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## Preface

Part of the richness of English for users of the language – and one of the difficulties encountered by learners of it – results from the existence of words with more or less the same meaning. Such synonyms are seldom exact, but can provide variety to relieve what would otherwise be a limited and ultimately boring vocabulary.

Word for Word is a dictionary of synonyms for users and learners of English. It is organized in a new and, I hope, useful way. The first part of the book contains an alphabetical listing of key English words with their synonyms. Each word's part of speech is identified, and the synonyms listed in up to three categories. First are synonyms of the literal meaning (denoted by the abbreviation *lit.*), second the figurative synonyms (*fig.*) and third, if appropriate, specialist synonyms (*spec.*). This last category includes words from the arts, sciences and technology. Where an entry represents more than one part of speech, the following order of presentation is strictly observed:

<i>n</i>	noun
<i>vb</i>	verb
<i>adj</i>	adjective
<i>adj (pa.pt)</i>	adjective (in form a past participle of a verb)
<i>adj (pr.pt)</i>	adjective (in form a present participle of a verb)
<i>adv</i>	adverb
<i>prn</i>	pronoun
<i>prp</i>	preposition
<i>conj</i>	conjunction
<i>art</i>	(definite or indefinite) article

This consistent order of presentation is for ease and speed of access. In many cases it does not necessarily correspond with the importance or frequency of usage within the language of the parts of speech represented by the entry. The different meanings of a headword are represented by groups of synonyms separated by semi-colons.

The second part of Word for Word is an index of all the significant synonyms with references to the headword or headwords under which under which they appear in the first part of the book. Thus, to find a synonym of a particular word, look for it first in part one. If it does not appear there, look for it in the index, which will direct you to the entries under which it does appear.

The mammoth task of selection, compilation and, above all, indexing has been done mainly by four associates, to whom I offer most grateful thanks. They are Ann and Mike Darton, Louise Bostock and Bill Hemsley.

# A

## a

*art lit:* one; any; every, per.

### abandon

*n lit:* lack of inhibitions, recklessness, unrestraint, wildness; dash, verve.

*vb lit:* evacuate, leave, quit, retire from; desert, forsake, leave behind, maroon; jilt, rat on; relinquish, withdraw from; *fig:* desist, discontinue, give up, leave off, stop; cede, renounce, resign, waive.

### abandoned

*adj (pa.pt) lit:* derelict, deserted, evacuated, lonely, unoccupied; discarded, dropped, rejected, thrown away; cast aside, forsaken, jilted; *fig:* reckless, uninhibited, unrestrained, wild; depraved, dissipated, dissolute, reprobate, wanton.

### abasement

*n lit:* low bow, obeisance; humbling, lowering; demotion, dethronement, humiliation, reduction, relegation, toppling; degradation, dishonour.

### abashed

*adj (pa.pt) lit:* chagrined, confounded, discomfited, embarrassed, mortified, put out; astounded, disconcerted.

### abated

*adj (pa.pt) lit:* attenuated, decreased, diminished, eased, ebbed, lessened, let up, moderated, slackened, subsided, waned; blunted; halted, quelled, stopped.

### abbey

*n lit:* convent, monastery, priory; cloister; cathedral, minster.

### abbreviation

*n lit:* abridged version, shortened form, truncated form; curtailment, reduction, truncation; abridgement, condensation, contraction.

### abduct

*vb lit:* carry off, elope with, run away with; kidnap, seize, snatch; *spec:* extend (in myology); separate (in surgery).

### aberration

*n lit:* lapse, quirk, vagary; deviation, eccentricity, irregularity, straying, wandering; abnormality, anomaly, oddity, peculiarity; mutant, mutation, sport, variant; *spec:* divergence, lack of focus (in light, physics).

### abet

*vb lit:* aid, assist, help; back, second, support, sustain; encourage, incite, prompt; be an accomplice.

### abhorrent

*adj lit:* detestable, disgusting, distasteful, hateful, horrible, horrid, loathsome, repellent, repulsive; contrary (to), offensive (to).

### abiding

*adj (pr.pt) lit:* continuing, enduring, lasting, persevering, persistent, tenacious; constant, firm, immutable, permanent, steadfast, unchanging.

### ability

*n lit:* capability, capacity, facility, faculty, power; aptitude, flair, gift, knack, skill, talent; adeptness, competence, dexterity, expertise, proficiency, skill.

### abject

*adj lit:* cringing, fawning, grovelling, low, servile, slavish; contemptible, debased, despicable, mean, sordid, worthless; humiliating, ignominious; despairing, forlorn, hopeless, wretched.

### able

*adj lit:* capable; competent, fitted, qualified; accomplished, adept, dextrous, efficient, expert, gifted, practised, proficient, skilful, skilled, talented; allowed, authorized, empowered, facilitated, permitted, sanctioned; clever enough.

### abnormal

*adj lit:* anomalous, atypical, exceptional, extraordinary, irregular, singular, uncommon, unusual; odd, peculiar, queer, strange; deviant, mutant, unnatural.

**abolish**

*vb lit:* do away with, eliminate, erase, get rid of, put an end to, stop, terminate, wipe out; abrogate, annul, cancel, expunge, invalidate, nullify, quash, repeal, rescind, revoke, void.

**abominable**

*adj lit:* atrocious, detestable, execrable, foul, hateful, hellish, horrible, monstrous, obnoxious, odious, outrageous, repellent, repugnant, terrible, vile, wretched; disagreeable, distasteful, unpleasant.

**aboriginal**

*adj lit:* earliest, first, original, primal, primeval, primordial; ancient, primitive; indigenous, native.

**abortion**

*n lit:* miscarriage, stillbirth; termination; *fig:* calling off, cancellation, postponement; emergency stop; freak, monster, monstrosity, travesty.

**abortive**

*adj lit:* imperfect, incomplete, rudimentarily developed, stunted; *fig:* bootless, fruitless, futile, ineffectual, unavailing, unsuccessful, useless, vain.

