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## PREFACE

THERE is not a satisfactory French Dictionary on the market." This constant reproach of the last thirty years renders less than justice to much excellent work done in the past by Elwall, Bellows, Boëlle, Tarver, and others; it is none the less true that no French and English dictionary hitherto available has proved adequate to the needs of the serious student.

The just grounds of complaint may be brought under the following heads. In the first place, existing dictionaries are, and always have been, a full generation behind their day in their content, and most of them are too small to be of any 'real use.' The range of human knowledge and invention has extended so greatly during the last two generations that it is materially impossible to cover it in any work of small bulk.

In the next place, bilingual dictionaries are not scientific in their treatment of words, and have not kept pace with the progress in philology that has been so notable in recent years.

Lastly, the mind of the lexicographer seems invariably to be anchored in the past; French phrases in current use are translated into early Victorian English, if not into that of Queen Anne, while a modern English or American colloquialism is rendered, *tant bien que mal*, in the language of Molière. This archaism of phrasing has become glaringly noticeable since the World War. In the vocabulary and phraseology of the peoples involved the reactions have been as violent as in the spheres of sociology and economics, and both French and English have been permanently affected to a degree that can no longer be ignored.

Messrs Harrap & Co. had already before the War laid their plans for the preparation of a new French and English dictionary that should mark a step in advance of what had been achieved up to that time. Material that had not been available to dictionary makers of the last century was at hand to facilitate the task. In France the publication of Hatzfeld and Darmesteter's *Dictionnaire Général* had been nothing short of epoch-making; in Britain the New English Dictionary was approaching completion; in Germany Plattner had finished the compilation of his *Ausführliche Grammatik* and of its Supplements.

In 1919 it was felt that the time was opportune for making a start, and a staff was brought together, whose first task it was to inventory the material ready to hand and to prepare some experimental pages of the French-English part. At the same time the general lines of the work were laid down, what it was proposed to include and what must be considered as lying outside our province.

In the first place this must be a dictionary of the present day, as far as it was possible for any work of reference ever to claim that it is up to date; and this must involve the clearing away of a large amount of archaic lumber still persisting in most dictionaries, echoes of short-lived fashions and of outworn technics that had their day and passed out of our civilization, without leaving any permanent mark on our phraseology. At the same time a modern work of reference must continue to provide a key to the great treasure-houses of French and English literature, within limits and dates which we had to fix.

With regard to France this is a matter of little difficulty. The great bulk of the educated classes live in full enjoyment of the patrimony handed down to them from their 'Grand Siècle'; their acquaintance with Montaigne and Ronsard may be scrappy and superficial, but they are nurtured on the 17th-century dramatists and moralists, on La Fontaine and Mme de Sevigné; in this school their style is formed; their literature of to-day is full of an allusiveness that takes for granted intimate acquaintance with the great works of this period, and not a few present-day writers, in a full-dress article or speech, will revert to a severely 'classical' French as their medium of expression. Thus no dictionary of the French language, however 'modern,' can leave out of account the vocabulary and syntax of the seventeenth century.

Where to draw the line in English is a question more controversial. Broadly speaking, and for all that the Bible, Shakespeare, and Milton are so 'full of quotations,' the language of the centuries preceding the nineteenth has aged much more than is the case with French; our school acquaintance with Fielding, Richardson, Burke, and Pope is negligible in comparison to the lycéen's intimacy with his great classics, and does not condition our present-day idiom to nearly the same degree. At the same time the vocabulary of English is so extensive that considerations of space make the elimination of unessentials even more imperative than for French, and it was deemed wise to remain, broadly speaking, within the limits of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

In neither language, of course, is it possible to lay down hard and fast rules. A dictionary, as opposed to a word-list, must be a record of the diction, of the phrasing and idiom, peculiar to the languages under consideration, and much of this idiom enshrines words and phrases now forgotten, but which must of necessity be noted in order that a surviving use may be understood.

The next point to be decided was: what classes of readers and students we proposed to serve by the publication of this work. The aim was to supply the needs of 'everybody'; not only the general reader and the 'man in the street'—with his wife, but also the historian; the professional man, lawyer or physician, banker or stockbroker, architect or schoolmaster, soldier or sailor; the technician, builder or engineer, printer or binder.

The preparation of a few pages on this ambitious scale led to an early realization that a project conceived on these lines was impracticable; the work must assume the proportions of an encyclopaedia, and defeat its object through sheer wealth of material and the resultant laboriousness of consultation. In order therefore to keep within the limits of a volume easy to handle and reasonable in cost, we decided that we should aim at helping 'everyman' to read, understand, and even translate, his foreign newspaper, from the leaders to the advertisements. This in itself is a very large undertaking. The better-class newspapers of to-day, whether French or English, reflect the whole of our daily life and activities, and cater for the most varied interests. Politics, literary and dramatic criticism, law and market reports, and advertisements of sales, constitute only a fraction of their daily contents; new inventions and scientific developments form the subject of articles by specialists who are no longer required to express themselves in strictly 'non-technical' language. For in an age of private motor cars, home-built wireless sets, and electricity 'on tap' for domestic purposes, we are all more or less engineers. Our interests are further taken up with flying displays, watched with critical appreciation of loops and zooms; with movies and talkies; with racing and gracing and the tote. We rely on our paper to keep us up to date regarding the quantum theory, relativity, and the ether-drift; we expect guidance from the same source on the psychics of bidding in the evening's game of bridge.

It has been our endeavour to build up a dictionary that shall deal, if not exhaustively, at any rate adequately, with all these things. Further on will be found a list of encyclopaedias and reference books that have been laid constantly under contribution; special mention should be made of the new and recast editions of Chambers' Encyclopaedia and the *Grand Dictionnaire Larousse*; most of the latter publication appeared in time to allow us to scan its pages. But from the start it was obvious that we could not hope to obtain immediate touch with the times we live in by means of textbooks and dictionaries alone, and that to supplement these we must collect and 'card' our own material. For ten years we have accumulated words and phrases from current works of fiction, from the daily press of both countries concerned, and from periodicals such as *La Science Moderne* and '*Nature*.' We enrolled as unconscious collaborators many translators of French into English, of English into French—not all translations are bad, as is too frequently assumed. The number of cards thus collected approximates to 200,000. To establish translations of all these entries was not always an easy task. It entailed correspondence with specialists at home and abroad, and in a number of cases several years have elapsed before a card on the 'waiting list' was duly translated and filed. Most of this material was used in the first place in drafting the French-English section of the Dictionary, and then redistributed under an English head-word.

Thus, when we started on the preparation of the English-French section, a large amount of material lay ready to our hand; but every day produced its quota of English words and phrases that had not come under notice in the first part of the work, and for which renderings must be established. The latter were carded back under a French head-word, and utilized in due course for the revision and completion of the first draft of the French-English section. It is owing to this method of work that we flatter ourselves that in our renderings of much of the idiom of the two languages there will be found a breadth of vocabulary and a raciness that mark an advance on what has been achieved hitherto. In actual number of words we have not widely exceeded the range of the dictionaries already in common use. Under the French letter A, for instance, a count shows only three to four hundred new entries. As a matter of fact, new coinages in a language, of the type of *arpeinte*, *aspirine*, *paravane*, are of rare occurrence; more frequent as neologisms are compounds or derivatives of elements already in established use, such as *amérir*, *aéroflotte*, *accumètre*, *affût-trépied*, *autobus*, *autocar*, and the English 'aerobatics,' 'to entrain,' 'to detrain'; borrowings from dialect or from a foreign idiom, such as *braderie* and *batik*; the 'commonizing' of proper names: *un deauville*, or derivation from proper names: *bauxile*. Any new word, when well established, may generate a number of derivatives: the newly popular *braderie* has already given the back-formation '*Ici on bradera*'; *amérir* gives *amérisage*; from *batik* has been formed a verb *baiker*, and there is no reason why *batikage*, *débatiker*, *rebatiker*, should not come as readily to the tongue or from the pen.

The sum total of these additions to our store of words in the course of a generation is comparatively small; the real accretion to the vocabulary comes from the extension of the semantic range of the words already in common use. The manifold developments of the last fifty years, telephony, motoring, flying, cinematography, radiology, 'wireless,' psycho-analysis, and what not, have all been made to 'fit in' to the existing vocabulary. We steer a car with a wheel: French has extended the use of *volant* to meet this emergency; we emit and receive our broadcasts through a wire or wires stretched aloft: we have called into service the word 'aerial,' French has extended the range of the word *antenne*; we fire our motor engines with 'plugs,' the French use *bougies*; where at tennis we 'lob' a ball, the French play it *en chandelle*.

This enormous development in the uses of familiar words will be found more adequately mirrored in this dictionary than in any work hitherto available.

Another matter that required more care than is generally vouchsafed to it was the indication of the syntactical relations of the word, as a unit of speech, with its environment. Sentences are knit together by links—prepositions, phrases, conjunctions, concords, uses of tense and mood—according to a mechanism of which the grammar expounds the general principles; but it is the part of a dictionary to indicate the actual links required by, or commonly associated with, any given noun, pronoun, adjective, or verb. This we have done more fully, and more methodically, than has been heretofore attempted. For English syntactical uses we were able to find upon the *Concise Oxford Dictionary*

and Mr H. W. Fowler's *Dictionary of Modern English Usage*, with reference, when this was needful, to the *New English Dictionary*. For French our chief source of reference has been Plattner's *Ausführliche Grammatik*, largely supplemented by material gleaned and carded from our own reading, and by that accumulated by Mr G. H. Clarke in his *Manuel-Lexique*.

In our range of words we have gone far beyond the *Dictionnaire de l'Académie*; and, besides technical terms, have admitted very freely what is commonly known as *argot* or 'slang,' at least such part of it as is well established in French and English, and indispensable to an understanding of the 'realistes' and 'naturalistes' who have bulked so largely in modern literature. How far it is permissible to go in recording these lower strata of the vocabulary is, with regard to such a free-spoken language as French, a question of some delicacy; we established our own censorship, too strict, no doubt, from a French point of view, somewhat lax, perhaps, for Mrs Grundy.

We have extended a wide hospitality to Americanisms; many of these, indeed, have already taken out papers of naturalization; many more are old acquaintances, and by way of becoming intimate friends; they have qualities of terseness and breeziness that give them a value all their own. As regards the hundreds of English words that are current in French to-day, these are left unrecorded if they have been taken over unchanged in spelling and meaning (e.g. 'durbar'). But if they have been adapted (*doper, knockouter, turfiste, schampooing*), or mutilated (*un drop-goal, un shake-hand*), or contracted (*un dancing, un shaker, un skating*), or taken over with a change or extension of meaning (*carter, five-o'clock, flirt, footing, groom, mail-coach, snob*), we have thought them worthy of inclusion.

Two classes of words offer special difficulties to the dictionary maker: those pertaining to law and administration on the one hand, on the other those that cover the field of natural history.

The legal systems of France and England rest on different foundations, and for much of their technical phrasing there is no parallelism between the two languages. When possible we suggest approximate equivalents: and where none exist, we have provided adequate explanations.

As for the names of animals and plants, precision in translation will be unattainable so long as the Latin nomenclatures have not been standardized and internationalized. At present French works of reference are frequently at variance in their nomenclature not only with English works but among themselves, and the inquirer finds himself floundering in a morass of contradictions. The conclusions arrived at can only be offered 'sous toutes réserves.'

For assistance in the labour of compilation of material, and in the final arrangement of the matter under each vocable, we owe grateful thanks to a number of collaborators, some of whom were able to give us their assistance only for a time, and especially to Miss K. Wattie, M.A., and Mr H. R. Elphick, who have been associated with the undertaking since its inception. Mr Elphick has acted secretarially; his gift of organization and genius for ferreting out recondite information have been invaluable. We owe much also to the assistance given by M. A. Pruvot, L. ès L., L. en Dr., M. J. Guillemonat, L. ès L., L. en Dr., and M. E. Thevenot, L. ès L., who in turn joined in our labours; and special thanks are due to M. M. Ferlin, agrégé d'anglais, who for many years has sent us sheaves of '*glanures*', and who has kindly read a large portion of the proofs. The whole work has been sub-edited from the beginning by Mr C. W. Bell, M.A., and in recent years also by Mr F. M. Atkinson. Their keen sense of language and fertility in constructive criticism have saved us from many sins of commission; for those that remain the Editor alone must assume responsibility.

Lastly we must pay our tribute to the unfailing helpfulness and resource of the printers, and in particular to the competency of the operator and the reader on whom fell the responsibility of transforming the MS. into almost impeccable proof.

