

2004 Scripps National Spelling Bee Consolidated Word List: Words Appearing with Moderate Frequency

gusset n / 'gəsət / F > E a usually triangular or diamond-shaped insert (as of cloth or leather) placed in a seam to give ease or expansibility. <i>Eileen sewed a gusset into the waistband of her hiking pants.</i>	gyromancy n / 'jīrō·man(t)sē / Gk + Gk divination in which one walking in or around a circle falls from dizziness and prognosticates from the place of the fall. <i>In one form of gyromancy, a circle is marked with the alphabet so that words may be formed as the diviner falls on the letters.</i>	hailstones n pl / 'hāl,stōnz / E + E balls or lumps of ice falling from a cloud. <i>The hailstones damaged the finish of many cars in the neighborhood.</i>
guttate adj / 'gət·āt / L resembling a drop or having spots that resemble drops. <i>Symptoms of Janet's illness included a high fever and guttate skin lesions.</i>	habit n / 'habēt / L > F > E a behavior pattern acquired by frequent repetition. <i>It is a Yorkshire habit to say what you think with blunt frankness, and old Ben Weatherstaff was a Yorkshire moor man.</i>	hairiest adj / 'ha(a)rē·əst / E the most covered with or as if with hair. <i>"That's the hairiest baby I've ever seen!" exclaimed Mr. Feeney.</i>
guyot	habitable	halfback
gyascutus	habituated adj / hə'bichə·wādəd / L made familiar through use or experience : accustomed. <i>Although now habituated to a comfortable life, Edna never forgot the pain of her poverty-stricken childhood.</i>	hallucinations
gymnast	habitue	hallucinatory
gymnure n / 'jim.n(y)ū(ə)r / Gk a small whitish insectivorous mammal of southeastern Asia having a long snout and a long naked tail. <i>The gymnure, also called the moonrat, is usually black with whitish head, but some individuals are all white.</i>	haddock	hallux n / 'haləks / L the innermost digit (as the big toe) of the hind limb : big toe. <i>The football player became afflicted with an arthritic hallux that affected his mobility.</i>
gynecocentric adj / .gīn·ēkō'sentrik / Gk dominated by or emphasizing feminine interests or point of view. <i>Lucy enjoyed the movie mostly for its gynecocentric plot.</i>	hafnium	halogen n / 'haləjēn / Gk any of the five elements fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and astatine forming group VII A of the periodic table. <i>A halogen normally appears in the free state as a diatomic molecule.</i>
gynecocracy	haggardly	halter
gynecology	hagiographer n / hagē'ägrəfə(r) / Gk one who writes about the life of a saint. <i>Most biographies of the saints are anonymous, but some are attributed to a particular hagiographer.</i>	
gyration	hagiolith	
gyrocompass		

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hambo n / 'häm(,)bü / Sw geog name a Swedish round danced to various melodies in triple time. <i>Joel learned to dance the hambo when he visited relatives in Sweden.</i>	hangdog adj / 'hangdōg / E + E dejected, cowed, pitiful. <i>When asked why he had such a hangdog look, the little boy replied that he couldn't find his puppy.</i>	hariolation harmfully harmless adj / 'härmlēs / E lacking capacity or intent to injure. <i>The snake was a harmless little thing that would not hurt anyone and seemed in a hurry to get out of the room.</i>
hammer	hangul	harmony
hamotzi	n / 'hängəl / Kashmiri a deer of Kashmir closely related to the red deer of Europe. <i>The deer hunter pointed out his most recent trophy — the mounted head of a hangul.</i>	harpy n / 'härpē / Gk > L a predatory monster in chiefly classical mythology represented as having a woman's head and body and claws of a vulture and as being an instrument of divine vengeance. <i>Mrs. Byrd did not realize that the harpy Jill drew to illustrate Roman mythology had personal significance.</i>
hamper	hapchance	harras
hamster	haphazardry	harried
handbill	happenstance n / 'hapənz(,)tan(t)s / E + L a circumstance regarded as being due to chance. <i>By happenstance, Gloria found herself in the position of being a witness to a robbery.</i>	v / 'harēd / E kept under constant attack or threat of attack : harassed. <i>A mosquito harried Charlie as he tried to sleep.</i>
handicapper	haptic adj / 'hap.tik / Gk relating to or based on the sense of touch. <i>The human body's haptic sensor is the skin.</i>	harrow
handiwork		harrowing adj / 'ha(,)rōiŋ / E acutely distressing or painful : agonizing. <i>Laura worried that a trip to the South Dakota badlands would be a trip through miles of harrowing and hazardous countryside.</i>
handkerchief n / 'hankə(r)chēf / E + F > E a piece of cloth that is used for various personal purposes or as a costume accessory. <i>Mr. Van Deventer bought a matching tie and handkerchief off the bargain rack.</i>	harassment n / hə'rasmēnt / F the act or an instance of vexing, troubling, or annoying continually or chronically. <i>The employee sued the company for harassment that occurred over a period of two years.</i>	harvester
handsome	hardihood	
hangar	hardscrabble	

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hastate adj / 'ha.stāt / L shaped like a spear or the head of a spear. <i>Michael has a letter opener with a hastate blade that looks like a Neolithic weapon.</i>	hawker n / 'hōkə(r) / G&E one that sells wares especially in the streets : peddler. <i>Sabrina tried to ignore the hawker as he extolled the virtues of beef jerky.</i>	hebephrenia n / hē'bō'frēnēə / Gk a form of schizophrenia that is characterized by silliness, delusions, hallucinations, and regression and that has an early insidious onset. <i>The prognosis for hebephrenia, which presents itself initially during youth, is unfavorable.</i>
hastener	hawse	hebetudinous
hastilude	hawser n / 'hōzə(r) / L > F > E [Note: Could be confused with Hausa, houser.] a large rope for towing or mooring a ship or securing it at a dock. <i>Jody passed the hawser around the mooring post and disembarked from the boat.</i>	hecatomb n / 'hekə.tōm / Gk a large number or quantity. <i>The hecatomb of soldiers slain in the War Between the States makes this war the deadliest conflict in our country's history.</i>
hastily adv / 'hāstōlē / F > E hurriedly. <i>The hastily executed maneuver saved the ship from the rocks.</i>	hawthorn	heckle
hatched	hayloft n / 'hā.loft / E + ON > E a loft or scaffold for hay. <i>Uncle Albert forbade the children from playing in the hayloft.</i>	hector v / 'hekta(r) / Gk name harass, intimidate, bully, or domineer by bluster, scolding, or personal pressure. <i>Some seniors like to hector underclassmen on the first day of school.</i>
haul	hazard	hedebo
haunches n pl / 'hōnchēs / Gmc > F > E hips : hindquarters. <i>The guard dog sat on his haunches and growled a warning to all who came near.</i>	haziness	hedge
hausfrau	hazing	hedgehopper
Havarti n / hō'värtē / Danish geog name a semisoft Danish cheese with a mild to sharp flavor. <i>Rivka served raw vegetables and mild Havarti with crackers to her party guests.</i>	headpiece	hedgerow n / 'hej.rō / E a row of shrubs or trees enclosing or separating fields. <i>The property belonging to the estate extended from the hedgerow at the left of the house to the stone pillar one mile down the road.</i>
Hawaiian adj / hō'wāyən / Hawaiian of or relating to the island, state, or Territory of Hawaii, the Hawaiian islands, or the inhabitants of Hawaii. <i>Maureen won a Hawaiian vacation on a game show.</i>	heartburn	hedonic
hawk	heartthrob	heedful
	heathenness	
	heaven	
	heavyweight	
	hebdomadal	

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heedless	heliophyte n / 'hēlēəfīt / Gk + Gk a plant thriving in or tolerating full sunlight. <i>The cactus is a good example of a heliophyte.</i>	hemera n / 'hemərə / Gk a stratigraphic zone comprising the time range of a particular fossil species. <i>Work on the excavation stopped when the workers accidentally unearthed a wide, rich hemera.</i>
hefty adj / 'heftē / E impressively large. <i>Little Jolene sat on several hefty books in order to reach the desktop.</i>	heliosis n / .hēlē'ōsēs / Gk sunstroke. <i>Ben stayed indoors for a week following his bout with heliosis on the rafting trip.</i>	hemic adj / 'hēmik / Gk of or relating to blood. <i>Hemic problems caused Ron's breathing difficulty.</i>
heiferette	heliport	hemiplegia
heighten	helix n / 'hēlik̄s / Gk > L something spiral in form. <i>Each tendril of a grape vine forms a helix.</i>	hemiplegic adj / .hemē'plējik / Gk marked by paralysis of one lateral half of the body or part of it resulting from injury to the motor centers of the brain. <i>Marc's automobile accident left him in a hemiplegic condition.</i>
heist	hellebore	hemlock
heliacal adj / hē'lēkəl / Gk relating to or near the Sun—used especially of the last setting of a star before and its first rising after invisibility due to conjunction with the Sun. <i>The Egyptian rural year was determined by the heliacal rising of Sirius.</i>	helmet n / 'helmēt / Gmc > F any of various protective head coverings usually made of a hard material to resist impact. <i>The steel helmet protected the soldier from shrapnel.</i>	hemochromatosis n / hēmō.krōmē'tōsēs / Gk a disease characterized by widespread deposition of iron-containing pigments in the tissues resulting in bronzing of the skin, associated with cirrhosis of the liver and pancreas. <i>"Bronze diabetes" is the common name for hemochromatosis.</i>
helical	helminthoid adj / hel'min.thōid / Gk resembling a parasitic worm (as a roundworm, tapeworm, or leech). <i>The calves' emaciation and stunted growth were found to be a result of infestation by helminthoid organisms.</i>	hemodialysis n / hēmōdī'alēsēs / Gk + Gk + Gk the process of removing blood from an artery (as of a kidney patient), purifying it, adding vital substances, and returning it to a vein. <i>Mr. Barnes is glad that his hemodialysis can be done at home instead of at the hospital.</i>
heliciform adj / hē'lisəfōrm / Gk + Ecf spiral. <i>Emmett picked up several small heliciform shells while playing on the beach.</i>	helpful	
helicline		
heliocentric adj / 'hēlēōsentrik / Gk having or relating to the Sun as the center. <i>Copernicus proposed in the 16th century a heliocentric theory of planetary arrangement.</i>		

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hemolymph n / 'hēmə'līm(p)f / Gk > L > E the circulatory fluid of various invertebrate animals that is functionally comparable to the blood and lymph of vertebrates. <i>The hemolymph of insects is usually green, yellow, or colorless.</i>	herald heraldry n / 'herəldrē / Gmc > F > E a branch of knowledge that deals with the history and practice of bearing and displaying armorial ensigns and with the art of describing them. <i>When she began studying heraldry, Jenny realized that she would have to learn a dictionary full of specialized terms.</i>	heritably hermetic hero heroism heron herpetofauna hesitate hessian hesychast n / 'hesəkast / Gk one of a set of Eastern Orthodox monastics practicing a solitary meditative form of prayer. <i>A monk who is a hesychast seeks inner stillness through prayer.</i>
hemophilic	herb	heterodynied
hemostat n / 'hēməstat / Gk an instrument for compressing a bleeding vessel. <i>A hemostat is an indispensable tool in surgery.</i>	herbal	v / 'hedərədīnd / Gk combined (a radio frequency) with a different frequency so that a beat is produced. <i>The incoming radio signals had to be heterodynied down to 150 kilohertz for recording with a tape recorder.</i>
hennery n / 'henərē / E + Ecf [has near homonym: henry] an enclosure or house for poultry. <i>Bill painted the small hennery and put fresh straw inside it for the chickens.</i>	herbivore	heterogeneity
heortology n / .hē.ō(r)'tälējē / Gk + Gk a study of religious calendars; especially : a study of the history and the meaning of the seasons and festivals of the church year. <i>Barbara's thesis on medieval Italian heortology was published last year to modest critical acclaim.</i>	herbivorous adj / .(h)ər'bivərəs / L feeding on plants. <i>Most insects are herbivorous and feed on virtually every part of a plant, from the flower to the root.</i>	n / 'hedərəjə'nēədē / Gk + Lcf the quality or state of differing in kind. <i>Sherman was amazed at the heterogeneity of the fraternity members.</i>
hepatectomy	herbs	heteronomy
hepatomegaly n / .hepədō'megəlē / Gk + Gk enlargement of the liver. <i>An accumulation of glycogen in the liver can result in hepatomegaly.</i>	hereafter	
heptachord	hereinbelow	
heptagonal	heresimach n / hə'rēzəmāk / Gk an active opponent of heresy and heretics. <i>During the Inquisition, Torquemada was Spain's most zealous heresimach.</i>	
heptastich	heretofore	

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heteronym n / 'hedərənim / Gk one of two or more words spelled alike that differ in pronunciation and meaning. <i>Each of the words spelled b-a-s-s in the following sentence is a heteronym: The fisherman in his bass voice cried out that he had caught a bass.</i>	hexafoos hexagonal adj / hek'sagənəl / Gk + Ecf having six angles and six sides : six-sided. <i>A cell of a honeycomb is one of many hexagonal forms in nature.</i>	Hippocratic adj / hipə'kradik / Gk name of or relating to Hippocrates or to the school of medicine that took his name. <i>Dr. Owens takes the Hippocratic oath literally.</i>
heterotrichosis n / .hedərōtrō'kōsēs / Gk a condition of having hair of variegated color. <i>When Granny saw rainbow-colored hair for the first time, she wondered if she were seeing a freakish case of heterotrichosis.</i>	hexameter n / hek'samədə(r) / Gk a line of six metrical feet. <i>Gil read the difficult hexameter without pause or problem, to the astonishment of Professor Winterbottom.</i>	hippocrepiform hirsuteness
heterozygote n / .hedərō'zīgōt / Gk an animal or plant that contains genes for both members of at least one pair of alternative Mendelian characters such as whether or not one can roll one's tongue. <i>Certain genetic disorders are asymptomatic in the heterozygote.</i>	hexerei hideaway hideosity hidrosis highbinding highlight highroad n / 'hī.rōd / E + E the best approach : an easy way. <i>The highroad to the lodge was very scenic.</i>	hirsutism n / 'hōr.süt.izēm / L excessive growth of hair of normal or abnormal distribution. <i>Hirsutism is often the result of a hormonal imbalance in the body.</i>
hew v / 'hyü / E [has homonym: hue] shape, form, create, or bring into being with or as if with hard rough blows or efforts. <i>Dr. King told his listeners that with faith they would be able to "hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope."</i>	hilarity hinder hindquarter hindrance hindsight hintingly	histogenesis histogeny n / hi'stājənē / Gk the formation and differentiation of tissues. <i>The 19th-century physiologist Theodor Schwann was renowned for his pioneering study of histogeny.</i>
hewn adj / 'hyün / E felled, cut, or shaped by hewing (as with an ax). <i>From the hewn stump in the front yard new shoots began to sprout.</i>		historian historicize Hitchcockian adj / hich'käkēən / American name of, relating to, or suggestive of the cinematic style or technique of Alfred Hitchcock. <i>One Hitchcockian mark was to put himself in the background of a scene in the film, usually when the audience would least expect to see the director.</i>
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hitherto adv / 'hit̬θə(r).tü / E up to this time. <i>Frieda discovered an opening to a hitherto unknown cave.</i>	hokum holcodont holdall holiday holistic Hollerith n / 'hälə.rith / name a code for representing alphanumeric information on punch cards. <i>Billy started programming back when mainframe computers still had special readers for Hollerith.</i>	hombre n / 'äm(.)brā / L > Sp [has homonym: ombre] man, fellow, guy. <i>Tex was too fast to let that hombre get the drop on him.</i>
Hitlerian adj / hit'�rēən / G name of, relating to, or suggestive of dictator Adolf Hitler or his regime in Germany. <i>The regime's Hitlerian disregard of human life and human rights repulsed and disgusted the commission.</i>	hollygrape holography holometabolous adj / hälō.mē'tabələs / Gk > L + Ecf of an insect : characterized by development with complete metamorphosis. <i>Most beetles, butterflies, and moths are holometabolous insects.</i>	homebound homeopathy Homeric adj / hō'merik / Gk name of or relating to the Greek poet Homer, his age, or his writings. <i>The Homeric portrayal of death is pessimistic and offers no unambiguously attractive hope of a reward for a good life.</i>
hittable adj / 'hidəbəl / ON > E + L capable of being struck. <i>The batter cursed himself for missing a perfectly hittable ball.</i>	homestretch homiletic hominivorous hominoid n / 'hämə.noid / L + Ecf resembling the family of mammals to which humans and their ancestors belong. <i>Chewbacca has markedly hominoid features.</i>	hobbyist hobgoblin hobnail hobnob hodad hoedown n / 'hō.daūn / E + E a lively old-time dance. <i>Pamela enjoyed the hoedown tremendously.</i>
hoggish hogshead n / 'hōgz.hed / E + E a U.S. unit of capacity equal to 63 gallons. <i>We grew enough apples in our backyard this year to yield 1 hogshead of cider.</i>	holophrasis holophrastic adj / .hälə'frastik / Gk + Gk expressing a complex of ideas in a single word. <i>Holophrastic utterances are one of the first stages in children's acquisition of speech.</i>	homogeneous adj / 'hōmə.jēnēəs / Gk relating to, occurring in, or being a system that contains no internal physical boundaries. <i>Roger's lecture was about the homogeneous catalytic role that chlorine plays in the depletion of the ozone layer.</i>
hogwash	holozoic holster homage n / '(h)ämij / L > F > E reverential regard : respect, deference. <i>The Lord Chancellor demanded homage wherever he went.</i>	homonymous

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homophone n / 'häməfōn / Gk one of two or more words pronounced alike but different in meaning or derivation or spelling. <i>When Andrew's mom was in school, a homophone was called a "homonym."</i>	hoodlum n / 'hüdləm / unknown a criminal usually belonging to a gang : thug. <i>The young hoodlum was arrested for vandalism.</i>	horribly adv / hō'rifēk(ə)lē / L in a manner inspiring horror or fear. <i>The real consequences of a nuclear war could be horrifically worse than previously imagined.</i>
homuncular adj / .hō' mənkyələr / L resembling or characteristic of a little man, specifically one artificially produced by an alchemist. <i>The three-dimensional gingerbread man that Jana baked had a homuncular quality.</i>	hooey	horrified
hone	hoofer	horrify
honestly	hooroosh	horsehair
honestone	hooves	horst
honeycomb n / 'hənēkōm / E a mass of hexagonal prismatic wax cells built by bees as a nest and store of food. <i>A swarm of bees covered the large honeycomb.</i>	hopper	horticultural
honeypot	hopperdozer	hostile
honeysuckle	horizontalize	adj / 'häst'l / L [has homonym: hostel] offering an unpleasant or forbidding environment. <i>The snow and ice-covered mountains presented a hostile picture of the next segment of the journey.</i>
honor	hornpipe n / 'hō(rə)n.pīp / E a lively folk dance of the British Isles. <i>A musical instrument called "the hornpipe" gave its name to a popular sailors' dance.</i>	hostilely
honorarium n / .änə'rērēəm / L an honorary payment or reward usually given as compensation for services. <i>Dr. Ferraro donated the honorarium she received for her speech at the Rotary Club to a local animal shelter.</i>	horologist n / hō'räləjēst / L a maker of clocks or watches. <i>After working as a watch repairman for seven years, Matt decided to become a full-fledged horologist.</i>	hovel
	horoscope	howbeit
	horoscopic	howled
	horrible adj / hōrəbəl / L likely to arouse fear, dread, or abhorrence. <i>A horrible sound came from inside the fall festival's haunted house.</i>	v / häuld / E uttered or emitted a loud sustained doleful sound or outcry characteristic of dogs and wolves. <i>The wind howled cruelly in an effort to tear them loose.</i>
	horrid	hox
		hoydenish adj / hōid'nish / D? + Ecf lively, tomboyish, unladylike. <i>Mrs. Taylor remarked that even a die-hard feminist would consider Zoe's behavior hoydenish.</i>

