

ad·van·tage ----- *n* (F *avantage*, see **advance**; early 14c); F *avantage* m, S *ventaja* f, I *vantaggio* m, G *Vorteil* m, *Voraussein* n; a better condition than the one of somebody else, *he has the advantage of money*; **take advantage of something**, to use a situation to get what you want; **take advantage of somebody**, *unfair*, to use somebody for your own advantage

***ad·van·taged** ----- *adj* *formal* F *favorisé/e*, *aisé/e*, S *aventajado/a*, *adelantado/a*, I *avvantaggiato/a*, *favorito/a*, G *bevorzugt*, *begünstigt*; *formal*, having a better position, financial, social, etc, than someone else, *he was advantaged because of his social background*

***ad·van·ta·geous** ----- *adj* F *avantageux/euse*, S *ventajoso/a*, I *vantaggioso/a*, G *vorteilhaft*, *günstig*; *favourable*, *it will be advantageous to hear the opinion of Kenneth*

Ad·vent ----- *n* (OF *advent*, L *adventus* arrival, from *advenīre* to come (to), arrive (at); 11c); F *l'Avent* m, S *Adviento* m, I *Avvento* m, G *Advent* m, *Adventszeit* f; the period of four weeks before Christmas,

advent *n* **advent of something**, the introduction of a new idea, custom, etc, *the advent of the computer*

***Advent calendar** *n* a decorative calendar, which has a small door-like opening for each day of the month before Christmas. Children open each day one of these doors

***ad·ven·ti·tious** -----*adj* (L *adventicius* that comes from abroad, foreign; 17c); F *fortuit/e*, *adventice*, S *adventicio/a*, I *avventizio/a*, G *hinzukommend*, *zufällig*; of an accidental, casual nature, not expected, *an adventitious cause*, *accident*

ad·ven·ture ----- *n* (OF *aventure*, RomL *adventūra* a happening, from *advenīre* to come to, arrive at, see **Advent**; early 13c); F *aventure* f, S *aventura* f, I *avventura* f, G *Abenteuer* n, *Ereignis* n; that which happens without design, a hazardous enterprise, *he embarked himself in a dangerous adventure*

***adventure playground** *n* an open area, where children can play, climbing on structures, swinging on ropes, etc

***ad·ven·turer** ----- *n* F *aventurier/ère*, S *aventurero/a*, I *avventuriero/a*, G *Abenteurer*; one who enjoys adventure, *an adventurer who risked all the family fortune*

***ad·ven·tur·ism** ----- *n* the tendency towards taking adventurous risks

***ad·ven·tur·ous** ----- *adj* F *aventureux/euse*, S *aventurero/a*, *aventurado/a*, I *avventuroso/a*, G *abenteuerlich*; having the tendency towards a risky behaviour, *an adventurous endeavour*

adverb -----*n* (OF *averb*, L *adverbium*, *ad* to+*verbum* word; 16c); F *adverbe* m, S *adverbio* m, I *avverbio* m, G *Adverb* n; one of the parts of speech

ad·ver·sary ----- *n/adj* (OF *adverser*, L *adversarius* an opponent, an antagonist; 14c); F *adversaire*, S *adversario/a*, I *avversario/a*, G *Gegner(in)*, *Widersacher(in)*; one who takes a position of antagonism, *an adversary to government politics*

***ad·ver·sar·ial** *adj* a system in which the two sides oppose each other, *the adversarial nature of a political system composed of two parties*

***ad·verse** ----- *adj* (OF *averse*, L *advērsus* opposed, *pple* of *advertēre*; 15c); F *défavorable*, *hostile*, S *adverso/a*, *opuesto/a*, *contrario/a*, I *avverso/a*, *contrário/a*, G *Entgegenwirkend*, *gegnerisch*; who acts against, *the clergy was adverse to any new ideas*

***ad·ver·sity** ----- *n* (OF *aversite*, L *adversitat-em*; 14c); F *adversité* f, S *adversidad* f, *infortunio* m, I *avversità* f, G *Mißgeschick* n, *Unglück* f; state of being contrary, *his*

adversity to clergy, condition of averse fortune, *the adversity of destiny*

ad·vert ----- *n* *coll* abbreviation of **advertisement**

ad·ver·tise -----*v* (OF *avertiss*, stem of *avertir*, L *advertēre*, to turn or direct towards, to pay attention to; 15c); F *faire annoncer*, *insérer une annonce* f, S *hacer publicidad*, *anunciar*, I *fare pubblicità* f, G *anzeigen*, *ankündigen*; to call the attention of, to give public notice, *the book was advertised in the December issue of the journal*

***ad·ver·tise·ment** -----*n* (see prec); F *annonce* f *publicitaire*, S *anuncio* m *publicitario*, I *annuncio* m *publicitario*, G *Anzeige* f, *Inserat* n, *Annonce* f; a notice telling people about a product, etc, *advertisement for the sale of a new car*

***ad·ver·tiser** ----- *n* F *annonceur* (*publicitaire*) m, S *anunciante* m, I *inserzionista* m, G *Inserent* m, *Anzeiger* m; one who advertises

***ad·ver·tising** ----- *n* F *publicité* f, S *publicidad* f, *propaganda* f, I *pubblicità* f, G *Inserieren* n, *Ankündigung* f, *Reklame* f; the activity of advertising in newspapers, etc, *an advertising campaign*

ad·vice ----- *n* (OF *avis*, à+*vis*, LL *advīsum*, *ad*+(*meum*)+*visum*, from *vidēre*, to see; 13c); F *conseil* m, S *consejo* m, I *consiglio* m, G *Rat* m, *Ratschlag* m; opinion, judgement, *he gave me his advice on that particular issue*

ad·vise ----- *v* (OF *aviser*, RomL *advīsāre*, see **advice**; 14c); F *conseiller*, *donner des conseils*, S *aconsejar*, I *consigliare*, *raccomandare*, G *raten*, *einen Rat erteilen*; to give your opinion or advice, *he advised us of the incoming danger*

***ad·vis·able** -----*adj* something that is a good idea to do, *an advisable solution*; ***ad·vised·ly** *adv*

***ad·vise·r** -----*n* **ad·visor**, one who advises or counsels, *legal adviser*, *business adviser*

***ad·vis·ory** *adj* (RomL *advīsōrius*; 20c); F *consultatif/ive*, *de conseil*, S *consultativo/a*, I *consultivo/a*, G *ratsam*; which gives advice, *the advisory board*

ad·vo·cacy ----- (MedL *advocātia*, *advocatus*; see next; late 14c); F *soutien* m, *plaidoyer* m, S *abogacia* f, I *patrocinio* m, G *Empfehlung* f, *Eintreten* n; the action of giving support, of advocating, *advocacy of the freedom of commerce*, *of the liberation of women*

***ad·vo·cate** ----- (L *advocātus*, *pple* of *ad*+*vocāre*, to call upon, to convoke (as a witness or adviser), see prec; late 14c); *n* F *défenseur* m, S *defensor* m, I *difensore* m, *sostenitore* m, G *Verfechter* m; a person who supports somebody or a movement, *an advocate of liberation*;

***ad·vo·cate** ----- *vt* to support an idea, a principle, *Adam Smith advocated the freedom of commerce*

adze ----- *n* (OE *adesa*, origin unknown); F *herminette* f, S *azueta* f, I *ascia* f (da *carpentiere*), G *Breitbeil* n, *Krummmaxt* f; a carpenter's tool, used for cutting the surface of wood

aegis -----*n* (L *ægis*, Gr *αἰγίς* shield of Zeus or Minerva; early 18c, late 18c in *fig.* sense); F *égide* f, S *égida* f, *escudo* m, I *ègida* f, G *Ägis* f, *fig.* *Ägide* f; the shield, as applied to that of Jupiter or Minerva, *the aegis-bearing Minerva*

aeon ----- *n* (EcclL *aeōn*, Gr *αἰών* age, long space of time; 17c); F *période* f *incommensurable*, S *eón* m, I *eone* m, G *Äon* m, *Zeitalter* n; an age of the universe, of immeasurable duration, in Plato's philosophy a power existing from eternity

aerate -----v (L *aēr+ate*; 18c); **F** aérer, **S** airear, **I** areare, esporre all'aria, **G** der Luft aussetzen; to expose to the action of air, *to aerate a room*

aerial -----adj (L *aērius, aēreus*, Gr *ἀέριος, ἀήρ* air; 17c); **F** aérien/enne, **S** aéreo/a, etéreo/a, **I** aereo/a, **G** luftig, zur Luft gehörend; thin, ethereal, composed of air, *an aerial substance*

***aerial** -----n *AmE* also *antenna* (20c); **F** antenne f, **S** antena f, **I** antenna f, **G** Antenne f; a structure made of wires, which receives radio or tv signals

aerie, *AmE* spelling of **eyrie**

aero-prefix (Gr *ἀήρ* air), concerning the air

***aero-batics** -----n (Gr *ἀήρ* air+*βατός* passable, accessible, walking, see **acrobatics**; 20c); **F** acrobaties f/pl aériennes, **S** acrobacia f aérea, **I** acrobatica f, **G** Luftsport m, Kunstfliegen n; the action of flying an aircraft in daring manoeuvres, *adj, an aerobatic display*

***aerobics** -----n physical exercises which increase the amount of oxygen in the blood

***aero-drome** -----n (Gr *ἀήρ+δρόμος* course, race; 19c); **F** aérodrome m, **S** aerodromo m, **I** aerodromo m, **G** Flugplatz m, Flughafen m; an airport for small planes

***aero-dy-nam-ics** n (*aero+dynamics*; 19c); **F** aérodynamique f, **S** aerodinámica f, **I** aerodinamica f, **G** Aerodynamik f; the science of the movement of the bodies through the air;

***aero-dy-nam-ic** adj, *aerodynamic shape of a car*

***aero-gramme** n (modelled on **telegram**; 19c); **F** aérogramme m, **S** aerograma m, **I** aerogramma m, **G** durch Radio oder Flugzeug übermittelte Nachricht f; a letter of light paper sent by airmail

***aero-naut** n (mod **F** *aéronaute*, Gr *ἀήρ* air+*ναύτης* sailor, from *ναῦς* ship; 18 sec); **F** aéronaute m, **S** aeronauta m, **I** aeronauta m, **G** Aeronaut m, Luftfahrer m, Luftschiffer m; a pilot or passenger of an airship or balloon

***aero-naut-ics** n (ModL *aeronautica*); 18c); **F** aéronautique f, **S** aeronáutica f, **I** aeronautica f, **G** Aeronautik f; the science of building planes; **aero-naut-ic**, adj, *aeronautic engineer*

***aero-plane** n (Gr *ἀήρ* air+*πλάνος* wandering; 19c); **F** avion m, **S** avión m, **I** aereo m, aeroplano m, **G** Flugzeug m; a flying vehicle with wings and engines, a plane

***aero-sol** n (*aero+solution*; 20c); **F** aérosol m, **S** aerosol m, **I** aerosol m, **G** Aerosol n; a solution of a medicine, or of a perfume, that can be sprayed

***aero-space** n (*aero+space*; 20c); **F** espace m extraterrestre, **S** espacio m extraterrestre, **I** aerospazio m, **G** Aerosphäre f; the space beyond the earth, the outer space; *adj* the industry of building space vehicles, *the aerospace industry*

***aero-stat** n (**F** *aérostas*, Gr *ἀήρ* air+*στατός* standing, word coined by Montgolfier in 1783); **F** aérostat m, **S** aeróstato m, **I** aerostato m, **G** Aerostat m, Luftschiff n, Ballon m; an aircraft or balloon filled with hot air or gas

aes-thete -----n (Gr *αἰσθητής* one who perceives, from *αἰσθησις* sense, perception; 19c); **F** esthète m, **S** esteta m, **I** esteta m, **G** Ästhet m, Ästhetiker m; one who has a particular appreciation of what is beautiful, *the poet Gabriele D'Annunzio was a refined aesthete*

***aes-thet-ic** -----adj (Gr *αἰσθητικός*, concerning the appreciation of the beautiful; 18c); **F** esthétique, **S** estético/a, **I** estetico/a, **G** ästhetisch, den Gesetzen des Schönen entsprechend; which concerns beauty, *aesthetic pleasure*

***aes-thet-ics** n *lit* the study of beauty, *the aesthetics of Baumgarten*

aes-ti-val adj (**F** *estival*, L *æstivalis* of summer; 14c); **F** estival/e, **S** estival, **I** estivo/a, **G** sommerlich; belonging to the summer

***aes-ti-va-te** *v/i zool* (L *æstivare* to spend the summer; 17c); **F** estiver, **S** pasar el verano en estado de letargo, **I** trascorrere l'estate, andare in estivazione, **G** den Sommer verbringen; to spend the summer, with reference particularly to zoology; cp **hibernate**

aet., or **aetat.** (abbr of L *ætatis*; 17 c); **F** à l'âge de, **S** a la edad de, **I** all'età di, **G** im Lebensalter von; at the age of, *Dr Johnson, Aetat. 64, came to Edinburgh on invitation by Boswell*

aether, see **ether**

aeti-ology n (L *ætiologia*, Gr *ἀιτιολογία, ἀίτια* cause+*λογία* -logy, a giving the cause of a thing; 16c); **F** étiologie f, **S** etiologia f, **I** eziologia f, **G** Ätiologie f; the scientific study of the causes

afar adv see **far**; **F** au loin, à (grande) distance, **S** lejos, **I** da lontano, **G** fern, weit entfernt; at a distance, **far away** at a great distance, *Loch Lomond is far away from Edinburgh*

af-fable adj (OF *affable*, L *affabilis* easy to talk, courteous; 16c); **F** affable, aimable, **S** affable, **I** affabile, cordiale, **G** leutselig, freundlich; courteous in conversation, *affable behaviour, manners*

af-fair n (OF *affaire, à+faire, to do*, L *facēre*; 14c); **F** affaire f, **S** asunto m, **I** affare m, relazione f, **G** Sache f, Affäre f; a situation to be dealt with, *financial affairs*, a relationship, *the affair between Peter and Joan*

af-fect *v/t* (**F** *affecter*, L *afficēre* to produce an effect, to make an impression on, *ad+facēre*; 17c); **F** influencer, toucher, concerner, feindre, simuler, avoir un effet sur, **S** afectar, **I** influire su, affettare, ostentare, **G** betreffen, beeinflussen, Vorliebe haben für, *med* affizieren; to act upon, to have an effect on sth or sb, *TV strongly affects public opinion, he was affected by the disease*, to pretend to have a particular feeling, *to affect indifference*; ***af-fec-ted** non sincere, *affected manners*; ***af-fect-ing** making you feel emotion, *an affecting story*; ***af-fect-ation** behaviour non sincere, *the affectations of that man betray lack of sincerity*

af-fec-tion -----n (OF *affection*, L *affection-em*, from *afficēre*, see **affect**; 17c); **F** affection f, tendresse f, **S** afecto m, afección f, **I** affetto m, **G** Affekt m, Liebe f; feeling of liking, *he felt a strong affection towards his family*

