

2004 Scripps National Spelling Bee Consolidated Word List: Words Appearing with Moderate Frequency

gusset

n
/ 'gʊsət /
F > E
a usually triangular or diamond-shaped insert (as of cloth or leather) placed in a seam to give ease or expansibility.
Eileen sewed a gusset into the waistband of her hiking pants.

guttate

adj
/ 'gʊd.ət /
L
resembling a drop or having spots that resemble drops.
Symptoms of Janet's illness included a high fever and guttate skin lesions.

guyot

gyascutus

gymnast

gymnure

n
/ 'jɪm.n(y)ü(ə)r /
Gk
a small whitish insectivorous mammal of southeastern Asia having a long snout and a long naked tail.
The gymnure, also called the moonrat, is usually black with whitish head, but some individuals are all white.

gynecocentric

adj
/ .gɪnəkō'sentrik /
Gk
dominated by or emphasizing feminine interests or point of view.
Lucy enjoyed the movie mostly for its gynocentric plot.

gynecocracy

gynecology

gyration

gyrocompass

gyromancy

n
/ 'jɪrəmən(t)sē /
Gk + Gk
divination in which one walking in or around a circle falls from dizziness and prognosticates from the place of the fall.
In one form of gyromancy, a circle is marked with the alphabet so that words may be formed as the diviner falls on the letters.

habit

n
/ 'hæbət /
L > F > E
a behavior pattern acquired by frequent repetition.
It is a Yorkshire habit to say what you think with blunt frankness, and old Ben Weatherstaff was a Yorkshire moor man.

habitable

habituated

adj
/ hə'bɪchə.wādəd /
L
made familiar through use or experience : accustomed.
Although now habituated to a comfortable life, Edna never forgot the pain of her poverty-stricken childhood.

habitué

haddock

hafnium

haggardly

hagiographer

n
/ .hæge'ægrəfə(r) /
Gk
one who writes about the life of a saint.
Most biographies of the saints are anonymous, but some are attributed to a particular hagiographer.

hagiolith

hailstones

n pl
/ 'hæl.stōnz /
E + E
balls or lumps of ice falling from a cloud.
The hailstones damaged the finish of many cars in the neighborhood.

haircut

hairdo

hairiest

adj
/ 'ha(a)rēəst /
E
the most covered with or as if with hair.
"That's the hairiest baby I've ever seen!" exclaimed Mr. Feeney.

halfback

hallucinations

hallucinatory

hallux

n
/ 'hæləks /
L
the innermost digit (as the big toe) of the hind limb : big toe.
The football player became afflicted with an arthritic hallux that affected his mobility.

halogen

n
/ 'hæləjən /
Gk
any of the five elements fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and astatine forming group VII A of the periodic table.
A halogen normally appears in the free state as a diatomic molecule.

halter

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hambo

n
/ 'häm(,)bü /
Sw geog name
a Swedish round danced to various melodies in triple time.
Joel learned to dance the hambo when he visited relatives in Sweden.

hammer

hamotzi

hamper

hamster

handbill

handicap

n
/ 'handē.kap /
E
an advantage given a weaker contestant or a disadvantage imposed upon a stronger contestant in order to equalize chances of winning.
Mr. Shore's golf handicap has remained unchanged after six years of play.

handicapper

handiwork

handkerchief

n
/ 'hæŋkə(r)chəf /
E + F > E
a piece of cloth that is used for various personal purposes or as a costume accessory.
Mr. Van Deventer bought a matching tie and handkerchief off the bargain rack.

handsome

hangar

hangdog

adj
/ 'hæŋ.dɒg /
E + E
dejected, cowed, pitiful.
When asked why he had such a hangdog look, the little boy replied that he couldn't find his puppy.

hangul

n
/ 'hæŋgəl /
Kashmiri
a deer of Kashmir closely related to the red deer of Europe.
The deer hunter pointed out his most recent trophy — the mounted head of a hangul.

haori

hapchance

haphazardry

happenstance

n
/ 'hæpən(z)tan(t)s /
E + L
a circumstance regarded as being due to chance.
By happenstance, Gloria found herself in the position of being a witness to a robbery.

haptic

adj
/ 'hæp.tɪk /
Gk
relating to or based on the sense of touch.
The human body's haptic sensor is the skin.

harassment

n
/ hə'rasmənt /
F
the act or an instance of vexing, troubling, or annoying continually or chronically.
The employee sued the company for harassment that occurred over a period of two years.

hardihood

hardscrabble

hariolation

harmfully

harmless

adj
/ 'hɑ:mləs /
E
lacking capacity or intent to injure.
The snake was a harmless little thing that would not hurt anyone and seemed in a hurry to get out of the room.

harmony

harpy

n
/ 'hɑ:pē /
Gk > L
a predatory monster in chiefly classical mythology represented as having a woman's head and body and claws of a vulture and as being an instrument of divine vengeance.
Mrs. Byrd did not realize that the harpy Jill drew to illustrate Roman mythology had personal significance.

harras

harried

v
/ 'hɑ:rēd /
E
kept under constant attack or threat of attack : harassed.
A mosquito harried Charlie as he tried to sleep.

harrow

harrowing

adj
/ 'hɑ:(,)rɔ:ɪŋ /
E
acutely distressing or painful : agonizing.
Laura worried that a trip to the South Dakota badlands would be a trip through miles of harrowing and hazardous countryside.

harvester

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hastate

adj
/ 'hɑ.stāt /
L
shaped like a spear or the head of a spear.
Michael has a letter opener with a hastate blade that looks like a Neolithic weapon.

hastener

hastilude

hastily

adv
/ 'hɑstəlē /
F > E
hurriedly.
The hastily executed maneuver saved the ship from the rocks.

hatched

haul

haunches

n pl
/ 'hɒnchəs /
Gmc > F > E
hips : hindquarters.
The guard dog sat on his haunches and growled a warning to all who came near.

hausfrau

Havarti

n
/ hə'vɑrtē /
Danish geog name
a semisoft Danish cheese with a mild to sharp flavor.
Rivka served raw vegetables and mild Havarti with crackers to her party guests.

Hawaiian

adj
/ hə'wäyən /
Hawaiian
of or relating to the island, state, or Territory of Hawaii, the Hawaiian islands, or the inhabitants of Hawaii.
Maureen won a Hawaiian vacation on a game show.

hawk

hawker

n
/ 'hɒkə(r) /
G&E
one that sells wares especially in the streets : peddler.
Sabrina tried to ignore the hawker as he extolled the virtues of beef jerky.

hawse

hawser

n
/ 'hɒzə(r) /
L > F > E
[Note: Could be confused with Hausa, houser.] a large rope for towing or mooring a ship or securing it at a dock.
Jody passed the hawser around the mooring post and disembarked from the boat.

hawthorn

hayloft

n
/ 'hɑ:lɒft /
E + ON > E
a loft or scaffold for hay.
Uncle Albert forbade the children from playing in the hayloft.

hazard

haziness

hazing

headpiece

headset

hearse

heartburn

heartthrob

heathenness

heaven

heavyweight

hebdomadal

hebephrenia

n
/ .hēbə'frēnēə /
Gk
a form of schizophrenia that is characterized by silliness, delusions, hallucinations, and regression and that has an early insidious onset.
The prognosis for hebephrenia, which presents itself initially during youth, is unfavorable.

hebetudinous

hecatomb

n
/ 'hekətōm /
Gk
a large number or quantity.
The hecatomb of soldiers slain in the War Between the States makes this war the deadliest conflict in our country's history.

heckle

hector

v
/ 'hektə(r) /
Gk name
harass, intimidate, bully, or domineer by bluster, scolding, or personal pressure.
Some seniors like to hector underclassmen on the first day of school.

hedebo

hedge

hedghopper

hedgerow

n
/ 'hej.rō /
E
a row of shrubs or trees enclosing or separating fields.
The property belonging to the estate extended from the hedgerow at the left of the house to the stone pillar one mile down the road.

hedonic

heedful

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heedless

hefty

adj
/ 'heftē /
E

impressively large.
Little Jolene sat on several hefty books in order to reach the desktop.

heiferette

heighten

heist

heliacal

adj
/ hə'liækəl /
Gk

relating to or near the Sun—used especially of the last setting of a star before and its first rising after invisibility due to conjunction with the Sun.
The Egyptian rural year was determined by the heliacal rising of Sirius.

helical

heliciform

adj
/ hə'lisə.fɔrm /
Gk + Ecf
spiral.

Emmett picked up several small heliciform shells while playing on the beach.

helicline

heliocentric

adj
/ 'hɛləɔ.sɛntrɪk /
Gk

having or relating to the Sun as the center.
Copernicus proposed in the 16th century a heliocentric theory of planetary arrangement.

heliophyte

n
/ 'hɛləɔ.fɪt /
Gk + Gk
a plant thriving in or tolerating full sunlight.
The cactus is a good example of a heliophyte.

heliosis

n
/ .hɛlə'ɔsəs /
Gk
sunstroke.
Ben stayed indoors for a week following his bout with heliosis on the rafting trip.

heliport

helix

n
/ 'hɛlɪks /
Gk > L
something spiral in form.
Each tendril of a grape vine forms a helix.

hellebore

helmet

n
/ 'hɛlmət /
Gmc > F
any of various protective head coverings usually made of a hard material to resist impact.
The steel helmet protected the soldier from shrapnel.

helminthoid

adj
/ hɛl'mɪnθɔɪd /
Gk
resembling a parasitic worm (as a roundworm, tapeworm, or leech).
The calves' emaciation and stunted growth were found to be a result of infestation by helminthoid organisms.

helpful

hemera

n
/ 'hɛmərə /
Gk
a stratigraphic zone comprising the time range of a particular fossil species.
Work on the excavation stopped when the workers accidentally unearthed a wide, rich hemera.

hemic

adj
/ 'hɛmɪk /
Gk
of or relating to blood.
Hemic problems caused Ron's breathing difficulty.

hemiplegia

hemiplegic

adj
/ .hɛmə'plɛjɪk /
Gk
marked by paralysis of one lateral half of the body or part of it resulting from injury to the motor centers of the brain.
Marc's automobile accident left him in a hemiplegic condition.

hemlock

hemochromatosis

n
/ .hɛmɔ.krɔmə'tɔsəs /
Gk
a disease characterized by widespread deposition of iron-containing pigments in the tissues resulting in bronzing of the skin, associated with cirrhosis of the liver and pancreas.
"Bronze diabetes" is the common name for hemochromatosis.

hemodialysis

n
/ .hɛmɔdɪ'aləsəs /
Gk + Gk + Gk
the process of removing blood from an artery (as of a kidney patient), purifying it, adding vital substances, and returning it to a vein.
Mr. Barnes is glad that his hemodialysis can be done at home instead of at the hospital.

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hemolymph

n
/ 'hēməlim(p)f /
Gk > L > E
the circulatory fluid of various invertebrate animals that is functionally comparable to the blood and lymph of vertebrates.
The hemolymph of insects is usually green, yellow, or colorless.

hemophilic

hemostat

n
/ 'hēməstat /
Gk
an instrument for compressing a bleeding vessel.
A hemostat is an indispensable tool in surgery.

hennery

n
/ 'henərē /
E + Ecf
[has near homonym: henry] an enclosure or house for poultry.
Bill painted the small hennery and put fresh straw inside it for the chickens.

heortology

n
/ ,hē.ó(r)'täləjē /
Gk + Gk
a study of religious calendars; especially : a study of the history and the meaning of the seasons and festivals of the church year.
Barbara's thesis on medieval Italian heortology was published last year to modest critical acclaim.

hepatectomy

hepatomegaly

n
/ ,hepədō'megəlē /
Gk + Gk
enlargement of the liver.
An accumulation of glycogen in the liver can result in hepatomegaly.

heptachord

heptagonal

heptastich

herald

heraldry

n
/ 'herəldrē /
Gmc > F > E
a branch of knowledge that deals with the history and practice of bearing and displaying armorial ensigns and with the art of describing them.
When she began studying heraldry, Jenny realized that she would have to learn a dictionary full of specialized terms.

herb

herbal

herbicide

herbivore

herbivorous

adj
/ ,(h)ər'bvərəs /
L
feeding on plants.
Most insects are herbivorous and feed on virtually every part of a plant, from the flower to the root.

herbs

n pl
/ '(h)ərbz /
L > F > E
plants or plant parts valued for their medicinal, savory, or aromatic qualities.
Karl guarded carefully the secret of which herbs he put in his barbecue sauce.

hereafter

hereinbelow

heresimach

n
/ hə'rēzə.mak /
Gk
an active opponent of heresy and heretics.
During the Inquisition, Torquemada was Spain's most zealous heresimach.

heretofore

heritably

hermetic

hero

heroism

heron

herpetofauna

hesitate

hessian

hesychast

n
/ 'hesəkast /
Gk
one of a set of Eastern Orthodox monastics practicing a solitary meditative form of prayer.
A monk who is a hesychast seeks inner stillness through prayer.

heterodyned

v
/ 'hedərə.dīnd /
Gk
combined (a radio frequency) with a different frequency so that a beat is produced.
The incoming radio signals had to be heterodyned down to 150 kilohertz for recording with a tape recorder.

heterogeneity

n
/ ,hedərəjə'nēədē /
Gk + Lcf
the quality or state of differing in kind.
Sherman was amazed at the heterogeneity of the fraternity members.

heteronomy

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heteronym

n
/ 'hedərənɪm /
Gk
one of two or more words spelled alike that differ in pronunciation and meaning.
Each of the words spelled b-a-s-s in the following sentence is a heteronym: The fisherman in his bass voice cried out that he had caught a bass.

heterotrichosis

n
/ .hedərōtrə'kōsəs /
Gk
a condition of having hair of variegated color.
When Granny saw rainbow-colored hair for the first time, she wondered if she were seeing a freakish case of heterotrichosis.

heterozygote

n
/ .hedərō'zīgōt /
Gk
an animal or plant that contains genes for both members of at least one pair of alternative Mendelian characters such as whether or not one can roll one's tongue.
Certain genetic disorders are asymptomatic in the heterozygote.

hew

v
/ 'hyü /
E
[has homonym: hue] shape, form, create, or bring into being with or as if with hard rough blows or efforts.
Dr. King told his listeners that with faith they would be able to "hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope."

hewgag

hewn

adj
/ 'hyün /
E
felled, cut, or shaped by hewing (as with an ax).
From the hewn stump in the front yard new shoots began to sprout.

hexafoos

hexagonal

adj
/ hek'sagən¹ /
Gk + Ecf
having six angles and six sides : six-sided.
A cell of a honeycomb is one of many hexagonal forms in nature.

hexameter

n
/ hek'samədə(r) /
Gk
a line of six metrical feet.
Gil read the difficult hexameter without pause or problem, to the astonishment of Professor Winterbottom.

hexerei

hideaway

hideosity

hidrosis

highbinding

highlight

highroad

n
/ 'hī.rōd /
E + E
the best approach : an easy way.
The highroad to the lodge was very scenic.

hilarity

hinder

hindquarter

hindrance

hindsight

hintingly

Hippocratic

adj
/ .hipəkradɪk /
Gk name
of or relating to Hippocrates or to the school of medicine that took his name.
Dr. Owens takes the Hippocratic oath literally.

hippocrepiform

hirsuteness

hirsutism

n
/ 'hər.süt.izəm /
L
excessive growth of hair of normal or abnormal distribution.
Hirsutism is often the result of a hormonal imbalance in the body.

histogenesis

histogeny

n
/ hi'stājənē /
Gk
the formation and differentiation of tissues.
The 19th-century physiologist Theodor Schwann was renowned for his pioneering study of histogeny.

historian

historicize

Hitchcockian

adj
/ hɪch'kəkēən /
American name
of, relating to, or suggestive of the cinematic style or technique of Alfred Hitchcock.
One Hitchcockian mark was to put himself in the background of a scene in the film, usually when the audience would least expect to see the director.

hither

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hitherto

adv
/ 'hiθə(r)ti /

E
up to this time.

Frieda discovered an opening to a hitherto unknown cave.

Hitlerian

adj
/ hit'li:riən /

G name
of, relating to, or suggestive of dictator Adolf Hitler or his regime in Germany.

The regime's Hitlerian disregard of human life and human rights repulsed and disgusted the commission.

hittable

adj
/ 'hidəbəl /
ON > E + L

capable of being struck.

The batter cursed himself for missing a perfectly hittable ball.

hobbyist

hobgoblin

hobnail

hobnob

hodad

hoedown

n
/ 'hō.daʊn /
E + E

a lively old-time dance.

Pamela enjoyed the hoedown tremendously.

hoggish

hogshead

n
/ 'hɔgz.hed /
E + E

a U.S. unit of capacity equal to 63 gallons.

We grew enough apples in our backyard this year to yield 1 hogshead of cider.

hogwash

hokum

holcodont

holdall

holiday

holistic

Hollerith

n
/ 'hæləriθ /

name
a code for representing alphanumeric information on punch cards.

Billy started programming back when mainframe computers still had special readers for Hollerith.

hollygrape

holography

holometabolous

adj
/ həlō.mə'təbələs /
Gk > L + Ecf

of an insect : characterized by development with complete metamorphosis.

Most beetles, butterflies, and moths are holometabolous insects.

holophrasis

holophrastic

adj
/ hələ'frastik /
Gk + Gk

expressing a complex of ideas in a single word.

Holophrastic utterances are one of the first stages in children's acquisition of speech.

holozoic

holster

homage

n
/ '(h)ämij /
L > F > E

reverential regard : respect, deference.

The Lord Chancellor demanded homage wherever he went.

hombre

n
/ 'äm(,)brā /
L > Sp

[has homonym: ombre] man, fellow, guy.

Tex was too fast to let that hombre get the drop on him.

homebound

homeopathy

Homeric

adj
/ hō'merik /
Gk name

of or relating to the Greek poet Homer, his age, or his writings.
The Homeric portrayal of death is pessimistic and offers no unambiguously attractive hope of a reward for a good life.

homestretch

homiletic

hominivorous

hominoid

n
/ 'hämə.nɔid /
L + Ecf

resembling the family of mammals to which humans and their ancestors belong.

Chewbacca has markedly hominoid features.

homogeneous

adj
/ 'hōmə.jēnēəs /
Gk

relating to, occurring in, or being a system that contains no internal physical boundaries.

