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RULES OF SPELLING

(1) *The most common way to form the plural of a noun is to add an s (Example: girl, girls; town, towns; hall, halls).*

(2) *The plural of nouns which end in y following a consonant are formed by dropping the y and adding ies (Example: country, countries; baby, babies; family, families).*

(3) *The plural of nouns which end in y following a vowel are formed by adding an s (Example: toy, toys; boy, boys; attorney, attorneys).*

In this quick reference dictionary, a double dash (--) indicates a hyphenated word, and a single dash (-) indicates syllablization.

Abbreviations Used in This Dictionary

<i>abbr.</i>	<i>abbreviation</i>
<i>adj.</i>	<i>adjective</i>
<i>adv.</i>	<i>adverb</i>
<i>conj.</i>	<i>conjunction</i>
<i>Elect.</i>	<i>Electric</i>
<i>Gram.</i>	<i>Grammer</i>
<i>interj.</i>	<i>interjection</i>
<i>Mus.</i>	<i>Music</i>
<i>Naut.</i>	<i>Nautical</i>
<i>n.</i>	<i>noun</i>
<i>pl.</i>	<i>plural</i>
<i>pref.</i>	<i>prefix</i>
<i>pron.</i>	<i>pronoun</i>
<i>suff.</i>	<i>suffix</i>
<i>v.</i>	<i>verb</i>

A, **a** the first letter of the English alphabet
aard-vark *n.* anteater
aard-wolf *n.* hyena-like mammal that eats carrion
ab-a-ca *n.* plant for the Philippines that is the source for Manila hemp
a-back *adv.* unexpectedly
ab-a-cus *n.* counting frame with beads
a-baft *adv.* toward the stern or aft of a ship
ab-a-lo-ne *n.* a type of a sea mollusk
a-ban-don *v.* desert; to forsake; to withdraw
-er, -ment *n.*, **-ed** *adj.*
a-base *v.* lower in rank, position; or estimation
abasement *n.*, **abasing** *v.*
a-bash *v.* to disconcert; to embarrass; to make one ashamed or uneasy
a-bate *v.* to make something or someone smaller
abater, abatement *n.*
ab-be *n.* French title that is given to a priest
ab-bey *n.* a kind of monastery, or a convent
ab-bre-vi-ate *v.* shorten; make brief **-tor, -ation** *n.*
ab-di-cate *v.* to relinquish something **abdication** *n.*
ab-do-men *n.* stomach; belly
-inally *adv.*, **-inal** *adj.*
ab-duct *v.* carry away wrongfully as by force
abduction *n.*, **abductor** *n.*
a-beam *adv.* right angles to the keel of a ship
a-bed *adv.* to be on a bed
ab-er-rant *adj.* straying from the right way; to be wandering or varying from
a-bel *v.* incite or encourage **-ter, -tor, -ment** *n.*
ab-hor *v.* dislike intensely; to loathe or to hate greatly
-rent *adj.*, **-rer, -rence** *n.*
a-bide *v.* tolerate; to last
-biding *adj.*, **-ance** *n.*
a-bil-i-ty *n.* state of being able **abilities** *n., pl.*
ab-ject *n.* sunk to a low condition **abjectness, abjection** *n.*
ab-jure *v.* renounce solemnly

abjurer, abjuration *n.*
ab-late *v.* to be cut
ab-la-tion *n.* as in surgery, the removal of a part of the body **ablative** *adj.*
a-blaze *adv.* on fire
a-ble *adj.* having sufficient ability; talented or capable
ablest *adj.*, **ableness** *n.*
a-ble--bodied *adj.* having a sound strong body
ab-lu-tion *n.* cleaning something with water
ab-ne-gate *v.* to deny; to refuse; to renounce
ab-nor-mal *adj.* not normal **abnormality** *n.*, **-ly** *adv.*
a-board *adv.* on board a ship
a-bode *n.* dwelling place
a-bol-ish *v.* put an end to **-ment, -er** *n.*, **-able** *adj.*
A--bomb *n.* an atomic bomb
a-bom-i-na-ble *adj.* being detestable; being loathsome
abomination *n.*, **-bly** *adv.*
a-bort *v.* to terminate
a-bor-tion *n.* an induced termination of pregnancy
a-bor-tion-ist *n.* a person who aborts something
a-bound *v.* to have plenty of something
a-bout *adv.* approximately
a-bove *adv.* to be higher or greater than
ab-ra-ca-dab-ra *n.* a word which is believed to have magical powers
a-brade *v.* to wear or to rub something off; to grate off
abraded, abrading *v.*
a-breast *adv.* to be located side by side one another
a-bridge *v.* make smaller **-ment, -er** *n.*, **-able** *adj.*
a-broad *adv.* widely
ab-ro-gate *v.* to repeal; to cancel; to put an end to
abrogation *n.*, **abrogated** *v.*
ab-rupt *adj.* to be happening or occurring suddenly
ab-scess *n.* type of swollen pus filled sore **abscessed** *adj.*
ab-sence *n.* being away
ab-sent *adj.* being not present; gone **absently** *adv.*
ab-sen-tee *n.* person who is not where they should be; one

that is absent

ab-so-lute *adj.* to be unconditional absolutely *adv.*

ab-solve *v.* to release from duties, guilt or debt

absolver *n.*

ab-sorb *v.* to take in

absorbency, absorbent *adj.*

ab-stain *v.* to refrain from doing something

ab-ste-mi-ous *adj.* to be showing moderation

ab-sti-nence *n.* the forbearance one has voluntarily abstinent *adj.*

ab-tract *v.* to remove something abstraction *n.*

ab-struce *adj.* being hard or difficult to understand

ab-surd *adj.* clearly untrue; ridiculous; unsound

absurdly *adv.*, absurdity *n.*

a-bun-dance *n.* large quantity; an ample supply; enough; fullness; wealth

a-bun-dant *adj.* overflowing; sufficient; being well supplied abundantly *adv.*

a-buse *v.* to use in an improper way; to cause injury to

abuser *n.*

a-but *v.* to border -ted, -ting *v.*

a-but-ment *n.* kind of bridge support, such as an arch

a-bys-mal *adj.* being immeasurably deep

a-byss *n.* a deep crack; a bottomless opening

a-ca-cia *n.* a thorny tree which is located in warmer areas or climates

ac-a-dem-ic *adj.* referring to or relating to liberal studies

a-cad-e-m-y *n.* a private school of learning

a-can-thus *n.* type of prickly plant that is found in the Mediterranean area

acap-pel-la *adj.* to be singing without instrumental accompaniment

a-cat-a-lec-tic *adj.* not stopping short; having the complete number

ac-cede *v.* to consent; to agree to arrive at a certain state or condition of something

