

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*, to use a situation to get what you want to *take advantage of something*, *unfair* to use somebody for your own advantage, *to take advantage of somebody*

ad·van·tag·ed *adj* formal F *favorisé/e*, *aisé/e*, S *aventajado/a*, *adelantado/a*, I *avvantaggiato/a*, *favorito/a*, G *bevortheilt*, *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* (English *advantage* + *-ous*; late 16c); F *avantageux/euse*, S *ventajoso/a*, I *vantaggióso/a*, G *vorteilhaft*, *günstig*; favourable, *it will be advantageous to hear the opinion of Kenneth*

Ad·vent¹ *n* (OF *advent*, L *advēntus* arrival, from *advenīre* to come (to), arrive (at); 11c); F *l'Avent* m, S *Adviento* m, I *Avvènto* m, G *Advent* m, *Adventszeit* f; the period of four weeks before Christmas,

advent² *n* (18c in the sense of any important arrival); 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*, *an adventitious 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 *avventūra* 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·tur·er *n* (F *aventurier*, *adv-* + *aventure* + *-er*; 15c); F *aventurier/ère*, S *aventurero/a*, I *avventuriéro/a*, G *Abenteurer*; one who enjoys adventure, *an adventurer who risked all the family fortune*

ad·ven·tur·ism *n* (English *adventure* + *-ism*; 18c); the tendency towards taking adventurous risks

ad·ven·tur·ous *adj* (OF *aventurous*, see *adventure* + *-ous*; 14c); F *aventureux/euse*, S *aventurero/a*, *aventurado/a*, I *avventuróso/a*, G *abenteuerlich*; having the tendency towards a risky behaviour, *an adventurous young man*

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

ad·ver·sary *n/adj* (OF *adverser*, L *adversārius* 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, past part. of *advertēre*; 15c); F *défavorable*, *hostile*, S *adverso/a*, *opuesto/a*, *contrario/a*, I *avvèrso/a*, *contrário/a*, G *Entgegenwirkend*, *gegnerisch*; who acts against, *the clergy was adverse to any new ideas*

ad·ver·sity *n* (OF *aversite*, L *adversit-ātem*; 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 for **advertisement**

ad·ver·tise *v* (ME *advertisen*, 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 *fàre 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* (MF *advertissement*, from *avertir* + *-ment*; early 15c); F *annonce* f *publicitaire*, S *anuncio* m *publicitario*, I *annúncio* m *publicitário*, 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* (*advertise* + *-er*; 16c); F *annonceur* (*publicitaire*) m, S *anunciante* m, I *inserzionista* m, G *Inserent* m, *Anzeiger* m; one who advertises

ad·ver·tis·ing *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 *consigliāre*, *raccomandāre*, G *raten*, *einen Rat erteilen*; to give your opinion or advice, *he advised us of the incoming danger*

ad·vis·able *adj* F *recommandable*, *judicieux/euse*, S *aconsejable*, *conveniente*, I *raccomandabile*, *conveniente*, G *ratsam/e*; something that is a good idea to do, *an advisable solution*

ad·vised·ly *adv*

ad·viser *n* **ad·visor**, F *conseiller/ère*, S *consejero/a*, *asesor/ora*, I *consiglière* m, *consulente* m/f *fiscale*, G *Berater* m, *Ratgeber* m; 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*, *advocātus*; see next; late 14c); F *soutien* m, *plaidoyer* m, S *abogacía* 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·cate¹ *n* (L *advocātus*, past part. 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 *difensóre* m, *sostenitóre* m, G *Verfechter* m; a person who supports somebody or a movement, *an advocate of liberation*

ad·vo·cate² *vt* (from the noun; 17c); F *défendre*, *plaider* (en *faveur de*), S *recomendar*, *abogar por*, I *patrocināre* (una *causa*), *sostenère*, G *verteidigen*, *eintreten für*; 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 *carpentière*), G *Breitbeil* n, *Krummmaxt* f; a carpenter's tool, used for cutting the surface of wood

aegis *n* (L *ægīs*, Gr *αἰγίς* shield of Zeus or Minerva; early 18c, late 18c in figurative sense); F *égide* f, S *égida* f, *escudo* m, I *égida* 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 *eóne* 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** areàre, espórrer all'aria, **G** der Luft aussetzen; to expose to the action of air, *to aerate a room*

aerial¹ *adj* (L *aērius*, *aēreus*, Gr *ἀήριος*, *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*
aerial² *n* *AmE* also *antenna* (20c); **F** antenne *f*, **S** antena *f*, **I** anténna *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/adj* (Gr *ἀήρ* air + *βατός* passable, accessible, walking, see **acrobatics**; 20c); **F** acrobaties *f/pl* aériennes, **S** acrobacia *f* aérea, **I** acrobàtica *f* aèrea, **G** Luftsport *m*, Kunstfliegen *n*; the action of flying an aircraft in daring manoeuvres, *adj*, *an aerobatic display*

aerobics *n* **F** aérobic *m*, **S** aeròbic *m*, **I** aeròbica *f*, **G** Aerobic *n*; physical exercises which increase the amount of oxygen in the blood

