə /
L
having little substance or strength: flimsy, weak. The prosecutor’s case was so tenuous that the judge dismissed the charge against the defendant.

tepid
adj
/ 'tepəd ə /
L
marked by an absence of enthusiasm or conviction. The debate drew a tepid response from the audience.

teratism
n
/ ˈterətɪzəm /
Gk + Ecf
fascination with monsters. Monster movies appeal to the teratism of the viewing public.

teratogenic
adj
/ ˈterətə jənik /
Gk
tending to cause developmental malformations. Sylvia carefully avoided any potentially teratogenic drugs during her pregnancy.
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<th>a 300th anniversary or its celebration.</th>
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<td>Next year Possumville will celebrate the tercentenary of its founding.</td>
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<td>Mosses and other small woodland plants thrive in a terrarium.</td>
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<th>a mosaic flooring made by embedding small pieces of marble or granite in freshly placed mortar and after hardening grinding and polishing the surface.</th>
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<td>The contractor explained that if Travis wanted a hard, shiny floor at a reasonable price, terrazzo was an excellent option.</td>
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<td>The heath was rich in terricolous lichens.</td>
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<td>Terrific, serrated outcrops of bare rock stood on either side of the lush valley.</td>
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terrigenous
adj
/təˈrɪdʒənəs/
L
formed by the erosive action of rivers, tides, and currents—used of an ocean bottom.
At the brink of the continental shelf, terrigenous deposits build up and are swept away.

tertiary
tessitura
n
/tesˈʃʊrə/
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.
Soprano parts in Bellini’s operas call for a very high tessitura.

testaceous
adj
/tɛˈstɑːʃəs/
L
having a shell.
The oyster is a testaceous marine animal.

testimony
n
/testəˈmɒnɪə/
L
a solemn declaration usually made orally by a witness under oath in response to interrogation by a lawyer or authorized public official.
According to Victoria’s testimony, she had just returned from vacation when she discovered that the statue was missing.

tetanus
n
/ˈtɛtənəs/
Gk
an acute infectious disease characterized by tonic spasm of voluntary muscles and especially of the jaw muscles.
Puncture wounds are dangerous because they allow the bacteria that cause tetanus to enter the body.

tetracycline
textuary

thalassic
adj
/ˈθæləsɪk/
Gk
of or relating to the sea or ocean.
Some thalassic currents travel for thousands of miles.

thanatophobia
n
/ˌθænəˈtɒfəbɪə/
Gk
fear of death.
Michael had such a strong belief in an afterlife that he was not troubled by thanatophobia.

thaumaturgy
n
/ˌθɔːməˈtɜːrjɪ/ 
Gk
the performance of miracles.
The sacred writings of many religions contain stories of thaumaturgy.

theodicy
n
/ˌθəˈdɑːsɪ/ 
Gk > F
an area of philosophy that treats of the nature and government of God and the destiny of the soul.
One hotly contested question in theodicy is whether the existence of evil precludes the existence of an omnipotent and perfect God.

theodolite
n
/ˌθəˈdɑːlɪt/ 
Ar? > L > E
a surveyor’s instrument for measuring horizontal and vertical angles.
The theodolite invented by Digges in the 16th century consisted of a horizontal graduated circular plate with an index bearing sights.

thesophsish

therapeutant
n
/ˌθɛrəˈpyʊtənt/ 
Gk > E
a healing or curative agent or medicine.
The diseased elm trees were sprayed with a chemical therapeutant.

therapeutic
adj
/ˌθɛrəˈpyʊdɪk/
Gk
of or relating to the treatment of disease or disorders by remedial agents or methods.
Changes in diet can have a therapeutic effect on obesity, hypertension, peptic ulcer, and osteoporosis.

therblig
n
/ˈθærtlɪɡ/ 
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.
The supervisor’s goal was to eliminate one therblig at each station in the assembly line.
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<td>up to that time : until then.</td>
<td>combining human and animal form.</td>
<td>the portion of an insect body that is the middle of the three chief divisions.</td>
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<td>The public parks committee created a playground where theretofore there had been a weedy vacant lot.</td>
<td>The falcon-headed Horus was a therianthropic god of ancient Egypt.</td>
<td>The thorax of an insect consists of three segments, each having a pair of legs.</td>
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<td>an instrument for determining temperature.</td>
<td>lawgiver, legislator.</td>
<td>purebred or pedigreed animal.</td>
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<td>The thermometer that takes a temperature reading from one’s ear is now used widely.</td>
<td>Joseph has in his office a marble bust of a famous Athenian thesmothe.</td>
<td>Alex’s thoroughbred comes from a line of Kentucky Derby winners.</td>
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<td>an automatic device for regulating temperature (as by controlling the supply of gas or electricity to a heating apparatus).</td>
<td>an actor.</td>
<td>a song, poem, composition, or speech of lamentation especially for someone dead or something regarded as dead.</td>
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<td>Fiona became stagestruck at an early age and was determined to become a thespian.</td>
<td>Asked to write a threnody for English class, Libby composed a song about the death of a robin.</td>
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<td>a plant with prickly leaves having a head with white, purple, pink, or yellow flowers.</td>
<td>place or point of entering or beginning : entrance, outset.</td>
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<td>Caleb’s paper read as if he had consulted a thesaurus frequently while writing it.</td>
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<td>Now at the threshold of adulthood, James wonders if he will miss the carefree days of his previous years.</td>
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throstle
n
/ˈθroʊsɛl/
E
a largely olive-brown Old World perching bird noted for its song. *While on a walking tour in London, Madeline spotted a throstle in a sycamore tree.*

thule

thrub

thurible
n
/ˈθaːrəbʌl/
Gk > L > F > E
a vessel used in religious services for burning incense. *When a thurible is used in the procession, the odor of incense suffuses the church.*

thylacine
n
/ˈθɪləsɪn/
Gk > L
a now-extinct somewhat doglike carnivorous marsupial that formerly inhabited Tasmania—called also “Tasmanian wolf.” *The female thylacine had a rearward-opening pouch in which two to four young were carried.*

thyme
n
/ˈθaɪm/
Gk
*The chicken recipe called for a teaspoon of dried thyme.*

thymiaterion
n
/θɪmɪəˈtɛrɪən/
Gk
a vessel used by the ancient Greeks for burning incense. *Cecil found a bronze thymiaterion in an antique shop.*

tibia
n
/ˈtɪbə/ L
the fourth joint counting from the base of the leg of an insect that lies between the femur and tarsus. *A cricket’s ear is located on the tibia of its foreleg.*

tichorrhine
n
/ˈtɪkərɪn/ Gk > L
an extinct two-horned woolly rhinoceros. *The remains of a tichorrhine were found frozen in the ice of Siberia with the flesh and hair well preserved.*
tickicidal
adj
/ˈtɪkɪsɪdəl/
E + L + Ec
destroying or controlling any of several wingless parasitic insects. *The exterminator used a tickicidal agent to eliminate the pests.*
tickled
v
/ˈtɪkləd/
E
excited or stirred up agreeably. *The young actor was tickled to be offered the leading role in his next movie.*
tilapia
n
/taɪˈleɪpiə/ L
any of a genus of African freshwater food fishes that resemble the American sunfishes. *Some American fish farms have been raising tilapia for stocking in ponds and lakes.*
tilde
n
/ˈtɪldə/ L > Sp
a mark ~ placed especially over the letter n to denote the /ny/ sound or over vowels to indicate nasality. *Marcia could not find the tilde on the computer keyboard.*
tilth

timorous

timorously
adv
/ˈtɪməroʊsl/ L
in a manner showing fear or apprehension. *Pam timorously responded to her name and said that she had not finished her book report.*
tinctorial
tincture
n
/ˈtɪŋ(k)cha(r)/ L
hue, tint. *The main difference between American and Irish glass is in tincture.*
tinnient
adj
/ˈtɪnɪənt/
L
having a clear or ringing quality. *Grandmother’s old silver knives made a tinnient sound in the sink as we rinsed them after Thanksgiving dinner.*
tinnitus
n
/ təˈnɪtəs /
L
a ringing, roaring, or hissing in the ears that is purely subjective.
*It’s hard to understand how annoying tinnitus is unless you have experienced it yourself.*

tinselry

tintinnabulation
	irade
n
/ˈtərəd/ /ˈɛrəd/
F
a protracted speech usually marked by abusive language.
The grumpy woman screamed a tirade of protest whenever children made joyful noises outside her window.

