

**ar-ti-san** *n* (F *artisan*, It *artigiano*, RomL *artitiānus*, L *artītus* skilled in the arts; 16c); **F** artisan m, **S** artesano m, **I** artigiano m, **G** (Kunst)handwerker m; someone who does skilled works, working with his own hands, *artisans nowadays are rare*

**art-ist** *n* (OF *artiste*, It *artista*, L *ars-artis*; late 16c); **F** artiste m/f, **S** artista m/f, **I** artista m/f, **G** Künstler/in; a painter, a sculptor, etc, *Michelangelo, the greatest artist of the Renaissance*

\***ar-tiste** *n* (F *artiste*; 19c); **F** artiste, **S** artista m/f, **I** artista m/f, **G** Artist/in, Künstler/in; a professional entertainer, eg a singer or a dancer

\***art-istic** *adj* **F** artistique, **S** artístico/a, **I** artistico/a, **G** künstlerisch; relating to art, *artistic talent*

\***art-is-try** *n* **F** art m, **S** talento m artístico, habilidad f artística, **I** talento m artistico, abilità f artistica, **G** Künstlertum n, das Künstlerische; the skill or talent of an artist, *the artistry displayed in the Gobelin tapestry*

\***art-less** *adj* (see **art**); **F** naturel/elle, simple, sans artifice, **S** natural, ingenuo/a, **I** semplice, ingenuo/a, **G** naïv, ohne Falsch; simple, honest, *an artless man*

\***arts and crafts** *n*; **F** artisanat m, **S** artesanía f, **I** artigianato m, **G** Handwerkerum n, Handwerk n; objects made by hand, eg pottery

\***art-work** *n* **F** illustrations f/pl, maquette f, **S** material m gráfico, **I** materiale m grafico, illustrazioni f/pl, **G** Illustrationen f/pl; pictures prepared to be in a magazine, advertisement, etc

\***arty** *adj* *AmE artsy, usually disapproving*; **F** prétentieux/euse, qui affiche des goûts artistiques, **S** seudo artístico/a, **I** che ha pretése artistiche, **G** .....; someone who wishes to seem very interested in art, film, etc

**-ary** suffix (OF *-arie*, L *ārius*); in adjectives and nouns, eg *monetary, military, actuary*, etc

**as** (ME *ase*, or *als*, OE (*e*)*alswā*, see **G als**, reduced form of *also*); *adv* used when comparing two people or two situations, *he is as old as my mother*, indicating that something happens in the same way, *as usual, he said silly things*; *prep*, used to describe what someone is, *I see her as a friend, I used to get there as a visitor*, used to indicate a particular job, *John works as an executive*; *conj*, used in comparisons, *he is as tall as his brother*, in the sense of because, *I have taken responsibility, as the principal was away*, in the sense of while, *he arrived just as I was leaving*, meaning 'in the same way', *do as the Romans do*

**as** *n* (L *ās* unity; 17c); an ancient Roman unity of weight, of about 373 grammes

**ASA** *abbr*, Advertising Standard Authority, American Standard Association, used to show the speed of a film, *a 500 ASA film*

**asap** *abbr* for 'as soon as possible', *please, answer asap*

**as-bes-tos** *n* (OF *a(l)beston*, L *as* in Pliny, Gr *ἄσβεστος* inextinguishable; early 17c); **F** amiante m, **S** asbesto m, amianto m, **I** asbesto m, amianto m, **G** Asbest m; a silicate mineral used in the past as a building material, for its heat-resistant properties

\***as-bes-to-sis** *n* disease of the lungs, caused by asbestos

**as-cend** *v/i* (L *ascendēre*, *ad+scandēre* to climb towards the top; late 14c); **F** monter, **S** subir, escalar, **I** salire, scalare (a mountain), *fig.* innalzarsi, **G** (empor)steigen, ansteigen; to move up, to climb sth, *to ascend up a mountain*, *fig.* to rise to a higher rank, *he ascended to the rank of top manager*

\***as-cend-ancy, -ency, n** **F** ascendant (sur qn), **S** ascendente m, dominio m, **I** supremazia f, predominio m, **G** Überlegenheit f, Herrschaft f; a position of power, *political ascendancy*, to be **in the ascendancy** (over the opponents), to be in a condition of increasing importance

\***as-cend-ant, -ndent, n/adj lit** **F** ascendant/e, **S** ..... **I** dominante, **G** .....; having a position of power; to be **in the ascendant**, to be increasingly successful, *Peter is in the ascendant in the literary world*

\***as-cend-ing** *adj* increasing in size or value, *in ascending order of importance*

\***As-cen-sion** *n* **F** Ascension f, **S** Ascensión f, **I** Ascesa f, Ascensione f, **G** Aufsteigen n, Besteigung f; in the Christian religion, the Ascension of Jesus from the earth to the heaven

\***Ascension Day**, the 40th day after Easter, when Christians celebrate the Ascension of Jesus

\***as-cent** *n* **F** ascension f (of a mountain), **S** subida f, ascensión f, **I** ascesa f, ascensione f, salita f, **G** Aufstieg m, Besteigung f; the act of climbing, *Petrarca's ascent to the Mont Ventoux*, the process of becoming more important, *the ascent to power*

**as-cer-tain** *v* (OF *acertain*, from *acertener* to make certain, *ad+certain*, see **certain**; early 15c); **F** constater, s'assurer de, **S** averiguar, determinar, **I** accertare, verificare, stabilire con certezza, **G** feststellen, ermitteln; to find out, to make certain, *police was unable to ascertain the causes of the accident*

**as-cetic** *adj/n* (Gr *ἀσκητικός* relating to physical training, from *ἀσκητής* one who exercises for himself, monk, hermit; 17c); **F** ascétique *adj*, ascète *n m/f*, **S** ascético/a *adj*, asceta *n m/f*, **I** asceta *n m/f*, ascetico/a *adj*, **G** asketisch *adj*, Askete *n m*; avoiding pleasures, living a simple life, mainly for religious reasons, *an ascetic life, the ascetics of Mount Athos*

**ASCII** *n abbr* for American Standard Code for Information Interchange, a system used to move data between computers using different programs, *an ASCII file*

**as-cribe** *v* (OF *ascrivre*, L *ascribēre*, *ad+scribēre* to enrol, to reckon as belonging to; 15c); **F** attribuer, imputer (à), **S** attribuir (a), **I** attribuire (a), ascrivere (a), imputare (a), **G** zuschreiben (dat), zurückführen (auf); to believe or claim that sth is attributable to a particular person or thing, *the crime was ascribed to terrorists*, to believe that sb has particular qualities, *to John is ascribed complete loyalty*, to attribute a literary work, a piece of art, etc, to a particular person, *a painting attributed to Raphael*

**ASEAN** *abbr* Association of South East Asian Nations

**ase-is-mic** *adj* (*a+seismic*; late 19c); **F** antisismique, **S** antisísmico/a, **I** antisismico/a, **G** erdbebensicher; said of a geographic area not liable to earthquakes, said of buildings constructed as to withstand earthquakes, *an aseismic building*

**asep-tic** *adj* (*a+septic*; 19c); **F** aseptique, **S** aséptico/a, **I** asettico/a, **G** aseptisch, steril; not liable to putrefaction, not infected with bacteria, *an aseptic room*

**ase-x-ual** *adj* (*a priv+sexual*; 19c); *biol* **F** asexué/e, asexuel/elle, **S** asexual, **I** asessuale, **G** asexual; having no sex, *asexual reproduction*, not interested in sex, *he leads an asexual life*

**ash** *n* (OE *æsce*, cognate with OHG *aska*, Old Icelandic *aska*, Swedish *aska*, from Proto-Germanic); **F** cendre f, **S** ceniza f, **I** cenere f, **G** Asche f; the grey powder that remains after something has been burned, *the ash of the cigarettes*

**ash** *n* (OHG *ask* ash tree, Old Icelandic *askr*, Swedish *ask*, earlier Dutch *esch*, L *ornus*, from Indo-European); **F** frêne m, **I** frassino m, **S** fresno m, **G** Esche f; a tree of Europe and North Africa, known for the tough qualities of its wood

**ashamed** *adj* (OE *āsceamod*, pple of *āsceamian* feel shame, *a+sceamu* shame); **F** honteux/euse, confus/e, avoir honte, **S** avergongarse, estar avergonzado, **I** imbarazzato/a, che prova vergogna, **G** sich schämend, beschämt; to feel embarrassed, humiliated, about sth one has done, *he feels ashamed of his past behaviour*

**ashen** *adj* (pertaining to an ash tree; 16c); **F** cendré/e, *bot* de frêne m, **S** pálido/a, *bot* de fresno, **I** cinereo/a, *bot* del frassino, **G** eschen, aus Eschenholz, *fig.* aschgrau; lacking colour, looking very pale, *an ashen face*, relating to the ash tree, *the ashen landscape of Mount Etna in Sicily*

**ashore** *adv* (*a prep+shore* sb; 16c); **F** à terre, **S** en tierra, **I** a riva, a terra, **G** am Ufer; onto land coming from the sea, *to sail ashore*

**ash-ram** *n* (Sanskrit *āśrama* hermitage; 20c); a place where Hindus gather, to say their prayers, to practice yoga, etc

**ash-tray** *n* (*ash+tray*); **F** cendrier m, **S** cenicero m, **I** posacenere m, **G** Aschenbecher m; a receptacle for tobacco ash, cigarette butts, etc

**Ash Wednesday** *n* (*ash+Wednesday*); **F** mercredi des cendres, **S** miércoles de ceniza, **I** venerdì delle ceneri, **G** Aschermittwoch m; in Christian religion, the first day of Lent, or the period of 40 days before Easter

**Asian** *n adj* (L *asiānus*, Gr *Ἀσιανός*; 16c); **F** asiatique, **S** asiático/a, **I** asiatico/a, **G** *adj* asiatisch, *n* Asiat(in); *adj* of or related to Asia, *n* someone who comes from Asia

**Asian American** *n* an American whose family came originally from Asia

**Asi-atic** *techn or geogr* relating to Asia, *an Asiatic landscape, an Asiatic race*

**aside** *adv* (ME *on syde*, *a+syde*, used in US while *apart* is used in England; late 14c); **F** à part, de côté, **S** aparte, a un lado, **I** da parte, in disparte, **G** einzeln, beiseite; away, to one side, *to stay aside, to leave a question aside*; \***aside from**, except for

\***aside n** **F** aparté m, **S** aparte m, **I** divagazione f, digressione f, **G** Aparte n, beiseite gesprochene Worte pl; a remark that is not the main part of the speech, *he added, as an aside, that he was going on holiday*

**as-in-ine** *adj* (L *asininus*, from *asinus* ass; 17c); **F** asinien/enne, stupide, **S** asnal, estúpido/a, **I** asinesco/a, stupido/a, **G** eselartig, Esels.....; stupid, silly, *an asinine remark*

**ask** *v* (OE *āscian*, *ācsian*, *āhsian*, cognate with OHG *eiscōn*, with L *aeruscāre* to beg, go begging, from Indo-European); **F** demander, inviter, **S** preguntar, pedir, **I** chiedere, domandare, invitare, **G** fragen, einladen; to question a person for information, for help, for advice, etc, to invite, *I asked her to the theater*

**askance** *adv* (early form *a scaunche*, *a scanche*, apparently of French origin, but see Italian *a, per scancio* obliquely; 16c); **F** de côté, obliquement, **S** mirar de soslayo, mirar con recelo, **I** (guardare) sospettosamente, con diffidenza, **G** von der Seite, mißtrauisch; sidewise, obliquely, **to look askance (at sb/sth)**, to look suspiciously

**askew** *adv* (*a+skew*, etymology uncertain, but see ON *skeif* oblique, LG *scheew*, Dutch *scheef*; 16c); **F** de biais, de travers, **S** ladeado/a *agg*, **I** di traverso, obliquamente, **G** schief, schräg; not strait, not in the right position, *Vincent usually wears his hat askew*

**asking price** *n* the price that someone wants in order to sell something for; *cf* **selling price**

**asleep** *adj* (OE *on slæpe*, *a+sleep*); **F** endormi/e, **S** dormido/a, **I** addormentato/a, **G** schlafend; in a state of sleep, not alert, *he arrived half asleep*

**a-social** *adj* (*a+social*; 19c); **F** asocial, **S** asocial, **I** asociale, **G** ungesellig; hostile to society, not social, *asocial behaviour*

**asp** *n* (OF *aspe*, L *aspis*, Gr *ἀσπίς*; 14c); **F** vipère f, **aspic** m, **S** áspid m, **I** àspide f, **G** Natter f; a venomous snake of North Africa, said to have caused the death of Queen Cleopatra

**aspara-gus** *n* (L *asparagus*, Gr *ἀσπάραγος*; 15c); **F** asperges f/pl, **S** espárrago m, **I** aspàrago m, **G** Spargel m; a long green plant, whose stems are cooked and eaten

