

THE EUROPEAN DICTIONARY

[ENGLISH]

Preface

It is a common observation, that the world has been changing, and, along with it, the way of studying languages.

We Europeans are rediscovering our common past, and the reasons for our cultural unity.

This dictionary is intended to show what European togetherness is. Its basic principle is that words must be understood through their history. It is based on 'historical' principles; hence the relevance of etymology, which is the *history* of a word and of its meaning, from its oldest known origin.

Until now dictionaries have been 'national'; from now onwards, they must be 'European', for the history and for the future of European, and of Western civilization.

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Abbreviations

abbr, abbreviation
abl, ablative (case)
acc, *accus*, accusative
adv, adverb
adj, adjective
AF, Anglo-French
AL, Anglo-Latin
altern, alternately
AmE, American English
Amer, American
AF, Anglo-French
AL, Anglo-Latin
AN, Anglo-Norman
anat, anatomy
app, apparently
Arab, Arabic
archit, architectural
AS, Anglo-Saxon
astron, astronomy
augm, augmentative

biol, biology
bot, botany
Br, British
BrE, British English

c, countable
cf, confer
chem, chemistry
cogn, cognate
coll, colloquial

conj, conjunction

Da, Danish
dat, dative
der, derivative
derog, derogatory
dial, dialectal
dimin., diminutive
Du, Dutch

eccl, ecclesiastical
eg, *e.g.* *exempli gratia*
esp, especially
etym, etymology
exclam, exclamation
excl, excluding
F, French
f, *fem*, feminine
fig, figurative
freq., frequentative

G, German
gen, genitive
geogr, geographical
geol, geology
Germ, Germanic
Gr, Greek
gramm, grammatical

inv, invariable
I, *It*, Italian
Icel, Icelandic
idm, idiomatic
ie, id est
incl, including
ind, industrial
inf, informal
interj, interjection
i, *intr*, intransitive

l, late
leg, legal, law
lit, literary
L, Latin
LG, *Low German*
LL, late Latin

m, masculine
math, mathematics
med, medical, medicine
mil., military
mod, modern
ME, Middle English
MedF, Medieval French
MF, Middle French
MHG, Middle High German
ML, Medieval Latin
MLG Middle Low German
ModG, Modern German
ModL, Modern Latin
m, masculine
mus, musical

n, noun
n, neutral
naut, nautical
neg, negative
nom, nominative
north, northern
obs, obsolete
OE, old English
OED, Oxford English Dictionary
OF, old French
old fash, old fashioned
OHG, Old High German
OG, old German
ON, old Norse
ONF, Old North French
OS, old Saxon

part., participle
phil, philosophical
phon, phonetics
pl, plural
Port, Portuguese
pol, political
past part, past participle
pple, past participle
Prov, Provençal
prec, preceding
pref, prefix
prep, preposition
pres, present
priv, privative
pron, pronoun
psychol, psychology
qv, quod vide (which see)

refl, reflexive
rel, religion
Rom, romance

S, Sp, Spanish
sb, somebody
sb, substantive
Scott, Scottish
sing, singular
scient, scientific
sth, something
suff, suffix
Sw, Swedish

t, tr, transitive
tech, technical

unc, uncountable
ult, ultimately

v, verb
var, variant
vbl, verbal
vi, verb intransitive
VL, vulgar Latin
vt, verb transitive

aback ----- *adv* (AS *on bæc*, *a+back* *n*, towards the back); **F** être déconcerté/e, **S** desconcertar, coger de improviso, **I** essere preso/a alla sprovvista, all'indietro, *naut* a tutto collo (riferito alle vele), **G** bestürzt, verblüfft, gegen den Mast; to

take aback, to surprise sb/sth, *John was taken aback by his wife's reaction*; *naut*, backward against the mast

aba·cus ----- *n* (L *abacus*, Gr *ἄβαξ* reckoning-board, dice-board; late 14c); **F** boulier *m*, compteur *m*, **S** abaco *m*, **I** abaco *m*, pallottoliere *m*, **G** Abakus *m*; a frame, with sliding balls, for calculating; *archit*, upper section of a capital

aban·don¹ ----- *vt* (OF *à ban donner* leave to one's mercy, see **ban**; late 14c); **F** abandonner, **S** abandonar, **I** abbandonare, **G** verlassen, aufgeben; to leave someone or something, *Benjamin Constant abandoned France for a period of exile in London*, to give up control, *the steersman abandoned the control of the rudder in the tempest*;

aban·don² *n* the action of abandoning, -----
***aban·doned** ----- *adj*, **F** abandonné/e, **S** abandonado/a, desierto/a, **I** abbandonato/a, **G** verlassen, aufgegeben; deserted, no longer used, *an abandoned house*, having a careless behaviour, *an abandoned woman*

***aban·don·ment** ----- *n* **F** abandon *m*, **S** abandono *m*, **I** abbandono *m*, **G** Überlassung *f*, Aufgabe *f*; the act of leaving a person, a place, *abandonment of the family home*, *fig.* abandonment of an idea, of a project, *abandonment of all the hopes of success*

abase ----- *vt* (OF *abaissier* bring low, LL *bassus*, RomL **bassiāre* to lower; 14c); **F** abaisser, humilier, **S** humillar, degradar, **I** umiliare, avvilitare, mortificare; **G** erniedrigen, demütigen; to abase oneself, showing that someone is more important, etc; ***abatement** *n* state of humiliation, *John's abasement after the defeat*

abashed ----- *adj* (AF *abaïss*, OF *esbaïss*, LL *bassus* short of stature; early 14c); **F** décontenancé/e, confus/e, **S** confuso/a, desconcertado/a, **I** confuso/a, sconcertato/a, imbarazzato/a, **G** beschämt, gedemütigt, erniedrigt; mortified, embarrassed, ashamed, *after his defeat he looked abashed*

abate ----- *vi* (OF *abatre* beat down, LL *ad+battu(u)ere* to pound, to beat; late 13c); **F** diminuer, faiblir, **S** diminuir, reducir, **I** diminuire, abbassare, **G** vermindern, (sich) abschwächen; to become less strong *the violence of the storm abated after hours*; ***abatement** *n*-----

***ab·at·toir** ----- *n* (see prec; 19c); **F** abattoir *m*, **S** matadero *m*, **I** mattatoio *m*, **G** Schlachthaus *n*; slaughterhouse, a place where animals are killed for meat

ab·bess----- *n* (LL *abbatissa*, OF *abbesse*; late 13c); **F** abbese *f*, **S** abadesa *f*, **I** abatessa *f*, **G** Äbtissin *f*; a nun, at the head of other nuns in a convent, a prioress

***abbey** ----- *n* (L *abbātia*, OF *abaie*; 13c); **F** abbaye *f*, **S** abadía *f*, **I** abbazia *f*, **G** Abtei *f*; a monastery, the head of the community being an abbot

***abbot** ----- *n* (OE *abbod*, eccl L *abbas*, Gr *ἀββᾶς*, *ἀββᾶ* father); **F** abbé *m*, **S** abad *m*, **I** abate *m*, **G** Abt *m*; a man, who is in charge of an abbey, the head of an abbey

ab·bre·vi·ate ----- *vt* (LL *abbreviātus*, from *abbreviāre*, see *brevis* brief; 15c); **F** abrégé, **S** abreviar, **I** abbreviare, **G** abkürzen, verkürzen; to reduce, to shorten; ***ab·bre·vi·ation** *n* the short form of a word, *Mrs is the abbreviation for Mistress*

ab·di·cate ----- *v* (L *abdicāre* from *ab* away + *dicāre* to proclaim, to make known; 16c); **F** abdiquer, renoncer, **S** abdicar, renunciar a, **I** abdicare, **G** abdanken, aufgeben, niederlegen; to abdicate (the throne), *fig.* to abdicate one's

own responsibilities; ***ab·di·ca·tion** *n*, the action of abdicating (the throne), *the abdication of Edward VIII for Wallis Simpson*

ab·do·men ----- *n* (L *abdomen* the belly; 17c); **F** abdomen m, **S** abdomen m, **I** addome m, **G** Abdomen n; the lower part of the body, which contains stomach and intestines; ***abdominal** *adj*

ab·duct -----*vt* (L *abducere*, from *ab+ducere* to lead away, to remove; 19c); **F** enlever, détourner, **S** raptar, sequestrar, **I** rapire, sequestrare, **G** entführen; to take away a person, using force, *to abduct a child*; ***abduction** *n*, the act of leading someone away illegally; ***abductor** *n* a person who abducts someone, *the abductors demanded £10 million ransom to release the child*

ab·er·rant ----- *adj* (L *aberrare* to wander away, *ab* away +*errare* wander, to go wrong, see **err**; 19c); **F** aberrant/e, **S** aberrante, anormal, **I** aberrante, **G** abweichend, abirrend, anomal; an anomalous, or unusual event, action, etc, *an aberrant behaviour*

***ab·er·ra·tion** ----- *n* **F** aberration f, **S** aberración f, **I** aberrazione f, **G** Abweichung f, Verwirrung f; an anomalous, or unusual, event, or behaviour, *the aberration of the spirit*; ***aberrance**, ***aberrancy** *n*

abet ----- *v* (OF *abeter*, à to +*beter* to hound on, to bait, from a Germanic source; late 14c), **F** encourager (le crime), **S** incitar, instigar, **I** incitare, istigare, **G** anstiften, anreizen, aufhetzen; to help, to instigate someone to do sth against the law or morality, *he abetted his friend to an immoral behaviour*

***abettor**, **abetter** -----*n* **F** instigateur/trice, complice m/f, **S** instigador/a, **I** istigatore/trice, **G** Anstifter/in; instigator, accomplice, *an abettor to the crime*

abey·ance -----*n* (AF *abeiance* (legal) expectation, ML *batāre* to gape; 16c), **F** suspension f (d'une loi), **S** estar en suspenso, estar pendiente de aplicación, **I** sospensione f, non in vigore, **G** Unentschiedenheit f, Schwebe f; **in abeyance**, not being used at the present time, *a law in abeyance*

ab·hor -----*v* (L *abhorrere* to shrink back from, *ab* from +*horrere* to tremble at, to be averse to; early 15c); **F** avoir horreur de, exécer, abhorrer, **S** aborrecer, detestar, **I** aborrire, detestare, **G** verabscheuen; to dislike, to hate, especially for moral reasons, *to abhor crime*

***ab·hor·rence** ----- *n*; **F** execration f, repugnance f, abomination f, **S** aborrecimiento m, detestación f, **I** ripugnanza f, aborrimiento m, **G** Abscheu m; feeling of dislike, of hatred for sth, *abhorrence for the crime*

***ab·hor·rent** ----- *adj*; **F** exécration, répugnant/e, **S** aborrecible, detestable, **I** repugnante, disgustoso, abominevole, **G** verabscheuungswürdig; someone or something which causes repugnance, hatred, dislike, *an abhorrent situation*

abide ----- *v* (AS *ābidān*, *a+bīdan* bide, OE *abīdan* to wait for, from *bīdan* to wait); **F** *neg* ne pouvoir supporter, **S** soportar, **I** sopportare, tollerare, **G** verweilen, bleiben, sich zufrieden geben mit; in *neg*, **I** **can't abide**, *I dislike very much, I can't abide that man*; to **abide by** the law, to accept the law

***abid·ing** ----- *adj*; **F** permanent/e, durable, **S** permanente, perdurable, **I** costante, persistente, **G** dauernd, beständig;

lasting for a long time and not changing, permanent, *horses are his abiding interest*; **law-abiding**, adhering to the law, accepting it

abil·ity ----- *n*; (OF *ableté*, L *habilitātem*, nominative *habilitas* aptitude; late 14c); **F** aptitude f, capacité f, **S** habilidad f, capacidad f, **I** abilità f, **G** Fähigkeit f, Befähigung f; talent, skill, *John's ability in operating software programmes*

abject ----- *adj* (L *abject-us* dejected, despicable, *ppl* of *abicere* throw away; 15c); **F** abject/e, misérable, **S** abyecto/a, vil, **I** abietto/a, **G** niedrig, elend; base, mean, wretched, *abject behaviour, the most abject fanaticism*; ***abjection** *n*, after *Nelson's death, Lady Hamilton fell into the most profound abjection*; ***abjectly** *adv*

ab·jure ----- *v* (Middle French *abjurer*, L *abiurare* to deny knowledge, to repudiate; 16c); **F** abjurer, **S** abjurar, **I** abiurare, **G** abschwören; to give up publicly his own religious beliefs, *Emperor Julian abjured his faith*; ***abjuration** *n* the act of abjuring; ***abjurer** *n* one who publicly abjures his religious faith, or political credo

ablaze ----- *adj* (*a+blaze* in a blaze; 14c); **F** en feu, en flammes, **S** en llamas, ardiendo, **I** in fiamme, ardente, **G** in Flammen brennend; excited, fervent, on fire, in a blaze, *ablaze with lights, with colours*

able ----- *adj* (OF *habile*, L *habilis* easy to handle; 14c); **F** capable, competent/e, **S** hábil, capaz, **I** abile, **G** fähig; in possession of skill, intelligence to do sth, *Peter is able to speak Italian correctly*; ***ably** *adv*

