

#### File 4

**bred** ----- past tense and past participle of **breed**

**breech** -----n (AS *brēc*, plural of *bróc*, common Teutonic, apparently an adoption of L *braca*, clothing for the legs); **F** culasse f, **S** recámara f, **I** caricatóre m, culàtta f, **G** Hinterlader m; *technical*, the part of a gun barrel at the back, where the bullets are loaded, hence *breech-loader*

\***breech birth** n also **breech delivery**, a birth in which a baby's feet come out of the mother first

\***breeches** n *AmE* **britches** short trousers fastened below the knees, *riding breeches*

**breed**<sup>1</sup> -----v (OE *broedan*, *bredan* bring young to birth, OHG *bruotan*, MHG *brüeten*, *brüeten*, related to *brōd*, analogous to *food*, *feed*, *blood*, *bleed*); **F** procréer, **S** criar, reproducirse, **I** generàre, riprodùrsi, **G** gebären, züchten; (of animals) to have sex and produce young, *horses breed in spring*

**breed**<sup>2</sup> n (from the verb; 15c); **F** race f, génération f, **S** raza f, casta f, **I** rāzza f, stùrpe f, **G** Rasse f, Zucht f, Stamm m; race, stock, *a breed of cattle*, *fig. a new breed of managers*

\***breeder** -----n a person who breeds animals, *a horse breeder*

\***breed-ing** -----n the activity of keeping animals and making them produce new animals, *cattle/breeding*, *horse/breeding*; *old fashioned good breeding*, i.e. polite behaviour that is supposed to be connected with the family you come from, *a young man of good breeding*

\***breeding ground** n a place in which certain ideas, usually bad, can easily begin to develop, *the universities are the breeding ground for social protest*

**breeze**<sup>1</sup> -----n (in 16c as *brize*, *brizee*, northeast wind, Old Spanish *briza*, It *brezza*, French *brise*, etymology uncertain, later acquired the transferred sense of 'north-east trade-wind', with reference to the West Indies); **F** brise f, **S** brisa f, **I** brézza f, **G** Brise f, leichter Wind; a light wind, *the North East breeze pushed Columbus's caravels towards El Salvador*

**breeze**<sup>2</sup> v *colloquial* (1907): to move in a confident way in a particular direction, *she breezed towards the middle of the room*

\***breeze block** *BrE*, *AmE* **cinder block**,

\***breezy** -----adj **F** ventoux, jovial/e, **S** de mucho viento, jovial, **I** ventoso/a, disinvólto/a, **G** luftig, windig, unbeschwert; with the breeze blowing, *a breezy day*, *fig. confident, relaxed, the breezy air of Joan won all of us*

**brethren** ----- n *old fashioned* (special plural of *brother*), used to talk to members of an organization, especially to people in church, *let us pray, brethren, let us help our less fortunate brethren*

**brevi-ary** -----n (OF *breviaire*, L *breviārium* summary, from *brevis* short; 16c); **F** bréviaire m, **S** breviario m, **I** breviario m, **G** Brevier n; a book of prayers used in the Roman Catholic Church

**brev-ity** -----n (AF *brevete*, MF *briéveté*, L *brevitāt-em* shortness, from *brēvis* short, see **brief**; early 16c); **F** briéveté f, **S** brevedad f, **I** brevità f, **G** Kürze f; conciseness, *when writing he is a model of brevity*

**brew**<sup>1</sup> ----- v (OE *bréowan*, ME *brewen*, OS *breuwan*, MLG *bruwen*, OHG *brüwan*, ModG *brauen*, through the same Indo-European root apparently related to L *defrūtum* grape juice boiled down into a syrup, L *fermētum* ferment,

from *fervēre* to boil); **F** brasser, se préparer, **S** hacer (*cerveza*), prepararse, **I** fermentàre, preparàrsi, **G** brauen, (zu)beraiten, *fig. in der Luft liegen*; to make beer, *beer brewed in Bayern*, to make a hot drink of coffee or tea, *the tea is brewing for a few minutes*, said of sth unpleasant that is likely to happen soon, *something unclear is brewing*

**brew**<sup>2</sup> n a type of beer, *a Scottish brew*, a mixture of different ideas, *a brew of sex and alcohol*

\***brew-er** -----n **F** brasseur m, **S** cervecero m, **I** birraio m, fabbricànte m/f di birra, **G** Brauer m; a person or company that makes and sells beer

\***brew-ery** -----n **F** brasserie f, **S** cervecería f, fábrica f de cerveza, **I** fabbrica f di birra, **G** Brauerei f; a company that makes beer

**briar**<sup>1</sup>, **brier** ----- n (OE *brær*, *brer*; the modern spelling *brier* is parallel to *friar*, *frier*, which developed from Middle English *frere*, about the same time; **briar** is a later variant); **F** églantier m, **S** escaramujo m, espino m, **I** spinéto m, rovéto m, **G** Dornstrauch m; a prickly, thorny bush, a wild rose bush

**briar**<sup>2</sup>, **brier** n (1868, from French *bruyère* heath plant, OF *bruyere*, Gallo-Romance \**brucaria*, from \**brucus* heather. The sense of a pipe made from this root appeared in English in 1882); **F** bruyère f, **S** pipa f de brezo, **I** pipa f di ràdica, **G** Bruièrepfeife f; shrub of the heather family whose root is used in making pipes

**bribe**<sup>1</sup> -----n (OF *bribe*, of unclear origin, MedL *briba* a piece of bread given to a beggar; 15c); **F** paiement m illicite, **S** soborno m, cohecho m, **I** dóno m per corròmpere, **G** Bestechung f; a sum of money you get to help somebody in a dishonest way, *he took bribes from wealthy merchants*

**bribe**<sup>2</sup> v (from the noun; the present meaning appeared in 1528); **F** corrompre, **S** sobornar, cohechar, **I** corròmpere, **G** bestechen; to give a bribe, *he was bribed to silence*

\***brib-ery** -----n **F** corruption f, **S** soborno m, cohecho m, **I** corruzióne f, **G** Bestechung f; the act of taking or giving bribes, *he was suspected of bribery and corruption*

**bric-a-brac** n (according to Littré, after the phrase *de bric et de broc*, 'by hook or by crook'; 19c); **F** bric-à-brac m, **S** chucherías f/pl, curiosidades f/pl, **I** cianfrusàglie f/pl, **G** Antiquitäten f/pl, Nippsachen f/pl; ornaments of little value, *bric-a-brac are sold in market stalls*

**brick**<sup>1</sup> -----n (OF *briche* broken piece, fragment; apparently the OF word was derived from the Teutonic verb *brek-an* to *break*, see also MLG *bricke*, and Middle Dutch *bricke* a tile, brick; 1416 as *bryke*); **F** brique f, **S** ladrillo m, tabique, **I** mattóni m/pl, **G** Ziegel-, Backstein m; a block of clay baked to make it hard and used to build houses, *a house of bricks*

**brick**<sup>2</sup> **F** briqueter, garnir de briques, **S** cerrar con ladrillos, **I** rivestire di mattoni, **G** mit Ziegelsteinen belegen oder pflastern; **brick up sth**, *phrasal verb*, to build a wall of bricks around sth, *to brick the walls of a house*

\***brick-bat** -----n an insulting remark, *the spectators hurled brickbats at the performers*

\***brick-layer** -----n **F** maçon m, **S** albañil m, **I** muratóre m, **G** Maurer m; a person who builds walls using bricks

\***brick-lay-ing** n the job of laying bricks

\***brick-work** -----n the bricks that have been used to build something, *the brickwork is in need of repair*

\***bri-dal** adj relating to the bride, *a bridal bouquet*

**bride** n (OE *brýd*, ME *brid*, *brude*, Old Icelandic *brúdr*, OS *brūd*, OHG *brut* 'daughter-in-law', ModG *Braut*; unknown outside Teutonic; the MedL *bruta*, OF *bruy*, are also from

OHG, and have the same sense of 'daughter-in-law'); F fiancée f, S novia f, I spòsa f, G Braut f; a woman just married, or about to be married

\***bride-groom** -----n a man on his wedding day, or just after he is married

\***brides-maid** -----n a girl or unmarried woman who helps a bride at the wedding

**bridge**<sup>1</sup> ----- n (OE *brycg*, Old Frisian *brigge*, *bregge*, Middle Dutch *brugge*, MLG *brugge*, MHG & ModG *Brücke*); F pont m, S puente m, I pónte m, G Brücke f; a structure built over a river, a road, a railway, etc, *a bridge on the river, a railway bridge, a bridge between two teeth*, also called **bridgework**, *the captain was on the bridge of the ship*, fig. *his work is a bridge between two centuries*, to take a decision, *to cross the bridge*, a card game, *we spent the afternoon playing bridge*

**bridge**<sup>2</sup> v F construire un pont sur, S tender un puente sobre, I collegàre con un pónte, G eine Brücke schlagen über (*acc*), überbrücken; to build a bridge over a river, etc, *the Romans bridged the river down to the valley*, to reduce the differences between two persons or things, *Kathy managed to bridge the gap between herself and her sister*

\***bridge-head** -----n F tête f de pont, S cabeza f de puente, I tèsta f di pónte, G Brückenkopf m; a strong position that an army has taken in the enemy's territory

\***bridging loan** -----n an amount of money lent by a bank for a short period, for example when you buy a new house while selling the old one

**bridle**<sup>1</sup> ----- n (OE *bridgels*, *bridel*, Old Frisian *bridel*, MLG & Middle Dutch *breidel*, OHG & MLG *brittel*, related to *bregd-an* move quickly, see **braid**); F bride f, frein m, S brida f, freno m, I brìglie f/pl, fréno m, G Zaum m, Zaumzeug n; a set of leather bands to control a horse, *to bridle a horse*

**bridle**<sup>2</sup> v F brider, mettre un frein à (*ses passions*), S embridar, refrenar, I imbrigliàre, méttère il fréno a, G (auf)zäumen; to put a bridle on a horse, fig. *to put a bridle on one's ambitions*

\***bridle path** n a rough path suitable for people riding horses or walking

**brief**<sup>1</sup> ----- n (ME *bref*, from OF *bref*, L *breve* a letter, a dispatch, neuter of *brevis* short; from Latin the word entered at an early stage all the Teutonic languages, -see ModG *Brief*- but to English it came via French, and remained as an official or legal word); F dossier m, S escrito m, I compèndio m, riassunto m, G Schriftsatz m; a set of instruction or information, *he was given a strict brief to reorganize the library*

**brief**<sup>2</sup> ----- v F fournir des directives à (*qn*), S dar órdenes a, dar instrucciones a, I riassùmere, dàre istruzióni a, G instruieren; *formal*, to give someone instruction or information, *the speaker briefed the press about the recent developments*

**brief**<sup>3</sup> -----adj F court/e, sommaire, S breve, corto/a, I brève, conciso/a, G kurz, lasting a short time or containing few words, *a brief visit, a brief conversation*

\***brief-case** -----n F serviette f, porte-documents m/inv, S cartera f para documentos, I cartèlla f, bórsa f (*da avvocato*), G Aktentasche f; a light case for carrying papers

\***briefing** ----- n F instructions f/pl, directives f/pl, S órdenes f/pl, instrucciones f/pl, I istruzióni f/pl, G Instruktion f, Einweisung f; a set of instructions or informations that are given at a meeting, *a full briefing for the press will take place at eleven a.m.*

\***briefly** -----adv F brièvement, en bref, S brevemente, en pocas palabras, I brevemente, in pòche paròle, G kurz, in Kürze; for a short time, *we stopped off briefly in Rome during our journey to Sicily*, in a few words, *he spoke briefly to inform us of the news*

\***briefs** -----n plural, a piece of short tight underwear worn by men and women

**brier**, see **briar**

**brig** ----- n (*abbreviation* of **brigantine**, early 18c; the sense of a place of detention, 1852, is of unclear origin, probably because the brigs were used as prison ships); F brigantin m, prison f (*à bord d'un navire*), S bergantin m, calabozo m, I brigantìno m, prigióne f (*di una nave*); G Brigg f, Bau m; a ship with two masts and square sails, *AmE* a prison, especially on a ship

\***Brig**, n *abbreviation* of **Brigadier** (in writing)

**brigade** ----- n (F *brigade*, It *brigata* company, crew, from *brigare* to fight, wrangle, LL *briga* strife, contention; 17c); F brigade f, S brigada f, I brigàta f, G Brigade f; a group of soldiers that forms a unit and consists of two or more battalions, *an artillery brigade*, *informal* a group of people who share the same opinions or have something in common, *the anti-smoking brigade*, see also **the fire brigade**

\***brigadier** -----n in the British army an officer whose rank is above that of a colonel and below that of the major-general, and who is in charge of a brigade

\***brigadier general** n an officer of high rank in the US army

**brigand** ----- n *literary* (OF *brigand*, It *brigante* a trooper, skirmisher, from *brigare*, see **brigue** and **brigade**; in MedL in 14thc it occurs in the form *brigantii*, *brigantes*; **Brigantes** were a people in the north of England in Roman times); F brigand m, bandit m, S bandido m, bandolero m, I bandito m, G Bandit m, (Straßen)Räuber m; a robber, especially one of a group, that attacks people in the roads and forests, a bandit

**bright** -----adj (Common Teutonic, although now lost in all the languages, excluding English; see OHG *beraht*, *bereht*, MHG *berht*, ON *bjartir*; early 14c as *bright*); F brillant/e, éclatant/e, S claro/a, luminoso/a, I chiàro/a, luminoso/a, G hell, leuchtend; full of light, shining, *bright colours*, intelligent, successful, *bright ideas*

\***brighten** -----v F faire briller, s'éclaircir, S brillantar, animarse, I far brillàre, illuminàrsi, G hell(er) machen, sich aufhellen; to become or make sth brighter in colour, *to brighten the hair*, said of the weather, *the sky was brightening after the rain*, to become more cheerful, *her eyes brightened*

