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## PREFACE

WEBSTER'S COMPACT DICTIONARY is an extremely concise reference to those words which form the very core of the English vocabulary. It shares many details of presentation with the more comprehensive members of the Merriam-Webster® family of dictionaries, such as Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, but it also incorporates several special features intended to be useful in presenting as much information as possible about these words within a small space.

A boldface letter or combination of letters set flush with the left-hand margin of a column is a main entry. Main entries follow one another in alphabetical order. Centered periods within the entries show points at which a hyphen may be put at the end of a line. Centered periods are not shown after a single initial letter or before a single terminal letter because printers seldom cut off a single letter:

**de-fend** . . . *vb*

**ocean** . . . *n*

**palmy** . . . *adj*

Nor are they usually shown at second or succeeding numbered homographs:

<sup>1</sup>**gob-ble** . . . *vb*

<sup>2</sup>**gobble** . . . *vb*

Homographs of closely related origin are run into a single main entry, second and succeeding homographs being represented by a swung dash, ~:

**baf-~~le~~** . . . *vb* . . . : perplex ~ *n* : a device to alter flow (as of liquid or sound) . . .

Homographs of distinctly different origin are given separate entries with preceding raised numerals:

<sup>1</sup>**file** . . . *n*  
<sup>2</sup>**file** . . . *vb*  
<sup>3</sup>**file** . . . *n*

Most main entries begin with a lowercase letter. Some, however, begin with an uppercase letter, which indicates that the word is usually capitalized:

**Ma-dei-ra** . . . *n*

An entry for a word that is capitalized in some senses but not in others shows variation from the form of the main entry by means of an italic label at the appropriate senses:

**east-ern** . . . *adj* 1 *cap* . . . 2 . . .  
**Mes-si-ah** . . . *n* 1 . . . 2 . . . 3 *not cap* . . .

Variant spellings that are quite common appear at the main entry following a comma:

**judg-ment, judge-ment** . . . *n*

Inflected forms of nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs are shown when they are irregular, when adding the suffix makes a change in their spelling, or when there might be doubt about their spelling. They are given either in full or cut back to a convenient point of division:

**good** . . . *adj* **bet-ter** . . . ; **best**  
**bun-ny** . . . *n, pl -nies*  
**pur-vey** . . . *vb -veyed; -vey-ing*

Common variants of inflected forms are also shown even if they are regular:

**seed** . . . *n, pl seed or seeds*

When the inflected forms of a verb involve no irregularity except the doubling of a final consonant, the double consonant is shown instead of full or cutback inflected forms:

**lug** . . . *vb* -**gg**-

Several other kinds of entries are also found in this dictionary. A variant or inflected form whose alphabetical place is distant from the main entry is entered at its own place with a cross-reference in small capital letters to the main entry:

<sup>2</sup>**forego** *var of* FORGO

**wove** *past of* WEAVE

A run-in entry is a term related to a main entry that appears in boldface within a definition. It is set off by parentheses:

**jet-propelled** *adj* : driven by an engine (**jet engine**) that produces propulsion (**jet propulsion**) by the rearward discharge of a jet of fluid

An undefined run-on entry appears, set off by a dash, after all definitions of a main entry. Its meaning can be inferred from the meaning of the main entry where it appears, either by itself or combined with that of another main entry, often a suffix, elsewhere:

**si-phon** . . . *n* . . . —**siphon** *vb*

<sup>2</sup>**like** . . . *vb* . . . —**like-ness** *n* —**like-wise** *adv*

**tea** . . . *n* . . . —**tea-cup** *n* —**tea-pot** *n*

A run-on phrase is a group of two or more words involving as a major element the main entry where it appears and having a special meaning of its own. It appears after all the definitions of a main entry and any undefined run-on entries, and it always has a definition:

**way** . . . *n* . . . —**under way** : in motion or progress

**come** . . . *vb* . . . —**comes across** : meet or find by chance . . .

Lists of undefined words whose meanings can be inferred from the meaning of a prefix and that of a word entered in the dictionary will be found at the following places: *anti-*, *bi-*, *co-*, *counter-*, *extra-*, *hyper-*, *in-*, *inter-*, *mini-*, *multi-*, *non-*, *over-*, *post-*, *pre-*, *re-*, *self-*, *sub-*, *super-*, *un-*, and *vice-*.

A pair of guide words is printed at the top of each page. The guide words are usually the alphabetically first and the alphabetically last entries on the page, and they indicate that entries falling alphabetically within those limits are found on that page:

**activate** • **adjuster**

Any boldface word, not just main entries, may be used as a guide word.

Information about the pronunciation of every entry in the dictionary is either given explicitly or implied. A full list of the symbols used to convey that information is shown on the page just preceding the beginning of the dictionary. Pronunciations are placed within slant lines:

**dab-ble** \ 'dabəl \ . . .

When a main entry has less than a full pronunciation, the missing part must be supplied from a pronunciation in a preceding entry or within the same pair of slant lines:

**oar-lock** \ -,lāk \

**for-mi-da-ble** \ 'förmədəbəl, för'mid- \

The pronunciation of the first syllable of *oarlock* is found at the main entry *oar*. What is missing from the second pronunciation of *formidable* is represented by the last four symbols of the first pronunciation.

Every main entry has an italic label (as *vb.*, *n.*, or *prefix*) indicating its grammatical function. All abbreviations used in these labels and all other abbreviations used in the dictionary are listed, along with a number of other common abbreviations, in a special section immediately following the dictionary proper.

A boldface colon is used in this dictionary to introduce a definition. Boldface Arabic numerals separate the senses of a word that has more than one sense:

**dog-ged** . . . *adj* : stubbornly determined

**main-tain** . . . *vb* 1 : keep in an existing state (as of repair) 2  
: sustain 3 : declare

A definition is occasionally followed by a usage note giving supplementary information. Rarely a usage note is given in place of a definition, especially for words that express emotions or grammatical relationships or that are simply more amenable to comment than to definition. A usage note is introduced by a dash:

<sup>2</sup>**a** . . . *indefinite article* : one or some —used to indicate an unspecified or unidentified individual

**hal-le-lu-jah** . . . *interj* —used to express praise, joy, or thanks

**to** . . . *prep* . . . 6 —used with an infinitive

**ex-cel-len-cy** . . . *n* . . . —used as a title of honor

In selecting a dictionary of this scope, one does not, of course, look to have elaborate treatment of word origins, uncommon senses, and other features typical of larger works. Within the limits of its vocabulary, however, WEBSTER'S COMPACT DICTIONARY will prove a helpful and reliable ready reference.

