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## PREFACE

THE only aspects of this Dictionary requiring comment or explanation are those concerned with the arrangement of entries and the pronunciation system.

The arrangement is, of course, alphabetical ; but in certain cases where it is convenient or where the alphabetical order is not unduly departed from by doing so, a system of grouping for compounds and derivatives has been adopted. The entry that heads the group is either the first word in the group from the alphabetical standpoint, or the most familiar word of the group ; the remaining entries of the group comprise different "endings" to the same stem as that of the main entry. By means of such grouping reference is facilitated, and the number of entries which it is possible to include in a book of this size is greatly increased.

Foreign words and phrases are not relegated to a separate vocabulary, but are included in the body of the book in their alphabetical order.

As regards pronunciation, the simplest method consistent with accuracy has been adopted. The ordinary alphabet, with the addition of only six phonetic symbols, has been used. Vowels are clearly distinguished ; short vowels are printed with no modification, and long vowels bear the conventional sign of length (—) above them. Consonants are printed as ordinarily pronounced. The six symbols referred to are : ə, representing the vowel murmur ; dh, representing the voiced *th* sound ; zh, representing the sound of *s* in *pleasure* ; and ñ, ü and k, representing the French nasal and fronted *u*, and the Scottish guttural *ch* respectively. At the foot of each pair of facing pages there is a key to the pronunciation, and the system is more fully explained on page 8.

It should be emphasised, since this is one of the departures from common practice in this Dictionary, that the pronunciations given are those occurring in ordinary speech, particularly as it is spoken *at the usual speed* by a fluent speaker, and do not represent the pedantic exactitude that insists on the clear and full value being given to every vowel and consonant.

Extremely precise pronunciations, though of course correct, are too often merely the sign of ignorance ; one who is thoroughly familiar with a word does not say it as if he were

reading it syllable by syllable from a pronouncing dictionary. For this reason the difficult words in this work are given the pronunciations with which they are spoken by those who habitually use them; the aim is to show how a word *is* pronounced by the majority of educated persons rather than how it *should be* pronounced.

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# ABBREVIATIONS

## USED IN THIS WORK

*abbr.*—abbreviation, abbreviated as.  
*adj.*—adjective.  
*adv.*—adverb.  
*agric.*, *Agric.*—agricultural, agriculture.  
*Amer.*—American, America.  
*anat.*, *Anat.*—anatomical, anatomy.  
*anct.*—ancient.  
*app.*—applied.  
*Arab.*—Arabic, Arabian.  
*arch.*, *Arch.*—archaic; archæological, archæology.  
*archit.*, *Archit.*—architectural, architecture.  
*arith.*, *Arith.*—arithmetical, arithmetic.  
*astrol.*, *Astrol.*—astrological, astrology.  
*astron.*, *Astron.*—astronomical, astronomy.  
*Austral.*—Australian, Australia.  
*biol.*, *Biol.*—biological, biology.  
*bot.*, *Bot.*—botanical, botany.  
*bp.*—bishop.  
*Brit.*—British.  
*c.*—circa (about).  
*Can.*—Canadian, Canada.  
*cent.*—century.  
*Cent.*—Central.  
*chem.*, *Chem.*—chemical, chemistry.  
*Chin.*—Chinese, China.  
*comm.*, *Comm.*—commercial, commerce.  
*dept.*—department.  
*dial.*—dialect, dialectal.  
*E.*—East.  
*eccl.*, *Ecc.*—ecclesiastical.  
*e.g.*—for example.  
*elec.*, *Elec.*—electrical, electricity.  
*error.*—erroneous(ly).  
*espec.*—especially.  
*etc.*—and other things.  
*Eur.*—Europe, European.  
*excl.*—exclamation.  
*fem.*—feminine.  
*Fr.*—French, France.  
*gen.*—generally.  
*geog.*, *Geog.*—geographical, geography.  
*geol.*, *Geol.*—geological, geology.  
*geom.*, *Geom.*—geometrical, geometry.  
*Ger.*—German, Germany.  
*govt.*—government.  
*Gr.*—Greek.  
*gram.*, *Gram.*—grammatical, grammar.  
*Gt. Brit.*—Great Britain.  
*her.*, *Her.*—heraldic, heraldry.  
*Hind.*—Hindu, Hindi, Hindustani.  
*Hung.*—Hungarian.  
*i.*—intransitive.  
*i.e.*—that is.  
*Ind.*—India, Indian; Indies.  
*instr.*—instrument.  
*Ir.*—Irish, Ireland.  
*It.*—Italian, Italy.  
*Jap.*—Japanese, Japan.  
*lat.*—latitude.  
*Lat.*—Latin.  
*lit.*, *Lit.*—literally; literary, literature.