**abound**

*vb lit:* be plentiful, proliferate, swarm, teem; infest, overflow; flourish, thrive; be rich (in), be filled (with).

**about**

*adv lit:* almost, nearly, roughly, virtually; close by, near by; active, around, moving, stirring; here and there, to and fro; again, back, backwards.  
*prep lit:* concerning, regarding, respecting; concerned with, dealing with, referring to, treating; adjacent, beside, close by, close to, near by, near to; around, round; all over, in, on, through, throughout, with, within.

**above**

*n lit:* aforementioned, aforesaid, foregoing.  
*adj lit:* aforementioned, aforesaid, earlier, foregoing, preceding, previous, prior; on high, overhead.  
*adv lit:* on high, overhead; farther up, higher, upwards; on the next level upwards; heavenwards, in heaven, to heaven.

*prep lit:* farther up than, higher than, over; *fig:* superior to; more than; after, beyond, past.

**abrasion**

*n lit:* graze, scrape, scuff; chafing, friction, grating, rubbing, scraping, scuffing; attrition, erosion, wearing.

**abrasive**

*n lit:* grinder, scourer.  
*adj lit:* fricative, grating, scratchy, scuffing, wearing; *fig:* chafing, grating, rasping, rough, sharp.

**abridge**

*vb lit:* abbreviate, condense, contract, cut, reduct, shorten.

**abroad**

*adv lit:* out of the country, overseas; at large, away, being spread, circulating, current, far and wide, in circulation, publicly, widely; outdoors, outside.

**abrupt**

*adj lit:* hasty, hurried, precipitate, sudden, unexpected, unforeseen; blunt, brusque, curt, gruff, sharp, short, terse; precipitous, sheer, steep; *fig:* broken, disconnected, discontinuous, jerky, uneven; *spec:* broken off (geological stratum); sharply tapered, truncate (botanical specimen).

**abscess**

*n lit:* boil, pus-filled sac; sore, swelling.

**abscond**

*vb lit:* bolt, decamp, desert, disappear, do a bunk, do a moonlight flit, make off, run away, slip off, sneak off, vanish, vamoose.

**absence**

*n lit:* being away, non-attendance; deficiency, lack, loss, omission, want; desertion, defection; non-existence; *fig:* abstraction, inattention, preoccupation, reverie.

**absent**

*adj lit:* away, elsewhere, not present; gone, out; deficient, lacking, missing, wanting; non-existent; *fig:* abstracted, distracted, far away, inattentive, oblivious, preoccupied, vacant.

**absolute**

*n lit:* entirety, independent entity, totality, whole.  
*adj lit:* complete, consummate, downright, out-and-out, pure, sheer, total, unadulterated, unmitigated, utter; entire,

unlimited, whole; categorical, certain, conclusive, decisive, definite, positive, sure, unambiguous, unequivocal; autocratic, autonomous, sovereign, supreme; *spec*: constant, fixed, invariable (in physics); modifying, qualifying (in grammar).

**absolutely**

*adv lit*: completely, entirely, fully, perfectly, purely, quite, sheer, thoroughly, totally, unadulteratedly, utterly, wholly; categorically, conclusively, decisively, definitely, positively, unambiguously, undoubtedly, unequivocally; exactly, precisely; autocratically, autonomously, individually.

**absolve**

*vb lit*: acquit, clear, exculpate, exonerate, free, remit, vindicate; discharge (from), excuse, exempt, release; pardon (from), shrive.

**absorbing**

*adj (pr.pt) lit*: engrossing, fascinating, gripping, riveting, spellbinding; arresting, captivating, engaging, intriguing.

**abstain**

*vb lit*: forbear (from), keep (from), refrain (from); reject, refuse; cease, desist, stop.

**abstemious**

*adj lit*: ascetic, sparing, temperate; austere, frugal, plain, self-denying.

**abstract**

*n lit*: condensation, digest, outline, paraphrase, précis, résumé, summary, synopsis; imaginative work, non-representational piece, pattern, shape.  
*vb lit*: appropriate, remove, steal, take; detach, isolate, separate; condense, outline, paraphrase, précis, summarize.  
*adj lit*: conceptual, conjectural, hypothetical, imagined, notional, theoretical; fantastic, imaginative, non-representational, visionary.

**abstruse**

*adj lit*: arcane, complex, complicated, difficult, obscure, recondite; esoteric.

**absurd**

*adj lit*: farcical, frivolous, inane, irrational, jejune, laughable, ludicrous, nonsensical, puerile, ridiculous, senseless, silly; crazy, daft, drivelling, foolish, idiotic, lunatic, mad, moronic, stupid.

**abundant**

*adj lit*: ample, copious, luxuriant, overflowing, plenteous, plentiful, profuse, rich, teeming.

**abuse**

*n lit*: misapplication, misuse; ill-treatment, maltreatment, oppression; despoliation, exploitation, imposition, wrong; contumely, derision, disparagement, insults, invective, opprobrium, vilification, vituperation.

*vb lit*: misapply, misuse; ill-treat, maltreat, manhandle, oppress; betray, despoil, exploit, impose upon, take advantage of, wrong; deride, disparage, insult, inveigh against, malign, swear at, vilify, vilipend, vituperate against.

**abusive**

*adj lit*: derisive, disparaging, insulting, offensive, rude, scathing, vilifying, vituperative; defamatory, libellous, slanderous; brutal, cruel, exploitative, oppressive.

**abysmal**

*adj lit*: bottomless, immeasurable, unfathomable; boundless, complete, deep, profound; *fig*: execrable, extremely bad, hopeless, pathetic, terrible, very poor, worthless.

**abyss**

*n lit*: chasm, crevasse, ravine; fissure, gorge; primal chaos; hell; *spec*: trench (in the ocean).