Roger's lecture was about the homogeneous catalytic role that chlorine plays in the depletion of the ozone layer.

homonymous

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homophone

n
/ 'häməfōn /
Gk
one of two or more words pronounced alike but different in meaning or derivation or spelling.
When Andrew's mom was in school, a homophone was called a "homonym."

homuncular

adj
/ .hō'məŋkyələr /
L
resembling or characteristic of a little man, specifically one artificially produced by an alchemist.
The three-dimensional gingerbread man that Jana baked had a homuncular quality.

honcho

hone

honestly

honestone

honeycomb

n
/ 'hənē.kōm /
E
a mass of hexagonal prismatic wax cells built by bees as a nest and store of food.
A swarm of bees covered the large honeycomb.

honeypot

honeysuckle

honor

honorarium

n
/ .änə'reŋēm /
L
an honorary payment or reward usually given as compensation for services.
Dr. Ferraro donated the honorarium she received for her speech at the Rotary Club to a local animal shelter.

hoodlum

n
/ 'hüdləm /
unknown
a criminal usually belonging to a gang : thug.
The young hoodlum was arrested for vandalism.

hooley

hooper

hoorosh

hooves

hopper

hopperdozer

horizontalize

hornpipe

n
/ 'hō(ə)n.pīp /
E
a lively folk dance of the British Isles.
A musical instrument called "the hornpipe" gave its name to a popular sailors' dance.

horologist

n
/ hə'räləjəst /
L
a maker of clocks or watches.
After working as a watch repairman for seven years, Matt decided to become a full-fledged horologist.

horoscope

horoscopic

horrible

adj
/ 'hōrəbəl /
L
likely to arouse fear, dread, or abhorrence.
A horrible sound came from inside the fall festival's haunted house.

horrid

horrifically

adv
/ hō'rifək(ə)lē /
L
in a manner inspiring horror or fear.
The real consequences of a nuclear war could be horrifically worse than previously imagined.

horrified

horrify

horsehair

horst

horticultural

hostile

adj
/ 'häst'l /
L
[has homonym: hostel] offering an unpleasant or forbidding environment.
The snow and ice-covered mountains presented a hostile picture of the next segment of the journey.

hostilely

hovel

howbeit

howled

v
/ 'hauld /
E
uttered or emitted a loud sustained doleful sound or outcry characteristic of dogs and wolves.
The wind howled cruelly in an effort to tear them loose.

hox

hoydenish

adj
/ 'hōid'nish /
D? + Ecf
lively, tomboyish, unladylike.
Mrs. Taylor remarked that even a die-hard feminist would consider Zoe's behavior hoydenish.

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hubristic

adj
/ hyü'bristik /
Gk

insolent, vain, arrogant.
Without question, Rick was the most hubristic intern Dr. Hallberg had ever encountered.

huckaback

huckster

hue

n
/ 'hyü /
E

gradation of color.
An inspired painter reveals mood through the use of hue and shade.

hueless

hula

v
/ 'hülə /
Hawaiian
perform a sinuous mimetic Polynesian dance of traditional form and topical adaptation, usually accompanied by chants and rhythmic drumming.
Leilani was invited to hula for the guests at the luau.

hulking

adj
/ 'həlkiŋ /
Gk > L > E + Ecf
of great size or powerful build.
One look at the hulking guard would cause anyone to think twice about making him angry.

humaniora

n pl
/ (h)yü.manē'örə /
L
the branches of learning regarded as having primarily a cultural character and usually including languages, literature, history, mathematics, and philosophy.
Mateo received his degree in general studies or, as he likes to call it, "humaniora."

humanitarian

n
/ (i)hyü.manə'terēən /
L + Ecf
a person who is actively concerned in promoting human welfare and especially social reform.
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will always be remembered as a great humanitarian.

humbly

adv
/ 'həmblē /
E
in a modest or meek manner.
Anita humbly protested that her work did not deserve to hang on the museum's walls.

humdinger

humid

humidity
n
/ hyü'midədē /
L
a moderate degree of wetness especially of the atmosphere.
In addition to the heat and humidity, the hikers had to deal with pesky mosquitoes.

humiliate

humility
n
/ hyü'milədē /
L
the quality or state of being humble in spirit : freedom from pride or arrogance.
We all need humility in the face of what we do not understand.

humiture

n
/ 'hyümə.chü(ə)r /
L&L
an integer average of temperature and humidity.
When the temperature is 85 degrees Fahrenheit and the relative humidity is 90, the humiture is 88.

hummingbird

hummocky

humstrum

humus

n
/ '(h)yüməs /
L
[Note: Could be confused with adjective humorous. Also, has near homonym: hummus.] the organic portion of soil.
Mario's compost heap provides an annual supply of humus for his garden.

hunching

v
/ 'hənchiŋ /
unknown
assuming a bent or crooked posture.
After hours of hunching in the car, Huey was glad for an opportunity to stretch at the rest stop.

hundred

hundredweight

n
/ 'həndrəd.wāt /
E + E
a unit of weight equal to 100 pounds—called also "short hundredweight."
Ronnie may be teased for only being a hundredweight, but he is respected for his quickness.

Hungarian

n
/ .həŋ'gə(a)rēən /
European geog name
a native or inhabitant of Hungary, a country in central Europe.
Many a Hungarian has settled happily in the United States.

hungry

hurdle

n
/ 'hərdl /
E
an artificial barrier over which horses leap in a race.
Gordon's mount cleared the last hurdle with ease and won the race.

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hure

n
/ 'hyù(ə)r /
F > E

[has homonym: hewer] a close-fitting cap.
The 15th-century painting depicted a peasant wearing a gray hure.

hurling

v
/ 'hərliŋ /
imit? E

impelling with great vigor.
For lack of something better to do, Simon spent the afternoon hurling stones into the creek.

hurriedly

adv
/ 'hərədlē /
E? + Ecff

quickly, hastily.
Jennifer dressed hurriedly in the cold room.

husbandry

n
/ 'həzbəndrē /
ON > E

the cultivation or production of plants and animals : agriculture, farming.
The barn was well stocked with tools of husbandry.

husky

hustings

n pl
/ 'həstiŋz /
ON > E

an election platform : stump.
After the political conventions, the election heated up as each party's nominee took to the hustings with renewed zeal.

hustle

v
/ 'həsəl /
D

move or act with vigorous speed.
"You'd better hustle if you want to make your train!" Betty shouted.

hydra

n
/ 'hīdrə /
Gk > L

a many-sided problem or obstacle that presents new difficulties each time one aspect of it is solved or overcome.
The problem was a hydra of immense proportion.

hydroacoustic

adj
/ .hī(,)drə'küstik /
Gk

of or relating to the transmission of sound in water.
Whales use a form of hydroacoustic communication.

hydrocortisone

n
/ .hī(,)drə'kò(r)ḍə.sōn /
Gk + L

a crystalline hormone that is used in the treatment of certain allergic diseases.
At one time available only in compounds prescribed by doctors, hydrocortisone is now found in many over-the-counter medications.

hydrological

adj
/ .hīdrə'lājəkəl /
Gk

of or relating to the study of water on the surface of the land, in the soil and underlying rocks, and in the atmosphere.
The hydrological cycle includes the evaporation of oceanic water into the atmosphere and its eventual return as precipitation.

hydropathy

hydrophobia

n
/ .hīdrə'fōbēə /
Gk

an acute viral disease of the nervous system of warm-blooded animals that is fatal when untreated and is transmitted with infected saliva usually through the bite of an animal : rabies.
In recent years many raccoons have succumbed to hydrophobia.

hydroponics

n pl
/ .hīdrə'päniks /
Gk

the growing of plants in nutrient solutions with or without sand, gravel, or other inert medium to provide mechanical support.
Hydroponics is invaluable in regions having poor or no soil.

hydroxyzine

hyetometer

n
/ .hī'täməd-ə(r) /
Gk

rain gage.
Ambrose set up a hyetometer in the front yard as part of his science fair project.

hygeian

adj
/ hī'jēən /
Gk name

[Note: Could be confused with hygiene.] of or relating to health or medical practice.
Janice does not know which hygeian career she will pursue, but she is currently very interested in nutrition.

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hygienic

adj
/ .hɪjē'ɛnɪk /
Gk

of, relating to, or conducive to health or the science which deals with the establishment and maintenance of health in the individual and the group.
The minister reported that better hygienic conditions had reduced infant mortality significantly over the past ten years.

hygienically

hygrometer

n
/ hɪ'grāmədə(r) /
Gk

any of several instruments for measuring the humidity of the atmosphere.
Eileen wondered what would happen if she took the hygrometer into the shower with her.

hygroscope

hyoid

n
/ 'hɪ.ɔɪd /
Gk

a bone or complex of bones situated at the base of the tongue, supporting the tongue and its muscles.
X rays showed damage to the patient's larynx and hyoid.

hypallage

n
/ hɪ'palə(ɹ)jē /
Gk

the interchange in syntactic relationship between two terms.
The sentence "you are become dead to the law" is hypallage for "the law has become dead to you."

hyperborean

adj
/ .hɪpə(r)'bɔrēən /
Gk

of, relating to, or inhabiting an extreme northern region : frigid.
Polar bears are among the few animals that can survive in hyperborean regions.

hyperkalemia

hyperopia

n
/ .hɪpə'rɒpēə /
Gk

a condition in which visual images come to a focus behind the retina and vision is better for distant than for near objects : farsightedness.
Mom attributed her difficulty in reading fine print to hyperopia.

hypertonic

hyphenic

hypnosis

hypocaust

n
/ 'hɪpɔ.kɔst /
Gk

a central heating system of an ancient Roman building consisting of an underground furnace or fire chamber and a series of tile flues for distribution of the heat.
Jessamyn pointed out the remains of the hypocaust that had heated the public baths.

hypochlorite

n
/ .hɪ(ɹ)pɔ'klɔr.ɪt /
Gk

a salt or ester of a weak acid used chiefly as an oxidizing agent, bleaching agent, disinfectant, and chlorinating agent.
Sodium hypochlorite is the primary ingredient in commercial laundry bleaches.

hypocrite

hypopharynx

n
/ .hɪ(ɹ)pɔ'færɪŋ(k)s /
Gk

a thickened fold on the floor of the mouth of many insects that resembles a tongue.
In a chewing insect the hypopharynx secretes digestive juices.

hypotactic

adj
/ .hɪpə'taktɪk /
Gk

of, relating to, or exhibiting syntactic subordination (as by conjunction).
Yun loved the complicated hypotactic prose of academic German.

Hypotheria

n pl
/ .hɪpɔ'thɪrēə /
Gk

a hypothetical order including the as yet undiscovered ancestors of the mammals.
Speculation about the ancestors of the mammals will remain just that until a member of the order Hypotheria is discovered.

hypothermia

hypothesize

v
/ hɪ'pəθə.sɪz /
Gk

make an assumption in order to draw out its logical or empirical consequences.
We can hypothesize that every statement is true, but then we will have to accept contradictions as truth.

hypoxemia

hypozeuxis

hypsonometer

n
/ hɪp'sämədə(r) /
Gk + Gk

any of various instruments used to determine the height of trees by triangulation.
Being a forester, Steve was an expert at using a hypsonometer.

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hyrax

n
/ 'hɪraks /
Gk > L
any of a family of small thickset mammals with short legs and ears, feet with soft pads and broad nails, and a rudimentary tail.
The hyrax feeds on a wide variety of plants and can digest fiber very efficiently.

hysterics

hysterogenic

ibex

n
/ 'ɪbeks /
L
one of several wild goats living chiefly in high mountain areas and having large recurved horns.
While on a ski trip in the Swiss Alps, Pierre spotted an ibex.

ibidem

ibuprofen

n
/ ɪbyu'prɒfən /
ISV
a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug used to relieve pain and fever.
Because aspirin upsets her stomach, Angela takes ibuprofen to relieve minor pains.

iceberg

icebound

adj
/ 'ɪs.baʊnd /
E + E
surrounded with ice so as to be incapable of advancing.
The harbor was icebound during much of the winter.

ichor

ichorous

adj
/ 'ɪkərəs /
Gk
[has near homonym: Icarus] thin, watery.
In severe psoriasis the skin becomes hard and then cracks, and from the cracks there is an ichorous discharge.

ichthyic

ichthyism

ichthyologist

ichthyosaur

n
/ 'ɪkθɪsɔːs(ə)r /
Gk + Gk
any of an order of extinct fishlike reptiles of the Mesozoic era having a long snout and a large caudal fin.
Its streamlined body and paddle-like limbs enabled the ichthyosaur to move swiftly through the water.

ickiness

iconoclasm

iconoduly

iconographer

n
/ ɪkə'nɒgrəfə(r) /
G
a maker or designer of figures or drawings especially of a conventional or mechanical type.
The congregation was quite pleased with the inspirational scene depicted by the iconographer.

icotype

icteric

adj
/ 'ɪk.terɪk /
Gk > L
of, relating to, or affected with jaundice.
Hepatitis A is one common disease that has an icteric stage lasting from days to weeks.

ictus

idealist

idealize

v
/ ɪ'diə(ə)lɪz /
Gk
make into a perfect example.
Greer tends to idealize her friends.

ideate

v
/ ɪ'diə.ət /
Gk + Ecf
remember, imagine, or think of when not in the presence of.
Painters often rely on their ability to ideate a landscape or a face.

ideological

idiasm

n
/ ɪ'di.əzəm /
Gk
an individual mannerism (as in literary style).
James Joyce's main idiasm was his penchant for writing in stream of consciousness.

idiom

idiomatic

idiomatically

adv
/ ɪ'diə'madək(ə)li /
Gk
in a manner conforming to the language peculiar to a people or to a district, community, or class.
The immigrant student quickly learned to speak English idiomatically.

idiopathic

adj
/ ɪ'diə'pathɪk /
Gk
arising spontaneously or from an obscure or unknown cause.
After carefully examining Leila, the doctor announced that her sudden hearing loss was idiopathic and might disappear with time.

idiophone

idiosyncrasies

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idiosyncrasy

idle

adj
/ ɪdəl /
E
[has homonyms: idol, idyl, idyll]
given to rest or ease.
Not one to be idle, Ben assists others whenever he completes his assigned tasks.

idol

idolization

n
/ ɪdˈɒləˈzɑːʃən /
Gk > L > F > E
the act of loving or revering to excess, or the state of being revered to excess.
The public's idolization of celebrities inevitably causes them to change the nature of their public contacts.

idunit

n
/ ɪˈdʌnət /
E
an autobiographical or confessional account usually of a sensational character.
Everyone expected the colorful Wall Street broker to write an idunit after his conviction for embezzlement.

ignescence

ignition

ignore

illaudable

illeist

illfare

illimitable

adj
/ i(l)ɪmɪtəbəl /
L
not capable of being restricted or bounded.
The capacity of human beings to absorb what they wish to absorb and to ignore the rest seems to be illimitable.

illiteracy

n
/ i(l)ɪdərəsē /
L
inability to read or write.
The administration promised to launch a campaign against illiteracy.

illogical

illogicality

n
/ (i)ɪ(l)ɪlədʒɪkələdē /
Gk + Ecff
the quality or state of reasoning unsoundly through ignorance or negligence of logic.
The English teacher pointed out the illogicality in saying "My cup is fuller than yours."

illuminable

illuminometer

n
/ əˌlʌmənəˈnæmədət(ɹ) /
L + Ecf + Gk
a photometer for measuring the illumination of surfaces.
Houston and Kennelly called their invention an illuminometer.

illustrious

adj
/ əˈlɛstrɪəs /
L + Ecf
notably or brilliantly outstanding.
The ambassador's illustrious achievements are known throughout the land.

imagine

v
/ əˈmɑːʒən /
L > F > E
form an idea of.
Louis became dizzy when he tried to imagine himself sky-diving or hang-gliding.

imago

n
/ əˈmɑː(ɪ)ɡō /
L
an insect in its final adult mature usually winged state.
A butterfly has a caterpillar stage and a chrysalis stage before it emerges as an imago, or butterfly.

imbibition

imbroglio

imitate

immanent

adj
/ ɪˈmənənt /
L
remaining or operating within the subject considered : indwelling.
Stefan told a story about a forest god immanent in the large redwood near our camping spot.

immaterial

immeasurable

immeasurably

adv
/ i(m)ˈmez(ə)rəblē /
L > Ecf + L + L > F > E
in a manner that is incapable of being measured.
A two-volume index adds immeasurably to the usefulness of the encyclopedia.

immediacy

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immemorial

adj
/ i(m)mə'mōrēəl /
L > F

not within the reach of memory, record, or tradition : indefinitely ancient.

Daring teenagers have been climbing Devil's Rock since time immemorial.

immerge

immigrant

immiscibility

n
/ i(m)'misə'bilədē /
L

inability to mix or become homogeneous.

Rain falling on an oil slick demonstrates the immiscibility of the two liquids.

immitigable

immittance

immobile

immobilize

v
/ i(m)'mōbəlīz /
L > F

interfere with or prevent freedom of movement or effective use of.

The general planned to use his secret weapon to immobilize enemy forces.

immortelle

immund

immune

adj
/ ə'myün /
L

protected, guarded.

Wearing her heavy parka made Judith immune to the cold wind.

immunity

immunize

immunology

impartiality

n
/ im.pärshē'alədē /
L

freedom from bias or favoritism.

Justice is often personified with a blindfold and scales to represent impartiality.

impartible

impassionate

impatient

impeach

impeachment

n
/ əm'pēchmənt /
F > E

conviction of misconduct and usually removal from office.

Faced with almost certain impeachment, Richard Nixon became the first United States president to resign from office.

impel

v
/ əm'pel /
L

urge or drive by force or constraint.

Contrary to the best calculations of policy, the nation will impel its government to war.

impenitently

impercipient

adj
/ .impə(r)'sɪpēənt /
L

lacking intuitive recognition or insight.

The critic complained that the novel's characters were so impercipient that no one could possibly care about them.

imperfect

imperil

v
/ əm'perəl /
L > F > E

expose to danger of imminent harm or loss.

The investigation into fund-raising efforts could imperil the candidate's political future.

imperilment

imperious

imperiously

impermeable

impertinent

impetrated

v
/ 'ɪmpə.trədəd /
L

obtained by request or entreaty : procured.

Lisa impetrated a bottle of Dijon mustard from the couple at the next table and spread some on her sandwich.

impetuous

impignorate

impingement

impious

impish

adj
/ 'ɪpɪʃ /
E

relating to a person who behaves mischievously.

Troy's impish behavior was not tolerated at his new school.

impishness

implicate

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implosion

n
/ əm'plōzhən /

L
the action of bursting inward.
Judd's chemistry experiment created a small implosion after the oxygen was consumed.

impluvium

impof

impolite

adj
/ .impə'līt /

L
lacking in politeness, in etiquette, or in consideration of others.
"All I meant was that perhaps it isn't too important," Milo repeated, trying not to be impolite.

imponderable

importunate

adj
/ əm'pɔrchənət /

L
troublesomely urgent : overly persistent in request or demand.
Peter's importunate requests for assistance cause people to ignore and also avoid him.

importune

v
/ .impər'tün /

L&F
press or urge with frequent or unreasonable requests or troublesome persistence.
The political organization was asked not to importune shoppers to sign petitions in front of the store.

imposing

adj
/ əm'pōziŋ /

L > F + Ecf
impressive because of size, scope, bearing, dignity, or grandeur.
The imposing statues at the temple's entrance awed the visitors.

imprecate

v
/ 'imprə.kāt /

L
invoke evil upon : curse.
The defendant's attorney expects that the angry plaintiff may imprecate her during cross-examination.

imprecatory

impreg

impregnable

adj
/ im'pregnəbəl /

L > F > E
incapable of being taken by assault.
Three feet of densely packed snow enveloping Dieter's fort rendered it impregnable.

impressive

adj
/ əm'presiv /

L + Ecf
tending to arouse the strong interest or admiration of another.
The singer's vocal range is very impressive.

improvement

improvident

improving

improvisation

n
/ (.)im.prəvə'zāshən /

L > F
the act of creating an extemporaneous composition (as of music or poetry).
Joel found he had a real gift for improvisation on his saxophone.

improvisational

adj
/ im.prəvə'zāshənəl /

L
composed extemporaneously.
Patrick enjoys improvisational dancing but not ballroom dancing.

impudent

adj
/ 'impyədənt /

L
disrespectful, insolent.
The bully stood before the principal with an impudent and haughty look in his eye.

impugnable

adj
/ əm'pyünəbəl /

L
capable of being called into question.
Although the senator's loyalty was never doubted, his judgment was certainly impugnable.

impugnant

impuissant

imu

inability

inaccessible

adj
/ .inik'sesəbəl /

L
not capable of being reached, entered, or approached.
Damian remodeled his store's entrance because it was inaccessible to people in wheelchairs.

inadequacy

n
/ in'adəkweɪ /

L
the state of being not fully sufficient for a specified or implied requirement.
The psychologist spoke about the feelings of failure, powerlessness, and inadequacy that overwhelm people in a society obsessed with success.

inadvertently

adv
/ .inəd'vərtəntlē /

Ecf + L + Ecf
unintentionally.
Grace inadvertently locked her keys in the trunk of her car.