**aspect** *n* (L *aspectus*, pple of *aspicere* to look at, to catch sight of; late 14c); **F** aspect m, air m, **S** aspecto m, apariencia f, **I** aspetto m, apparenza f, **G** Aussehen n, Erscheinung f; a particular quality of something, *all aspects of the country life*, *formal* the direction in which a building faces, *the northern aspect of the palace*, *formal* the appearance of something or somebody

**aspen** *n* (OE *æspe*; 14c); **F** peuplier m tremble, **S** álamo m temblón, **I** pioppo tremolo, **G** Espe f; a type of poplar, typical of Europe and North America, whose leaves flutter in the lightest wind

**asper-ity** *n* (OF *aspéreté*, L *asperitāt-em* roughness, harshness; 13c); **F** âpreté f, sévérité f, **S** asperiza f, **I** asprezza f, rudezza f, **G** Rauheit f, Schärfe f; roughness, severity, *the asperity of her words*

**as-per-sions** *n* (L *aspersio*, from *aspergere* to besprinkle, to cast (a slur on); 15c); **F** calomnie f, **S** calumnia f, **I** diffamazione f, calunnia f, **G** Verleumdung f, eocl Besprengung f; unpleasant or defamatory remark, *to cast aspersions on somebody's reputation*

**as-phalt** *n* (LL *asphaltum*, Gr *ἄσφαλτον*; 19c); **F** asphalte m, bitume m, **S** asfalto m, **I** asfalto m, **G** Asphalt m; bituminous material existing in nature and prepared synthetically from petroleum; it is used to cover the surface of the roads

**as-phyxia** *n* (ModL, Gr *ἀσφυξία*, *ἀ+σφύξις* pulsation; early 18c); **F** asphyxie f, **S** asfixia f, **I** asfissia f, **G** Erstickung f; a condition in which you cannot breathe, or are prevented from breathing, suffocation

\***as-phyxi-ate** *vt/i*, **F** *vt* asfyxier, *vi* s'asfyxier, **S** *vt* asfixiar, *vi* morir asfiziado/a, **I** *vt* asfissiare, *vi* morire asfissiato/a, **G** *vt* ersticken; to affect with asfixia, to suffocate

**aspic** *n* (Old Provençal *espice* spike, L *spīca* a spike, head of flower, OF *aspe* asp; late 18c); **F** aspic m, **S** gelatina f de carne o pescado, **I** gelatina f, **G** Aspick m, Gelee n; a transparent jelly used for cold meat, fish, eggs, etc

**as-pi-dis-tra** *n* (ModL, Gr *ἀσπίς*, *ἀσπίδ* shield; 19c); *bot* a plant of the liliaceous genus, kept indoor; it has purple flowers shaped like bells

\***as-pir-ator** *n* (see **aspirate**); **F** aspirateur m, **S** aspirador m, **I** aspiratore m, **G** Saugapparat m; a device used to withdraw liquid, gases, solid debris, from a cavity, by suction

**as-pir-ate** *v* (L *aspirātus*, pple of *aspirare* to breathe, to pronounce with aspiration; late 17c); **F** aspirer, **S** aspirar, **I** aspirare, **G** aspirieren; *phon* to breathe a substance into your lungs, to pronounce a word with the sound 'h' a desire to achieve something, *Peter aspires to literary fame*

**aspirate** *n* **F** aspirée f, **S** aspirada f, **I** aspirata f, **G** *n* Hauchlaut m, *adj* aspiriert; *phon* a sound represented with the letter 'h'

\***as·pir·ant** *formal* someone who hopes to get a position  
 \***as·pir·ation** *n* **F** aspiration f, **S** aspiración f, **I** aspirazione f, **G** Bestrebun<sup>g</sup> f, Aspiration f; a strong desire to achieve something, *Peter's aspiration is literary fame*, *phon* the act of pronouncing something with the 'h' sound  
 \***as·pire** *v* (OF *aspirer*, L *aspirāre*, *ad+spirāre* to have a longing for, to aspire to a position of reputation; 14c); **F** aspirer, **S** aspirar, **I** aspirare, **G** streben, verlangen; to desire to achieve something relevant, particularly in the career, *for years he aspired to a chair in classics*  
 \***as·pir·ing** *adj* someone who hopes to be successful in a particular field, activity, etc, *an aspiring actor*  
**as·pirin** *n* (tradename, G *a(cetylirte+Spir(säure))+in*; 1899); acetyl-salicylic acid, used as an analgesic and antipyretic

**ass** *n* (OE *assa*, L *asinus*, Gr *ὄνος*); **F** âne, **S** asno m, burro m, **I** asino m, **G** Esel m; quadruped of the horse kind, *Apuleius and The Golden Ass*, *coll* called also *donkey*, *fig.* a stupid person

**ass** *n* *AmE*, slang for **arse**, usually offensive, used to refer to sexual activity, or to refer to women, *what a gorgeous ass!*

**as·sail** *vt* (ME *asaile*, OF *asalir*, MedL *assalīre*, L *assilīre* to leap, to jump up or upon); **F** assaillir, atacar, **S** acometer, atacar, **I** assalire, attaccare, **G** angreifen, überfallen; to attack someone *esp* physically, *fig.* to be assailed by doubts, by noise, by smell

\***as·sail·ant** **F** assaillant/e, agresseur m, **S** asaltador/ora, agresor/ora, **I** aggressore m, assalitore/trice, **G** Angreifer/in, Gegner/in; *formal* a person who attacks, *esp* physically

**as·sas·sin** *n* (MedL *assassinus*, Arab *ḥašāšīn* hashish-eater; 16c); **F** assassin m, **S** asesino m, **I** assassino m, **G** Mörder/in; Moslem phanatics who, at the times of the Crusades, were sent out to kill Christian leaders, in its extended sense, a murderer

\***as·sas·sin·ate** *v* **F** assassiner, **S** asesinar, **I** assassinare, **G** (er)mordern; to murder someone, *esp* for political reasons, *fig.* to destroy the reputation of somebody by slandering

**as·sault** *n* (ME *asaut*, RomL *assaltus*, L *assultus*, from *assultāre*, *ad+salīre* to jump, leap, to move suddenly; 13c); **F** agression f, **S** asalto m, ataque m, **I** assalto m, attacco m, **G** Angriff m, Überfall m; a physical or verbal attack, bodily violence, *sexual assault*, *indecent assault*

\***assault** *v* **F** attaquer, donner l'assaut m à, **S** asaltar, atacar, **I** assaltare, attaccare, **G** angreifen, überfallen; to attack physically or verbally, *fig.* to be assaulted by the noise, by the smell, etc

\***assault and battery** *n* **law** **F** menaces et voies de fait, **S** maltrato m de palabra y obra, **I** percossa f/pl, **G** schwere tätliche Beleidigung f; *law* a threat to attack someone, followed by an attack

\***assault course** *n* an obstacle course, with walls, nets, etc, used *esp* to train soldiers

**assay** *n/vt* (OF *assai* test, see **essay**; 14c); **F** essai m, **S** ensaye m, **I** analisi f, saggio m, **G** Probe f, Analyse f; an analysis of a product, a chemical analysis, in order to test the purity of a product, of mineral water, etc

**as·sem·blage** *n* (see next); **F** assemblage m, **S** réunion f, montaje m, ensambladura f, **I** adunata f, raduno m, *ind* montaggio m, **G** Versammlung f, Ansammlung f, Montage f;

the action of assembling, of putting together, *the assemblage of a computer*, *formal* a group of things or persons gathered together, *an assemblage of protesters*

\***as·sem·ble** *v* (ME *asemb(ble)*, OF *assembler*, RomL *assimulāre*, *ad+simul* at the same time, together; 13c); **F** rassembler, réunir, **S** reunir, juntar, **I** riunire raccogliere, *ind* assemblare, **G** montieren, versammeln; to gather, to put together, to assemble a team of experts, to put together the parts of a machine, to assemble a Fiat car

\***as·sem·bly** *n* (OF *assemblee*, pp of *assembler*, see prec); **F** réunion, pol assemblée f, *ind* montage m, **S** reunión, pol assemblea f, **I** riunione f, assemblea f, **G** Versammlung f; a group of people who have been elected, pol *the National Assembly*, a meeting of people who gather for particular reasons, *the assembly of the share-holders*

\***assembly line** *n* **F** chaîne f de montage, **S** línea f de montage, cadena f de montage, **I** linea f di montaggio, catena f di montaggio, **G** Montageband n, Fließband n; in a factory, a line where the parts of a machine, *esp* cars, are assembled, a production line

**as·sent** *v* (OF *assenter*, L *assentīre* to agree in opinion, to assent; 13c); **F** donner son assentiment m, accéder, **S** consentir (en), asentir (a), **I** assentire, consentire, **G** zustimmen (dat), genehmigen (acc); to agree, to give permission or approval, *John assented to his son's demand*

\***assent** *n* **F** assentiment m, consentement m, **S** asentimiento m, consentimiento m, **I** assenso m, consenso m, **G** Zustimmung f, Genehmigung f; *formal* approval, agreement, *the Mayor gave the assent to the Councillor's request*

**as·sert** *v* (pple of L *asserēre*, *ad as +serēre* to join, to link together, MedL *assertāre* affirm; 17c); **F** affirmer (ses droits, etc), imposer (son autorité), **S** afirmar, declarar, sostener, **I** asserire, dichiarare, sostenere, **G** behaupten, erklären; to state sth firmly, to affirm that sth is true, *they asserted their own right from the beginning*

\***as·ser·tion** *n* **F** assertion f, affirmation f, **S** aserto m, afirmación f, **I** asserzione f, affermazione f, **G** Behauptung f, Erklärung f; the action of declaring, of firmly stating that sth is true, *John's assertion met the most complete evidence*

\***as·ser·tive** *adj* **F** autoritaire, **S** firme, energético/a, aseverativo/a, **I** assertivo/a, sicuro/a di sé, **G** positiv, zur Geltung kommend; declaring, stating sth firmly, *Louis was very assertive on this particular issue*

**as·sess** *v* (OF *assesser*, pple of *assidēre* to sit by, to pay attention, in MedL to levy tax, see **assize**; 15c); **F** estimer, juger, **S** valorar, apreciar, calcular, **I** valutare, stimare, **G** bewerten, würdigen; to examine in order to judge or evaluate, *they carefully assessed the opportunities offered*, to calculate the value of sth, *the house was assessed at £500,000*

\***as·sess·ment** *n* **F** estimation f, évaluation f, **S** valoración f, precio m, **I** valutazione f, stima f, **G** Einschätzung f, Feststellung f; a judgment to form an opinion, *a new assessment of the matter*, a calculation of the value of sth, *an assessment of the value of the property*

\***as·ses·sor** *n* **F** assesseur m, **S** asesor/-ora, **I** perito, agente m delle tasse, **G** Beisitzer m, Sachverständige(r); someone who assesses the value of property for taxation, or the extent of damage in an insurance claim, etc

**asset** *n* (OF *asez*, RomL *assātis*, L *ad+satis* enough; 16c); **F** avantage m, avoir(s) m/pl, **S** factor m positivo, posesión f, **I** pregio m, proprietà f, beni m/pl, **G** Vermögenswert, Aktivposten m, Guthaben n; valuable quality, *he is a real asset to his family*, \***assets** *n/pl* the property owned by a

person or by an organization, *the assets of our company consist in buildings and cash*, cf **liabilities**

**\*asset-stripping** *n* *disapproving*, the practice of buying cheaply an unsuccessful company and of selling its assets

**as·sev·er·ate** *vt* *formal* (L *asseverāre* to declare, affirm, proclaim, from *sevērus* severe; late 18c); **F** affirmer (solennellement), **S** aseverar, **I** asseverare, **G** betuern; to state formally, to declare solemnly, *the surveyor asseverated his valuation of the building*

**ass·hole** *n* *AmE*, an arsehole

**\*as·sidu·ous** *adj* (L *assiduus* (of citizens) settled on the land, constantly present; 16c); **F** assidu/e, diligent/e, **S** asiduo/a, diligente, **I** assiduo/a, diligente, **G** fleißig, aufmerksam; diligent, constantly present, constant in application, *John is assiduous in his efforts*;

**as·sidu·ity** *n* (OF *assiduité*, L *assiduitāt-em*, see prec; early 15c); the condition of being diligent, constant in application, *Peter's assiduity in the research work*

**as·sign** *v* (OF *asi(g)ner*, L *assignāre* to allot, to distribute a portion, from *as-*+*signāre* make a sign, a mark, from *signum* sign; early 14c); **F** assigner, donner en partage, **S** asignar, señalar, **I** assegnare, attribuire, **G** zuteilen, festsetzen; to allot (sth to sb), *we have been assigned a difficult task*, to transfer (property), *with the dissolvment of marriage she was assigned the house*

**\*as·sig·na·tion** *n* **F** attribution f, répartition f, rendez-vous m, **S** asignación f, cita f (amorosa), **I** appuntamento m, convegno m (amoroso), **G** Verabredung f, Rendezvous n; *humorous old fashioned* a secret meeting with someone you are having a romantic relationship with