\***bright-eyed** adj said of a person, full of enthusiasm

**brill** adj BrE *informal*, very good

**bril-liant**----- adj (F *brillant* shining, It *brillare* to glitter, apparently from *berillo* beryl, L *beryllus*, Gr βήρυλλος a beryl; late 17c); F brillant/e, éclatant/e, S brillante, genial, I brillante, geniale, G leuchtend, brillant; very clever, *a brilliant idea, a brilliant performance*, successful, *a brilliant career*; **bril-liance** n *the brilliance of a diamond*; **brilliantly** adv in a brilliant way, *he brilliantly won the competition*

\***bril-lian-tine** n an oil used in the past to make men's hair smooth

**brim**<sup>1</sup> ----- n (OE *brim*, *brimme* edge of the sea; of uncertain etymology, but cf ON *barmr* brim, MHG *brem* edge, German *Berme*, Dutch *berm*); F bord, S borde m, I órlo m, bórdó m, G Rand m; the top edge of a cup, glass, basin,

etc, a glass filled **to the brim with red Italian wine**, the brim of the hat

**brim**<sup>2</sup> *v/intr* **F** être plein jusqu'au bord, **S** desbordarse, **I** riempire fino all'orlo, essere pieno fino all'orlo, **G** voll sein (von); to be full with sth, *the eyes of Lucia brimmed with tears, the glass brimmed over onto the table*

\***brim-ful** *adj* completely full of sth, *brimful of energy*

\***brim-stone** -----*n* (Anglo-Saxon *brynstan*, burning stone); sulphur

**brin-dle** ----- *adj* also **brindled** (ME *brended*, *brend* brown colour, a horse of this colour; **brindle** is a variant of earlier **brinded**, probably by assimilation to such words as **kindled**, **mingled**; 15c as *brinded*); **F** moucheté/e, tacheté/e, **S** manchado/a, mosqueado/a, **I** grigio m pezzato/a, **G** gestreift, scheckig; said of animals, with the fur brown or grey mixed with other colours

**brine** ----- *n* (OE *bryne*, *brīne*, Middle Dutch *brīne*, Dutch *brijn*; origin unknown); **F** saumure f, **S** salmuera f, **I** salamòia f, **G** Sole f, (Salz)Lake f; water with salt in it, particularly in order to preserve food, *olives in brine*, sea water; **the briny**, *literary* the sea; **briny** *adj* said of water strongly impregnated with salt, like sea water

**bring** --- -- *v* **brought**, **brought** (OE *bringan*, Old Frisian *bringa* to bring, OHG *bringan*); **F** amener, apporter, **S** traer, conducir, **I** portàre, **G** bringen; to bring or take sth or someone towards a place, *I brought my girlfriend to the party*, to cause a situation, *the end of the story brought me unhappiness*, law *the police will bring charges against him*  
\***bring-and-buy sale** *n* a sale where people bring things they want to sell, and buy things brought by other people

**brink** *n* (ME *brink* seashore, bank of a stream, from a Scandinavian source, cp Danish *brink* edge, MLG *brink* edge of a field, Middle Dutch *brink*); **F** bord m, **S** borde m, **I** órlo m, mårigne m, **G** Rand m; the edge or margin of a steep place, *the brink of the precipice, the brink of a ditch*, the edge of the land bordering a river, a lake, the sea, fig. *the brink of anarchy, the brink of war*

**brink-manship** *n* (1950s); **F** politique f du risque calculé, **S** politica del borde del abismo, **I** politica f del rischio calcolato, **G** Politik des äußersten Risikos; in politics, the activity of going to the very brink of war, in order to frighten people forcing them to make concessions

**brío** *n lit* (Italian, *liveliness, vigour*; 18c); enthusiasm, confidence, see the musical phrase *con brío*

**bri-quette**, **briquet** *n* (*F briquette*, diminutive of *brique* brick; late 19c); **F** briquette f, **S** briqueta f, **I** bricchétta f, bricchétto m, **G** Brikett n; a small block of coal dust pressed together and used as fuel, for example in barbecues

**brisk** *adj* (origin uncertain, apparently from French *brusque*, as from Cotgrave, see also **brusque**; late 16c); **F** vif/ve, actif/ve, **S** enérgico/a, vigoroso/a, **I** enérgico/a, vigoroso/a, **G** lebhaft, energisch; quick, *a brisk movement*, active, confident, *the brisk voice of Katherine*

**bris-ket** *n* (OF *bruschet*, *brischet*, MF *bruchet*, *brichet*, but see Old Icelandic *brjōsk* gristle, related to *brjōst* breast; 14c as *brusket*); **F** poitrine f, avant cœur (de bœuf), **S** carne f de pecho, **I** punta f di pètto, **G** Brust(Stück) n; meat that comes from the chest of a cow

**bristle**<sup>1</sup> *n* (OE *byrst*, ON *burst*, ME *burstel*, brostle, Middle Dutch *borstel*, OHG *burst* bristle; 14c); **F** soie f (de porc), **S** cerda f, **I** sétola f, **G** Borste f; short stiff hairs that

grow on the back of a hog and are used by brushmakers, shoemakers, etc

**bristle**<sup>2</sup> ----- *v* **F** se hérissier, **S** erizarse, **I** rizzàrsi, **G** sich sträuben; to become suddenly annoyed at what somebody says or does, *to bristle with rage*, (of an animal's fur or of hair) to stand up, *the dog's fur bristled*

\***brist-ly** *adj* full of bristles, *bristly hair*

**Brit** *informal* someone from Britain

**Brit-ain** *n* the island containing England, Scotland and Wales  
**Brit-an-ia** *n* (Latin, poetic name for Great Britain); Great Britain as personified in a figure of woman wearing a helmet and carrying a trident

**Brit-tan-mic** *adj old fashioned* used mainly in titles relating to Britain or the British Empire, *her Britannic Majesty*

**Brit-i-cism** *n*, also **Brit-ish-ism**, (19c); a word or expression typical of English as spoken in Britain; cp **Americanism**

**Brit-ish** *adj* (OE *Brettish*, from *Bret*, *Brett-as*, *Bryttas*, the natives of ancient Britain; general use in current sense, late 14c); **F** britannique, **S** inglés, británico/a, **I** britannico/a, **G** britisch; belonging to Great Britain or its inhabitants

**British English** *n* the English language as spoken in Britain

**Brit-ish-er** *n old fashioned* someone from Britain

**Briton** -----*n* (ME *Breton*, *F Breton*, *L Britto*, *Britton-em*; the word acquired its current sense after the union of England and Scotland, 1707); **F** Britannique m/f, **S** inglés/esa, **I** inglese m/f, *hist* britanno, **G** Brite m, Britin f; *rhetorical*, a native of Great Britain, used mainly in newspapers, *three Britons were questioned by police*, **North Briton** a Scotsman

**Brit-pop** -----*n* a type of pop music palyed by British groups in the 1990s, influenced especially by the Beatles

**brit-tle** -----*adj* (ME *britul*, *britil*, *bretil*, OE *bryttian*, *brēotan* to brake, tear to pieces, shatter); **F** fragile, **S** frágil, **I** frágile, **G** zerbrechlich: hard but easily broken, *brittle bones*, unkind, *brittle laugh*, i.e. a laugh that does not show real humour

**bro** *n pl* **bros** *informal* brother

**broach**<sup>1</sup> -----*vt* (ME *broche*, *F broche* pointed tool, *It brocca*, RomL \**brocca* spike, pointed instrument, *feminine* of *L broccus* projecting, prominent, said of a person, having prominent teeth; the same word as **brooch**; the verb use, in the sense of begin to talk about, appears in 1579); **F** aborder (une question), **S** abordar, comenzar a hablar de, **I** toccàre un argoménto, **G** anschneiden; to mention a subject that may be embarrassing, *he broached the subject of John's debts*

**broach**<sup>2</sup> *n* see **brooch**

**B-road** *n* in Britain a road less important than an A-road, and that joins villages and small towns

**broad** ----- *adj* (OE *brād*, ME *brod*, Swedish & Danish *bred*, OHG, MHG & ModG *breit*); **F** large, **S** extenso/a, amplio/a, **I** àmpio/a, largo/a, **G** breit, umfassend; wide, *a broad avenue, a broad street*, fig. *a man of broad views*, said of the accent, *a broad Scottish accent*

\***broad-based** -----*adj* based on a large variety of people or ideas, *a broad-based programme*

\***broad bean** -----*n* **F** fève f, **S** haba f, **I** fàva f, **G** Saubohne f; a large green bean

\***broad-brush** ----- *adj* incomplete, lacking details, *a broad-brush strategy*

\***broad-cast** -----*v* to transmit a radio or TV programme, *live broadcast from Beirut*

\***broad-cast-er** ----- *n* someone who speaks on radio and TV programmes, *a well-known broadcaster*

\***broad-cast-ing** -----*n* the business of transmitting radio and TV programmes, *the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)*

**\*broad·en** ----- *v* **F** élargir, **S** ensanchar, **I** allargàrsi, ampliàre, **G** (sich) verbreitern; to become wider or to make sth wider, *the street broadens down to the valley*, fig. *to broaden the scientific knowledge*

**\*the broad jump** *n* **AmE** for **the long jump**

**\*broad-leaved, broad-leaf** *adj* **F** à larges feuilles, **S** de hoja ancha, **I** a fòglie larghe, **G** mit weit Blatt; said of plants, having broad leaves

**\*broadly** *adv* **F** largement, **S** extensamente, **I** ampiaménte, **G** weitgehend; in general, *broadly speaking*, without considering details, *broadly similar*

**\*broad-minded** *adj* **F** large d'esprit, **S** de amplias miras, **I** di ampie vedùte, **G** großzügig, tolerant; having an inclination towards listening to other people, tolerant, *a broad-minded man*; **broadmindedness** *n*

**\*broadness** *n* the quality of being broad

**\*broad-sheet** *n* **BrE** a newspaper that is printed on large paper, *broadsheets and tabloids*

**\*broad-side**<sup>1</sup> *n* (literally 'the broad side' of a ship; 16c); **F** (tirer une) bordée f, **S** (soltar una) andanada f verbal, **I** bordàta f, **G** Breitseite f, massive Attacke f; a fierce attack in words against somebody, *the chairman fired a broadside at his critics*, the firing of all the guns on one side of a warship at the same time

**\*broad-side**<sup>2</sup> *adv* **F** par le travers, **S** de costado, **I** di tràversò, **G** seitlich; with the side facing towards sth, *the ship hit the pier broadside*

**\*broad-side**<sup>3</sup> *v* **AmE** to crash into the side of sth, *the truck broadsided our car*

**\*broad-sword** *n* a large sword with a broad blade

**bro·cade** *n* (**Sp** *brocado*, **It** *broccato* embossed cloth, from *brocco* small nails, protruding tooth, **L** *broccus* having projecting teeth, see **broach**; 16c); **F** brocard m, **S** brocado m, **I** broccàto m, **G** Brokat m; a thick heavy fabric with a pattern woven from gold or silver silk

**broc·coli** *n* (**It** *broccoli*, plural of *broccolo* cabbage-sprout, diminutive of *brocco* stalk, see **broach**; late 17c); **F** brocoli m, **S** brécol m, bróculi m, **I** bròccolo m, **G** Spargelkohl m, Brokkoli pl; a variety of the cauliflower, one of the cultivated forms of the cabbage

**bro·chure** *n* (**French**, a stitched work, from *brocher* to stitch; 19c); **F** brochure f, dépliant m, **S** folleto m, **I** opùscolo m, fascicolo m, **G** Broschüre f; a short printed work of a few leaves, merely stitched together

**brogue**<sup>1</sup> *n* (of unclear origin, probably a special use of **brogue**, see next, a shoe worn in rural Ireland and Scotland, in the sense of 'speech peculiar to those who wear brogues'; 16c); **F** accent m irlandais, **S** acento m irlandés, **I** accènto m irlandése, **G** irischer Akzent; a strongly marked accent, peculiar to Irish and Scottish speakers

**brogues**<sup>2</sup> *n/pl* **F** chaussure f de marche ou de golf, **S** abarca f, **I** scarpa f sportiva da uomo, **G**; a strong leather shoe with a pattern of small holes in the leather, formerly worn in rural Ireland and Scotland

**broil** *v* **AmE** for **grill** cook (**ME** *brulen*, *broillen*, from **OF** *bruller*, *brusler*, **Latin** *ustulāre* to scorch, from *urēre* to burn, by influence of Germanic *-br*, as in **OHG** *brant*; late 14c); **F** cuir sur le gril, griller, **S** asar a la parrilla, **I** cuocere alla griglia, **G** braten; to cook meat or fish on fire, on a grill, cp **barbecue**, *broiled chicken*, fig. to become very hot, *we broiled in the sun*

**\*broiler** *n* **AmE** **F** poulet m de chair (à rôtir), gril, rôtissoire m, **S** pollo m para asar, parrilla f, grill m, **I** póllò m da cuòcersi alla griglia, graticola f, griglia, **G** Brathühnchen n, Bratrost m, Grill m; a small chicken suitable for broiling, a grill

**broke** *adj* **informal** (**OE** *broc* misery, from *brecan* to break; early 18c); **F** fauché/e, à sec, **S** no tener un céntimo, **I** senza un sòldo, al vérde, **G** bankrott, ruiniert; *to be broke*, to have no money, *my father's business went broke* (lost all the money and had to stop doing business), *I am broke*, I have no money

**\*broken** *adj* **F** cassé/e, brisé/e, irregulier/ère, **S** accidentado/a, quebrado/a, **I** frantumàto/a, spezzàto/a, **G** zerbrochen, gebrochen, uneben; damaged, *broken glass*, fig. *a broken promise*, interrupted, *broken sleep*, said of a language that is spoken by a foreigner not fluently and with mistakes, *he speaks in broken English*, said of ground that has a rough surface, *broken ground*