***able-bodied** -----*adj* (*habilis+body*; early 17c); **F** fort/e, robuste, **S** sano/a, robusto/a, **I** sano/a, robusto/a, **G** kräftig, robust, leistungsfähig; physically strong and healthy; ***able-seaman**, a low rank in the Royal Navy

abloom ----- *adj* (*a prep+ bloom*; 19c); **F** fleurissant/e, **S** en flor, en estado m floreciente, **I** in fiore, fiorito/a, **G** blühend, in Blüte; blooming, flowering, *flowers were abloom in Princes Street Gardens, in Edinburgh*

ab·lu·tion ----- *n* (LL *ablūtīōn-em*, from *abluere* to wash off; late 14c); **F** ablution f, **S** ablución f, **I** abluzione f, **G** Waschung f; the action of washing oneself, generally as part of a religious ceremony, *the ablution of the hands*

abnegation -----*n* (LL *abnegationem*, *ab* from +*negare* deny; 16c); **F** abnegation f de soi-même, renoncement m à, **S** abnegación f, **I** abnegazione f, spirito m di sacrificio, **G** Verleugnung f, Verzicht m (auf+acc); self-denial, restraint, *Paul's admirable abnegation for wife and children*

ab·nor·mal ----- *adj* (L *abnormis* deviating from a rule, *ab* away from +*normis* standard, pattern, MedL *anōrmālus*, see Gr *ἀνωμαλία*; 19c); **F** anormal/e, **S** anormal, **I** anormale, **G** abnorm, unnormal; anomalous, eccentric, *an abnormal body temperature*

***ab·nor·mal·ity** -----*n*; **F** anomalité f, **S** anomalidad f, **I** anormalità m, **G** Abnormität f; a condition outside normality, *congenital, behavioural abnormality*

aboard -----*adv* (*a+board*; 16c); **F** à bord, **S** a bordo, **I** a bordo, **G** an Bord; *naut*, within a ship, a plane; **all aboard!** order to get on a ship, on a plane, *passengers all aboard!*

abode -----*n* (*sb* of **abide**; 16c); **F** demeure f, habitation f, **S** domicilio m, morada f, **I** domicilio m, abitazione f, **G** Aufenthalt m, Wohnort m; dwelling, habitation, residence,

my humble abode; to have no **fixed abode**, *law*, to have no permanent home

abol-ish ----- *v* (Middle F *aboliss*, L *abolēre* to destroy, to put an end to; 15c); **F** abolir, supprimer, **S** abolir, suprimir, **I** abolire, sopprimere, **G** abschaffen, aufheben; to suppress, annul, cancel, *Parliament abolished religious festivities, to abolish fox hunting*

***abo-li-tion** ----- *n* (L *abolition-em* destruction of sth; 16c); **F** abolition f, suppression f, **S** abolición f, supresión f, **I** abolizione f, soppressione f, **G** Abschaffung f, Aufhebung f; suppression, annulment, cancellation, *abolition of the slave trade*; ***abo-li-tion-ism** *n* principles supporting the abolition of something

***abo-li-tion-ist** ----- *n* **F** abolitionniste, **S** abolicionista, **I** abolizionista, **G** Abolitionist/in; person in favour of abolishing a particular practice, law, etc

abom-in-able ----- *adj* (see next; 14c); **F** abominable, **S** abominable, execrable, **I** abominevole, esecrabile, **G** abscheulich, scheußlich, widerlich; causing disgust, unpleasant, very bad; *abominable weather, the abominable snowman*

***abom-in-ate** ----- *v* (L *abomināri*, *ab* away from + *omen*, something that foreshadows an event; 17c); **F** *abominer*, *détester*, **S** abominar, detestar, **I** abominare, detestare, **G** verabscheuen; to feel disgust for sb/sth, *he abominates smoking*

***abom-in-ation** ----- *n* (L *abominātio*, see prec); **F** abomination f, **S** abominación f, **I** abominio m, **G** Abscheu m; feeling of disgust for sb/sth, *to feel abomination for the bad behaviour of a man, of a group*

abo-ri-ginal ----- *adj* (L *ab+orīginālis*, *ab+orīgo* the coming into being, commencement; 17c); **F** aborigène, indigène, **S** aborigen, **I** aborigeno/a, **G** eingeboren; a person or population original in a country, esp Australia

***abo-ri-gine** ----- *n* (L *Aborigines*, a race of pre-Roman inhabitants of Italy, especially in Latium; 16c); **F** aborigène m, **S** aborigen/a, **I** aborigeno/a, **G** Ureinwohner/in, Aborigine m; original people who lived in Australia, before the arrival of the Europeans

abort ----- *v* (L *abortus* abortion, miscarriage, *ppl* of *aborīri* disappear, be lost; 16c); **F** avorter, **S** abortar, **I** abortire, **G** Frühgeburt haben; miscarriage, the ending of a pregnancy before the child develops and is born, *fatigue caused her to abort at the third month*

***abor-tion** ----- *n* (L *abortion-em*, see prec; 16c); **F** avortement m, **S** aborto m, **I** aborto m, **G** Abort m, Frühgeburt f; the act of aborting, *an early abortion*

***abor-tion-ist** ----- *n* **F** avorteur, **S** abortista, **I** abortista, **G** Abtreiber; one who is in favour of abortion, or performs abortions, often illegally

***abor-tive** ----- *adj* (OF *abortif*, see **abort**); **F** avorté/e, manqué/e, **S** abortivo/a, **I** abortivo/a, **G** zu früh geboren; non successful, failed birth, *an abortive attempt*

abound ----- *v* (OF *abunder*, L *abundāre* to be plentifully supplied, from *ab* off + *undāre* rise in waves; 14c); **F** abonder, **S** abundar, **I** abbondare, **G** im Überfluß vorhanden sein; to abound with/in, *the shop abounds with/in Italian wines*

about¹ --*adv* (OE *onbūtan*, on or around, ME *about(en)*, from *on* on + *būtan* outside of); **F** environ, presque, **S** mäs o

menos, aproximadamente, **I** circa, all'incirca, **G** ungefähr, etwa; approximately, *about 100 persons*

about² *prep*, **F** autour de, au sujet de, **S** alrededor de, acerca de, sobre, con respecto a, **I** intorno a, circa, **G** über, bezüglich; concerning, regarding sb/sth, *the press was given a briefing about the last operations*

***about-face, about-turn** ----- *n* (*about+turn*); **F** demi tour, revirement m (d'opinion), **S** cambio m radical de postura, **I** dietro front m, voltafaccia m, **G** Kehrtwendung f; a complete change of attitudes or opinions, *he performs about-turns anytime it is useful to his interests*

above ----- *prep/adv* (OE *ābūfan*, ME *aboven*, cognate with OHG *obana*, ModG *oben*, from Proto-Germanic); **F** au-dessus (de), **S** enzima, arriba, **I** sopra, in alto, **G** über (dat); to a higher place, *above all suspicion, above the age of 16*; ***above-mentioned**, used in written English, to indicate that sb/sth has already been mentioned

abra-ca-dabra ----- *interj* (LL *abracadabra*; 17c), **F, S, I** abracadabra m, **G** Abrakadabra n; a word pronounced to perform a magic trick

ab-rade ----- *v* (L *abradēre*, to remove by rubbing, *ab* off + *radēre* to scrape; 17c); **F** abraser, écorcher (la peau), **S** raer, raspar, **I** erodere, corrodere, **G** abschürfen, abschleifen; to rub the surface, to scrape, wear off, *to abrade the surface of the floor*

***ab-ra-sion** ----- *n* (MedL *abrāsion-em* a scraping; 17c); **F** abrasion f, écorchure f, **S** radura f, raspatura f, **I** abrasione f, **G** Abschürfung f, *geol* Abrasion f; the act of rubbing, a lesion of the skin, *the boy had an abrasion on the leg*

***abra-sive** ----- *adj/n* (L *abrasivus*; 19c); **F** abrasif/ive, **S** abrasivo/a, **I** abrasivo/a, **G** abreibend; having the power of rubbing, *an abrasive cleaner*

abreast ----- *adv* (*a + breast*; 15c); **F** de front, **S** de frente, **I** di fianco, di fronte, **G** Seite an Seite; next to sb/sth, side by side, *John and Louise walked abreast, hand in hand*

abridge ----- *v* (OF *abregier*, LL *adbreviāre*, from *brevis* short, brief; early 14c); **F** abrégier, **S** compendiar, resumir, **I** abbreviare, **G** ab+verkürzen; to shorten, abbreviate, reduce, *an abridged edition of the dictionary*; ***abrigement, *abridgement** *n*

abroad ----- *adv* (*a+broad*, widely, hence away from home, in a foreign country; 13c); **F** à l'étranger, **S** en el extranjero, **I** all'estero, fuori, **G** im Ausland, draussen; in a foreign country, *to travel/work abroad, dated* outdoors, away from home

ab-ro-gate ----- *v* (L *abrogāri* to repeal (a law), to disregard, from *ab* away + *rogāre* propose a law; 16c); **F** abroger, **S** abrogar, **I** abrogare, **G** abschaffen, aufheben; to abolish officially, formally, *to abrogate a law*

ab-rupt ----- *adj* (L *abruptus*, precipitous, sudden, *ppl* of *abrupere* break off; 16c); **F** abrupt/e, brusque, **S** repentino/a, brusco/a, **I** repentino/a, brusco/a, **G** abrupt, unerwartet, plötzlich; sudden, unexpected, *an abrupt change, an abrupt end*

ab-scess ----- *n* (L *abscēssus* a going away, departure, from *abs* away + *cedere* go; 17c); **F** abcès m, **S** ascaso m, **I** ascasso m, **G** Abszess m; a painful swell on the skin, *an abscess on the gums*

ab-sc-ond ----- *vi* (MF *abscondre*, L *abscondere* to conceal from view, to keep secret; 16c); **F** se soustraire à la justice, s'enfuir, **S** fuggarse, huir (de la justicia), **I** darsi alla latitanza, *darsi irreperibile*, **G** sich heimlich davon machen, flüchten;

to escape from a place, to leave secretly, *he absconded in Scotland*

ab·seil -----v/i (G *abseilen*, *ab* down+*Seil* rope; 20c); F *descendre en rappel*, S- ----- ----, I *discendere con la corda*, G *abseilen*; to climb down a cliff or a rock, while holding a rope, *John abseiled on a dangerous cliff*

ab·sence ----n (L *absēntia* absence, especially from Rome or from duty; 14c); F *absence* f, S *ausencia* f, I *assenza* f, G *Abwesenheit* f; the condition of being absent, *absence from school/work*

***ab·sent** ----- *adj* (L *absens*, not present in person; 14c); F *absent/e*, S *ausente*, *distráido/a*, I *assente*, *distratto/a*, G *abwesend*, *fehlend*; not in the place where one is expected to be, *to be absent from school*

***ab·sent** v F *s'absenter* (de), S *ausentarse* (de), I *assentarsi* (da), G *sich entfernen* (von, aus); to stay away, not to take part in an event; *to absent oneself from work*

***ab·sen·tee** -----n; (L *absent+ee*); F *absentéiste*, S *ausente*, I *assenteista*, G *Abwesend*; one who is not present, or absent; *adj absentee landlord*, a landlord usually absent from his properties

***ab·sen·tee·ism** -----n (L *absent+ee+ismus*); F *absentéisme* m, S *absentismo* m, I *assenteismo* m, G *häufiges, längeres Fehlen* n; tendency towards being absent, *absenteeism from school, from work*

***ab·sent·ly** ----- *adv* F *distráitement*, S *distráidamente*, I *distrattamente*, G *zerstreut*, *geistesabwesend*; not paying attention

***ab·sent·minded** ----- *adj* (L *absens+mens*); F *distráit/e*, S *distráido/a*, I *distratto/a*, G *geistesabwesend*, *zerstreut*; not giving attention to sth, not thinking about sth, *Adam Smith was the most absent-minded man at the world*

ab·so·lute ----- *adj* (L *ab+solutus*, free from bonds or physical restraints, *pple of absolvère* to set free; 14c); F *absolu/e*, S *absoluto/a*, I *assoluto/a*, G *absolut*; complete, total, *absolute failure*, *absolute confidence*

