

**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* (*artist* + *ic*; 18c); **F** artistique, **S** artístico/a, **I** artístico/a, **G** künstlerisch; relating to art, *artistic talent*

**art·istry** *n* (*artist* + *ry*; 19c); **F** art m, **S** talento m artístico, habilidad f artística, **I** talènto 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** sèmplice, ingènuo/a, **G** naïv; ohne Falsch; simple, honest, *an artless man*

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

**art·work** *n* (*art* n + *work* n; 19c); **F** illustrations f/pl, maquette f, **S** material m gráfico, **I** materiale m gráfico, illustrazióni f/pl, **G** Illustrationen f/pl; pictures prepared to be in a magazine, advertisement, etc

**arty** *adj* *AmE* **artsy**, *disapproving*; (*art* + *-y*; 1901); **F** prétentieux/euse, qui affiche des goûts artistiques, **S** pseudo artístico/a, **I** che ha pretése artistiche, **G** Pseudoartistisch; a jocular epithet for furniture, decorations, etc, or for 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 *ἀσβεστος* inextinguishable; early 17c); **F** amiante m, **S** asbesto m, amianto m, **I** asbèsto m, amiànto 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* (*asbestos* + *-is*; early 20c); 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, scalàre (a mountain), *fig*, innalzàrsi, **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* (*ascendant* + *-ancy*; early 18c); **F** ascendant (sur qn), **S** ascendiente 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* (OF *ascendant*, L *ascendēntem*, pres part. of *ascendēre* to ascend; late 16c); **F** ascendant/e, **S** tener influencia, **I** dominante, **G** im Kommen, im Aufstieg; 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 vbl n* (*ascend* + *-ing*; late 15c); **F** ascendant/e, croissant/e, **S** ascendente, **I** ascendente, crescènte, **G** (auf-)steigend; the action of the verb ascend, increasing in size or value, *in ascending order of importance, the ascending scale of being*

**As·cension** *n* (L *ascensi-ōnem* past part. stem of *ascendēre*, see *ascend*; late 16c); **F** Ascension f, **S** Ascensión f, **I** Ascésa f, Ascensióne 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* (English *ascent*, on analogy with *descend, descent*; late 16c); **F** ascension f (of a mountain), **S** subida f, ascensión f, **I** ascésa f, ascensióne 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** accertàre, verificàre, **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** ascèta *n m/f*, ascético/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*

**ascribe** *v* (OF *ascrivre*, L *ascribère*, *ad* + *scribère* to enrol, to reckon as belonging to; 15c); **F** attribuer, imputer (à), **S** atribuir (a), **I** attribuire (a), ascrivere (a), imputàre (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** antisísmique, **S** antisísmico/a, **I** antisísmico/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** asèttico/a, **G** aseptisch, steril; not liable to putrefaction, not infected with bacteria, *an aseptic room*

**asex·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**<sup>1</sup> *n* (OE *æsce*, cognate with OHG *asca*, Old Icelandic *aska*, Swedish *aska*, from Proto-Germanic); **F** cendre f, **S** ceniza f, **I** cénere f, **G** Asche f; the grey powder that remains after something has been burned, *the ash of the cigarettes*

**ash**<sup>2</sup> *n* (OHG *ask* ash tree, Old Icelandic *askr*, Swedish *ask*, earlier Dutch *esch*, L *ornus*, from Indo-European); **F** frêne m,

**I** frässino 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*, past part. of *āsceamian* feel shame, *a-* + *sceamu* shame; OE *as* *āsceamod*); **F** honteux/euse, confus/e, avoir honte, **S** avergongarse, estar avergonzado, **I** imbarazzàto/a, che pròva vergògna, **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** cinéreo/a, *bot* del frässino, **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 tèrra, **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** posacénere m, **G** Aschenbecher m; a receptacle for tobacco ash, cigarette butts, etc

**Ash Wednesday** *n* (*ash* + *Wednesday*; late 13c); **F** mercredi des cendres, **S** miércoles de ceniza, **I** venerdì delle céneri, **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** asiático/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 pàrte, in dispàrte, **G** einzeln, beiseite; away, to one side, *to stay aside*, *to leave a question aside*; **aside from**, except for

**aside** *n* (see above; late 14c); **F** aparté m, **S** aparte m, **I** divagazióne f, digressióne 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 *asinīnus*, from *asinus* ass; 17c); **F** asinien/enne, stupide, **S** asnal, estúpido/a, **I** asinesco/a, stupido/a, **G** eselartig, eselartig; stupid, silly, *an asinine remark*

**ask** *v* (OE *āscian*, *ācsian*, *āhsian*, cognate with OHG *eiscōn*, with L *āruscāre* to beg, go begging, from Indo-European); **F** demander, inviter, **S** preguntar, pedir, **I** chiédere, domandàre, invitàre, **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** (guardàre) sospettosaménte, con diffidenza, **G** von der Seite, mißtrauisch; sidewise, obliquely, **to look askance** (at sb/sth), to look suspiciously

