

bloom¹ ----- *n* (ME *blom*, *blome*, ON *blōm*, Middle Dutch *bloeme*, OHG *bluomo*, MHG *bluome*); **F** fleur f, **S** flor f, floración f, **I** fióre m, **G** Blüte f, Blume f; said of a plant, the state of being in flower (*blossom* is florescence as bearing promise of fruit, hence cherry trees are *in blossom*; *bloom* is not extended like *blossom*, and is thought of as the culminating beauty of a plant, e.g. hyacints are *in bloom*, OED); *flowers are in bloom in May*, fig. *her beauty is in bloom*

bloom² *v* ----- **F** fleurir, **S** florecer, **I** fiorire, sbocciare, **G** (er)blühen; to produce flowers, *roses bloom in May*

***bloom-er** *n* old fashioned BrE (*bloom* v+-er); a silly or embarrassing mistake, a type of loaf of bread that has diagonal cuts on the top

***bloom-ers** *n pl* BrE old fashioned a piece of women's underwear, wide loose trousers worn by women in the past

***bloom-ing** *adj* **F** en fleur, fleurissant/e, **S** floreciente, lleno/a de salud, **I** in fióre, fiorènte, **G** blühend; said of a plant, flowering, *hyacinths are now blooming*, said of a person who has a healthy appearance, *Kathy's beauty is blooming*

blooper ----- *n* informal (AmE, echoic, 20c); a silly mistake, a howling noise

blossom¹ ----- *n* (OE *blōstm*, *blōstma*, cognate with Middle and Modern Dutch *bloesen*, MLG *blōs(s)em*, OHG *bluomo*, *bluoma* to bloom; referred to the same root as **bloom**, apparently *blos-* being an extended stem of L *flōs* flower); **F** fleur f, **S** flor f, **I** fióre m, **G** Blüte f, Blütenfülle f; a flower or bloom, especially one that precedes edible fruits, *the peach blossom* (see **bloom**)

blossom² ----- *v* (OE *blōstmian*, ME *blosmen*, cf Dutch *bloesmen*; 14c); **F** fleurir, **S** florecer, **I** fiorire, èssere in fióre, **G** blühen, Blüten treiben; the action of producing blossoms, *the cherry tree is blossoming*, fig. said of a person, to become more attractive, *she is blossoming into a fine lady*, *their friendship blossomed into love*

blot¹ ----- *n* (of uncertain origin, cf Old Icelandic *bletr* blot, stain, Danish *plet* spot, OF *blotre*, *blostre* boil, lump; 14c); **F** tache f, (of ink) pâté m, **S** borrón m, **I** macchia f, **G** Fleck m, (Tinten)Klecks m; spot, stain, *an ink blot*, *that building is a blot on the landscape*, disgrace, blemish, *a blot on his reputation*

blot² ----- *v* (from the noun; early 15c); **F** tacher, ternir, **S** manchar, desacreditar, **I** macchiare, **G** (mit Tinte) beschmieren, verdunkeln; to make a spot of ink fall on paper, *to make a blot on paper*, to make a wet surface become dry by pressing soft paper on it, *blot the paper after writing your name!*, fig. *to blot somebody's name*

blotch¹ ----- *n* (of uncertain origin, apparently onomatopoeic of **blot**, for which it is commonly used dialectally; early 17c); **F** tache f, **S** mancha f, erupción f (on the skin), **I** macchia f, chiazza f, foruncolo m, **G** Fleck m, Klecks m; a mark on the skin, a blemish

blotch² ----- *vt/i* **F** couvrir (la peau) de taches, **S** manchar, cubrir de pústulas, **I** macchiare, ricoprire di macchie, **G** klecksen, beklecksen; to make blotches, to get blotches, *a paint that blotches*

***blotchy** ----- *adj* **F** tacheté/e, brouillé/e, **S** manchado/a, lleno/a de manchas, **I** macchiato/a, chiazzato/a, **G** fleckig; an irregular mark on a person's skin, *a blotchy face*

blot-ter *n* (see **blot** *n*); **F** buvard m, registre m, **S** papel m secante, borrador m, **I** tampone m di carta assorbente, brogliaccio m, **G** (Tinten)Löscher, Kladder f, Berichtsliste; a piece of blotting paper kept on top of a desk, *AmE* the record of arrests in a police district

***blotting paper** *n* thick soft paper used for drying ink in a piece of paper you have just written on

blotto ----- *adj* BrE old fashioned (probably from **blot**, 20c); very drunk

blouse ----- *n* (ModF *blouse*, of uncertain origin, but cf MedL **bullosa* unattested from *bullā* a bubble; 19c); **F** corsage m, chemisier (de femme), **S** blusa f, **I** blüsa f, giubba f, **G** Bluse f; a workman's short tunic, a short-like garment for women

blow¹ ----- *v* **blew blown** (OE *blāwan*, cognate with OHG *blāen* to blow, MHG *bloewen* to blow, ModG *blāhen*, L *flāre*); **F** souffler, **S** soplar, jadear, **I** soffiare, **G** blasen, wehen; to send out air from the mouth, *to blow a candle*, *to blow out the smoke of cigarette*, *to blow into the breathalyser*, said of the wind, *a cold wind was blowing from the north*, to cause sth to be destroyed by a bomb, *his car blew out*, said of an electrical fuse that stops working, *the bulb has blown because of a power surge*, said of a tyre, *the front tyre of the car suddenly blew*

blow² ----- *n* (ME *blouen*, Middle Dutch *blouwen*, *blauwen* to beat, cognate with OHG *bluuwan* beat, ModG *bleuen*); **F** souffler m, **S** golpe m, bofetada f, **I** colpo m di vento, raffica f (di vento), **G** Blasen n, Luftzug m; a hard hit from someone's hand, *a blow to the head*, fig. *a blow to my hopes of victory*, *a severe blow to the economic recovery*

***blow-dry** *vb* to style hair while drying it with a hairdryer

***blow-drier** *n* a small electric machine that blows air into your hair, in order to dry it

***blow-er** *n* old fashioned informal the telephone

***blow-hard** *n* informal disapproving a person who talks too proudly about things they own or they have done

***blow-hole** *n* an opening in the top of a whale's head through which it breathes, a hole in the ice through which seals etc breathe

***blow job** *n* offensive the practice of sucking the penis in order to give pleasure

***blow-lamp** *n* a piece of equipment that produces a hot lamp, used in order to remove paint from a surface, *AmE* **blowtorch**

***blown** *v* past participle of **blow**

***blow-out** *v* said of a tyre when it suddenly bursts on a road vehicle while it is moving

***blowsy** *adj* BrE informal, said of a woman who is big fat and untidy

***blow-torch** *n* blowlamp

***blow-up** *n* an enlargement of a photograph or of a picture.

BLT *abbr* bacon lettuce and tomato, i.e. a sandwich filled with these foods

blub-ber----- *n* (ME *bluber*, apparently with reference to bubbling water or foaming waves, probably of imitative origin; late 14c); **F** graisse f ou lard m de baleine, **S** grasa f de ballena, **I** grasso m di balèna, **G** Tran m, Speck m; a layer of fat around the body of a whale, *informal* too much fat on the body of a human, *eat less and get rid of that blubber!*

bludgeon ----- *n* (of unknown origin; 18c); **F** gourdin m, matraque f, **S** cachiporra f, **I** mazza f, randello m, **G** Knüppel m; a short stick with a heavy end, a short club

blue¹ ----- *adj* (OE *blāw*, ME *blew*, borrowed from OF *bleu*, MedL *blāvus*, probably cognate with L *flāvus*; early 14c); **F** bleu, **S** azul, **I** azzurro/a, blu, **G** blau; the colour of the sky when clear, *blue sky*, *blue eyes*, mentioning sexual activity, *a blue film*, showing sadness, *blue humour*

blue² *n* a person who has played a sport for Cambridge University against Oxford, and viceversa

***blue baby** *n* a baby whose skin is lightly blue, because he suffers heart problems

***blue-berry** ----- *n* the dark blue fruit of a bush that grows in North America

***blue-bird** ----- *n* **F** rouge-gorge *m* bleu, **S** pájaro *m* azul (de America), **I** pettírósso *m* azzúrru, **G** Rotkehlchen blau; a small blue bird that lives in North America

***blue-blood** ----- *n* **F** sang *m* bleu, **S** sangue azul, **I** sàngue *m* blu, **G** blaues Blut, alter Adel; said of the families of the nobility, who have blue-blood

***blue-blooded** ----- *adj* having blue blood, *ie* belonging to a noble family

***blue-bot-tle** *n* **F** mouche *f* de la viande, **S** mosca *f* azul, **I** callifora *f*, **G** Schmeißfliege *f*; a big fly with a blue body

***blue cheese** *n* **F** gorgonzola *m*, **S** gorgonzòla *m*, **I** formàggio *m* gorgonzòla, **G** Gorgonzolakäse *m*; a cheese that has thin blue lines of bacteria and a strong flavour

***blue-chip** *adj* said of a company whose investment is thought to be safe, *a blue-chip company*

***blue-collar** *n* workmen who work with their hands and with their physical strength, as opposed to **white-collars**, who work in an office

***blue funk** *n*, see **funk**

***blue-grass** *n* a traditional American country music played on guitars, banjos and violins

***blue-jay** *n* a North American bird with blue feathers

***blue-print** *n* **F** plan *m* détaillé, **S** cianotipo *m*, anteproyecto *m* (de), **I** cianografia *f*, **G** Blaupause *f*, Zyanotypie *f*; a prototype of a technical design which has white lines on a blue background, *the blueprint of the forthcoming issue of the journal*, a plan of action, *a blueprint for reform of the civil service*; *v* to make a blueprint

***blue riband**, also **blue ribbon** *n* the first prize, in the form of a blue riband, usually given to the winner in a competition

***blues** *n pl* a slow music originally from the south of the US, *a blues singer*

***blue-stocking** *n* old fashioned (from an 18thc literary London club); a highly educated woman who is interested in serious academic subjects, *Elizabeth Montague, the bluestocking*

bluesy *adj* informal performed in the style of the of the blues

blue tit *n* a small European bird of the tit family

blue whale *n* a member of the whale family, that is the world's largest living animal

bluff¹ ----- *vt* *AmE* (see earlier English *bluff* to blindfold, Dutch *bluffen* to boast, to make a trick at cards, LG *bluffen*, *bluffen* to frighten by menacing conduct; 19c); **F** bluffer, **S** hacer un bluff, **I** fare un bluff *m*, **G** bluffen; deceive by a show of self-confidence, *to bluff someone into doing something*

bluff² *n* **F** bluff *m*, **S** bluff *m*, **I** bluff *m*, vanteria *f* infondàta, **G** Bluff *m*; an attempt to deceive someone pretending to do sth that you will not actually do, *the threat was only a bluff*

bluff³ *adj* **F** carré et sincère, escarpé, **S** escarpado/a, brusco/a, **I** brùsco/a, **G** breit, rauh aber herzlich; outspoken, too open, in a way that people find rude, *Peter has bluff manners, but he is an upright gentleman*

***bluish** *adj* see **blue**, fairly blue, *a bluish garment*

blun-der¹ ----- *v* (ME *blondren* act blindly or irrationally, cf Old Icelandic *blunda*, Norwegian and Swedish *blundra* to act blindly, related to OE *blind*); **F** faire une bève ou une gaffe, **S** hacer una patochada, **I** gaffe *f*, errore *m* grossolano, **G** Fehler oder Schnitzer machen; to confuse, to confound, to make a stupid mistake, *the Premier blundered when refusing to listen to the opposition*, to move blindly, *he was blundering about/around in the room*

blun-der² *n* **F** bève *f*, gaffe *f*, **S** error *m*, **I** prèndere una cantonàta, **G** (großer) Fehler, Schnitzer *m*; confusion, trouble, bewilderment, *a political blunder*

blun-der-buss ----- *n* (Dutch *donderbus*, *donder thunder+bus* gun, see **G** *Donnerbüchse*; 17c); **F** tromblon *m*, **S** trabuco *m*, **I** archibùgio *m*, trombóne *m*, **G** Donnerbüchse

f; a short handgun with a large barrel, firing many balls at the same time

blunt¹ ----- *adj/n* (etymology unknown, but cf ON *blunda* to doze, Old Icelandic *blunda* to shut the eyes, related to *blindr* blind; ealy 13c); **F** émoussé/e, épointé/e, *fig.* brusque, brutal/e, **S** embotado/a, despontado/a, **I** che non tàglia, smussàto/a, brùsco/a, **G** stumpf, unempfindlich; said of a pencil, of a knife, etc, that is not sharp, *a blunt knife*, rude, *a frank answer to a very blunt question*

blunt² *v* **F** émousser, épointer, **S** embotar, despuntar, **I** smussàre, spuntàre, **G** stumpf machen; to make a knife, a pencil, etc, less sharp, *to blunt a knife*, to make a feeling less strong, *that story blunted my enthusiasm*

***blunt-ness** *n* the condition of being blunt

***blunt-ly** *adv* to put it bluntly, to say sth in a very direct way that can offend people

blur¹ ----*n* (of uncertain origin, but apparently a variant of **blear**; 16c); **F** forme *f* confuse, **S** contorno *m* borroso, impresión *f* imprecisa, **I** visìone *f* confusa o sfocàta, **G** Fleck *m*, undeutlicher Eindruck; a smear or stain with ink or other colouring matter, *a smear of ink, fig.* a stain on the character of somebody, an aspersion on somebody's character, *a blur on his reputation*, sth that you cannot see clearly, *the landscape was a blur in the fog*

blur² *vt/i*, **F** brouiller, troubler, **S** hacer borroso, oscurecer, **I** macchiàre, rëndere confùso, **G** verwischen, verdunkeln; if something blurs, it is difficult to see it clearly, *the lights were blurred in the mist*, to make indistinct, *eyes blurred with tears*

***blurred** -----*adj* **F** indécis/e, flou/e, **S** borroso/a, pòco nítido/a, **I** indistinto/a, sfocàto/a, **G** unscharf, verschwommen; not clear, difficult to see clearly, *a landscape blurred by the fog, a blurred photo*

