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The rigid rule for simplicity implicit in this format has been carried through to word definitions, without detracting from or changing the value of the meanings. This simplicity also applies to the key to pronunciation. Examples for the use of words have been retained where possible.

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The entries in *Webster's Scholastic Dictionary* are set in modern, easy-to-read boldface type, with clear and concise definitions.

—THE EDITORS

Key to Pronunciation

ā	as in fate, paid, gray, great
a	as in fat, had, pad, shall
ā	as in fall, author, fought, false, waltz
ā	as in father, far, calm, far
ē	as in meat, machine, feet, even
e	as in met, set, terrible, equity
è	as in her, firm, transfer, over
ī	as in mine, light, height, kite
i	as in lip, abyss, little, mit
ō	as in note, load, snow, go
o	as in odd, not, folly, lot
ō	as in tool, move, rule, food
ū	as in cube, union, futile, use
u	as in rustic, hurry, dull, up
ū	as in woman, wolf, book
oi	as in join, oyster, boy
ou	as in house, town, bound
ch	as in church, chain, bunch, match
th	as in thin, worth, breath
th	as in breathe, then, father
g	as in go, get, give, dog
w	as in will, wig, win, wager
wh	as in whip, white, whiff
zh	as in azure, closure, measure

Abbreviations Used in this Dictionary

a	adjective	obs	obsolete
abbr	abbreviated	p	past
adv	adverb	p.a	participle adjective
art	article	p.p	past participle
colloq	colloquial	pers	person
comp	comparative	pl	plural
conj	conjunction	pref	prefix
contr	contraction	prep	preposition
exclam	exclamation	pres	present
fem	feminine	pret	preterite
ful	future	pron	pronoun
gram	grammar	pr.p	present participle
imp	imperfect	sing	singular
ind	indicative	superl	superlative
indef	indefinite	syn	synonym
interj	interjection	v	verb
irreg	irregular	vi	verb intransitive
n	noun	vt	verb transitive
neut	neuter		

ABBREVIATIONS

A, A.A. , achievement age (<i>Psychol.</i>); Alcoholics Anonymous; antiaircraft.	AF , Air Force.	ASC, A.S.C. , Air Service Command; Army Service Corps.
AA, A.A.A. , Amateur Athletic Association; American Automobile Association.	A.F.A.M., A.F. & A.M. , Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.	ASCAP, A.S.C.A.P. , American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.
AAA, A.A.A.A. , Amateur Athletic Association of America.	AFL, A.F. of L. , American Federation of Labor.	ASCE, A.S.C.E. , American Society of Civil Engineers.
A.A.L. , American Academy of Arts and Letters.	A.G. , Adjutant General; Attorney General.	ASFP , Army Service Forces.
A.A.S., AAAS , American Association for the Advancement of Science.	agcy. , agency.	asst. , assistant.
AF , Army Air Forces.	Agt., agt. , agent; agreement.	ASTP , Army Specialized Training Program.
A.U. , Amateur Athletic Union.	AKC , American Kennel Club.	AT, A.T. , antitank.
B. , Artium Baccalaureus (L., Bachelor of Arts).	Ala. , Alabama.	ATC , Air Transport Command.
br., abbrev. , abbreviated; abbreviation.	A.L.A., ALA , American Library Association; Automobile Legal Association.	Atl. , Atlantic.
o init. , ab initio (L., from the beginning).	Alas. , Alaska.	ATS, A.T.S. , Army Transport Service.
bp. , Archbishop.	Alb. , Albanian; Alberta.	att., attn. , attention.
r. , abridged; abridgment.	ALP , American Labor Party.	Atty. , Attorney.
A.C., a.c. , alternating current. <i>Elec.</i>	alt. , alternate; alternating; alternations; altitude; alto.	Atty. Gen. , Attorney General.
CC , Air Co-ordinating Committee.	AM, A.M., a-m, a.m. , amplitude modulation.	at. wt. , atomic weight.
act. , account; accountant.	A.M., Artium Magister (L., Master of Arts).	Aug. , August.
k. , acknowledge; acknowledgment.	A.M., A.M. a.m. , ante meridiem.	Austral., Austl. , Australia.
C.P. , American College of Physicians.	A.M.A., AMA , American Medical Association.	Aust. , Austria; Austrian.
D., A.D. , anno Domini.	AMG , Allied (<i>also</i> , American) Military Government.	aux., auxil. , auxiliary.
D.C., ADC, a.d.c. , aide-de-camp.	amp. , ampere; amperage.	a.v., A/V. , ad valorem.
inf. , ad infinitum (L., infinity).	amp-hr. , ampere-hour.	av., avdp., avoir. , avoir-du-pois.
init. , ad initium (L., or at the beginning).	AMVETS , American Veterans (of World War II).	AVC, A.V.C. , American Veterans Committee.
int. , ad interim (L., in meantime).	anon. , anonymous.	Ave. , Avenue.
lj., Adj. , Adjutant.	ANZAC , Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.	AWOL, A.W.O.L. , absent without leave.
lib., ad libit. , ad libitum (L., at one's pleasure, to the amount desired).	AP, A.P., AP , Associated Press.	AWVS , American Women's Volunteer Services.
lm. , Admiral; Admiralty.	APO , Army Post Office.	
l val. , ad valorem (L., according to value).	Apoc. , Apocalypse; Apocrypha; Apocryphal.	
lvt. , advertisement.	approx. , approximately.	
E. and P. , Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.	Apr. , April.	
EC , Atomic Energy Commission.	ARA , Agricultural Research Administration.	
E.F., AEF , American Expeditionary Force, or Forces.	A.B.A. , Associate of the Royal Academy.	
	ARC, A.R.C. , American (National) Red Cross.	
	Ariz. , Arizona.	
	Ark. , Arkansas.	
	Ar.M. , Architecture Magister (L., Master of Architecture).	
	Art. , Artillery.	
	ASA , American Standards Association.	
		B.A. , Baccalaureus Artium (L., Bachelor of Arts).
		B.ag., B.Agr. , Baccalaureus Agriculturae (L., Bachelor of Agriculture).
		bal. , balance; balancing.
		Bapt. , Baptist.
		B.Ar., B.Arch. , Bachelor of Architecture.
		bat., batt. , battalion; battery.
		Bav. , Bavarian.
		B.B.A. , Bachelor of Business Administration.
		B.B.C., BBC , British Broadcasting Corporation.
		B.C. , Bachelor of Chemistry; British Columbia.
		B.C., B.C. , before Christ.

B.C.E., Bachelor of Chemical Engineering; Bachelor of Civil Engineering.
B.C.L., Bachelor of Civil Law.
B.D., Bachelor of Divinity.
B.D.S., Bachelor of Dental Surgery.
B.E., Bachelor of Education; Bachelor of Engineering.
B.E.E., Bachelor of Electrical Engineering.
Belg., Belgian; Belgium.
bf, b.f., bold-faced (type).
Bib., Bible; Biblical.
Bibl., bibliographical.
B.J., Bachelor of Journalism.
B.L., Bachelor of Laws.
B/L, bill of lading.
blig., building.
B.L.E., Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.
B.Lit(t)., Baccalaureus Lit(t)erarum (L., Bachelor of Literature, or of Letters).
BLS, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
B.L.S., Bachelor of Library Science.
blvd., boulevard.
B.M., Baccalaureus Medicinæ (L., Bachelor of Medicine).
BMR, basal metabolic rate.
B.Mus., Bachelor of Music.
bor., borough.
B.P.E., Bachelor of Physical Education.
BPL, Bureau of Public Inquiries.
B.P.O.E., **BPOE**, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.
Brig., Brigade; Brigadier.
Brig. Gen., Brigadier General.
Brit., Britain; Britannia; Britannica; British.
B.S., Bachelor of Science.
b.s., B/S, bill of sale.
B.S.A., Boy Scouts of America.
B.Sc., Baccalaureus Scientiæ (L., Bachelor of Science).
B.S.Ed., Bachelor of Science in Education.
B.T., **B.Th.**, Baccalaureus Theologiæ (L., Bachelor of Theology).
B.T.U., **B.Th.U.**, **b.t.u.**, **btu**, British thermal unit.
bu., bureau; bushel.
Bulg., Bulgaria; Bulgarian.
B.W.I., British West Indies.
C., C, c., c., centimeter.
C.A., Central America; Coast Artillery.
ca., cathode; circa.