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# Pronunciation Symbols

ə	banana, collide, abut; raised \ə\ in \əl, ən\ as in battle, cotton, in \lə, mə, rə\ as in French table, prisme, titre	oi	toy, sawing
ʼə, ɪə	humbug, abut	p	pepper, lip
ɔr	operation, further	r	rarity
a	map, patch	s	source, less
ā	day, fate	sh	shy, mission
ā	bother, cot, father	t	tie, attack
ä	father as pronounced by those who do not rhyme it with <i>bother</i>	th	thin, ether
au	now, out	th	then, either
b	baby, rib	ü	boot, few \ʼfyü\
ch	chin, catch	ù	put, pure \ʼpyür\
d	did, adder	ue	German füllen
e	set, red	üe	French rue, German fühlen
ē	beat, nosebleed, easy	v	vivid, give
f	fifty, cuff	w	we, away
g	go, big	y	yard, cue \ʼkyü\; raised \Y\ indicates that a preceding \l\, \n\, or \w\ is modified by the placing of the tongue tip against the lower front teeth, as in French <i>digne</i> \dēnY\
h	hat, ahead	z	zone, raise
hw	whale	zh	vision, pleasure
i	tip, banish	\	slant line used in pairs to mark the beginning and end of a transcription
ī	site, buy	ˈ	mark at the beginning of a syllable that has primary (strongest) stress: \ʼpenmən, ship\
j	job, edge	ˌ	mark at the beginning of a syllable that has secondary (next-strongest) stress: \ʼpenmən, ship\
k	kin, cook	( )	indicate that what is symbolized between is present in some utterances but not in others: <i>factory</i> \ʼfakt(ə)rē\
k̄	German ich, Buch		
l	lily, cool		
m	murmur, dim		
n	nine, own; raised \N\ indicates that a preceding vowel or diphthong is pronounced through both nose and mouth, as in French <i>hon</i> \bōN\		
ŋ	sing, singer, finger, ink		
ō	bone, hollow		
ó	saw, cork		
œ	French bœuf, German Hölle		
œ̄	French feu, German Höhle		

# A

**1a** \ 'ä \ *n*, *pl* a's or as \ 'āz \ : 1st letter of the alphabet  
**2a** \ ə, ( ' ) ā \ *indefinite article* : one or some—used to indicate an unspecified or unidentified individual  
**aard-vark** \ 'ärd, värk \ *n* : ant-eating African mammal  
**aback** \ ə 'bak \ *adv* : by surprise  
**aba-cus** \ 'abəkəs \ *n*, *pl* **aba-ci** \ 'abə, si, -kē \ or **aba-cuses** : calculating instrument using rows of beads  
**abaft** \ ə 'baft \ *adv* : toward or at the stern  
**ab-a-lo-ne** \ ,abə 'lönē \ *n* : large edible shellfish  
**1aban-don** \ ə 'bandən \ *vb* : give up without intent to reclaim —**aban-don-ment** *n*  
**2abandon** *n* : thorough yielding to impulses  
**abandoned** \ ə 'bandənd \ *adj* : morally unrestrained  
**abase** \ ə 'bās \ *vb* **abased**; **abas-ing** : lower in dignity—**abase-ment** *n*  
**abash** \ ə 'bash \ *vb* : embarrass —**abash-ment** *n*  
**abate** \ ə 'hāt \ *vb* **abat-ed**; **abat-ing** : decrease or lessen  
**abate-ment** \ ə 'bātmənt \ *n* : tax reduction  
**ab-at-toir** \ 'abə, twär \ *n* : slaughterhouse  
**ab-bess** \ 'abəs \ *n* : head of a convent  
**ab-bey** \ 'abē \ *n*, *pl* -beys : monastery or convent  
**ab-bot** \ 'abət \ *n* : head of a monastery  
**ab-bre-vi-ate** \ ə 'brēvē, āt \ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : shorten —**ab-bre-vi-a-tion** \ ə, brēvē 'āshən \ *n*  
**ab-di-cate** \ 'abdi, kāt \ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing : renounce —**ab-di-ca-tion** \ ,abdi- 'kāshən \ *n*  
**ab-do-men** \ 'abdəmən, ab 'dömən \ *n* 1 : body area between chest and pelvis 2 : hindmost part of an insect —**ab-dom-i-nal** \ 'ab 'dāmənəl \ *adj* —**ab-dom-i-nal-ly** *adv*  
**ab-duct** \ 'ab 'dəkt \ *vb* : kidnap —**ab-duc-tion** \ - 'dəkshən \ *n* —**ab-duc-tor** \ -tər \ *n*

**abed** \ ə 'bed \ *adv* or *adj* : in bed  
**ab-er-ra-tion** \ ,abə 'rāshən \ *n* : deviation or distortion —**ab-er-rant** \ ,ə 'berənt \ *adj*  
**abet** \ ə 'bet \ *vb* -tt- : incite or encourage —**abet-tor**, **abet-ter** \ -ər \ *n*  
**abey-ance** \ ə 'bāəns \ *n* : state of inactivity  
**ab-hor** \ əb 'hór, ab- \ *vb* -rr- : hate —**ab-hor-rence** \ -əns \ *n* —**ab-hor-rent** \ -ənt \ *adj*  
**abide** \ ə 'bid \ *vb* **abode** \ - 'bōd \ or **abid-ed**; **abid-ing** 1 : remain, last, or reside 2 : endure  
**ab-ject** \ 'ab,jekt, ab'- \ *adj* : low in spirit or hope —**ab-jec-tion** \ ,ab- 'jekshən \ *n* —**ab-ject-ly** *adv* —**ab-ject-ness** *n*  
**ab-jure** \ 'ab 'jür \ *vb* 1 : renounce 2 : abstain from —**ab-ju-ra-tion** \ ,abjə 'rāshən \ *n*  
**ablaze** \ ə 'blāz \ *adj* or *adv* : on fire  
**able** \ 'äbəl \ *adj* **abler** \ -b(ə)lər \ ; **ablest** \ -b(ə)ləst \ 1 : having sufficient power, skill, or resources 2 : skilled or efficient —**abil-i-ty** \ ə 'bilətē \ *n* —**ably** \ 'äblē \ *adv*  
**-able, -ible** \ əbəl \ *adj* *suffix* 1 : capable of, fit for, or worthy of 2 : tending, given, or liable to  
**ab-lu-tion** \ ə 'blüshən, ə 'blü- \ *n* : washing of one's body  
**ab-ne-gate** \ 'abni, gāt \ *vb* -gat-ed; -gat-ing 1 : relinquish 2 : renounce —**ab-ne-ga-tion** \ ,abni 'gāshən \ *n*  
**ab-nor-mal** \ 'ab 'nōrməl \ *adj* : deviating from the normal or average —**ab-nor-mal-i-ty** \ ,abnər 'malətē, -(, )nör- \ *n* —**ab-nor-mal-ly** *adv*  
**aboard** \ ə 'bōrd \ *adv* : on, onto, or within a car, ship, or aircraft ~ *prep* : on or within  
**abode** \ ə 'bōd \ *n* : residence  
**abol-ish** \ ə 'bälish \ *vb* : do away with —**ab-o-li-tion** \ ,əbəl 'lishən \ *n*  
**abom-i-na-ble** \ ə 'bām(ə)nəbəl \ *adj* : thoroughly unpleasant or revolting  
**abom-i-nate** \ ə 'bāmə, nāt \ *vb* -nat-ed; -nat-ing : hate —**abom-i-na-tion** \ ə, bāmə 'nāshən \ *n*