c-cel-er--ate *v.* to increase

-tive *adj.*, -tor, -tion *n.*

ac-cent *n.* emphasize

ac-cept *v.* to take what is given acceptor, acceptor *n.*

ac-cept-able *adj.* satisfactory; proper; to be good enough for someone

ac-cep-tance *n.* approval; an accepting or being accepted by someone

ac-cess *n.* an admission, entrance

ac-ces-sion *n.* in Computer Science, act of obtaining data for storage

ac-ces-si-ble *adj.* easy access approach accessibility *n.*

ac-ces-sory *n.* contributing accessoriness, -rily *adv.*

ac-ci-dent *n.* an unexpected happening accidental *adj.*

ac-claim *v.* to greet one with approval; to hail or to cheer someone on

ac-cla-ma-tion *n.* applause of a group of people showing a like acclamatory *adj.*

ac-cli-mate *v.* to become accustomed acclimation *n.*

ac-co-lade *n.* praise; award; ceremony used in conferring knighthood

ac-com-mo-date *v.* to make fit accommodating *adj.*, -tion *n.*

ac-com-pa-ni-ment *n.* something that goes well with another

ac-com-pa-nist *n.* a person who plays a musical accompaniment

ac-com-pa-ny *v.* to go along with someone or thing

ac-com-lice *n.* a companion in crime

ac-com-plish *v.* to perform -ment *n.*, -able *adj.*

ac-cord *n.* harmony -ant, -ing *adj.*, -ingly *adv.*

ac-cor-di-on *n.* instrument with bellows and keys

ac-cost *v.* to approach

ac-count *n.* description

accountable *adj.*, -ability *n.*

ac-coun-tan-cy *n.* the profession of an accountant

ac-count-ing *n.* a report on how accounts have been balanced or recorded

ac-cred-it *v.* to give credit
 ac-crete *v.* to grow together or to join together
 ac-crue *v.* to result naturally; to increase at certain times
 ac-cu-mu-late *v.* to collect
 -tion, -tor *n.*, -tive *adj.*
 ac-cu-rate *adj.* careful and exact
 -ness *n.*, -ly *adv.*
 ac-curs-ed *adj.* being unpleasant
 accursedly *adv.*
 ac-cu-sa-tion *n.* charge that a person is guilty of breaking the law
 ac-cuse *v.* to blame
 accusingly *adv.*, accuser *n.*
 ac-custom *v.* to familiarize oneself by habit
 ac-custom-ed *adj.* being customary or usual
 ace *n.* face of a playing card
 ac-e-tate *n.* type of salt
 a-ce-tic ac-id *n.* the main ingredient of vinegar; a sour, colorless liquid that has a sharp smell
 a-cet-y-lene *n.* a type of inflammable gas
 ache *v.* to give pain to
 a-chieve *v.* to do; to succeed
 -er, -ment *n.*, -able *adj.*
 ac-id *n.* a chemical compound
 acidic *adj.*
 a-cid-i-fy *v.* to turn into an acid
 acidifier, -fication *n.*
 a-cid-u-late *v.* to make something acid
 acidulation *n.*
 ack-ack *n.* anti-aircraft fire
 ac-know-ledge *v.* to admit
 -er, -ment *n.*, -able *adj.*
 ac-me *n.* highest point
 ac-ne *n.* a skin disease
 ac-o-lyte *n.* an altar boy
 ac-o-nite *n.* poisonous plant
 a-cous-tic *adj.* relating to sound
 -cally *adv.*, -cal *adj.*
 a-cous-tics *n.* the scientific study of sound
 ac-quaint *v.* to make familiar
 ac-quaint-ance *n.* a person whom one knows
 -ship *n.*
 ac-qui-esce *v.* to agree without arguing
 acquiescence *n.*
 ac-quire *v.* to secure control
 -er, -ment *n.*, -able *adj.*
 ac-qui-si-tion *n.* something which is acquired
 ac-quit *v.* to discharge

acquital, acquitage *n.*
 a-cre *n.* 43,560 square feet
 ac-rid *adj.* being sharp and bitter
 acridity *n.*
 ac-ro-bat *n.* one skilled in gymnastic feats
 -tic *adj.*
 a-cross *prep.* from side to side
 act *n.* a deed
 ac-tion *n.* process of doing
 ac-ti-vate *v.* put into action
 ac-tive *adj.* full of action
 actively *adv.*, activeness *n.*
 ac-tiv-ity *n.* being active, in motion
 ac-tor *n.* a dramatic performance
 ac-tu-al *adj.* existing reality
 actually *adv.*, actuality *n.*
 ac-tu-ate *v.* put into action
 actuator, actuation *n.*
 a-cute *adj.* being sharp
 acutely *adv.*, acuteness *n.*
 ad-a-mant *adj.* standing firm
 a-dapt *v.* to adjust
 adapter, adaptation *n.*
 add *v.* to join together
 addable, addible *adj.*
 ad-dict *n.* a person who has a strong habit
 addictive, addicted *adj.*, addiction *n.*
 ad-di-tion *n.* adding of numbers
 -al *adj.*, -ally *adv.*
 ad-dress *v.* to speak to
 ad-e-noids *n.* a lymphoid tissue growth
 a-dept *adj.* highly skilled
 adeptness *n.*, -ly *adv.*
 ad-e-quate *adj.* sufficient
 adequately *adv.*, -ness *n.*
 ad-here *v.* to stay attached
 adherend, adherence *n.*
 ad-her-ent *n.* person who follows a leader
 ad-he-sion *n.* sticking together
 ad-he-sive *adj.* tenacious
 adhesiveness *n.*, -ly *adv.*
 ad-in-ter-im *adj.* being in the meantime
 ad-ja-cent *adj.* being nearby
 adjacently *adv.*, -ency *n.*
 ad-jec-tive *n.* a word that describes a noun or pronoun
 adjectival *adj.*
 ad-join *v.* to be next to something
 adjoining *adj.*
 ad-journ *v.* close a meeting or session
 adjournment *n.*

