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Preface

The Oxford Color French Dictionary is based on the second edition of *The Oxford Paperback French Dictionary*. It remains largely the work of Michael Janes, the compiler of the first edition, but some entries have been substantially revised and we have been able to incorporate a large proportion of new material. We hope to have kept to the aim of the original: to provide users requiring a compact dictionary with the maximum amount of useful material.

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Introduction

As an aid to easy reference all main headwords, compounds and derivatives in this dictionary appear in blue. When you look up a word, you will find a pronunciation, a grammatical part of speech, and the translation. Sometimes more than one translation is given, and material in brackets in *italics* is included to help you choose the right one. For example, under *cabin* you will see (*hut*) and (*in ship, aircraft*). When a word has more than one part of speech, this can affect the translation. For example *praise* is translated one way when it is a verb (*v.t.*) and another way when it is a noun (*n.*).

A swung dash (~) represents the entry word, or the part of it that comes before a vertical bar (as in *libert|y*). You will see it in examples using the entry word and words based on it. For example, under *good* you will find as ~ as and ~-looking.

Translations are given in their basic form. You will find tables at the end showing verb forms. Irregular verbs are marked on the French to English side with †. This side also shows the plurals of nouns and the feminine forms of adjectives when they do not follow the normal rules.

Abbreviations · Abréviations

abbreviation	<i>abbr., abrèv.</i>	abréviation
adjective(s)	<i>a. (adjs.)</i>	adjectif(s)
adverb(s)	<i>adv(s).</i>	adverbe(s)
American	<i>Amer.</i>	américain
anatomy	<i>anat.</i>	anatomie
approximately	<i>approx.</i>	approximativement
archaeology	<i>archaeol., archéol.</i>	archéologie
architecture	<i>archit.</i>	architecture
motoring	<i>auto.</i>	automobile
auxiliary	<i>aux.</i>	auxiliaire
aviation	<i>aviat.</i>	aviation
botany	<i>bot.</i>	botanique
computing	<i>comput.</i>	informatique
commerce	<i>comm.</i>	commerce
conjunction(s)	<i>conj(s)</i>	conjonction(s)
cooking	<i>culin.</i>	culinaire
electricity	<i>electr., électr.</i>	électricité
feminine	<i>f.</i>	féminin
familiar	<i>fam.</i>	familier
figurative	<i>fig.</i>	figuré
geography	<i>geog., géog.</i>	géographie
geology	<i>geol., géol.</i>	géologie
grammar	<i>gram.</i>	grammaire
humorous	<i>hum.</i>	humoristique
interjection(s)	<i>int(s).</i>	interjection(s)
invariable	<i>invar.</i>	invariable
legal, law	<i>jurid.</i>	juridique
language	<i>lang.</i>	langue
masculine	<i>m.</i>	masculin
medicine	<i>med., méd.</i>	médecine
military	<i>mil.</i>	militaire
music	<i>mus.</i>	musique
noun(s)	<i>n(s).</i>	nom(s)
nautical	<i>naut.</i>	nautique
oneself	<i>o.s.</i>	se, soi-même
proprietary term	<i>P.</i>	marque déposée
pejorative	<i>pej., péj.</i>	péjoratif
philosophy	<i>phil.</i>	philosophie
photography	<i>photo.</i>	photographie
plural	<i>pl.</i>	pluriel
politics	<i>pol.</i>	politique
possessive	<i>poss.</i>	possessif
past participle	<i>p.p.</i>	participe passé
prefix	<i>pref., préf.</i>	préfixe
preposition(s)	<i>prep(s)., prép(s).</i>	préposition(s)
present participle	<i>pres. p.</i>	participe présent
pronoun	<i>pron.</i>	pronom
relative pronoun	<i>pron. rel.</i>	pronom relatif
psychology	<i>psych.</i>	psychologie
past tense	<i>p.t.</i>	passé
something	<i>qch.</i>	quelque chose
someone	<i>qn.</i>	quelqu'un
railway	<i>rail.</i>	chemin de fer
religion	<i>relig.</i>	religion

relative pronoun	<i>rel. pron.</i>	pronom relatif
school, scholastic	<i>schol., scol.</i>	scolaire
singular	<i>sing.</i>	singulier
slang	<i>sl.</i>	argot
someone	<i>s.o.</i>	quelqu'un
something	<i>sth.</i>	quelque chose
technical	<i>techn.</i>	technique
television	<i>TV</i>	télévision
university	<i>univ.</i>	université
auxiliary verb	<i>v. aux.</i>	verbe auxiliaire
intransitive verb	<i>v.i.</i>	verbe intransitif
pronominal verb	<i>v. pr.</i>	verbe pronominal
transitive verb	<i>v.t.</i>	verbe transitif

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Pronunciation of French

Phonetic symbols

Vowels

i	<i>vie</i>	y	<i>vétu</i>
e	<i>pré</i>	ø	<i>peu</i>
ɛ	<i>lait</i>	œ	<i>peur</i>
a	<i>plat</i>	ə	<i>de</i>
ɑ	<i>bas</i>	ɛ̃	<i>matin</i>
ɔ	<i>mort</i>	ɑ̃	<i>sans</i>
o	<i>mot</i>	ɔ̃	<i>bon</i>
u	<i>genou</i>	œ̃	<i>lundi</i>

Consonants and semi-consonants

p	<i>payer</i>	ʒ	<i>je</i>
b	<i>bon</i>	m	<i>main</i>
t	<i>terre</i>	n	<i>nous</i>
d	<i>dans</i>	l	<i>long</i>
k	<i>cou</i>	r	<i>rue</i>
g	<i>gant</i>	ʁ	<i>agneau</i>
f	<i>feu</i>	ɲ	<i>camping</i>
v	<i>vous</i>	j	<i>yeux</i>
s	<i>sale</i>	w	<i>oui</i>
z	<i>zéro</i>	ɥ	<i>huile</i>
ʃ	<i>chat</i>		

Note: ' before the pronunciation of a word beginning with *h* indicates no liaison or elision.