**ab-orig-i-nal** \,abə'rij(ə)nəl\ *adj* 1 : original 2 : primitive  
**ab-orig-i-ne** \-'rijənē\ *n* : original inhabitant  
**abort** \ə'bɔrt\ *vb* : terminate prematurely —**ab-or-tive** \-'bɔrtiv\ *adj*  
**ab-or-tion** \ə'bɔrshən\ *n* : removal or induced expulsion of a fetus  
**abound** \ə'baʊnd\ *vb* : be plentiful  
**about** \ə'baʊt\ *adv* : around ~ *prep* 1 : on every side of 2 : on the verge of 3 : having as a subject  
**above** \ə'bəv\ *adv* : in or to a higher place ~ *prep* 1 : in or to a higher place than 2 : more than  
**above-board** *adv or adj* : without deception  
**abrade** \ə'brād\ *vb* **abrad-ed**; **abrad-ing** : wear away by rubbing —**abra-sion** \-'brāzhən\ *n*  
**abra-sive** \ə'brāsiv\ *adj* 1 : tending to abrade 2 : causing irritation ~ *n* : substance for grinding, smoothing, or polishing —**abra-sive-ly** *adv* —**abra-sive-ness** *n*  
**abreast** \ə'brest\ *adv or adj* 1 : side by side 2 : up to a standard or level  
**abridge** \ə'briʒ\ *vb* **abridged**; **abridg-ing** : shorten or condense —**abridg-ment**, **abridge-ment** *n*  
**abroad** \ə'brɔd\ *adv or adj* 1 : over a wide area 2 : outside one's country  
**ab-ro-gate** \'abrəgāt\ *vb* **-gat-ed**; **-gat-ing** : annul or revoke —**ab-ro-ga-tion** \,abrəgāshən\ *n*  
**abrupt** \ə'brəpt\ *adj* 1 : sudden 2 : so quick as to seem rude —**abrupt-ly** *adv*  
**ab-scess** \'ab,ses\ *n* : collection of pus surrounded by inflamed tissue —**ab-scessed** \-,sɛst\ *adj*  
**ab-scond** \ab'skænd\ *vb* : run away and hide  
**ab-sent** \'absənt\ *adj* : not present ~ **ab-sent** \ab'sent\ *vb* : keep oneself away —**ab-sence** \'absəns\ *n* —**ab-sen-tee** \,absən'tē\ *n*  
**ab-sent-mind-ed** \,absənt'mindəd\ *adj* : unaware of one's surroundings or action —**ab-sent-mind-ed-ly** *adv* —**ab-sent-mind-ed-ness** *n*  
**ab-so-lute** \'absə,lüt, 'absə'-\ *adj* 1 : pure 2 : free from restriction 3 : definite —**ab-so-lute-ly** *adv*

**ab-so-lu-tion** \,absə'lüşən\ *n* : remission of sins  
**ab-solve** \əb'zälv, -'sälv\ *vb* **-solved**; **-solv-ing** : set free of the consequences of guilt  
**ab-sorb** \əb'sɔrb, -'zɔrb\ *vb* 1 : suck up or take in as a sponge does 2 : engage (one's attention) —**ab-sor-ben-cy** \-'sɔrbənsē, -'zɔr-\ *n* —**ab-sor-bent** \-bənt\ *adj or n* —**ab-sorb-ing** *adj* —**ab-sorb-ing-ly** *adv*  
**ab-sorp-tion** \əb'sɔrpsən, -'zɔrp-\ *n* : process of absorbing —**ab-sorp-tive** \-tiv\ *adj*  
**ab-stain** \əb'stān\ *vb* : refrain from doing something —**ab-stain-er** *n* —**ab-sten-tion** \-'stɛnshən\ *n* —**ab-sti-nence** \'abstənəns\ *n*  
**ab-ste-mi-ous** \ab'stēmēəs\ *adj* : sparing in use of food or drink —**ab-ste-mi-ous-ly** *adv*  
**ab-tract** \ab'strakt, 'ab,-\ *adj* 1 : expressing a quality apart from an object 2 : not representing something specific ~ \ab,-\ *n* : summary ~ \ab'-, 'ab,-\ *vb* 1 : remove or separate 2 : make an abstract of —**ab-tract-ly** *adv* —**ab-tract-ness** \-'strak(t)nəs, -,strak(t)-\ *n*  
**ab-strac-tion** \ab'strakshən\ *n* 1 : act of abstracting 2 : abstract idea or work of art  
**ab-struse** \əb'strūs, ab-\ *adj* : hard to understand —**ab-struse-ly** *adv* —**ab-struse-ness** *n*  
**ab-surd** \əb'sərd, -'zərd\ *adj* : ridiculous or unreasonable —**ab-sur-di-ty** \-ətē\ *n* —**ab-surd-ly** *adv*  
**abun-dant** \ə'bəndənt\ *adj* : more than enough —**abun-dance** \-dəns\ *n* —**abun-dant-ly** *adv*  
**abuse** \ə'byüz\ *vb* **abused**; **abus-ing** 1 : attack with words 2 : misuse 3 : mistreat ~ \-'byūs\ *n* 1 : corrupt practice 2 : improper use 3 : mistreatment 4 : coarse and insulting speech —**abu-sive** \-'byūsiv\ *adj* —**abu-sive-ly** *adv* —**abu-sive-ness** *n*  
**abut** \ə'bət\ *vb* **-tt-** : touch along a border  
**abut-ment** \ə'bətmənt\ *n* : structure that supports weight or withstands lateral pressure  
**abys-mal** \ə'bizməl\ *adj* : immeasurably deep —**abys-mal-ly** *adv*