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inamissible

inappetence

inaudible

inaugurate

inaugurator

n
/ ɪˈnɔːɡjʊrəˌrɑːdɪ(r) /

L
a person who begins or brings about the beginning of something.
Geoffrey of Monmouth is credited as the inaugurator of the legends of King Arthur.

incalescent

incandescence

incantations

n pl
/ ɪnˌkənˈtæʃənz /

L
uses of spells or verbal charms spoken or sung as part of ritual or magic.
The priest pronounced barely audible incantations over the sick man.

incarnadine

incavation

incentive

inched

incinerated

v
/ ɪnˈsɪnəˌrædɪd /

L
caused to burn to ashes.
Janna incinerated her love letters in the wood stove.

incipiently

incise

incision

incisive

adj
/ ɪnˈsɪsɪv /

L
having a cutting edge or piercing point.
Mr. Cunningham's wit was as incisive as the stroke of a fang.

incisor

incite

v
/ ɪnˈsaɪt /

L
[has near homonym: insight] move to a course of action : stir up : urge on.
Patrick Henry's goal was to incite his listeners to rebel.

inclemency

inclinometer

inclusion

incogitant

incognita

n
/ ɪnˌkɔːɡɪˈnɛdɪ /

L
[has near homonym: incognito] a woman in disguise; especially : one concealing her real quality or state under some unobtrusive appearance.
Though her employers knew her as Jane Swanson, the incognita was really a dangerous terrorist named Carmen Leblanc.

incoherently

adv
/ ɪnˌkəˈhɪrɪntli /

L
in a manner lacking orderly continuity or relevance.
The distraught woman explained rather incoherently that she couldn't find her three-year-old daughter.

incommensurate

adj
/ ɪnkəˈmen(t)s(ə)rət /

L
not equal in measure or extent.
Stephanie's expenditures are incommensurate with her salary, so she is looking for a higher-paying position.

incommoding

v
/ ɪnkəˈmɔːdɪŋ /

L
giving inconvenience or distress to.
Mr. Elton offered to take the drawing to London, and Emma did her best to pack it as to ensure its safety without much incommoding him.

incommunicado

incompatible

adj
/ ɪnkəmˈpədəbəl /

L
incapable of harmonious combination.
Marriage would not do for Emma; it would be incompatible with what she owed to her father.

incompletable

incomplete

inconcinnity

n
/ ɪnˌkənˈsɪnədə /

L
lack of suitability or congruity : awkward or unsuitable form or character.
There was an obvious inconcinnity between the lawyer's offense and the penalty imposed by the judge.

incongruent

inconsolable

adj
/ ɪnkənˈsɔːləbəl /

L
incapable of being consoled : grieved beyond comfort.
A friend advised the inconsolable widow to consider going to live with her daughter for a while.

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inconvenient

adj
/ ɪnkən'vɛnyənt /

L
giving trouble, uneasiness, or annoyance.

Rachel's mom complains that the location of the kitchen in relation to their garage is terribly inconvenient.

incorporeal

incorporeity

n
/ ɪn.kɔ(r)pə'rɛədē /

L
the quality or state of having no material body or form.

The students in the introductory physics class were puzzled by the incorporeity of the photon.

incorruptible

adj
/ ɪnkə'rəptəbəl /

L
incapable of being bribed or changed from good to bad in morals, manners, or actions.

The local police force prided itself on being incorruptible.

incrassate

incredulous

incremental

adj
/ ɪŋkrə'mentl /

L > E
of, relating to, constituting, or resulting from slight or imperceptible augmentations.

Though Nathan's day-to-day growth was incremental, he grew eight inches in a year's time.

incriminate

incroyable

incunabula

incur

incurrable

adj
/ ən'kərəbəl /

L
[has near homonym: incurable] liable to be brought down upon oneself.

When laws are violated, penalties are incurrable.

indecisively

adv
/ ɪndə'sɪsəvlē /

L + Ecf
indistinctly, vaguely.

Tim's answer was given indecisively.

indefectible

indehiscent

indelibly

index

indexically

indignant

adj
/ ən'dɪgnənt /

L
filled with or marked by intense resentment.

Mrs. Calloway was indignant over the committee's decision.

indignity

n
/ ən'dɪgnədē /

L
something humiliating or injurious to one's self-esteem : insult, outrage.

The prisoners were forced to suffer one indignity after another.

indirect

indirectly

indirubin

indiscreet

indispensable

indisputable

adj
/ ɪndə'spyüdəbəl /

L
that is beyond argument : unquestionable.

Geraldo considered the result of his experiment indisputable.

indistinguishable

adj
/ ɪndə'stɪŋwɪʃəbəl /

L
incapable of being perceived as being separate or different.

Mom could not be conned into believing that margarine is indistinguishable from butter.

individual

individuality

individually

indivisible

adj
/ ɪndə'vɪzəbəl /

L
not separable into parts.
Democritus postulated the existence of the atom, which he thought was the smallest indivisible unit of matter.

inducible

industry

inebriacy

inebriety

n
/ ɪnə'brɪədē /

L
drunkenness.
Arthur saw very little humor in the comedian's feigned inebriety.

inedita

ineffaceable

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inefficient

adj
/ inə'fɪʃənt /
Ecf + L
wasteful of time or energy in performing work.
Measuring once and cutting twice is more inefficient than measuring twice and cutting once.

ineligibility

ineligible

adj
/ in'eləjəbəl /
L
not qualified to be chosen.
According to the rules, last year's champion is ineligible to compete this year.

inerrant

adj
/ in'erənt /
L
free from error or mistake.
The minister expressed staunch commitment to the inerrant authority of Scripture.

inescapable

inesculet

adj
/ in'eskyələnt /
L
not suitable for use as food especially for human beings : inedible.
Gary was sick for several days after eating an inesculet mushroom.

inessential

adj
/ inə'senchəl /
L
not necessary : dispensable.
The soldier claims that enforcement of inessential regulations is petty harassment of the weak by the strong.

inestimable

adj
/ in'estəməbəl /
L
too valuable or excellent to be measured or appreciated.
The soldier died in battle, unaware of the inestimable service he had performed for his country.

inevitability

n
/ (i)nevədə'bilədē /
L
the quality or state of being incapable of being avoided or evaded.
The character rages throughout the play at the unfairness of life and the inevitability of death.

inexcusable

inexcusably

adv
/ inik'skyüzəblē /
L + Ecf
not justifiably, not apologetically.
Toby is inexcusably late for his violin lesson.

inexhaustible

adj
/ inig'zɔstəbəl /
L
incapable of being used up : unending.
After her visit to Third World countries, Jody realized that she lived in a land that had an inexhaustible wealth in agriculture.

inexpensiveness

infallibility

infamous

infanticide

n
/ ən'fantəsɪd /
L
a killing of a newly or recently born child.
In ancient Rome the head of the family had the right to commit infanticide.

infantry

infatuate

infatuated

adj
/ ən'fætəwādəd /
L
possessed with or marked by a strong attachment or foolish or unreasoning love.
The young man, infatuated with his first love, was blind to her faults.

infer

v
/ ən'fər /
L
derive by reasoning or implication.
The reader was left to infer what Jojo's crime was.

inference

inferential

infidel

n
/ 'ɪnfədəl /
L > F
an unbeliever in respect to a particular religion.
Ann's favorite painting in the museum is a 17th-century portrait entitled Conversion of the Infidel.

infiltration

infirmary

infirmity

n
/ ən'fərm(ə)rē /
L
a hospital or place where the sick are lodged for treatment.
The camp nurse confined Jason to the infirmary after he fainted.

infirmity

n
/ ən'fərmədē /
L
feebleness, frailty.
Fortunately Grandpa Edgar's infirmity of body is not accompanied by mental infirmity.

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inflammable

adj
/ ɒn'flaməbəl /
L

capable of being easily set on fire.
Inflammable hair products carry a warning label.

inflexible

adj
/ in'fleksəbəl /
L > E

rigid.
Nature's laws are more inflexible than iron.

inflorescence

influence

influenceable

influential

infralittoral

infrared

adj
/ ɪnfrə'red /
L + E
lying outside the visible spectrum at its red end.
The sun's infrared radiation is responsible for the warmth felt in direct sunlight.

infrastructure

n
/ ɪnfrə'strækʃə(r) /
L
the underlying foundation or basic framework (as of an organization or a system).
Martin's economics project required him to set up a city government, complete with infrastructure.

infrigidate

infundibular

infuriated

v
/ ɒn'fyūrē.ātəd /
L
enraged, maddened.
The traffic jam infuriated those drivers with little or no patience.

ingenuity

ingots

ingravescence

ingredient

n
/ ɒn'grēdēənt /
L
something that enters into a compound or is a component part of any combination or mixture.
Grandma refuses to reveal the secret ingredient that makes her chocolate cake so delicious.

ingress

ingurgitate

v
/ ɒn'gərjətāt /
L
swallow, devour, or drink greedily or in large quantity.
Even if Fran's dog has recently been fed, he will ingurgitate anything that is put in front of him.

inhaust

inherent

inhospitable

adj
/ ɪnhə'spɪdəbəl /
L
providing no shelter or sustenance.
Deserts seem to be inhospitable to frogs, yet 23 species live in Australia's arid regions.

inhumanness

inion

n
/ ɪnē.än /
Gk
the external occipital protuberance of the skull.
The coroner determined that the cause of the hitchhiker's death was a blow to the inion.

irritability

initiate

inject

injudiciously

inkblot

inlier

innate

innavigable

adj
/ i(n)'navəgəbəl /
L
not deep enough or wide enough to afford passage to ships.
Since the dam was built, the Green River has been innavigable.

innocuously

innoxious

innuendo

inoculum

v
/ ɒ'näkjələm /
L
material (as spores, bacteria, or contaminated fluids) used or suitable for use as an immunity-inducing agent.
Dr. Srinivasan administered the diphtheria inoculum quickly and placed a small bandage over the spot.

inordinate

adj
/ ɒ'n(ɔ)rɪd'nət /
L
exceeding in amount, quantity, force, intensity, or scope the ordinary, reasonable, or prescribed limits.
Andrew thought Amanda was taking an inordinate amount of time getting ready for her date.

inosculate

v
/ ɒn'äskjələt /
L
unite or join so as to become or make as if one : blend.
Through surgery Dr. Manning will inosculate the torn tissues.

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insatiate

adj
/ in'sāsh(ē)āt /

L
not satisfied.
The pirates were fierce fighters, hardy seamen, and insatiate plunderers.

inscription

inseam

insecticolous

insectival

insectivorous

adj
/ in.sek'tiv(ə)rəs /
L + Ecf
feeding on insects : depending on insects as food.
Some birds and spiders are insectivorous.

inselberg

n
/ 'in(t)səl.bərg /
G
an isolated mountain partly buried by the debris derived from and overlapping its slopes.
The bare, rounded inselberg of rock stands like an island in a sea of vegetation.

insensate

adj
/ in'sen.sāt /
L
unfeeling : cruel, harsh.
Brian despised and protested the insensate strategy of the war.

insensitive

adj
/ in'sen(t)sədɪv /
L > F > E
lacking feeling.
Only a thoroughly insensitive person would not respond to a child's cry for help.

inseparably

adv
/ in'sepərəblē /
L
in a manner so as not to be separated or disjoined.
The city of Las Vegas is inseparably associated with gambling.

insignificant

adj
/ in.sig'nifəkənt /
L
of little size or importance.
Marcella told her brother not to let an insignificant quarrel with his best friend spoil the friendship.

insincerity

n
/ in.sən'serədē /
L
the quality or state in which one is not what one appears to be or does not express what one appears to express.
George's apology oozed with insincerity.

insinuator

insinuating

insistence

insolation

n
/ in(t)(.)sō'lāshən /
L
[has near homonym: insulation]
solar radiation that has been received (as by Earth).
Insolation can cause a lake's temperature to rise by several degrees in a matter of hours.

insoluble

inspection

inspector

inspissate

installation

instantaneity

instantly

instep

instigator

n
/ 'inztəgādə(r) /
L
one that provokes or incites.
The substitute teacher named Verne as the instigator of the disruption.

instinct

instinctively

adv
/ inz'tɪŋ(k)təvlē /
L + Ecff
in a manner determined by natural impulse or propensity.
Instinctively Josey knew that he had taken a wrong turn at the corner.

institute

instructed

instructible

instrument

insufferable

insufflator

insular

insulate

v
/ 'in(t)sə.lāt /
L
separate or shield from conducting bodies by means of nonconductors so as to prevent transfer of electricity, heat, or sound.
The material used to insulate the music department's practice rooms was ineffective.

insuperable

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insuppressible

adj
/ insə'presəbəl /
L > Ecf + L + L > Ecf
impossible to put down or out of existence.
The crowd's anger proved insuppressible, and the police had to be called.

insurgency

n
/ ən'sərjənsē /
L + Ecf
a condition of revolt against a recognized government that does not reach the proportions of an organized revolutionary government and is not recognized as belligerency.
Installation of a puppet government resulted in widespread insurgency.

insurgents

n pl
/ ən'sərjən(t)s /
L
[has homonym: insurgence]
persons who rise in revolt against civil authority or an established government.
To strengthen, perpetuate, and extend slavery was the object for which the insurgents would rend the Union even by war.

integer

integral

adj
/ 'intəgrəl /
L
of, relating to, or serving to form a whole.
Political and economic independence are integral to one another.

integrand

integrity

intellectualism

intellectualize

v
/ int'l'ekchə(wə)liz /
L + Ecf
give rational form or content to.
Sometimes Marie tries so hard to intellectualize her problems that she loses track of what she really feels.

intelligentsia

intemperance

intenerate

v
/ ən'tenə.rāt /
L
make sympathetic or sensitive : soften.
The captive's pleas served to intenerate the victor's heart.

intense

adj
/ ən'ten(t)s /
L
existing in a strained or extreme degree.
Mr. Siberell's slight twitch was a sign of intense anxiety.

intensification

intensively

adv
/ in'ten(t)səvvlē /
L
zealously, eagerly.
This summer Jeremy is studying intensively for the Utah bar exam.

intercut

interested

interferant

interfere

interference

n
/ intə(r)'firən(t)s /
L
the act of meddling in or hampering an activity or process.
Rachel's contribution to the group project turned out to be interference, not help.

interfering

v
/ intə(r)'fi(ə)riŋ /
L + Ecf
entering into or taking a part in the concerns of others.
Gladden thought his older brother was interfering in his decision to attend Ohio University.

interferon

interfluve

intergalactic

interim

interject

v
/ intə(r)'jekt /
L
interpose, interpolate.
Jared tried without success to interject a comment at the meeting.

interlace

v
/ intə(r)'lās /
F > E
unite by or as if by weaving or twining together.
The counselor showed the campers how to interlace leather cords to make a lanyard.

interloper

intermediate

intermission

n
/ intə(r)'mishən /
L
a planned interruption in a program.
During the intermission the lobby was filled with patrons discussing the first act.

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internecion

n
/ .intər'neshən /
L

[Note: Could be confused with internecine.] mutual destruction : massacre.

The Civil War Battle of Antietam is the bloodiest single-day battle in American history, an internecion that claimed more than 23,000 lives.

interosseous

adj
/ .intə(r)'äsēəs /
L

situated between bones; especially : lying between the bones of the leg or forearm.

When Kate fell, she damaged the interosseous membrane of her right forearm.

interpretant

interpretation

interrogate

v
/ ən'terəgāt /
L

question typically with formality, command, and thoroughness for full information and circumstantial detail.

Ms. Chapin called Darina to the office to interrogate her about the missing bicycle.

interstices

interstitial

intertrigo

n
/ .intə(r)'tri(,)gō /
L

inflammation produced by chafing of adjacent areas of skin.

The shirtless runner developed intertrigo along his sides from pumping his arms while running.

interval

interveinal

interwrought

intestate

intimidated

v
/ ən'timədədād /
L

made timid or fearful : frightened.
Jerry's dog is intimidated by loud noises and hides under the bed during thunderstorms.

intimidator

intolerant

intonaco

intonation

n
/ .intə'nāshən /
L

a pitch phenomenon in speech that makes a syntactical or emotional distinction.

Molly judged from Luke's intonation that he was more disappointed than he would admit.

intradors

n
/ 'intrədās /
L + F

the interior curve of an arch.

Maryanne believed that the arched doorway of her new home needed some decoration, so she stenciled the intradors.

intramontane

intraneous

intravasation

intricacy

intriguingly

introspect

v
/ 'intrəspekt /
L

look within (as one's own mind).
Bokeem likes to sit on the edge of the pond in his aunt's backyard and introspect.

introuvable

intrude

intruder

intuition

intuitive

intussusception

inunction

inunctum

invadable

invariably

adv
/ in'verēəblē /
L > F

without exception or change : always, consistently.

He invariably leaped before he looked and never cared where he was going as long as he knew why he shouldn't have gone to where he'd been.

invasion

invention

inverness

inversion

n
/ ən'vərzhən /
L

a reversal of normal atmospheric temperature gradient : increase of temperature of the air with increasing altitude.

Rapid cooling of Earth's surface causes an inversion wherein the lower levels of air are colder than the higher levels.

invertebrate

n
/ in'verdəbrāt /
L

an animal having no backbone or internal skeleton.

Carla's example of an invertebrate was the jellyfish that she found on the beach last summer.

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inverted

adj
/ ɪn'vɜrdəd /
L

turned upside down or inside out.
The blood rushed to his head as he zoomed across the field in inverted flight.

investiture

n
/ ɪn'vestə.chù(ə)r /
L

the ceremonial conferral of symbols of office or honor.
The new archbishop arrived at his investiture with a letter of appointment from the pope, then donned his miter and offered a homily.

invigorating

inviscate

v
/ ɪn'vɪ.skāt /
L

encase in a sticky substance : make viscid.
When Lauren learned that some hunters smear birdlime on branches to inviscate birds, she became enraged.

invisible

adj
/ ɪn'vɪzəbəl /
L

of such small size as to be hardly noticeable.
Isaiah felt invisible sitting in the back of the lecture hall.

invite

involute

n
/ ɪnvə.lükə(r) /
L

a rosette of bracts surrounding a composite flower head.
The florist pointed out the involucre around the daisy's flower head.

involuntary

involute

adj
/ ɪnvə.lüt /
L

curled spirally.
Seashells are generally either involute or orbicular.

involve

iodopsin

n
/ ɪə'däpsɪn /
Gk

a photosensitive violet pigment in the retinal cones of most animals that is important in daylight vision.
The cone cells in the human eye contain three types of iodopsin that respond to red, blue, and green.

iridaceous

adj
/ ɪrə'dāshəs /
Gk > L
resembling an iris.
The showy iridaceous flowers were the hit of the exhibit.

iridesce

v
/ ɪrə'des /
Gk
show colors like those of the rainbow especially in shifting patterns of hues and shades that vary with a change of light or point of view.
Fini sat on the dock watching the gasoline spill iridesce on the water.

iridescence

iridescently

iridium

iridize

v
/ ɪrədɪz /
L + Ecf
make to show colors like those of the rainbow.
Mohandas proceeded to iridize the polished metal surface by applying heat to it.

irksome

adj
/ ɪrksəm /
E
causing annoyance or vexation : irritating.
Gary found the speaker's nasal voice irksome.

iroko

n
/ ɪ'rō(,)kō /
Yoruba
a very large timber tree of tropical western Africa with strong durable streaky lustrous brown wood that is extremely resistant to termite attack and often used as a substitute for teak.
Logs of iroko were shipped to Mystic Seaport from Ghana for the building of the Amistad replica.

ironclad

ironically

ironworker

irony

irrebuttable

adj
/ ɪrə'bədəbəl /
Ecf + F > F + Ecf
impossible to refute or contradict.
The researchers were convinced that their findings were irrebuttable.

irrefutable

irremeable

irremediable

irremovable

irreproachable

adj
/ ɪrə'prōchəbəl /
L + F > E
blameless, faultless, impeccable.
The Seeing Eye dog's behavior during the airplane flight was irreproachable.

irreption

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irresponsible

irretrievable

adj
/ ɪrə'trɪvəbəl /
Ecf + F > E + Ecf
impossible to recoup, repair, or overcome.