**academic**

*n lit*: master, professor, scholar; don, fellow, lecturer, tutor; scholastic, student; man of letters, polymath.  
*adj lit*: bookish, erudite, intellectual, learned, literary, scholarly, studious, university; abstract, conjectural, hypothetical, notional, theoretical.

**accelerate**

*vb lit*: hasten, increase speed, pick up speed, put on speed, quicken, speed up; expedite, further, hurry, speed; *spec*: change velocity (in physics).

**acceleration**

*n lit*: hastening, increase in speed, quickening, speeding up; expediting, furtherance, hurrying, speeding; *spec*: rate of change of velocity (in physics).

**accent**

*n lit:* emphasis, force, stress; sound quality, tone, voice; inflection, intonation, pronunciation; idiom, language, mode of speech; diacritical mark, feet-mark, inches-mark, minute-sign, stress-mark; *spec:* contrast, highlight (in art).

*vb lit:* emphasize, stress; italicize, underline; highlight.

**accept**

*vb lit:* receive, take; bow to, defer to, submit to; bear, put up with, stand; *fig:* accede to, agree to, consent to, say yes to; admit, recognize, stipulate; assume, take on, undertake; declare satisfactory, pass.

**acceptable**

*adj lit:* admissible, all right, fair, passable, satisfactory; bearable, tolerable; agreeable, gratifying, pleasing, welcome.

**access**

*n lit:* admittance, entrance, entry, means of approach, passage; entering, getting in(to); path (to), road (to), way (to); *spec:* attack, onset (of illness).

**accessible**

*adj lit:* at hand, available, convenient, get-at-able, nearby, on hand, reachable, to hand; achievable, attainable, manageable, possible; approachable, friendly, open (to).

**accessory**

*n lit:* abettor, accomplice, co-conspirator, co-plotter; assistant, associate, confederate, partner; adjunct, appendage, attachment, extra, supplement, trimming.

**accident**

*n lit:* chance, fluke, happening, luck, mischance, mistake; blow, calamity, collision, contretemps, crash, disaster, misadventure, misfortune, mishap, pile-up.

**accidental**

*n spec:* effect of light (in art); note not in the key signature (in music).

*adj lit:* chance, fortuitous, lucky, inadvertent, incidental, unexpected, unforeseen, unintended, unintentional, unlucky, unplanned, unpremeditated, unwitting; *spec:* phantom complementary (colour, in optics).

**acclaim**

*n lit:* applause, cheering, clapping; approbation, celebrity, commendation, glory, plaudits.

*vb lit:* applaud, cheer, clap; commend, eulogize, extol, hail, laud, praise.

**accommodate**

*vb lit:* board, cater for, entertain, have room for, house, lodge, put up, quarter; provide, serve, supply; help, oblige; adapt, adjust, modify; conform, reconcile, settle.

**accommodation**

*n lit:* billeting, board, digs, housing, lodgings, quarters, room to stay; berth, place, reservation, seat; capacity, freedom, room, space; provision, service, supply; adaptation, adjustment, modification; conforming, reconciliation, settlement.

**accompany**

*vb lit:* attend, be with, come with, escort, go with; be inseparable from, go together with, join with; supplement; happen with, occur with; *spec:* play for, provide the backing for (in music).

**accomplish**

*vb lit:* achieve, attain, bring about, bring off, carry out, complete, do, effect, finish, fulfil, manage, perform, realize.

**accomplished**

*adj (pa.pt) lit:* achieved, attained, complete, done, effected, fulfilled, realized; adept, expert, masterly, polished, practised, proficient, skilful, talented.

**accord**

*n lit:* concurrence, correspondence, harmony, rapport, sympathy, unanimity; agreement, entente, understanding; *fig:* motivation, volition, wish.

*vb lit:* agree (with), be unanimous (with), concur (with), correspond (with), harmonize (with); afford, confer, give, grant, render.

**accordingly**

*adv lit:* appropriately, correspondingly, suitably; consequently, for this reason, hence, so, therefore.

**according to**

*adj lit:* handed on by, interpreted by, relayed by, transmitted by; as asserted by, as declared by, as maintained by, as stated by.

*adv lit:* consistent with, corresponding to, following, in conformity with, in line with; commensurate with, in proportion to, on the basis of, taking account of, in relation to.

### account

*n lit:* description, narration, recital, record, report, statement; explanation; history, story, tale; balance, ledger, register, statement, tally; bill, charge, inventory, invoice, reckoning, score; basis, cause, consideration, ground, regard, sake; consequence, distinction, esteem, honour, importance, note, standing, worth; advantage, profit, use; exhibition, performance.

*vb lit:* give an explanation (for), give a reason (for); assess (to be), believe (to be), consider (to be), deem (to be), hold (to be), reckon (to be), think (to be).

### accountable

*adj lit:* answerable, liable, responsible; comprehensible, explicable, understandable.

### accrue

*vb lit:* accumulate, amass, be added on, build up, collect, increase, pile up.

### accumulation

*n lit:* accretion, aggregation, amassing, build-up, coagulation, collecting, gathering, growth, hoarding, increase, massing, piling up, stock; collection, conglomeration, heap, hoard, load, pile, stack, stockpile.

### accurate

*adj lit:* correct, right, true; exact, precise; meticulous, scrupulous, strict, unerring.

### accursed

*adj (pa. pt) lit:* cursed, damned, doomed, hexed, ill-fated, ill-omened; bedevilled, bewitched, jinxed; luckless, unfortunate, unlucky; damnable, execrable, hateful, hellish.

### accusation

*n lit:* arraignment, charge, impeachment, indictment; allegation, imputation.

### accuse

*vb lit:* arraign, bring a charge against, charge, denounce, impeach, indict; allege, blame, impute.

### accustom

*vb lit:* acclimatize, familiarize, get used (to), habituate, inure, train.

### ache

*n lit:* pain, pang, soreness, throbbing; anguish, suffering; longing, pining, yearning.