***ab·so·lute·ly** -----*adv* (L *absolutus+ly*); F *absolument*, S *absolutamente*, I *assolutamente*, G *absolut*, *völlig*; in a way that is absolute, complete, *to agree/disagree absolutely*

***absolute majority** ----n (ML *majoritas+absolutus*); F *majorité* f *absolue*, S *mayoría* f *absoluta*, I *maggioranza* f *assoluta*, G *absolute Mehrheit* f; a majority of more than half of the votes

***absolute zero** n the temperature at which all molecular motion ceases

***ab·so·lu·tion** -----n (OF *absolution*, L *ab+solūtiōn-em* completion, acquittal; 12c); F *absolution* f, S *absolución* f, I *assoluzione* f, G *Absolution* f, *Freisprechung* f; *relig* the act of being forgiven for sth wrong, *he was given absolution from/of his sins*

***ab·so·lut·ism** ----- n (L *ab+solutus+ismus*); F *absolutisme* m, S *absolutismo* m, I *assolutismo* m, G *Absolutismus* m; despotic government, *the absolutism of the Ancien Regime in France*

***ab·solve** ----- *vt* (L *ab+solvère* to release or untie, to release from chains; 16c); F *absoudre*, S *absolver*, I *assolvere*, G *frei-,lossprechen*, *eccl Absolution erteilen*; to set free, to acquit, *he was absolved from all the allegations*; *rel*, to be forgiven for sth wrong, *he was absolved from his sins*

ab·sorb ----- *vt* (MF *absorber*, L *absorbēre* to swallow down, to submerge, *ab+sorbēre* suck in; 15c); F *absorber*, S *absorber*, I *assorbere*, G *absorbieren*; to imbibe, to occupy the attention

***ab·sorbed** ----- *adj* (see **absorb**), F *absorbé/e*, S _____, I *assorbito* (da), *assorto* (in), G *vertieft* (in); involved in something, *he was absorbed in his thoughts*

***ab·sorb·ent** ----- *adj/n* (L *absorbent-em*; early 18c); F *absorbant/e*, S *absorbente*, I *assorbimento*, G *absorbierend*, *Absorbens* n; that absorbs, able to take liquids, *absorbent material/sponge*

***ab·sorb·ing** ----- *adj*, F *absorbant/e*, S *absorbent/e*, I *assorbente*, G *absorbierend*, *aufsaugend*; sth that is very interesting, *a book absorbing to read*

***ab·sorp·tion** ----- n (L *absorptiōn-em*; late 16c); F *absorption* f, S *absorción* f, I *assorbimento* m, G *Absorption* f; the act of being absorbed in/ by sth, *the absorption of liquids, of organic materials in the ground*

ab·stain ----- *vi* (OF *abstēnir*, L *abstinēre* to keep something distant, to abstain from; late 14c); F *s'abstēnir*, S *abstēnere*, I *astēnersi*, G *abstinent sein*; avoid doing something, *abstain from alcohol, smoking, etc*

***ab·stain·er**---- n (see prec); F *abstinent/e*, S *astemio/a*, I *astemio/a*, G *Abstinenzler/in*; one who abstains, esp from alcohol

***ab·ste·mi·ous** ---- *adj* (L *abstēmius* refraining from wine; early 17c); F *sobre*, *tempérant/e*, S *sobrio/a*, *astemio/a*, I *astemio/a*, G *enthaltensam*, *nüchtern*; temperate, inclined to avoid liquours

***ab·sten·tion** ---- n (LL *abstentiōn-em*, from *abstinēre*, see **abstain**; 16c); F *abstention* f, S *abstención* f, I *astensione* f, G *Enthaltung* f, *Stimmhaltung* f; act of not voting, either in favour or against a proposal, *the abstention of the opposition in Parliament*

***ab·stin·ence** ----- n (L *abstinentia*, from *abstinēre*, see prec; 13c); F *abstinence* f, S *abstinencia* f, I *astinenza* f, G *Abstinenz* f, *Enthaltung* f; habit of refraining from alcohol, sex, etc, *the abstinence of the clergy*

ab·stract¹ ----- *adj* (L *abstractus*, from *abstrahere* to remove forcibly, to deduct, to subtract; late 14c); F *abstrait/e*, S *abstracto/a*, I *astratto/a*, G *abstrakt*; based on ideas, not on facts, *an abstract question*

ab·stract² n F *résumé* m, *abrégé* m, S *resumen* m, *sumario* m, I *riassunto* m, *sommario* m, G *Abstrakt* n; a summary of the main points, *the author submitted an abstract of the book*

ab·stract³ *vt* F *soustraire*, *détourner*, S *extractar*, *separar*, I *estrarre*, *separare*, G *abstrahieren*, *abtrennen*; to remove, to separate, *fig. to abstract oneself*

***ab·stract·ed**---- *adj* (see **abstract**); F *distráit/e*, S *distráido/a*, I *distratto/a*, G *abgesondert*, *getrennt*; immersed in his own thoughts, not paying attention to what happens around, *Catherine gave him an abstracted look*

***ab·strac·tion** ----- n (OF *abstraction*, LL *abstrāctiōn-em*; 14c); F *abstraction* f, S *abstracción* f, I *phil* *astrazione* f, in the sense of removal (of a tooth) *estrazione* f, G *Abstraktion* f; a general idea, not referring to particular things, not having, lacking concreteness, *this is abstraction, not concreteness*, the action of removing sth from sth else, *abstraction of gold from the river Colorado*

ab·struse---- *adj* (L *abstrūsus*, *abs* + *trudere* to conceal from view; 16c); F *abstruse/e*, S *abstruse/a*, I *astruso/a*, G *abstruse*, *verworren*; difficult to understand, *an abstruse concept*, *an abstruse theory*

ab·surd ----- *adj* (MF *absurde*, L *absurdus* discordant, inappropriate; 16c); F *absurde*, S *absurdo/a*, I *assurdo/a*, G *absurd/e*, *unsinnig*; nonsensical, unrealistic, foolish, *an absurd idea, situation*

abun·dance ----- *n* (OF *abundance*, L *abundāntia* affluence, excessive amount; 14c); **F** *abondance* f, **S** *abundancia* f, **I** *abbondanza* f, **G** *Überfluss* m, *Überfülle* f (von); plenty, large quantity; *abundance of corn, of vegetables*

***abun·dant** ----- *adj* (OF *abundant*, L *abundans* plentiful, overflowing (of rivers); late 14c); **F** *abondant/e*, **S** *abundante*, **I** *abbondante*, **G** *reichlich*, im *Überfluss*; in large quantity, copious, plentiful; *abundant in crops, vegetables*

***abun·dant·ly** ----- *adv* **F** *abondamment*, **S** *abundantemente*, **I** *abbondantemente*, **G** *reichlich*; occurring in a copious, plentiful way

abuse¹ ----- *v* (MF *abuser*, RomL *abusāre*, from *abūsus*, *ppl* of *abuti* to misuse; 15c); **F** *abuser*, *injurier*, **S** *injuriar*, *maltratar*, **I** *abusare* (di), *maltrattare*, **G** *missbrauchen*; to misuse, use in an improper way, *he abused his position, his authority*;

abuse² *n* **F** *abus* m, **S** *improperio* m, *abuso* m, **I** *abuso* m, *ingiuria* f, **G** *Missbrauch* n; misuse, improper treatment, *sexual, physical abuse*

***abu·sive** ----- *adj* (*abuse*+*ive*, OF *abusif*, LL *abusivus*; late 16c); **F** *abusif/ive*, **S** *offensivo/a*, *injurioso/a*, **I** *offensivo/a*, *ingiurioso/a*, **G** *missbräuchlich*, *beleidigend*; offensive, disrespectful, improperly used, *an abusive language, speech*

abut ----- *v* (OF *aboutier* 'toucher au but', à to+*bouter* butt, end, AL *abuttāre*; 15c); **F** *aboutir à*, **S** *confinar*, **I** *confinare*, **G** *angrenzen*, *sich anlehnen*; to be near sth, *my home abuts on his farm*

abys·mal----- *adj* (*abysm*+*-al*, see **abyss**; 17c); **F** *sans fond*, **S** *abisimal*, **I** *abissale*, **G** *abgrundtiefe*, *bodenlos*; very bad, *abysmal ignorance, difference*

***abyss**----- *n* (Gr *ἀβυσσος*, à *priv* + *βυσσός* depth of the sea, LL *abyssus*; 14c); **F** *abîme* m, **S** *abisso* m, **I** *abisso* m, **G** *Abgrund* m, *grundlose Tiefe* f; a very deep hole, *the grotto ends in an abyss, fig. an abyss of ignorance*

aca·cia---- *n* (Gr *ἀκακία*, L *acaciā*); **F** *acacia* f, **S** *acacia* f, **I** *acacia* f, **G** *Akazie* f; a tree of the mimosa genus

aca·dem·ic ---- *n* (MedL *Acadēmicus* an Academic philosopher, see **academy**; late 16c); **F** *universitaire*, **S** *académico/a*, *catedrático/a*, **I** *docēnte universitàrio/a*, **G** *Akademiker/in*; a university teacher

aca·dem·ic *adj* **F** *académique*, *abstrait/e*, **S** *académico/a*, **I** *accademico/a*, **G** *akademisch*; referring to an academy, theoretical, *an academic question*

***acad·em·ician**---- *n* (Gr *Ἀκαδημαϊκός*, L *acadēmicus*, of the Academy, of Academic philosophy; 18c); **F** *académicien/enne*, **S** *académico/a*, **I** *accademico/a*, **G** *Akademiker/in*; a member of an academy

***acad·emy**----*n* (MF *académie*, Gr *Ἀκαδημία*, from *Ἀκαδημῖος*, name of a park near Athens where Plato held the 'Academic School', L *acadēmia*; 16c); **F** *académie* f, **S** *academia* f, **I** *accademia* f, **G** *Akademie* f; an organization to protect art, music, etc, *art, music academy*

ac·cede---- *v* (ME *acceden*, L *accedere* to go or come to, from *ac* ad+*cedere* approach; 15c); **F** *monter* (sur le trône), *accéder à une demande*, **S** *acceder* (a), **I** *accedere* (a), **G** (Amt) *antreten*, (*Thron*) *besteigen*; to agree to do something, *he acceded to our request, to take a high position, Queen Elizabeth acceded to the throne*

ac·cel·er·ate ---- *v* ***** (MF *accélérer*, L *accelerātus*, *ppl* of *accelerāre* to quicken one's pace; early 16c); **F** *accélérer*, **S** *acelerar*, **I** *accelerāre*, **G** *beschleunigen*, *die Geschwindigkeit erhöhen*; to move faster, *the car accelerated the speed*

***ac·cel·er·ation** ----- *n*; (L *acceleratiōn-em*, see prec; 16c); **F** *acceleration* f, **S** *aceleración* f, **I** *accelerazione* f, **G** *Beschleunigung* f; the act of accelerating

***ac·cel·er·ator**---- *n*; (*accelerate*+*-or*; early 17c); **F** *accélérateur* m, **S** *acelerador* m, **I** *acceleratore* m, **G** *Beschleuniger* m, *Gashebel* m; in the car, the device to increase the speed

ac·cent---- *n* (MF *accent*, L *accentus* accent, intonation, *ad+cantus* song added to speech; late 14c); **F** *accent* m, **S** *acento* m, **I** *accènto* m, **G** *Akzent* m, *Betonung* f; emphasis given to a syllable, *foreign, regional accent*

***ac·cent·ed** ---- *adj*, **F** *accentué/e*, **S** *acentuado/a*, **I** *accentato/a*, **G** *betont*; spoken with a (foreign) accent, (of a letter) having the accent

***ac·cen·tu·ate** ----- *v* (MedL *accentuātus*, *ppl* of LL *accentuāre* to mark with an accent; 18c); **F** *accentuer*, **S** *acentuar*, **I** *accentuāre*, **G** *akzentuieren*, *betonen*; to emphasize, to put the accent on

ac·cept---- *v* (L *acceptāre*, *ad+capere* to receive, to admit; 14c); **F** *accepter*, **S** *acceptar*, **I** *accettare*, **G** *akzeptieren*, *annehmen*; assent, approve, *he accepted the decision of his wife*

***ac·cept·able**---- *adj* (LL *acceptābilis*; late 14c); **F** *acceptable*, **S** *acceptable*, **I** *accettabile*, **G** *akzeptabel*, *annehmbar*; that can be accepted, *an acceptable decision*