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## NOTE TO THE SECOND EDITION

A reprint of Part I of this Dictionary being called for, we have been enabled to make a number of textual alterations—correction of misprints, improvement of renderings, additions to the meanings of words already recorded—and to add a number of words that have recently come into prominence. The paging has not been changed. We take this opportunity to thank the many correspondents to whose suggestions many of the additions and corrections are due.

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## REPRESENTATION OF THE PRONUNCIATION

THE symbols used are those of the *Association Phonétique Internationale*. A few points call for special mention.

1. While this notation is on the whole adequate to the representation of French sounds, it suffers from the lack of a symbol for a middle *e*, less open than [ɛ] in *père*, not so close as [e] in *donné*, and commonly heard in unstressed syllables: *atterrir*, *saisir*, *régner*, *réglable*, *rêveur*. (The accents afford no guide to the pronunciation; *e* has the same sound in *je mènerai* and *je céderai*, in *avènement* and *événement*.) This intermediate *e* has been transliterated by [e] or [ɛ] according to common practice, but there appears to be a growing tendency to open the unstressed *e*, especially before [a], [ɑ], or [ã] (though not in the case of prefixes such as *dé-* or *mé-*), and the symbol [ɛ] has been used as perhaps more nearly accurate than [e] in words such as *asséchement*, *pondération*, *pédale*. The reader will however bear in mind that no more than a middle *e* is implied.

2. The ending *-ation* has been transliterated throughout by [asjɔ]. The pronunciation [asjɔ], or even [a:sjɔ], prevalent in some strata of Parisian speech, need hardly be taken as standard for France.

3. For the ending *-aille* the pronunciations [a:j] and [a:i] are both current, perhaps with a difference. In the following pages it is rendered by [a:j] as a rule, but by [a:i] when pejorative.

4. Syllables have been indicated as long [:] only when final, and the half-length sign [·] has not been used in this work. While there is an acknowledged difference in the pronunciation of *reine* [re:n] and *renne* [rən], of *héros* [e:ro] and *hérault* [ero], these discriminations would have led us into a field of pure phonetics—and of much controversy.

5. The stress is not indicated in the French-English part. It may be assumed to fall, however slightly, on the last sounded syllable of the word, when the latter is considered apart from a word-group.

## TABLE OF PHONETIC SYMBOLS

### VOWELS

[i]	vite, cygne	[y]	cru, crû, russe, eu, Saül, ciguë
[i:]	rire, épître, lyre, Moïse	[y:]	mur, mûr, ils eurent, gageure
[e]	été, donner, j'ai, née	[ø]	feu, ceux, noeud
[ɛ]	elle, très, forêt, peine, mais, tramway, Noël	[ø:]	meule, jeûne
[ɛ:]	terre, père, hêtre, paire	[œ]	seul, jeune, fleurir, œuf, cueillir
[a]	chat, tache, là, femme, solennel, toit, je bois	[œ:]	fleur, sœur, œuvre
[a:]	rare, tard, noir	[ə]	le, ce, entremets, vendredi
[ɑ]	pas, âgé, le bois	[ẽ]	vin, plein, main, chien, examen, syntaxe, impair, faim, thym, Caïn
[ɑ:]	sable, âge, tâche	[ẽ:]	prince, ceindre, plaindre, vîmes, guimpe
[ɔ]	donne, Paul, j'aurai, album	[ã]	enfant, tambour, temps, paon
[ɔ:]	fort, Laure	[ã:]	danse, centre, ample, trempe
[o]	dos, impôt, chaud, chapeau	[õ]	mon, plomb
[o:]	fosse, fausse, rôle	[õ:]	honte, nombre, comte, compte
[u]	tout, goût, goutte, août, ours	[œ̄]	lundi, à jeun, parfum
[u:]	cour, Douvres	[œ̄:]	humble

## CONSONANTS

[p]	pain, frapper, absolu	[l]	lait, aile, allons, table
[b]	beau, bleu, abbé	[ʃ]	chose, chercher, schisme
[m]	mou, flamme, prisme	[ʒ]	Jean, gilet, manger, mangeant
[f]	feu, effet, bref, phrase, Joseph	[k]	camp, képi, bisteck, coq, quatre, écho, chrétien
[v]	voir, vivre, wagon, neuf heures	[g]	garde, agrandir, agraver, guerre, second, igné
[t]	table, tête, nette, net, grand homme, théâtre	[ɲ]	campagne, poignet, gnaf
[d]	donner, addition, sud	[ʁ]	rare, être, marbre, marron, rhume
[n]	né, canne, amen, automne	[ks]	accident, extrême
[s]	sou, tasse, rébus, prisme, cire, leçon, scène, action, six, soixante, Bruxelles	[gz]	Xénophon, exister
[z]	cousin, les enfants, vas-y, zéro, deuxième, deux hommes		

## SEMI-CONSONANTS

[j]	yacht, youyou, piano, mioche, ration, voyage, sillage, ensoleillé, travailler, bâiller, œillade, cahier	[w]	ouate, ouest, oui, Louis, jouer, noir, loin, pingouin, tramway
		[ɥ]	muet, huit, lui, lueur, aiguille

## DIPHTHONGS

[i:j]	fille, famille	[a:i]	il bâille, marmaille
[e:i]	soleil, veille, paye	[œ:i]	fauteuil, feuille, œil, orgueil, je cueille
[a:i]	travail, muraille		

## ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE DICTIONARY

<i>A:</i>	<i>Archaism; ancient; in former use</i>	Sens vieilli; désuet	<i>Coll.</i>	<i>Collective</i>	Collectif
<i>Abs.</i>	<i>Absolutely, absolute use</i>	Emploi absolu	<i>Com.</i>	<i>Commerce</i>	Commerce
<i>Ac:</i>	<i>Acoustics</i>	Acoustique	<i>comb. fm</i>	<i>Combining form</i>	Forme de combinaison
<i>acc.</i>	<i>Accusative</i>	Accusatif	<i>Comest.</i>	<i>Comestibles</i>	Comestibles
<i>a., adj.</i>	<i>Adjective</i>	Adjectif	<i>comp.</i>	<i>Comparative</i>	Comparatif
<i>Adm:</i>	<i>Administration</i>	Administration	<i>Cone:</i>	<i>Concrete</i>	Concret
<i>adv.</i>	<i>Adverb</i>	Adverbe	<i>Conch:</i>	<i>Conchology</i>	Conchyliologie
<i>adv. acc.</i>	<i>Adverbial accusative</i>	Accusatif adverbial	<i>condit.</i>	<i>Conditional</i>	Conditionnel
<i>Adv. phr.</i>	<i>Adverbial phrase</i>	Locution adverbiale	<i>conj.</i>	<i>Conjunction</i>	Conjonction
<i>Aer:</i>	<i>Aeronautics</i>	Aéronautique	<i>Conj. like</i>	<i>Conjugated like</i>	Conjugué de même que
<i>Agr:</i>	<i>Agriculture</i>	Agriculture	<i>Const.</i>	<i>Construction</i>	Bâtimen
<i>Alch:</i>	<i>Alchemy</i>	Alchimie	<i>Coop.</i>	<i>Cooperage</i>	Tonnellerie
<i>Alg:</i>	<i>Algebra</i>	Algèbre	<i>Corr.</i>	<i>Correspondence</i>	Correspondance
<i>Amph:</i>	<i>Amphibia</i>	Algues	<i>Cost.</i>	<i>Costume</i>	Costume
<i>Anat:</i>	<i>Anatomy</i>	Amphibiens	<i>Cp.</i>	<i>Compare</i>	Comparer
<i>Ann:</i>	<i>Annelida</i>	Anatomie	<i>Cr.</i>	<i>Cricket</i>	Cricket
<i>Art:</i>	<i>Antiquity, -ies</i>	Annelés	<i>Crust.</i>	<i>Crustacea</i>	Crustacés
<i>Anth:</i>	<i>Anthropology</i>	Antiquité	<i>Cryst.</i>	<i>Crystallography</i>	Cristallographie
<i>Ap:</i>	<i>Apiculture</i>	Anthropologie	<i>Cu:</i>	<i>Culinary; cuisine</i>	Cuisine
<i>approx.</i>	<i>Approximately</i>	Apiculture	<i>Cust.</i>	<i>Customs</i>	Douanes
<i>Ar:</i>	<i>Arithmetic</i>	Sens approché	<i>Cy:</i>	<i>Cycler; cycling</i>	Cycles ; cyclisme
<i>Arach:</i>	<i>Arachnida</i>	Arithmétique	<i>Danc.</i>	<i>Dancing</i>	Danse
<i>Arb:</i>	<i>Arboriculture</i>	Arachnides	<i>dat.</i>	<i>Dative</i>	Datif
<i>Arch:</i>	<i>Architecture</i>	Arboriculture ; sylviculture	<i>def.</i>	<i>Definite</i>	Défini
<i>Archeol:</i>	<i>Archeology</i>	Architecture	<i>def.</i>	<i>Defective</i>	Défectif
<i>Arm:</i>	<i>Armour</i>	Archéologie	<i>dem.</i>	<i>Demonstrative</i>	Démonstratif
<i>Artill:</i>	<i>Artillery</i>	Armures	<i>Dent.</i>	<i>Dentistry</i>	Art dentaire
<i>Astr:</i>	<i>Astronomy</i>	Beaux-arts	<i>Dial.</i>	<i>Dialectical</i>	Dialecta
<i>Astrol:</i>	<i>Astrology</i>	Artillerie	<i>Dipl.</i>	<i>Diplomacy</i>	Diplomatie
<i>attrib.</i>	<i>Attributive</i>	Astronomie	<i>Dist.</i>	<i>Distilling</i>	Distillation
<i>Aut:</i>	<i>Automobilism</i>	Astrologie	<i>Dom. Ec.</i>	<i>Domestic Economy</i>	Économie domestique
<i>aux.</i>	<i>Auxiliary</i>	Attributif	<i>Draw.</i>	<i>Drawing</i>	Dessin
<i>Av:</i>	<i>Aviation</i>	Automobilisme	<i>Dressm.</i>	<i>Dressmaking</i>	Couture et modes
<i>B:</i>	<i>Biblical; Bible</i>	Auxiliaire	<i>Dy:</i>	<i>Dyeing</i>	Teinture
<i>Bac:</i>	<i>Bacteriology</i>	Aviation	<i>Dyn:</i>	<i>Dynamics</i>	Dynamique
<i>Bak:</i>	<i>Baking</i>		<i>E.</i>	<i>East</i>	Est
<i>Ball:</i>	<i>Ballistics</i>		<i>E:</i>	<i>Engineering</i>	Art de l'ingénieur ; industries mécaniques
<i>Bank:</i>	<i>Banking</i>		<i>Ecc:</i>	<i>Ecclesiastical</i>	Église et clergé
<i>B.Hist:</i>	<i>Bible History</i>	Opérations de banque	<i>Echin:</i>	<i>Echinodermata</i>	Échinodermes
<i>Bib:</i>	<i>Bibliography</i>	Histoire sainte	<i>e.g.</i>	<i>For example</i>	Par exemple
<i>Bill:</i>	<i>Billiards</i>	Bibliographie	<i>El:</i>	<i>Electricity; electrical</i>	Électricité ; électrique
<i>Bio-Ch:</i>	<i>Bio-Chemistry</i>	Jeu de billard	<i>El.-Ch:</i>	<i>Electro-Chemistry</i>	Électro-chimie
<i>Biol:</i>	<i>Biology</i>	Biochimie	<i>Eng.</i>	<i>English; England</i>	Anglais ; Angleterre
<i>Bleach:</i>	<i>Bleaching</i>	Biologie	<i>Engr:</i>	<i>Engraving</i>	Gravure
<i>Bookb:</i>	<i>Bookbinding</i>	Blanchiment	<i>Ent:</i>	<i>Entomology</i>	Entomologie
<i>Book-k:</i>	<i>Book-keeping</i>	Reliure	<i>epith.</i>	<i>Epithet (adjective)</i>	(Adjectif) qualificatif
<i>Bootm:</i>	<i>Bootmaking</i>	Tenue des livres	<i>Equit:</i>	<i>Equitation</i>	Équitation
<i>Bot:</i>	<i>Botany</i>	Cordonnerie	<i>esp.</i>	<i>Especially</i>	Surtout
<i>Box:</i>	<i>Boxing</i>	Botanique	<i>etc.</i>	<i>Et cetera</i>	Et cætera
<i>Breed:</i>	<i>Breeding</i>	Boxe	<i>Eth:</i>	<i>Ethics</i>	Morale
<i>Brew:</i>	<i>Brewing</i>	Élevage	<i>Ethn:</i>	<i>Ethnology</i>	Ehnologie
<i>Brickm:</i>	<i>Brickmaking</i>	Brasserie	<i>excl.</i>	<i>Exclamation; exclamative</i>	Exclamation ; exclamatif
<i>card.a.</i>	<i>Cardinal adjective</i>	Briquerie	<i>Exp:</i>	<i>Explosives</i>	Explosifs
<i>Carp:</i>	<i>Cards</i>		<i>f.</i>	<i>Feminine</i>	Féminin
	<i>Carpentry</i>		<i>F:</i>	<i>Familiar</i>	Familier ; style de la conversation ; sens non technique (d'une expression technique)
<i>Cav:</i>	<i>Cavalry</i>	Adjectif cardinal			Maréchalerie
<i>Cer:</i>	<i>Ceramics</i>	Jeux de cartes	<i>Farr:</i>	<i>Farriry</i>	Football
<i>Cf:</i>	<i>Refer to</i>	Charpenterie ; menuiserie	<i>Fb:</i>	<i>Foothall</i>	Escrime
<i>Ch:</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	du bâtiment	<i>Fenc:</i>	<i>Fencing</i>	Fougères
<i>Chr:</i>	<i>Chronology</i>	Cavalerie	<i>Fin:</i>	<i>Finance</i>	Finances
<i>Cin:</i>	<i>Cinematography</i>	Céramique	<i>Fish:</i>	<i>Fishing</i>	Pêche
<i>Civ.E:</i>	<i>Civil Engineering</i>	Conferatur	<i>For:</i>	<i>Forestry</i>	Forêts
<i>Cl:</i>	<i>Classical</i>	Chimie	<i>Fort:</i>	<i>Fortification</i>	Fortification
<i>Clockm:</i>	<i>Clock and watch making</i>	Chronologie	<i>Fr.</i>	<i>French; France</i>	Français ; France
<i>Coel:</i>	<i>Coelenterata</i>	Cinématographie	<i>fu.</i>	<i>Future</i>	Futur
<i>cogn.acc.</i>	<i>Cognate accusative</i>	Génie civil	<i>Fung:</i>	<i>Fuel</i>	Combustibles
		Classique ; antiquité	<i>Furn:</i>	<i>Fungi</i>	Champignons
		grecque ou romaine		<i>Furniture</i>	Mobilier
		Horlogerie			
		Cœlentérés			
		Accusatif de qualification ; objet interne			

# ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE DICTIONARY

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<i>Gasm.</i>	<i>Gasmaking</i>	Industries du gaz	<i>Miner.</i>	<i>Mineralogy</i>	Minéralogie
<i>Geog.</i>	<i>Geography</i>	Géographie	<i>M.Ins.</i>	<i>Maritime Insurance</i>	Assurance maritime
<i>Geol.</i>	<i>Geology</i>	Géologie	<i>Moll.</i>	<i>Molluscs</i>	Mollusques
<i>Geom.</i>	<i>Geometry</i>	Géométrie	<i>Moss.</i>	<i>Mosses</i>	Muscinées
<i>ger.</i>	<i>Gerund</i>	Gérondif	<i>Mth.</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	Mathématiques
<i>Glassm.</i>	<i>Glassmaking</i>	Verrerie	<i>Mus.</i>	<i>Music</i>	Musique
<i>Gr.</i>	<i>Greek</i>	Grec	<i>Myr.</i>	<i>Myriapode</i>	Myriapodes
<i>Gr. Alph.</i>	<i>Greek Alphabet</i>	Alphabet grec	<i>Myth.</i>	<i>Myth and legend, mythology</i>	Mythes et légendes ; mythologie
<i>Gr. Ant.</i>	<i>Greek Antiquity</i>	Antiquité grecque	<i>n.</i>		
<i>Gr. Civ.</i>	<i>Greek Civilization</i>	Civilisation grecque	<i>N.</i>	<i>North</i>	Nous
<i>Gr. Hist.</i>	<i>Greek History</i>	Histoire grecque	<i>N. Arch.</i>	<i>Naval Architecture</i>	Nord
<i>Gram.</i>	<i>Grammar</i>	Grammaire	<i>Nat. Hist.</i>	<i>Natural History</i>	Architecture navale
<i>Gym.</i>	<i>Gymnastics</i>	Gymnastique	<i>Nau.</i>	<i>Nautical</i>	Histoire naturelle
<i>Hairdr.</i>	<i>Hairdressing</i>	Coiffure	<i>Nav.</i>	<i>Navigation</i>	Terme de marine
<i>Harn.</i>	<i>Harness</i>	Sellerie ; harnais	<i>Needlew.</i>	<i>Needlework</i>	Navigation
<i>Hatm.</i>	<i>Hatmaking</i>	Chapellerie	<i>neg.</i>	<i>Negative</i>	Marine militaire
<i>Hep.</i>	<i>Hepaticas</i>	Hépatiques	<i>neut.</i>	<i>Neuter</i>	Travaux à l'aiguille ; couture
<i>Her.</i>	<i>Heraldry</i>	Blason	<i>nom.</i>	<i>Nominative</i>	Négatif
<i>Hist.</i>	<i>History; historical</i>	Histoire ; historique	<i>Num.</i>	<i>Numismatics</i>	Neutre
<i>Hor.</i>	<i>Horology</i>	Horométrie	<i>num.a.</i>	<i>Numismatic adjective</i>	Nominatif
<i>Hort.</i>	<i>Horticulture</i>	Horticulure	<i>Obst.</i>	<i>Obstetrics</i>	Numismatique
<i>Hum.</i>	<i>Humorous</i>	Par facilité	<i>Oc.</i>	<i>Oceanography</i>	Adjectif numéral
<i>Hub.</i>	<i>Husbandry</i>	Économie rurale	<i>occ.</i>	<i>Occasionally</i>	Obstétrique
<i>Hyd.</i>	<i>Hydraulics; hydrostatics</i>	Hydraulique ; hydrostatique	<i>Onomat.</i>	<i>Onomatopoeia</i>	Océanographie
<i>Hyg.</i>	<i>Hygiene</i>	Hygiène	<i>Opt.</i>	<i>Optics</i>	Parfois ; par occasion
<i>i.</i>	<i>Intransitive</i>	Intransitif	<i>Orn.</i>	<i>Ornithology</i>	Onomatopée
<i>I.C.E.</i>	<i>Internal Combustion Engines</i>	Moteurs à combustion interne	<i>Ost.</i>	<i>Osticulture</i>	Optique
<i>Ich.</i>	<i>Ichthyology</i>	Ichtyologie	<i>p.</i>	(i) <i>Participle</i> ; (ii) <i>past</i>	Ornithologie
<i>Ill.</i>	<i>Illuminants</i>	Illuminants	<i>P.</i>	<i>Popular; slang</i>	Ostréiculture
<i>imp.</i>	<i>Imperative</i>	Impératif	<i>Paint.</i>	<i>Painting trade</i>	(i) Participe ; (ii) passé
<i>impers.</i>	<i>Impersonal</i>	Impersonnel	<i>Pal.</i>	<i>Paleography</i>	Expression populaire ; argot
<i>ind.</i>	<i>Indicative</i>	Indicatif	<i>Paleont.</i>	<i>Paleontology</i>	Peinture en bâtiment
<i>Ind.</i>	<i>Industry</i>	Industrie ; arts industriels	<i>Paperm.</i>	<i>Papermaking</i>	Paléographie
<i>indef.</i>	<i>Indefinite</i>	Indéfini	<i>Parl.</i>	<i>Parliament</i>	Paléontologie
<i>ind. tr.</i>	<i>Indirectly transitive</i>	Transitif avec régime indirect	<i>Path.</i>	<i>Pathology</i>	Fabrication du papier
<i>inf.</i>	<i>Infinitive</i>	Infinitif	<i>p.d.</i>	<i>Past descriptive; imperfect tense</i>	Parlement
<i>in infl. style</i>	<i>In inflated style</i>	Style emphatique	<i>Pej.</i>	<i>Pejorative</i>	Pathologie
<i>Ins.</i>	<i>Insurance</i>	Assurance	<i>perf.</i>	<i>Perfect</i>	Passé descriptif ; imparfait
<i>int.</i>	<i>Interjection</i>	Interjection	<i>pers.</i>	<i>Person; personal</i>	(de l'indicatif)
<i>interr.</i>	<i>Interrogative</i>	Interrogatif	<i>p.h.</i>	<i>Past historic; past definite</i>	Sens préjoratif
<i>inv.</i>	<i>Invariable</i>	Invariable	<i>Ph.</i>	<i>Physics</i>	Parfait
<i>Iron.</i>	<i>Ironical(ly)</i>	Ironique(ment)	<i>Pharm.</i>	<i>Pharmacy</i>	Personne ; personne
<i>Jew.</i>	<i>Jewish</i>	Juif ; juive	<i>Phil.</i>	<i>Philosophy</i>	Passé historique ; passé défini
<i>Join.</i>	<i>Joinery</i>	Menuiserie	<i>Phot.</i>	<i>Photography</i>	Physique
<i>Journ.</i>	<i>Journalism</i>	Journalisme	<i>Phot. Engr.</i>	<i>Photo-Engraving; process work</i>	Pharmacie
<i>Jur.</i>	<i>Jurisprudence; law</i>	Droit ; terme de palais	<i>phr.</i>	<i>Phrase</i>	Philosophie
<i>Lap.</i>	<i>Lapidary Arts</i>	Arts lapidaires ; taillerie	<i>Phren.</i>	<i>Phrenology</i>	Photographie
<i>Laund.</i>	<i>Laundering</i>	Blanchissage	<i>Physiol.</i>	<i>Physiology</i>	Procédés photomécaniques ; photographie
<i>Leath.</i>	<i>Leatherwork</i>	Travail du cuir	<i>Pisc.</i>	<i>Pisciculture</i>	Locution
<i>Leg.</i>	<i>Legislation</i>	Législation	<i>pl.</i>	<i>Plural</i>	Phréno-logie
<i>Ling.</i>	<i>Linguistics</i>	Linguistique	<i>Plumb.</i>	<i>Plumbing</i>	Physiologie
<i>Lit.</i>	<i>Literary use; literature; literary</i>	Forme littéraire ; littérature ; littéraire	<i>P.N.</i>	<i>Public notices</i>	Pisciculture
<i>Lith.</i>	<i>Lithography</i>	Lithographie	<i>Poet.</i>	<i>Poetical</i>	Pluriel
<i>Locksm.</i>	<i>Locksmithery</i>	Serrurerie	<i>Pol.</i>	<i>Politics</i>	Plomberie
<i>Log.</i>	<i>Logic</i>	Logique	<i>Pol. Ec.</i>	<i>Political Economy</i>	Affichage ; avis au public
<i>Lt.</i>	<i>Latin</i>	Latin	<i>poss.</i>	<i>Possessive</i>	Style poétique
<i>m.</i>	<i>Masculine</i>	Masculin	<i>Post.</i>	<i>Postal Service</i>	Politique
<i>Magn.</i>	<i>Magnetism</i>	Magnétisme	<i>p.p.</i>	<i>Past participle</i>	Économie politique
<i>Mapm.</i>	<i>Mapmaking</i>	Cartographie	<i>p.p.a.</i>	<i>Past participial adjective</i>	Possessif
<i>Mch.</i>	<i>Machines</i>	Machines ; machines à vapeur	<i>pr.</i>	<i>Present</i>	Postes et télégraphes
<i>Meas.</i>	<i>Weights and Measures</i>	Poids et mesures	<i>pred.</i>	<i>Predicate; predicative</i>	Participe passé
<i>Mec.</i>	<i>Mechanics</i>	Mécanique	<i>pref.</i>	<i>Prefix</i>	Participe passé adjectival
<i>Mec.E.</i>	<i>Mechanical Engineering</i>	Industries mécaniques	<i>prep.</i>	<i>Preposition</i>	Présent
<i>Med.</i>	<i>Medicine</i>	Médecine	<i>Prep. phr.</i>	<i>Prepositional phrase</i>	Attribut ; attributif
<i>Mediev.</i>	<i>Medieval</i>	Du moyen âge	<i>Pr.n.</i>	<i>Proper name</i>	Préfixe
<i>Metall.</i>	<i>Metallurgy</i>	Métallurgie	<i>Prof.</i>	<i>Profession</i>	Préposition
<i>Metalo.</i>	<i>Metalworking</i>	Travail des métaux	<i>pron.</i>	<i>Pronoun</i>	Locution prépositive
<i>Metaph.</i>	<i>Metaphysics</i>	Métaphysique	<i>Pros.</i>	<i>Prosody</i>	Nom propre
<i>Meteor.</i>	<i>Meteorology</i>	Météorologie	<i>Prot.</i>	<i>Protozoa</i>	Profession
<i>Mil.</i>	<i>Military</i>	Militaire ; art militaire	<i>Prov.</i>	<i>Proverb</i>	Pronom
<i>Mill.</i>	<i>Milling</i>	Meunerie	<i>pr.p.</i>	<i>Present participle</i>	Prosodie ; métrique
<i>Min.</i>	<i>Mining and quarrying</i>	Exploitation des mines et carrières	<i>Psy.</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	Protozoaires
					Proverbe
					Participe présent
					Psychologie