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

aero-dynamics *n/adj* (*aero* + *dynamics*; 19c); **F** aérodynamique *f*, **S** aerodinàmica *f*, **I** aerodinàmica *f*, **G** Aerodynamik *f*; the science of the movement of the bodies through the air; *adj*, *aerodynamic shape of a car*

aero-gramme *n* (modelled on **telegram**; 19c); **F** aérogramme *m*, **S** aerograma *m*, **I** aerogràmma *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** aeronàuta *m*, **G** Aeronaut *m*, Luftfahrer *m*, Luftschiffer *m*; a pilot or passenger of an airship or balloon

aero-nautics *n/adj* (ModL *aeronautica*; 18c); **F** aéronautique *f*, **S** aeronàutica *f*, **I** aeronàutica *f*, **G** Aeronautik *f*; the science of building planes; *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** aerosòl *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** aerospàzio *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* *aérostat*, Gr *ἀήρ* air + *στατός* standing, word coined by Montgolfier in 1783); **F** aérostat *m*, **S** aeròstato *m*, **I** aeròstato *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** estèta *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-thetic *adj* (Gr *αἰσθητικός*, concerning the appreciation of the beautiful; 18c); **F** esthétique, **S** estético/a, **I** estético/a, **G** ästhetisch, den Gesetzen des Schönen entsprechend; which concerns beauty, *aesthetic pleasure*

aes-thetics *n lit* the study of beauty, *the Aesthetics of Baumgarten*

aes-tival *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 *æstivāre* to spend the summer; 17c); **F** estiver, **S** pasar el verano en estado de letargo, **I** trascòrrere

l'estàte, andàre in estivazióne, **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*, *ἀιτία* cause + *λογία* -logy, a giving the cause of a thing; 16c); **F** étologie *f*, **S** etiología *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 *facĕre*; 14c); **F** affaire *f*, **S** asunto *m*, **I** affàre *m*, relazione *f*, **G** Sache *f*, Affàre *f*; a situation to be dealt with, *financial affairs*, a relationship, *the affair between Peter and Kathy*

af-fect *v/t* (*F* *affecter*, L *afficĕre* to produce an effect, to make an impression on, *ad* + *facĕre*; 17c); **F** influer, toucher, concerner, feindre, simuler, avoir un effet sur, **S** afectar, **I** influire su, affettàre, ostentàre, **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-fectation (L *affectedi-ōnem*; 16c); **F** affectation *f*, simulation *f*, **S** afectaciòn *f*, **I** affettaziòne *f*, simulaziòne *f*, **G** Affektiertheit *f*; behaviour non sincere, *the affectations of that man betray lack of sincerity*

af-fected *adj* **F** maniéré/e, atteint/e (d'une maladie), **S** afectado/a, amanerado/a, **I** ricercàto/a, **G** affektiert/e; non sincere, *affected manners*

af-fecting *adj* **F** touchant/e, **S** conmovedor/ora, **I** commovènte, toccànte, **G** ergreifend/e, making you feel emotion, *an affecting story*

af-fec-tion *n* (OF *affection*, L *affectedi-ōnem*, from *afficĕre*, see **affect**; 17c); **F** affection *f*, tendresse *f*, **S** afecto *m*, afecciòn *f*, **I** affètto *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** affezionàto/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/e, affektiv/e; having an effect on the emotions, *affective disorders* (eg, depression or mania)

af-fer-ent *adj* (L *afferĕnt-em*, from *ad* to + *ferre* to bring to; 19c); **F** afférent/e, **S** aferente, **I** afferènte, **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** declaraciòn *f* jurada, **I** affidàvit *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 never affiliated to the university*

af·fili·ate² *n* (from the verb; 19c); an organization which is part of a larger one, *Ferrari carmaker is an affiliate of the Fiat*; **af·fili·ated** *adj*

af·fili·ation *n* (F *affiliation*, LL *affiliati-ōnem*; 18c); F affiliation f, S afiliación f, legitimación f, I affiliazione f, G Adoption f, Affiliation f; connection with an organization, *the affiliation of the Ferrari to the Fiat group*

af·fin·ity *n* (F *affinité*, L *affinit-ātem*, 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·fir·ma·tion *n* F *affirmation* f, assertion f, S *afirmación* f, I *affermaziōne* f, *asserziōne* f, G *Behauptung* f, *Versicherung* f; the act of affirming, of declaring, *all his affirmations were verified by the police*

af·fir·ma·tive *adj* (F *affirmative/ive*, S *afirmativo/a*, I *affermativo/a*, G *zustimmend*, *positiv*); 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, etc*