***ac·cept·ance**---- *n* (L *accept+ance*; 16c); **F** *acceptation* f, **S** *aceptación* f, **I** *accettazione* f, **G** *Akzeptierung* f, *Annahme* f; the act of accepting, *acceptance of an offer, of a decision*

ac·cess ---- *n* (OF *acces* attack, L *accēssus* arrival, approach, see **accede**; 14c); **F** *accès* m, **S** *acceso* m, **I** *acceso* m, **G** *Zugang* m; entrance, *easy, difficult access*; **access road** ----- **access time** -----

***ac·cess·ible** ---- *adj* (OF *accessible*, L *accessibilis*; late 14c); **F** *accessible*, **S** *acesible*, **I** *accessibile*, **G** *zugänglich*, *erreichbar*; that can be easily reached, *accessible by car, by bus*

***ac·ces·sion** ----- *n* (OF *accesion*, L *accēssion-em* approaching, coming to; 17c); **F** *accesion* f, **S** *acceso* m, *ascenso* m, **I** *acceso* m, **G** *Zugang* m, *Zutritt* m; the act of acceding, *accesion to an office, to the throne*

***ac·ces·sory** ---- *adj* (MF *accessoire*, ME *accessorie*, LL *accessōrius*; late 15c); **F** *accessoire*, **S** *accesorio/a*, **I** *accessorio/a*, **G** *zusätzlich*, *ergänzend*; non necessary, *an accessory observation*

ac·ci·dent---- *n* (OF *accident*, L *accident-em*, from *accidēre*, *ad+cadere* to fall, happen; 14c); **F** *accident* m, *contretemps* m, **S** *accidente* m, **I** *accidente* m, **G** *Zufall* m; something which happens by chance, unexpectedly, unintentionally, *it happened by accident*

***ac·ci·den·tal** ----- *adj* (MedL *accidental*, *accidens+-āl* suffix; late 14c); **F** *accidentel/elle*, **S** *accidental*, **I** *accidentale*, *casuale*, **G** *zufällig*; referring to an accident, *an accidental event*

ac·claim ----- *v* (MF *acclamer*, L *acclamāre*, *ad+clamāre* to shout approval; 17c); **F** *acclamer*, **S** *aclamar*, **I** *acclamare*,

G applaudieren, Beifall spenden, preisen; to praise someone, *the actor was acclaimed for his performance*

***ac·clam·ation** ----- *n*; (MF *acclamation*, L *acclamatīōn-em*, see prec; 16c); **F** acclamation f, **S** aclamación f, **I** acclamazione f, **G** lauter Beifall/m; the act of acclaiming, *the actor received the acclamation of the spectators*

ac·cli·ma·tize ac·cli·ma·tise ----- *v* (MF *acclimater*, *acclimate+ize*, G κλίμα, L *clīma* climate; 18c); **F** acclimater, **S** aclimatar, **I** acclimatare, **G** sich akklimatisieren, sich gewöhnen an; to get accustomed to the climate, to particular habits, *she easily acclimatized to the Italian climate*

ac·col·ade ---- *n* (OF *acolée*, Vulgar L **accollare*, L *ad+collum*, to the neck, see Provençal *acolada* embrace; 17c); **F** accolade f, **S** acolada f, **I** accollàta f, abbraccio m che veniva dato al cavaliere dopo il conferimento del titolo, **G** Akkolade f, (feierliche) Umarmung f; praise, approval, *he received a warm accolade from his supporters*

ac·com·mo·date *v*----- (L *accommodātus*, from *commodus* convenient, suitable, *ppl* of *accommodāre* to fit, to make suitable, from *commodus* convenient, suitable; 16c); **F** loger, recevoir, **S** acomodar, **I** alloggiare, ospitare, **G** unterbringen, einquartieren; to give accommodation, room, *he was accommodated in a hotel near the centre of the city*

***ac·com·mo·dat·ing** ----- *adj* (see prec); **F** complaisant/e, obligeant/e, **S** complaciente, amable, **I** accomodante, **G** gefällig; easy to deal with, *an accommodating person*

***ac·com·mo·da·tion** ----- *n* (F *accommodation*, L *accommodātiōn-em* fitting or adapting); **F** logement m, **S** acomodación f, **I** alloggio m, sistemazione f, **G** Unterkunft m; lodging, *he was given accommodation by a friend*

***ac·com·pani·ment** ----- *n mus* (see **accompany**); **F** accompagnement m, **S** acompañamiento m, **I** accompagnamento m (musicale), **G** Begleitung f; the act of supporting a principal musical instrument, *a piano accompaniment, white wine makes a good accompaniment to fish dishes*

***ac·com·pan·ist** ----- *n mus*; **F** accompagnateur m, **S** acompañante m, **I** accompagnatore m (mus), **G** Begleiter m; a person who plays an instrument, in order to accompany a player or a singer

ac·com·pany ----- *v tr* (OF *accompaigner* to take as a companion, ML *compānio*, *cum+panis*, see **companion**; early 15c); **F** accompagner, **S** acompañar, **I** accompagnare, **G** begleiten; to go somewhere, to walk with somebody, *he accompanied his wife at shopping*

ac·com·plice----- *n* (LL *complice(m)*, apparently from *ad+complice*, from *cum+plectere*, *complexi* take in the arms, embrace, from *complic-*, stem of *complex-us*, and *complicare* to fold together; 15c as **complice**); **F** complice m, **S** cómplice m, **I** complice m, **G** Komplize m, *Mittäter(in)*; a person who helps to commit a crime, *he was accused by his accomplice*

ac·com·plish ----- *v* (OF *acompliss-*, stem of *acomplir* to fulfil, VL *accomplēre ad+complēre* to fill, to complete; 14c); **F** accomplir, achever, **S** acabar, concluir, **I** realizzare, portare a termine, **G** vollbringen, vollenden; to finish, to achieve (successfully), *to accomplish a task, a plan*

***ac·com·plished** ----- *adj*, *an accomplished lady, an accomplished scholar*

***ac·com·plish·ment** ----- (see prec); **F** accomplissement m, achèvement m, **S** conclusion f, efectuación f, **I** realizzazione f, adempimento m, **G** Ausführung f, Vollendung f; successful achievement of sth, *the accomplishment of all his hopes*

ac·cord ----- *v* (ME *acorden*, OF *acorder*, from L *ad to+cordis* gen of *cor* heart; see **concord**; 12c); **F** accorder, consentir, **S** conceder, estar de acuerdo con, concordar, armonizar, **I** accordare, consentire, **G** übereinstimmen, armonieren bewilligen; to agree, to be in harmony, *to be in accord with sb*, to grant, to concede sth to somebody, *he was accorded a period of permit*

***accord** *n* **F** accord m, consentement m, **S** acuerdo m, harmonía f, **I** accordo m, consenso m, **G** Übereinstimmung f, Zustimmung f; agreement, *of one's one accord, an accord was reached after a long contest*

***ac·cord·ance** -----*n* (OF *acordance*, see prec; early 14c); **F** accord m, conformité f, **S** conformidad f, de acuerdo con, **I** accordo m, in conformità con, **G** Übereinstimmung f, agreement, conformity, *in accordance with*; ***ac·cord·ing·ly** *adv*; ***ac·cord·ing to** *adj*

***ac·cord·ion** ----- *n* (earlier **G** *Akkordion*, OF *acord*, see **accord**; 19c); **F** accordéon m, **S** acordeón m, **I** fisarmonica f, **G** Akkordeon n, Ziehharmonika f, a musical instrument which is played by moving the two parts of it in and out

ac·cost -----*v/tr* (MF *accoster* move up, LL *accostāre* come up to the side, L *ad to+costa* side; 16c); **F** accoster, abordar, **S** abordar, **I** accostare, avvicinare, **G** herantreten an, j-n ansprechen; stop somebody and speak to him, generally in a way that he/she does not like, *she was accosted by a man in the street*

ac·count -----*n* (ME *ac(o)unt*, OF *aconte*, *acunt*, LL *computus* a calculation, L *computāre* to count, to calculate; early 14c); **F** compte m, **S** cuenta f, computación f, **I** resoconto m, rendiconto m, **G** Konto n, Geschäftsbericht m, Rechenschaftsbericht m; a report, a description, written or spoken, of sth, of an event, etc, *he gave an account of his research work*

***account** -----*v* (ME *acounten*, OF *aconter*, *à to+conter*, L *computāre*, see *compute*; early 14c); **account for**, **F** rendre compte de, **S** responder de, **I** rendere conto di, **G** ansehen als, erklären für; to explain why, or how, sth happened, to give a reason for sth, *he accounted for his own role in the event*

***ac·count·able** ----- *adj* (AF *acounte+able* suffix; late 14c); **F** responsable (de), **S** responsable, **I** responsabile (di), **G** verantwortlich für; responsible for sth, *everybody is responsible for his own actions*

***ac·count·abil·ity** *n* the act of being responsible for something; ***accountably** *adv*

***ac·count·ancy** -----*n* (the spelling *account* replaced *acompt* in the 1800's; 19c) *n*, **F** comptabilité f, **S** contabilidad f, **I** contabilità f, computisteria f, **G** Buchhaltung f, Buchführung f; the work or profession of an accountant

***ac·count·ant** ----- *n* (OF *acountant*, present part of *conter+ant* suffix; 15-16c); **F** comptable m, **S** contable, **I** contabile m, ragioniere m, **G** Buchhaltungs-, Rechnungsprüfer m; a person who keeps financial accounts, *the accountant of our company*

ac·coutre·ments----- *n* (F *accoustrer* to equip, RomL *accosuturare*, from *consutura*, L *sūtūra* a piece of sewing; 16c); **F** équipement m, **S** equipo m, **I** equipaggiamento m, **G** Kleidung f, Ausrüstung f; equipment for a particular activity, of a soldier, etc

ac·credit ----- *v* (F *accréditer*, *à to+credit* credit, lend (money) to, make loans, L *credere* to consign to the custody, to commit, see **credit**; 17c); **F** attribuer, accréditer (un ambassadeur), **S** acreditar, **I** accreditare, attribuire, **G** akkreditieren, bestätigen; to believe that sb is responsible for sth, *he was accredited with the success of the operation, the*

ambassador was accredited to Paris; **ac•credit•ation** *n*;
ac•credit•ed *adj*

ac•cre•tion *n*----- (L *accretiōn-em* a growing larger, from *accrescere ad* to+*crescere* to grow, to increase, see **ac•crue**; 17c); **F** accroissement *m*, accretion *f*, **S** crecimiento *m*, aumento *m*, **I** accrescimento *m*, aumento *m*, **G** Zuwachs *m*, Zunahme *f*, the process of parts being added to sth, *accretion of interests to the capital*

***ac•crue** -*v*---- (OF *acree* grow, L *accrescere*, see prec; 15c); **F** s'accumuler, **S** aumentar, crecer, acumularse, **I** accumulare, **G** erwachsen, entstehen, to result as an increase, as an addition to sth, *the advantages that have accrued from the liberty of commerce*

acct, *abbr* for **account**

ac•cu•mu•late ----- *v* (L *accumulāt-us* to add to, *ppl* of *accumulāre* to increase, *ad* to+*cumulāre*+*ate*, from *cumulus* a pile, a mound; 16c); **F** accumuler, amasser, **S** acumular, amontonar, **I** accumulare, ammucciare, **G** ansammeln; to collect, to gather together, *he accumulated a large fortune*

***ac•cu•mu•lation** *n* (L *accumulation-em*, see prec; late 15c); **F** accumulation *f*, **S** acumulación *f*, amontonamiento *m*, **I** accumulazione *f*, **G** Akkumulation *f*, Ansammlung *f*, the act of collecting, of gathering together, *the accumulation of dust, of wealth*; ***accumulative**, *adj*

ac•cur•acy ----- *n* (*accurate*+*acy*; 17c); **F** exactitude *f*, precision *f*, **S** exactitud *f*, precision *f*, **I** accuratezza *f*, esattezza *f*, precisione *f*, **G** Sorgfalt *f*, Genauigkeit *f*, Präzision *f*; the act of performing a task with care, *accuracy of his/her work, of the weather forecast*

***ac•cur•ate** ----- *adj* (L *accurātus*, meticulous, carefully performed, *ppl* of *accurāre*, *ac* to+*curāre* take care, from *cura* care; early 17c); **F** exact/e, précis/e, **S** exacto/a, preciso/a, **I** accurato/a, esatto/a, preciso/a, **G** sorgfältig, genau; performed with care, *an accurate measurement, an accurate translation*

ac•cur•sed ----- *adj* (OE *acursod*, see **curse**); **F** maudit/e, **S** maldito/a, maldecido/a, **I** maledetto/a, **G** verflucht, verwünscht; having a curse, *an accursed situation, an accursed tragedy*

ac•cus•ation-----*n* (OF *accusation*, L *accusātion-em* the act of bringing an accusation; 15c); **F** accusation *f*, incrimination *f*, **S** acusación *f*, **I** accusa *f*, imputazione *f*, **G** Anklage *f*, Beschuldigung *f*; the act of alleging that somebody is guilty of sth, *the prosecutor made an accusation, supported with clear evidence*