ad-judge *v.* to decide by judicial procedure
ad-jure *v.* to ask urgently
ad-juratory *adj.*, *-ration* *n.*
ad-just *v.* to arrange
-er, *-ment* *n.*, *-able* *adj.*
ad-lib *v.* to improvise
ad-man *n.* a person who works in the business of advertising
ad-min-is-ter *v.* to direct or to manage
ad-min-is-tra-tion *n.* the managers of a school
ad-mi-ra-ble *adj.* to be worthy of being admired
ad-mi-ral *n.* the highest ranking naval officer
ad-mire *v.* to regard with wonder *-ingly*, *-er*, *-rably* *adv.*, *-ration* *n.*
ad-mis-si-ble *adj.* capable of being admitted *-bility* *n.*
ad-mit-tance *n.* the permission to enter
ad-mix-ture *n.* a blend; a mingling of things
a-do-be *n.* a building material made from clay
a-dopt *v.* to take legally *-ion* *n.*, *-ive*, *-able* *adj.*
a-dor-a-ble *adj.* very likable
a-dore *v.* to love greatly
a-dorn *v.* to add splendor to something *adornment* *n.*
a-drift *adv.* floating freely
a-droit *adj.* skillful and clever *adroitness* *n.*, *adroitly* *adv.*
a-dult *n.* full grown person *adulthood* *n.*, *adultly* *adv.*
ad-vance *v.* to move ahead
ad-van-tage *n.* a better chance for something *-geous* *adj.*, *-geously* *adv.*
ad-vent *n.* the four Sundays before Christmas
ad-ven-ture *n.* an exciting experience *-er* *n.*, *-ous* *adj.*
ad-verb *n.* a word used to describe adverbial *n.*
ad-verse *adj.* to be opposed
ad-ver-tise *v.* to draw public attention to a product *advertiser*, *advertisement* *n.*
ad-vice *n.* a suggestion regarding the course of an action
ad-vis-a-ble *adj.* being fit to be done

ad-vise-ment *n.* a careful thought; deliberation
ad-vo-cate *v.* write or speak in favor *advocation* *n.*
aer-o-bics *n.* a strenuous exercise
aer-o-sol *n.* a liquid under pressure
a-far *adv.* far off
af-fa-ble *adj.* good natured *affably* *adv.*, *affability* *n.*
af-fair *n.* an event
af-fect *v.* to move emotionally *affectingly* *adv.*, *-ing* *adj.*
af-fec-tion *n.* a tender feeling
af-fi-da-vit *n.* written statement swearing something is true
af-firm-a-tive *adj.* asserting the fact is true *-ly* *adv.*
af-fix *n.* to attach; to fasten
af-flict *v.* to cause suffering *affliction*, *afflicter* *n.*
af-flu-ence *n.* wealth; riches *affluently* *adv.*, *-ent* *adj.*
af-front *v.* to confront
a-fire *adv.* burning
a-float *adv.* floating on water
a-foot *adj.* walking on foot
a-foul *adv.* tangled
a-fraid *adj.* filled with fear
aft *adv.* toward the rear
af-ter-math *n.* consequence
a-gain *adv.* another time
a-against *prep.* in exchange for
age *n.* a length of time
age-less *adj.* existing forever
a-gen-cy *n.* the business acting for others
a-gen-da *n.* a list of things to be done or completed
a-gent *n.* one who acts as a representative *agential* *adj.*
ag-glom-er-ate *v.* to collect *agglomerative* *adj.*, *-tion* *n.*
ag-gran-dize *v.* to extend *aggrandizer*, *-ment* *n.*
ag-gra-vate *v.* to annoy *aggravation* *n.*, *-ing* *adj.*
ag-gres-sion *n.* a hostile behavior toward another
ag-i-tate *v.* to disturb; upset *-tor*, *-tion* *n.*, *-edly* *adv.*
ag-o-nize *v.* to afflict with great anguish
ag-o-ny *n.* an intense mental distress
a-gree *v.* to consent
a-gree-ment *n.* concord; state

or act of agreeing
ag-ri-cul-ture *n.* raising of live-stock
-ist *n.*, **-al** *adj.*
a-ground *adv.* & *adj.* to be stranded on the ground
a-head *adv.* in advance
ail *v.* to feel sick
ailment *n.*, **ailing** *adj.*
aim *v.* to direct purpose
air *n.* a nitrogen and oxygen mixture **airless** *adj.*
air-craft *n.* machine that flies
Air Force *n.* an aviation branch of armed forces
air-port *n.* a place where air planes take off and land
air raid *n.* bombing attack
aisle *n.* a passageway
a-jar *adv.* & *adj.* to be partially opened
a-kin *adj.* being related
a-larm *n.* warning of danger
alarmingly *adv.* **alarming** *adj.*
al-bum *n.* a book which is used for photographs
al-bu-men *n.* white of an egg
al-co-hol *n.* an intoxicating liquor such as whiskey
al-cove *n.* a partly enclosed extension of a room
a-lert *adj.* brisk; watchful
alertness *n.*, **alertly** *adv.*
al-ge-bra *n.* form of math
-ically *adv.*, **-ical**, **-ic** *adj.*
al-i-bi *n.* a form of defense
a-li-en *adj.* not belonging to a country or government
alienability, **alienable** *n.*
a-light *v.* to settle
a-align *v.* to arrange in a line
aligner, **alignment** *n.*
a-like *adj.* similar
al-i-mo-ny *n.* a court ordered support
a-live *adj.* living
all *adj.* a whole amount
al-lay *v.* to relieve **allayer** *n.*
al-lege *v.* to affirm; to assert
alleged, **allegeable** *adj.*
al-le-giance *n.* the loyalty to one's nation
al-ler-gy *n.* an abnormal reaction to environmental substances
al-ley *n.* narrow passageway
al-li-ga-tor *n.* a large amphibious reptile
al-lot *v.* to set aside

allottable *adj.*, **allotment** *n.*
al-low *v.* to permit
allowably *adv.*, **allowable** *adj.*
al-low-ance *n.* a regular amount of money or food
all-round *adj.* including all aspects
al-lude *n.* refer indirectly
al-lure *v.* to tempt
allurement *n.*, **alluring** *adj.*
al-lu-sion *n.* a hint
al-ma ma-ter *n.* a school one has attended
al-ma-nac *n.* an annual publication
al-might-y *adj.* having absolute power
al-mond *n.* an oval and edible nut
al-most *adv.* not quite
alms *pl.*, *n.* goods given to the poor
a-loft *adv.* toward the upper rigging of a ship
a-lone *adj.* single; solitary
a-long *adv.* following the path
a-loof *adj.* distant **aloofness** *n.*
a-loud *adv.* audibly
al-pha-bet *n.* the letters arranged in order
-ically *adv.*, **-ical**, **-ic** *adj.*
al-read-y *adv.* by this or a specified time
al-so *adv.* likewise; besides
al-tar *n.* elevated holy table
al-ter *v.* to make change or become different
-ation, **-ant**, **-ableness** *n.*, **-ative**, **-able** *adj.*
al-ter-nate *v.* to happen or follow in turn
alternation *n.*, **alternately** *adv.*
al-ter-na-tive *n.* a choice between two possibilities
alternativeness *n.*, **-ly** *adv.*
al-though *conj.* even though
al-ti-tude *n.* height
al-to *n.* low female voice
al-to-geth-er *adv.* entirely
a-le-mi-num *n.* silvery metal
al-ways *adv.* forever
am *n.* first person singular
a-mal-ga-mate *v.* to mix; to blend **amalgamator** *n.*
am-a-ranth *n.* weedy plants
am-a-teur *n.* one who lacks expertise **amateurish** *adj.*
a-maze *v.* to astound