An asterisk immediately following an apostrophe in some words like *qu'** shows that this form of the word is used before a vowel or mute 'h'.

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A

a /a/ *voir* avoir.

à /a/ *prép.* (à + le = *au*, à + les = *aux*) in, at; (*direction*) to; (*temps*) at; (*jusqu'à*) to, till; (*date*) on; (*époque*) in; (*moyen*) by, on; (*prix*) for; (*appartenance*) of; (*mesure*) by. *donner/etc. à qn.*, give/etc. to s.o. *apprendre/etc. à faire*, learn/etc. to do. *l'homme à la barbe*, the man with the beard. *à la radio*, on the radio. *c'est à moi/etc.*, it is mine/etc. *c'est à vous/etc. de*, it is up to you/etc. to; (*en jouant*) it is your/etc. turn to. *à six km d'ici*, six km. away. *dix km à l'heure*, ten km. an ou per hour. *il a un crayon à la main*, he's got a pencil in his hand.

abaissement /abesmā/ *n.m.* (*baisse*) drop, fall.

abaisser /abese/ *v.t.* lower; (*levier*) pull ou push down; (*fig.*) humiliate. *s'~ v. pr.* go down, drop; (*fig.*) humiliate o.s. *s'~ à*, stoop to.

abandon /abādō/ *n.m.* abandonment; desertion; (*sport*) withdrawal; (*naturel*) abandon. *à l'~*, in a state of neglect. *~ner /-one/ v.t.* abandon, desert; (*renoncer à*) give up, abandon; (*céder*) give (à, to). *s'~ner à*, give o.s. up to.

abasourdir /abazurdir/ *v.t.* stun.

abat-jour /abaʒur/ *n.m. invar.* lampshade.

abats /aba/ *n.m. pl.* offal.

abattement /abatmā/ *n.m.* dejection; (*faiblesse*) exhaustion; (*comm.*) allowance.

abattis /abati/ *n.m. pl.* giblets.

abattoir /abatwar/ *n.m.* slaughterhouse, abattoir.

abattre /abatr/ *v.t.* knock down; (*arbre*) cut down; (*animal*) slaughter; (*avion*) shoot down; (*affaiblir*) weaken; (*démoraliser*) dishearten. *s'~ v. pr.* come down, fall (down). *se laisser ~*, let things get one down. **abbaye** /abej/ *n.f.* abbey.

abbé /abe/ *n.m.* priest; (*supérieur d'une abbaye*) abbot.

abcès /apse/ *n.m.* abscess.

abdiquer /abdike/ *v.t./i.* abdicate. *~cation n.f.* abdication.

abdomen /abdōmen/ *n.m.* abdomen.

~inal (m. pl. ~inaux) a. abdominal.

abeille /abej/ *n.f.* bee.

aberrant, ~e /aberā, -t/ *a.* absurd.

aberration /aberasjō/ *n.f.* aberration; (*idée*) absurd idea.

abêtir /abetir/ *v.t.* make stupid.

abhorrer /abore/ *v.t.* loathe, abhor.

abîme /abim/ *n.m.* abyss.

abîmer /abime/ *v.t.* damage, spoil. *s'~ v. pr.* get damaged ou spoilt.

abject /abʒekt/ *a.* abject.

abjurer /abʒyre/ *v.t.* abjure.

ablation /ablasjō/ *n.f.* removal.

ablutions /ablysijō/ *n.f. pl.* ablutions.

aboïement /abwamā/ *n.m.* bark (ing). *~s*, barking.

aboïs (aux) /(oz)abwa/ *adv.* at bay.

abolir /abolir/ *v.t.* abolish. *~ition n.f.* abolition.

abominable /abōminabl/ *a.* abominable.

abondant, ~ante /abōdā, -t/ *a.* abundant, plentiful. *~amment*

adv. abundantly. *~ance n.f.* abundance; (*prospérité*) affluence.

abonder /abōde/ *v.i.* abound (en, in). *~ dans le sens de qn.*, completely agree with s.o.

abonner (s') /s)abōne/ *v. pr.* subscribe (à, to). *~é, ~ée n.m., f.* subscriber; season-ticket holder. *~ement n.m. (à un journal)* subscription; (*de bus, théâtre, etc.*) season-ticket.

abord /abor/ *n.m.* access. *~s*, surroundings. *d'~*, first.

abordable /abordabl/ *a. (prix)* reasonable; (*personne*) approachable.

abordage /abordaz/ *n.m. (accident naut.)* collision. *prendre à l'~*, (*navire*) board, attack.

aborder /aborde/ *v.t.* approach; (*lieu*) reach; (*problème etc.*) tackle.
● *v.i.* reach land.

aborigène /aborizen/ *n.m.* aborigine, aboriginal.

