

2004 Scripps National Spelling Bee Consolidated Word List: Words Appearing Infrequently

ferruginous

fester

festooned

fetching

fetlock

fever

few

pron pl

/ 'fyü /

E

[has homonyms: feu, phew] not many persons or things.

Few of the claims in the advertisement are true.

fewer

fewness

fiacre

fibranne

fibrocitis

fibrocystic

fickle

fid

fiddlehead

n

/ 'fid^əl.hed /

L? > E + E

one of the young unfurling fronds of certain ferns that are often eaten as greens.

Justin refused to try a fiddlehead until he saw how much his sister loved them.

fiducial

fiduciarily

fieldpiece

fiend

fiercest

adj

/ 'fi(ə)rsəst /

L > F > E

marked by the most furious unrestrained zeal or vehemence.

The newspaper editor became the mayor's fiercest critic.

fieriness

fiesta

n

/ fē'estə /

L > Sp

festival.

The fiesta was held under the stars.

fifteen

fifth

adj

/ 'fif(t)h /

E

being number five in a countable series.

Middle school starts with the fifth grade in many school systems.

fiftieth

file

filiciform

filigree

fillister

filmscript

n

/ 'film.skript /

E + L

a written text for a motion picture.

The actor read every word of the filmscript before signing a contract to play the leading role.

filmy

filter

filthy

final

adj

/ 'fin^{əl} /

L

not to be altered or undone.

After making what she thought was her final decision about buying a car, Sheila was bombarded with new information.

finch

finery

fingerprint

finickiness

finitism

fireman

firing

adj

/ 'fi(ə)rɪŋ /

E

of or relating to the operation or operating parts of a firearm.

The firing mechanism on Tsuki's gun kept jamming.

firm

adj

/ 'fərm /

L > F > E

securely or solidly fixed in place.

The gate and its pillars were firm, but at one side the fence had fallen when a tree fell on it.

firman

firth

fishgig

n

/ 'fish.gig /

E

[Note: Could be confused with fizgig.] a fish spear having two or more barbed prongs.

Corinne found a rusty fishgig on the beach.

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fishy

adj
/ 'fɪʃē /
E

of or relating to a fish.
A fishy odor emanated from the bag in the trunk.

fitful

fixation

n
/ fɪk'sɪʃən /
L > E

the conversion of free nitrogen into combined forms useful as such or as starting materials for fertilizers, explosives, and a variety of chemicals.
Fixation of nitrogen dioxide can occur in an electric arc from nitrogen and oxygen in the air.

flabbergastingly

flabby

flaccid

adj
/ 'flæksəd /
L

yielding to pressure for want of firmness and stiffness : flabby.
Joe looked at his flaccid muscles in the mirror and vowed to join a health club.

flaccidity

n
/ flæk'sɪdətē /
L

the quality or state of yielding to pressure for want of firmness and stiffness.
As George entered his forties, he found that he had to exercise regularly to combat muscular flaccidity.

flacon

flagellation

flaith

flameout

flanger

flannelly

flare

flareback

flashback

n
/ 'flæʃ.bæk /
E + E

an instance of a literary or theatrical technique used especially in motion pictures and television that involves interruption of the chronological sequence of events by interjection of events or scenes of earlier occurrence.
The movie used a flashback to show the early family life of the main character.

flashlight

flatter

flavescence

flaxier

flaxseed

fleeceable

fleer

fleshpot

flickery

flightily

flimsiness

flintlock

flinty

adj
/ 'flɪntē /
E

harsh and unyielding : rigorous and stern.
The senator's flinty character stood him in good stead on the finance committee.

flirtatious

flixweed

flock

n
/ 'flæk /
E

a company of domestic mammals (as sheep or goats) herded together.
The Christmas card portrayed a shepherd watching over a flock of sheep.

floe

n
/ 'flō /
ON > Norw

[has homonym: flow] floating ice formed in a large sheet on the surface of the sea or other body of water.
Jagged sections of floe around the tanker suddenly joined, trapping the vessel in a sea of solid ice.

floggable

floodlight

n
/ 'flʊd.lɪt /
E + E

artificial illumination in a broad beam; also : a source of such illumination.
As the cast came out for a curtain call, a floodlight brightened the stage.

flora

n
/ 'flɔrə /
L

plant life : plants.
The flora of South Carolina includes the palmetto, which is a significant feature of the state's flag.

florentine

florulent

flounce

fluctuate

fluent

fluidity

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flunk

v
/ 'flʌŋk /
(D or Norw&Danish + F)?
fail.
Evan fears that he will flunk his final exam in chemistry.

fluoride

n
/ 'flu(ə),rɪd /
L > ISV + G&F > ISVcf
a binary compound of fluorine usually with a more electropositive element or radical.
Free molecules of fluoride can be formed by electrolysis of an aqueous fluoride solution.

fluoroscopic

flurriment

flute

flutterboard

fluvicoline

flypaper

n
/ 'fli,pāpər /
E + Gk > L > F > E
paper coated with a sticky substance for killing flies.
David put the flypaper just outside the screen door, hoping to catch insects before they got into the house.

foggara

fogyism

foliageous

folklore

folktale

folly

n
/ 'fālē /
F > E
a thoughtless act or irrational idea.
His scheme was the despairing folly of a powerful man who cannot bear to grow old.

fomented

font

foolproof

footcandles

n pl
/ 'füt,kand°lz /
E + L > E
units of illuminance each equal to the illuminance on a surface that is everywhere 1 foot from a uniform point source of light of one candle and equal to 1 lumen per square foot.
An office or classroom usually requires about 70 footcandles; by comparison, direct sunlight at noon is about 1,000 footcandles.

footlight

footnote

footslogger

footwork

n
/ 'füt,wɜrk /
E + E
the management of the feet and the work done with them, as in dancing or sports.
The star of the soccer team takes a ballet lesson every week to improve his footwork.

foramen

forebitt

foreboding

forefront

foreganger

forehoof

forelegs

n pl
/ 'fɔr,legz /
E
any of the front legs of an insect.
In worker bees the hairs of the forelegs are used to brush pollen from flowers.

foreman

forename

forenoon

foreshorten

foresighted

forestaysail

forestry

n
/ 'fɔrəstrē /
L > F > E
a science of developing, caring for, or cultivating tracts of wooded land : the management of growing timber.
The pulp and paper mill wishes to hire an individual with a master's degree in forestry.

forgetive

forgive

forlornness

format

forsaken

adj
/ fə(r)'sākən /
E
left desolate or empty.
The forsaken town had tumbleweeds growing on Main Street and the dust was inches deep in the buildings.

forte

forthright

fortify

fortnight

n
/ 'fɔrt.nɪt /
E
the space of 14 days : two weeks.
Lewis had hoped to stay at the lodge for a fortnight, but he had to return early.

fortnightly

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forty

adj
/ 'fɔrdē /
E
being one more than 39 in number.
Mrs. Langdon spent the morning in tears the day she turned forty years old.

fossiliferous

fosterage

fought

foundling

fourrier

fourscore

adj
/ 'fɔ(ə)r.skɔ(ə)r /
E
being 80 in number.
Granny declared that she would wear purple whenever she so desired, now that she was fourscore years old.

fourteen

adj
/ fɔ(ə)r(t)'tēn /
E
being one more than 13 in number.
Many of the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee finalists are fourteen years old.

foxhound

foxing

n
/ 'fäksɪŋ /
E
discoloration; especially : brownish spots in the paper of old books.
Faded print and foxing made the old books in the attic very difficult to read.

foxy

foyer

fractiously

fragilely

fragmentation

framer

framework

francium

francolin

frangipane

frankenstein

frantic

frap

fratority

fratricide

freeloading

freewheeler

frenetic

fresh

adj
/ 'fresh /
E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.]
disposed to take liberties : saucy, impudent, rude.
Mr. Broyles warned Walter not to be so fresh.

fret

v
/ 'fret /
E
become vexed, worried, impatient, or irritated.
Many parents fret over the high cost of feeding their families.

friar

n
/ 'frī(ə)r /
L > F > E
[has homonym: fryer] a member of a mendicant order.
The Mediterranean monk seal is so named because its dark brown coat resembles the brown robe of a Franciscan friar.

friary

Friday

n
/ 'frī(ɪ)dā /
E
the day following Thursday.
Teachers, as well as students, often count the days to Friday.

frigate

frigorimeter

frippery

friskiness

frog

n
/ 'frɔg /
E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, speller might confuse with homonym frage.] a card game developed from tarok and popular especially in Mexico.
Pablo and Lucita played a couple of hands of frog before lunch.

fronds

n pl
/ 'frändz /
L
[has near homonym: frons] fern leaves.
The goldfish seem to prefer staying away from the waving fronds in the pond.

frontal

frontenis

frore

frostbite

frostily

frothily

frothy

frotton

frowner

frozen

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fructiferous

fructify

frustrated

adj
/ 'frʌstrədəd /
L

filled with a deep chronic sense of insecurity, discouragement, and dissatisfaction.

Many workers feel frustrated because they do not have the opportunity to use their talents in their jobs.

fugleman

fulsomely

adv
/ 'fʊlsəmlē /
E

copiously, abundantly.

Max was lunching in the cafeteria, devouring a fulsomely garnished cheeseburger.

fumy

adj
/ 'fyümē /
L > F > E

producing or full of gaseous emissions that are usually odorous and sometimes noxious.

Vera's eyes started to water from the fumy ammonia she was using to clean the floor.

functionary

funereal

adj
/ fyü'nirēəl /
L

befitting or suggesting a funeral : oppressively solemn.

Ben and Trish enjoyed their elegant meal at the posh restaurant, but the piped-in music was too funereal for their mood.

funereally

funk

n
/ 'fʌnk /
L > F

a strong offensive smell.

The sailors could barely breath below deck because of the funk from tobacco smoke.

furbish

furious

furrier

furrow

furry

furtum

fuseplug

fusibility

fusiform

adj
/ 'fyüzəförm /
L + L

shaped like a spindle : tapering toward each end.

Fusiform rust, a common disease of loblolly pine trees, causes rod-shaped cankers to develop on the branches.

fustanella

fusty

futile

futtock

futuramic

fylfot

gabardine

gabbroid

gadfly

gadget

gadoid

gadolinium

gadroon

n
/ gə'drūn /
F

an ornament produced by notching or carving a rounded molding.
Lucy examined the intricate gadroon on the entry door.

gaelicize

gaffe

gaga

gagman

gainer

gainful

gala

adj
/ 'gālə /
F > It

belonging to, deserving, or attended by festivities.

The king declared that there would be parades through every city in the land and a gala carnival of three days' duration.

galactia

galeate

galeiform

gallium

galloper

galoot

galop

n
/ 'galəp /
F

[has homonym: gallop] a lively dance in duple time performed with sliding steps from side to side and popular in the 19th century.

The galop was introduced into England in 1829 at a ball given by the king.

galvanneal

gambusia

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gamete

gammoned

ganache

gander

gandhian

gang

n
/ 'gɑŋ /
E

a group of persons working under the same direction or at the same task.

The movie was about an escape from prison by a member of a chain gang.

gangling

gangplank

gangster

n
/ 'gɑŋztə(r) /
E

a member of a gang of criminals.
The actor won an award for his portrayal of a Chicago gangster.

gaper

garageman

garb

n
/ 'gärb /
It or F

style of apparel : costume.
Mrs. Whatsit appeared in her familiar wild garb of shawls and scarves and the old tramp's coat and hat.

garbled

garbology

n
/ gär'bäləjē /
Gmc > F + Gk
the study of modern culture through the analysis of what is thrown away as garbage or trash.
The city's landfill known as Mount Trashmore will be a treasure trove to future generations of students of garbology.

garcon

gardener

garlic

garret

garter

n
/ 'gärdər /
Celt > F > E
[has homonym: guarder] a circular band of elastic with or without a fastener worn to hold up a stocking or sock.
The bride's grandmother presented her with the traditional lucky garter to wear on her wedding day.

gastroenterology

n
/ ,gɑ(.)strō.entər'äləjē /
Gk

the study of the stomach and the intestines especially in respect to their diseases and pathology.
It took no expert in gastroenterology to deduce that Jeffrey was suffering from food poisoning.

gauntlet

gauss

n
/ 'gäʊs /
G name
the centimeter-gram-second electromagnetic unit of magnetic induction.
While looking at the exhibits at the science fair, Linda learned that the gauss is a unit of measurement associated with magnetism.

gazette

gearing

gehlenite

geistlich

gelastic

gelidity

gematriot

gemellion

gemmiparous

gender

n
/ 'jendə(r) /
L > F > E
any of two or more subclasses within a grammatical class of a language that determine agreement with and selection of other words or grammatical forms.
In Latin each noun is considered masculine, feminine, or neuter, and every adjective must change its form to match the gender of the noun that it modifies.

gene

n
/ 'jēn /
Gk > G
[has homonym: jean] one of the elements of the germ plasm serving as specific transmitters of hereditary characters.
Blue eyes are caused by a recessive gene.

generally

generate

v
/ 'jenə.rāt /
L
cause to be : bring into existence.
Claude's speech about patriotism was actually intended to generate money for the Olympic teams.

geniality

genocidal

genoise

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genteelly

gentle

adj
/ 'jentl /
L

benignly gracious or kind in manner : not harsh or stern : mild.
The psychiatrist maintained a gentle and patient demeanor while probing for the source of the orphan's paranoia.

gentrification

gentry

n
/ 'jentrē /
L > F > E
upper or ruling class : aristocracy.
During the worst days of the French Revolution, the gentry all feared for their lives.

genuinely

genuineness

geode

n
/ 'jē.ōd /
Gk
a nodule of stone having a cavity lined with crystals or mineral matter.
Jimmy bought a geode for a dollar in Cerillos, New Mexico.

geogen

geogenous

geoglyphic

geomalism

georgic

geoscology

geosynchronous

adj
/ jēō'sɪŋkrənəs /
Gk + Gk + Gk
of or relating to an artificial satellite that travels from west to east above the equator and at the same angular velocity as that of Earth so that the satellite seems to remain in the same place.
Satellites that handle telephone calls and television signals are in geosynchronous orbits above Earth.

geotropism

geratology

germanium

germiparity

Geronimo

interj
/ jə'ränə.mō /
Apache name
—used as a battle cry by paratroopers typically at the moment of jumping.
Alex's "Geronimo" trailed off as he fell toward the earth.

gesso

gestalt

n
/ gə's(h)tält /
G
a structure of physical, biological, or psychological phenomena so integrated as to constitute a functional unit with properties not derivable from its parts in summation.
Lieutenant Henry's many experiences as a prisoner of war formed a gestalt from which he may never recover.

gewgawry

ghoulie

giaour

n
/ 'jäu(ə)r /
Per > Turkish
one outside the Muslim faith : infidel.
The coffee house posted a sign warning that no giaour would be admitted.

gibber

gibberellin

gills

n pl
/ 'gɪlz /
Scand > E
organs for obtaining oxygen from water.
Some water insects breathe by means of gills.

gimlet

gingival

gingivectomy

girasol

giustamente

glabella

glaciolacustrine

glacis

gladiolus

gladsome

adj
/ 'glad.səm /
E + Ecf
made happy : filled with joy.
The gladsome audience wildly applauded the pianist's performance.

glairy

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glassily

adv
/ 'glasə'li /
E

in a manner resembling or suggestive of glass.
The surface of the lake glassily reflected the sky.

glasswort

glaucescence

glaucous

glaucomatous

glaucopse

gleamy

gleeful

adj
/ 'glɛfəl /
E

exuberantly or exultantly joyful.
The villain turned fiendishly gleeful when the hero fell into his trap.

glen

n
/ 'glɛn /
ScotGael > E
a secluded narrow valley.

