logorrhea *log-uh-RI-uh*, *n* an excessive flow of words, prolixity [Gr *logos* word + *roia* flow, stream

Word Definition aba garment of camel or goat hair; camel or goat-hair fabric abacinate to blind by putting red-hot copper basin near the eyes abactor cattle thief abaculus small tile for mosaic abaft toward or at the stern of a ship; further aft abampere unit equivalent to 10 amperes at the lowest point abapical abarticular not connected with the joint abasement action of humbling or degrading inability to walk due to lack of muscular coordination abasia abaskin genial warmth abatis rampart of felled trees and branches skylight or device to direct light into a room abatiour abattoir public slaughterhouse trail through wood beaten down by a stag abature abb yarn used for warp abba Syriac or Coptic bishop of, like or pertaining to abbots or an abbey abbatial abbozzo preliminary sketch remote; secret: hidden abditive having a paunch or big belly abdominous abducent turning away; bearing away from in a line at right angles to the length of a vessel, on the abeam beam abearto bear; to comport; to behave of, like or pertaining to the order of the alphabet; abecedarian rudimentary abecedism word created from the initials of words in a phrase abele white poplar tree aberdevine alternate name for the siskin aberuncators long tool for pruning tall branches abessive indicating absence or lack abiectic of, like or pertaining to fir trees or fir sap abigail a lady's maid cattle rustler abigeus abiogenesisspontaneous generation of living matter abiotrophy degeneration; loss of physical vitality or ability abirritate to alleviate irritation; to reduce sensitivity abiturient pupil leaving school for university humble; miserable; craven abiect ablactation weaning of a child from its mother's milk ablative indicating direction from or time when

ablator thermal protection on outside of spacecraft

ablaut variation in root vowel of words to change meaning

ablegate papal envoy or legate

ablepsia blindness ablowin a blowing state

abluent cleanser or cleansing product ablutomania mania for washing oneself

abnegate to renounce or repudiate abodement an omen; a foretelling

aboideau tide gate

abolla Roman military cloak abomasum ruminant's fourth stomach aboral away from the mouth

abordto accost; to approach

aborning during birth; while being born aborticide killing of a fetus; abortion

abortuary anti-abortion term for an abortion clinic

aboulia loss of ability to make decisions aboulomania pathological indecisiveness aboutsledge largest blacksmith's hammer

abra narrow mountain pass

abradant a substance that abrades

abraid to awaken or rouse

abraxas gem engraved with mystical word and bearing human-

animal figure

abreuvoir joint or gap between two stones in masonry

abroach in a condition to allow liquor to run out

abrosia fasting

abscind to pare, reduce, cut off or away

abscissa horizontal distance from a fixed line to a point

abscission cutting off; cutting away

absconce lantern used in monasteries and night offices

abseilto descend a rock face using a double rope

absentaneous done in absence; pertaining to absence

absinthial of, like or pertaining to wormwood; bitter

absinthism disease resembling alcoholism

absit leave to pass one night away from college

absolutism doctrine of government by a single absolute ruler;

autocracy

absolutive indicating subject or object of intransitive verb

absolutory forgiving or absolving absonant discordant; abhorrent

absorbefacient causing or promoting absorption

absorptiometer instrument for measuring solubility of gases in liquids

absquatulate to decamp; to leave quickly; to flee

absterge wipe clean; expunge; purge; purify

absurdism doctrine that we live in an irrational universe

abterminal going from the end inwards

monastic region of the old Irish church abthane abulia lack of ability to make decisions; aboulia

abuna Ethiopian patriarch

misuse; outrage; deception abusion

masonry on a wall that supports an arch abutment

abvolt unit of electrical potential equal to one hundred millionth of

a volt

aby to make amends; atone; pay a penalty

of, like or pertaining to the depths of the ocean abyssopelagic

academicism doctrine that nothing can be known

acanaceousbearing prickles or thistles; prickly

prickle acantha

acanthous spiny; prickly

lack or deficiency of carbon dioxide acapnia

non-smoker; non-smoking acapnotic

acariasis irritating itching insect infestation

acaricide killer of mites and ticks

acarine of, like or pertaining to ticks or mites

study of mites acarology

acarophobia fear of itching or of insects causing itching

acarpous sterile; not bearing fruit

acatalectic having complete or full number of syllables in a poetic line

acatalepsy the unknowableness of all things to a certainty

inability to understand data presented to the senses acatamathesia

provisions that have been purchased acates

provisioner; quartermaster acatour

tailless acaudate

acaulescent having a very short stem

instrument for measuring acceleration or vibrations accelerometer

to kindle accend acolyte accensor songbird accentor

acceptilation remission of debt or liability through fictitious

repayment

accessit prize for students in second place; honourable mention

very short note played before a longer one acciaccatura accidence grammar book; science of inflections in grammar