*log.*, *Log.*—logical, logic.  
*long.*—longitude.  
*mag.*, *Mag.*—magnetic, magnetism.  
*manuf.*—manufacture.  
*Matt.*—Matthew (Gospel).  
*mech.*, *Mech.*—mechanical, mechanics or machinery.  
*med.*, *Med.*—medical, medicine.  
*metall.*, *Metall.*—metallurgical, metallurgy.  
*meteor.*, *Meteor.*—meteorological, meteorology.  
*Mex.*—Mexican, Mexico.  
*mil.*, *Mil.*—military (affairs).  
*mod.*—modern.  
*Moham.*—Mohammedan.  
*MS(S).*—manuscript(s).  
*mt.*, *Mt.*—mountain.  
*mus.*, *Mus.*—musical, music.  
*myth.*, *Myth.*—mythical, mythology.  
*n.*—noun.  
*n.pl.*—plural noun.  
*N.*—North.  
*N.Z.*—New Zealand.  
*obs.*—obsolete.  
*opp.*—opposite.  
*orig.*—originally.  
*ornith.*, *Ornith.*—ornithological, ornithology.  
*parl.*, *Parl.*—parliamentary, parliament.  
*pert.*—pertaining.  
*phil.*, *Phil.*—philosophical, philosophy.  
*philol.*, *Philol.*—philological, philology.  
*phon.*, *Phon.*—phonetic, phonetics.  
*photog.*, *Photog.*—photographical, photography.  
*phys.*, *Phys.*—physical, physics.  
*pl.*—plural.  
*pop.*—popularly.  
*Port.*—Portugal, Portuguese.  
*psych.*, *Psych.*—psychological, psychology.  
*rad.*, *Rad.*—radio.  
*R.C.*—Roman Catholic.  
*relig.*—religious, religion.  
*respec.*—respectively.  
*rhet.*, *Rhet.*—rhetorical, rhetoric.  
*Rom.*—Roman.  
*Russ.*—Russian, Russia.  
*S.*—South.  
*Scot.*—Scottish, Scotland.  
*sev.*—several.  
*sing.*—singular.  
*sl.*—slang.  
*Sp.*—Spanish, Spain.  
*surg.*, *Surg.*—surgical, surgery.  
*t.*—transitive.  
*theol.*, *Theol.*—theological, theology.  
*Turk.*—Turkish, Turkey.  
*v.*—verb.  
*v.i.*—intransitive verb.  
*v.t.*—transitive verb.  
*W.*—West.  
*Yid.*—Yiddish.  
*zoo.*, *Zoo.*—zoological, zoology.

*Note.*—In order to save space the word that forms the main entry of a group of derivatives and compounds is often abbreviated to its initial letter when it occurs again in the group. *E.g.*, under *aberration* occur the entries *chromatic a.* and *spherical a.*, meaning "chromatic aberration" and "spherical aberration" respectively.



# PRONUNCIATION

a	=a in <i>fat</i> .
ah	=a in <i>father</i> .
ā	=a in <i>fate</i> .
ār	=are in <i>fare</i> .
aw	=a in <i>fall</i> .
e	=e in <i>fell</i> .
ē	=e in <i>feel</i> .
ēr	=ear in <i>fear</i> .
ə	=er in <i>father</i> .
ō	=ur in <i>furl</i> .
i	=i in <i>fill</i> .
ī	=i in <i>file</i> .
īr	=ire in <i>fire</i> .
o	=o in <i>fond</i> .
ō	=oa in <i>foal</i> .
ōr	=ore in <i>fore</i> .
oo	=u in <i>full</i> .

ōō	=oo in <i>fool</i> .
ōōr	=oor in <i>moor</i> .
ow	=ou in <i>foul</i> .
u	=u in <i>hull</i> .
ū	=u in <i>tune</i> .
ūr	=ure in <i>cure</i> .

th	=th in <i>think</i> .
dh	=th in <i>there</i> .
zh	=s in <i>leisure</i> .
ñ	=Fr. nasal :

ahñ	=ant in <i>gant</i> .
awñ	=on in <i>bon</i> .
añ	=ain in <i>pain</i> .
unñ	=un in <i>lundi</i> .

ü	=Fr. fronted u, as in <i>tue</i> .
k	=ch in Scottish <i>loch</i> .

*Note.*—Pronunciations of Latin phrases follow the "old" or "English" style, which is still more common in everyday usage than the so-called "neo-Classical" style.

# A DICTIONARY OF DIFFICULT WORDS

## A

**aardvark** (ahd'vahk), *n.* long-snouted, ant-eating, burrowing mammal of S. Africa.

**aardwolf** (ahd'woolf), *n.* hyena-like, burrowing mammal of S. Africa.

**aasvogel** (ahs'fögl), S. African *n.* vulture.

**aba** (ah'bə), *n.* coarse, striped, camel-hair or goat-hair fabric of Arabia; loose Arab coat.

**abaca** (ab'əka), *n.* Philippine Is. plant, yielding fibre for Manila hemp.

**abaction** (abak'shn), *n.* cattle-stealing.

**abacist** (ab'əsisht), *n.* person using abacus; calculator.

**abaculus** (abak'ūləs), *n.* small, tile for mosaic.

**abacus** (ab'əkəs), *n.* frame with beads for calculation; *Archit.*, uppermost member of capital of column.

**abalone** (abəlō'ni), *n.* ear-shaped marine shell-fish, yielding mother-of-pearl; ear-shell.

**abandonment** (aban'dənmənt), *n.* *Comm.*, giving over by owner to underwriters of ship or cargo damaged beyond recovery. **-nee** (abandənē'), *n.* underwriter to whom such ship or cargo is abandoned.

**abapical** (abap'ikl), *adj.* at lowest point.

**abarticlar** (abahtik'ūlə), *adj.* not connected with joint. **-lation**, *n.* diarthrosis.

**à bas** (ah bah'), *Fr.*, "down with."

**abasia** (abā'zhia), *n.* inability to control muscles in walking. **-sic** (-sic), *adj.*

**abatement** (abāt'mənt), *n.* *Law*, statement of cause why civil action should be abandoned; interposition of stranger between

death and entry of heir on a seisin; *Her.*, mark on arms to indicate bastardy.

**abatis**, **-ttis** (ab'ətis), *n.* barricade of fallen trees.

**abatjour** (abazhūr'), *Fr. n.* sky-light; device at window to throw light downwards.

**abat-sons** (abasawŋ'), *Fr. n.* device for directing sound downwards.

**abattoir** (ab'atwah), *n.* slaughter-house.

**abat-vent** (abavahn'), *Fr. n.* sloping slats to break force of wind.

**abat-voix** (abavwah'), *Fr. n.* sound-ing-board.

**abaxial**, **-ile** (abaks'ial, -il), *adj.* distant, or turned away, from axis.

**abb** (ab), *n.* yarn for warp; part of fleece.

**abba** (ab'ə), Aramaic *n.* father; bishop in Syriac and Coptic churches.

**abbozzo** (abot'sō), *n.* rough, preliminary sketch.

**additive** (ab'ditiv), *adj.* remote; hidden. **-tory**, *n.* secret hiding-place.

**abdominous** (abdom'inəs), *adj.* having big belly.

**abducent** (abdūs'ənt), *adj.* carrying or turning away, *espec.* of nerve or muscle.

**abecedary** (ābēsē'dəri), *n.* book arranged in alphabetical order; elementary text-book. **-rian**

(-dār'ian), *n.* member of 16th-century German Anabaptist sect who refused to learn to read.