*vb lit:* be in pain, suffer; hurt, pain, put in pain, throb; feel (for), have sympathy (for); hunger (for), long (for), pine (for), yearn (for).

### achievement

*n lit:* accomplishment, attainment, fulfilment, realization; completion, effecting, performance; deed, exploit, feat; *spec:* coat of arms, escutcheon, hatchment, shield (of a family).

### acid

*n lit:* corrosive; *fig:* hallucinogenic drug; LSD.

*adj lit:* corrosive; acerbic, acescent, acrid, biting, sharp, sour, tart; pungent, vinegary; *fig:* acerbic, caustic, cutting, keen, mordant, stinging, trenchant, vitriolic; ill-natured, ill-tempered; critical, decisive; *spec:* siliceous (in geology).

### acknowledge

*vb lit:* react to, recognize, respond to; note, notice; accept, concede, grant, profess; admit, own to; greet, hail, salute; reply to, return.

### acknowledgement

*n lit:* notice, reaction, recognition, response; acceptance, admission, profession, realization; greeting, hail, salutation, salute; answer, reply, return; credit, gratitude, thanks.

### acquaintance

*n lit:* associate, colleague, contact, friend of a friend, neighbour; association, familiarity, fellowship, relationship; introduction; *fig:* awareness, conversance, experience, knowledge, understanding.

### acquiesce in

*vb lit:* accede to, bow to, comply with, conform to; keep silent about, stay quiet about; accept, give in to, submit to; be content enough with.

### acquiescent

*adj lit:* compliant, conformist; complacent, keeping quiet; accepting.

demure, obedient, submissive; content enough, happy enough.

**acquire**

*vb lit:* come into the possession of, get, obtain, pick up, procure, secure; collect, gain, gather; buy, purchase; attain, win.

**acquisition**

*n lit:* possession, property; addition, gain, prize; buy, purchase; amassing, attainment, collection, gaining, procurement.

**acquit**

*vb lit:* absolve, clear, exculpate, exonerate, vindicate; discharge, free, liberate, release; pay off, repay, settle; bear, behave, conduct, perform.

**acrid**

*adj lit:* acid, astringent, biting, caustic, corrosive, irritant, pungent, sharp, stinging; bitter, vinegary; *fig:* scrimonious, cutting, harsh, mordant, pointed, trenchant.

**across**

*adv lit:* to the other side; crosswise; from side to side.

*prep lit:* over, to the other side of; on the other side of.

**act**

*n lit:* accomplishment, achievement, deed, exploit, feat, operation, performance, stroke; decree, law, measure, ordinance, statute; routine, show, turn; affectation, dissimulation, front, pose, posture, pretence, simulation.

*vb lit:* function, go, move, operate, perform, take effect, work; behave, conduct oneself; impersonate, play, portray, represent; counterfeit, dissimulate, feign, imitate, pose, pretend, put it on, sham.

**action**

*n lit:* effect, functioning, movement, operation, performance, working; activity, energy, liveliness, vigour; act, deed, move, stroke; gesticulation, gesture; mechanism, mode of operation, procedure, process; battle, clash, combat, conflict, engagement, fighting; plot, scenario, story; case, lawsuit, litigation, prosecution, suit; event, happening.

**activate**

*vb lit:* get going, mobilize, prompt, set going, set in motion, start, switch on, trigger, turn on; galvanize, impel, rouse; motivate; *spec:* catalyse (in chemistry); make radioactive (in physics); purify, treat (sewage).

**active**

*adj lit:* busy, doing, going, engaged, occupied, working; functioning, moving, operative, running, ticking over; animated, brisk, bustling, energetic, spirited, sprightly, vigorous, vivacious; alert, lively, quick; enterprising, enthusiastic, hardworking, industrious, militant, zealous; *spec:* subjective (form of a verb, as opposed to passive).

**activity**

*n lit:* animation, bustle, commotion, hurly-burly, life, motion, movement, stir; act, deed, work; exercise, exertion, work; hobby, interest, pastime, pursuit; endeavour, enterprise, project, scheme, venture.

**actor**

*n lit:* artiste, performer, player, Thespian; impersonator, impostor, role-player; poseur, pretender, sham; agent, executor.

**actual**

*adj lit:* authentic, genuine, literal, physical, positive, real, true; current, existing, present, prevailing.

**actually**

*adv lit:* authentically, genuinely, indeed, literally, physically, positively, really, truly; as a matter of fact, in fact.

**acuity**

*n lit:* acumen, discernment, discrimination, keenness, penetration, perception, perspicacity, sensitivity, sharpness, shrewdness; astuteness, cleverness, subtlety.

**acute**

*adj lit:* pointed, sharp; excruciating, fierce, intense, piercing, racking, severe, stabbing, violent; brief, shortlived, sudden; critical, dangerous, grave, serious, urgent, vital; discerning, discriminating, keen, observant, penetrating, perceptive, sensitive; astute, clever, shrewd, subtle; *fig:* at an angle, oblique; *spec:* less than a right-angle (geometry).

**adage**

*n lit:* aphorism, axiom, dictum, maxim, proverb, saw, saying; epigram, motto, quotation.

**adamant**

*adj lit:* flinty, hard, steely, stony, unbreakable, unyielding; *fig:* firm, immovable, inexorable, intransigent, obdurate, rigid, unbending, uncompromising, unshakable.

**adapt**

*vb lit:* acclimatize, adjust, conform; alter, change, modify, shape, tailor; fit, match, suit.

**adaptation**

*n lit:* remodelling, reworking, variation, version; acclimatization, adjustment, conforming, habituation, naturalization; alteration, changing, modification, shaping, tailoring to fit.

**add**

*vb lit:* compute, count up, find the sum of, reckon, total, tot up; affix (to), annex, append, increase by, put next (to), put on (to); continue, go on to say.