***ac•cusa•tive** *n gramm* (OF *acusatif*, L *casus accusativus*; 15c); **F** accusatif, **S** acusativo/a, **I** accusativo, **G** Akkusativ; the grammatical case which refers to an object, *I have seen her today*

***ac•cuse** *v* (OF *acuser*, L *accusāre*, *ad* to+*causāri* to bring an action; early 14c); **F** accuser, incriminer, **S** acusar (de), **I** accusare, incolpare, **G** anklagen, beschuldigen; to allege that somebody is guilty of sth, *she accused her partner of mental cruelty*

***ac•cused**, **the accused**, *adj/n* **F** l'accusé/e (d'un crime), l'inculpé/e, **S** acusado/a, **I** accusato/a, **G** Angeklagte/r; a person being tried in a court, *the accused pleaded innocent*

***accuser** *n*, **F** accusateur/trice, **S** acusador/a, **I** accusatore/trice, **G** Ankläger/in; the person who accuses somebody of sth, *the accuser was implacable*

ac•cus•tom *v* (OF *acostumer*, LL *costudin-em* habitual or usual practice, habit, see late VL *accostumāre*, L *consuetudin-em*, see **custom**; 15c); **F** habituer, accoutumer, **S** habituar, acostumbrar, **I** abituare, abituarsi, **G** gewöhnen (an+acc); to make customary, habitual, to use customarily, habitually, to become familiar, *he easily accustomed to the climate*

***ac•cus•tomed** *adj*, familiar with sth, *accustomed to the Scottish climate*

ace -----*n* (OF *as*, L *as*, a copper coin or monetary unit, originally divided in 12 *unciae*; 13c); **F** as *m*, **S** as *m*, **I** asso *m*, **G** As *n*; a playing card with the ace symbol, *the ace of hearts*; **an ace up your sleeve**, a secret knowledge which will ensure your victory; **within an ace of sth**, very close to sth, *we came within an ace of winning*

***ace** *adj* informal skilled person, excellent, *a tennis ace, an ace pilot*

ace•phalous ----- *adj* (**F** *acéphale*, LL *acephalus*, Gr *ἀκέφαλος*, *à* priv + *κεφαλή* head, without head; 18c); **F** acéphale, **S** acéfalo/a, **I** acefalo/a, senza testa, **G** Acephalus *n*, kopflos *adj*, ohne Kopf; without the head, *an acephalous monster, an acephalous mollusc*

acerb•ic ----- *adj* (L *acerbus+ic*, having a sour flavour, acid; 19c); **F** âpre, acerbe, **S** acerbo/a, mordaz, **I** acerbo/a, **G** bitter, herb; harsh, of severe character, *an acerbic speech, an acerbic temper*

acet•ate ----- *n* (*acet-ic*+*ate*, **F** *acétate*, L *acetum* vinegar; 19c); **F** acétate *m*, **S** acetato *m*, **I** acetato *m*, **G** Acetat *n*; a chemical substance made from acetic acid, used to make plastic, fibres, etc; ***acet-ic acid** the acid of vinegar

***acetify** *v tr & intr* (L *acet-um* vinegar+*-fy* make, see prec); **F** acétifier, **S** acetificar, **I** acetificare, rendere aceto, **G** sauer machen, Essig verwandeln; a) *v tr* to convert into vinegar, *wine is acetified to make good vinegar*; b) *v intr* to become similar to vinegar, *this type of wine easily acetifies*

***acet•one** *n* (L *acetum* vinegar, **G** *Azeton*; 19c); **F** acétone *m*, **S** acetona *f*, **I** acetone *m*, **G** Aceton *m*; a liquid related to acetic acid

***acetyl•ene** *n* **F** acétylène *m*, **S** acetileno *m*, **I** acetilene *m*, **G** Acetylen *n*; a gas burned with oxygen, used to cut metals

ache *n* ----- (OE *æcé*, *der* of verb *ac-an* to ache); **F** mal *m*, douleur *f*, **S** dolor *m*, achaque *m*, **I** malessere *m*, acciacchi *m pl*, **G** Schmerz *m*; a continuous but not very sharp pain, slight feelings of pain, *head aches, muscular ache, aches and pains*

ache *v/i* (from *ake*, a strong verb like *take*, *shake*, the sb being *ache*); **F** avoir mal, **S** doler, **I** provare malesseri, soffrire acciacchi, **G** schmerzen, weh tun, Schmerz *m* haben; to suffer a continuous pain, *to ache in every limb*, *fig. to ache in loneliness*

***achy** *adj* **F** douloureux/euse, endolori/e, **S** dolorido/a, doliente, **I** dolorante, indolenzito/a, dolente, **G** leidend; full of aches, suffering from continuous pain, *to feel achy*

achieve *v* (**F** *achever*, *à* chief *venir*, LL *ad caput venīre* to come to a head with, to finish; 14c); **F** accomplir, faire, **S** lograr, **I** conseguire, **G** vollbringen, vollenden; to bring to an end, to attain successfully, *he achieved good results from his efforts*

***achieve•ment** *n* (**F** *achèvement*, see *achieve*); **F** exploit *m*, réussite *f*, **S** logro *m*, **I** conseguimento *m*, **G** Vollendung *f*; the action of achieving, of performing successfully, *the achievement of all our aims*

Achil-les' heel *n* **F** talon m d'Achille, **S** talón m de Aquiles, **I** tallone m d'Achille, **G** *Achillesferse* f; a weak part in someone's character, as from Achil-les' heel in the *Iliad*, *arrogance is John's Achilles' heel*; ***Achil-les tendon** *n*, a muscle above the heel, connecting the heel to the muscles in the lower part of the leg

achro-matic *adj* (**F** *achromatique*, **Gr** ἀχρόματος colourless, *ἀ* priv+χρώμα colour; 18c); **F** achromatique, **S** acromático/a, **I** acromatico/a, **G** achromatisch, farblos; free from colour, *achromatic lens*

achy, see **ache**

acid *n adj* (**F** *acide*, **L** *acidus*, from *acēre* to be sour; 17c); **F** acide, **S** ácido/a, agrio/a, **I** acido/a, aspro/a, **G** sauer, streng, *n* Säure f; a) *n* a chemical substance with a *ph* value, *acetic acid*, b) *adj* containing acid, *an acid substance*, fig. *an acid remark* ***acid-ic** *adj* very sour

***acid-ify** *vt/i* (**F** *acidifier*, **ModL** *acid-um+-fy* to make; 18c); **F** acidifier, **S** acidificar, **I** inacidire, rendere acido, **G** (an)säuern, sauer machen, *intr* sauer werden; to make a substance become acid

***acid-ity** *n* (**F** *acidité*, **L** *aciditat-em*; 18c); **F** acidité f, **S** acidez f, fig. acritud f, acromonia f, **I** acidità f, fig. acrimonia f, **G** Säure f, Azidität f; the condition of being acid, *gastric acidity*; **acid-ly** *adv*, *she responded acidly*

***acid-u-lous** *adj* (**L** *acidulus* slightly sour; 18c); **F** acidulé/e, **S** ácido/a, **I** acidulo/a, **G** leicht sauer, säuerlich; lightly acid, *an acidulous comment*

ac-know-ledge *v* (*ad+knowledge*, see *know*; 16c); **F** reconnaître, avouer, **S** reconocer, admitir, **I** ammettere, riconoscere, **G** anerkennen, zugeben; to admit, *he acknowledged his error*, to express gratitude, to thank, *he acknowledged the help of the consulting editor*; to **acknowledge receipt** of sth, to let the sender know that you have received something

***ac-know-ledge-ment**, **acknowledgment** (*acknowledge+ment*; late 16c); **F** reconnaissance f, aveu m, constatation f, **S** reconocimiento m, confesión f, **I** riconoscimento m, ammissione f, ringraziamento m, **G** Anerkennung f, Bekenntnis n; admission that sth is true, *acknowledgement of his own errors*, expression of thanks, *acknowledgement of someone's contribution*

acme *n* (**Gr** ἀκμή point, edge, first spelt as English in 1620); **F** comble m (de perfection), sommet m de gloire, **S** colmo m, cima f, **I** culmine m, punto culminante m, **G** Gipfel m, Höhepunkt m; the highest point, the perfection of sth, the acme of perfection, *the acme of success*

acne *n* (**ModL** *acne*, **Gr** ἀκμή eruption of the face; 19c); **F** acné f, **S** acné m, **I** acne f, **G** Akne f; a tumour of the skin, which causes red spots in the face, esp of young people

aco-lyte *n* (**OF** *acolyt*, **EclL** *acolytus*, **Gr** ἀκόλουθος an attendant, follower; 16c); **F** acolyte, **S** acólito/a, **I** accólito/a, chierico m, **G** Meßgehilfe m, Altardiener m; a follower performing minor duties in religious ceremonies

acorn *n* (**OE** *æcern*, later as *oak-corn* fruit of the oak; see Danish *agern*, **Norw** *aakorn*, **Dutch** *aker*); **F** gland m (de chêne), **S** bellota f, **I** ghianda f, **G** Eichel f; the fruit of an oak tree

acous-tic *adj* (**F** *acoustique*, **Gr** ἀκουστικός, *of or for hearing*, from ἀκούειν to hear; 17c); **F** acoustique, **S** acustico/a, **I** acustico/a, **G** akustisch; relating to sound, *an acoustic signal*

***acous-tics** *n* (*also acous-tic*, used on analogy with *politics*, *mathematics*, etc; late 17c) *n*; **F** acoustique f, **S** acústica f, **I** acustica f, **G** Akustik f; the science of sounds, the way in which sounds are heard, *the acoustics of the Roman theatre in Ostia Antica*

ac-quaint *vt* (**OF** *acointier*, **ModF** *s'acointer*, **MedL** *accognitāre* to make known, *ad+cognoscēre* to know; 13c); **F** informer (quelqu'un de quelque chose), **S** avisar, informar (a uno de), **I** informare (qualcuno di qualcosa), **G** bekannt machen; to give someone information about something, *he was acquainted with the real situation of the budget*

***ac-quaint-ance** *n* (**OF** *acointance*, see *acquaint v+-nce*; late 14c); **F** connaissance f, **S** conocimiento m, **I** conoscenza f, **G** Bekanntschaft f; a person you know, *he is an acquaintance of mine*; to **make the acquaintance** to get acquainted with someone or something;

***ac-quaint-ance-ship** *n* the state of being acquainted, *a professional acquaintanceship*

***ac-quaint-ed** *adj*, to be, or become, or get acquainted with someone or something, *Peter and Catherine got acquainted in Dublin*

ac-qui-esce ----- *v/i* (**MF** *acquiescer*, **L** *acquiescēre*, *ad+quiescēre* to rest, to agree tacitly; 17c); **F** acquiescer, donner son assentement m, **S** consentir, asentir, **I** consentire, accettare (tacitamente), **G** sich fügen (in+acc), hinnehmen; to comply (with sth), to assent, *he acquiesced to his wife's decision*

***ac-qui-es-cence** *n* the action of acquiescing, *John's acquiescence in his wife's arrogance*

***acquiescent** *adj* inclined to acquiesce, *an acquiescent nature*

ac-quire *v tr* (**OF** *acquerre*, **L** *acquirere* to acquire, *ad+quaerere* to seek, to try to obtain; 15c); **F** acquérir, **S** adquirir, obtener, conseguir, **I** acquistare, acquire *formal*, entrare in possesso di, **G** erwerben, erreichen; to buy, to come into possession of sth, *my great grandfather acquired this estate in 1904*; ***acquisition** *n* the act of acquiring; ***acquirer** *n* one who acquires

***ac-qui-si-tion** *n* (**L** *acquisition-em*, from *acquirere*, see **acquire**; 14c); **F** acquisition f, **S** adquisición f, **I** acquisizione f *formal*, **G** Erwerbung f; the act of acquiring or getting possession of sth, *the acquisition of property*, fig. *acquisition of knowledge, of information*; ***ac-quisi-tive** *adj* eager to possess, *an acquisitive mentality*

ac-quit *v* (**OF** *a(c)quitter*, **ML** *acquītāre* to acquit, to pay a debt, *ac ad+quitare*, **L** *quietāre* to settle, see **quit**; 13c); **F** acquitter, décharger d'une accusation f, **S** absolver de, exonerar de, **I** assolvere, prosciogliere, **G** freisprechen (von); *law* declare innocent, *the defendant was acquitted of all the charges*; **acquit oneself well**, perform in a way that other people admire