tiralee
n
/ˌtɪrəˈlē/ /ˌtɪrəˈlε/
imit
[has homonym: tearily] a succession of musical notes (as in a bugle call).
Daniel managed a tiralee on the saxophone, but there was no recognizable melody.

titian
n
/ˈtɪʃən/ /ˈtʃən/
Ital name
one having hair that is brownish orange.
Mr. Rodman decided that he would be a titian for awhile.

tmesis

tostmaster
n
/ˈtɒstrəməstər/ /ˈtɒstrəməstər/
E+L > F > E
one that presides (as at a banquet) and introduces the after-dinner speakers.
Eric will serve as toastmaster at the Golden Lamp banquet.

tobacco
n
/ˈtəbekəu/ /ˈtəbekəu/
Taino > Sp
the leaves of a plant of the genus Nicotiana prepared and processed for use in smoking or chewing or as snuff.
*At an early age, Amy vowed never to use tobacco.*

toboggan
n
/ˈtəbəɡən/ /ˈtəbəɡən/
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.
*Bart’s new toboggan is the fastest one on the hill.*

tobogganer
n
/ˈtəbəɡənər/ /ˈtəbəɡənər/
Algonquian > F
one that coasts on a long flat-bottomed light sled.
*On hitting the unexpected bump, the tobogganer was thrown off his sled.*

tobogganing

toccata
n
/ˈtoʊkətə/ /ˈtoʊkətə/
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.
*Jamila sat down at the church organ and played a fast Bach toccata.*
tocsin
n
/ˈtɑksən/ /ˈtɒksən/
L > OProv > F
[has homonym: toxin] an alarm bell or the ringing of a bell for the purpose of alarm.
*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.*
toggery
tome
n
/ˈtəm/ /ˈtəm/
Gk
a volume forming part of a larger work.
*Fiona bought an old copy of The Messages of the Presidents that was missing the first tome.*
tongue
tonitrous
adj
/ˈtənɪtrəwəs/ /ˈtənɪtrəwəs/
L + Ec
thundering, fulminating.
The tonitrous artillery guns had been shelling the enemy positions for several hours.
tonsillectomy
tonsillitis
n
/ˈtɑnəlɪtɪs/ /ˈtɑnəlɪtɪs/
L
inflammation of the tonsils.
*Dr. Graham treated Erica’s tonsillitis with antibiotics.*
tonsillotome
tonsorial
tonsure
n
/ˈtɑnsər/ /ˈtɒnsər/
L > E
the shaven crown or patch worn by monks or various clerics.
The actor who played Brother Cadfael had a hairpiece to cover his tonsure when he was off camera.
tontine
n /ˈtɒntɪn/ 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.
In the days before a central bank or common currency, villagers often used a tontine to share ownership of property.

toolach

toolache
n /ˈtʌlək/ E pain in one of the teeth.
Nelson thought an abscess might be the cause of his toothache.

topaz
n /ˈtɒpæz/ Gk > L > F > E a usually yellow, reddish, or pink transparent mineral used as a gem. Leslie received a yellow topaz for her birthday.

topiary
n /ˈtɒpɪəri/ Gk > L + Lcf the practice or art of training, cutting, and trimming trees or shrubs into odd or ornamental shapes. Edward Scissorhands was skilled in topiary.

topography
n /təˈprəɡrə/ 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. Identifying the enemy’s rocket sites will require an expert in topography.

toreador
n /ˈtɔrədɔr/ L > Sp bullfighter. The toreador posed for the crowd in his suit of lights.

toroidal
adj /ˈtɔrɔɪdəl/ L doughnut-shaped.
For the life of her, Bridget couldn’t identify the toroidal object she found in her purse.

torpor

torrential

torrentially
adv /ˈtɔrɛntʃəli/ L in a manner resembling a rushing stream of water. Patricia wept torrentially when she found out about her pet dog’s injury.

tortellini
n /ˈtɔrtəlìn/ L > It noodle dough cut in rounds, filled with savory fillings, and boiled. Vic’s favorite Italian meal was tortellini stuffed with meat and cheese.

tortilla
n /ˈtɔrtɪlə/ Sp a round thin unleavened cake usually eaten hot with a savory topping or filling. Theron covered his tortilla with beans and cheese.

tortoise
n /ˈtɔrtɔs/ F? > E any of a family of terrestrial turtles. The park ranger told the children that a tortoise takes five hours to walk just one mile.

tortoni
n /ˈtɔr(t)ənə/ It name an ice cream made of heavy cream, minced almonds, chopped maraschino cherries, or other flavorings. Tortoni is definitely not the dessert for someone on a low-fat, low-calorie diet.

totality
n /ˈtɔtələtɪ/ L the phase of an eclipse during which it is total: state of total eclipse. An eerie silence crept over the crowd as the eclipse reached totality.

totemism
n /ˈtɒtəmɪzəm/ Ojibwa + Ecf belief in kinship with or a mystical relationship between a group or individual and an emblematic plant, animal, or other object. Powerful animals are common objects of totemism.

toucan

tourelle

touristry

tournedos
n /ˈtʊrnədəʊ/ L > F a small fillet of beef usually cut from the tip of the tenderloin. Diane usually prepares a tournedos in wine sauce with mushrooms.

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adj
/tremyʊləs/
L
quivering, shaking.
*Uncle Edgar’s* tremulous handwriting is one sign of his Parkinson’s disease.

trenchant

trenchantly
adv
/ˈtrenʃəntli/  
F > E
in a sharply perceptive manner.
The commentator trenchantly analyzed the pros and cons of legalized gambling.

trepidation

trespass
v
/tresˈpæs/  
F > E
make an unwarranted or uninvited incursion.
The rock salt from farmer Brown’s shotgun taught Wally a painful lesson: Don’t trespass.

trey
n
/ˈtreɪ/  
L > F > E
[has homonym: tray] the side of a die or domino that has three spots.  
*If Ian draws either a Trey or an ace from the boneyard, he believes he will win the game of dominoes.*

triage
n
/ˈtrɪæʒ/  
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.  
*Once the system of triage was implemented, medics were better able to decide which soldiers should receive immediate treatment.*

trianon
n
/ˌtrɪəˈnɔn/  
F architecture
a small elegant villa.
*Albert wrote his latest thriller in a rented trianon on the Riviera.*

tribunal
n
/ˈtriːbənɔl/  
L
a court or forum of justice.  
The people have wisely provided, in the constitution itself, a tribunal for settling questions of constitutional law.

tributary
n
/ˈtrɪbjuːtərɪ/  
L
a stream feeding a larger stream or a lake.  
The Ohio River is a tributary of the Mississippi River.