- abyss** \ə'bis\ *n* : bottomless pit  
**-ac** \ak\ *n* *suffix* : one affected with  
**aca-cia** \ə'kāshə\ *n* : leguminous tree or shrub  
**ac-a-dem-ic** \akə'demik\ *adj* 1 : relating to schools or colleges 2 : theoretical —**ac-a-dem-i-cal-ly** \-ik(ə)lē\ *adv*  
**acad-e-my** \ə'kadəmē\ *n*, *pl* -mies 1 : private high school 2 : society of scholars or artists  
**acan-thus** \ə'kanthəs\ *n* 1 : prickly Mediterranean herb 2 : ornament representing acanthus leaves  
**ac-cede** \ak'sēd\ *vb* -ced-ed; -ced-ing 1 : become a party to an agreement 2 : express approval 3 : enter upon an office  
**ac-cel-er-ate** \ik'selə,rāt, ak-\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing 1 : bring about earlier 2 : speed up —**ac-cel-er-a-tion** \-selə'rāshən\ *n*  
**ac-cel-er-a-tor** \ik'selə,rātər, ak-\ *n* : foot-operated pedal for controlling the speed of a motor vehicle  
**ac-cent** \ak'sent\ *n* 1 : distinctive manner of pronunciation 2 : prominence given to one syllable of a word 3 : mark (as ' , ' ) over a vowel in writing or printing to indicate pronunciation ~ \ak-, ak-\ *vb* : emphasize —**ac-cen-tu-al** \ak'sench(ə)wəl\ *adj*  
**ac-cen-tu-ate** \ak'senchə,wāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : stress or show off by a contrast —**ac-cen-tu-a-tion** \-senchə'wāshən\ *n*  
**ac-cept** \ik'sept, ak-\ *vb* 1 : receive willingly 2 : agree to —**ac-cept-a-bil-i-ty** \ik,septə'bilətē, ak\ *n* —**ac-cept-able** \-'septəbəl\ *adj* —**ac-cep-tance** \-'septəns\ *n*  
**ac-cess** \ak'ses\ *n* : capability or way of approaching —**ac-ces-si-bil-i-ty** \ik,sesə'bilətē, ak-\ *n* —**ac-ces-si-ble** \-'sesəbəl\ *adj*  
**ac-ces-sion** \ik'seshən, ak-\ *n* 1 : something added 2 : act of taking office  
**ac-ces-so-ry** \ik'ses(ə)rē, ak-\ *n*, *pl* -ries 1 : nonessential addition 2 : one guilty of aiding a criminal —**ac-ces-sory** *adj*  
**ac-ci-dent** \aksədənt\ *n* 1 : event occurring by chance or unintentionally 2 : chance —**ac-ci-den-tal** \,aksə'dentəl\ *adj* —**ac-ci-den-tal-ly** \-'dentlē, -əlē\ *adv*  
**ac-claim** \ə'klām\ *vb* or *n* : praise  
**ac-cla-ma-tion** \,aklə'māshən\ *n* 1 : eager applause 2 : unanimous vote  
**ac-cli-mate** \,aklə,māt, ə'klīmət\ *vb* -mat-ed; -mat-ing : accustom to a new climate or situation —**ac-cli-ma-tion** \,aklə'māshən, ,ak,li-\ *n*  
**ac-cli-ma-tize** \ə'klīmə,tiz\ *vb* -tized; -tizing : acclimate —**ac-cli-ma-ti-za-tion** \-,klīmətə'zāshən\ *n*  
**ac-co-lade** \,akə,lād\ *n* : award  
**ac-com-mo-date** \ə'kāmə,dāt\ *vb* -dat-ed; -dat-ing 1 : adapt 2 : provide with something needed 3 : hold without crowding  
**ac-com-mo-da-tion** \ə,kāmə'dāshən\ *n* 1 : quarters —usu. *pl*. 2 : act of accommodating  
**ac-com-pa-ny** \ə'kəmp(ə)nē\ *vb* -nied; -ny-ing 1 : go or occur with 2 : play supporting music —**ac-com-pa-ni-ment** \-mənt\ *n* —**ac-com-pa-nist** \-(ə)nəst\ *n*  
**ac-com-plice** \ə'kəmpləs, -'kəm-\ *n* : associate in crime  
**ac-com-plish** \ə'kəmplish, -'kəm-\ *vb* : do, fulfill, or bring about —**ac-com-plished** *adj* —**ac-com-plish-er** *n* —**ac-com-plish-ment** *n*  
**ac-cord** \ə'kōrd\ *vb* 1 : grant 2 : agree ~ *n* : agreement —**ac-cor-dance** \-'kōrdəns\ *n* —**ac-cor-dant** \-ənt\ *adj*  
**ac-cord-ing-ly** \ə'kōrdɪŋlē\ *adv* : consequently  
**according to** *prep* 1 : in conformity with 2 : as stated by  
**ac-cor-di-on** \ə'kōrdēən\ *n* : keyboard instrument with a bellows and reeds ~ *adj* : folding like an accordion bellows  
**ac-cost** \ə'kōst\ *vb* : approach and speak to  
**ac-count** \ə'kaunt\ *n* 1 : statement of business transactions 2 : credit arrangement with a vendor 3 : report 4 : worth 5 : sum deposited in a bank ~ *vb* : give an explanation  
**ac-count-able** \ə'kauntəbəl\ *adj* : responsible —**ac-count-a-bil-i-ty** \-,kauntə'bilətē\ *n*  
**ac-coun-tant** \ə'kauntənt\ *n* : one