***ac-quit-tal** *n* **F** acquittement m, décharge f, **S** absolución f, exculpación f, **I** assoluzione f, proscioglimento m, ricevuta f, **G** Freisprechung f; in a court of law, a statement that someone is not guilty, *the trial ended in acquittal*

***acquittance** a settlement of a debt, a receipt which states that a debt has been settled

acre *n* (**OE** *æcer*, **ON** *akr*, **OS** *akkar*, **OHG** *achar*, **L** *ager*, **Gr** ἀγρός, mostly in *pl*, fields, lands, a piece of land of definite size); **F** arpent m, **S** acre m, **I** ācro m, **G** Akre m; a piece of arable land, of 4047 square metres; ***acre-age** *n* extent in acres, *acreage of an estate*

acrid ----- *adj* (a recent formation from L *acr-is*, nominative of *acer* sharp, ModF *âcre*; early 18c); **F** *âcre*, *acerbe*, **S** *acre*, *punzante*, *fig.* *áspero/a*, **I** *acre*, *pungente*, **G** *scharf*, *beißend*; bitter to the taste or to the smell, *acrid smoke*, *acrid cigarettes fumes*

***acrimo-nious** *adj* (see **acrimony**); **F** *acrimonieux/euse*, **S** *áspero/a*, *mordaz*, *cáustico/a*, **I** *acrimonioso/a*, *aspro/a*, **G** *scharf*, *bitter*; bitter, angry, *the acrimonious separation between Peter and Sara*

***acrimony** ----- *n* (F *acrimonie*, L *acrimōnia*, from *acer* sharp; see the stem *acri*, hence **acrid**; 16c); **F** *acrimonie* f, **S** *acrimonia* f, *acritud* f, **I** *acrimonia* f, *acredine* f, **G** *Schärfe* f, *Bitterkeit* f; angry, bitter feeling, *there was much acrimony between John and Louise after the divorce*

acro-bat ----- *n* (F *acrobate*, Gr *ἀκροβάτης*, *ἀκρόβατος* walking on tiptoe, from *ἄκρος* topmost + *βαίνειν* to walk; 19c); **F** *acrobate* m/f, **S** *acróbata* m/f, **I** *acróbata* m/f, **G** *Akrobat* m; one who does acrobatic exercises, as jumping through the air, etc; ***acro-bat-ic** *adj*

***acro-bat-ics** ----- *n* **F** *acrobatic* f, **S** *acrobacia* f, *acrobatismo* m, **I** *acrobazie* f/pl, *acrobática* f, **G** *Akrobatik* f; the art or performance of an acrobat

acronym *n* (Gr *ἄκρον* point+*ὄνομα* name, after *homonym*; 20c); **F** *acronyme* m, *sigle* f, **S** *acrónimo* m, *sigla* f, **I** *acrónimo* m, *sigla* f, **G** *Akronym* n, *Initialwort* n; an abbreviation consisting of the initial letters of the words designating an organization, etc, *eg* NATO, *North Atlantic Treaty Organization*

acro-polis *n* (Gr *ἄκρος* topmost+*πόλις* city, the topmost part of a city, especially of a Grecian city; 19c); **F** *acropole* f, **S** *acropolis* f, **I** *acròpoli* f, **G** *Akropolis* f; the elevated part, the citadel, *the acropolis of Athens*

across *adv* (OF *a croix*, *en croix*, a prep+*cross*, L *crux* cross; 13c); **F** *à/en travers* (de), **S** *a través*, *al través*, **I** *attraverso*, *dall'altro lato di*, **G** *durch*, *jenseits auf der anderen Seite*; from one side to the other, at the other side of, *across the street*, *across the river*

acryl-ic *adj* (L *acer* sharp+*olēre* to smell; 20c); **F** *acrylique*, **S** *acrílico/a*, **I** *acrilico/a*, **G** *Akriksäure*.....; containing acrylic acid, *an acrylic tissue*, *an acrylic pullover*

ACT acronym for Australian Capital Territory

act ----- *n* (OF *acte*, L *act*, pple of *agēre* to drive, carry on, do, Gr *ἄγειν*, late 14c); **F** *acte* m, **S** *acto* m, *acción* f, **I** *atto* m, *azione* f, **G** *Akt* m, *Tat* f, *Werk* n; something done or performed, *an act of arrogance*, *an act of terrorism*

act *v* **F** *agir*, **S** *representar*, *hacer*, **I** *agire* *operare*, **G** *spielen*, *handeln*, *tätig sein*; to do sth, to carry on sth, *the rescuers acted quickly*, *Peter acted patiently towards his estranged wife*

***act-ing** -----*n/adj* **F** *intérimaire*, *gérant/e*, *provisoire*, **S** *interino/a*, *suplente*, *provisional*, **I** *pro-tempore*, *interinale*, *provvisorio/a*, **G** *stellvertretend*, *amtierend*; one who does a job temporarily, to replace the usual person, or until someone is appointed, *acting professor*, *acting manager*, etc

***action** *n* (F *action*, L *actiōn-em*, from *agēre* to do; see **act**); the action emphasizes the process of doing something, *a plan of action*, *to take action*, *legal action*; ***action-packed** containing exciting events, *an action-packed film*; ***action replay** repeated showing of an action in a film ***action stations** positions that soldiers, police, etc, take when getting ready for a particular action, for fighting, etc

***action-able** *adj* *law*, something that gives a valid action for bringing a legal case against someone, *an actionable remark*, *an actionable act*

ac-ti-vate ----- *vt* (L, see *active+ate* to move to activity; 17c); **F** *activer*, *déclencher* (un mécanisme), **S** *activar*, **I** *attivare*, **G** *aktivieren*, *in Betrieb setzen*; make sth start working, *to activate the alarm*, *to activate a chemical reaction*

***active** *adj* (L *actīvus*, see **act** *v*; 14c); **F** *actif/ive*, **S** *activo/a*, **I** *attivo/a*, **G** *tätig*, *geschäftig*; that is in a state of action, *active life*, *active participation to the political debate*

***active-ly** *adv*; ***active service**, military service, *esp* during a war, *Francis was on active service in the army for several years*

***act-iv-ist** *n* one who takes part in activities aiming at achieving political and social change; ***act-iv-ity** *n* state of action

***actor** *n/m*, **act-ress** *n/f*; **F** *acteur/trice*, **S** *actor/actriz*, **I** *attore/attrice*, **G** *Schauspieler/in*; a man/a woman who acts in plays, in films, in television

ac-tual ----- *adj* (OF *actuel*, LL *actuālis*, from *actus* acting, *agēre* to do, see **act**; 14c); **F** *réel/elle*, *véritable*, **S** *real*, *efectivo/a*, **I** *reale*, *effettivo/a*, **G** *wirklich*, *tatsächlich*; existing, real, *the actual situation*, *the actual number of immigrants in the European Community*

***ac-tual-ity** ----- *n* (MedL *actualitāt-em*, *actuālis*, *actual+ity*; late 14c); **F** *réalité* f, *actualité* f, **S** *realidad* f, **I** *realità* f, *attualità* f, **G** *Wirklichkeit* f, *Tatsachen* f/pl; that is real, actually existing, *the present actuality*, *the actuality of a project*

***ac-tual-ize** ----- *v* (*actual+ize*; early 19c); **F** *actualiser*, *rendre actuel*, **S** *realizar*, **I** *realizzare*, *attuare*, **G** *verwirklichen*, *realistisch darstellen*; to make a plan become true, real, *Peter actualized his project*

***ac-tual-ly** ----- *adv* **F** *réellement*, *en réalité*, **S** *realmente*, *efectivamente*, **I** *realmente*, *veramente*, **G** *wirklich*, *tatsächlich*; in fact, in reality (used to emphasize a circumstance), *I actually saw John and Joan*

***ac-tu-ary** *n* (L *actuārius* keeper of accounts, from *actum* pl *acta* documents deeds etc; 16c); **F** *actuaire* m, **S** *actuario* m, **I** *attuario*, **G** *Versicherungsstatistischer* m, a person employed, especially in insurance companies, to calculate costs and risks ***ac-tu-ate** *v* (*actuat-*, stem of ML *actuāre*, from *actus* act; 16c); **F** *mettre en action*, *faire marcher* (une machine), **S** *mover*, *estimular*, **I** *mettere in moto*, *stimolare*, **G** *in Gang bringen*, *antreiben*, *betätigen*; to put into action, to make to operate, *eg* a mechanical device, *to actuate an electric engine*

acu-ity ----- *n* (F *acuité*, ML *acuitas*, from *acuēre* to sharpen, see **acute**; 16c); **F** *acuité* f, **S** *acuidad* f, *agudeza* f, **I** *acutezza* f, **G** *Schärfe* f; keenness, acuteness, *visual acuity*, *fig.* *acuity of ideas*, *of hearing*, *of judgment*, *of mind*

***acu-men** ----- *n* (L *acumen* acuteness, sharpness, from *acuēre* sharpen; 16c); **F** *perspicacité* f, **S** *perspicacia* f, *agudeza* f, **I** *acume* m, *perspicacia* f, **G** *Scharfsinn* m; ability to think quickly, to judge well, *financial*, *professional acumen*

***acu-min-ate** ----- *adj* (L *acuminatus*, LL *acumināre* to sharpen, see **acumen**; 17c); **F** *acuminé/e*, *à la pointe acérée*, **S** *acuminado/a*, *puntiagudo/a*, **I** *acuminato/a*, *appuntito/a*, **G** *scharf*, *zugespitz*; sharp, *an acuminate leaf*, *an acuminate sword*

acu·punc·ture ----- *n* (L *acū(s)* needle+puncture; 17c); **F** acupuncture *f*, **S** acupuntura *f*, **I** agopuntura *f*, **G** Akupunktur *f*, Nadelpunktierung *f*; a treatment which consists in putting needles in special parts of the body, *acupuncture is practised particularly in China*; ***acu·punc·tur·ist** *n* one who makes acupuncture

acute *adj* (L *acūtus*, pple of *acuēre* to sharpen, see *acus* needle; 16c); **F** aigu/e, intense, **S** agudo/a, **I** acuto/a, **G** scharf; very intelligent, *an acute mind*, intense *an acute pain*, math *acute angle*; **acute·ly** *adv*

AD *Anno Domini*, ie after the birth of Jesus Christ

ad *informal* advertisement

adage ----- *n* (F *adage*, L *adagium*, *ad+agium*, related to *aio* I say; 16c); **F** adage *m*, **S** adage *m*, dicho *m*, refrán *m*, **I** (vecchio) *adagio m*, **G** Sprichwort *n*; a phrase saying sth wise about human life, *the old adage don't foul your nest*

adagio ----- *n mus* (I *adagio*, *ad+agio* ease, OF *aise*; 18c); a piece of music played in a slow tempo

ad·am·ant *adj/n* (OE *adamans* from MedL, OF *adamaunt*, L *adamant* diamond, Gr *ἀδάμαντ- ἀδάμας* unconquerable); **F** inflexible, intransigent/e, **S** inflexible, inexorable, **I** inflessibile, inesorabile, **G** steinhart, unerbittlich; determined not to change opinion, *the administrator has been adamant on this point*

adapt ----- *vt* (OF *adapter*, L *adaptāre*, *ad* to+*aptāre* fit, from *aptus* fit, suitable; 17c); **F** adapter, **S** adaptar, acomodar, **I** adattare, **G** anpassen, angleichen (an+acc); to make suitable for a new situation, *he adapted himself to the new accommodation*, to change something to make it suitable, *to adapt a novel for the stage*

***adapt·able** -----*adj* **F** adaptable, adjustable, **S** adaptable, **I** adattabile, **G** anpassungsfähig; that can be adapted

***adapt·a·tion**, *n* ***adaptation**, rare, for **adaptation**; ***adapted** *adj*

***adapt·ive** ----- *adj* possessing an ability to adapt to different conditions

***adapt·tor** -----*n* **adapter** **F** adaptateur *m*, raccord *m*, prise *f* multiple, **S** reductor *m*, adaptador *m*, **I** riduttore *m*, raccordo *m*, **G** Reduktor *m*; a device for connecting pieces of electrical equipment