aboutir /abutir/ *v.i.* succeed, achieve a result. ~ à, end (up) in, lead to. *n'~ à rien*, come to nothing.

aboutissement /abutismâ/ *n.m.* outcome.

aboyer /abwaje/ *v.i.* bark.

abrasif, ~*ve* /abrazif, -v/ *a. & n.m.* abrasive.

abrégé /abreze/ *n.m.* summary.

abréger /abreze/ *v.t.* (*texte*) shorten, abridge; (*mot*) abbreviate, shorten; (*visite*) cut short.

abreuver /abroeve/ *v.t.* water; (*fig.*) overwhelm (*de*, with). *s'~er v. pr.* drink. ~oir *n.m.* watering-place.

abréviation /abrevjasjô/ *n.f.* abbreviation.

abri /abri/ *n.m.* shelter. à l'~, under cover. à l'~ de sheltered from.

abricot /abriko/ *n.m.* apricot.

abriter /abrite/ *v.t.* shelter; (*recevoir*) house. *s'~ v. pr.* (take) shelter.

abroger /abroze/ *v.t.* repeal.

abrupt /abrypt/ *a.* steep, sheer; (*fig.*) abrupt.

abrupti, ~*e* /abryti/ *n.m., f.* (*fam.*) idiot.

abrutir /abrytir/ *v.t.* make *ou* drive stupid, dull the mind of.

absence /apsâs/ *n.f.* absence.

absent, ~*e* /apsâ, -t/ *a.* absent, away; (*chose*) missing. ● *n.m., f.* absentee. *il est toujours ~*, he's still away. *d'un air ~*, absently. ~éisme /-teism/ *n.m.* absenteeism. ~éiste /-teist/ *n.m./f.* absentee.

absenter (s') /sapsâte/ *v. pr.* go *ou* be away; (*sortir*) go out, leave.

absolu /apsoly/ *a.* absolute. ~ment *adv.* absolutely.

absolution /apsolysjô/ *n.f.* absolution.

absorber /apsorbe/ *v.t.* absorb; (*temps etc.*) take up. ~bant, ~bante *a.* (*travail etc.*) absorbing; (*matière*) absorbent. ~ption *n.f.* absorption.

absoudre /apsudr/ *v.t.* absolve.

abstenir (s') /sapsânir/ *v. pr.* abstain. *s'~ir de*, refrain from. ~tion /-âsjô/ *n.f.* abstention.

abstinence /apstinâs/ *n.f.* abstinence.

abstraire /apstrêr/ *v.t.* abstract. ~action *n.f.* abstraction. *faire ~action de*, disregard. ~ait, ~aite *a. & n.m.* abstract.

absurd /apsyrd/ *a.* absurd. ~ité *n.f.* absurdity.

abus /aby/ *n.m.* abuse, misuse; (*injustice*) abuse. ~ de confiance, breach of trust. ~ sexuel, sexual abuse.

abuser /abyze/ *v.t.* deceive. ● *v.i.* go too far. *s'~ v. pr.* be mistaken. ~ de, abuse, misuse; (*profiter de*) take advantage of; (*alcool etc.*) over-indulge in.

abusif, ~*ve* /abyzif, -v/ *a.* excessive; (*usage*) mistaken.

acabit /akabi/ *n.m.* du même ~, of that sort.

académicien, ~*ne* /akademisjê, -jen/ *n.m., f.* academician.

académie /akademi/ *n.f.* academy; (*circonscription*) educational district. A~ie, Academy. ~ique *a.* academic.

acajou /akazu/ *n.m.* mahogany.

acariâtre /akarjatr/ *a.* cantankerous.

accablement /akablâmâ/ *n.m.* despondency.

accabler /akable/ *v.t.* overwhelm. ~er d'impôts, burden with taxes. ~er d'injures, heap insults upon. ~ant, ~ante *a.* (*chaleur*) oppressive.

accalmie /akalmi/ *n.f.* lull.

accaparer /akapare/ *v.t.* monopolize; (*fig.*) take up all the time of.

accéder /aksede/ *v.i.* ~ à, reach; (*pouvoir, requête, trône, etc.*) accede to.

accélérer /akselere/ *v.i.* (*auto.*) accelerate. ● *v.t., s'~er v. pr.* speed up. ~ateur *n.m.* accelerator. ~ation *n.f.* acceleration; speeding up.

accent /aksâ/ *n.m.* accent; (*sur une syllabe*) stress, accent; (*ton*) tone. mettre l'~ sur, stress.

accentuer /aksâtqe/ *v.t.* (*lettre, syllabe*) accent; (*fig.*) emphasize, accentuate. *s'~uer v. pr.* become more pronounced, increase. ~uation *n.f.* accentuation.

accepter /akseptê/ *v.t.* accept. ~er de, agree to. ~able *a.* acceptable. ~ation *n.f.* acceptance.

acception /aksepsjô/ *n.f.* meaning.

accès /akse/ *n.m.* access; (*porte*) entrance; (*de fièvre*) attack; (*de colère*)

fit; (*de joie*) (out)burst. les ~ *de*, (*voies*) the approaches to. facile d'~, easy to get to.

accessible /aksesibl/ *a.* accessible; (*personne*) approachable.

accession /aksesjõ/ *n.f.* ~ à, accession to.

accessit /aksesit/ *n.m.* honourable mention.

accessoire /akseswar/ *a.* secondary. ● *n.m.* accessory; (*théâtre*) prop.