**askew** *adv* (*a* + *skew*, etym. uncertain, but see ON *skeif* oblique, LG *scheew*, Dutch *scheef*; 16c); **F** de biais, de travers, **S** ladeado/a *agg*, **I** di traverso, obliquaménte, **G** schief, schräg; not straight, 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** addormentàto/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** asociàle, **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

**as·para·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*, past part. of *aspicere* to look at, to catch sight of; late 14c); **F** aspect m, air m, **S** aspecto m, apariencia f, **I** aspètto m, apparèntza 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** pióppo trémolo, **G** Espe f; a type of poplar, typical of Europe and North America, whose leaves flutter in the lightest wind

**as·per·ity** *n* (OF *aspéreté*, L *asperitāt-em* roughness, harshness; 13c); **F** âpreté f, sévérité f, **S** asperiza f, **I** asprézza f, rudézza 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** calommie f, **S** calumnia f, **I** diffamazióne f, calùnnia f, **G** Verleumdung f, ecll Besprengung f; unpleasant or defamatory remark, *to cast aspersions on somebody's reputation*

**as·phalt** *n* (LL *asphaltum*, Gr *ἀσφαλτος*; 19c); **F** asphalte m, bitume m, **S** asfalto m, **I** asfálto 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* (English *asphyxia* + *-ate*; early 19c); **F** asfyxier, *vi* s'asfyxier, **S** *vt* asfixiar, *vi* morir asfiziado/a, **I** *vt* asfissiare, *vi* morire asfissiatò/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, with purple flowers shaped like bells

**as·pir·ant** *n formal* (F *aspirant*, L *aspir-āntem* from *aspirāre* to breathe, see *aspire* + *-ant*; early 19c); **F** prétendant/e, candidat/e, **S** aspirante m/f, candidato/a, **I** aspirànte m/f, candidàto/a, **G** Aspirant/in, Kandidat/in; someone who hopes to get a position

**as·pir·ate** *v* (L *aspirātus*, past part. of *aspirāre* to breathe, to pronounce with aspiration; late 17c); **F** aspirer, **S** aspirar, **I** aspiràre, **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** *adj/n* (L *aspirātus*, past part. of *aspirāre*, see *aspire* + *-ate*; 17c); **F** aspirée f, **S** aspirada f, **I** aspiràta f, **G** *n*

Hauchlaut m, *adj* aspiriert; *phon* a sound represented with the letter 'h'

**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·ation** *n* (L *aspirati-ōnem*, *n* of action of *aspirāre*; early 16c); **F** aspiration f, **S** aspiración f, **I** aspirazione f, **G** Bestrebunɡ 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·pir·ator** *n* (*n* of agent of L *aspirāre*; see **aspirate**; 19c); **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·ing** *adj* (*aspire* + *-ing*; late 16c); **F** aspirant/e, future/e, **S** con aspiraciones, **I** aspirante m/f, **G** hochstrebend/e, ehrgeizig/e; 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 *ἄσινος*); **F** âne, **S** asno m, burro m, **I** àsino m, **G** Esel m; a 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** assallire, attaccare, **G** angreifen, überfallen; to attack someone *esp* physically, *fig.* to be assailed by doubts, by noise, by smell

**as·sail·ant** (F *assailant*, *pres part.* of *assaillir*, see *assail* *v* + *-ant*; late 16c); **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 *assassinat*, MedL *assassinātus*, from *assassināre* assassinate; early 17c); **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**<sup>1</sup> *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**<sup>2</sup> *v* (MF *assauter*, VL *\*assaltāre*, L *as*, *ad* + *saltāre* to leap; early 16c); **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** percösse 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** anàlisi 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, montage m, ensambladura f, **I** adunata f, radùno m, *industrial* 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(b)le*, OF *assembler*, RomL *assimulāre*, *ad* + *simul* at the same time, together; 13c); **F** rassembler, réunir, **S** reunir, juntar, **I** riunire, raccogliere, *industrial* 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*, *past part.* of *assembler*, see *prec*); **F** réunion, *politics* assemblée f, *industrial* montage m, **S** réunion, *pol* asamblea f, **I** riunione f, assemblèa 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 assemblaggio, catèna f di montaggio, **G** Montageband n, Fließband n; in a factory, a line where the parts of a machine, especially 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* (*past part.* of L *asserere*, *ad* + *serere* to join, to link together, MedL *assertare* affirm; 17c); **F** affirmer (ses droits, etc), imposer (son autorité), **S** afirmar, declarar, sostener, **I** asserire, 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* (MF *assertion*, LL *asserti-ōnem*, see suffix *-tion*; early 15c); **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* (MedL *\*assertivus*, from L *past part.* *assertus* + suffix *-ive*; 16c); **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*, *past part.* of *assidere* 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* (English *assess* + *-ment*; 16c); **F** estimation f, évaluation f, **S** valoración f, aprecio 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* (OF *assessor*, L *assess-ōrem* a tax assessor, from *assess-* stem of *assidere* to sit; early 15c); **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** prègio m, proprietà f, bèni m/pl, **G** Vermögenswert, Aktivposten m, Guthaben n; valuable quality, *he is a real asset to his family, the assets of the company*