- skilled in accounting —**ac-coun-tan-cy** \əˈnsē\ *n*
- ac-count-ing** \əˈkaʊtɪŋ\ *n* : financial record keeping
- ac-cou-tre, ac-cou-ter** \əˈkūtar\ *vb* -tred or -tered; -tring or -ter-ing \-ˈkūtarɪŋ, -ˈkūtrɪŋ\ : equip
- ac-cred-it** \əˈkredət\ *vb* 1 : approve officially 2 : attribute
- ac-crue** \əˈkrü\ *vb* -crued; -cru-ing : be added by periodic growth —**ac-cru-al** \-əl\ *n*
- ac-cu-mu-late** \əˈkyümyə,lāt\ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing : collect or pile up —**ac-cu-mu-la-tion** \-ˌkyümyəˈlāshən\ *n* —**ac-cu-mu-la-tor** \-ˈkyümyə,lātər\ *n*
- ac-cu-rate** \ˈakyərət\ *adj* : free from error —**ac-cu-ra-cy** \-rəsē\ *n* —**ac-cu-rate-ly** *adv* —**ac-cu-rate-ness** *n*
- ac-cursed** \əˈkərst, -ˈkərsəd\, **ac-curst** \əˈkərst\ *adj* 1 : being under a curse 2 : damnable
- ac-cuse** \əˈkyüz\ *vb* -cused; -cus-ing : charge with an offense —**ac-cu-sa-tion** \ˌakyəˈzāshən\ *n* —**ac-cus-er** *n*
- ac-cused** \əˈkyüzd\ *n, pl* -cused : defendant in a criminal case
- ac-cus-tom** \əˈkəstəm\ *vb* : cause to treat something as usual or acceptable esp. through repeated experience
- ace** \ˈās\ *n* : one that excels
- ac-e-tate** \ˈasə,tāt\ *n* : fast-drying fabric or plastic derived from acetic acid
- ac-e-tic acid** \əˌsɛtɪk\ *n* : acid like that found in vinegar
- ac-et-y-lene** \əˈsetələn, -əl,ēn\ *n* : colorless gas used as a fuel in welding
- ache** \ˈāk\ *vb* ached; **ach-ing** 1 : suffer a dull persistent pain 2 : yearn —**ache** *n*
- achieve** \əˈchēv\ *vb* achieved; **achiev-ing** : gain by work or effort —**achieve-ment** *n* —**achiev-er** *n*
- ac-id** \ˈasəd\ *adj* 1 : sour or biting to the taste 2 : of or relating to an acid ~ *n* 1 : sour substance 2 : usu. water-soluble chemical compound —**acid-ic** \əˈsɪdɪk\ *adj* —**acid-i-fy** \əˈsɪdə,fɪ\ *vb* —**acid-i-ty** \-ətē\ *n*
- ac-knowl-edge** \ɪkˈnəliʃ, ak-\ *vb* -edged; -edg-ing 1 : admit as true 2 : admit the authority of 3 : express thanks for —**ac-knowl-edg-ment** *n*
- ac-me** \ˈakmē\ *n* : highest point
- ac-ne** \ˈaknē\ *n* : skin disorder marked esp. by pimples
- ac-o-lyte** \ˈakə,lɪt\ *n* : one who assists the clergyman in a service
- ac-orn** \ā,körn, -kərn\ *n* : nut of the oak
- acous-tic** \əˈküstɪk\ *adj* : relating to hearing or sound —**acous-ti-cal** \-stɪkəl\ *adj* —**acous-ti-cal-ly** \-k(ə)lē\ *adv*
- acous-tics** \əˈküstɪks\ *n sing or pl* 1 : science of sound 2 : qualities in a room that affect how sound is heard
- ac-quaint** \əˈkwānt\ *vb* 1 : inform 2 : make familiar
- ac-quain-tance** \əˈkwāntəns\ *n* 1 : personal knowledge 2 : person with whom one is acquainted —**ac-quain-tance-ship** *n*
- ac-qui-esce** \ˌakwēˈes\ *vb* -esced; -esc-ing : consent —**ac-qui-es-cence** \-ˈesəns\ *n* —**ac-qui-es-cent** \-ənt\ *adj* —**ac-qui-es-cent-ly** *adv*
- ac-quire** \əˈkwɪ(ə)r\ *vb* -quired; -quir-ing : gain
- ac-qui-si-tion** \ˌakwəˈzɪshən\ *n* : a gaining or something gained —**ac-qui-si-tive** \əˈkwɪzətɪv\ *adj*
- ac-quit** \əˈkwɪt\ *vb* -tt- 1 : pronounce not guilty 2 : conduct (oneself) usu. well —**ac-quit-tal** \-əl\ *n*
- acre** \ˈākər\ *n* 1 *pl* : lands 2 : 4840 square yards
- acre-age** \ˈāk(ə)rɪj\ *n* : area in acres
- ac-rid** \ˈakrəd\ *adj* : sharp and biting —**acrid-i-ty** \ˈakrɪdətē, ə-\ *n* —**ac-rid-ness** *n*
- ac-ri-mo-ni-ous** \ˈakrə,mōnē\ *n, pl* -nies : harshness of language or feeling —**ac-ri-mo-ni-ous** \ˌakrəˈmōnēəs\ *adj*
- ac-ro-bat** \ˈakrə,bat\ *n* : performer of tumbling feats —**ac-ro-bat-ic** \ˌakrəˈbatɪk\ *adj*
- across** \əˈkrɒs\ *adv* : to or on the opposite side ~ *prep* 1 : to or on the opposite side of 2 : on so as to cross
- ac-ryl-ic** \əˈkrɪlɪk\ *n* : plastic used for molded parts or in paints
- act** \ˈakt\ *n* 1 : thing done 2 : law 3 : main division of a play ~ *vb* 1 : perform in a play 2 : conduct oneself 3 : operate 4 : produce an effect
- ac-tion** \ˈakshən\ *n* 1 : legal proceeding 2 : manner or method of performing 3 : activity 4 : thing done over a pe-