C.A.A., Civil Aeronautics Administration.
CAB., Civil Aeronautics Board; Consumers' Advisory Board.
cal., calendar; caliber; calorie(s).
Calif., California.
Cambr., Cambridge.
Can., Canada; Canadian.
canc., canceled.
Cantab., Cantabrigiensis (L., of Cambridge).
CAP., Civil Air Patrol.
Capt., Captain.
CAR, C.A.R., Civil Air Regulations.
car., carat.
Card., Cardinal.
CARE, Co-operative for American Remittances to Everywhere.
Cath., Catholic.
cav., cavalry.
C.B., Chirurgiæ Baccalaureus (L., Bachelor of Surgery).
CBC, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.
CBS, Columbia Broadcasting System.
cc., cc, c.c., cubic centimeters.
CCC, Civilian Conservation Corps; Commodity Credit Corporation.
C.C.F., **CCF**, Cooperative Commonwealth Federation (of Canada).
CCS, Combined Chiefs of Staff.
Cdr, Cdr., Commander.
C.E., Christian Endeavor; Church of England; Civil Engineer.
CEA, Council of Economic Advisers.
CED, Committee for Economic Development.
C.G., Coast Guard.
Chanc., Chancellor; chancery.
chap., chaplain; chapter.
Ch.B., Chirurgiæ Baccalaureus (L., Bachelor of Surgery).
Ch. Clk., Chief Clerk.
Ch.D., Doctor of Chemistry.
Ch.E., Chemical Engineer.
Chin., China; Chinese.
chm., chairman.
Chron., Chronicles.
CIA, Central Intelligence Agency.
CIAA, Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs.
C. in C., C in C, Commander in Chief.
CIO, C.I.O., Congress of Industrial Organizations.
civ., cvil., civilian.
ck., check.
c.m., court-martial.
Cmdr., Commander.

CO, C.O., Commanding Officer; conscientious objector.
Co., co., company; count
c.o., o/o, care of; carried over.
C.O.D., cash on delivery.
C. of S., Chief of Staff.
Col., Colonel; Columbia.
Colo., Colorado.
Com., Commander; Comodore.
comdg., commanding.
Comdr., Commander.
Comdt., Commandant.
Com. in Ch., Commander in Chief.
Comr., Commissioner.
conf., conference; conference.
Confed., Confederate.
Cong., Congregational Congress; Congressional.
Conn., Connecticut.
Cont., Continental.
co-op., co-operative.
Cor., Corinthians.
Corp., Corporal; Corporation.
corresp., correspondence.
CP, command post; Communist Party.
C.P.A., CPA, Certified Public Accountant.
Cpl., Corporal.
CPO, C.P.O., Chief Petty Officer.
C.R., Costa Rica.
C.S., Christian Science; Christian Scientist.
C.S.C., Conspicuous Service Cross.
CSC, Civil Service Commission.
CST, C.S.T., Central Standard Time.
CWA, Civil Works Administration.
CWAC, C.W.A.C., Canadian Women's Army Corps.
cwt., hundredweight.
CYO, Catholic Youth Organization.
C.Z., Canal Zone (Panama).
Czech., Czechoslovakia.
D.A., District Attorney.
D.A.E., DAE, Daughter of the American Revolution.
DAV, D.A.V., Disabled American Veterans.
D.C., District of Columbia.
DO, D.C., d.c., direct current.
D.O.L., Doctor of Canon Law; Doctor of Civil Law.
D.C.M., Distinguished Conduct Medal. *British Army*.
D.D., Divinitatis Doctor (L., Doctor of Divinity).
D.D.S., Doctor of Dental Surgery.

Dec., December.
D.E.I., Dutch East Indies.
Del., Delaware.
Dem., Democrat, Democratic.
Den., Denmark.
dept., department; deputy.
desc., descendant.
Deut., Deuteronomy.
D.F.C., **DFO.**, Distinguished Flying Cross.
di., **dia.**, **diam.**, diameter.
dir., director.
disc., discount.
disch., discharged.
dist., distance; district.
div., divided; dividend; division; divisor.
Lit., **D.Litt.**, Doctor Litt(erarum) (L., Doctor of Literature, or of Letters).
ditto (It., the same).
dom., dominion.
doz., dozen; dozens.
DP, displaced person.
Dr., **Dr.**, debit; debtor; Doctor.
dr., dram; drams.
D.S., **D.Sc.**, Doctor of Science.
D.S.O., **DSC.**, Distinguished Service Cross.
J.S.M., **DSM**, Distinguished Service Medal.
D.S.O., (Companion of the) Distinguished Service Order; District Staff Officer.
S.T., Daylight Saving Time.
dt., delirium tremens.
D.Th., **D.Theol.**, Doctor of Theology.
dup., duplicate.
D.V.M., Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.
E., **e.**, east; eastern.
e., each.
Eccles., Ecclesiastes.
Ecu., Ecuador.
e., edited; edition; editor.
Ed.B., Bach. of Education.
Ed.D., Doctor of Education.
E.M., Master of Education.
E.E., Electrical Engineer.
ex., **exempli gratia** (L. for example).
E.I., East Indian; East Indies.
EGG, electrocardiogram.
elev., elevation.
E. long., east longitude.
enc., **encl.**, enclosure.
encycl., encyclopedia.
Ency. Brit., **Encyc. Brit.**, Encyclopaedia Britannica.
ENE, east-northeast.
Eng., England; English.
Eng. D., Doctor of Engineering.

Ens., Ensign.
env., envelope.
Episc., **Episc.**, Episcopal.
ERA, Emergency Relief Administration.
E.R.V., English Revised Version (of the Bible).
ESE, east-southeast.
ESP, extrasensory perception.
Esq., **Esqr.**, Esquire.
E.S.T., Eastern Standard Time.
est., established.
et al., **et alibi** (L., and elsewhere); **et alii** (L., and others).
etc., **et cetera**.
Eth., Ethiopia.
ETO, European Theater of Operations.
et seq., **et sequens** (L., and the following); **et sequentes** or **sequentia** (L., and those that follow).
Eur., Europe; European.
exam., examination.
excl., exclusive.
exec., executive; executor.
ex lib., **ex libris** (L., from the books [of]).
F., Fahrenheit; fathom; fluorine (*Chem.*).
F., Fahrenheit; Fellow.
FA, **F.A.**, field artillery.
fac., **facsim.**, facsimile.
F.A.C.P., Fellow of the American College of Physicians.
F.A.C.S., Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.
F.A.I.A., Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.
P.A.M., **F. and A.M.**, Free and Accepted Masons.
F.A.S., Fellow of the Actuarial Society (*Canada*); Fellow of the Antiquarian Society (*Brit.*); Fellow of the Anthropological Society (*Brit.*).
F.B.A., Fellow of the British Academy.
FBI, Federal Bureau of Investigation.
PCA, Farm Credit Administration.
FCC, Federal Communications Commission.
F.C.C., First Class Certificate.
F.C.I.C., Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Chemistry.
F.C.S., Fellow of the Chemical Society.
FDA, Food and Drug Administration.
FDIC, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
FEB, Fair Employment Board.

Feb., February.
fed., federal; federation.
fem., feminine.
FEPC, Fair Employment Practice Committee.
FERA, Federal Emergency Relief Administration.
F.F.V., First Families of Virginia.
FHA, Farmers Home Administration; Federal Housing Administration.
F.H.S., Fellow of the Horticultural Society.
F.I.A., Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries. *Brit.*
F.I.J., Fellow of the Institute of Journalists. *Brit.*
Fin., Finland; Finnish.
FL, Flanders; Flemish.
FLA, Federal Loan Agency.
Fla., Florida.
f. oz., fluid ounce, or ounces.
FM, **F.M.**, **f-m**, **f.m.**, frequency modulation.
FMCS, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.
F.M.S.A., Fellow of the Mineralogical Society of America.
fn., footnote.
FNMA, Federal National Mortgage Association.
F.O., Foreign Office.
F.O.B., **f.o.b.**, free on board.
fol., folio; following.
FPC, Federal Power Commission.
f.p.m., **fpm**, feet per minute.
F.R.A.M., Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music.
F.R.A.S., Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society.
FRC, Federal Radio Commission.
F.R.C.M., Fellow of the Royal College of Music.
F.R.C.P., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.
F.R.C.S., Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.
F.R.G.S., Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.
Fri., Friday.
F.R.S., Fellow of the Royal Society (scientific).
F.R.S.C., Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.
F.R.S.L., Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature; Fellow of the Royal Society, London.
F.R.S.N.Z., Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand.
frt., freight.
FSA, Federal Security Agency.