***af-fec-tion-ate** -----adj (OF *affectionné*, see prec; 15c); **F** affectueux/euse, tendre, **S** afectuoso/a, cariñoso/a, **I** affezionato/a, **G** gütig, liebevoll, zärtlich; having, showing affection, *an affectionate friend*

***af-fect-ive** -----adj *med* **F** affectif/ive, **S** afectivo/a, **I** affettivo/a, **G** ergreifend, affektiv; having an effect on the emotions, *affective disorders* (eg, depression or mania)

af-fer-ent -----adj (L *afferent+em*, from *ad* to+*ferre* to bring to; 19c); **F** afférent/e, **S** aferente, **I** afferente, **G** zuführend; conducting something inwards, eg nervous impulses towards the brain; ***af-fer-ence** n

af-fi-anced -----adj *old fashioned* for **engaged**

af-fi-da-vit -----n (MedL *affidavit*, from *affidāre, fidem+dare*; 17c); **F** déclaration f écrite sous serment f, **S** declaración f jurada, **I** affidavit m, **G** Affidavit n, eidesstattliche Erklärung f; a written statement, *he gave his daughter an affidavit for the bank*

af-fili-ate¹ -----v (MedL *affiliātus, affiliāre, ad+filius* son; 18c); to become member of a larger organization, *Vincent's journal was affiliated to the university*

af·fili·ate² ----- *n* an organization which is part of a larger one, *Ferrari is an affiliate of the Fiat*; ***af·fili·ated** *adj*
***af·fili·ation** ----- *n* (F *affiliation*, LL *affiliatiōn-em*; 18c); **F** *afiliación f*, **S** *afiliación f*, *legitimación f*, **I** *affiliazione f*, **G** *Adoption f*, *Affiliation f*; connection with an organization, *the affiliation of the Alfa Romeo to the Fiat group*

af·fin·ity ----- *n* (F *affinité*, L *affinitāt-em*, from *affinis* related by marriage, connected (with); 14c); **F** *affinité f*, **S** *afinidad f*, **I** *affinità f*, **G** *Affinität f*, *Schwägerschaft f*; relationship by marriage, attraction for somebody or something, because of shared qualities, *there is affinity between the two men*

af·firm ----- *v* (OF *afermer*, L *affirmāre* to strengthen belief in, *ad* to+*firmāre* to make firm, from *firmus* strong, durable; 14c); **F** *affirmer*, *soutenir*, **S** *afirmar*, **I** *affermare*, *sostenere*, **G** *behaupten*, *law bestätigen*; to make firm, to confirm (a statement), *police verified what the man had affirmed*

***af·firm·ation** ----- *n* **F** *affirmation f*, *assertion f*, **S** *afirmación f*, **I** *affermazione f*, *asserzione f*, **G** *Behauptung f*, *Versicherung f*; the act of affirming, of declaring, *all his affirmations were verified by the police*; ***af·firm·ative** *adj* an answer which shows agreement; ***affirmative action** *AmE* the action of giving preference to social groups which are often treated unfairly, *eg women, black people*

affix¹ ----- *v/tr* (ML *affixāre*, *freq* of *affigēre* to fix by piercing; 15c); **F** *apposer*, *afficher*, **S** *poner*, **I** *affiggere*, **G** *befestigen*, *hängen*; to fasten sth with sth else, *to affix a stamp to the envelope*

affix² *n* (OF *affix*, L *affixus*); **F** *affixe m*, **S** *afijio m*, **I** *affisso m*, **G** *Affix n*; a group of letters which are added to the beginning or to the end of a word, in order to modify its meaning, *eg un-fair, job-less*; see **suffix**, **prefix**

af·fla·tus *n lit* (L *afflātus*, from *afflāre* to emit air towards, to breathe; 17c); **F** *inspiration f*, **S** *inspiración f*, **I** *ispirazione f*, *afflato m*, **G** *Inspiration f*; *inspiration, the spiritual afflatus of his prose*

af·flict ----- *v/tr* (OF *afflict*, L *afflictus*, *affligēre* to damage, to distress; 14c); **F** *affecter*, *affliger*, **S** *affligir*, **I** *affliggere*, **G** *betrüben*, *kränken*, *quälen*; to suffer from, *he was afflicted by a serious illness*

***af·flic·tion** ----- *n* **F** *affliction f*, *détresse f*, **S** *aflicción f*, **I** *afflizione f*, **G** *Schmerz m*, *Elend n*, *Niedergeschlagenheit f*; something which makes you suffer, *John's affliction for his son's poor performances*

af·flu·ent¹ ----- *adj* (OF *affluent*, L *affluent-em*, *affluēre*, *ad+fluēre* to flow into, to abound; 15c); **F** *aisé/e*, *riche*, **S** *opulento/a*, *abundante*, **I** *ricco/a*, *che gode di benessere*, **G** *reichlich*, *wohlhabend*; abundant, flowing in abundance, *the affluent society*

affluent² *n* **F** *affluent m*, **S** *afluente m*, **I** *affluente m*, **G** *Nebenfluß m*, *Zufluß m*; a stream flowing into a larger stream, a tributary, *the affluents of the Mississippi, of Lake Superior*

***af·flux** ----- *n* (LL *affluxus*, from *affluēre*, see prec; 17c); **F** *affluence f*, *afflux m*, **S** *afluencia f*, **I** *afflusso m*, *affluenza f*, **G** *Zufluß m*, *Zustrom m*; the act of flowing towards a point, *the afflux of spectators to the theater, of the waters towards Loch Lomond*

af·ford ----- *vt* (OE *geforthian*, *ge-* prefix implying completeness+*forthian* to further, from *forth* forward, to

accomplish, having enough money, hence to be able to buy; late 16c); **F** *avoir les moyens de*, **S** *permitirse*, **I** *permettersi*, *potersi permettere*, **G** *die Mittel haben für, sich leisten*; manage, to be able to do, *I can't afford such an expensive lifestyle*; ***af·ford·able** *adj*, that one can afford, *an affordable expense*

af·for·est ----- *vt* (MedL *afforestāre*, *ad+foresta*, *forest-em* (*silvam*) the outside wood, ie wood laying outside the walls of the park, not fenced in; early 16c); **F** *boiser*, *reboiser*, **S** *repoblar con árboles*, **I** *rimboschire*, **G** *aufforesten*, mit *Bäumen beflanzen*; convert into forest, *part of the land was afforested*

***af·for·est·ation** ----- *n* **F** *boisement m*, **S** *repoblación f* forestal, **I** *rimboschimento m*, **G** *Aufforstung f*; the act of planting trees to make a forest, *the afforestation of land around the manor*

af·fran·chi·se ----- *vt* (OF *afranchir* to free, à to+*franchir* to free; 15c); **F** *afranchir*, **S** *manumitir*, **I** *affrancare*, *liberare*, **G** *befreien*, *freigeben*, *freilassen*; to set at liberty from servitude, from an obligation

af·fray ----- *n* (AN *afrayer* to disturb, RomL **exfridāre* to take out of peace, *ex-* out of+Frankish **frithu* peace, OHG *fridu*, OE & OS *frithu* peace; 14c); **F** *echauffourée f*, **S** *reyerta f*, *refriega f*, **I** *rissa f*, *baruffa f*, **G** *Schlägerei f*; *law*, an alarm, a disturbance in a public place

af·front ----- *v/t* (OF *afronter*, RomL **affrontare*, L *ad frontem* to the face; 14c); **F** *offenser*, *faire un affront à qn*, **S** *afrentar*, *ofender*, **I** *affrontare*, *offendere*, **G** *beleidigen*, *beschimpfen*; to insult or offend someone, *he affronted his rival with great energy*

af·front ----- *n* **F** *affront m*, *offense f*, **S** *afronta f*, *ofensa f*, **I** *affronto m*, *offesa f*, **G** *Affront m*, *Beleidigung f*; an open insult, an intentional offence, *he suffered an affront from his ex-wife*

Afghan hound ----- *n* a tall thin dog with long smooth hair and a long nose

af·cion·ado ----- *n* (Spanish, L *affectio* a state of feeling; 19c); one who takes a particular interest in a sport, etc, *a football aficionado*

af·field ----- *adv* (*a in+field*; 11c); **F** *très loin*, **S** *al campo*, **I** *lontano*, *per il mondo*, **G** *im Feld*; in the field, away from home, *they were far afield*

af·fire ----- *adj/adv literary* (*a+fire*; 13c); **F** *en flamme*, *enflammé*, **S** *ardiendo*, *en llamas*, **I** *in fiamme*, *ardente*, **G** *in Brand*, *brennend*; burning, *to set sth afire*

af·flame ----- *adv* (*a+flame*; 16c); **F** *enflammé*, **S** *en llamas*, **I** *in fiamme*, **G** *in Flammen*, *flammend*, *glühend*; in flames, in excitement, *to be aflame with excitement*

AFL-CIO *American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations*, an organization of American Trade Unions

af·float ----- *adj/adv* (*a on+float n*, cp *fleet*; 11c); **F** *à flot*, *flottant*, *qui surnage*, **S** *flotando*, *a flote*, **I** *a galla*, **G** *flott*, *schwimmend*; floating in water, at sea, *the ship was kept afloat*, fig. *the company was struggling to stay afloat*

af·lut·ter ----- *adj/adv* (*a+flutter*; 19c); **F** *qui tressailit* d'excitation, **S** *nervioso/a*, *flotante*, *fluctuante*, **I** *nervoso/a*, *ondeggiante*, **G** *flatternd*, *unruhig*, in *Unruhe*; excited, nervous, *I am aflutter about this situation*, flapping, *the flag was aflutter*

af·foot ----- *adj adv* (*a+foot*, *a (on) foton* on feet; 13c); **F** *en preparation f*, **S** *en marcha f*, **I** *in preparazione f*, *in corso m*,

G zu Fuß m, auf den Beinen m; in preparation, in progress, *I suspect that there is something afoot*

afore-mentioned, also **afore-said** ----- *adj* (AS *on foran*, in front; *afore* is an obsolete form for *before*, meaning *in advance*); **F** susmentionné/e, précité/e, **S** susodicho/a, antedicho/a, **I** sopradétto/a, summenzionàto/a, **G** obenerwähnt, obengenannt; mentioned earlier, *the aforementioned Mr Jones*

***afore-thought** *n* (see *prec+thought*); **F** préméditation *f*, **S** premeditación *f*, **I** premeditazione *f*, **G** vorbedacht *adj*; **with malice aforethought** with the deliberate intention of doing sth against the law

a fortiori -----*adv* (L *a+fortiori argumento*, with a stronger argument; 17c); **F** a fortiori, **S** a fortiori, **I** a fortiori, **G** um so viel mehr, erst recht; stronger, *an a fortiori argument*, a stronger argument

afoul ----- *adv* (*a prep+foul*; early 19c); to be in conflict with sb or sth, *he ran afoul of the law*

afraid ----- *adj* (*afrayed*, from the verb *to affray*, OF *effray*; 14c); **F** avoir peur, craindre, **S** asustado/a; **I** spaventato/a, spiacente, **G** ängstlich, furchtsam; to be alarmed, to fear, *I am afraid we will be late*

A-frame, a frame having the shape of a capital A letter

afresh ----- (*a+fresh*; 16c); **F** de nouveau, **S** de nuevo, otra vez, **I** di nuovo, **G** von neuem, wieder, abermals; anew, with a new commencement, with a fresh start, *I will start afresh*

Afri-can ----- *adj* (L *Africanus*; *Afri* were the inhabitants of Northern Africa; 12c); of or connected with Africa

***Afri-kaans** ----- *n* a language related to Dutch, as spoken in South Africa; ***Afri-kaner** *n* a South African of Dutch origin

***Afro-** prefix connected with Africa, *Afro-American*, *Afro-Caribbean*, *Afro-Asiatic*

aft -----*adv* (OE *æftan*, shortening of *abaft*; 17c); **F** à l'arrière, **S** a popa, en popa, **I** a poppa, verso poppa, **G** achtern, hinten; *naut* towards the stern of a ship, of an aircraft

after -----*prep/adv* (OE *æfter*, cognate with OHG *after* back, Old Icelandic *aptr*, Gothic *aftra* back, from Proto-Germanic); **F** après, **S** posterior *adj*, siguiente *adj*, **I** dopo, dietro, **G** nach(her), hinterher, danach; in the rear, behind, *my house is the one just after the shop*, subsequent, at a later time, *the day after*, *soon after*, in imitation of, *he was named after his grandfather*

***after-birth** -----*n* **F** placenta *f*, **S** placenta *f*, **I** placenta *f*, **G** Nachgeburt *f*; the placenta and other substances which come out of a woman's body after she has given birth

***after-care** ----- *n* (*after+care*; 18c); **F** postcure *f*, **S** vigilancia *f* postoperatoria, **I** assistènza *f* postoperatoria, **G** Nachbehandlung *f*; support given to sb after a treatment, a surgical operation etc, *the aftercare he received after the operation helped him recover his health*

***after-effect** ----- *n* (*after+effect*; 19c); **F** effet *m* secondaire, **S** efecto *m* secundario, **I** effetto *m* secondario, **G** Nachwirkung *f*; a delayed effect, *radioactivity is the after-effect of the atom bomb's explosion*

***after-glow** ----- *n* *lit* (*after+glow*; 19c); **F** dernières lueurs *f* ou reflets *m*, **S** luminiscencia *f*, resplendor *m* crepuscular, **I** luminescenza *f*, splendore *m* crepuscolare, **G** Nachglut *f*; the glow, or refulgence remaining after the sunset, *he enjoyed the after-glow of victory*

***after-life** -----*n* (*after+life*); **F** vie *f* après la mort, **S** vida *f* futura, **I** vita *f* futura, **G** Leben *n* nach dem Tode; the life that, according to Christianity, begins after death

***after-math** -----*n* (*after+math*, OE *mæth* mowing, L *metère* to reap a harvest, a crop; 16c); **F** séquelles *f*, suites *f*, **S** represiones *f*, **I** conseguenze *f/pl*, risultati *m/pl* **G** Nachwirkungen *f*; the effects of something bad, *the aftermath of war*, *agriculture a second mowing from a land that has already yielded one crop*

***after-noon** -----*n* (*after+noon*); **F** après-midi *m*, **S** tarde *f*, **I** dopopranzo *m*, pomeriggio *m*, **G** Nachmittag *m*; the period of time after noon and before the evening; ***after-noons** *adv*

***af-ters** *n coll* plural form of **after**; **F** dessert *m*, **S** postre *m*, **I** dessert *m*, **G** Dessert *n*, Nachtsch *m*; the courses following the main courses of a meal, *the afters comprised rich Italian cheese*