tribenary
adj
/ˌtrɪsˈnéribi/  
Gk
having or lasting 30 days.
*Cameron never can remember which months are tribenary.*

tricephalous
adj
/ˌtrɪsˈsɛfaləs/  
Gk
having or depicted with three heads.  
*Orpheus managed to lull the tricephalous watchdog to sleep by playing his lyre.*

trichinosis
n
/ˌtrɪkəˈnɒsɪs/  
Gk
infestation with or disease caused by certain nematode worms contracted by eating raw or undercooked infested food and especially pork.
*Madeline cooked the pork chops well so there would be no danger of trichinosis.*

trichogenous
adj
/ˌtrɪkəˈgənəs/  
Gk
producing hair.  
*Trichogenous cells produce the tiny hairs on insect bodies and limbs.*

trichotomy
n
/ˌtrɪkəˈtɒmɪ/  
Gk
a system divided or divisible into three constituents or elements.  
*Golda’s civics teacher explained how the United States government is a trichotomy, divided into the legislative, judicial, and executive branches.*

trickle

trigonometry
n
/ˌtrɪɡəˈnɜːmətri/  
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.  
*Rachel enjoyed her course in trigonometry much more than she enjoys her calculus class.*

trihedral

trillion

Trinity
n
/ˈtrɪnədɪ/  
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.  
The Catholic Church once excommunicated believers in the false Trinity of God, Mary, and Jesus.

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<td>a usually ornamental metal stand with short feet especially for use under a hot dish at a table. A brass trivet featuring the local college's insignia is the best-selling item in the gift shop.</td>
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<td>a member of a primitive people dwelling in caves or pits. While spelunking, Zan and Patrick stumbled on the bones of a trogloidyte.</td>
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<td>inhabiting all countries near the equator. Today the coconut palm is a tropicopolitan species.</td>
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truculent
adj
/ˈtrʌkələnt/
L
feeling or evincing savage ferocity: fierce.
_Hunger makes the tiger a truculent hunter._

trumpet

truncated
adj
/ˈtrʌŋkədəd/
L
abbreviated by or as if by lopping.
_Cindy’s cat has a truncated tail._

truncheon

trunnoned
adj
/ˈtraŋənd/
F
having a pin or pivot usually mounted on bearings for rotating or tilting.
_Dave attached a trunnioned compass to the deck of his sailboat._

truttaceous
adj
/ˈtroʊtəʃəs/
L
of, relating to, or resembling a trout.
_Truttaceous fish are highly esteemed as sport fish because of their spiritedness._

trypanosome

tuberculosis
n
/ˈtəbərkyələsəs/
L
a communicable disease caused by the tubercle bacillus and characterized by toxic symptoms or allergic manifestations which in humans primarily affect the lungs. The antibiotic drug streptomycin has been successfully used to treat tuberculosis.

tufaceous
adj
/ˈtəfəʃəs/
Oscro-Umbrian > L > It
of or resembling a rock composed of the finer kinds of volcanic debris.
_Many buildings in Italy were constructed of tufaceous rock._

tuffet
n
/ˈtəfət/
Gmc? > F? > E
a low seat: stool.
_Katie stood on the tuffet to reach the book on the top shelf._

tularemia
n
/ˈtələrəmēəs/
Calif geog name + Lcf
a bacterial disease of rodents, man, and some domestic animals.
_Jerry’s temperature reached a dangerously high level during his bout with tularemia._

tulle

tumefaction

tumultuous
adj
/ˈtʌmlətəʃəs/
L
full of commotion and uproar: boisterous.
_As the basketball star entered, he received tumultuous applause from his schoolmates._

tumulus
n
/ˈtʌmləsəs/
L
[has homonym: tumultuous] an artificial hillock or mound (as over a grave).
_In the center of the cemetery is a large tumulus where one of the town’s founders is buried._

tundra
n
/ˈtændroʊ/
Finno-Ugric > Russ
a treeless plain characteristic of arctic and subarctic regions with a permanently frozen subsoil.
_Do reindeer graze on the moss of the tundra?_

tungsten
n
/ˈtʌŋstən/
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).
_The filament in many light bulbs is a thin wire of tungsten._

turban
n
/ˈtərbən/
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.
_A camel driver wearing a blue turban asked Rebecca if she would like a short ride._

turbid

turbine
n
/ˈtərbən/
L > F
[has homonym: turban] a rotary engine.
_The plane could not take off until the damaged turbine was repaired._

turbot
turbulence
n
/ˈtɜr bikəl ən/  
L
highly irregular atmospheric motion characterized by rapid changes in wind speed and direction and the presence of up and down currents.  
The captain warned the plane’s passengers to brace themselves for a patch of turbulence.

turgescence

turgescent

turgid

turmoil
n
/ˈtɔr.mɔːl/  
unknown
an utterly confused, extremely agitated, or tumultuous state or condition.  
Jacob experienced unrelenting turmoil after his parents informed him that the family might move.

turnstile
n
/ˈtɜrn.stɪl/  
E + E
a post with four arms pivoted on the top set in a gateway to regulate or monitor passage.  
Contrary to the prominently posted warning sign, Calvin hopped over the turnstile.

turnverein

turophile
n
/ˈtʊrəˌfɪl/  
Gk
a gourmet of cheese: a cheese fancier.  
The turophile warned us not to be beguiled by the low cost of inferior processed cheese.

turpentine
n
/ˈtɝpəˌtɪn/  
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.  
The most common use of turpentine is in paint and lacquer thinners.

turpitude
n
/ˈtɝptɪd/  
L
inherent baseness or vileness of principle, words, or actions: depravity.  
Sean accused Amitab of moral turpitude for teasing the cat.

turret
n
/ˈtʊrət/  
F > E
a little tower.  
The princess escaped from the turret by sliding down a rope of knotted bed sheets.

turricular
adj
/ˈtʊrɪkərəl/  
L
shaped like or resembling a tower.  
Shauna’s birthday cake was turricular and decorated to look like the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

turriferous

tutelary
adj
/ˈtjuːdiəˈlerɪ/  
L
having the guardianship or charge of protecting a person or a thing.  
The young princesses were surrounded by tutelary employees.

tutoyer
tuyere
n
/ˈtuːjər/  
F
a nozzle through which an air blast is delivered to a forge.  
Dan checked the tuyere for an obstruction.
		
tweezers
n pl
/ˈtwɛzərz/  
F > E
any of various small pincer-shaped tools used for plucking, holding, or manipulating.  
The jeweler used a pair of fine tweezers to extract the broken spring from inside Jeff’s pocket watch.

twelfth

twinkle
v
/ˈtwɪŋkəl/  
E
shine with a flickering, sparkling, or intermittent light.  
Atmospheric conditions affect how a star will twinkle in the night sky.