***blurry** *adj* full of blurs

blurb ----- *n* *AmE slang* (coined in 1907 by Gelett Burgess, to satirize the excessive praise found on book jackets, from a drawing of a young lady whom he called Miss Linda Blurb); **F** annonce *f* sur la jaquette d'un livre, **S** anuncio *m* efusivo (de un libro), propaganda *f* publicitaria, **I** fascétta *f* pubblicitària, **G** Waschzettel *m*, Bauchbinde *f*; a brief descriptive note of the character of a book, printed on the jacket of a newly published book

blurt ----- *v* (apparently onomatopoeic, expressive of a discharge of breath from the mouth after an effort to retain it: cf the *bl-* element as in **blow**, **blast**, etc, combined with another element of **spurt**, **squirt**, etc; late 16c); **F** lâcher (à l'étourdie), laisser échapper (un secret), **S** descolgarse con, revelar, **I** spifferàre, spiatellàre, **G** herausplätzen mit, ausschwatzen; **blurt sth out**, to utter sth abruptly and without thinking, *she blurted her secret out*

blush¹ ----- *v* (ME *blissen*, *blishen*, *blussen*, from OE **blisian*, and *bliscan* become red, Middle Dutch *blōzen*, MLG *blosen*, from Indo-European); **F** rougir, **S** ruborizarse, sonrojarse, **I** arrossìre *m*, **G** erröten, rot werden; to become red in the face, as a result of shame, *to blush with embarrassment*

blush² *n* (from the verb; late 16c); **F** rougeur *f*, **S** rubor *m*, sonrojo *m*, **I** rossóre *m*, **G** Erröten *n*, (Scham)Röte *f*; a red colour on the face, caused by shame or modesty, *a blush in her cheeks*

***blush-er** *n* a powder for making your cheeks look red

blus-ter¹ *v* (etymology uncertain, but cf ON *blāstr* breath, blowing, MLG *blüstern* to blow violently, Old Icelandic *blāsa* to blow, see **blast**; 15c); **F** (of wind) souffler en rafales, faire de l'esbroufe, parler haut, **S** (of wind) soplar recio, fanfarronear, **I** (of wind) infuriàre, dàre in escandescènze, **G** stürmen, poltern; (said of the wind or waves) to storm, to

blow violently, *a blustering wind*, to talk in a loud and boastful way, *to bluster to cover up his own ignorance*

blus-ter² *n* **F** fanfaronnade(s) *f*, **S** jactancia *f*, fanfarronadas *f/pl*, **I** spavalderia *f*, **G** Brausen *n*, Prahlen *n*; speech that is boasting or threatening

***blus-tery** *adj* (said of weather) with strong winds, *a blustery day*

Blu-Tack ----- *n* a blue sticky material used to attach paper to walls, *to stick the posters with Blu-tack*

Blvd *n abbr* (used in writing addresses) for **boulevard**

BM *n abbr* for Bachelor of Medicine

bn *n abbr* for **billion**

BO----- *n abbr* for 'bloody odour', an unpleasant smell from a person's body, especially of sweat

boa----- *n* an item of clothing made of feathers and worn around the neck, especially by women, *a feather boa*

boa constrictor *n* a large South-American snake that kills animals by wrapping itself around them and crushing them

boar -----*n* (OE *bār*, cognate with OS and OHG *bēr*, modern dialectal *G Bär*, Middle Dutch and Dutch *beer* male pig; 13c); **F** verrat *m*, sanglier *m*, **S** verraco *m*, jabalí *m*, **I** vèrro *m*, cinghiàle *m*, **G** Eber *m*, Wildschwein *n*; the male of the swine, a male pig

board¹ -----*n* (OE *bord* board, plank, cognate with OS *bord* table, OHG and MHG *bort*, Old Icelandic *bordh* bord, cf MedL *burdus* and *bordum*; the German word appears as the fusion of two different but related words, one meaning 'plank', 'table', the other meaning 'border', 'side of a ship'); **F** planche *f*, panneau *m* de publicité ou d'affichage, pension *f*, comité *m*, **S** tabla *f*, tablón *m*, pensión *f*, consejo *m* de administración, **I** àsse *m*, tàvola *f* di légno, tabellón *m* pubblicitário, pensióne *f*, comitato *m*, **G** Planke *f*, (Werbe)Plakat *n*, Verpflegung *f*, Komitee *n*; a long thin and flat piece of hard material, wood or plastic, used for particular purposes, **cutting board**, **chessboard**, **chopping board**; see also **blackboard**, **whiteboard**, *the teacher wrote the name on the blackboard*, **notice board**, **neon board**, **ironing board**; (from the meaning of 'a table used for meals') meals provided for you to stay somewhere, **half board**, **full board**; (from the meaning of 'a table at which a council is held') a group of people who are responsible for controlling a company or an organization, **board of governors**, **board of directors**, **board of examiners**

board² *v* (from the noun; 15c as *borden*); **F** aborder, accoster, monter à bord de, être en pension, **S** abordar, embarcarse en, dar pensión (a), **I** imbarcàrsi su, abbordàre, tenére (*o essere*) a pensióne, **G** an Bord (eines Schiffs oder Flugzeug) gehen, entern, sich in Kost oder Pension befinden; to get on a plain, ship, etc, *passengers are expected to board now at gate 27*, to live in somebody's home paying meals, *she boards with an English family*

***board-er** -----*n* a student who stays at school during the day and night, at a boarding school; cp **day pupil**

board game ----- *n* a game such as draughts or chess played with pieces which are moved on a board

board-ing ----- *n* pieces of wood that are put together to form a floor, a fence, etc, the act of embarking on a plain, ship, etc, *flight A 747 boarding now*

boarding card *n* also **boarding pass**, a card that a passenger must have to board on a plane, etc

boarding house *n* a private house where you can pay for accommodation and meals

boarding kennel *n* a place where you can leave your dog for boarding while you are on holiday

boarding school *n* a school where pupils can stay while studying, cf **day school**

board-room ----- *n* a room where the directors of a company or of an organization hold their meetings

board-walk ----- *n* *AmE* a path made of narrow boards, usually raised above wet ground, sand, etc, or along a beach

boast¹ ----- *v* *disapproving* (of uncertain origin; its phonetic analogues are 'the Romanic words in *-ost*, with the 'o' lengthened in later English, *coast*, *roast*, *toast*, etc', but of an Old French **boster* 'no trace has been found', OED; 14c as *bost*); **F** se vanter, **S** ostentar, jactarse, **I** vantàrsi, ostentàre, **G** prahlen; to speak too proudly about one's own wealth or achievements, *he boasts of his own wealth*, to have sth to be proud of, *southern Italy boasts the volcanos Etna and Stromboli*

boast² ----- *n* **F** vantardise *f*, **S** fanfarronada *f*, **I** ostentazióne *f*, vanteria *f*, **G** Prahlerci *f*; arrogance, ostentation, *his boast of wealth is highly disturbing*

***boast-ful** ----- *adj* one who boasts his own achievements, *the boastful soldier*

boat ----- *n* (OE *bāt*, ME *bote*, apparently from a Proto-Germanic form preserved in OE *bāt*, adopted in MLG *bot*, ModG *Boot*, Middle and Modern Dutch *boot*; early 13c); **F** bateau *m*, **S** barca *f*, embarcación *f*, **I** bàrca *f*, battèllo *m*, **G** Boot *n*, Schiff *n*; a vehicle smaller than a ship, moved by oars or a motor, *a rowing boat*, *a fishing boat*

***boat-er** *n* a hat with a band, made of straw with a flat top

***boat-hook** *n* a long pole with an iron hook at one end, used for pushing boats

***boat-house** *n* a building beside a river for keeping a boat in

***boat-ing** *n* the activity of sailing or rowing a small boat for pleasure, *to go boating*

***boat-man** *n* a man who takes people somewhere in a small boat

***boat people** *n* people who escape from their country in small boats

***boat-yard** *n* an area where boats are built and repaired

Bob *n* *AmE* *abbr* for **Robert**, *BrE* *informal* **Bob's your uncle** used to mean that something will happen very simply and quickly, *do it this way and, Bob's your uncle, you will get a reward*

bob¹ ----- *v* (of uncertain origin, see ME *bobben* to strike, to beat, Irish *baban* bobbin, Gaelic *bab*; late 14c); **F** s'agiter, se faire couper les cheveux au carré, **S** fluctuar, (hair) cortar a lo garçon, **I** fluttuàre, tagliàrsi i capelli *m/pl* alla maschiètta, **G** ruckweise bewegen, (Haare) kurz schneiden; to move up and down with regular movements, especially in water, *the boat bobs up and down on the water*, to cut a woman's hair to neck length all around the head, *she wears hair in a bob*

bob² *n* **F** mouvement *m* soudain, (coupe *f*) au carré *m*, **S** movimiento *m* brusco, pelo a lo garçon, **I** moviménto *m* brusco, capelli *m/pl* tagliàti alla maschiètta, **G** Ruck *m*, Bubikopf(haarschnitt) *m*; a quick movement of your head up and down, *a bob of the head*, a style of a woman's hair all around the head, *informal* an old English coin, the shilling

***bobbed** *adj* cut, said of hair, cut so that it hangs to the level of the chin and all around the back

***bobber** *n* in fishing, a floating object attached to a line that keeps the bait at the proper depth

bob-bin -----*n* (Middle F *bobine* a small instrument used in sewing or tapestry making, OF *balbiner*; 16c); **F** bobine *f*, **S** bobina *f*, **I** bobina *f*, **G** Spule *f*; a reel or spool for winding wire

***bob-ble**¹ -----*v* *coll* (*freq* of **bob** *v*; *onomatopoeic*); **F** sautiller, **S** balancearse, **I** ballonzolàre, **G** herumhüpfen; to move with continual bobbing, *the bobbling of the boat*

***bob-ble**² *n* a short jerky motion, a bobbling movement, *the bobble of the cork on disturbed water*

Bobby *n* *old-fashioned* a familiar form of **Robert**; a police officer, so named after Sir Robert Peel, the politician who created London's police force

bobby pin *n* *AmE* for **hairgrip** a small metal or plastic clip, used by women for holding their hair

bob-cat *n* a North American wild cat

bobs *n* *informal* **bits and bobs** small things of different types

bob-sleigh -----*n* also **bob** a vehicle with two metal blades instead of wheels, for racing down snow or ice

bod *n* *informal* *BrE* a person, *an odd bod*

bode *vt* (OE *bodian* announce, foretell, and OE *bēodan* to offer, proclaim, from *boda* messenger, cognate with Old Frisian *boda*, OS *bodo*, OHG *boto*, ModG *Bote*, all meaning 'a messenger'); **F** présager, être de bon/mauvais augure, **S** presagiar, **I** presagire, èssere di buon/cattivo augùrio, **G** ahnen lassen; to foretell, to predict, to be a sign of, *the news does not bode well*

bodge *vt/i* also bodge up, an alteration of **botch**, make sth badly, *to bodge the repair of the car*; *n* something done or repaired badly, *a bodged piece of work*

***bod-ice** (a variant of **bodies**, considered as the plural of **body** retaining the earlier sound of final -s; the original phrase was 'a pair of bodies', and the word was formerly treated as a plural, like *pence*, *dice*, *mice*; the spelling *bodice* was established in the late 1600's); **F** corsage m, **S** corpiño m, almilla f, **I** corpétto m, **G** Mieder n, Oberteil n; an inner garment for the upper part of the body, strengthened with whalebone, a corset

***bod-ily**¹ *adj* connected with the body, *bodily functions*

***bod-ily**² *adv* sth done in a way that affects the whole body, *he moved the piece of wood bodily*, to move a large object in one piece, *the obelisk was lifted bodily*

body *n* (OE *bodig*, cognate with OHG *botah*, MHG *botech*, *botich*; this word disappeared in standard German, its place being taken by *Leib* life, cognate with English *life*, and *Körper*, from L *corpus-corporis*; early 13c as *bodi*); **F** corps m, **S** cuerpo m, **I** còrpo m, **G** Körper m, Leib m; the physical structure of a man or animal, *the human body*, a group of people who are associated for a particular purpose, *the teachers' professional body*, *a body of 2000 troops*, a dead person, *her body was found along the beach*

***body armour** *n* clothing worn by the police etc to protect themselves

***body bag** *n* a bag for carrying a dead body in, especially in a war

***body blow** *n* a serious disappointment, *inflation is a body blow to hopes of economic recovery*

***body-build-ing** *n* the making of regular exercises in order to develop the muscles

***body clock** *n* **F** horloge m physiologique, **S** reloj m biológico, **I** orologio m biológico, **G** biologische Uhr?????; the biological system that controls behaviours which happen at regular times in your body, like eating and sleeping, see also **biological clock**

***body double** *n* **F** doublure f, **S** especialista m/f contrafigura, **I** controfigura f, **G** Double n, Doppelspieler m; a person who takes place in a film instead of an actor, when the scene involves using particular skills or during stunt scenes

***body-guard** *n* **F** gardes m/pl du corps, **S** guardaespaldas m, guardia f de corps, **I** guàrdia f del còrpo, **G** Leibwächter m, Leibgarde f; an escort whose duty is to protect a person, *the bodyguard of the dictator*

***body language** *n* *psychol* the communication of information by looks and movements rather than by words, *the body language of Joan betrays her nervous tension*

***body odour** *n* an unpleasant smell from a person's body

***body piercing** *n* the making of holes in the body as a decoration, *tattooing and body piercing*

***the body politic** *n* *formal* all the people of a nation considered as a political entity

***body search** *n* a search of a person's body by the police for drugs etc

***body shop** *n* workshop where car bodies are repaired

***body stocking** *n* a close-fitting piece of clothing that covers entirely your body

***body-suit** *n* *AmE* a body worn by women

***body-work** *n* the outer part of a car, *to repaint the bodywork of the car*

Boer *n/adj* (*Boor* Dutch or German peasant, Middle Dutch *boer* farmer, cognate with OE *gebūr* dweller, farmer, ME *boveer*; 19c); **F** Boer m, **S** bóer m/f, **I** boèro/a, **G** Bur(e) m, Boer m, *adj* burisch; a descendant of the Dutch colonists who settled in South Africa, *the Boer War*

bof-fin *n* *BrE* *informal* (origin unknown; 20c); a scientist who knows a lot about science, *a maths boffin*, *a computer boffin*

bog¹ *n* (from Irish & Gaelic *bog-*, *bogach* marsh, Old Irish *bog* soft; 15c); **F** marécage m, **S** pantano m, ciénaga f, **I** palùde f, acquitrino m, **G** Morast m, Moor n; soft, wet ground, a morass, *a peat bog*, *BrE* *informal* toilet

bog² *v* **bogged**, **bogging**; **F** s'embourber, s'enfoncer (dans une fondrière), **S** quedar atascado en el lodo, empantanarse, **I** impantanàrsi, **G** im Sumpf oder Schlamm versinken; to make sth stuck in soft ground, *the car got bogged down in the mud*, to fall in a position such that no progress is made, *we bogged down in/with minor details which prevented any conclusion*, **bog off** *informal* used to tell someone rudely to go away, *bog off and let me work!*

bogey¹ *n* (a term used in golf, from a popular song entitled *The Bogey man*; the imaginary adversary playing, invincible, is the 'bogey man'; 1836 *Bogey the Devil*, from a popular song of the time); a thing that causes fear, a problem that makes you feel anxious, *the bogey of unemployment*

bogey² *n* (apparently a nursery form of *bogle*, *boggart* a phantom, in Scots *bogill*, first recorded early in 16c, ultimately from *bogge*, a variant of *bugge*, *bug* terror, scarecrow, see **bugbear**; 19c); **F** spectre m, **S** duende m, trasgo m, **I** fantàsma m, follétto m, **G** Kobold m, der schwarze Mann, *fig.* Buhmann m; the devil, a goblin, a bugbear, a person much dreaded, an object of terror or dread