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hubristic adj / hyü'bristik / Gk insolent, vain, arrogant. <i>Without question, Rick was the most hubristic intern Dr. Hallberg had ever encountered.</i>	humanitarian n / (.)hyü.manə'terēən / L + Ecf a person who is actively concerned in promoting human welfare and especially social reform. <i>Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will always be remembered as a great humanitarian.</i>	humstrum n / (h)yüməs / L [Note: Could be confused with adjective <i>humorous</i> . Also, has near homonym: <i>hummus</i> .] the organic portion of soil. <i>Mario's compost heap provides an annual supply of humus for his garden.</i>
huckaback	humbly adv / 'hömblē / E in a modest or meek manner. <i>Anita humbly protested that her work did not deserve to hang on the museum's walls.</i>	hunching v / 'hənchij / unknown assuming a bent or crooked posture. <i>After hours of hunching in the car, Huey was glad for an opportunity to stretch at the rest stop.</i>
hue n / 'hyü / E gradation of color. <i>An inspired painter reveals mood through the use of hue and shade.</i>	humid	hundred
hueless	humidity n / hyü'midədē / L a moderate degree of wetness especially of the atmosphere. <i>In addition to the heat and humidity, the hikers had to deal with pesky mosquitoes.</i>	hundredweight n / 'həndrēd.wāt / E + E a unit of weight equal to 100 pounds—called also “short hundredweight.” <i>Ronnie may be teased for only being a hundredweight, but he is respected for his quickness.</i>
hula v / 'hü'lə / Hawaiian perform a sinuous mimetic Polynesian dance of traditional form and topical adaptation, usually accompanied by chants and rhythmic drumming. <i>Leilani was invited to hula for the guests at the luau.</i>	humiliate	Hungarian n / .hən'ga(a)rēən / European geog name a native or inhabitant of Hungary, a country in central Europe. <i>Many a Hungarian has settled happily in the United States.</i>
hulking adj / 'həlkinj / Gk > L > E + Ecf of great size or powerful build. <i>One look at the hulking guard would cause anyone to think twice about making him angry.</i>	humility n / hyü'milədē / L the quality or state of being humble in spirit : freedom from pride or arrogance. <i>We all need humility in the face of what we do not understand.</i>	hungry
humaniora n pl / (h)yü.manē'ōrə / L the branches of learning regarded as having primarily a cultural character and usually including languages, literature, history, mathematics, and philosophy. <i>Mateo received his degree in general studies or, as he likes to call it, “humaniora.”</i>	humiture n / 'hyüməchü(ə)r / L&L an integer average of temperature and humidity. <i>When the temperature is 85 degrees Fahrenheit and the relative humidity is 90, the humiture is 88.</i>	hurdle n / 'hərd'l / E an artificial barrier over which horses leap in a race. <i>Gordon's mount cleared the last hurdle with ease and won the race.</i>
	hummingbird	
	hummocky	

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hure n / 'hyü(ə)r / F > E [has homonym: hewer] a close-fitting cap. <i>The 15th-century painting depicted a peasant wearing a gray hure.</i>	hydra n / 'hidrə / Gk > L a many-sided problem or obstacle that presents new difficulties each time one aspect of it is solved or overcome. <i>The problem was a hydra of immense proportion.</i>	hydrophobia n / hīdrə'fōbēə / Gk an acute viral disease of the nervous system of warm-blooded animals that is fatal when untreated and is transmitted with infected saliva usually through the bite of an animal : rabies. <i>In recent years many raccoons have succumbed to hydrophobia.</i>
hurling v / 'hərlɪŋ / imit? E impelling with great vigor. <i>For lack of something better to do, Simon spent the afternoon hurling stones into the creek.</i>	hydroacoustic adj / hī(.)drō'küstik / Gk of or relating to the transmission of sound in water. <i>Whales use a form of hydroacoustic communication.</i>	hydroponics n pl / hīdrə'pāniks / Gk the growing of plants in nutrient solutions with or without sand, gravel, or other inert medium to provide mechanical support. <i>Hydroponics is invaluable in regions having poor or no soil.</i>
hurriedly adv / 'hərdlē / E? + Ecff quickly, hastily. <i>Jennifer dressed hurriedly in the cold room.</i>	hydrocortisone n / hī(.)drō'kō(r)də.sōn / Gk + L a crystalline hormone that is used in the treatment of certain allergic diseases. <i>At one time available only in compounds prescribed by doctors, hydrocortisone is now found in many over-the-counter medications.</i>	hydroxyzine
husbandry n / 'həzbəndrē / ON > E the cultivation or production of plants and animals : agriculture, farming. <i>The barn was well stocked with tools of husbandry.</i>	hydrological adj / hīdrə'lājēkəl / Gk of or relating to the study of water on the surface of the land, in the soil and underlying rocks, and in the atmosphere. <i>The hydrological cycle includes the evaporation of oceanic water into the atmosphere and its eventual return as precipitation.</i>	hyetometer n / hītämēdə(r) / Gk rain gage. <i>Ambrose set up a hyetometer in the front yard as part of his science fair project.</i>
husky	hydropathy	hygeian adj / hī'jēən / Gk name [Note: Could be confused with hygiene.] of or relating to health or medical practice. <i>Janice does not know which hygeian career she will pursue, but she is currently very interested in nutrition.</i>
hustings n pl / 'həstinqz / ON > E an election platform : stump. <i>After the political conventions, the election heated up as each party's nominee took to the hustings with renewed zeal.</i>		
hustle v / 'həsəl / D move or act with vigorous speed. <i>"You'd better hustle if you want to make your train!" Betty shouted.</i>		

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hygienic adj / hījē'nik / Gk of, relating to, or conducive to health or the science which deals with the establishment and maintenance of health in the individual and the group. <i>The minister reported that better hygienic conditions had reduced infant mortality significantly over the past ten years.</i>	hyperkalemia hyperopia n / hīpō'rōpēə / Gk a condition in which visual images come to a focus behind the retina and vision is better for distant than for near objects : farsightedness. <i>Mom attributed her difficulty in reading fine print to hyperopia.</i>	hypotactic adj / hīpō'taktik / Gk of, relating to, or exhibiting syntactic subordination (as by conjunction). <i>Yun loved the complicated hypotactic prose of academic German.</i>
hygienically	hypertonic	Hypotheria
hygrometer n / hī'grämədə(r) / Gk any of several instruments for measuring the humidity of the atmosphere. <i>Eileen wondered what would happen if she took the hygrometer into the shower with her.</i>	hyphenic	n pl / hīpō'thīrēə / Gk a hypothetical order including the as yet undiscovered ancestors of the mammals. <i>Speculation about the ancestors of the mammals will remain just that until a member of the order Hypotheria is discovered.</i>
hygroscope	hypnosis	hypothermia
hyoid n / hī'oid / Gk a bone or complex of bones situated at the base of the tongue, supporting the tongue and its muscles. <i>X rays showed damage to the patient's larynx and hyoid.</i>	hypocaust n / 'hīpō.kōst / Gk a central heating system of an ancient Roman building consisting of an underground furnace or fire chamber and a series of tile flues for distribution of the heat. <i>Jessamyn pointed out the remains of the hypocaust that had heated the public baths.</i>	hypothesize v / hī'päthə.sīz / Gk make an assumption in order to draw out its logical or empirical consequences. <i>We can hypothesize that every statement is true, but then we will have to accept contradictions as truth.</i>
hypallage n / hī'palə(.)jē / Gk the interchange in syntactic relationship between two terms. <i>The sentence "you are become dead to the law" is hypallage for "the law has become dead to you."</i>	hypochlorite n / hī(.)pō'klōr.īt / Gk a salt or ester of a weak acid used chiefly as an oxidizing agent, bleaching agent, disinfectant, and chlorinating agent. <i>Sodium hypochlorite is the primary ingredient in commercial laundry bleaches.</i>	hypoxemia
hyperborean adj / hīpō(r)'bōrēən / Gk of, relating to, or inhabiting an extreme northern region : frigid. <i>Polar bears are among the few animals that can survive in hyperborean regions.</i>	hypocrite	hypozeuxis
	hypopharynx n / hī(.)pō'fārīñ(k)s / Gk a thickened fold on the floor of the mouth of many insects that resembles a tongue. <i>In a chewing insect the hypopharynx secretes digestive juices.</i>	hypsometer n / hip'sämədə(r) / Gk + Gk any of various instruments used to determine the height of trees by triangulation. <i>Being a forester, Steve was an expert at using a hypsometer.</i>

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hyrax n / 'hī.raks / Gk > L any of a family of small thickset mammals with short legs and ears, feet with soft pads and broad nails, and a rudimentary tail. <i>The hyrax feeds on a wide variety of plants and can digest fiber very efficiently.</i>	ichorous adj / 'ikrōrəs / Gk [has near homonym: Icarus] thin, watery. <i>In severe psoriasis the skin becomes hard and then cracks, and from the cracks there is an ichorous discharge.</i>	idealist v / ī'dē(ə).līz / Gk make into a perfect example. <i>Greer tends to idealize her friends.</i>
hysterics	ichthyic	ideate
hysterogetic	ichthyism	ideological
ibex n / 'ī.beks / L one of several wild goats living chiefly in high mountain areas and having large recurved horns. <i>While on a ski trip in the Swiss Alps, Pierre spotted an ibex.</i>	ichthyologist	idiasm
ibidem	ichthyosaur n / 'ikthēō.sō(ə)r / Gk + Gk any of an order of extinct fishlike reptiles of the Mesozoic era having a long snout and a large caudal fin. <i>Its streamlined body and paddle-like limbs enabled the ichthyosaur to move swiftly through the water.</i>	n / 'idē.azəm / Gk an individual mannerism (as in literary style). <i>James Joyce's main idiasm was his penchant for writing in stream of consciousness.</i>
ibuprofen n / ībyū'prōfən / ISV a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug used to relieve pain and fever. <i>Because aspirin upsets her stomach, Angela takes ibuprofen to relieve minor pains.</i>	ickiness	idiom
iceberg	iconoclasm	idiomatic
icebound adj / 'is.baünd / E + E surrounded with ice so as to be incapable of advancing. <i>The harbor was icebound during much of the winter.</i>	iconoduly	idiomatically
ichor	iconographer n / īkə'nägrəfə(r) / G a maker or designer of figures or drawings especially of a conventional or mechanical type. <i>The congregation was quite pleased with the inspirational scene depicted by the iconographer.</i>	 adv / īdēə'madək(ə)lē / Gk in a manner conforming to the language peculiar to a people or to a district, community, or class. <i>The immigrant student quickly learned to speak English idiomatically.</i>
	ictotype	idiopathic
	icteric adj / 'ik.terik / Gk > L of, relating to, or affected with jaundice. <i>Hepatitis A is one common disease that has an icteric stage lasting from days to weeks.</i>	 adj / īdēə'pathik / Gk arising spontaneously or from an obscure or unknown cause. <i>After carefully examining Leila, the doctor announced that her sudden hearing loss was idiopathic and might disappear with time.</i>
	ictus	idiophone
		idiosyncrasies

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idiosyncrasy	illimitable	imagine
idle	adj / 'ɪdəl / E [has homonyms: idol, idyl, idyll] given to rest or ease. <i>Not one to be idle, Ben assists others whenever he completes his assigned tasks.</i>	adj / i(l)'limɪtəbəl / L not capable of being restricted or bounded. <i>The capacity of human beings to absorb what they wish to absorb and to ignore the rest seems to be illimitable.</i>
idol	illiteracy	imago
idolization	n / ˌɪdələˈzæʃən / Gk > L > F > E the act of loving or revering to excess, or the state of being revered to excess. <i>The public's idolization of celebrities inevitably causes them to change the nature of their public contacts.</i>	n / i(l)'lidərəsē / L inability to read or write. <i>The administration promised to launch a campaign against illiteracy.</i>
idunit	illogical	imbibition
n / ɪ'dənət / E an autobiographical or confessional account usually of a sensational character. <i>Everyone expected the colorful Wall Street broker to write an idunit after his conviction for embezzlement.</i>	illogicality n / (.)i(l).läjə'kalədē / Gk + Ecff the quality or state of reasoning unsoundly through ignorance or negligence of logic. <i>The English teacher pointed out the illogicality in saying "My cup is fuller than yours."</i>	imbroglia
igneous	illuminable	imitate
ignition	illuminometer	immanent
ignore	n / ə'lümə'nämədə(r) / L + Ecff + Gk a photometer for measuring the illumination of surfaces. <i>Houston and Kennelly called their invention an illuminometer.</i>	adj / 'imənənt / L remaining or operating within the subject considered : indwelling. <i>Stefan told a story about a forest god immanent in the large redwood near our camping spot.</i>
illaudable	illustrious	immaterial
illeist	adj / ə'ləstrēəs / L + Ecff notably or brilliantly outstanding. <i>The ambassador's illustrious achievements are known throughout the land.</i>	immeasurable
illfare		immeasurably adv / i(m)'mezh(ə)rəblē / L > Ecff + L + L > F > E in a manner that is incapable of being measured. <i>A two-volume index adds immeasurably to the usefulness of the encyclopedia.</i>
		immediacy

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immemorial adj / i(m)mōrēəl / L > F not within the reach of memory, record, or tradition : indefinitely ancient. <i>Daring teenagers have been climbing Devil's Rock since time immemorial.</i>	impartiality n / .im.pärshē'alədē / L freedom from bias or favoritism. <i>Justice is often personified with a blindfold and scales to represent impartiality.</i>	imperil v / ēm'perəl / L > F > E expose to danger of imminent harm or loss. <i>The investigation into fund-raising efforts could imperil the candidate's political future.</i>
immerse	impartible	imperilment
immigrant	impassionate	imperious
immiscibility n / i(m)'misə'biliđē / L inability to mix or become homogeneous. <i>Rain falling on an oil slick demonstrates the immiscibility of the two liquids.</i>	impatient	imperiously
immitigable	impeach	impermeable
immittance	impeachment n / ēm'pēchmənt / F > E conviction of misconduct and usually removal from office. <i>Faced with almost certain impeachment, Richard Nixon became the first United States president to resign from office.</i>	impertinent
immobile	impel v / ēm'pel / L urge or drive by force or constraint. <i>Contrary to the best calculations of policy, the nation will impel its government to war.</i>	impetrated v / 'impətrādəd / L obtained by request or entreaty : procured. <i>Lisa impetrated a bottle of Dijon mustard from the couple at the next table and spread some on her sandwich.</i>
immobilize v / i(m)'mōbəlīz / L > F interfere with or prevent freedom of movement or effective use of. <i>The general planned to use his secret weapon to immobilize enemy forces.</i>	impenitently	impetuous
immortelle	impercipient adj / .impə(r)'sipēənt / L lacking intuitive recognition or insight. <i>The critic complained that the novel's characters were so impercipient that no one could possibly care about them.</i>	impignorate
immund	imperfect	impingement
immune adj / ē'myün / L protected, guarded. <i>Wearing her heavy parka made Judith immune to the cold wind.</i>		impious
immunity		impish adj / 'impish / E relating to a person who behaves mischievously. <i>Troy's impish behavior was not tolerated at his new school.</i>
immunize		impishness
immunology		implicate

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implosion n / īm'plōzhən / L the action of bursting inward. <i>Judd's chemistry experiment created a small implosion after the oxygen was consumed.</i>	imprecate v / 'imprōkāt / L invoke evil upon : curse. <i>The defendant's attorney expects that the angry plaintiff may imprecate her during cross-examination.</i>	impudent adj / 'impyədənt / L disrespectful, insolent. <i>The bully stood before the principal with an impudent and haughty look in his eye.</i>
impluvium	imprecatory	impugnable
impofo	impreg	adj / īm'pyünəbəl / L capable of being called into question. <i>Although the senator's loyalty was never doubted, his judgment was certainly impugnable.</i>
impolite adj / īmpə'līt / L lacking in politeness, in etiquette, or in consideration of others. <i>"All I meant was that perhaps it isn't too important," Milo repeated, trying not to be impolite.</i>	impregnable adj / im'pregnəbəl / L > F > E incapable of being taken by assault. <i>Three feet of densely packed snow enveloping Dieter's fort rendered it impregnable.</i>	impugnment
imponderable	impressive adj / īm'presiv / L + Ecf tending to arouse the strong interest or admiration of another. <i>The singer's vocal range is very impressive.</i>	impuissant
importunate adj / īm'pōrchənət / L troublsomely urgent : overly persistent in request or demand. <i>Peter's importunate requests for assistance cause people to ignore and also avoid him.</i>	improvement	imu
importune v / īmpər'tün / L&F press or urge with frequent or unreasonable requests or troublesome persistence. <i>The political organization was asked not to importune shoppers to sign petitions in front of the store.</i>	improvident	inability
imposing adj / īm'pōzīg / L > F + Ecf impressive because of size, scope, bearing, dignity, or grandeur. <i>The imposing statues at the temple's entrance awed the visitors.</i>	improving	inaccessible adj / īnīk'sesəbəl / L not capable of being reached, entered, or approached. <i>Damian remodeled his store's entrance because it was inaccessible to people in wheelchairs.</i>
	improvisation n / (.)im.prävə'zāshən / L > F the act of creating an extemporaneous composition (as of music or poetry). <i>Joel found he had a real gift for improvisation on his saxophone.</i>	inadequacy n / in'adēkwəsē / L the state of being not fully sufficient for a specified or implied requirement. <i>The psychologist spoke about the feelings of failure, powerlessness, and inadequacy that overwhelm people in a society obsessed with success.</i>
	improvisational adj / im.prävə'zāshən'l / L composed extemporaneously. <i>Patrick enjoys improvisational dancing but not ballroom dancing.</i>	inadvertently adv / īnəd'vertəntlē / Ecf + L + Ecf unintentionally. <i>Grace inadvertently locked her keys in the trunk of her car.</i>