***after-shave** -----*n* (*after+shave*); **F** lotion *f* après rasage, **S** loción *f* para después del afeitado, **I** dopobarba *m*, **G** Rasierwasser *n*; a liquid to be put in the face after shaving

***after-shock** -----*n* (*after+shock*; 19c); **F** réplique *f* (d'un séisme), **S** replica *f*, **I** scossa *f* di assestamento, **G** _____; a lesser tremor coming after the main shock of an earthquake, the effect of an unpleasant event

***after-taste** -----*n* (*after+taste*); **F** arrière-goût *m*, **S** regusto *m*, gustillo *m*, **I** sapore *m* che rimane in bocca, **G** Nachgeschmack *m*; a taste that stays in the mouth after a meal

***after-tax** -----*adj* remaining after the payment of taxes, *an after-tax budget*

***after-thought** -----*n* (*after+thought*); **F** pensée *f* après coup, **S** idea *f* tardía, ocurrencia *f* tardía, **I** ripensamento *m*, **G** späterer Einfall *m*; sth thought later, *his afterthought modified the previous instructions*

***after-wards** ----- *adv* (*after+wards*; 14c); **F** après, ensuite, **S** después, más tarde, **I** successivamente, **G** später, hinter; at a later time, *Louis arrived at five o'clock, and only afterwards saw his mother*

again ----- *adv* (OE *ongegn* opposite to, OHG *ingagan*, see **G** *entgegen* opposite); **F** de nouveau, encore une fois, **S** otra vez, nuevamente, de nuevo, **I** di nuovo, **G** wieder, von neuem; a second time, *he came back again*; ***again and again**, repeatedly

against ----- *prep* (OE *ongean*, *ageines*, *again+es*, modelled on words like *amidst*; 12c); **F** contre, **S** contra, **I** contro, **G** gegen, entgegen; opposed, in contrast to, *against Government*

agape ----- *adj* (*a+gape*; 17c); **F** bouche *f* bée, **S** boquiabierto/a, **I** a bocca aperta, **G** mit offenem Munde; mouth wide open, *he watched the scene, his mouth agape*

agate -----*n* (OF *agate*, L *achates*, Gr *ἀχάτης*; 16c); **F** agate *f*, **S** ágata *f*, **I** agata *f*, **G** Achat *m*; a hard stone used in jewellery

agave -----(Gr *ἀγανή* admirable, L *Agave*, genus name, from the name of a daughter of Cadmus; 18c); **F** agave *m*, **S** agave *f*, **I** agave *f*, **G** Agave *f*; a plant of the genus *Agave*, of the family *Agavaceae*

-**age** *suffix* (Middle English, via French, from L *-āticum*, *n* of *-āticus*), used to form nouns which refer to an action, eg *blockage*, to a condition, eg *marriage*, to a place, eg *vicarage*, etc

age -----*n* (OF *age*, L *ætas*; 13c); **F** âge *m*, **S** edad *f*, **I** età *f*, **G** (Lebens)Alter *n*; the period of time that a person lives, *he died at the age of 94*, *Peter is 63 years of age*, historical period, *Victorian age*

***age of consent** *n* the age at which one is legally responsible for giving consent, the age at which a person may consent to a sexual intercourse

***aged** *adj* of the age of, *a man aged 63*, very old, *my aged mother*

***age group** *n* people of similar age, *the most interesting answers came from those in the 60 to 70 age group*

***age-ing** *n* the process of growing old, *she seems to have stopped ageing*, *adj* a person who is becoming old, *an ageing man*

***age-ism** *n* unfair treatment of ageing people, on the ground that they are old; ***age-less** never looking old, *an ageless woman*

***age-limit** *n* the youngest or oldest age at which one is allowed to do sth, *the age-limit for the appointment has been put at 55*

agency *n* (LL *agentia*, from *agere* to make, to cause to move; 17c); **F** *agence f*, *bureau m*, **S** *agencia f*, **I** *agenzia f*, *mediazione f*, *opera f*, **G** *Agentur f*, *Tätigkeit f*, *Wirkung f*, *Wirksamkeit f*; the office of an agent, *travel agency*, a government organization, *Central Intelligence Agency*; **by/through the agency of sb/sth**, sth that happens with the help of sb/sth, the faculty of acting, *he found the job through the agency of a friend*

***agenda** *n* (L *agenda* things to be done, singular *agendum* to be done, from *agere*, to do; 17c); **F** *ordre m du jour*, *programme m*, **S** *orden m del día*, **I** *agenda f*, *ordine m del giorno*, **G** *Tagesordnung f*; things to be done, *our agenda for today*

***agent** *n* (L *agent*, from *agere* to do; 15c); **F** *agent m*, *concessionnaire m*, **S** *agente m*, **I** *agente m*, *concessionario m*, **G** *Handelnde m*, *Wirkende m*; a person who acts, *our agent at La Habana*, a substance that exerts some effect, *a chemical, biological agent*

ag-glom-er-ate ----- *n* (L *agglomerare* to mass together, to form into a ball, *ad to+glomerare* to wind up into a ball, from *glomus* a ball; 17c); **F** *agglomérat m*, **S** *aglomerado m*, **I** *agglomerato m*, **G** *Agglomerat n*; a type of rocks of volcanic origin, that have melted together; *v* to wind into a ball, *to agglomerate the hay*

***ag-glom-er-ation** *n* **F** *agglomération f*, **S** *aglomeración f*, **I** *agglomerato m*, **G** *Zusammenballung f*; a collection of things which are different, *an agglomerate of colours*

ag-grand-ize ----- *v* (OF *aggrandir*, L *grandis* large, grown up; 17c); **F** *agrandir*, *grossir*, **S** *ampliar*, *agrandar*, **I** *ampliare*, *ingrandire*, **G** *vergrößern*, *erweitern*; to make bigger, to increase (used showing disapproval), *he aggrandized the size of his property*; ***ag-grand-ize-ment** *n* the action of aggrandizing

ag-gra-vate -----*v* (L *aggravatus*, *pple* of *aggravare*, to make (a weight) greater, from *gravis* heavy; 16c); **F** *aggraver*, *exaspérer*, **S** *agravar*, **I** *aggravare*, **G** *erschweren*, *verschärfen*, *verschlimmern*; to make more severe, *his problems were aggravated after his wife's death*

***ag-gra-va-ted** *adj* *law*, *an aggravated offence*

ag-gre-gate -----*n* (L *aggregātus*, *pple* of *aggregare*, to cause people enter into association, to join together; 15c); **F** *masse f*, *assemblage m*, *ensemble m*, *total*, *geol agrégat m*, **S** *conjunto*, *geol agregado*, **I** *totale*, *geol aggregato*, **G** *Gesamt--geol Aggregat n*; the total after smaller figures have been added together, *an aggregate of 628 votes*, *geol* rocks composed of different minerals, sand cement etc used to make concrete

***aggregate** *adj* **F** *collectif/ive*, *econ* *global/e*, *geol* *agrégé*, **S** *total/e*, *global/e*, **I** *complessivo/a*, *totale*, **G** *gesamt*, *vereinigt*; joined together, *the aggregate value, demand, supply*

***aggregate** *v* **F** *agrérer*, *monter à*, *s'élever à* (un nombre), **S** *agregar*, *juntar*, *reunir*, **I** *aggregare*, *riunire*, **G** *vereinigen*, *ansammeln*; to gather together in a group, *the money aggregated to £9875*

***in the aggregate, in aggregate**, **F** *en somme*, *dans l'ensemble*, **S** *en el conjunto*, **I** *insieme*, *nel complesso*, **G** *insgesamt*; considered together as a group

***ag-gre-ga-tion** *n* a collection of different materials, persons, etc

ag-gres-sion ----- *n* (F *agression*, L *aggression-em* attack, from *aggrēdi* to attack; 17c); **F** *agression f*, **S** *agresión f*, **I** *aggressione f*, **G** *Aggression f*, *Angriff m*; an unjustified attack, *he suffered an aggression on the part of his wife*

***ag-gres-sive** *adj*, **F** *agressif/ive*, **S** *agresivo/a*, **I** *aggressivo/a*, **G** *aggressiv*, *angreifend*; quarrelsome, hostile, *aggressive behaviour*

***ag-gres-sor** *n* (L *aggressor*, from *aggrēdi* to approach with hostile intent); **F** *agresseur m*, **S** *agresor m*, **I** *aggressore m*, **G** *Aggressor m*, *Angreifer m*; a person or a country that makes an aggression; *the aggressor was rejected with heavy casualties*

ag-grieve *vt* (ME *agreven*, OF *agrever*, L *aggravāre*, to make feel heavy, to make conditions heavy; 14c); **F** *contrarier*, *chagriner*, **S** *agraviar*, **I** *affliggere*, *addolorare*, **G** *quälen*, *betrüben*; to treat unfairly, to distress; *law*, *the aggrieved party*, the party who suffered

aggro *coll abbr* for *aggravation*

ag-hast ----- *adj* (AS *gæstan*, OE *gāst* spirit, ghost, ME *agasten* terrify, *a-+gasten* terrify; 13c); **F** *horrifié/e*, **S** *horrorizado/a*, *espantado/a*, **I** *atterrito/a*, **G** *entgeistert*, *erschreckt*; shocked, frightened, terrified, *Europe stood aghast at Napoleon's victories* (Adam Ferguson)

ag-ile ----- *adj* (F *agile*, L *agilis* that moves easily, alert; 16c); **F** *agile*, **S** *ágil*, **I** *agile*, **G** *beweglich*; able to move quickly, *stags are agile animals*;

***ag-ility** *n* the quality of being agile, *the agility of the panther*

aging, agism, *AmE* spelling of *ageing, ageism*

***agit-prop** ----- (Russian *agitatsiya* agitation+propaganda, see next; 20c); agitation and propaganda, esp for the Communist Party in the Soviet Union

ag-i-tate -----*v* (F *agiter*, L *agitātum*, *pple* of *agitare* to move to and fro, *freq* form of *agere* to do; 16c); **F** *agiter*, **S** *agitar*, **I** *agitare*, **G** *hin und her bewegen*, *fig.* *stören*, *erregen*; *fig.* to move, or to campaign for or against sth, *to agitate revolutionary ideas*, to shake or mix a liquid, *to agitate a bottle*

***ag-i-tated** *adj* feeling anxious or worried about something, *her agitated voice*

***ag-i-ta-tion** *n* **F** *agitation f*, **S** *agitación f*, **I** *agitazione f*, **G** *Agitation f*, *heftige Bewegung*; state of anxiety, *his mother's agitation at his delay*, the action of shaking liquids, *fig.* *the agitation of ideas*

***ag-i-ta-tor** one who agitates (in general political ideas)

ag-low ----- *adv* (*a+glow*; 19c); **F** *rougeoyant/e*, **S** *resplendeciente*, **I** *ardente*, *raggiante* (di), **G** *glühend*, *gerötet* von, vor; *lit* warm, shining, *aglow with emotion*

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ag-nate -----*n* *adj* (OF *agnat*, L *agnātus* a male blood relation on the father's side; 16c); **F** *agnat(e)*, **S** *agnado/a*, **I** *agnato/a*, *affine*, **G** *Agnat*; a collateral descendant

ag·nos·tic ----- *adj/n* (Gr ἄγνωστος, ἀ not+γνωστός+ English suffix *-ic*, unknown, unknowable; 19c); **F** agnostique, **S** agnóstico/a, **I** agnostico/a, **G** adj agnostisch, **n** Agnostiker m; one who believes that existence beyond material phenomena is unknowable

***agnosticism** -----*n* belief that we cannot know whether God exists or not

ago ----- *adv* (*a+go*, OE *āgān* to pass away, *ā* away+*gān* go; 14c); **F** il y a, **S** hace, **I** fa, **G** vor; used to indicate how much time passed since sth happened, *this episode happened three years ago*

agog ----- *adj* (OF *en gogue*, from *gogue*; 16c); **F** en émoi (à cause de quelque chose), **S** ansioso/a, **I** ansioso/a, impaziente, **G** voll, gespannt; full of excitement for sth, *he was agog for the story he had been told*

ag·on·ize -----*v* (OF *agoniser*, LL *agonizāre*, Gr ἀγωνίζεσθαι to be distressed or anxious, to contend in the agon, to struggle; 16c); **F** être au supplice m, au martyre m, **S** agonizar, sufrir angustiosamente, **I** agonizzare, tormentarsi, torturarsi, **G** quälen, mit dem Tode ringen; to feel very anxious **over/about** sth, trying to take a decision, *he agonized for weeks about the offer of a new job*

***agony** -----*n* (OF *agonie*, Gr ἀγῶνια struggle, contest for victory; 14c); **F** angoisse f, **S** agonía f, angustia f, aflicción f extrema, **I** tormento m, tortura f, supplizio m, agonia f, **G** heftiger Schmerz m, Pein f, Seelenangst f; severe pain, *after breaking his leg he was in the agony of pain until the doctors arrived*, unpleasant feeling, sadness, *the agony of remorse*, *in the agony of embarrassment*, the struggle that precedes death, *Admiral Nelson's (death's) agony in the deck of his ship*

***ag-on-ized** *adj* showing mental pain, *an agonized decision*

***ag-on-iz-ing** *adj* causing mental pain, *agonizing decision/choice*

***agony aunt** *n* **AmE** **advice columnist** a journalist who gives advice to people with personal problems, in magazines or newspapers

***agony column** *n* **AmE** **advice column** the column of a magazine or newspaper where letters from readers with personal problems are printed

agora·pho·bia *n* (Gr ἀγορά assembly, market place+ φόβια panic fear; 19c); **F** agoraphobie f, **S** agorafobia f, **I** agorafobia f, **G** Agoraphobie f, Platzangst m; the fear of being in open places

***agora·pho·bic** *adj* *n* a person suffering from agoraphobia

agrarian *adj* *n* (L *agrārius* connected with land, from *ager* a piece of land, an estate or farm, Gr ἀγρός; 16c); **F** agrarien/enne *n*, *agraire* *adj*, **S** agrario/a, **I** agrario/a, **G** agrarisch, landwirtschaftlich; relating to the land, pertaining to landed property, *the agrarian laws in Rome*

agree *v* (OF *agréer*, LL *adgratāre*, *ad+gratus* grateful, thankful; 14c); **F** être d'accord, convenir de, **S** consentir, ponerse de acuerdo, **I** essere d'accordo, **G** zugeben, einräumen; to be pleased with, to be in agreement, *they agreed to their brother's request*

***agree·able** *adj* **F** agréable, **S** agradable, placentero/a, **I** piacevole, gradevole, **G** angenehm; *an agreeable woman, an agreeable conversation*; ***agree·ably** *adv*