theory that events do not have causes accidentalism

accidie sloth; physical torpor

to gird accinge

bandage worn around the nose accipiter like a bird of prey; rapacious accipitral

accipitrine of, like or pertaining to falcons and hawks accismus in rhetoric, pretending to refuse something accite to cite; to summon acclinate sloping upwards acclivity upward slope

accloy to hobble with a horseshoe nail

accolade curved architectural moulding; vertical line joining two

musical staves

accolent neighbouring

accosted in heraldry, two figures placed side by side

accoucheur male midwife

accoucheuse female midwife

accourage to encourage accourt to entertain

accoyto subdue; to pacify; to soothe

accrementition increase or growth by adding similar material accretion accumulation; addition of parts to form a whole

accubation reclining as on a couch accubitum crescent-shaped couch

accusative indicating direct object of a verb

acedia listlessness; sloth

aceldama site or scene of violence or bloodshed

aceology therapeutics acequia irrigation ditch

acerate of, like or resembling a needle

acerbate to embitter; to irritate acerous lacking horns or antennae

acersecomic one whose hair has never been cut

acervate heaped; clustered

acervuline like or in small mounds or heaps

acescence becoming sour; souring; turning of milk

acetabulumsmall anatomical cup or hollow, such as a sucker

acetarious referring to plants that are used in salads acetimeter instrument for measuring strength of vinegar

achaenocarp any dry indehiscent fruit acharné furious or desperate (of a battle)

achene small one-seeded fruit or naked seed of plant

achloropsia colour-blindness with respect to green

achor eruption or scab on the head achromatopsia colour-blindness

achroous colourless acicular needle-shaped

acidaemia undue acidity of blood

acidimeter instrument for measuring concentration of acids

acidulous sharp or bitter-tasting

acierate to turn into steel acinaceous full of kernels acinaciform scimitar-shaped

aciniform shaped like a berry

acinus berry which grows in clusters

acipenser sturgeon

aclinic having no inclination or magnetic dip

acockdefiantly

acoemeti ancient monastic order who maintained eternal choir

service

acology study of medical remedies

acolous limbless

acolouthic of, like or pertaining to an after-image or other after-

sensation

acopic curing or relieving fatigue acoria pathologically great appetite

acosmism disbelief in existence of eternal universe distinct from God

acouasm ringing noise in head acquest object which is acquired

acracy government by none; anarchy

acratia impotence

acre-breadth old unit of length of 22 yards

acritochromacy colour-blindness

acroamatic esoteric

acrocephalous having a pointed or peaked skull acrography the art of making wood blocks in relief acrolith wooden statue with stone extremities

acrologic of, like or pertaining to initials

acromegaly glandular disorder causing gigantism of extremities

acronical occurring at nightfall or sunset

acronym word formed from initial letters of another word

acronyx ingrown nail

acropathy disease or illness of the extremities

acrophobia fear of heights

acrophonic using a symbol for the initial sound of a thing

acropodiumpedestal upon which a statue rests acroscopic looking or moving towards the apex acroteleuticphrase or words at the end of a psalm

acroterion pedestal or ornament at the angle of a pediment

acrotism absence of pulsing

actinism action of solar radiation causing chemical change

actinograph instrument used to calculate time of photographic

exposure

actinometer instrument for measuring incident radiation actinotherapy use of ultraviolet rays as medical therapy

actuate communicate motion to; cause

aculeate prickly; pointed; stinging; a stinging insect

aculeiform shaped like a thorn

acultomancy divination using needles

acuminate tapered; pointed; to sharpen

acutiator sharpener of weapons

acutorsion twisting artery with needle to stop bleeding

acyanopsia colour-blindness with respect to blue

acyesis female sterility

acyrology incorrect diction or pronunciation

adactylous lacking fingers or claws

adamantine unbreakable; impenetrable adamitism nakedness for religious reasons adaxial next to or towards the axis

addax large African antelope

additament thing added or appended; heraldic ornament addititious of, pertaining to or resulting from addition