**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-sever-ate** *vt formal* (L *asseverāre* to declare, affirm, proclaim, from *ad* + *sevērūs* severe; late 18c); **F** affirmer (solemnement), **S** aseverar, **I** asseverare, **G** beteuern; 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 *assiduitas*-*ātem*, see prec; early 15c); **F** assiduité f, **S** asiduidad f, **I** assiduità, **G** Emsigkeit f; the condition of being diligent, constant in application, *Peter's assiduity in attending the library*

**as-sign** *v* (OF *asi(g)ner*, L *assignāre* to allot, to distribute as 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 dissolution of marriage she was assigned the house*

**as-sign-ation** *n* (OF *assignation*, L *assignati-ōnem*, *n* of action of *assignāre* to distribute as a portion, see *assign v* + *-ation*; early 17c); **F** rendez-vous m (clandestin), **S** asignación f, cita f (amorosa), **I** appuntamento m, convègno 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* (OF *assignement*, MedL *assignam-ēntum*, from L *assignāre*; 15c); **F** distribution f, mission f, répartition f, **S** asignación f, atribución f, **I** incàrico m, assegnaziōne f, **G** Zuweisung, Bestimmung f, Festsetzung f; a piece of work, a particular job given to someone, *the assignment of Vincent to a research office*; **on an assignment** *she went to Princeton on a particular assignment*

**assignee** *n* (OF *assigné*, past part. of *assigner*; 15c); **F** bénéficiaire m, délégataire 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*, past part. of *assimilāre* to consider similar or equal; 17c); **F** assimiler, s'intégrer (become absorbed), **S** asimilar, asimilarse, **I** assimilāre, integrāre, integrārsi, **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* (OF *assimilation*, L *assimilati-ōnem*, variant of *assimulati-ōnem*, from *assimilāre* to liken or compare; early 15c); **F** assimilation f, **S** asimilación f, **I** assimilaziōne f, **G** Assimilation f (an + acc), Angleichung f; the action of assimilating

**as-sist** *n formal* (OF *assister*, L *assistere*, *ad as* + *sistere* 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** assistènza f, aiùto m, **G** Hilfe f, Unterstützung f; help, *financial assistance, to be of assistance, to offer assistance*

**as-sist-ant** *n* (MF *assistant*, pres part. of *assister* to assist, L *assist-ēntem*, pres part. of *assistere*; early 15c); **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-sizes** *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** córte 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* (past part. of L *associāre* to join (to), to associate (with); early 15c); **F** associer, *refl* s'associer, **S** asociar, relacionar, **I** associāre, *refl* associārsi, **G** assoziieren, vereinigen, verbinden; to link together, to connect, *to associate different ideas*

**associate** *n* (L *associātus*, past part. of *as ad* + *sociāre* to join together, *ad* + *socius* associated in activity; late in 14c, but the present spelling was established late in 16c); 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* (*associate* + *-ed*; early 17c); connected, *two ideas closely associated*

**as-so-ci-ation** *n* (L *associati-ōnem*, *n*. of action of *associāre*; early 16c); **F** association f, **S** asociación f, **I** associaziōne 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** dispòrre in òrdine, assortire, **G** sortieren, gruppieren; to arrange into a group, to fit into a group, *to assort books in alphabetical order*

**as-sort-ed** *adj* (*assort* + *-ed*; late 18c); **F** assorti/e, **S** surtido/a, variado/a, **I** assortito/a, **G** sortiert, geordnet; classified, arranged into a group, *assorted vegetables*, reduced to order, *shoes in assorted size*

**as-sort-ment** *n* (F *assortiment*, English *assort* + *-ment*; early 17c); **F** assortiment m, **S** variedad f, colección f variada, **I** assortiménto m, classificaziōne f, catalogaziōne f, **G** Sortieren n, Ordnen n, Sortiment n; arrangement in a group, classification, *an assortment of fruits*

**as-suage** *v* (ME *aswage*, MF *asuogier*, RomL *assuaviāre*, *ad as* + *suavis* agreeable, pleasant; early 14c); **F** apaiser, **S** aliviar, mitigar, **I** alleviāre, mitigāre, **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, dāre per cèrto, **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* (*assume* + *-ed*; early 17c); 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* (AF *asompcyon*, OF *assomption*, L *assumptiōnem*, a taking up, from *assumere* + suffix *-tion*; late 13c); F *supposition f*, *hypothèse f*, S *asunción f*, *adopción f*, I *supposiziōne f*, *presuppòsto 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* (OF *aseürance*, from *aseürer* to assure; late 14c); F *promesse f formelle*, S *garantía f*, *promesa f*, I *certezza f*, *fidùcia f in sé*, *assicuraziōne 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 *asecurar*, *garantizar*, I *assicurāre*, *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* (*assure* + *-ed*; 14c, the present spelling was established late in the 15c); F *assuré/e*, S *confiado/a*, *sereno/a*, I *sicùro/a*, *cèrto/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 *certaménte*, *con fidùcia*, 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 *àster m*, *àstro 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** *n* (LL *asteriscus*, from Greek *ἀστερίσκος* *little star*, *diminutive 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 póppa*, G *achtern*, *hinten*; at the stern, in the rear of a ship