ADC aide-de-camp

add ----- *v* (L *addēre*, *ad+dare* give; 14c); **F** ajouter (à), **S** sumar, **I** aggiungere, **G** hinzufügen; to put sth else, *to add salt to the water when boiling*; mat *add 12 to 19 to make 31*; to say sth more, *he added that he was leaving for Italy the next Monday*

ad·den·dum *n pl* ***addenda** (L, gerundive of *addēre* to add; 18c); **F** addition *f*, supplément *m*, **S** a(d)denda *f*, adición *f*, **I** aggiunta *f*, appendice *f*, **G** Zusatz *m*, Nachtrag *f*; thing to be added, sth that has been added to a book or to a document

adder ----- *n* (OE *næd(d)re*, Dutch *adder*); **F** vipère *f*, **S** víbora *f*, **I** vipera *f*, **G** Otter *f*, Viper *f*; a poisonous viper, commonly found in Europe

ad·dict¹ ----- *n* (L *addictus*, from *addicēre*, *ad+dicēre*, to assign; 16c); **F** personne adonnée à, **S** adicto/a *a*, que tiene el vicio de, **I** persona dedita a (un vizio), **G** [Droge-abhängig--- -- ----- ?????]]]; someone who is unable to stop taking drugs;

addict² *v* **F** être adonné à (l'alcool, etc), **S** ser adicto/a, **I** essere dedito a (un vizio), **G**.....; ***ad·dic·ted** *adj*

***ad·dic·tive** *n/adj* a substance, generally a drug, which you cannot stop taking, *alcohol is an addictive*; ***ad·dic·tion** the condition of being addicted to sth, *addiction to alcohol*

add·ition ----- *n* (L *additio*, from *addēre*, see **add**; 15c); **F** addition *f*, **S** suma, adición *f*, **I** addizione *f*, somma *f*, **G** Hinzufügung *f*, Ergänzung *f*; the act of adding, esp numbers, *additions and subtractions*, fig. *your book is a fine addition to the literature on the subject*

***add·ition·al** *adj* sth more than was expected

***addi·tive** *n* a substance added to food to improve its taste, *this wine contains chemical additives*

ad·dle *vt/i* old fashioned (OE *adela* mud, cognate with Middle Dutch *adel* liquid, Old Sw *-adel* urine); **F** confondre, étourdir, **S** confundir, frastornar, **I** confondere, stordire, frastornare, **G** verwirren; to confuse, *wine addled my brain*; ***ad·dled** *adj*

¹**ad·dress** -----*vt/i* (OF *adresser*, late vulgar L *addriciāre* to direct to, *ad* to+*drictiāre* to make right, see **dress** and **direct**, L *directus*; 14c); **F** adresser (une lettre), **S** dirigir, **I** indirizzare, **G** adressieren, richten (an+acc); [[several meanings, eg *we must address this problem*]]]]

²**address** *n* **F** adresse *f*, **S** dirección *f*, **I** indirizzo *m*, **G** Adresse *f*; the name of a person, the number of the house and the road of a person to whom you send a letter, a parcel, etc

***ad·dress·ee** *nm/f* **F** destinataire *m/f*, **S** destinatario/a, **I** destinatário/a, **G** Adressat *m*; the person to whom a letter is directed

ad·duce ----- *vt* (L *adducēre* to bring, to induce to believe, *ad+ducēre* to bring to; 15c); **F** alléguer, apporter (des raisons), **S** alegar, aducir, **I** allegare, addurre, **G** beibringen; to offer example, reasons, etc, *different reasons were adduced for this decision*

ad·en·oids ----- *n* (Gr *ἀδην* gland+*-ειδής*; 19c); **F** végétations *f/pl*, **S** vegetaciones *f/pl*, adenoidas *f/pl*, **I** adenoidi *f/pl*, **G** Polypen *m/pl* (in der Nase); a tissue overgrown at the back of the throat, which restricts breathing; ***ad·en·oidal** *adj*

adept ----- *adj/n* (L *adeptus*, pple of *adipisci* to attain, acquire; 17c); **F** expert/e, habile, **S** experto/a, hábil, **I** esperto/a, abile, **G** Meister *m*, Experte *m*; well skilled in doing sth, *adept at using software programmes*, *a handful of adepts will perform the operation*

ade·quate ----- *adj* (L *adæquāt-us*, pple of *adæquāre* to equalize, *ad* to+*equus* equal; 17c); **F** adéquat/e, suffisant/e, **S** adecuado/a, proporcionado/a, **I** adeguato/a, idoneo/a, **G** angemessen, entsprechend; satisfactory, enough, *an adequate knowledge of the subject*, *an adequate skill*

ad·here ----- *v/i* (OF *adhérer*, L *adhærēre*, *ad+hærēre* to stick; 16c); **F** adhérer à, se coller à, **S** adherirse a, **I** aderire a, **G** kleben, haften (an+dat); to stick to, *this glue makes the tiles adhere to the wall*, fig. *to adhere to a political party*, *to a religious faith*

***ad·her·ence** ----- *n* **F** adhérence *f*, **S** adherencia *f*, adhesión *f*, **I** aderenza *f*, **G** Haften *n*; the action of sticking firmly, *the adherence of the tiles to the wall*, fig. the action of adhering, *Peter's adherence to the law*

***ad·her·ent** ----- *adj* **F** adhérent/ente, **S** adhesivo/a, **I** aderente, **G** (an)haftend, anklebend, festhaltend, anhänglich; which adheres, *an adherent surface*,

***ad·her·ent** -----*n* someone who supports a political party or a religious faith, *an adherent of the Labour Party*

***ad·he·sion** ----- *n* **F** adhérence *f*, adhésion *f*, **S** adherencia *f*, adhesión *f*, **I** adesione *f*, aderenza *f*, **G** Anhaften *n*,

Adhäsion f; ability to stick, *adhesion of the resin to the surface*

***ad·he·sive** *adj* n **F** adhésif/ive, **S** adhesivo/a, **I** adesivo/a, **G** (an)haftend, gummiert; a substance, generally a glue, which makes things stick together

ad hoc ----- *adv* (L *for this purpose*; 17c); thing done only when necessary, or for a particular purpose, *an ad hoc committee*

adieu ----- *interj* n (F *'I commend you' à Dieu*, L *Deus*, to God; 14c); **F** adieu m, **S** adios m/pl, **I** addio m, **G** Lebenwohl n; to say good by, farewell, *he bid adieu to his girl friend*

ad in·fin·itum ----- *adv* (L *ad to+infinitum* eternity; 17c); **F** à l'infini, **S** a lo infinito, hasta el infinito, **I** all'infinito, **G** endlos, ad infinitum; without ending, again and again, *I will repeat this ad infinitum*

ad in·ter·im ----- *adj/adv* (L *ad to+interim* meanwhile; 18c); **F** par interim, **S** en el ínterin, interinamente, **I** ad interim, **G** Interim m, Zwischenzeit f, verläufig *adj*; in the meantime, temporarily, *an appointment ad interim, an ad interim government*

ad·ja·cent ----- *adj* (L *adjacēre* to lie next, *ad* near+*jacēre* to lie; 15c); **F** adjacent/e, contigu/e, **S** adyacente, contiguo/a, **I** adiacente, contiguo/a, **G** angrenzend; contiguous, *the shop adjacent my home*

ad·jec·tive -----n *gramm*, a word which defines a noun or a pronoun

ad·join ----- *vt* (MF *adjoindre*, L *adjungēre*, *ad+jungēre* to join; 14c); **F** avoisiner, être contigu à, **S** estar contiguo à, **I** essere contiguo, confinare, **G** (an)grenzen an (+acc); to be very near, to unite, *the walls of the two houses adjoin closely*

ad·journ -----*vt* (MF *adjourner*, *ad to+ diurnum* day; 14c); **F** ajourner, renvoyer, **S** prorrogar, diferir, **I** aggiornare, rinviare, differire, **G** aufschieben, vertagen; to postpone, to adjourn a meeting, *the court adjourned the hearing*

ad·judge ----- *vt* (OF *ajuger*, L *adjudicāre* to assign, to attribute; 14c); **F** déclarer (coupable), **S** decider, adjudicar, **I** dichiarare, giudicare, **G** entscheiden (über+acc); determine judicially, officially, *the accused was adjudged guilty*

ad·ju·di·cate *vt/i* (L *adjudicāre*, *ad+judicāre*, from *judex* judge; 18c); **F** juger, décider, **S** sentenciar, decidir, **I** giudicare, decidere, **G** als Schiedsrichter entscheiden; to award judicially, to act as a judge, *the President of the Board adjudicated the dispute*

ad·junct *n adj* (L *adjungēre*, *ad+jungēre* to connect, to add; 16c); **F** adjoint/e, **S** adjunto/a, accessorio/a, **I** adj accessorio/a, n aggiunta f, **G** n Zusatz m, n Beigabe f, sth that is added, *an adjunct to my ordinary life*

ad·jure *v* (L *adjurāre* swear, to affirm with an oath, *ad to+jurāre* to swear, from *jus* oath; 14c); **F** ordonner, commander, **S** ordenar solemnemente, **I** comandare, **G** beschwören, inständig bitten; order someone to do sth, *the chairmant adjured him to answer the question*

ad·just *v* (OF *adjuster*, after *juste*, LL *adjustāre*, L *iustus* legitimate, lawful; 17c); **F** ajuster, régler, **S** ajustar, arreglar, componer, **I** aggiustare, regolare, comporre, **G** regulieren, ordnen, berichtigen; to arrange, to harmonize, *he adjusted himself to the new situation*, to make something more suitable, ---- ---- ---- ---- ----; ***ad·just·able** *adj*, that can be adjusted

***ad·just·ment** ----- *n* **F** ajustement m, rectification f, **S** composición f, resolución f, adaptación f, **I** aggiustamento m, sistemazione f, composizione f, **G** Anpassung f, Regelung f,

Beilegung f; the action of adjusting, settling, composing, *an adjustment of the differences between husband and wife*

ad·ju·tant ----- *n* (L *adjutāre*, to assist, to help; 17c); **F** capitaine m adjudant major, officier adjoint, **S** ayudante m, **I** aiutante m (di campo), **G** Adjudant m; an army officer, with administrative tasks, who helps an officer of a higher rank

ad lib ----- *adj/n* (from New Latin *ad libitum*, at one's pleasure; 18c); **F** improvisé/e, **S** a discreción, **I** improvvisato/a, estemporaneo/a, **G** improvisiert; not duly prepared or planned, *adj an ad-lib speech*, n *one of John's usual ad-libs*

ad·lib ----- *v* **F** improviser, **S** improvisar, **I** improvvisare, **G** improvisieren; to say things not duly prepared or planned, *to ad-lib a speech, to ad-lib an answer*

ad·man pl **admen**, *inf, abbr* for 'advertisements-man'

admin *inf abbr* for **administration**

ad·min·is·ter ----- *vt/i* (OF *aministrer*, L *ad+ministrāre* to assist, to manage the affairs of; late 14c); **F** gérer, administrer, **S** administrar, regir, **I** amministrare, somministrare (una medicina), **G** verwalten, Recht sprechen; the action of administering, of managing the affairs of a company, of an organization, *the company was administered by a Board of Trustees*, law to administer justice, rel to administer the sacraments

***ad·min·is·tra·tion** ----- *n* (L *administratiōn-em*; late 14c); **F** administration f, **S** administración f, gobierno m, **I** amministrazione f, gestione f, **G** Verwaltung f; the branch of an organization which manages the affairs, the business, etc, fig, *administration of current affairs*

***ad·min·is·tra·tive** ----- *adj* (L *administrativus*; 18c); **F** administratif/ive, **S** administrativo/a, **I** amministrativo/a, **G** verwaltend/e; relating to administration, *the administrative branch of the company*

***ad·min·is·tra·tor** *n* (L *administrator*, one who has charge (of an operation), a director; 15c); **F** administrateur/trice, **S** administrador/ora, **I** amministratore/trice, **G** Verwalter; one who manages the business of an organization, of a company, etc, *a new administrator has been appointed*

***admirable** ----- *adj* (OF *amirable*, L *admirabil-em*, from *admirāri*, see *admire+able*, see **admire** and **admiration**; late 16c); **F** admirable, **S** admirable, **I** ammirabile, **G** Bewunderungswert; deserving admiration, *an admirable behaviour*; ***admirably** *adv*

ad·miral ----- *n* (F *amiral*, Arabic *amir-al* an Emir, Saracen commander under the Sultan, MedL *a(d)mirālis*; 13c); **F** amiral m, **S** almirante m, **I** ammiraglio m, **G** Admiral m; senior naval officer, in command of a fleet, *Admiral Nelson*; ***Admiral of the Fleet** an Admiral of the highest rank; ***Ad·mir·alty** **F** Ministère m de la Marine, **S** Ministerio m de Marina, **I** Ammiragliato m, Ministero m della Marina, **G** Admiralsamt m; the government department responsible for the British navy

ad·mir·ation ----- *n* (L *admiratiōn-em*, from *admirāri* to marvel or wonder (at), see **admirable**; 15c); **F** admiration f, **S** admiración f, **I** ammirazione f, **G** Bewunderung f; the action of admiring, feeling of liking, of approval, *Vincent's admiration for John Milton's poetry*