accident /aksidã/ *n.m.* accident. ~ *de train*/ *d'avion*, train/plane crash. *par* ~, by accident. ~é /-te/ *a.* damaged *ou* hurt (in an accident); (*terrain*) uneven, hilly.

accidentel, ~le /aksidãtel/ *a.* accidental.

acclam|er /aklame/ *v.t.* cheer, acclaim. ~ations *n.f. pl.* cheers.

acclimat|er /aklimate/ *v.t.*, s'~er *v. pr.* acclimatize; (*Amer.*) acclimate. ~ation *n.f.* acclimatization; (*Amer.*) acclimation.

accolade /akolad/ *n.f.* embrace; (*signe*) brace, bracket.

accommodant, ~e /akomõdã, -t/ *a.* accommodating.

accommodement /akomõdmã/ *n.m.* compromise.

accommoder /akomõde/ *v.t.* adapt (à, to); (*cuisiner*) prepare; (*assaisonner*) flavour. s'~ *de*, put up with.

accompagn|er /akõpane/ *v.t.* accompany. s'~er *de*, be accompanied by. ~ateur, ~atrice *n.m., f.* (*mus.*) accompanist; (*guide*) guide. ~ement *n.m.* (*mus.*) accompaniment.

accompli /akõpli/ *a.* accomplished.

accompl|ir /akõplir/ *v.t.* carry out, fulfil. s'~ir *v. pr.* be carried out, happen. ~issement *n.m.* fulfilment.

accord /akor/ *n.m.* agreement; (*harmonie*) harmony; (*mus.*) chord. être d'~, agree (*pour*, to). se mettre d'~, come to an agreement, agree. d'~!, all right!, OK!

accordéon /akorðeõ/ *n.m.* accordion.

accorder /akorðe/ *v.t.* grant; (*couleurs etc.*) match; (*mus.*) tune. s'~er *v. pr.* agree. s'~er avec, (*s'entendre avec*) get on with. ~eur *n.m.* tuner.

accoster /akoste/ *v.t.* accost; (*navire*) come alongside.

accotement /akotmã/ *n.m.* roadside, verge; (*Amer.*) shoulder.

accoter (s') /s(ak)õte/ *v. pr.* lean (à, against).

accouch|er /akufe/ *v.i.* give birth (*de*, to); (*être en travail*) be in labour. ● *v.t.* deliver. ~ement *n.m.* childbirth; (*travail*) labour. (*médecin*) ~eur *n.m.* obstetrician. ~euse *n.f.* midwife.

accoud|er (s') /s(ak)ude/ *v. pr.* lean (one's elbows) on. ~oir *n.m.* arm-rest.

accoupl|er /akuple/ *v.t.* couple; (*faire copuler*) mate. s'~er *v. pr.* mate. ~ement *n.m.* mating; coupling.

accourir /akurir/ *v.i.* run up.

accoutrement /akutrãmã/ *n.m.* (strange) garb.

accoutumance /akutymãs/ *n.f.* habituation; (*méd.*) addiction.

accoutum|er /akutyme/ *v.t.* accustom. s'~er *v. pr.* get accustomed. ~é *a.* customary.

accréditer /akredite/ *v.t.* give credence to; (*personne*) accredit.

acro /akro/ *n.m./f.* (*drogué*) addict; (*amateur*) fan.

accroc /akro/ *n.m.* tear, rip; (*fig.*) hitch.

accroch|er /akrofe/ *v.t.* (*suspendre*) hang up; (*attacher*) hook, hitch; (*déchirer*) catch; (*heurter*) hit; (*attirer*) attract. s'~er *v. pr.* cling, hang on; (*se disputer*) clash. ~age *n.m.* hanging; hooking; (*auto.*) collision; (*dispute*) clash; (*mil.*) encounter.

accroissement /akrwasmã/ *n.m.* increase (*de*, in).

accroître /akrwatr/ *v.t.*, s'~ *v. pr.* increase.

accroup|ir (s') /s(ak)rupir/ *v. pr.* squat. ~i *a.* squatting.

accru /akry/ *a.* increased, greater.

accueil /akœj/ *n.m.* reception, welcome.

accueill|ir + /akœjir/ *v.t.* receive, welcome; (*aller chercher*) meet. ~ant, ~ante *a.* friendly.

acculer /akyle/ *v.t.* corner. ~ à, force *ou* drive into *ou* against *ou* close to.

accumul|er /akymyle/ *v.t.*, s'~er *v. pr.* accumulate, pile up. ~ateur *n.m.* accumulator. ~ation *n.f.* accumulation.

accus /aky/ *n.m. pl.* (*fam.*) battery.

accusation /akyzasjõ/ *n.f.* accusation; (*jurid.*) charge. l'~, (*magistrat*) the prosecution.

accus|er /akyze/ *v.t.* accuse (*de*, of); (*blâmer*) blame (*de*, for); (*jurid.*) charge (*de*, with); (*fig.*) show, emphasize. ~er reception *de*,

acknowledge receipt of. *~ateur*, *~atrice* *a.* incriminating; *n.m., f.* accuser. *~é, ~ée* *a.* marked; *n.m., f.* accused.

acerbe /asɛrb/ *a.* bitter.

acéré /asere/ *a.* sharp.

achalandé /aʃalāde/ *a.* bien *~, well-stocked.*

acharné /aʃarne/ *a.* relentless, ferocious. *~ement* *n.m.* relentlessness.