**as·ter·oid** *n* (Gr *ἀστεροειδής* *star shaped*, from *ἀστήρ* *star*; early 19c); F *asteroïde m*, S *asteroide m*, I *asteròide 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 *asthénie f*, S *astenia f*, I *astenia f*, G *Asthenie f*; *med* loss of strength in the body, *debility*

**as·the·nic** *adj* (ModL, Gr *ἀσθενικός* *weekly*; late 18c); F *asthénique*, S *asténico/a*, I *asténico/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 *àsma f*, G *Asthme f*; a disease of the respiratory system, *an asthma attack*, often caused by allergies, *hay asthma*

**asth·mat·ic** *adj* (L *asthmaticus*, Gr *ἀσθματικός* *suffering from asthma*; 16c); F *asthmatique m/f*, S *asmático/a*, I

*asmático/a*, G *asthmatisch*; relating to asthma, a person who suffers from asthma

**astig·ma·tism** *n* (*ἀ* + *στίγμα* *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** *adj* (see *astigmatism*; 19c); 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 *sorprèndere*, *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* (*astonish* + *-ed*; 16c); F *étonné/e*, *surpris/e*, S *estupefacto/a*, *atónito/a*, I *sorpréso/a*, *stupefatto/a*, G *erstaunt*, *überrascht*; very surprised, *stupefied*, *Peter's decision left all of us astonished*

**as·ton·ish·ing** *adj* (*astonish* + *-ing*; early 16c); 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* (English *astonish* + *-ment*; 16c); F *étonnement m*, *surprise f*, S *sorpresa f*, *estupefacciōn f*, I *sorprésa f*, *stupóre 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 stupóre*, *sbalordire*, G *äußerst überraschen*; to affect with wonder, to surprise very much, *his behaviour astounded all his friends*

**as·tound·ed** *adj* (*astound* + *-ed*; 15c); F *stupéfié/e*, S *estupefacto/a*, *atónito/a*, I *stupito/a*, *stupefatto/a*, G *erstaunt/e*; very surprised or shocked, *we were astounded by his skill*

**as·tound·ing** *adj* (*astound* + *-ing*; late 16c); very surprising or shocking with surprise, *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 *astràle*, 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 *s'égarer*, *se perdre*, S *fuera de camino*, *en estado de error*, *adj* *extraviado/a*, I *fuòri stràda*, *to go astray* *perdersi*, G *von Weg abkommen*, *adj* *irregehend*; 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 *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 *astringēnt-em*, past part. of *astringēre* to compress, to restrict; 16c); F *péremptoire*, *med* *astringent*, S *astringente*, I *sevèro/a*, *dùro/a*, *med* *astringēnte*, 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·gently** *adv*

**astro-** (Gr *ἀστρο*, *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** astrolàbio 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

**as·trol·ogy** *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; **\*as·trol·oger** *n*; **\*astro·logic·al** *adj*

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

**astro·nautics** *n* (coined on *ἀστρον* on the model of **aeronautics**); **F** astronautique f, **S** astronàutica f, **I** astronàutica f, **G** Astronautik f, Raumfahrt f; the science of the construction of vehicles to travel in the space

**as·tron·omer** *n* (Gr *ἀστρονομός* astronomer, from *ἀστρονομείν* to study astronomy; 13c); **F** astronome m, **S** astrónomo m, **I** astrònomo m, **G** Astronom m; a scientist who studies the celestial bodies

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

**astro·nom·ic·al** *adj* (*ἀστρονομικός*, L *astronomicus*, F *astronomique*; 16c); **F** astronomique, **S** astronómico/a, **I** astronòmico/a, **G** astronomisch; relating to astronomy, dealing with astronomy, *astronomical observatory*, immeasurably great, *astronomical distance*, also fig., *astronomical distances separate our points of view*

**astro·physics** *adj* (*astro* + *physics*; late 19c); **F** astrophysique f, **S** astrofísica f, **I** astrofísica 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** sagàce, avvedùto/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 pèzzi, lontàno (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 *ἀσυλον*, *ἀσυλος* inviolate, safe from violence, *ἀ* priv + *σύλη* or *σῦλον* 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*, *medical* 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; 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* (*atavism* + *-istic*; late 19c); 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; French, 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* (MF *athéiste*, Greek *ἄθεός* + MF *-iste*; 16c); **F** athée m/f, **S** ateo/a, **I** àteo/a, **G** Atheist/in; somebody who does not believe in God