amazement, amazedly *adv.*
 am-bass-a-dor *n.* representative
 ambassadorial *adj.*
 am-ber *n.* brownish-yellow
 am-bi-dex-trous *adj.* able to use both hands well
 am-bi-ent *adj.* surrounding
 am-big-u-ous *adj.* doubtful
 am-bi-tion *n.* strong desire
 am-ble *v.* to move at a leisurely pace
 amblen *n.*
 am-bu-lance *n.* vehicle to transport injured or sick
 am-bush *n.* a surprise
 ambushment, ambusher *n.*
 a-me-li-o-rate *v.* to make better
 -tive, -ble *adj.*, -tion *n.*
 a-men *interj.* used at the end of a prayer
 a-me-na-ble *adj.* responsive
 -ness, -bility *n.*, -bly *adv.*
 a-mend *v.* to correct
 amender *n.*, amendable *adj.*
 a-mend-ment *n.* a correction
 a-men-i-ty *n.* agreeableness
 a-merce *v.* to punish
 -er, -ment *n.*, -able *adj.*
 America *n.* the United States of America
 A-mer-ica-n *n.* a native of U.S.A.
 am-e-thyst *n.* a quartz
 a-mi-a-ble *adj.* being friendly
 -ness, -bility *n.*, -bly *adv.*
 am-i-ca-ble *adj.* harmonious
 -ness, -bility *n.*, -bly *adv.*
 a-mid *prep.* in the middle of
 a-miss *adj.* being out of order or place
 am-mo-nia *n.* a pungent gas
 am-mu-ni-tion *n.* the projectiles for guns
 am-ne-sia *n.* loss of memory
 a-mount *n.* the sum or total quantity
 am-pere *n.* the unit of electric current
 am-phet-a-mine *n.* a drug
 am-phib-i-an *n.* animal able to live on land and in water
 am-ple *adj.* sufficient
 am-pu-tate *v.* to remove
 a-muck *adv.* in an uncontrolled manner
 am-u-let *n.* a charm worn to protect
 a-muse *v.* to entertain agreeable
 -ment *n.*, -ing,

-able *adj.*, -ingly *adv.*
 an *adj.* one sort of
 an-a-con-da *n.* a large American snake that kills by crushing
 an-a-gram *n.* a new word formed from another
 anagramatical, -matic *adj.*
 a-nal *adj.* to be referring or relating to the anus
 an-al-ge-sia *n.* state unable to feel pain
 a-nal-o-gous *adj.* similar
 a-nal-y-sis *n.* act to examine parts of something
 an-a-lyst *n.* a person who analyzes others
 an-a-lyze *v.* to make an analysis of
 -er, -ability, -ation *n.*, -able *adj.*
 a-nat-o-my *n.* a structure of an organ
 an-ces-tor *n.* a forefather
 ancestral *adj.*, ancestress *n.*
 an-chor *n.* a heavy device used to keep a ship from drifting
 an-cho-vyn *n.* very small fish
 an-eient *adj.* very old
 ancientness *n.*, anciently *adv.*
 and *conj.* along with; added to
 an-dan-te *adv.* slow in tempo
 and-i-ron *n.* heavy support for wood in a fireplace
 an-ec-dote *n.* a short account of a story
 an-es-thet-ic *adj.* taking away pain
 anesthesically *adv.*
 a-new *adv.* again
 an-gel *n.* an immortal being
 angelically *adv.*, -ic *adj.*
 an-ger *n.* a feeling of rage
 an-gi-na *n.* disease marked by painful choking spasms
 an-g-le *v.* to shape that forms a corner
 angled *adj.*
 an-go-ra *n.* the silky hair of the Angora rabbit
 an-gry *adj.* feeling of anger
 angriness *n.*, angrily *adv.*
 an-guish *n.* great suffering
 an-i-mal *n.* any four-footed creature
 an-i-mate *v.* to give life or spirit to
 animation *n.*
 an-i-mos-i-ty *n.* hostility
 an-kle *n.* a joint that connects the foot and leg
 an-klet *n.* a short sock

an-neal *v.* treatment to make glass less brittle
an-nex *v.* to join a smaller thing to a larger thing
an-ni-ver-sa-ry *n.* date on which something happened
an-nounce *v.* to proclaim
announcer, **announcement** *n.*
an-noy *v.* to irritate
annoyer, **-ance** *n.*, **-ing** *adj.*
an-nu-al *adj.* recurring at the same time
an-nu-i-ty *n.* an annual payment
an-nul *v.* to do away with
a-noint *v.* to apply oil in a religious ceremony
a-non-y-mous *adj.* unknown or withheld name
an-oth-er *adj.* additional
an-swer *n.* a written or spoken reply **answerable** *adj.*
ant *n.* an insect
an-tag-o-nize *v.* to arouse hostility
an-te-ce-dent *adj.* event that precedes another
an-te-lope *n.* a kind of swift-running mammal
an-ten-na *n.* the feelers of an insect; aerial
an-te-ri-or *adj.* toward front
an-te-room *n.* waiting room
an-them *n.* hymn of praise
an-ther *n.* part of the flower
an-thol-o-gy *n.* a collection of stories
an-thra-cite *n.* hard coal
an-thro-poid *n.* gorillas
an-thro-pol-o-gy *n.* a study and development of man
an-ti *n.* one who opposes policy, or proposal
an-ti-bi-ot-ic *n.* substance used as a germ killer
an-ti-bod-y *n.* proteins that counteract diseases
an-tic *n.* a mischievous act
an-tic-i-pate *v.* look forward to something **anticipation** *n.*
an-ti-cli-max *n.* decline
an-ti-freeze *n.* substance, mixed with water to lower the freezing point
an-ti-his-ta-mine *n.* a drug used to relieve symptoms of allergies
an-ti-knock *n.* a substance that