***agree·ment** (OF *agrément*, *agréer*, see **agree**; 15c); **F** accord m, **S** acuerdo m, **I** accordo m, **G** Abkommen n, Vereinbarung f; the action of agreeing, *an agreement was reached between the parties involved*

agri·busi·ness ----- (*agriculture+business*; 20c); **F** agro-industrie f, **S** agroindustria f, **I** agroindustria f, industria f alimentare, **G** Landgeschäft n, Agrogeschäft n; the industry of the farm products

***agri·cul·ture** ----- *n* (**F** *agriculture*, **L** *agricoltūra*; 17c); **F** agriculture f, **S** agricultura f, **I** agricultura f, **G** Landwirtschaft f; the cultivation of the soil

***agri·cul·tur·al·ist** -----*n* **F** agronome m, **S** agricultor m, agrónomo m, **I** agricoltore m, perito m agrario, **G** Landwirt---; an expert in agriculture

***agro-**, **agri-**, *prefix* relating to farming

***agrono·mist** -----*n* (Gr ἀγρός+νόμος usage, custom+*ist*; 19c); **F** agronome m, **S** agrónomo m, **I** agronomo m, **G** Agronom m; a scientist in the field of agronomy

***agron·omy** -----*n* the science of crop production and soil management

aground -----*adv* (*a+ground*; 13c); **F** (être) échoué/e =toucher le fond, **S** estar encallado/a, **I** incagliato/a, arenato/a, in secca, **G** gestrandet, *to be aground* aufgelaufen sein; upon the ground, *the ship run aground*, ie, where the water was not deep enough

ague -----*n* (OF *ague*, *fièvre ague*, **MedL** (*febris*) *acūta*; 14c); **F** fièvre f paludéenne, **S** fiebre f intermitente, **I** malaria f (acuta), **G** Malaria f, Fieber n; a fever that makes the sufferer shake and feel cold

ah exclamation used to express surprise, pain, etc

ahead -----*adv* **F** en avant, **S** adelante, **I** davanti, **G** vorn, voraus, voran; in front, *the road ahead*, *straight ahead*, indicating advantage in a competition, *the Conservatives are 5% ahead of the Labour Party*, in the future, *the time ahead of us*

ahem *interj* exclamation used in writing to indicate the sound made to get the attention of somebody

AI artificial insemination, artificial intelligence

AID artificial insemination by a donor

aid -----*v/tr* (OF *aidier*, **ME** *eyden*, **L** *adjuvāre*, *adjutāre* to help; 15c); **F** aider, assister, **S** aydar, auxiliar, **I** aiutare, assistere, **G** unterstützen, fördern; to help, to assist, *Ken helped me in the correction of the proofs*

aid -----*n* **F** aide f, assistance f, **S** ayuda f, asistencia f, auxilio m, **I** aiuto m, assistenza f, soccorso m, **G** Hilfe f, Unterstützung f; help, support, humanitarian aid, *aid to emerging countries*, *Peter's ageing mother walks with the aid of a stick*

***aide** *n* (*abbr* of French **aide-de camp**; 18c); a person whose job is to give aid to someone in an elevated position, *an aide to the Prime Minister*

***aide-de-camp** *n* (French, camp assistant; 17c); **F** aide-de-camp m, **S** asistente m, ayudante m, **I** aiutante m di campo, **G** Adjutant m; an officer who assists another officer in a superior position, *an aide-de-camp to the Duke of Wellesley at the battle of Waterloo*

AIDS Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

ail·eron -----(**F** *aileron*, **F** *dim* of *aille*, **L** *ala* wing; 20c); **F** aileron m, **S** alerón m, **I** alettone m, **G** Querruder n; a movable surface of an aircraft-wing for providing control

ail·ing -----*adj* (**AS** *eglan*, Gothic *agls* disgraceful, *aglo* oppression); **F** souffrant/e, en mauvaise santé, **S** enfermo/a, **I** sofferente, in cattiva salute, **G** kränklich, leidend; ill, afflicted, in poor condition, *an ailing company*, *his ailing mother*

***ail·ment** *n* illness, condition of suffering

aim -----v (OF *æ(s)mer* to aim at, L *æstimāre*, RomL *ad+æstimāre*; 14c); **F** lancer, pointer (un fusil), ajuster ou viser qn, viser à (devenir) qch, **S** aspirar a, pretender, dirigir, **I** aspirare a, puntare a, mirare a, **G** zielen nach, fig. Beabsichtigen, richten (Waffen) auf; to try to achieve sth, *he aims at getting a full professorship, to aim a gun at somebody*

***aim** *n* **F** action de viser, de mettre en joue, **S** propósito m, intención m, puntería f, **I** intento m, mira f, scopo m, **G** Ziel n, Richtung f; the thing you intend to achieve, *the aim of my life, take aim* to point a gun at sb/sth

***aim-less** -----adj (*aim+less*; 17c); **F** sans but m, sans objet m, **S** sin objeto m, sin propósito m, **I** senza scopo m, senza un fine m, **G** zwecklos, planlos, ziellos; without any clear purpose, *an aimless life*

ain't *coll*, a contracted form of *are not*, also used for *am not*

air -----n (F *air*, L *āēr*, Gr *ἀήρ*; 13c); **F** air m, **S** aire m, **I** aria f, **G** Luft f, Atmosphäre f; atmospheric air, the substance we breathe, *we went out to breath fresh air*, fig. *something is in the air*, ie sth that is about to happen, musical *the air of 'Figaro' in Rossini's 'Il barbiere di Siviglia'*

air -----vt **F** aérer, ventiler, **S** airear, ventilar, **I** esporre all'area, ventilare, dare aria (a), **G** lüften, der Luft aussetzen; to cause to become dry and fresh, *to air a room*, to make known, *to air one's own grievances*, to broadcast, *the TV aired the event live*

***air bag** *n* in a car, a bag that inflates automatically in the case of an impact, protecting the occupants

***air base** *n* a base for military aircraft

***air bed** *n* AmE **air mattress**, a plastic bag filled with air, to lie on it in water, or to use as a bed

***air-borne** *adj* flying, in the air, *airborne troops*

***air brakes** *n* brakes that are operated using compressed air

***air-brush** a) *n* an equipment which sprays paint using compressed air; b) *v* to spray paint using compressed air

***air chief marshal** *n* in the RAF a senior officer, equivalent in rank to an admiral or to a general

***air commodore** *n* in the RAF a senior officer, equivalent to a brigadier in the Army

***air conditioner** *n* an electrical equipment, which makes the air colder

***air conditioning** *n* a system that makes the air colder, *this car has the air conditioning*

***air-craft** *n* a vehicle which can fly, a vehicle or a helicopter, *military aircraft*

***air-craft car-rier** *n* a ship that carries military aircraft

***air-crew** *n* the crew who work in an aircraft to fly it

***air cushion** *n* an inflatable cushion

***air-drome** *n* see **aerodrome**

***air-er** *n* a framework for airing or drying clothes

***air-field** *n* a place where planes, particularly military, can fly from

***air force** *n* the part of a country's military organization that uses planes, *Royal Air Force*

***air gun** *n* a gun that uses compressed air to fire

***air-head** *n inf* a silly person

***air hostess** *n* a female flight attendant on a passenger aircraft

***air-ing** *n* an occasion when people discuss a plan, *his project had a thorough airing at the meeting*, exposure to the air for drying or ventilation, *the airing of a room*

***air-ing cupboard** *n* BrE, a cupboard where clothes that have been washed are put to become completely dry

***air-lane** *n* a path habitually followed by aeroplanes, an air corridor

***air-less** *adj* AmE not having any fresh air, *an airless room*

***air letter** *n* also **aerogramme**, a letter which is sent by air mail, consisting of one thin sheet of paper

***air-lift** a) *n* the transportation by air of passengers, troops, etc; b) *v* to transport by an airlift, *the troops were airlifted to the enemy's territory*

***air-line** *n* a company that operates the system of commercial flights for people or goods

***air-liner** *n* a large passenger-carrying aircraft

***air-lock** *n* an obstruction to the flow of a liquid in a pipe, caused by a bubble of air

***air-mail** *n* mail sent in an aircraft

***air-man** *n* a pilot of a military aircraft

***air marshal** *n* a senior officer in the RAF, equivalent in rank to a vice-admiral in the Royal Navy

***air mattress** *n* see **air bed**

***air miss** *n* a situation in which two aircrafts pass dangerously near to each other

***air-plane** *n* AmE for **aeroplane**

***air pocket** *n* an area of low air pressure, that causes aircraft to go up and down suddenly

***air-port** *n* the place where airplanes take off and land, *the London airport at Heathrow*

***air pump** *n* an equipment used for putting air into a tyre or ball

***air raid** *n* an attack by aircraft

***air-rifle** *n* see **airgun**

***air-sea rescue** *n* the act of using aircrafts and boats to save people in danger

***air-ship** *n* a gas-filled aircraft

***air-space** *n* the air or space above a country, that belongs to that country, *the violation of our airspace*

***air speed** *n* the speed at which an aircraft flies

***air-strip** *n* a narrow strip of land that can be used by airplanes for landing and taking off

***air ter-minal** *n* the place where passengers assemble to be taken to the airport

***air-tight** *adj* completely closed, as do not allow air to get in or out, *an airtight container for food*

***air-time** *n* the broadcasting time that sb/sth has in TV or radio, *all the political parties will have the same airtime for the next elections*

***air-to-air** *adj* referring to a weapon that is fired from an aircraft at another aircraft, *an air-to-air missile*

***air-traffic con-trol** *group noun* the activity of managing aircrafts from their taking off to their landing, *the air-traffic control eventually gave clearance to land*

***air vice-marshal** *n* an officer of high rank in the RAF

***air-waves** *n* radio and television broadcasts, *this subject was largely debated on the airwaves*

***air-way** *n* a path through the sky usually followed by airplanes, see **airlane**

***air-wor-thy** *adj* airworthy is an airplane in good condition and safe to fly

***airy**, *adj* having plenty of fresh air, *an airy room*, done in a confident way, *an airy wave of the hands*; ***airily** *adv*

***airy-fairy** *adj* not based on reality, *airy-fairy ideas*, delicate as a fairy, *airy-fairy Lilian* (Tennyson)

aisle ----- *n* (OF *ele*, L *āla* wing; 14c); **F** passage m entre bancs, nef f laterale, **S** pasadizo m, nave f lateral, **I** passaggio m, navata f laterale, **G** Mittelgang m, Abteilung f; a passage between seats in a supermarket or warehouse or in a theatre, *archit* a wing of a church, separated from the central area by pillars

aitch ----- *n pl* **aitches**, the letter H written as a word, *several people drop their aitches* (ie, they don't make the 'h' sound)

ajar ----- *adj/adv* (AS *on+cierr* turn, OE *cerr* a turn; 17c); **F** entrouvert/e, entrebâillé/e, **S** entreabierto/a, **I** semiaperto/a,

socchiuso/a, **G** half offen, *fig.* im Zwiespalt; (of a door) slightly open, *he left the door ajar*

a.k.a., abbreviation for 'also known as'

akimbo -----*adj adv* (ME *in kenebowe*, *in keen bow* bent in a curve; 14c); **F** les mains sur les hanches, **S** en jarras, **I** con le mani sui fianchi, **G** die Arme in die Seite gestimmt; with the hands on the hips, *she stood her arms akimbo*

akin -----*adv* (*a+kin*; 16c); **F** qui tient de, apparenté/e à, **S** consanguíneo/a, **I** consanguíneo/a, **G** (Bluts)verwandt (mit), entsprechend; of the same kin, related by blood

ala-bas-ter -----*n* (OF *alabastre*, L *alabaster* a conical box for perfume, Gr *ἀλάβαστρος*; 14c); **F** albâtre m, **S** alabastro m, **I** alabastro m, **G** Alabaster m; a white chalky stone, used for making objects for decoration

à la carte -----*adj adv* (**F** according to the card; 19c); a menu having dishes priced separately

alac-rity -----*n* (L *alacer*, *alacrität-em*, enthusiasm, zeal; 16c); **F** empressement m, **S** alacridad f, prontitud f, **I** alacrità f, **G** Heiterkeit f, Bereitwilligkeit f; briskness, quickness, *the alacrity of that workman is remarkable*

à la mode -----*adj adv* (**F**, *in the manner of*; 16c); **F** à la mode f, **S** a la moda f, **I** alla moda f, **G** modisch, der Mode entsprechend; fashionable, according to the (current) fashion, *skirt à la mode*

alarm -----*n* (OF *alarme*, It *allarme*, *alle armi*, L *ad arma*; 14c); **F** alarme m, alerte f, **S** alarma m, **I** allarme m, **G** Alarm m, Warnung f, a call to arms, a warning sound giving notice of a danger, *the alarm sounded in the night*

alarm *v* **F** alarmer, **S** alarmar, **I** allarmare, **G** alarmieren, beunruhigen; to make people frightened that sth dangerous can happen, *the doctors avoided alarming him*

***alarm clock** *n* **F** réveil m, **S** reloj despertador, **I** sveglia f, **G** Wecker m, Uhr f; ***alarmed** *adj*; ***alarm-ing** *adj*

***alarm-ist** *n* **adj** **F** alarmiste m, **S** alarmista m, **I** allarmista m, **G** Bangemacher m, Schwarzseher m; an alarmist is one who makes people feel worried, without any real reason, *alarmists speak of the danger of devaluation of the currency*

alas ----- *int* (OF *ha las*, mod **F** *hé-las*; 13c); **F** hélas, **S** ay de mí, **I** ahimé!, **G** ach! Leider!; used to express sadness or fear

al-ba-tross -----*n* (see Spanish *alcatraz* pelican, by association with L *albus* white; 17c); a large white ocean bird, found particularly in the South Atlantic ocean

al-beit ----- *conj* (all be it (that), all though it be that; 14c); **F** bien que, encore que, quoique, **S** bien que, aunque, **I** sebbene, per quanto, **G** obgleich, wenn auch; *conj* changing in part what has been said before, *I accept your point of view, albeit I am not fully convinced*

al-bin-ism -----*n* (Mod **F** *albinisme*, L *albus* white; 19c); **F** albinisme m, **S** albinismo m, **I** albinismo m, **G** Albinismus m; the condition of being an albino

***al-bino** -----*adj* (Spanish and Portuguese, from *albo* white, L *albus*; 18c); **F** albinos, **S** albino/a, **I** albino/a, **G** Albino; a human being having a deficiency of pigments in the skin

album -----*n* (L *album*, from *albus* white; 17c); **F** album m, **S** album m, **I** album m, **G** Album m; a blank tablet for entries, *the photograph album*

al-bu-men -----*n* (L *albumen*, from *albus* white; 16c); **F** albumen m, blanc m de l'oeuf, **S** albúmina f, **I** albume m, **G** Eiweiß n; the white substance inside an egg