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 *ispiraziōne* f, *afflātō* 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 *afligir*, 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 *affliziōne* 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 *afflu-ēntem*, *affluēre*, *ad* + *fluēre* to flow into, to abound; 15c); F *aisé/e*, *riche*, S *opulento/a*, *abundante*, I *ricco/a*, *che gòde di benèssere*, G *reichlich*, *wohlhabend*; abundant, flowing in abundance, *the affluent society*

affluent² *n* (15c); 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, the affluents of Lake Superior*

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

af·ford *vt* (OE *geforthian*, *ge-* + *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 *permitterse*, I *permétersi*, *potérsi permétere*, 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 expence*

af·fore·st *vt* (MedL *afforestāre*, *ad* + *forēsta*, *for-ēstem* (*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* (MedL *afforestati-ōnem*; 16c); 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·chise *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·front¹ *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·front² *n* (noun use of **affront**; late 16c); F *affront* m, *offense* f, S *afronta* f, *ofensa* f, I *affrōnto* 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 *lontāno*, *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 fiämme*, *ardēnte*, G *in Brand*, *brennend*; burning, *to set sth afire*

af·flame *adv* (*a* + *flame*; 16c); F *enflammé*, S *en llamas*, I *in fiämme*, 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 gälla*, 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 tressaillit 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) *foten* 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·men·tioned, 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); **F** avoir des ennuis, **S** indisponerse con uno, **I** in conflitto con, **G** in Konfliktsituation mit jemandem sein; 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 nuòvo, **G** von neuem, wieder, abermals; anew, with a new commencement, with a fresh start, *I will start afresh*

Afri-can *adj* (L *Africānus*; *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 pòppa, vèrso pòppa, **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** dòpo, diétro, **G** nach(her), hinterher, danach; in the rear, behind, *my house is 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** placènta *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** effètto *m* secundario, **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** luminiscència *f*, resplendor *m* crepuscular, **I** luminescènza *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** reprensiones *f*, **I** conseguènze *f/pl*, risultàti *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** dopopràno *m*, pomeriggio *m*, **G** Nachmittag *m*; the period of time after noon and before the evening; ***after-noons** *adv*

afters *n coll* plural form of **after**; **F** dessert *m*, **S** postre *m*, **I** dessert *m*, **G** Dessert *n*, Nachtisch *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** dopobàrba *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** scòssa *f* di assestaménto, **G** Nachheben *n*; 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** sapóre *m* che rimàne in bócca, **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* tardia, ocurrencia *f* tardia, **I** ripensaménto *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 nuòvo, **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** cóntro, **G** gegen, entgegen; opposed, in contrast to, *against present Government*

agape *adj* (*a + gape*; 17c); **F** bouche *f* bée, **S** boquiabierto/a, **I** a bócca apèrta, **G** mit offenem Munde; mouth wide open, in wonder or expectation, *he watched the scene, his mouth agape*

agate *n* (OF *agate*, L *achates*, Gr *ἀγάτης*; 16c); **F** agate *f*, **S** ágata *f*, **I** àgata *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* (ME, via French, from L *-aticum*, *n* of *-aticus*), 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 *agentīa*, from *agēre* to make, to cause to move; 17c); **F** agence f, bureau m, **S** agencia f, **I** agenzia f, mediazióne f, ópera 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 *agēnda* things to be done, singular *agēndum* to be done, from *agēre*, to do; 17c); **F** ordre m du jour, programme m, **S** orden m del día, **I** agēnda f, órđine m del gíorno, **G** Tagesordnung f; things to be done, *our agenda for today*

agent *n* (L *agent*, from *agēre* to do; 15c); **F** agent m, concessionaire m, **S** agente m, **I** agēnte m, concessionário 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*

agglom-er-ate *n* (L *agglomerāre* to mass together, to form into a ball, *ad* to + *glomerāre* to wind up into a ball, from *glomus* a ball; 17c); **F** agglomérat m, **S** aglomerado m, **I** agglomeràto 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*