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inamissible	incisive	incommensurate
inappetence	adj / in'sisiv /	adj / inkə'men(t)s(ə)röt /
inaudible	L	L
inaugurate	having a cutting edge or piercing point. <i>Mr. Cunningham's wit was as incisive as the stroke of a fang.</i>	not equal in measure or extent. <i>Stephanie's expenditures are incommensurate with her salary, so she is looking for a higher-paying position.</i>
inaugurator		
n / ə'nōgyərādə(r) /		
L		
a person who begins or brings about the beginning of something. <i>Geoffrey of Monmouth is credited as the inaugurator of the legends of King Arthur.</i>		
incandescent	incisor	incommoding
incandescce	incite	v / ən'sīt /
incantations	v	/ inkə'mōdin /
n pl / in.kan'tāshənz /	L	L
L	[has near homonym: insight] move to a course of action : stir up : urge on. <i>Patrick Henry's goal was to incite his listeners to rebel.</i>	giving inconvenience or distress to. <i>Mr. Elton offered to take the drawing to London, and Emma did her best to pack it as to ensure its safety without much incommoding him.</i>
uses of spells or verbal charms spoken or sung as part of ritual or magic. <i>The priest pronounced barely audible incantations over the sick man.</i>		
incarnadine	inclemency	incommunicado
incavation	inclinometer	incompatible
incentive	inclusion	adj / inkəm'padəbəl /
inched	incogitant	L
incinerated	incognita	incapable of harmonious combination. <i>Marriage would not do for Emma; it would be incompatible with what she owed to her father.</i>
v / ən'sinərādēd /	n / in.käg'nēdə /	
L	L	
caused to burn to ashes. <i>Janna incinerated her love letters in the wood stove.</i>	[has near homonym: incognito] a woman in disguise; especially : one concealing her real quality or state under some unobtrusive appearance. <i>Though her employers knew her as Jane Swanson, the incoginta was really a dangerous terrorist named Carmen Leblanc.</i>	
incipiently	incoherently	incompletable
incise	adv / inkō'hirəntlē /	incomplete
incision	L	
	in a manner lacking orderly continuity or relevance. <i>The distraught woman explained rather incoherently that she couldn't find her three-year-old daughter.</i>	

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inconvenient adj / .inkən'vēnyənt / L giving trouble, uneasiness, or annoyance. <i>Rachel's mom complains that the location of the kitchen in relation to their garage is terribly inconvenient.</i>	incurable adj / ən'kərəbəl / L [has near homonym: incurable] liable to be brought down upon oneself. <i>When laws are violated, penalties are incurable.</i>	indisputable adj / ində'spyüdəbəl / L that is beyond argument : unquestionable. <i>Geraldo considered the result of his experiment indisputable.</i>
incorporeal	indecisively adv / .ində'sīsəvlē / L + Ecf indistinctly, vaguely. <i>Tim's answer was given indecisively.</i>	indistinguishable adj / .ində'stingwishəbəl / L incapable of being perceived as being separate or different. <i>Mom could not be conned into believing that margarine is indistinguishable from butter.</i>
incorporeity n / .in.kō(r)pə'rēədē / L the quality or state of having no material body or form. <i>The students in the introductory physics class were puzzled by the incorporeity of the photon.</i>	indefectible	individual
incorruptible adj / .inkə'rəptəbəl / L incapable of being bribed or changed from good to bad in morals, manners, or actions. <i>The local police force prided itself on being incorruptible.</i>	indehiscent	individuality
increassate	indelibly	individually
incredulous	index	indivisible
incremental adj / .iŋkrə'mēntl / L > E of, relating to, constituting, or resulting from slight or imperceptible augmentations. <i>Though Nathan's day-to-day growth was incremental, he grew eight inches in a year's time.</i>	indexically	adj / .ində'vezəbəl / L not separable into parts. <i>Democritus postulated the existence of the atom, which he thought was the smallest indivisible unit of matter.</i>
incriminate	indignity n / ən'dignədē / L something humiliating or injurious to one's self-esteem : insult, outrage. <i>The prisoners were forced to suffer one indignity after another.</i>	inducible
incroyable	indirect	industry
incunabula	indirectly	inebriacy
incur	indirubin	inebriety n / .inə'briēdē / L drunkenness. <i>Arthur saw very little humor in the comedian's feigned inebriety.</i>
	indiscreet	inedita
	indispensable	ineffaceable

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inefficient adj / in'efishənt / Ecf + L wasteful of time or energy in performing work. <i>Measuring once and cutting twice is more inefficient than measuring twice and cutting once.</i>	inestimable adj / in'estəməbəl / L too valuable or excellent to be measured or appreciated. <i>The soldier died in battle, unaware of the inestimable service he had performed for his country.</i>	infatuate infatuated adj / ən'fachə,wādēd / L possessed with or marked by a strong attachment or foolish or unreasoning love. <i>The young man, infatuated with his first love, was blind to her faults.</i>
ineligibility	inevitability n / (,)inevədə'bilədē / L the quality or state of being incapable of being avoided or evaded. <i>The character rages throughout the play at the unfairness of life and the inevitability of death.</i>	infer v / ən'fər / L derive by reasoning or implication. <i>The reader was left to infer what Jojo's crime was.</i>
ineligible adj / in'eləjəbəl / L not qualified to be chosen. <i>According to the rules, last year's champion is ineligible to compete this year.</i>		inference
inerrant adj / in'erənt / L free from error or mistake. <i>The minister expressed staunch commitment to the inerrant authority of Scripture.</i>	inexcusable inexcusably adv / .inik'skyüzəblē / L + Ecf not justifiably, not apologetically. <i>Toby is inexcusably late for his violin lesson.</i>	inferential
inescapable	inexhaustible adj / .inig'zōstəbəl / L incapable of being used up : unfailing. <i>After her visit to Third World countries, Jody realized that she lived in a land that had an inexhaustible wealth in agriculture.</i>	infidel n / 'infədel / L > F an unbeliever in respect to a particular religion. <i>Ann's favorite painting in the museum is a 17th-century portrait entitled <i>Conversion of the Infidel</i>.</i>
inesculent adj / in'eskyələnt / L not suitable for use as food especially for human beings : inedible. <i>Gary was sick for several days after eating an inesculent mushroom.</i>		infiltration
inessential adj / .inə'senchəl / L not necessary : dispensable. <i>The soldier claims that enforcement of inessential regulations is petty harassment of the weak by the strong.</i>	inexpensiveness infallibility	infirmary n / ən'fərm(ə)rē / L a hospital or place where the sick are lodged for treatment. <i>The camp nurse confined Jason to the infirmary after he fainted.</i>
	infamous infanticide n / ən'fantəsīd / L a killing of a newly or recently born child. <i>In ancient Rome the head of the family had the right to commit infanticide.</i>	infirmity n / ən'fərmēdē / L feebleness, frailty. <i>Fortunately Grandpa Edgar's infirmity of body is not accompanied by mental infirmity.</i>
	infantry	

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inflammable adj / ēn'flaməbəl / L capable of being easily set on fire. <i>Inflammable hair products carry a warning label.</i>	ingenuity n / īngyū'ētē / L the quality of being clever or resourceful. <i>The team's ingenuity helped them solve the problem.</i>	injudiciously adv / īnjūdīshēsēlē / L without good judgment. <i>She acted injudiciously by leaving her umbrella at home.</i>
inflexible adj / īn'fleksəbəl / L > E rigid. <i>Nature's laws are more inflexible than iron.</i>	ingravescence n / īgrāvēsēns / L the process of becoming deeper or more intense. <i>The shadow of the tree cast an ingravescence on the ground.</i>	inkblot n / īnkblōt / L a dark, irregular shape used to test the ability to recognize patterns. <i>He used an inkblot to see if he could identify the suspect.</i>
inflorescence n / īnflo'resəns / L a cluster of flowers or leaves growing from a single point. <i>The plant has a large inflorescence at the top of its stem.</i>	ingredient n / īngredēənt / L something that enters into a compound or is a component part of any combination or mixture. <i>Grandma refuses to reveal the secret ingredient that makes her chocolate cake so delicious.</i>	inlier n / īnlēr / L a decorative element, such as a strip of wood, inlaid into a surface. <i>The sofa has a wooden inlier along its edges.</i>
influence n / īnflu'ēns / L the power to influence others. <i>He has a lot of influence in our community.</i>	ingress n / īngrēs / L the act of entering or coming into something. <i>The ship entered the harbor through the narrow channel.</i>	innate adj / īnāt / L existing or occurring naturally. <i>It is innate to humans to have a desire for knowledge.</i>
influenceable adj / īnflu'ēsəbəl / L easily influenced. <i>She is very influenceable and often changes her mind.</i>	ingurgitate v / īngurjātāt / L swallow, devour, or drink greedily or in large quantity. <i>Even if Fran's dog has recently been fed, he will ingurgitate anything that is put in front of him.</i>	innavigable adj / īnāvēgəbəl / L not deep enough or wide enough to afford passage to ships. <i>Since the dam was built, the Green River has been innavigable.</i>
influential adj / īnflu'ēntial / L having great influence. <i>He is a very influential figure in politics.</i>	inhast v / īnhāst / L done or carried out without delay or unnecessary time. <i>We had to inhast to catch the last train.</i>	innocuously adv / īnōkōōsēlē / L without causing harm or damage. <i>The medicine was administered innocuously to avoid side effects.</i>
infralittoral n / īnfrah'lōtōrēl / L the area just below the water level where plants grow. <i>Many marine life species live in the infralittoral zone.</i>	inherent adj / īnherēnt / L existing naturally or necessarily. <i>It is inherent in all living things to grow and reproduce.</i>	innoxious adj / īnōkōōsēs / L harmless or non-toxic. <i>The new cleaning product is completely innoxious.</i>
infrared adj / īnfrā'red / L + E lying outside the visible spectrum at its red end. <i>The sun's infrared radiation is responsible for the warmth felt in direct sunlight.</i>	inhospitable adj / īnhōspidəbəl / L providing no shelter or sustenance. <i>Deserts seem to be inhospitable to frogs, yet 23 species live in Australia's arid regions.</i>	innuendo n / īnōōndō / L an implication or suggestion made indirectly. <i>His words were filled with innuendo and double meanings.</i>
infrastructure n / īnfrastrōkchə(r) / L the underlying foundation or basic framework (as of an organization or a system). <i>Martin's economics project required him to set up a city government, complete with infrastructure.</i>	inhumanness n / īnūmānēs / L the lack of human qualities or characteristics. <i>The inhumanness of the situation was令人震惊.</i>	inoculum n / īnōkōlōm / L material (as spores, bacteria, or contaminated fluids) used or suitable for use as an immunity-inducing agent. <i>Dr. Srinivasan administered the diphtheria inoculum quickly and placed a small bandage over the spot.</i>
infrigidate v / īn'fyūrēātēd / L enraged, maddened. <i>The traffic jam infuriated those drivers with little or no patience.</i>	inion n / īnēān / Gk the external occipital protuberance of the skull. <i>The coroner determined that the cause of the hitchhiker's death was a blow to the inion.</i>	inordinate adj / īnōrōdētē / L exceeding in amount, quantity, force, intensity, or scope the ordinary, reasonable, or prescribed limits. <i>Andrew thought Amanda was taking an inordinate amount of time getting ready for her date.</i>
infundibular adj / īnfūndibyōlēr / L united or joined so as to become or make as if one : blend. <i>Through surgery Dr. Manning will inosculate the torn tissues.</i>	inirritability n / īnīrētēbēlē / L the tendency to become irritated easily. <i>She has a high level of inirritability and gets annoyed easily.</i>	inosculate v / īnōskylāt / L unite or join so as to become or make as if one : blend. <i>Through surgery Dr. Manning will inosculate the torn tissues.</i>
infuriated v / īn'fyūrēātēd / L enraged, maddened. <i>The traffic jam infuriated those drivers with little or no patience.</i>	initiate v / īnītētē / L begin or start a process. <i>He initiated a new project at work.</i>	
	inject v / īn'jek / L put a liquid or substance into a body part. <i>The doctor injected the vaccine directly into his arm.</i>	

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insati ate adj / in'sāsh(ē)ēt / L not satisfied. <i>The pirates were fierce fighters, hardy seamen, and insati ate plunderers.</i>	inseparably adv / in'sepərəblē / L in a manner so as not to be separated or disjoined. <i>The city of Las Vegas is inseparably associated with gambling.</i>	instantly instep instigator n / 'inzta:gādə(r) / L one that provokes or incites. <i>The substitute teacher named Verne as the instigator of the disruption.</i>
inscription	insignificant	instinct
inseam	adj / .in.sig'nifēkənt / L of little size or importance. <i>Marcella told her brother not to let an insignificant quarrel with his best friend spoil the friendship.</i>	adv / inz'tiŋ(k)təvlē / L + Ecff in a manner determined by natural impulse or propensity. <i>Instinctively Josey knew that he had taken a wrong turn at the corner.</i>
insecticolous	insincerity n / .insən'serēdē / L the quality or state in which one is not what one appears to be or does not express what one appears to express. <i>George's apology oozed with insincerity.</i>	institute
insectival	insinuator	instructed
insectivorous adj / in sek'tiv(ə)rəs / L + Ecf feeding on insects : depending on insects as food. <i>Some birds and spiders are insectivorous.</i>	insinuendo	instructible
inselberg n / 'in(t)sälbərg / G an isolated mountain partly buried by the debris derived from and overlapping its slopes. <i>The bare, rounded inselberg of rock stands like an island in a sea of vegetation.</i>	insistence	instrument
insensate adj / in'sen.sāt / L unfeeling : cruel, harsh. <i>Brian despised and protested the insensate strategy of the war.</i>	insolation n / in(t)(.)sō'lāshən / L [has near homonym: insulation] solar radiation that has been received (as by Earth). <i>Insolation can cause a lake's temperature to rise by several degrees in a matter of hours.</i>	insufferable
insensitive adj / in'sen(t)sədiv / L > F > E lacking feeling. <i>Only a thoroughly insensitive person would not respond to a child's cry for help.</i>	insoluble	insufflator
	inspection	insular
	inspector	insulate v / 'in(t)səlāt / L separate or shield from conducting bodies by means of nonconductors so as to prevent transfer of electricity, heat, or sound. <i>The material used to insulate the music department's practice rooms was ineffective.</i>
	insipissate	insuperable
	installation	
	instantaneity	

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insuppressible adj / insə'presəbəl / L > Ecf + L + L > Ecf impossible to put down or out of existence. <i>The crowd's anger proved insuppressible, and the police had to be called.</i>	intellectualize v / intə'lékchə(wə)liz / L + Ecf give rational form or content to. <i>Sometimes Marie tries so hard to intellectualize her problems that she loses track of what she really feels.</i>	interference n / intə(r)'firən(t)s / L the act of meddling in or hampering an activity or process. <i>Rachel's contribution to the group project turned out to be interference, not help.</i>
insurgency n / ən'sərjənsē / L + Ecf a condition of revolt against a recognized government that does not reach the proportions of an organized revolutionary government and is not recognized as belligerency. <i>Installation of a puppet government resulted in widespread insurgency.</i>	intelligentsia	interfering v / intə(r)'fi(ə)rīng / L + Ecf entering into or taking a part in the concerns of others. <i>Gladden thought his older brother was interfering in his decision to attend Ohio University.</i>
insurgents n pl / ən'sərjənt(t)s / L [has homonym: insurgence] persons who rise in revolt against civil authority or an established government. <i>To strengthen, perpetuate, and extend slavery was the object for which the insurgents would rend the Union even by war.</i>	intenerate v / ən'tenərāt / L make sympathetic or sensitive : soften. <i>The captive's pleas served to intenerate the victor's heart.</i>	interferon
	intense adj / ən'ten(t)s / L existing in a strained or extreme degree. <i>Mr. Siberell's slight twitch was a sign of intense anxiety.</i>	interfluve
	intensification	intergalactic
	intensively adv / in'ten(t)səvlē / L zealously, eagerly. <i>This summer Jeremy is studying intensively for the Utah bar exam.</i>	interim
integer		interject v / intə(r)'jekt / L interpose, interpolate. <i>Jared tried without success to interject a comment at the meeting.</i>
integral adj / 'intəgrəl / L of, relating to, or serving to form a whole. <i>Political and economic independence are integral to one another.</i>	interlace v / intə(r)'lās / F > E unite by or as if by weaving or twining together. <i>The counselor showed the campers how to interlace leather cords to make a lanyard.</i>	
	intercut	
	interested	interloper
integrand	interferant	intermediate
integrity	interfere	intermission
intellectualism		n / intə(r)'mishən / L a planned interruption in a program. <i>During the intermission the lobby was filled with patrons discussing the first act.</i>

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internecion n / .intər'neshən / L [Note: Could be confused with internecine.] mutual destruction : massacre. <i>The Civil War Battle of Antietam is the bloodiest single-day battle in American history, an internecion that claimed more than 23,000 lives.</i>	intestate v / ən'timə.dād.əd / L made timid or fearful : frightened. <i>Jerry's dog is intimidated by loud noises and hides under the bed during thunderstorms.</i>	intrude intruder intuition intuitive intussusception inunction inunctum invadable invariably adv / in'verə.blē / L > F without exception or change : always, consistently. <i>He invariably leaped before he looked and never cared where he was going as long as he knew why he shouldn't have gone to where he'd been.</i>
interosseous adj / .intə(r)'ä.sē.əs / L situated between bones; especially : lying between the bones of the leg or forearm. <i>When Kate fell, she damaged the interosseous membrane of her right forearm.</i>	intolerant intonaco intonation n / .intə'nā.shən / L a pitch phenomenon in speech that makes a syntactical or emotional distinction. <i>Molly judged from Luke's intonation that he was more disappointed than he would admit.</i>	invasion invention inverness inversion n / ən'vərzhən / L a reversal of normal atmospheric temperature gradient : increase of temperature of the air with increasing altitude. <i>Rapid cooling of Earth's surface causes an inversion wherein the lower levels of air are colder than the higher levels.</i>
interpretant interpretation interrogate v / ən'terə.gāt / L question typically with formality, command, and thoroughness for full information and circumstantial detail. <i>Ms. Chapin called Darina to the office to interrogate her about the missing bicycle.</i>	intrados n / 'intrə.däs / L + F the interior curve of an arch. <i>Maryanne believed that the arched doorway of her new home needed some decoration, so she stenciled the intrados.</i>	invertebrate n / in'verdə.brāt / L an animal having no backbone or internal skeleton. <i>Carla's example of an invertebrate was the jellyfish that she found on the beach last summer.</i>
interstices interstitial intertrigo n / .intə(r)'trī(.).gō / L inflammation produced by chafing of adjacent areas of skin. <i>The shirtless runner developed intertrigo along his sides from pumping his arms while running.</i>	intraneous intravasation intricacy intriquingly introspect v / 'intrəspect / L look within (as one's own mind). <i>Bokeem likes to sit on the edge of the pond in his aunt's backyard and introspect.</i>	
interval interveinal interwrought	introuvable	