**\*broken-down** *adj* a vehicle that is in very bad conditions, *a broken-down car*

**\*broken hearted** *adj* extremely sad, *he was broken hearted when his girlfriend left him*

**\*broken home** *n* a home where the parents are separated

**\*broken-ly** *adv*

**broker**<sup>1</sup> *n* (**ME** *brokour* commercial agent, Anglo-French *abrokur*, *brocour* retailer of wine, **OF** *brocheor*, from *broche* pointed tool, see **broach**; see Anglo-Latin *brocarius* 'interpres et consiliarius contractuum'; 14c); **F** courtier/ère, agent de change, **S** agente m de negocios, **I** mediatóre m, agènte m di càmbio, **G** (Handels)Makler, Broker m; a person who buys and sells shares in companies for other people, see **stockbroker** and **insurance broker**

**broker**<sup>2</sup> *v* to arrange a plan, *the deal was brokered by our business adviser*

**\*broker-age** *n* the business of being a broker, the amount of money charged by a broker for his work, *the brokerage will cost the 7%*

**broolly** *n* clipped and altered form of **umbrella**

**brom·ide** *n* (*brom-ine+ide*, see the parallel form *chlorine/chloride*; 19c); **F** bromure m, **S** bromuro m, **I** bromùro m, **G** Bromid n; *chem* a compound of bromine with an element or organic radical, a drug used to calm

**bron·chial** *adj* (**ModL** *bronchialis*, from *bronchia+al*, **LL** *bronchium*; 18c); **F** bronchique, **S** bronquial, **I** bronchiàle, **G** Bronchial; affecting the bronchial tubes, *bronchial infection*

**\*bronchitis** *n* (**LL** *bronchia+itis* inflammation; early 19c); an illness that affects the bronchial tubes, *chronic bronchitis*

**bronco** *n* *pl-os*; an untamed horse on the Mexican frontier of the US, especially in a rodeo

**bron·to·saurus** *n* (**ModL**, from Greek *βρουτή* thunder+*-οσαύρα* lizard; 19c); **F** brontosauure m, **S** brontosauo m, **I** brontosàuro m, **G** Brontosaurus m; an extinct genus of dinosaurian reptiles existing during the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods

**Bronx cheer** *slang* **AmE** a rude sound made sticking out the tongue out and blowing

**bronze** *n* (**F** *bronze*, **It** *bronzò* brass, apparently from **LL** *brunitius* brownish, **MedL** *brundum*; the word **bronze** was introduced for the material of ancient works of art; early 18c); **F** bronze m, **S** bronce m, **I** brónzo, **G** Bronze f; a brown-coloured alloy of copper and tin

**\*the Bronze age** *n* the period between the Stone Age and the Iron Age

**\*bronzed** *adj* said of a person whose skin has been turned brown by the sun, tanned

**\*bronze medal** *n* a metal given as third prize in a competition, after the golden medal and silver medal

**brooch** *n* (the same word as **broach**, the differentiation of spelling being only recent; 13c); **F** broche f, **S** alfiler m (de

pecho), prendedor m, **I** fermàglio m, spilla f, **G** Brosche f; a piece of jewellery with a pin on the back, to be fastened to your clothes

**brood**<sup>1</sup> *n* (OE *brōd*, cognate with Middle Dutch *broet*, OHG & MHG *bruot* heath, warmth, hatching); **F** couvée f, volée f, **S** camada f, nidada f, **I** covàta f, nidiàta f, **G** Brut f; progeny, offspring, *the hen and her brood*

**brood**<sup>2</sup> *v* **F** couver, ruminer (une idée), **S** empollar, fig. meditar tristemente, **I** covàre, fig. rimuginàre (sth), **G** brüten, brüten (über); sit in to hatch, *the pidgeon was brooding in her nest*, to thing about things that make you worried, *he spent the weekend brooding about his financial problems*

\***brooding** *adj* literary thinking anxiously about sth, *John's brooding silence*,

\***brood mare**

\***broody** *adj* said of a hen that is ready to lay eggs and sit on them, *the hen is broody*, thinking unhappy thoughts, *John feels broody about his family problems*

**brook**<sup>1</sup> *n* (OE *brōc*, ME *brok*, Middle & Modern Dutch broek, LG *brōk* marsh, OHG *bruoh*, MHG *bruoch* marshy ground, from Proto-Germanic); **F** ruisseau m, **S** arroyo m, **I** ruscellò m, **G** Bach m, Strom m; a small stream, a rivulet

**brook**<sup>2</sup> *v* formal **F** (ne pas) souffrir, **S** aguantar, permitir, **I** (non) sopportàre, (non) tolleràre, **G** erdulden; to not allow sth, *he brooks no delay*

**broom** *n* (OE *brōm*, ME *brom*, cognate with OHG *brāmo*, *brāma* bramble, Middle Dutch *brāme*, from Proto-Germanic); **F** genêt (à balai), balai m, **S** escoba f, pichana f, **I** scópa f, ramàzza f, **G** Besen m; a brush at the end of a long handle, used for sweeping floors, a wild bush with small yellow flowers abundant on sandy banks and heaths in Britain

\***broom cupboard** *n* a cupboard used for keeping kleaning equipment

\***broom-stick** *n* **F** manche m à balai, **S** palo m de escoba, **I** mànico m di scópa, **G** Besenstiel m; a broom with a long handle and thin stick, that witches fly on in stories

**Bros** *abbr* for **Brothers**, *Warner Bros*

**broth** *n* (OE *broþ*, OHG *brod* broth, Old Icelandic *brodhr*; the MedL *brodum*, *brodium*, is a borrowing from the OHG *brod*, and is the origin of OF *breu*, It *brodo* & other Romance languages); **F** bouillon m, potage m, **S** caldo m, **I** bròdo m, **G** Suppe f; a food made with boiled meat, cereals, vegetables

**brothel** *n* (OE *brothen*, past participle of *brēoþan* go to ruin, ME *brothen* ruined, degenerate; the modern sense arises from confusion between *bordel*, *bordel house*, a place, and *brothel*, a prostitute; late 16c); **F** maison f de prostitution, **S** prostíbulo m, casa f de putas, **I** bordèllo m, càsa f di prostituziòne, **G** Bordell n; premises where men pay the service of prostitutes

**brother** *n* (OE *brōthor*, OS *brōthar*, OHG *bruoder*, Middle Dutch *broer*, from Germanic and Indo-European; see Greek *φράτηρ* clansman, L *frater*; the plural *brethren* appeared in Middle English, and was replaced in the 17thc by *brothers*, then acquiring the specialized sense of fellow member of a religion); **F** frère m, **S** hermano m, **I** fratèllo m, **G** Bruder m; two or more people with the same natural parents, *brothers and sisters*, see **half-brother**, **brother-in-law**, **stepbrother**

\***brother-hood** *n* **F** fraternité f, **S** fraternidad f, **I** fratellàzza f, fraternità f, **G** Bruderschaft f, Brüderlichkeit f; the relationship of brothers, *the ties of brotherhood*, fig. *to live in peace and brotherhood*

\***brother-in-law** *n* **F** beau-frère m, **S** cuñado m, **I** cognàto m, **G** Schwager m; the brother of your husband or wife

\***brother-ly** *adj* relating to brothers, *brotherly love*

**brougham** *n* (after Lord Brougham; 19c); a one horse carriage, with two or four wheels, for two or four persons

**brought** *v* *ppl* of **bring**

**brow** *n* (OE *brū*, ME *browes*, *brues* forehead, referring to eyelid and eyebrows, and *brew*, *breowen*, cognate with OS *brāwa*, *brāha*, OHG *brāwa* eyebrow); **F** front m, **S** delantero m, frente m, **I** frònte f, **G** (Augen)Braue f, Stirn f; the forehead, *to wrinkle the brow*, the top part of a hill, *the brow of the hill*

**brow-beat** *vt* **F** intimider, **S** intimidar (con amenazas), **I** intimidire, **G** tyrannisieren; to make someone do something in a threatening way, *a boss that browbeats workmen into working hard*

**brown**<sup>1</sup> *adj/n* (OE *brūn*, ME *broun*, OHG *brūn*, Swedish & Danish *brun*, from Proto-Germanic; adopted in MedL as *brunus*); **F** brun/e, **S** moreno/a, marrón, **I** brùno/a, marróne, **G** braun; of a colour like the one of wood or coffee, *Peter's brown, lively eyes*

**brown**<sup>2</sup> *v* **F** brunir, bronzer, **S** poner moreno, broncear, **I** imbrunire, diventar bruno/a, **G** bräunen, brünieren; to become brown, to make sth brown, *face browned by the sun*

\***brown ale** *n* *BrE* a type of dark beer

\***brown-field** *n* an area of land in a city that was used by industry and now can be used for a new development

\***brownie** a cake made with chocolate and nuts

\***brownie point** *n* to earn brownie points, one must do it to make people in authority have a good opinion of them

\***brown-ish** *adj* fairly brown in colour

\***brown-nose** *v* to behave in a servile way to flatter people

\***brown-stone** *n* *AmE* a house with the front built in brown reddish sandstone, common in New York

\***brown sugar** *n* a type of sugar that is brown in colour

**browse**<sup>1</sup> *v* (OF *broster* to sprout, MF *brouster*, Germanic \**broustjan*; early 16c); **F** feuilleter des livres, brouter, **S** pacer, curiosear, **I** dàre un'occhiàta, pàscere, **G** grasen, blättern; to look for information in a computer, *to browse the web*, to look through the pages of a book, magazine, etc, *I am browsing the headlines of the newspapers*, said of cows etc, to eat the leaves that are growing high up, *the cow was browsing the leaves in the field*

**browse**<sup>2</sup> *n* (OF *brost*, *F* *broust*; 16c); a quick look at sth, without any particular purpose, *a quick browse at the pages of the magazine*

\***browser** *n* a person who looks through books, magazines etc, for sale, but does not seriously intend to buy, a computer programme that helps search internet

**bruise**<sup>1</sup> *v* (OE *brysan* to crush, *bruise*, ME *brisen*, *bruse*, bruise, from the 16thc fusing with Anglo-French *bruiser*, OF *bruisier*; the French form was established in 17thc); **F** meurtrir, contusionner, **S** contundir, magullar, **I** far venire un livido m, **G** quetschen; to develop a bruise, to injure, *he bruised his arm*

**bruise**<sup>2</sup> *n* (from the verb; 16c); **F** meurtrissure f, contusion f, **S** contusión f, magulladura f, **I** livido m, contusiòne f, **G** Quetschung f; an injury or mark of the skin, *a bruise in his leg*

\***bruiser** *n* informal a big, strong, rough man

\***bruising** *adj* unpleasant, *a bruising experience*

**Brum-mie** *n* a person from Birmingham; *adj* a *Brummie* accent

**brunch** ----- *n* slang (*br(eakfast)+(l)unch*; coined by Guy Beringer in 1895); a meal that you eat in the late morning, and is combined of breakfast and lunch

**brunette** ----- *n* (F *brunette*, feminine of *brunet*, diminutive of *brun* brown, see **brown**; early 18c); **F** *brunette* f, **S** *morena* f, **I** *brunetta* f, **G** *Brünette* f; a girl of a dark complexion and with brown hair

**brunt** ----- *n* (ME *brunt* a sharp blow, a sudden attack, of unknown origin, but apparently from a Scandinavian source, cp ON *bruna* to advance in battle with the speed of fire; late 14c); **F** *choc* m, **S** *la mayor parte*, **I** *úrto* m, *attacco* m, **G** *Hauptstoß* m; the main force of a blow or of an attack, *to bear the brunt of the attack, of the criticism, etc*

**brush**<sup>1</sup> *n* (ME *brusche*, OF *broisse*, *broce* brushwood, MedL *\*bruscia*, from L *bruscum* a knot or excrescence on the maple tree, cf MHG *bürste* brush; 14c); **F** *brosse* f, *balai* m, **S** *escoba* f, **I** *spazzola* f, **G** *Bürste* f; a tool for cleaning made of bristles, nylon, etc, usually attached to a wooden or plastic handle, fig. *to give a brush to one's teeth*, an occasion when you experience sth unpleasant, *a brush with one's boss, a brush with the law*, a light touch, *his gentle brush to her lips*

**brush**<sup>2</sup> *v* **F** *brosser*, *balayer*, **S** *cepillar*, *limpiar*, **I** *spazzolare*, **G** *bürsten*; to clean sth with a brush, *to brush one's hair, to brush the dust, to touch somebody lightly while passing, he just brushed her in the corridor*

**brush**<sup>3</sup> *n* AmE also **brushwood** (OF *broce*, see Gallo-Romance *\*brocia*, *\*brūcus* heather; 16c); **F** *broussailles* f/pl, **S** *broza* f, **I** *boscaglia* f, **G** *Unterholz* n; land covered by small trees or shrubs

**\*brush-off** *n* rude and unfriendly behaviour, **give someone the brush-off**, to refuse to talk to someone, *she gave him the brush-off*

**\*brush-wood** *n* dead branches from trees and bushes, small bushes on rough land

**\*brush-work** *n* work done with a brush, a particular work done by an artist using a brush

**brusque** *adj* (F *brusque*, It *brusco*, ulterior history being uncertain, but see LL *bruscum*, variant of *ruscum*, a shrub whose stem-branches end in a sharp spine; cf also **brisk**); **F** *brusque*, rude, **S** *brusco/a*, *áspero/a*, **I** *brusco/a*, *àspro/a*, **G** *brüsk*; abrupt, *brusque movement*, speaking quickly and unfriendly, *a brusque answer*, behaving unfriendly, *brusque manners*

**Brus-sels sprout** *n* an edible plant related to the cabbage, first grown near Brussels

**\*bru-tal** *adj* (MF *brutal*, MedL *brutālis*; 15c); **F** *brutal*, **S** *brutal*, **I** *brutale*, **G** *brutal*, roh; violent, cruel, *a brutal attack*, sincere and honest, *brutal frankness*; **\*brutality** *n*