***ad·mire** *vt* (OF *amirer*, L *admirāri*, *ad+mirāri* to wonder at, *adj mirus* wonderful; 16c); **F** admirer, **S** admirar, **I** ammirare, **G** bewundern; to like, to approve of someone or sth, *I highly admire Dr Johnson's prose style*

***ad·mirer** *n* **F** admirateur/trice, **S** admirador/ora, **I** ammiratore/trice, **G** Bewunderer; one who admires, *an admirer of Raphael's paintings*

ad·mis·sion ----- *n* (L *admissio*, from *admittēre* to admit, to receive; 15c); **F** admission f, accès m, **S** entrada f, ingreso m, **I** ammissione f, accesso m, ingresso m, **G** Einlaß m, Eintritt m; the action of admitting that something is true, *admission of responsibility*, permission to enter a place, *John was refused admission to the club*, the cost of entrance, *admission fees*

***ad·mis·sible** ----- *adj* **F** acceptable, *law* recevable, **S** ammissible, acceptable, **I** ammissibile, accettabile, *law* ricevibile, **G** zulässig, erlaubt; that can be admitted, allowed, *law the judge declared the petition admissible*

***admit** ----- (L *admittēre*, *ad+mittēre* send; 15c); **F** admettre, laisser entrer, **S** admittir, dar entrada a, hacer pasar, **I** ammettere, far entrare, **G** zulassen, erlauben; to let someone enter a place, *he was admitted to the club*, to admit that sth is true, etc, *he admitted telling a lie*

***ad·mit·tance** ----- *n* **F** permission f d'entrer, accès m, **S** entrada f, derecho m de entrada, **I** accesso (a), entrata f, **G** Zulassung f, Zutritt m; *formal*, permission to enter a place, *no admittance, admittance to the club only for adults*

***ad·mit·ted·ly** *adv* **F** de l'aveu m général, **S** de acuerdo que, se reconoce que, **I** dichiaratamente, **G** anerkenntmaßen; an admission that sth is true, *admittedly, he is a liar*

ad·mix ----- *v* (*ad+mix*, L *admiscēre*, *ad* to+*mix* to add as an ingredient, to mix; 16c); **F** mélanger, **S** adicionar, **I** mescolare, **G** beimischen; to mix something with something else

***ad·mix·ture** ----- *n* (L *ad+mixture*, see prec; 17c); **F** mélange m, **S** adición f, mezcla f, **I** miscela f, mistura f, **G** Beimischung f, Mischung f; *formal*, a substance added to another substance, *an admixture of wine and water*

ad·mon·ish ----- *vt* (OF *amonester*, VL *admonestāre*, *ad+monēre* to remind, to give advice; 14c); **F** admonester, reprendre, faire des remontrances à, **S** reprender, amonestar, **I** ammonire, riprendere, **G** (er)mahnen, dringend raten; to warn, to express disapproval, *Louis was admonished by the headmaster*

***ad·mon·ition** *n* (OF *amonition*, L *admonitiōn-em*, from *admonēre*; 14c); **F** remontrance f, admonestation f, réprimande f, **S** reprensión f, amonestación f, advertencia f, **I** ammonizione f, avvertenza f, **G** Ermahnung f; the action of admonishing, of warning, *the admonition of a father to a son*

***ad·moni·tory** ----- *adj* (L *admonitōrius*; late 16c); **F** réprobateur/trice, admonitif/ive, **S** admonitorio/a, **I** ammonitore/trice, **G** warnend, ermahnend; *formal* expressing admonition, *an admonitory remark, an admonitory look*

ad nau·seam ----- *adv* (L *to the nausea* sickness, see **nausea**; 17c); **F** jusqu'à la nausée f, à satiété, **S** hasta la saciedad, **I** fino alla nausea, **G** zum Erbrechen; to say sth ad nauseam, to say the same thing repeatedly, as to bore the hearers, *John repeated the same remarks ad nauseam*

ado ----- *n* (*at+do*, northern dialect for **to do**, cf **F avoir à faire**; 13c); **F** agitation f, bruit m, **S** dificultad f, trabajo m, **I** agitazione f, trambusto m, **G** Verwirrung f; trouble, excitement, *much ado about nothing*

adobe ----- *n* (LL *adobāre*, Arabic-Hispanic *aṭṭūb*, Arabic *al ṭūb*; 19c); **F** adobe m, **S** adobe m, **I** adobe m, **G** Adobe n; in Mexico, a brick made of straw and earth, and dried in the sun, *adobe bricks, walls made of adobe*

ado·les·cence ----- *n* (see next); **F** adolescence f, **S** adolescencia f, **I** adolescenza f, **G** jugendliches Alter n; the age of adolescence, between 11 and 18, when a child is developing into adult

***ado·les·cent** ----- *n* (OF *adolescent*, L *adolescēre*, *ad+alescēre* grow up; 15c); **F** adolescent/e, **S** adolescente, **I** adolescente, **G** Jugendlicher; a young person, in the age of adolescence, *adj* relating to the period of adolescence

adopt ----- *v* (OF *adopter*, L *adoptāre*, *ad+optāre* to choose for oneself; 16c); **F** adopter, **S** adoptar, **I** adottare, **G** adoptieren; to take someone's else child, and legally become its parent, *Annette and Catherine were adopted by Peter*, fig to adopt an approach, a plan, a credence, *Bernard adopted Socialism as his faith*

***adopt·ed** ----- *adj* **F** adopté/e, **S** adoptivo/a, **I** adottivo/a, **G** adoptive, angenommen; he/she who has been adopted, *Annette is Peter's adopted daughter*

***adopt·ion** ----- *n* **F** adoption f, **S** adopción f, **I** adozione f, **G** Adoption f; the act of adopting a child, *the adoption of two daughters*, the act of starting to use a plan, etc, *the adoption of a new plan of action, of a religious faith*

***adopt·ive** ----- *adj* **F** adoptif/ive, **S** adoptivo/a, **I** adottivo/a, **G** Adoptivelterm m/pl; a parent related by adoption, an adoptive parent, *Peter is Annette's and Catherine's adoptive parent*

ador·able ----- *adj* (L *adorābilis*, from *adorāre*, see **adore**); **F** adorable, **S** adorable, **I** adorabile, **G** liebenswert; an adorable person is an attractive person, a person one likes very much, *the adorable Catherine*

***ad·ora·tion** ----- *n* (L *adoratiōn-em*, see **adore**; 16c); **F** adoration f, **S** adoración f, **I** adorazione f, **G** Anbetung f, (innige) Liebe f; a feeling of great love and admiration, *Catherine's adoration for Peter*, lit the worship of a god, *the adoration of primitive gods*

***adore** ----- *v* (OF *a(d)ourer*, L *adorāre*, *ad* to+*orāre* speak to, LL to worship, to supplicate (a person, a god); 14c); **F** adorer, **S** adorar, **I** adorare, **G** anbeten, (tief) bewundern; to love, to like someone very much, *Peter adores his wife*

***ador·ing** *adj* **F** adorant/e, *n* adorateur/trice, **S** lleno de adoración f, **I** che adora, **G** anbetend, bewundernd; liking, admiring, *an adoring mother*

adorn ----- *v* (OF *aourner*, L *adornāre*, *ad* to+*ornāre* embellish; 14c); **F** orner, embellir, **S** adornar, ornar, embellecer, **I** ornare, adornare, abbellire, **G** schmücken, verschönen; embellish, decorate, *to adorn a room with paintings*

ad·rena·lin, **ad·rena·line** ----- *n* (*adrenal+in*, from *renal* relating to the kidney, L *renes*; 20c); **F** adrenaline f, **S** adrenalina f, **I** adrenalina f, **G** Adrenalin n; a hormone secreted in the adrenal glands

adrift ----- *adv* (*a+drift*; 17c); **F** à la dérive, **S** a la deriva, **I** alla deriva, **G** (umher)treibend, Wind und Wellen preisgegeben; said of a boat, *the ship was adrift*, ie at the mercy of streams and winds

adroit ----- *adj* (**F** à droit according to right, RomL *driatum* properly, L *directum*; 17c); **F** adroit/e, **S** diestro/a, hábil, **I** destro, abile, **G** geschickt, gewandt; *formal*, active, dexterous, clever, possessing readiness, *an adroit way of avoiding difficulties*

adu·late ----- *vt* (back formation from *adulation*, L *adulāri* to court or flatter in a servile manner; 17c); **F** flatter, aduler, **S** adular, **I** adulare, lusingare, **G** schmeicheln, lobhandeln; to flatter, to praise someone obsequiously

***adu-la-to-ry** ----- *adj* **F** adulateur/trice, flatteur/euse, **S** adulador/a, **I** adulate/trice *adj & n*, **G** schmeichlerisch, lobhudelnd; flattering, *an adulatory remark*

***adu-la-tion** ----- *n* (L *adulātiōn-em*, from *adulāri* to flatter; 15c); **F** adulation f, flatterie f, **S** adulaci3n f, **I** adulazione f, **G** Schmeichelei f, Lobhudelei f; flattery, obsequious praise, *the president enjoys adulation*

adult ----- *n/adj* (L *adultus*, pple of *adolescēre*, *ad+alēre* to feed, to nourish, see **adolescent**; 16c); **F** adulte m/f, **S** adulto/a, **I** adulto/a, **G** *adj* erwachsen, *n* Erwachsene; a person who has reached the maturity, *law* a person above the age of 18, *entry only for adults, a film for adults*, *adj* *the adult population, he spent in Scotland part of his adult life*; **adult education** classes for adults, taking place usually in the evening

adul-ter-ate ----- *v* (L *adulterātus*, stem of *adulterāre*, from *alterāre* to alter, change, corrupt; 16c); **F** adultérer, **S** adulterar, sofisticar, **I** adulterare, **G** verfälschen; to corrupt, to make impure a food, etc, by adding a foreign substance, *this type of wine was adulterated by unscrupulous importers*, *adj* *adulterated food, wine, etc*

***adul-ter-er** ----- *n/m* ***adul-ter-ess** *n/f* (OF *avoutrer*, L *adulterāre*, see prec); **F** adultère m/f, **S** adúltero/a, **I** adultero/a, **G** Ehebrecher/in; a man/woman who commits or practises adultery

***adul-tery** -----*n* (ME *adulterie*, OF *avout(e)rie*, L *adulterium* adultery, the blending of different ingredients; 15c); **F** adultère m, **S** adulterio m, **I** adulterio m, **G** Ehebruch m; a sexual relation between a married person & sb else than his/her legal spouse, *Joan committed adultery and her husband divorced her*

adult-hood *n* (see **adult+-hood**); **F** âge adulte, **S** edad f adulta, mayoría f de edad, **I** maturità f, maggiore età f, **G** Erwachsensein n, Erwachsenenalter n; the period of life when one is adult

ad-um-brate ----- *v* (L *adumbrātus*, stem of *adumbrāre*, *ad+umbrāre* to cover, to obscure, from *umbra* shadow; 16c); **F** ombrager, esquisser, ébaucher, préfigurer, **S** anunciar, presajar, **I** adombrare, presagire, **G** skizzieren, andeuten; to suggest, to indicate, to outline sth in an incomplete way, *his words adumbrated some risk in the endeavour*

ad-vance ----- *vt/i* (ME *avauncen*, OF *avancer*, VL **abantiāre*, from *abante* adv, *a* from+*ante* before; 15c); **F** avancer, faire avancer, **S** avanzar, promover, proponer, anticipar, **I** avanzare, far avanzare, portare innanzi, **G** vorwärtsbringen; to move, to go forward, *the fire advanced in the bush, he greatly advanced the knowledge in his field of research*, to give someone the money before the usual time, *the company advanced of a week the payment of the December salary*

***ad-vance** -----*n* progress, *advances of science*, payment given before the time due, *payment in advance*, movement forward, *the advance of the troops in the enemy's territory*, *advances pl*, an attempt to have a sexual relationship with someone, *Joan rejected John's advances*; **in advance, in advance of sth/sb**

***ad-vanced** *adj* developed, *an advanced type of computer's memory*; ***advanced level** higher level

***ad-vance-ment** *n* **F** avancement m, **S** adelantamiento m, progreso m, **I** avanzamento m, progresso m, **G** Förderung f, Beförderung f, Fortschritt m, Wachstum m; progress in the

career, *he had two advancements in one year*, in the science, *advancement in the computer science*

***ad-vanc-ing** *adj*, the fact of growing older, *the advancing years of my life*