***agglom-er-ation** *n* (F *agglomération*, L *agglomerātus*; 18c); **F** agglomération f, **S** aglomeración f, **I** agglomeràto 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** ampliàre, 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 *aggravātus*, past part. of *aggravāre*, to make (a weight) greater, from *gravis* heavy; 16c); **F** aggraver, exaspérer, **S** agravar, **I** aggravāre, **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*, past part. of *aggregāre*, 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** totàle m, *geol* aggregàto m, **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, totàle, **G** gesamt, vereinigt; joined together, *the aggregate value, demand, supply*

aggregate *v* **F** agréger, monter à, s'élèver à (un nombre), **S** agregar, juntar, reunir, **I** aggregāre, 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** insiēme, nel complessò, **G** insgesamt; considered together as a group

ag-gre-ga-tion *n* **F** agrégation f, agrégat m, **S** agregado m, **I** aggregazióne f, **G** Ansammlung f; a collection of different materials, persons, etc

ag-gres-sion *n* (F *aggression*, L *aggressiōn-em* attack, from *aggrēdi* to attack; 17c); **F** aggression f, **S** agresión f, **I** aggressióne 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 *aggrēssor*, from *aggrēdi* to approach with hostile intent); **F** agresseur m, **S** agresor m, **I** aggressóre 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, addoloràre, **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** àgile, **G** beweglich; able to move quickly, *stags are agile animals*;

agility *n* the quality of being agile, *the agility of the panther*

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

agitprop (Russian *agitatsyia* agitation + *propaganda*, see next; 20c); agitation and propaganda, esp. for the Communist Party in the Soviet Union

ag-it-ate *v* (F *agiter*, L *agitātum*, past part. of *agitāre* to move to and fro, *freq* form of *agēre* to do; 16c); **F** agiter, **S** agitar, **I** agitāre, **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-it-ated *adj* feeling anxious or worried about something, *her agitated voice*

ag-it-a-tion *n* (L *agitate-ōnem*; late 16c); **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-it-a-tor *n* (L *agitātor* one who drives animals; 17c); **F** agitateur/trice, **S** agitador/ora, **I** agitatore m, **G** Agitator m; one who agitates (in general political ideas)

ag-low *adv* (*a* + *glow*; 19c); **F** rougeoyant/e, **S** resplendeciente, **I** ardēte, 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** agnàto/a, affine, **G** Agnat; a collateral descendant

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

agnosticism *n* **F** agnosticisme m, **S** agnosticismo m, **I** agnosticismo m, **G** Agnostizismus m; 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*

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

agonize *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 martyr *m*, **S** agonizar, sufrir angustiosamente, **I** agonizzare, tormentarsi, torturarsi, **G** quälén, 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 *ἀγῶν* struggle, contest for victory; 14c); **F** angoisse *f*, **S** agonía *f*, angustia *f*, aflicción *f* extrema, **I** torménto *m*, tortúra *f*, supplizio *m*, agonía *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*

agonized *adj* showing mental pain, *an agonized decision*

agonizing *adj* causing mental pain, *agonizing decision*, *agonizing 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

agoraphobia *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

agoraphobic *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** agrário/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'accòrdo, **G** zugeben, einräumen; to be pleased with, to be in agreement, *they agreed to their brother's request*

agreeable *adj* **F** agréable, **S** agradable, placentero/a, **I** piacevole, gradévole, **G** angenehm; *an agreeable woman*, *an agreeable conversation*; ***agreeably** *adv*

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

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

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

agriculturalist *n* (*agriculture* + *-ist*; early 19c); **F** agronome *m*, **S** agricultor *m*, agrónomo *m*, **I** agricolóre *m*, perito *m* agrário, **G** Landwirt-; an expert in agriculture

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

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

agronomy *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 sècca, **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** malària *f* (acūta), **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*, *adjuvāre* to help; 15c); **F** aider, assister, **S** aydar, auxiliar, **I** aiutāre, 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*, assistènza *f*, soccòrso *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** aiutānte *m* di càmpo, **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 *v* *old fashioned* (OE *eglan*, cognate with Gothic *aglīan* harass, MLG *egelen* cause trouble, apparently with Greek *ἄκος* cure, remedy; before 1300 as *ailen*); **F** être souffrant/e, **S** affligir, **I** affliggere, far soffrire, **G** schmerzen.; to make unhappy, *this story hailed him long*, to cause difficulty, *the scarcity of petrol hails economic growth*

aileron (**F** *aileron*, *dimin.* of *aile*, **L** *ala* wing; 20c); **F** aileron *m*, **S** alerón *m*, **I** alettóne *m*, **G** Querruder *n*; a movable surface of an aircraft-wing for providing control

ailing *adj* (*ail* *v* + *-ing*; 19c); **F** souffrant/e, en mauvaise santé, **S** enfermo/a, **I** sofferènte, in cattiva salute, **G** kränklich, leidend; ill, afflicted, in poor condition, *an ailing company*, *his ailing mother*

ailment *n* (English *ail* + *-ment*; early 18c); **F** mal *m*, **S** enfermedad *f*, **I** sofferènza *f*, disturbo *m*, **G** Leiden *n*; illness, condition of suffering

aim¹ *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, puntàre a, miràre 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*