tycoon
tympanum
n
/ˈtaɪm pə nəm/  
Gk > L
a thin tense membrane covering an organ of hearing (as in the leg of an insect).  
The tympanum, which is sometimes hidden beneath the base of an insect’s wing cover, is activated by the pressure of sound waves.
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<td>the scientific study of blindness, its causes, effects, and control. Researchers in <em>typhology</em> have found that certain nutritional deficiencies can result in the clouding and softening of the cornea.</td>
<td>absolute government in which power is vested in a single ruler. <em>The tyranny of many medieval kingdoms was eventually supplanted by democracy.</em></td>
<td>a final proposition, condition, or demand; especially: one whose rejection will end negotiations and cause a resort to force or other direct action. <em>If the striking workers refused its ultimatum, the company threatened to close the factory permanently.</em></td>
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<td>a tropical cyclone occurring in the region of the Philippines or the China Sea. <em>A typhoon of unimaginable fury swung across the coastal plains of Bangladesh, swallowing up villages and sweeping away food crops.</em></td>
<td>existing or being everywhere at the same time: omnipresent. <em>The drum is a ubiquitous instrument in world music.</em></td>
<td>situated beyond the visible spectrum at the violet end and having a wavelength shorter than visible light and longer than X-rays. <em>Arthur purchased sunglasses that provide some protection against ultraviolet radiation.</em></td>
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<td>embody the essential or salient characteristics of. <em>Dickens’s characters typify the Victorian era.</em></td>
<td>an instrument for measuring the quantity of precipitation that falls at a given place and time. <em>The local television station asked Karen to put a udometer in her backyard.</em></td>
<td>a loud mournful usually protracted and rhythmical sound: howl. <em>An ululation from deep in the woods gave Jesse goosebumps.</em></td>
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<td>a shaded area: darkness. <em>Trent saw something flicker in the umbra beneath the side porch.</em></td>
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n
/ˈəmbrɪdʒ/
L > F > E
displeasure, resentment, annoyance.
Hatred between nations disposes each more readily to offer insult and injury and lay hold of slight causes of umbrage.

umbrageous
adj
/ˈəmbrɪdʒəs/
L > F > E
providing protection from heat and light: shady.
Sherwood Forest was the umbrageous domain of the legendary Robin Hood and his outlaw band.

umbrella

umlaut
n
/ˈumlɔt/
G
a diacritical mark composed of two adjacent dots placed especially over a German vowel to indicate a vowel shift.
Gary never knew how to pronounce words with an umlaut until he studied German.

umpire
n
/ˈəmp(ə)rə/
L > F > E
one having authority to arbitrate and make a final decision, as an official in a sport who rules on the plays.
The coach vehemently objected when the umpire ejected the player for unsportsmanlike conduct.

unabridged

unaccompanied

unanimous
adj
/yəˈnænəməs/
L
being of one mind: agreeing in opinion, design, or determination.
The advice given the candidate by those in his confidence was unanimous.

unau
n
/yuˈnəʊ/
Tupi > F
a two-toed sloth of Central and South America.
The unau seldom descends to the ground because its slow movements make it easy prey for jaguars and other predators.

unciferous
adj
/ˈənsɪfərəs/
L
bearing a hook or hooklike structure.
Weaving and other fiber arts involve the use of several unciferous tools.

uncinate
adj
/ˈʌŋˌsənənt/ L
bent at the tip like a hook.
Using a magnifying glass, Chad was able to examine the insect’s uncinate antennae.

unconscious
adj
/əŋˈkʌnʃən/ Ec + L + Ecfr not guided or controlled by an internal sense of right or wrong: unscrupulous.
The governor was denounced for his unconscious indifference to the plight of the homeless.

uncouth
adj
/ənˈkʌθ/ Ecfr + E
lacking in polish and grace.
Last night we watched a movie about turning an uncouth high school student into a princess.

unctuosity

unctuous

underrate

underread

undisciplinable

undulation

unencrypted

unexceptional
adj
/ənˈkɛpsənl/ Ecfr + L
not open or liable to objection, criticism, or reproach: unimpeachable.
Mr. Weston was a man of unexceptional character, easy fortune, suitable age, and pleasant manners.

unfeigned

unforgettable

unfurl
v
/ənˈfɜrl/ Ecfr + L > F
release or open out from a rolled-up state.
Kendra embroidered her school’s motto on the new flag she will unfurl during tomorrow’s assembly.

unguent

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unguigrade
adj
/ˈʌŋɡvəˌɡriːd/  
L  
walking on hoofs.  
Unguigrade mammals include horses, cows, swine, camels, deer, elephants, rhinoceroses, and tapirs.

unhygienic

unicameral

unicorn
n
/ˈyʊnəkɒrn/  
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.  
Sarah has a poster of a beautiful white unicorn on her wall.

unilateral

unintelligible
adj
/ˌʌnɪˈtelɪdʒəbəl/  
Ecf + E + L  
difficult to comprehend.  
Dave readily admitted that he found the article unintelligible.

unique
adj
/ˈjuːɪnek/  
L  
being without a like or equal: single in kind or excellence: unequaled.  
The class agreed that Martin Luther King Jr. had a unique impact on civil rights in the 20th century.

unison
adj
/ˈyʊnəsən/  
L > F  
identical in musical pitch.  
The choir was well trained in unison singing; every member could hit the same note perfectly.

unisonous

universally

unparalleled

unprecedented
adj
/ˌʌnprɛˈdɛntɪd/  
Ecf + L + Ecff  
new, unexampled.  
Last year the city experienced an unprecedented expansion in population and industry.

unpredictable
adj
/ˌʌnprɛˈdɪktəbəl/  
Ecf + L  
not to be foretold.  
The raging forest fire was difficult to contain because of the unpredictable weather patterns of that area.

unprincipled
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unpronounceable

unrequited
adj
/ˌʌnriˈkwɪdɪt/  
Ecf + L > E  
marked by airs of superiority.  
Nicole forgave Amanda for her uppity behavior at the party.

unscrupulous
adj
/ˌʌnskrʊˈpjuːləs/  
E + L  
Desmond was not so unscrupulous as to betray his comrades.

unsullied

untenantable
adj
/ˌʌnˈtenəntəbəl/  
Ecf + L + Lcf  
[Note: Could be confused with untenable.] incapable of being occupied or lived in.  
The hurricane left thousands of homes untenantable.

unveiled

unyielding
adj
/ˌʌnˈjɛldɪŋ/  
Ecf + E  
refusing to give way: resolute, obstinate.  
Jake’s unyielding opposition to the proposed surprise party is becoming tiresome.

upbraid

upeygan
n
/ʊˈpɛɡən/  
Shona  
a black rhinoceros.  
The front horn of the upeygan can reach a length of over 30 inches.

upheaval

upholstery

uppity
adj
/ˈʌpɪtɪ/  
E + Ecf  
marked by airs of superiority.  
Nicole forgave Amanda for her uppity behavior at the party.

upright
adj
/ˈʌprɪt/  
E  
standing up straight on the feet or on one end.  
When Mom’s old upright vacuum cleaner finally broke down, she went out and bought a new canister model.

uproarious
urbanity
n
/ˌərˈbənətē/  
L  
the quality or state of evincing the polish and suavity characteristic of social life in larger cities. 
Melissa’s easy urbanity belied her discomfort at the pie-eating contest.

urbiculture
n
/ˈərbəˌkʌlchar/  
L  
the practices and problems peculiar to cities. 
The congressman proposed a new federal department of urbiculture to deal with the problems of city dwellers.

urceolate
adj
/ərˈsēələt/  
L  
shaped like an urn.  
At the end of the drive stood a pair of urceolate boxwoods.

urchin

urchins

urgency

usine
adj
/ˈərˌsən/  
L  
[has near homonym: hircine] of, relating to, or characteristic of a bear.  
Some children are particularly fascinated by ursine hibernation.

urate
adj
/ərdˈəkənt/  
L  
producing itching or stinging.  
Strawberry nettles are notorious for their urticant effect on human skin.

usher
n
/ˈəshə(r)/  
L > F > E  
one who escorts persons to seats at an assemblage (as in a theater, church, or hall).  
The usher informed the latecomers that they would not be seated until the end of the first act.

usurper
n
/ˈyuərˌsørpər/  
L  
one that infringes or encroaches upon the rights or property of another.  
By the end of his term, the mayor had become known as a usurper of authority.