reduces engine knock
an-ti-mo-ny *n.* a kind of metallic element
an-tique *n.* an object over 100 years old
an-tiquity *n.* a quality of being old
an-ti--Sem-ite *n.* a person hostile toward Jews
an-tith-e-sis *n.* a direct contrast
ant-ler *n.* horns of the deer
an-to-nym *n.* a word with the opposite meaning
a-nus *n.* the lower opening of the alimentary canal
anx-i-e-ty *n.* a state of uncertainty
anx-ious *adj.* worried
any *adj.* no matter which
any-body *pron.* any person
any-thing *pron.* any occurrence
any-time *adv.* at any time
any-where *adv.* to any degree
a-or-ta *n.* the main artery of the heart
a-pace *adv.* rapid in pace
a-part *adv.* in pieces
a-part-heid *n.* non-white racial discrimination in South Africa
a-part-ment *n.* a place for individual living
ap-a-thy *n.* lack of emotions
ape *n.* large mammal
ap-er-ture *n.* an opening
a-pex *n.* a highest point
aph-o-rism *n.* a brief statement of truth
a-piece *adv.* for each one
a-pol-o-gyn. expressing regret
ap-o-plex-y *n.* loss of muscular control
a-pos-tle *n.* a person sent on a mission
a-pos-tro-phe *n.* a mark (') of punctuation
ap-pall *v.* to weaken **-ing** *adj.*
ap-pa-ra-tus *n.* instrument for a specific purpose
ap-par-el *v.* to adorn
ap-par-ent *adj.* clear to the mind **apparently** *adv.*
ap-pa-ri-tion *n.* an unusual appearance
ap-pear *n.* an earnest plea
ap-pear *v.* to come into existence **appearance** *n.*
ap-peace *v.* to pacify

ap-pend *v.* add an appendix
ap-petite *n.* desire for food
ap-pe-tiz-er *n.* the food which is served before a meal
ap-ple *n.* type of fruit
ap-pli-ance *n.* an equipment designed for a particular use
ap-pli-ca-ble *adj.* being appropriate
ap-ply *v.* to put something into use
ap-point-ment *n.* an act designating
ap-por-tion *v.* to divide and share
ap-praise *v.* estimate value
ap-pre-ci-ate *v.* to recognize worth appreciating, -ated *v.*
ap-pre-hend *v.* to anticipate with anxiety
ap-pren-tice *n.* a person learning a trade
ap-proach *v.* to come near
ap-pro-pri-ate *v.* to take possession of something
a-prove *v.* to give formal approval for something
ap-prox-i-mate *adj.* being almost accurate or exact
ap-ri-cot *n.* a fruit
apron *n.* a garment used to protect clothing
ap-ro-pos *adv.* by the way
apt *adj.* appropriate **ap-ly** *adv.*
ap-ti-tude *n.* a natural talent
aquar-i-um *n.* artificial pond
aq-ue-ous *adj.* to be resembling water
ar-a-ble *adj.* land suitable for cultivation
ar-bi-ter *n.* a person chosen to decide a dispute
arc *n.* something curved
arch *n.* a structure that spans over an open area
ar-cha-e-ol-o-gy *n.* scientific study of ancient times
arch-bishop *n.* a bishop of the highest rank
arch-di-o-cese *n.* a district of an archbishop
ar-cher-y *n.* a art of shooting with a bow and arrow
ar-chi-tect *n.* a person who designs and supervises construction **archi-tecture** *adj.*
arc-tic *adj.* extremely frigid
ar-dor *n.* extreme warmth

ar-du-ous *adj.* being difficult
ar-e-a *n.* flat piece of ground
a-re-na *n.* an enclosed area for entertainment
ar-gue *v.* to debate
ar-gu-ment *n.* a harsh discussion
a-right *adv.* correctly
a-rith-me-tic *adj.* math
ark *n.* a large ship
arm *n.* the upper limb of the human body
ar-ma-da *n.* fleet of warships
ar-ma-ment *n.* the military weapons
ar-ma-ture *n.* main moving part of an electric machine
arm-hole *n.* an opening in a garment
ar-mi-stice *n.* a truce
ar-moire *n.* a large wardrobe
ar-mor *n.* covering used to protect the body
ar-my *n.* the land forces of a country
a-ro-ma *n.* distinctive odor
aromatic *adj.*, -tically *adv.*
a-round *adv.* to or on all sides
arouse *v.* to wake up from a sleep **arousal** *n.*
ar-raign *v.* called before a court **arraignment** *n.*
ar-range *v.* to put in correct order **arrangement** *n.*
ar-rant *adj.* being extreme
ar-ray *v.* place or set in order
ar-rest *v.* to capture; to seize
ar-ri-ve *v.* to reach a destination
ar-ro-gance *n.* an overbearing manner
ar-row *n.* a sign to show direction
ar-se-nal *n.* a collection of weapons
ar-se-nic *n.* a type of poisonous element
ar-son *n.* a fraudulent burning of property
art *n.* human skill
ar-ter-y *n.* blood vessel
art-ful *adj.* being performed with skill
ar-thri-tis *n.* an inflammation of joints
ar-ti-choke *n.* a plant with a thistle-like head
ar-ti-cle *n.* a condition or a

rule
ar-tic-u-late *adj.* able to express oneself clearly
articulation *n.*, **-lative** *adj.*
ar-ti-fice *n.* an ingenuity
ar-ti-fi-cial *adj.* being made by man **artificialness** *n.*
ar-til-lery *n.* weapons
ar-ti-san *n.* a craftsman
art-ist *n.* a person who practices arts of painting
art-less *adj.* being lacking in knowledge **artlessness** *n.*
as *adv.* similar to
as-cend *v.* to rise **-ant** *n.*, **ascendancy** *n.*, **-ing** *adj.*
as-cent *n.* a way up
as-cer-tain *v.* to make sure
as-cribe *v.* to assign
a-shamed *adj.* feeling guilt
a-shore *adv.* to the shore
a-side *adv.* out of the way
ask *v.* to request
askance *adv.* suspicion or distrust
askew *adv. or adj.* out of line
a-sleep *adv.* being in a state of sleep
a-slope *adv.* slanting position
as-pect *n.* an appearance of something **aspectual** *adj.*
as-phalt *n.* a mixture of petroleum tar **asphaltic** *adj.*
as-phyx-i-ate *v.* to suffocate **asphyxiation** *n.*
as-pire *v.* to strive towards something that is higher
as-pi-rin *n.* medication
as-sail *v.* to attack violently with words
as-sas-sin *n.* a murderer **-ate** *v.*, **-ation** *n.*, **-ator** *n.*
as-sault *n.* a violent physical or verbal attack
as-sem-ble *v.* put together **assembly** *n.*, **assemblage** *n.*
as-sent *v.* to agree
as-sess *v.* to assign a value **-ment** *n.*, **-or** *n.*, **-able** *adj.*
as-set *n.* valuable quality
as-sign *v.* designate as duty **assignee** *n.*, **assigner** *n.*
as-sign-ment *n.* given task to undertake
as-sim-i-late *v.* to make similar **assimilation** *n.*
as-sist *v.* to give support **assistance** *n.*, **assistant** *n.*