acharner (s') /ʃaʃarne/ *v. pr.* s'~ sur, set upon; (*poursuivre*) hound. s'~ à faire, keep on doing.

achat /aʃa/ *n.m.* purchase. *~s*, shopping. *faire l'~ de*, buy.

acheminer /aʃmine/ *v.t.* dispatch, convey. s'~ vers, head for.

acheter /aʃte/ *v.t.* buy. *~er à*, buy from; (*pour*) buy for. *~eur, ~euse* *n.m., f.* buyer; (*client de magasin*) shopper.

achèvement /aʃevmā/ *n.m.* completion.

achever /aʃve/ *v.t.* finish (off). s'~ *v. pr. end.*

acide /asid/ *a.* acid, sharp. ● *n.m.* acid. *~ité* *n.f.* acidity. *~ulé* *a.* slightly acid.

acier /asje/ *n.m.* steel. *aciérie* *n.f.* steelworks.

acné /akne/ *n.f.* acne.

acolyte /akolit/ *n.m.* (*péj.*) associate.

acompte /akõt/ *n.m.* deposit, part-payment.

à-côté /akote/ *n.m.* side-issue. *~s*, (*argent*) extras.

à-coup /aku/ *n.m.* jolt, jerk. *par ~s*, by fits and starts.

acoustique /akustik/ *n.f.* acoustics. ● *a.* acoustic.

acquérir /akerir/ *v.t.* acquire, gain; (*biens*) purchase, acquire. *~éreur* *n.m.* purchaser. *~isition* *n.f.* acquisition; purchase.

acquiescer /akjesce/ *v.i.* acquiesce, agree.

acquis, *~e* /aki, -z/ *n.m.* experience. ● *a.* acquired; (*fait*) established; (*fa-veurs*) secured. *~ à*, (*projet*) in favour of.

acquies /aki/ *n.m.* receipt. *par ~ de conscience*, for peace of mind.

acquies /akite/ *v.t.* acquit; (*dette*) settle. s'~er de, (*promesse, devoir*) carry out. s'~er envers, repay. *~ement* *n.m.* acquittal; settlement.

âcre /akr/ *a.* acrid.

acrobate /akrobat/ *n.m./f.* acrobat.

acrobatie /akrobasi/ *n.f.* acrobatics. *~ aérienne*, aerobatics. *acrobati-que* /-tik/ *a.* acrobatic.

acte /akt/ *n.m.* act, action, deed; (*théâtre*) act; (*de naissance, ma-riage*) certificate. *~s*, (*compte ren-du*) proceedings. *prendre ~ de*, note.

acteur /aktœr/ *n.m.* actor.

actif, *~ve* /aktif, -v/ *a.* active.

● *n.m.* (*comm.*) assets. *avoir à son ~f*, have to one's credit *ou* name. *~vement* *adv.* actively.

action /aksjõ/ *n.f.* action; (*comm.*) share; (*jurid.*) action. *~naire* /-jõ-ner/ *n.m./f.* shareholder.

actionner /aksjone/ *v.t.* work, activate.

activer /aktive/ *v.t.* speed up; (*feu*) boost. s'~ *v. pr.* hurry, rush.

activiste /aktivist/ *n.m./f.* activist.

activité /aktivite/ *n.f.* activity. *en ~*, active.

actrice /aktris/ *n.f.* actress.

actualiser /aktualize/ *v.t.* update.

actualité /aktualite/ *n.f.* topicality. l'~, current events. *les ~s*, news. d'~, topical.

actuel, *~le* /aktuel/ *a.* present; (*d'ac-tualité*) topical. *~lement* *adv.* at the present time.

acuité /akuite/ *n.f.* acuteness.

acupuncture /akypõktyr/ *n.f.* acupuncture. *~eur* *n.m.* acupunc-turist.

adage /adaʒ/ *n.m.* adage.

adapter /adapte/ *v.t.* adapt; (*fixer*) fit. s'~er *v. pr.* adapt (o.s.); (*techn.*) fit, *~ateur, ~atrice* *n.m., f.* adap-ter; *n.m.* (*électr.*) adapter. *~ation* *n.f.* adaptation.

additif /aditif/ *n.m.* (*note*) rider; (*substance*) additive.

addition /adisjõ/ *n.f.* addition; (*au café* etc.) bill; (*Amer.*) check. *~nel, ~nelle* /-jõnel/ *a.* additional. *~ner* /-jõne/ *v.t.* add; (*totaliser*) add (up).

adepte /adept/ *n.m./f.* follower.

adéquat, *~e* /adekwa, -t/ *a.* suitable.

adhérent, *~e* /aderā, -t/ *n.m., f.* member.

adhérer /adere/ *v.i.* adhere, stick (à, to). *~er à*, (*club* etc.) be a member of; (*s'inscrire à*) join. *~rence* *n.f.* adhesion. *~sif, ~sive* *a. & n.m.* adhesive. *~sion* *n.f.* membership; (*accord*) adherence.

adieu (*pl. ~x*) /adjø/ *int. & n.m.* goodbye, farewell.

adipeux, ~se /adipø, -z/ *a.* fat; (*tissu*) fatty.

adjacent, ~e /adjasɑ̃, -t/ *a.* adjacent.

adjectif /adjɛktif/ *n.m.* adjective.

adjoindre /adjwɛ̃dr/ *v.t.* add, attach; (*personne*) appoint. *s'~ v. pr.* appoint.