usury

utensil

utilitarian
adj
/(ˈyuːtəˈleiərən/  
L > F > E  
characterized by or aiming at usefulness as distinguished from beauty or ornament.  
Dean chose a utilitarian briefcase over the fancy leather model.

utility

utilizable
adj
/ˈyərˈlɪzəbəl/  
L > F > E  
capable of being made use of.  
It took three months, but eventually Leon was able to convert the prototype into a utilizable product.

utterance
n
/ˈətərəns/  
F > E  
something that is spoken.  
Smoke and clamor accompanied every utterance of the Great Oz.

uxorial
adj
/əˈksərərəl/  
L > E  
of, relating to, or having the characteristics of a wife.  
The new bride’s conduct defied Mrs. Ketchum’s notions of proper uxorial behavior.

uxorious

vacation

vacationland
vacatur
n
/ vəˈkædər /
L
an order of court making void a legal proceeding.
The court issued a vacatur when it found that the defendant’s rights had not been upheld.

vacancy
n
/ vəˈkænsi /
L
a place where cows or cattle are kept: dairy farm.
The teacher plans to take her students to a vaccary during their study of the dairy food group.

vaccinate
v
/ vəˈkænɪteɪt /
L > F
administer a preparation of microorganisms in order to produce or increase immunity to a particular disease.
Doctors no longer vaccinate American children against smallpox, as that disease was eradicated during the 1970s.

vacine

vaccinoid

vacillate
v
/ vəˈsɪləteɪt /
L
waver in mind, will, or feeling: hesitate in choice of opinions or courses.
Theresa must allow more time to choose what she will wear if she cannot stop her tendency to vacillate.

vacuity

vacuous
adj
/ vəˈkjʊəwəs /
L
emptied of or lacking content (as of air or gas).
Vacuous spaces within the meteorite made it easy to split in half.

vacuum

vagabond
adj
/ vəˈɡæbənd /
L > F > E
moving from place to place without a fixed home.
Orson wanted to buy a motor home and lead a vagabond life, but Eileen refused to sell their house.

vagary
n
/ vəˈɡɛrɪ /
L
a whimsical, fanciful, or extravagant idea or notion.
George’s idea that he would be spending his spring break in Paris was sheer vagary.

vagrancy
n
/ vəˈɡrænsi /
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.
To clear the downtown area of homeless people, the mayor instructed the police to arrest them for vagrancy.

vaguely

vainness

valet

valetudinarian
n
/ vəˈlɛtjuːdɪnərɪən /
L
a person of a weak or sickly constitution; especially: one whose chief concern is his invalidism.
Grandpa hopes that he will never be a valetudinarian.

valiant

valiantly
adv
/ vəˈlɪəntli /
L > F > E
in a brave or bold manner: courageously.
Deidre tried valiantly to swim the English Channel.

validity
n
/ ˈvælidəti /
L
the quality or state of being well grounded or justifiable.
Some people question the validity of Darwin’s theory of evolution.

valley

valorous
adj
/ ˈvɔlərəs /
L
brave, courageous.
Carrie’s valorous behavior during the flood earned her a medal.

valve

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<td>a flavoring extract made by soaking comminuted vanilla pods in a mixture of water and grain alcohol. The chef specified that real vanilla be used when making the cake.</td>
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<td>[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. Clement spent six months tracking changes in the variable.</td>
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<td>a solo dance in ballet. After choreographed a variation to be performed by the stars of his ballet company.</td>
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<td>resembling chicken pox. A virus was responsible for Lloyd’s varicelliform rash.</td>
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<td>abnormally swollen or dilated. Extreme cases of varicose veins can require surgical treatment.</td>
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<td>marked with different colors or tints in spots, streaks, or stripes. A shady corner of the garden was brightened by a clump of variegated coleus plants.</td>
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<td>an agent (as a parasympathetic nerve fiber or a drug) that induces or initiates widening of the lumen of blood vessels. Red wine contains tyramine, a vasodilator that can cause flushing and headaches.</td>
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<td>a feudal tenant. The lord of the estate rewarded the vassal for years of faithful service.</td>
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<td>quickness of motion: swiftness, speed.</td>
<td>deserving to be regarded with profound respect and affection.</td>
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<td>the act of twitching or of causing to twitch.</td>
<td>a prolonged feud marked by bitter hostility.</td>
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<td><em>Chloe’s all-night party exacerbated the vendetta with her neighbor.</em></td>
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<td>an autumnal thundersquall on the coast of Mexico.</td>
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<td>the flesh of a deer.</td>
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ventriloquist
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.
A ventriloquist entertained at Rebecca’s birthday party.

venue
n
/ 'ven(,)yü /
L > F
a place designated to be the scene of a gathering, such as for a sports event.
The Georgia Dome in Atlanta was the venue for Super Bowl XXXIV.

veracious
adj
/ və'rəʃəs /
L + Ecff
[has homonym: voracious] observant of the truth : habitually speaking the truth.
It was up to the jury to decide which of the two witnesses was the more veracious.

veracity
n
/ və'rəsətē /
L
devotion to the truth : truthfulness.
The prosecutor questioned the veracity of the witness.

verbally
adv
/ 'vərbəlē /
L + Ecff
in a manner involving the use of words rather than action or performance.
Johann couldn’t describe the shape verbally, so he drew it.

verbatim
adv
/ və'rəbəmətəm /
L
word for word : in the same words.
Marcelle can recite the entire Gettysburg Address verbatim.

verbatim
v
/ (ˌ)vərˈbiжərət /
L
repeat a word or sentence endlessly and meaninglessly.
The psychiatrist explained that some schizophrenic patients often verbigerate.

verbatim
n
/ vərˈbəmənēə /
L + Gk
excessive use of or obsession with words.
Frances was accused of verbomania by her classmates, who didn’t understand why she liked to study spelling.

verboten
adj
/ vərˈbətn /
G
forbidden; especially : prohibited by dictate.
Speaking English in the German language-immersion program is verboten.

verdant
adj
/ vərˈdənt /
L > F > E
a green or greenish blue poisonous pigment obtained by the action of acetic acid on copper.
The verdigris on the church steeple has aged beautifully.

verdigris
n
/ vərˈdəgrēz /
L > F > E
Latin American cooks use verdolaga in soups and salads.

verdolaga
n
/ vərdəˈläɡə /
L > Ar > Sp
an annual herb with fleshy leaves.

verdure
n
/ vərˈdər /
F > E
[has homonym: verger] fresh and green growing vegetation.
Joe walked back into the soft thick verdure of the hills and tramped until he was tired.

verglas
n
/ vərˈɡlā /
F
a thin film of ice on rock.
On her way to the stream for some fresh water, Connie slipped on the nearly invisible verglas.

verisimilitude
n
/ vərəˈsəmələtəd /
L + L
the quality or state of having the appearance of truth.
The artist’s scrupulous attention to detail provided an impressive degree of verisimilitude.

verjuice
n
/ vərˈdʒəs /
F > E
the sour juice of crab apples or other unripe fruit.
Scrooge was the kind of person who looked as though he drank verjuice every morning.

vermeil
vermicelli
n
/ vərˈməsələ /
L > It
alimentary paste made in long thin solid strings smaller in diameter than spaghetti.
The restaurant’s five-way chili started with a base of vermicelli.
vermiculate
adj
/ vo(r)ˈmikələt / L
wormlike in shape.
When Tom’s two-year-old brother tried to draw something, he could manage only a few vermiculate lines.

vernacular
adj
/ vo(r)ˈnəkələr / 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. Mr. Hillis could not understand the vernacular language of the rappers.