***al-chem-ist** -----*n* (ML *alchemista*, OF *alchemiste*, see **alchemy**; 16c); **F** alchimiste m, **S** alquimista m, **I** alchimista m, **G** Alchemist m; a person who practises alchemy

al-chemy -----*n* (ML *alchimia*, Arabic *alkīmīā*, Gr *χημία* the art of alloying metals; 14c); **F** alchimie f, **S** alquimia f, **I** alchimia f, **G** Alchimie f; the chemistry of the middle ages

al-co-hol ----- *n* (ML *alcohol*, Arab *al-kuhl*; 16c); **F** alcool m, **S** alcohol, **I** álcool m, **G** Alkohol m; a substance contained in liqueurs, wine, beer, which can make you drunk, *alcohol abuse*; ***al-co-hol-ic** *adj*; ***al-co-hol-ism** *n* the condition of being an alcoholic

al-co-pop ----- *n* a drink that contains alcohol but tastes like a lemonade

al-cove -----*n* (OF *alcôve*, Sp & Port *alcova*, Arabic *al-qobbah*, a vault, a vaulted chamber; 17c); **F** alcôve f, **S** nicho m, **I** alcova f, **G** Alkoven m; a small space in the vault of a room, that is further back than the rest of the wall, *the cupboard fits well into the alcove*

alder -----*n* (AS *alor*, cognate with L *alnus* an alder); **F** aulne m, aune m, **S** aliso m, **I** ontano m, alno m, **G** Erle f; a tree related to the birch

al-der-man -----*n* (OE *ealdormann*, from *aldor* chief, *ald* old+*-or* chief, prince; 13c); **F** conseiller m municipal m, **S** concejal m, **I** consigliere m comunale, **G** Aldermann m, Ratsherr m, Stadtrat m; a senior member of a town, next in rank to the Mayor

ale -----*n* (OE *ealu*, AS *alo*, ON *öl*, from Proto-Germanic); **F** bière f anglaise f, **S** ale, cerveza f inglesa, **I** birra f inglese, **G** Ale n, Bier n; a kind of beer, dark and bitter, made from malt
ale-house -----*n* old fashioned (*ale+house*; 11c); **F** taverne f, **S** taberna f, **I** birreria f, **G** Bierhaus n; a place where people drink beer

alert -----*n* (**F** *alerte*, **I** *allerta*, *alla+erta* to the tower, L *erigère* to set up as a permanent structure; 17c); **F** alerté/e f, **S** alerta m, alarma f, **I** allerta m, **G** (Alarm)Bereitschaft f; a warning of danger, *the Roman army was put on alert*

alert -----*adj* **F** alerté/e, vigilant/e, **S** alerta, **I** sveglia/a, pronto/a, **G** wachsam, achtsam; quick to understand and act, *I do not feel very alert, to stay alert*, to pay attention to sth

alert -----*v* **F** alerter, **S** alertar, poner sobre aviso, avisar, **I** mettere in stato di allerta, **G** alarmieren, warnen; to warn someone about a danger or a problem, *people were alerted to the incoming danger*

A level -----*n* a qualification taken by schoolchildren in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, in the final year, at the age of 17 or 18, *my daughter took three A levels*

al-fal-fa -----*n* (**S** *alfalfa*, Arab *alfaṣṣaḥ*; 19c); **F** luzerne f, **S** alfalfa f, **I** erba medica f, **G** Luzerne f; a plant with purple flowers grown as food for animals

al-fresco -----*adj adv* (**I** *al fresco*, on the fresh, in the fresh air; 18c); **F** en plein air, **S** al aire libre, **I** al fresco, all'aria fresca, **G** im Freien; in the open air, *an al fresco lunch*

algae *n pl* (L *alga* a sea-weed; 16c); **F** algue f, **S** alga f, **I** alga f, **G** Alge f; plants that grow in water or in fresh places

al-ge-bra -----*n* (ML *algebra*, **I** *algebra*, Arabic *al-jabr*, as from the title of the treatise by Al-Kuhwārizmī; 16c); **F** algèbre f, **S** álgebra f, **I** algebra f, **G** Algebra f; a type of mathematics which uses symbols and letters

***al-go-rism** *n* (OF *algorisme*, MedL *algorismus*, from Al-Kuhwārizmī; 13c); see **al-go-rithm**

***al-go-rithm** *n* (*algorism*+Gr *ἀριθμός* number, see prec; refashioned in 17c); **F** *algorithme* *m*, **S** *algoritmo* *m*, **I** *algoritmo* *m*, **G** *Algorithmus* *m*; a set of instructions given in a fixed order, to solve a mathematical problem

alias -----*prep* (L *alias* otherwise, in another way; 15c); **F** *alias*, *autrement dit/e*, *autrement nommé/e*, *connu sous le nom de*, **S** *alias*, **I** *alias*, *altrimenti detto/a*, *conosciuto/a sotto il nome di*, **G** *alias*, *sonst genannt*; also known as, *Jean Baptiste Poquelin alias Molière*; *n pl aliases*, a false name, *he is known under an alias*

alibi -----*n* (L *alibi* elsewhere; 18c); **F** *alibi* *m*, **S** *coartada* *f*, **I** *alibi* *m*, **G** *Alibi* *n*, *adv* *anderswo*, *an einem anderen Ort*; proof that a person, who is suspected of having committed a crime, was elsewhere, *he gave an alibi to the police*, *fig. the Chancellor of the Exchequer cannot use his predecessor's policy as an alibi for the rise of inflation*

alien -----*n* mainly *AmE* (OF *alien*, L *aliēnus*, belonging to another person or place; 14c); **F** *étranger/ère*, **S** *extranjero/a* *n m*, *adj* *ajeno/a* (a) *estranjo/a* (a), **I** *estraneo/a*, **G** *adj* *fremd*, *ausländisch*, *n* *Fremde* *m*, *Ausländer/in*; a foreigner, a person living in a country of which he is not a legal citizen, *the aliens left the country at the beginning of the war*, a person from a planet other than Earth, *inhabitants of the Earth and aliens*

alien -----*adj* foreign, coming from a different country or culture, *a language alien to me*, *alien workers*, strange, non familiar, *for some years I felt alien in Edinburgh*, relating to creatures from a planet other than Earth, *inhabitants of the Earth and aliens*

***alien-ate** -----*vt* (L *alienāre*, see **alien**; 16c); **F** *aliéner*, **S** *alienar*, *enajenar*, **I** *alienare*, **G** *veräußern*, *entfremden*; to make people dislike you, *with his behaviour John alienated all his friends*; ***alien-able** *adj*, *law* that can be sold or transferred; ***alien-ation** *n* the condition of being alienated, *he suffers a sense of alienation from his family*

alight¹ -----*v* (OE *alihtan*, *a+līhtan* to make lighter, see **light**); **F** *descendre de*, *se poser (sur)*, **S** *bajar* (de un coche), *posarse (sobre)*, **I** *scendere* (da), *posarsi* (su), **G** *aussteigen*, *sich setzen* (of a bird); to step down from a vehicle, *passengers alighted at King's Cross*, *the eagle alighted on the tree*, find by chance, *Sir Alexander Fleming alighted on/upon the discovery of the penicillin*

alight² *adj* **F** *allumé/e*, *en feu*, **S** *ardiendo/a*, *iluminado/a*, **I** *acceso/a*, *illuminato/a*, *splendente*, **G** *erleuchtet* (von); burning, *the car was set alight*, *lit face/eyes alight with excitement/pleasure, etc*; **to set the world alight**, to cause great excitement or admiration

align -----*v* (OF *aligner*, *à ligne*, see **line**; 17c); **F** *aligner*, *mettre en ligne*, **S** *alinear*, **I** *allineare*, **G** *in eine (gerade) Linie bringen*, *aufstellen*; to place something in a line, *to align the seats in a row*

***align-ment** -----*n* **F** *alignement* *m*, **S** *alineamiento* *m*, **I** *allineamento* *m*, **G** *Anordnung* *f* in einer (geraden) Linie, *Ausrichtung* *f*; the condition of being arranged in a line, *the alignment of Earth and Moon causes the eclipse of the Sun*, *fig. support given to a person or to an organisation, the alignment of the developing countries with the United Nations*

alike -----*adj/adv* (OE *gelīc*, ME *ilic(e)*, *ilik(e)*; see **like**); *adj* **F** *semblable*, *pareil/le*, **S** *semejante*, *igual*, **I** *simile*,

somigliante, **G** *gleich*, *ähnlich*; similar, *my grandfather Nicholas and I are alike*; *adv* **F** *pareillement*, *de même*, **S** *del mismo modo*, *igualmente*, **I** *egualmente*, *allo stesso modo*, **G** *gleich*, *ebenso*; in the same manner, *the two brothers speak alike*

alimen-ta-tion -----*n* formal (ML *alimentation-em*, L *alimentum* food; 17c); **F** *alimentation* *f*, **S** *alimentación* *f*, **I** *alimentazione* *f*, **G** *Ernährung* *f*, *Verpflegung* *f*; the act of nourishing or being nourished

ali-men-tary canal -----*n* (L *alimentarius+canal*; 17c); **F** *tube* *m* *digestif*, **S** *tubo* *m* *digestivo*, **I** *canale* *m* *alimentare*, **G** *Verdauungskanal* *m*; the tube in the human body that takes food from the mouth to the anus, through the stomach

ali-mony -----*n* (L *alimōnia*, from *alēre* to nourish; 17c); **F** *pension* *f* *alimentaire*, **S** *pensión* *f* *alimenticia*, **I** *alimenti* *m pl*, **G** *Ernährung* *f*, *Unterhalt* *m*, *law* *Alimente* *f pl*; money that one must pay regularly to the former spouse after divorce; see **maintenance**

alive -----*adj* (AS *on līfe*); **F** *vivant/e*, *en vie*, **S** *vivo/a*, *activo/a*, *enérgico/a*, **I** *vivo/a*, *vivente*, **G** *lebend*, *lebendig*, *am Leben*; living, in life, *the man was still alive when the rescuers arrived*

al·kali -----*n* (ML from Arabic *al-kalī*; 14c); **F** *alcali* *m*, **S** *álkali* *m*, **I** *alcali* *m pl*, **G** *Alkali* *n*, *Langensalz* *n*; a soluble mineral salt

***al·ka-line** *adj* **F** *alcalin/e*, **S** *alcalino/a*, **I** *alcalino/a*, **G** *alkalisch*; of the nature of the alkali

***al·kal-oid** *n* **F** *alcaloïde* *m*, **S** *alcaloide* *m*, **I** *alcaloide* *m*, **G** *Alkaloid* *n*; resembling an alkali in properties

all¹ -----*pron* (OHG *al*, OE *eall*); **F** *tout*, *tous* *pl*, **S** *todo*, *todos* *pl*, **I** *tutto*, *pl tutti*, **G** *all*, *sämtlich*, *vollständig*, *ganz*; indicating the totality, *all the costs were included*, the whole of an amount, *to spend all the money*, every one of a number, *all the students*; ***all in all**, considering everything; ***not at all**, in any way

all² *adv* **F** *tout*, *tout à fait*, **S** *completamente*, *enteramente*, **I** *del tutto*, *interamente*, *completamente*, **G** *ganz*, *gänzlich*, *völlig*; completely, *to live all alone*, *he was dressed all in blue*; ***all over**, everywhere, *all over the country*; ***all the better/easier** etc, used to emphasize how better, easier, etc, something is; ***all but**, almost completely; ***not at all**, not very; **in a game**, when each of the two teams has scored an equal number of points, *the score was 7 to all*; ***all round**, in every respect, *a good result all round*

all- (OE *eall*); *prefix*, everything, *all-inclusive price*, every, *all-night shop*, completely, *all-powerful God*

***all-embracing** *adj* including everything, *an all-embracing Government*

***all-around** -----*adj* *AmE*, *BrE* **all-round**; **F** *complet/ète*, **S** *completo/a*, *hábil para todo*, *con talentos para todo*, **I** *completo/a*, *versatile*, *multiforme*, **G** *vielseitig*; good at doing many different things, *an all-(a)round athlete*

***all-clear** -----*n* **F** *fin* *f* *d'alerte*, **S** *cese* *m* *de alarma*, **I** *cessato allarme* *m*, **G** *Entwarnungs* *f* (signal); signal that a danger has ended, *the fire brigade gave the all-clear*

***all-important** ----- *adj* **F** *de la plus haute/grande importance* *f*, **S** *sumamente importante*, *importantísimo/a*, **I** *di grande/somma importanza*, **G** *äußerst wichtig*; extremely important, *the all-important problem*; ***all-inclusive** *adj* *an all-inclusive package*

***all-in** *adj* *BrE*, **F** *tout compris*, **S** *total*, *con todo incluido*, **I** *tutto compreso*, **G** *alles inbegriffen*; including the cost of all parts, *comprehensive*, *an all-in price*, *an all-in package*

***all-in-one** *adj* **F** combinaison f, **S** todo m en uno, **I** tutto m in uno, **G** umfassend; able to do the work of two or more things usually separated, *an all-in-one vaccine*

***all-night** *adj* **F** qui dure toute la nuit, **S** abierto toda la noche, que dura toda la noche, **I** aperto tutta la notte, **G** -----
- ; *an all night shop*

***all-nighter** *n* **AmE** a time when one stays awake all night to study

***all-Powerful** *ie* God

***all-purpose** *adj* that can be used in different ways, *an all-purpose cleaner*

***all-rounder** *n* **BrE** a person who has many different skills, *an all-rounder academic*

Allah *n* the God of the Muslims

allay -----*v* (OE *alecgan*, *a+lecgan* to lay aside, OF *aleger* to lighten, *cogn* with L *ad+levāre* to relieve, to make more tolerable); **F** apaiser, soulager, **S** aliviar, calmar, **I** alleviare, calmare, **G** beruhigen, beschwichtigen, mildern; to make less worried, *to allay public fear*

all-clear *see* **all-**

al·lege -----*v* (**F** *alléguer*, L *allegāre*, to adduce in support of a request, to plead, RomL *exlittigāre* bring suit, *see* **litigate**; 14c); **F** alléguer, prétendre; **S** alegar, pretender, **I** asserire, sostenere, **G** anvorgaben, behaupten, versichern; to maintain something without giving evidence, *the alleged fraud*