**\*as·sign·ment** *n* **F** distribution f, mission f, répartition f, **S** asignación f, atribución f, **I** incarico m, assegnazione f, **G** Zuweisung, Bestimmung f, Festsetzung f; a piece of work, a particular job given to someone, *the assignment of Vincent to the second research office*; **on an assignment** *she went to Princeton on a particular assignment*

**\*assignee** *n* (OF *assigné*, pple of *assigner*; 15c); **F** bénéficiaire m, déléataire m, procureur m, **S** cesionario/a, poderhabiente m, **I** assegnatario m, procuratore m, delegato m, **G** Bevollmächtigte(r) m f, Treuhänder m; a person to whom a right over a property is given

**as·si·mi·late** *v/ti* (L *assimilātus*, pple of *assimilāre* to consider similar or equal; 17c); **F** assimiler, s'intégrer (become absorbed), **S** asimilar, asimilarse, **I** assimilare, integrare, integrarsi, **G** assimilieren, ähnlich werden, sich angleichen; to make conform or alike, to absorb, to allow sb to become a part of a country or of a community, *to assimilate immigrants*, to become similar, *in an open society new ideas are easily assimilated*

**\*as·si·mi·lation** *n* **F** assimilation f, **S** asimilación f, **I** assimilazione f, **G** Assimilation f (an+acc), Angleichung f; the action of assimilating

**as·sist** *n* *formal* (OF *assister*, L *assistēre*, *ad as+assistēre* stand by or near; 15c); **F** aider, assister, **S** ayudar, asistir, **I** assistere, aiutare, **G** helfen, beistehen; to help someone, *to assist the homeless*, to assist **in/with**, *in the research work Ken assisted me with his skill*

**\*as·sist·ance** *n* (MedL *assistentia* presence, see prec); **F** secours m, assistance f, **S** ayuda f, auxilio m, **I** assistenza f, aiuto m, **G** Hilfe f, Unterstützung f; help, *financial assistance*, *to be of assistance*, *to offer assistance*

**\*as·sist·ant** *n* **F** adjoint/e, **S** auxiliar m/f, **I** assistente m/f, **G** Assistent/in, Mitarbeiter/in; one who assists a person of more importance, *an assistant to the President*, in UK a *sales assistant* is someone who works in a shop and sells goods to customers

**as·sized** *n* *pl* (ME *asise*, *assyse*, OF *as(s)ise*, from *aseeir*, L *assidēre* to sit in council, to assist as a counsellor; early 14c); **F** cour d'assises f/pl, **S** sesiones f/pl jurídicas, **I** corte f d'assise, **G** Gerichtssitzung f, Gerichtstag m; in England and Wales, a court whose judges travelled to different towns to deal with cases; *adj* the Assize Court

**as·so·ci·ate** *v* (pple of L *associāre* to join (to), to associate (with); early 15c); **F** associer, *refl* s'associer, **S** asociar, relacionar, **I** associare, *refl* associarsi, **G** assoziieren, vereinigen, verbinden; to link together, to connect, *to associate different ideas*

**\*associate** *n* somebody who is associated, *an associate to our company*, *adj* an associate member of the council; **associate with**, *his name is associated with the archaeological excavations in this area*

**\*associate professor** in US and Canada, a teacher who is below the rank of full professor

**\*as·so·ci·ated** *adj* connected, *two ideas closely associated*

**\*as·so·ci·ation** *n* *group noun* **F** association f, **S** asociación f, **I** associazione f, **G** Vereinigung f, Verbindung f, Gesellschaft f; a group of people who are united in an organization for a particular purpose, *an association of university lecturers*, *fig. an association of ideas*

**as·son·ance** *n* L *assonāre* to sound in accompaniment, *ad as+sonāre* to sound; 18c); **F** assonance f, **S** asonancia f, **I** assonanza f, **G** Assonanz f; *in linguistics*, the effect produced when sounds are repeated in words that are similar, *esp* in poetry, *eg* 'leave' and 'live'

**as·sort** *v* (OF *assorter*, L *sors* a lot, an apportionment; late 15c); **F** assortir, **S** concordar, convenir, **I** disporre in ordine, assortire, **G** sortieren, gruppieren; to arrange into a group, to fit into a group, *to assort books in alphabetical order*

**\*as·sort·ed** *adj* **F** assorti/e, **S** surtido/a, variado/a, **I** assortito/a, **G** sortiert, geordnet; arranged into a group, *assorted vegetables*, reduced to order, *shoes in assorted size*

**\*as·sort·ment** *n* **F** assortiment m, **S** variedad f, colección f variada, **I** assortimento m, classificazione f, catalogazione f, **G** Sortieren n, Ordnen n, Sortiment n; arrangement in a group, classification, *an assortment of fruits*

**as·suage** *v* (ME *aswage*, MF *asouagier*, RomL *assuāviāre*, *ad as+suavis* agreeable, pleasant; early 14c); **F** apaiser, **S** aliviar, mitigar, **I** alleviare, mitigare, **G** mildern, erleichtern; to soothe, to relieve grief, pain, *his fears were assuaged by the Dean's assurances*

**as·sume** *v* (L *assumēre* to take possession of, to lay claim to, *ad as+sumēre* to take; 15c); **F** présumer, supposer, **S** tomar, adoptar, **I** presumere, supporre, dare per certo, **G** annehmen, voraussetzen; to suppose that sth is true without proof, *I assume that you will get that appointment*, **to assume control/responsibility** etc, *he assumed the control of the company*

**\*as·sum·ed** *adj* something you give for granted that it exists, *the assumed differences between the points of view of John and Joan*

**\*as·sum·ing** *conj*, generally used as **assuming that**

**\*as-sump-tion** *n* **F** supposition *f*, hypothèse *f*, **S** asunción *f*, adopción *f*, **I** supposizione *f*, presupposto *m*, **G** Annahme *f*, Voraussetzung *f*; something you suppose is true, even if you have no proof, *you have made assumptions on that story*, **on the assumption that it is true, you should take proper measures**

**as-sur-ance** *n* (see next); **F** promesse *f* formelle, **S** garantía *f*, promesa *f*, **I** certezza *f*, fiducia *f* in sé, assicurazione *f*, **G** Versicherung *f*, Garantie *f*; feeling of confidence, *I admire her calm assurance*, feeling of being certain, *he speaks about his future with complete assurance*, a statement that sth will happen, *John gave me repeated assurances*, **BrE** business insurance, *esp* life insurance, **AmE** insurance

**\*as-sure** *v* (OF *assurer*, RomL *assecurāre*, *ad* as-+securus free from fears or anxieties, free from danger; 14c); **F** assurer, **S** asegurar, garantizar, **I** assicurare, garantire, **G** sichern, zusichern; make certain, *I assure you that I am leaving*, say with certainty, *he assured me of his full commitment to the common endeavour*

**\*as-sured** *adj* **F** assuré/e, **S** confiado/a, sereno/a, **I** sicuro/a, certo/a, **G** versichert, sicher; certain, *the success of the project seems now to be assured*, confident in yourself, *Louis spoke with an assured voice*

**\*as-sured-ly** *adv* **F** assurément, sans aucune doute, **S** seguramente, sin duda, **I** certamente, con fiducia, **G** ganz gewiß; certainly, definitely, *I am assuredly in favour of the project*, confidently, *he spoke assuredly about the common endeavour*

**aster** *n* (L *aster*, Gr *ἀστήρ* star; early 18c); **F** aster, reine-marguerite *f*, **S** aster *f*, **I** aster *m*, astro *m* della Cina, **G** Aster *f*, Sternblume *f*; *bot* China aster, a garden plant of the genus *Aster*, that has purple, blue, pink or white flowers, *biol* star-shaped structure which appears during the cell division (mitosis)

**\*as-ter-isk** (LL *asteriscus*, from Greek *ἀστερίσκος* little star, *dim* of *ἀστήρ* star; 17c); **F** astérisque *m*, **S** asterisco *m*, **I** asterisco *m*, **G** Sternchen *n*; *n* the symbol \*, *v* to asterisk, to mark with the symbol\*

**astern** *n* *adv* (*a*+*stern*; 17c); **naut** **F** à l'arrière, **S** a popa, **I** a poppa, **G** achtern, hinten; at the stern, in the rear of a ship

**\*as-ter-oid** *n* (Gr *ἀστερο-ειδής* star shaped, from *ἀστήρ* star; early 19c); **F** astéroïde *m*, **S** asteroide *m*, **I** asteroide *m*, **G** Asteroid *m*; the planetary bodies revolving around the sun, mostly between the orbs of Mars and Jupiter

**as-the-nia** *n* (ModL, Gr *ἀσθένεια* weakness, want of strength, from *ἀσθενής* without strength, weak; 19c); **F** athénie *f*, **S** astenia *f*, **I** astenia *f*, **G** Asthenie *f*; *med* loss of strength in the body, debility

**\*as-the-nic** *adj* **F** athénique, **S** asténico/a, **I** astenico/a, **G** asthenisch; suffering from astenia

**asthma** *n* (L *asthma*, Gr *ἄσθμα* shortness of breath, panting, from *ἄζειν* stand in awe; late 14c); **F** asthme *f*, **S** asma *f*, **I** asma *f*, **G** Asthme *f*; a disease of the respiratory system, *an asthma attack*, often caused by allergies, *hay asthma*

**\*asth-matic** *adj* (L *asthmaticus*, Gr *ἀσθματικός* suffering from asthma; 16c); **F** asthmatique *m/f*, **S** asmático/a, **I** asmatico/a, **G** asthmatisch; relating to asthma, a person who suffers from asthma

**astig-ma-tism** *n* (*ἄστίγμα* tattoo-mark+*ματ* point +*ism*; 19c); **F** astigmatisme *m*, **S** astigmatismo *m*, **I** astigmatismo *m*, **G** Astigmatismus *m*; a defect of sight, caused by the

curvature of the lens, and resulting in the formation of distorted images; **\*astigmatic**, a person suffering from astigmatism

**as-ton-ish** *v* (OF *estoner*, from assumed VL *\*extonāre* to thunder out; 16c); **F** étonner, surprendre, **S** asombrar, sorprender, **I** sorprendere, stupire, meravigliare, **G** in Erstaunen setzen, in Verwunderung setzen; to surprise somebody very much, *the player astonished all of us with the high quality of his performance*

**\*as-ton-ished** *adj* **F** étonné/e, surpris/e, **S** estupefacto/a, atónico/a, **I** sorpreso/a, stupefatto/a, **G** erstaunt, überrascht; very surprised, *Peter's decision left all of us astonished*

**\*as-ton-ish-ing** *adj* **F** étonnant/e, surprenant/e, **S** asombroso/a, sorprendente, **I** sorprendente, stupefacente, **G** erstaunlich, überraschend; very surprising, *the astonishing symphony in Rossini's Wilhelm Tell*

**\*as-ton-ish-ment** *n* **F** étonnement *m*, surprise *f*, **S** sorpresa *f*, estupefacción *f*, **I** sorpresa *f*, stupore *m*, meraviglia *f*, **G** Verwunderung *f*, Erstaunen *n*; great surprise, *to the astonishment of all of us Peter renounced his professorship*

**as-tound** *v* (OF *estoner* to deprive of consciousness, ME *astounded*, from assumed VL *\*extonāre*, *ex*+*tonāre* to thunder; 14c); **F** confondre, frapper de stupeur, **S** sorprender, **I** riempire di stupore, sbalordire, **G** äußerst überraschen; to affect with wonder, to surprise very much, *his behaviour astounded all his friends*

**\*as-tound-ed** *adj* very surprised or shocked, *we were astounded by his skill*

**\*as-tound-ing** *adj* very surprising or shocking, *an astounding revelation*

**as-tra-khan** *n* a fur made from the fleece of lambs from Astrakhan, in southern Russia

**astral** *adj* (LL *astrālis*, from *astrum* star, Gr *ἄστρον*, see **aster**; early 17c); **F** astral/e, **S** astral, **I** astrale, **G** Astral ....; relating to the stars, *astral navigation*, supernatural, *astral influences*

**astray** *adv* (OF *estraié*, RomL *extravagare*, *extra* outside +*vagari* to go from place to place, to wander; 14c); **F** égaré, *morally* dévoyer, **S** fuera de camino, en estado de error, *adj* extraviado/a, **I** fuori strada, *to go astray* perdersi, **G** von Weg abkommen, *adj* irgehend; to go away from the right path, to become lost, *his credulity led him astray*, *the letter went astray*

**astride** *adv prep* (*a*+*stride*; 17c); **F** à califourchon, **S** a horcajadas, **I** a cavalcioni, a gambe divaricate, **G** mit gespreizten Beinen; with a leg on each side, *to sit astride a horse*, on both sides of a river, of a road, etc, *a village astride the river Thames*