vernal
adj
/ ˈvɜrnəl / L
of, relating to, or characteristic of the spring. Cherry trees produce some of the prettiest vernal blossoms.

vernissage

verricule

versatile
adj
/ ˈvɜrsətil / L
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] marked by a tendency to change : fluctuating readily. Tricia’s versatile temperament made it impossible to predict her reactions.

vertebrate
adj
/ ˈvɜrdəbrət / L
having a spinal column. Vertebrate animals include fishes, reptiles, birds, and mammals.

vertex
n
/ ˌvɜrteks / L
the point on the limb of a celestial body nearest the zenith. The tiny dark spot near the Moon’s vertex is a huge crater.

vertical
adj
/ ˈvɜrdəskəl / L > F perpendicular to the plane of the horizon or to a primary axis: upright. Blythe preferred the fabric with broad vertical stripes.

vertiginate
v
/ ˌvɜrtiˈjænət / L whirl dizzily around: twirl. Young children love to vertiginate until they fall down.

vertiginous

vertigo
n
/ ˈvɜrdəɡoʊ / L
a disordered state in which the individual or the individual’s surroundings seem to whirl dizzily. The constant rocking of the boat produced feelings of vertigo and nausea in many of the passengers.

vesicant
n
/ ˈvesəkənt / L + E an agent (as a drug or a plant substance) that induces blistering. Brittany wore thick gloves in order to avoid contact with the vesicant.

vespertine
adj
/ ˈvespə(r)ˈtīn / L setting with or just after the Sun. Venus is the most prominent vespertine planet.

vessel

vestibule
n
/ ˈvestəbˈyül / L > F a passage, hall, or chamber between the outer door and the interior of a building. The elevators were located at the end of the vestibule.

vestige
n
/ ˈvestij / L > F a remaining bit that constitutes a memorial or trace of something formerly present. Dmitri thought he detected a vestige of natural gas odor in the kitchen.

veterinary

vexation

vexatious
adj
/ ˈvekstəʃəs / L causing or likely to cause mental suffering. A lame carriage horse threw everything into sad uncertainty and created a situation Emma found most vexatious.

vexillology

viable

vibraphone

vibrato
vicarage
n
/ˈvɪkərɪdʒ/
L > E
the house of a priest of a parish.
About a quarter of a mile down the road rose the vicarage, an old and not very good house.

vicegerency

vicegerent
n
/ˈvɪsɪdʒərənt/
L
an administrative deputy appointed to perform functions of a king or magistrate.
The emperor claimed that he was ruling as God’s vicegerent.

vicereine

vichyssosé
n
/ˈvɪʃɪsɔˈswɛz/
F geog name
a soup made of pureed leeks and potatoes and usually served cold.
When vichyssosé is well made, it’s heavenly; when it’s badly made, it’s inedible.

vicinage

viciously
adv
/ˈvɪʃəsˈlɛɪərənt/
L > F > E
in a manner marked by violence or ferocity.
The puppy attempted to shake the old sock viciously.

vicissitude
n
/ˈvɪsiʃətɪdʒ/
L
an accident of fortune: a shift of luck.
By the vicissitude of winning the lottery, Helen was able to buy the dream house she always wanted.

vicontiel
adj
/ˈvɪkəntiəl/
F > AF
of or relating to a viscount or sheriff.
Robin Hood was wanted by the vicontiel authorities of several counties.

victorious

viduity
n
/ˈvɪd(ə)yədʒiədʒ/ 
L
widowhood.
Wendy’s first husband was killed in the Gulf War, but her viduity ended when she remarried in 1994.

vigentennial
adj
/ˌvɪdʒənˈtɛnəl/
L
occurring once every 20 years: relating to a 20th anniversary.
The store celebrated its vigentennial anniversary with a big sale.

vigesimal

vigilance

vigilante
n
/ˈvɪdʒələnt/ 
L > Sp
a member of a volunteer committee organized to protect an interest, especially to suppress and punish crime.
The cowboy movie was about a rancher who became a vigilante and joined in the search for a criminal.

vigneron
n
/ˈvɪgnərɔ̃/ 
F
one who cultivates a vineyard and makes wine from the grapes.
The American vigneron was delighted that the French judges chose his wine as being among the world’s best.

vignette

vilayet

vilify
v
/ˈvɪləfɪ/
L
utter slanderous and abusive statements against: defame.
Wouldn’t it be refreshing if the candidates vying for the office did not vilify each other?

vilipend
v
/ˈvɪlpɛnd/
L
speak of slightly or disparagingly: depreciate.
The candidate decided to vilipend her opponent instead of discussing the issues.

villain
n
/ˈvɪlən/
L > F > E
[has homonyms: villein, villan]
one who deliberately plots and does serious harm to others.
The police were seeking the villain who conned several senior citizens out of their savings.

villainous

villainy

vinaceous
adj
/ˈvɪnəʃəs/ 
L
of the color wine red.
The vinaceous liquid in the three-foot-high bottle at the restaurant is not really wine.

vinaigrette
n
/ˈvɪnəˌɡrɛt/ 
F
a sauce made typically of vinegar, oil, onions, parsley, and herbs.
The salad was dressed with a tomato-flavored vinaigrette.

vincible
vinculum
n
/ˈvɪŋkyləm/
L
a unifying bond.
*Their mutual love of dolls is the vinculum between Delia and Christine, who are otherwise very different.*

vindicate
v
/ˈvɪndɪkət/
L
free from any question of error, dishonor, guilt, or negligence.
*Oliver felt the judge’s decision would vindicate him completely.*

vinegar
n
/ˈvɪnɪgər/
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.
*Pete used a special aged balsamic vinegar in the salad dressing.*

vineyard
n
/ˈvɪnɪrˌdæd/
E
a field of grapevines.
*While touring a Napa Valley winery, Jamie wandered through the vineyard.*

vintner
n
/ˈvɪntnər/
L > F > E
a person who sells wine: a wine merchant.
*The vintner assured Babette that the wine she was considering would go well with veal.*

violated

violin
n
/ˈvɪəlɪn/
OProv > It
a bowed stringed instrument having four strings, a shallow body, a fingerboard without frets, and a curved bridge.
*Reuben demonstrated his technical virtuosity on the violin when he auditioned for the string ensemble.*

violoncello
n
/ˌvɪələnˈtʃɛloʊ/ /ˌvɪələnˈtʃɛloʊ/ /ˌvɪələnˈtʃɛloʊ/
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.
*The violoncello played plaintively in the prelude to the last act of the opera.*

virago
n
/ˈvɪrəɡoʊ/ /ˈvɪrəɡoʊ/ /ˈvɪrəɡoʊ/
L [has near homonym: vorago] a loud overbearing woman.
*The manager at the Department of Motor Vehicles was, unfortunately, a virago.*

viridescent
adj
/ˈvɪrɪdɪsnt/ /ˈvɪrɪdɪsnt/ /ˈvɪrɪdɪsnt/
L
greenish.
*Gideon removed the viridescent scum from the bottom of the horse trough and added fresh water.*

virtue

virtuoso
n
/ˈvɜrچʊəˌwə(ˌ)ləs/ /ˈvɜrچʊəˌwə(ˌ)ləs/ /ˈvɜrچʊəˌwə(ˌ)ləs/
L
one who excels in the technique of an art; especially: a musical performer.
*The virtuoso took 12 curtain calls, setting a new record for the concert hall.*

virulent
adj
/ˈvɜrələnt/ /ˈvɜrələnt/ /ˈvɜrələnt/
L
characterized by rapid course, severity, and malignancy—used especially of a disease or infection.
*The virulent strain of flu spread rapidly through the community.*