## STANDARD FRENCH-ENGLISH DICTIONARY

<i>Psy:</i>	<i>Psychics</i>	<i>Métapsychisme</i>	<i>Ter:</i>	<i>Teratology</i>	<i>Tératologie</i>
<i>Publ:</i>	<i>Publishing</i>	<i>Édition</i>	<i>Tex:</i>	<i>Textiles</i>	<i>Industries textiles</i>
<i>Pyr:</i>	<i>Pyrotechnics</i>	<i>Pyrotechnie</i>	<i>Tg:</i>	<i>Telegraphy</i>	<i>Télégraphie</i>
<i>qch.</i>		<i>Quelque chose</i>	<i>Th:</i>	<i>Theatre</i>	<i>Théâtre</i>
<i>qn</i>		<i>Quelqu'un</i>	<i>Theol:</i>	<i>Theology</i>	<i>Théologie</i>
<i>q.v.</i>	<i>Which see</i>	<i>Se reporter à ce mot</i>	<i>thg:</i>	<i>Thing</i>	<i>Chose ; objet</i>
<i>Rac:</i>	<i>Racing</i>	<i>Courses</i>	<i>Tls:</i>	<i>Tools</i>	<i>Outils</i>
<i>Rad.-A:</i>	<i>Radio-activity</i>	<i>Radio-activité</i>	<i>Torp:</i>	<i>Torpedoes</i>	<i>Torpilles</i>
<i>Rail:</i>	<i>Railways:</i>	<i>Chemins de fer</i>	<i>Tp:</i>	<i>Telephony</i>	<i>Téléphonie</i>
<i>R.C.Ch:</i>	<i>Roman Catholic Church</i>	<i>Église catholique</i>	<i>tr.</i>	<i>Transitive</i>	<i>Transitif</i>
<i>rel.</i>	<i>Relative</i>	<i>Relatif</i>	<i>Tram:</i>	<i>Tramways</i>	<i>Tramways</i>
<i>Rel:</i>	<i>Religion(s)</i>	<i>Religion(s)</i>	<i>Trans:</i>	<i>Transport</i>	<i>Transports</i>
<i>Rel.H:</i>	<i>Religious History</i>	<i>Histoire des religions</i>	<i>Trig:</i>	<i>Trigonometry</i>	<i>Trigonométrie</i>
<i>Rept:</i>	<i>Reptilia</i>	<i>Reptiles</i>	<i>Turb:</i>	<i>Turbines</i>	<i>Turbines</i>
<i>Rh:</i>	<i>Rhetoric</i>	<i>Rhétorique</i>	<i>Turk:</i>	<i>Turkish; Turkey</i>	<i>Turc; Turquie</i>
<i>Rom.</i>	<i>Roman</i>	<i>Romain, romaine</i>	<i>Typ:</i>	<i>Typography</i>	<i>Typographie</i>
<i>Ropem:</i>	<i>Ropemaking</i>	<i>Corderie</i>	<i>Typewr:</i>	<i>Typewriting</i>	<i>Écriture à la machine</i>
<i>Row:</i>	<i>Rowing</i>	<i>Aviron</i>			
<i>S.</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>Sud</i>			
<i>s., sb.</i>	<i>Substantive</i>	<i>Substantif; nom</i>	<i>U.S:</i>	<i>United States</i>	<i>États-Unis</i>
<i>Sch:</i>	<i>Schools and universities</i>	<i>Université; écoles</i>	<i>usu.</i>	<i>Usually</i>	<i>D'ordinaire</i>
<i>Scot:</i>	<i>Scottish</i>	<i>Écossais</i>	<i>v.</i>	<i>Verb</i>	<i>Verbe</i>
<i>Sculp:</i>	<i>Sculpture</i>	<i>Sculpture</i>	<i>v.</i>		<i>Vous</i>
<i>Ser:</i>	<i>Sericulture</i>	<i>Sériculture</i>	<i>V:</i>	<i>Vulgar</i>	<i>Trivial; bas</i>
<i>tg.</i>	<i>Singular</i>	<i>Singulier</i>	<i>Veh:</i>	<i>Vehicles</i>	<i>Véhicules</i>
<i>Sm.a:</i>	<i>Small arms</i>	<i>Armes portatives</i>	<i>Ven:</i>	<i>Venery</i>	<i>Chasse</i>
<i>s.o.</i>	<i>Someone</i>	<i>Quelqu'un</i>	<i>Vet:</i>	<i>Veterinary science</i>	<i>Art vétérinaire</i>
<i>Soapm:</i>	<i>Soapmaking</i>	<i>Savonnerie</i>	<i>v.i.</i>	<i>Verb intransitive</i>	<i>Verbe intranatif</i>
<i>Soc.H:</i>	<i>Social History</i>	<i>Histoire sociale</i>	<i>v.ind.tr.</i>	<i>Verb indirectly transitive</i>	<i>Verbe transitif indirect</i>
<i>Sp:</i>	<i>Sport</i>	<i>Sport</i>	<i>Vit:</i>	<i>Viticulture</i>	<i>Viticulture</i>
<i>Spong:</i>	<i>Sponges</i>	<i>Spongaires</i>	<i>Voc:</i>	<i>Vocative</i>	<i>Vocatif</i>
<i>St.Exch:</i>	<i>Stock Exchange</i>	<i>Terme de Bourse</i>	<i>v.pr.</i>	<i>Verb pronominal</i>	<i>Verbe pronominal</i>
<i>sth.</i>	<i>Something</i>	<i>Quelque chose</i>	<i>v.tr.</i>	<i>Verb transitive</i>	<i>Verbe transitif</i>
<i>Stonew:</i>	<i>Stoneworking</i>	<i>Taille de la pierre</i>			
<i>sub.</i>	<i>Subjunctive</i>	<i>Subjonctif</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>Ouest</i>
<i>suffix.</i>	<i>Suffix</i>	<i>Suffixe</i>	<i>W:</i>	<i>Wireless</i>	<i>Sans fil</i>
<i>Sug.-R:</i>	<i>Sugar-Refining</i>	<i>Raffinerie du sucre</i>	<i>Wine-m:</i>	<i>Wine-making</i>	<i>Fabrication des vins</i>
<i>sup.</i>	<i>Superlative</i>	<i>Superlatif</i>	<i>W.Tel:</i>	<i>Wireless Telephony and Telegraphy</i>	<i>Téléphonie et télégraphie sans fil; T.S.F.</i>
<i>Surg:</i>	<i>Surgery</i>	<i>Chirurgie</i>	<i>W.Tg:</i>	<i>Wireless Telegraphy</i>	<i>Télégraphie sans fil</i>
<i>Surv:</i>	<i>Surveying</i>	<i>Géodésie et levé de plans</i>	<i>W.Tp:</i>	<i>Wireless Telephony</i>	<i>Téléphonie sans fil</i>
<i>Swim:</i>	<i>Swimming</i>	<i>Natation</i>	<i>Wr:</i>	<i>Wrestling</i>	<i>Lutte</i>
<i>Tail:</i>	<i>Tailoring</i>	<i>Vêtements d'hommes</i>			
<i>Tan:</i>	<i>Tanning</i>	<i>Tannage des cuirs</i>			
<i>Tchn:</i>	<i>Technical</i>	<i>Terme(s) technique(s); terme(s) de métier</i>	<i>X:</i>	<i>X Rays</i>	<i>Rayons X</i>
<i>Televi:</i>	<i>Television</i>	<i>Télévision</i>	<i>Y:</i>	<i>Yachting</i>	<i>Yachting</i>
<i>Ten:</i>	(i) <i>Tennis</i> ; (ii) <i>lawn tennis</i>	(i) <i>Paume</i> ; (ii) <i>tennis</i>	<i>Z:</i>	<i>Zoology</i>	<i>Zoologie</i>

The symbol = is used to indicate a correspondence between French and English institutions, where the terms thus brought together cannot be considered strictly as translations one of the other. Thus: *Procureur général* = Attorney General. *Procureur de la République* = Public Prosecutor. *U.S.*: District Attorney.

## PART ONE

### FRENCH—ENGLISH

A)

A

[abaïsser]

**A**, **a<sup>1</sup>** [a], s.m. (The letter) A, a. *Un petit a*, a small a. **F**: Il ne sait **ni A ni B**, he doesn't know A from B; **F**: he doesn't know B from a bull's foot. *Il vous prouvera par A plus B que . . . ,* he will demonstrate (to his own satisfaction) that. . . . **Prov**: *A*: Qui a dit **A doit dire B**, (i) one wrong step entails another, (ii) in for a penny in for a pound. *Connaitre un sujet depuis A jusqu'à Z*, to know a subject from A to Z, thoroughly, inside out. **A**: *Marqué à l'A*, first-rate, eminent. *Un homme marqué à l'A*, a first-rate man, a first-rater.

**a<sup>2</sup>** [a]. See **AVOIR**.

**a(n)-** [a(n)], privative pref. **A(n)-**. *Aboulie*, aboulia. *Amoralement*, amorally. *Aphone*, aphorous. *Astigmatique*, astigmatic. *Anastigmatique*, anastigmatic. *Anaphrodisiaque*, anaphrodisiac.

**à** [a], prep. (Contracts with the article *le* into *au*, with the article *les* into *aux*.)

1. Denoting direction in space, towards an end. (a) *Courir à qn*, to run to s.o. *Aller à l'école*, *d'* l'église, to go to school, to church. *Voyage à Paris*, journey to Paris. *Se rendre au Japon*, aux Indes, to travel to Japan, to India. *A cet effet on emploie différents moyens*, to this end various means are employed. (b) *Au voleur!* stop thief! *A l'assassin!* murder! (As street cry) *Aux beaux oignons!* *aux belles fraises!* fine onions! fine strawberries! (c) Denoting opposition. *On se battit homme à homme*, they fought man to man. *Traduire mot à mot*, to translate word for word. *Games*: *Nous sommes point à point*, *F*: *nous sommes point à*, the score is even. *Ten*: *Quinze à*, quinze all. *Quarante A*, deuce. 2. Denoting direction in time. *Du matin au soir*, from morning to night. *Attendre à plus tard*, to wait until later. *A l'avenir*, in the future, henceforth. *A jeudi!* good-bye until Thursday! *A jamais*, for ever. 3. Denoting point in space. *A la gare*, at the station. *A l'école*, *d'* l'église, *d'* Paris, at school, at church, in Paris. *Il habite au Japon*, aux Indes, he lives in Japan, in India. *A la maison*, at home. *La maison à droite*, *d'* gauche, the house on the right, on the left. *Être à jardin*, to be in the garden. *Avoir qch. à la main*, to have sth. in one's hand. *Boire au ruisseau*, to drink from the brook. *A deux milles d'ici*, two miles away. *A deux milles de la gare*, two miles (away) from the station. 4. Denoting point in time. *A deux heures*, at two o'clock. *Au premier mot*, at the first word. *A ses cris nous sommes accourus*, at his cries we hastened up. *A certains jours*, on certain days. *A mon arrivée*, on my arrival. *Arriver à temps*, to arrive in time. *Au mois de juillet*, in the month of July. *A la fin*, at last. 5. Denoting characteristics of an action or state. *Louer une maison à l'année*, to let a house by the year. *Vendre des marchandises à la douzaine* to sell goods by the dozen. *Je l'ai fait à moi seul*, I did it all by myself. *Hum*: alone I did it. *Nous l'avons fait à deux*, *d'* trois, there were two, three, of us at it. *Elles auront bientôt fait à elles deux*, *d'* elles trois, between them, between the three of them, they will soon have done. *Recevoir qn à bras ouverts*, to receive s.o. with open arms. *Faire les choses à sa guise*, to do things in one's own way. *A la française*, *d'* l'anglaise, *à la turque*, (in the) French, English, Turkish, fashion. *Nager à la chien*, to swim dogwise. *Roman écrit à la Goncourt*, novel after the manner of the Goncourt brothers. *A quel prix vendez-vous cela?* at what price do you sell that? *Manger à sa faim*, *boire d'sa soif*, to eat, drink, one's fill, to repletion. *On le voit à votre visage*, I can tell it by your face. *Prendre qch. à serieux*, to take sth. seriously. 6. Introducing the indirect object of a vb. *Donner qch. à qn*, to give sth. to s.o. *Parler à qn*, to speak to s.o. *Penser à qch.*, to think of sth. *Obéir à qn*, to obey s.o. *Se mettre au travail*, to set to work. 7. Forming adj. phrases (a) (Purpose) *Tasse à thé*, tea-cup. *Machine à coudre*, sewing-machine. (b) (Means of action) *Moulin à vent*, windmill. *Machine à vapeur*, steam-engine. (c) (Special feature) *Ver à soie*, silkworm. *Homme à barbe noire*, man with a black beard. *Les vieilles dames à pliant*, the old ladies with (their) camp-stools. *Gens au teint foncé*, à l'aspect étranger, people of dark complexion, of foreign appearance. *L'Irlande*, *l'île aux vertes prairies*, Erin, the isle of green meadows. *Chambre à deux tirs*, double-bedded room. (d) (Possession) *Un livre à moi*, a book of mine. *Y'a de l'argent à moi*, I have money of my own. *Le livre est à Jean*, the book is John's. *A qui la faute?* whose fault is it? *Son idée à elle serait de . . . ,* her idea would be to. . . . **P**: *Le livre*