***bo-gey-man** *n* an evil spirit, a goblin, *the bogeyman will get you!*

bog-gle *v* (apparently a variant of *bogle* a spectre, or related to *bogey* as a variant of Scottish *bogill* goblin, bugbear; late 16c); **F** rechigner à faire quelque chose, (se) confondre, **S** sobresaltarse, vacilar, titubear, **I** confòndersi, vacillàre, **G** zurückschrecken, stutzen vor/bei, zögern; to confuse, to astonish, to get confused, to get astonished, *I bogged at the idea of spending so much money*

***boggy** *adj* (*bog* *n*+-y, see **bog**; late 16c); **F** marécageux/euse, **S** pantanoso/a, **I** paludoso/a, **G** sumpfig; of land, soft and wet, like a bog, *boggy ground*

***bogie** *n* a small vehicle with wheels that run on a railway

***bog-standard** *adj* *informal*, ordinary, lacking any special features

bogus *adj* *AmE* (*adj* use of **Bogus**, a machine for coining false money; the origin of the word is in **tant(a)rabogus** a name for the devil or **bogy**; early 19c); **F** faux/usse, **S** falso/a, fraudulento/a, **I** contraffàtto/a, falsificàto/a, **G** falsch, unecht; pretending to be genuine, *a bogus note*, *a bogus passport*

bogy a spelling of **bogey**

bogy-man see **bogeyman**

bo-he-mian *adj* (**F** *bohémien*, originally 'a native of Bohemia', from the *Boii*, a people of ancient Gaul who settled in Bohemia, from *Boii+haemum*, cognate with *Home*; first in

Shakespeare, in modern sense in Tackeray's *Vanity Fair*; 19c); **F** qui conduit la vie de bohème, bohémien/enne, **S** bohemo/a, **I** bohémien/enne, **G** Böhme m, Böhmin f, böhmisch; one who lives an unconventional life, generally an artist, *the Paris bohemians in the 19th century*

boil¹ -----v (OF *boillir, boullir*, L *bullire* to bubble, from *bullā* a bubble; early 14c); **F** bouillir, entrer en ébullition, **S** bullir, hacer hervir, ebullición, **I** bollire, far bollire, **G** zum Kochen bringen, kochen, siedeln; to bring a liquid to the temperature at which it turns into gas, *the water is boiling*, to cook sth in boiling water, *to boil the eggs*

boil² n **F** ébullition f, **S** hervor m, ebullición f, **I** bollitura f, **G** Kochen n, Sieden n; the act or state of boiling, **bring sth to the boil**, *bring the milk to the boil*, **on the boil**, said of sth very strong, *tension is on the boil*

***boiled sweet** n *BrE* a hard sweet that tastes of fruit

***boil-er** n a container that is used for boiling water to provide heating in a building

***boiler suit** n *BrE*, *AmE* coveralls, a suit in one piece worn for doing dirty work

***boiling**

***boiling point** n the temperature at which a liquid becomes a gas, *the boiling temperature of water is 100°C*, fig. the point when a situation is about to go out of control, *the tension was at boiling point*

bois-ter-ous adj (ME *boistous*, of uncertain origin, apparently from OF *boisteus* rough, from *boiste* box, MedL *buxis*, L *buxus* a box-tree, boxwood; 15c); **F** turbulent/e, **S** turbulento/a, **I** turbolento/a, **G** stürmisch, turbulent; rough, violent in behaviour and speech, especially of children, *a boisterous class*,

bok choy, pak choy, n *AmE* Chinese cabbage

bold adj (OE *bald*, OS & OHG *bald* bold, swift, ModG *bald* soon, ON *ball-r*, Old Icelandic *ballr* terrible, Gothic *balthaba* boldly, from Proto-Germanic); **F** hardi/e, téméraire, **S** valiente, temerario/a, **I** audace, coraggioso/a, **G** kühn; courageous, fearless, *a bold endeavour*

bole n (see Old Icelandic *bolr* bole, Middle Dutch *bolle* bole, MLG *bolle* plank; early 14c); **F** tronc m, **S** tronco m, **I** trónc m, **G** starker Baumstamm; the trunk of a tree

bol-ero n (Provençal *bola* ball, L *bullā* a bubble; 18c); **F** boléro m, **S** bolero m, **I** bolèro m, **G** Bolero m; a traditional Spanish dance, often accompanied by the guitar and castanets

boll n (OE *bolla* bowl, cognate with OS *bollo*, OHG *bolla*, MHG *bolle*, cf L *bullā* a bubble); **F** capsule f, **S** cápsula f, **I** càpsula f, **G** Samenkapsel f; a seed pot, a swelling, the part of a cotton plant that contains the seeds

bol-lard n (origin unknown, apparently *boll+-ard*; 19c); **F** bitte f, **S** bolardo m, **I** bitta f, **G** Poller m; a wooden or iron post, on a ship or on a quay, round which ship's ropes are secured

***bol-lock-ing** n *coarse slang* severe reprimand, *to give a bollocking*, *to get a bollocking*

bol-locks n *slang offensive* for testicles

bol-ogna n (It Bologna, a city in central-Northern Italy; late 16c); a type of cooked meat, *the Bologna sausage*

bolo tie

bol-shie bol-shy n/adj (early 20c); jocular or contemptuous for Bolshevik

bol-ster v (OE *bolster*, cognate with ON *bolstr*, Swedish & Danish *bolster*, Middle Dutch and Dutch *bolster*, OHG *bolstar*, ModG *Polster*, from Indo-European); **F** donner (*du courage, de la confiance*), **S** reforzar, dar aliento a, **I** sostenere, appoggiare, **G** (aus)polstern, unterstützen; to improve by supporting, to pop up, *he bolstered up my efforts*, *his support bolstered my chances of success*

bol-ster² n **F** traversin m, **S** travesero m, cabezal m, **I** guanciaie m, sostegno m, **G** Kopfpolster n; a long cylindrical pillow that is placed under other pillows to support them

bolt¹ n (OE *bolt*, cognate with OHG *bolz*, ModG *Bolz*, Dutch *bout*, Danish *bolt*, Swedish *bult*, from Indo-European); **F** verrou m, boulon m, **S** cerrojo m, perno m, **I** chivistello m, bullone m, **G** Schraube f, Bolzen m; a bar used to lock a door, a metal rod that has a head at one end and a screw thread at the other and is used with a nut to fasten things together, a flash of lightning, *a bolt of lightning struck the oak*, a type of short arrow shot from a crossbow

bolt² v (OF *bulter, buleter*, ModF *bluteau*, It *burattare*; 'the historical spelling of the word is *boulte*, but the dictionaries have confounded it with *bolt*', OED; probably going back to *bureter, bure*, L *burrus, būram* a plough-beam); **F** verrouiller, boulonner, **S** echar el cerrojo, empernar, **I** serrare, imbullonare, **G** ver-, zuriegeln, verbalzen; to lock the door with a bolt, *don't forget to bolt the door*, to fasten things together using a bolt, *to bolt the benches to the floor*, to suddenly run somewhere very quickly, *when frightened by the sudden detonation the horses bolted*, to eat food very quickly, *to bolt one's own meal*

***bolt-hole** n a place you can escape to, especially to hide yourself

bomb¹ n (*bome*, 1588, as a translation of Spanish *bomba*, L *bombus* a deep sound, Gr *βόμβος* booming, humming, of imitative origin); **F** bombe f, **S** bomba f, **I** bómba f, **G** Bombe f; a weapon made to explode, *a bomb blast/explosion*

bomb² v **F** bombarder, **S** bombardar, **I** bombardare, **G** bombardieren; to attack with bombs, *the airplanes bombed the enemy's fortifications*

***bomb alert** n *BrE* bomb scare

***bomb-ard** v (OF *bombarde*, MedL *bombarda* a mechanical engine for throwing stones to the enemy, apparently from L *bombus* a humming noise+-arda suffix; late 16c); **F** bombarder, **S** bombardear, **I** bombardare, **G** bombardieren; to attack with bombs or with heavy guns, fig. *to bombard with questions, with phone calls, etc*

***bomb-ard-ier** n someone of the low rank in the British Army Artillery, in the US Air Force someone who drops bombs from an airplane

bomb-bast n (a variant of *bombace*, *bombase*, from Middle and Old French *bombace* cotton, MedL *bambācem* accusative of *bambax* cotton, late Gr *βαμβάξ*; late 16c); **F** emphase f, boursoufflure f, **S** ampulosidad f, palabras f/pl altisonantes, **I** magniloquenza f, stīle m ampolloso, **G** Bombast m, (leerer) Wortschwall; inflated language, words which sound important but have little meaning

***bomb-bas-tic** adj using words that sound important but have no real meaning, *bombastic speech, bombastic prose*

***bomb disposal unit** n *AmE* bomb squad a group of people whose job is to remove bombs preventing them to explode

***bomb-er** n (*bomb+-er*; 20c); **F** bombardier m, **S** bombardero m, **I** bombardiere m, **G** Bomber m, Bombenflugzeug n; an aircraft that throws bombs, a terrorist who puts bombs somewhere to hit people

***bomber jacket** n a short jacket that fits tightly around the waist and is closed with a zip, similar to the jacket worn by the US World War aircrew

***bomb-ing** n the act of dropping bombs from an aircraft

***bomb scare** n also **bomb alert**, *AmE* **bomb threat**, when people are warned that a bomb has been put somewhere and they must leave the area, *a bomb scare in central Bagdad*

***bomb-shell** n a very shocking piece of news, *finally he dropped the bombshell, he had been rejected at the exams*

***bomb site**-----n an empty area in a town where all the buildings have been destroyed by a bomb

bona fide -----*adj* (Latin, ablative of *bonā fides* good faith); **F** de bonne foi f, **S** genuino/a, auténtico/a, **I** in buona fede, **G** in guten Glauben, auf Treu und Glauben; in good faith, genuine, *a bona fide man*

***bona fides** -----*n* good faith, *John's bona fides became apparent during the police investigation*

bonanza -----*n* *AmE* (American Spanish, borrowed from Spanish *bonanza* fair weather at sea, It *bonaccia*, from assumed vulgar L **bonacia*; 19c); **F** *bonanza year* année f de prospérité, **S** *bonanza* f, **I** *fonte* f di gròssi guadagni, **bonanza year** un anno m pròspero, **G** *reiche* Erzader, Fülle f; a rich source of profit, a successful situation where one can make a lot of money, *a situation of bonanza for investors, a bonanza year for the commerce of books*

bon-bon ----- *n* (French *good-good*, from L *bonus*; late 18c); **F** *bonbon* m, **S** *bombón* m, *confite* m, **I** *bonbon* m, *confetteria* f, **G** *Bonbon* m/n; a sweet, an item of confectionery

bonce -----*n* *BrE slang* (origin unknown, related to **bounce**; 19c); **F** *boule* f, **S** *coco* m, **I** *bòccia* f, **G** *Kugel* f, *Kopf* m; someone's head

bond¹ -----*n* (ME *bond*, a phonetic variant of *band* n, ME *bond* a serf, a tenant farmer, from OE *bōnda* householder, see **bind** and **band**); **F** *lien* m, *liaison* f, **S** *lazo* m, *vínculo* m, **I** *legàme* m, *vincolo* m, **G** *Fesseln* n/pl, *Verpflichtung* f; a strong connection, *the bond of friendship*, a written agreement, a promise, *he entered into a solemn bond with his cousin*, an official paper given by government or by a company for an investment of a sum of money, *I invested in government bonds*

bond² -----*v* **F** (en)lier, *liaisonner*, **S** *liar*, *vincular*, **I** *legàre*, *connètere*, **G** *verpfänden*; to develop feelings of love, *Peter and Catherine bonded immediately*, to stick two things together, *to bond the two surfaces*

***bond-age** -----*n* (Anglo-French *bondage*, Anglo-L *bondagium*, Anglo-Fr *bonde*, Anglo-L *bondus+age*; early 14c); **F** *esclavage* m, *servage* m, **S** *esclavitud* f, **I** *servitù* f, *schiavitù* f, **G** *Knechtschaft* f, *Sklaverei* f; *hist* slavery, serfdom, the practice of having tied for sexual pleasure, the condition of having your freedom limited, *the bondage of social conventions*

bond-ing -----*n* *psychol* the process of forming a close relationship between two or more people, *the bonding between mother and child*

bone¹ -----*n* (ME *bone*, OE *bān*, cognate with OS *bēn* bone, OHG *bein*, see ModG *Bein* leg; early 13c); **F** *os* m, (of fish) *arêtes* f, **S** *hueso* m, (of fish) *espina* f, **I** *òsso* m, (of fish) *liscà* f, *spina* f, **G** *Knochen* m, *Bein* n, (Fisch) *Gräte* f; the hard parts that form the skeleton of the body, *two bones were broken in the accident, the fish bones*

bone² *v* **F** *désosser* (*la viande*), *ôter les arêtes de* (*un poisson*), **S** *deshuesar* (*meat*), *quitar las espinas* (*fish*), **I** *disossàre* (of meat), *spinàre* (of fish), **G** *die Knochen herausnehmen aus*, *Fisch entgräten*; to take the bones out of meat or fish, *the fishmonger will bone the trout, offensive to have sex with someone*

***bone china** -----*n* very delicate China cups made using clay and animal bone powder

***bone dry** -----*adj* completely dry

***bone idle** *adj* *informal* very lazy

***bone marrow** -----*n* (also **mar-row**) the soft substance that fills the hollow parts of the bones, *a bone marrow transplant*

***bone-meal**

***boner**----- *n* *slang* (*bone+er*; 20c); **F** *gaffe* f, **S** *plancha* f, *patochada* f, **I** *erróre* m *marchiàno*, **G** *Schnitzer* m, (grober)

Fehler m; a blunder which causes embarrassment, *informal* an erection of the penis

***bon-fire** -----*n* (*bone+fire* fire of bones, in Scots *bane+fire*, a fire of bones, *eg* in the borough of Hawick; 16c); open-air fire, to burn waste or for a party, *the bonfire of Guy Fawke's night*