**\*brutalize** *v* (*brutal+ize*; early 18c); **F** *brutaliser*, *rendre brutal*, **S** *brutalizar*, **I** *trattare in mòdo brutale*, *brutalizzare*, **G** *zum Tier machen, verrohen lassen*; to treat sb in a cruel way, *he was brutalized by police*

**brute**<sup>1</sup> *adj* (MF *brute*, L *brūtus* stupid; early 15c); **F** *brute*, **S** *brutal*, **I** *brutale*, **G** *tierisch*, *viehisch*; rough and violent, *brute force*, *brute violence*

**brute**<sup>2</sup> *n* (see prec; early 17c); **F** *brute*, **S** *bruto* m, **I** *bruto*, **G** *Tier* n, *Vieh* n; a rough and violent man, *that man is a brute*, a large strong animal, *your dog is a brute*

**\*bru-tish** *adj* **F** *bestial*, **S** *bruto/a*, **I** *brutale*, *animalésco/a*, **G** *tierisch*; rough, unpleasant, *life is brutish*

**BS** AmE **B.S.** abbreviation for **Bachelor of Surgery**; **British Standard**, as used on labels, showing a number

given by the British Standard Institution which controls the quality of products

**BSc** *n* abbr for **Bachelor of Science**

**BSE** *n* abbr for 'bovine spongiform encephalopathy', also known as **mad cow disease**

**BSI** *n* abbr for 'British standard Institution'

**BST** *n* abbr for 'British Summer Time'

**BTEC** *n* abbr for 'Business and Technology Education Council', a *BTEC diploma*

**btw** *abbr* for 'by the way', used in writing

**bub·ble**<sup>1</sup> *v* (origin unclear, cf Sw *bubla*, Danish *boble*, LG *bobbelen*, Middle Dutch *bobbel*, apparently imitative words; 14c as *bobel*); **F** *bouillonner*, **S** *burbujear*, **I** *formàre bõlle*, **G** *sprudeln*, *brodeln*; to form bubbles, to rise in bubbles (as gas through liquid, etc), *the champagne was bubbling*

**bub·ble**<sup>2</sup> *n* **F** *bulle* f, *bouillon* m, **S** *burbuja* f, *ampolla* f, **I** *bõlla* f, **G** *Blase* f; a ball of air or gas in a liquid, *champagne bubbles*, *soap bubbles*

**\*bubble and squeak** *n* a British food made with cooked potatoes and cabbage, that are mixed together and fried

**\*bubble bath** *n* a special liquid soap that you put in a bath to make bubbles

**\*bubble-gum** *n* chewing gum that you can blow into the shape of a bubble

**\*bubble-jet printer** *n* a type of printer in which the ink is directed electronically onto the paper

**\*bubb·ly** *adj* informal said of a woman or girl, full of energy and enthusiasm

**bu·bon·ic plague** *n* (LL *bubōn-em*, L *bubo-ōnis*, Gr *βουβών* groin+**plague**; *bubo* was borrowed from Latin late in the 14c, but the adjective appeared in the 19c); **F** *peste bubonique*, **S** *peste f bubónica*, **I** *pèste f bubbònica*, **G** *Beulenpest* f; a disease spread by rats, that causes the swelling of the lymph glands; in the Middle Ages it used to kill a lot of people; also called **Black Death**

**buc·can·eer**<sup>1</sup> *n* (F *boucanier*, one who dries and smokes meat, especially in the Caribbean area, in a *boucan* or *buccan*, a wooden framework on which meat was roasted or smoked over a fire, the Haitian name being *barbacòa*; early 17c); **F** *boucanier* m, *filibustier* m, **S** *bucanero* m, **I** *bucanière* m, *filibustière* m, **G** *Seeräuber* m, *Freibeuter* m; a pirate of the Caribbean, especially during the 17c, fig. someone who is determined to be successful in business or politics, having recourse to unscrupulous means

**buc·can·eer**<sup>2</sup> *v* **F** *faire le boucanier*, **S** *piratear*, **I** *pirateggiare*, **G** *Seeräuberei f betreiben*; to act unscrupulously or boldly, like a buccaneer

**\*buc·can·eer·ing** *adj/n* living or acting as a buccaneer

**buck**<sup>1</sup> -----*n* (OE *buc*, *bucca* male deer, he-goat, ME *bocke*, Middle Dutch *bok*, OHG *bocch*, MHG *boc*, all meaning primarily *he-goat*; the word could be of Teutonic origin and, ultimately from Indo-European, but could also be an early adoption from L *ibex-icis* wild goat); **F** *daim* m, *chevreuil* m (*mâle*), **S** *cabrón* m, *macho cabrio*, *gamo* m, **I** *màschio* (*dei cèrvidi*), *càpro* m, **G** *Bock* m; a male deer, hare or rabbit, *informal* US or Australian dollar

**buck**<sup>2</sup> *v* (of a horse) to jump

**bucket**<sup>1</sup> -----*n* (etymology uncertain, but see Anglo-French *buket*, ME *buc*, *buk*, *buket* belly, body, from OE *būc* vessel, cognate with OHG *būh* belly; 13c as *buket*); **F** *seau* m, **S** *cubo* m, **I** *sécchio* m, *sécchia* f, **G** *Eimer* m, *Kübel* m; a container with a handle, used for carrying liquids, *a bucket of water*

**bucket**<sup>2</sup> ----- *v phrasal*, to **bucket down**, to rain heavily, *it bucketed all day*, to move fast hazardly, *the car bucketed down the street*

\***bucket seat** ----- *n* a rounded seat with a curved back for one person, especially in a car

\***bucket shop** ----- *n BrE informal* a travel company that sells aircraft tickets at a lower price

**buckle**<sup>1</sup> ----- *n* (ME *bukel*, *bokel*, F *boucle*, L *buccula*, diminutive of *bucca* jaw, mouth); F *boucle* f, S *hebilla* f, I *fibbia* f, G *Schnalle* f; a rim of metal at the end of a belt, used for securing the two ends together, *shoe-buckle*

**buckle**<sup>2</sup> *vi/i* F *boucler*, S *abrochar con hebilla*, I *allacciare*, *allacciarsi*, G *zuschnallen*; to fasten with a buckle, *to buckle the belt*, to become bent, *the steel buckled under the weight of the snow*, *my legs buckle*

\***buck naked** *adj AmE informal* completely naked

\***buck-ram** *n* a type of coarse cloth made from cotton or linen, used in bookbinding

\***buck-shot** *n* many small balls of metal that are fired from a shotgun

\***buck-skin** *n* soft leather made from the skin of a deer or a sheep

\***buck-teeth** *plural n informal* upper front teeth that stick forward out of your mouth

\***buck-wheat** *n* a type of small grain used as a cereal grain and four floor

**bu-colic** ---- *adj* (L *bucolicus*, Gr *βουκολικός* rustic, pastoral; early 17c); F *bucolique*, S *bucólico/a*, I *bucòlico/a*, G *bucolisch*; pastoral, pertaining to shepherds, *the bucolic poems of Theocritus and Virgil*

**bud** ----- *n* (ME *budde*, *bodde*, of uncertain etymology; possible cognates are in MLG *buddech* thick, OS *būdil*, MHG *biutel* bag, sack; late 14c as *budde*); F *bourgeon* m, *bouton* m, S *brote* m, *capullo* m, I *germòglio* m, G *Knospe* f, Aue *n*; a swelling on a plant, from which a flower develops, *the tree is in bud* (cotton bud?)

**Bud-dhism** *n* the religion and philosophy that developed in India in the fifth and sixth centuries BC out of the teaching of Buddha

**bud-ding** *adj* said of a person that is beginning to develop and become successful, *a budding artist*

**buddy**<sup>1</sup> *n coll AmE* a friend, *John and Joan are great buddies*, used to address a friend, *buddy, drink up!*

**buddy**<sup>2</sup> *v buddy up to/with sb*, to act as a friend with sb

**budge** *v* (Middle French *bouger* to stir, VL\**bullicāre*, L *bullire* to bubble, see **boil**; late 16c); F *recouler*, *bouger*, *céder*, S *mover*, *move*, *bullir*, I *scostare*, *smuovere*, *cambiare idèa*, G *sich* (von der Stelle) *rühren*, von etwas *abrücken*; to move slightly, *I cannot budge the table*, to cause to change an opinion, *it is difficult to budge such a stubborn man*

**budg-eri-gar** *n* (Australian Aboriginal *gijirrigaa*; 19c); F *perruche* f, S *periquito* m, I *parrocchetto* m *canòro*, G *Wellensittich* m; a small Australian bird blue, green or yellow, with a long blue tail, often kept as a pet; shortened to **budgie**

**budget**<sup>1</sup> *n* (MF *bougette*, OF *bouge* leather bag, L *bulga* leather bag, related to **bulge** and **belly**; early 15c as *bowgette*; the modern sense appeared in 1733, in *open the budget*, said of the Chancellor of the Exchequer in presenting the annual statement of finances); F *budget* m, *bilan* m, S *presupuesto* m, I *bilancio* m, G *Budget* n, (of a family) *Haushaltsplan* m; the official statement by government of a country's taxes, etc, *the government budget*, *the budget deficit* the plan of how to

spend a quantity of money available to a company, to an institution, etc, *the annual budget of our company*

**budget**<sup>2</sup> *v* to calculate how much money one will spend for a particular purpose, *we have budgeted £800 for the new carpet*

**budget**<sup>3</sup> *adj* economical, low in cost, *budget holidays*

\***budget account** *n BrE* an arrangement with a shop to pay your bills in fixed monthly instalments, a bank account for the payment of bills, that are credited with regular payments from the customer's current account

\***budget-ary** *adj* relating to the budget, *budgetary constraints*

**budgie** *n informal* for **budgerigar**

**buff**<sup>1</sup> *n informal* (Middle French *buffle*, It *bufalo*, probably because this leather was originally obtained from buffaloes; late 16c as *buffe leather*); F (peau f de) *buffle* m, *couleur f* *chamois*, *enthousiaste* m/f, S *piel* f de ante, *entusiasta* m/f, I *pèlle* f di *bùfalo*, *colór m* *cuòio*, *entusiasta* m/f, G *Büffelleder*, *Lederfabe* f, *Fan* m; a yellow brown colour, a devotee, a person who knows a lot about a particular subject, *a computer buff*

**buff**<sup>2</sup> ----- *adj* yellow brownish in colour, *a buff envelope*

**buff**<sup>3</sup> ----- *v* to polish with a cloth, *to buff one's shoes*

**buf-falo** ----- *n* (It *buffalo*, Port *búfalo*, LL *bufālum*, variant of *bubalus* a wild ox, Gr *βούβαλος*; late 16c); F *buffle* m, S *búfalo* m, *bisonte* m, I *bùfalo* m, *bisónte* m, G *Büffel* m, *Bison* m; a wild animal of the cow family, that lives in Africa and Asia; see **bison**

**buf-fer**<sup>1</sup> ----- *n* (*buff+-er*, see MF *buffe* a blow, from OF; see **buffet**; 19c); F *amortisseur* m, *heurtoir* m, S *amortiguador* m, *parachoques* m, I *respingenti* m/pl, *protezione* f, G *Puffer* m, *Stoßdämpfer* m; the springs at the front and back of a train to take the shock if the train hits sth, sth that protects another thing or person from being harmed, *the airbag acts as a buffer between driver and steering wheel*, fig. *a buffer against inflation*, computing, an area in the computer's memory for storing data temporarily

**buf-fer**<sup>2</sup> ----- *v* F *atténuer*, *protéger*, S *atenuar*, *proteger*, I *attenuare*, *protèggere*, G *puffern*; to provide protection against sth or sb, *a plan to buffer your savings*, *to buffer the effects of recession*

\***buf-fer state** ----- *n* a smaller country between two large countries *the buffer states of Eastern Europe between Soviet Union and the European Community*

\***buf-fer zone** *n* an area of land between two opposing armies

**buf-fet**<sup>1</sup> *n* ----- (OF *buffet*, *bouffet*, diminutive of *buffe*, see **buff** n; early 18c); F *buffet* m, S *comida* f *buffet*, *bofetada* f, I *buffet* m, G *Bufett* n; a meal at which people serve themselves at a table where all the food is put, *a cold buffet*

**buf-fet**<sup>2</sup> *v usually passive* (said of wind, rain, etc); F *bourrer de coups*, S *abofetear*, I *colpire*, *percuotere*, G *jemandem Schlag versetzen*; to knock sb/sth roughly, *Southern Italy was buffeted by snow*, *rain buffeted the cottage all night*

\***buffet car** ----- *n BrE* a part in a train where you can buy food

**buf-foon** ----- *n derogatory* (F *buffon*, *bouffon*, It *buffone*, from *buffa* a jest, connected with *buffare* to blow out the cheeks; 16c); F *bouffon* m, S *bufón* m, I *buffóne* m, G *Possenreißer* m; someone who behaves in a silly way, a person who sets out to amuse people with jokes and comic behaviour

**bug**<sup>1</sup> ----- *n* (ME *bugge*, a crawling insect, see **bugbear**; early 17c; the sense of a defect or flaw in a machine was

originally *AmE*, and appeared in 1889); **F** virus m, insect m, bogue f, micro m clandestin, marotte f, **S** virus m, bicho m, fallo m, micrófono m oculto, entusiasmo m, **I** infezióne f, insèto m, virus m, micròfono m spia (also, informal, cimice f), passióne f, **G** Bazillus m, Insekt m, Defekt m, Sprechkapsel f ???????, Enthusiasmus m; *informal* an infectious illness that people catch very easily from each other but is not very serious, *to catch/pick up a bug, a stomach bug, a flew bug, AmE* any small insect with mouthparts adapted for piercing, a fault in a computer system or program, *there is a bug in my computer program*, a very small device hidden in a room that allows you to listen to what people are saying, *a telephone bug, informal* a sudden strong enthusiasm for sth, *after attending a Beethoven concert in Bonn I caught the bug*