***al·leg·a·tion** -----*n* (**F** *allegation*, L *ad+legation-em*, an allegation, a charge; 15c); **F** allegation f, **S** alegación f, **I** asserzione f, affermazione f, **G** Behauptung f, Aussage f, Darstellung f, unsupported assertion, *the allegations of fraud were declared null*

al·legiance -----(**OF** *ligeance*, LL *alligāntia*, also LL *laetius* servant, **MedL** *ligius*, *see* **liege**, *hist* a Lord who was entitled to feudal allegiance; 13c); **F** allégeance f, fidélité f, **S** lealtad f, devoción f, **I** lealtà f, devozione f, **G** Untertanenpflicht f, Treue f, Ergebenheit f; strong loyalty to a group, to a nation, etc, *his allegiance to his country is unreserved*

al·legory -----*n* (L *allegoria*, Gr *ἀλληγορία*, from *ἄλλος* another, one besides what has been mentioned, L *alius+dygoria* speaking; 14c); **F** allégorie f, **S** alegoría f, **I** allegoria f, **G** Allegorie f, Sinnbild n; symbolical narration, *the allegory of the Salvation*

al·legro -----*adj/adv* pl **allegros** (It *allegro* lively; 17c); *mus*, at a lively tempo, played quickly, *an allegro by Mozart*

al·le·luia also **hallelujah**, *interj/n* (EcclL *alleluia*, late Gr *ἀλληλοῦια*, Hebrew *hallēluyāh*, praise Jehovah; 14c); **F** alléluia m, **S** aleluya f, **I** alleluia m, **G** Halleluja n, Loblied n; *interj* meaning 'praise to God'

Allen key *n* (after the Allen Manufacturing Company, Connecticut); a metal tool which is used to turn a screw (**Allen screw**) with a hexagonal hole in the top

al·lergy *n* (**G** *Allergie*, Gr *ἄλλος* another+*ἔργον* action; early 20c); **F** allergie f, **S** alergia f, **I** allergia f, **G** Allergie f; altered state of sensitivity, *allergy to dust, to smoke*

***al·ler·gic** *adj* **F** allergique, **S** alérgico/a, **I** allergico/a, **G** allergisch; characterized by allergy, *allergic to hay*, *fig. a man allergic to work*

al·le·vi·ate -----*v* (Middle French *allevier*, LL *alleviāt-us*, *ad* to+*levis* light+-*ate*; 15c); **F** alléger, apaiser, soulager, **S** aliviar, mitigar, **I** alleviare, mitigare, **G** erleichtern, mildern;

to make less painful, *alleviate the pain, alleviate the sufferings of the poor*

alley -----*n* (**OF** *alee*, **F** *allée*, from *aller* to go, Gallo-Romance *allāri*, back formation of L *allātus*, *ad* to+*lātus*, pple of *ferre* to bring; 14c); **F** allée f, passage m, **S** callejón m, paseo m, **I** passaggio m, **G** Baumgang m, Gang m; a passage, *an alley between two houses, an alley to the park*

al·li·ance -----*n* (**OF** *aliance*, from *alier* to ally, L *alligāre*, *ad* to+*ligāre* to bind, to hold together; 13c); **F** alliance f, **S** alianza f, **I** alleanza f, **G** Allianz f, Verbindung f, Bund m; a political or military agreement between two or more countries

***al·lied** *adj* (*see* *ally*; 13c); **F** allié/e, **S** aliado/a, conexo/a, **I** alleato/a, **G** verbündet, verwandt, alliert; connected politically and/or militarily

al·li·ga·tor -----*n* (Sp *el lagarto*, L *lacerta* f, *lacertus* m the lizard; 16c); **F** alligator m, **S** caimán m, **I** alligatore m, caimano m, **G** Alligator m; a large reptile, closely related to crocodiles; it lives in the southern parts of the USA and in China

all-important *see* **all-**

all-in *see* **all-**

all-in-one *see* **all-**

al·li·er·a·tion -----*n* (**ModL** *alliteratiōn-em*, *ad* to+*littera* a letter; 17c); **F** alliteration f, **S** aliteración f, **I** allitterazione f, **G** Alliteration f; the use of several words which begin with the same sound or letter, in order to make a special effect

al·lo·cate -----*v* (**MedL** *allocate*, L *allocāre*, *ad*+*locāre*, from *locus* place; 17c); **F** affecter, attribuer, **S** asignar, repartir, **I** assegnare, ripartire, distribuire, **G** beiseite legen, zuteilen; give something to a particular person, especially after an official decision, *to allocate resources to the community*, allocate **sb/sth**, *they were allocated their seat*, allocate **sth/for**, *money was allocated for disaster relief*, allocate **sb/sth**, *they were allocated their seat*

***al·lo·ca·tion** -----*n* (**OF** *allocation*, **ML** *allocation-em*; 19c); **F** affectation f, attribution f, **S** asignación f, lo asignado m, **I** distribuzione f, assegnazione f, stanziamento m, **G** Zuteilung f, Zuwendung f, Kontingent n; an amount or share of something that is given to someone for a particular purpose, *the allocation of additional resources for the printing of our journal*

allot -----*vt* **allotting**, **allotted**, (**OF** *aloter*, *à+lot* lot; 15c); **F** allouer, assigner, **S** asignar, **I** distribuire, ripartire, assegnare, **G** durch Los verteilen, austeilen; to distribute by lot, to give a share of something available, *we were allotted an additional sum of money for charitable purposes*

***al·lot·ment** *n* (*allot+ment*; 16c); **F** allocation f, attribution f, **S** asignación f, **I** distribuzione f, ripartizione f, porzione f, lotto m, **G** Verteilung f, durch Los Anweisung f; **BrE** a small area of land that one can use to grow vegetables on, an amount of something that is given to someone, *allotment of resources to our company*

allo·tro·pe -----*n* (Gr *ἀλλότροπος* of another form, from *ἄλλος* other+*τρόπος* manner; 19c); **F** variété f allotropique, **S** variedad f alotrópica, **I** allotropo m, **G** Allotrop n; one of the different forms in which a chemical element occurs; these forms differ in the physical properties, but not in the atomic composition, for example graphite and diamond are *allotropes* of carbon

***allo·tropic** *adj*

all-out -----adj **F** (effort) suprême, (attack) à fond, **S** acérrimo/a, (effort) máximo/a, supremo/a, **I** completo/a, totale, **G** total, umfassend, radikal; done with a lot of energy, *an all-out attack, an all-out effort*

allow -----vt (OF *a(l)louer*, L *allaudāre* to praise, command, MedL *allocāre*, *ad+locāre*, to place, to award, to assign as a right, to let; 14c); **F** permettre, autoriser, **S** permitir, dejar, autorizar, **I** permettere, consentire, ammettere, **G** erlauben, gestatten, zuerkennen; to permit, *he was allowed to sell the house*, to admit, to agree, *they were allowed a compensation*, to make possible; ***al-low-able** adj permissible, admissible

***al-low-ance** (OF *alouance*, *alouer*; see prec); **F** allocation f, pension f alimentaire, **S** pension f, renta f, subsidio m, **I** permesso m, concessione f, pensione f alimentare, indennità f, **G** Erlaubnis f, Bestätigung f, Anerkennung f; an amount of money which you are given regularly, *she receives twice a year an allowance from her company*; to make allowances for somebody, *he made allowances for his child*, allow of sth, *the law allows of no exceptions*

alloy¹ -----n (OF *alei*, *aleier*, L *alligāre*, *ad+ligāre* to bind; 17c); **F** alliage m, **S** liga f, aleación f, **I** lega f, amalgama m, miscuglio m, **G** Legierung f, Mischung f, Metallegierung f; a mixture of metals, a metal that is made by mixing two or more metals, *an alloy of copper and zinc will produce the brass*

alloy² v to mix one metal with another, *to alloy copper and zinc*, fig. to reduce in value, *the pleasure of the journey was alloyed by the news of his mother's illness*

all-powerful, see **all-**

***all-purpose**, see **all-**

***all right** -----adj/adv/interj; **F** (tout va) très bien, **S** todo está bien, todo va bien, *exclamation* bueno!, muy bien!, de acuerdo, **I** bene, va bene, d'accordo, **G** ganz richtig, in Ordnung, schön, gut; satisfactory, fairly well, going well but non particularly, *how do you feel? All right, but things could go on better*, giving permission or expressing agreement, *can I take a seat? all right*

***all-round** see **all-around**

***all-rounder** see **all-**

all-singing, all-dancing, BrE coll often used humorously, a system or piece of equipment having special features, and able to do everything you want, *an all-singing machine*

all-spice n an aromatic spice made from the fruit of an American tropical tree, used in cooking

all-star adj including famous actors, *an all-star cast*

all-terrain vehicle, a motor vehicle with large, low-pressure tyres, used on rough terrain

all-time adj at any time, used to compare things, *an all-time champion, an all-time high/low*, etc, *inflation has reached an all-time high, an all-time record*, a record that has never been bettered

al-lude v (Middle French *alluder*, L *alludēre* to make a playful or mocking allusion to sth/sb, to play with; 16c); **F** faire allusion à, **S** aludir, **I** alludere (a), **G** anspielen, hinweisen (auf+acc), etwas andeuten; *formal*, to make indirect reference, to mention sb/sth indirectly, *while speaking, I realized that Peter was alluding to his story with Catherine*

al-lure¹ -----v (OF *alurer*, à+lure, L *ad+luēre* to fulfil, make good (a promise), to liberate, set free, see Gr *λύειν*;

originally a term of falconry; 15c); **F** attirer, séduire, **S** atraer, seducir, **I** attrarre, sedurre, **G** anlocken, anziehen; to attract, to seduce, *he was allured by the offer of travelling abroad*
al-lure² n **F** attrait m, **S** encanto m, fascinación f, **I** fascino m, incanto m, attrazione f, **G** Verlockung f, Anziehungskraft f; attraction, seduction, *the allure of riches*

***al-lur-ing** -----adj **F** séduisant/e, attrayant/e, **S** atractivo/a, seductor/ra, **I** attraente, seducente, **G** anlockend, verlockend, bezaubernd; attractive in an exciting way, *the alluring offer of a chair at Princeton*

***al-lure-ment** -----n **F** attraction f, charme m, **S** encanto m, fascinación f, **I** fascino m, incanto m, attrazione f, **G** Verlockung f, Reizung f, Verführung f; exciting attraction, *the allurements of a romantic life*

***al-lu-sion** -----n (L *allusion-em*, *alludēre*, see **allude**; 16c); **F** allusion f, **S** alusión f, **I** allusione f, **G** Anspielung f (auf+acc), Andeutung f, indirekte Bezugnahme f; indirect reference, *any allusion to his past story disturbs Peter*

***al-lu-sive** adj **F** allusif/ive, qui contient une allusion, **S** alusivo/a, **I** allusivo/a, **G** anspielend; referring indirectly, *an allusive speech*

al-lu-vium -----n (MedL *alluvium*, L *alluēre*, *ad+luēre* to wash against; 19c); **F** dépôts m/pl, sédiments m/pl, **S** depósito m aluvial, aluvión m, **I** deposito m alluvionale, **G** Alluvium n; a deposit of clay, sand, etc, left by rivers or floods

***al-lu-vial** -----adj **F** alluvial/e, **S** aluvial, **I** alluvionale, **G** alluvial, angeschwemmet; made of earth and sands left by flowing water, *the alluvial terrain between the ancient Ostia and the sea*

ally¹ -----v **al-lyed, ally-ing, al-lyes** (OF *alier*, L *alligāre*, see **alliance**; 14c); **F** s'allier (à, avec), **S** aliarse (con), **I** allearsi (con), **G** (sich) vereinigen, (sich) verbinden (mit); to join someone in an alliance, *in the Seven Year War Great Britain allied itself with Frederic the Great, Jenny allied herself to her mother against her mother-in-law*;

ally² -----n plural allies, **F** allié/e, **S** aliado/a, **I** alleato/a, **G** Alliierte(r), Verbündete(r), Bundesgenosse/in; nations, people, ecc, bound in an alliance, *America and UK were allies in the Second World War, Jenny and her mother are strict allies in family issues*

Alma Mater -----n (L *alma mater* fostering mother; 18c); the university one has attended

al-manac -----n (ML *almanac(h)us*, late Gr *ἀλμεινιακά*, as from Eusebius, Arabic *al-manākh*; 12c); **F** almanach m, **S** almanaque m, **I** almanacco m, **G** Almanach m; a book published every year, containing a calendar of months and days, information on relevant events, on the times of the sun rising and going down, on anniversaries, etc

al-mighty -----adj n (OS *alomahtig*, *all+might*, from *may* to have power; 9c); **F** tout-puissant m adj & n, **S** todopoderoso m adj/n, omnipotente adj/n, el Altísimo m, **I** onnipotente adj, l'Onnipotente (Dio) n m, **G** all-mächtig adj, der Allmächtige (Gott) m; omnipotent, invincible, *the Almighty God*

al-mond -----n (OF *almande*, L *amygdāla*, Gr *ἀμυγδάλη*; 14c); **F** amande f, **S** almendro m, almendra f, **I** mandorla f, mandorlo m, **G** Mandel f, Mandelbaum m; the nut of the almond tree, used in cooking and to make almond oil

al-most -----adv (AS *ælmæst*, *all+most*; 11c); **F** presque, **S** casi, por poco, **I** quasi, per poco, **G** fast, beinahe; nearly, *I am almost sixty of age, almost every day, almost all of us*

alms -----*n* old fashioned (OE *ælmesse*, OF *almosne*, RomL *alimosina*, Gr *ἐλεημοσύνη* pity; see also *alimony*); **F** *aumône* f, **S** *limosina* f, **I** *elemosina* f, *carità* f, **G** *Almosen* f, *Liebesgabe* f; money, cloths, etc, given to poor people, to relieve their sufferings