aim² *n* (from the noun; late 14c); **F** action de viser, de mettre en joue, **S** propósito *m*, intención *m*, puntería *f*, **I** intènto *m*, mira *f*, scòpo *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** sènza scòpo *m*, sènza 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*

air¹ *n* (**F** *air*, **L** *āēr*, Gr *ἀήρ*; 13c); **F** air *m*, **S** aire *m*, **I** ària *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'*

air² *vt* (from the noun; early 16c); **F** aérer, ventiler, **S** airear, ventilar, **I** esporre all'aria, ventilare, dâre 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* **F** aéroporté/e, **S** aerotransportado/a, **I** areo-trasportato/a, **G** im Flugzeug befördert; 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* **F** appareil m à conditionner, **S** acondicionador m, **I** condizionatore m, **G** Klimaanlage f; 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 carrier *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 terminal *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 control *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-worthy *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**, i.e. 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** cón le màni sui fiànchi, **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* *à la carte* 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** àlla mòda f, **G** modisch, der Mode entsprechend; fashionable, according to the (current) fashion, *skirt à la mode*

alarm¹ *n* (OF *alarme*, It *allarme*, *alle armi*, L *ad arma*; 14c); **F** *alarme m*, *alerte f*, **S** *alarma m*, **I** *allàrme m*, **G** *Alarm m*, *Warnung f*, a call to arms, a warning sound giving notice of a danger, *the alarm sounded in the night*

alarm² *v* (from the verb; late 16c); **F** *alarmer*, **S** *alarmar*, **I** *allarmàre*, **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** *svégliã 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 hê-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** *sebbène*, *per quànto*, **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 *n* *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** *àlbm 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** *albùme 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·chem·y *n* (ML *alchimia*, Arabic *alkīmīā*, Gr *χημεία* 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** *àlcol 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** *alcôva 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** *ontàno m*, *àlno 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** *concejãl m*, **I** *consiglière m comunàle*, **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 *øl*, from Proto-Germanic); **F** *bière f anglaise f*, **S** *ale*, *cerveza f inglesa*, **I** *birra f inglèse*, **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

alert¹ *n* (F *alerte*, It *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** *allèrta m*, **G** (Alarm)Bereitschaft f; a warning of danger, *the Roman army was put on alert*

alert² *adj* (F *alerte*, It *allerta*, *alla + erta* to the tower, L *erigère* to set up as a permanent structure; 17c); **F** *alerté/e*, *vigilant/e*, **S** *alerta*, **I** *svéglia/a*, *prònto/a*, **G** *wachtsam*, *achtsam*; quick to understand and act, *I do not feel very alert, to stay alert*, to pay attention to sth

***alert**³ *v* (verb use of *alert*; 19c); **F** *alerter*, **S** *alserter*, *poner sobre aviso*, *avisar*, **I** *mèttère in stàto di allèrta*, **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 *alfaçaçaḥ*; 19c); **F** *luzerne f*, **S** *alfalfa f*, **I** *èrba mèdica f*, **G** *Luzerne f*; a plant with purple flowers grown as food for animals

al·fresco *adj/adv* (It *al fresco*, on the fresh, in the fresh air; 18c); **F** *en plein air*, **S** *al aire libre*, **I** *al frèsko*, *all'ària frèska*, **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** *àlga f*, **G** *Alge f*; plants that grow in water or in fresh places

al·ge·bra *n* (ML *algebra*, It *algebra*, Arabic *al-jabr*, as from the title of the treatise by Al-Kuhwārizmī; 16c); **F** *algèbre f*, **S** *álgebra f*, **I** *álgebra 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** *àlias*, *altriménti dètto/a*, *conosciùto/a sòtto il nòme 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** *àlibi 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*

alien¹ *n* mainly *AmE* (OF *alien*, L *aliēnus*, belonging to another person or place; early 14c); **F** *étranger/ère*, **S** *extranjero/a*, **I** *estràneo/a*, *straniéro/a*, **G** *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*

alien² *adj* (early 14c); **F** *étranger/ère*, **S** *extraño/a*, *extranjero/a*, **I** *aliéno/a*, *straniéro/a*, **G** *fremd*, *ausländisch*; 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·ation *n* (OF *alienacion*, L *alienati-ōnem*, from *alienāre* to render hostile; late 14c); **F** *aliénation* f, **S** *alejamiento* m, **I** *alienazióne* f, **G** *Entfremdung* f; the condition of being alienated, *he suffers a sense of alienation from his family*

alien·ate *vt* (L *alienāre*, see **alien**; 16c); **F** *aliéner*, **S** *alienar*, **I** *enajenar*, **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