**abele** (abēl'), *n.* white poplar.

**aberdevine** (abədevīn'), *n.* siskin.

**aberrant** (aber'ənt), *adj.* wandering; deviating, *espec.* from virtue; abnormal. **-nce**, *n.*

**aberration** (abērā'shn), *n.* deviation; momentary mental lapse; *Astr.*, apparent deviation from heavenly body's true position due

hat, bah, hāte, hāre, crawl; pen, ēve, hēre; it, ice, fire; on, bōne, boil, bōre, howl; foot, fōod, bōof, hull, tūbe, pūre. æ=er in *father*; ē=er in *pert*; th=th in *thin*; dh=th in *then*; zh=s in *pleasure*; k=ch in *loch*; ŋ=Fr. nasal *n*; ũ=Fr. *u*.

to movement of observer. **chromatic a.**, focusing of light of different colours at different points. **spherical a.**, focusing at different points of rays passing through different parts of lens.

**ab extra** (ab eks'trah), *Lat.*, "from outside."

**abietic** (abiet'ik), *adj.* pert. to fir tree or resin.

**ab initio** (ab inish'io), *Lat.*, "from the beginning."

**abiochemistry** (abiakem'istri), *n.* inorganic chemistry.

**abiogenesis** (abiəjen'isis), *n.* generation of living from inanimate matter. **-netic** (-jinet'ik), *adj.* **-nist** (-oj'onist), *n.* believer in that theory.

**abiology** (abiol'əji), *n.* study of inanimate things.

**abiosis** (abiō'sis), *n.* absence of life. **-otic** (-ot'ik), *adj.*

**abiotrophy** (abiot'rəfi), *n.* physical degeneration; loss of vitality. **-phic** (-of'ik), *adj.*

**abirritate** (abir'itāt), *v.t. Med.*, reduce irritation or sensitiveness. **-tant**, *n.* such drug. **-tation**, *n.* loss of sensitiveness in tissues; debility.

**abkari** (abkahr'i), *Anglo-Ind. n.* sale or manufacture of, or excise duty on, spirits.

**ablactate** (ablak'tāt), *v.t.* wean. **-tation**, *n.*

**ablation** (ablā'shn), *n.* removal; wearing away. **-titions**, *adj.* decreasing, *espec. Astron.*, app. to force decreasing gravitational pull between heavenly bodies.

**ablative** (ab'lətiv), *adj.* signifying agency; *n.* such gram. case. **a. absolute**, *Lat.* adverbial phrase formed by noun and adjunct (*espec. participle*), both in *a.*

**ablaut** (ab'lout), *n.* special change or relation in vowel sound, as in vowels of "ring, rang, rung."

**ablegate** (ab'ligāt), *n.* special papal envoy.

**ablepsia** (ablep'sia), *n.* blindness. **-ptic**, *adj.*

**abluent** (ab'looənt), *n. & adj.* cleansing (substance).

**ablution** (ablū'shn), *n.* act of washing; *pl.* washing the face and hands; washing place. **-ary**, *adj.*

**abnegate** (ab'nigāt), *v.t.* renounce. **-tion**, *n.*

**aboma** (abō'mə), *n.* S. Amer. snake; ringed boa.

**abomasum** (abomā'səm), *n.* fourth stomach of ruminants.

**aboral** (abōr'al), *adj.* distant from, or opposite to, mouth.

**aborigine** (abarij'inē), *n.* inhabitant from earliest times. **-nal**, *adj.* indigenous; *n.* aborigine.

**aboulia**, **-bul-** (abōō'liā, -ū'-), *n.* loss of will power. **-ic**, *adj.* **-iomania**, *n.* form of insanity marked by *a.*

**ab ovo** (ab ō'vō), *Lat.*, "from the egg"; from the beginning. **a.o. usque ad mala**, "from the egg to the apples"; from the beginning to the end.

**abrade** (abrād'), *v.t.* rub off; scrape; cause injury thus.

**abrasion** (abrā'zhn), *n.* injury caused by, or act of, rubbing or scraping; graze. **-sive**, *adj.* causing or used in abrasion; *n.* such substance.

**abreaction** (abriak'shn), *n.* removal of psych. complex.

**abreuvour** (abrē'vwah), *n.* gap between stones in masonry.

**abrogate** (ab'rəgāt), *v.t.* cancel; repeal. **-tion**, *n.*

**abruption** (abrup'shn), *n.* sudden stop; breaking in two.

**abscind** (absind'), *v.t.* cut off; pare.

**abscissa** (absis'ə), *n. (pl. -ae), Math.*, horizontal distance of point from fixed line.

**abscission** (absish'n), *n.* cutting off; separation, *espec. of cells at base of leaf-stalk.*

**absconce** (abskons'), *n. R.C.*, dark lantern used in night offices.

**absentee** (absentē'), *n.* one not present; worker absent from work; *adj.* app. to landlord not living in country from which he derives his rent. **-ism**, *n.* practice of such landlords; habitual absence from work.

**absente reo** (absen'ti rē'ō), *Lat., Law*, "the defendant being absent" (*abhr. abs. re.*).

**absinth(e)** (ab'sinth; *Fr.*, absant'), *n.* wormwood; liqueur flavoured with wormwood. **-thial**, *adj.* **-thism**, *n.* condition due to excessive consumption of *a.*

**absit omen** (ab'sit ō'men), *Lat.*, "may there be no evil omen"; may no harm result.

**absolutism** (ab'selootism), *n.* tyrann-

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nical government; principle of autocracy.