adjoint, ~e /adjwɛ̃, -t/ *n.m., f. & a.* assistant. ~ **au maire**, deputy mayor.

adjutant /adjyɔ̃dɑ̃/ *n.m.* warrant-officer.

adjuger /adjyʒe/ *v.t.* award; (*aux enchères*) auction. *s'~ v. pr.* take.

adjurer /adjyʁe/ *v.t.* beseech.

admettre⁺ /admetʁ/ *v.t.* let in, admit; (*tolérer*) allow; (*reconnaître*) admit; (*candidat*) pass.

administratif, ~ve /administratif, -v/ *a.* administrative.

administrer /administʁe/ *v.t.* run, manage; (*justice, biens, antidote, etc.*) administer. ~**ateur**, ~**atrice** *n.m., f.* administrator, director. ~**ation** *n.f.* administration. **A~ation**, Civil Service.

admirable /admirabl/ *a.* admirable.

admiratif, ~ve /admiratif, -v/ *a.* admiring.

admirer /admire/ *v.t.* admire. ~**ateur**, ~**atrice** *n.m., f.* admirer. ~**ation** *n.f.* admiration.

admissible /admisibl/ *a.* admissible; (*candidat*) eligible.

admission /admisjɔ̃/ *n.f.* admission.

adolescent, ~te /adɔlesɑ̃, -t/ *n.m., f.* adolescent. ~**ce** *n.f.* adolescence.

adonner (s') /s(ad)ɔne/ *v. pr.* *s'~ à*, devote o.s. to; (*vice*) take to.

adopter /adɔpte/ *v.t.* adopt. ~**ion** /-psjɔ̃/ *n.f.* adoption.

adoptif, ~ve /adɔptif, -v/ *a.* (*enfant*) adopted; (*parents*) adoptive.

adorable /adɔrabl/ *a.* delightful, adorable.

adorer /adɔre/ *v.t.* adore; (*relig.*) worship, adore. ~**ation** *n.f.* adoration; worship.

adosser /adɔse/ *v.t.* *s'~ v. pr.* lean back (*à, contre*, against).

adoucir /adusir/ *v.t.* soften; (*boisson*) sweeten; (*personne*) mellow; (*chagrin*) ease. *s'~ v. pr.* soften; mellow; ease; (*temps*) become milder. ~**ssant** *n.m.* (fabric) softener.

adresse /adres/ *n.f.* address; (*habileté*) skill.

adresser /adrese/ *v.t.* send; (*écrire l'adresse sur*) address; (*remarque etc.*) address. ~ **la parole à**, speak to. *s'~ à*, address; (*aller voir*) go and ask *ou* see; (*bureau*) enquire at; (*viser, intéresser*) be directed at.

adroit, ~e /adrwa, -t/ *a.* skilful, clever. ~**ement** /-tmɑ̃/ *adv.* skilfully, cleverly.

aduler /adyle/ *v.t.* adulate.

adulte /adylt/ *n.m./f.* adult. ● *a.* adult; (*plante, animal*) fully-grown.

adultère /adyltɛʁ/ *a.* adulterous. ● *n.m.* adultery.

advenir /advəniʁ/ *v.i.* occur.

adverbe /adverb/ *n.m.* adverb.

adversaire /adversɛʁ/ *n.m.* opponent, adversary.

adverse /advers/ *a.* opposing.

adversité /adversite/ *n.f.* adversity.

aérateur /aerater/ *n.m.* ventilator.

aérer /aere/ *v.t.* air; (*texte*) lighten. *s'~er v. pr.* get some air. ~**ation** *n.f.* ventilation. ~**é** *a.* airy.

aérien, ~ne /aerjɛ̃, -jen/ *a.* air; (*photo*) aerial; (*câble*) overhead; (*fig.*) airy.

aérobic /aerɔbik/ *m.* aerobics.

aérodrome /aerɔdrom/ *n.m.* aerodrome.

aérodynamique /aerɔdinamik/ *a.* streamlined, aerodynamic.

aérogare /aerɔgar/ *n.f.* air terminal.

aéroglisser /aerɔglisɛʁ/ *n.m.* hovercraft.

aérogramme /aerɔgram/ *n.m.* air-mail letter; (*Amer.*) aerogram.

aéronautique /aerɔnotik/ *a.* aeronautical. ● *n.f.* aeronautics.

aéronavale /aerɔnaval/ *n.f.* Fleet Air Arm; (*Amer.*) Naval Air Force.

aéroport /aerɔpɔʁ/ *n.m.* airport.

aéroporté /aerɔpɔʁte/ *a.* airborne.

aérosol /aerɔsɔl/ *n.m.* aerosol.

aérospatial (*m. pl.* ~iaux) /aerɔspasjal, -jo/ *a.* aerospace.

affable /afabl/ *a.* affable.

affaiblir /afeblir/ *v.t., s'~ir v. pr.* weaken. ~**issement** *n.m.* weakening.