- riod of time or in stages 5 : combat  
6 : events of a literary plot 7 : operating mechanism
- ac-ti-vate** \ˈaktəˌvāt\ *vb* -vat-ed; -vat-ing : make active or reactive —**ac-ti-va-tion** \ˈaktəˌvāshən\ *n*
- ac-tive** \ˈaktiv\ *adj* 1 : causing action or change 2 : lively, vigorous, or energetic 3 : now in operation —**active** *n* —**ac-tive-ly** *adv*
- ac-tiv-i-ty** \ˈaktɪvətē\ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : quality or state of being active 2 : what one is actively doing
- ac-tor** \ˈaktər\ *n* : one that acts —**ac-tress** \-trəs\ *n*
- ac-tu-al** \ˈakch(əw)əl\ *adj* : really existing —**ac-tu-al-i-ty** \ˈakch(əw)ələtē\ *n* —**ac-tu-al-iza-tion** \ˈakch(əw)ə-ləˈzāshən\ *n* —**ac-tu-al-ize** \ˈakch(əw)əˌlɪz\ *vb* —**ac-tu-al-ly** *adv*
- ac-tu-ary** \ˈakchəˌwerē\ *n*, *pl* -aries : one who calculates insurance risks and premiums —**ac-tu-ar-i-al** \ˈakchəˌwerēəl\ *adj*
- ac-tu-ate** \ˈakchəˌwāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : put into action —**ac-tu-a-tor** \-ˌwātər\ *n*
- acu-men** \əˈkyümən\ *n* : mental keenness
- acu-punc-ture** \ˈakyüˌpəŋkchər\ *n* : treatment by puncturing the body with needles —**acu-punc-tur-ist** \ˈakyüˌpəŋkchərɪst\ *n*
- acute** \əˈkyüt\ *adj* acut-er; acut-est 1 : sharp 2 : containing less than 90 degrees 3 : mentally alert 4 : severe —**acute-ly** *adv* —**acute-ness** *n*
- ad** \ˈad\ *n* : advertisement
- ad-age** \ˈadɪ\ *n* : old familiar saying
- ad-a-mant** \ˈadəmənt, -ˌmənt\ *adj* : insistent —**ad-a-mant-ly** *adv*
- adapt** \əˈdapt\ *vb* : adjust to be suitable for a new use or condition —**adapt-abil-i-ty** \əˌdaptəˌbɪlətē\ *n* —**adapt-able** *adj* —**ad-ap-ta-tion** \ˌadˌapˈtāshən, -əp-ˌ\ *n* —**adap-ter** *n* —**adap-tive** \əˈdaptɪv\ *adj*
- add** \ˈad\ *vb* 1 : join to something else so as to increase in amount 2 : find a sum —**ad-di-tion** \əˈdɪshən\ *n*
- ad-der** \ˈadər\ *n* 1 : poisonous European snake 2 : No. American snake
- ad-dict** \ˈad(,)ɪkt\ *n* : one who is psychologically or physiologically dependent (as on a drug) ~ \əˈdɪkt\ *vb* : cause to become an addict —**ad-dic-tion** \əˈdɪkshən\ *n* —**ad-dic-tive** \-ˈdɪktɪv\ *adj*
- ad-di-tion-al** \əˈdɪsh(ə)nəl\ *adj* : existing as a result of adding —**ad-di-tion-al-ly** *adv*
- ad-di-tive** \ˈadətɪv\ *n* : substance added to another
- ad-dle** \ˈadəl\ *vb* -dled; -dling : confuse
- ad-dress** \əˈdres\ *vb* 1 : direct one's remarks to 2 : mark an address on ~ \əˈdres, ˈadˌres\ *n* 1 : formal speech 2 : place where a person may be reached or mail may be delivered
- ad-duce** \əˈd(y)ūs\ *vb* -duced; -duc-ing : offer as proof
- ad-e-noid** \ˈadˌnɔɪd, -ənɔɪd\ *n* : enlarged tissue near the opening of the nose into the throat —usu. *pl.* —**ad-e-noi-dal** \-əl\ *adj*
- adept** \əˈdent\ *adj* : highly skilled —**adept-ly** *adv* —**adept-ness** *n*
- ad-e-quate** \ˈadɪkwət\ *adj* : good or plentiful enough —**ad-e-qua-cy** \-kwəsē\ *n* —**ad-e-quate-ly** *adv*
- ad-her-e** \adˈhiər, əd-ˌ\ *vb* -hered; -her-ing 1 : remain loyal 2 : stick fast —**ad-her-ence** \-ˈhɪrəns\ *n* —**ad-her-ent** \-ənt\ *adj* or *n*
- ad-he-sion** \adˈhēzhən, əd-ˌ\ *n* : act or state of adhering
- ad-he-sive** \-ˈhēsɪv, -zɪv\ *adj* : tending to adhere ~ *n* : adhesive substance
- adieu** \əˈd(y)ü\ *n*, *pl* adieus or adieux \əˈd(y)üz\ : farewell
- ad-ja-cent** \əˈjäsənt\ *adj* : situated near or next
- ad-jec-tive** \ˈajɪktɪv\ *n* : word that serves as a modifier of a noun —**ad-jec-ti-val** \ˌajɪkˈtɪvəl\ *adj* —**ad-jec-ti-val-ly** *adv*
- ad-join** \əˈjɔɪn\ *vb* : be next to
- ad-journ** \əˈjɔrn\ *vb* : end a meeting —**ad-journ-ment** *n*
- ad-judge** \əˈjəj\ *vb* -judged; -judg-ing 1 : think or pronounce to be 2 : award by judicial decision
- ad-ju-di-cate** \əˈjüdiˌkāt\ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing : settle judicially —**ad-ju-di-ca-tion** \əˈjüdiˌkāshən\ *n*
- ad-junct** \ˈajɛŋkt\ *n* : something joined or added but not essential
- ad-just** \əˈjɔst\ *vb* : fix, adapt, or set right —**ad-just-able** *adj* —**ad-just-er**, .

**ad-just-er** \ə'jəstər\ *n* — **ad-just-ment** \ə'jəs(t)mənt\ *n*  
**ad-ju-tant** \ə'jə'tənt\ *n* : one who helps esp. a commanding officer  
**ad-lib** \əd'lib\ *vb* -bb- : speak without preparation — **ad-lib** *n* or *adj*  
**ad-min-is-ter** \əd'minəstər\ *vb* 1 : manage 2 : give out esp. in doses — **ad-min-is-tra-ble** \-strəbəl\ *adj* — **ad-min-is-trant** \-strənt\ *n*  
**ad-min-is-tra-tion** \əd,minə'strāshən, (,)əd-\ *n* 1 : process of managing 2 : persons responsible for managing — **ad-min-is-tra-tive** \əd'minə'strätiv\ *adj* — **ad-min-is-tra-tive-ly** *adv*  
**ad-min-is-tra-tor** \əd'minə'strätər\ *n* : one that manages  
**ad-mi-ra-ble** \ədm(ə)rəbəl\ *adj* : worthy of admiration — **ad-mi-ra-bly** \-blē\ *adv*  
**ad-mi-ral** \ədm(ə)rəl\ *n* : commissioned officer in the navy ranking next below a fleet admiral  
**ad-mire** \əd'mi(ə)r\ *vb* -mired; -mir-ing : have high regard for — **ad-mi-ra-tion** \ədmə'rāshən\ *n* — **ad-mir-er** *n* — **ad-mir-ing-ly** *adv*  
**ad-mis-si-ble** \əd'misəbəl\ *adj* : that can be permitted — **ad-mis-si-bil-i-ty** \-misə'bilitē\ *n* — **ad-mis-si-bly** \-misə'bly\ *adv*  
**ad-mis-sion** \əd'mishən\ *n* 1 : acknowledgment of a fact 2 : act of admitting 3 : admittance or a fee paid for this  
**ad-mit** \əd'mit\ *vb* -ti- 1 : allow to enter 2 : permit 3 : recognize as genuine — **ad-mit-ter-ly** *adv*  
**ad-mis-sion** \əd'mit'shən\ *n* : permission to enter  
**ad-mix-ture** \əd'miksčər\ *n* 1 : mixture 2 : thing added in mixing  
**ad-mon-ish** \əd'mānish\ *vb* : rebuke — **ad-mon-i-tion** \ədmə'nishən\ *n* — **ad-mon-i-to-ry** \əd'mānə,tōrē\ *adj*  
**ado** \ə'dū\ *n* 1 : fuss 2 : trouble  
**ado-be** \ə'dōbē\ *n* : sun-dried building brick — **adobe** *adj*  
**ad-o-le-s-cence** \əd'ɔ'lesəns\ *n* : period of growth between childhood and maturity — **ad-o-le-s-cent** \-ənt\ *adj* or *n*  
**adopt** \ə'dəpt\ *vb* 1 : take (a child of other parents) as one's own child 2