ft., feet; fort.
FTO, Federal Trade Commission.
FWA, Federal Works Agency.
fwd., forward.
F.S.S., Fellow of the Zoological Society.

g., gram.
Ga., Georgia.
G.A., GA., General Agent; General Assembly.
gal., gallon; gallons.
GAO, General Accounting Office.
G.A.R., GAR., Grand Army of the Republic.
gaz., gazette; gazetteer.
G.B., Great Britain.
G.C.B., (Knight) Grand Cross of the Bath.
G.C.L.H., Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor.
GCT, G.C.T., Greenwich civil time.
gds., goods.
Gen., General (Army); Genesis; Geneva.
gent., gentleman.
geol., geologic; geological; geologist; geology.
geom., geometer; geometric; geometrical; geometry.
Ger., German; Germany.
Gezapo., Geheime Staatspolizei (G., Secret State Police).
GHQ, G.H.Q., General Headquarters. *Md.*
GI, G.I., member of the U.S. armed forces (government issue).
Gib., Gibraltar.
Gk., Greek.
G.M., General Manager; Grand Master.
GMT, G.M.T., Greenwich mean time.
G.O.P., GOP., Grand Old Party (a rhetorical name for the Republican party).
Gov., gov., governor.
Govt., govt., government.
G.P., general practitioner.
G.P.O., GPO., General Post Office; Government Printing Office.
GQ, G.Q., g-q., general quarters. *Nap.*
Gr., Greece.
grad., graduate; graduated.
gram., grammar; grammarian; grammatical.
Gr. Br., Gr. Brit., Great Britain.
gr. wt., gross weight.
GS, G.S., General Staff.
G.S.A., GSA., Girl Scouts of America.
GSC, G.S.C., General Staff Corps.
GSO, General Staff Officer.

h.a., hoc anno (L., in this year).
Hb., hemoglobin.
H.C., House of Commons.
hdqrs., headquarters.
H.E., His Eminence; His Excellency.
Heb., Hebr., Hebrews(s).
her., heraldry.
H.F., HF, h.f., hf., high-frequency.
H.H., His, or Her, Highness; His Holiness (the Pope).
H.I., Hawaiian Islands.
Hind., Hindu; Hindustan.
H.M., His (Her) Majesty.
H.M.S., His (Her) Majesty's Service, Ship, or Steamer.
HOLC., Home Owners' Loan Corporation.
Hon., Honorable.
hon., honorary.
hosp., hospital.
H.P., HP, h.p., hp., high pressure; horsepower.
HQ, H.Q., hq, h-q., headquarters.
H.R., House of Representatives.
hr., hour; hours.
H.R.H., His (Her) Royal Highness.
ht., height; heat.
Hts., Heights.
Hung., Hungarian; Hungary.

I., Island(s), Isle(s).
ib., ibid., ibidem (L., in the same place).
ICAO, International Civil Aviation Organization.
ICC, Interstate Commerce Commission.
ICJ, International Court of Justice.
I.D., Intelligence Department.
IE, I.E., Indo-European.
i.e., id est (L., that is).
I.F.S., Irish Free State.
Ill., Illinois.
ill., illus., illust., illustrated; illustration.
I.L.O., I.L.O., International Labor Organization.
in., inch; inches.
incl., inclosure; inclusive.
Ind., India; Indian; Indiana; Indies.
ind., index.
inf., information.
inf., Inf., infantry.
init., initial.
in loc. cit., in loco citato (L., in the place cited).
INS, I.N.S., International News Service.
insp., inspector.
Inst., Institute; Institution.
Int. Rev., Internal Revenue.

introd., introduction.
inv., invoice.
invst., inventory.
I.O.O.F., Independent Order of Odd Fellows.
I.O.R.M., Improved Order of Red Men.
IOU, I.O.U., I owe you.
IQ, I.Q., intelligence quotient.
I.q., idem quod (L., the same as).
Ire., Ireland.
IRO, International Refugee Organization.
Is., is., island; isle.
Isr., Israel.
It., Ital., Italian; Italy.
ital., italic (type).
ITO, International Trade Organization.
IWW, I.W.W., Industrial Workers of the World.

J., Judge, Justice.
JA, J.A., Judge Advocate.
J.A.G., Judge Advocate General.
Jam., Jamaica.
Jan., January.
Jap., Japan; Japanese.
Jav., Javanese.
J.D., Jurum Doctor (L., Doctor of Laws).
fg, j.g., junior grade.
J.P., justice of the peace.
Jr., jr., junior.
Jur. D., Juris Doctor (L., Doctor of Law).

Kans., Kansas.
K.B., King's Bench; Knight Bachelor.
K.C., King's Counsel; Knights of Columbus.
K.C.B., Knight Commander (of the Order) of the Bath.
K.G., Knight (of the Order) of the Garter.
kg., kg., kilogram(s).
kilo., kilogram; kilometer.
K.K.K., Ku Klux Klan.
km., km., kilometer; kingdom.
KO, K.O., k.o., knockout. *Pugilism.*
K. of C., Knight, or Knights of Columbus.
K. of P., Knight, or Knights of Pythias.
K.P., Knight (of the Order) of St. Patrick; Knights of Pythias.
K.P., KP, kitchen police.
K.T., Knight Templar.
kt., karat.
kw., kilowatt.
K.W.H., kw-h, kw-hr, kilowatt-hour.
Ky., Kentucky.

£, L, l., libra (L., pound).
La., Louisiana.
Lab., Labrador.

lab., laboratory.
Lam., Lamentations.
Lat., Latin.
lat., latitude.
L.B., Lit(t)erarum Baccalaureus (L., Bachelor of Letters); Local Board.
lb., lb., libra (L., pound).
L.C., Library of Congress.
L.C.M., L.c.m., lowest, or least, common multiple.
L.F., **L.F.**, **L.f.**, **lf.**, low-frequency.
lge., large.
L.H.D., Litterarum Humaniorum Doctor (L., Doctor of Humanities).
L.I., Long Island.
Lib., Liberal.
lib., librarian; library.
Lieut., Lieutenant.
lit., literature.
Lit.B., **Litt.B.**, Lit(t)erarum Baccalaureus (L., Bachelor of Letters, Bachelor of Literature).
Lit.D., Litterarum Doctor (L., Doctor of Literature).
Litt.D., Litterarum Doctor (L., Doctor of Letters).
LL.B., Legum Baccalaureus (L., Bachelor of Laws).
LL.D., Legum Doctor (L., Doctor of Laws).
lon., long., longitude.
L.O.O.M., Loyal Order of Moose.
L.P.S., Lord Privy Seal.
U.S.S., (U.S.) Lifesaving Service.
Lt., Lieutenant.
Ltd., **ltd.**, limited.
lv., leave.

M., thousand.
MA, M.A., mental age.
M.A., Magister Artium (L., Master of Arts); Military Academy.
Magr., Master of Agriculture.
Maj., Major.
Man., Manitoba.
mar., maritime.
mar., margin; marginal.
maso., masculine.
Mass., Massachusetts.
MATS, Military Air Transport Service.
max., maximum.
M.B., Medicinæ Baccalaureus (L., Bachelor of Medicine); Militia Bureau.
M.B.A., Master in, or of, Business Administration.
M.O., Master of Ceremonies; Medical Corps; Member of Congress.
M.O.L., Master of Civil Law.
M.D., Medical Department; Doctor of Medicine.
MD., Maryland.
mdse., merchandise.