*Jean*, John's book. *A nous la liberté!* up with liberty! 8. (a) Introducing a complement to an adj. *C'est bien aimable à lui* (*de m'inviter*), it is very nice of him (to invite me). (b) Introducing a complement to être. *Ce n'est pas à moi de les avertir*, it is not my business to warn them. *C'est à vous*, *d'* Pierre, *de décider*, it is for you, for Peter, to decide; **F**: it is up to you, to Peter, to decide. *C'est à vous*, it is your turn.

II. à introducing vb in the infinitive. 1. As logical subject of sentence. *Il me reste à vous remercier*, I still have to thank you. 2. As obj. or compl. to a vb. *Il aime à se distraire*, he is fond of pleasure. *Il apprend à lire*, he is learning to read. *Je lui offre à manger*, I offered him food. *J'ai à faire*, I have work to do. *J'ai beaucoup à faire*, I have a great deal to do. *Il y en a autant à dire de lui*, there is as much to be said about him. (The head verb may be understood: *Autant à dire de lui*.) 3. In adj. relation to sb. or pron. *J'ai une lettre à écrire*, I have a letter to write. *Il est homme à se défendre*, he is the kind of man who will hit back. *Un spectacle à ravis*, a delightful sight. *Vous n'êtes pas à plaindre*, you are not to be pitied. *Les règles à observer*, the rules to be observed. *C'était un accident à prévoir*, it was an accident that should have been foreseen. 4. In adv. relation to adj. (a) *Je suis prêt à vous écouter*, I am ready to listen to you. (b) With numerals. *Un Samaritain fut le troisième à passer*, a Samaritan was the third to pass by. *Vous êtes le premier à le remarquer*, you are the first one who has noticed it. 5. Dependent on abstract noun. *Son plaisir à nous revoir*, his pleasure at seeing us again. 6. Related to vb. (a) Denoting time, place, circumstance. *Il est à travailler*, he is at (his) work. *Y'en suis venu à lui parler*, I have got to the point of speaking to him. *J'hésite à accepter*, I am reluctant to accept. *J'aurai beaucoup de plaisir à vous revoir*, I shall have great pleasure in seeing you again. (b) With restrictive force. *A vous croire tout serait perdu*, you would have us believe that all is lost. *A les en croire pas une âme n'aurait survécu*, if they are to be believed not a soul has survived. *A vivre ainsi vous vous abîmez la santé*, such a life is impairing your health. *A vivre auprès d'elle il avait pris ses habitudes*, living beside her he had acquired her habits. *A partager les mêmes périls on apprend à se connaître*, by sharing the same dangers we learn to know each other. *A les approcher on se rend compte que . . . ,* on coming near to them one realizes that. . . . *A la voir . . . ,* to see her. . . . *A compter de ce jour*, reckoning from to-day. 7. With intensive force. *Il géle à pierre fendre*, it is freezing hard. *Elle est laide à faire peur*, she is frightfully ugly. *Il courait à perdre haleine*, he was running as hard as ever he could. *Il a de l'argent à n'en savoir que faire*, he has more money than he knows what to do with. *Un bruit à tout casser*, noise fit to bring the house down.

**ababouiné** [ababwine], a. *Nau*: Be calmed, in the doldrums.

**abaissable** [abesabl], a. Lowerable (mast, etc.).

**abaissant** [abesâ], a. Lowering (to one's self-respect, etc.).

**abaisse** [abes], s.f. *Cu*: Paste rolled out thin; undercrust.

**abaisse-langue** [abeslâg], s.m. *Surg*: Tongue-depressor. pl. *Des abaisse-langues*.

**abaissement** [abesmâ], s.m. 1. Lowering. *A. du bras, de la voix*, d'un store, des prix, lowering of the arm, of the voice, of a blind, of prices. 2. (a) Falling, abatement, subsidence, sinking. *A. des eaux*, falling, abatement, of the waters. *A. de la température*, fall in temperature. *A. des prix*, dropping of prices. *A. des valeurs*, deterioration in values. *El*: *A. de courant*, decrease in current. (b) *Med*: Pro-lapse (of womb). 3. Dip (of horizon, of the ground). 4. (a) Abasement, humbling. *A. des grands, d'un état*, humbling of the great, of a state. (b) *Vivre dans l'a.*, to live in abasement.

**abaisser** [abese], v.tr. 1. To lower, pull down, draw down, let down. *A. un store, un pont-levis, un canon, son voile*, to pull down a blind, let down a drawbridge, depress a gun, draw down one's veil. *A. les yeux sur la foule*, to look down on the crowd. *Nau*: *A. une voile*, to settle a sail. *A. un mât*, to strike a mast. 2. To lower (shelf, one's voice); to reduce, lessen (prices, cost, pressure, etc.). *A. le taux à l'escompte*, to lower the bank-rate. *A. la natalité*, to lower, bring down, the birth rate. 3. To humble, bring low, abase. *Dieu abaisse les superbes*, God humbles the proud. *Il abaisse Babylon*, He brought Babylon low. *A. l'orgueil de qn*, to bring down s.o.'s pride. 4. *Ar*: *A. un chiffre*, to bring down a figure. 5. *Geom*: *A.*

une perpendiculaire d'une ligne, to drop, let fall, a perpendicular to, on, a line. **6.** *Mth:* To depress (an equation). **7.** To lop off (branch). **8.** *Surg:* To couch (cataract).

**s'abaisser.** **1.** To fall away, dip, slope downward, go down. *Le terrain s'abaisse vers le sud*, the ground falls away to the south. *Le terrain s'est abaisse*, the ground has subsided. *Ses paupières s'abaissent*, her eyelids drooped. *La température s'abaisse*, the temperature is falling. *Les arts s'abaisse*, art is deteriorating, declining. **2.** *S'a. devant Dieu*, to humble oneself before God. **3.** *S'a. jusqu'd, faire qch.* (i) to demean oneself so far, to stoop so low, as to do sth., to stoop to doing sth., (ii) to descend to do sth. *Il ne saurait s'a. jusqu'à mentir*, he is above telling a lie.

**abaisseur** [abais:r], *a. & s.m. Anat:* (*Musole*) abaisseur, depressor (muscle).

**abajoue** [abaju], *s.f. I. Z:* (*Monkey's*) cheek-pouch. (*Of monkey*) *Se fourrer une noisette dans l'a.*, to pouch a nut. **2. pl. F:** Flabby cheeks. **3. Cu:** (*Pig's, calf's*) cheek.

**abalourdir** [abalurdi:r], *v.tr.* To make (s.o.) dull, stupid.

**s'abalourdir,** to grow dull, slow-witted.

**abandon** [abādɔ̃], *s.m. I.* (a) Surrender, relinquishment, cession, renunciation (of goods, rights, etc.). *Faire l'abandon de qch. à qn*, to make over, give over, resign, surrender, sth. to s.o. (b) *Sp:* Giving up, retiral (from race). **2.** Forsaking, desertion, abandonment, neglect (of home, children, duty, etc.). **3.** Forlornness, neglect. *Mourir dans un a. général, universel*, to die in total neglect, forsaken by all. *A l'abandon*, (i) neglected, in utter neglect, (ii) at random, (iii) *Nau:* (ship) derelict, adrift. *Enfants à l'a.*, children running wild. *Parler à l'abandon*, to talk at random. **4.** (a) Lack of restraint; unreserve, unconstraint, abandon. *Il me parla avec abandon*, he spoke to me with unreserved confidence. *Il écrit avec un a. séduisant*, he writes with a pleasant unconstraint. (b) *A. au pêché*, indulgence in sin.

**abandonnataire** [abōdnatə:r], *s.m. Jur:* Releasee. *M. Ins:* Abandoned.

**abandonneur, -trice** [abōdnator, -tris], *s. Jur:* Releasor.

**abandonnement** [abōdnemā], *s.m. I. = ABANDON 1, 2, 4. 2.* Prof-ligacy, shamelessness.

**abandonnement** [abōdnemā], *adv. I.* Unreservedly, without restraint. **2.** Shamelessly.

**abandonner** [abōdñe], *v.tr. I.* (a) To forsake, desert, abandon; to fling over, throw over; to leave; to give up. *Nau:* *A. un homme*, to maroon a man. *Ses amis l'abandonnent*, his friends are forsaking, deserting, him. *Mes forces m'abandonnent*, my strength is failing me. *Abandonné de tous*, forsaken by all. *Abandonné par les médecins*, given up by the doctors. *A. la garde de qch.*, to leave sth. unattended. *Abandonner la partie*, to throw up the game, *F:* to throw up the sponge, to give up. *A. l'étaillon or*, to come off the gold standard. (b) *Abs. Sp:* To give up (the race); to retire. **2.** To surrender, renounce, give up; to hand over, give over. *A. ses prétentions*, to renounce, throw up, surrender, one's claims. *A. ses biens d'ses créanciers*, to surrender one's goods to one's creditors. See also PRIME<sup>1</sup> I. **3.** *A. une corde*, to let go a rope. *Ne pas a. la corde*, to keep hold of, to hold on to, the rope.

**s'abandonner.** **1.** (a) To neglect oneself, to be careless of oneself. (b) To give way to despair, to grief; to lose courage. **2.** To be unconstrained in manners, in conversation; *F:* to let oneself go. **3.** *S'a. d qch.*, to give oneself up to sth.; to become addicted to (vice, etc.); to give way to (emotion). *Ne vous abandonnez pas à pleurer*, don't give way to tears. **4.** *S'a. à la Providence*, to commit oneself to, throw oneself on, Providence. *S'a. au sommeil*, to surrender oneself to sleep.

**abandonné, -ée, a. & s. I.** Forsaken (person). *Les abandonnés*, waifs and strays. *Petit a.*, little waif. *Nature a. en mer*, derelict (ship). *Jur:* *Objet abandonné*, derelict. **2.** Profligate, shameless, abandoned (person, conduct). **3.** Untidy (appearance).

**abaquarrer** [abakare], *v.tr.* To graph (on squared paper, etc.).

**abaque** [abak], *s.m. I.* Archeol: Abacus, sideboard. **2. Arch:** Abacus. **3. Mth:** (a) = BOULIER-COMPTEUR. (b) Chart, graph, table, scale, diagram; nomograph, plotter.

**abasie** [abazi], *s.f. Med:* Abasia.

**abasourdir** [abazurdii:r, -sur-], *v.tr. I. A:* To deafen, stun, daze. **2.** To dumbfound, strike dumb, astound, bewilder, flummox, stun. *Nous restâmes abasourdis de la nouvelle*, we were dumbfounded at, struck dumb by, *F:* flabbergasted by, the news.

**abasourdissant** [abazurdissō, -sur-], *a. I. A:* Deafening, stunning. **2.** Nouvelle abasourdante, astounding piece of news.