**absolutory** (absol'ūtri), *adj.* absolving; forgiving.

**absorptiometer** (absawptiom'itə), *n.* instrument measuring solubility of gases in liquid.

**abstemious** (abstē'miəs), *adj.* practising temperance; teetotal.

**absterge** (abstēj'), *v.t.* wipe clean; purify. -nt, *adj.* cleansing; *n.* such substance. -rsion, *n.*

**abstinent** (ab'stinənt), *adj.* abstemious; fasting. -nce, *n.*

**abterminal** (abtē'minəl), *adj.* from end inwards.

**ab urbe condita** (ab ē'bi kon'ditə), *Lat.*, "from the foundation of the city" (Rome), in c. 753 B.C. (*abbr.* A.U.C.).

**abut** (abut'), *v.i. & t.* be adjacent to; lean upon. -ment, *n.* supporting part of arch, etc.; part of bridge next to land. -tal, *n.* land or parish boundary. -ter, *n.* proprietor of premises adjacent.

**aby(e)** (abi'), *v.t.* pay penalty of; atone for.

**abyssal** (abis'əl), *adj.* like or pert. to abyss; *Biol.*, more than 300 fathoms below surface of sea.

**academic** (akədem'ik), *adj.* pert. to academy; learned; impractical. -al, *adj.* pert. to university or other academy. -als, *n. pl.* university costume. -ian (akadəm-ish'ən), *n.* member of academy, *espec.* of Arts. -mism, *n.* formalism. -s, *n. pl.* learned debate.

**acajou** (ak'əzhō), *Fr. n.* cashew nut and tree; mahogany tree and timber.

**acaleph** (ak'ələf), *n.* kind of stinging jellyfish.

**acaneous** (akənā'shəs), *adj.* prickly.

**acantha** (akan'thə), *n.* prickle. -ceous, *adj.*

**acanthion** (akan'thiən), *n.* species of porcupine.

**acanthus** (akan'thəs), *n.* kind of prickly herbaceous plant, the bear's breech; *Archit.*, leaf decoration used on Corinthian capital.

**acarasis** (akarī'əsis), *n.* infestation with mites or ticks; the itch.

**acaricide** (akar'isid), *n.* substance killing mites. -dal, *adj.*

**acarpous** (akah'pəs), *adj. Bot.*, not yielding fruit.

**acatalectic** (akatalek'tik), *adj.* metrically complete; *n.* such verse line.

**acatalepsy** (akat'əlepsi), *n.* state of being impossible to understand; *Phil.*, Sceptic doctrine that knowledge cannot be certain; *Med.*, uncertainty of diagnosis; feeble-mindedness. -ptic (-lep'tik), *adj.*

**acaudate** (akaw'dāt), *adj.* lacking tail.

**accelerometer** (akselerom'itə), *n.* instrument measuring acceleration.

**accensor** (aksen'sə), *n.* R.C., acolyte.

**accantor** (aksen'tə), *n.* hedge-sparrow; *Amer.*, water-thrush.

**acceptance** (aksep'təns), *n. Comm.*, agreement to pay bill of exchange when due. *a.-house*, merchant banker. *a. for honour*, taking up by person other than drawer of bill of exchange to protect honour of party to bill.

**acceptilation** (akseptilā'shn), *n.* free remission of liability or debt; *Theol.*, God's acceptance of Christ's sufferings as complete atonement for man's sins.

**accessit** (aksēs'it), *n.* honourable mention of one who comes nearest to a prize.

**acciaccatura** (achakətūr'ə), *n. Mus.*, very short note played before a longer note; short appoggiatura.

**accidence** (ak'sidəns), *n.* science of gram. inflexions.

**accident** (ak'sident), *n. Log.*, non-essential; attribute not included in definition; *Gram.*, change in form of word, *espec.* by inflexion.

**accidental** (aksiden'təl), *n. Mus.*, note made temporarily sharp, flat, or natural. -ism, *n. Med.*, system based on symptoms only.

**accipiter** (aksip'itə), *n.* bird of prey. -tral, -trine, *adj.* like such bird; rapacious. -trary, *n.* falconer.

**accismus** (aksiz'məs), *n.* rhet. device of pretending to refuse.

**acclinate** (ak'lināt), *adj.* sloping upward.

**acclivity** (akliv'iti), *n.* slope upward. -tous, -vous (-li'vəs), *adj.*

**accolade** (ak'əlād), *n.* ceremony of knighting; *Mus.*, vertical line coupling staves; *Archit.*, curved moulding.

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**accolent** (ak'ələnt), *adj.* neighbouring.

**accommodation** (akomədā'shn), *n.* adjustment, *espec.* of eye muscles; adaptation; lodgings; loan. **a. bill**, bill of exchange signed by person lending his name to another. **a. train**, *Amer.*, train stopping at all or most stations.

**accouchement** (akōōsh'mahn), *n.* childbirth. **-cheur, -chouse** (-shār, -ēz'), *n.* male and female midwife resp.

**accoutre** (akōōt'ə), *v.t.* equip; clothe. **-ments**, *n. pl.* equipment.

**accredit** (akred'it), *v.t.* attribute; gain belief for; attach officially.

**accrementition** (akrimentish'n), *n.* growth by addition of similar matter.

**acrescent** (akres'ənt), *adj.* growing larger. **-nce, -ncy**, *n.*

**accretion** (akrē'shn), *n.* growth, *espec.* by addition from outside.

**accubation** (akūbā'shn), *n.* act or state of reclining; *Med.*, accouchement.

**accumbent** (akum'bənt), *adj.* reclining. **-ency**, *n.*

**accusative** (akū'zətiv), *adj.* *Gram.*, objective; *n.* such case in declension of nouns.

**aceldama** (asel'dəmə, ak-), *n.* field, or scene, of bloodshed.

**aceology** (asiol'əji), *n.* therapeutics.

**acephalous** (asef'ələs), *adj.* lacking a head or a leader. **-lus** (*pl.* -li), *n.* hexameter line commencing with short syllable; headless monster.