***alms·house** -----*n* old fashioned; **F** *hospice* m, **S** *hospicio* m, *asilo* m para los pobres, **I** *ospizio* m, *ricovero* m, **G** *privates Altenheim*, *privates Wohnheim für sozial Schwache*; in Great Britain, in the past, a house owned by a charity, where poor people could retire without paying rent

aloe -----*n* (OE *al(e)we*, L *aloe*, Gr *ἀλόη*; 14c); **F** *aloes* m, **S** *áloe* m, **I** *aloe* n m/f, **G** *Aloe* f; a liliaceous plant, whose thick pointed leaves contain a rich quantity of liquids, used to make medicines and cosmetics

aloft -----*adv & prep* (ON *á* in+*loft* air, sky, Gothic *luftus* air, OHG *luft*, OE *lift*; cf ModG *Luft*, 13c); **F** *en haut*, *en l'air*, **S** *en el aire*, *en alto*, **I** *in alto*, **G** *hoch*, *in der Höhe*; in the air, high up in the air, *he held aloft the flag of the victory*

alone -----*adj/adv* (all wholly, quite+*one* emphasizing oneness; aphetized in northern dialect to **lone**; early 14c); **F** *seul/e*, **S** *solo/a*, **I** *solo/a*, **G** *allein*; by yourself, *he lives alone after the divorce*, fig. *he feels alone after the end of the story*, only, *she alone can decide what to do*, **go it alone**, *he left the company and decided to go it alone*

along -----(OE *andlang*, through the length of, from *lang* long; 14c); *prep*, **F** *le long de*, **S** *por todo el tiempo*, **I** *lungo*, **G** *entlang*; *prep* from one end toward the other end, *to walk along the river*; *adv* in addition to, along **with** sth/sb, *along with Rome and Florence, among the Italian cities Venice is the richest in art*

alongside -----*prep/adv* (*along* *prep+side* n; 18c); **F** *le long de*, **S** *junto a*, *al lado de*, **I** *accanto*, *di fianco* (a), **G** *längsseite*, *langseit*; beside, together with, side by side with sb/sth, used as a preposition (followed by a noun) *alongside the river*, used as an adverb (without a following noun), *Peter walked alongside, the car passed alongside*

aloof -----*adj* (*a* on+*loof* windward; 16c); **F** *distant*, **S** *lejos*, a *distancia*, **I** *agg distante*, *avv alla larga*, *lontano*, **G** *fern*, *entfernt*; distant, unfriendly, unsympathetic, *aloof manners*, *to keep aloof from disputes*

alopecia -----*n* (L *alopēcia*, Gr *ἀλωπεκία*, disease, like mange in fox; 14c); **F** *alopécie* f, **S** *alopecia* f, **I** *alopecia* f, **G** *Alopezie* f, *Haarausfall* m; baldness, loss of hair

aloud -----*adv* (*a*+*loud*; 14c); **F** *à haute voix*, **S** *alto*, *en voz alta*, **I** *ad alta voce*, **G** *laut*, *mit lauter Stimme*; in a loud voice, *he spoke aloud to his son*

alpaca -----*n* (*S alpaca*, *al-paco*, a Peruvian name; 17c); **F** *alpaga* m, **S** *alpaca* f, **I** *alpaca* m, **G** *Alpaka* n, *Peruanisches Kamel* n; a Peruvian quadruped, similar to the llama; the alpaca wool is made from the wool of an alpaca

alpha -----*n* (L *a*, Gr *α*, *ἄλφα*); **F** *alpha* m, **S** *alfa* f, **I** *alfa* m/f, **G** *Alpha* n; the first letter of the alphabet

***al·pha·bet** ----*n* (L *alphabetum*, Gr *ἄλφα+βῆτα*, 16c); **F** *alphabet* m, **S** *alfabeto* m, **I** *alfabeto* m, **G** *Alphabet* n; the first two letters of the Greek language, a set of letters used for writing, *Roman alphabet*, *Greek alphabet*

***al·pha·bet·ic·al** *adj*, *alphabetical order*

***al·pha·bet·ize** *v* to put in alphabetical order, *to alphabetize the list of the books*

Alpine ----- *adj* (L *Alpinus*, from *Alpes* Alps; 17c); **F** *alpestre*, **S** *alpino/a*, *alpestre*, **I** *alpino/a*, *alpestre*, **G** *die Alpen* betreffend; pertaining to the Alps, *Alpine landscapes*, *flowers*

al·ready -----*adv* (*all+ready*; early 14c); **F** *déjà*, **S** *ya*, **I** *già*, **G** *schon*, *bereits*; before, before a particular time, *I have already been at the station*, used to express surprise, *are you already here standing, Boniface?* (Dante)

al·right -----*spelling of all right* (19c)

Al·sa·tian----- *n/adj* (MedL *Alsatia*, G *Elsass*; 19c); **F** *alsacien(ne)*, **S** *alsaciano/a*, **I** *alsaziano/a*, **G** *elsäbisch*, *das Elsaß* betreffend; a dog, called also German shepherd, used by police

also----- *adv* (ME *alswa* likewise, similarly, see OHG *alsō*; 13c); **F** *aussi*, *également*, **S** *también*, *además*, **I** *anche*, *pure*, *egualmente*, **G** *auch*, *dazu*, *ferner*; besides, moreover, *Peter is not only tall, but also handsome, apart from French, she also speaks a little Spanish*

also·ran *n* (newspapers formerly used to list horses failing to finish among the first three in a race under the heading 'Also Ran'); **F** *concurrent non classé*, **S** *caballo que no se coloca en una carrera*, **I** *concorrente non piazzato*, **G** *Pferd der sich nicht plazieren kann*; one who fails to win a race, one who is considered unimportant, a person of no distinction, *in the contest for the election he is an also-ran*

altar----- *n* (OF *auter*, L *altāre*, from *altus* high; 11c); **F** *autel* m, **S** *altar* m, **I** *altare* m, **G** *Altar* m; a holy table used in religious ceremonies, *esp* in Christian churches

alter----- *v* (OF *altérer*, ML *alterāre*, from *alter* other; 14c); **F** *modifier*, *remanier*, **S** *alterar*, *cambiar*, *modificar*, **I** *alterare*, **G** *ändern*, *verändern*; to make a thing different, *the development altered the landscape*; *v intr* to become different ***al·ter·a·tion**----- *n* (OF *altération*, ML *alteration-em*; 15c); **F** *modification* f, *remaniement* m, **S** *modificación* f, *transformación* f, **I** *alterazione* f, *modificazione* f, **G** *Änderung* f, *Veränderung* f; the action of altering, modifying, changing something

al·ter·ca·tion----- *n* (OF *altercation*, L *altercāri* to dispute, argue, from *alter* another; 16c); **F** *altercation* f, *dispute* f, **S** *altercado* m, **I** *alterco* m, **G** *heftige Auseinandersetzung* f; a dispute, a quarrel in angry terms, *an altercation took place between John and his wife*

alter ego -----*n* (L *alter* the other+*ego* I, Gr *ἄλλος ἐγώ*; 16c); **F** *alter ego* m, **S** *alter ego* m, **I** *alter ego* m, **G** *Alter ego* n; a second self, a very intimate friend, *Louis is John's alter ego*

al·ter·nate -----(L *alternatus*, *pple* of *alternare* to be subject to alternate movements, from *alter*, the other of two; 16c); **F** *alterner*, **S** *alternar*, **I** *alternare*, **G** *wechselweise tun*, *verrichten*; a) *v* do things one after the other, *he alternates work with recreation*; b) *adj* on alternate days, *an alternate weeks*

***al·ter·nate·ly** -----*adv* *alternately he feels hot and cold*

***alternating current** -----*n* a flow of electrical current that changes direction regularly and quickly

***al·ter·na·tive** -----(ML *alternativus*, from *alternāre*; 16c); **F** *alternatif/ive* *adj*, *choix* n/m, *solution alternative* n/f, **S** *alternativo/a*, **I** *alternativo/a* *adj*, *alternativa* n/f, **G** *alternativ* *adj*, *Alternative* n f; a) *adj* one of a pair, *alternative route*; b) *n* either of a pair of possibilities, *there is no alternative*

***al·ter·na·tive·ly** *adv* *you will be made an offer in particular; alternatively, you can choose another arrangement*

***al·ter·na·tor** -----*n* (see **alternate**; 19c); **F** *alterateur* m, **S** *alternador* m, **I** *alternatore* m, **G** *Wechselstromgenerator* m; generator of alternating current

al·though -----conj (*all+though*, ME *althagh*; 14c); **F** bien que, quoique, **S** aunque, a pesar de que, **I** sebbene, **G** obwohl, obgleich; even though, *he went to school, although he was ill*

al·tim·eter -----n (MedL *altimeter*, *alti* high+Gr *μέτρον* measure; 20c); **F** altimètre m, **S** altímetro m, **I** altímetro m, **G** Altimeter m, Höhenmesser m; a barometer which indicates the altitude

***al·ti·tude** -----n (L *altitudo*, from *altus* high; 15c); **F** altitude f, **S** altitud f, **I** altitudine f, **G** Höhe f, Gipfel m; vertical distance, height, *the altitude of Mount Blanc is of almost 5,000 metres*

alto n, pl **altos**, also **contralto** (I *alto*, L *altus* high; 16c); **F** alto m, haute-contre f, **S** contralto m, **I** contralto n m/f, *adj* alto, **G** Alt m, Altstimme f, Altsänger(in); a singing voice lower than that of a soprano; *adj* an alto instrument or voice produces notes at the second highest level, below that of a soprano

al·together *adv* (*all+together*; 16c); **F** tout à fait, entièrement, **S** completamente, del todo, **I** completamente, del tutto, **G** zusammen, insgesamt, völlig; everything being included, completely, *he was altogether drunk*

al·tru·ism n (OF *altruisme*, *autrui*, I *altrui*, L *alteri huic*; 19c); **F** altruisme m, **S** altruismo m, **I** altruismo m, **G** Altruismus m, Selbstseligkeit f; an inclination for the welfare of others, as opposed to egoism, *John's most relevant character is altruism*

alu·min·ium n **AME** **aluminum** (L *alumen* alum; early 19c); **F** aluminium m, **S** aluminio m, **I** alluminio m, **G** Aluminium n; a metal, white and ductile, used as an alloy, *an aluminium window*

alum·na, **alum·nus**, pl **alumni** n (L from *alēre* to nourish; 17c); **F** ancien élève m, **S** antiguo alumno m, **I** ex-alunno m, **G** ehemaliger Student oder Schüler n; former pupil or student, *the alumni of Glasgow University in the 18th century*

al·veo·lar *adj/n* (L *alveolus*, from *alvēus* channel; 19c); **F** alvéolaire, **S** alveolar, **I** alveolare, **G** alveolar; *phon*, a consonant sound such as *t*, *d*, *s*, that you make putting the tongue behind the upper front teeth; *anat*, relating to the roots of the teeth, *alveolar treatment*, *alveolar canal* or root canal

al·ways *adv* (*all+way*, the *s* comes from ME *wayes*, OE *ealne weg*, ME *alne way*; 13c); **F** toujours, **S** siempre, **I** sempre, continuamente, **G** immer, jederzeit; every time, *he has always been generous towards his friends*

Alz·heim·er's disease n (named after Alois Alzheimer, the German neurologist who described it in 1907); a disease of the brain, that affects particularly old people; it causes a loss of memory, of speech and movement

AM *abbr* for **amplitude modulation**; cf **FM**, or **frequency modulation**

AM *abbr* for Assembly Member (of the Welsh Assembly)

am form of **to be**: (OE *eom*, cognate with Gothic *im*, Old Irish *am*, Latin *sum*, Greek *εἰμί*, Sanskrit *ásmi*); I am

a.m. *adv*, *abbr* for Latin **ante meridiem**, before midday, before noon

amal·gam -----n (ML *amalgama*, Gr *μάλαγμα* emollient, soft materials; early 15c); **F** amalgame m, **S** amalgama m, **I** amalgama m, **G** Amalgam n; a blend, a mixture of different things or materials, *a dental amalgam*

***amal·gam·ate** *vt* (see prec); **F** amalgamer, **S** amalgamar, **I** amalgamare, **G** amalgamieren; to blend, to mix different things or materials

***amal·gam·ation** n a process in which two or more companies, farms, etc, merge to form a larger one, *amalgamation of companies*, fig. *amalgamation of proposals, of ideas*

amanu·en·sis -----n (L *amanuēnsis*, shortened form of *servus a manus* hand; early 17c); **F** copiste m, **S** amanuense m, **I** amanuense m, **G** Amanuensis m; one who writes in his own hand, *the Medieval amanuenses*

ama·ret·to -----n (It *amaro* bitter; 20c); **F** amaretto m, **S** amaretto m, **I** amaretto, **G** Amaretto n; a liqueur from Italy, flavoured with almonds

amass -----v/t/i (ML *amassāre*, L *massa*, Gr *μάζα*, OF *amasser*, from *ad+mass*; 16c); **F** amasser, accumular, **S** amontonar, acumular, **I** ammassare, accumulare, **G** ansammeln; to collect into a mass, *he amassed a fortune in a few years*

ama·teur -----n (F *amateur*, L *amator*, from *amāre* to love; 18c); **F** amateur m, **S** aficionado m, amateur m, **I** amatore m, dilettante m, **G** Liebhaber m, Dilettant m; a person who practises sth as a hobby, without professional skill, *concerning the knowledge of art John is simply an amateur*

***ama·teur·ish** *adj* **F** d'amateur m, **S** de aficionado m, amateur m, **I** amatoriale, dilettantesco, **G** dilettantisch; done as a hobby, imperfectly, without a professional hand, *an amateurish painting*

amaze -----v (ME and OE *amasian*, *ā+*masian* to confuse, related to **maze**; 13c); **F** stupéfier, **S** asombrar, **I** stupire, sorprendere, **G** erstaunen, mit Verwunderung erfüllen; to stupefy, to astonish, *we were amazed at the vision of the landscape*

***amazed** *adj* astonished; ***amazing** *adj* astonishing

***amazement** -----n (see **amaze**; 17c); **F** stupéfaction f, **S** asombro m, **I** stupore m, meraviglia f, **G** Erstaunen n, Verwunderung f; astonishment, mixed with incredulity and surprise, *our amazement was great, at the narration of John's adventures*

Amazon -----n (L *Amāzon*, Gr *Ἀμαζόνες*; 14c); **F** Amazone f, **S** Amazona f, **I** Amazzone f, **G** Amazone f; female warriors alleged by Herodotus to exist in Scythia

am·bas·sador -----n (OF *ambasseur*, ML **ambactiātor*, from *ambactiāre* to go on a mission; 14c); **F** ambassadeur m, **S** embajador m, **I** ambasciatore m, **G** Botschafter m, Gesandte m; a representative of his own government in a foreign country

amber -----n (OF *ambre*, ML *ambar*, Arabic *anbar* ambergris; 14c); **F** ambre f, **S** ámbar m, **I** ambra f, **G** Ambra f, Amber m; a yellow fossil resin used in jewellery, *an amber ring*; *adj* brown-yellow in colour

ambi- *prefix* (L *ambi* both; 17c); *combining form*, eg ambidextrous, ambivalent, etc

***ambi·dex·trous** *adj/n*; **F** ambidextre, **S** ambidextro/a, **I** ambidestro/a, **G** mit beiden Händen gleich geschickt; able to use either hand with equal skill

am·bi·ence -----n (see **ambient**; 19c); **F** ambiance f, **S** ambiente, **I** ambiente, **G** Ambiente n, Umwelt f, Atmosphäre f; the atmosphere of a place, *a comfortable ambience*

am·bi·ent -----*adj* (L *ambiens-entis*, from *ambire*, *ambi* on both sides+*ire* to go; 17c); **F** ambient/e, **S** ambiente, **I**

ambiente, **G** umgebend, einschließend, umkreisend; concerning the environment, *ambient temperature*

am·bi·gu·ity -----*n* (OF *ambiguité*, ML *ambiguitat-em*; 15c); **F** *ambiguité* f, **S** *ambigüedad* f, **I** *ambiguità* f, **G** *Ambiguität* f, Doppelsinn m; the condition of being unclear, not certain, *the ambiguity of the official statement*