**ath·lete** *n* (L *athleta*, Gr *ἀθλητής* champion, e.g. in games, from *ἀθλεῖν* to contend for a prize; 15c); **F** athlète m, **S** atleta m, **I** atlèta 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** atlético/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** atlética f, **G** Athletik f; sport that people compete in, *esp* in running and jumping

**athleticism** *n* (*athletic* + *-ism*; 19c); **F** athlétisme m, **S** atletismo m, **I** atletismo m, **G** Athletik; the devotion to athletic exercises, ability to play sports well, *the athleticism of Ellspeth's body*

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

**-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** atlànte 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** atmosfèra f, **I** atmosfèra f, **G** Atmosphäre f; the gaseous envelope surrounding the earth, *gases released into the atmosphere*

**at·mos·pher·ic** *adj* (Gr *ἀτμός* steam + *σφαιρικός*, English *atmosphere* + *-ic*; late 17c); **F** atmosphérique, **S** atmosférico/a, **I** atmosférico/a, **G** atmosphärisch; of the nature of the atmosphere, *atmospheric pressure*, something that creates a particular feeling, *an atmospheric music*

**at·mos·pher·ics** *n/pl* (plural of *atmospheric* *adj*; early 20c); **F** atmosphériques *f/pl*, **S** interferencias *f/pl* atmosféricas, **I** interferènze *f/pl* atmosfèriche, **G** atmosphärische Störungen

*f/pl*; atmospherical disturbances, *the atmospherics disturbed the hearing of the radio transmission*

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

**atom** *n* (L *atōmus*, Gr *ἄτομος* uncut, indivisible, from *α* ' + *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 penitènza, **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, penitènza, **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 *atrium*; 16c); **F** entrée f, *anat* orifice de l'oreillette 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 estrèma, **G** Gräßlichkeit f, Greuelat f; an extremely cruel or violent action, *the atrocities of war*

**at-ro-phy**<sup>1</sup> *n* (*F* *atrophie*, *LL* *atrophiam*, Gr *ἀτροφία* want of food or nourishment, from *ἀ* priv. + *τροφή* food; 17c); **F** atrophie, f, **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**<sup>2</sup> *v* (from the noun; 19c); **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, legàre, **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, past part. of *attacher* to attach; 19c); **F** attaché/e, **S** agregado/a, **I** addétto/a, **G** Attaché m; 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**<sup>1</sup> *v* (*F* *attaquer*, *It* *attaccare*; back formation taking the place of **attach**; 17c); **F** attaquer, assaillir, agresser (qn), **S** atacar, agredir, asaltar, **I** attaccare, assallire, aggredire, **G** angreifen, überfallen; to try to hurt one using violence, *the thief attacked Joan in the drive*

**attack**<sup>2</sup> *n* (from the verb; late 17c); **F** attaque f, assaut 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* (*attack* *v* + *-er*; 17c); **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 arrested 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* (*attain* + *-able*; 17c); **F** accessible, réalisable, **S** realizable, alcanzable, **I** ottenibile, conseguibile, **G** erreichbar; that can be achieved, *an attainable result*

**at-tain-ment** *n* (*attain* + *-ment*; late 14c); **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**<sup>1</sup> *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**<sup>2</sup> *n* (from the verb; 16c); **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* *attendere* to give one's attention to, *ad* at + *tendere* 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* (*OF* *attendance*, from *attendre*, see *attend* *v* + *-ance*; 14c); **F** présence f, **S** asistencia f, presencia f, **I** assistènza f, presènza f, frequènza 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* (*OF* *attendant*, pres part. of *attendre*, earlier *attendre* to attend; early 15c) **F** surveillant/e, gardien/enne, **S** relacionado/a, concomitante, acompañante, **I** presente, addétto/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 *attendere* to pay attention, to listen carefully, see **attend**; late 14c); **F** attention f, **S** atención f, **I** atención f, **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*, past part. stem of *attenuāre* to make thin, to exhaust, from *tenuis* slender, thin; 15c); **F** atténuer, diminuer, **S** atenuar, **I** attenuāre, diminuire, **G** vermindern, abschwächen; to lessen, to diminish, *barriers to attenuate the force of the flood*

**at·tenu·ation** *n* (L *attenuati-ōnem*, *n* of action of *attenuāre* to attenuate + *-ation*; early 17c); **F** atténuation f, diminution f, **S** atenuación f, disminución f, **I** attenuazióne f, diminuzióne 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** attestāre, confermare, **G** attestieren, beglaubigen; to say or prove that something is true, *the trustees attested the will*

**at·test·ation** *n* (MF *attestation*, L *attestati-ōnem*; 15c); **F** attestation f, témoignage m, **S** atestación f, testimonio m, **I** attestazióne f, testimoniānza 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** áttico 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** abbigliamentó 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, mòdo m di pensāre, atteggiamentó 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* (It *attitudine* + *-al*; early 19c); pertaining to attitudes, *attitudinal problems*