: take up and practice as one's own — **adop-tion** \-dəpshən\ *n*  
**adore** \ə'dör\ *vb* adored; **ador-ing** 1 : worship 2 : be extremely fond of — **ador-able** *adj* — **ador-ably** *adv* — **ad-o-ra-tion** \ə'də'rāshən\ *n*  
**adorn** \ə'dörn\ *vb* : decorate with ornaments — **adorn-ment** *n*  
**adrift** \ə'drift\ *adv* or *adj* 1 : afloat without motive power or moorings 2 : without guidance or purpose  
**adroit** \ə'drɔit\ *adj* : dexterous or shrewd — **adroit-ly** *adv* — **adroit-ness** *n*  
**adult** \ə'dəlt, 'əd,əlt\ *adj* : fully developed and mature ~ *n* : grown-up person — **adult-hood** *n*  
**adul-ter-ate** \ə'dəltə,rāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : make impure by mixture — **adul-ter-a-tion** \-dəltə'rāshən\ *n*  
**adul-tery** \ə'dəlt(ə)rē\ *n*, *pl* -ter-ies : sexual unfaithfulness of a married person — **adul-ter-er** \-tərər\ *n* — **adul-ter-ess** \-t(ə)rəs\ *n* — **adul-ter-ous** \-t(ə)rəs\ *adj*  
**ad-vance** \əd'vəns\ *vb* -vānced; -vānc-ing 1 : bring or move forward 2 : promote 3 : lend ~ *n* 1 : forward movement 2 : improvement 3 : offer ~ *adj* : being ahead of time — **ad-vance-ment** *n*  
**ad-van-tage** \əd'vantij\ *n* 1 : superiority of position 2 : benefit or gain — **ad-van-ta-geous** \ədvən'tājəs, -vən-\ *adj* — **ad-van-ta-geously** *adv*  
**Ad-vent** \əd'vent\ *n* : period before Christmas  
**ad-ven-titious** \ədven'tishəs\ *adj* : accidental — **ad-ven-titious-ly** *adv* — **ad-ven-titious-ness** *n*  
**ad-ven-ture** \əd'venčər\ *n* 1 : risky undertaking 2 : exciting experience — **ad-ven-tur-er** \-venč(ə)rər\ *n* — **ad-ven-ture-some** \-venčərsəm\ *adj* — **ad-ven-tur-ous** \-venč(ə)rəs\ *adj*  
**ad-verb** \əd'verb\ *n* : word that modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb — **ad-ver-bi-al** \əd'verbəl\ *adj* — **ad-ver-bi-al-ly** *adv*  
**ad-ver-sary** \əd've(r)serē\ *n*, *pl* -sar-ies : enemy or rival — **ad-versary** *adj*  
**ad-verse** \əd'vers, 'əd-\ *adj* : opposing or unfavorable — **ad-verse-ly** *adv*

**ad-ver-si-ty** \ad'vərsətē\ *n*, *pl* -ties : hard times  
**ad-vert** \ad'vərt\ *vb* : refer  
**ad-ver-tise** \ad'vərtiz\ *vb* -tised; -tising : call public attention to — **ad-ver-tise-ment** \,advər'tizmənt, əd'vərtəzmənt\ *n* — **ad-ver-tis-er** *n*  
**ad-ver-tis-ing** \ad'vərtizɪŋ\ *n* : business of preparing advertisements  
**ad-vice** \əd'viːs\ *n* : recommendation with regard to a course of action  
**ad-vis-able** \əd'vizəbəl\ *adj* : wise or prudent — **ad-vis-a-bil-i-ty** \-,viza'bilətē\ *n*  
**ad-vise** \əd'vīz\ *vb* -vised; -vis-ing : give advice to — **ad-vis-er** or **ad-vi-sor** \-,vīzər\ *n*  
**ad-vise-ment** \əd'vīzmənt\ *n* : careful consideration  
**ad-vi-so-ry** \əd'vīz(ə)rē\ *adj* : having power to advise  
**ad-vo-cate** \advəkət, -kāt\ *n* : one who argues or pleads for a cause or proposal ~ \-,kāt\ *vb* -cated; -cat-ing : recommend — **ad-vo-ca-cy** \-və-kə-sē\ *n*  
**adz**, **adze** \'adz\ *n* : tool for shaping wood  
**ae-gis** \'ejəs\ *n* : protection or sponsorship  
**ae-on** \'ēən, 'ē,ān\ *n* : indefinitely long time  
**aer-ate** \'a(ə)r,āt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : supply or impregnate with air — **aer-a-tion** \,a(ə)r'āshən\ *n* — **aer-a-tor** \'a(ə)r,ātər\ *n*  
**aer-i-al** \'arēəl, ā'irēəl\ *adj* : inhabiting, occurring in, or done in the air ~ *n* : antenna  
**aer-ie** \'a(ə)rē, 'i(ə)rē\ *n* : eagle's nest  
**aer-o-bic** \,a(ə)r'rōbik\ *adj* : using or needing oxygen  
**aero-dy-nam-ics** \,arōdī'namiks\ *n* : science of the motion of gases — **aero-dy-nam-ic** \-ik\, **aero-dy-nam-i-cal** \-ikəl\ *adj* — **aero-dy-nam-i-cal-ly** \-ik(ə)lē\ *adv*  
**aero-naut-ics** \,arə'nōtiks\ *n* : science dealing with aircraft — **aero-naut-i-cal** \-ikəl\, **aero-naut-ic** \-ik\ *adj* — **aero-naut-i-cal-ly** \-ik(ə)lē\ *adv*  
**aero-sol** \'arə,sāl, -,sōl\ *n* 1 : liquid or solid particles suspended in a gas 2 : substance sprayed as an aerosol  
**aero-space** \'arə,spās\ *n* : earth's at-