M.E., Methodist Episcopal; Mining, or Mechanical, Engineer.
M.Ed., Master of Education.
med., medical; medicine.
Medit., Mediterranean.
meg., megacycle.
memo., memorandum.
mer., meridian.
Messrs., **Messrs.**, **Messieurs**.
Meth., Methodist.
Mex., Mexico.
mfg., manufacturing.
MG, Military Government.
mg., milligram(s).
Mgr., Manager.
M.H., Medal of Honor.
mi., mile.
Mich., Michigan.
mil., military; militia.
Minn., Minnesota.
misc., miscellaneous.
Miss., Mississippi.
mm., millimeter; millia (L., thousands).
Mo., Missouri.
MO, M.O., Medical Officer.
M.O., **m.o.**, money order.
mo., **mos.**, month(s).
M.O.I., Ministry of Information (*Brit.*).
Mon., Monday; Monsignor.
Mont., Montana.
MP, M.P., military police.
M.P., Member of Parliament.
M.P.E., Master of Physical Education.
mph, m.p.h., miles per hour.
Ms, MS, ms., ms., manuscript.
M.S., Master of Science.
Magr., Monsignor.
M/Sgt, MSgt., Master Sergeant.
MSB, mss., manuscripts.
M.S.T., Mountain Standard Time.
Mt., **mt.**, mount; mountain.
mtge., mortgage.
MTO, Mediterranean Theater of Operations.
Mus.B., **Mus.Bac.**, Musicae Baccalaureus (L., Bachelor of Music).
Mus.D., **Mus.Doc.**, **Mus.Dr.**, Musicae Doctor (L., Doctor of Music).
MVA, Missouri Valley Authority.
mythol., mythology.
N, N., n., north; northern.
N.A., National Academician; North America.
NAA, N.A.A., National Aeronautic Association.
NAACP, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

NACA, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.
NAB, National Association of Broadcasters.
N.A.D., National Academy of Design.
NAM, National Association of Manufacturers.
NATO, North Atlantic Treaty Alliance.
naut., nautical.
nav., naval; navigation.
N.B., **n.b.**, nota bene (L., note well).
NBA, N.B.A., National Boxing Association.
NBC, National Broadcasting Company.
N.B.S., National Bureau of Standards.
NC, Nurse Corps.
N.C., North Carolina.
NCAA, N.C.A.A., National Collegiate Athletic Association.
NCO, N.C.O., n.c.o., noncommissioned officer.
N.Dak., North Dakota.
N.E., N.E., n.e., northeast.
N.E., New England.
NBA, N.B.A., National Education Association.
Nebr., Nebraska.
Neth., Netherlands.
neut., neuter.
Nev., Nevada.
New Test., New Testament.
N.F., Newfoundland.
N.F., **n/f.**, no funds.
NG, N.G., National Guard.
N.G., n.g., no good.
N.H., New Hampshire.
NHA, National Housing Agency.
Nicar., Nicaragua.
N.J., New Jersey.
N. lat., north latitude.
NLRB, National Labor Relations Board.
N. Mex., New Mexico.
NNH, north-northeast.
NNW, north-northwest.
No., north; northern.
no., no., number.
noncom., noncommissioned officer.
non pros., non prosecutor (L., he does not prosecute).
non seq., non sequitur (L., it does not follow).
Nor., Norway; Norwegian.
Nov., November.
NP, neuropsychiatric.
N.P., no protest; Notary Public.
NRAB, National Railroad Adjustment Board.
N.S., Nova Scotia.
NSC, National Security Council.

N.S.P.C.A., National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

N.S.P.C.C., National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

NSRB, National Security Resources Board.

N.S.W., New South Wales.

N.T., New Testament.

nt. wt., net weight.

num., numeral; numerals.

NW, N.W., n.w., northwest.

N.W.T., Northwest Territories. *Can.*

N.Y., New York.

NYA, National Youth Administration.

N.Y.C., New York City.

N.Z., N.Zeal., New Zealand.

ob., obit (L., he (she) died); obiter (L., in passing, *i. e.* incidentally).

O.B.E., Officer (of the Order) of the British Empire.

obs., obsolete.

obstet., obstetrical.

OCD, Office of Civilian Defense.

OCIAA, Office of Co-ordination of Inter-American Affairs.

OCS, Officer Candidate School.

Oct., October.

O.D., Officer of the Day; ordinary seaman; over-draft, or overdrawn.

ODT, Office of Defense Transportation.

OEM, Office for Emergency Management.

O.E.S., Order of the Eastern Star.

off., officer; official.

O.G., Officer of the Guard.

O.H.M.S., On His (Her) Majesty's Service.

O.K., all correct.

Okl., Oklahoma.

Old Test., Old Testament.

O.M., Order of Merit (*Brit.*).

ONI, Office of Naval Intelligence.

Ont., Ontario.

O.P., OP, o.p., op., out of print; overprint (*Philately*); overproof.

OPA, Office of Price Administration.

ORC, Officers' Reserve Corps.

Ore., Oreg., Oregon.

OSR, Office of Strategic Services.

OSSE, Office of Selective Service Records.

OTC, O.T.C., Officers' Training Camp, or Corps.

OTS, O.T.S., Officers' Training School.

OWI, Office of War Information.

Oxf., Ox., Oxford.

Pa., Pennsylvania.

P.A., Passenger Agent; Post Adjutant; public address (system); Purchasing Agent.

P.A., P/A, power of attorney; private account.

p.a., participial adjective; per annum.

PAC, Political Action Committee.

Pac., Pacif., Pacific.

Pan., Panama.

par., paragraph.

Para., Paraguay.

pat., patent; patented.

patd., patented.

Pat. Off., Patent Office.

PAU., PAU., Pan American Union.

PBA, Public Buildings Administration.

P.C., Past Commander; Post Commander; Privy Council, or Councillor.

pc., piece; price(s).

p.c., per cent; post card.

P.D., Police Department.

P.D., p.d., per diem (L., by the day).

pd., paid.

P.E., Protestant Episcopal.

P.E.N., (International Association of) Poets, Playwrights, Editors, Essayists and Novelists.

Pen., pen., peninsula.

per an., per ann., per annum.

Pers., Persia; Persian.

Peruv., Peruvian.

Pfc, Pfc., Private, First Class.

pfid., preferred.

P.G., Past Grand; post-graduate.

PGA, Professional Golfers Association.

P.H., Purple Heart.

PHA, Public Housing Authority.

Phar., Pharm., pharmaceutical; pharmacopoeia; pharmacy.

Phar.D., Pharm.D., Doctor of Pharmacy.

Ph.B., Philosophiae Baccalaureus (L., Bachelor of Philosophy).

Ph.D., Philosophiae Doctor (L., Doctor of Philosophy).

Phila., Philadelphia.

photo., photograph.

PHS, Public Health Service.

phys., physician; physics.

pk., pack; park; peck.

pkg., package, or packages.

pl., plural.

plat., platoon.

P.M., Past Master; Paymaster; Police Magistrate; Postmaster; Provost Marshal.

P.M., P.M., p.m., post meridiem.

p.m., post-mortem.

PMA, Production and Marketing Administration.

pmkd, postmarked.

P.O., p.o., petty officer; postal order; post office.

po., p.o., put-out. *Baseball.*

P.O.D., Post Office Department.

pop., population.

Port., Portugal; Portuguese.

POW, P.O.W., prisoner of war.

P.P., p.p., parcel post; postpaid.

pp., pages.

ppd., postpaid; prepaid.

P.P.S., p.p.s., post postscriptum (L., an additional postscript).

P.Q., Province of Quebec.

P.R., Puerto Rico.

pr., pair; pairs.

PRA, Public Roads Administration.

prelim., preliminary.

Pres., President.

pres., present; presidency.

Presb., Presbyterian.

Prof., prof., professor.

pron., pronoun.

prop., proprietor.

Prot., Protestant.

pro tem., pro tempore.

prov., province; provincial; provost.

P.S., Privy Seal; Public School.

P.S., p.s., passenger steamer; post scriptum (L., postscript).

pseud., pseudonym.

P.S.T., Pacific Standard Time.

pt., part; payment; pint; point; port.

P.T.A., PTA, Parent-Teacher Association.

PT boat, patrol torpedo.

ptg., printing.

pub., public; published.

PWA, Public Works Administration.

P.W.D., PWD, Public Works Department.

PX, post exchange.

Q., q., quarts; question.

Q.E.D., quod erat demonstrandum (L., which was to be demonstrated).

Q.E.F., quod erat faciendum (L., which was to be done).

QMC, Q.M.C., Quarter-master Corps.

QMG, Q.M.G., Q.M. Gen., Quartermaster-General.
qr., quarter; quire.
qt., quantity; quart.
q.t., quiet. *Slang.*
qu., query; question.
Que., Quebec.
quot., quotation.
Q.v., quod vide (L., which see).
R.A., Rear Admiral; Royal Academy, or Academician; Royal Artillery.
RA, R.A., Regular Army.
R.A.A.F., RAAF, Royal Australian Air Force.
R.A.F., RAF, Royal Air Force.
R.A.M., Royal Academy of Music.
R.C., RC, Red Cross; Reserve Corps; Roman Catholic.
R.C.A.F., RCAF, Royal Canadian Air Force.
R.C.Ch., Roman Catholic Church.
Rd., rd., road.
R.D.B., Research Development Board.
R.E., Royal Engineers.
rec., receipt; recipe; recorded.
recd., received.
rec. sec., recording secretary.
ref., referee; reference; referred; reformed.
Ref.Ch., Reformed Church.
rel., relating; relative.
rel. pron., relative pronoun.
Rep., Republican.
resp., respectively.
Resurr., Resurrection.
ret., retired; returned.
Rev., Reverend.
rev., review.
R.F., r.f., radio frequency; rapid-fire.
RFO, Reconstruction Finance Corporation.
R.F.C., Royal Flying Corps.
R.F.D., Rural Free Delivery.
R.I., Rhode Island.
R.I.P., requiescat, or requiescant, in pace (L., may he (she), or they, rest in peace).
rm., ream. *Paper.*
R.M.A., Royal Military Academy (Woolwich).
R.M.C., Royal Military College (Sandhurst).
R.N., Registered Nurse; Royal Navy.
R.N.R., Royal Naval Reserve.
Rom., Roman; Romance; Romania; Romanian.