addle putrid; barren; muddled

addorsed turned back to back in heraldry

adduce cite as proof or instance adeciduate evergreen; coniferous

adeem to cancel a bequest by destruction of the object

adelaster provisional name for a plant whose flowers are unknown

adelphogamy sharing of a wife by two or more brothers

ademption revocation of donation by donor

adenalgia painful swelling of a gland

adenia glandular swelling adeniform shaped like a gland

adenography descriptive work on the glandular system

adenoid of, like or pertaining to or like a gland

adenology study of glands

adenotomy removal or excision of gland

adespota anonymous works

adessive indicating place where or proximity to adevism denial of gods of mythology and legend

adharma unrighteousness

adhibit to attach; to admit; to administer

adhocracy government in an unstructured fashion; an unstructured

organization

adiabatic without transference of heat

adiaphoresis absence of perspiration; inability to perspire

adiaphorism doctrine of theological indifference or

latitudinarianism

adiaphoron tenet or belief on which a theological system is indifferent

adiapneustia defective perspiration

adiathermancy impermeability to radiant energy

adipescent becoming fat or fatty

adipicof, like or pertaining to fatty substances

adipocere fatty substance occurring in corpses left in moist areas

adipsia absence or lack of thirst

adit opening or passage into a mine

adjudge to decide; to award

adjutage nozzle

adjutor helper; assistant

adjuvant substance added to make vaccine more effective admanuensis one who takes an oath on a religious book

admaxillary connected to or near the jaw

admeasurement the act of measuring or apportioning

adminicle that which supports or aids, especially evidence

adnascent growing on some other thing

adnominal indicating adjective used as a noun

adnomination punning

adnoun adjective serving or used as a noun

adonise to adorn oneself

adoptionism belief that Christ was the adopted and not natural

son of God

adoral near the mouth

adosculation impregnation by contact alone or by wind

adoxography good writing on a trivial subject

adoxy beliefs that are neither orthodox nor heterodox

adpress to press together

adrogation adoption of a boy or girl before adolescence

adscititious added; additional

adscript attached or feudally bound to the soil or earth

adsorb to attract and stick to the surface

adumbrate indicate faintly; foreshadow

adunc hooked

aduncate shaped like a hook or crook

adust burnt; scorched

advection horizontal movement of air

advehent bringing inwards

adventitious accidental; casual

adventive a thing or person coming from outside

adversaria miscellaneous notes; commonplace books

adversative word or phrase expressing opposition

advert refer to in speech or writing

advertorial advertisement presented as if it were editorial material

advesperate darken; become late

advocaat liqueur containing rum and raw eggs advowson right of presentation to church living

adynamia helplessness; lack of strength

adytum sacred part of a temple or church; church chancel aedile magistrate in charge of games, markets or buildings

aedoeology science of generative organs aegilops stye in inner corner of eye

aegis protection; support aegrotat medical certificate of illness excusing student's sickness aeneous shining bronze colour giving forth a tone as if produced by the wind aeolian aeolipyle hollow ball that turns through steam escaping through valves aeolistic long-winded aeolotropy variation in physical properties on basis of position aeonian lasting for an immeasurably long period of time respiratory tissue aerenchyma aeriform of the form or shape of gas; gaseous aerious of the nature of air; airy aerobe organism requiring oxygen to survive aerobiology study of airborne organisms science or study of gliding aerodonetics aerogenesis forming or generating gas or air aerography descriptive work on the atmosphere aerolite meteorite aerolith stone that falls from the sky; meteorite aerolithology study of aerolites; meteorites study of the atmosphere aerology aeromancy divination by means of the weather aerometer instrument for measuring weight or density of gas aerophane thin crinkled semi-transparent fabric aerophilately collecting of air-mail stamps aerophobia fear of flying or draughts aerophore instrument used to inflate stillborn child's lungs of, like or pertaining to aerial navigation aeropleustic any lighter-than air craft; balloon aerostat aerostatics science of air pressure; art of ballooning aeruginous of, like or pertaining to copper-rust or verdigris rust of any metal aerugo aesc letter used in Old English for 'ae' conveying meaning only to those in a secret movement aesopian aesthesia sensibility aesthesiogenic producing or causing a sensation aestheticism doctrine that beauty is central to other moral principles aestival of, like or pertaining to summer aethrioscope instrument for measuring temperature variations due to sky conditions aeviternal everlasting; endless aeviternity eternal existence not suffering from fever afebrile affabulation moral of a fable affeerto assess; to reduce to a fixed sum