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inverted adj / īn'vərdəd / L turned upside down or inside out. <i>The blood rushed to his head as he zoomed across the field in inverted flight.</i>	involute adj / īnvəlüt / L curled spirally. <i>Seashells are generally either involute or orbicular.</i>	irksome adj / īrksōm / E causing annoyance or vexation : irritating. <i>Gary found the speaker's nasal voice irksome.</i>
investiture n / īn'vestüchü(ə)r / L the ceremonial conferral of symbols of office or honor. <i>The new archbishop arrived at his investiture with a letter of appointment from the pope, then donned his miter and offered a homily.</i>	iodopsin n / īō'däpsən / Gk a photosensitive violet pigment in the retinal cones of most animals that is important in daylight vision. <i>The cone cells in the human eye contain three types of iodopsin that respond to red, blue, and green.</i>	iroko n / ī'rō(.)kō / Yoruba a very large timber tree of tropical western Africa with strong durable streaky lustrous brown wood that is extremely resistant to termite attack and often used as a substitute for teak. <i>Logs of iroko were shipped to Mystic Seaport from Ghana for the building of the Amistad replica.</i>
invigorating	iridaceous adj / īrē'däshəs / Gk > L resembling an iris. <i>The showy iridaceous flowers were the hit of the exhibit.</i>	ironclad
inviseate v / īn'veiskāt / L encase in a sticky substance : make viscid. <i>When Lauren learned that some hunters smear birdlime on branches to inviseate birds, she became enraged.</i>	iridesce v / īrē'des / Gk show colors like those of the rainbow especially in shifting patterns of hues and shades that vary with a change of light or point of view. <i>Fini sat on the dock watching the gasoline spill iridesce on the water.</i>	ironically
invisible adj / īn'vezəbəl / L of such small size as to be hardly noticeable. <i>Isaiah felt invisible sitting in the back of the lecture hall.</i>	iridescence	ironworker
invite	iridescently	irony
involute n / īnvəlükə(r) / L a rosette of bracts surrounding a composite flower head. <i>The florist pointed out the involucre around the daisy's flower head.</i>	iridium	irrebuttable
involuntary	iridize v / īrēdīz / L + Ecf make to show colors like those of the rainbow. <i>Mohandas proceeded to iridize the polished metal surface by applying heat to it.</i>	adj / īrē'bēdəbəl / Ecf + F > F + Ecf impossible to refute or contradict. <i>The researchers were convinced that their findings were irrebuttable.</i>
		irrefutable
		irremeable
		irremediable
		irremovable
		irreproachable
		adj / īrē'prōchəbəl / L + F > E blameless, faultless, impeccable. <i>The Seeing Eye dog's behavior during the airplane flight was irreproachable.</i>
		irreption

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irresponsible	isarithm	isogenous
irretrievable	n / 'ɪrə'trēvəbəl / Gk + F > E + Ecff impossible to recoup, repair, or overcome. <i>By not going to college when he had the opportunity, Jack suffered an irretrievable loss.</i>	n / 'ɪsərɪθm / Gk [has homonym: isorhythm] a line drawn on a chart or map to connect points having equal numerical values (as of temperature, elevation, or density of population). <i>Noelle traced the elevation isarithm from the topographical map onto her hiking map.</i>
irreverent	iscariotic	isolate
adj / 'ɪrev(ə).rent / L not proceeding from or expressing honor or respect. <i>Mother considers it irreverent to leave church before the service is over.</i>		isolation
irrisio	ischium	isolationist
n / ɪ'rɪzhoʊn / L a laughing at a person or thing. <i>When Mrs. Scott's hat blew off, the class broke out in irrisio.</i>	isotropic adj / ɪsɔ:n'træpɪk / Gk taking place without change of the amount of energy in a system not available for doing work. <i>If steam could be expanded in a turbine with no friction or other losses, expansion would be isotropic.</i>	adj / ɪsə'lāsh(ə)nəst / L > It > F + Ecff of, characterized by, or favoring a policy directed towards keeping a nation apart from other nations by a deliberate abstention from alliances and other international and economic relations. <i>Isolationist sentiment has often been strong in the United States.</i>
irritable	island	isometric
adj / 'ɪrədæbəl / L likely to become impatient, angry, or disturbed. <i>Caleb is especially irritable when he is tired.</i>	islay	isometrics
irritator	isobar	n pl / ɪsə'metriks / Gk + Gk exercise or a system of exercises involving contraction of the muscles against resistance. <i>On January first, Maggie began an ambitious program of isometrics.</i>
n / 'ɪrətādə(r) / L one that aggravates or incites displeasure. <i>Calvin is the class irritator and likes to make the teacher shout at him.</i>	n / 'ɪsōbär / Gk > ISV an imaginary line on a map connecting places on the surface of Earth with equal barometric pressure. <i>Ned noted that the weather map's isobar passed directly through his hometown.</i>	isonomy
	isochronal adj / ɪ'säkrənəl / Gk uniform in time : recurring at regular intervals. <i>Even early humans realized that sunrise was isochronal and not randomly recurring.</i>	isothermal
	isochronous	Israelite
	isocracy	n / 'izrēlīt / Heb > Gk a member of one of the ten Hebrew tribes anciently inhabiting the northern part of Palestine. <i>On his trip through the valley Jacob met an Israelite tending a small flock of sheep.</i>
		issuance

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issue	jacopever	jejunum
italicize	jacqueminot	jellify
ivied adj / 'ivēd / E covered with ivy. <i>The ivied ruins attested to the magnificence of the original cathedral.</i>	jaded	jeopardous
	jagged	jersey
	jailbird	jessamine
	jangling v / 'janglɪŋ / Gmc > F > E sounding harshly or discordantly. <i>Though Hector's alarm clock was jangling, he remained fast asleep.</i>	jessamy
iwan	japonaiserie	jetbead
jabber	n / zhā.pōnez(ə)'rē / F a style of art reflecting Japanese qualities or motifs. <i>The restaurant's ambience was enhanced by the use of japonaiserie.</i>	jettisonable
jackboot n / 'jak.büt / nickname + E a laceless military boot reaching to the calf. <i>The jackboot has come to symbolize cruel military oppression.</i>	jarana n / hə'rānə / Sp a couple dance of Yucatan that is performed with waltz and zapateado steps. <i>In Cancun one still sees couples dancing the jarana.</i>	jetty
jackdaw	jasm	jewel
jackhammer	jasminewood	jewels
jackrabbit	jaywalk	n pl / 'jüəlz / F > E ornaments of precious metal often set with gems.
jackroller	jazz	<i>"The last rays of sun were falling through a glade of the wood and were shining bright as jewels on the flowery mantle of the wreck," Sam read aloud.</i>
Jacksonian adj / jak'sōnēən / American name of or relating to Andrew Jackson, his views or policies, or his era. <i>The politician preached his brand of Jacksonian politics in all the town squares through which he passed.</i>	jealous	jimmies
	jeans	n pl / 'jimēz / unknown
	jejunely adv / jō'jūnlē / L in an immature or juvenile manner. <i>Although the colors of the painting were unusual and bold, Sam guessed that the brushstrokes had been executed jejunely.</i>	tiny rod-shaped bits of variously flavored candy often sprinkled on ice cream and pastry. <i>Carol order vanilla ice cream with chocolate jimmies.</i>
Jacobin n / 'jakəbēn / L member of an extremist political group advocating equalitarian democracy and famous for its terrorist policies during the French Revolution of 1789. <i>The Bostonian Federalists grew up under the impression that a Jacobin was a repulsive creature.</i>	jingle	
	jingly	
	jingoish adj / 'jin(ə)gōish / proper name? + Ecf marked by arrogant nationalism. <i>Senator Clark's jingoish foreign policy recommendations were roundly denounced by his colleagues.</i>	
	jitney	
	jockey	

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jodhpurs	joyfully adv / 'jōif(ə)lē / E in a happy or jubilant manner. <i>At the age of six Malachy joyfully began school.</i>	juror
jogger		jury
join		justified
jollity		justify
jordanon n / 'jō(r)dən.än / F name + Gkcf a small usually localized population slightly but effectively differentiated from related forms. <i>The Himalayan blackberry plant is a very aggressive jordanon that can spread over a radius of 10 feet in a year.</i>	joyous adj / 'jōiəs / L > F > E + Ecf happy, joyful. <i>Jeremy was utterly joyous as he revealed his latest work of art.</i>	jut
yoropo	joyride	jute
jorum	judge v / 'jēj / L > F > E form an authoritative opinion about. <i>An experienced editor can judge the quality of a manuscript from a few sample pages.</i>	kale
jounce	judgmental	Kallikak
journalesse n / jərnə'lēz / L > F > E + L > Pg&It a style of writing held to be characteristic of newspapers. <i>The word transpired is considered journalesse because it rarely occurs outside of newspapers.</i>	judicature	n
journalist	juggins	/ 'kaləkak /
joyially adv / 'jōvēəlē / L in a jolly, good-humored manner. <i>Mr. Edwards joyially donned the Santa Claus suit and took a seat near the children.</i>	jughead	Gk > US literary name
Jovian adj / 'jōvēən / L relating to the planet Jupiter. <i>The Jovian magnetic field is much stronger than Earth's.</i>	juicily	a stupid person.
jowly	julep	<i>Andrea's brother teased her by calling her a Kallikak.</i>
	junco	kalon
	Jungian adj / 'yünjēən / Swiss name of, relating to, or having the characteristics of the psychological doctrines of Carl G. Jung. <i>Becky showed how the novel Mists of Avalon made extensive use of Jungian archetypes.</i>	kamelaukion
	juration	n
	juratory	/ kämə'läük.yōn /
	jurimetrics	Gk
		a tall brimless hat worn by priests and monks in some Eastern rites.
		<i>When Kathy visited Crete, a bearded priest in a tall black kamelaukion asked her if she was from Chicago.</i>
		kamik
		n
		/ 'kämik /
		Esk
		[has homonym: comic] an Eskimo sealskin boot.
		<i>Among Alaskan natives, the homemade kamik is still the most common footwear.</i>
		kanji
		n
		/ 'kän(.)jē /
		Jpn
		a Japanese system of writing based on the Chinese one and composed principally of characters borrowed or adapted from Chinese.
		<i>Evan was awarded the university linguistics prize for his paper on the history of kanji.</i>

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Kantian adj / 'kantēən / G name of or relating to the German philosopher Immanuel Kant. <i>Professor Smith's lectures betrayed a strong bias toward Kantian metaphysics.</i>	kathakali n / kädə'kälē / Skt > Malayalan a spectacular lyric dance drama of southern India performed with acrobatic energy and highly stylized pantomime. <i>The dancers in the kathakali had painted faces and stylized costumes and headwear.</i>	Kelvin adj / kelvōn / E name relating to, conforming to, or having a thermometric scale on which the unit of measurement equals the Celsius degree and according to which absolute zero is 0 degrees Kelvin. <i>The Kelvin scale has been adopted as the international standard for scientific temperature measurement.</i>
kaolinic	Katmandu adj / kat.man'dü / Nepalese geog name of or from Katmandu, the capital of Nepal. <i>Marisa has a Katmandu prayer rug hanging on her wall.</i>	kemancha n / kə'mänchə / Per > Ar an Arabian violin that has usually a single string and a gourd resonator and is held vertically when played. <i>When his mother was transferred to the Middle East for her job, Michael took up the kemancha.</i>
karma n / 'kärmə / Skt in Hinduism and Buddhism, the sum total of the ethical consequences of a person's good or bad actions comprising thoughts, words, and deeds. <i>In Buddhism, harming another being is believed to contribute to bad karma.</i>	Keatsian adj / 'kētsēən / E name of, relating to, or characteristic of the English poet John Keats. <i>Mr. Gardner criticized the poet's excessive use of Keatsian allusions.</i>	kench
karyogamy	keelage	kentledge
karyology	keenly adv / 'kēnlē / E in a manner characterized by intense interest. <i>The cat watched keenly as the nuthatches came and went from the birdfeeder.</i>	kerchoo
karyotin	keeness	kernelly adj / 'kərnēlē / E [has near homonym: carnally] having or containing whole grains or seeds. <i>Jeffrey is quite fond of a certain kind of kernelly bread.</i>
karyotype n / 'karēətīp / Gk + Gk the sum of the specific characteristics of a cell nucleus including chromosome number, form, size, and points of spindle-fiber attachment. <i>Most male children are of the 46-XY karyotype, which means they have 46 chromosomes including one XY pair.</i>	keitloa n / 'kitlōwə / Sechuan a black rhinoceros that has a posterior horn and which has been considered to constitute a distinct species. <i>While on safari, Roger and Sandy saw a rare keitloa.</i>	ketone n / 'kē.tōn / G any of a class of organic compounds (as acetone) that are characterized by a carbonyl group attached to two carbon atoms. <i>Certain diseases in humans are marked by the presence of excessive amounts of ketone in the circulatory system.</i>
kathak n / kə'täk / Skt > Beng an intricate dance of northern India that includes passages of narrative pantomime. <i>The kathak Simon saw in Delhi told the story of an emperor disguised as a poor beggar.</i>	kelpfish	

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kettle n / 'kētl / ON > E a cooking utensil with a bail handle. <i>A soup kettle hung from a hook in the castle kitchen's enormous fireplace.</i>	kick v / kik / E give impetus to something with a usually fast blow with the foot, generally with the intention of scoring or gaining ground. <i>Julio could kick the football 75 yards but was uninterested in trying out for the team.</i>	kiloliter n / kē'lämēdə(r) / Gk > F a metric unit of length equal to 1,000 meters. <i>Bob knew he was out of shape when he couldn't run a kilometer without gasping for air.</i>
kewpie	kicksorter	kilowatts
keyhole n / 'kē.hōl / E + E a hole or aperture for receiving a key. <i>In the dark, Demmie could not find the keyhole.</i>	kidney n / 'kidnē / E one of a pair of vertebrate organs situated in the body cavity near the spinal cavity that serve to excrete waste products. <i>In an effort to save his daughter's life, the prisoner sued the state to be allowed to give her his only kidney.</i>	Kilroy n / 'kil.rōi / Amer name an inveterate traveler. <i>Most of Lyra's postcard collection comes from her uncle Thor, who is quite a Kilroy.</i>
Keynesian adj / 'kānzēən / E name of or relating to the advocacy of monetary and fiscal programs by government to increase employment. <i>Professor Rabin is a proponent of Keynesian economics.</i>	kidskin	kindhearted
keystone	kiekie	kindred
khatun	kier	kingfisher
khedive	kilderkin n / 'kildə(r)kēn / (L + D) > E a cask about half the size of a common barrel and sometimes smaller. <i>By a 16th-century English statute a kilderkin for beer had to contain 18 gallons; one for ale, 16 gallons.</i>	kinless
kibbutz n / ki'būts / Heb a collective farm or settlement in Israel. <i>Meredith's pen pal lives on a kibbutz.</i>	killarney n / kē'lärnē / Ir geog name a moderate yellowish green to green that is stronger than Gretna green. <i>Seamus said that all the fuss about the difference between killarney and Gretna green was nonsense.</i>	kinship
kibbutznik	killercrop	kinsman
kibe	killjoy	kipper
		kirimon
		kirsch
		kirtle n / 'kērdl / E [has homonyms: curdle, curtal] a garment resembling a tunic or coat usually reaching to the knees and worn by men often as the principal body garment until the 16th century. <i>Ethelred's kirtle snagged as he mounted his steed.</i>
		kiteflying
		kitten
		klavern

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kleptomania	knot	koshare
klezmorim	n / 'nät /	n / kō'sha(a)(ə)r /
klipspringer	E	Keres
n / 'klip.springə(r) /	[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, word has homonyms: naught, not.] 1 nautical mile per hour—used as a unit of measurement in expressing the rate of speed of airplanes and seagoing ships.	a Pueblo Indian clown society whose members imitate ancestral spirits in ceremonies invoking rain. <i>While visiting a Pueblo Indian historical site Alan learned about the tribe's different societies, including the koshare.</i>
Afrikaans a small agile African antelope inhabiting mountainous regions. <i>Because of its specially adapted hooves, the klipspringer can traverse the mountain crags.</i>	<i>Lester had trouble explaining the difference between a ship moving at 1 knot and a car moving at 1 mile per hour.</i>	
klister	knothole	koto
n / 'klistə(r) /	knottiness	kouros
G > Norw [has homonym: clyster] a soft wax used on skis especially for corn snow or crust. <i>Wary of the spring skiing conditions, Maria applied some klister to her skis.</i>	known	kraft
klompen	knucklesome	kraken
klutz	kobold	n / 'kräkən /
klystron	koftgari	Norw a fabulous Scandinavian sea monster perhaps imagined on the basis of chance sightings of giant squids. <i>Granddad has an engraving that depicts a kraken in a fjord.</i>
knack	n / 'kōftgə(.)rē /	
knavish	Per > Hindi Indian damascene work in which steel is inlaid with gold. <i>While on vacation in India, Tyler saw many types of koftgari for sale.</i>	
kneeboard	koinonia	krakowiak
knell	n / .kōinə'nēə /	n / krə'kōvē.ək /
knelt	Gk	Pol a Polish group folk dance that combines elements of the ancient round, the more recent square, and the modern polka. <i>The krakowiak is a lively dance named for the area of Poland where it originated.</i>
knickknack	intimate spiritual communion and participative sharing in a common religious commitment and spiritual community. <i>Karl's book details how koinonia developed among the 12 apostles.</i>	
knife	komatik	krill
knifelike adj / 'nif.lik /		n / 'kril /
ON? > E + E resembling an instrument with a sharp edge. <i>The tops of the trees created a knifelike silhouette on the horizon.</i>		Norw [has near homonym: creel] planktonic crustaceans and larvae that constitute the principal food of whalebone whales. <i>Researchers are studying ways to process protein-rich krill into human food.</i>
knitwear		krone

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kugel n / 'kügəl / G > Yiddish a baked pudding (as of potatoes, noodles, bread, or cabbage) served as a side dish or dessert. <i>Natalie often makes a noodle kugel to accompany a roast chicken.</i>	labile adj / 'läbəl / L [has homonym: label] readily or continually undergoing chemical or physical or biological change or breakdown. <i>The problem at the end of the chapter was to explain how a substance can be thermodynamically stable but still labile.</i>	laguna n / lä'günə / L > Sp [Note: The pronunciation of this word is close to that of lagoon, which can also be spelled l-a-g-u-n-e.] lagoon, lake, pond. <i>Water at the bottom of a tropical laguna is almost always foul.</i>
kulak n / kü'lak / Turkish > Russ a prosperous or wealthy peasant farmer in 19th-century Russia. <i>The kulak was a member of the middle class in pre-revolutionary Russia.</i>	labiovelar laborer	laicize
kundalini n / .künd'lēnē / Skt the yogic life-force that is held to lie at the base of the spine until it is sent to the head to trigger enlightenment. <i>The ultimate goal of a yogi is to awaken the kundalini.</i>	laburnum n / lä'bərnəm / L any plant of a small genus of poisonous shrubs and trees having pendulous racemes of bright yellow flowers. <i>The laburnum, also known as "golden rain," is often cultivated for Easter decoration.</i>	lalopathy lamentations n pl / .lamən'tāshənz / L vocal expressions of sorrow : complaints. <i>The chorus in the Greek tragedy uttered wild lamentations for the fallen hero.</i>
kuru n / 'kü(.)rū / Fore a rare progressive fatal disease of the brain that is caused by a slow virus and occurs among tribespeople in eastern New Guinea. <i>People who have kuru have symptoms similar to those of Alzheimer's disease.</i>	lacertilian adj / .lasə(r)'tilēən / L of or relating to a lizard. <i>The zoo's exhibit included serpentine and lacertilian reptiles.</i>	lamina laminectomy
kvetch	lace	lampistry
kyoodle v / kī'(y)üd'l / imit make loud useless noises : holler, yap. <i>Rover began to kyoodle from the backyard whenever the letter carrier approached the house.</i>	lacework laches lackluster laconism lacquer lacquering lactoprene lacustrine ladybug lagging	 n / 'lāmpistrē / Gk > L > F the work of a maker or tender of light-giving devices. <i>Tonia recently completed an apprenticeship in lampistry.</i>
		lance n / 'lan(t)s / L > F > E a weapon consisting of a long shaft with a sharp steel head. <i>The jousting settled the lance firmly under his arm and charged at the target.</i>
		landlubber
		landowner
		landwehr