Bonfire Night -----*n* (also **Guy Fawkes night**) the night of 5 November, when people in Britain light fireworks and burn a guy on a large outdoor fire, in memory of the Gunpowder Plot

bongo -----*n* (American Spanish, Sp *bongó*; 20c); a small drum, usually held between the knees and played with the finger

bon-homie ----- *n* (*F bonhomie*, from *bonhomme*; early 19c); **F** *bonhomie* f, *jovialité* f, **S** *afabilidad* f, **I** *bonomia* f, *affabilità* f, **G** *Gutmütigkeit* f, *Jovialität* f; the quality of being a good fellow, *a man full of bonhomie*

bonk¹ -----*v* (imitative; 20c); **F** *faire des galipettes*, *coigner*, **S** *dar cabriolas*, **I** *fare le capriòle*, *fig. darsi alla pazzia* giòia, **G** *Luftsprünge machen*; to bang or bumb, *slang* to have sexual intercourse

bonk² *n* an abrupt, heavy sound, *slang* an act of sexual intercourse

***bonkers** *adj* *humorous* completely crazy and silly, *to go bonkers*

bon mot -----*n* from *French formal* a clever remark

bon-net -----*n* (ME *bonet*, OF *bonet*, chapel de bonet, MedL *bon(n)etus* a material for caps, cf MHG *bonit* bonnet; mainly Scottish, 14c); **F** *bonnet* m, *béret* m, **S** *gorra* f, *cofia* f, **I** *cappellino* m, *cùffia* f, **G** *Kappe* f, (Damen)Hut m; a head-dress for women, distinguished from the 'hat' by the want of a brim

bonny -----*adj* (of uncertain origin, apparently to be referred to OF *bon*, *bone* good, ME *bon*, *bone*, *boone*, L *bonus*, see **boon** *adj*; 16c); especially in Scottish-English, pretty, attractive, *Bonny Prince Charlie*

bon-sai -----*n* (Japanese; 20c); a Japanese small tree, grown in a pot so that it stays very small, the art of cultivating such a tree

bonus -----*n* (L *bonus* good, from a London Stock Exchange *slang*; 18c); **F** *gratification* f, *prime* f, **S** *sobrepaga* f, *prima* f, **I** *bonus* m, *gratifica* f, **G** *Bonus* m, *Prämie* f; money added to somebody's salary as a reward for good work, *the executives received a bonus of 10,000*

***bony** -----*adj* (**bone** n+-y suffix; 16c); **F** *aux gros os*, **S** *huesudo/a*, *óseo/a*, **I** *òsseo/a*, *ossùto/a*, **G** *knöchern*; referring to a part of the body that is very thin, and consists mainly of bones, *John's bony face*

boo¹ ----- *v* (an imitation of a cow's lowing; early 19c); used to express disapproval at a speaker or performer, *the spectators booed at the speaker*

boo² -----*n* *exclamation* a sound people make to show that they do not like a speaker or an actor

boob¹ -----*n* *BrE informal*, a silly mistake, *AmE* a silly person

boob² *v* to make a foolish mistake

boob tube -----*n* *BrE informal* **F** *néné* m, **S** a piece of women's clothing that only covers the chest

booby prize -----*n* a prize given as a joke to the person who is last in a competition

booby trap -----*n* a hidden bomb that explodes when you touch something that is connected to it, *a booby-trap bomb blast*

booby-trap -----*v* *the President's car was booby-trapped*

booger -----*n* *AmE* *bogey*

boogey-man -----*n* *AmE* for **bogeyman**

boogie¹ -----*n* also **boogie-woogie** (origin unclear; early 20c); a blues music played on the piano, with a fast rhythm
boogie² *v* *informal* to dance to pop music
boo-hoo----- *exclamation* written used to show the sound of somebody crying
book¹ ----- *n* (OE *bōc* writing tablet, ME *boke*, *bok*, cognate with Old Frisian and OS *bōk*, OHG *buoch* written work, Swedish *bok*; the spelling book appeared late in 14c); **F** livre m, **S** libro m, **I** libro m, **G** Buch n; a collection of printed pages sewn together, *a book by Somerset Maugham*, *books* pl a written record of the financial accounts of a company, *the business adviser is examining the books of the company*
book² *vt* (late 11c as *boken*, *bocken* to record); **F** inscrire, enregistrer, **S** apuntar, reservar, **I** registrare, riservare, **G** (aus)buchen, vormerken; to make arrangements to stay somewhere, etc, *to book a room in a hotel*, *to book a ticket*
***book-able** -----*adj* that can be booked, or ordered in advance
***book-bind-er** -----*n* **F** relieur/euse, **S** encuadernador m, **I** rilegatore m, **G** Buchbinder m; one whose job is to fasten printed pages inside a cover, in order to make books
***book-case** -----*n* **F** bibliothèque f, **S** librería f, estante m para libros, **I** scaffale m per libri, librería f, **G** Bücherschrank m; shelves for keeping books on
***book club** -----*n* an organization that sells books to its members, usually by mail order
***book-end** -----*n* usually plural **F**, **S** sujetalibros m/pl, **I** fermalibri m/pl, **G** Bücherstütze f; one of the two supports placed at the end of a row of books
***bookie** -----*n* *informal* bookmaker
***book-ing** -----*n* reservation, *the booking of a room at a hotel*
***book-ish** -----*adj* said of a person more interested in reading books than in taking part in social activities
***book-keeper** -----*n* **F** comptable m, **S** contable m/f, tenedor/ora de libros, **I** contabile m/f, **G** Buchhalter/in; a person whose job is that of keeping the record of a business
***book-keeping** ----- *n* **F** comptabilité f, **S** contabilidad f, teneduría de libros, **I** contabilità f, tenuta f dei registri contabili, **G** Buchhaltung f, Buchführung f; the practice of keeping the financial accounts of a company
***book-let** -----*n* a small book that gives information on particular issues
***book-maker** -----*n* a person whose job is to take bets on the results of horse races and to pay out money to those who win
***book-mark**¹ ----- *n* **F** signet m, **S** señal m, registro m de libro, **I** segnalibro m, **G** Lesezeichen n; a strip of paper or plastic that you put between the pages of a book in order to be able to find the page quickly, when resuming reading;
***book-mark**² *v* to bookmark a book
***book-plate**----- *n* a label that is stuck in a book, bearing the owner's name
***book-sel-ler** -----*n* **F** libraire m, **S** librero/a, **I** libràio/a m, **G** Buchhändler/in; one whose job is to sell books
***book-shop** -----*n* **F** librairie f, **S** librería f, **I** librería f, **G** Buchhandlung f; a shop where books are sold
***book-store** -----*n* *AmE* bookshop
***book-stall** -----*n* *AmE* **news-stand** a small shop where you can buy books at a station, at the airport, at a fair
***book token** -----*n* a card that you can exchange for books, *he sent me for Christmas a book token for \$25*
***book-worm** -----*n* *informal* a person who reads a lot
boom¹ ----- *v* (of imitative origin, *cp* **G** *bommen*, Dutch *bommen*, *cp* **bomb**; 15c); **F** gronder, retentir, **S** hacer estampido, tronar, **I** risuonare, rimbombare, **G** einen

(rapiden) Aufschwung nehmen, blühen; to make a loud, deep sound, *our school of languages is booming*
boom² *n* **F** grondement m, retentissement m, **S** estampido m, trueno m, **I** suòno m cùpo, rimbómba m, **G** Aufschwung m, Boom m; a loud, deep sound, *the boom of the cannon*, in commercial activities the 'boom' is a period of rapid advance, *the business boom*, *the baby boom*
***boom town** -----*n* a town that suddenly experiences the boom of economic activities
***boom box** -----*n* *AmE* *informal* ghetto blaster
***boom-er** -----*n* one who 'booms' an enterprise, *AmE* **baby boomer**
boom-er-ang¹ -----*n* (from *wo-mur-rang*, the name for this weapon in the language of the aborigines of New South Wales, Australia; 19c); **F** boomerang m, **S** bumerang m, **I** boomeràng m, bumeràng m, **G** Bumerang m, zurückschlagen (auf); an Australian missile weapon, made of a curved piece of hard wood, that comes back to the person who threw it
boom-er-ang² *v* **F** faire boomerang, **S** tener un resultado contraproducente, **I** fare boomeràng, ottenere un effèto m controproducente, **G** zurückschlagen (auf); said of a plan or action that boomerangs, i.e. affects you badly instead of the person it was intended to hit, *his dissolute life will boomerang on his health*
boon ----- *n* (OE *bēn* prayer, Old Icelandic *bōn*, ME *bone* benefit, from a proto-Germanic root); **F** avantage m, bienfait m, **S** ventaja f, beneficio m, **I** beneficio m, **G** Wohltat f, Gefälligkeit f; sth that is very useful and makes life easier, *the opening of the supermarket will be a boon to the villagers*
***boon adj**; **boon companion** *lit* a very close friend
***boon-docks**----- *n/pl* *AmE* *informal* **F** banlieu f, **S** periferia f, afueras f/pl, **I** zòna f rurale, periferia f, **G** Peripherie f, Provinz f; a place that is a long way from the nearest town, a rural area, outer suburbs
***boon-dog-gle** ----- *AmE* *slang* (origin unknown; about 1925); an useless or unnecessary work
***boon-ies** -----*n/pl* *AmE* *informal* the boon docks
boor ----- *n* *old fashioned* (see OF *bovier* herdsman, from L *bōs-bovis*; the forms *bour* and *boor*, 16c, were apparently borrowed from Dutch *boer* farmer, ModLG *buur*, ModG *Bauer*); **F** rustre m, rustaud m, **S** hombre m grosero, **I** uòmo m grossolano, zoticone m, **G** Bauer m, ungehobelter Kerl; a peasant, a rustic person
***boor-ish** ----- *adj* **F** rustre, grossier, **S** grosero/a, **I** grossolano/a, **G** ungehobelt, flegelhaft; having rough manners, lacking refinement
boost¹ -----*v* (*AmE*, of unknown origin; early 19c); **F** battage m, soutien m, **S** empujar, hacer publicidad por, **I** spingere verso l'alto, sostenere, **G** hochschieben, fördern; raise up, lift up, *to boost one's hopes*
boost² *n* **F** faire de la réclame ou du battage pour, **S** empuje m, ayuda f, **I** spinta f, incoraggiamento m, **G** Förderung f, Erhöhung f; sth that gives support, confidence, etc, *a boost to the economic recovery*
***boost-er** ----- *n* **F** propulseur m, **S** impulsador m, **I** sostenitore m, propulsore m, **G** Förderer m, Servomotor m; a person or thing that boosts, *a confidence booster*, *a morale booster*, an extra engine in a spacecraft that boosts its power when taking off, *a booster rocket*
***booster seat** ----- *n* *BrE* also **booster chair**, **booster cushion** a special seat for a little child in a car, to raise the child at a higher level
boot¹ ----- *n* (ME *bote*, OF *bote*, MedL *botta*, *bota*, ModF *botte*, of uncertain origin; early 14c); **F** bottine f, botte f, **S** bota f, **I** stivale m, **G** Stiefel m; a kind of shoe that covers the foot and the lower part of the leg

boot² *v* **F** flanquer des coups de pied à, **S** dar un puntapié a, **I** prèndere a calci, **G** einen Fußtritt geben; to kick somebody with your foot, *to boot the ball*

boot camp----- *n* a camp where young criminals have to do hard physical work

bootee *n/pl* a baby's sock worn instead of shoes

booth -----*n* (ME *bothe*, see Old Icelandic *būdh* dwelling, Old Swedish & Old Danish *bōth*, booth, stall, MHG *buode* hut, tent, ModG *Bude* hat; early 13c); **F** baraque f, tente f, **S** puesto m, barraca f, **I** baracca f, bancarella f, **G** (Markt)Bude f, (Messe)Stand; a temporary structure covered with canvas, a tent, a stall, *a phone booth, a photo booth*

***boot-lace** -----*n* usually plural a long thin piece of leather used to fasten boots or shoes

***boot-leg**¹ -----*adj* *AmE* illegally made or copied, *bootleg software*

bootleg² *n* trousers that flare at the knee for wearing over boots, *a pair of bootlegs*

bootleg³ *v* to make or sell goods illegally

***boot-leg-ger**----- *n* *AmE* (probably from people carrying bottles in their boots, during prohibitionism in America; early 20c); one who makes or sells goods illegally

***boot-leg-ging** -----*n* the act of making or selling goods illegally

***boot-strap** -----*n* *informal* to improve your own situation with your hard work, without the help of anybody, *to pull yourself up by your bootstraps*

booty -----*n* (origin unclear, cf OF *butin*, MLG *būte* exchange, barter, Dutch *buyt*, *buēt*, ModG *Beute*; 15c); **F** butin m, **S** botín m, presa f, **I** bottino m, prèda f, **G** (Kriegs)Beute f, Raub m; things stolen by soldiers after the victory, *the booty of Napoleon's campaigns in Italy were mostly art masterpieces*

booze¹ -----*v* *informal* (a variant of ME *bouse*, from Middle Dutch *būsen* drink heavily, related to MLG *būsen*; 18c); **F** boire comme un trou, **S** beber, emborracharse, **I** bere àlcol, specie in lārghe quantità, **G** saufen; to drink heavily, *he spends the weekends boozing with his friends*

booze² *n* **F** boisson f, **S** bebida f, alcohol m, **I** bevànda f alcòlica, **G** Schnaps f, Sauferei f; alcoholic drink

***boozier** *n* **F** ivrogne m, **S** bebedor m, tomador m, **I** ubriacóne m, **G** Säufer m; someone who drinks heavily

***booze-up**----- *n* *BrE* *informal* a party where people drink a lot of alcohol

***boozy** -----*adj* drinking a lot of alcohol, *a boozy night*

bop¹ -----*n* *colloquial* (echoic; 20c); a dance to pop music

bop² *v* to dance to pop music

bor-age *n* ----- (MedL *borrāgo*, OF *bourrace*, probably from LL *burra*; 13c); **F** bourrache f, **S** borraja f, **I** borràgine f, **G** Borretsch m; a blue, aromatic herb, the genus of plants of the *Boraginaceae*, the common English species being the *Borago officinalis*

borax ----- *n* (ME *boras*, borrowed from French *boras*, Anglo-Latin *borax*, Persian *būrah*; 16c as *borax*); **F** borax m, **S** bórax m, **I** boràce m, **G** Borax; the acid borate of sodium, a native salt

bor-dello -----*n* *literary* (superseded by **brothel**, OF *bordel* a cabin, MedL *bordellus*, LL *borda*; late 16c); a place where men can have sex by paying

border¹ -----*n* (ME *bordure*, OF *bordure*, LL *bordatura* edging, cf OHG *bort*, cognate with OE *bord* side; late 14c); **F** bord m, frontière f, **S** borde m, frontera f, **I** bórdo m, frontiera f, **G** Rand, Grenze f; the line that separates two countries, *crossing the border between France and Germany, border incident, the Borders* the region of Southern Scotland

bordering with England, a side, margin, *a decorative lace border*

bor-der² *v* **F** border, confiner (avec), **S** confinar con, **I** confinàre con, **G** begrenzen, grenzen an; if an area or state borders with another, it is next to it, *North-Eastern Italy borders with Southern Austria*