afferent bearing, bringing or carrying towards

affiance to trust; to betroth affine a relation by marriage

afflated inspired

afflatus inspiration; divine impetus

afforce to strengthen a jury by adding skilled people

afforest to cover with forest; to convert into hunting grounds

affranchise to free from slavery or similar obligation

affrayan attack or assault; an alarm or fright

affrayer disturber of the peace affreightment hiring of a vessel

affreux frightening

affricate consonant that begins as a plosive and ends as a fricative

affronté of two heraldic animals, facing one another

affusion pouring on; as of baptismal water

afore before

afterclap unexpected damaging or unsettling after-effect

afterdeck deck behind a ship's bridge

aftergame rematch; means employed after first turn of affairs

afterguard men who work the aft sails on the quarterdeck and poop

deck

afterings last milk drawn when milking a cow

afterpiece minor piece after a play

aftershaft second shaft coming out of the quill of a feather afterwil locking of the barn after the cows have been let out

agacerie allurement; coquetry

agalactia failure or inability to produce milk

agalloch eaglewood

agamist one who opposes marriage

agamogenesis reproduction by non-sexual means

agape selfless Christian love; a feast in celebration of such love

agapeistic characterized by Christian love

agapet lover of women

agapetae churchwomen who live platonically with celibate men

agapism ethics of love

agastopia admiration of part of another's body agatewear type of ceramic resembling agate stone

agathism belief in ultimate triumph of good despite evil means

agathodaimon one's good genius; the good part of one's conscience

agelast one who never laughs

agennesic sterile; impotent

agenocratia opposition to birth control

agentive indicating agent performing an action ageotropic moving or turning away from the earth

agersia quality of not growing old ageusia damage to the sense of taste

aggerartificial mound or elevation for military use aggerose in heaps; piled up modernization of ideas of the Catholic church aggiornamento to raise level of a surface through depositing detritus aggrade aggrandize increase power or rank of; make greater to gratify or please aggrate aggrytype of West African glass beads agio premium paid on foreign currency exchange agiotage playing the stock market; speculation agist to charge with a public burden; to take in to graze for payment agistment land tax assessed for cattle pasturing aglet metal point attached to a lace or string agma symbol or sound for a velar nasal consonant "ng" agminate grouped agnail sore, corn or hangnail on the toe or foot agname name over and above the ordinary name and surname agnation kinship to acknowledge or confess agnize additional name: surname: nickname agnomen agnosic unable to recognize familiar objects due to brain damage agnosticism doctrine that we can know nothing beyond material phenomena ignorance agnosy agoge tempo or sequence in melody in ancient Greek music accepting a musical note by slightly dwelling on it agogic agomphosis looseness in the teeth agone ago making no angle agonic competition; effort; striving agonism someone in the grip of inner conflict agonistes agonistic of, like or pertaining to or being aggressive or argumentative agonistics art and theory of prize-fighting fear of open spaces agoraphobia agowilt sudden sickening and unnecessary fear hooked clasp used by masons to hold blocks together agraffe sayings of Jesus not found in the canonical gospels agrapha inability to write agraphia agravic having no gravity; pertaining to the condition of zerogravity agrestic of the fields; rural; unpolished the comparative study of primitive peoples agriology to horrify: to disfigure agrize agrizoiatry medicine specializing in wild animals agrobiologystudy of plant nutrition; soil yields study of agricultural soils agrology

agromania intense desire to be in open spaces agronomics study of productivity of land agrostography writing about grasses agrostology science or study of grasses agrypnia insomnia agrypnotic anything taken to aid wakefulness Spanish or Portuguese brandy aguardiente agyiophobia fear of crossing busy streets agynary lacking female genitals the duty of sparing animal life; non-violence ahimsa ahull with sails furled and helm lashed to the lee-side three-toed sloth ai fear of sharp or pointed objects aichmophobia aiger tidal wave occurring in rivers a spray of jewels; ornamental feather plume; an egret aigrette aiguille sharp; needle-like peak of rock flap on airplane wing for lateral balance aileron plate of armour worn on shoulder ailette divination by watching cats' movements ailuromancv ailurophilia love of cats ailurophobia fear of cats aioli garlic-flavoured mayonnaise aircraft propeller airscrew aischrolatry worship of filth, dirt, or smut a vision or dream aisling small island in lake or river ait aitchbone rump bone of cattle; rump cut of beef aiué elderly; senior akeratophorous not horned akinesia loss of ability to move membranous outgrowth on a plant or animal alabamine alternate name for the element astatine alack expression of sorrow or regret alalia loss of ability to speak alameda public walkway between rows of poplar trees alamort half-dead; dejected term of endearment used with one's child alannah alar of, like or pertaining to the wing or shoulder mild form of smallpox alastrim alate lately state of having wings; position of wings on a creature alation of, like or pertaining to skylarks alaudine long white robe worn by priests alb cylindrical jar used to hold drugs albarello albata variety of German silver albedo whiteness, as of a celestial object