as-so-ci-ate *v.* join together
as-sort *v.* to distribute into groups **-ment** *n.*, **-ed** *adj.*
as-sume *v.* to take responsibility for
as-sump-tion *n.* an idea believed to be true
as-sure *v.* to give confidence **assurance** *n.*, **assured** *adj.*
a-stern *adv.* toward the rear
asth-ma *n.* a respiratory disease
as-ton-ish *v.* to strike with sudden fear **-ment** *n.*
as-tound *v.* fill with wonder
a-stride *prep.* extending across
as-tro-dome *n.* a dome covered stadium
as-trol-o-gy *n.* study of the planets and stars
as-tro-naut *n.* space traveler
as-tute *adj.* very shrewd
asy-lum *n.* place of security
at *prep.* to indicate presence
a-the-ism *n.* the denial of God
atheist *n.*, **atheistic** *adj.*
ath-lete *n.* person who participates in sports
athletic *adj.*, **-leticism** *n.*
at-las *n.* collection of maps
at-mos-phere *n.* air around the earth **atmospheric** *adj.*
at-om *n.* smallest unit of an element **atomical** *adj.*
a-tone *v.* to make amends **atonement** *n.*, **atoning** *v.*
at-tach *v.* to fasten **attachment** *n.*, **attachable** *adj.*
at-tack *v.* to assault
at-tain *v.* to reach a goal **attainable** *adj.*, **-ability** *n.*
at-tempt *v.* make an effort
at-tend *v.* to look after **attender**, **attendant** *n.*
at-ten-tion *n.* mental concentration
at-ten-u-ate *v.* to weaken
at-test *v.* to give testimony
at-tire *n.* a person's clothing **attirement** *n.*, **attiring** *v.*
at-ti-tude *n.* one's manner
at-tor-ney *n.* a lawyer
at-tract *v.* to draw by appeal
at-trib-ute *v.* to explain by showing cause
au-burn *adj.* being moderately brown

au-ction *n.* public sale
au-di-ble *adj.* capable of being heard
au-di-ence *n.* a group of people
au-dit *n.* an examination of accounts **auditor** *n.*
au-di-tion *n.* a trial performance
au-ri-cle *n.* the chambers of the heart
au-then-tic *adj.* being real; being genuine
au-then-ti-cate *v.* to prove something is true or genuine
author *n.* a person who writes
au-thor-i-ty *n.* the person with the power
au-thor-ize *v.* to justify
au-to-graph *n.* a signature
autography, autographer *n.*
au-to-mat-ic *adj.* being self moving **automatically** *adv.*
au-to-mo-bile *n.* a car
au-top-sy *n.* a post-mortem examination of a body to determine cause of death
au-tumn *n.* season between summer and winter; the third season of a calendar year
aux-il-i-a-ry *adj.* to be providing assistance; helping
a-vail *v.* to be of advantage; to profit or assist
a-vail-abil-i-ty *n.* the state of being available
a-vail-a-ble *adj.* ready or present for immediate use
av-a-lanche *n.* a large amount of snow, ice, earth, or rock sliding down a mountain
av-a-ri-ce *n.* great desire to possess wealth
a-vast *interj.* the order to cease, stop, or stay
a-venge *v.* to take revenge; to get even with
av-e-nue *n.* a street; road; a means of attainment
a-verse *adj.* feeling of distaste
averseness *n.*, **aversely** *adv.*
a-vert *v.* to prevent from happening; to cause to turn away or off
a-vi-ar-y *n.* an enclosure for birds

a-vi-a-tion *n.* the operation of planes
av-id *adj.* greedy; enthusiastic; eager **avidly** *adv.*, **avidity** *n.*
av-o-ca-do *n.* a pear-shaped fruit; the tree of this fruit
av-o-ca-tion *n.* a chosen hobby; a regular vocation
a-void *v.* to shun from
avoidable *adj.*, **avoidance** *n.*
a-vouch *v.* to guarantee
a-vow *v.* to state openly
avower *n.*
a-vowed *adj.* acknowledged; open; declared
a-vun-cu-lar *adj.* pertaining to an uncle
a-wake *v.* to be alert
a-ware *adj.* being conscious
a-way *adv.* to another place
awe *n.* feeling of wonder
a-wea-ry *adj.* to be tired
a-weigh *adj.* to hang just clear of a ship's anchor
awe-some *adj.* expressive of awe **awesomely** *adv.*
aw-ful *adj.* being unpleasant or dreadful in manner
a-while *adv.* for a short time
a-whirl *adj.* to spin around
awk-ward *adj.* not being very graceful; clumsy **awkwardness** *n.*, **awkwardly** *adv.*
awl *n.* a type of tool used to make holes in leather
awn-ing *n.* structure that serves as a shelter cover a window or door
a-wry *adv.* in a twisted or turned position
ax or axe *n.* a type of tool used to split wood
ax-i-om *n.* the statement recognized as being true
-matic *adj.*, **-matically** *adv.*
ax-is *n.* the line around an object that rotates or may be thought to rotate
ax-le *n.* shaft around which a wheel revolves
a-yah *n.* nursemaid of India
a-zal-ea *n.* a shrub that is grown for its brightly colored flowers
Az-tec *n.* Indian people of Mexico
az-ure *n.* the blue color of the sky **azure** *adj.*