By not going to college when he had the opportunity, Jack suffered an irretrievable loss.

irreverent

adj
/ ɪ'rev(ə),rɛnt /
L
not proceeding from or expressing honor or respect.
Mother considers it irreverent to leave church before the service is over.

irrision

n
/ ə'rɪzhən /
L
a laughing at a person or thing.
When Mrs. Scott's hat blew off, the class broke out in irrision.

irritable

adj
/ ɪ'rɪdəbəl /
L
likely to become impatient, angry, or disturbed.
Caleb is especially irritable when he is tired.

irritator

n
/ ɪ'rɪ.tədə(r) /
L
one that aggravates or incites displeasure.
Calvin is the class irritator and likes to make the teacher shout at him.

isarithm

n
/ ɪsə'rɪθm /
Gk
[has homonym: isorhythm] a line drawn on a chart or map to connect points having equal numerical values (as of temperature, elevation, or density of population).
Noelle traced the elevation isarithm from the topographical map onto her hiking map.

iscariotic

ischium

isentropic
adj
/ ɪs'n'trɒpɪk /
Gk
taking place without change of the amount of energy in a system not available for doing work.
If steam could be expanded in a turbine with no friction or other losses, expansion would be isentropic.

island

islay

isobar
n
/ ɪ'sɒbər /
Gk > ISV
an imaginary line on a map connecting places on the surface of Earth with equal barometric pressure.
Ned noted that the weather map's isobar passed directly through his hometown.

isochronal

adj
/ ɪ'säkrənəl /
Gk
uniform in time : recurring at regular intervals.
Even early humans realized that sunrise was isochronal and not randomly recurring.

isochronous

isocracy

isogenous

isogloss

n
/ ɪ'sɒ,gläs /
Gk
a boundary line between places or regions that differ in a particular linguistic feature.
The shape of the isogloss confirmed Matilda's theory about regional dialects.

isolate

isolation

isolationist

adj
/ ɪsə'lāsh(ə)nəst /
L > It > F + Ecff
of, characterized by, or favoring a policy directed towards keeping a nation apart from other nations by a deliberate abstention from alliances and other international and economic relations.
Isolationist sentiment has often been strong in the United States.

isometric

isometrics

n pl
/ ɪsə'metɪks /
Gk + Gk
exercise or a system of exercises involving contraction of the muscles against resistance.
On January first, Maggie began an ambitious program of isometrics.

isonomy

isothermal

Israelite

n
/ ɪzrēəl.ɪt /
Heb > Gk
a member of one of the ten Hebrew tribes anciently inhabiting the northern part of Palestine.
On his trip through the valley Jacob met an Israelite tending a small flock of sheep.

issuance

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issue

italicize

ivied

adj
/ 'ivēd /
E

covered with ivy.
The ivied ruins attested to the magnificence of the original cathedral.

iwan

jabber

jackboot

n
/ 'jak.büt /
nickname + E
a laceless military boot reaching to the calf.
The jackboot has come to symbolize cruel military oppression.

jackdaw

jackhammer

jackrabbit

jackroller

Jacksonian

adj
/ jak'sōnēən /
American name
of or relating to Andrew Jackson, his views or policies, or his era.
The politician preached his brand of Jacksonian politics in all the town squares through which he passed.

Jacobin

n
/ 'jakəbən /
L
member of an extremist political group advocating equalitarian democracy and famous for its terrorist policies during the French Revolution of 1789.
The Bostonian Federalists grew up under the impression that a Jacobin was a repulsive creature.

jacopever

jacqueminot

jaded

jagged

jailbird

jangling

v
/ 'janɡliŋ /
Gmc > F > E
sounding harshly or discordantly.
Though Hector's alarm clock was jangling, he remained fast asleep.

japonaiserie

n
/ zhə.pōnez(ə)'rē /
F
a style of art reflecting Japanese qualities or motifs.
The restaurant's ambience was enhanced by the use of japonaiserie.

jarana

n
/ hə'rənə /
Sp
a couple dance of Yucatan that is performed with waltz and zapateado steps.
In Cancun one still sees couples dancing the jarana.

jasm

jasminewood

jaywalk

jazz

jealous

jeans

jejunely

adv
/ jə'jünlē /
L
in an immature or juvenile manner.
Although the colors of the painting were unusual and bold, Sam guessed that the brushstrokes had been executed jejunely.

jejunum

jellify

jeopardous

jersey

jessamine

jessamy

jetbead

jettisonable

jetty

jewel

jewels

n pl
/ 'jüəlz /
F > E
ornaments of precious metal often set with gems.
"The last rays of sun were falling through a glade of the wood and were shining bright as jewels on the flowery mantle of the wreck," Sam read aloud.

jimmies

n pl
/ 'jimēz /
unknown
tiny rod-shaped bits of variously flavored candy often sprinkled on ice cream and pastry.
Carol order vanilla ice cream with chocolate jimmies.

jingle

jingly

jingoish

adj
/ 'jin(,)gōish /
proper name? + Ecf
marked by arrogant nationalism.
Senator Clark's jingoish foreign policy recommendations were roundly denounced by his colleagues.

jitney

jockey

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jodhpurs

jogger

join

jollity

jordanon

n
/ 'jò(r)dʰn.än /
F name + Gkcf
a small usually localized population slightly but effectively differentiated from related forms.
The Himalayan blackberry plant is a very aggressive jordanon that can spread over a radius of 10 feet in a year.

joropo

jorum

jounce

journalese

n
/ .jərn'ɪɛz /
L > F > E + L > Pg&It
a style of writing held to be characteristic of newspapers.
The word transpired is considered journalese because it rarely occurs outside of newspapers.

journalist

jovially

adv
/ 'jövɛəlɛ /
L
in a jolly, good-humored manner.
Mr. Edwards jovially donned the Santa Claus suit and took a seat near the children.

Jovian

adj
/ 'jövɛən /
L
relating to the planet Jupiter.
The Jovian magnetic field is much stronger than Earth's.

jowly

joyfully

adv
/ 'jòif(ə)lɛ /
E
in a happy or jubilant manner.
At the age of six Malachy joyfully began school.

joyous

adj
/ 'jòias /
L > F > E + Ecf
happy, joyful.
Jeremy was utterly joyous as he revealed his latest work of art.

joyride

judge

v
/ 'jəj /
L > F > E
form an authoritative opinion about.
An experienced editor can judge the quality of a manuscript from a few sample pages.

judgmental

judicature

juggins

jughead

juicily

julep

junco

Jungian

adj
/ 'yüŋɛən /
Swiss name
of, relating to, or having the characteristics of the psychological doctrines of Carl G. Jung.
Becky showed how the novel Mists of Avalon made extensive use of Jungian archetypes.

juration

juratory

jurimetrics

juror

jury

justified

justify

jut

jute

kale

Kallikak

n
/ 'kaləkək /
Gk > US literary name
a stupid person.
Andrea's brother teased her by calling her a Kallikak.

kalon

kamelaukion

n
/ .kämə'laük.yòn /
Gk
a tall brimless hat worn by priests and monks in some Eastern rites.
When Kathy visited Crete, a bearded priest in a tall black kamelaukion asked her if she was from Chicago.

kamik

n
/ 'kämik /
Esk
[has homonym: comic] an Eskimo sealskin boot.
Among Alaskan natives, the homemade kamik is still the most common footwear.

kanji

n
/ 'kän(ɔ)jɛ /
Jpn
a Japanese system of writing based on the Chinese one and composed principally of characters borrowed or adapted from Chinese.
Evan was awarded the university linguistics prize for his paper on the history of kanji.

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Kantian

adj
/ 'kantēən /

G name

of or relating to the German philosopher Immanuel Kant.

Professor Smith's lectures betrayed a strong bias toward Kantian metaphysics.

kaolinic

kaolinize

karma

n
/ 'kärmə /

Skt

in Hinduism and Buddhism, the sum total of the ethical consequences of a person's good or bad actions comprising thoughts, words, and deeds.

In Buddhism, harming another being is believed to contribute to bad karma.

karyogamy

karyology

karyotin

karyotype

n
/ 'karēə'tīp /

Gk + Gk

the sum of the specific characteristics of a cell nucleus including chromosome number, form, size, and points of spindle-fiber attachment.

Most male children are of the 46-XY karyotype, which means they have 46 chromosomes including one XY pair.

kathak

n
/ kə'tāk /

Skt > Beng

an intricate dance of northern India that includes passages of narrative pantomime.

The kathak Simon saw in Delhi told the story of an emperor disguised as a poor beggar.

kathakali

n
/ ,kädə'kälē /

Skt > Malayalan

a spectacular lyric dance drama of southern India performed with acrobatic energy and highly stylized pantomime.

The dancers in the kathakali had painted faces and stylized costumes and headwear.

Katmandu

adj
/ ,kat.man'dü /

Nepalese geog name

of or from Katmandu, the capital of Nepal.

Marisa has a Katmandu prayer rug hanging on her wall.

Keatsian

adj
/ 'kētsēən /

E name

of, relating to, or characteristic of the English poet John Keats.

Mr. Gardner criticized the poet's excessive use of Keatsian allusions.

keelage

keenly

adv
/ 'kēnlē /

E

in a manner characterized by intense interest.

The cat watched keenly as the nuthatches came and went from the birdfeeder.

keenness

keitloa

n
/ 'kītłəwə /

Sechuana

a black rhinoceros that has a posterior horn and which has been considered to constitute a distinct species.

While on safari, Roger and Sandy saw a rare keitloa.

kelpfish

Kelvin

adj
/ 'kelvən /

E name

relating to, conforming to, or having a thermometric scale on which the unit of measurement equals the Celsius degree and according to which absolute zero is 0 degrees Kelvin.

The Kelvin scale has been adopted as the international standard for scientific temperature measurement.

kemancha

n
/ kə'mänchə /

Per > Ar

an Arabian violin that has usually a single string and a gourd resonator and is held vertically when played.

When his mother was transferred to the Middle East for her job, Michael took up the kemancha.

kench

kentledge

kerchoo

kernelly

adj
/ 'kərnəlē /

E

[has near homonym: carnally] having or containing whole grains or seeds.

Jeffrey is quite fond of a certain kind of kernelly bread.

ketone

n
/ 'kē.tōn /

G

any of a class of organic compounds (as acetone) that are characterized by a carbonyl group attached to two carbon atoms.

Certain diseases in humans are marked by the presence of excessive amounts of ketone in the circulatory system.

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kettle

n
/ 'ked·l /
ON > E
a cooking utensil with a bail handle.
A soup kettle hung from a hook in the castle kitchen's enormous fireplace.

kewpie

keyhole

n
/ 'kē.hōl /
E + E
a hole or aperture for receiving a key.
In the dark, Demmie could not find the keyhole.

Keynesian

adj
/ 'kānzēən /
E name
of or relating to the advocacy of monetary and fiscal programs by government to increase employment.
Professor Rabin is a proponent of Keynesian economics.

keystone

khatun

khedive

kibbutz

n
/ ki'bùts /
Heb
a collective farm or settlement in Israel.
Meredith's pen pal lives on a kibbutz.

kibbutznik

kibe

kick

v
/ 'kik /
E
give impetus to something with a usually fast blow with the foot, generally with the intention of scoring or gaining ground.
Julio could kick the football 75 yards but was uninterested in trying out for the team.

kicksorter

kidney

n
/ 'kidnē /
E
one of a pair of vertebrate organs situated in the body cavity near the spinal cavity that serve to excrete waste products.
In an effort to save his daughter's life, the prisoner sued the state to be allowed to give her his only kidney.

kidskin

kiekie

kier

kilderkin

n
/ 'kildə(r)kən /
(L + D) > E
a cask about half the size of a common barrel and sometimes smaller.
By a 16th-century English statute a kilderkin for beer had to contain 18 gallons; one for ale, 16 gallons.

killarney

n
/ kə'lärnē /
Ir geog name
a moderate yellowish green to green that is stronger than Gretna green.
Seamus said that all the fuss about the difference between killarney and Gretna green was nonsense.

killcrop

killjoy

kiloliter

kilometer

n
/ kə'lāmədə(r) /
Gk > F
a metric unit of length equal to 1,000 meters.
Bob knew he was out of shape when he couldn't run a kilometer without gasping for air.

kilowatts

Kilroy

n
/ 'kil.rōi /
Amer name
an inveterate traveler.
Most of Lyra's postcard collection comes from her uncle Thor, who is quite a Kilroy.

kindhearted

kindred

kingfisher

kinless

kinship

kinsman

kipper

kirimon

kirsch

kirtle

n
/ 'kərd·l /
E
[has homonyms: curdle, curtal] a garment resembling a tunic or coat usually reaching to the knees and worn by men often as the principal body garment until the 16th century.
Ethelred's kirtle snagged as he mounted his steed.

kiteflying

kitten

klavern

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kleptomania

klezmerim

klipspringer

n
/ 'klip.sprɪŋə(r) /
Afrikaans
a small agile African antelope inhabiting mountainous regions. *Because of its specially adapted hooves, the klipspringer can traverse the mountain crags.*

klister

n
/ 'klistə(r) /
G > Norw
[has homonym: clyster] a soft wax used on skis especially for corn snow or crust. *Wary of the spring skiing conditions, Maria applied some klister to her skis.*

klompen

klutz

klystron

knack

knavish

kneeboard

knell

knelt

knickknack

knife

knifelike

adj
/ 'nɪf.lɪk /
ON? > E + E
resembling an instrument with a sharp edge. *The tops of the trees created a knifelike silhouette on the horizon.*

knitwear

knot

n
/ 'nɑt /
E
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word. In addition, word has homonyms: naught, not.] 1 nautical mile per hour—used as a unit of measurement in expressing the rate of speed of airplanes and seagoing ships. *Lester had trouble explaining the difference between a ship moving at 1 knot and a car moving at 1 mile per hour.*

knothole

knottiness

known

knucklesome

kobold

koftgari

n
/ 'kɔftgə(,)rē /
Per > Hindi
Indian damascene work in which steel is inlaid with gold. *While on vacation in India, Tyler saw many types of koftgari for sale.*

koinonia

n
/ .kɔɪnə'nɛə /
Gk
intimate spiritual communion and participative sharing in a common religious commitment and spiritual community. *Karl's book details how koinonia developed among the 12 apostles.*

komatik

koshare

n
/ kɔ'sha(a)(ə)r /
Keres
a Pueblo Indian clown society whose members imitate ancestral spirits in ceremonies invoking rain. *While visiting a Pueblo Indian historical site Alan learned about the tribe's different societies, including the koshare.*

koto

kouros

kraft

kraken

n
/ 'krækən /
Norw
a fabulous Scandinavian sea monster perhaps imagined on the basis of chance sightings of giant squids. *Granddad has an engraving that depicts a kraken in a fjord.*

krakowiak

n
/ krə'kɔvɛ.ak /
Pol
a Polish group folk dance that combines elements of the ancient round, the more recent square, and the modern polka. *The krakowiak is a lively dance named for the area of Poland where it originated.*

krill

n
/ 'krɪl /
Norw
[has near homonym: creel]
planktonic crustaceans and larvae that constitute the principal food of whalebone whales. *Researchers are studying ways to process protein-rich krill into human food.*

krone

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kugel

n
/ 'kügəl /
G > Yiddish
a baked pudding (as of potatoes, noodles, bread, or cabbage) served as a side dish or dessert.
Natalie often makes a noodle kugel to accompany a roast chicken.

kulak

n
/ kü'lak /
Turkish > Russ
a prosperous or wealthy peasant farmer in 19th-century Russia.
The kulak was a member of the middle class in pre-revolutionary Russia.

kundalini

n
/ .künd'l'ēnē /
Skt
the yogic life-force that is held to lie at the base of the spine until it is sent to the head to trigger enlightenment.
The ultimate goal of a yogi is to awaken the kundalini.

kuru

n
/ 'kü(,)rū /
Fore
a rare progressive fatal disease of the brain that is caused by a slow virus and occurs among tribespeople in eastern New Guinea.
People who have kuru have symptoms similar to those of Alzheimer's disease.

kvetch

kyoodle

v
/ kī'(y)üd'l /
imit
make loud useless noises : holler, yap.
Rover began to kyoodle from the backyard whenever the letter carrier approached the house.

labile

adj
/ 'lābəl /
L
[has homonym: label] readily or continually undergoing chemical or physical or biological change or breakdown.
The problem at the end of the chapter was to explain how a substance can be thermodynamically stable but still labile.

labiovelar

laborer

laburnum

n
/ lə'bərnəm /
L
any plant of a small genus of poisonous shrubs and trees having pendulous racemes of bright yellow flowers.
The laburnum, also known as "golden rain," is often cultivated for Easter decoration.

lacertilian

adj
/ .lasə(r)'tilēən /
L
of or relating to a lizard.
The zoo's exhibit included serpentine and lacertilian reptiles.

lacery

lacework

laches

lackluster

laconism

lacquer

lacquering

lactoprene

lacustrine

ladybug

lagging

laguna

n
/ lə'günə /
L > Sp
[Note: The pronunciation of this word is close to that of lagoon, which can also be spelled l-a-g-u-n-e.] lagoon, lake, pond.
Water at the bottom of a tropical laguna is almost always foul.

laicize

lakefront

lalopathy

lamentations

n pl
/ .lamən'tāshənz /
L
vocal expressions of sorrow : complaints.
The chorus in the Greek tragedy uttered wild lamentations for the fallen hero.

lamina

laminectomy

lampistry

n
/ 'lampəstrē /
Gk > L > F
the work of a maker or tender of light-giving devices.
Tonia recently completed an apprenticeship in lampistry.

lance

n
/ 'lan(t)s /
L > F > E
a weapon consisting of a long shaft with a sharp steel head.
The joustler settled the lance firmly under his arm and charged at the target.

landlubber

landowner

landwehr

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langley

n
/ 'lɑŋlə /
Am name
a unit of solar radiation equivalent to 1 gram calorie per square centimeter of irradiated surface.
Like many other measurement terms, the langley was named after a prominent scientist.

languidly

languish

v
/ 'lɑŋwɪʃ /
L > F
lose strength or animation : lose force or vividness : fade.
Watching her plants languish in the drought was difficult for the gardener.

lank

adj
/ 'lɑŋk /
E
slender and thin.
Abe Lincoln was tall and exceedingly lank with long arms and legs.

lansquenet

n
/ .lɑn(t)skə'net /
G > F
a card game similar to faro played in central Europe since the 15th century or before.
Unknown to the duke, the duchess was in deep debt from long nights spent playing lansquenet.

lanthanum

laparoscopy

n
/ .lɑpə'ræskəpē /
Gk + Gk
visual examination of the interior of the abdomen by using a long slender optical instrument inserted through the abdominal wall.
Modern-day surgeons are well trained in the techniques of laparoscopy.

laparotomy

n
/ .lɑpə'rædəmē /
Gk + Gk
surgical cutting of the abdominal wall.
Kevin's appendix was removed via a laparotomy.

lapidarian

adj
/ .lɑpə'da(a)rēən /
L + E
of, relating to, or inscribed on stone.
Janice enjoyed reading the lapidarian epitaphs in the old cemetery.

lapidicolous

adj
/ .lɑpə'dɪkələs /
L + L
living under a stone—used especially of an insect.
As Jake overturned the large stone, he saw hundreds of lapidicolous beetles scurrying about.

lapse

lapwing

n
/ 'lɑpwiŋ /
E
an abundant crested plover that is noted for its slow irregular flapping flight and its shrill wailing cry.
Some species of lapwing have wing spurs for use in fighting.

largamente

larghissimo

adv
/ lār'gēsəmō /
L > It
in as slow a manner as possible—used as a direction in music.
During the dream scene the orchestra was told to play larghissimo.

larkspur

larnax

n
/ 'lār.naks /
Gk
a chest usually of terra cotta and often ornamented that was used in ancient Greece especially as a sepulchral chest.
Francis saw a larnax in Greece that was said to contain the remains of a general in Alexander the Great's army.

larvarium

lase

v
/ 'lāz /
E back-formation
emit coherent light.
When excited by an electric current, the rube crystal began to lase.

lasque

latch

latchet

n
/ 'lɑchət /
L > F > E
a narrow strap especially of leather by which a shoe or sandal is fastened upon the foot.
Nora used a nylon shoelace to replace her sandal's leather latchet.

latent

laterite

latifundia

latke

n
/ 'lätkə /
Gk > Russ > Yiddish
griddle cake; especially : one made from grated raw potato.
Mary preferred her latke without onion.