***bor-der-land** -----*n* **F** pays frontalier ou limitrophe, **S** zona f fronteriza, **I** zòna f di frontiera o di confine, **G** Grenzgebiet n; the part of a country bordering with another country, *Savoie and Val d'Aoste are borderland between France and Italy*

***bor-der-line**¹ *adj* **F** au limite, **S** dudoso/a, incierto/a, **I** (al) limite, al confine, **G** auf oder an e-r Grenze; on the border between a state and another, *a borderline village, fig. a borderline case*

***bor-der-line**² *n* **F** ligne f de séparation, frontière, **S** línea f divisoria, **I** linea f di frontiera o di confine, **G** Grenzlinie f; a line of demarcation, *the borderline between the USA and Canada*

bore -----*v* past tense of **bear**

bore¹ -----*vt/i* (ME *boren*, OE *borian*, cognate with OHG *borōn* to bore, ModG *bohren*, Old Icelandic *bora*, from Proto-Germanic, cognate with L *forāre* to bore, Gr *φάρος* a plough); **F** forer, percer, **S** perforar, **I** perforàre, **G** (durch)bohren; to make a deep round hole, to pierce, to drill, *to bore through the rock*

bore² *n* (OE *bor*, cognate with OHG *bora* gimlet, ModG *Bohr*, Old Icelandic *bora* a hole, Swedish *borr*, Danish *bor*); **F** forage m, alesage m, **S** barreno m, perforación f, **I** fòro m, **G** Bohrung f; a hole, especially one made by drilling, *a two metres bore*

bore¹ *v* (after 1750, of unknown origin; the phrase 'French bore' suggests that the word is of French origin, apparently from *bourrer* to stuff, to satiate); **F** ennuyer, **S** fastidiar, molestar, **I** annoiare, tediare, **G** langweilen; *v/t* to make someone feel bored

bore² *n* **F** personne ennuyeuse, **S** pelmazo m, pesado m, **I** persòna f noiòsa, seccatóre m, **G** Langweiliges oder Lästiges; a fit of boredom (French *ennui*, as the *spleen* was supposed to be English), a boring person

***bored** -----*adj* said of one who feels impatient because he has no interest in sth, *he is bored with this kind of work*

***bore-dom** -----*n* the state of being bored

***bore-hole** -----*n* a hole made in the ground in order to get water or oil out of the ground

***bor-ing** *adj* that causes boredom, *a boring kind of life*

born ----- *adj/v* (OE *boren*, pple of *geberan*, *beran* to carry, bring forth, see **bear**); **F** naître, né/e, **S** nacer, nato/a, **I** nascere, nàto/a., **G** geboren; **to be born**, to commence one's existence, *he was born in Oklahoma, he was born of Italian parents, of ideas or of a movement, the town where the protest movement was born, having an innate ability, he was born to be a humanist*

***born-** *suffix* a *French-born gentleman, the newborn, the first-born daughter*

***born-'again**----- *adj* used to describe someone who has accepted a particular type of Evangelical Christianity, *John is a born-again Christian*

***borne** ----- *adj* carried, endured

bor-ough ----- *n* (OE *burg*, OS *burg*, Dutch *burg*, OHG *burug*, ON, Sw & Danish *borg*, year 1100 *burgh*, OE *burh*, OHG *burg*, Gothic *boürgs* city, from Proto-Germanic **burgs*, related to OE *beorg* hill, mound, from Indo-European *bherǵh*: see **barrow** mound; cognate with L *burgus* a castle, fort, Gr *πύργος* tower); **F** conseil m municipal, **S** municipio m, **I** bórgo m, distrétto m amministrativo, **G** Stadtteil m, Stadtbezirk m; a part of a city that has a local government,

Brooklin is a borough in New York City, Enfield is one of the Greater London boroughs

bor·row -----v (OE *borgian*, from *borg* pledge, loan, cognate with OHG *borgēn* give surety, G *borgen* borrow, Old Icelandic *borga* become surety for); F emprunter, S pedir prestado, adoptar, I prèndere in prèstito, G (aus)borgen, (ent)leihen; to get something on loan and return it at a later time, *I borrowed this book from the university library*, fig. *words borrowed from Latin*

***bor·row·er** -----n F emprunteur/euse, S el (la) que toma prestado, prestatario/a, I chi prènde in prèstito, G Entleiher m, Kreditnehmer m; one who borrows, *this library has four thousand borrowers*

***bor·row·ing** -----n F emprunt m, S préstamo(s) m/pl, I prèstito m, G Kreditaufnahme f, Anleihe f; the money that a person or a company borrows, *our company has had recourse to heavy borrowing*, fig., *a borrowing from French*

bor·stal -----n Brit/E (after Borstal in Kent, where a school was established; early 20c); an institution which was both a prison and a school, to which young criminals were sent; now 'detention centres' and 'youth custody centres'

bosom -----n (OE *bōsm*, ME *bosum*, OS *bōsom*, OHG *buosam* breast; ModG *Busen*); F poitrine f, seins m/pl (of a woman), S seno m, pecho m, I pètto m, séno m, grémbo m, G Busen m, Brust f; breast, especially that of a woman, *Joan's fine bosom*, fig. *to live in the bosom of one's own family*

bosom friend-----n AmE *bosom buddy*, a very close friend

boss¹ -----n (Dutch *baas* master, apparently related to Germanic *base* female cousin, OHG *basa* aunt; 17c); F patron/onne, S jefe m, patrón m, I càpo m, padróne m, G Chef m, Vorgesetzer m; originally AmE, equivalent of master, an employer of labour, a business manager, now in general use in BrE, *the boss of our shop*

boss² v informal to keep telling people what to do, *he always bosses people around him*

boss³ n (ME *boce*, *bos*, OF *boce*, Old Provençal *bossa* ball, VL **bottia*, It *bozza*; in ME *boss* and *boich* are partly synonymous; 14c); F protubérance f, S protuberancia f, I protuberanza f, bòzza f, G Beule f, Buckel m; a protuberance on the body of an animal or plant, *a boss in the tree*

***bossy** -----adj from **boss**¹ said of one who keeps telling people what to do, *stop being bossy with me!*

***bot·anic·al** -----adj (F *botanique*, Gr *βοτανικός* of herbs, from *βοτάνη* pasture, herb); F botanique, S botánico/a, I botànico/a, G botanisch; relating to the science of botany

***botanic(al) garden** n F jardin m botanique, S jardín m botánico, I giardino m botànico, G botanischer Garten; a garden in which exotic plants are cultivated for scientific and educational purposes

***bot·an·ist**-----n (F *botaniste*, see suffix *-ist*; 17c, earlier **botanic**); F botaniste m/f, S botánico/a, botanista m/f, I botànico/f, G Botaniker m; one whose job is to study plants

bot·any -----n (from *botanic*, *botanical*, on the analogy of 'history', 'historic', 'historical', etc; late 17c); F botanique f, S botánica f, I botànica, G Botanik f; the scientific study of plants

botch¹ -----v coll (of uncertain origin, probably onomatopoeic; 16c); F bousiller, loucher, S chapucear, chafullar, I abborracciare, pasticciàre, G zs-schustern, pfuschen; to do sth unskillfully, to repair sth carelessly, *a botched attempt*

botch² n F travail m mal fait ou busillé, S chapuza f, I lavoro mal fatto, abborracciato, G Flickwerk n, Pfscharbeit f; sth done carelessly or unskillfully

both adj/pron (OE *bāthe*, cognate with OS *bēthe*, OHG *beide*, *bēde*, cf L *ambo* both, Gr *ἀμφω*); F tous/tes les deux, l'un/e et l'autre, S ambos, los dos, I entràmbi, G beide, beides; the two, the one as well the other, *both the brothers are engineers*, *they are both engineers*, *both of them are engineers*

bother¹ vt/i (of uncertain origin, first appeared in Irish authors early in 18c, cf Irish *bodar* deaf, confused, Gaelic *bodhar* deaf, *bodhair* to deafen; early 18c); F ennuyer, s'ennuyer, déranger S molestar, fastidiar, preocuparse por, I infastidire, infastidirsi, importunàre, G belästigen, sich sorgen (um); to give trouble, to annoy, *he doesn't bother anybody*, to make an effort towards doing sth, *he did not bother to give me any answer*, to worry, *this problem bothers me*

bother² n F ennuy m, S molestia f, I molèstia f, fastidio m, G Plage f, Mühe f; trouble, difficulty, *this doesn't give me any bother*

bother³ interj old fashioned, used when you are annoyed about sth, *bother! the wheel of the car is soft!*

***both·er·some** adj F importun/e, gênant/e, S molesto/a, I molèsto/a, fastidioso/a, G lästig, störend; troublesome, tiresome, *bothersome questions*, *bothersome wind*

bothy Scottish (etymology unknown, but see Irish and Gaelic *both* hut, diminutive of *bothan*; 18c); a huth or cottage in Scotland used as temporary accommodation, a furnished dwelling for farm workers

bot·tle¹ n (OF *bouteille*, MedL *buttacula*, dim of LL *buttis* vessel, hence *butler*; 14c); F bouteille f, flacon m, S botella f, I bottiglia f, G Flasche f; a glass or plastic container used for storing liquids, *a bottle of red wine*, *a milk bottle*

bot·tle² v F mettre en bouteilles, S embotellar, I imbottigliare, G in Flaschen abfüllen; to store a liquid in a bottle, *to bottle the wine*

***bottle bank** n a container in the street where you put empty bottles so that the glass can be recycled

***bottle-feed** v to feed a baby from a bottle rather than from his mother's breast

***bottle-green** n a very dark green colour

***bottle-neck** n a place in the street where the traffic cannot easily pass, so that traffic jams take place

***bottle-opener** n F ouvre-bouteille m, S abrebotellas m, I apri-bottiglie m, G Flaschenöffner m; a device to open a bottle

bot·tom¹ n (OE *botm* lowest part, ME *butme*, OS *bodom*, OHG *bodam*, MHG & Dutch *boden*, ModG *Boden*, cf Gr *πυθμῆν* bottom, depth, L *fundus*); F bas m, fond m, S fondo m, I fòndo m, G Unterseite f, Boden m, fig. Grundlage f; the lowest part of anything, *the bottom of the dish*, fig. *the bottom of the class*, *from the bottom of my heart*

bottom² v phr F mettre un siège m à (*une chaise*), (*of ship*) toucher le fond, S poner fondo o asiento a, llegar el fondo de, I mèttere (o fàre) il fòndo a, toccàre il fòndo, G mit e-m Boden od. Sitz versehen, ergründen; to provide with a bottom, *to bottom the chair*, said of a submarine, *the submarine bottomed on deep waters*; **to bottom out** phr v, said of a situation that stops getting worse, before it starts improving, *the recession is apparently bottoming out*

bottom³ adj F dernier/ère, S más bajo/a, último/a, I último, in fòndo, G unterst, letzt; lowest, last, *the bottom drawer*, *the bottom end of the street*

***bottom feeder** n informal a fish that feeds on material drifting to the bottom of a body of water, a person who earns money by taking advantage of bad things that happen to other people

***bot-tom-less** *adj* **F** sans fond, **S** sin fondo, **I** senza fondo, **G** bodenlos, unergründlich; extremely deep, having no bottom, fig. *my finances are far from being a bottomless pit*
bottom line *n* the most important thing you make or rely upon, *the bottom line is that we shall get for the book no less than \$10,000*

botu-lism *n* (from **G** *Botulismus*, **L** *botulus* sausage, from the shape of the bacterium; 19c); **F** botulisme m, **S** botulismo m, **I** botulismo m, **G** Botulismus m; a serious food poisoning, caused by a bacteria toxin commonly found in imperfectly preserved meat

bou·doir *n* (**F** *boudoir*, from *bouder* to sulk, be discontented; late 18c); **F** boudoir m, **S** tocador m, **I** boudoir m, salottino m privato, **G** Boudoir n; a woman's private sitting room

bouf·fant *adj* (**F** *bouffant*; late 19c); **F** (of hair) gonflant, (of skirts) bouffant/e, **S** crepado/a ????????, **I** gónfio/a, vaporoso/a, **G** ... ????????; a style in which a person's hair is arranged in a high rounded shape

bou·gain·vil·lea *n* (named after the French navigator Louis de Bougainville; 19c); **F** bougainvillée f, **S** buganvilla f, **I** buganvillea f, **G** Bouganvillea f; genus of tropical plants with red or purple flowers

bough *n* (OE *bōg*, *boog* bough, cognate with OHG *buog* shoulder, Gr *πῆχυς* forearm; late 14c); **F** branche f, rameau m, **S** rama f, **I** ràmo m, **G** Zweig m; a branch of a tree, *the golden bough*

bought past tense and pple of **to buy**

bouil·lon *n* (French, from *bouillir* to boil; 17c); **F** bouillon m, consommé m, **S** caldo m, **I** bròdo m, **G** Fleischbrühe f, Bouillon f; a soup usually made from beef or chicken meat

boul·der *n* also **erratic block** (ME *boulderston*, cp Sw *bullersten* large stone in a stream causing the water to make noise; 14c); **F** (gros) bloc m de pierre, **S** canto m rodado, **I** ciòtolo m, màsso m erràtico, **G** Fels-, Geröllblock m, *geol* erraticischer Block; large rock that has been rounded by weathering and abrasion

boulevard *n* *abbr* **Bldv** (French, apparently from a Teutonic word, MLG *bolwerk*, Middle Dutch *bolwark*, *bolwerk*, **G** *Bollwerk*, see **bulwark**; 18c); **F** boulevard m, **S** bulevar m, **I** boulevard m, viàle m, **G** Boulevard m; a broad avenue, usually flanked by trees, *Boulevard St Michel in Paris*, *Sunset Boulevard*

bounce¹ *v/t/i* (ME *buncin*, *bonchen*, extended to actions producing a noise; apparently of imitative origin, see Dutch *bons* a thump, LG *bunsen*; early 13c); **F** rebondir, **S** (re)botar, **I** (far) rimbalzàre, **G** springen, (auf)springen lassen; *intr*, said of a ball, to jump back from a solid surface, *the ball bounced up and down on the surface*, *tr/i* said of an e.mail message, to be returned to the sender, *the e.mail bounced back*, said of a cheque which is returned because there is not enough money in the account, *the cheque bounced*, *the bank bounced the cheque*; **bounce back** *phr v* become healthy or successful after sth bad has happened, *after the illness he seems to be bouncing back quickly*

bounce² *n* **F** rebond m, rebondissement m, **S** (re)bote m, **I** rimbàlzo m, **G** Sprung m; the action of bouncing, *the bounce of the ball on the surface*, fig. *this spray gives your hair a fresh bounce*; **on the bounce**, *she is again on the bounce*