**astrin-gent** *adj n* (L *astringent-em*, pple of *astringēre* to compress, to restrict; 16c); **F** péremptoire, *med* astringent, **S** astringente, **I** severo/a, duro/a, *med* astringente, **G** *adj* adstringierend, *med* Adstringens *n*; referring to criticisms severe and mostly unkind, pungent, *John's astringent criticism*, *n med* a cream or a liquid able to make the skin less oily or to make a cut stop from bleeding; **\*astrin-gency** *n*; **\*astrin-gent-ly** *adv*

**astro-** (Gr *ἄστρο*, *ἄστρον* the stars, see **aster**); *prefix*, relating to stars, planets, or other objects in the space

**\*astro-la-be** *n* (OF *astrelabe*, MedL *astrolabium*, Gr *ἀστρολάβιον* armillary sphere, planisphere; 13c); **F** astrolabe *m*, **S** astrolabio *m*, **I** astrolabio *m*, **G** Astrolabium *n*; an

instrument used to observe the position of the Sun and of planets; it was used for navigation until the 18th century

**astro·logy** *n* (OF *astrologie*, L *astrologia*, Gr *ἀστρολογία* astronomy; 14c); **F** *astrologie* f, **S** *astrología* f, **I** *astrologia* f, **G** *Astrologie* f; the study of the effects which the celestial bodies are expected to exert on the human character and behaviour; \***astro·loger** *n*; \***astro·logic·al** *adj*

**astro·naut** *n* (*ἄστρον* the stars+*ναύτης*; sailor, on the model of **aeronaut**; 20c); **F** *astronaute* m/f, **S** *astronauta* m/f, **I** *astronauta* m/f, **G** *Astronaut* m, *Raumfahrer* m; a person who travels in the space

\***astro·nautics** *n* (coined on *ἄστρον* on the model of **aeronautics**); **F** *aeronautique* f, **S** *astronáutica* f, **I** *astronautica* f, **G** *Astronautik* f, *Raumfahrt* f; the science of the construction of vehicles to travel in the space

\***astro·nom·er** *n* (Gr *ἀστρονομός* astronomer, from *ἀστρονομεῖν* to study astronomy; 13c); **F** *astronome* m, **S** *astrónomo* m, **I** *astronomo* m, **G** *Astronom* m; a scientist who studies the celestial bodies

**astro·nom·y** *n* (OF *astronomie* f, L *astronomia*, Gr *ἀστρονόμος* one who classifies the stars; early 13c); **F** *astronomie* f, **S** *astronomía* f, **I** *astronomia* f, **G** *Astronomie* f, *Sternkunde* f; the science of the studies of celestial bodies

\***astro·nom·ic·al** *adj* **F** *astronomique*, **S** *astronómico/a*, **I** *astronomico/a*, **G** *astronomisch*; relating to astronomy, *astronomical observatory*, immeasurably great, *astronomical distance*, also fig., *astronomical distances separate our points of view*

\***astro·phys·ics** *adj* (*astro+physics*; late 19c); **F** *astrophysique* f, **S** *astrofísica* f, **I** *astrofisica* f, **G** *Astrophysik* f; the study of the physical properties of celestial bodies

**Astro·Turf** *n* *trademark*, an artificial surface like grass used to cover fields where games are played

**as·tute** *adj* (L *astūtus*, cunning, crafty, from *astus+utus*; 17c); **F** *avisé/e*, *astucieux/euse*, **S** *sagaz*, *inteligente*, **I** *sagace*, *avveduto/a*, **G** *scharfsinnig*, *raffiniert*; of keen penetration, sagacious, *an astute researcher*

**asun·der** *adv* *lit* (OE *onsundran*, on into *sundran* parts, ME *asundre*, cf **sunder**); **F** en *morceau*, **S** *hacer pedazos*, *romper in dos*, **I** in *pezzi*, *lontano* (l'uno dall'altro), **G** *auseinander*, in *Stücke*; to torn, to split, to torn violently into separate parts, *the glass broke asunder*, fig. *lives asunder*, distant from each other, *poles miles asunder*

**asy·lum** *n* (L *asīlum* sanctuary, Gr *ἄσυλον*, *ἄσυλος* inviolate, safe from violence, *ἀ* priv+*σύλη* or *σύλον* right of seizure; 15c); **F** *asile* m, *refuge* m, **S** *asilo* m, **I** *asilo* m, *rifugio* m, **G** *Asyl* n; a place of shelter or protection, *to apply for political asylum*, *med* a hospital for people suffering mental illness, *a lunatic asylum*

**asym·met·ric** *adj* (see next); **F** *asymétrique*, **S** *asimétrico/a*, **I** *asimmetrico/a*, **G** *asymmetrisch*, *unsymmetrisch*; not symmetrical, do not having the two sides equal in shape and size, *an asymmetric face*

\***asym·met·ry** *n* (*a+symmetry*; 16c); **F** *asymétrie* f, **S** *asimetría* f, **I** *asimmetria* f, **G** *Asymmetrie* f, *Ungleichmäßigkeit* f; lack of symmetry, lack of proportion, *the asymmetry of the proportions*, *the asymmetry of the building*

**asyn·chron·ism** *n* (*a+synchronism*; 19c); **F** *asynchronisme* m, **S** *asincronismo* m, **I** *asincronismo* m, **G** *Asynchronismus* m; lack of synchronism, said when two or more processes take place at different times

**at** *prep* (OE *aet*, ME *at*, OHG *az*, L *ad* to); **F** à, au, **S** en, a, **I** a, ad, **G** an, bei, zu auf, in (dat); indicating place, *I will see you at the airport*, direction, *Catherine looked at Peter in astonishment*, time, *at the age of fifty-eight*, judgment, *I was never good at maths*, value, *the house was sold at £180,000*

**at·av·ism** *n* *lit* (F *atavisme*, L *atāvus* a remote ancestor, forefather, *at+avus+ grandfather+ism* suffix; 19c); **F** *atavisme* m, **S** *atavismo* m, **I** *atavismo* m, **G** *Atavismus* m; recurrence of a very distant feature in an organism; \***at·av·is·tic** *adj* relating to genetic reappearance, *atavistic instincts*, *atavistic tendencies*

**ate** *past tense of eat*

**-ate** *suffix*, in adjectives indicating the quality, *Latinat vocabulary*, *passionate temper*, in verbs used to give the things the quality mentioned, *activate*, *motivate*, in nouns indicating the status or rank, *doctorate*, or a group of people, *electorate*, in chemistry indicating a salt, *phosphate*, *sulphate*

**atel·ier** *n* (OF *astelier*, from *astelle*, L *astūla* a splinter or chip, from *assis* plank, board; 19c); **F** *atelier* m, **S** *taller* m, *estudio* m, **I** *atelier* m, **G** *Atelier* n; a workshop for crafts, an artist's studio

**athe·ism** *n* (Fr *athéisme*, Gr *ἄθεός* without God, *ἀ+θεός* God; late 16c); **F** *athéisme* m, **S** *ateísmo* m, **I** *ateismo* m, **G** *Atheismus* m; disbelief in God, denial of the existence of God

\***athe·ist** *n* **F** *athée* m/f, **S** *ateo/a*, **I** *ateo/a*, **G** *Atheist/in*; somebody who does not believe in God

**ath·lete** *n* (L *athleta*, Gr *ἀθλητής* champion, eg in games, from *ἀθλεῖν* to contend for a prize; 15c); **F** *athlète* m, **S** *atleta* m, **I** *atleta* m, **G** *Athlet* m; a person very good in sports, one who competes in running, jumping, etc, *a professional athlete*

\***athlete's foot** *n* an infectious skin disease that affects the feet, *esp* between the toes

\***ath·let·ic** *adj* (F *athlétique*, L *athlēticus*, Gr *ἀθλητικός* of or for an athlete; 17c); **F** *athlétique*, **S** *atlético/a*, **I** *atletico/a*, **G** *athletisch*; physically strong, *an athletic figure*

\***ath·let·ics** *n* (**athletic** *adj* used in plural; 18c); **F** *athlétisme* m, **S** *atletismo* m, **I** *atletica* f, **G** *Athletik* f; sport that people compete in, *esp* in running and jumping

\***athleticism** *n* **F** *athlétisme* m, **S** *atletismo* m, **I** *atletismo* m, **G** *Athletik*; ability to play sports well, *the athleticism of Ellspeth's body*

**atishoo** *interj* *BrE* used to indicate the sound one makes when sneezing

**-atic**

**-ation**

**-ative** *suffix* (Fr *-atif*, L *-ativus*); used in adjectives showing a particular quality, *eg responsive*, *talkative*, *authoritative*

**atlas** *n* (L *Atlas*, Gr *Ἄτλας*, *-αντ*, in Greek mythology the name of the God who was supposed to hold up the universe; late 16c); **F** *atlas* m, **S** *atlas* m, **I** *atlante* m, **G** *Atlas* m; a book of maps or charts, *a world atlas*, *a road atlas*

**ATM** *abbr* automated teller machine

**at·mos·phere** *n* (ModL *atmosphæra*, Gr *ἀτμός* steam, vapour+*σφαῖρα* ball; 17c); **F** *atmosphère* f, **S** *atmósfera* f, **I** *atmosfera* f, **G** *Atmosphäre* f; the gaseous envelope surrounding the earth, *gases released into the atmosphere*

**\*at-mospher-ic** *adj* **F** atmosphérique, **S** atmosférico/a, **I** atmosferico/a, **G** atmosphärisch; of the nature of the atmosphere, *atmospheric pressure*, something that creates a particular feeling, *an atmospheric music*

**\*at-mospher-ics** *n/pl* **F** atmosphériques *f/pl*, **S** interferencias *f/pl* atmosféricas, **I** interferenze *f/pl* atmosferiche, **G** atmosphärische Störungen *f/pl*; atmospheric interference, or the continuous sharp noises that sometimes one can hear on the radio, *the atmospherics disturbed the hearing of the transmission*

**atoll** *n* (Maldive *atoļu*, related to Cingalese *ātull* interior; 17c); **F** atoll m, **S** atolón m, **I** atollo m, **G** Atoll n; a ring-shaped island, which comprises a lagoon, *the Bikini atoll*

**atom** *n* (L *atomus*, Gr *ἄτομος* uncut, indivisible, from *d+* *τόμος* a cutting; 15c); **F** atome m, **S** átomo m, **I** átomo m, **G** Atom m; the smallest part of an element, which can combine to make molecules, *oxygen atoms*, a very small part of something, *an atom of truth*

**\*atom-ic** *adj*, of or pertaining to atoms, minute, simple, *the atomic theory in Lucretius' poem 'De rerum natura'*

**\*atom-ize** *v* **F** atomiser, **S** atomizar, pulverizar, **I** atomizzare, polverizzare, **G** atomisieren, in Atome auflösen; to reduce to atoms, *to atomize a liquid*

**atonal** *adj* (*a+tonal*; early 20c); **F** atonal/e, **S** atonal, **I** atonale, **G** atonal; referring to music written in no particular key, *an atonal music*

**\*atone** *v* (back formation from **atonement**; 16c); **F** expier, réparer, **S** expiar, **I** espiare, fare penitenza, **G** büßen (für), sühnen; to show that you are sorry for doing something wrong, *he atoned for his sins*

**\*atone-ment** *n* (*at one*, meaning 'in harmony' *+ment*, MedL *adunamentum*, from *adunare* unite+onement; 16c); **F** expiation f, réparation f, **S** expiación f, **I** espiazione, penitenza, **G** Buße f, Sühne f; the act of atoning, reparation, *atonement for your sins*

**atop** *adv/adj/lit* (*a+top*; 17c); **F** au sommet (de), **S** encima de, sobre, **I** in cima (a), su, **G** oben (auf), zuoberst; on or at the top of something, *atop the hill*

**-ator** *suffix* (**F** *-ateur*, **L** *-ātor*; 17c); indicating somebody who performs a specified action, *a creator of characters, the commentator of Petrarch's poetry*

**at-rium** *n* (Latin; 16c); **F** entrée f, *anat* orifice de l'oreille f, **S** atrio m, **I** atrio m, **G** Atrium n, *anat* Vorkammer f, (Herz)Vorhof m; *archit* the central hall in a house, the central courtyard of a Roman house, *anat* the two upper chambers of the heart that receive blood and pump it into the ventricles

**atro-cious** *adj* (L *atrox* dreadful, terrible, from *ater* black; 17c); **F** affreux/euse, exécration, **S** atroz, **I** atroce, efferato/a, crudele, **G** furchtbar, schrecklich; extremely cruel, *an atrocious crime*

**\*atro-city** *n* (L *atrocitas* horror, violence; 16c); **F** atrocité f, **S** atrocidad f, **I** atrocità f, efferatezza f, crudeltà f estrema, **G** Gräßlichkeit f, Greuelat f; an extremely cruel or violent action, *the atrocities of war*

**at-ro-phy** *n* (**F** *atrophie*, **LL** *atrophiam*, **Gr** *ἀτροφία* want of food or nourishment, from *τροφή* food; 17c); **F** atrophie, **S** atrofia f, **I** atrofia, **G** Atrophie f, Abzehrung f; a condition

of weakness, *esp* of the muscles, because the blood is not reaching them, *muscular atrophy*