affaire /afer/ *n.f.* matter, affair; (*histoire*) affair; (*transaction*) deal; (*ocasion*) bargain; (*firme*) business; (*jurid.*) case. ~s, affairs; (*comm.*) business; (*effets*) belongings. **avoir ~ à**, (have to) deal with. *c'est mon ~, ce sont mes ~s*, that is my business. **faire l'~**, do the job. **tirer**

qn. d'~, help s.o. out. **se tirer d'~**, manage.
affairer (s') /s(ə)fere/ *v. pr.* bustle about. **~é a.** busy.
affaisser (s') /s(ə)fese/ *v. pr.* (sol) sink, subside; (*poutre*) sag; (*personne*) collapse. **~ement** /-esmā/ *n.m.* subsidence.
affaler (s') /s(ə)fale/ *v. pr.* slump (down), collapse.
affamer /afame/ *v.t.* starve. **~é a.** starving.
affecté /afekte/ *a.* affected. **~ation**¹ *n.f.* affectation.
affecter /afekte/ *v.t.* (*feindre*, *émouvoir*) affect; (*destiner*) assign; (*nommer*) appoint, post. **~ation**² *n.f.* assignment; appointment, posting.
affectif, **~ve** /afektif, -v/ *a.* emotional.
affection /afeksjō/ *n.f.* affection; (*maladie*) ailment. **~ner** /-jōne/ *v.t.* be fond of.
affectueux, **~se** /afektuø, -z/ *a.* affectionate.
affermer /afermir/ *v.t.* strengthen.
afficher /afif/ *n.f.* (public) notice; (*publicité*) poster; (*théâtre*) bill.
afficher /afife/ *v.t.* (*annonce*) put up; (*événement*) announce; (*sentiment etc, comput.*) display. **~age** *n.m.* billposting; (*électronique*) display.
affilée (d') /d(ə)fife/ *adv.* in a row, at a stretch.
affiler /afife/ *v.t.* sharpen.
affilier (s') /s(ə)fijle/ *v. pr.* become affiliated. **~iation** *n.f.* affiliation.
affiner /afine/ *v.t.* refine.
affinité /afinite/ *n.f.* affinity.
affirmatif, **~ve** /afirmatif, -v/ *a.* affirmative. ● *n.f.* affirmative.
affirmer /afirme/ *v.t.* assert. **~ation** *n.f.* assertion.
affleurer /aflœre/ *v.i.* appear on the surface.
affliction /afliksjō/ *n.f.* affliction.
affliger /afliʒe/ *v.t.* grieve. **~é a.** distressed. **~é de**, afflicted with.
affluence /aflyās/ *n.f.* crowd(s).
affluent /aflyā/ *n.m.* tributary.
affluer /aflye/ *v.i.* flood in; (*sang*) rush.
afflux /afly/ *n.m.* influx, flood; (*du sang*) rush.
affoler /afôle/ *v.t.* throw into a panic. **s'~er v. pr.** panic. **~ant**, **~ante a.** alarming. **~ement** *n.m.* panic.

affranchir /ifrāʃir/ *v.t.* stamp; (*à la machine*) frank; (*esclave*) emancipate; (*fig.*) free. **~issement** *n.m.* (*tarif*) postage.
affréter /afrete/ *v.t.* charter.
affreux, **~se** /afro, -z/ *a.* (laid) hideous; (*mauvais*) awful. **~sement** *adv.* awfully, hideously.
affriolant, **~e** /afrijolā, -t/ *a.* enticing.
affront /afrō/ *n.m.* affront.
affronter /afrōte/ *v.t.* confront. **s'~er v. pr.** confront each other. **~ement** *n.m.* confrontation.
affubler /afyble/ *v.t.* rig out (*de*, *in*).
affût /afy/ *n.m.* à l'~, on the watch (*de*, *for*).
affûter /afyte/ *v.t.* sharpen.
afin /afē/ *prép. & conj.* ~ *de/que*, in order to/that.
africain, **~e** /afrikē, -en/ *a. & n.m.*, *f.* African.
Afrique /afrik/ *n.f.* Africa. ~ *du Sud*, South Africa.
agacer /agase/ *v.t.* irritate, annoy.
âge /aʒ/ *n.m.* age. **quel ~ avez-vous?**, how old are you? ~ *adulte*, adulthood. ~ *mûr*, middle age. **d'un certain ~**, past one's prime.
âgé /aʒe/ *a.* elderly. ~ *de cinq ans/ etc.*, five years/ etc. old.
agence /aʒās/ *n.f.* agency, bureau, office; (*succursale*) branch. ~ *d'interim*, employment agency. ~ *de voyages*, travel agency.
agencer /aʒāse/ *v.t.* organize, arrange. **~ement** *n.m.* organization.
agenda /aʒēda/ *n.m.* diary; (*Amer.*) datebook.
agenouiller (s') /s(ə)ʒnuʒe/ *v. pr.* kneel (down).
agent /aʒā/ *n.m.* agent; (*fonctionnaire*) official. ~ (*de police*), policeman. ~ *de change*, stockbroker.
agglomération /aglomerasjō/ *n.f.* built-up area, town.
aggloméré /aglomere/ *n.m.* (*bois*) chipboard.
agglomérer /aglomere/ *v.t.*, **s'~ v. pr.** pile up.
agglutiner /aglytine/ *v.t.*, **s'~ v. pr.** stick together.
aggraver /aggrave/ *v.t.*, **s'~ v. pr.** worsen.
agile /aʒil/ *a.* agile, nimble. ~ *ité* *n.f.* agility.
agir /aʒir/ *v.i.* act. **il s'agit de faire**, it is a matter of doing; (*il faut*) it is

necessary to do. **dans ce livre il s'agit de**, this book is about. **dont il s'agit**, in question.

agissements /aʒismɑ̃/ *n.m. pl. (péj.)* dealings.

agité /aʒite/ *a.* restless, fidgety; (*troublé*) agitated; (*mer*) rough.