**addict**

*n lit:* dependant, junkie, user; adherent, devotee, enthusiast, fan, follower; buff, freak, nut.

*vb lit:* habituate, hook (on), make dependent; enslave.

**additional**

*adj lit:* extra, further, more, other, supplementary; fresh, new; appended, attached; spare.

**address**

*n lit:* location, postal direction, exact whereabouts; disquisition, dissertation, lecture, sermon, speech, talk; articulation, diplomacy, tact; adroitness, dexterity, facility, ingenuity, skill.

*vb lit:* direct, label for posting, write the destination on, accost, greet, hail, speak to, talk to; apply (to), bring to the attention of; deliver a speech to, give a talk to, lecture; *spec:* access, coding (on a computer); prepare to hit (a golf-ball).

**adept**

*n lit:* expert, master; ace, dab hand, whiz; mage, magus.

*adj lit:* able, adroit, dextrous, expert, masterly, proficient, skilled.

**adequate**

*adj lit:* enough, passable, requisite,

sufficient; fair, reasonable, satisfactory; commensurate, competent, suitable.

**adhere**

*vb lit:* attach (to), be stuck (to), remain glued (to), stick (to); cleave (to), cling (to); *fig:* be devoted (to), be faithful (to), be loyal (to), hold (to), keep (to).

**adherent**

*n lit:* devotee, disciple, follower, sectary; fan, supporter.

**adjacent**

*adj lit:* alongside, contiguous; adjoining, neighbouring, next, next-door.

**adjourn**

*vb lit:* defer, delay, postpone, put off; stay, suspend; recess; move (to), transfer (to).

**adjudicate**

*vb lit:* arbitrate, judge, referee, umpire; award, pass judgement, pronounce.

**adjust**

*vb lit:* accustom, adapt, become used, be reconciled, conform, make fit; alter, change, fix, modify, reset, retune, tune; arrange, dispose, order, position, redress, regulate; accommodate, settle.

**administer**

*vb lit:* control, direct, govern, manage, oversee, run, superintend, supervise; dispense, distribute, give, provide, tender; apply, execute, impose, mete out; *spec:* formally declare (an oath); stabilize (prices, wages).

**administration**

*n lit:* board, control, direction, management, running, superintendence, supervision; cabinet, government, ruling party; term of office; dispensing, distribution, provision; application, execution, imposition.

**admiration**

*n lit:* appreciation, esteem, regard, respect, veneration; delight, pleasure, wonder.

**admire**

*vb lit:* appreciate, esteem, hold in high regard, respect, venerate; delight in, take pleasure in, wonder at; like, love.

**admission**

*n lit:* access, admittance, allowing in, entry, introduction, passage; entrance fee, ticket price; acknowledgement, confession, disclosure, revelation.

**admit**

*vb lit:* acknowledge, confess, disclose, let out, own, reveal; accept, concede, grant, recognize; allow, permit; allow in, let in, receive; be large enough for, have room for; permit the possibility (of).

**admittance**

*n lit:* access, admission, allowing in, entry, introduction, passage.

**admonish**

*vb lit:* castigate, censure, chastise, chide, rebuke, reprimand, reprove; berate, scold, tell off; caution, forewarn; exhort, remind.

**adopt**

*vb lit:* take on, take over, take up; assume, choose, embrace, espouse, select; become a parent to, bring up, foster.

**adorable**

*adj lit:* captivating, lovable, precious; beloved, darling; alluring, attractive, charming, delightful, wonderful.

**adore**

*vb lit:* dote on, idolize, love, worship; revere, venerate; be crazy about, go wild about; prostrate oneself before.

**adorn**

*vb lit:* bedeck, deck, decorate, embellish, ornament; beautify, dress, garnish, grace; festoon, garland.

**adroitness**

*n lit:* adeptness, deftness, dexterity, expertise, mastery, proficiency, skill; craft, ingenuity, quick thinking.

**adulation**

*n lit:* flattery, fawning, sycophancy; blarney, bootlicking, crawling, flannel, servility; acclaim, applause, genuflection, obeisance, praise.

**adult**

*n lit:* grown-up, mature person, responsible citizen.

*adj lit:* full-grown, fully developed, grown-up, mature; ripe; *fig:* complex, erudite, intellectual; erotic, explicit, sexy.

**adulterate**

*vb lit:* dilute, thin, water down, weaken; *fig:* contaminate, debase, devalue.

**advance**

*n lit:* development, headway, progress; betterment, breakthrough, furtherance, gain, improvement, promotion, step up;

credit, loan; approach, overture, proposition.

*vb lit:* go forward, move on, move up, proceed, progress; accelerate, further, hasten, promote, speed; bring forward, expedite; elevate, upgrade; benefit, grow, improve, thrive; credit with, lend, loan; offer, present, put forward, submit; propose, suggest.

*adj lit:* early, prior; forward, in front.

**advantage**

*n lit:* assistance, benefit, gain, good, help, profit, use; blessing, boon, convenience; ascendancy, dominance, edge, precedence, superiority, sway, upper hand; *spec:* one point ahead (tennis).

**adventure**

*n lit:* enterprise, exploit, undertaking; exciting experience; readiness for anything; chance, risk, speculation.

*vb lit:* endanger, hazard, imperil, jeopardize, risk; soldier (on).

**adventurous**

*adj lit:* daring, enterprising, intrepid, venturesome; audacious, bold, temerarious; dangerous, hazardous, risky.

**adversary**

*n lit:* antagonist, enemy, foe, foeman, opponent; Evil One, Lucifer, Satan.

**adverse**

*adj lit:* antagonistic, hostile, inimical, opposing, unfavourable, unfriendly; contrary, negative, unfortunate, unpropitious; detrimental, harmful, injurious.

**advertise**

*vb lit:* display, exhibit, flaunt, hype, make known, plug, promote, promulgate, publicize, publish, puff, push, tout; announce, emblazon, proclaim, signal; advise of, draw attention to, give notice of, inform about, warn of; put up for sale.