**at-ro-phy** *v* **F** atrophier *v/t*, s'atrophier *v/i*, **S** atrofiar *v/t*, s'atrofiar *v/i*, **I** atrofizzare *vt*, atrofizzarsi *v/i*, **G** abzehren *v/t*, verkümmern lassen, *v/t*, verkümmern *v/i*; to become atrophied, to become weaker, *his muscles are atrophied*

**at-tach** *v* (OF *estachier*, *atachier* hold fast, fasten, Italian *attaccare*, see German *Zeichen*; 14c); **F** attacher, lier, connecter, **S** liar, unir, adjuntar, **I** attaccare, connettere, legare, **G** befestigen, verbinden (mit), verknüpfen; to connect, fasten, join, *to attach a message to a parcel, to attach a label to an envelope, fig. to attach oneself to somebody*

**\*at-tached** *adj*

**\*at-tach-ment** *n* (OF *atachier+ment* suffix, from Anglo Latinized *attachimentis*; 13c); **F** accessoire m, **S** accesorio m, dispositivo m, **I** accessorio m, collegamento m, attaccamento *m fig.*, **G** Befestigung f, Verbindung f, Verknüpfung f; a feeling of love, *the attachment of Peter for his daughter*, *fig. attachment to one own's ideas*, electronics, *an attachment to the e.mail*

**\*at-taché** *n* (French, pple of *attacher* to attach; 19c); a person attached to the staff of an embassy, having a particular responsibility, *the attaché to the French embassy*

**\*attaché case** *n* a little case used for carrying documents, in general embassy documents

**at-tack** *v* (**F** *attaquer*, **It** *attaccare*; back formation taking the place of **attach**; 17c); **F** attaquer, assaillir, agresser (qn), **S** atacar, agredir, asaltar, **I** attaccare, assalire, aggredire, **G** angreifen, überfallen; to try to hurt one using violence, *the thief attacked Joan in the drive*

**\*attack** *n* **F** attaque f, assault m, **S** ataque m, agresión f, **I** attacco m, assalto m, **G** Attacke f, Angriff m; a violent act intended to hurt someone, *the attack of the marauders to the travellers in the desert, to be or come under attack, to go on the attack*

**\*at-tack-er** *n* **F** agresseur m, attaquant/e, assaillant/e, **S** agresor/ora, atacante m/f, **I** assalitore m, aggressore m, **G** Angreifer m; one who attacks, *the attacker was seized by the police*

**at-tain** *v* (ME *atayne*, AF *ataign*, L *atingere* to make physical contact with, *ad+tangere* to touch; early 13c); **F** atteindre, parvenir à, **S** lograr, conseguir, **I** conseguire, ottenere, **G** erreichen, erzielen; to achieve something, especially after much effort, *he attained full knowledge of his subject*

**\*at-tain-able** *adj* **F** accessible, réalisable, **S** realizable, alcanzable, **I** ottenibile, conseguibile, **G** erreichbar; that can be achieved, *an attainable result*

**\*at-tain-ment** *n* **F** réalisation f, obtention f, **S** consecución f, obtención f, **I** conseguimento m, raggiungimento m, **G** Erreichung f, Erwerbung f; achievement, *the attainment of wealth*

**at-tempt** *v* (L *atemptare* to attack, to assail, see **tempt**; late 14c); **F** essayer, tenter (de), chercher (à), **S** probar, ensayar, intentar, **I** cercare, tentare, sforzarsi (di), **G** probieren, versuchen; to try to do something, *esp* difficult, *he attempted to escape from prison, to try to avoid, to attempt to escape justice, an attempted murder*

**attempt** *n* **F** tentative f, essai m, effort m, **S** tentativa f, intento m, conato m, **I** tentativo m, prova f, **G** Versuch m, Bemühung f; the act of trying something, *esp* difficult, *he*

made several attempts, an unsuccessful attempt, attempt at doing something, an attempt on somebody's life

**at-tend** *v* (OF *attendre*, L *attendēre* to give one's attention to, *ad* at+*tendēre* stretch; early 14c); **F** être présent, **S** asistir a, servir, **I** assistere a, essere presente a, **G** aufwarten, begleiten, teilnehmen an; to be present at an event, he regularly attends the meetings of our society

\***at-tend-ance** *n* **F** présence f, **S** asistencia f, presencia f, **I** assistenza f, presenza f, frequenza f, **G** Pflege f, Bedienung f, Aufwartung f; the act of being present at a place, the attendance at the lectures was of 52

\***at-tend-ant** *n* **F** surveillant/e, gardien/enne, **S** relacionado/a, concomitante, acompañante, **I** presente, addetto/a a, che accompagna, **G** begleitend, anwesend bei; a person who helps people in a public place, a museum attendant, a person whose job is to help an important person, an attendant to the Commander-in-Chief; *adj* relating to something, the endeavour and its attendant risks

**at-ten-tion** *n* (F *attention*, L *attentio-ōnem* application, attention, from *attendēre* to pay attention, to listen carefully, see **attend**; late 14c); **F** attention f, **S** atención f, **I** attenzione f, riguardo m, **G** Aufmerksamkeit f, Beachtung f; the act of listening carefully to, we did not pay any attention to that story, the act of looking at sb/sth carefully, the attentions of Peter for Catherine, to do things with/without attention, to attract, to receive attention

\***at-ten-tive** *adj* (OF *attentif*, see prec; 15c); **F** attentif/ive, **S** atento/a, **I** attento/a, premuroso/a, **G** aufmerksam, achtsam (auf); listening carefully, an attentive observer, looking as sb/sth carefully, an attentive companion

**at-tenu-ate** *v* (L *attenuātus*, pple stem of *attenuāre* to make thin, to exhaust, from *tenuis* slender, thin; 15c); **F** atténuer, diminuer, **S** atenuar, **I** attenuare, diminuire, **G** vermindern, abschwächen; to lessen, to diminish, barriers to attenuate the force of the flood

\***at-tenu-ation** *n* **F** atténuation f, diminution f, **S** atenuación f, disminución f, **I** attenuazione f, diminuzione f, **G** Verminderung f, Schwächung f; the act of lessening, diminution, an attenuation of the difficulties

**at-test** *v* formal (F *attester*, L *attestāri* to attest, confirm, from *testis*, one present at a legal transaction; late 16c); **F** attester, certifier, **S** atestiguar, confirmar, dar de fe, **I** attestare, confermare, **G** attestieren, beglaubigen; to say or prove that something is true, the trustees attested the will

\***at-test-ation** *n* **F** attestation f, témoignage m, **S** atestación f, testimonio m, **I** attestazione f, testimonianza f, **G** Bestätigung f, Zeugnis n; a formal statement you make, officially declaring that something is true, the surveyor made an attestation of the value of the house

**attic** *n* (L *Atticus*, Gr *Ἀττικὸς*, pertaining to Attica, whose capital was Athens; late 17c); **F** mansarde f, grenier m, **S** ático m, buhardilla f, **I** attico m, mansarda f, **G** Mansarde f; a room below the roof of a house, my books are stored in the attic

**at-tire** *n* lit (ME *atiren*, OF *atir(i)er* arrange, equip for war, put in order, of uncertain origin; 13c); **F** vêtements f/pl, costume m, **S** traje m, vestido m, **I** abbigliamento m, **G** Kleidung f, Gewand n; clothes of a particular type, evening attire, the Lord Chancellor's attire, equipment for war, military attire

**at-ti-tude** *n* (LL *aptitudo*, from *adj* *aptus*, verb *aptāre* to fit together, join, adapt mentally; late 17c); **F** attitude f, manière f de penser, **S** actitud f, disposición f, **I** attitudine f, modo m di pensare, atteggiamento m, **G** Stellung f, Haltung f; the way you think about something, John's unfavourable attitude towards his son, informal a confident way of behaving, that young man has attitude, position of the body, a threatening attitude, an attitude of abandon, **attitude of mind** a way of thinking

\***at-ti-tu-din-al** *adj* pertaining to attitudes, attitudinal problems

**At-tor-ney** *n* (OF *atorné*, pple of *atorner* assign, appoint, *ad*+*torner* to turn over to another, L *ad*+*tornāre* to make round; early 14c); **F** procureur m de la république, avoué m, **S** abogado m, apoderado/a, **I** procuratore m legale, rappresentante m, **G** Rechts(Anwalt) m, Stellvertreter m; *AmE* a lawyer, somebody given legal power to act on behalf of somebody else

\***Attorney General** *n* **F** procureur m général, **S** procurador m general, **I** procuratore m generale, **G** Generalstaatsanwalt m, Kronanwalt m; in the UK the chief legal counsel to the Crown, in Scotland the equivalent post being held by the Lord Advocate

**at-tract** *v* (L *attractus*, pple of *attrahēre*, *ad* at+*trahēre* to attract, draw; early 15c); **F** attirer, **S** atraer, **I** attirare, attrarre, **G** anziehen; to exert attraction, to draw or pull someone towards you, by your qualities, she attracted me for her kindness

\***at-trac-tion** *n* (F *attraction*, L *attractio-ōnem*, see prec; 17c); **F** attraction f, **S** atracción f, **I** attrazione f, **G** Attraktion f, Anziehungskraft f; the action of attracting, the principal attraction of the city, a man of considerable attraction, to attract interest, attention, etc, physics magnetic attraction

\***at-trac-tive** *adj* **F** attrayant/e, séduisant/e, **S** atractivo/a, agradable, **I** attrattivo/a, **G** anziehend, attraktiv; very pleasant, that exerts attraction, an attractive woman, an attractive offer

**at-trib-ute** *v* (OF *attribut*, L *attribūtum* a grant of public money, pple of *tribuēre* to assign, apportion, allot, *ad* at+*tribuēre* to apportion, ascribe; 14c); **F** attribuer, imputer (à), **S** attribuir, **I** attribuire, **G** zuschreiben, beilegen; to ascribe, Peter's success is attributed to his vigorous exertion

\***attribute** *n* **F** attribut m, qualité f, **S** atributo m, **I** attributo m, qualità f, **G** Attribut n, Eigenschaft f, Merkmal n; a quality or feature of somebody or something, Catherine's main attribute is sincerity

\***at-trib-ut-able** *adj*, not before noun, that can be attributed, an accident attributable to lack of attention

\***at-tribu-tive** *adj* grammar **F** attributif/ive, **S** atributivo/a, **I** attributivo/a, **G** attributiv; 'attributive' is an adjective that comes before the name it describes; for example, in the phrase attractive woman, the adjective attractive is attributive

**at-trib-ition** *n* (LL *attritiōn-em*, pple of *atterēre* to rub, grind, *ad* at+*terēre*, see **trite**; 15c); **F** usure f par le frottement, **S** degaste m, rozadura f, **I** attrito m, logorio m, **G** Abrieb m, Abnutzung f; the action of gradual weakening of something by friction, abrasion, attrition consumed the clutch of the car, the process of weakening your enemy by continually attacking him, a war of attrition

**at-tune** *vt* (*at*+*tune*; 16c); **F** accorder, harmoniser, **S** armonizar (con), **I** armonizzare, accordare (con), **G** stimmen, in Einklang bringen (mit); to adjust for a situation, he attuned

himself to the needs of his company, to put a musical instrument into tune, to *attune a violin*; \***attuned** *adj*

**atypical** *adj* (a+typical); **F** atypique, **S** atípico/a, **I** atípico/a, **G** atypisch; not typical, not uniform, unusual, *an atypical situation*

**au-ber-gine** *AmE eggplant n* (**F** *aubergine*, Catalan *Alberginia*, Arabic *al-bādinjān*, Persian *bādingān*; 18c); **F** *aubergine f*, **S** *berenjena f*, **I** *melanzana f*, **G** *Aubergine f*; a large edible vegetable, with purple skin

**au-burn** *adj* (**OF** *alborn*, *auborne*, **MedL** *alburnus* whitish, from *albus* white; early 15c); **F** *châtain roux*, **S** *castaño rojizo*, **I** *alburneo/a*, *castano dorato o ramato*, **G** *kastanienbraun*; reddish brown in colour, *Katharine's auburn hair*

**au-ction** *n* (**L** *auctiōn-em*, a public sale, an auction, pple stem of *augēre* to increase; late 16c); **F** *vente à l'enchère* ou *aux enchères*, **S** *subasta f*, *licitación f*, **I** *vendita f* all'asta, **G** *Auktion f*, *Versteigerung f*; a public sale of goods or property, where you make higher offers, the house was sold **at/by** auction; **put sth up for auction**, to sell something at an auction

\***au-ction** *v* to sell by public auction, *the painting was auctioned*

\***au-ction-eer** *n* (see *au-ction+eer*; 18c); **F** *commissaire m* *priseur*, *directeur m* *de la vente*, **S** *subastador/ora*, *licitador/ora*, **I** *banditore m* (all'asta), **G** *Auktionator m*, *Versteigerer m*; one who conducts sales by auction