The hikers pointed to a distant glen and agreed it was a perfect place to set up camp.

glide

v
/ 'glɪd /
E

move smoothly, continuously, and effortlessly.
Larry sharpened his skates to help them glide over the ice.

gliding

glisten

glistened

v
/ 'glɪsənd /
E

shined brightly usually by reflection with a sparkling radiance.
The beaches glistened with smooth stones and sea foam.

glitterati

gloom

global

gloomy

glorify

gloss

glossarial

glossematician

glosseme

glossopyrosis

glottology

n
/ glɔ'tɒlədʒi /
Gk

the study of human speech in its various aspects (as the structure of a language including such factors as phonetics, accent, syntax, semantics, grammar, and the relation between writing and speech).

Glottology is more frequently referred to as "linguistics."

gluhwein

glum

adj
/ 'glʌm /
E

dismal, dreary, or gloomy.
After receiving their report cards, more than a few students went home glum.

gluttonous

gluttony

glycerinate

glycerol

n
/ 'glɪsərəl /
Gk > F > ISV

a sweet syrupy alcohol that is used chiefly as a solvent and plasticizer and as a moistening agent, emollient, and lubricant.
The high viscosity of glycerol is related to its molecules' tendency to become entangled as they slip past one another.

glycogenesis

glyptography

gnarl

gnats

n pl
/ 'næts /
E

various small two-winged flies.
Hundreds of gnats hovered over the basket of peaches.

gnaw

gnawingly

gnomish

gnomonic

gnosis

n
/ 'nɒsɪs /
Gk

the act or process of cognition or knowing.
The most difficult philosopher to follow was the one who insisted that human beings invent knowledge and that true gnosis is impossible.

gnosticism

gnotobiotics

goatsucker

gobbler

goby

godet

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goitrogenesis

gold

goldbrick

goldsmith

gong

goniometer

goniometry

goniostat

goodish

adj
/ 'güdish /

E
moderately good.
Pedro tasted the goodish white wine and sighed for his native Spain.

goodly

goofy

googol

n
/ 'gü.göl /
coined word
the figure 1 followed by 100 zeroes equal to a number that is ten to the 100th power.
In January 1997, astronomers Fred Adams and Gregory Laughlin predicted that the universe would end in a number of years equal to approximately one googol.

gooiest

goombay

goonch

goondie

gooseherd

gordian

adj
/ 'gór(d)ēən /
Phrygian name
intricate, complicated.
No puzzle was too gordian for Evan.

gospel

n
/ 'gäspəl /
E
the teachings of Jesus and the apostles as a body or system : the Christian faith, revelation, or dispensation.
The New Testament describes how the apostles traveled and preached the gospel.

gossipmonger

n
/ 'gäsəp.mängə(r) /
E + Gk > L > E
a person who habitually relates in detail facts, rumors, or behind-the-scenes information of an intimate, personal, or sensational nature.
Riley was eager to find out if rumors about his company's financial troubles were true but was worried about looking like a gossipmonger.

gossiped

gossipry

gossipy

gothamite

governance

grabbots

grabby

graben

graceful

graciousity

gracious

gradgrind

graft

v
/ 'graft /
E
[has homonym: graphed] implant living tissue so as to form an organic union.
The doctors will graft skin to minimize Luther's burn scar.

grain

n
/ 'grān /
L > F > E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a unit of weight based on the weight of a grain of wheat taken as an average of the weight of grains from the middle of the ear and equal to 0.0648 gram.
Janine wondered what item could be so valuable that it was measured with a unit as small as a grain.

graminaceous

grammatolatry

grandpaternal

grandrelle

granjeno

granola

granules

grapevine

n
/ 'grāp.vīn /
Gmc > F > E + L > F > E
a sidewise waltz step in which one foot keeps crossing first before and then behind the other.
The grapevine migrated into ballroom dancing from folk dancing.

graphite

graphitic

graphology

graphometry

grappa

grapple

grapples

grate

gratine

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gravimetric

adj
/ 'gravəˌmɛtrɪk /
L + Gk
of, involving, or relating to measurement by weight.
Sarai used gravimetric analysis to help identify the unknown chemical in solution.

gravitation

graziery

grease

greed

greedily

gridlock

n
/ 'grɪd.lɒk /
E + E
a traffic jam in which an intersection is so completely congested that no vehicular movement is possible.
Gridlock can present a real danger to public safety by hindering emergency vehicles.

grim

adj
/ 'grɪm /
E
stern or forbidding in action or appearance.
Grim security guards were stationed at each door of the bank.

grimacing

grinder

grinding

adj
/ 'grɪndɪŋ /
E
excruciating, agonizing.
Obadiah took pain-killers for the grinding pain of his injury.

grindstone

gringo

n
/ 'grɪŋ(ə)ɡō /
L > Sp
a white foreigner in Spain or Latin America especially when of English or American origin.
Even though he is 100% Spanish, Diego is sometimes called a "gringo" because he has blonde hair.

griseous

grist

n
/ 'grɪst /
E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a large quantity : lot.
Aunt Bea exclaimed that she had never seen "such a grist of washing for three people."

grog

grogram

grommets

groom

groomsman

groover

groovy

grotesquely

grouch

growing

growl

gruff

adj
/ 'grʌf /
D
rough or stern in manner, speech, or aspect.
Although the teacher had a gruff exterior, she was kind and understanding.

grumbling

v
/ 'grʌmb(ə)lɪŋ /
D > F
expressing dissatisfaction in a low harsh voice and surly manner.
The class started grumbling when Mrs. Griffin announced a pop quiz.

grumpy

adj
/ 'grʌmpē /
E
moodily cross : surly, ill-humored.
The new cashier was trained in ways to deal with grumpy customers.

grungy

guardrail

guasa

gueridon

guester

guesthouse

guimpe

guineas

guiro

n
/ '(g)wē(ə)rō /
Taino > Sp
a percussion instrument of Latin American origin made of a serrated gourd and played by scraping a stick along its surface.
Mrs. Turner's fourth grade class gave an all-percussion recital that featured a solo on the guiro.

guitguit

gujerat

gullet

gunk

gunnel

gunnery

gunsmithy

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gurnard

gust

v
/ 'gəst /
ON?

blow or move in sudden bursts.
Tonya feared the wind would gust so fiercely that it would uproot her new sapling.

gutsy

guttersnipe

guttiferous

gynecologic

gynecomorphous

gypseous

gyring

gyro

gyrodyne

gyve

habanera

haberdashery

habitus

hachures

hackney

hacksaw

Hadean

adj
/ 'hā.dēən /
Gk name
[has homonym: Haitian] of, relating to, or characteristic of hell.
The Hadean temperatures caused a rush to purchase fans and air conditioning units.

hadrosaur

hafiz

n
/ 'häfəz /
Ar
[Note: Could be confused with plural form hafis.] a Muslim who knows the Koran by heart—used as a title of respect.
Hafiz Mehmet can quote an appropriate verse from the Koran for every occasion.

haggadist

hagiology

hagride

hailstone

hairhound

n
/ 'ha(a)(ə)r.haʊnd /
E
[Note: Could be confused with horehound.] a European aromatic mint that has a very bitter taste and is used as a tonic.
Dr. Bebak prepared a mixture of hairhound and camphor.

hairiness

hake

halal

v
/ hə'läl /
Ar
slaughter for food according to Muslim law.
To halal an animal, the slaughterer must be Muslim and must follow specific rituals.

halfpace

n
/ 'haf.pās /
F&E
a raised floor or dais or a platform or footpace at the top of steps (as for a throne or an altar).
The flower girl approached the halfpace and curtsied demurely.

halide

n
/ 'ha.lid /
Gk + ISVcf
a binary compound of a halogen with a more electropositive element or radical.
By combining with hydrogen, an atom of fluorine forms a hydrogen halide.

hallelujah

hallucinate

halo

halterbreak

halve

v
/ 'hav /
E
[has homonym: have] divide into two equal parts.
Uncle Jimmy used a huge butcher knife to halve the chilled watermelon.

halves

hamburger

n
/ 'ham.bərgər /
G geog name
a sandwich made of a cooked patty of ground beef in a split round bun.
The hamburger is supposed to have first been served in the United States at the St. Louis Louisiana Purchase Exposition in 1904.

hamlet

hanaper

hanaster

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hand

n
/ 'hand /
E

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.]
something resembling a group of fingers in appearance, as a bunch of 8 to 20 bananas attached together on their stem.
Mrs. Loveless knew that she would not be able to eat the entire hand of bananas before she went on her business trip.

handcuff

handcuffs

n pl
/ 'hand.kəʊfz /
E + E

metal fastenings that can be locked around the wrists and are usually connected by a chain or bar.
The convicted felon was taken to prison in handcuffs.

handgun

handicraft

handle

hands

n pl
/ 'han(d)z /
E

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] units of measure, each equal to 4 inches and used especially for the height of horses.
Any horses other than Arabians that are shorter than 14.2 hands are classified as ponies.

handspike

n
/ 'han(d)z.pɪk /
D > E

a wooden bar or pole used as a lever (as in turning a windlass) or as a support (as for carrying timber).
Satish pushed the handspike with all his might until finally the ratchet emitted a satisfying click.

handyman

hangnail

n
/ 'haŋ.nāl /
E

[Note: Could be confused with agnail.] a piece of skin from the nail fold hanging loose at the side or root of a fingernail.
Morgan used his hangnail as an excuse for skipping gym class.

harborage

hardanger

hardback

hardware

harmonize

v
/ 'härmə.nīz /
F

play or sing in a combination of simultaneous musical notes that form a chord.
The trio, widely renowned for their ability to harmonize, were asked to make a recording of their songs.

harp

harpist

harsh

adj
/ 'härsh /
Scand > E
starkly unpleasant or rigorous : stern.

The harsh facts of court delays in our cities lead to many iniquities.

haruspication

hash

n
/ 'hash /
Gmc > F

chopped food; specifically : a dish usually consisting of leftover meat chopped into small pieces, mixed with potatoes, and browned by baking or frying.
Red flannel hash is made red by adding beets to chopped corned beef.

hashslinger

hasp

hatbox

hatful

n
/ 'hat.fʊl /
E + Ec
a considerable amount or number.
Leslie turned down a hatful of suitors before she met Mr. Right.

hatred

haven

hawsehole

haylage

headily

adv
/ 'hed.ɪl /
E

rashly, headlong.
The wheelbarrow ran headily down the ravine straight into the side of Joe's garden shed.

headquarters

heady

adj
/ 'hed /
E
tending to make giddy or light-headed.
Aunt Rosa's heady perfume left Jonas reeling after her hug.

health

heartsick

adj
/ 'hært.sɪk /
E + E
very despondent : depressed.
Warren was heartsick at the thought of having to sell the family farm.

heater

heath

heatstroke

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heavenly

adj
/ 'hevənlē /
E

of or relating to the dwelling place of the Deity or the place or state of the blessed dead.

Georgia doesn't expect payment for her good deeds now—she's waiting for her heavenly rewards.

hebraic

hebraize

heckler

hedonistic

heelball

heir

heliacally

helicitic

heliodor

heliophile

helipad

hellenic

helleri

hello

helminthic

helmsmanship

helobious

hemachate

hematite

n
/ 'hemətīt /
Gk > L

a mineral consisting of ferric oxide and constituting an important iron ore that occurs in splendid metallic-looking rhombohedral crystals, in massive forms, and in red earthy forms—called also “specular iron.”

Dad brought Jill a piece of hematite from an ore deposit he visited.

hematochrome

n
/ 'hemədō.krōm /
Gk

an orangish or reddish coloring matter found in various algae (as red snow).

Red snow seen in arctic and alpine regions indicates a presence of algae that contain hematochrome.

hematology

n
/ .hēmətäləjē /
Gk + Gk

a branch of biology that deals with the blood and blood-forming organs.

The research in leukemia provided synopses of several case studies in hematology.

hemigrania

hemimetabolous

adj
/ .hemēmə'tabələs /
Gk > L + Ecf

of or relating to those insects characterized by incomplete metamorphosis; especially various insects with aquatic larvae.

Dragonflies are hemimetabolous insects.

hemline

hemophilia

hemophiliacs

hemorrhaging

hemorrhoid

henceforth

henrician

henry

n
/ 'henrē /

Am name
the practical meter-kilogram-second unit of inductance.

The henry is usually abbreviated h or hy and is named for the American physicist Joseph Henry.

heparinize

hepatobiliary

heptad

n
/ 'hep.təd /
Gk

a group of seven.

A heptad of Charles's closest friends roasted him at his retirement party.

heptagon

herd

n
/ 'hərd /
E

[has homonym: heard] a number of one kind of animal kept together under human care or control.

The herd of beefalos grazing in the pasture will be sent to the stockyard next week.

herdic

hereby

heredity

heresiarch

herrenvolk

hesperidium

heterochromatic

heterodont

heterodyne

heterophyte

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heterotrophic

hewer

hexapod

n
/ 'heksəpəd /

Gk
insect.

Chelsea cannot understand why so many of her classmates think that a spider is a hexapod.

hiatal

hiatus

n
/ hi'ædəs /

L
gap : aperture.