**advertisement**

*n lit:* commercial, display, hype, notice, plug, promotion, publicity, puff; bill, circular, classified ad, hoarding, poster, small ad.

**advice**

*n lit:* counsel, counselling, direction, feedback, gen, guidance, instruction, recommendation, suggestion, tip; information, intelligence, notice, notification, word; caution, warning.

**advisable**

*adj lit:* desirable, expedient, judicious, politic, prudent, recommended, sensible, wise.

**advise**

*vb lit:* counsel, direct, give guidance to, instruct, make a recommendation to; inform, give notice of, notify; enjoin, recommend, suggest; caution, tip off, warn.

**adviser**

*n lit:* consultant, counsellor, guide, mentor, teacher, tutor; coach, instructor, trainer; abetter, aide, assistant, henchman.

**advocate**

*n lit:* apostle, champion, proponent, supporter, upholder; counsellor, speaker, spokesperson; apologist, defender, intercessor; barrister, counsel, lawyer, solicitor.

*vb lit:* advise, counsel, enjoin, exhort, recommend, propose, suggest, urge; argue for, champion, plead for, speak on behalf of, support.

**aeroplane**

*n lit:* aircraft; jet; crate, flying-machine, kite; shuttle.

**affable**

*adj lit:* amiable, amicable, benign, cordial, friendly, genial, good-humoured, kindly, sociable, urbane; courteous, gracious.

**affair**

*n lit:* circumstance, episode, event, happening, incident, matter, occurrence, question, subject, topic; business, concern, dealing, enterprise, transaction, undertaking; amour, relationship, romance.

**affect**

*vb lit:* act on, concern, influence, involve, relate to, touch; alter, change, disorder, disturb, modify, upset; impress, move, stir; adopt, assume, feign, pretend, put on, simulate.

**affected**

*adj (pa.pt) lit:* concerned, in question, involved; acted on, influenced, touched; distressed, impressed, moved, stimulated, stirred, upset, wounded; damaged, impaired, injured; artificial, assumed, feigned, insincere, pretended, sham, simulated, spurious, unnatural; camp, mincing, precious.

**affecting**

*adj (pr.pt) lit:* distressing, emotive, moving, pitiable, pitiful, sad, touching, upsetting; inspiring, rousing, stimulating, stirring.

**affection**

*n lit:* attachment, fondness, friendliness, kindness, liking, love, tenderness.

**affiliated**

*adj (pa.pt) lit:* allied, associated, confederated, connected; amalgamated, annexed, combined, united.

**affinity**

*n lit:* attraction, fondness, partiality; inclination, leaning; closeness, connection, correspondence, rapport, relationship, sympathy; resemblance; *spec:* reactive towards (chem).

**affirm**

*vb lit:* assert, aver, certify, declare, state; attest, confirm, corroborate, ratify, validate, verify; maintain, reiterate, repeat; formally testify, swear.

**afflict**

*vb lit:* burden, distress, oppress, plague, trouble; grieve, hurt, pain, rack, torment, wound.

**affliction**

*n lit:* adversity, burden, cross, hardship, scourge, suffering, trial, tribulation, trouble; distress, grief, misery, pain, sorrow, torment, woe; disease, malady, plague.

**affluent**

*adj lit:* opulent, prosperous, rich, wealthy, well off; filthy rich, flush, loaded, moneyed, rolling in it, well heeled.

**afford**

*vb lit:* have the money for, be able to buy; put up with, stand, sustain, tolerate; spare; confer, furnish, give, grant, impart, provide, render, supply.

**affront**

*n lit:* insult, offence, outrage, slight; indignity, provocation; injury, wound.  
*vb lit:* insult, offend, outrage, slight; offer provocation; abuse, injure, wound.

**afraid**

*adj lit:* alarmed, fearful, frightened, panicky, panic-stricken, petrified, scared, terrified; alarmed, in a cold sweat, jumpy, nervous, timorous, uptight; anxious, concerned, worried; browbeaten, cowed,

rattled, shaken, unnerved; cowardly, chicken, yellow.

**after**

*adj lit:* later, subsequent; following, next.

*adv lit:* behind, in the rear; afterwards,

later, next, subsequently, thereupon.

*prep lit:* behind, beyond, in pursuit of, to the rear of; following, subsequent to, upon, about, concerning, with regard to; according to, copying, imitating, in the style of; identically to.

*conj lit:* as soon as, once, when.

**again**

*adv lit:* afresh, anew, another time, once more, one more time; back, over; on the other hand, yet; also, besides, furthermore, moreover.

**against**

*prep lit:* in contact with, on, touching, upon; abutting, adjacent to, bordering, contiguous with, next to; contrary to, counter to, in opposition to, versus; in contrast to; in anticipation of, in preparation for; for, in return for.

**age**

*n lit:* period of existence, time of life; advanced years, oldness, senescence; majority, maturity, ripeness; generation; aeon, century, epoch, era, historical period, time; long while, years.

*vb lit:* grow old, grow up, mature, mellow, put years on, ripen; decline, deteriorate, get old.

**aged**

*adj (pa.pt) lit:* elderly, grey, hoary, old; of the age of; matured, ripened; ancient, antediluvian, superannuated.

**agenda**

*n lit:* programme, schedule, timetable; layout, list, menu, plan, scheme; *spec:* good works (in theology).

**agent**

*n lit:* bailiff, factor, steward; emissary, envoy, representative; executor, operative; *spec:* instrument, vehicle; active ingredient, cause, effective means; *spec:* campaign manager (in party politics).

**aggravate**

*vb lit:* exacerbate, inflame, intensify, magnify, make worse, worsen; augment, heighten, increase; annoy, exasperate, irk, irritate, needle, provoke.

**aggression**

*n lit:* bellicosity, belligerence, hostility, pugnacity; force, violence; encroachment, infringement, invasion, raid; assault, attack, onslaught.