**At·tor·ney** *n* (OF *atorné*, past part. of *atorner* to assign, appoint, past part. masc. of *atorner* to attorn, "in the sense of one appointed or ordained to act for another" (OED), *ad* + *torner* to turn over to another, L *ad* + *tornāre* to make round; early 14c); **F** procureur m de la république, avoué m, **S** abocado m, apoderado/a, **I** procuratóre m legāle, rappresentānte 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** procuratóre m generāle, **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 *atractus*, past part. of *attrahere*, *ad* at + *trahere* to attract, draw; early 15c); **F** attirer, **S** atraer, **I** attirāre, attrarre, **G** anziehen; to exert attraction, to draw or pull someone towards you, by your qualities, *she attracted me for her kindness*

**at·traction** *n* (F *attraction*, L *tractio-ōnem*, see prec; 17c); **F** attraction f, **S** atraccióne f, **I** attrazióne 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·tract·ive** *adj* (F *attractif/-ive*, L \**attractivus*, from attract, past part. stem of *attrahere*; 16c); **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·tri·bute**<sup>1</sup> *v* (OF *attribut*, L *attributum* a grant of public money, past part. of *attribuere* to assign, apportion, allot, *ad* = *at* + *tribuere* to apportion, ascribe; early 16c); **F** attribuer, imputer (à), **S** atribuir, **I** attribuere, **G** zuschreiben, beilegen; to ascribe, *Peter's success is attributed to his vigorous exertion*

**attribute**<sup>2</sup> *n* (L *attributus*, past part. of *attribuere*, *at*=*ad* + *tribuere* to assign; 14c); **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*, (*attribut* + *-able*; 1665); *not before noun*, that can be attributed, *an accident attributable to lack of attention*

**at·tribu·tive** *adj* (F *attributif/-ive*, L \**attributivus*; 1606, 1849 in the current sense); *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·tri·tion** *n* (LL *attriti-ōnem*, past part. of *atterere* to rub, grind, *ad* at + *terere*, 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*

**at·ypical** *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** melanzāna 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** albürneo/a, castāno dorāto o ramāto, **G** kastanienbraun; reddish brown in colour, *Katharine's auburn hair*

**auc·tion**<sup>1</sup> *n* (L *aucti-ōnem*, a public sale, an auction, pple stem of *augere* to increase; late 16c); **F** vente à l'enchère ou aux enchères, **S** subasta f, licitacióne f, **I** véndita 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

**auction**<sup>2</sup> *v* (from the noun; early 19c); to sell by public auction, *the painting was auctioned*

**auctioneer** *n* (see *auction* + *-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-dacious** *adj* (MF *audacieux*, L *audax/cis* daring, confident, from *audere* 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** audàcia f, ardiménto 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*

**aud-ience** *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, udiénza f (papale), **G** Anhören n, Gehörn 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* a tape on which sounds are recorded

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

**audit**<sup>1</sup> *n* (L *auditus* hearing, pple stem of *audire* to hear; 15c); **F** audit m, vérification(s) comptable(s), **S** revisión de cuentas, **I** verifica f, contróllo m, revisión f dei conti, **G** Rechnungs-Prüfung f, Bücherrevision f; an official examination of business and financial records, to check if they are correct, *the company's annual audit*

**audit**<sup>2</sup> *v* **F** (from the noun; 16c); vérifier, certifier, **S** revisar, auditar, **I** controllàre (i cònti), fàre una revisión contàbile, **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**<sup>3</sup> *v* **AmE**, **F** assister en auditeur libre, **S** asistir a un curso como oyente, **I** assistere còme uditore libero, **G** zuhören m; to attend a college or university course without taking examinations or getting a credit

**au-di-tion**<sup>1</sup> *n* (OF *audition*, L *auditi-ōnem*, from *audire* to hear; late 16c); **F** audition f, séance f d'essai, **S** audición f, **I** audizióne 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

**audition**<sup>2</sup> *v* (from the noun; 17c); **F** auditionner (pour un rôle), **S** dar audición a, **I** fàre un provino, sostenére un'audizióne, **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** censor m, -ora f de cuentas, **I** uditore m, revisóre m dei cònti, **G** Bücherrevisor m; someone whose job is to officially examine a company's financial records

**audi-tor-ium** *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** uditório m, sàla 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

**ought** *pron lit* (OE *āwith*, *ā* ever + *with* anything; late 13c); **F** quoi que ce soit, **S** algo, alguna cosa f, **I** qualcòsa, alcunchè, **G** (ingend)etwas; anything whatever, *for ought 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** aumentāre, accréscece, **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*

**aug-ury** *n* (OF *augurie*, L *augurium* divination, omen; late 14c); **F** augure m, présage m, science f des augures, **S** augurio m, presagio m, **I** divinazióne f, presàgio 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*