A hiatus between theory and practice caused Abbie unending frustration in her job administering surveys.

hibernation

n
/ .hībə(r)'nāshən /

L
the act of being inactive or dormant, especially in winter.
During brief periods of mild winter weather, some insects may come out of hibernation.

hiddenite

hierarchical

hierarchize

hieroglyphic

hieroglyphist

hieroglyphs

hierolatry

highland

highway

highwayman

n
/ 'hī.wāməŋ /
E + E + E

[Note: Plural form is pronounced identically.] a person who robs travelers on a public road.

As he approached the stopped stagecoach, the highwayman demanded, "Your money or your life!"

hillcrest

hindmost

adj
/ 'hīn(d).mōst /
E + E

farthest in or toward the rear.
Gary always sat in the hindmost pew in church.

hinterland

hipbone

hiplength

hippology

n
/ hi'päləjē /
Gk

the study of the horse.
The veterinary student decided that his concentration would be hippology.

hippophagy

hippotomy

hircocervus

hireling

hirsutal

hirtellous

hispid

histocyte

histology

n
/ hi'stäləjē /
Gk

a branch of anatomy that deals with the minute structure of animal and vegetable tissues as discernible with the microscope.

The primary tissue categories in animal histology are epithelial, connective, muscle, and nervous.

histoplasmosis

historic

historical

historiographer

histozyme

hitch

v
/ 'hich /
E

catch or fasten by or as if by a hook or a knot.

Every house along the historical street still has a post in front for visitors to hitch their horses to.

hoary

adj
/ 'hōrē /
E

gray or white; specifically : gray or white with age.

Tilting his hoary head to one side, the storyteller began his tale.

hobble

v
/ 'hābəl /
E

walk with a halting, labored, typically up-and-down movement often marked by lurching or wobbling.

Sarah started to hobble over to get her coat, but Louis fetched it for her.

hobbledehoy

hochmoor

hockey

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hodiernal

hogan

n
/ 'hō.gän /
Navaho
a conical, hexagonal, or octagonal dwelling characteristic of the Navaho made with a door traditionally facing east and constructed of logs and sticks covered with mud, sod, or adobe or sometimes of stones.
The modern-day hogan is primarily used not for housing but for family ceremonies and curings.

hogger

hoisted

v
/ 'hōistəd /
imit > D or G
raised into position.
By the use of a crane the large stone was hoisted into place.

holeproof

holishkes

hollowly

holluschick

holmium

holoku

holophytic

holy

adj
/ 'hōlē /
E
[has homonyms: holey, wholly] set apart and dedicated to religious service or worship.
Jerusalem is a holy city to people of at least four different religions: Judaism, Islam, Christianity, and Bahaism.

homegrown

homemade

homesick

homework

n
/ 'hōm.werk /
E + E
preparatory reading or research.
Steve had to do quite a bit of homework before he could make an effective presentation on his assigned topic.

homicide

n
/ 'hāməsɪd /
L
a killing of one human being by another.
The autopsy report stated that the woman's death was a homicide.

homiletic

homoeoteleutic

homogenize

homonuclear
adj
/ .hōmō'n(y)üklēə(r) /
Gk + L
of or relating to a molecule composed of like nuclei.
All homonuclear diatomic molecules lack polarity in the bond between their atoms.

homunculus

honeybee

n
/ 'hōnē.bē /
E
any of certain social honey-producing bees.
Commercially desirable honey is produced from clover by the domestic honeybee.

honorable

adj
/ 'änə(ə)bəl /
L > F > E
ethical, upright.
Steve ran an honorable campaign for sheriff.

hookup

hooliganism

hoomalimali

hopeless

adj
/ 'hōpləs /
E + Gkcf > Lcf
having no expectation of good : despairing.
After two days of searching for the hikers, the rescue workers started feeling hopeless.

hopples

hopscotch

hornet

n
/ 'hōrnət /
E
any of the larger social wasps that are vigorous strong-flying insects with powerful stings.
Amy was afraid that she would get stung by a hornet if she walked too close to the nest in the tree.

horotely

horsepower

n
/ 'hō(ə)rs.pau(ə)r /
E + L > F > E
a standard unit of power equal in the United States to 746 watts.
Stan, my hot-rodder friend, likes to brag about the horsepower of his car's engine.

hortulan

host

n
/ 'hōst /
L > E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, word could be confused with hosed.] a very large number : a great quantity : multitude, myriad.
Becky offered a host of reasons why she should be allowed to go to the mall with her friends.

hostels

hotmelt

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householder

howling

hoydenism

hsin

huaco

huarizo

huckleberry

huckstering

huddled

huddup

huff

n
/ 'hʌf /
imit

a fit of anger or pique.

The Spelling Bee, who was quite upset by the whole affair, had flown off in a huff.

huge

adj
/ 'hyʊj /
F > E

very large or extensive.

The two ships settled to the bottom, each with a huge hole in her side.

huguenot

huitain

huke

humanely

adv
/ hyü'mänlē /
L

in a manner marked by compassion, sympathy, or consideration for other human beings or animals.

The veterinarian argued that it is precisely because animals are not human that we must treat them humanely.

humic

adj
/ 'hyümik /
L

relating to or derived from the organic portion of soil.

Our tour guide explained that humic acids in the soil dissolve limestone and aid in the formation of stalagmites and stalactites in caves.

humifuse

hummock

hunger

hunker

husband

hyacinthine

hyacinths

hyaescent

hyaline

hyaloid
adj
/ 'hiäl.loid /
Gk

glassy, transparent.

The thin hyaloid membrane envelops the vitreous humor of the eye.

hybosis

hydrargyrum

hydrate

v
/ 'hi.drät /
Gk

take up or combine with water or with hydrogen and hydroxyl.

When Beulah activated the cold pack, she was making the ammonium nitrate in it hydrate.

hydrazine

hydroelectric

hydrogenate

hydrogenated

v
/ 'hidrəjə'nādəd /
Gk + Gk + Ecf
combined with hydrogen.
Vegetable oils that have been hydrogenated are used in making margarine.

hydrogenous

hydrognosy

hydrolatry

hydrology

hydrolytic

hydropneumatic

hydroxide

n
/ hi'dræk.sīd /
Gk

the univalent negative ion consisting of one atom of hydrogen and one of oxygen.

The alkali metals react with water to produce hydrogen gas and the corresponding metal hydroxide.

hygrodeik

hygroscopic

adj
/ .hi.grə'skäpik /
Gk

[Note: Could be confused with hydroscopic.] readily taking up and retaining moisture.

Rob was not surprised to read that glycerol is highly hygroscopic, because he knew that it is used as an emollient and moistening agent.

hylean

hylophagous

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Hymenoptera

n pl
/ .hīmə'näptərə /
Gk > L

an extensive order of highly specialized insects that includes bees, wasps, and ants.
The order Hymenoptera is perhaps the most beneficial to man of all insect groups.

hypalgesia

hyphenate

hypnotist

hypnotizable

hypoglycemia

hypokalemia

hypolithic

hypophyllous

hypostasis

n
/ hī'pästəsəs /
Gk

something that settles at the bottom of a fluid : sediment.
A harmless-looking hypostasis in a soft drink bottle led to a series of expensive lawsuits.

hypotonic

adj
/ .hī(,)pə'tānik /
Gk

of a fluid : having a lower osmotic pressure than a fluid used as a standard.
To study the contents of red blood cells, scientists put them into a hypotonic solution that swells and eventually bursts the cells by osmosis.

hypoxia

hypozeugma

hyson

hysteresis

iambist

n
/ i'ambəst /
Gk

one who writes verse containing a metrical foot of two syllables unstressed and stressed respectively.
William Shakespeare is a famous iambist.

ianthine

iatrophysics

Icarian

adj
/ i'ka(a)rēən /
Gk name

[has near homonym: acarian]
inadequate for or incapable of bringing about an ambitious project.
William's problem-solving methods are usually Icarian, but this time his approach provided the perfect solution.

iceblink

n
/ 'is.blɪŋk /
E + E

a yellowish or whitish glare in the sky over an ice field (as in polar regions)—called also "ice sky."
The polar explorers wore special goggles to combat the iceblink.

icebone

n
/ 'is.bōn /
(L > D or G + D or G) > E
the hipbone especially of cattle.
Grandpa stopped carving when his knife hit the icebone.

ichnography

ichthyomorphic

icily

icing

n
/ 'i:ɪŋ /
E

a sweet coating for baked goods usually made from sugar and butter combined with water, milk, or egg white, flavored, often colored, and often cooked.
The lemon icing on Granddad's birthday cake nearly melted from the heat of all the candles.

iconolater

iconolatry

icy

ideal

adj
/ i'dē(ə)l /
L > F

existing as a perfect example.
The ideal gas equation expresses a relationship between the pressure, volume, temperature, and the number of moles of an ideal gas.

ideaphoria

ideomotor

ides

n pl
/ 'idz /
L

the 15th day of March, May, July, or October or the 13th day of any other month in the ancient Roman calendar.
Julius Caesar was murdered on the ides of March.

idgah

idiocrasy

idiocy

idioglossia

idiolect

idiotic

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idolatrous

adj
/ ɪˈdælətrəs /
Gk

of or relating to the worship of a physical object as a god.
Muhammad condemned the idolatrous cults, proclaiming that there is one God.

idolize

v
/ ɪˈdɒl.aɪz /
Gk

give absolute religious devotion and ultimate trust to something that is not God.
It is worrisome that so many people idolize sports figures, rock stars, and millionaires.

idyllically

ignimbrite

ignoble

adj
/ ɪgˈnɒbəl /
L

displaying or characterized by baseness or meanness : despicable.
The senator changed his vote on the health bill for the ignoble purpose of protecting his stock investments.

ignorable

iliad

illegal

illiberally

illocutionary

illuminant

illuminate

illumine

illumimeter

illusionist

n
/ əˈlʒhənəst /
L

one (as a magician) who produces deceptive or misleading effects.
The illusionist amazed the audience when he levitated a reclining subject.

illusorily

imam

n
/ əˈmäm /
Ar

the prayer leader of a mosque.
The imam at the local Islamic center teaches classes on the Koran to teenagers.

imbecility

imbiber

imbricate

immediate

immersed

adj
/ əˈmɜrst /
L

completely engrossed.
Immersed in his reading assignment, Nathan was unaware that a thunderstorm was raging outside.

immunoassay

immunotherapy

imparlance

impartial

impartite

impassable

impassive

impatience

impatiently

adv
/ ɪmˈpæʃəntli /
L + L

in a manner that is restless or short of temper especially under irritation, delay, or opposition.
The actress waited impatiently in the wings for her cue to go onstage.

impellent

impenitent

imperium

impersonate

impersonator

n
/ əmˈpɜrsən.ədə(r) /
Ecf + L > F > E + Ecf
an entertainer who assumes the character of another individual, a type of person, an animal, or an inanimate object.
The Elvis impersonator had his hair appropriately styled into a pompadour.

impiety

implore

impound

imprecision

impressible

improvisatrice

imprudent

impudence

impulsion

inabsentia

inactive

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inactivity

n
/ ɪnək'tɪvədē /
L + L

the quality or state of being not given to action or effort : idleness, sluggishness.

Too much inactivity can affect mental as well as physical health.

inadvertent

inaja

inanga

inapposite

inarticulate

inbiber

inbroglio

Inca

n
/ 'ɪŋkə /
Quechua > Sp

a Quechuan people in Peru that established hegemony over surrounding peoples to form an empire from about 1100 until the Spanish conquest in the 1530s; also : a member of such people.

The last Inca calmly stared at the Spanish conquistador before turning around and vanishing into the forest.

incapable

adj
/ ɪn'kæpəbəl /
L + L + L

lacking capacity, ability, or qualification for the purpose or end in view.

The popular author seemed incapable of writing a dull novel.

incapacitate

incarcerated

incaution

incendiarism

incessantly

inch

n
/ 'ɪntʃ /
L > E

a unit of length equal to 1/36 yard.
Michelle came storming in after her hair appointment, furious because one side of her hair was at least an inch shorter than the other.

incidental

incipience

incoercible

incogitable

incommutable

impossibility

inconclusive

inconsequential

inconsiderate

incontestable

incorporator

increasable

incredulity

incriminating

v
/ ɪn'krɪmən.ədəɪŋ /
L

furnishing evidence or proof of circumstances tending to show the guilt of someone.

Gunpowder burns on the suspect's hand constituted strong incriminating evidence of his guilt.

inculcation

inculpate

incunabulist

incurment

incursive

indazole

indefensible

indemnitee

indent

indexer

indicatrix

indices

indicial

indict

indignation

indigoferous

indiscernible

indiscriminate

indispensably

indissociable

indium

indocile

indocility

indulgently

inebriate

inebriated

inebrious

inelegant

include

inept

inequitable

inerrancy

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inert

adj
/ i'nɜrt /
L

very slow to move or act : lifeless, sluggish.

Peter could not tell if the inert hamster was near death or not.

inevitable

inexorably

inexpugnable

infamy

infancy

infant

infarction

n
/ ɔn'fɜrkʃən /
L

the producing of an area of tissue death (as of the heart) resulting from obstruction of blood circulation in the area.

Angina is usually much less serious than myocardial infarction because in angina there is no death of the heart muscle.

infection

infectivity

infelicitous

infelicity

infield

infinite

infinity

n
/ ɔn'fɪnədē /
L

an indefinitely great number or amount.

Helen was amazed that Walter could look up at the infinity of stars and point out numerous constellations.

inflammation

inflationary

infraction

n
/ ɔn'frɜkʃən /
L

a violation by failure to follow, observe, or obey.

For a first infraction of the school's disciplinary code, a student may be suspended for one day or be assigned four hours in detention.

infractor

infraneritic

ingrained

inhalator

inherently

inhibit

injunction

n
/ ɔn'jəŋ(k)ʃən /
L

a writ granted by a court of equity whereby one is required to do or to refrain from doing a specified act.

The court issued a temporary injunction against the sale of the allegedly forged work of art.

injure

injures

inland

inning

n
/ 'ɪnɪŋ /
E

a division of a baseball game consisting of a turn at bat for each team.