- B, b** the second letter of the English alphabet
- baa** *n.* the cry or the bleat of the sheep
- bab-ble** *v.* chatter senselessly; talk with out meaning
- babe** *n.* young child or infant
- ba-bel** *n.* babbling noise of many people talking at the same time
- ba-boon** *n.* species of the monkey family with a large body and big canine teeth
- ba-bush-ka** *n.* the headpiece that is made with a kerchief folded into a triangle
- ba-by** *n.* a very young child; an infant *babyish* *adj.*
- ba-by car-riage** *n.* a push carriage with four wheels and folding capabilities
- ba-by grand** *n.* a type of piano, five to six feet long
- ba-by-sit** *v.* to take care of young children *babysitter* *n.*
- bac-ca-lau-re-ate** *n.* a degree given by universities
- bac-ca-rat** *n.* a card game that involves gambling
- bac-cha-nal** *adj.* being noisy and riotous
- bach-e-lor** *n.* an unmarried male *bachelorhood* *n.*
- bac-il-lar-y** *adj.* to be rod shaped
- ba-cil-lus** *n.* a rod-like microscopic organism which can cause certain diseases
- back** *n.* the rear part of the human body; that which is behind the front *-er, -ing* *n.*
- back-ache** *n.* a pain in the back
- back-bite** *v.* to slander in a nasty way about a person who is not present
- back-board** *n.* a board that gives support when placed under or behind something
- back-bone** *n.* spinal column; the main support
- back-drop** *n.* a curtain or scene behind the back of a stage set
- back-er** *n.* a person who gives support or aid to a cause
- back-field** *n.* football players who are positioned behind the line of scrimmage
- back-fire** *n.* premature explosion of a combustion engine; unexpected result
- backfired, backfiring** *v.*
- back-gam-mon** *n.* a game played by two people
- back-ground** *n.* an area behind foreground
- back-hand** *n.* stroke in the game of tennis in which the hand is turned backward
- backhanded** *adj.*
- back-ing** *n.* the support given to something or someone; endorsement
- back-lash** *n.* violent backward reaction or movement
- back-log** *n.* an accumulation of unfinished work
- back-seat** *n.* seat located in the rear
- back-side** *n.* posterior part; buttocks; rump
- back-slap** *v.* to express excessive goodwill *backslapper* *n.*
- back-slide** *v.* to lapse into a less desirable condition; to slide backwards
- back-spin** *n.* the reverse rotation of a ball
- back-stage** *adj.* referring to the area located behind a stage
- back-stairs** *adj.* secret; indirect
- back-stitch** *n.* stitch made in fabric by inserting the needle to the right and coming out in equal distance to the left
- back-stop** *n.* something that stops a ball, keeping it from leaving a field of play
- back-stretch** *n.* the opposite side of the homestretch on a racecourse
- back-stroke** *n.* a swimming stroke
- back-swept** *adj.* to be slanting backward
- back-swing** *n.* a movement with a racket that is the reverse of the forward swing
- back-sword** *n.* a sword having a single-edge blade
- back-talk** *n.* an insolent or disrespectful reply
- back-track** *v.* to retrace previous steps
- back-up** *n.* something that

serves as a substitute
back-ward *adv.* toward the rear
 or the back **backwardness** *n.*
back-wash *n.* backward move-
 ment of something as water
 that is produced by a
 propelled force
back-wa-ter *n.* the water held
 back as by a dam
back-woods *n., pl.* a remote un-
 settled backward area
backwoodsman *n.*
back-yard *n.* the ground lo-
 cated in the back of a house
ba-con *n.* side and back of a pig
 which is salted and dried for
 consumption
bac-ter-i-a *n.* microscopic or-
 ganisms which may produce
 disease or fermentation
bac-te-ri-al *adj.* caused or re-
 lated to bacteria
bac-te-ri-cide *n.* substance able
 to destroy or kill bacteria
bac-te-ri-ol-o-gy *n.* the study of
 bacteria **bacteriologist** *n.*
bad *adj.* being naughty; op-
 posite of good
badness *n., badly* *adv.*
badge *n.* sign or mark worn to
 show rank or membership
badg-er *n.* burrowing mammal
 of North America
bad-min-ton *n.* court game
bad-mouth *v.* to criticize
 someone persistently
ba-f-le *v.* to puzzle
ba-f-ling wind *n.* a light wind
 that shifts frequently from
 side to side
ba-gel *n.* hard, round roll
bag-gage *n.* the belongings of a
 traveler
bag-pipe *n.* wind instrument
 having pipes **bagpiper** *n.*
bail *n.* money to guarantee
 appearance at a trial
bail-iff *n.* an officer who
 guards prisoners
bait *v.* to lure
bake *v.* to cook in an oven
bal-ance *n.* amount remaining
 balancing, **balanced** *v.*
bal-co-ny *n.* platform project-
 ing from the wall
bald *adj.* to be lacking hair on
 the head
balk *v.* to refuse to go on

bal-lad *n.* narrative story
bal-last *n.* a heavy material to
 give stability
bal-le-ri-na *n.* a female ballet
 dancer
bal-let *n.* an artistic dance
bal-loon *n.* a bag inflated
bal-lot *n.* a paper used in
 secret voting
ball-point *n.* pen with a self-
 inking writing point
balm *n.* ointment that heals
bal-sa *n.* light weight wood
bal-us-ter *n.* post that sup-
 ports a handrail
bam-boo *n.* tall grass with hol-
 low stems
bam-boo-zle *v.* trick or deceive
ban *v.* to prohibit; forbid
ba-nal *adj.* trite **banality** *n.*
ba-nan-a *n.* yellow, edible fruit
band *n.* group of musicians
band-age *n.* strip of cloth used
 to protect an injury
ban-dit *n.* a gangster
ban-dy *adv.* bent outward
bane *n.* cause of ruin
ban-gle *n.* a bracelet
ban-ish *v.* force to leave
banisher, banishment *n.*
ban-jo *n.* an instrument similar
 to a guitar
bank *n.* the slope of land ad-
 joining water
bank-er *n.* bank manager
bank-rupt *n.* a person who is
 insolvent **bankruptcy** *n.*
ban-quet *n.* elaborate feast
ban-yan *n.* a tree from the
 tropics
barb *n.* sharp projection
bar-bar-i-an *n.* a person
 thought to be primitive
bar-be-cue *n.* an outdoor
 fireplace -cued, -cuing *v.*
bar-ber *n.* a person who cuts
 hair **barbershop** *n.*
bare *adj.* exposed to view
bare-ly *adv.* by a little amount
bar-gain *n.* purchase of an item
 at a good price
barge *n.* flat-bottomed boat
bark *n.* outer surface of a tree
bar-ley *n.* grain -leys *n., pl.*
barn *n.* a farm building
bar-na-cle *n.* a type of fish with
 a hard shell
ba-rom-et-er *n.* an instrument