albescent becoming white; whiteness albicant whitish; becoming white albificative able to whiten or be whitened medieval astronomical device for finding positions of albion planets albocracy government by white people albolith white cement formed from magnesia and silica albugineous like the white of an eye or an egg; white-coloured alcahest alchemical universal solvent alcatote silly elf alcineof, like or pertaining to elks; of, like or pertaining to auks alcoholometer instrument for measuring proportion of alcohol in solutions instrument to measure strength of wine alcovinometer depending on contingencies or chance aleatoric aleberry beverage made from ale, spices, and dried bread costmary, an herb used in flavouring ale alecost divination by sacrificing a rooster alectormancy alectryomachy cock-fighting alectryomancy divination by watching a rooster gather corn kernels alee on or toward the lee vinegar made by turning ale sour alegar alembicated over-refined mixed wool and silk or mohair and cotton fabric alepine alethiology study of truth divination using flour or meal aleuromancy alexiainability to read alexipharmic antidote alfet cauldron of boiling water used during trials by ordeal wallet or leather bag alforge algedonics science of pleasure and pain algefacient cooling algetic causing or producing pain killer of algae algicide algid cold; chilly

alginuresis painful urination

algolagnia sexual pleasure derived from inflicting pain

study of algae algology algophobia fear of pain algor coldness; shivering fit

art of printing from aluminum plates algraphy

alible nourishing

alidade revolving index on astrolabe or other instrument for

reading gradations

aliform wing-shaped

aligerous winged aliped having wings on the feet

aliphatic of, like or pertaining to fat or fats in general aliquant number dividing into another with a remainder

aliquot number dividing into another without leaving a remainder

aliter requiring a different law or rule to be applied

alk sap or resin from turpentine trees

alkalimeter instrument for measuring strength of alkalines

alkanet reddish plant-based dye

allantiasis food poisoning resulting from inadequate preservation

allantoid shaped like a sausage

allative indicating movement towards

allemain enormous pudding out of which acrobats leap

allemande courtly baroque dance in which the arms are interlaced

alliaceous of, like or pertaining to garlic; garlicky

allicient attracting something else

allision intentional collision of two ships

allocatur amount allowed for costs

allochthonous formed or produced elsewhere or externally

allodic not subject to a superior

allogamy cross-fertilization allogeneous different

allography writing another individual's signature

allolalia speech disorder featuring randomly spoken words allonge paper attached to commercial bill requiring signatures

allonym other person's name used by an author allotheism belief in or worship of strange gods allotriophagy craving for strange foods

allotropy of an element, having more than one form alluvion effect of water impacting on shoreline almacantar circle of altitude, parallel to the horizon

almagest textbook or handbook, especially dealing with astronomy

almandine violet-coloured garnet

almoner giver of alms; social worker in a hospital

almuce cloth or fur hood
alnager inspector of cloth
alogism illogical statement
alomancy divination using salt
alopecia baldness; hair loss
alopecoid of or resembling a fox

alow below

alpaca fine wool made from alpaca hair

alpenglow reddish glow appearing at sunrise or sunset in mountains

alpenstocker mountain climber

alpestrine of, like or pertaining to alpine regions

alphenic sugary candy used in medicine

alphitomancy divination using loaves of barley

alphonsin instrument used to extract bullets from bodies

alt high musical tone

altarage payment to priest for mass; offerings at altar

alterity state of being different

alternatim alternately

altiloquence pompous or high speech

altisonant high-sounding

altitonant thundering on high or loudly

altricial having young requiring care for a lengthy period

aludel pear-shaped pot used in sublimation

aluminiferous bearing aluminum

alveary beehive; area of the ear where wax collects; word-list

alveolate of or like a honeycomb

alveromancy divination using sounds

alviducous purgative alvine of the belly

ama a Japanese pearl-diver

amadelphous outgoing; gregarious

amain to a high degree; exceedingly; at full speed

amanous lacking hands

amanuensis one employed to write from dictation amaranth imaginary flower reputed never to fade