Dad wants to leave the game at the end of the eighth inning to avoid the traffic.

innovate

innovator

innuendoes

inorganic

adj
/ ɪnò(r)'gɜnɪk /
L + Gk > L

[Note: Could be confused with *enorganic*.] being, containing, or relating to a chemical substance or substances not relating to or derived from living organisms.
Clarice uses no inorganic fertilizers in her garden.

inquest

inquiry

inquisitorial

inroad

insanity

n
/ ɔn'sanədē /
L

such unsoundness of mind as excuses one from criminal or civil responsibility.

At his arraignment the defendant pleaded "not guilty by reason of insanity."

insider

insight

insincere

insinuation

insolubility

insolvable

insolvency

insolvent

inspiration

inspiratory

inspissating

inspissation

instant

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instar

n
/ 'in.stär /
L

a stage in the life of an insect between two successive molts.
In the first instar of whiteflies, the young, active, wingless forms are usually called larvae.

instellation

instinctive

instruct

insubordination

n
/ insə.bó(r)dʰn'āshən /
L
defiance of authority.
Principal Sawyer warned the students that any insubordination to teachers would be dealt with severely.

insularity

insult

insure

insurgent

intact

intarsia

intellectual

n
/ .int'l'ekch(ew)əl /
L
one given to study, reflection, and speculation especially concerning large, profound, or abstract issues.
The guidance counselor told the student that she should not be afraid to be an intellectual.

intelligence

intent

intently

adv
/ ən'tentlē /
L + Ecf
in a directed manner marked by strained or eager attention.
Karen was gazing so intently out the window that she did not realize her brother had entered the room.

interactive

adj
/ .intə(r)'aktiv /
L + L
of, relating to, or being a two-way electronic communication system (as a telephone or a computer) that involves a user's orders (as for information or merchandise) or responses (as to a poll).
Cody has worked hard to develop his interactive Web site.

intercalary

intercensal

intercession

intercom

intercostal

interdiction

interdisciplinary

adj
/ .intə(r)'disəplə.nerē /
L + L
characterized by participation or cooperation of two or more fields of study.
Many colleges permit students to create interdisciplinary majors.

interest

interleaf

interline

interlinear

adj
/ .intə(r)'linēə(r) /
L
inserted between rows of written or printed characters.
The book contains the original Latin text with an interlinear translation.

interludial

intermediary

intermolecular

adj
/ .intə(r)mə'lekyələr /
L + L
existing or acting between molecules.
The van der Waals equation takes into account the intermolecular forces exerted on a molecule by neighboring molecules.

interofective

interpreter

interreflection

n
/ .intə(r)rə'flekshən /
L + L
reciprocal partial or complete return of a wave motion (as of light or sound) from a surface that it encounters into the medium that it originally traversed.
Interreflection enables light to travel hundreds of miles through fiber-optic cable.

interrelate

v
/ .intə(r)rə'lāt /
L + L
have a mutual connection by way of sympathy especially as marked by community of interest.
Karen and Stella interrelate so well that each often knows what the other is going to say.

interrogation

interrogator

interruption

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intervolve	invocation n / ɪnvə'kæʃən / L a prayer of entreaty that is usually a call for the divine presence and is offered at the beginning of a meeting or service of worship. <i>Reverend Billy Graham gave the invocation at the World Games of the Special Olympics.</i>	irreverence
intestine		irreverential
intonement		irruptible
intransigent		isallotherm
intratelluric		isanemone
intravenous		isepiptesis
intriguer	involved	islamics
introducible	invulnerable	islandology
introgressant	inwardly	islet
introvert	iodize	isobase
introverted	ionize v / 'ɪɒ.nɪz / Gk > ISV convert wholly or partly into atoms or groups of atoms that carry a positive or negative electric charge as a result of having lost or gained one or more electrons. <i>It takes a certain amount of energy to ionize a given gaseous atom in its ground state and a different amount to ionize the resulting ion a second or third time.</i>	isoelectronic adj / ɪ()səʊ.lek'trænik / Gk > ISV having the same number of negatively charged constituent elementary particles—used of atoms or their ions. <i>Comparing the size of ions of elements in different groups on the periodic table is meaningful only if they are isoelectronic.</i>
intrusion		isolationism
intumescent		isolette
intussuscept		isomeric adj / ɪsə'merik / Gk > ISV of, relating to, or exhibiting the phenomenon exhibited by two or more chemical substances containing the same numbers of atoms of the same elements in the substances but differing in the structural arrangement of the atoms. <i>Two isomeric substances may have different colors, melting points, dipole moments, and chemical reactivities.</i>
inure		
invader	ipilipil	
invariant	iridectomize	
invert v / ɪn'vɜrt / L undergo a conversion of a substance showing dextrorotation into one showing levorotation or vice versa. <i>Dr. Norton pointed on the illustration where the quartz started to invert to cristobalite.</i>	iridology	
	iris	
	iron	
investigator	irrational	
invigilate	irrefragably	
invigorate	irreligious adj / ɪrə'liʃəs / L + L lacking emotions, doctrines, or practices that show reverence for a god or a supreme being : ungodly. <i>Trefger prayed every day that his irreligious relatives would eventually see the light.</i>	isopleth
invitee		isopropyl
invocable		isopycnic

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isoseismal

adj

/ ɪ(ˌ)soʊˈsiːzməl /

Gk + Gk

of, relating to, or marked by equal intensity of earthquake shock.

The graph showed the isoseismal zones around the epicenter of the earthquake.

isotopic

adj

/ ɪsoʊˈtəpɪk /

Gk > ISV

of, relating to, or having the relationship of one of two or more species of atoms of the same chemical element that have the same atomic number but differ in atomic mass or mass number.

Hydrogen, deuterium, and tritium, which differ only in number of neutrons, are three isotopic forms of hydrogen.

isotron

ispaghul

ispahan

Italianate

adj

/ ɪˈtalyənət /

Gk > L > It

having an Italian quality : marked by Italian characteristics or influence.

The Italianate style of Victorian architecture was very popular in the United States between 1840 and 1870.

itchy

ivorine

jacana

jacaranda

jacket

jackpot

jackcrew

jacksnipe

jacobeau

jactance

jade

Jainism

n

/ ˈjɑːnɪzəm /

Skt > Hindi

a religion of India characterized by the belief that while gods control the realm of time and matter, no being higher than an absolutely perfect human soul is necessary for the creation or moral regulation of the universe.

Jainism—along with Hinduism and Buddhism—is one of the three most ancient of India’s religious traditions still practiced.

jalousies

jambeaux

jambstone

jangly

janitress

January

n

/ ˈjɑːnjʊwərē /

L

the first month of the Gregorian calendar.

Three Kings’ Day is the sixth day of January.

japanesy

japeries

jargonistic

jarrah

jasponyx

javelineer

jawbreaker

jaygee

jeep

jeerer

jejunity

jequirity

jester

n

/ ˈjestə(r) /

E

fool.

The court jester went too far with his jokes one day and landed in the dungeon.

jesuitize

jetport

jibber

jicara

n

/ ˈhɛkərə /

Nahuatl > Sp

[has near homonym: Jicarilla] a cup or bowl made from the fruit of the calabash tree.

Edward spent some of his free time carving a jicara.

jiffy

jigger

jiggling

jigsaw

jingoist

jinx

jitterbug

n

/ ˈjɪdə(r).bæg /

unknown + unknown

a dance in which couples two-step, balance, and twirl in standardized patterns or with vigorous acrobatics.

Movies set during World War II often show people dancing the jitterbug.

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jive

v
/ jīv /
unknown
[has homonym: gyve] dance to hot jazz.

Cecily loves to jive while listening to her father's collection of old jazz tunes.

jobholder

joggle

joinery

n
/ 'jōinərə /
F > E
the fastening together of pieces of wood to construct furniture, cabinetry, or other articles.
Ronald admired the nearly seamless joinery on the Hepplewhite table at the auction but couldn't afford to bid on it.

jointer

jolly

adj
/ 'jälē /
Scand? > F > E
full of high spirits : joyous.
The students couldn't figure out why their bus driver was so jolly all the time.

jornada

n
/ hō(r)'nädə /
L > OProv > Sp
an arduous usually one-day journey across a stretch of desert.
The travelers almost perished for lack of water on the grim jornada.

journeycake

n
/ 'jərnē.kāk /
E name + ON > E
[Note: Could be confused with johnnycake or jonny cake.] a bread made of white or yellow cornmeal mixed with salt and water or milk and either baked thin in a pan or dropped by spoonfuls onto a hot greased griddle.
Hiram yelled at Mitch for eating the last journeycake.

journeyman

joyful

adj
/ 'jōifəl /
L > F > E + Ecf
experiencing pleasure or delight : happy.
Joyful people are said to outlive their bilious, whining counterparts.

jubate

Judaica

n pl
/ jü'dāäkə /
Gk > L
things Jewish.
Rebecca opened a shop devoted entirely to Judaica.

Judaism

n
/ 'jüdā.izəm /
Heb > Gk > L
the total complex of cultural, social, and religious beliefs and practices of the Jews.
Laura decided to convert to Judaism when she married David.

judaize

judder

judgeship

judgmatically

judiciously

judo

jugger

juggle

juice

juliet

n
/ 'jülüət /
Shakespearean name
a woman's slipper with a high front and back and low-cut sides.
As Ruth slipped her foot into the juliet, she felt the sharp point of an earring she thought she had lost.

jumbo

adj
/ 'jəm(ə)bō /
name of a circus elephant
being a very large specimen of its kind.
The jumbo diamonds flashed at the awards ceremony.

jumping

June

n
/ 'jün /
L name
the sixth month of the Gregorian calendar.
Nuptiality usually increases dramatically in June.

junior

junoesque

jurel

jurisconsult

jurisprudential

justiciar

justificatory

juvenilize

juxtaposed

kaddish

kafkaesque

kalanchoe

kapok

kappa

karaoke

karpas

karyogram

karyotheca

kathenotheism

kavass

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kayak

kea

keckling

kedushah

keelblock

keelboat

keepable

keg

kekepa

kelebe

kelly

n

/ 'kelē /

Ir name

a variable color averaging a strong yellowish green.

Sinead is adamant that the best color of felt for her shamrocks is kelly.

kenning

n

/ 'keniŋ /

ON

a metaphorical compound word or phrase used especially in Old English and Old Norse poetry.

While reading Beowulf, Frieda found a kenning that referred to the ocean as a "whale road."

kenosis

keratopathy

kerion

kerystic

kettledrum

keyboard

keypunch

khaya

kickshaw

n

/ 'kik.shò /

F > E

a fancy dish in cookery : tidbit, delicacy.

Arlene is famous for whipping up some exotic kickshaw out of whatever she has on hand.

kiddish

kiddush

kikepa

n

/ kē'kāpə /

Hawaiian

a sarong worn by Hawaiian women with the top under one arm and over the shoulder of the opposite arm.

During the Hawaiian culture celebration known as Makahiki, males must wear a malo and females must wear a kikepa.

kiloware

kin

n

/ 'kin /

E

a member of the same family : a blood relation.

After comparing notes for over an hour, we determined that Howard was not any kin to us.

kind

n

/ 'kīnd /

E

a group united by common traits or interests : category, class.

When Mayor Winkle publicly informed the migrant workers that their kind was not welcome, they responded with a lawsuit.

kindle

kinesalgia

kinesics

kineticism

king

n

/ 'kiŋ /

E

a male monarch who reigns over a major territorial unit.

When his brother left for the crusades, Prince John decided to make himself king.

kingly

kingpin

kink

kinky

kinswoman

n

/ 'kɪns.wʊmən /

E + E

a female relative.

By marrying a kinswoman of the king, the earl gained even more power and influence.

kisses

kittel

n

/ 'kid·l /

Ar? > G > Yiddish

[has homonym: kittle] a white cotton or linen robe worn by orthodox Jews on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur and at the Passover seder.

Mr. Eisen put on a brand-new kittel and prepared to greet his seder guests.

kittiwake

kiva

klezmer

klipbok

kneel

knickerbockers

knickknackery

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knit

v
/ 'nit /
E

[has homonym: nit] form a fabric or garment by the interlacing of a yarn or yarns in a series of connected loops by means of hand or machine needles.

Scott asked his aunt to knit him a special wool sweater with his name on it.

knitted

knobstick

knotty

adj
/ 'nädē /
E

[has homonyms: nobby, naughty] full of difficulties or complications : hard to solve or understand.

Felipe had trouble cutting through the knotty information presented in the computer manual.

knowing

knowingly

adv
/ 'nōɪŋlē /
E

with awareness, deliberateness, or intention.

The physician was indicted for knowingly defrauding the government.

knuckles

koan

n
/ 'kō.än /
Jpn

a paradox used in Zen Buddhism as an instrument of meditation in training monks to despair of an ultimate dependence upon reason and to force them into sudden intuitive enlightenment.

The most widely known koan is the question "What is the sound of one hand clapping?"

kolo

n
/ 'kō(ɹ)lō /

OSlav > Serbo-Croatian
a central European folk dance in which dancers form a circle and progress slowly to right and left while one or more solo dancers perform elaborate steps in the center.

The tourists clapped as Yelena danced the kolo energetically.

kornerupine

korrigan

n
/ 'kōrə.gän /
Breton

[has homonym: corrigan as in corrigan pulse] a long-haired nocturnal often malevolent Breton fairy sorceress.

The evil character in the French children's film was a korrigan.

korrigum

n
/ 'kärə.gəm /
Kanuri

a reddish fawn antelope of western Africa having black markings.

The zoo recently obtained a reddish-orange korrigum from Senegal.

krausen

kummel

kunzite

kyack

kylin

kyphosis

label

labels

labrum

n
/ 'lābrəm /
L

the upper or anterior lip of insects.
A sand wasp is most easily recognized by an elongated, triangular labrum which resembles a beak.

lacertiform

lakis

laconize

lactose

ladder

laddery

ladino

n
/ lə'dē.nō /
L > Sp

[has near homonym: Latino] a cunningly vicious horse or steer.

One ladino proved to be the downfall of 17 riders at the rodeo.

laicization

lair

lake

n
/ 'lāk /
E

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a purplish red pigment prepared from lac dye or cochineal.

Eva wiped off her lipstick when Tom told her that it contained lake made from dried female insect bodies.

lama

n
/ 'lämə /
Tibetan

[has homonym: llama] a priest or monk of Tibetan Buddhism.
The famous lama gave an introductory talk on dharma at the Buddhist retreat center in Berkeley.