***boun·cer** *n coll* **F** videur m, **S** forzudo/a m, gorila m, **I** gorilla m, buttafuòri m, **G** Angeber m; one whose job is that of standing at the door of a club, and stop unwanted people from entering

***boun·cing** *adj* **F** rebondissant/e, **S** robusto/a, fuerte, **I** vigoroso/a, robusto, **G** stramm, lebhaft; a bouncing young man

***bouncy** *adj* able to bounce well, *a bouncy ball*, (said of a person) confident and energetic, *a bouncy man*

bound¹ -----*adj* not before noun (early 14c as *bounde*, middle 15c as *bound*, shortened from *bounden*, past participle of **bind**); **F** être lié par ?????, **S** estar seguro de, **I** obbligato/a, **G** zwangsläufig etwas tun müssen, verpflichtet sein; to be bound to, compelled, *he is bound by his duties towards his family*

bound² *v* (MF *bondir* to rebound, OF *bondir* make a resounding noise, LL *bombitäre*, freq. form of **L** *bombire* to buzz, from *bombus* a deep sound, a booming; late 16c); **F** bond m, saut m, **S** saltar, **I** saltàre, balzàre, **G** (hoch)springen; leap, spring (bound up, towards, across, etc), *the dog was bounding across the prey*

bound³ *n literary* **F** bond m, saut m, **S** salto m, **I** saltò m, **G** Sprung m, Satz m; a long or high jump, a bounce, *the bound of the tiger over the enclosure*

bound⁴ *n* usually **bounds** boundary, limit (early 14c as *bounde* boundary marker, MedL *bunda*, see Old French *bodne*, *bonne* boundary stone; late 14c as **bound**); **F** frontière, borne f, bornage m, **S** límite m, **I** límite m, confine m, **G** Grenze f, Bereich m; a landmark indicating the limit of an estate or territory, *the stone indicates the bound between the two properties*, fig. *beyond the bounds of reason*

bound⁵ *v* **F** limiter, délimiter, **S** limitar, **I** delimitàre, confinàre con, **G** abgrenzen, beschränken; to set boundaries, to limit, to enclose, *the farm was bounded by a fence*

-bound⁶ *suffix*, *strike-bound airport*, *a duty-bound man*

***bound·ary** *n* (*bound n--ary*; early 17c); **F** limite f, frontière f, **S** límite m, **I** confine m, **G** Grenze f, Grenzlinie f; the official line that divides a country from another, *national boundaries*, *the Alps are the natural boundary between Italy and Central Europe*

***bound·en** *adj* *old fash* **your bounden duty**, something you should do for moral reasons

***bound·less** *adj* **F** sans bornes, illimité, **S** ilimitado/a, **I** senza limiti, illimitato/a, **G** grenzenlos, unbegrenzt; without limits, having no ends, *boundless ambition*

boun·teous *adj lit* (OF *bontif*, *bontive*, benevolent, from *bonté* goodness, see **bounty**, ME *bounteous*; 14c); **F** abondant/e, généreux/euse, **S** abundante, generoso, **I** abbondante, generoso/a, **G** freigebig; full of goodness, very generous, *a bounteous reward*

***boun·ti·ful** *adj* more than enough, *bountiful harvest*

***bounty** *n* (ME *bunte*, *bounte*, Anglo-French *bunté*, OF *bonté*, **L** *bonitāt-em*, nominative *bonitas* benevolence, generosity); **F** indemnité f, générosité f, **S** munificencia f, premio m de enganche, **I** ricompensa f, tàglia f, **G** Freigebigkeit f; a reward given, especially by authorities, to kill or capture dangerous criminals, *bounty killer*, *lit* generosity

bou·quet *n* (**F** *bouquet* 'little wood', OF *boschet*, *dim* of *bois* forest, MedL *boscus*, see OHG *bosc*, *busk*; 18c); **F** bouquet m, **S** ramo m, ramillete m, **I** bouquet m, mazzo m di fióri, **G** Bukett n, Blume f; a bunch of flowers

bou·quet garni *cookery* -----

bour·bon *n* (named after the Bourbon Royal Family; early 20c); *Bourbon biscuit*, a type of biscuit

bour·geois *n/adj* (Middle French *bourgeois*, OF *burgeis*, from LL *burgensis*, **L** *burgus*, see **borough**; 16c); **F**

bourgeois m, **S** burgués/esa, **I** borghése, **G** Bourgeois m; a member of the middle class, especially regarded as politically conservative

***bourgeoisie** n **F** bourgeoisie f, **S** burguesía f, **I** borghesia f, **G** Bürgertum n; the middle class, *the eighteenth-century bourgeoisie*

bout n (apparently a variant of obsolete *bowt* a curve, about 1400 as *bought*, see **byht** a bend; late 16c); **F** tour m, (*of drinking*) *soûlerie* f, **S** turno m, (*of drinking*) *juerga* f de borrachera, **I** gàra f, *accèsso* m, **G** Arbeitsgang m, *Attacke* f; a short period of intense activity, especially sth bad, *a drinking bout, a bout of madness*, a short period of time during which you suffer from an illness, *a bout of depression, of influenza, of sickness*

boutique n (*F boutique*, earlier *bouticle*, Old Provençal *botica*, an adaptation of L *apothēca*, Gr *ἀποθήκη* magazine, store-house; 18c); a shop that sells fashionable clothes

bou-tonnière n *AmE, BrE* buttonhole

bo-vine adj **F** bovin/ine, **S** bovino/a, **I** bovino/a, **G** Ochsen-, Rind-; belonging or related to cattle, *bovine meat, derogatory* said of a person, *a bovine appearance*

bow¹ v (OE *būgan*, ME *bo(u)wen*, OHG *biogan*, ModG *biegen*, see L *fugēre* to run away, Gr *φεύγειν* flee, take flight); **F** s'incliner, **S** inclinar, *inclinarse*, **I** inchinarsi, *fare un inchino* m, *piegare*, **G** beugen, *sich verbeugen*; *intr use*, to incline your head and your body as a sign of respect, to assume a bent position, to bend or make sth bend

bow² n (from **bow** verb); **F** salut m, *révérence* f, **S** inclinación f, *reverencia* f, **I** inchino m, **G** Verbeugung f, *Verneigung* f; an act of bending your head, *to bow one's head*

bow³ n (OE *boga* bent, ME *bowe*, Old Frisian *boga*, Dutch *boog*, MHG *boge*, ModG *Bogen*); **F** arc m, **S** arco m, **I** arco m, **G** (Schieß)Bogen, *Bogen* m; a weapon used for shooting arrows, *bows and arrows*

bow⁴ v **F** courber, *gouverner l'archet*, **S** tocar con arco, **I** suonare uno strumento m ad arco, **G** den Bogen führen; to use a bow to play a musical instrument

bow⁵ n (from a Low German source, cp Low German *būg*, Middle Dutch *boech*, Modern Dutch *boeg*, all meaning 'bow of a ship', cognate with Old English *bōg* shoulder, see **bough**; early 17c); **F** avant m, *étrave* f, *proue* f, **S** proa f, **I** prua f, *prora* f, **G** Bug m; forward part of a ship

bowd-ler-ize v (from Thomas Bowdler, who published, in 1818, an edition of Shakespeare designed for 'family reading'); **F** expurger (*une oeuvre littéraire*), **S** expurgar (*un escrito*), **I** espurgare, **G** (Büchern) säubern; remove passages from a book on moral grounds, to expurgate an edition, especially in a distorting and unnecessary way

bowel n (ME *buel*, *bouel*, OF *bouel*, LL *botellus* sausage, diminutive of *botulus* a sausage; 14c); **F** intestin m, **S** intestino m, *intestinos* m/pl, **I** intestino m, *viscere* f/pl, **G** Darm m, *Gedärm* n; the tube that carries the waste from the stomach

***bowel movement** n the act of emptying the bowels

bower n (OE *būr* dwelling, related to OE *būan* dwell, cognate with OHG *būr* dwelling, Old Icelandic *būa* chamber, Gothic *bauan* dwell, live, ModG *Bauer*, in place-names -*euren*, eg *Benediktbeuren* dwelling of the Benediktines); a place in a garden, enclosed and shaded by trees and plants, *lit a lady's private boudoir*

bowl¹ n (OE *bolla*, Middle Dutch *bolle*, Dutch *bol*, cognate OHG *bolla*); **F** bol m, *coupe* f, **S** escudilla f, *tazón* m, **I** ciòtola f, *scodella* f, **G** Napf m, *Schale* f; a round dish for holding liquids, distinguished from the cup, which is rather deep than wide; also distinguished from a *basin*, eg the ordinary wash-hand basin; 'the ordinary small earthenware vessels, used for porridge, soup, milk, sugar, etc., which are historically *bowls*, and are so called in Scotland and in U.S., are always called in the south-east of England, and hence, usually in literary English, *basins*' (OED), *a bowl of soup*

bowl² n (*F boule*, ME *bowle*, MF *boule*, Gallo-Romance *bulla* ball, L *bulla* bubble; 15c); **F** boule f, **S** bola f, *bocha* f, **I** boccia f, **G** Kugel m, *Spielkugel* m; a heavy wooden ball for rolling used in bowling, *the captain threw the ball*

bowl³ v (MedL *bolare*, from *bolus*, cf Modern French *bouler*, from *boule*); **F** jouer aux boules, **S** arrojar, *jugar a las bochas*, **I** giocare a bocce, **G** rollen (lassen), *Bowling spielen*; play at bowls, *they spend the afternoons bowling*

***bow-legs** n legs that curve outwards at the knees, *adj* bow-legged

***bowler**¹ n in cricket, a player who throws the ball at a batsman, a person who plays bowls

***bowler**² n **bowler hat**, *AmE* **derby**, a black hat with a curved brim and round top, worn by businessmen in the past

***bowling** n the game of bowls

***bowling alley** n a building where people go bowling

***bowling green** n a heavy ball you use in the game of bowling

***bow-man** n *old fash.* in the past a soldier whose weapon was a bow, an archer

***bow tie** a man's tie that is tied in the shape of a bow, worn especially on formal occasions

***bow window** n a bay window

***bow-vow** *interj* used by children to imitate the dog's bark

box¹ n (OE *box*, L *pyxis*, also *pyxis*, a small box or casket, MedL *buxis* box, Gr *πυξίς*; the Teutonic forms OHG *buhsa*, MHG *buhse*, are apparently from L or MedL); **F** caisse f, *coffre* f, *boîte* f, **S** caja f, *cofre* m, **I** scàtola f, **G** Kasten m, *Koffer* m; a case or receptacle usually having a lid

box² v **F** emboîter, *encaisser*, **S** encajonar, *poner en una caja*, **I** inscatolàre, *mettere in (una) scatola*, **G** in Schachtlen legen, *packen*; to put in a box, *to box the collection of books*

box³ n **F** gifle f, *taloche* f, **S** cachete m, **I** schiàffo m, *ceffóne* m, **G** Schlag m mit der Hand; a slap, a punch, *he got a box on the right ear*

box⁴ v (of unclear origin; Modern Dutch *boxen*, LG *ba(a)xen*, *G baxen*, Danish *baxe*, are apparently all from English; the modern sense of 'fighting with the fists' appeared in 16c); **F** gifler, *boxer*, **S** boxear, *dar un cachete a uno*, **I** fare a pugni, *boxare*, **G** j-n ohrfeigen, *boxen*; to fight in the sport of boxing

box⁵ n (OE *box*, L *buxus* a box-tree, an object made of boxwood, Gr *πύξοις*); **F** buis m, **S** boj m, **I** bòsso m, **G** Buchsbaum(holz) m; a genus of small evergreen trees or shrubs, the Common or Evergreen Box-tree, much used in ornamental gardening

***box-car** n *AmE* a closed railway carriage, used for carrying goods

***boxed** *adj* put and sold in a box, *a boxed set of films*

***boxer** n one who boxes, *a heavyweight boxer*, a large dog with short brown hair

***boxer shorts** n underwear for men

***box-ful** n the amount a box can hold

***boxing** n the sport of fighting with the fists

***Boxing Day** n in Great Britain 26 December, so called from the tradition of giving a 'Christmas box' to the poor on that day

***box junction** n *UK* a place marked with yellow lines where two roads cross each other, and where you cannot stop

***box number** *n* an address consisting of a PO box
***box office** *n* the place in a theatre or cinema where you buy tickets
***box-room** *n* a room in a house for storing things in
***box-wood** *n* the hard wood of the box

boy *n* (ME *boi*, *boy*, of obscure origin; cf Frisian *boi*, *boy*, young man, MLG *bove*, *boy*, Middle Dutch *boef boy*, MHG *buobe*, Mod dialectal German *Bube*); **F** garçon *m*, **S** niño *m*, chico *m*, **I** ragazzo *m*, **G** Knabe *m*, Junge *m*; a young male person, *a ten year-old boy*, a young son, *I have a boy and a girl*

boy-cott¹ *v* (from Captain Boycott, an Irish landlord who refused to lower rents and was 'boycotted', in the autumn of 1880, by the Irish land league); **F** boycotter, **S** boicotear, **I** boicottàre, **G** boykottieren; refuse to deal with a person, a company, etc, as a protest against it
boy-cott² *n* **F** boycottage *m*, **S** boicoteo *m*, **I** boicottaggio *m*, **G** Boykott *n*; the act of boycotting a person or a company

***boy-friend** *n* **F** (petit) ami *m*, **S** amigo *m*, amiguito *m*, **I** amichétto/a, fidanzàto/a, **G** Freund *m*; a man a girl/woman has a sentimental relationship with

***boy-hood** *n* **F** enfance *f*, première jeunesse *f*, **S** juventud *f*, **I** infanzia *f*, fanciullézza *f*, **G** Jugend *f*, Knabenalter *n*; the time when one is a boy

***boy-ish** *adj* **F** d'enfant, jeune, **S** juvenil, muchachil, **I** puerile, fanciullésco, **G** jungenhaft, knabenhaft; one who looks or behaves like a boy, *John's boyish behaviour*

Boy Scout *n* *AmE* a boy who is a member of the Scouts

bozo *n* *slang AmE* (20c, of unknown origin, but see *It buzzurro*, 1808); a silly person