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langley n / 'laŋlē / Am name a unit of solar radiation equivalent to 1 gram calorie per square centimeter of irradiated surface. <i>Like many other measurement terms, the langley was named after a prominent scientist.</i>	laparotomy n / .lapə'rädəmē / Gk + Gk surgical cutting of the abdominal wall. <i>Kevin's appendix was removed via a laparotomy.</i>	larnax n / 'lär.naks / Gk a chest usually of terra cotta and often ornamented that was used in ancient Greece especially as a sepulchral chest. <i>Francis saw a larnax in Greece that was said to contain the remains of a general in Alexander the Great's army.</i>
languidly	lapidarian adj / .lapə'da(a)rēən / L + E of, relating to, or inscribed on stone. <i>Janice enjoyed reading the lapidarian epitaphs in the old cemetery.</i>	larvarium
languish v / 'langwish / L > F lose strength or animation : lose force or vividness : fade. <i>Watching her plants languish in the drought was difficult for the gardener.</i>	lapidicolous adj / .lapə'dikələs / L + L living under a stone—used especially of an insect. <i>As Jake overturned the large stone, he saw hundreds of lapidicolous beetles scurrying about.</i>	lase v / 'lāz / E back-formation emit coherent light. <i>When excited by an electric current, the rubie crystal began to lase.</i>
lank adj / 'laŋk / E slender and thin. <i>Abe Lincoln was tall and exceedingly lank with long arms and legs.</i>	lapse	lasque
lansquenet n / .lan(t)skə'net / G > F a card game similar to faro played in central Europe since the 15th century or before. <i>Unknown to the duke, the duchess was in deep debt from long nights spent playing lansquenet.</i>	lapwing n / 'la:pwinj / E an abundant crested plover that is noted for its slow irregular flapping flight and its shrill wailing cry. <i>Some species of lapwing have wing spurs for use in fighting.</i>	latch
lanthanum	largamente	latchet
laparoscopy n / .lapə'räskəpē / Gk + Gk visual examination of the interior of the abdomen by using a long slender optical instrument inserted through the abdominal wall. <i>Modern-day surgeons are well trained in the techniques of laparoscopy.</i>	larghissimo adv / lär'gēsə.mō / L > It in as slow a manner as possible—used as a direction in music. <i>During the dream scene the orchestra was told to play larghissimo.</i>	n / 'lachēt / L > F > E a narrow strap especially of leather by which a shoe or sandal is fastened upon the foot. <i>Nora used a nylon shoelace to replace her sandal's leather latchet.</i>
	larkspur	latent
		laterite
		latifundia
		latke n / 'lätkə / Gk > Russ > Yiddish griddle cake; especially : one made from grated raw potato. <i>Mary preferred her latke without onion.</i>

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latterly	lavabo	lecture
adv / 'ladə(r)lē / E + Ecf coming after something else : later. <i>Margo was a fishing guide for a while and latterly a mechanic.</i>	n / lə'vā(,)bō / L a washbasin and a tank with a spigot that are both fastened to a wall. <i>Alessandra purchased an antique lavabo shaped like a lion's head and installed it in her garden.</i>	
latticed	lavish	ledge
adj / 'lad-ēst / Gmc? > F > E furnished with a framework made by crossing laths or other thin strips so as to form a network. <i>Cyrus fashioned a latticed roof for his tree house.</i>		ledger
latticework	lavishly	leech
latticinio	lawyer	leewardly
lauan	laziness	adj / 'lüə(r)dlē / E + E + Ecf tending to fall off away from the wind. <i>She was such a leewardly vessel that the captain was more than once forced to anchor on a lee shore.</i>
n / lə'wän / Tag any of various Philippine timbers that are moderately close-grained and rather stringy and of moderate strength and durability. <i>The contractor told Mrs. Zemeckis that hollow-core doors with a veneer of lauan were the most economical choice for her new home.</i>	lazuline	
laudanum	leaflet	lefse
laugh	leakage	legal
laundry	lean	legalese
laureate	leapfrog	legatee
laureateship	n / 'lörētship / L + E the office of poet laureate. <i>In Britain, the poet laureateship is awarded by the sovereign on the recommendation of the prime minister.</i>	adv / lə'gä(,)tō / L > It in a manner that is smooth and connected between successive tones. <i>The opposite of legato in musical direction is staccato.</i>
	learnable	legato
	leash	adv / lə'jid-əmätlē / L according to law or rules. <i>Mabel legitimately owned the automobile, even though she couldn't locate her title or registration.</i>
	n / 'lēsh / F > E [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a set of three animals (as greyhounds, foxes, bucks, or hares). <i>A leash of borzois was on the trail of a wolf.</i>	
	lebbek	legroom
	lebensraum	
	leberwurst	lekvar

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lemma	libertarian n / lɪbə(r)'terēən / L > F > E + Ecff one who upholds the principles of individual freedom of thought and action. <i>A libertarian would cut down constitutional authority to the smallest proportions, while an authoritarian leaves but little scope for private judgment.</i>	lightfastness n / 'lītfastnəs / E + E + Ecff resistance to fading or change of color by light. <i>Oleanna was satisfied with the lightfastness of the dyes.</i>
lengthwise adv / 'leŋ(k)thwīz / E + E in the direction of the length. <i>The subway passenger opened his paper and expertly folded it lengthwise.</i>	liberty	lighthouse n / 'līt.haʊs / E + E a tower or other building equipped to guide navigators by means of a powerful light. <i>The damage done to the lighthouse was repaired as soon as possible after the storm.</i>
lepidote adj / 'lepədōt / Gk covered with flakes or scurvy scales. <i>Lepidote rhododendrons have tiny scales on the undersides of their leaves.</i>	libration n / lī'brāshən / L an oscillation in the apparent aspect of a secondary body (as a planet or a satellite) as seen from the primary object around which it revolves. <i>The latitudinal libration of the Moon occurs because its axis is tilted slightly.</i>	lighttight adj / 'līt.tīt / E + Scand > E impenetrable by light. <i>Brother Stephen made sure that the room was lighttight.</i>
leporid	libri n pl / 'lī.brī / L books of records (as of deeds or wills). <i>Working among the old, dusty libri all day gave Curtis a sinus headache.</i>	ignite
lepper	licentious	likelihood
leprechaun	licitation	likely
leprosarium	lido	likewise
lerot	lieblich	lilies
lesions	lierre	lilt
letterhead	lifeguard	limacine
leucocholy	lifemanship	limbless
leukergy	ligation	limbo
lever		n / 'lim.bō / L > E a West Indian acrobatic dance that involves bending over backward and passing under a horizontal pole which is lowered slightly for each successive pass. <i>The limbo is often enjoyed at informal backyard parties.</i>
levitate		
lexical		
lexigraphy		
liar		
libation		
liberal		

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limeade n / 'līmād / Ar > F > E a drink made with lime juice, sugar, and water. <i>Gertrude served chilled limeade and sugar cookies.</i>	lineaments n pl / 'linēmēnts / L [has near homonym: liniments] the distinguishing or characteristic features of something immaterial. <i>Frieda decided to entitle her thesis "The Lineaments of Democracy."</i>	lintel n / 'līnt'l / L > F > E a horizontal architectural member spanning and usually carrying the load above an opening. <i>The lintel over the front door of the sea captain's house was decorated with a carving of a pineapple.</i>
limelight n / 'līmlīt / E + E the white light produced by a stage lighting instrument in which an oxyhydrogen flame is directed on a cylinder of lime. <i>The limelight followed the actor as he paced back and forth across the stage.</i>	linearity n / .linē'arēdē / L + Ecf the quality or state of involving measurement in one dimension only. <i>When he graphed the data, Gus was pleased with the linearity.</i>	lioness
limen	lineolate	lionized
limequat	lingual	v / 'līə.nīzd / Gk > L > F > E + Ecf treated or regarded as a celebrity or object of interest. <i>The Olympic gold medalist was lionized by her proud hometown.</i>
limicolous	linguipotence	lipogenous
limited	linguistics n pl / lin'gwistik / L 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). <i>The professor of linguistics spent more time in class on word formation than he had originally allocated.</i>	adj / lō'pājēnəs / Gk producing or tending to produce fat. <i>The veterinarian advised Beth to feed Fluffy a less lipogenous diet.</i>
limned	linkage	lipogram
Limoges n / lē'mōzh / F geog name a superior variety of china. <i>On Thanksgiving Mother set the table with Limoges.</i>	linnet	n / 'lipə.gram / Gk a writing composed of words not having a certain letter. <i>Samantha used the search function of her word processing program to ensure that her lipogram was accurately constructed.</i>
linden	linsang n / 'lin.sāŋ / Malay either of two nocturnal chiefly forest-dwelling Asian mammals that are related to the mongooses, civets, and genets. <i>The linsang has a yellowish coat with dark spots in one species and dark bands in another species.</i>	lipogrammatism n / .lipə'gramə.tizəm / Gk the practice of writing something composed of words not having a certain letter. <i>As an exercise in lipogrammatism, the writer wrote a novel without once using a word with an e in it.</i>
lineage n / 'linēij / F > E a group of persons (as a family or clan) tracing descent from a common ancestor who is regarded as its founder. <i>Marcel can trace his lineage to two passengers on the Mayflower.</i>		

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lipolytic adj / lī-pō'lītik / Gk + Gk of, relating to, causing, or resulting from the hydrolysis of fat. <i>The taste of rancid butter is caused by the action of lipolytic microorganisms.</i>	litter n / 'lidə(r) / L > F > E [has near homonym: lidder] the offspring at one birth of a multiparous animal. <i>All the pups except one in Daisy's litter are black and white.</i>	lobbyist n / 'läbēäst / Gmc > L + Ecf a person who conducts activities with the objective of influencing public officials and especially members of a legislative body. <i>The firm employed an experienced lobbyist to make their case to the legislators.</i>
liquation	littlish	lobster
liquefacient	liturate	localitis
liquefy	liturgiologist	locoweed
liquor	livelong	n / 'lōkō-wēd / Sp + E any of several wild larkspurs of western North America that are poisonous to livestock. <i>A cow that has eaten locoweed behaves very strangely.</i>
listener	livery n / 'liv(ə)rē / F > E distinctive dress (as of an organization, profession, occupation). <i>The hotel doorman's spotless livery was green with gold braid.</i>	locution
literacy n / 'lidərəsē / L+ Ecf the quality or state of being able to read and write. <i>Barbara and Laura Bush are both very active in promoting literacy in our country.</i>	livestock	lodge
literatim	lizard	loftily
lithe	llanero n / lä'ne(,)rō / Sp a cowboy or herdsman in Spanish America. <i>The llanero stared curiously as the revolutionary army sped past.</i>	loge
lithely	llano	logopedics n pl / lōgə'pēdiks / Gk the scientific study and treatment of speech defects. <i>Many children with speech defects have been successfully treated at the center for logopedics.</i>
lithoglyph	loathe v / lōth / E [Note: Adjective can be spelled loath, loth, loathe.] feel strong aversion for : detest, abhor. <i>Practically all the students at Ridgeview Middle School loathe the vice-principal.</i>	logrolling
lithophane		loitering v / 'loidə(r)in / D > E frittering away time in the course of doing something or proceeding somewhere. <i>Amanda would have been ready to meet the bus if she hadn't been loitering in front of the TV.</i>
lithophyte n / 'lithə-fit / Gk + Gk a plant or a plantlike organism that grows on the surface of rocks. <i>Lichen is a very common type of lithophyte.</i>		loneliest
litigate		
litigious		
litigiously		

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longeron	luciform adj / lü'sər-förm / L of, relating to, or having the characteristics of light. <i>Some Platonists held that the soul is luciform.</i>	lumbago n / ləm'bāgō / L muscular rheumatism involving the muscles of the lower back and usually accompanied by pain. <i>Because of his father's lumbago, Tim had to do all the snow shoveling.</i>
longirostrine		
longitude		
loose		
loquat	lucifugous adj / lü'sifyəgəs / L avoiding light. <i>Owls and bats are lucifugous creatures of the night.</i>	
lorcha		
lord	lucigen n / 'lüsəjən / L + Gk a lamp or torch giving a bright light by burning a mixture of oil mixed with hot air. <i>Mr. Hannay of Glasgow invented the lucigen, which can be used to light large, open spaces.</i>	
lotic		
lotion		
lottery	lucre n / 'lükə(r) / L [has near homonym: (trademark word) luger] monetary gain : profit, reward. <i>Sarah was eager to be a runner for the investment firm because of the contacts she could make, not for the lucre the job would bring.</i>	
louche adj / 'lüsh / L > F [has near homonym: luge] devious, perverse, sinister. <i>After she caught the boys who had teased her poodle, Miss Vorrell told them she had never seen such "louche behavior."</i>		
louse n / 'laʊs / E [has homonym: Laos] any of various small wingless usually flattened insects that are parasitic on warm-blooded animals. <i>The sucking louse has piercing and sucking mouthparts and lives on blood and tissue fluids of mammals as an external parasite.</i>		
lousicide		
lousy		
louvar	luggage	
lovelorn	lugubriously	
lucarne n / lü'kärn / OFrk > F dormer window. <i>Violette waved to her father before closing the lucarne.</i>	lulled v / ləld / E imit? made quiet. <i>The sound of Debby crooning to him usually lulled Roger to sleep quickly.</i>	
		luminance n / 'lümənəns(t)s / L + Ecf the quality or state of emitting a steady suffused light from within. <i>The luminance of the 25-watt bulb was not great enough for reading the map.</i>
		luminarism n / 'lümə.nə.rizəm / L > F + Ecf the concern with or skill in the portrayal of effects of light and shade in painting. <i>The painter Joseph Turner was a pioneer of luminarism.</i>
		luminoscope n / 'lümənə.skōp / L + Gk an instrument used for detecting rare metals in the soil by means of ultraviolet light. <i>The survey team used a luminoscope and other devices to determine the composition of various soils.</i>

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lumpen adj / 'lümپən / G of, relating to, or being an amorphous group of dispossessed and uprooted individuals set off by their inferior station from the economic and social class with which they are identified. <i>Though he was a member of the Communist Party, Jerome considered himself an intellectual, not one of the lumpen proletariat.</i>	lurking v / 'lərkɪŋ / E lying in ambush : prowling. <i>Patrick's runaway imagination pictured a monster lurking under his bed or in his closet.</i>	lyncine lyophilize lyrebird lyric adj / 'lirik / Gk characterized by or expressive of direct usually intense personal emotion. <i>The lyric quality of Sue-Lynn's poetry is tremendously powerful.</i>
lumpkin	lusciously adv / 'ləshəslē / E in a manner that is richly luxurious or highly appealing to the senses. <i>The colors of the silk carpet glowed lusciously in the firelight.</i>	 lyrical lyricism lyricist
lunar adj / 'lünə(r) / L of, taking place on, or relating to the Moon. <i>The Babylonian calendar was based on the lunar cycle.</i>	lutaceous adj / lü'tashəs / L + Ecf formed from or having the fine texture of mud : clayey—used of conglomerate rock. <i>Nina dug a fossil shell out of the lutaceous river bluff.</i>	lysis n / 'līsəs / Gk the gradual decline of a disease process. <i>The lysis of Hugh's fever was swifter than Dr. Quinley expected.</i>
lunation	luteovirescent	lyssa
lunette n / lü'net / L > F the figure or shape of a crescent moon. <i>The wiper formed a lunette of visibility on the rain-speckled windshield.</i>	Lutz n / 'lüts / Swiss name a figure-skating jump in which the skater takes off from the back outside edge of one skate, rotates counterclockwise, and lands on the back outside edge of the other skate. <i>Nancy Kerrigan demonstrated a perfect Lutz in the instructional skating video.</i>	maar n / 'mär / G a more or less circular volcanic crater that is produced by explosion. <i>Jenny had always pictured a volcano as a conical mountain topped by a maar, but while visiting Hawaii she learned that there are several other shapes.</i>
lupine adj / 'lü.pīn / L > E of, relating to, or resembling a wolf. <i>The stray dog had a lupine look to it.</i>	luxuriate	mabe
lurid adj / 'lürəd / L wan and ghastly pale in appearance. <i>Jessie was frightened by the lurid figures at Madame Tussaud's wax museum, especially that of Jack the Ripper.</i>	lyddite	macaroons n pl / ,makə'rünz / It > F small cakes composed chiefly of egg whites, sugar, and ground almonds or coconut. <i>Joel serves tea and macaroons to the hotel guests at three o'clock every afternoon.</i>
	lying	
	lymphocyte n / 'lim(p)fəsīt / Gk a colorless weakly motile cell that is produced in lymphoid tissue. <i>When a lymphocyte recognizes a virus in a cell, it will attempt to kill that cell.</i>	

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mace	macrophagous	magnate
machinate	adj / ma'kräfəgəs / Gk + Gk [Note: Could be confused with microphagous.] feeding on relatively large particulate matter. <i>The textbook described the macrophagous tissue cell.</i>	n / 'mag.nät / L > E [Note: Alternate pronunciation has homonym: magnet.] a person prominent in the management of a large industry or enterprise. <i>The oil magnate bequeathed his fortune to the local university.</i>
v / 'makənät / Gk > L scheme or contrive to bring (something undesirable) about : plot. <i>Robert feared that one of his coworkers would machinate to have the entire accounting department replaced.</i>		
machinery	macroscopic	magnesium
machismo	macrotia	magnificence
n / mä'chēz(,)mō / Sp a strong sense of masculine pride : an exaggerated masculinity. <i>The Olympic boxer raised his fist to the crowd in a display of machismo.</i>	macrotous	magnificently
	macrurous	adv / mag'nifēsəntlē / L + Ecf grandly, impressively.
machtpolitik	maculacy	<i>At her coronation the queen was magnificently dressed in a robe of purple velvet and ermine.</i>
macilency	macumba	magnify
n / 'masələnsē / L leanness of body : emaciation. <i>It seems that now, as in the early '60s, macilency is important to fashion models.</i>	n / mə'kümbə / Pg a Brazilian ritual or cult that is largely of African origin and combines sorcery with dancing, drumming, and chanting. <i>The tourists were invited to see an exhibition of macumba in Rio de Janeiro.</i>	magniloquent
mackereler	madras	magnitude
maco	maduro	n / 'magnətūd / L > E greatness of size or extent : vastness. <i>The magnitude of the shift from previous policies left all members of the organization unsure of their roles.</i>
macrodont	mage	magnum
adj / 'makrō.dänt / Gk having large teeth. <i>Little Red Riding Hood found it strange that her grandmother had become a macrodont creature since their last visit.</i>	n / 'māj / Gk > L > E magician. <i>The mage muttered a few words, waved his hand, and disappeared.</i>	maguey
macron	magical	mahimahi
	magician	n / 'mähē'mähē / Marquesan, Tahitian, & Hawaiian a spiny-finned fish which is widely distributed in tropical and temperate seas and is esteemed as food. <i>Today's special is mahimahi marinated in a soy-ginger sauce.</i>
	n / me'jishən / Gk > L > F > E one who entertains an audience by tricks of illusion and sleight of hand. <i>The magician specialized in card tricks.</i>	
	magma	