**abasourdissement** [abazurdismā, -sur-], *s.m.* Bewilderment, stu-pefaction.

**abat<sup>1</sup>** [aba], *s.m. I. A:* = ABATTAGE 3. **2. A:** *A. d'eau, de pluie*, sudden shower; downpour; thunder-plump. **3. pl. Abats.** (a) Official. (b) *Cu:* = ABATTIS 3 (a).

**abat<sup>2</sup>.** See ABATTE.

**abatage** [abata:ʒ], *s.m. = ABATTAGE.*

**abatant** [abatõ], *s.m. = ABATTANT 2.*

**abâtardir** [abotardi:r], *v.tr.* To cause to degenerate; to render degenerate, to debase.

**s'abâtardir,** to degenerate, to deteriorate.

**abâtardi,** *a.* Degenerate.

**abâtardissement** [abotardismā], *s.m.* Degeneracy, degeneration; retrogression.

**abatée** [abate], *s.f. = ABATTÉE.*

**abat-faim** [abafē], *s.m. inv. in pl. Cu: F:* 'Hunger-killer' (substantial dish served early in the meal).

**abat-foin** [abafwē], *s.m. inv. in pl.* Trap-door (of hayloft).

**abatis** [abati], *s.m. = ABATTIS.*

**abat-jour** [abajur], *s.m. inv. in pl. I.* (a) Lamp-shade, candle-shade. (b) Eye-shade. (c) Sun-blind, awning. (d) Slanting shutter. *Mettre la main en abat-jour*, to shade one's eyes with one's hand.

**2.** Skylight. *Soupirail en a.-j.*, cellar light.

**abat-son** [abasɔ̃], *s.m. I.* (a) Louvre-, luffer-window. (b) *pl. Abat-*sons, luffer-boards. **2. Cin:** (Sound-damping) flat.

**abattage** [abata:ʒ], *s.m. I.* (a) Knocking down, throwing down; demolition (of wall, etc.). *F:* *Recevoir un abattage*, to get hauled over the coals, to get a wigging. (b) Felling, cutting down, clearing (of trees, etc.). (c) *Min:* Cutting, working, stoping. *A. d la poudre*, blasting. *A. d ciel ouvert*, open mining. *Face d'abattage*, working face. (d) *Mil:* Anchoring (of gun). See also CARÈNE I. **2.** Leverage, purchase; power (obtained by leverage). **3.** Slaughtering, killing (of animal for food). *A. des bœufs*, slaughtering, pole-axing, knocking down, of oxen. *Grand a. de gibier*, heavy slaughter, heavy bag, of game. **4. Cards:** (a) Laying down of one's cards, putting down of one's hand. (b) Exposed hand.

**abattant** [abatõ]. **I. a.** (a) Depressing. *Chaleur abattante*, heat that leaves one limp. (b) *Siège abattant*, tilting seat (of car, etc.). **2. s.m. (a)** (i) Flap (of counter, table, etc.); (hinged) leaf (of table); flap-seat (of w.c. pan); (ii) drop-table; (iii) trap-door. (b) (Pivoted) skylight; swinging ventilator.

**abattée** [abate], *s.f. I. Nau:* (a) Falling off to leeward; casting (of ship). (b) Alteration of course. (c) Pitching (into waves). **2.** Swoop (of aeroplane).

**abattement** [abatmā], *s.m. I.* (a) (Physical) prostration. (b) Despondency, dejection, low spirits. *Un profond a.*, deep dejection. *Tomber dans l'a.*, to become low-spirited. **2. Mth:** Perpendicular depth. **3. Adm:** Abatement (on declared income). *A. d la base*, basic abatement (Earned Income allowance or Personal allowance).

**abatteur, -euse** [abate:r, -ø:z], *s.* (a) Knocker-down, knocker-over (of things). *F:* *A. de besogne*, hard worker. *Grand abatteur de bois, de quilles*, great braggart, boaster. (b) Feller, hewer, cutter (of trees, coal); quarrier (of stone). (c) Slaughterer (of animals).

**abattis** [abati], *s.m. I.* (a) Felling, clearing (of trees). (b) Killing, slaughter (of game, etc.). *Faire un grand abattis de gibier*, to secure a big bag of game. **2. A. de maisons**, heap of fallen houses. **3. pl. (a)** *Cu:* Giblets. (b) *P:* Limbs, hands and feet. *Tu peux numérotter tes abattis!* you had better take stock of yourself (i) before I thrash you, (ii) before you face the music. **4. Mil:** Abatis.

**abattoir** [abatwɔ:r], *s.m.* Slaughter-house; abattoir.

**abattre** [abatr], *v.tr. (Conj. like BATTRE) I.* (a) To knock down, throw down, batter down, pull down; to demolish, overthrow. *A. une maison*, to pull down a house. *A. un adversaire*, to overthrow, lay low, an opponent; *Box:* to down an opponent. *A. les fruits d'un arbre*, to knock down the fruit from tree. *F: Abattre de la besogne*, *P:* *en abattre*, to get through a lot of work. *F: Abattre une lieue à pied*, to do, cover, three miles on foot. See also BOIS<sup>1</sup> 2. (b) To fell, cut down, hew down, cut away, clear (trees); to cut (corn). (c) To strike off, lop off, cut off, *F:* chop off (head, limb). (d) *Min:* To break down, stop (coal). (e) *Mil:* To anchor (field-gun). **2.** To slaughter, kill, destroy. *A. un bœuf*, to slaughter, knock down, an ox. *A. un chien enragé*, to kill a mad dog. *A. un cheval blessé*, to destroy an injured horse. **3.** To bring down. (a) *A. une perdrix*, to shoot, bring down, bag, a partridge. *A. un avion*, to bring down, shoot down, an aeroplane. *J'abattis cinq faisans*, five pheasants fell to my gun. (b) *A. son sabre sur la tête de qn*, to bring down one's sword on s.o.'s head. *A. sur la table un grand coup de poing*, to bring one's fist down heavily upon the table. *A. violemment le couvercle*, to bang down the lid. **4.** To lower. (a) *A. un store*, to lower a blind. *A. les tentes*, to strike tents. (b) *A. l'orgueil de qn*, to lower, humble, break, s.o.'s pride. **5.** To lay (dust, wind). *Prov:* *Petite pluie abat grand vent*, small rain lays great dust. **6.** (Of wind) To blow down, beat down, to lay (crops) flat; to lodge (corn). *Arbre abattu par le vent*, tree blown down by the wind. See also CARÈNE I. **7.** To cast down, dishearten, unmman, depress; to take the heart out of (s.o.). *Ne vous laissez pas abattre!* don't get disheartened! bear up! *Ne pas se laisser a. par la mauvaise fortune*, to bear up against misfortune. *Ils ne se laisseront pas a.* their spirit did not break; they were in no way dashed in spirit. **8. Cards:** *A. ses cartes, son jeu*, to lay one's cards on the table, to lay down one's hand. **9. Tchn:** (a) To clinch (rivet). (b) To round, blunt (angle); to reduce (surface). *A. une arête*, to chamfer an edge. **10. v.i. Nau:** (a) *A. sur bâbord*, to cast to port. *A. sous le vent*, to fall off, cast off, pay off. *A. de bon bord*, to pay off on the right tack. *A. d contre-bord*, to pay off on the wrong tack. (b) *A. à la côte*, to drift on-shore. (c) To alter course.

**s'abattre.** **I.** To fall, to crash down, to come down. *Le mât s'abattit*, the mast came crashing down. *Une bombe s'abattit au milieu de la foule*, a bomb dropped among the crowd. *F:* *Il s'abattit sur le nez*, he came down on his nose. **2. S'a. sur qch.**, to pounce upon sth., to swoop down, sweep down, upon sth. *Le faucon s'abat sur sa proie*, the falcon pounces, swoops, *Ven:* stoops, on its prey. *L'orage s'abattit sur nous*, the storm swept down upon us. **3. (Of fever, heat, etc.)** To abate, to subside. *Le vent s'abat*, the wind is falling. **4.** To become disheartened, depressed, discouraged.

**abattu**, *a. I.* Dejected, cast down, downcast, down-hearted, low-spirited, heavy-hearted, *F:* hipped. *Il a l'air a.*, he looks depressed, *F:* down in the mouth. *Remonter les esprits abattus*, to revive drooping spirits. *A. par la chaleur*, limp with the heat. *Visage a.*, drawn face. **2.** See BRIDE I.

**abat-vent** [abavā], *s.m. inv. in pl. I.* Louvre-boards, luffer-boards (of steeple, etc.). **2.** Pent-house, lean-to. **3.** Chimney-cowl. **4. Hort:** Wind-screen.

**abat-voix** [abavwa], *s.m. inv. in pl.* Sounding-board (of pulpit).

**Abbassides** [les] [lezbasid]. *Pr.n.m. Hist:* The Abbas(s)ides.

**abbatial, -aux** [abasjal, -o], *a.* Abbatial. *Dignité abbatiale*, abbacy. *Terres abbatiales*, abbey-lands. *Église abbatiale*, minster, abbey.

**abbat** [abasj], *s.m.* Abbacy, office of abbot.

**abbaye** [abes(j)], *s.f. I.* Abbey, monastery. See also MOINE I, POUR I I (i), THÉLEME. **2.** Benefice of an abbey; abbacy.

**abbé** [abe], *s.m. I.* Abbot. **2.** Beneficiary of an abbey. **3.** General designation of and mode of address for a (Roman Catholic) priest.

*Y'en parlerai à monsieur l'abbé, I shall mention it to the priest.*  
*Entrez donc, monsieur Pa! come in, your Reverence!* L'abbé Constantin, Father Constantin, Abbé Constantin. 4. *Hist:* (As applied to one having no ecclesiastical duty) Abbé.

**abbesse** [abes], *s.f.* Abbess.

**abbevillois, -oise** [abvilwa-, waiz], *a. & s. Geog:* (Inhabitant, native) of Abbeville.

**abc** [obese], *s.m. inv. in pl.* 1. Alphabet, A B C. 2. Spelling-book, primer. 3. Rudiments, elements (of a science).

**abcédation** [apsedasjɔ], *s.f. Med:* (a) Formation of an abscess; gathering. (b) Suppuration.

**abcéder** [apsede], *v.i.* (i) (il abcéde, il abcédera) *Med:* (a) To form into an abscess, to gather. (b) To suppurate.

**abcès** [apse], *s.m.* Abscess, gathering. *A. au doigt*, gathered finger. *A. à la gencive*, gumboil. *Vider un a.*, to drain an abscess.

**Abdere** [abde:r]. *Pr.n.f.* *A. Geog:* Abdera.

**Abdias** [abdias]. *Pr.n.m.* *B. Hist:* Obadiah.

**abdicateaire** [abdikatir]. *I. a.* (i) Abdicating, (ii) abdicated (monarch). 2. *s.m.* Abdicator.

**abdication** [abdkasjɔ], *s.f.* Abdication (of throne); resignation (of a post); renunciation, surrender (of authority, rights, etc.). Faire abdication de ses biens, de ses droits, to renounce, surrender, one's possessions, one's rights.

**abdiquer** [abdiqe], *v.tr.* To abdicate (throne); to resign (post); to renounce, surrender (rights, etc.).

**abdomen** [abdömen], *s.m.* (a) *Anat:Z: Ent: etc:* Abdomen. (b) *F:* Paunch, corporation.

**abdominal, -aux** [abdöminal,-o], *a. Anat:Z: Abdöminal*.

**abducteur** [abdyktœ:r], *a. & s.m. I. Anat:* (Muscle) abducteur, abductor (muscle); abducting muscle. 2. *Tchn:* Tube abducteur, delivery tube or pipe.

**abduction** [abdyksjɔ], *s.f. Physiol: Log:* Abduction.

**abeausir** [abozi:r], *v.i. & pr. Nau:* (Of weather) To clear (up); to turn finer.

**abécédaire** [abesede:r]. *I. a.* Ordre abécédaire, alphabetical order. 2. *s.m.* (a) Spelling-book. (b) Primer (of science, etc.).

**abecquement** [abekm], *s.m.* Feeding (of young birds by their parents).

**abecquer** [abeke], *v.tr.* (Of birds) To feed (their young).

**abee** [abe], *s.f.* (a) Mouth (of mill-leat). (b) Leat (of mill).

**abeille** [abejj], *s.f.* Bee. *A. domestique*, hive-bee, honey-bee. *A. neutre, a. ouvrière*, working bee, worker. *A. mâle*, drone. *A. mère*, queen bee. *A. tête*, black bee, German bee. *Nid d'abeilles*, bees' nest, honeycomb. *Tex:* Serviette nid d'abeilles, honeycomb towel. *Aut:* Radiateur nid d'abeilles, honeycomb radiator, cellular radiator. *W.Tel:* Bobine en nid d'abeilles, honeycomb coil. *Needlew:* Nids d'abeilles, smocking. See also HERBE 4.