**acerate** (as'erāt), *adj.* needle-like.

**acerbity** (asē'biti), *n.* bitterness, *espec.* of feeling. **-bate** (as'-), *adj.*

**aceric** (aser'ik), *adj.* pert. to the maple.

**acerose** (as'erōs), *adj.* like a needle; like chaff.

**acerous** (as'erəs), *adj.* without horns or antennae.

**acervate** (asē'vāt), *adj.* in heaps; clustered. **-tim** (-vā'tim), *Lat. adv.* summarily. **-tion**, *n.* heaping up. **-tive**, *adj.* **-vuline**, *adj.* like little heaps.

**acescent** (ases'ənt), *adj.* becoming, or tending to be, sour. **-nce**, *n.*

**acetarious** (asitār'ias), *adj.* app. to plants used in salads.

**acetic** (asē'tik, -set'-), *adj.* sour; of vinegar. **a. acid**, acid of vinegar.

**-tate** (as'itat), *n.* salt of a. acid. **-tated**, *adj.* treated with a. acid.

**acetify** (asē'tifi), *v.i. & t.* turn or become sour; make into vinegar.

**-fiable**, *adj.* **-fication**, *n.*

**acetimeter, -om-** (asitim'itə, -om'-), *n.* instr. measuring strength of acetic acid or vinegar. **-try**, *n.*

**acetone** (as'itōn), *n.* liquid obtained from maize or wood spirit, used as solvent, in manuf. of chloroform, etc. **-tonaemia**, *n.* presence of a. in blood.

**acetous, -ose** (as'itəs, -ōs), *adj.* sour; of vinegar.

**acetyl** (as'itil), *n.* the radical of acetic acid. **a.-salicylic acid**, aspirin.

**achar** (achah'), *Anglo-Ind. n.* kind of pickles.

**a chara** (akar'ə), *Ir.*, salutation, equiv. of *Dear Sir*, in Ireland.

**achene** (akēn'), *n.* small one-seeded fruit of plant; naked seed.

**à cheval** (ah shəval'), *Fr.*, "on horseback"; astride; straddling.

**Achilles** (akil'ēz), *n.* anct. Gr. hero; mighty soldier. **A.'s heel**, vulnerable spot. **A.'s spear**, anything curing injury made by itself. **A.'s tendon**, hamstring; tendon between calf and heel.

**achloropsia** (aklōrōp'siə), *n.* colour-blindness, *espec.* towards green.

**acholia** (akō'liə), *n.* lack of bile. **-lic** (-ol'ik), **-lous** (ak'-), *adj.*

**achor** (ā'kaw), *n.* eruption on the scalp; "scald-head."

**achroma** (akrō'mə), *n.* *Med.*, pallor. **-mic, -mous**, *adj.*

**achromat(e)** (ak'rəmat, -māt), *n.* achromatic lens; colour-blind person. **-tic, -tous** (-ō'mətes), *adj.*

non-coloured; free from chromatic aberration; *Mus.*, having few accidentals. **-tin**, *n.* liquid

plasmic substance in nucleus of cells resistant to staining agents.

**-tise, v.t.** **-tism**, *n.*

**achromatopsia, -sy** (akrōmatōp'siə, -si), *n.* colour-blindness. **-pe**, *n.*

colour-blind person.

**achroous** (ak'rōəs), *adj.* colourless.

**acicular** (asik'ūlə), *adj.* needle-like.

**-late** *adj.* having bristles or spines; with scratched appearance.

**acidaemia** (asidē'miə), *n.* undue acidity of blood.

**acidimeter, -om-** (asidim'itə, -om'-), *n.* instrument for measuring amount and strength of acids. **-try**, *n.*

hat, bah, hāte, hāre, crawl; pen, ēve, hēre; it, ice, fīre; on, bōne, boil, bōre, howl; foot, fōod, bōor, hull, tūbe, pūre.

**acidosis** (asidō'sis), *n.* *Med.*, excessively acid condition of blood and tissues.

**acidulous**, **-lent** (asid'ūles, -lənt), *adj.* sharp in taste. **-late**, *v.t.*

**acierage** (as'ierij), *n.* process of steel-plating. **-rate**, *v.t.* make into steel.

**aciform** (as'ifawm), *adj.* needle-shaped.

**acinaciform** (asinas'ifawm), *adj.* having shape of scimitar.

**aciniform** (asin'ifawm), *adj.* shaped like cluster of grapes; full of seeds.

**acinous**, **-ose** (as'inās, -ōs), *adj.* containing small seeds or drupes.

**acipenser** (asipen'sə), *n.* sturgeon. **-id**, **-ine**, *adj.*

**aclastic** (aklas'tik), *adj.* non-refractive.

**aclinic** (aklin'ik), *adj.* app. to line passing through all points where there is no magnetic inclination.

**a.line**, magnetic equator.

**acne** (ak'ni), *n.* irruption of pimples on face, back and chest. **a.rosacea**, *n.* redness and swelling of face, *espec.* nose.