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maieutic adj / mā'yūdik / Gk of or relating to the dialectic method practiced by Socrates in order to elicit and clarify ideas of others. <i>Instead of giving lectures, Professor Ewing used maieutic dialogs to get students to think for themselves.</i>	maledictory maleficence malevolently malfeasance malfunction malicious malignancy	mammon n / 'mamən / Aram > Gk > L material wealth or possessions especially having an evil power or debasing influence : wealth, money. <i>After becoming a millionaire, Mr. Wei renounced mammon and entered a monastery.</i>
main		mamonism
Mainer n / 'mānə(r) / American geog name a native or resident of Maine. <i>The old Mainer tried his hand at raising buffalo.</i>	malison n / 'maləsən / L > F > E malediction, curse. <i>Jared muttered one malison after another when he took a look at his algebra test grade.</i>	mana
mainprise	malleation	
majestic	Malthusian adj / mal'th(y)üzhən / E name + Ecf of or relating to doctrines holding that population tends to increase at a faster rate than its means of subsistence, resulting in poverty and degradation unless the population is checked by moral restraint, disease, or war. <i>The candidate's Malthusian suggestion that the epidemic was a blessing in disguise was poorly received by voters.</i>	manacles n pl / 'manəkəlz / L > F > E something used as a restraint. <i>Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech delineated how many lives were still "sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination."</i>
majorette		manageability n / ,manijə'bilədē / L > It + Ecff the quality or state of being capable of being managed or controlled. <i>After shampooing her hair, Milly applied a conditioner for manageability.</i>
makeshift adj / 'māk.shift / E serving as a temporary expedient. <i>Until he could afford something better, Mr. Gray made makeshift bookshelves out of boards and milk crates.</i>	maltreat	mancinism
malacology	mamba	
maladroitly adv / ,malə'drōitlē / F + Ecf in a manner marked by a lack of dexterity or skill : clumsily. <i>The driving instructor reached for the wheel when his student maladroitly steered the car onto the shoulder.</i>	mamelon	mandala n / 'məndələ / Skt a graphic mystic symbol of the universe that is typically in the form of a circle enclosing a square and often bearing symmetrically arranged representations of deities and is used chiefly in Hinduism and Buddhism as an aid to meditation. <i>The lama took three days to construct an elaborate mandala from colored sand and then destroyed it.</i>
malapert	mammalian	mandibular
malar		
malarial		
malcontent		

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mandir n / 'məndɪr / Skt > Hindi a Hindu temple. <i>The 900-year-old mandir at Angkor Wat is the object of a massive restoration project that has lasted several decades.</i>	manifold adj / 'manəfōld / E marked by diversity or variety : numerous and varied. <i>Andrew is intrigued by the manifold opportunities in the field of engineering.</i>	manual manually manufacture manzanilla manzanita n / ,manzə'nēdə / L > Sp an evergreen tree or shrub of the Pacific coast of North America that has a smooth bark, thick shiny leaves, and edible red berries. <i>Steven took many photographs of the large manzanita standing alone on the windswept cliff.</i>
mandlen	manipuri n / ,manə'pūrē / Indian geog name a dance form associated with the Manipur region of northern India and characterized by a gentle lyrical style. <i>Rajiv is writing his thesis on the history of the manipuri.</i>	mapped
mandorla n / 'mändōrlä / L > It a panel or contour in the shape of an almond. <i>At the top of the altarpiece Christ is depicted seated within a mandorla full-face and holding a book.</i>	mankind	maquette
mane	manometer n / mə'nämədə(r) / Gk + Gk an instrument for measuring the pressure of gases and vapors. <i>Mr. Glazebrook used a manometer to measure the densities of the currents on either side of the partition.</i>	marathon n / 'marə.thän / Gk geog name a footrace usually 26 miles 385 yards in length. <i>Ernie's goal is to become a successful long-distance runner and win at least one big marathon.</i>
manes n pl / 'mä.näs / L the spirits of the dead and gods of the lower world in ancient Roman belief. <i>Roman household members were expected to call on the manes of their ancestors for comfort and guidance in their daily lives.</i>	manor n / 'manə(r) / L > F > E [has homonym: manner] the house or hall of an estate : mansion. <i>The lord of the manor was a gracious man, giving the servants good food and plenty of time off.</i>	marathoner
mania n / 'mānēə / Gk excessive or unreasonable enthusiasm. <i>During half time at the Super Bowl, one sportscaster reported on the mania of many of the fans.</i>	manse	marcasite
maniac	mantilla n / man'tē(y)ə / Sp a light scarf often of black lace worn over the head and shoulders especially by Spanish and Latin American women. <i>Before leaving for church, Angela covered her long black hair with a lacy mantilla.</i>	marcottage n / mär.kädij / L? > F a form of plant propagation in which the rooting medium is bound to the plant rather than enclosed in a pot or other container. <i>Philip's nursery is widely known for its successful marcottage using sphagnum.</i>
maniacally		maremma
manicurist	mantissa	

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marginalia n pl /märjə'nälēə/ L notes written in the border of a page. <i>Gordon was excited to find some historically interesting marginalia in his great-grandfather's law books.</i>	marmoraceous marmorate marmoration n /märmə'rashən/ L variegation resembling that of marble : marbling. <i>The interior decorator showed Jonathan how to use two colors of paint, a sponge, and a feather to create marmoration.</i>	Martian adj /märshən/ L of or relating to the planet Mars or its hypothetical inhabitants. <i>The Martian year is approximately 687 Earth days.</i>
marginality		martin
mariculture		n /märt'ın/ F name [has homonym: marten] a small European swallow. <i>Although a martin is a small bird, it is often the terror of hawks, crows, and eagles.</i>
marigold		martyrology
marigolds n pl /'marəgōldz/ E name + E any of numerous yellow-flowered plants. <i>Paul planted a border of marigolds around his vegetable garden.</i>	marmot n /'märmtə/ F a stout-bodied short-legged rodent that has coarse fur, a short bushy tail and very small ears, lives in burrows, and hibernates in winter. <i>When sensing danger, the marmot sits upright and gives an alarm whistle.</i>	martyrs n pl /'märdərz/ Gk > L > E those who sacrifice their life, station, or what is of great value for the sake of principle. <i>Many early Christians became martyrs in the Roman Coliseum.</i>
marimba		Marxist
marinade n /'marənād/ L > It a brine or pickle usually containing vinegar or wine, oil, spices, and herbs in which a food (as meat or fish) is soaked to enrich its flavor. <i>Elise added chili oil to the marinade.</i>	maroon marque n /'märk/ It > F a brand or make of a product—used especially of sports cars. <i>The car salesman made a face when Derek drove up in a coupe of a competing marque.</i>	adj /'märksäst/ G name of, relating to, or having the characteristics of Karl Marx's doctrine based on the definition of all value as being created by labor. <i>Lenin was influenced by Marxist thought when he developed his communist theory of government.</i>
marinara		mascot
marinate v /'marənāt/ L > It? [Note: Could be confused with marinade.] season (as meat or fish) by steeping in a brine usually containing vinegar or wine, oil, spices, and herbs. <i>Becky will marinate the pork in Italian dressing overnight for a spicy effect.</i>	marten n /'märt'ın/ Gmc > F > E [has homonym: martin] any of several slender semiarboreal carnivorous mammals chiefly of the Northern Hemisphere that are larger than the related weasels. <i>The marten is an opportunistic hunter, thriving on mice, squirrels, rabbits, and grouse.</i>	masochistic adj /məsə'kistik/ G name + Ecf relating to, marked by, or given to taking pleasure in physical or mental suffering inflicted on one by oneself or by another. <i>Runners have long endured derisive comments from nonrunners about their apparently masochistic tendencies.</i>
marionettes		
marital		
marlin		

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massive adj / 'masiv / L > F > E weighty, heavy. <i>The Neanderthal's massive, sturdy limbs were much stronger than the Cro-Magnon's.</i>	matripotestal adj / .matrē,pō'testəl / L of, relating to, or being the power exercised by a matriarch. <i>Even the queen's matripotestal authority was not enough to save the prince's marriage.</i>	meaningful meanness meant meantime meanwhile measure v / 'mezhə(r) / L ascertain a unit quantity. <i>The class spent an entire hour trying to measure the Dawson twins to see who was taller.</i>
massotherapy	mature	mechanic
masthead	maud	medalet
matchbook	maunder v / 'mōndə(r) / L > F > E move or progress slowly and uncertainly without definite aim or course. <i>Ken and Barb maunder down the boulevard every Sunday.</i>	medevac n / 'medē(ə)vak / L + L emergency evacuation of the sick or wounded (as from a combat area). <i>During the simulated battle the lieutenant called for medevac of his platoon's wounded soldiers.</i>
materfamilias	maxillae n pl / mak'silē / L the mouthparts posterior to the mandibles in insects. <i>In most insects the pair of maxillae is used to manipulate the food.</i>	mediastinum
materialist	maxillary	mediator
materialize v / mə'tirēəlīz / L + Ecf come into actual existence : develop into something tangible. <i>The skill of the artist was evident as the portrait began to materialize.</i>	maxixe n / mə'shēsh(ə) / Pg a ballroom dance of Brazilian origin roughly like the two-step. <i>The maxixe became a popular dance in Europe and the United States in 1914.</i>	medicaster
materially	mazer	medicate
maternal	meadowwink	mediocrity
matriculate v / mə'trikyəlāt / L become admitted to membership in a body, society, or institution (as a college or university) and have one's name officially registered after having previously met entrance requirements. <i>Meredith received a letter inviting her to matriculate at MIT.</i>	meagerness n / 'mēgə(r)nēs / L > F > E + Ecf the quality or state of being small, thin, or inadequate. <i>The meagerness of supporting evidence rendered the politician's book and speeches unconvincing to Albert.</i>	meditate v / 'medētāt / L dwell in thought; especially : practice religious contemplation. <i>Eileen likes to meditate in the chapel every morning before breakfast.</i>
matrifocal adj / .matrēfōkəl / L + L gravitating toward or centered upon the mother. <i>A matrifocal culture, for example, is one where a newlywed couple is expected to move to the bride's mother's village.</i>	medius	medley

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medusa n /məd(y)üsə/ Gk [Note: Could be confused with medusan.] a small hydrozoan jellyfish. <i>The medusa propels itself through the water by contracting its bell-shaped body and ejecting water from under the bell.</i>	meiobars n pl /mīə'bärz/ Gk regions of low barometric pressure. <i>On most weather maps, meiobars are indicated by the letter L.</i>	melismatic adj /mēlīz'madik/ Gk relating to or having melodic embellishment or ornamentation. <i>The chorus embroidered the anthem with melismatic lines.</i>
meekness	meiosis	melittologist
meeting	Meistersinger n /mīstə(r).singə(r)/ G a member of a German guild in the 15th and 16th centuries formed for the cultivation of poetry and music. <i>Mr. Heinz can trace his family tree back to a Bavarian Meistersinger born in 1498.</i>	n /mēlītə'glōjist/ Gk an entomologist specializing in the study of bees. <i>It was a big breakthrough for the melittologist who discovered how bees communicate with each other.</i>
megalopolitan	melange	melleous
megathere n /mēgəthi(ə)r/ Gk + Gk a member of the genus Megatherium of ground sloths of the Pliocene and Pleistocene epochs. <i>The movie Jurassic Park would have been much less exciting if the scientists had cloned a megathere rather than giant reptiles.</i>	melanocomous	adj /mēlēəs/ L resembling or containing honey. <i>The beekeeper cut a melleous chunk of honeycomb from the hive and put it in a jar.</i>
megaton n /mēgətən/ Gk + E an explosive force equivalent to that of a million tons of TNT. <i>The latest military creation is a bomb that will deliver 1 megaton of explosive force directly to the target specified without any error whatsoever.</i>	melanoma n /mēlə'nōmə/ Gk > L a malignant skin tumor that starts as a black mole and metastasizes rapidly. <i>People who have black moles are encouraged to check them regularly for signs of a melanoma.</i>	melody
megrim n pl /mēgrāmz/ F > E low spirits : the blues. <i>Whenever Ben got the megrims, he would play a recording of the William Tell Overture to revive his spirits.</i>	meld n /'meld/ G [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a card or combination of cards that has scoring value in a game. <i>After drawing a seventh ace in canasta, Lauren could hardly suppress her smile as she laid the meld down on the table.</i>	melon
membranate	membrane	membranous
membrane		adj /mēmbrānəs/ L > F thin, pliable, and often somewhat transparent. <i>The dragonfly's membranous wings seemed very delicate.</i>
memoirs		memorize
memorize v /mēmə.rīz/ L learn something in a manner that can be remembered. <i>Camille used flashcards to memorize the multiplication tables.</i>		v /mēmə.rīz/ L

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menaced v / 'menəst / F > E made a show of intention to harm : made a threatening gesture, statement, or act against. <i>Rosemary watched as a blue jay and a stray cat menaced and threatened each other in her back yard.</i>	mercantilist adj / 'mərkən.tēlist / L > It > F of or relating to the theory or practice of an economic system intended to increase a nation's power and especially monetary wealth by a strict governmental regulation of the entire national economy. <i>In pursuit of a "favorable balance of trade," the mercantilist policy put strict limits on imports of foreign goods.</i>	merino n / mə'rē.nō / Sp [Note: Could be confused with marina.] a fine wool and cotton yarn used for knitwear. <i>Darcy decided to use the leftover skein of merino to knit a pair of mittens.</i>
menacing		merit
menald		meritable
Menckenese n / mēn'kē'nēz / Amer name the peculiarly vigorous racy flamboyant and often caustic style characteristic of the journalist H.L. Mencken. <i>It is difficult to read through a daily paper without finding a feature writer who employs Menckenese.</i>	mercaptopan n / mər'kap.tan / L > D > G any of a class of compounds that are analogous to the alcohols and phenols but contain sulfur instead of oxygen and have very disagreeable odors. <i>A mercaptan is added to odorless natural gas so that leaks can be detected.</i>	meritorious
menckenian	mercerize v / 'mərsə.rīz / E name + Ecf give (cotton yarn or cloth) luster, strength, and receptiveness to dyes by treatment under tension with caustic soda. <i>English cloth manufacturers began to mercerize cotton in the 1860s.</i>	mesa n / 'māsə / L > Sp a usually isolated hill or mountain having abrupt or steeply sloping sides and a level top. <i>The hikers planned to have their picnic on top of the faraway mesa.</i>
mendelevium	mercifully	mesentery n / 'mes'�.n.terē / Gk a membranous tissue or one of the membranes that envelop and support visceral organs (as the intestines). <i>The mesentery attaches parts of the small intestine to the posterior wall of the abdomen.</i>
menhaden	mercury	mesmerized v / 'mezmə.rīzd / Austrian name + Ecf spellbound : hypnotized. <i>Tracy gazed at the screen saver, mesmerized by the changing patterns.</i>
mensch	meretricious	
mental	merfolk	
mentalist	meridienne	
menticide		
mephitic		
mercantile		

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mesomorph n / 'mezō.môrf / Gk an intermediate or average type of human body. <i>Students classified the mummy as a mesomorph.</i>	metacarpal adj / medə'kärpəl / Gk + Gk of or relating to the part of the hand or forefoot between the wrist and the digits or fingers. <i>When the car door slammed shut on her hand, Sara suffered an injury to one of her metacarpal bones.</i>	meteor n / 'mēdēə(r) / Gk [has homonym: meatier] a streak of light in the night sky produced by the passage through Earth's atmosphere of one of the countless small particles of solid matter in the solar system. <i>Hans accidentally captured a meteor on film as he was trying to take pictures of lightning.</i>
Mesopotamian adj / .mesəpə'tāmēən / Gk of, relating to, or characteristic of Mesopotamia, a region between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. <i>The Code of Hammurabi and Gilgamesh are famous Mesopotamian literary documents.</i>	metage n / 'mēdij / E the official measuring of contents or weight (as of coal or grain). <i>Arrangements must be made with respect to the metage of grain in the port of London.</i>	meteorologist n / .mēdēə'räləjəst / Gk a specialist in a science that deals with the atmosphere and its phenomena. <i>Most television stations employ a meteorologist to deliver weather forecasts.</i>
Mesozoic adj / .mezo'zōik / Gk of or relating to a division of geological history that includes the time between the Permian and the Tertiary periods. <i>Dinosaurs and evergreen trees arose during the Mesozoic era.</i>	metallurgy n / 'med°l.ərjē / Gk > L a science and technology that deals with the extraction of metals from their ores, refining them, and preparing them for use and includes processes and the study of the structure and properties of metals. <i>Several experts in metallurgy testified in the lawsuit regarding the failure of welds at the steam plant.</i>	metheglin n / mə'theglən / W a beverage usually made of fermented honey and water and often spiced or medicated. <i>When Mr. Galen lost his voice, Glynnis said that a cup of her metheglin might be just what he needed.</i>
messaline	metalworking	methuselah
messenger	metamorphose v / .medə'mōr.fōz / Gk > F? change into a different physical form. <i>The witch had a potion which could metamorphose a man into a mouse.</i>	meticulously
mestizo n / me'stē(.)zō / L > Sp a person whose ancestors belonged to two or more races. <i>The tour guide, a mestizo himself, spoke at length about the culture of his South American ancestors.</i>	metrical	
metabolize v / mə'tabə.līz / Gk subject to the processes by which a particular substance is handled in the living body. <i>Tooth decay results from the lactic acid produced when bacteria metabolize sugar.</i>	metrology n / mə'träləjē / Gk the science of weights and measures. <i>Nobody as a child really plans a career in metrology; like lexicography, it comes into one's life by chance.</i>	
	metanoia n / .medə'nōi(y)ə / Gk a fundamental transformation of mind or character; specifically : a spiritual conversion. <i>After years of dissolute living, Augustine experienced a metanoia and became a leading ecclesiastical figure.</i>	metropolis

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metropolitan adj /ˌmētrəˈpälətən/ Gk of, relating to, or characteristic of an important city. <i>One advantage of living in a metropolitan area is the abundance of cultural offerings.</i>	microcircuitry microfilm microohmmeter n /ˈmīkrōm.mēdə(r)/ Gk + G name + Gk a sensitive ohmmeter for measuring very small resistances. <i>In the physics lab Mr. McGurk demonstrated the use of a microohmmeter to ascertain minute electrical resistances.</i>	midday n /ˈmid.dā/ E noon. <i>The clocktower bells chime every midday.</i>
miasmic	micaceous	midget
micaceous adj /mī'kāshəs/ L consisting of or containing any of a group of minerals that crystallize in monoclinic forms readily separating into very thin leaves. <i>The class divided into small groups to examine the micaceous minerals under the microscope.</i>	micrometer microns n pl /ˈmīkrānz/ Gk units of length, each equal to 0.001 millimeter or about 0.000039 inch. <i>A human hair is about 100 microns thick.</i>	mightily adv /mīd'lē/ E in a powerful manner. <i>The rebels triumphed mightily over the dictator's military forces.</i>
Micawberish adj /mē'kōb(ə)rish/ E name being habitually expectant of an upturn in one's fortunes. <i>True to his Micawberish nature, Buddy spent his last dollar on a lottery ticket.</i>	microphakia n /ˌmīkrō'fākēə/ Gk abnormal smallness of the lens of the eye. <i>Mr. Hurst's vision is somewhat impaired by his microphakia.</i>	mighty adj /mīdē/ E having or wielding great power or authority. <i>Will fancied himself one of the more mighty and well-heeled men in town.</i>
Michigander n /mīshē'gandə(r)/ Algonquian + E a native or resident of Michigan. <i>Jack called himself a "Michigander" with a note of pride in his voice.</i>	microphone n /mīkrōfōn/ Gk + Gk an instrument whereby sound waves are caused to generate or modulate an electric current usually for the purpose of transmitting or recording sound (as speech or music). <i>Each of the principal singers has a cordless microphone attached to his or her costume.</i>	migrate v /mī.grāt/ L pass periodically from one region or climate to another for feeding or breeding. <i>Some birds migrate south to find warmer weather during winter.</i>
microbial	microscopic	migratory
microburst n /mīkrō.bərst/ Gk + E a violent short-lived localized downdraft that creates extreme wind shears at low altitudes that is usually associated with thunderstorms. <i>A microburst causes a condition known as "wind shear," a quick change in the wind's speed or direction.</i>	 adj /mīkrō'skāpik/ Gk + Gk + Ecf invisible without the use of a magnification device. <i>The crime lab technician found microscopic traces of blood on Wolfgang's shoelaces.</i>	adj /mīgrā.tōrē/ L marked by periodic movement from one region or climate to another. <i>The migratory monarch butterflies travel long distances southward in the fall, and those that survive return in the spring.</i>