amaranthine immortal; undying; deep purple-red colour

amasesis inability to chew

amasthenic focusing light rays to a single point

amathophobia fear of dust

amaxophobia fear of riding in a car

ambages windings; roundabout ways; delays

ambeer juice from chewing tobacco

ambisinistrous awkward in the use of both hands

ambit circuit; scope; compass; confines

ambo early Christian raised reading desk or pulpit

ambry recess for church vessels; cupboard or niche

ambsace bad luck; a low score

ambulatory aisle down the east end of a church ambulomancy divination by taking a walk

ambulophobia fear of walking

ambustion burn or scald

amende fine or reparation paid

ament a person who fails to develop mentally

amerce to fine; to deprive; to punish ametropia abnormal optical refraction

amice strip of fine linen worn as cloak or wrap by priest at mass

amicicide murder of a friend

amidships midway between the bow and stern of a ship ammeter instrument for measuring electrical current

ammophilous sand-loving; preferring to dwell in sand amnicolist one who lives near a river divination by examining afterbirth amniomancy percussion cap for a toy pistol amorce amoret love sonnet or song a cherub or spirit of love amoretto of, like or pertaining to vines ampelidious ampelography scientific description of the vine ampere unit for measuring amount of electrical current fossilized amphibian amphibiolith amphibolic able to turn both backwards and forwards; double-jointed amphibology ambiguity in language; dual grammatical meaning amphigean occurring in both hemispheres of the brain or body amphigory a nonsense verse amphimixis interbreeding; intermixing of two individuals' genetic matter amphipneust animal with both lungs and gills mythical two-headed serpent or lizard amphisbaena amphiscian of, like or pertaining to torrid regions amplexus rutting of frogs and toads ampliative supplemental; additional amplivagant stretching far; having a great scope ampulla vessel for holy oil or wine for coronations or rituals amrita Hindu ambrosia bestowing immortality amygdaloid almond-shaped; of, like or pertaining to tonsils amyloid containing or pertaining to starch; starchy lacking muscle amyous an in equal quantities ana journey leading upwards; first phase of an illness anabasis anabiosis return to life after apparent death anacampserote something which can bring back a lost love anacamptic reflecting or reflected light; sound or water anacardic of, like or pertaining to cashews anacathartic causing vomiting or expectoration anachoric foreign or geographically absurd relating to a country anaclastic refractive; of, like or pertaining to refraction dependent on other phenomenon or ability anaclitic moving to new topic of discussion before finishing anacoluthon current one interrogation accompanied by torture anacrisis syllable prior to the normal rhythm of a verse anacrusis completely deaf anacusic wreath, fillet or band anadem anadiplosis repeating last word of clause at beginning of next clause anadromous fish which ascend rivers to spawn

anaerectic destructive

anaesthesiology study of anaesthetics

anagalactic coming from or existing beyond our own galaxy

anaglyph ornament in low relief anaglyptics art of carving in bas-relief

anaglyptography art of engraving so as to give the subject an

embossed appearance

anagnorisis recognition leading to denouement of a play

anagogy mystical interpretation

anagraphy art of constructing catalogues analects crumbs that fall from the table