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lambert

n
/ 'lambə(r)t /
G name
the centimeter-gram-second unit of brightness equal to the brightness of a perfectly diffusing surface that radiates or reflects 1 lumen per square centimeter.
The lambert is used in calculations by astronomers, physicists, engineers, and photographers.

lamellirostral

lamentable

laminipantar

lampblack

lampoonery

lanai

lancers

n pl
/ 'lan(t)sə(r)z /
F
a set of five square dances each in a different meter.
In the lancers, the dancers salute in military style.

landlord

lanuginous

laocoon

laputan

larcenist

larcenously

large

adj
/ 'lɑːrj /
L > F > E
exceeding most other things of like kind in bulk, capacity, quantity, superficial dimensions, or number of constituent units.
Compared to saddle horses, Belgians and Clydesdales are quite large.

larrikin

laryngectomize

laryngectomy

latanier

latecomer

lateen

lateral

lather

lathhouse

laticifer

Latino

n
/ lə'teɪnə /
L > Sp
[has near homonym: ladino] a person of Latin American origin living in the United States.
Comedian Paul Rodriguez has built his routine around being a Latino.

latitudinarian

latrodecism

latter

laudable

launch

launcher

lavation

lawful

lawrencium

laxative

lay

n
/ 'leɪ /
Scand
[has homonym: lei] a simple narrative poem.
A popular historical ballad can properly be called a lay.

layback

leaching

lead

leaden

adj
/ 'ledən /
E
oppressively heavy.
After hours of trudging through the rain, Tibi's clothes were leaden and her feet ached.

leafcup

leag

leanly

learn

v
/ 'lɜːn /
E
gain knowledge or understanding of or skill in by study, instruction, or experience.
Joel was determined to learn his multiplication tables before Thanksgiving.

least

leather

leathery

leaving

lebhaft

lee

leechcraft

leeward

leeway

leftover

leftovers

n pl
/ 'left.əvə(r)z /
E + E
fragments of food remaining from a meal.
The waiter brought Elbert a container for his leftovers.

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legalize	Lethean adj / 'lɛθiən / Gk of, relating to, or causing forgetfulness. <i>Blake said that the Lethean nature of the novel was to blame for his poor grade on the literature quiz.</i>	ligand n / 'liɡənd / L a group, ion, or molecule coordinated to the central atom in a coordination complex. <i>Sphyros explained that a ligand is just a molecule or ion surrounding a transition metal in a complex molecule or ion.</i>
legion		
legionnaire		
legitim		
legitimate		
lei	leucite	
leicester	leucotomy	lightened
leiotrichous	leukemogen	figure
leisurely	lexicology n / ,leksə'käləgē / Gk the science of the derivation and signification of words. <i>Jim is working on a graduate degree in lexicology and has his heart set on becoming a dictionary editor.</i>	ligustrum
lemel		lilacs
lemon		liman
lengthen		limber
lengthy		limburger
lenience		lime n / 'lim / E a caustic highly infusible solid that consists essentially of calcium oxide. <i>Sidney learned at the museum that lime is one of the material components of glass.</i>
lentil	liaise v / lɛ'āz / L > F > E establish communication for purposes of mutual understanding. <i>The U.S. Treasury agent had to liaise with the local and state police in the matter of the suspected counterfeiters.</i>	limekiln
lepidopterology n / ,lepə'däptər'äləjē / Gk > L a branch of the science of insect life dealing with the study of butterflies and moths. <i>Dabbling in lepidopterology is a hobby for Ian, who has a fabulous butterfly collection.</i>	liberate	limitless
	librettist	limousines
leprous	lichenology	limpa
leptodactylous	lickerish	limpet
lessee	lickspittle	limpkin
lesser adj / 'lesə(r) / E [has homonym: lessor] smaller : inferior. <i>The lesser rivers and streams did not have names on the Forest Service map.</i>	lifeboat	limuloid
	lifelong	

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lindy

n
/ 'lɪndē /
U.S. name
a jitterbug dance originating in Harlem and later developing many local variants.
Sean and Miriam danced the lindy at the costume party.

linebacker

linenized

linesman

n
/ 'lɪnz.mən /
E&(L > F) + E
[Note: Plural form is pronounced identically.] an official who assists a referee especially in various goal and net games.
The chief duty of the head linesman in football is to mark the yardage gained or lost on each play.

lingcod

lingo

linguistic

linotypist

linoxyn

linseed

linstock

n
/ 'lɪnz.tāk /
D > E
a pointed forked staff shod with iron at the foot formerly used to hold a lighted match for firing cannon.
Captain Braucher waved the linstock over his head to indicate he was ready to fire.

lintwhite

n
/ 'lɪnt.(h)wīt /
E
a common small Old World finch having plumage that varies greatly.
In his poem "Claribel" Tennyson wrote: "Her song the lintwhite swelleth, the clear-voiced mavis dwelleth. . . ."

lionize

lipoprotein

liquid

adj
/ 'lɪkwəd /
L
being extremely fluid without being gaseous and having a definite volume without having a definite shape except such as is temporarily given by a container.
When air is liquefied, oxygen is the first component to become liquid.

lisp

listen

listless

adj
/ 'lɪstləs /
E
characterized by lack of inclination or impetus to exertion : languid, spiritless.
People with abnormally low levels of thyroid hormones are often listless and apathetic.

literal

literally

lithium

lithophilous

litigant

livable

livedo

liverwurst

lividity

lixivate

loach

loafer

n
/ 'lɔfə(r) /
L > Sp > E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] timber wolf.
Gunter spotted a loafer frolicking in the snow.

loathing

local

localize

localizer

locker

locket

locomobile

locomote

locomotive

loft

logaoedic

logical

logodaedaly

logorrhic

lolloped

v
/ 'lɔləpt /
imit E
proceeded with a bounding or bobbing motion.
The jackrabbit lolloped across the lawn in the twilight.

lombard

longhorn

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longways

adv
/ 'lɒŋ.wāz /
E + E

in two straight lines.
Michael announced that the next folk dance would be performed longways.

loosen

v
/ 'lūs⁰n /
E

set free : free from restraint.
The crook thought a little money might loosen his tongue, but Vince never said a word about the jewels.

loosestrife

lope

lopolith

loran

lorelei

lorgnettes

lose

lots

adv
/ 'lāts /
E

to or by a considerable number or amount : much.
Ginny asserts that reading a book is lots more fun for her than watching television.

loutishness

lovable

lox

loyally

loyalty

lubberly

luckily

Lucretian

lucubrate

v
/ 'lūk(y)ə.brāt /
L

discourse learnedly in writing.
Abraham had the opportunity to lucubrate in several journals before he turned away from scholarship.

luge

luger

n
/ 'lū.zhə(r) /
F

[has near homonym: loser] one who coasts on a small sled.
Ron likes Nordic skiing, but Arthur fancies himself a luger.

lukewarmly

luminophor

lunate

adj
/ 'lū.nāt /
L

shaped like a crescent.
A whimsical lunate window lit the stairwell in Xavier's house.

lupuline

lurch

lure

v
/ 'lū(ə)r /
Gmc > F > E

[has homonym: loure] attract, entice, invite.
Wendy hopes that the new neon sign will lure customers into her beauty salon.

lusterware

lustral

lustrously

lutestring

n
/ 'lüt.striŋ /
It > E

a plain glossy silk formerly much used for women's dresses and ribbons.
Ephemia wore a flowing negligee of white lutestring to the costume party.

luthern

lycanthropic

lymph

lyncean

lynch

lynching

n
/ 'linchiŋ /
Am name

the act of a mob or group that hangs or otherwise kills someone in punishment of a presumed crime or offense.
Police were called in to prevent the riotous mob from lynching the captured terrorist.

lyrurus

lysin

macao

maccus

macellum

n
/ mə'seləm /
Heb > Gk > L

an ancient Roman market or market building.
Phyllis toured the Colosseum, a statuary garden, and a macellum while on vacation in Rome.

macfarlane

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Mach

n
/ 'mäk /
G name
[has homonyms: moch, mock] a number representing the ratio of the speed of a body to the speed of sound in the surrounding atmosphere.
The Mach required to reach low Earth orbit is 25.

machicotage

machinations

machine

macho

macilent

macrobian

macrobiotic

macropterous

adj
/ ma'kräptərəs /
Gk + Gk
having long or large wings—used of birds or insects.
The macropterous bald eagle has a wingspan that ranges from six to eight feet.

macroscian

macular

maculose

madcap

maddeningly

maddish

madeira

madonna

maestoso

maggotry

magi

magic

magisterially

magistrate

magmatic

magnet

magnetician

magnetism

magneto

magnific

adj
/ mag'nifik /
L > F
imposing in size.
Friedrich painted a magnific hill shooting high above the clouds.

magnolia

magpie

magus

n
/ 'mägəs /
Gk > L
magician.
The magus practiced his shape-changing spells on his apprentice.

maiant

maidservant

mailable

mailbox

maile

mainspring

mainstream

majolica

majoon

major

v
/ 'mäjə(r) /
L
pursue a subject of academic study as a field of specialization.
Like many students, Harold has no idea what subject he would like to major in.

makable

adj
/ 'mäkəbəl /
E + Ecf
capable of being made.
Boris and Natasha argued over how to establish a makable bridge contract.

makara

n
/ 'mäkərə /
Skt
a water monster of Hindu religious myth that is represented in religious art as having the body of a crocodile and head of an antelope.
A makara is portrayed on one of the five types of flags mentioned in Buddhist scripture.

maladjustment

malaise

malapropos

malefic

malevolence

malihini

malmignatte

malversation

n
/ .malvə(r)'säshən /
L > F
misbehavior and especially corruption in an office, trust, or commission.
The gubernatorial candidate claims that malversation has become rampant in the present administration.

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mambo

n
/ mäm(,)bō /
Sp
a complex, staccato, usually fast dance related to the rumba and of Cuban origin.
Mr. Varda was the best dancer of the mambo in Cleveland in the 1950s.

mammalia

mammatus

mammonish

manacled

manager

manciple

manger

mango

mangosteen

manicure

maniple

manipulate

manit

mannequin

mannish

adj
/ 'manish /
E
resembling or suggesting that of a man.
Low-heeled mannish shoes completed Louise's outfit.

manslaughter

n
/ 'man.slödə(r) /
E + Scand
the slaying of a human being; specifically : the unlawful killing of a human being without express or implied malice.
Because the prosecutor could not prove premeditation, the suspect was charged with manslaughter instead of murder.

mantelpiece

mantra

n
/ 'mantrə /
Skt
a verbal spell, ritualistic incantation, or mystic formula used devotionally in popular Hinduism and Buddhism.
While awaiting rescue from the earthquake, Ravi used a mantra to keep his mind off the pain.

manumitter

many

adj
/ .menē /
E
consisting of or amounting to a large but indefinite number : not few.
Many college students flock to the beaches during spring break.

maoism

maori

mar

maracas

marasmus

marcescence

March

n
/ 'märch /
L name > F > E
the third month of the Gregorian calendar.
March is typically a windy month in the United States.

marchpane

n
/ 'märch.pän /
It
a shapable confection made of almond paste.
The marchpane was sculpted into a tiny edible castle.

margin

marie

n
/ mə'rē /
F
an often ornamented raised border of a plate or flat dish that forms a plane nearly parallel to the bottom.
The marie of Valetta's china was decorated with 14-karat gold.

marina

marinated

marketfish

n
/ 'märkət.fish /
E geog name + E
[Note: Could be confused with margate fish and margot fish.] a variable usually pearl gray fish of the tropical western Atlantic.
The marketfish is esteemed as a food fish.

marmoreal

marooned

marquee

marquette

marriage

n
/ 'marij /
L > F > E
the state of being united to a person as husband or wife.
In many countries marriage has a number of legal ramifications for both parties involved.

marron

marrow

marteline

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martingale

martinique

mascalage

masculinity

masher

n
/ 'mashə(r) /
E

a kitchen utensil for crushing food to a soft, pulpy consistency.
Brittany used a masher on the potatoes before whipping in the butter and milk.

mashie

masochism

masochist

massecuite

mastermind

masterpiece

mastoid

matchcoat

n
/ 'mach.kōt /
Powhatan > E

a mantle or similar loose covering of fur, feathers, or usually woolen cloth formerly extensively worn by Native Americans.
Running Fox took his rifle and his matchcoat and headed out into the night.

matching

matchless

material

matricide

n
/ 'matrə.sɪd /
L

murder of a mother by her son or daughter.
In the Greek drama, Orestes commits matricide in revenge for his mother's murder of his father.

matroclinal

matronly

matsail

maturity

maunderer

mauvette

maxilla

maximum

maxwell

n
/ 'mak.swel /
Scot name

the centimeter-gram-second electromagnetic unit of magnetic flux equal to the flux per square centimeter of normal cross section in a region where the magnetic induction is 1 gauss.
The maxwell is named after James Clerk Maxwell, who is ranked with Sir Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein for the fundamental nature of his contributions to science.

may

n
/ 'mā /
L

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] the early, vigorous part of human life : prime, heyday.
The quarterback knew that the end of his may was at hand, so he began to think about a second career.

maypole

n
/ 'mā.pōl /
L > F > E + L > E

a tall pole in an open place and wreathed with flowers forming a center for May Day sports.
The eighth-grade girls danced around the maypole in the school's spring festival.

mazagran

mazar

n
/ mə'zār /
Ar
a Muslim shrine or enshrined tomb.
The popular shrine was reputed to be the mazar of a saint, but none of the pilgrims was certain who was buried there.

mcleod

mealiness

mealy

mean

n
/ 'mēn /
E

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, word has homonym: mien.] a quantity formed by adding quantities together in any order and dividing by their number.
When students average their grades, they are calculating the arithmetic mean.

meander

meaning

meatball

mechanics

n pl
/ mə'kaniks /
Gk

a branch of physical science that deals with energy and forces and their relation to the equilibrium, deformation, or motion of solid, liquid, and gaseous bodies.
A scientist in the field of fluid mechanics used a Ping-Pong ball and a shop vacuum cleaner to demonstrate the Bernoulli effect.

mechanistic

mechanize

mechanomorphic

medal

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medallic

median

n
/ 'mɛdɪən /
L

a value in an ordered set of quantities below and above which fall an equal number of quantities or which is the average of the two middle values if there is no one middle number.

The median of the set {8, 10, 14, 36} is 12.

mediation

medicament

medievalist

medlar

mEEK

megahertz

megaprosopous

megrIm

melangeur

melanin

melanite

melanochroi

melezitose

melic

meliorism

melismatics

melliferous

melodious

melomania

memorable

adj
/ 'mem(ə)rəbəl /
L

worthy of being remembered or noted.