**bug**<sup>2</sup> ----v to annoy someone, *Janet's insistence on having an affair has bugged him*, to put a bug (a very small electronic equipment) somewhere secretly in order to listen to conversations, *the rooms of the Embassy had been bugged*

**bug-bear** ---- n (*bug* goblin, scarecrow+*bear*); **F** croque-mitaine m, épouvantail m, **S** pesadilla f, obsesión f, **I** spauracchio m, **G** Buhmann m, Schreckenspest n; a goblin, a ghost said to devour naughty children

**bug-eyed** ----- *adj informal* **F** .... .., **S** con los ojos saltones, **I** cón gli òcchi fuòri dalle òrbite, **G** ..... ..; a person with eyes that stick out

**bug-ger**<sup>1</sup> ----- n (*F bougre* heretic, LL *Bulgarus* Bulgarian, a name given to a sect of heretics who came from Bulgaria in the 11th century, and to whom abominable practices were ascribed; 16c); **F** salaud m, idiot m, pédéraste m, **S** mierda f, sodomita m, **I** individuo m lóscio, sodomita m, **G** Kerl m, Sodomit m; offensive word for somebody who is silly and annoying, *that daft bugger has given me the wrong timetable*, used for expressing sympathy for someone you pretend to be annoyed with but you like or feel sorry for, *the poor bugger has been abandoned by his wife*, used as an exclamation to express annoyance, *bugger, it is raining again!*

**bug-ger**<sup>1</sup> v **F** sodomiser, être crevé/e, **S** cometer sodomía con, **I** comméttiere sodomia con, mandàre al diàvolo, **G** Sodomie f treiben mit;

\***bugger all** --- -- n *BrE slang* nothing, very little, *there is bugger all we can do in this field of business*

\***bug-gered** *adj*

\***bug-gery** n *slang* anal sex

**buggy** ----- n (of unknown origin; late 18c; a small car designed for driving on rough ground, *golf buggy, beach buggy*)

**bugle** ---- n (shortened from ME *bugle* horn, from *bugle* wild ox, OF *bugle*, wild ox or instrument made from the horn of the ox, L *bucŭlus* young bullock, diminutive of *bos* ox; 14c); **F** clairon m, **S** corneta, clarín m, **I** trómba f, còrno m da càccia, **G** Wald-, Jagdhorn n, Signalhorn n; a brass trumpet, used in the army to call soldiers

\***bu-gler** ---- n **F** (sonneur m de) clairon, **S** corneta m, **I** trombettière m, **G** Hornist m; one who plays on a bugle, a soldier who conveys orders by signals sounded on a bugle, *the bugler was ordered to sound the 'retire'*

**build**<sup>1</sup> ---- v **built, built** (ME *bilden, bulden, bylden*, OE *byldan* to build, from *bold* a dwelling, see Old Frisian *bōdel* dwelling, OS *bodl*, OE *būan* to dwell; the modern spelling appeared in the middle 16c); **F** bâtir, construire, **S** construir, edificar, **I** costruìre, edificàre, **G** (er)bauen, konstruieren; to construct by putting together materials, *to build a house*, fig. to develop, to expand, *to build a business over the years*

**build**<sup>2</sup> n the physical form of the humal body, *a man of slim build*

\***build-er** ----- n a person or company whose job is to build houses

\***build-ing** n ----- a structure such as a house or factory, that has walls and a roof, *the most ancient buildings in the city*, the process of building houses, etc, *building regulations*

\***building block** ---- n a block of wood or plastic for children to build things with

\***building site** n a place where a house is built

\***building society** n an organization that lends money, often in the form of mortgages, to people who want to buy a house

\***build-up** ---- n something that develops gradually, *the build-up of a library*

\***built** ---- *combining form*, eg *American-built cars*

\***built-in** *adj* forming a part of sth that cannot be separated, *a built-in wardrobe*

\***built-up** n a place where a lot of buildings have been built, *a built-up area*

**bulb** ---- n (MF *bulbe*, L *bulbus*, Gr *βολβός*, a bulb, especially of an onion; 16c; **electric bulb, light bulb**, 1856); **F** bulbe m, oignon m, lampe f, **S** bulbo m, bombilla f, **I** bŭlbo m, tŭbero m, lampadina f, **G** Knolle f, Zwiebel f, elektrische Birne f; a round root of some plants that is shaped like an onion, *tulip bulb, daffodil bulb*

\***bulb-ous** *adj*

**bulge**<sup>1</sup> ---- n (ME *bulge*, OF *boulge*, L *bulga* a leather bag, a wallet, apparently of Gaulish origin, see Old Irish *bolg*; 13c); **F** ventre m, protubérance f, **S** protuberancia f, bombeo m, **I** protuberanza f, rigonfiamento m, **G** Anschwellung f, Vorsprung m; a swelling that sticks out from the surface, *a bulge in his pocket*, a sudden temporary increase in the amount of sth, *a bulge in the price of housing, informal* fat of the body

**bulge**<sup>2</sup> v **F** bomber, ballonner, **S** bombearse, sobresalir, **I** rigonfiarsi, incurvarsi, incurvare, **G** sich (aus)bauchen, hervortreten; to swell outwards, *his pockets bulged with sweets*, to be completely full of something, *my stomach bulges with beer*

**bul-limia** -----n (ModL form of *bulimy*, Gr *βουλιμία* ravenous hunger; late 14c); **F** boulimie f, **S** bulimia f, **I** bulimia f, **G** Bulimie f; a mental state in which one eats large amounts of food, and then vomits to remove it from the stomach

**bulk**<sup>1</sup> ---- n (ME *bolke* a heap, apparently of Scandinavian origin, see Norse *bulki* a heap; 15c); **F** grandeur f, masse f, **S** volumen m, masa f, **I** mäsä f, möle f, **G** Größe f, Hauptteil m; the main part of sth, *the bulk of mankind, the bulk of the army*, used to refer to a person's size, *a man of vast bulk*

**bulk**<sup>2</sup> v *phrasal* **bulk sth out** to make sth bigger by adding sth, *he bulked the meal out by adding potatoes*

\***bulk-head** -----n *technical* **F** cloison f, **S** mamparo m, **I** paratia f, **G** Schott n; a partition dividing the inside of a ship into separate sections

\***bulky** ---- *adj* large, difficult to move or carry, *the bulky equipments of the army*, referring to a person, tall and heavy, *the bulky figure of Colonel Smith*

**bull**<sup>1</sup> ---- n (ME *bole, bule*, OE *bula*, ON *bole*, MLG *bulle*, Middle Dutch *bulle*); **F** taureau m, **S** toro m, **I** tòro m, **G** Bulle m, Stier m; the male of the cow; **take the bull by the horns**, to deal with something difficult in a determined way, *financial*, an investor who buys shares in a company hoping to resell them at a higher price, thus making a profit

**bull**<sup>2</sup> *n hist* (OF *bulle*, MedL *bullā* papal decree, document, seal, L *bullā* amulet, the amulet used to impress the seal on paper; 13c); **F** bulle f, **S** bula f, **I** bólla f, **G** Bulle f; a formal edict issued by the pope

**bull**<sup>3</sup> *n informal* (origin unknown; early 17c); boastful and insincere talk, nonsensical statement, *he gave me a bull about the evening programme, to talk bull*

\***bull-dog** *n* a short strong dog with a large head, long ears and short thick legs

\***Bulldog clip** *n* a metal device for holding papers together

\***bull-doze** *v* to destroy buildings with a bulldozer

\***bull-dozer** *n* a vehicle with a steel blade in front, used to move earth

**bul-let** *n* (MF *boulette*, diminutive of *boule* ball; 16c); **F** balle f, **S** bala f, **I** pallòtola f, **G** Kugel f; a metal object which is fired from the gun, *he got a bullet in the leg*

\***bul-let-proof** *sth* that prevents bullets from going into it, *a bullet-proof jacket*

**bul-letin** *n* (in 17c from It *bulletino*, *bollettino*, diminutive of *bulletta*, itself diminutive of MedL *bullā* papal decree, but the modern word, as 'short account of news', first recorded by Burke in 1791, is from French *bulletin*); **F** bulletin m, communiqué m, **S** boletín m, anuncio m, **I** bollettino m, comunicato m, **G** Bulletin n, Tagesbericht m; a news report on the radio or television, an official statement about sth important, *the daily bulletin on the Pope's health*, a printed leaflet produced by an organization, *the weekly bulletin of our company*

\***bulletin board** *n AmE* a board that you put information on, a place in a computer system where you can write or read messages

\***bull-fight** *n* (see **bull**<sup>1</sup>); public entertainment very popular in Spain, where it is called *corrida*, in which bulls are fought and usually killed

\***bull-finch** *n* a small European bird of the finch family, with a black head and a pink chest

\***bull-frog** *n* a large American frog that makes a loud noise

\***bull-horn** *n AmE* old-fashioned for **megaphone**

**bull-ion** *n* (Anglo-French *bullion*, *billon*, from Old French *boillir* to boil, in reference to the practice of melting down gold or silver; early in 15c as *billon* a bar of precious metal and *bullion* a mint); **F** or m ou argent m en barres ou en lingot(s), **S** oro m en barras, plata f en barras, **I** òro m o argènto m in lingòtti, **G** Gold n oder Silber n in Barren; a bar of gold or silver

\***bull-ish** *adj* (see **bull**<sup>1</sup>); **F** optimiste, à la hausse, **S** optimista, (de tendencia) alcista, **I** ottimista, in rialzo, **G** optimistisch, in der Hausse f; feeling confident about the future, *John is bullish about the future of his business*, *financial* connected with an increase in the price of shares, *a bullish market*

\***bul-lock** *n* **F** bœuf m, **S** toro m castrado, **I** mànzo m, **G** Ochse m; a young male cow whose testicles have been removed

\***bull-ring** *n* **F** arène f, **S** plaza de toros, **I** aréna f, **G** Arena f; the place where a bullfight is held

\***bull session** *n AmE informal* (see **bull**<sup>3</sup>); an occasion when people meet and talk informally

\***bulls-eye** *n* the central circle in a target that you try to hit in the sport of archery or in the game of dart

\***bull-shit** *n slang impolite* sth stupid and not true

\***bull terrier** *n* a small strong dog with short hair

\***bully** *n* (apparently from **bull**<sup>1</sup>); **F** tyran, **S** matón m, **I** prepotènte m, **G** brutaler Kerl m; a person who frightens and torments weaker people

\***bully**<sup>2</sup> *v* **F** brutaliser, **S** tiranizar, **I** tiranneggiare, **G** tyrannisieren; to hurt or frighten someone who is less powerful, *at school he was bullied by other children*

\***bully boy** *n BrE informal* a violent, an aggressive man, especially one paid to frighten people, *bully-boy tactics*

**bul-rush** ----- *n* (from *bull*, of uncertain origin, apparently from *bole*, cf *bulaxe*, *bole+axe*, alternatively an attributive use of *bull+rush*; 15c); **F** jonc m des marais, **S** anea f, espadaña f, **I** giùnco m, papiro m, **G** Binse f, Binsengras n; a tall plant that grows in or near water

**bul-wark** *n* (Middle Dutch *bolwerc*, MLG *bolwerk*, *bolle* tree, trunk+*werk* work; early 15c); **F** rempart m, **S** baluarte m, **I** bastione m, baluàrdo m, **G** Bollwerk n, Wall m; rampart, fortification, *the bulwark protecting the castle*, fig. *a bulwark against communism*

**bum**<sup>1</sup> *n* (onomatopoeic, compare other words of similar sound and meaning, e.g. *bump* n, *bumb* a pimple, Icelandic *bumba* belly of a cask, Fr *bombe*; 14c); **F** derrière m, **S** culo m, **I** deretàno m, sedere m, **G** Hintern m; the part of the body on which we seat

**bum**<sup>2</sup> *n informal AmE* (shortening of *bummer*, but see Scottish *bum*, 1540, lazy, dirty person, probably borrowed from Middle Dutch *bonne bung*; 19c); **F** fainéant, **S** holgazán m, vago m, **I** fannullóne m, **G** Stromer m; a good-for-nothing person, a person who asks other people for money or food

**bum**<sup>3</sup> *v* to get something from somebody by asking

**bum-bag** *n BrE (AmE fanny pack)* a small bag worn around the waist to keep money, keys etc

**bum-ble** *v* (of imitative origin, ME *bumblen*, *bomblen* are first recorded about 1395 in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*; early in 16c as *bumble*, *bomble*, referring to the noise of booming or buzzing about); to do sth or speak in a confused way, said of an insect, to drone

\***bumble-bee** *n* a large social bee of the genus *Bombus*

\***bum-bling** *adj* confused, showing no skill, incompetent, *a bumbling man*

**bumf** *n BrE informal* (short for *bumfodder* 'toilet paper', *bum+fodder*; late 19c); **F** paperasse f, **S** papeles m/pl, papel m higiénico, **I** scartòffie f/pl, càrta f igiénica, **G** Papierkram m, Klopapier n; written information, usually superfluous and uninteresting, that you get with a product you have bought

**bum-mer** *n slang* (see *boom+-er*; 19c); **F** fiasco m, **S** desastre m, **I** disàstro m, **G** schweres Unglück n, Katastrophe f; something annoying or disappointing, *I have lost the key, what a bummer!*, a bad reaction to drugs

**bump**<sup>1</sup> *v* (onomatopoeic, cf **bunch**, **bounce**, **thump**, etc; early 17c); **F** heurter, frapper, **S** chocar contra, **I** urtare, sbattere, **G** (heftig) stoßen, prallen; to hit sth accidentally, *the car bumped against the hard shoulder*

**bump**<sup>2</sup> *n* **F** choc m, heurt m, **S** golpe m, choque m, **I** ùrto m, collisione f, **G** Bums m, heftiger Stoß; the action or sound of something hitting a hard surface, *the bump of a stone falling to the ground*