**acology** (akol'əji), *n.* science of med. remedies; *acoeology*. **-logic**, *adj.*

**aculous** (akō'lūs), *adj.* fimbless.

**acolyte** (ak'əlit), *n.* R.C., candle-bearer and assistant at Mass.

**acomia** (akō'miā), *n.* baldness. **-mous**, *adj.*

**aconite** (ak'ənīt), *n.* the monk's-hood or wolf's-bane plant.

**aconitine** (akon'itin, -ēn), *n.* poisonous alkaloid obtained from aconite.

**acopic** (akop'ik), *n.* & *adj.* *Med.*, curative of fatigue.

**acor** (ā'kōr), *n.* *Med.*, stomach acidity.

**acoria** (akōr'ia), *n.* *Med.*, morbid appetite for food.

**à corps perdu** (ah kōr pār'dü), *Fr.*, "with lost body"; impetuously; in desperation.

**acosmism** (akoz'mizm), *n.* doctrine denying existence of universe distinct from God. **-mic**, *adj.* unorganised. **-mist**, *n.*

**acotyledon** (ākotilē'dn), *n.* plant without differentiated seed lobes.

**-ous** (-led'ənas, -lē'-), *adj.*

**acouasm** (akōō'azm), *n.* ringing noise in head.

**acoumeter** (akow'mitə, -kōō'-), *n.* instr. measuring keenness of hearing. **-try**, *n.*

**à coup sûr** (ah kōō sür'), *Fr.*, "with sure stroke."

**acoustic** (akōō'stik), *adj.* pert. to the hearing, to sound and its transmission; worked by sound or echoes. **a. mine**, mine detonated by sound waves from ship's engines. **-ian** (-ish'ən), *n.* expert in acoustics. **-s**, *n.* science of sound laws; properties of audibility of a building.

**acquittance** (akwit'əns), *n.* payment of, or release from, debt; full receipt.

**acracy** (ak'rəsi), *n.* anarchy.

**acratia** (akr'āshia), *n.* impotence.

**acrimonious** (akrimō'nias), *adj.* bitter; caustic; angry. **-ny** (ak'rīmōni), *n.*

**acritochromacy** (akritēkrō'məsi), *n.* colour-blindness.

**acroaesthesia** (akrōesthē'zhia), *n.* *Med.*, increase in sensitiveness; pain in extremities.

**acroamatic** (akrōamat'ik), *adj.* oral; secret; abstruse.

**acrocephalous**, **-lic** (akrasef'ələs, -sifal'ik), *adj.* having pointed skull. **-ly**, *n.*

**acrogenous** (akroj'inəs), *adj.* *Bot.*, growing at summit.

**acrolith** (ak'rəlith), *n.* statue with wooden trunk and stone head and extremities.

**acrologic** (akrəloj'ik), *adj.* pert. to initials. **-gy** (-ol'əji), *n.*

**acromegaly** (akrəmeg'əli), *n.* gigantism; enlargement of extremities, head, jaw, etc., due to excess secretion of pituitary gland. **-lic** (-al'ik), *adj.*

**acromonogrammatic** (akrəmonəgrəmat'ik), *adj.* app. to verse in which each line begins with letter with which preceding line ended.

**acronychal**, **-ycal**, **-ichal**, **-ical** (akron'ikəl), *adj.* *Astron.*, happening at sunset, *espec.* of star whose rising is at sunset. **a.place**, opposition of planet.

**acronyx** (ak'rəniks), *n.* ingrowing nail.

**acropathy** (akrop'əthi), *n.* disease of extremities.

**acrophobia** (akrəfō'bia), *n.* dread of heights.

**acropodium** (akrəpō'diəm), *n.* pedestal of statue.

**acropolis** (akrop'əlis), *n.* fortified

elevated part of city, *espec.* of Athens. **-itan** (-pol'itən), *adj.*

**acroscopic** (akrəskop'ik), *adj.* Bot., facing, or moving to, apex.

**acroteleutic** (akrətēlū'tik), *n.* end of psalm; words added to end of psalm; doxology.

**acroteric** (akrəter'ik), *adj.* pert. to or affecting the extremities.

**acroterion, -ium** (akrəter'ian, -iəm), *n.* Archit., ornament or its pedestal at angle of pediment.

**acrotic** (akrot'ik), *adj.* pert. to surface. **-ism** (ak'-), *n.* failure of pulse.

**A.C.T.H.**, *abbr.* of adreno-cortico-trophic hormone, a secretion of the pituitary gland which stimulates the adrenal cortex to produce cortisone.

**actinism** (ak'tinizm), *n.* property of solar radiation of causing chemical change. **-nic** (-tin'ik), *adj.*; **a.glass**, glass opaque to actinic rays.

**actinium** (aktin'iəm), *n.* rare radio-active element.

**actino-chemistry** (aktinə-kem'istri), *n.* chem. study of actinism.

**actinograph** (aktin'əgraf), *n.* instr. for calculating time of photog. exposures.

**actinoid** (ak'tinoid), *adj.* star-shaped; like rays.

**actinology** (aktinol'əji), *n.* science of chem. effects of light.

**actinometer** (aktinom'itə), *n.* instr. measuring heating power of the sun's rays; *Photog.*, instrument for calculating exposure times. **-try**, *n.*

**actinomorphie, -phous** (aktinəmaw'fik, -əs), *adj.* having symmetrically radiated shape.

**actinomyacin** (aktinəmī'sin), *n.* antibiotic produced by a soil fungus.

**actinomycosis** (aktinēmikō'sis), *n.* parasitic disease in men and cattle resulting in inflammation of jaw; "lumpy jaw."

**actinophone** (aktin'əfōn), *n.* instr. in which sound is produced by actinic rays. **-nic** (-fon'ik), *adj.*

**actinotherapy** (aktinəther'əpi), *n.* use of ultra-violet and other actinic rays in med. treatment.

**actuary** (ak'tūəri), *n.* expert on insurance statistics and tables of expectation of life. **-rial** (-ār'ial), *adj.*