visage

visceroptosis
n
/ˌvɪsərəˈpɑːtəs/ /ˌvɪsərəˈpɑːtəs/ /ˌvɪsərəˈpɑːtəs/
L + Gk
downward displacement of the abdominal organs.
*The growth of the tumor had caused visceroptosis.*

viscount
n
/ˈvɪtskaʊnt/ /ˈvɪtskaʊnt/ /ˈvɪtskaʊnt/
L > F > E
a noble ranking below an earl and above a baron.
*The viscount had no children and was becoming desperate to have an heir.*

viscous
adj
/ˈvɪskəs/ /ˈvɪskəs/ /ˈvɪskəs/
[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.
*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.*

visibility
n
/ˈvɪzəˈbɪlədɪ/ /ˈvɪzəˈbɪlədɪ/ /ˈvɪzəˈbɪlədɪ/
L
the degree or extent to which something is capable of being seen.
*The captain announced that visibility was approximately five miles.*
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<td>make incomplete, faulty, or defective: injure the substance or quality of.</td>
<td>easily passing off by evaporation.</td>
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<td>a glass showcase for display (as of fine wares or specimens).</td>
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<td>talkativeness.</td>
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<td>The cheerful volubility at Mrs. King’s luncheon is largely due to the fact that she is a great hostess.</td>
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n
/ˈvɔrtɛks/
L
a rapidly spinning current of water.
The toy sailboat got caught in the vortex and spun wildly as the bathtub drained.

vowel

voyage
n
/ˈvoi(ə)j/
L > E
an act or instance of traveling: excursion, tour.
Bill and Gail went on a sea voyage for their honeymoon.

vulgar
adj
/ˈvəlgə(r)/
L
lacking in cultivation, perception, or taste.
Harriet vowed that she would not visit Mr. Martin’s wife if he married an ignorant vulgar woman.

vulnerable
adj
/ˈvʌlnərəl/
L
capable of being wounded: defenseless against injury.
Maggie’s sensitive nature made her vulnerable to cross remarks.

vulnerary
adj
/ˈvʌlnərəri/ L
promoting the healing of wounds: curative.
There was a section in the old medical book about vulnerary herbs.

vulpine

vulture
n
/ˈvʌltər(r)/
L > E
yany 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.
The turkey vulture rarely gets credit for its help in removing unfortunate opossums and skunks from our roadways.

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waffle
n
/ˈwæfəl/
D
a crisp cake made of pancake batter baked in a specialized appliance.
For breakfast, Mary ordered a waffle topped with blueberry compote.

waggish

wagonload

waif

wainscot
n
/ˈwænzkət/
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).
Michelle chose a striped wallpaper for the wainscot in the dining room.

wainwright

waldmeister
n
/ˈwɑldmiːstə(r)/
G + L > G
a small European sweet-scented herb.
The Germans use waldmeister to flavor May wine.

wallaby
n
/ˈwɔlbə/ A
Australian name
any of various small or medium-sized kangaroos.
The wallaby usually feeds in the safety of dusk or darkness.

wallet

walleyed
adj
/ˈwɔl.i.d/ E
having very light gray or whitish eyes.
The Appaloosa foaled a walleyed filly last spring.

wallop
v
/ˈwələp/ F
gain a decisive victory over: beat by a wide margin: trounce.
Coach Garrett predicts that the Cougars will soundly wallop the Buccaneers.

waltz
n
/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.
When the band started playing a waltz, Marilyn hoped that someone would ask her to dance.

wander

wanderlust
n
/ˈwɒndər.lʌst/ G
strong or unconquerable longing for or impulse toward traveling.
Cayte’s wanderlust caused her to postpone college so that she could tour Europe.
wantonness
n
/wɒntˈn(ə)s/  
E  
the quality or state of being without check or limitation.  
The wantonness of comfort  
Georgetta experienced as a young child caused her to become a spoiled brat.

wapiti
n
/wəˈpɑːdi/  
Algonquian  
a North American deer similar to the European red deer but considerably larger.  
The older male wapiti is often hunted for its antlers.

warden
n
/ˈwɔrdən/  
Gmc > F > E  
an official in charge of the operation of a prison.  
The warden recommended that the disruptive prisoner be denied parole.

warehouse

warison

warmonger

warmth

warrior
n
/ˈwɔrɪr/  
E  
a human engaged or experienced in warfare and especially in primitive warfare or the close combat typical of ancient or medieval times.  
The warrior attended a council before battle in the morning.

wasabi
n
/ˈwəsəbɛ/  
Jpn  
an Asiatic herb whose greenish root is grated and eaten with fish or other food.  
In Japan, Pam had raw fish seasoned with wasabi, which tasted like horseradish.

washtrough

wasp
n
/ˈwæsp/  
E  
any of numerous winged hymenopterous insects that have well-developed wings and biting mouthparts, and a more or less formidable sting.  
The well-known yellow jacket is a wasp with a hurtful sting.

wasteward
n
/ˈwʌstwɛər/  
L > F > E  
a notch in a levee or other barrier across a stream for the escape of superfluous water.  
A wasteward was constructed in the dam to prevent flooding along the banks of the stream.

wastrel
n
/ˈwʌstrɛl/  
L > F > E  
something rejected or discarded as useless or imperfect.  
Hardly any item is wastrel to the ardent recycler.

watercress
n
/ˈwɔdə(r)kres/  
E  
a white-flowered plant growing in water with leaves that are used in salads.  
Jesse added some watercress and carrots to the tossed salad.

waxen

wearsome
adj
/ˈwɛəsəm/  
E  
tiresome, tedious.  
Gondolph found hearing accounts of other people’s dreams wearsome.

weasel
n
/wɛˈzɔːl/  
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.  
In the snow the white fur of the weasel camouflages it against attacks by hawks or owls.

weather

webelos
n
/ˈwɛbəlɔz/  
E acronym  
a Cub Scout of the fifth rank who is at least 10½ years old and is preparing for entrance into Boy Scouts.  
Noah spent his second year as a webelos working on his fitness, geologist, and handyman activity badges.

wedellite

wedge

weevil
n
/ˈwɛvəl/  
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.  
The boll weevil is a serious pest to the cotton crop in North America.
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whippoorwill
n
/ˈhɪpərˌwɪl/ 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.
At camp Nick recorded the call of a whippoorwill.

whirligig
n
/ˈhwɜrləɡɪɡ/  E
a child’s toy having a whirling or spinning motion.
Sandy bought a whirligig at the dime store.

whirlwind
n
/ˈhwɜrlwɪnd/  Scand > E + E
a small rotating windstorm of limited extent.
A whirlwind is sometimes called a “dust devil.”

whisk
n
/ˈhwɪsk/  Scand > E
a small usually wire kitchen implement used for hand beating of food (as eggs, cream, or potatoes).
Rose used a whisk to beat the egg whites into a stiff froth.

whisperer
n
/ˈhwɪspərə(r)/  E
one that speaks softly with the aim of preserving secrecy.
Reverend Loomis scanned the congregation in vain, searching for the whisperer.

whist
n
/ˈhwɪst/  imit E
a four-player card game from which bridge evolved.
In learning to play whist, Carole found it helpful to make a chart of its similarities to bridge.

whistleable
adj
/ˈhwɪsləbəl/  E + Ecf
capable of being whistled.
Rufus could botch up even the most whistleable tune.

whodunit
n
/ˈhʊdənət/  E
a detective story or a mystery story presented as a novel, a play, or a motion picture.
The whodunit proved to be the most popular play at the summer theater.