\***bump-er** *n* **F** parechoc(s), **S** parachoques m, **I** paraùrti m, **G** Stoßstange f; a metal or plastic bar fixed to the front and back of a car to protect in case of collision

\***bumper car** *n* *BrE* also **Dodgem**, a small electric car driven in an enclosed space at a funfair, where the aim is trying to hit other bumper cars

**bumph** a spelling of **bumf**

**bump·kin** *n* also **country bumpkin** (*boom+kin*, see Dutch *boomken*; late 16c); someone from the countryside who is considered stupid and awkward

**bump·tious** *adj* (probably from *bump+ious*, a humorous formation on the pattern of words like *captius*, *facetius*, etc; early 19c); too proud of your merits, showing that you are very important in a way that annoys other people,

\***bumpy** *adj* (see **bump** *v*) not even, *a bumpy road*, with movements caused by the road surface, *a bumpy ride*

**bun** ----- *n* (ME *bunne*, of unclear origin, cf Old French *buignet* a fritter, diminutive of *buigne*, also cp Spanish *buñelo* a fritter); **F** petit pain m au lait, (of hair) chignon m, **S** bollo m, (of hair) rodete m, **I** focaccia f, (of hair) chignon m, cipólla f, **G** süßes Brötchen, (Haar)Knoten; a small round sweet cake, *a currant bun*, a round flat bread roll, a hairstyle of a woman, when hair is tied in a round ball at the back or on the top of the head

**bunch**<sup>1</sup> -----*n* (of unclear origin, probably onomatopoeic, but see OF *bonge* bundle, Flemish *bondje* little bundle; 14c); **F** botte f (de radis), bouquet m (de fleurs), **S** manojo m, (of flowers) ramo m, **I** grappolo m, (of flowers) mazzo, **G** Bund n, Verein m; a collection of things joined together, *a bunch of red roses*

**bunch**<sup>2</sup> *v* **F** botteler (des radis), lier (des fleurs) en bouquet, **S** agrupar, juntar, **I** raggruppare, raccogliere in mazzi, **G** bündeln; to fasten things together, *he bunched the papers together*

**bun·dle**<sup>1</sup> ----- *n* (OE *bynde*, from \**bund* past participle stem of Old Teutonic \**bindan* to bind, but the modern word seems to be an adoption from Middle Dutch *bondel*, MHG *gebündel*; early 14c as *bondell*); **F** paquet m, ballot m, **S** lfo m, legajo m, **I** legare con un fascio, affastellare, fascio m, fagotto m, **G** Bündel n, Paket n; a group of things that have been tied together, *a bundle of newspapers, of firewood, etc*

**bun·dle**<sup>2</sup> *v* **F** empaqueter, lier en paquets, **S** liar, envolver, **I** legare con un fascio, affastellare, **G** in Bündel zusammen binden, -packen; to make into a bundle, *the dealer bundles together at a discount price both hardware and software*, to push someone in a rough way to make him go to a particular place, *police bundled him into the car*

**bung**<sup>1</sup> ----- *n* (cf Middle Dutch *bonghe*, *bonne*, MHG *punkt*, the synonymous French *bonde* being apparently from L *puncta* 'hole', from *pungere* to prick; 15c); **F** bonde f, bondon m (de fût), **S** tapón m, **I** turacciolo m, tappo m, **G** Spund(zapfen) m; a round piece of rubber, wood, etc, used to close the top of a container

**bung**<sup>2</sup> *v* **F** boucher, fourrer, **S** tapar con bitoque, **I** tappare, **G** verspunden, verstopfen; to close with a bung

**bun·ga·low** *n* (Hindi *banglā* of Bengal, from *Banga* Bengal; 17c); a one-storey house, usually with a thatched roof

**bun·gee jump·ing** *n* (of unclear origin, apparently from *bungie*, slang for India rubber; early 20c); the sport of jumping from a crane or from a bridge, having the feet or

waste secured to an elasticated rope that pulls you back before you hit the ground

**bun·gle**<sup>1</sup> *v* (apparently onomatopoeic, cf *bumble*, *brangle*, *boggle* verb, but see Swedish dialect *bangla* to work ineffectually, Old Swedish *bunga* to strike; early 16c); **F** gâchis m, bousillage m, **S** chapucear, hacer malísimamente, **I** abborracciare, **G** stümpern, pfsuchen; to deal with sth very badly, *he bungled the homework*

**bun·gle**<sup>2</sup> *n* **F** gâcher, bousiller, **S** chapuza, **I** pasticcio m, **G** Stümperei f; something that has been done badly and without skill

\***bun·gler** *n* **F** bousilleur/euse, **S** chapucero m, **I** pasticcione/a, **G** Stümper m, Pfsucher m; one who bungles a job or procedure

\***bun·gling** *adj* **F** maladroit, **S** chafallón m, chapucero/a, **I** pasticcione/a, **G** ungeschickt, stümperhaft; said of one who bungles

**bun·ion** *n* (etymology unclear, apparently connected with *bunny*, see Italian *bugnone* a botch, from *bugno*, OF *bugne*; early 18c); **F** inflammation f de la base du gros orteil, oignon m, **S** juanete m, **I** infiammazione f dell'alluce, **G** entzündeter Fußballen; a painful lump on the big toe

**bunk** *n* (etymology unclear, possibly related to *bank*, perhaps shortened from *bunker*, cf also Old Swedish *bunke* boarding to protect the cargo of a ship from the weather; 18c); **F** couchette f, **S** litera f, camastro m, **I** cuccetta f, **G** (Schlaf)Kojen, Etagenbett; a narrow bed that is fixed to a wall, especially on a train or in a ship

**bun·ker** *n* (apparently a variant of **banker** bench, 1677; the meaning of *bank of earth* appeared in 1824, and by 1939 this sense was extended to a dug-out fortification); a shelter for soldiers and guns, usually underground, reinforced with concrete, *Hitler's bunker*, a container for storing coal, especially on a ship or outside a house, a large hole on a golf course filled with sand

\***bun·khouse** *n* a building where workers sleep

\***bun·kum** or **Buncombe** *n* colloquial *AmE* (named after Buncombe County, in North Carolina; 19c); nonsense, foolish talk

**bunny** *n* (English dialect *bun* tail of a hare, from Scottish Gaelic *bun* bottom; 17c); a pet name for a rabbit

**bunny slope** *n* *AmE* nursery slope

**Bun·sen burner** *n* (named after the German chemist R. W. Bunsen; 19c); an instrument used in chemistry laboratories that produces a hot gas flame

**bunt** *v* *AmE* (probably from *bunt*, 1825, strike, push; cp also **butt** *v*; late 19c); in baseball, to deliberately hit the ball at a short distance

\***bunt·ing** *n* small flags on a string used to decorate streets on special occasions

**buoy**<sup>1</sup> *n* (ME *boye*, OF *boye*, Middle French *bouée*, L *boia* a halter, a fetter; see also Middle Dutch *boye*, *boeye*, of Germanic origin; 15c); **F** bouée f, **S** boya f, **I** bòa f, **G** Boje f, Seezeichen n; an object which floats on the sea to mark the places where for boats it is dangerous to go

**buoy**<sup>2</sup> *v* (late 16c); **F** baliser, marquer, **S** aboyar, señalar con boyas, **I** segnalare con una bòa, **G** durch Bojen markieren; to mark with a buoy

\***buoy·ancy** *n* the quality of being able to float, *the boat lacks buoyancy*, fig. the ability to recover quickly from a disappointment, *the qualities of optimism and buoyancy*

\***buoy·ant** *adj* floating, fig. cheerful, *a buoyant market*

**bur** a spelling of **burr**

**bur·ble**<sup>1</sup> -----v *BrE disapproving* (apparently onomatopoeic, but the Romanic forms, e.g. It *borbogliare*, point to L *bullā* bubble; early 14c); **F** murmurer, **S** burbujejar, parlotear, **I** ciarlàre, cianciàre, **G** brodeln, plappern; to speak in a confused way, that is difficult to understand

**bur·ble**<sup>2</sup> n **F** papotage m, **S** chisme m, cuento m, **I** brontolio m, ciànçe f/pl, **G** Geschwätz n, Gerede n; a confused and fast talk, difficult to understand

**burbs** informal for **suburbs**

**bur·den**<sup>1</sup> -----n (OE *byrthen*, ME *burthen*, from the root of Germanic *\*beran* to carry, see **bear**; some forms, meaning 'a load of responsibility, duty, sorrow', etc., are derived from Romanic *bourdon*, but the fusion of the two words is now complete, and they cannot be treated separately); **F** fardeau m, charge f, **S** carga f, fardo m, **I** càrico m, péso m, **G** Last f, Ladung f; a heavy load, a *beast of burden*, something difficult you have to deal with, *the burden of responsibility, law the burden of proof*

**bur·den**<sup>2</sup> v **F** charger, accabler, **S** cargar (de), **I** gravàre, imporre un ònere m, **G** belasten; to give somebody a difficult or hard duty, responsibility, etc, *the youngman was burdened with heavy responsibilities*

**\*bur·den·some** -----adj formal **F** onéreux/euse, **S** gravoso/a, oneroso/a, **I** gravóso/a, oneróso/a, **G** hart, schwer; difficult to carry or tolerate, a *burdensome task*

**bur·eau** -----n (*F bureau* office, from *bureau* tapis de table, woollen stuff for covering writing-desks, OF *burel* woollen cloth, LL *burra* coarse wool; 18c); **F** bureau/aux m, **S** buró m, oficina f, **I** ufficio m, **G** Büro n; an office for business, for providing and collecting information, *an employment bureau*, *AmE* a government organization, *the Federal Bureau of Investigation*, an office of a company that has its main branch elsewhere, *the Rome Bureau of the 'International Herald Tribune'*, *BrE* a writing desk with drawers and a top that opens down

**\*bur·eau·cracy** -----n **F** bureaucratie f, **S** burocracia f, **I** burocrazia f, **G** Bürokratie f; the system of administration based on bureaus, etc, *derogatory* a system of government that is marked by excessive officialism, by a complex set of procedures, etc, *unnecessary state bureaucracy*

**\*bur·eau·crat** -----F n bureaucrate m, **S** burócrata m/f, **I** buròcrate m/f, **G** Bürokrat m; a member of bureaucracy, in particular one who follows too strictly the rules

**\*bur·eau·cratic** -----adj **F** bureaucratique, **S** burocrático/a, **I** burocrático/a, **G** bürokratisch; connected with bureaucracy, *bureaucratic organization*

**bur·ette** ----- n (*F burette* small vase, diminutive of *buire* vase for liquors; 19c); **F** burette f, éprouvette graduée, **S** bureta f, **I** burétta f, provétta f graduata, **G** Bürette f; a glass tube marked with a scale, used in chemical experiments for measuring small quantities of liquid

**bur·geon** ----- v literary (ME *borioun*, *hurioun*, OF *bor-*, *burjon*, ModF *bourgeon*, of uncertain etymology, see OHG *burjan* to raise, to hold up, alternatively VL *\*burrionem*, accusative of *\*burrio* bud, sprout, LL *burra* coarse wool); **F** bourgeonner, **S** retoñar, florecer, **I** germogliàre, sviluppàrsi, **G** knospen, (hervor)sprießen; to flourish, *the tree burgeons in spring*, fig. to grow quickly, *a burgeoning market*

**bur·ger** ----- n *AmE* for **hamburger**

**burgh** -----n old fashioned or Scottish for **borough**

**bur·gher** ----- n old fashioned (Middle Dutch *burgher*, MHG *Burger*, see *borough*; late 16c); **F** citoyen/enne, **S**

vecino m, habitante de una villa, **I** abitante m/f di un bórgo, cittadino/a, **G** Bürger m, Städter m; inhabitant of a borough, as distinct from a person living in the country

**burg·lar** ----- n (Anglo-Latin *burglator*, apparently from L *latro*, nominative of *latrōnem* a robber; the MedL *burgator* is from *burgāre* to commit burglary in, L *burgus* fortress, castle; 16c); **F** cambrioleur m, **S** ladrón m, escalador m, **I** scassinatóre/trice, **G** Einbrecher m; one who commits burglary, a thief

**\*burglar alarm** -----n **F** alarme f anti-vol, **S** alarma f antirrobo, **I** segnàle m antifurto, **G** Alarmanlage f; a device that gives a warning if someone tries to illegally enter a building

**\*burglary** -----n the crime of illegally entering a building to steal things

**\*burg·gle** ----- n (back formation from *burglar*, from Anglo-Latin *burgulāre*); **F** cambrioler, dévaliser (une maison), **S** robar, desvalijar, **I** svaligiàre, comméttre furto con scàssio, **G** einbrechen in; to enter a building illegally and steal things

**bur·gundy** ---- n a wine from the Burgundy region of eastern France

**bur·ial** ----- n (ME *buryel*, *biriel*, formed as a singular of *byriels*, from OE *byrgels* burial place, from *byrgan* to bury+els, see **bury**); **F** enterrement m, inhumation f, **S** entierro m, **I** sepoltūra f, inumazióne f, **G** Begräbnis n; the act of burying a dead body, *my grandfather's burial*

**\*burial ground** n a place where dead people are buried

**bur·lap** ----- n *AmE* for **hessian** (apparently from Dutch *\*boerenlap*, *boeren* coarse+lap piece of cloth; late 17c); **F** toile f d'emballage, **S** arpillera f, **I** téla f da imballàggio, **G** Sackleinwand f; a type of rough cloth used for sacking

**bur·lesque** -----n/adj (*F burlesque*, It *burlesco*, from *burla* jest, apparently an alteration of LL *burrae* trifles, nonsense; 17c); **F** burlesque adj, parodie n/f, **S** burlesco adj, parodia f, **I** burlesco/a adj, caricàtura n/f, **G** burlesk adj, Burleske n/f; a literary parody, a performance which tries to represent as ridiculous something serious, *burlesque style*