agiter /aʒite/ *v.t. (bras etc.)* wave; (*liquide*) shake; (*troubler*) agitate; (*discuter*) debate. **s'~er** *v. pr.* bustle about; (*enfant*) fidget; (*foule, pensées*) stir. **~ateur, ~atrice** *n.m., f.* agitator. **~ation** *n.f.* bustle; (*trouble*) agitation.

agneau (*pl. ~x*) /aɲo/ *n.m.* lamb.

agonie /agɔni/ *n.f.* death throes.

agoniser /agɔnize/ *v.i.* be dying.

agrafe /agraf/ *n.f.* hook; (*pour papiers*) staple. **s'~er** *v.t.* hook (up); staple. **~euse** *n.f.* stapler.

agrandir /agrɑdir/ *v.t.* enlarge. **s'~ir** *v. pr.* expand, grow. **~issement** *n.m.* extension; (*de photo*) enlargement.

agréable /agreabl/ *a.* pleasant. **~ment** /-əmɑ̃/ *adv.* pleasantly.

agréer /agree/ *v.t.* accept. **~er à**, please. **~é a.** authorized.

agrégation /agregasjɔ̃/ *n.f.* agrégation (*highest examination for recruitment of teachers*). **~é, ~ée** /-ʒe/ *n.m., f.* agrégé (*teacher who has passed the agrégation*).

agrément /agremɑ̃/ *n.m.* charm; (*plaisir*) pleasure; (*accord*) assent.

agrémenter /agremāte/ *v.t.* embellish (*de, with*).

agres /agre/ *n.m. pl.* (gymnastics) apparatus.

agresser /agrese/ *v.t.* attack. **~eur** /-esœr/ *n.m.* attacker; (*mil.*) aggressor. **~ion** /-esjɔ̃/ *n.f.* attack; (*mil.*) aggression.

agressif, ~ve /agresif, -v/ *a.* aggressive. **~vité** *n.f.* aggressiveness.

agricole /agrikɔl/ *a.* agricultural; (*ouvrier etc.*) farm.

agriculteur /agrikyltœr/ *n.m.* farmer.

agriculture /agrikyltyr/ *n.f.* agriculture, farming.

agripper /agripe/ *v.t., s'~ à*, grab, clutch.

agroalimentaire /agroalimāter/ *n.m.* food industry.

agrumes /agrym/ *n.m. pl.* citrus fruit(s).

aguerrir /agerir/ *v.t.* harden.

aguets (aux) /((oz)age/ *adv.* on the look-out.

aguicher /agife/ *v.t.* entice.

ah /ɑ/ *int.* ah, oh.

ahurir /ayrir/ *v.t.* dumbfound. **~issement** *n.m.* stupefaction.

ai /e/ *voir avoir*.

aide /ed/ *n.f.* help, assistance, aid.

● *n.m./f.* assistant. **à l'~ de**, with the help of. **~ familiale**, home help. **~mémoire** *n.m. invar.* handbook of facts. **~ sociale**, social security; (*Amer.*) welfare. **~soignant, ~soignante** *n.m., f.* auxiliary nurse. **venir en ~ à**, help.

aider /ede/ *v.t./i.* help, assist. **~ à faire**, help to do. **s'~ de**, use.

aïe /aj/ *int.* ouch, ow.

aïeul, ~e /ajœl/ *n.m., f.* grandparent.

aïeux /ajø/ *n.m. pl.* forefathers.

aigle /egl/ *n.m.* eagle.

aigle /egr/ *a.* sour, sharp; (*fig.*) sharp. **~e-doux, ~e-douce** *a.* bitter-sweet. **~eur** *n.f.* sourness; (*fig.*) sharpness. **~eurs d'estomac**, heartburn.

aigrir /egrir/ *v.t.* embitter; (*caractère*) sour. **s'~** *v. pr.* turn sour; (*personne*) become embittered.

aigu, ~ë /egy/ *a.* acute; (*objet*) sharp; (*voix*) shrill. (*mus.*) **les ~s**, the high notes.

aiguillage /eguijaʒ/ *n.m.* (rail.) points; (*rail., Amer.*) switches.

aiguille /eguij/ *n.f.* needle; (*de montre*) hand; (*de balance*) pointer.

aiguiller /eguije/ *v.t.* shunt; (*fig.*) steer. **~eur** *n.m.* pointsman; (*Amer.*) switchman. **~eur du ciel**, air traffic controller.

aiguillon /eguijɔ̃/ *n.m.* (*dard*) sting; (*fig.*) spur. **~ner** /-jɔ̃ne/ *v.t.* spur on.

aiguiser /eg(ɥ)ize/ *v.t.* sharpen; (*fig.*) stimulate.

ail (*pl. ~s*) /aj/ *n.m.* garlic.

aile /el/ *n.f.* wing.

ailé /ele/ *a.* winged.

aileron /elrɔ̃/ *n.m.* (*de requin*) fin.

ailier /elje/ *n.m.* winger; (*Amer.*) end.

aille /aj/ *voir aller*¹.

ailleurs /ajœr/ *adv.* elsewhere. **d'~,** besides, moreover. **par ~**, moreover, furthermore. **partout ~**, everywhere else.

ailloli /ajɔli/ *n.m.* garlic mayonnaise.

aimable /emabl/ *a.* kind. **~ment** /-əmɑ̃/ *adv.* kindly.