"The Raven" is one of Edgar Allan Poe's most memorable poems.

memorial

menat

mennonite

menology

mensuration

n
/ .men(t)sə'rāshən /
L

the act, process, art or an instance of measuring : measurement.

The lab tests seemed to run perfectly, but careless mensuration resulted in the need to redo everything.

mention

n
/ 'menchən /
L
the act or an instance of citing, noting, or calling attention to someone or something especially in a brief or casual manner.
Harry was disappointed that his defensive play did not receive any mention in the newspaper account of Saturday's game.

menu

n
/ 'me(,)nyü /
L > F
the dishes served at a meal or the meal itself.
The menu for the country music awards banquet includes fried chicken and apple brown Betty.

mercerized

merchant

merchantable

merciful

merciless

adj
/ 'mɜrsələs /
L > F > E + EcF
cruel, harsh, pitiless.
The columnist's satire turned a merciless spotlight on the academic establishment.

mercuric

adj
/ .mɜr'kyürık /
L > ISV
of, relating to, or containing the heavy silver-white poisonous metallic element that is the only metal liquid at ordinary temperatures—used especially of compounds in which this element is bivalent.
"Mad hatters" are no myth: Toxic solutions of mercuric chloride and mercuric nitrate were once used in the production of felt hats.

merge

merlin

merlon

n
/ 'mɜrlən /
L > It > F
[has homonym: merlin] one of the tall intervals between embrasures on a battlement.
Sergeant Stammel took cover behind a merlon as the enemy archers began to shoot.

meromictic

merrily

merry

adj
/ 'merē /
E
[has near homonym: marry] full of gaiety or high spirits : cheerful.
Dozens of movies have been made about Robin Hood and his merry men.

meseta

mesocracy

mesoprosopic

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mesoptile

mess

n
/ 'mes /
L > F > E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.]
sufficient quantity (of a specified kind of food) for a dish or a meal.
Janie went out to the garden and picked a mess of green beans for supper.

message

Messiah

n
/ mə'siə /
Heb&Aram
the expected king and deliverer of the Jews.
Messianic Jewish congregations believe that Jesus was the promised Messiah, but they also observe Jewish holidays.

messianic

messmate

metacarpus

metachronous

metalloid

n
/ 'med^əl.ɔɪd /
Gk? > L > F > E + Gk > ISVcf
a nonmetal (as carbon or nitrogen) that can combine with a metal to form an alloy.
When asked to name a metalloid, Xerxes gave two examples: silicon and germanium.

metallophone

metalware

metatarsus

metathesis

n
/ mə'tathəsəs /
Gk
a chemical reaction between two compounds in which part of the first compound becomes united with part of the second and the remainder of the first compound becomes united with the remainder of the second.
Metathesis between an aqueous solution of barium chloride and an aqueous solution of sodium sulfate produces a white precipitate of barium sulfate.

metempsychosis

n
/ .məd.əm.sɪ'kōsəs /
Gk
the passing of the soul at death into another body either human or animal.
Hinduism and Buddhism are major religions that profess belief in metempsychosis.

meteorology

n
/ .mēdēə'räləjē /
Gk
a science that deals with the atmosphere and its phenomena (as variations of heat, moisture, or winds).
Sarah was disappointed when she learned that her favorite weather forecaster had no formal training in meteorology.

meter

n
/ 'mēdər /
Gk
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.]
systematically arranged and measured rhythm in verse.
Meter in English is by stress rather than by length of vowel as in Greek.

methanize

v
/ 'methə.nīz /
ISV
convert (as a mixture of carbon monoxide and hydrogen) to a colorless odorless flammable gaseous saturated hydrocarbon that is lighter than air and forms explosive mixtures with air or oxygen.
Dan correctly wrote the chemical equation illustrating how to methanize carbon monoxide and hydrogen.

method

methylate

meticulous

metier

metricize

mhometer

miaul

micraner

microangiopathy

micrometeorite

microphyll

microsecond

n
/ 'mīkrō.sekənd /
Gk + L
a unit of time equal to 1 millionth of a second.
Some writers need five paragraphs to explain an emotion that lasts only for a microsecond.

microseism

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microwave

v
/ 'mī.krō.wāv /
Gk + E

cook or heat in an oven that penetrates food with very short electromagnetic waves.
The instructions on the jumbo package of frozen lasagna were to microwave the contents for 25 minutes.

midbrain

middling

adj
/ 'midliŋ /
E
falling between two extremes.
The fugitive was described as a man of middling height, with blonde hair, and wearing a cape.

midway

adv
/ 'mid.wā /
E
in the middle of the distance.
The alderman's proposal was midway between revolution and reform.

miff

milanaise

mile

n
/ 'mīl /
E
a unit of distance equal to 5,280 feet.
Sasha thought it terribly unfair that he had to walk a mile to school.

military

millennial

millesimal

millimeter

n
/ .mīlē'a(m).mēdə(r) /
L > F + F name + Gk > F
an instrument for measuring electric currents in milliamperes.
The electrical output of a photoelectric cell is measured with a millimeter.

millionaire

milonga

n
/ mə'lɔŋgə /
Sp
an Argentine ballroom dance that preceded the tango early in the 20th century.
It is unusual to see anyone dance the milonga nowadays.

milquetoast

mime

minauderie

mince

mineral

mineralize

v
/ 'mīn(ə)rə.līz /
L + Ecf
supply with minerals or any inorganic compound.
Mary's science project was a poster explaining how fluorine ions in toothpaste help to mineralize teeth and thereby fight decay.

mineralogy

minification

minikin

minimal

miniseries

n
/ 'mīnē.sī(ɪ)rēz /
L + L
a television production of a story presented in sequential episodes.
The novel's plot was so long and convoluted that the television producers decided to dramatize it in a six-part miniseries instead of a movie.

mink

n
/ 'mɪŋk /
E
any of several slender-bodied semiaquatic carnivorous mammals that resemble and are closely related to the weasels.
The American mink generally feeds on fish, muskrats, rabbits, and birds.

minnesinger

n
/ 'mīnē.sɪŋə(r) /
G
one of a class of aristocratic German lyric poets and musicians of the 12th to the 14th centuries characterized by having love and beauty as the subject of their songs.
The folk tale ended with the revelation that the apprentice minnesinger was actually the son of a German prince.

minniebush

miraculously

mirifical

miscalculations

miscella

miscreancy

misdemeanant

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misemphasize

v
/ .mis'em(p)fə.sīz /
Ecf + Gk

give a misplaced or wrong stress or relative importance to.

Mona worried that the highlighting in the used textbook would misemphasize the important points she should learn.

misfortune

n
/ mis'fōrchən /
Ecf + L > F > E

an instance of bad luck.

What victim of a misfortune has not asked "Why me?"

mishit

n
/ 'mis.hit /
E + ON + E

a poor hit in cricket.

David's first swing was deemed a mishit and booed by the crowd.

misinterpret

v
/ .misən'tərprət /
Ecf + L

give an incorrect explanation to : explain wrongly.

It would be very hard to misinterpret the body language conveyed by the rolling of one's eyes.

miso

n
/ 'mē(.)sō /
Jpn

a paste used in preparing soups and other foods that is made by grinding a mixture of steamed rice, cooked soybeans, and salt and fermenting it in brine.

Akira made a light soup of miso, spinach, and tofu.

misorientation

n
/ .mis.ōrēən'tāshən /
Ecf + L

the act of wrongly or incorrectly determining one's bearings or settling one's sense of direction.

The pilot's misorientation led him to believe that the water below him was the sky.

mission

n
/ 'mishən /
L

a ministry (as preaching or educational or medical work) commissioned by a church or some other religious organization for the purpose of propagating its faith or carrying on humanitarian work.

Most young Mormon men serve a two-year mission overseas.

missive

missorted

v
/ mi(s)'sò(ə)rdəd /
Ecf + E

incorrectly put in a given place or rank according to kind, class, or nature.

If the dirty laundry is missorted, some nice clothes could be ruined.

misspeak

v
/ mi(s)'spēk /
Ecf + E

utter words or articulate sounds incorrectly.

The president was relieved when he did not misspeak any words in his inaugural address.

misstrike

n
/ mi(s)'strīk /
Ecf + E

a coin whose design is off center.

The misstrike in the coin collector's shadow box is extremely valuable.

mistakes

n pl
/ mə'stāks /
ON > E

wrong actions or statements proceeding from faulty judgment, inadequate knowledge, or inattention : unintentional errors.

The princess explained, "You must never feel badly about making mistakes as long as you take the trouble to learn from them."

mistreat

mistrust

mittella

miticide

mitigation

mitimae

mitral

mixer

n
/ 'miksə(r) /
L + Ecf

a stationary or portable kitchen utensil equipped with one or more beaters for mixing, beating, creaming, or whipping a variety of foods.

Grace and Harry received a large mixer as a wedding present.

moarian

moat

n
/ 'mōt /
F > E

[has homonym: mote] a deep and wide trench surrounding a castle.

The oily, dark waters of the moat swirled as some unknown creature passed close to the surface.

mobcap

n
/ 'mäb.kap /
D? + L > E

a woman's indoor cap; especially : a fancy cap made of sheer material with a high full crown and often tied under the chin.

The chambermaid, dressed in black and wearing a mobcap and a white apron, brought in the refreshments.

mobster

n
/ 'mäbstə(r) /
L

a member of a criminal gang.

The mobster ordered Tony to pay his gambling debts or else.

mockado

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mode

n
/ 'mōd /
L

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, word has homonym: mowed.] the value that occurs most frequently : the most common value.

In the set {2, 4, 6, 6, 8} the mode is 6.

moderne

modernize

modestly

adv
/ 'mädəstlē /
L

with a moderate opinion of one's own importance or merits.

The firefighter who rescued the child modestly explained that he was just doing his job.

modulus

mofussil

moire

mole

n
/ 'mōlē /
Nahuatl > AmerSp
[has homonym: moly] a highly spiced sauce made principally of chili and chocolate but containing numerous other ingredients and served with meat (as beef or turkey).

Maria's recipe for mole requires four different kinds of chile peppers.

molecular

adj
/ mə'lekylə(ɹ) /
L > F

relating to, connected with, produced by, or consisting of units of matter that are the smallest particles of an element or chemical combination of atoms (as a compound) capable of retaining chemical identity with the substance in mass.

A molecular formula shows the exact number of atoms of each element in a molecule.

mollifier

mollyhawk

n
/ 'mälē.hök /
D > E

[Note: Could be confused with mollymawk.] one of several large oceanic birds (as the fulmar or petrel).

A mollyhawk dove into the water and plucked out a wriggling fish.

molybdenum

mombin

momentous

momus

n
/ 'mōməs /
Gk name
a carping critic : faultfinder.
People might enjoy Molly's company more if she were not such a momus.

monarchical

monarchy

monasterial

mondial

monitor

monkeyfy

monkeys

monody

monogamy

monograph

monohull

monology

n
/ mə'näləjē /
Gk

the habit of talking to oneself.
Dmitri defended his monology, saying that only if he argued with himself should it be of concern.

monophthalmic

monophthong

monopolizer

monopolylogue

monopsony

monotheism

monotheistic

adj
/ .mä'nə(.)thē'istik /
Gk + Gk
of, relating to, or characterized by the doctrine or belief that there is but one God.
Zoroastrianism is perhaps the oldest monotheistic religion.

monoxenous

montane

monuron

moody

adj
/ 'müdē /
E
subject to or characterized by depression or discontent : sullen.
The band's lead singer is notoriously moody and publicity-shy.

moonbeam

moonstone

moor

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moorage

moray

morbidity

morbili

morcellement

morosophist

morphine

morphogeny

morphology

mortgagee

mortmain

mosesite

motion

motivation

motocross

motorcycle

mottlement

mournful

movement

n
/ 'müvmənt /
L + Ecf

the action of moving : change of position.
Serena's jerky movement threw her partner off balance.

moving

muddled

mudskipper

muffled

mug

muguet

mulet

v
/ 'mələkt /
L

defraud especially of money : swindle.

The con artist will mulct Mrs. Crawford of her savings if she falls for his story.

muleta

muleteer

mull

v
/ 'məl /
E

consider or talk over the aspects of at length or at leisure.

After he finished the book, Simon tried to mull it over, but he kept being distracted.

mullet

multiplex

n
/ 'mältəpleks /
L + L

a complex housing several movie theaters.

The new multiplex featured a coffee shop in its lobby for its theater patrons.

munchausen

muniments

murine

murre

murrelet

muscadine

muscular

museology

mushroom

musicale

n
/ .müzə'kal /
F

a usually private concert of music typically comprising a social entertainment.

The governor's mansion was the site of a well-attended musicale celebrating New Year's Day.

musician

n
/ myü'zishən /
L > F > E

one skilled in music.

Although she worked at a bank, Shirley always told people she was a musician when asked what her profession was.

musk

n
/ 'məsk /
Skt > Per > Gk > L > F > E

a substance that has a penetrating persistent odor that is obtained from the male musk deer.

Musk is used in many perfumes and in medicine as an antispasmodic.

mussalchee

mustard

adj
/ 'məstə(r)d /
L > F > E

a pungent yellow condiment which is sometimes mixed with water and vinegar and applied to the skin as a poultice for skin irritation.

Angelique had been up during the night making mustard plasters to relieve his colic.

mutagenesis

mutchkin

n
/ 'məchkən /
E

[has near homonym: munchkin] a Scotch unit of liquid capacity equal to 0.9 pint.