Rom. Cath., Roman Catholic.
ROTO, R.O.T.C., Reserve Officers' Training Corps, or Camp.
rpm, r.p.m., revolutions per minute.
R.R., railroad; Right Reverend.
R.R.B., Railroad Retirement Board.
R.S.V.P., r.s.v.p., Répondez, s'il vous plaît (F., please reply).
Rt. Hon., Right Honorable.
Rt. Rev., Right Reverend.
Russ., Russ., Russia.
Ry., Railway.
S.A., sex appeal. *Slang.*
s.a., sine anno (L., without year); semiannual.
S.A.E., SAE, Society of Automotive Engineers.
Salv., Salvador.
S.Am., S.Amer., South America, or American.
S.A.R., SAR, Sons of the American Revolution.
Sask., Saskatchewan.
Sat., Saturday; Saturn.
Sax., Saxon; Saxony.
S.B., Scientiæ Baccalaureus (L., Bachelor of Science).
Sc., science.
SC, Security Council (of United Nations).
S.C., Sanitary Corps; Signal Corps; South Carolina; Supreme Court.
Sc.B., Scientiæ Baccalaureus (L., Bachelor of Science).
Sc.D., Scientiæ Doctor (L., Doctor of Science).
Sch., School.
Sc.M., Scientiæ Magister (L., Master of Science).
Scott., Scotch; Scotland; Scottish.
Script., Scripture.
SCS, Soil Conservation Service.
s.d., sine die.
S.Dak., South Dakota.
SE, S.E., s.e., southeast.
SEC, Securities and Exchange Commission.
secy., secretary.
Sem., Seminary; Semitic.
Sen., sen., senate; senator; senior.
Sept., September.
seq., sequel.
ser., series.
sg., s.g., senior grade.
s.g., specific gravity.
sgd., signed.
Sgt., Sergeant.
SHARP, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces.
shpt., shipment.

S.I., Sandwich Islands; Staten Island (N.Y.).
S. lat., south latitude.
sld., sailed; sealed.
S.M., Scientiæ Magister (L., Master of Science); Sergeant Major; Soldier's Medal; State Militia.
So., South; Southern.
Soc., soc., society.
sol., solution.
Sp., Spain; Spaniard; Spanish.
SPARS [from Coast Guard motto "Semper Paratus—Always Ready"], Women's Coast Guard Reserves.
S.P.C.A., Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
S.P.C.C., Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children.
S.P.R., Society for Psychological Research.
spt., seaport.
Sq., Squadron.
sq., square; sequence sequentia (L., the following).
Sr., Senior; Sir; Sister.
S.R., Sons of the Revolution.
S.R.O., standing room only.
SS., Sancti (L., Saints); Saints.
S.S., Silver Star; Sunday School.
SS, S.S., S/S, steamship.
SSE, south-southeast.
S/Sgt, S.Sgt., Staff Sergeant.
SSS, Selective Service System.
SSW, south-southwest.
St., Saint; Strait; Street.
Sta., Station.
S.T.D., Sacrae Theologiae Doctor (L., Doctor of Sacred Theology).
Ste., Sainte (F., fem. of saint).
St. Ex., Stock Exchange.
Sun., Sunday.
Supt., supt., superintendent.
surg., surgeon; surgery.
SW, S.W., s.w., southwest; southwestern.
syn., synonym.
Syr., Syria; Syrian.
tab., tables.
Tass, TASS, Telegraphnoye Agentstvo Sovyet-skovo Soyuz (Russ., The Soviet News Agency).
T.B., Tb., t.b., tubercle bacillus; tuberculosis.
tblsp., tablespoon.
TC, Trusteeship Council (of the United Nations).

tech., technical; technology.
Tech. Sgt., Technical Sergeant.
temp., temperature.
Tenn., Tennessee.
Tex., Texas; Texas.
Th.D., Theologiae Doctor (L., Doctor of Theology).
Thur., Thurs., Thursday.
tit., title.
TKO, T.K.O., t.k.o., technical knockout. *Pugilism.*
tn., ton; train.
tnng., training.
TNT, T.N.T., trinitrotoluene; trinitrotoluol.
tp., township.
trans., transactions; transitive.
treas., treasurer; treasury.
trop., tropic; tropical.
tsp., teaspoon.
Tues., Tuesday.
Turk., Turkey; Turkish.
TV, television.
TVA, Tennessee Valley Authority.
UAW, U.A.W., United Auto, Aircraft and Agricultural Implements Workers.
U.D.C., United Daughters of the Confederacy. *U.S.*
U.H.F., UHF, u.h.f., uhf, ultra-high-frequency.
ult., ultimate; ultimately.
ult., ulto., ultimo.
UMW, U.M.W., United Mine Workers.
UN, U.N., United Nations.
UNCIO, United Nations Conference on International Organization.
UNESCO, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.
univ., universal; university.
UNRRA, United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.
UP, U.P., United Press.
Uru., Uruguay.
U.S., US, United States.
U.S.A., USA, Union of South Africa; United States Army; United States of America.
USAF, United States Air Force.
USCG, U.S.C.G., United States Coast Guard.
USDA, United States Department of Agriculture.
USES, United States Employment Service.

U.S.M., United States Mail.
U.S.M.A., USMA, United States Military Academy.
USMC, U.S.M.C., United States Marine Corps.
USN, U.S.N., United States Navy.
U.S.N.A., USNA, United States National Army; United States Naval Academy.
USNG, U.S.N.G., United States National Guard.
USNR, U.S.N.R., United States Naval Reserve.
USO, United Service Organizations.
USS, U.S.S., United States Ship, or Steamer.
USSR, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
U.S.V., United States Volunteers.
V, v, volt.
VA, Veterans' Administration.
Va., Virginia.
V.A., Vice-Admiral.
Vat., Vatican.
vb., verb.
V.C., Veterinary Corps; Vice-Chancellor; Vice-Consul; Victoria Cross.
VD, V.D., v.d., venereal disease.
Ven., Venerable; Venice.
Venez., Venezuela.
ver., verse, or verses.
Vet., vet., veteran; veterinary; veterinarian.
VFV, V.F.W., Veterans of Foreign Wars (of the U.S.).
V.I., Virgin Islands.
VIP, V.I.P., very important person. *Informal.*
viz., videlicet (L., namely).
V.M.D., Veterinariae Medicinæ Doctor (L., Doctor of Veterinary Medicine).
vocab., vocabulary.
vol., volcano; volume.
vox pop., vox populi (L., voice of the people).
V.P., Vice-President.
V.S., Veterinary Surgeon.
vs., versus.
Vt., Vermont.
v.v., vice versa.
W, w, watt; western.
W.A., West Africa; Western Australia.
WAAC, Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. *U.S. Army.*
WAAP, Women's Auxiliary Air Force. *Brit.*

WAAS, Women's Auxiliary Army Service. *Brit.*
WAC, Women's Army Corps. *U.S.*
WAF, Women in the Air Force. *U.S.*
WAFS, Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron. *U.S. Army.*
Wash., Washington.
WASP, Women's Air Force Service Pilots.
watt-hr., watt-hour.
WAVES, Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service. *U.S. Navy.*
W.C.T.U., Woman's Christian Temperance Union.
Wed., Wednesday.
WFTU, World Federation of Trade Unions.
WHO, World Health Organization.
W.I., West India; West Indian; West Indies.
Wis., Wisc., Wisconsin.
wk., week; work.
WL, w.l., water line; wave length.
WLB, War Labor Board.
WMC, War Manpower Commission.
wmk., watermark.
WNW, west-northwest.
WO, W.O., wait order; Warrant Officer.
WPA, Works Progress Administration.
WPB, War Production Board.
WRAC, Women's Royal Army Corps.
WRAP, Women's Royal Air Force.
WRENS, W.R.N.S., Women's Royal Naval Service. *Brit.*
WSW, west-southwest.
wt., weight.
W. Va., West Virginia.
WVS, Women's Voluntary Service. *Brit.*
Wyo., Wyoming.
x, an unknown quantity.
Xmas, Christmas.
Y.M.C.A., Young Men's Christian Association.
Y.M.H.A., Young Men's Hebrew Association.
Y.P.S.C.E., Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.
Y.W.C.A., Young Women's Christian Association.
Y.W.H.A., Young Women's Hebrew Association.
Z, z., zone.