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

**aug-ust** *n* (OE, from Latin, named after Emperor Augustus); **F** août, **S** agosto m, **I** agòsto 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** uccèllo m dégli àlcidi, **G** Alk m; a northern sea-bird with short wings, used as paddles

**aunt** *n* (AF *aunte*, OF *ante*, L *amita* a father's sister, cognate with Gr *ἀμμή* 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

**aun-tie** *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 *αῦρα* breeze, from Indo-European; late 14c); **F** aura f, **S** emanación f, atmósfera f, **I** àura f, atmósfera 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, Greek *οὔσ* + suffix *-al*; 19c); **F** auditif/ive, sonore, **S** aural, auditivo/a, **I** auricolàre, 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** aurèola f, alóne 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)

**aur-icle** *n* (OF *auricole*, L *auricūla*, diminutive of *auris* ear; 15c; **F** auricule f, pavillon m, **S** auricula 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 bore-alis** *n* (OF *aurora*, 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 + *specere* 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-picious** *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 *αυστηρός* 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** austerité 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 expences, 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-ly** *n* (New Latin *Terra Australis* Southern Land; 17c); the continent of Australia; **Australian** *adj/n* a person from Australia

**autar-chy autar-ki** *n* (ModL *autarchia*, Gr *αὐταρχία* absolute rule, from *αὐτός* self + *ἀρχή* rule; 17c ); **F** autarchie f, autocratie f, **S** autarquía f, **I** autarchìa f, **G** Autarkie f, wirtschaftliche Unabhängigkeit f; *hist* absolute sovereignty, self-government, a policy of economic self-sufficiency, *autarki in Italy during Fascism*

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

**au-then-ti-cate** *v* (OF *authentiquer*, 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*, MF *autentiquité*; 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 *augere* 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* (from the noun; late 16c); 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** *vbl n* (*author v* + *-ing*; 18c, from 1972 used in computing); the process of creating programs on a computer

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

**au-thor-i-ta-tive** *adj* (*authority* + *-ative*; early 17c); **F** qui fait autorité, **S** autoritario/a, con autoridad, **I** autorevole, **G** zuverlässig, verlässlich; of the nature of authority, commanding, 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-iza-tion** *n* (*authorize* + *-ation*; early 17c); **F** autorisation f, **S** autorización f, **I** autorizzazióne f, **G** Genehmigung f, Ermächtigung f; permission to do sth, *authorization was eventually given*

**au-thor-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;

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

**auto-** a combining form, Gr *αὐτός* meaning 'self', e.g. autobiography, autography, etc

**auto-bi-og-raphy** *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-cton** *adj/n* (Gr *αὐτόχθων*, *αὐτο* -auto + *χθών* earth, soil, i.e. sprung from the land itself; 17c); **F** autochtone m/f, **S** autóctono/a, **I** autòctono/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

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

**auto-crat** *n* (**F** *autocrate*, Gr *αὐτοκρατής*, *αὐτός* self + *κράτος* power; early 19c); **F** autocrate m, **S** autócrata m, **I** autòcrate 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 *αὐτοδίδακτος* self taught; 16c); **F** autodidacte m/f, **S** autodidacta m/f, **I** autodidakta 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** autògeno/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** autògrafo 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** autoimmune, **I** autoimmùne, **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 automòbili, **G** Autoindustrie f; 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, selbstständig; having the power of self-movement, *automatic transmission, automatic pilot*, etc

**au-toma-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** automòbile 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** automòbile m, *semovènte* m, **G** selbstbewegend; a self-propelled vehicle

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

**au-ton-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** pilòta 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** autopsìa f, **G** Autopsie f; dissection of a dead body

**auto-suggestion** *n* (*auto* + *suggestion*; late 19c); **F** autosuggestion f, **S** autosugestión f, **I** autosugestióne 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** autùnno m, **G** Herbst m; the fourth season of the year

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

**aux-iliary** *adj/n* (**L** *auxiliarius*, 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** *vaill-*, stem of *valoir*, **L** *valēre*, to have strength; early 14c as *availen*); **F** se servir de, **S** aprovechar, valer, **I** servire, *èssere ùtile*, **G** nützen, fördern; **to avail oneself of something**, *they availed themselves of this opportunity*

**avail**<sup>2</sup> *n* (noun use of *avail*, but see **OF** *de vaille* of value, *d'availle*; early 15c); **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** valànga, **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, ultramodèrno/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*, fem. of *avenu*, past part. of *avenir* arrive, **L** *advenire* to come to, arrive at; early 17c); **F** avenue f, **S** avenida f, **I** viàle 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** declarar, 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** mèdia f, **on an average** in mèdia, mèdio/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* (from the noun; early 19c); to estimate, to come to an average, *the cost averaged at £1,000*

**averse** *adj* (**OF** *avers*, **L** *avērsus*, past part. of *avertēre* to avert; 15c); **F** qui répugne (à quelque chose), qui déteste (quelque chose), **S** reacio/a, **I** avvèrso/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*