**au-da-cious** *adj* (**MF** *audacieux*, **L** *audax* daring, confident, from *audēre* to have courage, to dare to do; 16c); **F** *audacieux/euse*, *hardi/e*, **S** *audaz*, *osado/a*, **I** *audace*, *ardito/a*, **G** *Kühn*; showing a willingness to take risks, *an audacious undertaking*

\***au-da-city** *n* (**MedL** *audacitas*, **L** *audacia* confidence, boldness; 15c); **F** *audace f*, *intrépidité f*, **S** *audacia f*, *osadía f*, **I** *audacia f*, *ardimento m*, **G** *Kühnheit f*; the quality of having willingness to take risks, *John's audacity in business*

**aud-ible** *adj* (**LL** *audibilis*, **L** *audire* to hear; late 15c); **F** *perceptible* (à l'oreille), **S** *audible*, *perceptible*, **I** *udibile*, *percettibile*, **G** *hörbar*, *vernehmbar*, *vernehmlich*; that can be heard, loud enough, *the voice of Ellspeth was scarcely audible*

\***audi-ence** *n* (**OF** *audience*, **L** *audientia* the act of listening, a body of listeners, from *audire* to hear; late 14c); **F** *auditoire m*, *spectateurs m/pl*, **S** *auditorio m*, *audiencia f*, **I** *pubblico m*, *uditorio m*, *udienza f* (papale), **G** *Anhören n*, *Gehör n*; a group of people who watch or listen to someone performing in TV or in public, *the speaker had a large audience*, *the show attracts an audience of 12 million spectators*, *formal*, meeting with a very important person, *the Pope granted him a private audience*

**audio** *n* (**L** *audire* to hear; 20c); relating to sound, *an audio equipment*

\***audio-** combining form, *audio-visual*, etc

\***audio-tape** *n* tape on which sounds are recorded

\***audio-visual** *adj/n*, that involves seeing and hearing, *audio-visual equipment*

**audit** *n* (**L** *audītus* hearing, pple stem of *audire* to hear; 15c); **F** *audit m*, *vérification(s) comptable(s)*, **S** *revisión de cuentas*, **I** *verifica f*, *controllo m*, *revisione f* dei conti, **G** *Rechnungs-Prüfung f*, *Bücherrevison f*; an official examination of business and financial records, to check if they are correct, *the company's annual audit*

**audit** *v* **F** *vérifier*, *certifier*, **S** *revisar*, *auditar*, **I** *controllare* (i conti), fare una revisione contabile, **G** *revidieren*, *amtlich prüfen*; to examine officially a company's financial records, to check if they are correct, *the committee will audit the company's records next week*

**audit** *v* **AmE**, **F** *assister en auditeur libre*, **S** *asistir a un curso* como oyente, **I** *assistere come uditore libero*, **G** ... ..to attend a college or university course without taking examinations or getting a credit

\***au-di-tion** *n* (**OF** *audition*, **L** *auditiōn-em*, from *audire* to hear; late 16c); **F** *audition f*, *séance f* d'essai, **S** *audición f*, **I** *audizione f*, **G** *Hörvermögen n*, *Gehör*; a short performance by an actor, by a singer, etc, to judge if they are good enough to act in a play

\***au-dition** *v* **F** *auditionner* (pour un rôle), **S** *dar audición a*, **I** fare un provino, sostenere un'audizione, **G** *vorsprechen*, *vorsingen*, *vorspielen lassen*; to take part in an audition, to judge someone's performance in an audition, *the committee auditioned above 100 singers, before choosing the winner*

\***au-dit-or** *n* (**OF** *auditeur*, **L** *auditor* a hearer, listener; 14c); **F** *vérificateur m* *des comptes*, **S** *ensor m*, -ora *f* *de cuentas*, **I** *uditore m*, *revisore m* dei conti, **G** *Bücherrevisor m*; someone whose job is to officially examine a company's financial records

\***audi-torium** *n* (**L** *auditōrium* a place for hearing, replacing earlier *auditory*, **ME** *auditorie*; 18c); **F** *salle* (de théâtre, de concert, etc), **S** *auditorio m*, *sala f*, **I** *auditorio m*, *sala f*, **G** *Auditorium n*; the part of a theatre where spectators sit, a lecture room

\***audi-tory** *adj* (**LL** *auditōrius*, see *auditor*; 16c); **F** *auditif/ive*, **S** *auditivo/a*, **I** *uditivo/a*, **G** *Gehör.....*, *Hör.....*, *medical auditiv*; pertaining to hearing, *auditory functions*, *auditory canal*

**au fait** *adverbial phrase* (**French**; 18c); to put a person *au fait* of sth, to instruct a person thoroughly in sth

**au-ght** *pron lit* (**OE** *āwith*, *ā* ever+*wiht* anything); **F** *quoi que ce soit*, **S** *algo*, *alguna cosa f*, **I** *qualcosa*, *alcunché*, **G** (ingend)etwas; anything whatever, *for au-ght I know*

**aug-ment** *vt/i* (**OF** *augmenter*, **LL** *augmentāre*, from *augēre* to increase; early 15c); **F** *augmenter*, *accroître*, **S** *v/t* *aumentar*, *v/i* *aumentarse*, **I** *aumentare*, *accrescere*, **G** *vermehren*, *vergrößern*; *v/t* to make greater in size, in amount, etc, to *augment the salary*, to *augment the income*, *v/i* to become greater in size, in number, etc, *our income will augment*

**augur** *v* (**L** *augur*, in ancient Rome an interpreter of auspices; late 14c); **F** *présager*, *prédire*, **S** *augurar*, *pronosticar*, **I** *presagire*, *predire*, **G** *prophezeien*; to be a sign of good or bad things, *this achievement augurs well for the future*, *the existing conflicts do not augur well for the future*

\***au-gury** *n* (**OF** *augurie*, **L** *augurium* divination, omen; late 14c); **F** *augure m*, *présage m*, *science f* *des augures*, **S** *augurio m*, *presagio m*, **I** *divinazione f*, *presagio m*, **G** *Prophezeiung f*, *Weissagung f*; the art of augury or divination, a sign of what will happen in the future, *an augury of success in the career*

**au-gust** *adj* (**OF** *auguste*, **L** *augustus* venerable, worthy of honour, from *augēre* to magnify; 17c); **F** *auguste*, *majestueux/euse*, **S** *agusto/a*, **I** *agusto/a*, *maestoso/a*, **G** *erlaucht*, *erhaben*; venerable, dignified, eminent, *an august figure*

**au-gust** *n* (**OE**, from Latin, named after Emperor Augustus); **F** *août*, **S** *agosto m*, **I** *agosto m*, **G** *August m*; the eighth month of the year, named after the Emperor Augustus

**auk** *n* (Old Icelandic *álka*, Norwegian *akle*, Danish *alke*, cognate with L *olor* a swan, from Indo-European; 17c); F pingouin m, alque f, S mérgulo m marino, I uccello m degli àlcidi, G Alk m; a northern sea-bird with short wings, used as paddles

**aunt** *n* (Anglo-French *aunte*, OF *ante*, L *amita* a father's sister, cognate with Gr *ἀμμά* mother, OHG *amma* mother, nurse; early 14c); F tante f, S tía f, I zia f, G Tante f; the sister of someone's father or mother, the wife or someone's uncle

\***au·ntie** *n* (*aunt*+y; 18c); F tatie f, tata f, tantine f, S tía f, I zietta f, G Tantchen n; *dim, coll* for aunt

**au pair** *n* *BrE* (French, L *par* similar, like, equal in worth; late 19c); on equal terms, (an arrangement) providing room and board in exchange for tutoring in language or for domestic work, child care, etc

**aura** *n* (L *aura*, Gr *αῖρα* breeze, from Indo-European; late 14c); F aura f, S emanación f, atmósfera f, I aura f, atmosfera f, G Aura f, Aroma n; a gentle breeze, a feeling or atmosphere surrounding a person or a place, *an aura of confidence*

\***aural** *adj* (L *auris* hear+suffix *-al*; 19c); F auditif/ive, sonore, S aural, auditivo/a, I auricolare, uditivo/a, G Ohr....., Gehör....., akustisch; connected with hearing, *aural stimulus, aural and visual*

**aure·ole** *n* (OF *auriole*, LL *aureola corōna* golden crown, from *aureus* golden, *aurum* gold; late 14c); F auréole f, S aureola f, I aureole f, alone m, G Aureole f, Nimbus m; *lit* a circle of light surrounding the head of a holy person, *fig. an aureole of glory*

**au revoir** *interj* (French); see you again, good bye (until we meet again)

**auricle** *n* (OF *auricole*, L *auricūla*, diminutive of *auris* ear; 15c); F auricule f, pavillon m, S aurícula f, I auricola f, padiglione m auricolare, G äußeres Ohr f, Ohrmuschel f; *anat* the chamber of the heart

\***aur·icu·lar** *adj* (LL *auriculāris*, L *auricūla* ear; 16c); F auriculaire, S auricular, I auricolare, G Ohren....., Hör.....; relating to the ear or to the hearing, *auricular confession, anat* relating to the auricle

**aur·ora borealis** *n* (OF *aurore*, L *aurōra* dawn, *Aurōra* the goddess of dawn+borealis, L *Borea*, Gr *Βορέας* the wind of the North; early 17c); F aurore f boréale, S aurora f boreal, I aurora f boreale, G Nordlicht f; aurora borealis as described by Pierre Gassendi in *Physics*, meaning 'northern dawn'

**aus·pices** *n/pl formal* (OF *auspices*, L *auspicium* an augury from the behaviour of birds, an omen taken from birds, from *avis* bird+*specēre* look, observe; 16c); F auspices m/pl, S auspiciado/a por, I auspicio m, G Auspizien, Vor-Anzeichen; **under the auspices of sb**, under the protection of sb, *under the auspices of the Encyclopedia Britannica*

\***aus·pi·cious** *adj* (L *auspicium*+suffix *-ous*; early 17c); F propice, de bon augure, S propicio, de buen augurio, I propizio, di buon augurio, G günstig; showing favour, *an auspicious start of the negotiations*

**Aus·sie** *n informal*, a person from Australia

**aus·tere** *adj* (OF *austere*, L *austērus*, Gr *αῦστηρός* rigorous, austere; 14c); F austère, S austero/a, I austero/a, G streng; of rigorous, severe habits, *an austere life*

\***aus·ter·ity** *n* (OF *austerité*, L *austēritas* severity; late 14c); F austérité f, S austeridad f, I austerità f, G Strenge f; severity of habits, *the austerity of his life*, an economic policy in which government reduces the expenses, generally as a consequence of recession *austerity measures*

**aus·tral** *adj* (L *austrālis*, from *auster* the south wind; 16c); F austral/e, S austral, I australe, G südlich; belonging to the south

\***Aus·tra·lia** *n* (New Latin *Terra Australis* Southern Land; 17c); the continent of Australia; **Australian** *adj/n* a person from Australia

**autar·chy** *n* (ModL *autarchia*, Gr *αὐταρχία* absolute rule, from *αὐτός* self+*ἀρχή* rule; 17c); F autarchie f, autocratie f, S autarquía f, I autarchia f, G Autarkie f; *hist* absolute sovereignty, self-government

\***autar·ki** *n* F autarcie f, S autarquía f, I autarchia f, G wirtschaftliche Unabhängigkeit f; a policy of economic self-sufficiency, *autarki in Italy during Fascism*

**au·then·tic** *adj* (OF *authentique*, LL *autenticus*, Gr *αὐθεντικός* original copy, authentic; 14c); F authentique, S auténtico/a, I autentico/a, G authentisch; something real, true, *authentic Italian pasta, law an authentic copy of an original document*

\***au·then·ti·cate** *v* (OF *authentifier*, MedL *authenticātus*; 17c); F certifier, légaliser, S autenticar, I certificare, legalizzare, G die Echtheit bescheinigen; to state that sth is genuine, *to authenticate a document*

\***au·then·ti·city** *n* (*authentic*+*-ity*, F *authenticité*; 17c); F authenticité f, S autenticidad, I autenticità f, G Authentizität f, (Rechts)Gültigkeit f; the quality of being true, authentic, *the authenticity of a legal document*

**author**<sup>1</sup> *n* (OF *au(c)tour*, L *auctōr-em* one who causes to grow, from *augēre* to increase, promote; 16c); F auteur m, écrivain m, S escritor/ora, autor/ora, I autore m, G Autor/in, Schriftsteller/in; someone who writes books, articles, etc, *Dante is the author of the Divine Comedy, formal the author of his own fortune*

**author**<sup>2</sup> *v* to be the writer of a book, etc, *Peter has authored several historical books*

\***author·ess** *n* a female author (used only to emphasize sex)

\***au·thor·ial** *adj* (*author*+L *ōrius*; 18c); pertaining to an author, *an authorial correction*; \***author·ing** *n* the process of creating programs on a computer

\***au·thor·i·tar·ian** *adj* (*authority*+*-arian*; 20c); F autoritaire, S autoritario/a, I autoritario/a, G autoritär; favourable to the principle of authority, *an authoritarian regime*