wholesale
adv
/ˈhəʊlˌsɛl/  E
in a manner of, relating to, or engaged in the sale of goods or commodities in quantity for resale.
Juliana purchased several store fixtures wholesale.

wholesome
adj
/ˈhɔlsəm/  E
promoting health of body : health-giving.
Ellie sometimes ate junk food rather than the wholesome lunch her mother had made for her.

whorlywort
n
/ˈhwɔrlɪrəlˈwɔrt/  E
a tall perennial herb—called also “Culver’s root.”
Darnell bought a hand-colored engraving of a whorlywort at the auction.

whortleberry
n
/ˈhwɔrtˈlebərə/  E
a sweet edible European blueberry.
The unripe whortleberry was too sour for Vernon to eat.

wickiup
n
/ˈwɪkiˌəp/  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.
As they constructed the wickiup, the campers were careful to leave a hole in the top for campfire smoke to escape.

widget
n
/ˈwɪdʒt/  E
an unnamed article considered for purposes of hypothetical example as the typical product of a company.
On Trudy’s graph, each star represents one widget.

width

wince

winsome
adj
/ˈwɪnsəm/  E
pleasant because of cheer, childlike nature, and open candor.
The little tyke’s winsome smile won him many friends.

wintriness

wirrah

wiseacre

wisent
n
/ˈvɪzənt/  G
a European bison.
The advance of European civilization drove the wisent to the brink of extinction; it survived mainly by breeding in zoos.
withernam
n
/ˈwɪðərnəm/
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
/ˈwɪtˌlʌf/
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
/ˈwɪtɪsɪzm/
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
/ˈwɪzədrɪ/  
E
magic skill: sorcery, witchcraft.
Merlin practiced his wizardry at the court of King Arthur.

wizen

wobbulator
n
/ˈwɒbələtər/
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
/ˈwəbəɡən/  
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
/ˈwək/
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
/ˈrɑːθ/  
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
/ˈrɛθ/  
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
/ˈrekəʤ/  
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
/ˈrɛsəl/  
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
/ˈrɛʧəd/  
E
squalid, dismal, foul.
After the flood, the whole neighborhood looked wretched.

wriggle
v
/ˈrɪɡəl/  
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
/ˈrɪθ/  
E
move or proceed with twists and turns.
Silently, we watched a seven-foot boa constrictor writhe through the trees.
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| Gk              | Gk              |  |
| a condition that is marked by the development (as on the eyelids, neck, or back) of irregular yellow patches or nodules. High cholesterol or triglyceride levels can be factors in causing xanthoma. | abnormal dryness of the mouth due to insufficient secretions. Xerostomia was one of the drug’s side effects. |  |

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yeast
n
/ˈyeɪst/
E
a substance used in baking and the fermentation of alcoholic beverages: leaven.
The sourdough bread recipe called for two packages of yeast.

yeasty

yenta
n
/ˈyɛntə/
Yiddish
one that meddles.
Evelyn’s children laughingly refer to her as a yenta when she tries to set them up on blind dates.

yeoman

yeomanry
n
/ˈjʊmənri/ 
E
the whole body of small farmers who cultivate their own land; specifically: the body of small landed proprietors of the middle class.
Among the legal privileges of the yeomanry was the right to serve as a juror.

yewberry

yield
v
/ˈyɛld/
E
agree to accept or comply with something: exhibit willingness rather than opposition.
Sarah looks forward to the day when she will not have to yield to her parents’ wishes.

yelm

yoga
n
/ˈyəɡə/
Skt
union of the individual self with the universal spirit.
The teacher explained that through years of mental and physical exercise, she had been able to attain a complete yoga.

yokel
n
/ˈyəʊkl/ 
imit E
an unpolished, naïve, or gullible inhabitant of a rural area or of a small town.
The pool hustler disguised himself as a yokel to lure unsuspecting victims.

yore
n
/ˈyɔr(ə)r/ 
E
[has homonym: your] time past and especially long since past.
Adam’s favorite books contain stories about knights of yore.

youngster

youthfully

yowl

ytterbium

yttrium
n
/ˈɪtərʃəm/ 
Sw geog name
a trivalent metallic element usually included among the rare-earth metals.
Yttrium is one of the elements used in making lasers.

yule

yuletide

zaguan

zaibatsu
n pl
/ˈziːbətsu/ 
Jpn
the powerful financial and industrial conglomerates of Japan.
Keiko intended that her electronics company become one of the zaibatsu.

zapateado
n
/ˌzəˈpætəˈə(ð)doʊ/ 
Sp
a rhythmic stamping or tapping step characteristic of Spanish dancing.
Juliana needs practice in zapateado before she can take advanced flamenco classes.

zeal
n
/ˈzɛl/ 
Gk > L > E
impassioned eagerness.
Russell entered into his new job with great zeal.

zealot

zealous

zebra

zeitgeber
n
/tsɪt.gəbər/ 
G
an environmental agent or event that provides the stimulus for setting or resetting the biological clock of an organism.
Frederick used a zeitgeber consisting of his bedroom lamp hooked to a timer prior to his trip and was able to avoid severe jetlag.

zenith
n
/ˈzenəθ/ 
Ar > Sp > L > F > E
the point of culmination: peak, summit.
Winning the Faculty Award was the zenith of Stephanie’s college career.
zephyr  
n  
/ 'zefə(r) /  
Gk  
a soft warm breeze from the west.  
*The gentle zephyr was not sufficient to keep Renee’s kite airborne.*

zeppelin  
n  
/ 'zep(ə)lən /  
G name  
a rigid airship.  
*Olga’s dream was to ride in a zeppelin one day.*

zeugma  
n  
/ 'züɡmə /  
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.  
*The statement “John upset the table and his mother” is, one would hope, a zeugma.*

zagzaggedness  
n  
/ zigˈzæɡədnəs /  
G? > F + Ecff  
the quality or state of having short sharp turns or angles.  
*An aerial photograph revealed the zagzaggedness of the mountain road.*

zircon  
n  
/ 'zɔ(r).kən /  
It > F > G  
a mineral occurring in brown or grayish square prisms or sometimes in transparent forms which are used as gems.  
*The zircon in Wendy’s ring looks very much like a diamond.*

zoanthropy

zodiac

zodiacal  
adj  
/ zəˈdīˌəkəl /  
Gk  
of, relating to, or within the zodiac.  
*Jessica has a pendant in the shape of Pisces, her zodiacal symbol.*

zoning

zoological  

zoophilist  
n  
/ zəˈfɪləst /  
Gk + Gk + Ecff  
a lover of animals; especially : a person concerned with the rights of lower animals and their protection from abuse.  
*The noted zoophilist explained how deforestation is endangering several species of mammals and birds.*

zootechny

zucchetto  
n  
/ zuˈkɛt(ə) /  
L > It  
a small round skullcap worn by Roman Catholic ecclesiastics in colors that vary according to the rank of the wearer.  
*In public appearances, the pope usually wears a white cassock and zucchetto.*

zucchini  
n  
/ zəˈkuːni /  
It  
a slender green summer squash.  
*Tim picked a large zucchini from his garden.*

zugzwang  
n  
/ ˈtʃtʊk.ʃtʃæŋ /  
G  
the necessity of moving in chess when it is to one’s disadvantage.  
*Valerie forced the grandmaster into zugzwang.*

zwieback  
n  
/ ˈswi.ˈbæk /  
G  
a usually sweetened bread enriched with eggs that is first prepared and baked and then sliced and toasted until dry and crisp.  
*Liza placed a slice of zwieback on the baby’s tray.*

zygosis

zymology