alight¹ *v* (OE *alihtan*, *a* + *lihtan* to make lighter, see **light**); **F** *descendre de*, *se poser* (sur), **S** *bajar* (de un coche), *posarse* (sobre), **I** *scèndere* (da), *posàrsi* (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* (from the verb; late 12c); **F** *allumé/e*, *en feu*, **S** *ardiendo/a*, *iluminado/a*, **I** *accés/o/a*, *illuminato/a*, *splendènte*, **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** *allineàre*, **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** *allineaménto* 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*

alike¹ *adj* (OE *gelīc*, ME *ilici(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*;

alike² *adv* **F** *pareillement*, *de même*, **S** *del mismo modo*, *igualmente*, **I** *egualmènte*, *àllo stéssò mòdo*, **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** *alimentazióne* f, **G** *Ernährung* f, *Verpflegung* f; the act of nourishing or being nourished

ali·men·tary canal *n* (L *alimentārius* + *canal*; 17c); **F** *tube* m *digestif*, **S** *tubo* m *digestivo*, **I** *canàle* m *alimentàre*, **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** *aliménti* 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 life*); **F** *vivant/e*, *en vie*, **S** *vivo/a*, *activo/a*, *enérgico/a*, **I** *vivo/a*, *vivènte*, **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** *álkali* 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** *alcaloide* m, **S** *alcaloide* m, **I** *alcalòide* m, **G** *Alkaloid* n; resembling an alkali in properties

all¹ *pron* (OHG *al*, OE *eall*); **F** *tout*, *tous* pl, **S** *todo*, *todos* pl, **I** *tùtto*, *pl* *tùtti*, **G** *al*, *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 tütto*, *interamènte*, *completamènte*, **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** *complèto/a*, *versàtile*, *multifòrme*, **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** *cessàto* *allàrme* 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 grànde/sómma importànza*, **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** *tütto compréso*, **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 tota la noche*, **I** *apèrto* *tùtta la nòtte*, **G** *die ganze Nacht geöffnet*; *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** *alleviàre*, *calmàre*, **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 *exlitigāre* bring suit, see **litigate**; 14c); **F** *alléguer*, *prétendre*; **S** *alegar*, *pretender*, **I** *asserire*, *sostenére*, **G** *anvorgeben*, *behaupten*, *versichern*; to maintain something without giving evidence, *the alleged fraud*

al·le·ga·tion *n* (F *allegation*, L *ad* + *legati-ōnem*, an allegation, a charge; 15c); **F** *allegation* f, **S** *alegación* f, **I** *asserzióne* f, *affermazióne* f, **G** *Behauptung* f, *Aussage* f, *Darstellung* f; unsupported assertion, *the allegations of fraud were declared null*

al·le·giance *n* (OF *lige*, *ligeance*, LL *alligāntia*, also LL *laetius* servant, MedL *ligius*, see **liege**, *hist* a Lord who was entitled to feudal allegiance; 13c); **F** *allégeance* f, *fidèlité* f, **S** *lealtad* f, *devocióne* f, **I** *lealtà* f, *devozióne* 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·le·gory *n* (L *allegoria*, Gr *ἀλληγορία*, from *ἄλλος* another, one besides what has been mentioned, L *alius* + *ἀγορία* speaking; 14c); **F** allégorie f, **S** alegoria f, **I** allegoria f, **G** Allegorie f, Sinnbild n; symbolical narration, *the allegory of the Salvation*

al·le·gro *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* (Eccl Latin *alleluia*, late Gr *ἀλληλοῦῖα*, Hebrew *hallēluyāh*, praise Jehovah; 14c); **F** alléluia m, **S** aleluya f, **I** allelūia 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·ler·gy *n* (G *Allergie*, Gr *ἄλλος* another + *ἐργόν* 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** allèrgico/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** alleviāre, mitigāre, **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*, past part. 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, alliirt; 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·lit·er·ation *n* (ModL *alliteratiōn-em*, *ad* to + *littera* a letter; 17c); **F** alliteration f, **S** aliteración f, **I** allitteraziōne 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** assegnāre, 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** distribuziōne f, assegnaziōne 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*

al·lot *vt* **allotting**, **allotted**, (OF *aloter*, *à* + *lot* lot; 15c); **F** allouer, assigner, **S** asignar, **I** distribuire, ripartire, assegnāre, **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* (*al·lot* + *ment*; 16c); **F** allocation f, attribution f, **S** asignación f, **I** distribuziōne f, ripartiziōne f, lōtto 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*

al·lo·tro·pe *n* (Gr *ἀλλότροπος* of another form, from *ἄλλος* other + *τρόπος* manner; 19c); **F** variété f allotropique, **S** variedad f alotrópica, **I** allòtrope 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

al·lo·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** permétere, consentire, ammétere, **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, concessiōne f, pensiōne 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 *v* (A-F *allaier*, OF *aloier*, L *alligāre*, *ad* + *ligāre*; 14c as *alaien*); 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*

alloy² *n* (OF *alei*, *aleier*, L *alligāre*, *ad* + *ligāre* to bind; 17c); **F** alliage m, **S** liga f, aleación f, **I** léga 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*