\***au·thor·i·ta·tive** *F* qui fait autorité, S autoritario/a, con autoridad, I autorevole, G zuverlässig, verlässlich; someone who is obeyed and respected, *an authoritative colleague*

**au·thor·ity** *n* (OF *auctorité*, ME *au(c)torite* book or quotation, L *auctoritas*, see **author**; early 16c); F autorité f, pouvoir m, S autoridad f, I autorità f, G Autorität f; the moral superiority recognized by everybody, *John's authority prevailed over the riotous, the authorities*, the group of people officially responsible

\***au·thor·i·za·tion** *n* (*authorize*+*-ation*; early 17c); F autorisation f, S autorización f, I autorizzazione f, G

Genehmigung f, Ermächtigung f; permission to do sth, *authorization was eventually given*

**author-ize** *v* (ME *au(c)torisen*, OF *au(c)torisier*, ML *auctorizare*, L *auctor*, see **author**; 16c); **F** autoriser, **S** autorizar, **I** autorizzare, **G** autorisieren, ermächtigen; to give official permission

**author-ship** *n* (*author*+*-ship*; early 18c); **F** paternité f, **S** autoría f, **I** paternità (di un'opera letteraria), **G** Autorschaft; the condition of being author, *the authorship of the treatise is doubtful*

**aut-ism** *n* (G *Autismus*, ModL *autismus*, Gr *αὐτός*+*-ismus*; early 20c); **F** autisme m, **S** autismo m, **I** autismo m, **G** Autismus m; *medecine* a condition of being self-absorbed and out of contact with reality; **\*autistic** *adj* (Gr *-ιστικός*)

**auto** relating to cars, *the auto market/industry, etc*

**auto-** a combining form, Gr *αὐτός* meaning 'self', eg autobiography, autography, etc

**auto-biography** *n* (*auto*+*biography*; late 18c); **F** autobiographie f, **S** autobiografía f, **I** autobiografia f, **G** Autobiografie f; the story of one's own life, written by himself, *John Stuart Mill's autobiography*

**\*auto-bio-graph-ic-al** *adj*

**auto-cthon** *adj/n* (Gr *αὐτόχθων*, *αὐτο* -*auto*+*χθών* earth, soil, ie sprung from the land itself; 17c); **F** autochtone m/f, **S** autóctono/a, **I** autoctono/a, **G** Autochtone m, Urbewohner m; an aborigine, a native, *an autochton tree*

**auto-clave** *n* (F *autoclave*, *auto*+*clāvis* key; late 19c); **F** autoclave m, **S** autoclave m, **I** autoclave m, **G** Autoklav m; a vessel used for chemical reactions, an apparatus for sterilizing using superheated steam; **\*to autoclave**, to subject to the action of an autoclave

**aut-ocracy** *n* (Gr *αὐτοκρατία*, self-sustained power, *αὐτός* self+*κράτος* power; 17c); **F** autocratie f, **S** autocracia f, **I** autocracia f, **G** Autokratie f, Selbstherrschaft f; government by a single person or a small group

**\*autocrat** *n* (F *autocrate*, Gr *αὐτοκρατής*, *αὐτός* self+*κράτος* power; early 19c); **F** autocrate m, **S** autócrata m, **I** autócrata m, **G** Autokrat m; *hist* a ruler with unlimited power

**\*autocratic** *adj*

**auto-cue** *n* (*auto*+*cue*; 20c); *Television* a script device, placed out of range of the camera, which prints the words to be spoken by a speaker on TV as an aid to his memory

**auto-didact** *n* (Gr *αὐτοδιδάκτος* self taught; 16c); **F** autodidacte m/f, **S** autodidacta m/f, **I** autodidatta m/f, **G** Autodidakt m; one who is self-taught, *as a translator of Greek lyrics Salvatore Quasimodo was an autodidact*

**auto-genous** *adj* (Gr *αὐτογενής* self produced; 19c); **F** autogène, **S** autógeno/a, **I** autogeno/a, **G** selbst-entstanden; originating from sources within the same individual, *autogenous welding, autogenous vaccine*

**auto-graph** *n* (F *autographe*, LL *autographum*, Gr *αὐτόγραφον*, *αὐτός* self+*γράφειν* write; 17c); **F** autographe m, **S** autógrafo m, **I** autografo m, **G** Autogramm n, eigene Handschrift f; a person's signature, sth written in one's own handschrift, *a David Hume autograph*

**autograph** *v* to write in his own handwriting

**\*auto-graphy** *n* (Gr *αὐτός* self+*γραφία* writing; 17c); **F** autographie f, **S** autografía f, **I** autografia f, **G** Autografie f, Handschriftenkunde f; the action of writing in one's own hand, the reproduction of writing, *an autography by Albrecht Dürer*

**auto-immune** *adj*; **F** auto-immune, **S** autoinmune, **I** autoimmune, **G** selbst-immun; an immunity caused by the antibodies

**auto-maker** *n* *AmE* (*auto*+*maker*; 20c); **F** constructeur m d'automobiles, **S** fabricante m de automóviles, **I** fabbrica f di automobili, **G** ... ..; a company that produces cars

**auto-mate** *v* (back formation from **automaton**; 20c); **F** automatiser, **S** automatizar, **I** automatizzare, **G** automatisieren; to operate by automaton, *the manufacturing process has been automated*

**\*automated teller machine**, *abbr* **ATM** **F** distributeur m automatique, **S** cajero automático, **I** distributore m automatico, **G** Geldautomat m; a cash machine

**\*auto-matic** *adj* (Gr *αὐτόματος* self-acting, see **automaton**; 18c); **F** automatique, **S** automático/a, **I** automatico/a, **G** automatisch, selbsttätig; having the power of self-movement, *automatic transmission, automatic pilot, etc*

**\*auto-ma-ton** *n pl* *-ata* (L *automaton*, Gr *αὐτόματον*, substantive use of *αὐτόματος* that acts of itself; early 17c); **F** automate m, **S** autómata m, **I** autòma m, robot m, **G** Automat m; *tech* that has the power of self-movement

**auto-mo-bile** *n* (F *automobile*, G *αὐτός* self+L *mobilis*, from *movēre* to move; late 19c); **F** voiture f, automobile f, **S** automóvil m, auto m, **I** automobile f, **G** Automobil n; *adj* selbstbeweglich; a motor vehicle

**\*auto-mo-tive** *n* and *adj* (*auto*+*motive*; late 19c); **F** automoteur m, **S** automotor/ora, **I** automobile m, semovente m, **G** selbstbewegend; a self-propelled vehicle

**\*autono-mous** *adj* (Gr *αὐτόνομος* making or having his own laws, from *αὐτός* self+*νόμος* law; 19c); **F** autonome, **S** autónomo/a, **I** autonomo/a, **G** autonom, sich selbst regierend; having the quality of autonomy, *an autonomous decision*

**aut-on-omy** *n* (Gr *αὐτονομία*, see prec; 17c); **F** autonomie f, **S** autonomía f, **I** autonomia f, **G** Autonomie f, Eigengesetzlichkeit f; the condition of having one's own laws, *the autonomy of John's decisions*

**auto-pilot** *n* (*auto*+*pilot*; 20c); **F** pilote m automatique, **S** piloto m automático, **I** pilota m automatico, **G** Autopilot; automatic pilot

**aut-opsy** *n* (ModL *autopsia*, Gr *αὐτοψία*, from *αὐτοπτος* self revealing; 17c); **F** autopsie f, **S** autopsia f, **I** autopsia f, **G** Autopsie f; dissection of a dead body

**auto-suggestion** *n* (*auto*+*suggestion*; late 19c); **F** autosuggestion f, **S** autosugestión f, **I** autosugestione f, **G** Autosuggestion f; suggestion originating from oneself

**au-tumn** *n* (L *autumnus*, OF *autompne*, ME *autumpne*; 14c); **F** automne m, **S** otoño m, **I** autunno m, **G** Herbst m; the fourth season of the year

**\*au-tum-nal** *adj* **F** autumnal/e, **S** otoñal, **I** autunnale, **G** herbstlich; relating to the autumn, *autumnal climate*

**aux-iliary** *adj/n* (L *auxiliārius*, from *auxilium* help; early 17c); **F** auxiliaire, **S** auxiliar, **I** ausiliario/a, **G** adj helfend, n Helfer; giving support, *an auxiliary worker, military the auxiliaries in the Roman army, grammar, auxiliary verb*

**AV** *abbr* for Authorized Version (of the Bible, version authorized in 1611 by King James of England), also *abbr* for audio-visual

**avail**<sup>1</sup> *v formal* (OF *vail-*, stem of *valoir*, L *valēre*, to have strength; early 15c); **F** se servir de, **S** aprovechar, valer, **I** servire, essere utile, **G** nützen, fördern; **to avail oneself of something**, *they availed themselves of this opportunity*

**avail**<sup>2</sup> *n* **F** avantage, utilité, **S** 'it is of no avail' es inútil, sin resultado, **I** vantaggio m, utilità f, **G** Nutzen m, Vorteil m; to be **to/of no avail**, to be of utility or useless, *all that was done*

was of no avail/ to no avail; \***avail-able** *adj* able to be obtained *tickets are still/no more available*

**ava-lanche** *n* (F *avalanche*, à *val* to the valley, L *ad vallem*; 18c); F *avalanche* f, S *avalancha* f, I *valanga*, G *Lawine* f, *fig.* Unmenge f; a large amount of snow that falls down a mountain, also *an avalanche of rocks, of mud*, etc

**avant-garde** *n/adj* (F *avant-garde*; 15c); F *avant-garde* f, S *adj* de *vanguardia*, *ultramoderno/a*, I *avanguardia* f, *adj* all'*avanguardia*, *ultramoderno/a*, G *fig.* *Avantgarde* f, *adj* *avantgardistisch*; *adj* very modern, *avant-garde art*, group noun *the avant-garde*

**avar-ice** *n* (OF *avarice*, L *avaritia*, from *avārus* greedy for money; 14c); F *avarice* f, S *avaricia* f, I *avarizia* f, G *Geiz* m, *Habsucht* f; a too strong desire to have money, *Molière's Harpagon*, *the symbol of avarice*; \***avaricious** *adj*

**Ave.**, *AmE* also **Av.**, abbreviation for **Avenue**

**avenge** *v* (OF *avengier*, à *to+vengier*, L *vindicāre* to claim as one's own; late 14c); F *venger*, *se venger de*, S *vengar*, *vengarse en*, I *vendicare* (sth), *vendicarsi di*, G *rächen an+dat*; get revenge for, take vengeance on sth wrong that has been done to you

**av-enu** *n* (OF *avenue*, feminine of *avenu*, pple of *avenu* arrive, L *advenire* to come to, arrive at; early 17c); F *avenue* f, S *avenida* f, I *viale* m, G *Allee* f, *Avenue* f; a wide road, with trees and buildings on both sides; *fig.*, *the avenue to success*, *to explore every possible avenue*

**aver** *v* (OF *averer* verify, *ad+voir*, VL \**adverāre*, from *ad* to+*verus* true; early 15c); F *déclarer*, *affirmer* (que), S *deklarar*, *aseverar*, I *dichiarare*, *asseverare*, G *als tatsache hinstellen*, *behaupten*; to declare that sth is true, to assert sth confidently

**aver-age**<sup>1</sup> *n/adj* (OF *average*, MedL *averagium*; as a maritime term, *avaria*, *averia*, was first used in the Mediterranean, and probably was a derivative of It *avere*, OF *aveir* property, goods. Late in the 16c it acquired the sense of 'an equal distribution of expense or loss among all the interested parties': hence the sense of 'a medium', in Johnson's *Dictionary*, 1755); F *moyenne* f, *adj* *moyen/enne*, S *medio*, *de término medio*, I *media* f, **on an average** in *media*, *medio/a* *adj*, G *durchschnittlich* *adj*, **on an average**, im *Durchschnitt* m; a standard or level between the extremes, *the average cost*, *the average level*

**aver-age**<sup>2</sup> *v* to come to an average, *the cost averaged at £1,000*

**averse** *adj* (OF *avers*, L *aversus*, pple of *avertēre* to avert; 15c); F *qui répugne* (à quelque chose), *qui déteste* (quelque chose), S *reacio/a*, I *avverso/a*, G *abgeneigt* *dat*; *formal*, to be opposed, disliking, or unwilling to do sth, *I am averse to wasting time*, *I am not averse to a good glass of red wine*

\***aver-sion** *n* (Old and Middle French *aversion*, L *aversiōnem* abhorrence; late 16c);

\***avert** *v* (OF *avertir*, L *avertēre* to turn away or aside; 15c); F *éviter*, *prévenir*, *détourner*, S *apartar*, *desviar*, *evitar*, I *distogliere*, *evitare*, G *wegkehren* (von), *abwenden*; to turn away from, to alienate

**avi-ary** *n* (L *aviarium*, from *avis* bird; 16c); F *volière* f, S *pajarera* f, I *uccelliera* f, G *Vogelhaus* n; a large cage or inclosure, in which birds are kept