**burly** ----- adj (ME *borlich*, northern *burli*, imposing, stately, probably related to OE *beran* to bear, carry; 13c); **F** robuste, solidement bâti/e, **S** corpulento/a, **I** corpulènto/a, **G** stämmig; (said of a man or of his body) big, strong, heavy

**burn**<sup>1</sup> ----- v (OE *beornan* and *baernan* were distinct verbs, but run together early in ME; in late ME *brenne*, *brent*, was common, but in the 16th century it was replaced by *burn*, *burnt*); **F** brûler, **S** quemar, quemar(se), **I** bruciàre, **G** (ver)brennen, in *Flammen stellen*; to set on fire, to be on fire

**burn**<sup>2</sup> n **F** brûlure f, **S** quemadura f, **I** bruciàtura f, **G** verbrannte Stelle; an injury on your skin caused by fire, *the blacksmith suffered burns to his hands*, the burns, the feeling that you get in your muscles when you have done a lot of exercise

**burn**<sup>3</sup> n *Scottish* (Anglo-Saxon *burna* brook); a rivulet

**\*burn·er** -----n (late 13c as *Brenner* a person who makes bricks); the part of a fuel-burning device that produces a flame, a piece of equipment for burning wood or coal

**\*burn·ing** adj very strong, *the burning desire of glory*, very hot, *the burning sun in Sicily*

**bur·nish** -----v formal (OF *burnir*, *brunir* make brown; 14c); to make a metal shiny by rubbing

**\*burn·out** ---n a condition of extreme exhaustion caused by stress and overwork.

\***burnt-out** -----*adj* damaged by fire, a *burnt-out car*, feeling as if having done very much and needing a rest, *after correcting the proofs I felt burnt-out*

\***burnt** *adj* damaged by burning, *burned toast*

**burp**<sup>1</sup> -----*v* *AmE slang* (imitative of the sound of belching; 20c); **F** éructer, **S** eructar, **I** eruttàre, **G** rülpsen; to let air from the stomach through the mouth, making a noise, see **belch**

**burp**<sup>2</sup> *n* **F** éructation f, rot m, **S** eructo m, **I** rütto m, **G** Aufstoßen n; a belch

**burr**<sup>1</sup> ----- *n* (probably imitative; 18c); **F** 'r' m de la gorge, **S** ...????, **I** pronuncia f arrotàta della 'r', **G** Zäpfchenausprache f; a strong pronunciation of the 'r' sound, a *soft Northumberland burr*

**burr**<sup>2</sup> *n* (probably imitative, or of Germanic origin; early 17c); **F** bot teigne f, **S** erizo m, **I** tìgna f, ?????? **G** .... ....; in some plants, a small round seed container covered with prickles, that stick to clothes and to animals' fur

**bur·rito** *n* a Mexican dish consisting of a tortilla folded with beans, meat and cheese

**bur·row**<sup>1</sup> -----*n* (of obscure origin, see *ME borwgh, borewe*, from *OE burg* stronghold, fortress, apparently related to *OE beorgh* hill, mound, see **barrow** and **borough**); **F** terrier m, renardière f (de renard), clapier (de lapin), **S** madriguera f, conejera f, galería f, **I** tàna f, cunicolo f, **G** Bau m, Höhle f; a hole made in the ground by a rabbit for shelter

**bur·row**<sup>2</sup> *v* **F** fouir la terre, **S** hacer madrigueras en, **I** scavàre un cunicolo, **G** sich eingraben; to excavate a hole in the ground

**bur·sar** -----*n* (*MedL bursarius* keeper of the purse, from *bursa* a bag or purse, *Gr βύρσα* skin, *OF borsier, boursier*, from *bourse* purse; late 16c); **F** économiste m/f, (student) boursier/ère, **S** tesorero/a, **I** ecònomo m, tesorière m, **G** Finanzverwalter m, (student) Stipendiat m; the person who deals with the financial affairs of a school or college, in Scottish universities and schools, a student who holds a bursary, an exhibitioner

\***bur·sary** ----- *n* (*MedL bursaria, bursa* purse; 17c); **F** économiste m, (student) bourse f (d'études), **S** beca f, **I** economato m, bórsa f di stùdio, **G** Quästur f, Stipendium n; the bursar's office, *Scottish* a scholarship awarded to a student

**burst**<sup>1</sup> ----- *v* (*OE berstan, ME bersten, bursten*, cognate with *OS bersta* to burst, *OHG brestan, ModG bersten*, from Proto-Germanic); **F** éclater, exploser, **S** reventar(se), **I** scoppiàre, esplòdere, **G** bersten, explodieren; to make something split or open suddenly because of internal pressure, *the balloon burst in the sky, the door burst open*, fig. to feel a strong emotion, *to burst with curiosity, to burst into tears*

**burst**<sup>2</sup> *n* **F** éclatement m, explosion f, **S** reventón m, explosión f, **I** esplosióne f, **G** Bersten n, Explosion f; an act of bursting, *a burst in the water pipe, a burst of anger*, a short period of particular activity, *a burst of anger*, a series of shuts from a gun, *bursts of machine gun fire*

**bur·then** ----- *n* *archaic* for **burden**, used to mean 'capacity of a ship'

**bur·ton** *n* *BrE slang* (origin unknown; 20c); **gone for a burton** to go lost, broken, of a person or thing, to be missing or destroyed

**bury** ----- *v* **bur-ies, bury-ing, bur-ied** (*OE byrgan*, cognate with *OHG bergan* shelter, conceal, *ME birien, burien*); **F** enterrer, ensevelir, **S** enterrar, sepultar, **I** sotterràre, seppellire, **G** begraben, beerdigen; to place a corpse in a tomb, *the colonel was buried with military honours*, to hide something by depositing it in the earth, fig. *to bury oneself in the books*

**bus**<sup>1</sup> -----*n* (a shortening of **omnibus**; early 19c); **F** autobus m, **S** autobús m, **I** àutobus m, **G** Omnibus m, (Auto)bus m; a motor-driven vehicle that carries passengers along a fixed route, fig. **to miss the bus** to lose an opportunity

**bus**<sup>2</sup> *v* to transport by bus, *we were bussed to the restaurant*

**bus·boy, bus-girl** *n* *AmE* a boy who works in a restaurant and whose job is to clear the dishes

**bushy** ----- *n* (origin unknown; Busby is the name of an English village and a personal surname; 18c); a fur hat worn by British soldiers on the occasion of particular ceremonies

**bush** ----- *n* (*ME busk, bussh*, cognate with *OHG bush*, see *MedL boscum, boscus* wood, and *Old Saxon busc* bush); **F** buisson m, arbrisseau m, **S** arbusto m, **I** cespùglio m, bòsco m, **G** Busch m, Strauch m; a plant with many small branches growing from the ground, a *rose bush*, an area of land covered with bushes and trees

\***bushed** -----*adj* *informal* (from the state of one who wanders in a bush; late 19c); very tired, perplexed, confused

**bushel** -----*n* (*ME boyschel, buyschel, OF boissiel*, diminutive of *boiste* box, see *MedL bustellus, bussellus*); a measure of capacity containing 8 imperial gallons (36.37 litres)

\***bush-league** ----- *adj* *AmE informal* (see **bush**); of very low quality

\***Bush-man** *n* a man from Southern Africa who live in the bush

\***bushy** ---- *adj* said of hair or fur, growing thickly, *the bushy tail of our cat*

\***bushy-tailed** *adj* bright-eyed

\***busily** ----- *adv* in an active and energetic way, *he was busily checking his papers*

**busi·ness** ----- *n* (*OE bisignis* anxiety, from *bisig* anxious, busy; late 14c); **F** affaire f, métier m, commerce m, entreprise f, **S** negocios m/pl, ocupación f, comercio m, empresa f, **I** lavóro m, mestiére m, attività f, **G** Tätigkeit f, Beruf m, Gewerbe n; the activity of buying, selling, etc, *she runs a business in the High Street*, a commercial organization, *the family business, to set up a business*, fig. responsibility, *it is our business looking after him*

\***business card** ----- *n* a small card printed with sb's name and job and company, see **visiting card**

\***business class** *n* the part of the plane where sit passengers who travel for business, as distinct from the first class

\***business end** ----- *n* *informal* the end of a tool or weapon that does the work, as opposed to the handle, *the business end of the gun*

\***business hours** ----- *n* the hours during which business is run

\***busi·ness·like** ----- *adj* showing qualities that are useful in conducting a business

\***busi·ness·man**,----- **busi·ness·woman** *n* a person engaged in business as an owner or as an executive

\***business park** ----- *n* an area usually peripheral to a town designed for offices or industry

\***business studies** ----- *n* studies connected with economics and management of business

**busk** ----- *v BrE slang* (origin unclear, apparently from French *busquer fortune* 'to go seek his fortune', It *buscare*, Sp *buscar*; 19c); **F** chanter ou jouer d'un instrument dans les rues, **S** tocar música f (en la calle), **I** suonare musica f per le strade, **G** auf der Straße musizieren; to perform music in the streets for money

\***busk·er** ----- *n F* musicien ambulante ou des rues, **S** músico m ambulante, **I** suonatore m ambulante, **G** Straßenmusikant m; one who performs music in the street for money;  
\***busk·ing** *n*

\***bus lane** ----- *n* (see **bus**); a marked traffic lane that only buses use

\***bus·load** *n* the number of passengers that a bus can carry

\***bus·man's holiday** *n* *humorous* a holiday where you do what you normally do at work, instead of relaxing yourself

\***bus shelter** ----- *n* a covered structure at a bus stop, that gives shelter against the rain

\***bus station** ----- *n* a place where buses leave and arrive

\***bus stop** ----- *n* a place where buses stop to pick up or set down passengers

**bust**<sup>1</sup> ----- *vt/i AmE slang* (alteration of **burst**; late 19c); **F** casser, (se) casser, **S** romper, romperse, quebrar, **I** esplodere, rómpere, andàre in rovina, **G** kaputtgehen (machen), ruinieren; to break or burst something, *I fell and busted my arm*, said of the police, to arrest, to search someone or somewhere, especially for possession of drugs, *the club was busted by police and the owner was arrested*, to make someone lower in military rank, to demote

**bust**<sup>2</sup> ----- *n* (**F** buste, It *busto*, L *bustum* funeral monument; late 17c); **F** buste m, poitrine f, **S** busto m, pecho m, seno m, **I** busto m, séno m, **G** Büste f, Kopf m, Busen m; a statue of the head, shoulders and chest of a person, *the bust of Cicero in the Capitoline Museums in Rome*, a woman's breasts, *AmE informal*, a thing that is not good, *the performance was a bust*  
**bust**<sup>3</sup> *adj informal* broken, *the engine is bust*, (said of a person or business) bankrupt because of lack of money, **go bust colloquial** to go bankrupt, *John's business went bust last autumn*

**bus·tard** *n* (L *avis tarda* slow bird; 15c); a bird of the Otididae family, with long legs, long neck and a large body, that build nests on the ground

**busted** *adj AmE informal* broken, *a busted leg*

**bus·ter** *n AmE informal* (an alteration of **buster**, 'person or thing that bursts'; 19c); used in a form of address, slightly disrespectful, or to a man you do not like, *get lost, buster!*

**bus·tier** *n* (French **bus-tier** bodice; late 20c); a piece of clothing that women wear on the top half of the body, but which does not cover the shoulders

**bus·tle**<sup>1</sup> *v* (ME *bustelen* to move vigorously, apparently onomatopoeic, suggested by *bluster*, alternately a phonetic variant of the obsolete *buskle*, meaning 'to prepare in a busy way'; 16c); **F** s'activer, s'affairer, **S** menearse, ir y venir, **I** dàrsi da fare, affaccendàrsi, andàre su e giù, **G** geschäftig hin und her rennen; to move around quickly because you are very busy, *the city center bustles with people*

**bus·tle**<sup>2</sup> *n F* mouvement m, remue-ménage m, **S** movimiento m, animación f, **I** andiriviéni m, confusión f, **G** Geschäftigkeit f; the noisy activity in a crowded place, *the hustle and bustle in Princes Street during the rush hours*

\***bus·tling** *adj* full of people moving in a busy way, *a bustling market*

\***bus·up** *n informal* a row, a bad argument,

\***busty** *adj* (of a woman) having big breasts

**busy**<sup>1</sup> *adj* (OE *bisig*, MLG *besig*, Middle Dutch *bezig*; late 14c as **busy**); **F** occupé/e, affairé/e, **S** ocupado/, activo/a, **I** occupàto/a, affaccendàto/a, **G** beschäftigt, tätig; having much work to do, *I have been very busy during the weekend*, said of a place, *Princes Street is busy during the Edinburgh festival*, said of time, *a busy period of the year*, said of the telephone, *the line is busy*, *I will try again later*

**busy**<sup>2</sup> *v F* s'occuper (à ou de quelque chose), **S** ocuparse (en), **I** dàrsi da fare, occupàrsi (di), **G** (sich) beschäftigen (mit); to spend your time dealing with something, *he busies himself with the project of a new house*

\***busy·body** ----- *n* *disapproving* a person who is too interested in what other people are doing, *an old busybody*

\***busy Lizzie** ----- *n* (*busy+Lizzie*, nickname for *Elizabeth*); a small plant with scarlet, pink or white flowers

\***busy·work** ----- *n* a work that is given somebody to keep them busy, but without any real utility

**but**<sup>1</sup> ----- (OE *būtan* without, unless, *be by+ūtan* outside, from *ūt* out); **F** mais, seulement, **S** sólo, excepto, pero m, objeción f, **I** ma, però, eccètto, soltànto, obiezióne f, **G** aber, sondern, außer, nur, ohne daß; *conj* used to introduce a word or phrase that contrasts with what was said before, *poor but honest*; *prep* except, apart from, *no one was late but Louis*; *adv formal* only, *he is but a youngman*; *n* an objection or doubt, *I have no buts about the endeavour*, *there are no ifs and buts*