**aggrieved**

*adj (pa.pt) lit:* distressed, hurt, injured, oppressed, pained, saddened, wounded; ill-used, wronged.

**agitation**

*n lit:* excitation, shaking, shivering, shuddering, stirring; churning, tossing, turbulence; commotion, disturbance, excitement, ferment, flurry, fluster, lather, tumult, turmoil, unrest; *fig:* altercation, argument, controversy, debate, disputation; anxiety, nervousness, worry.

**ago**

*adv lit:* back, gone by, past, since; in the past.

**agonize**

*vb lit:* be anguished, be racked, suffer; distress, harrow, pain, rack, torment; *fig:* be anxious (over), strive, struggle (over), worry (over).

**agony**

*n lit:* anguish, pangs, torment, torture; pain, suffering.

**agrarian**

*adj lit:* agricultural, agronomic, arabic, farming, tilling.

**agree**

*vb lit:* be of one mind (with), concur; be consistent (with), chime, coincide, correspond, get on together, harmonize; comply, parallel, tally; assent, concede, consent, grant; *spec:* correspond in case, number or person (grammar).

**agreeable**

*adj lit:* delightful, enjoyable, pleasant, pleasurable; appropriate, compatible, consistent, fitting, suitable; agreeable, consenting, well-disposed.

**agreement**

*n lit:* accord, concord, concurrence; chorus, concert, harmony, unison; correspondence, identity, match; arrangement, compact, pact, treaty, understanding; bargain, contract, deal.

**agriculture**

*n lit:* agronomics, agronomy, cultivation, farming, tillage, tilling the soil; husbandry.

**ahead**

*adv lit:* in advance (of), in front (of); forwards, on, onwards, straight on; in the lead, winning.

**aid**

*n lit:* assistance, help, support; benefit, service, use; assistant, helper, supporter; *spec:* fund, subsidy (in feudal times and for modern charities).

*vb lit:* assist, benefit, be of use to, help, subsidize, sustain; abet, second, serve, support; facilitate, further, promote.

**ail**

*vb lit:* afflict, be the matter with, be wrong with, distress, oppress, plague, trouble; hurt, pain, torment; be ill, flag, weaken; decrease, diminish, fade, lessen.

**aim**

*n lit:* ambition, aspiration, end, goal, intention, object, objective, target; desire, intent, wish.

*vb lit:* direct (at), level (at), point (at), sight (at), train (at); aspire (to), intend (to), mean (to), plan (to), purpose (to), strive (to), try (to).

**aimless**

*adj lit:* adventitious, chance, erratic, fortuitous, haphazard, irrelevant, purposeless, random, undirected, unpredictable; maundering, meandering, rambling.

**air**

*n lit:* atmosphere, ether, waves; empyrean, heavens, sky; breeze, wind; breath, puff; ambience, aura; bearing, demeanour, feeling, flavour, impression, look, mien, tone; expression, utterance; aria, melody, melody-line, tune.

*vb lit:* aerate, circulate, dry, freshen, hang out, ventilate; *fig:* declare, disclose, divulge, expose, express, give vent to, make public, publicize, reveal, voice.

**airfield**

*n lit:* aerodrome; airforce base; landing strip, runway.

**airily**

*adv lit:* breezily, buoyantly, jauntily; blithely, casually, nonchalantly; ethereally, gracefully, lightly.

**airless**

*adj lit:* close, heavy, muggy, oppressive, stifling, stuffy.

**airport**

*n lit:* international aerodrome; airline building, terminal.

**airs**

*n lit:* affected mannerisms; pretensions.

**airy**

*adj lit:* fresh, ventilated; breezy, draughty, gusty; light, open, spacious; diaphanous, ethereal, flimsy, insubstantial, wispy; illusory, imaginary, immaterial, unreal; high, lofty; *fig:* breezy, buoyant, jaunty; blithe, casual, nonchalant; lively, sprightly.

**aisle**

*n lit:* corridor, gangway, passage; lane, pathway, walkway.

**alacrity**

*n lit:* avidity, dispatch, expedition, liveliness, promptness, quickness, rapidity, readiness, speed, sprig, ~~liness~~, zeal; eagerness, enthusiasm, willingness.

**alarm**

*n lit:* apprehension, consternation, fear, fright, panic, trepidation; anxiety, nervousness, uneasiness; bell, danger signal, flare, hooter, siren, warning; *spec:* appel (in fencing).

*vb lit:* frighten, panic, put the wind up, scare; startle, unnerve; alert, signal, warn.

**album**

*n lit:* collection, compilation; dossier, file, scrapbook; stamp collection; visitors' book; long-playing record, LP.

**alcoholic**

*n lit:* boozier, dipsomaniac, drunkard, inebriate; lush, soak, sot, tippler, toper, wino; meths-drinker.

*adj lit:* distilled, fermented, spiritous, vinous; strong (drink); inebriating, intoxicating.

**alcove**

*n lit:* aumbry, bay, corner, embrasure, niche, nook, recess.

**alert**

*n lit:* alarm; warning; lookout, watch.

*vb lit:* alarm, warn; inform, notify, send a signal to.

*adj lit:* attentive, awake, observant, on guard, on the ball, on the lookout, on

watch, ready, vigilant, wary, watchful; brisk, lively, nimble, quick, sprightly.

**alien**

*n lit*: foreigner, outsider, stranger; extraterrestrial, little green man, Martian; outcast; *spec*: hybrid (plant).

*adj lit*: exotic, foreign, outlandish, strange, unfamiliar.

**alienate**

*vb lit*: disaffect, estrange, set at odds, turn against; detach, disinterest, separate; *spec*: convey, sequester, transfer ownership (in property law).

**alight**

*vb lit*: descend (from), disembark (from), dismount (from), get down (from), get off; come down, land, settle (on), touch down.