**actum ut supra** (akt'am ut sōōp'rə), *Lat.*, "done as above" (*abbr.* **a.u.s.**).

**aculeate** (akū'liət), *adj.* Bot., bearing many sharp points; *Zoo.*, having sting; incisive.

**aculeiform** (akū'liifawm), *adj.* thorn-shaped.

**acumen** (ak'ūmen, -ū'mən), *n.* quickness to perceive; shrewdness.

**acuminate** (akū'minət), *adj.* pointed; tapering; (-āt), *v.t.* sharpen; *v.i.* end in point.

**acuminulate** (akūmin'ūlēt), *adj.* very sharply pointed; ending in minute point.

**acupressure** (ak'ūpreshə), *n.* pressing needle across blood vessel to stop haemorrhage.

**acupuncture** (ak'ūpungktūr), *n.* inserting a needle into flesh, etc., as med. remedy.

**acutorsion** (ak'ūtawshn), *n.* twisting artery with needle to stop bleeding.

**acyanopsia** (āsianop'sia), *n.* colour blindness towards blue.

**acyesis** (āsīē'sis), *n.* sterility of female. **-otic** (-et'ik), *adj.*

**acyrology** (asirol'əji), *n.* incorrect diction. **-gical**, *adj.*

**adactylous** (adak'tilas), *adj.* lacking fingers, toes or claws. **-lia** (ādaktīl iə, ad-), **-lism**, *n.*

**adamant** (ad'əmənt), *n.* exceptionally hard substance; *adj.* impenetrable; immovable. **-time** (-an'tin, -tin), *adj.*

**adaxial** (adaks'ial), *adj.* on, beside, or turned towards, axis.

**ad captandum (vulgus)** (ad kaptan'dəm, vul'gəs), *Lat.*, "to capture" the affection or suit the taste (of the crowd).

**addendum** (adend'əm), *n.* (pl. **-da**), something added; appendix.

**adieu** (ahdē'ō), *It.*, adieu.

**additament** (adit'əmənt), *n.* thing added. **-ary** (-men'təri), *adj.*

**additious** (aditish'əs), *adj.* pert. to, or resulting from, addition; *Astron.*, app. to force increasing gravitation between planet and satellite.

**additive** (ad'itiv), *adj.* pert. to addition; *Gram.*, signifying addition of similar elements or of new thought; *Phil.*, marked by addition and not union; *n.* something added.

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**adduce** (adūs'), *v.t.* bring forward as evidence. -*nt*, *adj.* drawing towards.

**adecuate** (adēsīd'ū āt), *adj.* evergreen.

**adelphogamy** (adēlfog'ēmi), *n.* form of marriage in which brothers have common wife or wives.

**ademonist** (adē'mōnist), *n.* person denying existence of demons or the Devil.

**ademption** (ademp'shn), *n.* *Law*, revoking by testator, donor, etc., of legacy, donation, etc., by previously paying sum or parting with object bequeathed.

**adenia** (adē'nia), *n.* *Med.*, enlargement of glands.

**adeniform** (aden'ifawm, ad'ən-), *adj.* gland-shaped.

**adenitis** (adinī'tis), *n.* inflammation of glands.

**adenoid** (ad'inoid), *adj.* pert. to or like gland. -*s*, *n.pl.* enlargement of lymphatic tissues at back of throat.

**adenology** (adinol'ēji), *n.* study of glands. -*gical*, *adj.*

**adenoma** (adinō'mā), *n.* tumour of gland or like a gland. -*tous*, *adj.*

**adenopathy** (adinop'ēthi), *n.* glandular disease.

**adenose** (ad'inōs), *adj.* gland-like; having many glands.

**adenotomy** (adinot'ēmi), *n.* incision into or removal of gland.

**adephagous** (adēf'ēgōs), *adj.* *Med.*, having morbid appetite for food.

**adespoton** (ades'pōtēn), *n.* anonymous saying, poem, etc.

**ad eundem (gradum)** (ad ēun'dēm, grā'dēm), *Lat.*, (admitted) "to same (rank)," *espec.* to same degree at different university.

**à deux** (ah dō'), *Fr.*, "for two"; *Mus.*, for two hands.

**adeism** (ad'ivizm), *n.* denial of legendary gods.

**ad finem** (ad fin'em), *Lat.*, "to the end" (*abbr.* ad fin.).

**ad hanc vocem** (ad hank vok'em), *Lat.*, "to this word" (*abbr.* a.h.v.).

**adhibit** (adhib'it), *v.t.* grant admittance to; apply; attach. -*tion*, *n.*

**ad hoc** (ad hok), *Lat.*, "to this"; for the present purpose alone; not provable by reference to other phenomena.

**ad hominem** (ad hom'inem), *Lat.*,

"to the man"; appealing to prejudice or passions; illogical.

**ad hunc locum** (ad hunk lok'əm), *Lat.*, *Law*, "at this place"; on this passage (*abbr.* ad loc.; a.h.l.).

**adiabatic** (ādībat'ik, ad-), *adj.* without losing or gaining heat.

**a.gradient**, rate of change in temperature of rising or falling air.

**adiabolist** (ādīab'əlist), *n.* person denying existence of the Devil.

**adiactinic** (adiaktin'ik), *adj.* not transmitting actinic rays.

**adiaphoresis** (ādīafērē'sis), *n.* absence or lack of perspiration. -*etic* (-et'ik), *n.* & *adj.* (drug) preventing perspiration.

**adiaphoron** (adiaf'eron), *n.* (*pl.* -*ra*), matter of indifference; *Theol.*, religious observance left to conscience; amoral matter. -*ism*, *n.* belief in doctrine of adiaphora. -*rist*, *n.* -*ristic*, *adj.* app. to certain controversies on religious observances. -*rous*, *adj.* neutral; indifferent.