**avi-ation** *n* (F *aviation*, L *avis* bird; 19c); F *aviation* f, S *aviación* f, I *aviazione* f, G *Luftfahrt* f, *Flugwesen* n; the activity of building and flying aircraft, *civil*, *military aviation*

\***avi-ator** *n* (F *aviateur*, L *avis* bird +-*ator*, *-ateur*; 19c); F *pilote* m, *aviateur/trice*, S *aviador/ora*, I *aviatore* m, *pilota* m, G *Flieger* m, *Flugzeugführer* m; *old fashioned*, *a pioneering aviator*

**avi-cul-ture** *n* (L *avis* bird+*cultūra* the training or improvement; 19c); F *aviculture* f, S *avicultura* f, I *avicoltura* f, G *Vogelsucht* f; the rearing of birds

**avid** *adj* (F *avide*, L *avidus*, from *avēre* desire eagerly, related to *avarus* greedy; more probably, a back formation from **avidity**; ultimately from Indo-European; 18c); F *avide*, S *ávido/a*, I *avido/a*, G *gierig* (nach); eager, greedy, *an avid collector of old books*; \***avid-ity** *n* *formal*; \***avid-ly** *adv*

**avi-on-ics** *n* (*avi(ation)+electron(ics)*; 20c); F *avionique* f, S *aviónica* f, I *elettronica* f *aeronautica*, G *Avionik* f, *Luftfahrtelektronik* f; the science of electronic equipments for aircraft

**avo-cado**, **avocado pear**, also **alligator pear** *n* (Sp *avocado*, from Nahuatl *ahuacatl* testicle; 18c); F *avocat* m (fruit), *avocatier* m (arbre), S *aguacate* m, I *avocado* m, G *Avocado* f; the pear-shaped fruit of a West-Indian tree, with a thick skin and a large seed in the middle

**avoid** *n* (AF *avoider*, OF *esvuidier*, *évuider* to empty out, from *vuit*, *vuide* empty, see **void**; 14c); F *éviter*, *échapper à*, S *evitar*, *eludir*, I *evitare*, G *vermeiden*, *umgehen*; to choose not to do sth, *to avoid drinking too much alcohol*, *to avoid a danger*

\***avoid-able** *adj* (*avoid+-able*; 17c); F *évitable*, S *evitable*, I *evitabile*, G *vermeidbar*; that can be avoided

\***avoid-ance** *n* (*avoid+-ance*; late 14c); F *le soin que l'on met à éviter le travail*, S *evitación* f, I *l'evitare*, *lo scansare*, G *Vermeidung* f; the action of avoiding sb/sth

**avo-ir-du-pois** *n* (OF *avoir*, L *habēre* to have+ *de of+pois*, L *pēsum* weight, from *pendēre* to have a weight of; 14c); F *avoirdupois* m, S *peso* m, *gordura* f, I *misura* f *avoirdupois*, G *gesetzliches Handlungsgewicht*; the series of units of weight based on the pound of 16 ounces

**avow** *v* (OF *avouer*, L *advocāre* to call upon, summon to one's assistance, in feudal times to call up as defender, patron, client; early 14c); F *avouer*, *admettre*, S *confesar*, *reconocer*, I *ammettere*, *confessare*, G *anerkennen*, *offen bekennen*; to declare, to affirm, to confess, *he avowed his sins*; \***avowal** *n*

\***avow-ed** *adj* F *déclaré/e*, S *declarado/a*, I *dichiarato/a*, G *anerkannt*; *Adam Ferguson was an avowed theist*

\***avowedly** *adv*

**avun-cu-lar** *adj* (F *avunculaire*, L *avunculus*, *dimin* di *avus* uncle; 19c); F *avunculaire*, S *paternalista*, I *con riferimento allo zio*, G *Onkel* m; belonging to an uncle, resembling an uncle, *an avuncular affection*

**await** *v* (OF *aguaitier* to lie in wait for, à *to+waitier* to watch, OHG *wahtēn*, ModF *aguets*, ModG *wachten*, see **wait**; 13c); F *attendre*, S *esperar*, *aguardar*, I *attendere*, *aspettare*, G *erwarten* (+ acc); to keep watch, to lie in wait for, *we are awaiting the arrival of the train*

**awake** *vt* (OE *āwacan*, *ā-* a-+-*wacan*, cognate with Gothic *wacan* stay awake, from Proto-Germanic; see **wake**); to rouse into activity, to arouse (sb) from sleep, *refl* to rouse oneself from sleep, *I usually awake at six o'clock*

\***awake** *adj* F *éveillé/e*, *réveillé/e*, S *estar despierto/a*, I *essere sveglio/a*, G *adj* *wach*, *wachend*; not asleep, alert, *are you awake?*

**\*awaken** vt/i, lit **F** s'éveiller, **S** despertar, **I** svegliarsi, destarsi, **G** (auf)wecken, erwecken; to wake up from sleep

**\*awakened** adj aroused from sleep or inaction

**\*awaken-ing** vbl/sb **F** réveil, **S** despertar m, **I** risveglio m, **G** Erwachen n; a rising from sleep or inactivity, *the awakening of Scotland in the eighteenth century*

**award** v (OF *eswarder*, *esguarder* to observe, look at, *Romanic exwardāre*, L *ex-*+*guarder* to watch, see **guard**; late 14c); **F** accorder, attribuer (un prix), **S** conceder, recibir un premio, **I** accordare, attribuire, **G** zuerkennen, zuwenden; to grant or assign, *Rousseau was awarded the prize of the Academy*

**\*award** n (OF *esguart* attention, consideration, from *esguarder* decide, examine; late 14c); **F** prix m, **S** premio m, **I** premio m, onorificenza f, **G** Vergabe f; a prize given for a particular distinction, *he received the annual award for his achievements in archaeology*, an amount of money that is given by government to someone for a particular purpose, *the best students will be given an award*

**\*award-winning** adj somebody who has won a prize for his distinction, *an award-winning researcher*

**aware** adj (OE *gewær*, *ge-* intensive prefix+*wær* wary, cautious, see **wary**; early 14c); **F** conscient/e, informé/e, **S** ser consciente de, **I** consapevole, cosciente, **G** gewahr (*gen*), in Kenntnis (von); conscious, informed, *he was aware of the impending danger*

**\*aware-ness** n **F** conscience f, **S** conciencia f, **I** consapevolezza f, **G** Bewusstsein n, Bewusstheit f; the condition of being aware, of being conscious, *awareness of one's own duties*

**awash** adj (*a+wash*; 19c); **F** inondé/e, **S** estar inundado/a (de), **I** a galla, inondato/a, **G** mit der Wasser oberfläche abscheinend, gespült von Wasser, unter Wasser; covered in water, oversupplied, *my computer is awash with e-mails*

**away** adv (OE *aweg*, *onweg*, *on* on+*weg* way, compare OHG *in wëg* on the way, and L *via* road; early 14c); **F** à distance (de), indicating movement, **S** de distancia, **I** via (da), **G** weg, hinweg; at a distance from sth/sb, *away from work, away from school, take sth away*

**awe** n (ME *age*, *aghe*, Old Icelandic *agi* fear, Gothic *agis* fear, Greek *ἄχος* pain; early 14c); **F** admiration f mêlée de crainte, **S** temor m, sobrecogimiento m, **I** timore m reverente, siggezione f, **G** Ehrfurcht f, heilige Scheu f; feeling of respect, of admiration, *awe for ageing people, for the beauty of nature*; v **\*aweing**, *AmE awing*, *the Romantic literature used to awe the readers*; **\*awe-inspiring** adj **F** imposant/e, stupéfiant/e, **S** sobrecogedor/-ora, **I** che ispira timore m reverente, soggezione f, **G** ehrfurchtgebietend; causing one to feel great respect; **\*awe-some** very impressive, inspiring fear and admiration, *an awesome responsibility*; **\*awe-stricken**, **\*awe-struck** adj feeling very impressed by something

**awful** adj (OE *aghe* n+ful; 15c); **F** affreux/euse, **S** horrible, horrendo/a, **I** orrendo/a, spaventoso/a, **G** furchtbar, schrecklich; causing terror or dread, *an awful appearance, an awful experience*

**\*aw-fully** adv **F** très, terriblement, **S** tremendamente, **I** spaventosamente, **G** schrecklich, äußerst; in a terrifying way, *an awfully cold room*; **\*aw-ful-ness** n

**awhile** adv (OE *áne hwile* for a while, *a* adj+*while*; early 14c); **F** (pendant) un instant, un moment, **S** un poco, por el

momento, **I** per un pò, **G** eine Zeitlang, eine Weile; *lit* for a short time, *stay awhile*

**awk-ward** adj (*awk* backhanded+*-ward* in an *awk* direction, ON *awk* turned the wrong way, cf **forward**, **backward**); **F** maladroit/e, peu élégant, **S** inoportono/a, incómodo/a, **I** goffo/a, impacciato/a, maldestro/a, **G** peinlich, ungeschickt; causing embarrassment, *an awkward situation*, non relaxed or comfortable, *to feel awkward*, difficult to deal with, *an awkward woman*; **make things awkward** cause trouble; **\*awk-ward-ly** adv; **\*awk-ward-ness** n lack of grace, inelegance, embarrassment

**awn-ing** n (of uncertain origin, at first only in nautical use, see Capt. Smith, *Virginia*, 1624, but cf *MedL auvanna*, *F auvent*, a penthouse of cloth before a shop-window, earlier *auvens*+English termination *-ing*); **F** tente f, banne f, **S** .toldo m, toldilla f, marquesina f, **I** tenda f, **G** Sonnensegel n, Wagendecke f, Baldachin m; a sheet of material outside a shop, to protect against the sun or the rain

**awoke** see **awake**

**\*awoken** see **awake**

**AWOL** adj absent without leave, especially from the army, **F** être absent ans permission, **S** estar ausente sin permiso, **I** assente senza permesso, **G** sich unentschuldigt von der Truppe entfernen; *the soldier had gone awol*

**awry** adj/adv (*a+wry*, cf *aright*, *awrong*, etc; 14c); **F** de travers, **S** ladeado/a, toreido/a, **I** storto, di traverso, **G** verkehrt; not in the way that was planned, *things went awry, ie* not in the right way

**axe<sup>1</sup>**, **ax** n (OE *æces*, *æx*, see Gr *ἄξινη*, L *ascia*); **F** hache f, **S** hacha f, **I** ascia f, **G** Axt f, Beil n; a tool with a metal blade for chopping trees or splitting wood

**axe<sup>2</sup>** v/t *AmE ax*, to remove personnel abruptly, *one hundred workmen were axed*

**axiom** n (OF *axiome*, L *axiōma*, Gr *ἀξίωμα* that which is thought worthy or fit, as self-evident; 15c); **F** axiome m, **S** axioma m, **I** assioma m, **G** Axiom n; a well established principle, a self-evident principle, *the axioms of geometry*

**\*axio-matic** adj (Gr *ἀξιοματικός*, see **axiom**; 18c); **F** axiomatique, **S** axiomático/a, **I** assiomatico/a, **G** axiomatisch; of the nature of an axiom, self-evident; **\*axio-matic-ally** adv, in an axiomatic manner, in a self-evident manner

**axis** n pl **axes** (L *axis*, Gr *ἄξωυ* axle, pivot; late 14c); **F** axe m, **S** eje m, **I** asse, **G** Achse f; the imaginary line around which a round object, such as the Earth, turns, *terrestrial axis*

**axle** n (formed as **axle-tree**; late 13c); **F** axe m, **S** eje trasero/delantero, **I** asse (di una ruota), **G** (Rad)Achse f, Welle f; the bar upon which a wheel revolves

**aya-tol-lah** n a religious leader in Iran

**aye**, **ay** adv (*origin unknown*; 16c); **F** oui, **S** sí, para siempre, **I** sì, voto favorevole, **G** ja, jawohl, gewiß; expressing affirmation, as an affirmative response to a question, the formal word used in voting 'yes' in the House of Commons, *the eyes have it, ie* votes have in Parliament the affirmative majority, opposite is the **noes**

**aza-lea** n (ModL *azalea*, as from Linneus, Gr *ἄζαλέα*; 18c); **F** azalée f, **S** azalea f, **I** azalea f, **G** Azalee f; a genus of

shrubby plants, natives of the Northern hemisphere, a subspecies of rhododendrons

**azi·muth** *n* (F *azimut*, Arabic *as-sumūt*, a direction or point of the compass or horizon; late 14c); **F** azimuth *m*, **S** acimut *m*, **I** azimut *m*, **G** Azimut *m*; an arch of the heavens extending from the zenith to the horizon which it cuts at right angles

**azure** *adj/n* (MedL *azura*, OF *azur*, Arabic *al-lazuward*, Persian *lāzward*, lapis lazuli, or its blue colour; early 14c); **F** azur/e, **S** azur, azul, celeste, **I** azzurro/a, **G** azur, himmelblau; a delicate blue colour, a soft clear bright blue