Br., also **Br** in *BrE* abbreviation of **brother**, **British**

bra *n* formal **brassière**, also **brassiere** (French, from *bras arm*, L *brachium*; 20c); **F** soutien-gorge *m*, **S** sostén *m*, **I** reggipétto *m*, reggiséno *m*, **G** Büstenhalter *m*; an undergarment that a woman wears to support her breasts

brace¹ *n* (borrowed from OF *brace* arms, L *brac(c)hia*, pl of *brachium* arm, Gr *βραχίον* arm, cognate with L *brevis*; early 14c); **F** attache *f*, lien *m*, **S** refuerzo *m*, abrazadera *f*, **I** grappa *f*, gancio *m*, **G** (Zahn)Klammer *f*, Anker *m*; a device that holds things together or supports, *a brace for the teeth*, *a brace for her sore back*

brace² *v* (from OF *bracier* embrace; 14c); **F** ancrer, fortifier, **S** asegurar, reforzar, **I** sostenére, rinforzàre, **G** versteifen, stützen, verankern; support sth to prevent it from falling, *the roof has been braced with a support*, to prepare yourself for sth unpleasant that is going to happen, **brace yourself for sth**, *Katherine braced herself for the argument with the husband*

***brace-let** *n* (OF *bracelet*, dim of **brace**; 15c); **F** bracelet *m*, **S** brazalete *m*, pulsera *f*, **I** braccialétto *m*, **G** Armband *n*; a golden or silver ring that you wear around your wrist

***bracing** *adj* **F** fortifiant/e, tonifiant/e, **S** vigorizante, tónico/a, **I** tonificànte, rinforzànte, **G** stärkend, kräftigend; (especially of the weather) making you feel more energetic because it is fresh, *a bracing breeze*

bracken *n* (ME **brake**, from a Scandinavian source, see Swedish **bräken** fern, Danish *bregne*, Icelandic *burkni* fern; 14c); **F** fougère à l'aigle, **S** helecho *m*, **I** félice *f*, **G** Farn *m*, Farnkraut *n*; a wild plant, that is a kind of fern; it grows especially on moorland areas and turns brown in the autumn,

a dense growth of this, *we found our way through the bracken*

bracket¹ *n* (see MF *braguette*, dim of *brague* breeches, Provençal *braga*, L *bracae* breeches, trousers, from Gaulish, from a Germanic source; 16c); **F** parenthèse *f*, console *f*, tranche *f* (de revenu), **S** paréntesis *m/pl*, soporte *m*, clase *f*, categoría *f*, **I** parèntesi *f*, mènsole *f* di sostégno, classe *f*, categoria *f*, **G** Klammer *f*, Konsole *f*, Träger *m*; a pair of symbols used to group together or enclose words, **angle brackets**, **square brackets**, *the last sentence must be in round/square brackets*, a piece of metal or plastic, L-shaped, fastened to a wall to hold a shelf, etc, *two iron brackets hold the shelf*, a particular range of age, income, etc, *to be in the upper/lower income bracket*, *the 61-65 age bracket*

bracket² *v* (verb use of *n*; 19c); **F** mettre entre parenthèses, réunir (*des mots*), associer les noms de (*deux personnes*), **S** poner entre paréntesis, agrupar, asegurar con ménsulas, **I** méttère tra parèntesi, raggruppàre, sostenére con mènsole, **G** einklammern, in einer Gruppe einordnen, auf gleiche Stufe stellen; **[not the same meanings are in all the languages !!! !!! check ++ ++ ++ ++ !!!]**

to put words between brackets, *to bracket a sentence*, to put two or more people in the same class, *he has been bracketed with the highest rate taxpayers*, to support a beam etc with brackets, *the wall was bracketed for reasons of security*

brack-ish *adj* (from earlier English *brack*, Middle Dutch and Dutch *brak* brackish; 16c); **F** (eau) saumâtre, **S** salobre, **I** salmàstro/a, **G** brackig; said of water, slightly salty and not pure, *brackish water*, *brackish lagoon*

brae *n* *Scottish and Northern* (ON *bra*, OE *braew* eyelid, OHG *brāva*, *G Braue*; 14c); **F** pente *f*, côte *f*, **S** pendiente *f*, ladera *f* de monte, **I** pendio *m*, declivio *m*, **G** Abhang *m*, Böschung *f*; a slope on a hill, the sloping bank bounding a river or a loch

brag¹ *n* (of uncertain origin, see Gaulish or Celtic *brāca* Provençal *braga* to wear rich clothes, but cf Old Icelandic *bragr* the best, the boast or toast of anything, and *brak* creaking noise; 14c); **F** vantardise *f*, hâblerie *f*, **S** fanfarronada *f*, bravata *f*, **I** vanterìa *f*, millanteria *f*, **G** Prahlerei *f*; a boastful talk, a card game similar to poker

brag² *v/i* **F** se vanter, hâbler, **S** fanfarronear, jactarse de, **I** boriàrsi, vanagloriàrsi, **G** prahlen (mit); to boast, *to brag with one's own achievements*

***brag-gart** *n* *old fash* (*F bragard* vain, from *braguer* to brag; 16c); **F** vantard/arde, **S** fanfarrón *m*, jactancioso *m*, **I** millantatóre *m*, vanagloriósio/a, **G** Prahler *m*; someone who brags

Brah-man, **Brahmin** *n* (Sanskrit *Brahmana-s*, *brahmàn* sacrifice priest, Gr *Βραχμανης*, L *Brachmani*; 15c); **F** brahmane *m/f*, intellectuel/elle, **S** Brahamán/ana, **I** brahmàno *m*, bramino *m*, *fig.* persòna dotada di cultura, **G** Brahman *m*, gebildete, kultivierte Person; someone of the highest rank in the Hindu caste, who traditionally becomes priest in their religion, a person who has a lot of influence in society, especially in New England, *a Boston Brahmin*

braid¹ *v* (OE *bregdan* to weave, cognate with OS *bregdan*, OHG *brettan* draw (*a sword*), Old Icelandic *bregdha* move quickly, draw (*a weapon*), from Proto-Germanic); **F** tresse *f*, natte *f*, **S** trenza *f*, galón *m*, **I** tréccia *f*, gallóne, **G** flechten; to twist (thread or hair) together, *Joan braided her hair*, to decorate sth with braid, *to braid a uniform*

braid² *n* (some meanings developed from *breiden* *v*, others from OE *brægd* craft, fraud, which is cognate with Old Icelandic *bragd* deed, trick); **F** tresser, natter, **S** trenzar,

galonear, **I** intrecciare, **G** (Haar)Flechte f, Tresse f; a thin, coloured rope, mainly made from golden or silver threads twisted together, that is used as a decoration in military uniforms, in furniture, etc, *a hat trimmed with blue braid*

braille *n* (after Louis Braille, who invented the system; 19c); a system of printing for the blind

brain¹ *n* (OE *braegen*, cognate with Old Frisian *brein* brain, MLG *bregen* brain; the word is not found in Scandinavian or Gothic, but cf Greek *βρέγμα* front part of the head); **F** cerveau m, **S** cerebro m, **I** cervello m, **G** Gehirn n; the organ inside the head that controls the movements and the thoughts, *brain damage*, fig. intelligence, *he has no brain*, persons, *the best brains leave our country to join the American research laboratories*

brain² *v* informal to hit someone on the brain

***brain-child** *n* a clever idea, *the project was John's brainchild*

***brain damage** *n* a damage to the brain caused by an accident

***brain-dead** *adj* brain-dead is one who has a serious damage to the brain, because of an accident

***brain death** *n* the condition in which a person's brain stops working

***brain drain** *n* informal a situation in which the scientists from one nation go to another one, to improve their working conditions, *the brain drain from Italy towards the US*

***brain-less** *adj* informal extremely stupid

***brain-power** *n* the combined intelligence of people in one nation, *the scientific brainpower of this nation*

***brain-storm** *n* a sudden inability to think clearly, *I had a brainstorm in the exams and answered confusedly all the questions*

***brain-storming** *n* AmE the practice of making a group of people think together, to solve a problem, *a brainstorming session*

***brain-teaser** *n* **F** énigme f, **S** rompecabezas m, **I** indovinello m, **rèbus** m, **G** Rätsel n; a problem that you try to solve for fun, *the Sunday newspaper usually publish brainteasers*

***brain-wash** *v* **F** soumettre (*qn*) à un lavage de cerveau, **S** hacer un lavado de cerebro, **I** sottoporre a un lavaggio del cervello, **G** Gehirnwäsche unterziehen; to make one do or believe something by continually repeating it, *he has been brainwashed into adopting the views of silly politicians*

***brain-washing** *n*

***brain-wave** *n* informal a sudden clever idea, *I was confused, then I had a brainwave and found a solution to the problem*

***brainy** *adj* informal very intelligent

braise *v* (**F** *braiser*, from *braise* hot charcoal; late 18c); **F** braiser, cuire à l'étouffée, **S** cocer a fuego lento en una vasija bien tapada, **I** cuocere in stufato, **G** schmoren; cook slowly in a tightly-closed pan, the meat being surrounded with slices of bacon, herbs etc, *braised beef*

brake¹ *n* (apparently from earlier *brake* a bridle or curb, MLG *brake*, related to Middle Dutch *breken* to break, cognate with OE *breccan* to break; alternatively it could be borrowed from OF *brac*, *bras* arm, L *bracchium*; 18c): **F** frein m, **S** freno m, **I** frèno m, **G** Bremse f; a device that stops or slows a car, *when driving, put on the brake at the right moment*, fig. *the company put a brake on expectations of rise in salaries*

brake² *v* (from the noun; 19c); **F** freiner, **S** frenar, **I** frenare, **G** bremsen; to make a vehicle slow down using the brake, *brake gently when driving on icy ground*

***brake light** *n* a red light at the back of a vehicle, that light up when you use the brake

***brake pad** *n* a thin block that presses onto the disk brake in a vehicle

bram·ble *n* (OE *brembel*, *bremel*, late 14c as *brambel*, from a Germanic word meaning *thorny bush*, see **broom**); **F** ronce f ou mûrier m des haies, **S** zarza f, **I** róvo m, **G** Brombeerstrauch m; a prickly bush, in which blackberries grow, **BrE** **blackberry**, *bramble jam*

bran *n* (OF *bren*, *bran*, VL **brennum*, of Gaulish origin; 14c); **F** son m, **S** salvado m, **I** crùsca f, **G** Kleie f; the outer covering of grain which is separated when the grain is made into flour, *wheat bran*

branch¹ *n* (OF *braunche*, **F** *branche*, **LL** *branca* paw of an animal; early 14c as *braunche*); **F** branche f, rameau m, bras (*d'un fleuve*), **S** rama f (*of a tree*), fig. ramo m, división f, sucursal, ramal m, brazo m, **I** ramo m, sezione f, filiale f, braccio m (*of a river*), **G** Zweig m, (unter)Abteilung f, Branche f, Linie f, Filiale f, Arm m; one of the parts of a tree that grows out from the main trunk, *flowery branches*, part of a company, *a branch of the National Bank*, a section of knowledge, *a branch of chemistry*, of a river, *a branch of Mississippi*, of a family, *a branch of my family moved to the USA last century*

branch² *v* **F** (*of a road*) bifurquer, **S** ramificarse, separarse (*from*), **I** ramificare, biforcarsi, **G** Zweige treiben, sich verzweigen, sich ausbreiten; to produce branches, *the tree branches over the alley*, said of part of a road or river that leaves the main part, *the road branches one mile down in the valley*

brand¹ *n* (OE *brond*, *brand*, OHG & MHG *brant*, from Proto-Germanic; early 14c); **F** marque f, **S** marca f, hierro m, **I** màrca f, (*mark made by burning*) màrchio m (*a fuòco*), tipo m, **G** Marke f, Markenname f, Warenzeichen n, Feuerbrand m; a type of product made by a company, *an old brand of Scotch whisky*, fig. *a special brand of humour*, a mark that is burned by cowboys onto the skin of an animal to show who owns it, *the cows have their own brand on them*, literary a burning piece of wood, *a firebrand*

brand² *vt* **F** marquer (*au fer rouge*), flétrir, stigmatiser, **S** marcar, estigmatizar a uno de, calificar algo de, **I** marchiare, tacciare di, **G** mit einem Brandmal versehen, brandmarken; to mark an animal etc, *to brand a calf*, to stigmatize the conduct of somebody, *he was branded a liar, that event is branded in my memory*

***branded** *adj* **F** de marque, (*cattle*) marqué au fer rouge, **S** artículos m/pl de marca, **I** di màrca, (*cattle*) con il màrchio m, **G** Echtheitszeichen n; said of a product that is made by a well-known company and has the name of that company on it, *a branded Scotch whisky*

***branding iron** *n* **F** fer m rouge pour marquer, **S** hierro m de marcar, **I** ferro m per marchiare, **G** Brenneisen n, Brandeisen n; an iron that is heated and used to brand farm animals, particularly cows

***brand-dish** *v* (14c as *braundishen*, from OF *brandir*, from *brand* sword, OHG *brant*, see **brand**); to wave sth like a weapon in a threatening way, *the robber brandished a knife*

***brand name** *n* also **trade name**, the name given to a particular product by a company that makes it

***brand-new** *adj* new and not yet used, *a brand-new car*

brandy *n* (short for *brandywine*, Dutch *brandewijn*, from *brant* burned+wijn wine; 17c); an alcoholic drink distilled from wine and flavoured with fruits, a glass of brandy

***brandy snap** *n* **BrE** a thin biscuit in the shape of a tube, flavoured with ginger and filled with cream

brash *adj* *disapproving* (apparently onomatopoeic, in association with words like **rash**, **crash**, etc; early 19c); **F** effronté/e, présomptueux/euse, **S** inculto/a, descarado/a, **I** insolente, arrogante, **G** brüchig, frech; too confident in a self-assertive way, *a brash young man, a brash answer*

brass -----*n* (OE *braes* an alloy of copper and tin, of uncertain origin, early 13c as *brass*, later replaced by the Italian word *bronzo*, hence *bronze*, *cp*); **F** cuivre m jaune, laiton m, instrument m à vent en cuivre, plaque f (tombale) de cuivre, médaillon m, culot m, les gros bonnets, officier d'état major, argent, **S** latón m, el bronce, placa conmemorativa (plancha f sepulcral), descaro m, los jefes m/pl, dinero m, **I** ottóne m, *mus* ottóni m/pl, fàccia f tòsta, sfrontatèzza f, plàcca f decorativa, pèzzi m/pl gròssi, sòldi, **G** Messing n, Blechinstrumente n/pl, Bronze f, Messingzierat m, Frechheit f, die höchsten Tiere od. Offiziere, Geld n; a hard bright yellow metal made of a mixture of zinc and copper, *the door handles of our house are made of brass*, a musical instrument made of brass, *trumpet, trombone, saxophone, are brass instruments, the brass section of the orchestra*, a decoration made of brass, with a design or writing cut into it, usually in a church, *the Renaissance brasses in the church nearby*, *BrE informal*, self-confidence and lack of fear, *she has the brass to compete for that job!*, *AmE* important people, *the brass people*, *BrE informal*, money