**adiapneustia** (adiapnū'stiā), *n.* defective perspiration.

**adiathermic** (adiathē'mik), *adj.* impervious to heat. -*mancy*, *n.*

**ad infinitum** (ad infinītēm), *Lat.*, "to infinity"; for ever; without limit (*abbr.* ad inf.).

**ad interim** (ad in'terim), *Lat.*, "at interval"; meanwhile; for the present (*abbr.* ad int.).

**adios** (adiōs'; *Sp.*, ahdhiōs'), *Sp.*, adieu.

**adipescant** (adipes'ənt), *adj.* becoming fatty.

**adipic** (adip'ik), *adj.* *Chem.*, pert. to fatty or greasy substance.

**adipocere** (ad'ipēsēr), *n.* fatty substance occurring in dead bodies in moist places. -*rous* (-pos'ərəs), *adj.*

**adipose** (ad'ipōz, -ōs), *adj.* fat.

**a.tissue**, connective fat-storing tissue. -*sis* (-ō'sis), *n.* fatness; fatty degeneration. -*sity* (-os'iti), *n.*

**adipsy**, -*sia* (ad'ipsi, -ip'sia), *n.* lack of thirst. -*sic*, *adj.* -*sous*, *adj.* quenching thirst.

**adit** (ad'it), *n.* entrance, *espec.* horizontal passage into mine.

**adjutator** (aj'ōōtātō), *n.* helper.

**adjutor** (ajōō'tā), *n.* helper. -*ious*, -*y* (aj'ōōtəri), *adj.*

**adjuvant** (aj'oovent), *adj.* helping; *Med.*, remedial; *n.* such drug.

æ=er in *father*; ē=er in *fert*; th=th in *thin*; dh=th in *their*; zh=s in *pleasure*; k=ch in *loch*; ñ=Fr. nasal n; ū=Fr. u.



**ad libitum** (ad lib'itəm), *Lat.*, "at one's pleasure"; as much or long as desired; *Mus.*, according to desire of performer (*abbr. ad lib.*). **ad-lib**, *v.i. & t.* speak impromptu, *espec.* (of actors) jokes, words, etc., not written or rehearsed, or to replace forgotten lines; *adj.* said on the spur of the moment; *n.* an ad-lib statement.

**ad locum** (ad lok'əm), *Lat.*, "at the place" (*abbr. ad loc.*).

**admaxillary** (admaks'iləri), *adj.* near or connected with jaw.

**admeasurement** (admez'həmənt), *n.* act or result of measuring; apportionment; dimensions.

**admensuration** (admensūr ā'shn), *n.* admeasurement.

**adminicle** (admin'ikl), *n.* aid; support; corroboration; *Numismatics*, ornament round figure on coin. **-cular** (-ik'ulə), *adj.* **-culate** (-ik'ulāt), *v.t.* corroborate. **-cultation**, *n.*

**adnascent** (adnas'ənt), *adj.* growing on something else. **-noce**, *n.*

**adnate** (ad'nāt), *adj.* closely attached; related; grown together congenitally. **-tion**, *n.*

**ad nauseam** (ad naw'siam), *Lat.*, "to nausea"; until disgust is felt.

**adnominal** (adnom'inəl), *adj.* pert. to adnoun.

**adnomination** (adnominā'shn), *n.* punning.

**adnoun** (ad'nown), *n.* adjective, *espec.* used as noun.

**adobe** (adō'bi), *n.* unburnt sundried brick; dwelling of a.; clay used for a.; *adj.* built of a.

**Adonic** (adon'ik), *adj.* pertaining to Adonis; app. to metrical foot comprising a dactyl followed by a spondee or trochee.

**adonise** (ad'ənīz), *v.i. & t.* ornament; adorn oneself.

**adoptionism** (adop'shənim), *n.* doctrine that Christ was Son of God by adoption and not birth. **-ist**, *n.* & *adj.* **-tian**, *adj.*

**adoral** (adōr'al), *adj.* near to mouth.

**adosculation** (adoskūlā'shn), *n.* sexual impregnation by contact only; wind-pollination.

**adoxography** (adoksog'rəfi), *n. Lit.*, fine writing on trivial or base subject.

**adoxy** (ad'oksi), *n.* belief neither orthodox nor heterodox.

**adrectal** (adrekt'al), *adj.* close to rectum.

**ad rem** (ad rem'), *Lat.*, "to the thing"; to the purpose; pertinent.

**adrenal** (adrē'nəl), *adj.* close to kidney; suprarenal, *espec.* app. to ductless glands above kidneys. **-in(e)**, *n.* hormone of a. gland; preparation from such secretion or synthetic drug used as haemostatic and heart stimulant.

**adrenin(e)** (adren'in, -ēn), *n.* hormone of adrenal glands.

**adscitious** (adstish'əs), *adj.* supplementary; auxiliary.

**adsorb** (adzawb'), *v.t.* attract and hold to surface (minute particles of mixture or molecules of gas or liquid). **-ate**, *n.* substance or molecules adsorbed. **-ent**, *n. & adj.* (substance) adsorbing. **-rption**, *n.*

**adsum** (ad'səm), *Lat.*, "I am present."

**adulation** (adulā'shn), *n.* excessive flattery; abject worship. **-tory**, *adj.*

**adumbrate** (ad'umbrāt), *v.t.* shadow forth; outline; sketch out. **-ant**, *adj.* **-tion**, *n.*

**aduncate**, **-cous** (adung'kāt, -kəs), *adj.* hook-shaped; crooked; *v.i.* curve inward. **-city** (-un'siti), *n.* inward curvature.

**ad unguem** (ad ung'gwem), *Lat.*, "to the finger nail"; to a nicety; with great exactitude; to minute detail.

**ad usum** (ad ūs'əm), *Lat.*, "to usage"; according to custom (*abbr. ad us.*).

**ad valorem** (ad vālōr'em), *adj.* in proportion to value, *espec.* of import duties of a percentage of the value of the imports (*abbr. ad val.*).

**advehent** (ad'viənt), *adj.* afferent.

**advenient** (advē'niant), *adj.* due to outside causes. **-noce**, *n.*

**adventitious** (adventish'əs), *adj.* added from without; not essential; accidental; casual; *Med.*, acquired; *Bot.*, adventive.

**adventive** (adven'tiv), *n. & adj. Bot.*, (plant) not completely naturalised or growing out of natural habitat.

**ad verbum** (ad vā'bəm), *Lat.*, "to the word"; word for word.

**adversaria** (advāsār'ia), *n.pl.* collection of notes and comments; commonplace book.

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