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latterly

adv
/ 'ladə(r)lē /
E + Ecf

coming after something else : later.
Margo was a fishing guide for a while and latterly a mechanic.

latticed

adj
/ 'ladəst /
Gmc? > F > E

furnished with a framework made by crossing laths or other thin strips so as to form a network.
Cyrus fashioned a latticed roof for his tree house.

latticework

latticinio

lauan

n
/ lə'wän /
Tag

any of various Philippine timbers that are moderately close-grained and rather stringy and of moderate strength and durability.
The contractor told Mrs. Zemeckis that hollow-core doors with a veneer of lauan were the most economical choice for her new home.

laudanum

laugh

laundry

laureate

laureateship

n
/ 'lɔːrēət.ship /
L + E

the office of poet laureate.
In Britain, the poet laureateship is awarded by the sovereign on the recommendation of the prime minister.

lavabo

n
/ lə'vā(,)bō /
L

a washbasin and a tank with a spigot that are both fastened to a wall.
Alessandra purchased an antique lavabo shaped like a lion's head and installed it in her garden.

lavish

lavishly

lawyer

laziness

lazuline

leaflet

leakage

lean

leapfrog

n
/ 'lēpfrog /
E + E

a game in which one player bends down on all fours and another places his hands on the first player's shoulders or back and leaps over him.
Only children under the age of 13 were allowed to enter the leapfrog races.

learnable

leash

n
/ 'lēsh /
F > E

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a set of three animals (as greyhounds, foxes, bucks, or hares).
A leash of borzois was on the trail of a wolf.

lebbek

lebensraum

leberwurst

lecture

lecturer

ledge

ledger

leech

leewardly

adj
/ 'lüə(r)dle /
E + E + Ecf
tending to fall off away from the wind.
She was such a leewardly vessel that the captain was more than once forced to anchor on a lee shore.

lefse

legal

legalese

legatee

legato

adv
/ lə'gä(,)tō /
L > It
in a manner that is smooth and connected between successive tones.
The opposite of legato in musical direction is staccato.

legendary

leggings

legionary

legitimately

adv
/ lə'jɪdəmətlē /
L

according to law or rules.
Mabel legitimately owned the automobile, even though she couldn't locate her title or registration.

legroom

lekvar

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lemma

lengthwise

adv

/ 'leŋ(k)th.wīz /

E + E

in the direction of the length.

The subway passenger opened his paper and expertly folded it lengthwise.

lepidote

adj

/ 'lepədōt /

Gk

covered with flakes or scurfy scales.

Lepidote rhododendrons have tiny scales on the undersides of their leaves.

leporid

lepper

leprechaun

leprosarium

lerot

lesions

letterhead

leucocholy

leukergy

lever

levitate

lexical

lexigraphy

liar

libation

liberal

libertarian

n

/ .libə(r)'terēən /

L > F > E + Ecff

one who upholds the principles of individual freedom of thought and action.

A libertarian would cut down constitutional authority to the smallest proportions, while an authoritarian leaves but little scope for private judgment.

liberty

libration

n

/ lī'brāshən /

L

an oscillation in the apparent aspect of a secondary body (as a planet or a satellite) as seen from the primary object around which it revolves.

The latitudinal libration of the Moon occurs because its axis is tilted slightly.

libri

n pl

/ 'lī.brī /

L

books of records (as of deeds or wills).

Working among the old, dusty libri all day gave Curtis a sinus headache.

licentious

licitation

lido

lieblich

lierre

lifeguard

lifemanship

ligation

lightfastness

n

/ 'lit.fastnəs /

E + E + Ecff

resistance to fading or change of color by light.

Oleanna was satisfied with the lightfastness of the dyes.

lighthouse

n

/ 'lit.haüs /

E + E

a tower or other building equipped to guide navigators by means of a powerful light.

The damage done to the lighthouse was repaired as soon as possible after the storm.

lighttight

adj

/ 'lit.tīt /

E + Scand > E

impenetrable by light.

Brother Stephen made sure that the room was lighttight.

lignite

likelihood

likely

likewise

lilies

lilt

limacine

limbless

limbo

n

/ 'lim.bō /

L > E

a West Indian acrobatic dance that involves bending over backward and passing under a horizontal pole which is lowered slightly for each successive pass.

The limbo is often enjoyed at informal backyard parties.

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limeade

n
/ 'li.mād /
Ar > F > E
a drink made with lime juice, sugar, and water.
Gertrude served chilled limeade and sugar cookies.

limelight

n
/ 'lim.līt /
E + E
the white light produced by a stage lighting instrument in which an oxyhydrogen flame is directed on a cylinder of lime.
The limelight followed the actor as he paced back and forth across the stage.

limen

limequat

limicolous

limited

limned

Limoges

n
/ lē'mōzh /
F geog name
a superior variety of china.
On Thanksgiving Mother set the table with Limoges.

linden

lineage

n
/ 'linēij /
F > E
a group of persons (as a family or clan) tracing descent from a common ancestor who is regarded as its founder.
Marcel can trace his lineage to two passengers on the Mayflower.

lineaments

n pl
/ 'linēəmənts /
L
[has near homonym: liniments] the distinguishing or characteristic features of something immaterial.
Frieda decided to entitle her thesis "The Lineaments of Democracy."

linearity

n
/ .linē'arədē /
L + Ecf
the quality or state of involving measurement in one dimension only.
When he graphed the data, Gus was pleased with the linearity.

lineolate

lingual

linguipotence

linguistics

n pl
/ lin'gwɪstiks /
L
the study of human speech in its various aspects (as the structure of a language including such factors as phonetics, accent, syntax, semantics, grammar, and the relation between writing and speech).
The professor of linguistics spent more time in class on word formation than he had originally allocated.

linkage

linnet

linsang

n
/ 'lin.səŋ /
Malay
either of two nocturnal chiefly forest-dwelling Asian mammals that are related to the mongooses, civets, and genets.
The linsang has a yellowish coat with dark spots in one species and dark bands in another species.

lintel

n
/ 'lɪntəl /
L > F > E
a horizontal architectural member spanning and usually carrying the load above an opening.
The lintel over the front door of the sea captain's house was decorated with a carving of a pineapple.

lioness

lionized

v
/ 'liənɪzd /
Gk > L > F > E + Ecf
treated or regarded as a celebrity or object of interest.
The Olympic gold medalist was lionized by her proud hometown.

lipogenous

adj
/ lə'pājənəs /
Gk
producing or tending to produce fat.
The veterinarian advised Beth to feed Fluffy a less lipogenous diet.

lipogram

n
/ 'lipə.gram /
Gk
a writing composed of words not having a certain letter.
Samantha used the search function of her word processing program to ensure that her lipogram was accurately constructed.

lipogrammatism

n
/ .lipə'gram.ətɪzəm /
Gk
the practice of writing something composed of words not having a certain letter.
As an exercise in lipogrammatism, the writer wrote a novel without once using a word with an e in it.

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lipolytic

adj
/ .lɪpəˈlɪdɪk /
Gk + Gk

of, relating to, causing, or resulting from the hydrolysis of fat.
The taste of rancid butter is caused by the action of lipolytic microorganisms.

liquation

liquefacient

liquefy

liquor

listener

literacy

n
/ 'lɪdəˌræsē /
L+ Ecf
the quality or state of being able to read and write.
Barbara and Laura Bush are both very active in promoting literacy in our country.

literatim

lithe

lithely

lithoglyph

lithophane

lithophyte

n
/ 'lɪθəˌfɪt /
Gk + Gk
a plant or a plantlike organism that grows on the surface of rocks.
Lichen is a very common type of lithophyte.

litigate

litigious

litigiously

litter

n
/ 'lɪdə(r) /
L > F > E
[has near homonym: *lidder*] the offspring at one birth of a multiparous animal.
All the pups except one in Daisy's litter are black and white.

littlish

liturate

liturgiologist

livelong

livery

n
/ 'lɪv(ə)rē /
F > E
distinctive dress (as of an organization, profession, occupation).
The hotel doorman's spotless livery was green with gold braid.

livestock

lizard

llanero

n
/ lə'ne(,)rō /
Sp
a cowboy or herdsman in Spanish America.
The llanero stared curiously as the revolutionary army sped past.

llano

loathe

v
/ lōth /
E
[Note: Adjective can be spelled *loath*, *loth*, *loathe*.] feel strong aversion for : detest, abhor.
Practically all the students at Ridgeview Middle School loathe the vice-principal.

lobbyist

n
/ 'ləbēəst /
Gmc > L + Ecf
a person who conducts activities with the objective of influencing public officials and especially members of a legislative body.
The firm employed an experienced lobbyist to make their case to the legislators.

lobster

localitis

locoweed

n
/ 'lōkō.wēd /
Sp + E
any of several wild larkspurs of western North America that are poisonous to livestock.
A cow that has eaten locoweed behaves very strangely.

locution

lodge

loftily

loge

logopedics

n pl
/ .lɒgə'pēdɪks /
Gk
the scientific study and treatment of speech defects.
Many children with speech defects have been successfully treated at the center for logopedics.

logrolling

loitering

v
/ 'lɔɪdə(r)ɪŋ /
D > E
frittering away time in the course of doing something or proceeding somewhere.
Amanda would have been ready to meet the bus if she hadn't been loitering in front of the TV.

loneliest

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longeron

longirostrine

longitude

loose

loquat

lorcha

lord

lotic

lotion

lottery

louche

adj

/ 'lʊʃ /

L > F

[has near homonym: luge] devious, perverse, sinister.

After she caught the boys who had teased her poodle, Miss Vorrell told them she had never seen such "louche behavior."

louse

n

/ 'laʊs /

E

[has homonym: Laos] any of various small wingless usually flattened insects that are parasitic on warm-blooded animals.

The sucking louse has piercing and sucking mouthparts and lives on blood and tissue fluids of mammals as an external parasite.

lousicide

lousy

louvar

lovelorn

lucarne

n

/ lʊ'kɑ:rn /

OFRk > F

dormer window.

Violette waved to her father before closing the lucarne.

luciform

adj

/ 'lʊsəfɔ:rm /

L

of, relating to, or having the characteristics of light.

Some Platonists held that the soul is luciform.

lucifugous

adj

/ lʊ'sɪfjʊgəs /

L

avoiding light.

Owls and bats are lucifugous creatures of the night.

lucigen

n

/ 'lʊsɪjən /

L + Gk

a lamp or torch giving a bright light by burning a mixture of oil mixed with hot air.

Mr. Hannay of Glasgow invented the lucigen, which can be used to light large, open spaces.

lucre

n

/ 'lʊkə(r) /

L

[has near homonym: (trademark word) luger] monetary gain : profit, reward.

Sarah was eager to be a runner for the investment firm because of the contacts she could make, not for the lucre the job would bring.

luff

luggage

lugubriously

lulled

v

/ 'lʊld /

E imit?

made quiet.

The sound of Debby crooning to him usually lulled Roger to sleep quickly.

lumbago

n

/ .ləm'bɑ:gə /

L

muscular rheumatism involving the muscles of the lower back and usually accompanied by pain.

Because of his father's lumbago, Tim had to do all the snow shoveling.

lumberjack

lumbriciform

adj

/ .ləm'brɪsəfɔ:rm /

L + L

resembling an earthworm.

The anteater, with its elongated snout and lumbriciform tongue, is well adapted to licking up insects.

lumbricoid

luminance

n

/ 'lʊmənən(t)s /

L + Ecf

the quality or state of emitting a steady suffused light from within.

The luminance of the 25-watt bulb was not great enough for reading the map.

luminarism

n

/ 'lʊmənə:rɪzəm /

L > F + Ecf

the concern with or skill in the portrayal of effects of light and shade in painting.

The painter Joseph Turner was a pioneer of luminarism.

luminoscope

n

/ 'lʊmənə:skɔ:p /

L + Gk

an instrument used for detecting rare metals in the soil by means of ultraviolet light.

The survey team used a luminoscope and other devices to determine the composition of various soils.

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lumpen

adj
/ 'lʌmpən /
G

of, relating to, or being an amorphous group of dispossessed and uprooted individuals set off by their inferior station from the economic and social class with which they are identified.
Though he was a member of the Communist Party, Jerome considered himself an intellectual, not one of the lumpen proletariat.

lumpkin

lunar

adj
/ 'lʌnə(r) /
L

of, taking place on, or relating to the Moon.
The Babylonian calendar was based on the lunar cycle.

lunation

lunette

n
/ lʌ'net /
L > F
the figure or shape of a crescent moon.
The wiper formed a lunette of visibility on the rain-speckled windshield.

lupine

adj
/ 'lʌ.pɪn /
L > E
of, relating to, or resembling a wolf.
The stray dog had a lupine look to it.

lurid

adj
/ 'lʌrəd /
L
wan and ghastly pale in appearance.
Jessie was frightened by the lurid figures at Madame Tussaud's wax museum, especially that of Jack the Ripper.

lurking

v
/ 'lɜːkɪŋ /
E

lying in ambush : prowling.
Patrick's runaway imagination pictured a monster lurking under his bed or in his closet.

lusciously

adv
/ 'lʊʃəsli /
E
in a manner that is richly luxurious or highly appealing to the senses.
The colors of the silk carpet glowed lusciously in the firelight.

lutaceous

adj
/ lʌ'tʌʃəs /
L + Ecf
formed from or having the fine texture of mud : clayey—used of conglomerate rock.
Nina dug a fossil shell out of the lutaceous river bluff.

luteovirescent

Lutz

n
/ 'lʊts /
Swiss name
a figure-skating jump in which the skater takes off from the back outside edge of one skate, rotates counterclockwise, and lands on the back outside edge of the other skate.
Nancy Kerrigan demonstrated a perfect Lutz in the instructional skating video.

luxuriate

lyddite

lying

lymphocyte

n
/ 'lɪm(p)ʃə.sɪt /
Gk
a colorless weakly motile cell that is produced in lymphoid tissue.
When a lymphocyte recognizes a virus in a cell, it will attempt to kill that cell.

lyncine

lyophilize

lyrebird

lyric

adj
/ 'lɪrɪk /
Gk
characterized by or expressive of direct usually intense personal emotion.
The lyric quality of Sue-Lynn's poetry is tremendously powerful.

lyrical

lyricism

lyricist

lysis

n
/ 'lɪsɪs /
Gk
the gradual decline of a disease process.
The lysis of Hugh's fever was swifter than Dr. Quinley expected.

lyssa

maar

n
/ 'mɑːr /
G
a more or less circular volcanic crater that is produced by explosion.
Jenny had always pictured a volcano as a conical mountain topped by a maar, but while visiting Hawaii she learned that there are several other shapes.

mabe

macaroons

n pl
/ .makə'ruːnz /
It > F
small cakes composed chiefly of egg whites, sugar, and ground almonds or coconut.
Joel serves tea and macaroons to the hotel guests at three o'clock every afternoon.

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mace

machinate

v
/ 'makə.nāt /

Gk > L
scheme or contrive to bring (something undesirable) about : plot.
Robert feared that one of his coworkers would machinate to have the entire accounting department replaced.

machinery

machismo

n
/ mächēz(ə)mō /
Sp

a strong sense of masculine pride : an exaggerated masculinity.
The Olympic boxer raised his fist to the crowd in a display of machismo.

machtropolitik

macilency

n
/ 'masələnsē /
L

leanness of body : emaciation.
It seems that now, as in the early '60s, macilency is important to fashion models.

mackereler

maco

macrodont

adj
/ 'makrō.dänt /
Gk

having large teeth.
Little Red Riding Hood found it strange that her grandmother had become a macrodont creature since their last visit.

macron

macrophagous

adj
/ ma'kräfəgəs /
Gk + Gk

[Note: Could be confused with microphagous.] feeding on relatively large particulate matter.
The textbook described the macrophagous tissue cell.

macroscopic

macrotia

macrotous

macrurous

maculacy

macumba

n
/ mə'kümbə /
Pg

a Brazilian ritual or cult that is largely of African origin and combines sorcery with dancing, drumming, and chanting.
The tourists were invited to see an exhibition of macumba in Rio de Janeiro.

madras

maduro

mage

n
/ 'māj /
Gk > L > E
magician.

The mage muttered a few words, waved his hand, and disappeared.

magical

magician

n
/ mə'jishən /
Gk > L > F > E
one who entertains an audience by tricks of illusion and sleight of hand.
The magician specialized in card tricks.

magma

magnate

n
/ 'mag.nāt /
L > E

[Note: Alternate pronunciation has homonym: magnet.] a person prominent in the management of a large industry or enterprise.
The oil magnate bequeathed his fortune to the local university.

magnesium

magnificence

magnificently

adv
/ mag'nifəsəntlē /
L + Ecf
grandly, impressively.
At her coronation the queen was magnificently dressed in a robe of purple velvet and ermine.

magnify

magniloquent

magnitude

n
/ 'magnətüd /
L > E
greatness of size or extent : vastness.
The magnitude of the shift from previous policies left all members of the organization unsure of their roles.

magnum

maguey

mahimahi

n
/ 'mähē'mähē /
Marquesan, Tahitian, & Hawaiian
a spiny-finned fish which is widely distributed in tropical and temperate seas and is esteemed as food.
Today's special is mahimahi marinated in a soy-ginger sauce.

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maieutic

adj
/ mā'yü:dik /
Gk

of or relating to the dialectic method practiced by Socrates in order to elicit and clarify ideas of others.