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mihrab n / 'mērəb / Ar a niche or chamber in a mosque indicating the direction of Mecca and usually containing a copy of the Koran. <i>A rich mosaic decorates the mihrab of the mosque that Mahmoud attends.</i>	mimetic adj / mō'medik / Gk characterized by or exhibiting a superficial resemblance to other organisms or to natural objects and thereby securing concealment, protection, or some other advantage. <i>A butterfly's mimetic coloration protects it against many predators.</i>	minium minnow
mileage	mimetically	minstrels
milieu	mimicked	n pl / 'min(t)strēlz / L > F > E professional musical entertainers of a kind originating in medieval times. <i>Off to one side a group of minstrels sang songs that delighted both the young and old.</i>
milinch	mimotype	
militarize	minareted	minute
miljee	adj / .mīnō'redēd / Ar > Turk > F having or characterized by a slender lofty tower such as that attached to a mosque. <i>The outline of a large minareted palace appeared as the train approached Istanbul.</i>	n / 'minēt / L a unit of time equal to the 60th part of an hour and containing 60 seconds. <i>Mary believes she could have finished all the exam questions if she had had one more minute to work.</i>
milkman	minefield	minyan
millampere	miniaceous	n / 'minyān / Heb [Word has homonym: minion. Also, word might be confused with mignon.] the number of participants necessary for conducting Jewish public worship, defined by the rules of Mishnah as not fewer than ten males above the age of 13. <i>Until Mr. Green arrived at the synagogue, not enough people were present to constitute a minyan.</i>
millibars n pl / 'miləbärz / L > ISV + Gk > ISV units of atmospheric pressure, each equal to 0.001 bar or 1,000 dynes per square centimeter. <i>A record low pressure of 870 millibars was measured in the eye of a typhoon near Guam in October 1979.</i>	minim n / 'minēm / L a U.S. unit of liquid capacity equivalent to 0.003759 cubic inch. <i>Ms. Brock told us to add a minim of reactant to our acid solution, but she didn't tell us how to measure it out.</i>	miombo
millicurie	minimum	n / mī'äm(.)bō / E Afr name a sparse open deciduous woodland characteristic of dry parts of eastern Africa. <i>The Oyondi family lived near a small grove in the miombo, where there was some shade from the hot sunshine.</i>
milline	minion n / 'minyōn / Celt? > F [has homonym and near homonym: minyan and mignon] an obsequious or servile dependent. <i>The candidate's most devoted minion has high hopes of being offered a prominent cabinet post.</i>	
Miltonic adj / mil'tänik / E name characteristic of or relating to the English poet John Milton or his work. <i>A reading of those critics who have attempted an analysis of the Miltonic simile reveals a complete and far-reaching difference of opinion.</i>	minister	

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mirages n pl /m̩r̩zh̩z/ / L > F optical phenomena that are often observed on still days over deserts or hot pavements and that have the mirrorlike appearance of a quiet lake or pool in which distant objects are seen inverted by reflection though usually distorted. <i>Janet explained that mirages are illusions, which are not real.</i>	Mississippian n /m̩sɪs'ip̩iən/ / E name a native or resident of Mississippi. <i>As a native Mississippian, Drew thought he had an obligation to defend his state.</i>	mnemonically adv /m̩n̩m̩n̩k(ə)l̩/ / Gk + Ecff in a manner assisting or intended to assist memory. <i>The word homes is often used mnemonically to name the Great Lakes.</i>
mirth	misspell	mobile
mirthful adj /m̩r̩θf̩l/ / E + Ecf full of gladness or gaiety. <i>The stand-up comedian quickly put his audience in a mirthful mood.</i>	misspelling n /m̩i(s)'spelɪŋ/ / E + Gmc > F > E + Ecf an incorrect sequence of letters composing a word. <i>Mr. Sommerstein was willing to overlook the occasional misspelling or silly mistake, but he could not tolerate comma splices.</i>	moccasin
miscegenation	misstatement	modern
misconception n /m̩skən'sepʃən/ / E + L a wrong or inaccurate thought, idea, or notion. <i>That a cactus plant never needs water is a misconception.</i>	 n /m̩i(s)'st̩tm̩nt/ / Ecf + L > F > E + Ecf a false or incorrect declaration or remark. <i>Jessie stands by her claim that her misstatement was unintentional.</i>	modernization
misconstrued	misstep	modify
miscreants	 n /'misst̩p/ / E a wrong step. <i>Higher and higher they climbed up frightful crumbling cliffs and along desperately narrow ledges where a single misstep meant only "good-by."</i>	modulation
miser	mistiness	modulo
miserabilism	 n /m̩st̩n̩s/ / E the quality or state of being obscured by or covered with water in the form of particles suspended in the atmosphere. <i>A heavy mistiness hung in the valley and obscured the mountains.</i>	prep /m̩dʒəl̩o/ / L with respect to a number that divides the difference of two other numbers without leaving a remainder. <i>Betsy's date calculation program uses modulo seven arithmetic.</i>
misery		moist
mishap		molar
misinterpreted		adj /m̩l̩ə(r)/ / L [has homonym: moler] containing 6.023 x 10 to the 23rd power molecules of solute in one liter of solution. <i>To make 3.40 molar potassium nitrate, Eileen put 3.40 moles of potassium nitrate into one liter of the solution.</i>
misogamist n /m̩sägəm̩st/ / Gk one who hates marriage. <i>Ben explained that although he enjoys being a bachelor, he is not a misogynist.</i>	mitomycin	molehill
missal	mitosis	
	mixture	
	mizzenmast	

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moline adj /mōlēn/ L > F > AF (of a cross) having the end of each arm forked and recurved. <i>There are twelve families of millers who bear crosses moline on their family crests.</i>	monoceros monochromat monofilament monogram monolater monolithic monophagous monoplegia monopolization n /mənäpələzāshən/ Gk the quality or state of having or getting exclusive ownership or control through legal privilege, command of supply, or group action. <i>The corporation was prosecuted for participating in a conspiracy for the purposes of restraint of trade and monopolization.</i>	Montessorian adj /mäントəsōrēən/ It name of, following, or relating to a system for training young children emphasizing free physical activity, informal and individual instruction, early development of writing and reading, and extended sensory motor training. <i>The Montessorian learning environment contains materials for all levels of children's readiness.</i>
mollycoddle		monticle
moloch		monture
molybdenite		n /mänchə(r)/ F a frame or setting especially for a jewel. <i>The diamond's monture was platinum, but the band was gold.</i>
momentary		
monandry		monument
monarchically		
monastic adj /mō'nastik/ Gk > L secluded from earthly concerns and devoted to religion. <i>Though many people enjoy a period of retreat from materialism and worldliness, real commitment to a monastic life is rare.</i>	monoprint monorail monostich monosyllable monsieur monster monte n /mäntē/ L > It > Sp a card game in which players select any two of four cards faced in a layout and bet that one of them will be matched before the other as cards are dealt one at a time from the pack. <i>On the long bus trip Olivia taught her little sister how to play monte.</i>	monumental adj /mäնyə'mentl/ L having impressive bulk or size. <i>The entrance to the library was flanked by monumental statues of lions.</i>
monaural adj /män'ōrəl/ L of, relating to, affecting, or designed for use with one ear. <i>Tom's doctor referred him to a specialist to have his monaural and binaural hearing tested.</i>		moonlet n /münlət/ E [has near homonym: moonlit] a small natural or artificial satellite of Earth or of another celestial body. <i>Each particle in the rings of Saturn is a moonlet.</i>
moneyless		
moniliform		mooring
monition		moquette
monitory adj /mänətōrē/ L giving a friendly reproof, warning, or reminder. <i>Randall spoke gently to his nephew, but the monitory tone was unmistakable.</i>		moral
		morale
		morcellation
		mordant

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morganite	n / .mō(r)dəfə'kāshən / L a sense of humiliation and shame caused by something that wounds one's pride or self-respect. <i>Sandy's low test score filled him with mortification.</i>	movimento
Mormon	mosaicism	moxie
adj / 'mōrmən / name of a book of or relating to members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. <i>Mormon houses often have enough preserved food in them to feed an army.</i>	moselle	Mozarabic
	moss	adj / mō'zarəbik / Ar > Sp of, relating to, or used by Spanish Christians in the period of Muslim domination of Spain. <i>The talk on Mozarabic poetry at seven o'clock interfered with Mica's dinner plans.</i>
Mornay	moth	muckraking
n / .mōr'nā / F name? [has homonym: morné] a cheese-flavored cream sauce. <i>Mornay can be served with seafood or vegetables.</i>	motherly	n / 'mēk.rākīng / E the action or practice of investigating with the purpose of digging up scandal. <i>Uncle Woody accused the candidate for mayor of engaging in muckraking as a substitute for proposing an intelligent policy.</i>
morpheme	motif	mucronate
n / 'mōr.fēm / Gk > F a meaningful linguistic unit that contains no smaller meaningful parts. <i>One morpheme that carries meaning but does not stand on its own is the plural ending -s.</i>	motile	muddledom
	motitation	muishond
	n / .mōdə'tāshən / L a quivering movement. <i>Laurie could tell by the motitation of her brother's lower lip that he was about to start sobbing.</i>	n / 'mīs.hānt / D > Afrikaans either of two southern African weasels that emit a fetid odor when disturbed. <i>Within two yards of his foot, Jerry saw a striped muishond with its two front feet firmly planted on a black cobra.</i>
mortadella	motivate	mule
n / .mō(r)də'delə / L > It a smoked sausage made of chopped beef, pork, and pork fat and seasoned with pepper and garlic. <i>Barbara made a sandwich of Italian bread, provolone cheese, and sliced mortadella.</i>	motive	n / 'myūl / L > F [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, word has homonym: mewl.] a shoe or house slipper without quarter and often with a low heel. <i>As Dorothy was about to thrust her foot into the velvet mule, she noticed a tear in her stocking.</i>
mortally	mountebankery	
mortiferous	mourning	
adj / mō(r)'tif(ə)rəs / L + L deadly, fatal. <i>In the 14th century the mortiferous black death wiped out about a third of the population of Europe.</i>	v / 'mō(ə)rnīŋ / E [has homonym: morning] feeling sorrow or grief for. <i>Jacob was mourning the loss of his turtle until a neighbor found it and returned it to him.</i>	
mortification	movie	

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multiloquence	Muses n pl / 'myüzəz / Gk > L > F > E [has homonym: meuses] the nine sister goddesses associated with the Graces in Greek mythology and regarded as presiding over learning and the creative arts (as poetry and music). <i>The Muses gave the poet his song and sang it through his lips.</i>	mustiness n / 'məstēnəs / F + Ecff the quality or state of smelling of damp and decay. <i>Todd found the basement's mustiness too much to bear.</i>
multiphyletic		
multiple		
multiply v / 'məltəpli / L increase in number especially greatly or in multiples. <i>Before the printing press there was no way to multiply an original manuscript except by handwritten copies.</i>		
multivious	musette	mutagenic
mummify v / 'məməfī / Per > L > E + Ecff make into or like a mummy. <i>Ancient Egyptian embalmers used resin and linen strips to mummify their subjects.</i>	musket	mutagenicity n / .myüd-ejə'nisədē / L + Gk the capacity to induce mutations. <i>The newly developed artificial sweetener was studied for evidence of mutagenicity.</i>
mundane	musketeer	mutation n / myü'tāshən / L > F > E an often abrupt major change. <i>The appearance of spots marked a mutation in the plant species.</i>
mundungus n / ,mən'dəngəs / Sp tobacco having an offensive smell. <i>Hank preferred his own blend of mundungus and refused to try any other.</i>	muskrat n / 'məskrat / Algonquian? an abundant aquatic rodent found throughout the United States and Canada living in holes in the banks of ponds or streams. <i>Gloria shrieked as the muskrat sank its teeth into her ankle.</i>	mutely adv / 'myütlē / L > F > E + Ecff in a manner characterized by the inability to speak. <i>Nino sat by mutely as we conversed in the parlor.</i>
munificent	mustang n / 'məstanj / L > Sp the small hardy naturalized horse of the western plains directly descended from horses brought in by the Spaniards. <i>Veronica's father explained that a wild mustang would not be a good house pet.</i>	mutineer n / .myüt'n'iə(r) / L > F one that refuses to obey or observe authority. <i>The sailors protested that the very person who was accusing them was the ringleader and chief mutineer.</i>
murder	Mustelidae n pl / ,mə'stelə.dē / L a large family of rather small lithe active carnivorous mammals including many important furbearers and some destructive predators and varying greatly from the weasel to the wolverine. <i>Karen thinks that of all the Mustelidae, the otter is the most fascinating to watch.</i>	mutiny n / 'myüt(°)nē / L > F insurrection against or willful refusal to obey constituted, recognized, or traditional authority. <i>Captain Bligh, unable to suppress the mutiny, was set adrift in a rowboat.</i>
murderer n / 'mərdərər / E one who commits the crime of unlawfully killing a person especially with malice aforethought. <i>The convicted murderer continued to claim that he acted in self-defense.</i>	musteline	
murmuration		

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muzzle n / 'məzəl / L > F > E the projecting jaws and nose of an animal : snout. <i>Sam's dog was always poking its muzzle into everything.</i>	myrmidons myrtle mystic adj / 'mistik / Gk baffling or incomprehensible to the understanding. <i>Reason cannot traverse the mystic gulf between god and man.</i>	myxovirus n / .mikso'vīrəs / Gk + L any of a group of rather large RNA-containing viruses that includes the influenza viruses. <i>Upon returning from the pediatrician's office, Kelly frightened her father by announcing that she had a myxovirus.</i>
mycetismus n / .mīsə'tizməs / Gk mushroom poisoning. <i>In the Babar series of children's books, Babar succeeds the King of the Elephants, who has died from a case of mycetismus.</i>	 mystify mytacism myth n / 'mith / Gk a traditional story that is usually of unknown origin and that serves to explain some practice, belief, institution, or natural phenomenon. <i>The Greek myth about Persephone explains the coming of winter weather.</i>	 nadiral nagging nahcolite naillike naivete nanization nanogram naphtha n / 'nafthə / Iranian > Gk any of various volatile often flammable liquid hydrocarbon mixtures used chiefly as solvents and diluents and as raw materials for conversion to gasoline. <i>On the fractionation column used for separating the components of crude oil, naphtha lies between gasoline and kerosene.</i>
mycophile mydriatic myeloma n / .mīə'lōmə / Gk a primary tumor of the bone marrow. <i>A combination of radiation and drugs is being used to treat Carla's myeloma.</i>	 mythopoeia mythopoeic adj / .mithə'pēik / Gk + Ecf creating or tending to create myth or myths. <i>Mythopoeic humans attempted to explain natural phenomena, such as the rising and setting of the sun.</i>	 naphthalated adj / 'nafthə.lādēd / Iranian > Gk > L cleaned with solvents to preserve strength and resiliency. <i>Peggy had her wool coat naphthalated for the coming winter season.</i>
myosin myotonia n / .mīə'tōnēə / Gk tonic spasm of one or more muscles; also : a condition characterized by such spasms. <i>The crash victim will be kept in the emergency room until the doctors know what is causing the myotonia.</i>	 myths myxomatosis n / mik.sōmə'tōsəs / Gk a severe virus disease of rabbits that is marked by fever and subcutaneous tumors, is transmitted by mosquitoes, and has been used in biological control of rabbits in plague areas. <i>The warren of rabbits was decimated by an outbreak of myxomatosis.</i>	 naphthalene naphthalenic
myriacanthous adj / .mirēə'kan(t)thəs / Gk having numerous spines or prickles. <i>The prickly pear is Tina's favorite myriacanthous plant.</i>		
myriad		
myringa		

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naphthene n / 'naf <th>ēn / Iranian > Gk + ISV any of a series of saturated cyclic hydrocarbons that occur in various kinds of petroleum, in shale, and in tar oil. <i>Naphthene is an important part of all liquid refinery products.</i></th> <td>narrator nasaump nasute adj / nā'süt / L having a well-developed proboscis. <i>For Halloween, Emma wore a nasute rubber mask and large ears made of gray felt.</i></td> <td>navicella navicular adj / nə'vikyələ(r) / L + Ecf [Note: Could be confused with navicula.] resembling or having the shape of a boat. <i>While discussing the skeletal system, Mr. Gray called the students' attention to a small navicular bone in the wrist.</i></td>	ēn / Iranian > Gk + ISV any of a series of saturated cyclic hydrocarbons that occur in various kinds of petroleum, in shale, and in tar oil. <i>Naphthene is an important part of all liquid refinery products.</i>	narrator nasaump nasute adj / nā'süt / L having a well-developed proboscis. <i>For Halloween, Emma wore a nasute rubber mask and large ears made of gray felt.</i>	navicella navicular adj / nə'vikyələ(r) / L + Ecf [Note: Could be confused with navicula.] resembling or having the shape of a boat. <i>While discussing the skeletal system, Mr. Gray called the students' attention to a small navicular bone in the wrist.</i>
napkin	national	navigate	
napoleon n / nə'pōlyən / F name a man's high boot worn especially in the 19th century. <i>The artist asked the huntsman to wear a black napoleon as his boot for the painting.</i>	nativistic adj / nādō'vistik / L > F > E + Ecff of, being, or having the characteristics of a movement advocating the perpetuation of native cultural traits and a removal of foreign culture elements. <i>The group's nativistic efforts included the renunciation of the use of electricity and fossil fuels.</i>	navigator	
naprapath	natte	naysay	
narcissism n / 'närsəsizəm / Gk name > L overevaluation of one's own attributes or achievements or of those of one's own group. <i>The once successful politician fell victim to narcissism and eventually became less effective.</i>	naturally	neap	
narcissist	naught	Neapolitan	
narcohypnia	naughty	adj / nēō'pälētən / Gk > L of, relating to, or characteristic of Naples, Italy, or its residents. <i>Merri enjoys going to an Italian restaurant where the waiters sing Neapolitan folk songs.</i>	
narial adj / 'na(a)rēəl / L of or relating to the nostrils. <i>There are several different sorts of septa, but perhaps the best known is the narial septum.</i>	naumachia n / nō'mākēə / Gk an ancient Roman spectacle representing a naval battle. <i>To celebrate the naval victory the emperor ordered an elaborate naumachia.</i>	nebbish	
naris n / 'na(a)rēs / L the opening of the nose or nasal cavity of a vertebrate. <i>The biology book had an illustration showing how a naris is connected to the throat by a passageway.</i>	nauseously	nebulosity	
	navel n / nāvəl / E [has homonym: naval] a mark or depression in the middle of the abdomen, marking the point of attachment of the umbilical cord. <i>John asked his religion teacher whether Adam had a navel.</i>	n / nebyə'läsədē / L the quality or state of being unclear, hazy, or indistinct. <i>The author's nebulosity invited several different interpretations of his work.</i>	
		necessitous	
		necessity	
		nectarivorous adj / 'nektrə'rɪv(ə)rəs / Gk > L + L feeding on nectar. <i>Samantha's colorful flower garden attracts many nectarivorous birds and insects.</i>	
		needlecraft	