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** bène, d'accòrdo, **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* (MF *alluder*, L *alludĕre* 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* + *luĕre* to fulfil, make good (a promise), to liberate, set free, see Gr *λύειν*; originally a term of falconry; 15c); **F** attirer, séduire, **S** atraer, **I** attrarre, sedurre, **G** anlocken, anziehen; to attract, to seduce, *he was allured by the offer of travelling abroad*

al·lure² *n* (from the noun; 16c); **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·luring *adj* **F** séduisant/e, attrayant/e, **S** atractivo/a, seductor/ra, **I** attraente, seducēte, **G** anlockend, verlockend, bezaubernd; attractive in an exciting way, *the alluring offer of a chair at Princeton*

al·lurement *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·lusion *n* (L *allusi-ōnem*, *alludĕre*, 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·lusive *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 *alluĕre*, *ad* + *luĕre* to wash against; 19c); **F** dépôts m/pl, sédiments m/pl, **S** depósito m aluvial, aluvión m, **I** depósito m alluvionāle, **G** Alluvium n; a deposit of clay, sand, etc, left by rivers or floods

al·lu·vial *adj* (*alluvium* + *-al*; early 19c); **F** alluvial/e, **S** aluvial, **I** alluvionāle, **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·lied**, **ally·ing**, **al·lies** (OF *alier*, about 1300 as *allien* combine, L *alligāre*, see **alliance**; 14c); **F** s'allier (à, avec), **S** aliarse (con), **I** allēarsi (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**, (from the verb; 14c); **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** onnipotēte *adj*, l'Onnipotēte (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** mändorla f, mändorlo m (la pianta), **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** quāsi, per pōco, **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** elemōsina 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, ricōvero 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** áloe *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 + *lopt* 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 àlto, **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** sólo/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 *prep/adv* (OE *andlang*, through the length of, from *lang* long; 14c); *prep*, **F** le long de, **S** por todo el tiempo, **I** lūngo, **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*

along·side *prep/adv* (*along* *prep* + *side* *n*; 18c); **F** le long de, **S** junto a, al lado de, **I** accānto, di fianco (a), **G** längsseite, langseite; 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 distānte, avv alla lārga, lontāno, **G** fern, entfernt; distant, unfriendly, unsympathetic, *aloof manners, to keep aloof from disputes*

alo·pecia *n* (L *alopĕcia*, Gr *ἀλωπεκία*, disease, like mange in fox; 14c); **F** alopécie f, **S** alopecia f, **I** alopĕcia, 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 àlta vōce, **G** laut, mit lauter Stimme; in a loud voice, *he spoke aloud to his son*

al·paca *n* (*S* *alpaca*, *al-paco*, a Peruvian name; 17c); **F** alpaga m, **S** alpaca f, **I** àlpaca 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 *α*, Gr *α*, *ἄλφα*); **F** alpha m, **S** alfa f, **I** àlfa 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** alfabĕto 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*

Al·pine *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*, *Alpine 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** alsaziàno/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** ànche, pure, egualmente, **G** auch, dazu, ferner; besides, moreover, *Peter is not only tall, but also handsome*, *apart from French, she also speaks 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 *altäre*, from *altus* high; 11c); **F** autel m, **S** altar m, **I** altäre m, **G** Altar m; a holy table used in religious ceremonies, mainly in Christian churches

alter *v* (OF *altérer*, ML *alteräre*, from *alter* other; 14c); **F** modifier, remanier, **S** alterar, cambiar, modificar, **I** alteräre, **G** ändern, verändern; to make a thing different, *the development altered the landscape*; *v intr* to become different
al·ter·a·tion *n* (OF *alteration*, ML *alteration-em*; 15c); **F** modification f, remaniement m, **S** modificación f, transformación f, **I** alterazióne f, modificazióne 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** altérco 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** álter ego m, **I** alter ègo m, **G** Alter Ego n; a second self, a very intimate friend, *Louis is John's alter ego*

al·ter·na·te (L *alternatus*, *ppl* of *alternare* to be subject to alternate movements, from *alter*, the other of two; 16c); **F** alterner, **S** alternar, **I** alternàre, **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·na·te·ly *adv* *alternately he feels hot and cold*
alternating current *n* **F** courant m alternatif, **S** corriente f alterna, **I** corrènte f alternàta, **G** Wechselstrom m; 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** alternateur m, **S** alternador m, **I** alternatòre 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** sebbène, **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, contralto m, **S** contralto n m/f, *adj* alto, **I** contràlto m, **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·to·gether *adv* (*all + together*; 16c); **F** tout à fait, entièrement, **S** completamente, del todo, **I** completaménte, 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*

al·u·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** alveolàre, **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** sèmpre, continuamente, **G** immer, jederzeit; every time, *he has always been generous towards his friends*