A

a, the indefinite article, used before a consonant. See **an**.

aback, a-bak', *adv.* Backwards; by surprise.

abacus, ab'a-kus, *n.*; pl. -oi, or -ouses. 1. A square slab forming the crowning of a column. 2. An Oriental calculating device.



Abacus.

abalone, ab'a-ló'né, *n.* An edible shell-fish; the shell is lined with mother-of-pearl.

abandon, a-ban'dun, *vt.* To forsake entirely; to desert. **abandoned**, a-ban'dund, *p.a.* Depraved. **abandonment**, a-ban'dun-ment, *n.* A total desertion.

abase, a-bás', *vt.* (abasing, abased). To bring low; degrade; disgrace. **abasement**, a-bás'ment, *n.* State of being abased; degradation.

abash, a-bash', *vt.* To put to confusion; to make ashamed.

abate, a-bát', *vt.* (abating, abated). To lessen. *vi.* To become less. **abatement**, a-bát'ment, *n.* Act of abating; a mitigation; deduction.

abattoir, a-ba-twár', *n.* A public slaughterhouse.

abbot, ab'ut, *n.* The male superior of an abbey.

abbacy, ab'a-si, *n.*; pl. -cies. The dignity, rights, and privileges of an abbot.

abbé, ab-á, *n.* An inferior R. Catholic ecclesiastic with no benefice.

abbess, ab'es, *n.* A female superior of a nunnery.

abbey, ab'l, *n.*; pl. -eys. A monastery, or convent.

abbreviate, ab-bré'vi-át, *vt.* To shorten. **abbreviation**, ab-bré'vi-á'shun, *n.* A shortening; contraction.

abbreviator, ab-bré'vi-á-tér, *n.* One who abbreviates or abridges.

abdicate, ab'di-kát, *vt.* (abdication, abdicated). To resign voluntarily, to relinquish. *vi.* To resign power. **abdication**, ab-di-ká'shun, *n.* Act of abdicating an office.

abdomen, ab-dó'men, *n.* The lower belly. **abdominal**, ab-dom'in-al, *a.* Pertaining to the lower belly.

abduct, ab-duk't', *vt.* To entice or lead away wrongly. **abduction**, ab-duk'shun, *n.* The felonious carrying off a man's daughter, wife, &c.

abeam, a-bém', *adv.* or *pred. a.* At right angles to the length of a ship.

aberrant, ab-e'rant, *a.* Wandering from; deviating from an established rule.

aberration, abe-rá'shun, *n.* A wandering from; alienation of the mind.

abet, a-bet', *vt.* (abetting, abetted). To urge on; to encourage. (Chiefly in a bad

sense.) **abetment**, a-bet'ment, *n.* Act of abetting. **abetter**, **abettor**, a-bet'tér, *n.* One who abets.

abeyance, a-bá'ans, *n.* Temporary extinction. (With *in* before it.)

abhor, ab-hor', *vt.* (abhorring, abhorred). To shrink from with horror; to loathe, detest.

abide, a-bid', *vi.* (abiding, abode or abided). To stay in a place; to dwell—*vt.* To wait for; to endure. **abiding**, a-bid'ing, *p.a.* Permanent.

ability, a-bil'i-ti, *n.* Power to do anything; talent; skill; in *pl.* the powers of the mind.

abject, ab'jekt, *a.* Mean; despicable.

abjure, ab-júr', *vt.* (abjuring, abjured). To renounce upon oath; to reject.

abjuration, ab-jú-rá'shun, *n.* Act of abjuring; oath taken for that end.

ablative, ab'lat-iv, *a.* or *n.* Applied to a case of nouns in Latin and other languages.

ablaze, a-blár', *adv.* On fire; in a blaze.

able, á'bl, *a.* Having power sufficient; capable; skillful.

ablation, ab-lu'shun, *n.* A washing away from; a purification by water.

abnegate, ab'né-gát, *vt.* To deny; to renounce. **abnegation**, ab-né-gá'shun, *n.* A denial.

abnormal, ab-norm'al, *a.* Deviating from a fixed rule; irregular.

aboard, a-bórd', *adv.* or *prep.* On board; in a ship or vessel.

abode, a-bód', *n.* Residence; habitation.

abolish, a-bol'ish, *vt.* To destroy; to abrogate. **abolition**, ab-ó-li'shun, *n.* Act of abolishing; state of being abolished. **abolitionist**, ab-ó-li'shun-ist, *n.* One who seeks to abolish anything, especially slavery.

abominable, a-bom'in-a-bl, *a.* Loathsome. **abominably**, a-bom'in-a-bli, *adv.* Odiously. **abominate**, a-bom'in-át, *vt.* (abominating, abominated). To hate extremely; to abhor. **abomination**, a-bom'in-á'shun, *n.* Hatred; object of hatred; loathsomeness.

aboriginal, ab-ó-rig'in-al, *a.* Primitive. **aborigines**, ab-ó-ri'in-éz, *n. pl.* The original inhabitants of a country.

abort, a-bort', *vi.* To miscarry in giving birth. **abortion**, a-bor'shun, *n.* A miscarriage. **abortive**, a-bort'iv, *a.* Immature; causing abortion; coming to nought. **abortively**, *adv.* Immaturely.

abound, a-bound', *vi.* To be, or have, in great plenty. **abounding**, a-bound'ing, *p.a.* In great plenty; prevalent.

about, a-bout', *prep.* Around; near to; relating to; engaged in. *adv.* Around; round; nearly; here and there.

above, a-buv', *prep.* To or in a higher place than; superior to; more than; beyond; before. *adv.* To or in a higher place; chiefly.