**aversion** *n* (Old and MF *aversion*, L *aversi-ōnem* abhorrence; late 16c); **F** aversion f, *répugnance* f, **S** aversión f, *repugnancia* f, **I** avversión f, *repugnàza* f, **G**. Abneigung f; a feeling of dislike of sth or someone, *an aversion to smoking and drinking*

**avert** *v* (OF *avertir*, L *avertēre* to turn away or aside; 15c); **F** éviter, prévenir, détourner, **S** apartar, desviar, evitar, **I** distògliere, evitare, **G** wegkehren (von), abwenden; to turn away from, to alienate, *the tragedy could not be averted*

**aviary** *n* (L *aviārium*, from *avis* bird; 16c); **F** volière f, **S** pajarrera f, **I** uccelliéra f, **G** Vogelhaus n; a large cage or inclosure, in which birds are kept

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

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

**avi-culture** *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** àvido/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** eletrònica f aeronàutica, **G** Avionik f, Luftfahrtelektronik f; the science of electronic equipments for aircraft

**avocado**, **avocado pear**, also **alligator pear** *n* (Sp *avocado*, from Nahuatl *ahuacatl* testicle; 18c); **F** avocat m (fruit), *avocatier* m (arbre), **S** aguacate m, **I** avocàdo 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 *esvuider*, *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

**avoir-du-pois** *n* (OF *avoir*, L *habēre* to have + *de* of + *pois*, L *pēnsūm* weight, from *pendere* to have a weight of; 14c); **F** avoirdupoids m, **S** peso m, *gordura* f, **I** misūra f, avoirdupois, **G** gesetzliches Handelsgewicht; 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** ammèttère, confessare, **G** anerkennen, offen bekennen; to declare, to affirm, to confess, *he avowed his sins*; **avowal** *n*

**avow-ed** *adj* (*avow* v + *-ed*; 14c); **F** déclaré/e, **S** declarado/a, **I** dichiarato/a, **G** anerkannt; acknowledged, plainly declared, *Adam Ferguson was an avowed theist*

\***avowedly** *adv*

**avun-cul-ar** *adj* (F *avunculaire*, L *avunculus*, *dimin* di *avus* uncle; 19c); **F** avunculaire, **S** paternalista, **I** cón

riferiménto allo zìo, **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**); **F** s'éveiller, se réveiller, éveiller, **S** despertar, **I** svegliare, svegliarsi, **G** wecken, erwecken; to rouse into activity, to arouse (sb) from sleep, *refl* to rouse oneself from sleep, *I usually awake at six o'clock*

**awake** *adj* (short for **awaken**; before 1300); **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* (see **awake** verb); **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* (awaken + *-ing*; late 16c); **F** réveil m, **S** despertar m, **I** risveglio m, **G** Erwachen n; a rising from sleep, inactivity, indifference, *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** prèmio m, onorificènza 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** consapévole, cosciénate, **G** gewahr (*gen*), in Kenntnis (von); conscious, informed, *he was aware of the impending danger*

**aware-ness** *n* (*aware* + *-ness*; early 19c); **F** conscience f, **S** conciencia f, **I** consapevolézza 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 gälla, 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 wēg* 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** timóre m reverente, soggezióne 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 timóre o soggezióne f, **G** ehrfurchtgebietend; causing one to feel great respect

**awe·some** *adj* (*awe* *n* + *-some*; late 16c); **F** impressionant/e, imposant/e, **S** imponente, que infunde tremor reverencial, **I** impressionante, imponente, che ispira timóre reverenziàle, **G** srecklich/e, furchteinflößend/e; very impressive, inspiring fear and admiration, *an awesome responsibility*; \***awe-stricken**, \***awe-struck** *adj* feeling very impressed by something

**awful** *adj* (*awe* *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·ful·ly** *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** góffo/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** tènda 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 sans permission, **S** estar ausente sin permiso, **I** assente sènza perméssò, **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** stòrto, di tràverso, **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 *ἀξίλη*, L *ascia*); **F** hache f, **S** hacha f, **I** àscia 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**, (from *axe* noun; 17c); **F** couper, supprimer, **S** reducir, despedir, **I** licenziàre in tróncò, eliminàre, **G** drastisch kürzen, abbauen; to trim with an axe, 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** assiōma m, **G** Axiom n; a well established principle, a self-evident principle, *the axioms of geometry*

**axio·mat·ic** *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·mat·ic·al·ly** *adv*, in an axiomatic manner, in a self-evident manner

**axis** *n pl axes* (L *axis*, Gr *ἄξων* axle, pivot; late 14c); **F** axe m, **S** eje m, **I** àsse, **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** àsse (di una ruòta), **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, vóto favorévole, **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 ayes have it*, *i.e.* 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** azalèa f, **G** Azalee f; a genus of shrubby plants, natives of the Northern emisphere, 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** àzimut 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** azzùrro/a, **G** azur, himmelblau; a delicate blue colour, a soft clear bright blue