Alz·heim·er's dis·ease *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 *εἶμι*, 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** amalgameur, **S** amalgamar, **I** amalgamàre, **G** amalgamieren; to blend, to mix different things or materials

amal·gam·a·tion *n* (English *amalgam* + *-ation*; early 17c); 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** amarétto, **G** Amaretto n; a liqueur from Italy, flavoured with almonds

amass *v* (ML *amassāre*, L *massa*, Gr *μαζα*, OF *amasser*, from *ad* + *mass*; 16c); **F** amasser, accumular, **S** amontonar, acumular, **I** ammassāre, accumulāre, **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** amatōre 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** amatoriāle, dilettantēscō, **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

amaz·ing *adj* astonishing

amaze·ment *n* (see **amaze**; 17c); **F** stupéfaction f, **S** asombro m, **I** stupōre 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 *Ἀμαζών*; 14c); **F** Amazone f, **S** Amazona f, **I** Amāzzone 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** ambasciatōre 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** àmbar m, **I** àmbra 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** ambidēstro/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** ambiēnte, **G** Ambiente n, Umwelt f, Atmosphäre f; the atmosphere of a place, *a comfortable ambience*

am·bi·ent *adj* (L *ambiens-ēntis*, from *ambīre*, *ambi* on both sides + *īre* to go; 17c); **F** ambiant/e, **S** ambiente, **I** ambiēnte, **G** umgebend, einschließend, umkreisend; concerning the environment, *ambient temperature*

am·bi·gu·ity *n* (OF *ambiguité*, ML *ambiguity-ātem*; 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·bigu·ous *adj* (L *ambigū-us*, from *ambigēre*, *ambi* both ways + *agēre* to drive; 16c); **F** ambiguo/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, pple of *īre* to go; late 16c); **F** étendue f, portée f, **S** ámbito m, **I** ámbito 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** ambiziōne 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·biva·lent *adj* (G *Ambivalenz*, after **equivalence**, L *ambi* + *valēre*; 1912); **F** ambivalent, **S** ambivalente, **I** ambivalēnte, **G** ambivalent, doppelwertig; having opposite qualities/views etc, *his ambivalent ideas, attitudes*

amble¹ *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*

amble² *n* (see the verb; 14c); **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·bush¹ *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·bush² *n* (from the verb; late 15c); **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*, *à+mener*, L *mināre* to push, impel, variant of *mināri* to speak or act menacingly, to threaten; late 16c); **F** accommodant/e, souple, **S** dócil, tratable, sumiso/a, **I** dócile, 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, corrèggere, **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-rhoea, -rhea *n* (ModL, Gr ἀ priv + μήν month + ροία flow, flux; 19c); **F** aménorrhée *f*, **S** amenorrhea *f*, **I** amenorrëa *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** amichévole, **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 + μέσῳ; 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** amperòmetro *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** ammoniacque *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 *munition*, L *munitiōn-em* the building of defensive works, from *munire* 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 *amnestia* a general pardon, Gr ἀμνηστία oblivion; early 17c); **F** amnistie *f*, **S** amnistía *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 ἀμνίον 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** amèba *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 fùria 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 (mòliti), **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** amoràle, **G** amoralisch; having no moral sense, *an amoral person*

am-or-ous *adj* (ML *amorōsus*, from *amor* love; 14c; see **amour**); **F** amoureux/euse, **S** amoroso/a, **I** amoróso/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** amórfo/a, **G** amorph, formlos; having no form or shape, *an amorphous life-style*

amort-ize *v* (OF *amortir*, ML *admortizāre*, *ad* + *mortem* death; late 14c); **F** amortir, **S** amortizar, **I** ammortizzāre, **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** ammontāre, equivalère (*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** ammontāre *m*, impòrto *m*, totāle *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** ségno *m* di congiunziōne, **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** anfibio/a, **I** anfibio/a, **G** Amphibie *f*, amphibisch *adj*; an animal which lives both in land and in water, like frogs, crocodiles, etc

am-phi-bi-ous *adj* living both in water and in land, *amphibious animals, amphibious reptiles*

amphi-theatre *n* (L *amphitheātrum*, ἀμφιθέατρον, ἀμφί on both side + θέατρον theater; 16c); **F** amphithéâtre *m*, **S** anfiteatro *m*, **I** anfiteàtro *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); **F** amphore *f*, **S** ánfora *f*, **I** ànfora *f*, **G** Amphore *f*; 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** àmpio/a, **G** ausgedehnt, breit, weit; more than enough, *her ample bosom*, fig. *ample opportunities*