analemma sundial

analgia inability to feel pain

anamnesis reminiscence; prayer recalling death and resurrection of

Jesus

anamorphic changing to a more complex form

anandrious impotent

ananym name written backward; often used as synonym

anapeiratic caused by excessive use

anapest two short metrical syllables followed by one long one

anaphalantiasis falling out of the eyebrows

anaphia loss of sense of touch

anaphora repetition of a word at beginning of successive phrases for

emphasis

anapnea recovery of one's breath; restoration of breath

anastasic convalescent

anastrophe reversing or inverting word order as rhetorical device

anatine of, like or pertaining to ducks

anatocism compound interest

anatreptic overcoming; overturning

anaudia loss of voice

anbury soft fleshy tumour in horses

anchorite one withdrawn from the world for religious reasons

ancillary auxiliary; secondary ancipitous two-edged and flattened

ancistroid hook-shaped

ancon elbow

anconoid of, like or pertaining to the elbow

ancoral of, shaped like or resembling an anchor

ancress female religious recluse

andiron iron bar used to support the end of a log in a fire

andragogy science of teaching adults

androcracy government by men

androlepsia governmental kidnapping for political purposes

andromania nymphomania androphagy cannibalism aneabil single; unmarried

anele to administer extreme unction to

anemocracy government by the wind or by whim

anemograph instrument for measuring pressure and velocity of

wind

anemography treatise on the winds

anemology study of winds

anemometer instrument for measuring wind velocity

anemophilous pollinated by wind anencephalic lacking a brain

anentabout; concerning

anergia failure of immune system; loss of energy

anesis tuning to a lower musical pitch

aneuria lack of nervous energy

anfractuousfull of windings and intricate turnings

angary the right of a belligerent to seize neutral property

angelocracy government by angels angelolatry worship of or belief in angels

angelology study of angels

angelus prayer said in morning, at noon and at sunset

angiogenesis production of blood vessels

angiology study of blood flow and lymphatic system

anglomania craze or obsession with England and the English

anglophilia love or fondness for England or the English

anglophobia fear of England or the English

angora silk-like fabric made from wool of angora goats

angstrom unit of one ten-billionth of a meter

anguiform shaped like a snake anguilliformshaped like an eel

anguine of, like or pertaining to snakes anguine of, like or pertaining to snakes anhedonia an unresponsiveness to pleasure

anhelation shortness of breath anhidrosis absence of perspiration

aniconic symbolizing without aiming at resemblance

anicular like an old woman

anile imbecilic; senile; like a very old woman animadvert to comment critically on; to censure

animastic spiritual; animate

animism attribution of soul to inanimate objects

anion positively charged ion

anisothenic being of unequal strength ankerliquid measure of 8 1/2 gallons

ankusspiked elephant goad ankyroid hook-shaped

anlace short two-edged dagger

to heat and cool metal gradually to temper anneal annectent having intermediate features between two taxa annihilationism doctrine that the wicked are utterly destroyed after death annodated shaped like the letter S annomination pun; play on words nodding or moving of the head annuent small ring around a classical column annulet annulose ringed; composed of rings emetic; causing vomiting or expectoration anocathartic anodontia toothlessness anodyne something that relieves pain or suffering anoesis sensation not accompanied by understanding of it formed from below or beneath anogenic inability to remember names anomia anomic in a state lacking social order and norms condition of lacking accepted social values or standards anomie without a navel anomphalous anon at once: immediately anonym person whose name is not given; pseudonym anopheline of, like or pertaining to malarial mosquitoes anopisthographic bearing writing or inscription only on one side anopsia blindness anorchous lacking testicles lack or loss of sense of smell anosmia anotic lacking ears having a handle or hand-like shape ansate of, like or pertaining to geese anserine anta pier produced by thickening wall at one end alleviating or relieving pain antalgic antanaclasis repetition of key word of phrase as a play on words antapology response to an apology antarchy opposition to government; anarchy anteambulo usher antechapel anteroom to a chapel or church anteientacular before breakfast anteloguy a preface antelucan before dawn or daylight before one's own birth; before the creation of the antemundane world antenniferous bearing antennae foretaste antepast covering or cloth over pulpit or altar antependium antephialtic preventing nightmares antepone to put before; to prefer

anteprandial

before dinner

antevenient preceding

anthelion luminous ring seen on a cloud opposite the sun

anthelminthic destroying or expelling worms

anthesis full bloom

anthomancy divination using flowers

anthomania obsession with flowers

anthophilous loving or frequenting flowers

anthorism counter-definition

anthracomancy divination using burning coals

anthrophobia fear of humans

anthropobiology study of human biology anthropogenesis origin of human beings

anthropoglot animal with human tongue; animal capable of speech

anthropolatry worship of human beings anthropolith fossilized human skeleton

anthropomancy divination using human entrails

anthropopathy ascription of human feelings to inanimate object

anthropophaginian cannibal anthropophagous eating humans

anthroposophy knowledge of the nature of humanity; human wisdom

anthropotheism belief that gods are only deified men antibasilican opposed to monarchic principle