Mrs. Calderwood ordered a mutchkin of lemon juice from the grocer.

mutilation

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mutilator

mutinously

mycology

n
/ mī'käləjē /
Gk

a branch of the science of plant life dealing with fungi.
Dana's neighbor has studied mycology and probably knows the name of the fungus that is killing her flowers.

myelography

myelosis

myology

n
/ mī'äləjē /
Gk

a scientific study of muscles.
The pediatrician recommended that Ron's baby brother, who has trouble swallowing, be taken to a specialist in orofacial myology.

myopically

myriameters

n pl
/ 'mirēə.mēdə(r)z /
Gk > F

metric units of length, each equal to 10,000 meters.
The surveyors calculated that a bridge over the narrowest part of the lake would shorten the route between the towns by several myriameters.

myrrhed

mysticism

mythologist

mythology

nabby

nacho

n
/ 'näç(ç)ō /
Sp

a tortilla chip topped with cheese and a savory substance (as chili peppers or refried beans) and broiled.
Stevie grabbed the last nacho off the platter just as his little brother reached for it.

nachtmusik

nacre

nacreous

namaycush

nameless

namely

adv
/ 'nāmlē /
E

that is to say : to wit.
Yola chalked up another triumph to her growing list; namely, she secured the biggest account in her company's history.

nameplate

nanmu

nao

nappe

nappy

narcolepsy

narcotic

narratage

nascence

naseberry

n
/ 'näzberē /
L > Sp > E
the fruit of the sapodilla tree with a rough brownish skin and very sweet brownish pulp.
The naseberry is a popular fruit export of Jamaica.

nasology

nastiness

nationalism

native

naturalism

n
/ 'nach(ə)rə.lizəm /
L
the quality, rendering, or expression of art or literature executed according to the theory that art or literature should conform exactly to nature or depict every appearance of the subject that comes to the artist's attention.
Naturalism in plays is often exemplified by tough, unsentimental characters, sordid urban settings, and fast-paced slangy dialogue.

nautch

navar

navigable

nearsighted

nebulization

necessarily

necessitate

necrolatry

necrology

necrotic

nectariferous

neencephalon

negate

neglected

negligibility

neighbor

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neighborhood

n
/ 'nābə(r).hūd /
E + E
a number of people forming a loosely cohesive community within a larger unit.
"I've been in the neighborhood only a short time," Mrs. Underwood explained.

nemo

nene

neofascist

neolithic

neology

neoplasm

neoteric

adj
/ .nēə'terik /
Gk > L
recent in origin : modern.
Richard was a fan of neoteric interior design.

nephogram

nephrite

nervulose

ness

nether

adj
/ 'nethə(r) /
E
lower, under.
Mr. Ward feared that his company would be ground to powder between the upper millstone of rigidly set price ceilings and the nether millstone of high labor costs.

neurility

n
/ n(y)ü'rīlədē /
Gk + Ecff
the special properties and functions of the nerves.
When nerve fibers are subjected to injury, neurility is adversely affected.

neurolysis

neuropsychic

neurosis

neurotransmitter

n
/ .n(y)ürōtran(t)'smīdə(r) /
Gk + L + L
a chemical substance that transmits nerve impulses across a synapse.
Parkinson's disease is caused by a lack of the neurotransmitter dopamine in the brain.

neuter

neutrality

next

adj
/ 'nekst /
E
following that approaching or in progress.
After the June test date, the next date for the SAT I is not until October.

ngege

nicad

n
/ 'nī.kad /
Sw? + Gk > L
a rechargeable dry cell that has a nickel cathode and a cadmium anode.
The nicad in Carl's shaver worked even after having been left idle for three years.

nickeline

nidology

niggle

nightcap

n
/ 'nītkap /
E + L > E
a cloth cap worn with nightclothes.
The cartoon depicted an elderly gentleman in bed, complete with tasseled nightcap, casting a fly across the room into a large urn.

nightjar

nightshade

nil

n
/ 'nil /
L
nothing, zero.
Jill gave up making crafts for sale at fairs because she felt she was earning absolutely nil.

nilpotent

adj
/ .nil'pōt'nt /
L
equal to zero when raised to some power.
The number zero is nilpotent for every power except zero.

nincompoop

nineties

n pl
/ 'nīntēz /
E
the numbers 90 to 99 inclusive.
Jack should make an A in math this term because all his test scores are in the high nineties.

ninety

nippers

nisse

nitrite

n
/ 'nī.trīt /
Gk > ISV
a salt or ester of an unstable acid known only in pale blue solution.
In the soil, ammonium from plants and animals becomes nitrite as part of the nitrogen cycle.

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nitwit

nivation

nix

n
/ 'niks /
G

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. Word has homonyms: knicks, nicks.] a creature originating in German folklore usually having the form of half human and half fish and usually unfriendly to humans. *The nix is the Germanic version of the water monster we commonly call a "mermaid."*

nobelium

nobility

noble

adj
/ 'nɒbəl /
L

resisting chemical action : chemically inert or inactive. *All noble gases, with the exception of helium, have completely filled outer subshells and therefore will not react with other substances.*

noblesse

noctidiurnal

noctilucence

nocturnality

nodding

noise

noisettes

n pl
/ nwə'zets /
L > F

small rounded morsels of food. *The noisettes of lamb are the local French restaurant's specialty of the house.*

nolition

nomadism

nomarchy

nomenclatural

nominative

nomothetic

nonagesimal

adj
/ .nänə'jesəməl /
L

being number 90 in a countable series. *The party for the queen mother's nonagesimal birthday paled in comparison with the celebration honoring her hundredth birthday.*

nonce

adj
/ 'nän(t)s /
E

occurring, used, or made only once or for a special occasion. *The teacher could not challenge the spelling of the nonce terms Devon sprinkled throughout his report.*

nonet

n
/ nɒ'net /
L > It
a combination of nine instruments or voices; also : a musical composition for such a combination. *Four violins, two violas, two cellos, and a double bass made up the nonet.*

nonjoinder

nonnecessity

n
/ .nännə'sesədē /
L

something that is not needed. *Gaynor's suitcase exceeded the weight limit, but she considered no packed item a nonnecessity.*

nonnegotiable

adj
/ .nännə'gɒsh(ē)əbəl /
L
that is not open to discussion or question or dispute. *The company's settlement offer was nonnegotiable; Cameron was told to "take it or leave it."*

nonpartisan

noological

nopalry

normality

n
/ nò(r)'malədē /
L > F?
of a solution : concentration expressed in gram equivalents of solute per liter. *The normality of a given solution depends on its molarity as well as the reaction that is undergone by the oxidizing or reducing agent.*

normosplanchnic

normothermia

n
/ .nɔrmə'thərmēə /
L + Gk
typical body temperature. *For small children, normothermia is often higher than it is in adults.*

norns

n pl
/ 'nò(ə)rnz /
ON
goddesses presiding over personal destiny. *Occasionally Roberta goes out and buys something she cannot afford as a gesture of defiance of the norns.*

norseller

northabout

northerly

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nosebleed

adj
/ 'nōz.blēd /

E
bleeding from the nose.
Jim's severe nosebleed finally stopped after half an hour.

nosh

nosology

nostrils

n pl
/ 'nästrəlz /

E
the external openings of the nose or nasal cavity of a vertebrate.
The bull's wide eyes and flared nostrils were signs that he was unhappy.

notable

adj
/ 'nōd.əbəl /

L
being of much weight, scope, or significance : memorable.
Despite his many successful cookbooks, Raoul felt that his most notable achievement was winning the Iron Chef competition.

notan

notarization

notation

note

v
/ 'nōt /

L
record or fix in the mind or memory.
Lorraine was pleased to note that she had been given the seat of honor at this year's banquet.

notion

n
/ 'nōshən /

L
the meaning or context assigned by the mind to a term.
The teacher admitted that his notion of Abraham Lincoln's oral delivery came more from old movies than from history books.

notitia

notochord

notorious

adj
/ nō'tōrēəs /

L
being or constituting something commonly known : well known.
Our town is notorious throughout the Midwest for noise and pollution.

nourish

nous

novelettist

novella

n
/ nō'velə /

L
a story with a compact and pointed plot.
"The selection is not a major work of fiction, but as a novella it is a gem," wrote Newsweek.

novelty

novillada

nowadays

noyau

nth

adj
/ 'en(t)th /

E
numbered with some unspecified or indefinitely large ordinal number.
The computer quietly crunched through the numbers, figuring pi to the nth decimal.

nucleophilic

nullo

nummular

nunatak

nunciature

nutation

n
/ n(y)ü'tāshən /

L
an involuntary nodding of the head.
When Harold started falling asleep in class, his nutation tipped off the teacher.

nuzzle

v
/ 'nəzəl /

E
work with or as if with the nose : root.
When the mare would nuzzle into his neck, Al would give her a pat and gently push her away.

nyctitropism

nymphal

adj
/ nim(p)fəl /

Gk
of, relating to, or being an insect in the late larval stage of development.
The spinose ear tick attaches inside an animal's ear during the parasitic larval and nymphal stages.

nymphish

nymphs

nyssa

oatmeal

obduce

oberek

object

objection

oblate

oblateness

oblectation

obley

obligatum

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oblige

obliging

obliteration

oblivious

obnebulate

v
/ ˈəbˈnebyələt /

L
[Note: Could be confused with obnubilate.] becloud, befog.
The early morning haze will obnebulate the mountainscape.

obnubilation

obrotund

adj
/ ˌɔbrəˈtʌnd /

L
nearly spherical but with one diameter slightly exceeding the others.
The obrotund object in the museum case was an old torpedo.

obscenity

obscurative

observe

v
/ əbˈzɜrv /

L
conform one's action or practice to : heed, obey.
Anyone who does not observe the rules will have to go to detention hall.

obsess

obstinacy

obvolute

occasional

occidental

occultism

occultist

occur

oceanic

octagonal

octennial

octonocular

octopod

adj
/ ˈɔktəpəd /

Gk
having eight feet, limbs, or arms.
The octopod robot walked with remarkable smoothness.

octuple

octuplicate

n
/ ɔkˈt(y)üpləkət /

L
eight copies all alike—used with in.
The documentation had to be submitted in octuplicate so that each judge could review it independently and simultaneously.

ocular

odd

adj
/ ɔd /
ON > E

[has homonym and near homonym: od and awed] being any member of a sequence of positive integers beginning with one and counting by twos : not divisible exactly by two—opposed to even.
Answers to the math problems that are designated by odd numbers are in the back of the textbook.

ode

n
/ ˈɔd /
Gk > L

[has homonym: owed] a lyric poem usually marked by particular exaltation of feeling and style.
Every element of the victory ode was designed to praise the athlete.

odometer

odontalgia

odontotomy

odorant

adj
/ ˈɔdərənt /
L > F > E
that emits a scent.
At night, the odorant forests roar with the dread sound of fierce monsters.

odorivector

oenophile

oenotherapy

offbeat

offeree

officer

officialese

officinal

offscour

oidioid

olden

oleraceous

oligarchical

olivesheen

olivine

oloroso

Olympian

n
/ ˈɔlɪmpēən /
Gk geog name
a being of lofty detachment or superior attainments.
Standing beside the Olympian was a less conspicuous achiever who was glad for his modest honors.

omissibility

ommateal

omnicompetent

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once

adv

/ 'wʌn(t)s /

E

one time and no more.

Cathy knows no one who has seen

The Wizard of Oz only once.

oncological

oneirocritic

ongoing

oolemma

oologize

oops

opaline

adj

/ 'ɒpəlɪn /

Skt > L

resembling especially in appearance a mineral that is less dense than quartz and typically with definite and often marked iridescent play of colors.

The fish's opaline scales glimmered softly in the aquarium.

opaqueness

opaquer

opening

operation

n

/ .əpə'ræʃən /

L

the quality or state of being functional—used with in or into.

The new factory has been in operation for a few weeks.

ophiomorphic

opinion

opinioned

opisthenar

oppenheimer

opponency

opportunity

oppose

v

/ ə'pɔːz /

L

[Note: Could be confused with appose.] place over against something so as to provide resistance, counterbalance, or contrast.

Although Jim's political beliefs oppose Francine's, the two are the best of friends.

oppressor

opt

optical

optically

optimal

orangeade

orbit

orc

orchesis

orchestral

ordinary

adj

/ 'ɔː(r)d'n.ərē /

L

occurring or encountered in the usual course of events : not uncommon.

The artist had a knack for taking ordinary objects and turning them into works of art.

ordnancemen

orfe

orgeat

orhamwood

oriency

orientation

orienteering

n

/ ɔːrɪən'ti(ə)riŋ /

L

a cross-country race in which each participant uses a map and compass to navigate between checkpoints along an unfamiliar course.

Orienteering is used by the army as a way to train recruits in outdoor survival skills.

origin

orlean

n

/ 'ɔːrlɪən /

Sp name > L > F

a red or yellowish red dyestuff containing bixin prepared from the pulp surrounding the seeds of the annatto tree.

Orlean can be used as a food coloring.

ornate

orneriness

ornithophilous

orology

n

/ ɔː'räləjē /

Gk

the science of mountains.

To Gina, a particularly fascinating aspect of orology is the influence mountains have on precipitation.

orometry

orphans

orthodontist

orthography

n

/ ɔː(r)'thägrəfē /

Gk

a method of representing the sounds of a language by written or printed symbols.

After their conquest of England, the Norman invaders immediately took to reforming English orthography.

orthopter

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orthorhombic

adj

/ ˌɔ(r)θəˈrɒmbɪk /

Gk

of, relating to, or characterized by the crystal system characterized by three unequal axes at right angles.

Josquin did not understand the difference between an orthorhombic and a tetragonal crystal until he saw an illustration of the crystal system.

orthotics

orwellian

orzo

n

/ ˈɔrd(,)zɔ /

L > It

rice-shaped pasta.

Orzo is often cooked, then added to thick Italian soups.

oscillations

osmagogue

osmics

osmium

osmotic

adj

/ əzˈmɑdɪk /

Gk

of, relating to, or having the property of the flow or diffusion that takes place through a semipermeable membrane typically separating either a solvent and a solution or a dilute solution and a concentrated solution.

The large quantity of sugar in home-preserved jams and jellies helps to kill bacteria through osmotic action that shrinks the bacteria cells.

osphretic

osteogenous

adj

/ ˌɑstēˈājənəs /

Gk + Gk

originating in bone.

Chemotherapy is used to treat osteogenous cancer.

osteosarcoma

otosclerosis

otosis

ouabain

n

/ wəˈbiən /

F? > ISV

a very toxic compound obtained from the seeds of an African shrub or tree that is used similarly to digitalis and in Africa as an arrow poison.

After being hit with an arrow smeared with ouabain, the antelope ran about 50 yards and then fell.

oud

ought

ousia

ouster

outburst

outright

outspoken

overboard

overhead

adv

/ ˌɔvə(r)ˈhed /

E

above one's head.

The stewardess warned us that the contents of the compartments might shift overhead during the flight.

overindulgence

overpowering

adj

/ ˌɔvə(r)ˈpaʊ(ə)rɪŋ /

E + L > F > E

exercising an irresistible influence : overwhelming.