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nefamous	neoterism	neritic
nefariously	n / nē'ädə.rizəm /	adj / nō'ridik /
negligence	Gk a newly invented word or phrase. <i>Cineplex is a neoterism recently added to the dictionary.</i>	Gk > L > ISV of, relating to, or constituting the belt or region of shallow water adjoining the seacoast and usually considered to extend from low-tide mark to a depth of 100 fathoms. <i>The neritic zone is home to a large number of species such as corals, oysters, and algae.</i>
negotiability	nephritic	Neronian
n / nə.gōsh(ē)ə'bilədē /	adj / nə'fridik /	adj / nə'rōnēən /
L the quality or state of being successfully traversed or otherwise successfully managed. <i>Department of Transportation officials explained that road design, negotiability of curves, and other factors determine speed limits.</i>	Gk arising from, originating in, or affecting the kidneys. <i>Al's nephritic inflammation alarmed the doctor.</i>	L name of or relating to the Roman emperor Nero or his times. <i>Neronian rule was marked by tyranny.</i>
neighborly	nephritis	nervy
neither	nephrolith	nestle
neoclassicist	n / 'nefrə.lith /	netherworld
neodymium	Gk + Gk a kidney stone. <i>Physicians can now disintegrate a nephrolith by shock waves.</i>	netsuke
neonatal	nephrolithotomy	n / 'netskē /
neoned	n / .nefrəlō'thädəmē /	Jpn a small object carved in wood or ivory or wrought in metal, pierced with holes, and used by the Japanese as a toggle to fasten a small pouch or purse to the kimono sash. <i>Hiroko cherished her grandmother's ivory netsuke.</i>
adj / 'nē.änd /	Gk + Gk + Gk the surgical operation of removing a solid concretion from the kidney. <i>Mr. Case regrets that a nephrolithotomy rather than shock-wave therapy is the necessary treatment for his kidney stones.</i>	neurasthenia
Gk + Ecf of, equipped with, or lighted by neon lamps. <i>The museum installation was neoned, which produced an eerie bluish-white glow.</i>	neptunium	neurergic
neophiliac	Nereid	neuritis
n / .nēō'filē.ak /	n / 'nirēäd /	neuroticism
Gk one who has a love of or enthusiasm for what is new or novel. <i>A true neophiliac, Vince visits trade shows at every opportunity.</i>	Gk name an often malevolent nymph of Greek folklore dwelling in springs or trees as well as in the sea. <i>In the adventure movie set in Atlantis, one Nereid after another swam by as the film began.</i>	n / n(y)ü'rädə.sizəm /
neoprene		Gk > L a condition, character, or trait related to nervous dysfunction. <i>The critic observed that narcissism and neuroticism are the trademarks of many TV sitcoms.</i>
n / 'nē.ə.prēn /		
Gk + ISV a synthetic rubber characterized by resistance to the elements. <i>To waterski on the chilly lake, Susan and Ed wore wetsuits made of neoprene.</i>		

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neurotogenic adj /n(y)ü'rädə'jenik / Gk + Gk tending to produce a functional disorder of the central nervous system usually manifested by anxiety, phobias, obsessions, or compulsions. <i>Abby is being treated for neurotogenic problems resulting from interpersonal conflicts.</i>	nibble v /nibəl / unknown bite lightly. <i>Deer nibble on the leaves of plants.</i>	ninnish ninth
neutrino n /n(y)ü'trē(.)nō / L > It an uncharged elementary particle that comes in two forms associated respectively with the electron and the muon. <i>The neutrino is the most penetrating of the subatomic particles.</i>	nibbling niccolite nickel nickname nicotine nidulation n /nijə'lāshən / L nest-building. <i>Carla is writing a book on varieties of nidulation among small mammals.</i>	niobium n /nī'ōbēəm / Gk name > L a platinum-gray ductile metallic element that occurs combined in various rare minerals but almost always is associated with tantalum and that is used in alloys to inhibit corrosion. <i>Niobium is a hypoallergenic metal used in many items such as artificial joints, dental implants, and the posts of pierced earrings.</i>
newfangled newlywed newscaster newsworthy	nighttime nihilistic nimble nimbostratus n /nim(,)bō'strādəs / L a low dark gray rainy cloud layer. <i>The day was dreary with the nimbostratus blocking the rays of the Sun completely.</i>	nirvana n /nir'vänə / Skt a place or state of rest, harmony, or pleasure. <i>Fiona's idea of nirvana is a weekend at her lakeside cabin.</i>
newton n /n(y)ü'tōn / E name the unit of force in the meter-kilogram-second system of physical units that is of such size that under its influence a body whose mass is 1 kilogram would experience an acceleration of 1 meter per second per second. <i>Monica learned that 1 newton equals 100,000 dynes.</i>	nimbus n /'nimbəs / L a luminous vapor, cloud, or atmosphere about a god or goddess when on Earth. <i>Detecting a nimbus about the stranger, Sir Sidney treated her with extraordinary deference.</i>	nitrogation nitrogenous adj /nī'träjənəs / Gk > L > F of, relating to, or containing nitrogen in combined form (as in nitrates or proteins). <i>Every year farmers add nitrogenous fertilizers to the soil for better crop production.</i>
Newtonian adj /n(y)ü'tōnēən / E name of, relating to, or following Sir Isaac Newton, his discoveries, or doctrines. <i>Perhaps the best known Newtonian discovery is his theory of gravitation.</i>	nineteen adj /nīn'tēn / E being one more than 18 in number. <i>Nineteen years is a long life for a cat.</i>	noblest noctambulous noctilucent adj /näktə'lüsənt / L visible or glowing at night. <i>Noctilucent clouds are thin sheets of ice crystals that form so high that the Sun can illuminate them at night when it is well below the horizon.</i>

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noctilucent adj /näktə'lükəs/ L shining at night : phosphorescent. <i>The noctilucent algae turned the stream into a shining path through the trees.</i>	noncombatant adj /nänkəm'batənt/ L not usually engaged in or assigned to duties that directly forward conflict or controversy. <i>The red cross on the side of the panel truck signaled that it was a noncombatant vehicle.</i>	nonrepatriable nonvolatile adj /nän'velədʒl/ L > F > E not readily becoming a vapor at a relatively low temperature. <i>Meteoric matter provides much information about the abundance of nonvolatile elements in space.</i>
noctovision		noodledom
nodular	nonentity n /nän'entədē/ L a person who is totally undistinguished or unimpressive in mind, character, or achievement : one of small or mediocre talents. <i>For years treated as a nonentity by recording companies, the singer now has a hit single and is well on the road to fame.</i>	noosphere n /'nōəsfɪ(ə)r/ Gk the realm of human consciousness and mental activity especially in regard to its influence on the biosphere and in relation to evolution. <i>Professor Morrison gave his theoretical biology class a timeline of the history of the noosphere.</i>
noisette	nonexistent adj /nänig'zistənt/ L not having the state common to physical objects, living beings, objects of thought, and anything else. <i>The map is so old that some of the indicated landmarks are now nonexistent.</i>	Nordic adj /'nördik/ F of or relating to the Germanic peoples of northern Europe. <i>The Nordic languages, especially Old Norse, borrowed important words from Anglo-Saxon.</i>
noisy	nonfeasance	normal
nomadic	nonnative adj /nän'nādīv/ L not born in the place or region to which reference is had. <i>Metropolitan areas typically have relatively large proportions of nonnative population.</i>	Norwegian adj /nō(r)'wējən/ L geog name of, relating to, or characteristic of Norway. <i>Paul bought a pound of Norwegian smoked salmon.</i>
nominalism	nonnuclear adj /nän'n(y)üklēə(r)/ Ecf + L > F not involving the use of atom bombs : conventional. <i>General Williams believes that the worst kind of nonnuclear war is preferable to the mildest nuclear war.</i>	nosegay n /nōz,gā/ E + E a small bunch of flowers suitable to be worn on the person. <i>As the princess entered the theater, a small child in a colorful peasant costume offered her a nosegay.</i>
nominate		nosography
nomocracy n /nō'mäkrəsē/ Gk government in accordance with a system of law. <i>Several Middle Eastern countries are governed according to Muslim nomocracy.</i>		
nomographer n /nō'mägrəfə(r)/ Gk a writer of laws. <i>During his term as a state senator, Wilbur became an experienced nomographer.</i>		
nonchalantly adv /nänshə'läntlē/ L > F with an air of jaunty unconcern or indifference. <i>Ron's cat lay nonchalantly in the most highly trafficked area of his house.</i>		
nonchitinous		

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Nostradamus n /nästrə'dāməs/ F name one professing to foretell future events. <i>Wally consulted the local Nostradamus for football predictions.</i>	novelist n /'nävəlēst/ L a writer of prose narratives of considerable length and a certain complexity that deal imaginatively with human experience through a connected sequence of events involving a group of persons in a specific setting. <i>As a novelist, Margaret specializes in science-fiction stories.</i>	nucleolus n /n(y)ü'klēələs/ L a spherical body in a cell nucleus that is associated with a specific part of a chromosome and contains much ribosomal RNA. <i>The nucleolus is that part of the cell in which protein-producing ribosomes are formed.</i>
notacanthous adj /nōdə'kan(t)thes/ Gk having spines on the back. <i>Paleontologists have found evidence that some dinosaurs were notacanthous.</i>	novelistic adj /nävə'listik/ L > F > E + Ecff of, relating to, or characteristic of a long prose narrative that usually portrays imaginative characters and events. <i>Sandy preferred reading novelistic fiction over the short-story form.</i>	nudicaulous adj /n(y)üdə'kōləs/ L having leafless stems. <i>Nudicaulous glassworts are plants common in tidal marshes.</i>
notch		nullify
noticeable adj /nōdə'səbəl/ L + Ecff likely to attract attention : conspicuous. <i>The bank teller reported that the only really noticeable thing about the robber was his tiny mustache.</i>	novena	numen
notify		numerical
notochordal	novenary adj /nävə'nerē/ L of or relating to the number nine : based on the number nine. <i>Mischiefous Buttons did not attain the novenary life expectation associated with her species.</i>	numismatics n pl /n(y)üməz'madiks/ Gk > F > L the study of coins, tokens, medals, paper money, and objects closely resembling them in form or purpose. <i>An individual well known in the field of numismatics gave a lecture on wampum to the class in Native American history.</i>
notornis	novillero n /nōvē'ye(ə)rō/ Sp a bullfighter aspiring to become a matador. <i>All summer the novillero practiced in the pasture with young bulls.</i>	nuptial
notturno	nowhere	nuque
nougatine	nozzle	nursery
nourishing adj /nərishin/ L > F > E + Ecff nutritious. <i>Fresh fruits and vegetables are thought to be more nourishing than canned fruits and vegetables.</i>	nuances	nurturance n /nərchərən(t)s/ L affectionate care and attention. <i>Children who receive adequate nurturance often are friendly and outgoing.</i>
nourishment		
nouveau		
novachord		
novelese		

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nutate v / 'n(y)ütät / L wobble so as to cause a small irregularity in the precession of the equinoxes. <i>The plane of the Moon's orbit around Earth is tilted by about 5 degrees, causing Earth to nutate.</i>	obduced v / äb'd(y)üst / L covered : enveloped. <i>Melanie saw that the cells were obduced by a thin membrane.</i>	obliterable adj / ə'blidərəbəl / L capable of being removed from existence or destroyed. <i>Fortunately, the actor's flubbed lines were obliterateable from the videotape.</i>
nutcracker	obduracy	oblivescence
nuthatch n / 'nət.hach / E a small bird that creeps over the trunk and branches of trees and has habits similar to those of the titmouse and creeper. <i>The tiny bird crawling headfirst down the tree is probably a nuthatch.</i>	obedience	oblivionize v / ə'blivēə.nīz / L > E relegate to a state of being forgotten. <i>Larry wondered if hypnosis might help him oblivionize his feelings for his former girlfriend.</i>
nutmeg	obediential	oblong
nutria n / 'n(y)ütrēə / L > Sp the fur of an aquatic water rodent that is treated to resemble beaver. <i>While windowshopping Lorene stopped to look at a set of earmuffs made from nutria.</i>	obeliscal	obnoxiously
nutritious	obelus	obnubilate v / äb'n(y)übə.lāt / L cover or obscure by or as if by clouds : becloud. <i>Strong emotions can often obnubilate sound reasoning.</i>
nyctinasty	objectivity	oboe n / 'ōbō / F a wooden double-reed wind instrument. <i>Tommy introduced his mother to his friend who played the oboe in the orchestra.</i>
nylon	objurgate	
oafish	oblast n / 'äbläst / OSlav > Russ a governmental subdivision of the former USSR corresponding to an autonomous province or state. <i>Krasnoyarsk Province is a large oblast in central Russia.</i>	
oafishly	obliteration	obscure adj / əbz'kyü(ə)r / L > F > E not readily understood. <i>The idea the paragraph was trying to convey was expressed in an unnecessarily obscure way.</i>
oath n / ōth / E a usually formal affirmation made solemn by being coupled with the invocation of something viewed as sacred. <i>Deirdre made Tom take an oath of silence before telling him her secret.</i>	obliged adj / ə'blijd / L > F > E constrained by physical, moral, or legal force. <i>Calvin will feel obliged to behave ethically even if he does not sign the honor code.</i>	

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obsequity n / əb'sekwədē / L the quality or state of being compliant to excess. <i>The server waited on the diners with great obsequity.</i>	obvelation n / ə'bvə'lāshən / L [Note: Could be confused with obligation.] an act or instance of covering with or as if with a veil : concealment. <i>A prophecy is often an obvelation as well as a revelation.</i>	octahedron n / əkta'hēdrən / Gk a solid bounded by eight plane faces. <i>Tanya bought a music box in the form of an octahedron for her new grandson.</i>
obsequy		octameter
observatory n / əb'zərvə.tōrē / L a building or place given over to or equipped for observation of natural phenomena. <i>Slowly, the roof of the observatory opened to afford a clear view for the great reflecting telescope within.</i>	Occident n / 'äksədənt / L regions or countries lying to the west of a specified or implied point of orientation. <i>Jane knows where "the Orient" is, but she has not heard the term Occident.</i>	octarchy
obsessional	occupancy n / 'äkyəpənsē / L > F the condition of residing in a building as an owner or tenant. <i>The contractor promised the owners that their house would be ready for occupancy in two more weeks.</i>	octogenary
obsidional	occupation	octopodous
obtestation	occupied	oddity
obtrude	oceanfront	odiferous adj / ə'dif(ə)rəs / L > E having a strong gamy often acrid smell. <i>Mahmud stood in a doorway as the long odiferous line of camels passed by.</i>
obtruncate v / äb'trən.kāt / L cut the head or top from. <i>George's decision to obtruncate the pin oak might be bad for the tree in the long run.</i>	oceanodromous	odontalgic
obturator n / 'äbt(y)ə.rādə(r) / L a device for preventing the escape of gas through the breech mechanism of a breech-loading gun. <i>A faulty obturator was the cause of the backfire from the Civil War reenactor's gun.</i>	oceanography n / .ōshə'nägrəfē / Gk a science that deals with the whole body of salt water that covers nearly three-fourths of the surface of the globe. <i>Recent advances in oceanography include the use of electronic echo sounders to monitor the structure and movement of currents.</i>	odori n / ə'dōrī / Jpn any lively Japanese folk or theater dance characterized by rapid footwork. <i>The dancers in the odori were extraordinarily light on their feet.</i>
obtuse		odoriferous adj / ədə'rif(ə)rəs / L bearing or yielding an odor. <i>Perfumes are composed of solvents, fixatives, and odoriferous elements.</i>
obtusely	ochlocracy	odorless
obvallate	ochronosis	oenomel
	octagon	oenophilist

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oersted n / 'ɔr.sted / Dan name the centimeter-gram-second electromagnetic unit of magnetic intensity equal to the intensity of a magnetic field in a vacuum in which a unit magnetic pole experiences a mechanical force of 1 dyne in the direction of the field. <i>The oersted is used to measure magnetic induction.</i>	Ogygian adj / ɔ'jijēən / Gk name ancient, primeval. <i>The sailors found the uncharted island in an Ogygian state of wilderness.</i>	olid adj / 'älōd / L having a strong disagreeable smell. <i>An olid sticky liquid was seeping from under the door of the cloakroom.</i>
offal	ohmmeter n / 'ō(m).mēdə(r) / G name + Gk an instrument for indicating directly electric resistance. <i>Brent showed Aru how to use an ohmmeter to test the resistance of a circuit.</i>	oligemia adj / älə'gēmēə / Gk > L a condition in which the total volume of the blood is reduced. <i>One of the health seminar sessions explores the relationship between oligemia and migraine headaches.</i>
offensive adj / ə'fen(t)siv / L making attack : relating to or characterized by attack. <i>The offensive team is the one in possession of the ball.</i>	oily	oligophagous adj / älə'gäfəgəs / Gk eating only a few specific kinds of food—used especially of an insect. <i>Oligophagous insects feed upon only a limited number of usually related plants.</i>
offertory n / 'ōfə(r).tōrē / L an antiphon, anthem, or other musical selection sung or played during a religious service in which monetary gifts are received from the congregation. <i>Linda and Mike sang a duet for the offertory during last week's church service.</i>	olecranon n / ə'lekrənän / Gk > L the large process of the ulna that projects behind the elbow joint and forms the bony prominence of the elbow—called also “funny bone.” <i>When the arm is extended, the olecranon fits into a depression in the humerus.</i>	oligophrenic
officiate	oleiferous adj / .ōlē'if(ə)rəs / L + L producing oil. <i>The oleiferous castor beans are the source of castor oil.</i>	oligopoly
officially	olfactometry n / .älf.fak'tämətrē / L + Gk + Ecf the testing and measurement of the sensitivity of the sense of smell. <i>When Godfrey couldn't smell any aromas from foods, his doctor recommended that he undergo olfactometry.</i>	oligopsony n / älə'gäpsənē / Gk a market situation in which each of a limited number of buyers is strong enough to influence the market but not strong enough to ignore the reaction to such influence by his competitors. <i>Buyers of expensive printing presses constitute an oligopsony, since there are only a few dozen in the whole world.</i>
officialous adj / ə'fishəs / L volunteering one's services where they are neither asked nor needed : meddlesome. <i>The officious busybodies offered help just to satisfy their curiosity.</i>	olfactorily	olivaceous adj / älə'veshəs / Gk > L > F > E + L + Ecf of the color olive or olive green. <i>While walking through the salt marsh, Janice came upon a laughing gull's nest of three olivaceous eggs.</i>
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