***brass band** *n* **F** fanfare, **S** charanga f, **I** fanfàra f, banda f, **G** Blaskapelle f; a band consisting of brass instruments

***brassed off** *adj* *BrE informal* dissatisfied, fed up, bored

bras·serie -----*n* (French, from *brasser*, OF *bracier*, ultimately from L *brace-m* malt; 19c); **F** brasserie f, **S** cervecería f, **I** birreria f, **G** Bierstube f, Bierlokal n; a restaurant serving a variety of food and drinks

brass·ière *see* **bra**

***brass knuckles** *n* *AmE* a set of metal rings worn over your fingers, used as a weapon, *BrE* **knuckleduster**

***brass rubbing** *n* the art of taking an impression from an engraved brass plaque by rubbing a soft pencil or chalk on a piece of paper laid over it

***brassy** *adj* *derogatory* (of music) loud and unpleasant, a woman who talks loudly and is dressed in a way that makes her sexually attractive but without style, *a brassy blonde*, like brass in colour

brat -----*n* *coll* (of Celtic origin, probably from OE & Old Irish *bratt* coarse garment, but evidence of the transition of sense is missing); **F** gosse m/f, morveux/euse, **S** mocoso m, crío m, **I** monèllo m, **G** Balg m/n, Racker m (*Kind*); a person, especially a child, who behaves badly, *a spoiled brat*

***bravado** *n* (from French *bravade* bragging, boasting, from Italian *bravata* boasting action, from *bravo* brave; late 16c); **F** bravade f, **S** bravatas f/pl, **I** bravàta f, spaconeria f, **G** gespielte Tapferkeit; ostentatious display of courage, bold action, *John's bravado eventually damaged him*

brave¹ -----*adj* (Middle French *brave*, from Italian *bravo* splendid, bold, L *pravus* corrupt, debased; late 15c); **F** courageux/euse, vaillant/e, **S** valiente, valeroso/a, **I** coraggióso, valoróso, **G** tapfer, mutig; courageous, intrepid, *a brave man*

brave² *v* (Middle French *braver* to brave, affront; 16c); **F** braver, défier, **S** desafiar, arrostrar, **I** affrontare con coràggio, **G** mutig begegnen, trotzen; to show courage in a difficult situation, *to brave death*

bravo *interj* (1761, from Italian *bravo* fine, see *brave*; but see the earlier English *bravo* n, 1597, a daring villain); **F** bravo!, **S** bravo!, **I** bràvo!, **G** bravo!; excellent! well done!, used to express your pleasure when someone, especially a performer, has done well

bravura *n* (Italian *bravery*; early 19c); **F** morceau m de bravoure, **S** arrojo m, brío m, **I** bravùra f, **G** Bravour f, Meisterschaft f; display of defiance, *he faced the danger with bravura*, great skill, *a bravura display of her talents*

brawl¹ ----- *v* (of uncertain origin, cp Dutch *brallen* to brag, boast, German dialect *brallen*, probably from the same source, and OF *braillier* to shout, VL **bragulare*; 14c); **F** rixe f, bagarre f, **S** pendencia f, reyerta f, **I** fare una rissa f, **G** streiten; to take part in a noisy quarrel among a number of people, usually in a public place, *they brawled in the street, at night, soon after leaving the pub*

brawl² *n* **F** se bagarrer, **S** armar pendencia, alborotar, **I** rissa f, **G** Streiterei f; a noisy quarrel among a number of people, usually in a public place, *a brawl took place in the pub last night*

***brawler** ----- *n* **F** bagarreur/euse, **S** camorrista m, alborotador m, **I** persóna f rissosa, **G** Raufbold m, Krakeeler/in; one who brawls

brawn ----- *n* (OE *braedan* to roast, OHG *brātan*, ModG *Braten* roast meat, OF *braoun* fleshy part, muscle; 14c); **F** fromage m de tête, muscles m/pl, **S** carne f en gelatina, fuerza f muscular, **I** soppessàta f, còppa f, mùscoli m/pl, **G** Preßkopf m, (Schweine)Sülze f, Muskeln pl; meat from the head of a pig, cooked and pressed into a block, physical strength, especially when compared with intelligence, *that athlete has brawn, not brains*

***brawny** *adj* *informal* **F** musculeux/euse, **S** musculoso/a, **I** musculóso/a, **G** muskulös, kräftig; having strong muscles, *brawny arms*

bray¹ ----- *v* (ME *braie*, *braye*, OF *braire* to cry, now only of the ass, MedL *bragire*, probably from a Celtic source, cognate with L *fragor*); **F** braire, **S** rabuznar, **I** urlàre, ragliàre, **G** schreien; to make a loud, unpleasant noise, like that of a donkey, *the donkey started braying*

bray² *n* **F** braiment m, **S** rebuzno m, **I** ràglio m dell'àsino, **G** (Esels)Schrei m; the donkey's cry, a harsh voice or laugh

brazen¹ ----- *adj* (OE *braesen*, from *braes*, *brass+en*; the present meaning arose in 16c from the idea of having a countenance hardened like brass); **F** d'airain, effronté/e, impudent/e, **S** descarado/a, cínico/a, **I** di ottóne, sfacciàto/a, sfrontàto/a, **G** ehern, Messing-, unverschämt; *disapproving*, open and without shame, shameless, *brazen behaviour*, made of brass, *brazen cups*, of the colour of brass, *a brazen colour*

brazen² *phr* *v* **brazen sth out** to try to be confident rather than ashamed, in a situation that is for you embarrassing

brazier¹ -----*n* (from *braze* *v*, or from *brass n+-ier*, cf *glazier*, *grazier*; but see OF *brasier* a pan of hot coals, from *braise* hot charcoal, and *brasoier* faire rôtir sur la braise; 14c); **F** brasero m, brasier m, **S** brasero m, **I** braciére m, **G** große Kohlenpfanne f; a metal container for burning coal, wood, etc, used for roasting meat or to keep people warm when outside

brazier² ----- *n* **F** chaudronnier m, **S** calderero m, **I** calderàio m, **G** Kupferschmied m; a person who works in brass

brazil *n*, also **brazil nut**, a large curved nut that has a hard shell

breach¹ ----- *n* (OE *bræc* a breaking, *bryce*, *brice*, see ME *breche*, see **break**, and OF *breche* breach, fracture); **F** infraction *f*, violation *f*, rupture, **S** brecha *f*, violaci3n, **I** violazi3ne *f*, infrazi3ne *f*, rott3ra *f*, **G** Bruch *m*; the action of breaking a promise, a law, etc, *breach of contract*, *breach of peace*, *a breach in the walls*

breach² ----- *v* (from the noun; 16c); **F** rompre, ouvrir une brèche dans (*un mur*), **S** romper, abrir brecha en, **I** violàre, infrangere, **G** durchbrechen; not to keep a promise, a contract, etc, *to breach safety regulations*, to go through a wall, a fence, etc, *the truck breached the fence*

bread ----*n* (OE *brēad* piece, morsel, OS *brōd*, OHG *brōt*, Middle Dutch *broot*, Old Icelandic *braudh*, from Proto-Germanic; in Old English the common word was *hlāf*, which survives as *loaf*, but about 1200 *bread* had displaced it); **F** pain *m*, **S** pan *m*, **I** pàne *m*, **G** Brot *n*; a food made with flour mixed with water, with some yeast and then baked, *a slice of bread*, *half a loaf of bread*

***bread and butter** *n* **F** pain beurré, **S** pan *m* con mantequilla, **I** pàne *m* imburràto, **G** Butterbrot *n*; slices of bread spread with butter, *fig. a job which provides you with living*, *teaching is my bread and butter at the moment*,

***bread-and-butter** *adj* basic, very important, *the bread-and-butter issues of the political debate*

***bread.bas.ket** *n* **F** corbeille *f* à pain, **S** cesto *m* para el pan, **I** césto *m* per il pane, **G** Brotkorb *m*; a basket in which you keep bread, *fig. an area which provides large quantity of food for the rest of the country*, *Ukraine was the bread basket for Russia*

***bread-board** *n* a flat board used for cutting bread on

***bread-crumbs** *n* small pieces of bread that are used in cooking

***bread-ed** *adj* covered in breadcrumbs

***bread-fruit** *n* a large tropical fruit that tastes like bread when it is cooked, and grows on a tree called 'breadfruit tree'

***bread-line** *n* **F** indigence *f*, **S** en la mayor miseria, **I** al di sótto della s3glia di povertà, **G** (Schlange von Bedürftigen) in tiefster Armut; the level of income of very poor people, *many people live below the breadline*

***bread 'roll** *n* roll

breadth *n* also **broad-ness** (OE *braed*, *brād* broad, a late formation by analogy with *streng-th*, *leng-th*; early 16c); **F** largeur *f*, ampleur *f*, **S** anchura *f*, amplitud *f*, **I** largh3zza *f*, ampi3zza *f*, **G** Breite *f*, Weite *f*; the distance from one side to the other, *the breadth of this table*, a vast range of knowledge, interests, etc, *the breadth of John's scientific interests*

bread-win-ner *n* one who supports his family with the money he earns

break¹ *v* past tense **broke** past part **broken** (OE *brecan*, ME *breken*, OS *brekan*, OHG *brehhan*, Middle Dutch *breken*; Old Teutonic stem *-brek-* corresponds to L *frag-frang3re*, source of English *fracture*); **F** casser, briser, rompre, **S** romper, **I** r3mpere, spezzàre, spezzàrsi, **G** brechen; to separate into pieces, *he broke the glass in a moment of fury*, *the glass broke into pieces*, stop working, *the engine broke down at ten miles from the main road*, to break the law, the rules, a contract, etc, *she broke the promise to me*, stop for a short time, *we usually break for lunch at 12,15*, said of day/dawn, *dawn broke over the mountains*, *dawn was breaking by the time he left the pub*, to bring to notice, to cause sth to be known, *the newspaper broke the news of the financial scandal*, of voice, *his voice broke with the emotion*, of waves, *a huge wave broke on/against the rocks*, end sth, *he broke the silence*, *he broke the world record for the mile*, *she broke my resistance*

break² *n*; **F** rupture *f*, brisure *f*, cassure *f*, **S** ruptura *f*, rompimiento *m*, **I** rott3ra *f*, interruzi3ne *f*, **G** (Ab-, Zer-, Durch-)Brechen *n*; a short pause, *coffee/tea break*, holiday, *a short break in Rome*, to escape, *the prisoner made a break from prison*, an interruption, *a break in the rain*, an opportunity in the career, *his big break came when he was offered the chair at Cambridge*

***break-able** *adj* easily broken

***break-age** *n* sth broken by somebody, *there have been a few breakages*, *but they will be paid for*

***break-away** *n* the action of separating from a group for disagreement, *a breakaway from the Labour Party*

***break-dancing** *n* a style of dancing with acrobatic movements

***break-down** *n* an occasion when a machine stops working, *the breakdown of the engine*, *fig. the breakdown of talks with the trade unions*, the failure of a relationship, *a marriage breakdown*

***breakdown lane** *n* AmE hard shoulder

***breakdown truck** *n* a truck that is used to take away cars when they have had a breakdown

***breaker** *n* a large wave that is rolling over land and breaks into foam, *to swim out beyond the breaker*, a person or firm that breaks up old cars

***break-fast** *n* the first meal of the day, *we usually have breakfast at seven*

***break-in** *n* an entry into a building using force, usually in order to steal, *there was a break-in in my country home during the absence of the warden*

***breaking and entering** *n* AmE the crime of entering a building illegally

***breaking point** *n* the stage at which you cannot exert anymore control over yourself, over a situation, etc, *to be at/to reach breaking point*, *the marriage is at breaking point*

***break-neck** *adj* fast and dangerous, *at breakneck speed*

***break-out** *n* a violent escape from prison, *there has been a breakout from Alcatraz*

***break-through** *n* a sudden advance in knowledge or science, a development that can lead to an achievement, **to make/achieve a breakthrough**, *in recent negotiations a breakthrough was achieved by the President's envoy*

***break time** *n* BrE break

***break-up** *n* the ending of a relationship, *the break-up of the marriage between Sara and Vincent*

***break-water** *n* a wall built out

bream *n* a freshwater or sea edible fish, related to the carp

breast *n* (OE *brēost*, OS *briost*, ON *brjóst*, OHG & MHG *brust*); **F** sein *m*, poitrine *f*, **S** pecho *m*, seno *m*, **I** mamm3lla *f*, séno *m*, **G** Brust *f*; one of the two round parts on a woman's chest that produce milk when she gets a baby

***breast-bone** *n* the long flat bone in the chest, also called **sternum**

***breast-feed** *v* said of a woman who feeds her child with milk from her breast

***breast-plate** *n* a piece of metal armour worn in the past by soldiers to protect their breast

***breast-stroke** *n* a way of swimming in which the arms are extended in front of the head and make a circular movement, while the legs are kicked outwards and backwards

breath¹ *n* (ME *breth*, *breath*, from OE *bræth* exhalation, smell, cognate with OHG *brādam* breath, ModG *Brodem* exhalation); **F** haleine *f*, soufflé *m*, **S** respiraci3n *f*, haliento *m*, **I** respiro *m*, **G** Atem(zug); the air that you draw into and then expel from the lungs, *a short/deep breath*

***breath-able** *adj* fit for breathing, a breathable clothing is one that allows air in and body moisture out

***breath-alyse** *v* to test a driver for drunkenness by making him breathe into a breathalyser

***breath-alyser** *n* an apparatus used to measure the quantity of alcohol contained in the blood of a driver

breathe² *v* (ME *breathen, brethen*, from the noun; 13c); **F** respirer, **S** respirar, **I** respirare, **G** atmen; to take air into your lungs and then expel it, *I can hardly breathe, to breathe in and to breathe out*

***breather** *n informal* a short pause for relaxing, *to have/take a breather after two hours of hard work*

***breath-ing** *n* the action of taking air into the lungs and sending it out, *deep/heavy breathing*

***breathing space** *n* a short break in the middle of a period of intense effort

***breath-less** *adj* having difficulty in breathing, *he arrived breathless at the top of the slope*

***breath-tak-ing** *adj* very exciting, in a pleasant way, *a breathtaking view of the landscape, breathtaking beauty*

***breath test** *n* a test used to show the amount of alcohol in a diver's breath

***breathy** *adj* speaking with an audible sound of breathing