- aboveboard**, a-buv'bôrd, *adv.* Without concealment or deception.
- abrade**, a-brād, *vt.* (abrading, abraded). To scrape off; to waste by friction.
- abrasion**, ab-rā'zhon, *n.* A rubbing off; substance worn off by rubbing.
- abreast**, a-brest', *adv.* In a line; side by side.
- abridge**, a-brij', *vt.* To shorten; to condense. **abridgment**, a-brij'ment, *n.* An epitome; a summary.
- abroad**, a-brād', *adv.* At large; away from home; in a foreign country.
- abrogate**, ab-rō-gāt, *vt.* (abrogating, abrogated). To repeal; to make void.
- abrogation**, ab-rō-gā'shun, *n.* Act of abrogating; a repeal; annulment.
- abrupt**, ab-rup't', *a.* Broken off; steep; sudden; unceremonious. **abruptly**, ab-rup't'li, *adv.* Suddenly; unceremoniously.
- abruptness**, ab-rup't'nes, *n.* Suddenness; unceremonious haste.
- abscess**, ab'ses, *n.* A gathering of purulent matter in some part of the body.
- abscond**, ab-skond', *vi.* To hide one's self; to fly from justice.
- absent**, ab-sent', *vt.* To keep away from. (With refl. pron.)
- absent**, ab'sent, *a.* Being away from; not present; wanting in attention.
- absence**, ab'sens, *n.* State of being absent; inattention to things present.
- absentee**, ab-sen-tē', *n.* One who absents himself.
- absinthe**, ab'sinth, *n.* A liquor consisting of spirit flavored with wormwood.
- absolute**, ab'sō-lūt, *a.* Unlimited; unconditional; certain; despotic. **absolutely**, ab'sō-lūt-li, *adv.* Unconditionally; peremptorily. **absoluteness**, ab'sō-lūt-nes, *n.* State or quality of being absolute. **absolution**, ab-sō-lū'shun, *n.* A loosing from guilt, or its punishment.
- absolve**, ab-solv', *vt.* To free from, as from guilt or punishment; acquit; pardon.
- absorb**, ab-sorb', *vt.* To drink in; to engross. **absorbable**, ab-sorb'a-bl, *a.* That may be absorbed or swallowed up.
- absorbent**, ab-sorb'ent, *a.* Imbibing; swallowing.—*n.* That which absorbs. **absorption**, ab-sorp'shun, *n.* Act or process of imbibing or swallowing up. **absorptive**, ab-sorp'tiv, *a.* Having power to absorb or imbibe.
- abstain**, ab-stān', *vi.* To keep back from; to refrain; to forbear.
- abstemious**, ab-stē'mi-us, *a.* Sparing in food or drink; temperate; sober.
- abstinence**, ab'sti-nens, *n.* A keeping from the indulgence of the appetites, especially from intoxicating liquors. **abstinent**, ab'sti-nent, *a.* Abstaining from; refraining from indulgence. **abstinently**, ab'sti-nent-li, *adv.* With abstinence.
- abstract**, ab-strakt', *vt.* To draw from; to separate and consider by itself; to epitomize. **abstract**, ab'strakt, *a.* Existing in the mind only; not concrete; general in language or in reasoning.—*n.* A summary; an abridgment. **abstracted**, ab-strakt'ed, *a.* Absent in mind. **abstractedly**, ab-strakt'ed-li, *adv.* In an
- absent manner. **abstraction**, ab-strakt'shon, *n.* Act of abstracting; deep thought; absence of mind. **abstractive**, ab-strakt'iv, *a.* Having the power or quality of abstracting. **abstractly**, ab-strakt'li, *adv.* Separately; absolutely.
- abstruse**, ab-strūs', *a.* Difficult of comprehension; profound in meaning; obscure.
- absurd**, ab-sērd', *a.* Contrary to reason or common sense; ridiculous. **absurdity**, ab-sērd'i-ti, *n.* Quality of being absurd; that which is absurd. **absurdly**, ab-sērd'li, *adv.* In an absurd manner; against common sense; ridiculously.
- abundant**, a-bun'dant, *a.* Abounding; plentiful; ample. **abundantly**, a-bun'dant-li, *adv.* Fully; amply; plentifully.
- abundance**, a-bun'dans, *n.* Plenteousness; copiousness; wealth.
- abuse**, a-būz', *vt.* (abusing, abused). To turn from the proper use; to ill-use; to deceive; to vilify; to violate. **abuse**, a-būs', *n.* Misuse; bad language addressed to a person; insulting words; violation.
- abusive**, a-būs'iv, *a.* Practicing abuse; containing abuse; insulting.
- abut**, a-but', *vi.* (abutting, abutted). To border; to meet. (With upon.) **abutment**, a-but'ment, *n.* That which abuts; solid support for the extremity of a bridge, arch, &c.
- abyss**, a-bis', *n.* A bottomless gulf; a deep pit or mass of waters; hell.
- academy**, a-kad'ē-mi, *n.* A seminary of arts or sciences; a society of persons for the cultivation of arts and sciences.
- academic**, **academical**, ak-a-dem'ik, ak-a-dem'ik-al, *a.* Belonging to an academy or university. **academic**, ak-a-dem'ik, *n.* A student in a university or academy. **academician**, ak'a-dē-mi'-shi-an, *n.* A member of an academy.
- acanthus**, a-kan'thus, *n.* A prickly plant, the model of the foliage of the Corinthian order.
- accede**, ak-sēd', *vi.* (acceding, acceded). To assent to; to comply with.
- accelerate**, ak-sel'lē-rāt, *vt.* (accelerating, accelerated). To hasten; to quicken the speed of. **acceleration**, ak-sel'lē-rā'shun, *n.* Act of accelerating; increase of velocity. **accelerative**, ak-sel'lē-rāt-iv, *a.* Adding to velocity; accelerating.
- accent**, ak'sent, *n.* A tone or modulation of the voice; stress of the voice on a syllable or word; the mark which indicates this stress; manner of speaking. **accent**, ak-sent', *vt.* To express or note the accent of. **accented**, ak-sent'ed, *p. a.* Uttered or marked with accent. **accentuate**, ak-sent'ū-āt, *vt.* (accentuating, accentuated). To mark or pronounce with an accent or accents; to emphasize. **accentuation**, ak-sent'ū-ā'shun, *n.* Act of marking with the proper accents.
- accept**, ak-sept', *vt.* To receive; to admit; to promise to pay, by attaching one's signature. **acceptability**, ak-sept'a-bil'i-ti, *n.* Quality of being acceptable. **acceptable**, ak-sept'a-bl, *a.* That may be accepted; pleasing; gratifying. **acceptably**, ak-sept'a-bli, *adv.*

In an acceptable manner. **acceptance**, ak-sept'ans, *n.* Reception; reception with approbation; a bill of exchange accepted. **acceptation**, ak-sept-tā'shun, *n.* Kind reception; meaning in which a word is understood.

access, ak'ses, *n.* Approach; admission; means of approach; increase. **accessary**, ak'ses-a-ri. *See* accessory. **accessibility**, ak'ses-i-bil'i-ti, *n.* Quality of being accessible. **accessible**, ak'ses-i-bl, *a.* Easy of approach; affable. **accessibly**, ak'ses-i-bli, *adv.* So as to be accessible. **accession**, ak-se'shun, *n.* The act of acceding; augmentation; succession to a throne. **accessory**, ak'ses-sō-ri, *a.* Additional, contributing to.—*n.* An accomplice; an adjunct.

accident, ak'si-dent, *n.* Quality of a being not essential to it; an unfortunate event occurring casually. **accidental**, ak-si-dent'al, *a.* Happening by chance; not necessarily belonging to.—*n.* A property or thing not essential. **accidentally**, ak-si-dent'al-li, *adv.* By accident or chance; casually.

acclaim, ak-klām, *n.* Acclamation.—*vt.* To applaud; to declare by acclamation. **acclamation**, ak-klā-mā'shun, *n.* A shout of applause, assent, or approbation.

acclimatize, ak-kli'mat-iz, *vt.* To habituate to a climate different from the native one.

accolade, ak-kō-lād', *n.* A ceremony used in conferring knighthood, usually a blow on the shoulder with the flat of a sword.

accommodate, ak-kom'mō-dāt, *vt.* (accommodating, accommodated). To make suitable; to adjust; to furnish with.

accommodating, ak-kom'mō-dāt-ing, *p.a.* Obliging; complying. **accommodation**, ak-kom'mō-dā'shun, *n.* Act of accommodating; a convenience; lodgings; loan.

accompany, ak-kum'pa-ni, *vt.* (accompanying, accompanied). To go with; to associate with; to perform music along with. **accompaniment**, ak-kum'pa-ni-ment, *n.* That which accompanies; the subordinate part or parts, in music.

accomplice, ak-kom'plis, *n.* An associate, especially in a crime.

accomplish, ak-kom'plish, *vt.* To fulfill; to execute fully; to perfect. **accomplished**, ak-kom'plish't, *p.a.* Elegant; having a finished education. **accomplishment**, ak-kom'plish-ment, *n.* Fulfillment; acquirement; embellishment.

accord, ak-kord', *n.* Harmony; agreement; will.—*vt.* To make to agree; to grant, or concede.—*vi.* To agree; to be in correspondence. **accordance**, ak-kord'ans, *n.* Agreement; conformity; harmony. **accordant**, ak-kord'ant, *a.* Corresponding; consonant; agreeable. **according**, ak-kord'ing, *p.a.* Agreeing; harmonizing; agreeable. **accordingly**, ak-kord'ing-li, *adv.* Agreeably; consequently.

accordion, ak-kord'i-on, *n.* A small melodious, keyed wind-instrument.

accost, ak-kost', *vt.* To speak to first; to address.

account, ak-kount', *n.* A reckoning; a register of facts relating to money; narration; advantage; end; importance.—*vt.* To reckon; to consider; to deem; to value.—*vi.* To give or render reasons; to explain (with *for*). **accountability**, ak-kount'a-bil'i-ti, *n.* State of being accountable; liability. **accountable**, ak-kount'a-bl, *a.* Liable to be called to account; amenable. **accountably**, ak-kount'a-bli, *adv.* In an accountable manner. **accountant**, ak-kount'ant, *n.* One skilled or employed in accounts; one whose profession is to examine accounts. **accountantship**, ak-kount'ant-ship, *n.* The office or duties of an accountant.

accouter, ak-kō'ter, *vt.* (accoutering, accoutered). To furnish with a military dress and arms. **accouterments**, ak-kō'ter-ments, *n. pl.* Military dress and arms; dress.

accredit, ak-kred'it, *vt.* To give credit or authority to; to receive, as an envoy; to bring into vogue, as a word. **accredited**, ak-kred'it-ed, *p.a.* Authorized; sanctioned.