**abeiller, -ère** [abeje,-er], *a.* Relating to bees; aparian. *L'industrie abeillère*, bee-keeping.

**abélien, -ienne** [abeljë,-jen], *a. Mth:* Abelian (integrals, etc.).

**aberrant** [aber(r)ā], *a. Biol:* etc; Aberrant. See also NORME.

**aberration** [aber(r)asjɔ], *s.f. I. Astr: Biol: Mth: Opt:* Aberration. *A. moyenne*, constant of aberration. *A. de sphéricité* spherical aberration. 2. Aberration (of mind, conduct, etc.). *Dans un moment d'a.*, in a moment of aberration.

**aberrer** [aber(r)e], *v.i.* To wander from the point; to argue away from the point.

**abétir** [abetir,-be-]. *I. v.tr.* To render (s.o.) stupid; to dull. 2. *v.i. & pr.* To become, grow, stupid. *Il (s')abétit de jour en jour*, he grows more stupid every day.

**abhorrible** [abor(r)abl], *a.* Detestable, abhorrent.

**abhorrer** [abor(r)e], *v.tr.* To abhor, loathe. abominant. *Abhorré de, par, tous les honnêtes gens*, abhorred, shunned, by all decent people. *A. de faire qch.*, to loathe doing sth. *Il abhorre qu'on lui fasse des éloges*, he loathes being praised.

**Abia** [abja]. *Pr.n.m. B.Hist:* Abijah.

**abiétiu** [abjet], *a. Bot: etc:* Referring to fir-trees.

**abiétinées** [abjetin], *s.f. pl. Bot:* Abietinæ.

**abiétique** [abjetik], *a. Ch:* Abietic (acid).

**Abigail** [abigail]. *Pr.n.f. B.Hist:* Abigail.

**-abilité** [abilite], *s. suff. f.* -ability, -ableness. *Culpabilité*, culpability. *Tractabilité*, tractability. *Sociabilité*, companionableness. *Pénétrabilité*, penetrability. *Bu:* *Responsabilité*, responsibility.

**abîme** [abim], *s.m. I.* (a) Abyss, chasm, unfathomable depth(s), abyssal space. *Dieu les précipita dans l'a.*, God hurled them into the abyss. See also PUITS 1. *Les profonds abîmes de l'océan*, the unfathomed deep. *F:* Un abîme de science, a man of immense learning. *L'abîme appelle l'abîme*, deep calleth to deep. (b) *Geol:* Swallow-hole. 2. *Her:* Fess(e)-point; abyss, heart-point.

**abîmer** [abime], *v.tr.* *I. (a) A:* To engulf, sink, swallow up. (b) *A:* To overwhelm, destroy, lay low. *Dieu abîma les villes coupables*, God destroyed the guilty cities. *F:* Abîmer qq d'injures, to overwhelm s.o. with abuse. 2. *(a)* To spoil, damage, injure. *S'a. la santé*, to injure, undermine, one's health. *Livre abîmé par la pluie*, book spoilt by the rain. *F:* *A. qq dans la presse*, to run down, slate, s.o. in the papers. *P:* Se faire abîmer, to get badly crooked up. (b) *Abs. P:* To exaggerate; to draw the long bow. *s'abîmer*. *I. (a) S'a. dans les flots*, to sink; to be engulfed, swallowed up, by the sea. (b) *S'a. dans la douleur, dans ses pensées*, to be sunk in grief, in thought. 2. To get spoiled; to spoil.

**abîmé**, *a. I. (a) A:* *A. de dettes*, overwhelmed with debt. (b) *A. dans ses pensées*, deep, sunk, lost, in thought. 2. *Marchandises abîmées*, damaged, spoilt, goods. *Caoutchouc a.*, perished rubber.

**abio-génèse** [abjɔ:zɛ:s], *s.f.* Abiogenesis.

**abiose** [abjo:z], *s.f. Biol:* Abiosis.

**abiotique** [abjɔ:tik], *a.* In which there can be no life; abiotic.

**abismal, -aux** [abismal,-o], *a.* Abyssmal, fathomless.

**abject** [abʒekt], *a.* Abject (poverty); mean, contemptible, despicable (person, conduct).

**abjectement** [abʒektmā], *adv.* Abjectly.

**abjection** [abɔksjɔ], *s.f.* 1. Abjection, abasement. 2. Abjectness, meanness (of thought, etc.).

**abjuration** [abɔrasjɔ], *s.f.* Abjuration; renunciation (on oath); recantation. Faire abjuration de . . . = ABJURER.

**abjuratoire** [abɔrnatwɔ:r], *a.* Acte, formule, abjuratoire, act, formula, of abjuration, of recantation.

**abjurier** [abɔyre], *v.tr.* To abjure, forswear; to renounce (on oath); to recant retract. *F:* Abjurier toute pudeur, to cast off all sense of shame.

**ablatif, -ive** [ablatif,-iv], *a. & s.m. Gram:* Ablative (case). A l'ablatif, in the ablative. *A. absolu*, ablative absolute.

**ablation** [ablasjɔ], *s.f.* Ablation. *I. Surg:* Excision, removal (of part, tumour, etc.). 2. *Geol:* Denudation.

**able** [abl], *s.m.* Ich: (Small river) bleak.

**able**, *a. suff. -able.* (a) Appended to verbs. *Adorable, adorable. Guérissable*, curable. *Reconnaissable*, recognizable. *Abolissable*, abolishable. *Organisable*, organizable. But: *Responsable*, responsible. (b) Appended to nouns. *Charitable*, charitable. *Équitable*, equitable. *Cyclable*, fit for bicycle traffic.

**ablette** [ablet], *s.f. Ich:* (Small river) bleak; ablet, ablen.

**abluant** [abløy], *a. & s.m. Surg:* Detergent.

**abluer** [abley], *v.tr. Bookb:* etc. To wash, clean (soiled pages).

**ablution** [ablysjɔ], *s.f.* Ablution, washing. *Ecc:* Ablution, purification. *F:* Faire ses ablutions, to perform one's ablutions; to wash.

**ablutionner** [ablysjɔne], *v.tr. Ecc:* To wash. *A. le calice*, to perform the ablution of the chalice.

**s'ablutionner**, (of priest) to wash, purify, the fingers.

**abnégation** [abnegasjɔ], *s.f.* Abnegation, sacrifice. *A. de soi*, self-abnegation, self-denial, self-sacrifice. *Faire abnégation de soi*, de ses intérêts, to sacrifice oneself, one's interests. *Faire a. de a volonté*, to abnegate one's will. *Vie d'a.*, unselfish life.

**Abner** [abner]. *Pr.n.m. B.Hist:* Abner.

**abnormalité** [abnormit], *s.f. Biol:* Abnormality.

**aboi** [abwa], *s.m. I. A:* Bark, barking (of dog); bay, baying (of hound). 2. Aux abois, (i) (of stag, enemy) at bay, (ii) hard pressed, hard set, with his back against the wall. *Réduire, mettre, qn aux abois*, to reduce s.o. to the last extremity, to press s.o. hard. *Ils sont aux abois*, they are in desperate straits, they are hard pressed, sore pressed. *La police est aux abois*, the police are at their wits' end. *Commercier aux abois*, tradesman on his last legs.

**aboïement** [abwanmō], *s.m.* Bark, barking (of dog); bay, baying (of hound). (Of dog) Pousser un aboïement, to give a bark. *F:* Les aboïements des critiques, the barking of critics.

**abolir** [abolir], *v.tr.* To abolish, suppress. *A. la haine*, to make an end of, do away with, hatred.

**abolissement** [abolismā], *s.m. = ABOLITION.*

**abolisseur** [abolisœ:r], *s.m.* Abolisher (*de, of*).

**abolitif, -ive** [abolitif,-iv], *a.* Décret abolitif, decree of annulment.

**abolition** [abolisjɔ], *s.f. I.* Abolition, abolishment; suppression. 2. Repeal, annulment, rescission (of decree, etc.).

**abolition(n)isme** [abolisjɔnism], *s.m. I. U.S.Hist:* Abolitionism. 2. Propaganda in favour of the abolition of custom-duties, in favour of free-trade.

**abolition(n)iste** [abolisjɔnist], *a. & s. I. U.S.Hist:* Abolitionist. 2. Free-trade (propaganda, etc.). *s. Free-trader.*

**abominable** [abominabl], *a.* Abominable, loathsome; heinous (crime). *F: Temps a.*, wretched, beastly, weather.

**abominablement** [abominablément], *adv.* Abominably.

**abomination** [abominasjɔ], *s.f. I.* Abomination, abhorrence, detestation. Être en abomination à qn, to be abominated, held in abomination, in abhorrence, by s.o.; to be an abomination to s.o. Avoir qn, qch., en abomination, to abominate, loathe, s.o., sth. 2. Assister à des abominations, to witness abominations. *F:* Ce café est une a., this coffee is wretched stuff.

**abominator** [abominé], *v.tr.* To abominate, abhor, loathe. *Abominator de, par, qn*, abominated by s.o. *F:* J'abominator le cacao, I loathe cocoa.

**à-bon-compte** [abɔ:kɔ:t], *s.m. inv. in pl. Com:* Advance, payment on account.

**abondamment** [abɔdamō], *adv.* Abundantly, plentifully, copiously. *Manger a.*, to make a hearty meal. Peu abondamment, scantily, sparingly.

**abondance** [abɔdā:s], *s.f. I.* Abundance, plenty. Une a. de fruits, an abundance of fruit. Année d'a., year of plenty. Prov: Abondance de bien(s) ne nuit pas, store is no sore. See also CORNE 4.

**abondant** [abɔdō], *a.* (a) Abundant, copious, plentiful; rich (style). Moisson abondante, plentiful, bounteous, harvest. *A. en qch.*, abounding in sth. Peu abondant, scant(y). (b) *Faire un repas a.*, to enjoy a hearty meal. Auteur a., copious author. Hémorragie abondante, profuse bleeding. (c) *Ar:* Nombre a., abundant number.

**abonder** [abɔde], *v.i.* 1. To abound (*en, in*); to be plentiful. Rivière qui abonde en poisson, river well stocked with fish. 2. Abonder dans le sens de qn, to be entirely of s.o.'s opinion. 3. *Jur:* To be superfluous. Ce qui abonde ne vise pas, superfluous words do not vitiate an act; hence *F:* you can't have too much of a good thing.

**abonnement** [abɔnmō], *s.m. I.* (a) Subscription (to paper, etc.). Prendre un abonnement au 'Times,' to subscribe to the 'Times.' (b) *Adm:* L'a. aux eaux de la ville, the water rate. *A. pour le téléphone*, telephone rate. *Tp:* Ligne d'abonnement, line always open. *Ins:* Police d'abonnement, floating policy. (c) *Payer par a.*, to pay on the instalment plan. 2. (Carte d')abonnement, season-ticket,

*U.S.*: commutation ticket (on railway, at theatre, etc.); contract (on railway). Prendre un *a.*, to take out a season-ticket, *U.S.*: to commute. *T.*: 'Les abonnements, s'il vous plaît!' (show) all seasons, please! *3. Adm.*: (a) Excise: Composition (for dues). (b) Fixed allowance (to prefects and sub-prefects) for administrative expenses. **abonner** [abone], *v.tr.* To enrol (s.o.) in a list of subscribers. *A.*: *qu'à un journal*, to take out a subscription to a paper in favour of *a.o.* Etre abonné à un journal, to subscribe to, take in, a paper.

**s'abonner**. *I.* *S'a. à un journal*, to subscribe, become a subscriber, to a paper. *2. Rail: etc.*: To take a season-ticket, to take out a contract, *U.S.*: to commute. *3. S'a. au gaz*, d'électricité, to install (the company's) gas, electricity.