Instead of giving lectures, Professor Ewing used maieutic dialogs to get students to think for themselves.

maim

Mainer

n
/ 'mānə(r) /

American geog name
a native or resident of Maine.
The old Mainer tried his hand at raising buffalo.

mainprise

majestic

majorette

makeshift

adj
/ 'māk.shift /
E

serving as a temporary expedient.
Until he could afford something better, Mr. Gray made makeshift bookshelves out of boards and milk crates.

malacology

maladroitly

adv
/ .malə'dröitlē /
F + Ecf

in a manner marked by a lack of dexterity or skill : clumsily.
The driving instructor reached for the wheel when his student maladroitly steered the car onto the shoulder.

malapert

malar

malarial

malcontent

maledictory

maleficence

malevolently

malfeasance

malfunction

malicious

malignancy

malison

n
/ 'maləsən /
L > F > E
malediction, curse.

Jared muttered one malison after another when he took a look at his algebra test grade.

malleation

Malthusian

adj
/ mal'th(y)üzhən /
E name + Ecf

of or relating to doctrines holding that population tends to increase at a faster rate than its means of subsistence, resulting in poverty and degradation unless the population is checked by moral restraint, disease, or war.
The candidate's Malthusian suggestion that the epidemic was a blessing in disguise was poorly received by voters.

maltreat

mamba

mamelon

mammalian

mammon

n
/ 'mamən /
Aram > Gk > L
material wealth or possessions especially having an evil power or debasing influence : wealth, money.
After becoming a millionaire, Mr. Wei renounced mammon and entered a monastery.

mammonism

mana

manacles

n pl
/ 'manəkəlz /
L > F > E
something used as a restraint.
Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech delineated how many lives were still "sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination."

manageability

n
/ .manijə'bilədē /
L > It + Ecff
the quality or state of being capable of being managed or controlled.
After shampooing her hair, Milly applied a conditioner for manageability.

mancinism

mandala

n
/ 'mændələ /
Skt
a graphic mystic symbol of the universe that is typically in the form of a circle enclosing a square and often bearing symmetrically arranged representations of deities and is used chiefly in Hinduism and Buddhism as an aid to meditation.
The lama took three days to construct an elaborate mandala from colored sand and then destroyed it.

mandibular

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mandir

n
/ 'mən.dɪr /
Skt > Hindi
a Hindu temple.
The 900-year-old mandir at Angkor Wat is the object of a massive restoration project that has lasted several decades.

mandlen

mandorla

n
/ 'mændɔr.lə /
L > It
a panel or contour in the shape of an almond.
At the top of the altarpiece Christ is depicted seated within a mandorla full-face and holding a book.

mane

manes

n pl
/ 'mæn.ɪz /
L
the spirits of the dead and gods of the lower world in ancient Roman belief.
Roman household members were expected to call on the manes of their ancestors for comfort and guidance in their daily lives.

mania

n
/ 'māniə /
Gk
excessive or unreasonable enthusiasm.
During half time at the Super Bowl, one sportscaster reported on the mania of many of the fans.

maniac

maniacally

manicurist

manifold

adj
/ 'manəfɔld /
E
marked by diversity or variety : numerous and varied.
Andrew is intrigued by the manifold opportunities in the field of engineering.

manipuri

n
/ .manə'pʊrɪ /
Indian geog name
a dance form associated with the Manipur region of northern India and characterized by a gentle lyrical style.
Rajiv is writing his thesis on the history of the manipuri.

mankind

manometer

n
/ mə'nämədə(r) /
Gk + Gk
an instrument for measuring the pressure of gases and vapors.
Mr. Glazebrook used a manometer to measure the densities of the currents on either side of the partition.

manor

n
/ 'manə(r) /
L > F > E
[has homonym: manner] the house or hall of an estate : mansion.
The lord of the manor was a gracious man, giving the servants good food and plenty of time off.

manse

mantilla

n
/ man'tɪl(y)ə /
Sp
a light scarf often of black lace worn over the head and shoulders especially by Spanish and Latin American women.
Before leaving for church, Angela covered her long black hair with a lacy mantilla.

mantissa

manual

manually

manufacture

manzanilla

manzanita

n
/ .manzə'nɛdə /
L > Sp
an evergreen tree or shrub of the Pacific coast of North America that has a smooth bark, thick shiny leaves, and edible red berries.
Steven took many photographs of the large manzanita standing alone on the windswept cliff.

mapped

maquette

marathon

n
/ 'marəθæn /
Gk geog name
a footrace usually 26 miles 385 yards in length.
Ernie's goal is to become a successful long-distance runner and win at least one big marathon.

marathoner

marcasite

marcottage

n
/ 'mɑ:kədɪj /
L? > F
a form of plant propagation in which the rooting medium is bound to the plant rather than enclosed in a pot or other container.
Philip's nursery is widely known for its successful marcottage using sphagnum.

maremma

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marginalia

n pl
/ .mā'jə'nālēə /
L

notes written in the border of a page.

Gordon was excited to find some historically interesting marginalia in his great-grandfather's law books.

marginality

mariculture

marigold

marigolds

n pl
/ 'marə'gōldz /
E name + E

any of numerous yellow-flowered plants.

Paul planted a border of marigolds around his vegetable garden.

marimba

marinade

n
/ 'marənād /
L > It

a brine or pickle usually containing vinegar or wine, oil, spices, and herbs in which a food (as meat or fish) is soaked to enrich its flavor.

Elise added chili oil to the marinade.

marinara

marinate

v
/ 'marənāt /
L > It?

[Note: Could be confused with marinade.] season (as meat or fish) by steeping in a brine usually containing vinegar or wine, oil, spices, and herbs.

Becky will marinate the pork in Italian dressing overnight for a spicy effect.

marionettes

marital

marlin

marmoraceous

marmorate

marmoration

n
/ .mārmə'rāshən /
L

variegation resembling that of marble : marbling.

The interior decorator showed Jonathan how to use two colors of paint, a sponge, and a feather to create marmoration.

marmot

n
/ 'mārmət /
F

a stout-bodied short-legged rodent that has coarse fur, a short bushy tail and very small ears, lives in burrows, and hibernates in winter.

When sensing danger, the marmot sits upright and gives an alarm whistle.

maroon

marque

n
/ 'märk /
It > F

a brand or make of a product—used especially of sports cars.

The car salesman made a face when Derek drove up in a coupe of a competing marque.

marten

n
/ 'mārt'n /
Gmc > F > E

[has homonym: martin] any of several slender semiarboreal carnivorous mammals chiefly of the Northern Hemisphere that are larger than the related weasels.

The marten is an opportunistic hunter, thriving on mice, squirrels, rabbits, and grouse.

Martian

adj
/ 'mārshən /
L

of or relating to the planet Mars or its hypothetical inhabitants.

The Martian year is approximately 687 Earth days.

martin

n
/ 'mārt'n /
F name

[has homonym: marten] a small European swallow.

Although a martin is a small bird, it is often the terror of hawks, crows, and eagles.

martyrolatry

martyrs

n pl
/ 'mārdərz /
Gk > L > E

those who sacrifice their life, station, or what is of great value for the sake of principle.

Many early Christians became martyrs in the Roman Coliseum.

Marxist

adj
/ 'märksəst /
G name

of, relating to, or having the characteristics of Karl Marx's doctrine based on the definition of all value as being created by labor.

Lenin was influenced by Marxist thought when he developed his communist theory of government.

mascot

masochistic

adj
/ .masə'kistik /
G name + Ecf

relating to, marked by, or given to taking pleasure in physical or mental suffering inflicted on one by oneself or by another.

Runners have long endured derisive comments from nonrunners about their apparently masochistic tendencies.

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massive

adj

/ 'masiv /

L > F > E

weighty, heavy.

The Neanderthal's massive, sturdy limbs were much stronger than the Cro-Magnon's.

massotherapy

masthead

matchbook

materfamilias

materialist

materialize

v

/ mə'tirēə.līz /

L + Ecf

come into actual existence :

develop into something tangible.

The skill of the artist was evident as the portrait began to materialize.

materially

maternal

matriculate

v

/ mə'trikyə.lāt /

L

become admitted to membership in a body, society, or institution (as a college or university) and have one's name officially registered after having previously met entrance requirements.

Meredith received a letter inviting her to matriculate at MIT.

matrifocal

adj

/ .matrə'fōkəl /

L + L

gravitating toward or centered upon the mother.

A matrifocal culture, for example, is one where a newlywed couple is expected to move to the bride's mother's village.

matripotestal

adj

/ .matrē.pō'testəl /

L

of, relating to, or being the power exercised by a matriarch.

Even the queen's matripotestal authority was not enough to save the prince's marriage.

mature

maud

maunder

v

/ 'mōndə(r) /

L > F > E

move or progress slowly and uncertainly without definite aim or course.

Ken and Barb maunder down the boulevard every Sunday.

maxillae

n pl

/ mak'silē /

L

the mouthparts posterior to the mandibles in insects.

In most insects the pair of maxillae is used to manipulate the food.

maxillary

maxixe

n

/ mə'shēsh(ə) /

Pg

a ballroom dance of Brazilian origin roughly like the two-step.

The maxixe became a popular dance in Europe and the United States in 1914.

mazer

meadowwink

meagerness

n

/ 'mēgə(r)nəs /

L > F > E + Ecf

the quality or state of being small, thin, or inadequate.

The meagerness of supporting evidence rendered the politician's book and speeches unconvincing to Albert.

meaningful

meanness

meant

meantime

meanwhile

measure

v

/ 'mezʰə(r) /

L

ascertain a unit quantity.

The class spent an entire hour trying to measure the Dawson twins to see who was taller.

mechanic

medalet

medevac

n

/ 'medə(,)vak /

L + L

emergency evacuation of the sick or wounded (as from a combat area).

During the simulated battle the lieutenant called for medevac of his platoon's wounded soldiers.

mediastinum

mediator

medicaster

medicate

mediocrity

meditate

v

/ 'medətāt /

L

dwell in thought; especially : practice religious contemplation.

Eileen likes to meditate in the chapel every morning before breakfast.

medius

medley

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medusa

n
/ məd(y)ūsə /
Gk

[Note: Could be confused with medusan.] a small hydrozoan jellyfish.

The medusa propels itself through the water by contracting its bell-shaped body and ejecting water from under the bell.

meekness

meeting

megalopolitan

megathere

n
/ 'megəθi(ə)r /
Gk + Gk

a member of the genus Megatherium of ground sloths of the Pliocene and Pleistocene epochs.

The movie Jurassic Park would have been much less exciting if the scientists had cloned a megathere rather than giant reptiles.

megaton

n
/ 'megətən /
Gk + E

an explosive force equivalent to that of a million tons of TNT.
The latest military creation is a bomb that will deliver 1 megaton of explosive force directly to the target specified without any error whatsoever.

megrims

n pl
/ 'mēgrəmz /
F > E

low spirits : the blues.
Whenever Ben got the megrims, he would play a recording of the William Tell Overture to revive his spirits.

meiobars

n pl
/ 'mīəbärz /
Gk

regions of low barometric pressure.
On most weather maps, meiobars are indicated by the letter L.

meiosis

Meistersinger

n
/ 'mīstə(r),sɪŋə(r) /
G

a member of a German guild in the 15th and 16th centuries formed for the cultivation of poetry and music.
Mr. Heinz can trace his family tree back to a Bavarian Meistersinger born in 1498.

melange

melanocamous

melanoma

n
/ .melə'nōmə /
Gk > L

a malignant skin tumor that starts as a black mole and metastasizes rapidly.
People who have black moles are encouraged to check them regularly for signs of a melanoma.

meld

n
/ 'meld /
G

[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] a card or combination of cards that has scoring value in a game.
After drawing a seventh ace in canasta, Lauren could hardly suppress her smile as she laid the meld down on the table.

melichrous

meliorate

melis

melismatic

adj
/ .meləz'madɪk /
Gk

relating to or having melodic embellishment or ornamentation.
The chorus embroidered the anthem with melismatic lines.

melittologist

n
/ .melə'täləjəst /
Gk

an entomologist specializing in the study of bees.
It was a big breakthrough for the melittologist who discovered how bees communicate with each other.

melleous

adj
/ 'melēəs /
L

resembling or containing honey.
The beekeeper cut a melleous chunk of honeycomb from the hive and put it in a jar.

melody

melon

membranate

membrane

membranous

adj
/ 'membrənəs /
L > F

thin, pliable, and often somewhat transparent.
The dragonfly's membranous wings seemed very delicate.

memoirs

memorize

v
/ 'memə.rīz /
L

learn something in a manner that can be remembered.
Camille used flashcards to memorize the multiplication tables.

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menaced

v
/ 'menəst /
F > E
made a show of intention to harm :
made a threatening gesture,
statement, or act against.
*Rosemary watched as a blue jay
and a stray cat menaced and
threatened each other in her back
yard.*

menacing

menald

Menckenesese

n
/ .menkə'nēz /
Amer name
the peculiarly vigorous racy
flamboyant and often caustic style
characteristic of the journalist H.L.
Mencken.
*It is difficult to read through a
daily paper without finding a
feature writer who employs
Menckenesese.*

menckonian

mendelevium

menhaden

mensch

mental

mentalist

menticide

mephitic

mercantile

mercantilist

adj
/ 'mər.kən.tēlist /
L > It > F
of or relating to the theory or
practice of an economic system
intended to increase a nation's
power and especially monetary
wealth by a strict governmental
regulation of the entire national
economy.
*In pursuit of a "favorable balance
of trade," the mercantilist policy
put strict limits on imports of
foreign goods.*

mercaptan

n
/ mər'kaptən /
L > D > G
any of a class of compounds that
are analogous to the alcohols and
phenols but contain sulfur instead
of oxygen and have very
disagreeable odors.
*A mercaptan is added to odorless
natural gas so that leaks can be
detected.*

mercerize

v
/ 'mərsə.rīz /
E name + Ecf
give (cotton yarn or cloth) luster,
strength, and receptiveness to dyes
by treatment under tension with
caustic soda.
*English cloth manufacturers began
to mercerize cotton in the 1860s.*

mercifully

mercury

meretricious

merfolk

meridienne

merino

n
/ mə'rē.nō /
Sp
[Note: Could be confused with
marina.] a fine wool and cotton
yarn used for knitwear.
*Darcy decided to use the leftover
skein of merino to knit a pair of
mittens.*

merit

meritable

meritorious

meropia

mesa

n
/ 'māsə /
L > Sp
a usually isolated hill or mountain
having abrupt or steeply sloping
sides and a level top.
*The hikers planned to have their
picnic on top of the faraway mesa.*

mesentery

n
/ 'mes'n.terē /
Gk
a membranous tissue or one of the
membranes that envelop and
support visceral organs (as the
intestines).
*The mesentery attaches parts of the
small intestine to the posterior wall
of the abdomen.*

mesmerized

v
/ 'mezmə.rīzd /
Austrian name + Ecf
spellbound : hypnotized.
*Tracy gazed at the screen saver,
mesmerized by the changing
patterns.*

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mesomorph

n
/ 'mezō.mōrf /
Gk

an intermediate or average type of human body.
Students classified the mummy as a mesomorph.

Mesopotamian

adj
/ .mesəpə'tāmēən /
Gk

of, relating to, or characteristic of Mesopotamia, a region between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.
The Code of Hammurabi and Gilgamesh are famous Mesopotamian literary documents.

mesotherm

Mesozoic

adj
/ .mezə'zōik /
Gk

of or relating to a division of geological history that includes the time between the Permian and the Tertiary periods.
Dinosaurs and evergreen trees arose during the Mesozoic era.

messaline

messenger

mestizo

n
/ me'stē(,)zō /
L > Sp

a person whose ancestors belonged to two or more races.
The tour guide, a mestizo himself, spoke at length about the culture of his South American ancestors.

metabolize

v
/ mə'tabə.līz /
Gk

subject to the processes by which a particular substance is handled in the living body.
Tooth decay results from the lactic acid produced when bacteria metabolize sugar.

metacarpal

adj
/ medə'kärpəl /
Gk + Gk

of or relating to the part of the hand or forefoot between the wrist and the digits or fingers.
When the car door slammed shut on her hand, Sara suffered an injury to one of her metacarpal bones.

metage

n
/ 'mēdij /
E
the official measuring of contents or weight (as of coal or grain).
Arrangements must be made with respect to the metage of grain in the port of London.

metallurgy

n
/ 'med^əl.ərjē /
Gk > L
a science and technology that deals with the extraction of metals from their ores, refining them, and preparing them for use and includes processes and the study of the structure and properties of metals.
Several experts in metallurgy testified in the lawsuit regarding the failure of welds at the steam plant.

metalworking

metamorphose

v
/ .medə'mōr.fōz /
Gk > F?
change into a different physical form.
The witch had a potion which could metamorphose a man into a mouse.

metanoia

n
/ .medə'nōi(y)ə /
Gk
a fundamental transformation of mind or character; specifically : a spiritual conversion.
After years of dissolute living, Augustine experienced a metanoia and became a leading ecclesiastical figure.

meteor

n
/ 'mēdēə(r) /
Gk
[has homonym: meatier] a streak of light in the night sky produced by the passage through Earth's atmosphere of one of the countless small particles of solid matter in the solar system.
Hans accidentally captured a meteor on film as he was trying to take pictures of lightning.

meteorologist

n
/ .mēdēə'räləjəst /
Gk
a specialist in a science that deals with the atmosphere and its phenomena.
Most television stations employ a meteorologist to deliver weather forecasts.

metheglin

n
/ mə'theglɪn /
W
a beverage usually made of fermented honey and water and often spiced or medicated.
When Mr. Galen lost his voice, Glynnis said that a cup of her metheglin might be just what he needed.

methuselah

meticulously

metrical

metrology

n
/ mə'träləjē /
Gk
the science of weights and measures.
Nobody as a child really plans a career in metrology; like lexicography, it comes into one's life by chance.

metropolis

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metropolitan

adj

/ .metrə'pälət'n /

Gk

of, relating to, or characteristic of an important city.

One advantage of living in a metropolitan area is the abundance of cultural offerings.

miasmic

micaceous

adj

/ mī'kāshəs /

L

consisting of or containing any of a group of minerals that crystallize in monoclinic forms readily separating into very thin leaves.

The class divided into small groups to examine the micaceous minerals under the microscope.

Micawberish

adj

/ mə'kób(ə)rish /

E name

being habitually expectant of an upturn in one's fortunes.

True to his Micawberish nature, Buddy spent his last dollar on a lottery ticket.

Michigander

n

/ .mishə'gandə(r) /

Algonquian + E

a native or resident of Michigan.

Jack called himself a

"Michigander" with a note of pride in his voice.

microbial

microburst

n

/ 'mīkrō.bərst /

Gk + E

a violent short-lived localized downdraft that creates extreme wind shears at low altitudes that is usually associated with thunderstorms.

A microburst causes a condition known as "wind shear," a quick change in the wind's speed or direction.

microcircuitry

microfilm

microhmmeter

n

/ 'mī.krōm.mēdə(r) /

Gk + G name + Gk

a sensitive ohmmeter for measuring very small resistances.

In the physics lab Mr. McGurk demonstrated the use of a microhmmeter to ascertain minute electrical resistances.

micrometer

microns

n pl

/ 'mī.kränz /

Gk

units of length, each equal to 0.001 millimeter or about 0.000039 inch.

A human hair is about 100 microns thick.

microphakia

n

/ .mīkrō'fākēə /

Gk

abnormal smallness of the lens of the eye.