Leslie's overpowering garlic breath kept his friends at arm's length.

overripe

overrule

overseas

overseer

overshoe

n

/ ˈɔvə(r)ˌʃu /

E + E

a shoe that is worn over another (as for extra warmth or for protection from wet); especially : a galosh.

Karl's overshoe proved to be too small to fit over his new shoe.

overslaugh

overture

overvoltage

n

/ ˈɔvə(r)ˌvɔltɪj /

E + It name > ISV

the excess potential required for the discharge of an ion at an electrode over and above the equilibrium potential of the electrode.

Because the overvoltage required to form oxygen is quite high, chlorine is more likely than oxygen to form at the anode.

overwhelmed

v

/ ˌɔvə(r)ˈ(h)welmd /

E

subjected to the grip of an overpowering emotion.

Trudy was overwhelmed when she found out that she had the winning lottery ticket.

overwhelming

ovoviviparous

owelty

owing

owlets

owner

oxer

oxidizable

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oxidize

v
/ 'ɒksə.dīz /
Gk > F > ISV
combine with oxygen or with more oxygen.
The sodium hypochlorite in bleach can oxidize the color-bearing substances in stains.

oxyacetylene

oxygenic

oxyrhynch

ozonesonde

ozonizer

n
/ 'oʊ.zō.nīzə(r) /
Gk > G + Ecff
an apparatus for converting ordinary oxygen into ozone.
One type of ozonizer works by passing a silent electric discharge through a current of oxygen or air.

pacific

pack

n
/ 'pak /
G > E
[has homonym: pac] a group of usually wild animals of the same kind congregating in herds, flocks, or schools; specifically : a group of predatory animals hunting together.
A pack of wild dogs was reported to have killed sheep on several farms in the county.

package

padding

padrone

pail

paint

paintbrush

palaka

palberry

n
/ 'pɑl.b(ə)rē /
Austral > E
the edible berry of an Australian tree.
The palberry is sometimes referred to as "native currant."

paleology

paletot

palisades

palleting

palmaceous

paloma

n
/ pə'lōmə /
L > Sp
any of several sharks used as food.
Ling decided to be adventurous and ordered the grilled paloma.

paloverde

palsy

pancetta

n
/ (,)pɑn'chedə /
L > It
unsmoked bacon used in Italian cuisine.
Pancetta is cured with salt rather than smoked.

panchax

pandect

pandemic

pandit

n
/ 'pɑndət /
Skt > Hindi
a Brahman expert in Sanskrit and in the science, laws, and religion of the Hindus.
The temple's senior priest was a pandit from southern India.

pancity

pangrammatic

panic

v
/ 'pɑnik /
Gk name
be stricken with a sudden terror often accompanied by unreasoning or frantic efforts to secure safety.
"Get in position and do not panic," said the teacher calmly when the tornado warning was announced.

pannierman

pannikin

panornithic

panpipe

pansophism

pansophy

Pantagruelism

n
/ ,pɑntə'grüə.lizəm /
F name
buffoonery or coarse humor with a satirical purpose : cynical humor.
Josh's cynical humor is tiring to everyone except those who enjoy Pantagruelism.

pantaloons

pantheistic

pantheress

pantomimic

pantry

paparazzo

papeteries

papillon

papoose

parabolic

parabomb

parabrake

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parade

n
/ pə'rad /
F

a formal public procession : the movement of any body of people or things marshaled in something like military order.

The annual Thanksgiving Day parade featured many new floats and balloons.

paradiddle

paradisiacal

adj
/ .parədə'siækəl /
Gk

of, relating to, or resembling paradise.

Marjorie's parents decided to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on a paradisiacal tropical island.

paralipomena

parallelogram

paralogistic

paralytic

parament

parameter

paramilitary

parandrus

n
/ pə'randrəs /
Gk

a mythical stag being able to change colors like the chameleon.

When Vera learned what a parandrus was, she immediately thought about the horse who pulled the carriage in Oz.

parent

parergal

parexis

parget

parishioner

parlatory

parlay

parlor

n
/ 'pärlər /
F > E

a room used primarily for conversation or the reception of guests.

"You are by yourself?" he asked, looking through the doorway into the parlor.

paroemiology

parole

paronychia

parorexia

parotic

parry

v
/ 'parē /
L > OProv > F

[has near homonyms: peri, perry] ward off a weapon or blow by means of a defensive action.

Lola's fencing opponent forced her to parry repeatedly, and she lost ground quickly.

parson

partition

partway

adv
/ 'pärt.wā /
L > F > E + E

to some extent.

There was a detour because the freeway was only partway finished.

partygoer

passable

passageway

passel

n
/ 'pasəl /
L > F > E

a large number : group.

Mr. Jones is considering buying an old school bus so he can take his passel of grandchildren on a cross-country trip.

passerelle

passionate

passkey

Passover

n
/ 'pas.ɔvər /
L > F > E + E

an annual religious and spring agricultural festival of the Jews that commemorates the liberation of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt.

At Passover, special dishes that symbolize various elements of the flight from Egypt are eaten.

paste

v
/ 'pāst /
Gk > L > F > E

[has homonym: paced] cause to adhere by or as if by means of a soft plastic mixture or composition.

"Let's see if we can paste the decorations on our masks without getting anything on our clothes," said the kindergarten teacher.

pasteboard

pasticcio

n
/ pa'stē(,)chō /
L > It

a musical composition or piece of writing (as an opera or play) made up of selections from different works.

The orchestra played a pasticcio of works from the Romantic period.

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pastina

n
/ pɑ'stēnə /
L > It

very small bits of pasta used especially in soup or broth.
Pastina in the shape of little stars is usually served to babies and small children.

pastoralist

n
/ 'past(ə)rəlɪst /
L

a breeder of cattle or sheep.
Mr. Chambers often dreams of quitting the urban rat race and becoming a pastoralist.

pastrycook

patch

n
/ 'pach /
It? > E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a domestic fool or jester.
Stuart is playing a patch in the school play.

patent

patentee

paternal

pathogenic

patience

patient

patriarchally

adv
/ ,pɑtrē'ɑrkəlē /
Gk + Ecf
in a manner characteristic of or suggestive of a man regarded as father or founder (as of a race, science, religion, or class of people).
After listening to his advisers, the president patriarchally delivered his decisions to be carried out.

patricide

n
/ 'patrəsɪd /
L

one that murders his or her own father.
The patricide expressed no remorse before being sentenced to life imprisonment.

patrilineal

patrix

patrolman

patsy

patulously

pavid

pavlova

n
/ pɑ'vlɔvə /
Russ name
a dessert of Australian and New Zealand origin consisting of a meringue shell topped with whipped cream and fruit.
Pavlova was named for a famous Russian ballerina.

paycheck

peace

peanut

peasant

n
/ 'pezənt /
F > E
one of a chiefly European class that tills the soil as small free landowners or hired laborers.
The painting depicted a peasant working with a hoe.

peckish

pectin

peculate

peculated

peculation

n
/ ,pekɪə'ləʃən /
L
the act or practice of stealing or appropriating wrongfully to one's own use especially public money entrusted to one's care : embezzlement.
The governor promised to crack down on the peculation and inefficiency of state administrators.

peculiarity

pedagogic

pedant

n
/ 'pedənt /
L > It > F
one who is uninspired, unimaginative, or narrowly academic or who unduly emphasizes minutiae in the presentation or use of knowledge.
Harold got no respect from his colleagues on campus, all of whom viewed him as a mere pedant.

pedicled

pedigree

pedometer

peduncle

pellicle

pelycosaur

pencil

penduline

penicillate

peninsulate

penne

n
/ 'pen.ə /
L > It
short thick diagonally cut tubular pasta.
Penne is a sturdy pasta that is often served with thick, hearty sauces.

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penniless

pennyroyal

n
/ 'penē.rōi(y)əl /
F > E
a European perennial mint with small pungently aromatic leaves.
The pennyroyal makes a nice ground cover and is known to repel flies.

pension

pensum

pentalogy

n
/ pen'taləjē /
Gk + Gk
a series of five closely related published works.
Evelyn had read all but one novel in the pentalogy.

pentarchy

pentatonic

pentryl

people

pepper

peptide

n
/ 'pep.tīd /
Gk > G > ISV + ISVcf
any of a class of amides that are derived from two or more amino acids by combination of the amino group of one acid with the carboxyl group of another.
Two glycine molecules can join together to form a peptide and one water molecule.

perambulator

percalines

percentage

perchance

adv
/ pə(r)'chan(t)s /
L > F > E + L > F > E
perhaps, possibly.
David hopes that perchance Fiona saw his calculator in the lounge and picked it up for him.

perchlorinate

v
/ .pər'klōrən.āt /
L + Gk > ISV + L > F + Ecff
combine with the maximum amount of chlorine especially in place of hydrogen.
Mr. Petty helped the students perchlorinate the compound safely.

percussion

percutaneous

percutaneously

perduellion

peregrinations

perforce

performance

n
/ pə(r)'fɔrmən(t)s /
L > F > E
a public presentation (as of a dramatic work).
Jennifer bought a ticket to a matinee performance of Giselle.

perfumery

perfunctorily

adv
/ pər'fʌŋkt(ə)rələ /
L
in a manner characterized by routine or superficiality.
The substitute teacher told the class rather perfunctorily not to run in the halls.

pergameneous

periapt

n
/ 'perē.apt /
Gk
a charm worn especially as a protection against disease or mischief : amulet.
Tonya's research revealed that it was not uncommon for soldiers to wear a periapt into battle for protection.

perimeter

period

periodical

periodontist

periotic

periplus

periscii

peristalith

peristaltic

adj
/ .pərə'stɔltik /
Gk
of, relating to, resulting from, or being successive waves of involuntary contraction passing along the walls of the intestine or other hollow muscular structure and forcing the contents onward.
What grandpa called indigestion, the doctor diagnosed as faulty peristaltic action.

peristylar

periwinkle

perky

adj
/ 'pərkē /
L > F > E
briskly self-assured.
Perky staffers were on hand to greet the visitors to the theme park.

perlaceous

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perlingual

adj
/ˌpɛrˈlɪŋ(yə)wəl/
L

through or by way of the tongue.
Patients in the perlingual treatment group had results comparable to those who received the medication intravenously.

permeameter

permillage

perorate

v
/ˈpɛr.ə.rɑːt/
L

speak at length.
Granddad loves to perorate about his experiences as a Grand Canyon trail guide.

perpetrate

perpetually

persona

personable

perspicaciously

perspicuous

persuasive

pert

perverse

peskiness

pesto

n
/ˈpe(ˌ)stō/
L > It

a green spaghetti sauce made of green herbs, garlic, and olive oil.
Luigi put some spinach and basil pesto on his spaghetti.

petiole

petitgrain

petroglyph

pettifoggery

pewterer

pezograph

phantasmal

pharisaic

pharmacognosy

n
/ˌfɑːrməˈkɑːɡnəsē/
Gk

a science dealing with the composition, production, use, and history of drugs of plant and animal origin.
Research in pharmacognosy led to the use of the heart stimulant digitalis, which is obtained from the foxglove plant.

pharmacopedia

phenakistoscope

phengite

phenom

phenotype

philobiblist

n
/ˌfɪləˈbɪblɪst/
Gk + Gk

a lover of books.
The philobiblist had stacks of books throughout the house, even in the kitchen sink.

philogynous

adj
/ˌfɪˈlɑːjənəs/
Gk
[Note: Base word could be confused with philogeny/phylogeny.] fond of women.

The philogynous James Bond always seems to have a beautiful woman at his side.

philologaster

philosophy

n
/ˌfɪˈlɒs(ə)fɪ/
Gk

a science that comprises logic, ethics, aesthetics, metaphysics, and epistemology.
Jeff's study of philosophy enabled him to make many cogent remarks regarding ethics in the workplace.

philtrum

phlebotomy

phlogogenic

phon

n
/ˈfɒn/
Gk

[has homonyms: faun, fawn] the unit of loudness level on a scale beginning at 0 for the faintest audible sound and corresponding to the decibel scale of sound intensity.
Jared fervently wished that his baby brother would cry at just 1 phon.

phonemicize

phonily

phonodeik

phorometry

phot

n
/ˈfɒt/
Gk

the centimeter-gram-second unit of illumination equal to 1 lumen per square centimeter and therefore to 10,000 luxes or about 929 footcandles.
In his lab report Richard was required to note how many footcandles are in 1 phot.

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photolysis

n
/ fō'täləsəs /
Gk
chemical decomposition or dissociation by the action of radiant energy (as light).
High-intensity ultraviolet light has been used to break down fats by photolysis.

photostat

phreatophyte

phthalate

phthisiology

n
/ 'thizē'äləjē /
Gk
[Note: Could be confused with physiology.] the care, treatment, and study of tuberculosis.
The expert in phthisiology reported that up to 15 million Americans are estimated to have latent tuberculosis infections.

phyllite

phylogenetic

phyllophagous

adj
/ fə'läfəgəs /
Gk + Gk + Ecf
feeding on leaves.
Some farmers use pesticides to rid their crops of phyllophagous insects.

physiolatry

phytotoxic

picacho

pickpocket

n
/ 'pik.päkät /
F&E + Gmc > F > E
one who steals money or valuables that someone is carrying in his or her pockets or on his or her person.
The pickpocket quickly disposed of his victim's wallet after relieving it of the money.

picksome

picosecond

pictorialization

pier

pierce

piers

n pl
/ 'pi(ə)rz /
L > E
[has homonym: peers] structures built out into the water on piles for use as landing places or pleasure resorts.
One of the huge piers at Myrtle Beach was destroyed by the hurricane.

piezometry

pigsney

pigtail

pikestaff

pileiform

pillow

pilotage

pilpulist

pimento

pimple

pinaceous

pinacotheca

pinard

pinata

n
/ ,pēn'yädə /
L > It > Sp
a decorated container filled with candies or other gifts and usually suspended from the ceiling that blindfolded children try to break with a stick.
The best part of Sadie's birthday party was the breaking of the pinata.

pincers

pincette

pineal

pineapple

pinecone

pinhead

pinion

v
/ 'pinjən /
F > E
[has homonym and near homonym: pinyon and pinyin] disable or restrain by binding the arms usually to the body.
The police officer struggled to pinion the suspect and radio for help at the same time.

pinking

pint

n
/ 'pīnt /
L > F > E
any of various units of capacity equal to ½ quart.
Ben constantly argued that a lunch consisting of four turkey sandwiches, two apples, and a pint of milk was not enough for a growing boy.

pinto

pinwheel

piolet