**abonné**, -ée, *s.* *I.* Subscriber (to paper, etc.). *2. Season-ticket holder; regular traveller; U.S.: commuter.* *3. Consumer. Abonnés du, au, gaz, consumers of gas.*

**abonner** [abonir]. *I. v.tr.* To improve (wine, etc.). *2. v.i. & pr.* (Of wine) To improve.

**abord** [abɔr], *s.m.* *I.* (a) Access, approach (to land). (b) *Nau*: Landing. Ilé d'un *a.* difficile, island difficult of access. *2. pl. Approches* (d'un endroit, to a place); surroundings, purlieus, outskirts (*de, of*). *3. (a)* Manner in which a person approaches another; address. Son a fut respectueux, he approached, greeted, me respectfully. Avoir l'a. agréable, to be of pleasing address. Homme d'a. agréable, man of good address. (b) Manner in which a person receives those who approach him. Avoir l'abord facile, difficile, to be easy, difficult, to approach. *4. (a) Adv.phr. D'abord*, tout d'abord, (i) straightway, at once, right away, (ii) at first, to begin with, (iii) first, in the first place. D'a. et avant tout, first and foremost. Dès l'abord, from the (very) first, from the outset. A l'abord, au premier abord, de prime abord, (i) at first sight, at the first blush, to begin with, (ii) of fighting at the outset. Dire qch. au premier *a.*, to say sth. off-hand. (b) *Conj.phr. A*: D'abord que = AUSSITÔT QUE.

**abord**, *s.m. Nau*: Used in the phr. En abord, close to the ship's side; (i) outbound, (ii) inboard. En *a.* dans la cale, in the wings.

**abordable** [abordabil]. *a.* *I.* Easy to land on; easy of approach, easy of access; approachable, accessible. Côte *a.*, coast easy of approach. *F*: Vos prix ne sont pas abordables, your prices are beyond my purse. *2. Easily approached, accessible, affable, kindly. Personne a. à tous*, person easily approached by all, accessible to all. Peu abordable, (i) stand-offish, (ii) grumpy (person). Il n'est pas *a.* aujourd'hui, he's as cross as two sticks to-day.

**abordage** [abordaʒ], *s.m. Nau*: *I.* Boarding (as an act of war); grappling. Monter, sauter, à l'abordage (d'un navire), to board a ship. Refuser l'abordage, to refuse combat at close quarters. *2. Collision*; running foul (of sth.). Il y a eu un *a.* causé par le brouillard, two ships ran foul of each other, collided, in the fog. *3. Boarding*, coming alongside (another boat, the quay). *A. à quai*, berthing.

**abordée** [aborde], *s.f.* Used in the adv. phr. À l'abordée, on meeting. Homme timide d'a., man who is shy at a first meeting, when first met. *A*: D'abordée, forthwith.

**aborder** [aborde]. *I. v.i.* To land; to arrive (by water); to touch land, to make land. *A. à un port*, to reach a port. *A. dans un pays*, en Afrique, to reach a country, to land in Africa. *A. à quai*, to berth, come alongside. *2. v.tr.* (a) To accost, approach (s.o.). Personne n'ose l'a., no one dare speak to him. Etre abordé par un inconnu, to be accosted by a stranger. (b) *A. une question, une difficulté*, to deal with, grapple with, tackle, attack, a question, a difficulty; to approach, broach, a question. *A. la lecture d'un livre*, to begin reading a book, to tackle a book. *A. de nouvelles études*, to take up, enter upon, new studies. *A. un problème*, to tackle a problem. (c) To board; to grapple (ship in a fight). (d) To collide with, to foul, to run foul of, to run down, to run into (ship). *A. un navire par l'arrière*, to poop a ship. Vaisseau qui a été abordé par un autre, ship that has been in collision with another. (e) To board, accost (ship); to come alongside (ship). (f) *A. un vaisseau au quai*, to fetch, moor, a vessel to the quay; to berth

**abordeur** [aborde:r], *a. & s.m.* Colliding (ship).

**aborigène** [aborize:n]. *I. a.* Aboriginal (*de, in*); native (*de, to*). Plante *a.* d'une région, plant native to a region. *2. s.m.* Aboriginal. *pl.* Aborigènes, aborigines (of a country); *occ.* aborigines.

**abornement** [abornemə]. *s.m.* Marking out (of field, etc.); delimitation, demarcation (of frontier).

**aborner** [aborne], *v.tr.* To mark out (field, etc.); to delimit, demarcate (frontier).

**abortif, -ive** [abortif, -iv]. *a.* Abortive. *I. Fruit a.* abortive fruit. *2. Traitement a.*, abortive treatment (of disease). *3. a. & s.m.* Abortifacient (drug). Maneuvres abortives, *Jur.*: procuring of abortion.

**abot** [abo], *s.m.* Clog or hobble (of horse).

**abouchement** [abuʃmə]. *s.m. I. A.*: Interview, conference. *A*: Menager un *a.* entre deux personnes, to bring two persons together, to bring about a meeting between two persons. *2. Tchn:* (a) *A. de deux tuyaux*, butt-joining, -junction, of two pipes. (b) *F*: — ANASTOMOSE.

**boucher** [abue], *v.tr. I. A.*: *A. deux personnes*, to bring two people together (for a colloquy). *2. A. deux tuyaux*, to join up two pipes (end to end).

**s'aboucher**. *I. A.* (a) To come, get, together (for a conference); to get into touch with one another. (b) To have an interview (*avec*, with). *S'a. avec l'ennemi*, to have a parley with the enemy. *2. Anat.*: To join, communicate, inoculate. *Aboukir* [abukir]. *Pr.n.m. Geog.*: Abukir, Aboukir. *Hist.*: La bataille d'Aboukir, the battle of the Nile.

**abouler** [abule]. *v.tr. P.*: To bring, to hand over. *Aboute ça ici!* bring that to me! hand it over! *A. son argent*, to stump up.

**s'abouler**, *P*: to come along. *S'a. en retard*, to turn up late. **aboulie** [abuli], *s.f. Med.*: Abulia, aboulia.

**aboulie** [abulik], *a. Med.*: Abulic, aboulie.

**about** [abu]. *s.m. Tchn*: Butt(-end); abutment, end; junction-joint. Tenon *qn* about, end-tenon. Joindre deux pièces en *a.*, to join two pieces butt and butt, end to end. Joint d'about, butt-joint.

**aboutage** [abutaʒ], *s.m. Nau*: Bending (of two cables).

**aboutement** [abutemə], *s.m. Tchn*: I. Joining butt and butt, end to end. 2. Butt(-ing), abutment, butt-joint, -scarf.

**abouter** [abute], *v.tr. X.* To join (timbers, etc.) end to end; to butt(-joint). *2. Nau*: To bend (two ropes) together.

**aboutir** [abutir], *v.i. I.* *A. d. dans, en, qch.*, to end at, in, sth., to lead to sth., to result in sth., to converge on sth. Ce sentier aboutit au grand chemin, this path ends at, leads into, the high road. Les grandes réseaux de chemins de fer aboutissent à Paris, the main railway systems converge on Paris. Une pyramide aboutit en pointe, a pyramid ends in a point. Observations qui aboutissent à une découverte, observations that lead to, result in, a discovery. A quoi cela aboutira-t-il? how will it end? what will it lead to? what will be the upshot of it? N'a. à rien, to lead, come, to nothing; to prove abortive. F: to end in smoke, not to come off. Nous avons abouti à un accord général, we have reached a general agreement. Pour a. aux fins que nous poursuivons, to attain the end which we have in view. Mes efforts n'ont pas abouti à grand' chose, my efforts were to little purpose. A. à faire qch., to end by, in, effecting sth. *2. Abs.* (a) (Of plan, etc.) To succeed, materialize, F: to come off. Ne pas aboutir, to fail, to fall through, to come to naught. Les pourparlers n'ont pas abouti, the negotiations were unsuccessful, were barren of results, came to nothing. Homme qui a abouti, man who has achieved success. Faire aboutir qch., to bring sth. to a successful issue or conclusion. F: to bring sth. off. (b) *Med.*: (Of abscess, etc.) To come to a head, to burst. Faire a. un abès, to bring an abscess to a head. L'abès a. est, abouti, the abscess has come to a head. *3. Ses terres aboutissent aux miennes*, his land abuts on mine. **aboutissant** [abutisə]. *I. a.* Bordering, abutting (*d. on*). Jardins aboutissants à la rivière, gardens bordering, abutting, on the river. *2. s.m.pl.* Aboutissants, (i) lands abutting on an estate; (ii) approaches (to station, etc.). See also TENANT 3.

**aboutissement** [abutismə], *s.m. I.* Issue, effect, outcome, result (of endeavours, etc.); materialization (of plans). *2. Med.*: Coming to a head, breaking (of abscess).

**aboyant** [abwajɔ], *a.* Barking; baying.

**aboyer** [abwaje], *v.i. (j'aboie, n. aboyons; l'aboyer)* *I. (Of dog)* To bark; (of hound) to bay. Toute la meute aboie, the whole pack is giving tongue, is in full cry. *A. d. après, contre, qn, qch.*, to bark at s.o., sth. A. à la lune, to bay the moon; hence F: to make useless complaint. *2. F*: (Of pers.) A. après qn, to pursue s.o. (with invective). Ses créanciers aboyaient après lui, his creditors are in full cry after him. A. après qch., to clamour for sth.

**aboyer, -euse** [abwajeɪ̯, -ezi]. *I. a.* Chien *a.*, dog given to barking; barking dog. *F*: Critique aboyeuse, abusive, barking, criticism. *2. s. F*: (a) Carper, fault-finder. Certains critiques ne sont que des aboyeurs, some critics only bark. (b) Dun. (c) Barker (in front of booth, etc.). *3. s.m. Orn*: Greenshank.

**abracadabra** [abrákadabra], *s.m.* Abracadabra, fee-faw-fum; magic keyword.

**abracadabrant** [abrákadabrá], *a. F*: Stupendous, amazing, F: stunning. Histoire abracadabrente, extraordinary yarn.

**Abraham** [abraam]. *Pr.n.m. B.Hist*: Abraham.

**abrasif, -ive** [abrafi, -iv]. *a. & s.m.* Abrasive. *s.m. Abradant. abrasin* [abraze]. *s.m. Bot*: Tung-tree. Huile d'a., tung oil.

**abrasion** [abraʒɔ], *-bro*, *s.f. I. Surg*: Med: Abrasion, excoration. Phot: Marques d'abrasion, stress marks. *2. Geol*: etc. Abrasion, attrition. User qch. par a., to abrade sth.

**abrégement** [abrézimə], *s.m. I. (a)* Abridging, epitomizing (of work, speech, etc.). (b) Shortening (of syllable, etc.). *2. Abridgment, epitome. A. d'un ouvrage*, abridged edition of a work.

**abréger** [abrez], *v.tr. (abrége, -s; abrége, n. abrégeons; l'abrégerai)* *I.* To shorten, to cut short (life, work, etc.). Il me faut a. mon discours, I must cut my speech short. A. une syllabe, to shorten a syllable. On l'appelle Toinon pour a., she is called Toinon for short. Pour abréger . . ., to be brief . . ., to cut it short. . . . *2. To abridge, epitomize, cut down (book, etc.). 3. A. un mot*, to abbreviate a word. Ar: Division abrégée, abbreviated division.

**s'abréger**. *I. (Of days, etc.)* To grow, become, get, shorter; to shorten. *2. Il faut que je m'abrége*, I must cut my story short, to be brief.

**abrégré**, *s.m. I.* Abridgment, précis, summary, epitome, abstract. *A. d'un discours*, abridgment, summary, of a speech. Faire un *a.* d'une correspondance, to make a précis of a correspondence. Réduire un ouvrage en abrégré, to epitomize a work. A. d'histoire de France, short history of France. Voici les faits en abrégré, here are the facts in a few words, stated briefly. Écrire qch. en *a.*, to write sth. in an abridged, abbreviated, form. *2. pl. Abrégés*, trackers (of organ).

**abreuvement** [abrévmə], *s.m. I.* Watering, drenching (of meadows, etc.); seasoning (of casks); priming (of pump).

**abreuver** [abréve], *v.tr. I.* To water (horses, cattle, etc.); to supply (animals) with drink. *2. To soak, drench, flood, irrigate, saturate (de, with); to steep (de, in). A. les prés*, to drench, irrigate, the meadows. L'Égypte est abreuverte par le Nil, Egypt is watered by the Nile. A. un tonneau, to season a cask. A. une pompe, to prime a pump. *3. Abreuver qn de honte, d'injures*, to heap shame, insults, on s.o.

**s'abreuver**, (of horse, etc.) to drink; (of pers.) to drink deep; to quench one's thirst. F: S'a. de larmes, de soleil, to be steeped in tears; to bask in the sun, to sun-bathe. S'a. de sang, to slake, satiate, one's thirst for blood.

**abreuvoir** [abrévwa:r], *s.m. (a)* Watering place (in river, etc.);