Mr. Hurst's vision is somewhat impaired by his microphakia.

microphone

n

/ 'mīkrə.fōn /

Gk + Gk

an instrument whereby sound waves are caused to generate or modulate an electric current usually for the purpose of transmitting or recording sound (as speech or music).

Each of the principal singers has a cordless microphone attached to his or her costume.

microscopic

adj

/ .mīkrə'skăpik /

Gk + Gk + Ecf

invisible without the use of a magnification device.

The crime lab technician found microscopic traces of blood on Wolfgang's shoelaces.

midday

n

/ 'mid.dā /

E

noon.

The clocktower bells chime every midday.

midget

mightily

adv

/ 'mīd'lē /

E

in a powerful manner.

The rebels triumphed mightily over the dictator's military forces.

mighty

adj

/ 'mīdē /

E

having or wielding great power or authority.

Will fancied himself one of the more mighty and well-heeled men in town.

migrate

v

/ 'mī.grāt /

L

pass periodically from one region or climate to another for feeding or breeding.

Some birds migrate south to find warmer weather during winter.

migratory

adj

/ 'mīgrə.tōrē /

L

marked by periodic movement from one region or climate to another.

The migratory monarch butterflies travel long distances southward in the fall, and those that survive return in the spring.

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mihrab

n
/ 'mērəb /

Ar
a niche or chamber in a mosque indicating the direction of Mecca and usually containing a copy of the Koran.

A rich mosaic decorates the mihrab of the mosque that Mahmoud attends.

mileage

milieu

milinch

militarize

miljee

milkman

milliampere

millibars

n pl
/ 'milə,bärz /
L > ISV + Gk > ISV

units of atmospheric pressure, each equal to 0.001 bar or 1,000 dynes per square centimeter.

A record low pressure of 870 millibars was measured in the eye of a typhoon near Guam in October 1979.

millicurie

milline

Miltonic

adj
/ mil'tänik /

E name
characteristic of or relating to the English poet John Milton or his work.

A reading of those critics who have attempted an analysis of the Miltonic simile reveals a complete and far-reaching difference of opinion.

mimetic

adj
/ mə'medik /

Gk
characterized by or exhibiting a superficial resemblance to other organisms or to natural objects and thereby securing concealment, protection, or some other advantage.

A butterfly's mimetic coloration protects it against many predators.

mimetically

mimicked

mimotype

minareted

adj
/ .minə'redəd /
Ar > Turk > F

having or characterized by a slender lofty tower such as that attached to a mosque.

The outline of a large minareted palace appeared as the train approached Istanbul.

minefield

miniaceous

minim

n
/ 'minəm /
L

a U.S. unit of liquid capacity equivalent to 0.003759 cubic inch.

Ms. Brock told us to add a minim of reactant to our acid solution, but she didn't tell us how to measure it out.

minimum

minion

n
/ 'minyən /
Celt? > F

[has homonym and near homonym: minyan and mignon] an obsequious or servile dependent.

The candidate's most devoted minion has high hopes of being offered a prominent cabinet post.

minister

minium

minnow

minstrels

n pl
/ 'min(t)strəlz /
L > F > E

professional musical entertainers of a kind originating in medieval times.

Off to one side a group of minstrels sang songs that delighted both the young and old.

minute

n
/ 'minət /
L

a unit of time equal to the 60th part of an hour and containing 60 seconds.

Mary believes she could have finished all the exam questions if she had had one more minute to work.

minyan

n
/ 'minyən /
Heb

[Word has homonym: minion. Also, word might be confused with mignon.] the number of participants necessary for conducting Jewish public worship, defined by the rules of Mishnah as not fewer than ten males above the age of 13.

Until Mr. Green arrived at the synagogue, not enough people were present to constitute a minyan.

miombo

n
/ mī'äm(,)bō /
E Afr name

a sparse open deciduous woodland characteristic of dry parts of eastern Africa.

The Oyondi family lived near a small grove in the miombo, where there was some shade from the hot sunshine.

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mirages

n pl
/ mə'razhəz /
L > F

optical phenomena that are often observed on still days over deserts or hot pavements and that have the mirrorlike appearance of a quiet lake or pool in which distant objects are seen inverted by reflection though usually distorted.
Janet explained that mirages are illusions, which are not real.

mirth

mirthful

adj
/ 'mərthfəl /
E + Ecf

full of gladness or gaiety.
The stand-up comedian quickly put his audience in a mirthful mood.

miscegenation

misconception

n
/ miskən'sepshən /
E + L

a wrong or inaccurate thought, idea, or notion.
That a cactus plant never needs water is a misconception.

misconstrued

miscreants

miser

miserabilism

misery

mishap

misinterpreted

misogamist

n
/ mə'sägəməst /
Gk

one who hates marriage.
Ben explained that although he enjoys being a bachelor, he is not a misogynist.

missal

Mississippian

n
/ .misə'sipēən /
E name

a native or resident of Mississippi.
As a native Mississippian, Drew thought he had an obligation to defend his state.

misspell

misspelling

n
/ mi(s)'speliŋ /
E + Gmc > F > E + Ecf

an incorrect sequence of letters composing a word.
Mr. Sommerstein was willing to overlook the occasional misspelling or silly mistake, but he could not tolerate comma splices.

misstatement

n
/ mi(s)'stātəmənt /
Ecf + L > F > E + Ecf
a false or incorrect declaration or remark.
Jessie stands by her claim that her misstatement was unintentional.

misstep

n
/ 'misstep /
E

a wrong step.
Higher and higher they climbed up frightful crumbling cliffs and along desperately narrow ledges where a single misstep meant only "good-bye."

mistiness

n
/ 'mistēnəs /
E

the quality or state of being obscured by or covered with water in the form of particles suspended in the atmosphere.
A heavy mistiness hung in the valley and obscured the mountains.

mitomycin

mitosis

mixture

mizzenmast

mnemonically

adv
/ nē'mänək(ə)lē /
Gk + Ecf
in a manner assisting or intended to assist memory.
The word homes is often used mnemonically to name the Great Lakes.

mobile

moccasin

moch

modern

modernization

modify

modulation

modulo

prep
/ 'mäjələ /
L
with respect to a number that divides the difference of two other numbers without leaving a remainder.
Betsy's date calculation program uses modulo seven arithmetic.

moist

molar

adj
/ 'mōlə(r) /
L
[has homonym: moler] containing 6.023×10 to the 23rd power molecules of solute in one liter of solution.
To make 3.40 molar potassium nitrate, Eileen put 3.40 moles of potassium nitrate into one liter of the solution.

molehill

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moline

adj

/ 'mōlən /

L > F > AF

(of a cross) having the end of each arm forked and recurved.

There are twelve families of millers who bear crosses moline on their family crests.

mollycoddle

moloch

molybdenite

momentary

monandry

monarchically

monastic

adj

/ mə'nastik /

Gk > L

secluded from earthly concerns and devoted to religion.

Though many people enjoy a period of retreat from materialism and worldliness, real commitment to a monastic life is rare.

monaural

adj

/ män'ōrəl /

L

of, relating to, affecting, or designed for use with one ear.

Tom's doctor referred him to a specialist to have his monaural and binaural hearing tested.

moneyless

moniliform

monition

monitory

adj

/ 'män.ə.tōrē /

L

giving a friendly reproof, warning, or reminder.

Randall spoke gently to his nephew, but the monitory tone was unmistakable.

monoceros

monochromat

monofilament

monogram

monolater

monolithic

monophagous

monoplegia

monopolization

n

/ mə.nə.pə.lə'zāshən /

Gk

the quality or state of having or getting exclusive ownership or control through legal privilege, command of supply, or group action.

The corporation was prosecuted for participating in a conspiracy for the purposes of restraint of trade and monopolization.

monoprint

monorail

monostich

monosyllable

monsieur

monster

monte

n

/ 'mäntē /

L > It > Sp

a card game in which players select any two of four cards faced in a layout and bet that one of them will be matched before the other as cards are dealt one at a time from the pack.

On the long bus trip Olivia taught her little sister how to play monte.

Montessorian

adj

/ .mäntə'sōrēən /

It name

of, following, or relating to a system for training young children emphasizing free physical activity, informal and individual instruction, early development of writing and reading, and extended sensory motor training.

The Montessorian learning environment contains materials for all levels of children's readiness.

monticle

monture

n

/ 'mänchə(r) /

F

a frame or setting especially for a jewel.

The diamond's monture was platinum, but the band was gold.

monument

monumental

adj

/ .mänyə'mentl /

L

having impressive bulk or size.

The entrance to the library was flanked by monumental statues of lions.

moonlet

n

/ 'münlət /

E

[has near homonym: moonlit] a small natural or artificial satellite of Earth or of another celestial body.

Each particle in the rings of Saturn is a moonlet.

mooring

moquette

moral

morale

morcellation

mordant

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morganite

Mormon

adj
/ 'mɔrmən /
name of a book
of or relating to members of the
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-
day Saints.
*Mormon houses often have enough
preserved food in them to feed an
army.*

Mornay

n
/ .mɔr'nā /
F name?
[has homonym: morné] a cheese-
flavored cream sauce.
*Mornay can be served with seafood
or vegetables.*

morpheme

n
/ 'mɔr:fēm /
Gk > F
a meaningful linguistic unit that
contains no smaller meaningful
parts.
*One morpheme that carries
meaning but does not stand on its
own is the plural ending -s.*

mortadella

n
/ .mɔ(r)də'delə /
L > It
a smoked sausage made of chopped
beef, pork, and pork fat and
seasoned with pepper and garlic.
*Barbara made a sandwich of
Italian bread, provolone cheese,
and sliced mortadella.*

mortally

mortiferous

adj
/ mɔ(r)'tɪf(ə)rəs /
L + L
deadly, fatal.
*In the 14th century the mortiferous
black death wiped out about a third
of the population of Europe.*

mortification

n
/ .mɔ(r)dəfə'kæʃən /

L
a sense of humiliation and shame
caused by something that wounds
one's pride or self-respect.
*Sandy's low test score filled him
with mortification.*

mosaicism

moselle

moss

moth

motherly

motif

motile

motitation

n
/ .mɔdət'æʃən /
L
a quivering movement.
*Laurie could tell by the motitation
of her brother's lower lip that he
was about to start sobbing.*

motivate

motive

motto

n
/ 'mäd(ɪ)ɔ /
L > It
a short suggestive expression of a
guiding principle.
*Elaine's personal motto is
"Fortune favors the bold."*

moue

mountebankery

mourning

v
/ 'mɔ(ə)rniŋ /
E
[has homonym: morning] feeling
sorrow or grief for.
*Jacob was mourning the loss of his
turtle until a neighbor found it and
returned it to him.*

movie

movimento

moxie

Mozarabic

adj
/ mɔ'zɑrəbɪk /
Ar > Sp
of, relating to, or used by Spanish
Christians in the period of Muslim
domination of Spain.
*The talk on Mozarabic poetry at
seven o'clock interfered with
Mica's dinner plans.*

muckraking

n
/ 'mæk.rækiŋ /
E
the action or practice of
investigating with the purpose of
digging up scandal.
*Uncle Woody accused the
candidate for mayor of engaging in
muckraking as a substitute for
proposing an intelligent policy.*

mucronate

muddledom

muishond

n
/ 'mɪs.hənt /
D > Afrikaans
either of two southern African
weasels that emit a fetid odor when
disturbed.
*Within two yards of his foot, Jerry
saw a striped muishond with its two
front feet firmly planted on a black
cobra.*

mule

n
/ 'myül /
L > F
[Note: The definition provided is
not the one most commonly
associated with this word. In
addition, word has homonym:
mewl.] a shoe or house slipper
without quarter and often with a
low heel.
*As Dorothy was about to thrust her
foot into the velvet mule, she
noticed a tear in her stocking.*

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multiloquence

multiphyletic

multiple

multiply

v
/ 'mʌltəplī /
L

increase in number especially greatly or in multiples.
Before the printing press there was no way to multiply an original manuscript except by handwritten copies.

multivious

mummify

v
/ 'mʌməfī /
Per > L > E + Ecf
make into or like a mummy.
Ancient Egyptian embalmers used resin and linen strips to mummify their subjects.

mundane

mundungus

n
/ .mʌn'dʌŋgəs /
Sp
tobacco having an offensive smell.
Hank preferred his own blend of mundungus and refused to try any other.

munificent

murder

murderer

n
/ 'mɜrdərər /
E
one who commits the crime of unlawfully killing a person especially with malice aforethought.
The convicted murderer continued to claim that he acted in self-defense.

murmuration

Muses

n pl
/ 'myüzəz /
Gk > L > F > E
[has homonym: meuses] the nine sister goddesses associated with the Graces in Greek mythology and regarded as presiding over learning and the creative arts (as poetry and music).
The Muses gave the poet his song and sang it through his lips.

musette

musket

musketeer

muskrat

n
/ 'məskrat /
Algonquian?
an abundant aquatic rodent found throughout the United States and Canada living in holes in the banks of ponds or streams.
Gloria shrieked as the muskrat sank its teeth into her ankle.

mustang

n
/ 'məstʌŋ /
L > Sp
the small hardy naturalized horse of the western plains directly descended from horses brought in by the Spaniards.
Veronica's father explained that a wild mustang would not be a good house pet.

Mustelidae

n pl
/ .mə'stelə.dē /
L
a large family of rather small lithe active carnivorous mammals including many important furbearers and some destructive predators and varying greatly from the weasel to the wolverine.
Karen thinks that of all the Mustelidae, the otter is the most fascinating to watch.

musteline

mustiness

n
/ 'mʌstēnəs /
F + Ecff
the quality or state of smelling of damp and decay.
Todd found the basement's mustiness too much to bear.

mutagenic

mutagenicity

n
/ .myüdəjə'nisədē /
L + Gk
the capacity to induce mutations.
The newly developed artificial sweetener was studied for evidence of mutagenicity.

mutation

n
/ myü'tāshən /
L > F > E
an often abrupt major change.
The appearance of spots marked a mutation in the plant species.

mutely

adv
/ 'myütlē /
L > F > E + Ecf
in a manner characterized by the inability to speak.
Nino sat by mutely as we conversed in the parlor.

mutineer

n
/ .myüt'n'io(r) /
L > F
one that refuses to obey or observe authority.
The sailors protested that the very person who was accusing them was the ringleader and chief mutineer.

mutiny

n
/ 'myüt(°)nē /
L > F
insurrection against or willful refusal to obey constituted, recognized, or traditional authority.
Captain Bligh, unable to suppress the mutiny, was set adrift in a rowboat.

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muzzle

n
/ 'mʌzəl /
L > F > E
the projecting jaws and nose of an animal : snout.
Sam's dog was always poking its muzzle into everything.

mycetismus

n
/ .mīə'tizməs /
Gk
mushroom poisoning.
In the Babar series of children's books, Babar succeeds the King of the Elephants, who has died from a case of mycetismus.

mycophile

mydriatic

myeloma

n
/ .mīə'lōmə /
Gk
a primary tumor of the bone marrow.
A combination of radiation and drugs is being used to treat Carla's myeloma.

myosin

myotonia

n
/ .mīə'tōnēə /
Gk
tonic spasm of one or more muscles; also : a condition characterized by such spasms.
The crash victim will be kept in the emergency room until the doctors know what is causing the myotonia.

myriacanthous

adj
/ .mīrē'kan(t)thəs /
Gk
having numerous spines or prickles.
The prickly pear is Tina's favorite myriacanthous plant.

myriad

myringa

myrmidons

myrtle

mystic

adj
/ 'mistik /
Gk
baffling or incomprehensible to the understanding.
Reason cannot traverse the mystic gulf between god and man.

mystify

mytacism

myth

n
/ 'mith /
Gk
a traditional story that is usually of unknown origin and that serves to explain some practice, belief, institution, or natural phenomenon.
The Greek myth about Persephone explains the coming of winter weather.

mythopoeia

mythopoeic

adj
/ .mithə'pēik /
Gk + Ecf
creating or tending to create myth or myths.
Mythopoeic humans attempted to explain natural phenomena, such as the rising and setting of the sun.

myths

myxomatosis

n
/ mik.sōmə'tōsəs /
Gk
a severe virus disease of rabbits that is marked by fever and subcutaneous tumors, is transmitted by mosquitoes, and has been used in biological control of rabbits in plague areas.
The warren of rabbits was decimated by an outbreak of myxomatosis.

myxovirus

n
/ .miksə'vīrəs /
Gk + L
any of a group of rather large RNA-containing viruses that includes the influenza viruses.
Upon returning from the pediatrician's office, Kelly frightened her father by announcing that she had a myxovirus.

nadiral

nagging

nahcolite

naillike

naivete

nanization

nanogram

naphtha

n
/ 'nafthə /
Iranian > Gk
any of various volatile often flammable liquid hydrocarbon mixtures used chiefly as solvents and diluents and as raw materials for conversion to gasoline.
On the fractionation column used for separating the components of crude oil, naphtha lies between gasoline and kerosene.

naphthalated

adj
/ 'nafthə.lādəd /
Iranian > Gk > L
cleaned with solvents to preserve strength and resiliency.
Peggy had her wool coat naphthalated for the coming winter season.

naphthalene

naphthalenic

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naphthene

n
/ 'naf.thēn /
Iranian > Gk + ISV
any of a series of saturated cyclic hydrocarbons that occur in various kinds of petroleum, in shale, and in tar oil.
Naphthene is an important part of all liquid refinery products.

napkin

napoleon

n
/ nə'pōlyən /
F name
a man's high boot worn especially in the 19th century.
The artist asked the huntsman to wear a black napoleon as his boot for the painting.

naprapath

narcissism

n
/ 'nārsə.sizəm /
Gk name > L
overevaluation of one's own attributes or achievements or of those of one's own group.
The once successful politician fell victim to narcissism and eventually became less effective.

narcissist

narcohypnia

narial

adj
/ 'na(a)rēəl /
L
of or relating to the nostrils.
There are several different sorts of septa, but perhaps the best known is the narial septum.

naris

n
/ 'na(a)rəs /
L
the opening of the nose or nasal cavity of a vertebrate.
The biology book had an illustration showing how a naris is connected to the throat by a passageway.

narrator

nasaump

nasute

adj
/ nā'süt /
L
having a well-developed proboscis.
For Halloween, Emma wore a nasute rubber mask and large ears made of gray felt.

national

nativistic

adj
/ .nād-ə'vistik /
L > F > E + Ecff
of, being, or having the characteristics of a movement advocating the perpetuation of native cultural traits and a removal of foreign culture elements.
The group's nativistic efforts included the renunciation of the use of electricity and fossil fuels.

natte

naturally

naught

naughty

naumachia

n
/ nō'mākēə /
Gk
an ancient Roman spectacle representing a naval battle.
To celebrate the naval victory the emperor ordered an elaborate naumachia.

nauseously

navel

n
/ 'nāvəl /
E
[has homonym: naval] a mark or depression in the middle of the abdomen, marking the point of attachment of the umbilical cord.
John asked his religion teacher whether Adam had a navel.

navicella

navicular

adj
/ nə'vikyələ(r) /
L + EcF
[Note: Could be confused with navicula.] resembling or having the shape of a boat.
While discussing the skeletal system, Mr. Gray called the students' attention to a small navicular bone in the wrist.

navigate

navigator

naysay

neap

Neapolitan

adj
/ .nēə'pälət'n /
Gk > L
of, relating to, or characteristic of Naples, Italy, or its residents.
Merri enjoys going to an Italian restaurant where the waiters sing Neapolitan folk songs.

nebbish

nebulosity

n
/ .nebyə'lāsədē /
L
the quality or state of being unclear, hazy, or indistinct.
The author's nebulosity invited several different interpretations of his work.

necessitous

necessity

nectarivorous

adj
/ .nektə'riv(ə)rəs /
Gk > L + L
feeding on nectar.
Samantha's colorful flower garden attracts many nectarivorous birds and insects.

needlecraft

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nefandous

nefariously

negligence

negotiability

n
/ nəˈɡɔʃ(ē)əˈbɪlədē /
L

the quality or state of being successfully traversed or otherwise successfully managed.
Department of Transportation officials explained that road design, negotiability of curves, and other factors determine speed limits.

neighborly

neither

neoclassicist

neodymium

neonatal

neoned

adj
/ ˈnē.ænd /
Gk + Ecf
of, equipped with, or lighted by neon lamps.
The museum installation was neoned, which produced an eery bluish-white glow.

neophilic

n
/ .nē.ɔˈfɪl.ɪk /
Gk
one who has a love of or enthusiasm for what is new or novel.
A true neophilic, Vince visits trade shows at every opportunity.

neoprene

n
/ ˈnē.ə.prēn /
Gk + ISV
a synthetic rubber characterized by resistance to the elements.
To waterski on the chilly lake, Susan and Ed wore wetsuits made of neoprene.

neoterism

n
/ nēˈɑd.ə.rɪzəm /
Gk
a newly invented word or phrase.
Cineplex is a neoterism recently added to the dictionary.

nephritic

adj
/ nəˈfrɪdɪk /
Gk
arising from, originating in, or affecting the kidneys.
Al's nephritic inflammation alarmed the doctor.

nephritis

nephrolith

n
/ ˈnefrə.lɪθ /
Gk + Gk
a kidney stone.
Physicians can now disintegrate a nephrolith by shock waves.

nephrolithotomy

n
/ .nefrəˈlɪθ.ə.tə.mē /
Gk + Gk + Gk
the surgical operation of removing a solid concretion from the kidney.
Mr. Case regrets that a nephrolithotomy rather than shock-wave therapy is the necessary treatment for his kidney stones.

neptunium

Nereid

n
/ ˈnɪrē.ɪd /
Gk name
an often malevolent nymph of Greek folklore dwelling in springs or trees as well as in the sea.
In the adventure movie set in Atlantis, one Nereid after another swam by as the film began.

neritic

adj
/ nəˈrɪdɪk /
Gk > L > ISV
of, relating to, or constituting the belt or region of shallow water adjoining the seacoast and usually considered to extend from low-tide mark to a depth of 100 fathoms.
The neritic zone is home to a large number of species such as corals, oysters, and algae.