mosphere and the space beyond — **aerospace** *adj*  
**aes-thet-ic** \es'thetik\ *adj* : relating to beauty — **aes-thet-i-cal-ty** \-ik(ə)lē\ *adv*  
**aes-thet-ics** \-'thetiks\ *n* : branch of philosophy dealing with beauty  
**af-ar** \ə'fār\ *adv* : from, at, or to a great distance — **af-ar** *n*  
**af-fa-ble** \'afəbəl\ *adj* : easy to talk to — **af-fa-bil-i-ty** \,afə'bilətē\ *n* — **af-fa-bly** \'afəblē\ *adv*  
**af-fair** \ə'fær\ *n* : something that relates to or involves one  
**af-fect** \ə'fekt, a-\ *vb* : assume for effect — **af-fec-ta-tion** \,af'ek'tāshən\ *n*  
**2 affect** *vb* : produce an effect on  
**af-fect-ed** \ə'fektəd, a-\ *adj* 1 : pretending to some trait 2 : artificially assumed to impress — **af-fect-ed-ly** *adv*  
**af-fect-ing** \ə'fektɪŋ, a-\ *adj* : arousing pity or sorrow — **af-fect-ing-ly** *adv*  
**af-fec-tion** \ə'fekshən\ *n* : kind or loving feeling — **af-fec-tion-ate** \-sh(ə)nət\ *adj* — **af-fec-tion-ate-ly** *adv*  
**af-fi-da-vit** \,afə'dāvət\ *n* : sworn statement  
**af-fi-li-ate** \ə'filē,āt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : become a member or branch — **af-fi-li-ate** \-ēət\ *n* — **af-fi-li-a-tion** \-,filē'āshən\ *n*  
**af-fin-i-ty** \ə'finətē\ *n*, *pl* -ties : close attraction or relationship  
**af-firm** \ə'fɔrm\ *vb* : assert positively — **af-fir-ma-tion** \,afər'māshən\ *n*  
**af-fir-ma-tive** \ə'fɔrmətiv\ *adj* : asserting the truth or existence of something ~ *n* : statement of affirmation or agreement  
**af-fix** \ə'fiks\ *vb* : attach  
**af-flict** \ə'flikt\ *vb* : cause pain and distress to — **af-flic-tion** \-'flikshən\ *n*  
**af-flu-ence** \ə'flūən(t)s; a'flū-, ə-\ *n* : wealth — **af-flu-ent** \-ənt\ *adj*  
**af-ford** \ə'fɔrd\ *vb* 1 : manage to bear the cost of 2 : provide  
**af-fray** \ə'frā\ *n* : fight  
**af-front** \ə'frant\ *vb* or *n* : insult  
**af-gan** \ə'fəgən, -gən\ *n* : crocheted or knitted blanket  
**afire** \ə'fī(ə)t\ *adj* or *adv* : being on fire  
**af-lame** \ə'flām\ *adj* or *adv* : flaming  
**afloat** \ə'flōt\ *adj* or *adv* : floating



- afoot** \ə'füt\ *adv* or *adj* 1 : on foot 2 : in progress
- afore-said** \ə'fōr,sed\ *adj* : said or named before
- afraid** \ə'frād, South also ə'fre(ə)d\ *adj* : filled with fear
- afresh** \ə'fresh\ *adv* : anew
- aft** \aft\ *adv* : to or toward the stern or tail
- after** \aftər\ *adv* 1 : at a later time 2 : at the back ~ *prep* 1 : behind in place or time 2 : intent on gaining ~ *conj* : following the time when ~ *adj* 1 : later 2 : located toward the back
- after-life** \aftər,lif\ *n* : existence after death
- after-math** \-,math\ *n* : results
- after-noon** \aftər'nün\ *n* : time between noon and evening
- after-thought** *n* : later thought
- after-ward** \aftə(r)wərd\, **after-wards** \-wərdz\ *adv* : at a later time
- again** \ə'gen, -'gin\ *adv* 1 : once more 2 : on the other hand 3 : in addition
- against** \ə'genst\ *prep* 1 : directly opposite to 2 : in opposition to 3 : so as to touch or strike
- agape** \ə'gāp, -'gap\ *adj* or *adv* : having the mouth open in astonishment
- agate** \ə'gət\ *n* : quartz with bands or masses of various colors
- age** \āj\ *n* 1 : length of time of life or existence 2 : particular time in life (as majority or the latter part) 3 : quality of being old 4 : long time 5 : period in history ~ *vb* : become old or mature
- age** \ij\ *n* *suffix* 1 : aggregate 2 : action or process 3 : result of 4 : rate of 5 : place of 6 : state or rank 7 : fee
- aged** *adj* 1 \ājəd\ : old 2 \ājɔd\ : allowed to mature
- age-less** \ājələs\ *adj* : eternal
- agency** \ājənsē\ *n*, *pl* -cies 1 : one through which something is accomplished 2 : office or function of an agent 3 : government administrative division
- agenda** \ə'jendə\ *n* : list of things to be done
- agent** \ājənt\ *n* 1 : means 2 : person acting or doing business for another
- ag-gran-dize** \ə'gran,diz, 'agrən-\ *vb* -dized; -dizing : make great or greater —**ag-gran-dize-ment** \ə'grandəzmənt, -,diz-, 'agrən'diz-\ *n*
- ag-gra-vate** \agrə,vāt\ *vb* -vat-ed; -vat-ing 1 : make more severe 2 : irritate —**ag-gra-va-tion** \agrə'vāshən\ *n*
- ag-gre-gate** \agrɪgət\ *adj* : formed into a mass ~ \-,gāt\ *vb* -gat-ed; -gat-ing : collect into a mass ~ \-gət\ *n* 1 : mass 2 : whole amount
- ag-gres-sion** \ə'greshən\ *n* 1 : unprovoked attack 2 : hostile behavior —**ag-gres-sor** \-gresər\ *n*
- ag-gres-sive** \ə'gresiv\ *adj* 1 : easily provoked to fight 2 : hard working and enterprising —**ag-gres-sive-ly** *adv* —**ag-gres-sive-ness** *n*
- ag-grieve** \ə'grēv\ *vb* -grieved; -griev-ing 1 : cause grief to 2 : inflict injury on
- ag-hast** \ə'gast\ *adj* : struck with amazement or horror
- ag-ile** \ajəl\ *adj* : able to move quickly and easily —**ag-il-i-ty** \ə'jɪlətē\ *n*
- ag-i-tate** \ə'jə,tāt\ *vb* -tat-ed; -tat-ing 1 : shake or stir back and forth 2 : excite or trouble the mind of 3 : try to arouse public feeling —**ag-i-ta-tion** \ə'jə'tāshən\ *n* —**ag-i-ta-tor** \ə'jə,tātor\ *n*
- ag-nos-tic** \ə'gnāstik, əg-\ *n* : one who doubts the existence of God
- ago** \ə'gō\ *adv* or *adv* : earlier than the present
- agog** \ə'gäg\ *adj* : full of excitement
- ag-o-nize** \ə'gə,nɪz\ *vb* -nized; -niz-ing : suffer mental agony —**ag-o-niz-ing-ly** *adv*
- ag-o-ny** \ə'gənē\ *n*, *pl* -nies : extreme pain or mental distress
- agrar-i-an** \ə'grerēən\ *adj* : relating to land ownership or farming interests —**agrarian** *n* —**agrar-i-an-ism** *n*
- agree** \ə'grē\ *vb* agreed; agree-ing 1 : be of the same opinion 2 : express willingness 3 : get along together 4 : be similar 5 : be appropriate, suitable, or healthful
- agree-able** \ə'bəl\ *adj* 1 : pleasing 2 : willing to give approval —**agree-able-ness** *n* —**agree-ably** *adv*
- agree-ment** \-mənt\ *n* 1 : harmony of opinion or purpose 2 : mutual understanding or arrangement
- ag-ri-cul-ture** \ə'grɪ,kəlchər\ *n* : farming —**ag-ri-cul-tur-al** \,əgrɪ-