accretion, ak-krē'shun, *n.* A growing to, or increase by natural growth.

accrue, ak-krō', *vt.* (accruing, accrued). To arise or come; to be added.

accumulate, ak-kū'mū-lāt, *vt.* (accumulating, accumulated). To heap up; to amass.—*vi.* To increase. **accumulation**, ak-kū'mū-lā'shun, *n.* Act of accumulating; a heap; a collection. **accumulative**, ak-kū'mū-lāt-iv, *a.* That accumulates, or is accumulated.

accurate, ak-kū-rāt, *a.* Done with care; exact; without error. **accurately**, ak-kū-rāt-li, *adv.* Exactly. **accuracy**, ak-kū-rā-si, *n.* State of being accurate; precision; exactness.

accursed, ak-kērs'ed, *a.* Lying under a curse; doomed; wicked.

accuse, ak-kūz', *vt.* (accusing, accused). To charge with a crime; to impeach; to censure. **accused**, ak-kūzd', *n.* A person charged with a crime or offense.

accuser, ak-kūz'ēr, *n.* One who accuses.

accusation, ak-kū-zā'shun, *n.* Act of accusing; impeachment; that of which one is accused.

acustom, ak-kus'tum, *vt.* To inure to a custom; to make familiar with by use. **acustomed**, ak-kus'tumd, *p.a.* Familiar by custom; usual; often practiced.

ace, ās, *n.* A unit; a single point on cards or dice.

acerbity, a-sērb'i-ti, *n.* Sourness; bitterness or severity of language.

acetic, a-set'ik, *a.* Relating to vinegar; sour. **acetify**, a-set'i-fl, *vt.* or *i.* (acetifying, acetified). To turn into acid or vinegar. **acetous**, a-set'us, *a.* Having the quality of vinegar; sour; acid.

acetylene, a-set'i-lēn, *n.* A gas used for lighting houses, &c.

ache, āk, *vt.* (aching, ached). To be in pain; to be distressed.—*n.* Continued pain.

achieve, a-chēv, *vt.* (achieving, achieved). To bring to an end; to accomplish; to obtain by effort. **achieve-**

ment, a-chêv'ment, *n.* Act of achieving; exploit; an escutcheon.

achromatic, ak-rô-mat'ik, *a.* Free from color.

acid, as'id *a.* Sharp, or sour to the taste.—*n.* A sour substance; a substance that with certain other substances forms salts. **acidity**, as'id'i-ti, *n.* Sourness.

acidosis, ac-i-dô'sis, *n.* A condition of acidity.

acknowledge, ak-nol'lej, *vt.* (acknowledging, acknowledged). To own the knowledge of; to avow; to own or confess. **acknowledgment**, ak-nol'lej-ment, *n.* Act of acknowledging; recognition.

acme, ak'mê, *n.* The top or highest point.

acolyte, ak'ol-it, *n.* One of the lowest order in the Roman church; an attendant.

acorn, â'korn, *n.* The fruit of the oak.

acorned, â'kornd, *p.a.* Loaded or fed with acorns.

acoustic, a-kous'tik, *a.* Pertaining to the sense of hearing, or to the doctrine of sounds. **acoustics**, a-kous'tiks, *n.* The science of sound.

acquaint, ak-kwânt', *vt.* To make to know; to make familiar; to inform. **acquaintance**, ak-kwânt'ans, *n.* Familiar knowledge; intimacy; a person well known. **acquaintanceship**, ak-kwânt'ans-ship, *n.* State of being acquainted.

acquiesce, ak-kwi-es', *vi.* (acquiescing, acquiesced). To rest satisfied; to admit without opposition; to comply. **acquiescence**, ak-kwi-es'ens, *n.* Assent.

acquiescent, ak-kwi-es'ent, *a.* Resting satisfied; submitting.

acquire, ak-kwir', *vt.* (acquiring, acquired). To obtain; to procure. **acquirable**, ak-kwir'a-bl, *a.* That may be acquired. **acquisition**, ak-kwir'ment, *n.* Act of acquiring; the thing acquired; attainment.

acquisition, ak-kwi-zî'shun, *n.* Act of acquiring; the thing acquired; gain. **acquisitive**, ak-kwiz'it-iv, *a.* Prone or eager to acquire.

acquit, ak-kwit', *vt.* (acquitting, acquitted). To set free from a charge or blame; to absolve; to bear or conduct (with refl. pron.). **acquittal**, ak-kwit'-al, *n.* A setting free from a charge; a judicial discharge. **acquittance**, ak-kwit'ans, *n.* Discharge or release from a debt.

acre, â'kêr, *n.* A quantity of land, containing 4840 square yards. **acreage**, â'kêr-âj, *n.* The number of acres in a piece of land. **acred**, â'kêrd, *a.* Possessing acres or landed property.

acrid, ak'rid, *a.* Sharp; hot or biting to the taste; corroding; harsh. **acridity**, ak-rid'i-ti, *n.* Acrid quality. **acrimonious**, ak-ri-mô'ni-us, *a.* Full of acrimony; severe; sarcastic. **acrimoniously**, ak-ri-mô'ni-us-li, *adv.* With sharpness or acrimony. **acrimony**, ak'ri-mo-ni, *n.* Sharpness; harshness; severity.



Acorn.

acropolis, a-krop'o-lis, *n.* The citadel of a Greek city, as of Athens.

across, a-kros', *prep.* or *adv.* From side to side; transversely; crosswise.

acrostic, a-kros'tik, *n.* A composition in verse, in which the first (or other) letters of the lines form the name of a person, &c.

act, akt, *vi.* To be in action; to exert power; to conduct one's self.—*vt.* To do; to perform, as an assumed part; to counterfeit.—*n.* A deed; power, or the effect of power, put forth; a state of reality; a part of the play; law, as an act of parliament. **acting**, akt'ing, *n.* Action; mode of performing a part of a play.

action, ak'shon, *n.* A deed; operation; a series of events; gesture; a suit or process; an engagement, battle. **actionable**, ak'shon-a-bl, *a.* Furnishing ground for an action at law.

active, ak'tiv, *a.* That acts or is in action; busy; quick; denoting action. **actively**, ak'tiv-li, *adv.* In an active manner. **activity**, ak-tiv'i-ti, *n.* Quality of being active; agility; nimbleness.

actual, ak'tû-al, *a.* Existing in act; real; certain; positive. **actuality**, ak-tû-al'i-ti, *n.* State of being actual; reality. **actually**, ak'tû-al-li, *adv.* In fact; really.

actuary, ak'tû-a-ri, *n.* A registrar or clerk; a specially able accountant.

actuate, ak'tû-ât, *vt.* (actuating, actuated). To put into action; to incite.

acumen, a-kû'men, *n.* Sharpness of perception; sagacity.

acute, a-kût', *a.* Sharpened; sharp; ending in a sharp point; penetrating; having nice sensibility; sharp in sound. **acutely**, a-kût'li, *adv.* Sharply. **acuteness**, a-kût'nes, *n.* Sharpness; shrewdness; faculty of nice perception.

adage, ad'âj, *n.* A proverb; a maxim.

adagio, a-dâ'jô, *a.* and *adv.* In music, slow; with grace.—*n.* A slow movement.

adamant, ad'a-mant, *n.* Any substance of impenetrable hardness; the diamond.

adamantine, ad-a-mant'in, *a.* Made of adamant; very hard.

adapt, a-dapt', *vt.* To fit; to adjust; to suit. **adaptability**, a-dapt'a-bil'i-ti, *n.* Capability of being adapted. **adaptable**, a-dapt'a-bl, *a.* That may be adapted. **adaptation**, a-dap-tâ'shun, *n.* Act of adapting; the result of adapting.

add, ad, *vt.* To join to; to annex; to say further.

addendum, ad-den'dum, *n.*; pl. -**da**. A thing to be added; an appendix.

adder, ad'êr, *n.* A venomous serpent.

addict, ad-dikt', *vt.* To apply habitually; generally in a bad sense (with refl. pron.) **addicted**, ad-dikt'ed, *p.a.* Habitually given to a practice; inclined; prone. **addiction**, ad-dik'shun, *n.* The state of being addicted; devotion.

addition, ad-di'shon, *n.* Act of adding; the thing added; increase. **additional**, ad-di'shon-al, *a.* Added on.

additive, ad'dit-iv, *a.* That is to be or may be added.

addle, ad'l, *a.* Rotten; barren.—*vt.*