***am·bi·gu·ous** -----*adj* (L *ambigu-us*, from *ambigēre*, *ambi* both ways+*agēre* to drive; 16c); **F** *ambigu/e*, *équivoque*, **S** *ambiguo/a*, **I** *ambiguo/a*, **G** *doppelsinnig*; questionable, not certain, indistinct, *a man with an ambiguous character*

ambit -----*n* (L *ambīt-us*, a going round, circumference, perimeter, from *amb-* about+*ītus* going, ppl of *īre* to go; late 16c); **F** *étendue* f, *portée* f, **S** *ámbito* m, **I** *ambito* m, **G** *Umkreis* m, *fig.* Bereich m; the limit of someone's influence, action, etc, *the ambit of his research is eighteenth-century history, within the ambit of the law*

am·bi·tion -----*n* (OF *ambition*, L *ambitiōn-em*, from *ambīre* to canvass for (an office, a prize, etc), to seek; 14c); **F** *ambition* f, **S** *ambición* f, **I** *ambizione* f, **G** *Ehrgeiz* m; eager desire of honours, glory, etc, *his ambition is unbounded*; **am·bi·tious** *adj*, full of ambition, of desire of glory

am·bi·va·lent *adj* (G *Ambivalenz*, after **equivalence**, L *ambi+valēre*; 1912); **F** *ambivalent*, **S** *ambivalente*, **I** *ambivalente*, **G** *ambivalent*, *doppelwertig*; having opposite qualities/views etc, *his ambivalent ideas, attitudes*

amble *v* (F *ambler*, L *ambulāre* to walk, 14c); **F** *marcher d'un pas tranquille*, (of a horse) *aller à l'amble* m, **S** *amblar*, **I** *passeggiare*, **G** *im Paßgang gehen*, *reiten*; to walk slowly, leisurely, *they ambled along the river, talking about their future life*

amble *n* **F** *pas* m ou *allure* f *tranquille*, **S** *ambladura* f, **I** *passeggiata* f, **G** *Paß* m; a slow and relaxed walk, *Cicero's amble along the river Fibreno in his 'De Officiis'*

***am·bu·lance** *n* (F *ambulance*, *hôpital ambulante*, L *ambulāre* to walk; 19c); **F** *ambulance* f, **S** *ambulancia* f, **I** *ambulanza* f, **G** *Ambulanz* f; a vehicle for conveying sick people to the hospital

***ambulance chaser** *n inf* *disapproving*, a lawyer who makes money by encouraging people who have had an accident to make claims in a court

***ambulance man** *n* a man whose job is to drive an ambulance

am·bush -----*v* (OF *ambuscher*, LL *imboscāre*, *in+boscus* wood; early 14c); **F** *tendre une embuscade* f, **S** *tender una emboscada* f (a), **I** *tendere un'imboscata* f, **G** *in einen Hinterhalt m legen*; to dispose troops so as to take an enemy by surprise, *at Teutoburg the Romans were ambushed by Arminius*

am·bush *n* **F** *embuscade* f, **S** *emboscada* f, **I** *imboscata* f, **G** *Hinterhalt* m; the act of hiding for a surprise attack, *the Romans fell in an ambush*

ameba *AmE* spelling of **amoeba**

ameli·or·ate -----*v* *formal* (English *a+meliorate*, patterned on F *améliorer*, LL *meliorāre* improve, from *melior* better; 18c); **F** *améliorer*, **S** *mejorar*, **I** *migliorare*, **G** *verbessern*; to improve, to make better or less harmful, *to ameliorate environmental conditions*

amen -----*interj* (LL *amen*, Gr *ἀμήν* so be it, Hebrew *ā-mēn* certainly, in truth; 12c); used at the end of prayers and religious hymns, to express agreement

amen·able -----*adj* (OF *amenable*, *ā+mener*, L *mināre* to push, impel, variant of *mināri* to speak or act menacingly, to

threaten; late 16c); **F** *accomodant/e*, *souple*, **S** *dócil*, *tratable*, *sumiso/a*, **I** *docile*, *sensibile*, **G** *zugänglich*, *verantwortlich*; easy or willing to be influenced, *an amenable pupil*, *Dante's Divine Comedy is scarcely amenable to being translated into German*

amend -----*v* (OF *amender*, L *emendāre* to correct; early 13c); **F** *rectifier*, *corriger*, **S** *enmendar*, **I** *emendare*, *correggere*, **G** *verbessern*, *von Fehlern reinigen*; to correct, to free from faults, the editor amended several faults in the draft

***amend·ment** *n* **F** *rectification* f, *correction* f, **S** *enmienda* f, **I** *emendamento* m, **G** *Verbesserung* f; improvement, betterment, *an amendment to the Constitution*

***amends** *n* (see **amend**); **F** *réparation* f, *compensation* f, **S** *reparación* f, *compensación* f, **I** *riparazione* f, *compenso* m, **G** *Schaden*(Ersatz) m; the money paid for reparation, for injury, damage, etc; **to make amends to sb/for sth**, to show that you are sorry for something wrong you have done

amen·or·rhea, **-rhea** *n* (ModL, Gr *ἀ* priv+*μήν* month+*ροία* flow, flux; 19c); **F** *aménorrhée* f, **S** *amenorrea* f, **I** *amenorrea* f, **G** *Amenorrhöe* f; the absence of normal menstruation

amen·ity (usually plural) **amenities** *n* (OF *amenité*, L *amoenitat-em* pleasantness; late 14c); **F** *charme* m, *agrément* m, **S** *amenidad* f, *amabilidad* f, **I** *amenità* f; **G** *Annehmlichkeit* f, *Liebenswürdigkeit* f; beauty, sth that makes pleasant to live in a place, *the amenities of the landscape overlooking the village*

Amer·asian *n* a person who has one American parent and one Asian parent

***Ameri·can** *n* a person from America, particularly from the US; *adj* connected with North or South America, particularly the US

***Americanism** *n* a word, spelling or phrase, typical of English as spoken in America

ameth·ist -----*n* (OF *ametiste*, L *amethystus*, Gr *ἀμέθυστος*; 13c); **F** *améthyste* f, **S** *amatista* f, **I** *ametista* f, **G** *Amethyst* f, *Purpurfarbe* f; a precious stone of a clear purple or bluish violet colour, used in jewellery

ami·cable -----*adj* (L *amicabilis*, from *amicus* friend; 16c); **F** *amical/e*, *d'amitié*, **S** *amigable*, **I** *amichevole*, **G** *freundlich*, *friedlich*; friendly, *Peter's amicable manners*; ***am·ic·ably**, *adv*

amid -----*adv prep* (*a+mid*, OE *on middan*, L *in medio*, Gr *ἐν+μεσση*; 12c); **F** *au milieu de*, *parmi*, **S** *entre*, **I** *in mezzo* (a), *tra*, *fra*, **G** *inmitten*; in the middle, *amid the ruins of the Roman forum Gibbon conceived the idea of his Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*

***amidst** *lit* see **amid**

***amid·ships** -----*adv* (*in the ship's middle*, *in the centre of the ship*; 17c); **F** *au milieu du navire*, **S** *en medio del barco*, **I** *nel mezzo della nave*, **G** *mittschiffs*, *in der Mitte des Schiffes*; towards the centre of a ship

amino acid *n* a chemical substance of the amino group

amiss -----*adj* (OE *amis*, *amisse* in fault, *a* in+*missen* fail to hit; 13c); **F** *de travers*, **S** *inoportuno/a*, *malo/a*, **I** *male*, *errato/a*, *non idoneo/a*, **G** *falsch*, *schlecht*; in a defective manner, *in the translation something went amiss*, **not go amiss**, something that would be useful, *your help would not go amiss*, **take sth amiss**, to feel offended, *she took it amiss my complimenting her lady friend*

amity -----*n* (OF *ami(s)tié*, L *amicitia* friendship, affinity; 15c); **F** *amitié* f, **S** *amistad* f, **I** *amicizia* f, **G** *Freundschaft* f;

formal, friendship, the problems between the two men were solved in a spirit of amity

am·meter -----*n* (*ampère+meter*; late 19c); **F** ampèremètre *m*, **S** amperímetro *m*, **I** amperometro *m*, **G** Amperemeter *n*; an instrument to measure the force of electric current in ampere

am·mo·nia -----*n* (OF *ammoniac*, L *sal ammoniacus*, Gr *ἀμμωνιακόν*, a salt obtained from the Lybian region of Ammonia; late 18c); **F** ammoniague *f*, **S** amoniaco *m*, **I** ammoniaca *f*, **G** Ammoniak *n*; *chem*, ammonium chloride, a liquid or gas with a bad smell, used for cleaning, or in making chemical products, like fertilizers, etc

am·mu·ni·tion -----*n* (OF *munitio*, L *munitiōn-em* the building of defensive works, from *munīre* to fortify, but in French the word 'munition' could have been mistaken for 'amunition'; 17c); **F** munitions *f/pl*, **S** municiones *f/pl*, **I** munizioni *f/pl*, **G** Munition *f*; bullets, bombs, etc, that are fired from guns, *the deposit of ammunitions had recently been emptied*, fig. *the words of the Minister offered ammunition to the criticism of the opposition*

am·nesia -----*n* (ModL, Gr *ἀμνησία* forgetfulness, loss of memory; late 18c); **F** amnésie *f*, **S** amnesia *f*, **I** amnesia *f*, **G** Amnesie *f*; inability to remember things, *when questioned by the police he seemed to suffer an apparent amnesia*

am·nesty -----*n* (OF *amnestie*, L *amnestīa* a general pardon, Gr *ἀμνηστία* oblivion; early 17c); **F** amnistie *f*, **S** amnistia *f*, **I** amnistia *f*, **G** Amnestie *f*; a general pardon of past offences, *amnesty was passed by the Parliament after a long debate*

am·nio·cen·tesis -----*n* (Gr *ἀμνίου* inner membrane round the foetus+*κέντησις* pricking; 20c); **F** amniocentèse *f*, **S** amniocéntesis *f*, **I** amniocéntesi *f*, **G** Amnion *n*; removal of amniotic fluid, or the action of taking some liquid from the womb of a pregnant woman, to find if the baby suffers any particular illnesses

am(o)eba -----*n* (ModL, Gr *ἀμοιβή* change; 19c); **F** amibe *f*, **S** ameba *f*, amiba *f*, **I** ameba *f*, **G** Amöbe *f*, Wechseltierchen *n*; a microscopic animal of the class Protozoa, whose shape is perpetually changing

amok *n* (from Malay *amok* engaging furiously in battle; 17c); **F** crise *f* de folie furieuse, **S** volverse loco, **I** in preda a furia omicida, **G** in blinder Wut; in a frenzy, in an uncontrolled way; **to run amok**, to behave in a frenzy way

among, -----**amongst** *prep* (OE *on in+(ge)mang* crowd; see **mingle** and **mongrel**; 17c); **F** au milieu de, parmi, **S** entre, **I** tra, fra (molti), **G** unter, zwischen; in the midst of, surrounded by, *he was among relatives and friends*

amoral *adj* (*a+moral*; 19c); **F** amoral/e, **S** amoral, **I** amorale, **G** amoralisch; having no moral sense, *an amoral statesman*

am·or·ous *adj* (ML *amorōsus*, from *amor* love; 14c; see **amour**); **F** amoureux/euse, **S** amoroso/a, **I** amoroso/a, **G** liebedürftig; showing romantic or sexual attraction, *amorous advances*

amorph·ous -----*adj* (ModL *amorphus*, Gr *ἀμορφος* formless, having no shape, shapeless, *ἀ* priv+*μορφή* form, shape; 18c); **F** amorphe, **S** amorfo/a, **I** amorfo/a, **G** amorph, formlos; having no form or shape, *an amorphous lyfe-style*

amort·ize -----*v* (OF *amortir*, ML *admortizāre*, *ad+mortem* death; late 14c); **F** amortir, **S** amortizar, **I** ammortizzare, **G** amortisieren; to extinguish, gradually pay off, *the company amortized all the debts in three years*

amount¹ -----*v* (OF *amonter*, L *ad+montem* to the hill; 13c); **F** s'élever, équivaloir, **S** ascender *a*, sumar, **I**

ammontare, equivalere (*a*), **G** sich belaufen (auf), bedeuten; to total, *all the costs amounted to 1 million pounds*, fig. *all his answers amounted to nothing*

amount² *n* **F** somme *f*, total *m*, **S** suma *f*, importe *m*, **I** ammontare *m*, importo *m*, totale *m*, **G** Betrag *m*, Summe *f*, Höhe *f*; a quantity of sth, *a small amount/a large amount of money, the full amount will be paid by the end of the year*

amour -----*n* *lit* (OF *amour*, L *amōr-em* love; 13c; see **amorous**); a love affair, *esp* illicit or secret, a sexual relationship, *the amours of Giacomo Casanova, Venetian*

amp -----*abbr* for ampère; *inf abbr* for amplifier

am·per·sand -----*n* (*abbr* for *and per se and*, the sign &; 19c); **F** esperluette *f*, **S** el signo & *m*, **I** segno *m* di congiunzione, **G** Et-Zeichen; the sign &, *Louis White & sons plc*

am·phet·amine ----- *n* (*a(lpha)-m(ethyl)-ph(enil)-et(hyl)-amine*; 20c); **F** amphétamine *f*, **S** anfetamina *f*, **I** anfetamina *f*, **G** Benzendrin *n*; a drug which stimulates heart and respiration

am·phib·ian -----*n* *adj* (L *amphibia*, Gr *ἀμφίβια* (ζῷα animals), from *ἀμφί* on both sides, L *ambi+βίος* life, living a double life; 17c); **F** amphibie, **S** anfibia/a, **I** anfibia/a, **G** Amphibie *f*, amphibisch *adj*; an animal which lives both in land and in water, like frogs, crocodiles, etc

***am·phibi·ous** *adj*, living both in water and in land, *amphibious animals, amphibious reptiles*

amphi·theatre -----*n* (L *amphitheatrum*, *ἀμφιθέατρον*, *ἀμφί* on both sides+*θέατρον* theater; 16c); **F** amphithéâtre *m*, **S** anfiteatro *m*, **I** anfiteatro *m*, **G** Amphitheater *n*; a semicircular area, around which rows of seats are arranged on a slope; they were used particularly in ancient Greece and in Rome for watching plays, sports, etc

amphora -----*n* *pl -ae or -as*; (L, Gr *ἀμφορεύς* a jar with a narrow neck, *ἀμφί* on both sides, as from its two handles+ *φορεύς*, from *φέρειν* bear or carry a load; 17c); a large earthenware jar, for holding oil or wine, used in ancient times

ample -----*adj* (F *ample*, L *amplus* having ample size or extent; 15c); **F** ample, **S** amplio/a, **I** ampio/a, **G** ausgedehnt, breit, weit; more than enough, *her ample bosom*, fig. *ample opportunities*