that records the weather changes
bar-rack *n.* the housing for soldiers
bar-ra-cu-da *n.* type of fish
bar-rage *n.* the discharge of missiles
bar-rel *n.* wooden container with round, flat ends and sides that bulge
bar-ren *adj.* to be lacking in vegetation *barrenness* *n.*
bar-rette *n.* a clasp to hold hair in place
bar-ri-er *n.* structure that bars or prevents entrance
bar-room *n.* place where drinks are sold
bar-row *n.* wheelbarrow
bar-tend-er *n.* one who serves drinks at a bar
bar-ter *v.* trade something
base *n.* fundamental part
base-ball *n.* game played with a ball and bat
base-board *n.* molding where the wall meets the floor
base-ment *n.* foundation of a building or home
bash *v.* to smash
ba-sic *adj.* forming the basis
bas-o-lisk *n.* a tropical American lizard
ba-sin *n.* a washbowl
ba-sis *n.* the main part
bask *v.* to relax in the sun
bas-ket *n.* object made of woven material *basketry* *n.*
bass *n.* a fresh water fish
bas-si-net *n.* a basket used as a infant's crib
bas-son *n.* a woodwind instrument
baste *v.* to sew a loose stitch
bat *n.* wooden stick
batted, batting *v.*
bath *n.* act of washing the body
bat-tal-ion *n.* military unit
bat-ten *v.* to secure
bat-ter *v.* to beat or to strike continuously
bat-tle *n.* to struggle
battled, battling *v.*
bawd *n.* a prostitute
bawl *v.* to cry out
bay *n.* inlet of a body of water
bay-berry *n.* evergreen shrub
bay-o-net *n.* spear-like weapon

ba-zaar *n.* a fair for charity
be *v.* to exist
beach *n.* sandy shore
bead *n.* small round ball for threading *beaded* *adj.*
beak-er *n.* a large cup
beam *n.* a large, wooden plank
bean *n.* an edible seed
bear *n.* carnivorous mammal
beard *n.* hair growing on the face *beardless, bearded* *adj.*
beast *n.* four-legged animal
beastliness *n.*, *beastly* *adv.*
beat *v.* to strike
be-a-tif-ic *adj.* showing joy
beau *n.* sweetheart; dandy
beau-ty *n.* pleasing to the eye
be-calm *v.* make quiet or calm
be-cause *conj.* for a reason
beck *n.* a summon
be-come *v.* to come, to be
bed *n.* furniture for sleeping
be-dazzle *v.* to confuse with bright lights
bed-fast *adj.* confined to a bed
bed-lam *n.* state of confusion
be-drag-gled *adj.* limp and wet
bee *n.* insect that makes honey
beech *n.* a tree with edible nuts
beef *n.* cow, steer, or bull
beer *n.* alcoholic beverage
beet *n.* red root vegetable
bee-tle *n.* an insect
be-fore *adv.* previously
beg *v.* to ask for charity
be-get *v.* to cause or produce
be-gin *v.* to start
be-grudge *v.* to envy someone
be-guile *v.* to deceive
be-half *n.* a support of another person
be-have *v.* to function in a certain manner
be-head *v.* to remove the head
be-hind *adv.* to or at the back
be-hold *v.* to look at
be-hoove *v.* to benefit
beige *n. or adj.* being light brown color
being *n.* one's existence
be-la-bor *v.* to discuss beyond the point that is necessary
be-lat-ed *adj.* late *-ly* *adv.*
belch *v.* to expel gas through the mouth
be-lief *n.* something that is trusted
bell *n.* instrument that rings

bel-lows *n.* instrument that produces air
bel-lyn. the abdomen
be-long *v.* to be a part of
belongings *n., pl.*
be-loved *adj.* dearly loved
be-low *adv.* at a lower level or place
belt *n.* a band worn around the waist **belted** *adj.*
be-muse *v.* to bewilder
bench *n.* a long seat
bend *v.* to arch
be-neath *adv.* to be below; underneath
ben-e-dict *n.* bachelor who is recently married
ben-e-dic-tion *n.* blessing
ben-e-fit *n.* aid -ed, -ing *v.*
be-nev-o-lence *n.* inclination to be charitable
be-nign *adj.* having a kind disposition **benignly** *adv.*
ben-i-son *n.* a blessing
bent *adj.* being curved
be-numb *v.* to dull
be-queath *v.* to give or leave to someone by will
be-reave *v.* to suffer the loss of a loved one
berg *n.* large mass of ice
ber-i-ber-in *n.* nervous disorder
berry *n.* edible fruit
berth *n.* space to dock a ship
be-ryl-li-um *n.* a type of metallic element
be-seech *v.* to ask earnestly
be-side *prep.* next to
be-siege *v.* to surround with troops
be-spat-ter *v.* to soil
be-speak *v.* to foretell
best *adj.* exceeding all others
be-stir *v.* to rouse into action
be-stow *v.* to present
be-stride *v.* to step over
bet *n.* the amount which is risked on a wager
be-take *v.* to move or to go
be-think *v.* to remember
be-tide *v.* to happen to
be-to-ken *v.* to show by a sign
be-tray *v.* to be disloyal
be-troth *v.* to promise to marry
bet-ter *adj.* more suitable
be-tween *prep.* in the middle
bev-er-age *n.* refreshing liquid
bev-y *n.* collection or group

be-ware *v.* to be cautious
be-wilder *v.* to confuse
be-witch *v.* to captivate someone completely
bey *n.* turkish title
be-yond *prep.* outside the reach
be-zique *n.* a card game
bi-an-nu-al *adj.* twice a year
bi-as *n.* line cut diagonally
bib *n.* cloth tied under the chin to protect from spilling food
Bi-ble *n.* holy book of the Old and New Testaments
bib-li-og-ra-phy *n.* a list of work by a writer
bib-u-lous *adj.* being inclined to drink **bibulously** *adv.*
bi-cen-ten-ni-al *adj.* happening every 200 years
bi-ceps *n.* an upper arm muscle
bick-er *v.* to quarrel or argue
bi-cus-pid *n.* a tooth having two roots
bi-cy-cle *n.* vehicle propelled by pedals
bid *v.* to offer a price
bi-det *n.* a basin for bathing the private parts
bi-en-ni-al *adj.* happening every two years **-ly** *adv.*
bier *n.* a stand for a coffin
bi-fo-cal *adj.* having two different focal lengths
bi-fur-cate *v.* to divide into two parts **bifurcation** *n.*
big *adj.* being very large
bigger, biggest *adj.*
big-a-my *n.* married to two people at the same time
big-wig *n.* person of authority
bike *n.* a bicycle
bi-ki-ni *n.* a two-piece bathing suit
bi-lat-er-al *adj.* to be having two sides **bilateralness** *n.*
bile *n.* a liquid secreted by the liver
bilge *n.* the hull of a ship
bi-lin-gual *adj.* being able to speak two languages
bil-ious *adj.* gastric distress
bill *n.* money owed **-able** *adj.*
bill-fold *n.* pocket-sized wallet
bil-liards *n.* a game played on a table
bil-lion *n.* thousand million
bill of lading *n.* list of merchandise