**bu·tane** ----- *n chem* (*but(y)l+ane*, from *butyric* (acid), a product of fermentation found in rancid butter, L *butirum* butter, Gr *βούτυρον*; late 19c); **F** butane m, **S** butano m, **I** butàno m, **G** Butan n; a colourless highly flammable gas of the alkane series, used especially as a fuel

**butch** ----- *adj slang AmE* (apparently from dialectal *butch* vendor, short for *butcher*, or even from the male nickname *Butch*; 20c); **F** très masculin, lesbienne, **S** (woman) marimacho m, **I** (woman) masculina, lèsbica, **G** Lesbierin f; said of a woman behaving or dressing like a man, a lesbian, said of a man who is big, strong, tough

**butcher**<sup>1</sup> ----- *n* (ME *bocher*, *boucher*, OF *bo(u)chier*, the literal sense being therefore 'dealer in goat's flesh', see It *beccaiò* butcher, from *becco* wild goat, Latin *ibex*; 13c); **F** boucher/ère, **S** carnicero m, **I** macellàio m, **G** Fleischer m, Metzger m, Schlachter m; someone who has a shop that sells meat, or whose job is killing animals to sell them for meat  
**butcher**<sup>2</sup> *v F* abattre (un animal), **S** matar, **I** macellàre, **G** schlachten; to slaughter an animal for sale, to kill someone in a violent way, *fig.* to make a mess of something, *he has butchered my essay*

\***butch·ery** ----- *n* the work of preparing meat to be sold, *fig.* a cruel killing, *the Flodden fields battle was a butchery of the Scottish nobility*

**but·ler** ----- *n* (ME *butuler* chief servant in charge of the wine, AF *butuiller*, OF *bouteillier*, from *bouteille* wine vessel, MedL *buticularius*, see **bottle**); **F** maître d'hôtel, **S** mayordomo m, **I** maggiordòmo m, **G** Butler m, Kellermeister m; the chief male servant in a house, in charge of the running of the household

**butt**<sup>1</sup> ----- *v* (ME *budden*, Old French *bo(u)ter*, Anglo-Norman *buter*, of Germanic origin, see **beat**); **F** donner un coup de corne à (qn), **S** dar cabezadas contra, **I** dare una testàta f contro, dare una cornàta (of an animal), incornàre, **G**

anstoßen; to hit against somebody with the horns, to strike with the head

**\*butt<sup>2</sup>** *n* **F** coup de la tête, **S** cabezada *f*, **I** cornàta *f*, testàta *f*, **G** Kopfstoß *m*; a blow with the horns

**butt<sup>3</sup>** *n* (of Germanic origin; early 15c as *botte* or *butte*); **F** souche *f* (d'arbres), mégot *m* (de cigarette), crosse *f* (de fusil), **S** cabo *m*, extremo *m*, culata (of gun), colilla *f* (of cigarette), **I** estremità *f*, céppo *m* (of a plant), mozzicóne *m* (of cigarette), **G** (dickes) Ende (of a tool), Kolben *m* (of a gun), Stummel *m* (of cigarettes); the thicker end of anything, a *rifle butt*, the unused end of a cigarette or cigar, a *cigarette butt*

**butt<sup>4</sup>** *n* (*F* *but* a target, *OF* *bout*, from Frankish; 14c as *but*); **F** but *m*, souffre-douleur *m*, **S** blanco *m*, (ser) el objeto de, **I** bersaglio *m*, oggèto *m* di schérno, **G** Kugelfang *m*; a person who is an object of ridicule or scorn, *he became the butt of silly jokes*, a low mound behind which goose-shooters etc conceal themselves to shoot at game birds

**butt<sup>5</sup>** *n* (French *botte*, *LL* *buttis* cask, Greek *πτύνη* decorated cask; 14c); **F** barrique *f*, tonneau *m*, **S** tonel *m*, tina *f*, **I** bótte *f*, barile *m*, **G** Faß *m*; a large barrel for wine or beer

**but·ter<sup>1</sup>** ----*n* (*OE* *butere*, borrowed from *L* *butīrum* butter, *Gr* *βούτυρον* cow's milk curds, from *βῆς* cow+*τύρος* cheese); **F** beurre *m*, **S** mantequilla *f*, **I** búrrro *m*, **G** Butter *f*; a fatty food made from milk and used for cooking

**but·ter<sup>2</sup>** *v* **F** beurrer, **S** untar con mantequilla, **I** imburràre, **G** mit Butter bestreichen; to spread butter on something, *to butter the bread*

**\*butter bean** -----*n* a type of large pale yellow bean, usually sold dried

**\*but·ter·cream** ----*n* a mixture of butter and sugar, used inside or on top of cakes

**\*but·ter·cup** ---- *n* a wild plant with small flowers that are shaped like cups

**\*but·ter·fin·gers** ----*n* *informal* a person who drops things

**\*but·ter·fly** ---- *n* (*OE* *buterflēge*, *ME* *buterflige*, a compound of *butter*+*flēoge* fly; the reason of the name for the insect is unclear); an insect of the order *Lepidoptera*, *fig.* a person who is not very serious and is only interested in pleasure, *a social butterfly*

**\*but·ter·milk** *n* the liquid that remains after the separation of butter from milk

**\*but·ter·scotch** *n* also **butterscot** (*butter*+*Scotch* 'having been first made in Scotland'; 19c); a kind of toffee made from brown sugar, butter and water

**\*buttery** *adj* containing butter

**\*but·tery** *n* (*ME* *boterie*, from Old French *botte*, *LL* *botaria*, from *butta* cask, see **butt<sup>5</sup>**); a room, especially in some English universities, where food is supplied to students

**but·tock** *n* usually *plural* (*OE* *buttuc* small piece of land, about 1300 as *buttok*, see **butt<sup>4</sup>**+*ock*, and the surname *Brittebuttock*, 1268); **F** fesse *f*, le derrière *m*, **S** nalgas *f/pl*, cachas *f/pl*, **I** nàtica *f*, **G** Hinterbacke *f*; the two fleshy parts of the back of the body just above the legs

**but·ton<sup>1</sup>** *n* (*OF* *boton*, *bouton*, bud, knob, from assumed *LL* *\*bottonem*, from *\*bottare* to thrust, put forth; 14c); **F** bouton *m*, **S** botón *m*, **I** bottóne *m*, **G** (Kleider)Knopf *m*; a little piece of plastic, usually flat and round, that holds together the two parts of a clothing, for example, a jacket

**but·ton<sup>2</sup>** *v* **F** boutonner, **S** abotonar, **I** abbottonàre, **G** (zu)knöpfen; to fast something with a button

**\*but·ton·down collar** *n* a collar on a shirt that has the ends fastened to the shirt with buttons

**\*but·ton·hole** *n* a hole through which a button passes to fasten clothes

**\*button mushroom** *n* a small mushroom used in cooking

**but·tress<sup>1</sup>** *n* (*OF* *bouterez* 'arc boutant', from *bouter* to push, bear against, *ME* *butres*; 13c); **F** contrefort *m*, arc-boutant *m*, **S** contrafuerte *m*, apoyo *m*, sostén *m*, **I** contrafforte *m*, speróne *m*, **G** Strebepfeiler *m*, Stütze *f*; a stone or brick structure that supports a wall

**but·tress<sup>2</sup>** *v* **F** arc-bouter, étayer, **S** poner contrafuerte a, apoyar, **I** rafforzàre con un contrafforte, sostenére, **G** (durch Strebepfeiler) stützen, *fig.* stützen; to support a wall with a buttress

**\*butty** or **buttie** *n* *northern English informal* (from *butter*; 19c); a sandwich, a *jam butty*

**buxom** *adj* (*ME* *buxum* pliant, obedient, see *OE* *būgan* to bend+*some*; see **bow** bend; the present meaning was first recorded in 1589); **F** à la forte poitrine, aux formes rebondies, **S** rollizo/a, tetuda, **I** formósa, prosperósa, **G** drall; (said of a woman), healthy-looking in an attractive way, and with large breasts

**buy<sup>1</sup>** *v* (*ME* *biggen*, *beyen*, *OE* *bycgan*, cognate with *OS* *buggian* buy, Gothic *bujan*; the present spelling became standard near the end of the 16c); **F** acheter, **S** comprar, **I** acquistàre, compràre, **G** kaufen; to get something by paying money, *to buy a new car*, *fig.* to believe sth, *I cannot buy what you are telling me*, *to buy the silence of somebody*

**buy<sup>2</sup>** *n* **F** achat *m*, **S** compra *f*, **I** acquisto *m*, spésa *f*, **G** Kauf *m*; something bought, *that house was a good buy*

**\*buyer** *n* a person who buys sth, especially expensive, *a buyer for the farm*, a person who chooses goods to be sold in a large store or for a factory

**\*buyer's market** *n* a situation in which there are more goods for sale than people acquiring them, so that the prices stay low

**\*buy·out** *n* a situation in which people employed in a company buy all of its shares, taking control of it

**buzz<sup>1</sup>** *v* (imitative of the sound made by the bees and other insects; early 16c as *buss*); **F** bourdonner, **S** zumbar, **I** ronziàre, fare un brusìo *m*, **G** summen, brummen; to make a humming sound, *the bees were buzzing with excitement*

**buzz<sup>2</sup>** *n* **F** bourdonnement *m*, **S** zumbido *m*, **I** ronzió *m* (delle api), brusìo *m*, **G** Summen *n*, Brummen *n*; a continuous sound like the one of the bees, *the buzz of the (bee)hive*

**buz·zard** *n* (*OF* *busart*, *It* *bozzagro*, apparently from *L* *buteōnem* a species of hawk; 14c); **F** busard *m*, buse *f*, **S** ratonero *m* común, águila *f* ratonera, **I** buzzàgro *m*, poiàna *f*, **G** Bussard *m*; *BrE* a European bird of prey of the hawk family, that kills other creatures for food, *AmE* a large American bird like the vulture, that eats the flesh of dead animals

**\*buzz·er** *n* an electrical device that produces the buzz sound when you press it

**\*buzz·word** *n* *informal* a word or phrase that has become fashionable in a social group, in newspapers, etc, *the buzzword of the moment is 'communication'*

**by** *prep/adverb* (*OE* *bī*, *be*, cognate with *OS* *bī* *be*, *by*, *near*, *OHG* *bī*; also cognate with the second element in *L* *ambi*-about, around, *Gr* *ἀμφί* about); **F** *prep* (near) (au)près de, a côté de, (via) par, (agency) par, de, (according to) à, **by the by(e)**, **by the way** à propos, **by and by** bientôt, tantôt, *adverb* (near) près, (aside) de côté, **S** *prep* (by means of) por, (in

accordance with) según, de acuerdo con, (time) para, (place) al lado de, (measurement) por, **by the by** a propósito, por cierto, *adverb* más tarde, luego, **I prep** (near) vicino a, presso, (via) per, (from the hand of) di, (according to) per, secondo, *adverb* (near) vicino, (aside) da parte, **G prep** (near) bei, an, neben, (via) durch, über, entlang, (Zeit) während, bei, (mittel) durch, *adverb* (near) dabei, (along) vorbei, **by and by** nach und nach; *prep* near sb/sth *the house by the highroad, she was sitting by me*, after a passive verb, used to show who does or creates sth, *the Divine comedy was written by Dante*, to show how sth is done, *to travel by car, to pay by cheque*, no later than, *by tomorrow morning*, during, *to travel by night*, giving personal information, *Italian by birth, a teacher by profession*; *adverb* near, *John lives close by*, aside, *put money by*

**by-** *prefix* of minor importance, *a by-product, a by-election*  
**by-catch** *n* fish that are caught while other types are caught, *a bycatch of small soles were thrown back into the sea*  
**bye** *n* informal good bye  
**\*by-election** ----- *n* an election of a new Member of Parliament, to replace one who has died or left Parliament  
**\*by-gone** ----- *adj* existing a long time ago, *bygone ages*  
**\*by-gones** ----- *plural noun* referring to something unpleasant that happened in the past, *let bygones be bygones*, i.e. forget the past  
**\*by-law** *n* ----- (ME *bilage, bilawe*, influenced by *bī* village, town, and *lawe* law, of Scandinavian origin; the current meaning appeared in 16c through confusion of the *by-* with English *by* adv, near, aside); a law made by local authorities, valid only in that area, *by-law prohibits parking in this street*  
**\*by-line** ----- *n* *technical* a line at the top of a newspaper article giving the author's name  
**\*by-pass<sup>1</sup>** *n* a road built around a town to avoid the centre, (**bypass operation**) a medical operation on the heart to direct blood along a different route, avoiding diseased veins, *a bypass operation*  
**\*bypass<sup>2</sup>** *v* to go around a town or city to avoid the busy centre, *the ring road bypasses Rome*  
**\*by-product** *n* something that is produced unintentionally during a process, a side effect, *inflation is the by-product of government policy*

**byre** ----- *n* BrE *old fashioned* (OE *byre*, apparently a variant of OE *būr*, cottage, dwelling, ancestor of **bower**); F *étable f à vaches*, S *vaquería f*, I *vaccheria f*, stalla *f* per mucche, G *Kuhstall m*; a farm building in which cows are held, a cowshed; see Scots *to muck the byre*, to take out the dung and cleanse the byre  
**\*by-stand-er** ----- *n* a person present when sth is happening but is not involved in the situation or accident  
**byte** ----- *n* AmE (blend of *bit* binary digit, a unity of information in computers, + *bite* morsel; 1964); a unit of eight bits stored in a computer memory  
**byway** ----- *n* (*by+way*; early 14c); a way other than the highway, a little-used road or path, a secondary aspect, *plural byways* the less important areas of a subject, *the highways and byways of the Italian art*, i.e. the important and less important parts of Italian art  
**by-word** *n* a person or thing that represents the symbol of a particular quality, *a byword for elegance*  
**By-zan-tine** ----- *adj* (L *Byzantinus*, from *Byzantium*, Gr *Βυζάντιον*, 16c); relating to the Byzantine empire, a *Byzantine temple*, difficult to understand, *Byzantine politics*

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