*adj lit*: burning, ignited, incandescent, lighted, lit, on fire; ablaze, aflame, blazing, flaming; *fig*: aglow, bright, illuminated, lighted up, lit up, shining.

**align**

*vb lit*: bring into line, even up, justify, line up, order, range, straighten; *fig*: affiliate, ally, confederate, side (with).

**alike**

*adj lit*: identical, similar, uniform; akin, analogous, compatible, corresponding; equal, parallel.

*adv lit*: identically, similarly, uniformly; compatibly, correspondingly, in the same way; equally, to the same degree.

**alive**

*adj lit*: animate, breathing, conscious, living, organic; active, extant, in existence, operative, unextinguished; awake (to), sensitive (to); animated, brisk, eager, energetic, lively, spirited, sprightly, vigorous, vital, vivacious.

**all**

*adj lit*: every; every one of; every bit of, every part of; as much as possible, maximum, optimum; any; nothing but, only, solely.

*adv lit*: altogether, completely, entirely, fully, totally, utterly, wholly; exclusively.

*prn lit*: everyone; everything; every atom, every bit, every part, every scrap.

**allege**

*vb lit*: assert, aver, charge, declare, state; claim, maintain.

**allegiance**

*n lit*: adherence, devotion, faithfulness, fealty, loyalty.

**allergy**

*n lit*: hypersensitivity, sensitivity; anaphylaxis; *fig*: antipathy, aversion, hostility, loathing.

**alley**

*n lit*: passage, passageway, pathway; corridor, gangway, walkway; backstreet, lane; rink.

**alliance**

*n lit*: coalition, confederacy, confederation, federation, league; marriage, partnership, union; association, combination.

**allocation**

*n lit*: apportioning, assignment, distribution, sharing out; allotment, portion, quota, ration; share.

**allot**

*vb lit*: allocate, apportion, assign; distribute, mete out, share out.

**allow**

*vb lit*: give permission, permit; authorize, give leave, license; bear, stand, suffer; give, grant, provide with; admit, concede, own to; keep free, leave, spare; take into account.

**allowed**

*adj (pa.pt) lit*: acceptable, all right, okay, permissible; authorized, licensed, permitted, sanctioned; left over, spare; provided (for).

**alloy**

*n lit*: amalgam, blend, composite, compound, mixture; combination, cross, hybrid; *fig*: defect, impurity.

*vb lit*: amalgamate, blend, compound, fuse, mix, weld together; *fig*: debase, devalue, qualify, temper.

**all right**

*adj lit*: adequate, not bad, okay, passable, satisfactory; average, standard; acceptable, good enough; healthy, well; safe, undamaged, unharmed, unimpaired.

*adv lit*: adequately, passably, satisfactorily; acceptably, well enough; certainly, definitely, positively, without question.

**all-round**

*adj lit:* multifaceted, multipurpose, non-specialist; encyclopaedic, wide-ranging; generalized; unlimited.

**allure**

*n lit:* appeal, attraction, seductiveness, temptation; fascination; charm.

*vb lit:* attract, captivate, charm, enchant, entice, fascinate, seduce, tempt.

**ally**

*n lit:* confederate, partner; acolyte, assistant, associate, collaborator, colleague, friend; helper, supporter; accomplice, catspaw, henchman, subordinate.

*vb lit:* confederate (with), join forces (with), unite (with); associate (with), collaborate (with), combine (with); connect (to), relate (to).

**almighty**

*adj lit:* all-powerful, omnipotent; supreme; invincible, irresistible; *fig:* awesome, enormous, indescribable, tremendous, unspeakable.

**alone**

*adj lit:* by oneself, isolated, single, solitary, unaccompanied; apart, separate; matchless, unique; abandoned, detached, forlorn, forsaken.

*adv lit:* by oneself, solitarily, solo; in isolation, separately; exclusively, merely, only, solely.

**along**

*adv lit:* forwards, onwards; down; as escort, in company (with), together (with); in parallel, side by side.

*prp lit:* by the side of; down, down the length of.

**aloof**

*adj lit:* detached, distant, remote, reserved, withdrawn; forbidding, haughty, standoffish, superior, unapproachable; chilly, cool, unsympathetic.

*adv lit:* apart, away, distant; detachedly, separately.

**aloud**

*adv lit:* audibly; noisily; distinctly.

**already**

*adv lit:* before then, by that time, previously; before now, by now, now, yet.

**also**

*adv lit:* additionally, in addition; likewise; besides, to boot, too; again, furthermore, moreover.

**alteration**

*n lit:* change, modification, reshaping; adjustment, amendment, correction, revision; difference, shift, variance; conversion, metamorphosis, transformation.

**alternate**

*vb lit:* happen in turns, take turns; interchange, rotate; oscillate, vary.

*adj lit:* every other, odd; interchanging, rotating.

**alternative**

*n lit:* choice, option, preference; other, second; substitute.

*adj lit:* other, second; substitute; different.

**although**

*cnj lit:* albeit, in spite of the fact that; while.

**altitude**

*n lit:* elevation, height; angle of elevation, vertical height; perpendicular; peak, summit; *fig:* celebrity, eminence, high rank, status.

**altogether**

*n fig:* birthday suit, nude.

*adv lit:* completely, entirely, fully, quite, thoroughly, totally, utterly, wholly; all in all, all told, as a whole, collectively, generally, in general.

**altruism**

*n lit:* disinterest, unselfishness; charity, generosity, humanitarianism, philanthropy; beneficence, consideration, public-spiritedness; self-denial.

**always**

*adv lit:* ever; all the time, constantly, continually, eternally, forever, perpetually, unceasingly; consistently, every time, invariably, repeatedly.

**amateurish**

*adj lit:* inexpert, naive, unprofessional; clumsy, inept, rude, maladroit.

**amaze**

*vb lit:* astonish, astound, bowl over, dumbfound, flabbergast, overwhelm, rock, stagger, stun, stupefy, surprise.