Neronian

adj
/ nəˈrɒnē.ən /
L name
of or relating to the Roman emperor Nero or his times.
Neronian rule was marked by tyranny.

nervy

nestle

netherworld

netsuke

n
/ ˈnetskē /
Jpn
a small object carved in wood or ivory or wrought in metal, pierced with holes, and used by the Japanese as a toggle to fasten a small pouch or purse to the kimono sash.
Hiroko cherished her grandmother's ivory netsuke.

neurasthenia

neurergic

neuritis

neuroticism

n
/ n(y)üˈrɑd.ə.sɪzəm /
Gk > L
a condition, character, or trait related to nervous dysfunction.
The critic observed that narcissism and neuroticism are the trademarks of many TV sitcoms.

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neurotogenic

adj

/ n(y)ü.rädə'jenik /

Gk + Gk

tending to produce a functional disorder of the central nervous system usually manifested by anxiety, phobias, obsessions, or compulsions.

Abby is being treated for neurotogenic problems resulting from interpersonal conflicts.

neutrino

n

/ n(y)ü'trē(,)nō /

L > It

an uncharged elementary particle that comes in two forms associated respectively with the electron and the muon.

The neutrino is the most penetrating of the subatomic particles.

newfangled

newlywed

newscaster

newsworthy

newton

n

/ 'n(y)üt'n /

E name

the unit of force in the meter-kilogram-second system of physical units that is of such size that under its influence a body whose mass is 1 kilogram would experience an acceleration of 1 meter per second per second.

Monica learned that 1 newton equals 100,000 dynes.

Newtonian

adj

/ n(y)ü'tōnēən /

E name

of, relating to, or following Sir Isaac Newton, his discoveries, or doctrines.

Perhaps the best known Newtonian discovery is his theory of gravitation.

nibble

v

/ 'nibəl /

unknown

bite lightly.

Deer nibble on the leaves of plants.

nibbling

niccolite

nickel

nickname

nicotine

nidulation

n

/ .nijə'lāshən /

L

nest-building.

Carla is writing a book on varieties of nidulation among small mammals.

nighttime

nihilistic

nimble

nimbostratus

n

/ .nim(.)bō'strādəs /

L

a low dark gray rainy cloud layer.

The day was dreary with the nimbostratus blocking the rays of the Sun completely.

nimbus

n

/ 'nimbəs /

L

a luminous vapor, cloud, or atmosphere about a god or goddess when on Earth.

Detecting a nimbus about the stranger, Sir Sidney treated her with extraordinary deference.

nineteen

adj

/ nin'tēn /

E

being one more than 18 in number.

Nineteen years is a long life for a cat.

ninnyish

ninth

niobium

n

/ nī'ōbēəm /

Gk name > L

a platinum-gray ductile metallic element that occurs combined in various rare minerals but almost always is associated with tantalum and that is used in alloys to inhibit corrosion.

Niobium is a hypoallergenic metal used in many items such as artificial joints, dental implants, and the posts of pierced earrings.

nirvana

n

/ nir'vānə /

Skt

a place or state of rest, harmony, or pleasure.

Fiona's idea of nirvana is a weekend at her lakeside cabin.

nitrogation

nitrogenous

adj

/ nī'trājənəs /

Gk > L > F

of, relating to, or containing nitrogen in combined form (as in nitrates or proteins).

Every year farmers add nitrogenous fertilizers to the soil for better crop production.

noblest

noctambulous

noctilucent

adj

/ .näktə'lüs'nt /

L

visible or glowing at night.

Noctilucent clouds are thin sheets of ice crystals that form so high that the Sun can illuminate them at night when it is well below the horizon.

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noctilucous

adj
/ ˌnɒktəˈluːkəs /
L

shining at night : phosphorescent.
The noctilucous algae turned the stream into a shining path through the trees.

noctovision

nodular

noisette

noisy

nomadic

nominalism

nominate

nomocracy

n
/ nɒˈmɑːkrəsi /
Gk
government in accordance with a system of law.
Several Middle Eastern countries are governed according to Muslim nomocracy.

nomographer

n
/ nɒˈmɑːgrəfə(r) /
Gk
a writer of laws.
During his term as a state senator, Wilbur became an experienced nomographer.

nonchalantly

adv
/ ˌnɒnʃəˈlɑːntli /
L > F
with an air of jaunty unconcern or indifference.
Ron's cat lay nonchalantly in the most highly trafficked area of his house.

nonchitinous

noncombatant

adj
/ ˌnɒnkəmˈbɑːnt /
L
not usually engaged in or assigned to duties that directly forward conflict or controversy.
The red cross on the side of the panel truck signaled that it was a noncombatant vehicle.

nonentity

n
/ ˌnɒnˈentədi /
L
a person who is totally undistinguished or unimpressive in mind, character, or achievement : one of small or mediocre talents.
For years treated as a nonentity by recording companies, the singer now has a hit single and is well on the road to fame.

nonexistent

adj
/ ˌnɒnɪɡˈzɪstənt /
L
not having the state common to physical objects, living beings, objects of thought, and anything else.
The map is so old that some of the indicated landmarks are now nonexistent.

nonfeasance

nonnative

adj
/ ˌnɒnˈnɑːdɪv /
L
not born in the place or region to which reference is had.
Metropolitan areas typically have relatively large proportions of nonnative population.

nonnuclear

adj
/ ˌnɒnˈn(y)ʊklɪə(r) /
Ecf + L > F
not involving the use of atom bombs : conventional.
General Williams believes that the worst kind of nonnuclear war is preferable to the mildest nuclear war.

nonrepatriable

nonvolatile

adj
/ ˌnɒnˈvɒlədɪl /
L > F > E
not readily becoming a vapor at a relatively low temperature.
Meteoric matter provides much information about the abundance of nonvolatile elements in space.

noodledom

noosphere

n
/ ˈnəʊ.sfi(ə)r /
Gk
the realm of human consciousness and mental activity especially in regard to its influence on the biosphere and in relation to evolution.
Professor Morrison gave his theoretical biology class a timeline of the history of the noosphere.

Nordic

adj
/ ˈnɔːrdɪk /
F
of or relating to the Germanic peoples of northern Europe.
The Nordic languages, especially Old Norse, borrowed important words from Anglo-Saxon.

normal

Norwegian

adj
/ nɔː(r)ˈwɛjən /
L geog name
of, relating to, or characteristic of Norway.
Paul bought a pound of Norwegian smoked salmon.

nosegay

n
/ ˈnəʊz.gə /
E + E
a small bunch of flowers suitable to be worn on the person.
As the princess entered the theater, a small child in a colorful peasant costume offered her a nosegay.

nosography

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Nostradamus

n
/ .nästrə'dāməs /
F name
one professing to foretell future events.

Wally consulted the local Nostradamus for football predictions.

notacanthous

adj
/ .nōd-ə'kan(t)thes /
Gk
having spines on the back.
Paleontologists have found evidence that some dinosaurs were notacanthous.

notch

noticeable

adj
/ 'nōd-əsəbəl /
L + Ecff
likely to attract attention : conspicuous.
The bank teller reported that the only really noticeable thing about the robber was his tiny mustache.

notify

notochordal

notornis

notturmo

nougatine

nourishing

adj
/ 'nərishɪŋ /
L > F > E + Ecf
nutritious.
Fresh fruits and vegetables are thought to be more nourishing than canned fruits and vegetables.

nourishment

nouveau

novachord

novelese

novelist

n
/ 'nävəlɪst /
L
a writer of prose narratives of considerable length and a certain complexity that deal imaginatively with human experience through a connected sequence of events involving a group of persons in a specific setting.
As a novelist, Margaret specializes in science-fiction stories.

novelistic

adj
/ .nävə'listik /
L > F > E + Ecff
of, relating to, or characteristic of a long prose narrative that usually portrays imaginative characters and events.
Sandy preferred reading novelistic fiction over the short-story form.

novena

novenary

adj
/ 'nävənərē /
L
of or relating to the number nine : based on the number nine.
Mischievous Buttons did not attain the novenary life expectation associated with her species.

novillero

n
/ .nōvē'ye(ə)(r)ō /
Sp
a bullfighter aspiring to become a matador.
All summer the novillero practiced in the pasture with young bulls.

nowhere

nozzle

nuances

nucleolus

n
/ n(y)ü'klēələs /
L
a spherical body in a cell nucleus that is associated with a specific part of a chromosome and contains much ribosomal RNA.
The nucleolus is that part of the cell in which protein-producing ribosomes are formed.

nucleus

nudicaulous

adj
/ .n(y)üdə'köləs /
L
having leafless stems.
Nudicaulous glassworts are plants common in tidal marshes.

nullify

numen

numerical

numismatics

n pl
/ .n(y)üməz'madɪks /
Gk > F > L
the study of coins, tokens, medals, paper money, and objects closely resembling them in form or purpose.
An individual well known in the field of numismatics gave a lecture on wampum to the class in Native American history.

nuptial

nuque

nursery

nurturance

n
/ 'nərçərən(t)s /
L
affectionate care and attention.
Children who receive adequate nurturance often are friendly and outgoing.

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nutate

v
/ 'n(y)ütāt /
L

wobble so as to cause a small irregularity in the precession of the equinoxes.

The plane of the Moon's orbit around Earth is tilted by about 5 degrees, causing Earth to nutate.

nutcracker

nuthatch

n
/ 'nət.hach /
E

a small bird that creeps over the trunk and branches of trees and has habits similar to those of the titmouse and creeper.

The tiny bird crawling headfirst down the tree is probably a nuthatch.

nutmeg

nutria

n
/ 'n(y)ütrēə /
L > Sp

the fur of an aquatic water rodent that is treated to resemble beaver.

While windowshopping Lorene stopped to look at a set of earmuffs made from nutria.

nutritious

nyctinasty

nylon

oafish

oafishly

oath

n
/ 'oθ /
E

a usually formal affirmation made solemn by being coupled with the invocation of something viewed as sacred.

Deirdre made Tom take an oath of silence before telling him her secret.

obduced

v
/ äb'd(y)üst /
L

covered : enveloped.

Melanie saw that the cells were obduced by a thin membrane.

obduracy

obedience

obediential

obeliscal

obelus

obey

obituarist

n
/ ð'bichə.werəst /
L + Ecf

the writer of a record or notice of a person's death.

The obituarist composed a balanced assessment of the artist's achievements.

objectivity

objurgate

oblast

n
/ 'ä.bläst /
OSlav > Russ

a governmental subdivision of the former USSR corresponding to an autonomous province or state.

Krasnoyarsk Province is a large oblast in central Russia.

oblation

obliged

adj
/ ə'blɪjd /
L > F > E

constrained by physical, moral, or legal force.

Calvin will feel obliged to behave ethically even if he does not sign the honor code.

obliterable

adj
/ ə'blidərəbəl /
L

capable of being removed from existence or destroyed.

Fortunately, the actor's flubbed lines were obliterable from the videotape.

oblivescence

oblivionize

v
/ ə'blivēənɪz /
L > E

relegate to a state of being forgotten.

Larry wondered if hypnosis might help him oblivionize his feelings for his former girlfriend.

oblong

obnoxiously

obnubilate

v
/ äb'n(y)übəlāt /
L

cover or obscure by or as if by clouds : becloud.

Strong emotions can often obnubilate sound reasoning.

oboe

n
/ 'öbō /
F

a wooden double-reed wind instrument.

Tommy introduced his mother to his friend who played the oboe in the orchestra.

obscure

adj
/ əbz'kyü(ə)r /
L > F > E

not readily understood.

The idea the paragraph was trying to convey was expressed in an unnecessarily obscure way.

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obsequy

n
/ əb'sekwədə /
L

the quality or state of being compliant to excess.
The server waited on the diners with great obsequy.

obsequy

observatory

n
/ əb'zərvətōrē /
L

a building or place given over to or equipped for observation of natural phenomena.
Slowly, the roof of the observatory opened to afford a clear view for the great reflecting telescope within.

obsessional

obsidional

obtestation

obtrude

obtruncate

v
/ əb'trən,kāt /
L

cut the head or top from.
George's decision to obtruncate the pin oak might be bad for the tree in the long run.

obturator

n
/ 'əbt(y)ə.rādə(r) /
L

a device for preventing the escape of gas through the breech mechanism of a breech-loading gun.
A faulty obturator was the cause of the backfire from the Civil War reenactor's gun.

obtuse

obtusely

obvolute

obvelation

n
/ äbvə'lāshən /
L

[Note: Could be confused with obligation.] an act or instance of covering with or as if with a veil : concealment.
A prophecy is often an obvelation as well as a revelation.

Occident

n
/ 'äksədənt /
L

regions or countries lying to the west of a specified or implied point of orientation.
Jane knows where "the Orient" is, but she has not heard the term Occident.

occupancy

n
/ 'äkyəpənsē /
L > F

the condition of residing in a building as an owner or tenant.
The contractor promised the owners that their house would be ready for occupancy in two more weeks.

occupation

occupied

oceanfront

oceanodromous

oceanography

n
/ օshə'nägrəfē /
Gk
a science that deals with the whole body of salt water that covers nearly three-fourths of the surface of the globe.
Recent advances in oceanography include the use of electronic echo sounders to monitor the structure and movement of currents.

ochlocracy

ochronosis

octagon

octahedron

n
/ äktə'hēdrən /
Gk

a solid bounded by eight plane faces.
Tanya bought a music box in the form of an octahedron for her new grandson.

octameter

octarchy

octogenary

octopodous

oddtity

odiferous

adj
/ օ'dif(ə)rəs /
L > E
having a strong gamy often acrid smell.
Mahmud stood in a doorway as the long odiferous line of camels passed by.

odontalgic

odori

n
/ օ'dōr.ē /
Jpn
any lively Japanese folk or theater dance characterized by rapid footwork.
The dancers in the odori were extraordinarily light on their feet.

odoriferous

adj
/ օdə'rif(ə)rəs /
L
bearing or yielding an odor.
Perfumes are composed of solvents, fixatives, and odoriferous elements.

odorless

oenomel

oenophilist

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oersted

n
/ ˈɔːr.stəd /
Dan name
the centimeter-gram-second electromagnetic unit of magnetic intensity equal to the intensity of a magnetic field in a vacuum in which a unit magnetic pole experiences a mechanical force of 1 dyne in the direction of the field.
The oersted is used to measure magnetic induction.

offal

offensive

adj
/ əˈfɛn(t)sɪv /
L
making attack : relating to or characterized by attack.
The offensive team is the one in possession of the ball.

offertory

n
/ ˈɒfə(r).tɔːrɪ /
L
an antiphon, anthem, or other musical selection sung or played during a religious service in which monetary gifts are received from the congregation.
Linda and Mike sang a duet for the offertory during last week's church service.

officiate

officially

officious

adj
/ əˈfɪʃəs /
L
volunteering one's services where they are neither asked nor needed : meddlesome.
The officious busybodies offered help just to satisfy their curiosity.

often

ogival

Ogygian

adj
/ ˈɔːjɪjən /
Gk name
ancient, primeval.
The sailors found the uncharted island in an Ogygian state of wilderness.

ohmmeter

n
/ ˈɒ(m).mēdə(r) /
G name + Gk
an instrument for indicating directly electric resistance.
Brent showed Aru how to use an ohmmeter to test the resistance of a circuit.

oily

olecranon

n
/ ɔːˈlekrənən /
Gk > L
the large process of the ulna that projects behind the elbow joint and forms the bony prominence of the elbow—called also “funny bone.”
When the arm is extended, the olecranon fits into a depression in the humerus.

oleiferous

adj
/ ɔːlɪˈɪf(ə)rəs /
L + L
producing oil.
The oleiferous castor beans are the source of castor oil.

olfactometry

n
/ ɔːl.fakˈtämətɹi /
L + Gk + Ecf
the testing and measurement of the sensitivity of the sense of smell.
When Godfrey couldn't smell any aromas from foods, his doctor recommended that he undergo olfactometry.

olfactorily

olid

adj
/ ˈɒlɪd /
L
having a strong disagreeable smell.
An olid sticky liquid was seeping from under the door of the cloakroom.

oligemia

adj
/ ɔːləˈgēmēə /
Gk > L
a condition in which the total volume of the blood is reduced.
One of the health seminar sessions explores the relationship between oligemia and migraine headaches.

oligophagous

adj
/ ɔːləˈgäfəgəs /
Gk
eating only a few specific kinds of food—used especially of an insect.
Oligophagous insects feed upon only a limited number of usually related plants.

oligophrenic

oligopoly

oligopsony

n
/ ɔːləˈgäpsənē /
Gk
a market situation in which each of a limited number of buyers is strong enough to influence the market but not strong enough to ignore the reaction to such influence by his competitors.
Buyers of expensive printing presses constitute an oligopsony, since there are only a few dozen in the whole world.

olivaceous

adj
/ ɔːləˈvāshəs /
Gk > L > F > E + L + Ecf
of the color olive or olive green.
While walking through the salt marsh, Janice came upon a laughing gull's nest of three olivaceous eggs.

olive