antiblastic providing natural immunity against harmful substances

antibromic eliminating offensive odours

antichresis enjoyment of mortgaged property in lieu of interest

payments

antichthon hypothetical second Earth on the opposite side of the sun

anticryptic camouflaged; having protective resemblance to

environment

antidisestablishmentarianism doctrine opposed to removing Church of

England's official religion status

antigalactic preventing the secretion of milk

antigropelos waterproof leggings

antilapsarianism denial of doctrine of the fall of humanity

antilegomena books of the New Testament not part of early

Christian Bible

antilogarithm number of which a given number is the logarithm antilogism statement of three propositions containing contradiction

antilogy contradiction

antimnemonic damaging the memory; eliminating memories

antimony brittle, bluish-white metallic element

antinomianism doctrine of the rejection of moral law

antinomy contradiction between two logical conclusions antipedobaptism denial of validity of infant baptism

antiperistasis opposition or resistance

antiphon anthem sung as a response during church service

antiphrasis use of words in a sense opposite to literal antipudic concealing private parts of the body dweller on the exact opposite side of the world antiscian antistrophe repetition of words in reverse order antithalian opposed to mirth or fun antithesis contrast of ideas by means of parallel arrangement of words or clauses antitypy resistance to being penetrated antonomasia use of descriptive phrase or epithet instead of proper name antre cave turned upward and forward antrorse fear of staying single anuptaphobia anuresis inability to urinate tailless anurous army biscuit anzactile agrist expressing simple past time with no continuance numbness or loss of sensation in a limb apaesthesia proof by showing the falsehood of the opposite apagoge apanage privilege of office; especially one given to younger offspring apantomancy divination using objects at hand apatetic of an animal's coloration or markings apay to satisfy brief outline; glimpse; intuitive insight apercu aperient laxative aphagia inability to eat or swallow loss of ability to produce articulate speech aphemia apheresis taking away a sound or syllable at the beginning of a word loss of initial unaccented vowel from beginning of a word aphesis aphicide killer of aphids aphidicide killer of aphids aphnology science of wealth aphologistic flameless aphotic lightless aphrasia inability to speak aphrodisiomania abnormal sexual interest aphthong silent letter apian of, like or pertaining to bees of, like or pertaining to bees or beekeeping apiarian apicalof or at the apex apiculture beekeeping apiology study of bees faithlessness in marriage apistia apivorous eating bees aplanatic a lens free of spherical aberration

apocalypticism doctrine of the imminent end of the world

apocarteresis suicide by starvation

apocatastasis final restitution of all things at the appearance of the

Messiah

apocatastisis reversion or restoration to original position

apocope cutting off the last sound of a word

apocrisiary papal secretary apodal lacking feet

apodictic necessarily true beyond contradiction apodosis main clause in a conditional sentence

apodysophilia feverish desire to undress

apograph exact copy; facsimile

apolaustic dedicated to the search for enjoyment

apologetics defense and proof of Christianity or other doctrine

aponia painlessness apopemptic valedictory

apophasis saying something by stating that you will not mention it

apophoret a gift given to celebrate a new year apophthegm brief saying; proverb; epigram

aporia professed but false doubt of what to say or choose

aposiopesis suddenly stopping in the middle of a speech for emphasis

apositia dislike of or distaste for food apostasy renunciation of former beliefs

apostil marginal note

apostrophe addressing of a personified thing rhetorically

apotelesm casting of a horoscope

apothegm a short, instructive saying or formula

apotheosis elevation to divine status; a perfect example

apotropaic designed to turn away evil

apparitor officer in court who attends to execute orders; harbinger

appendant attached to; hanging from; adjunct

apperception mind's perception of itself as a conscious agent

appersonation irrational belief that one is another person

appetence strong craving or powerful desire

applanate flat; flattened; compressed

apport to transport objects without material agency

appose to place in juxtaposition or proximity

apposite appropriate

approbation approval; consent

apprompt to borrow

appropinquity nearness appui to support militarily

appulse a striking against something

appurtenance a subordinate or adjunct part of

apricate to bask in the sun

aprique sunny

apse rounded extension of church or other building

apselophesia loss of sense of touch

apsidal shaped like an apse apterygial wingless; finless

aptronym uninflected; indeclinable aptronym name that suits its owner

apyrexy period of intermission in a fever

aquamanile ewer in the form of a human or animal figure for

ceremonial handwashing aquaphobiafear of water

aquarelle watercolour painting

aquifer a rock formation containing water

aquiform watery; liquid

aquiline of, like or pertaining to eagles; hooked like an eagle's beak

araba wheeled Middle Eastern carriage

arachibutyrophobia fear of peanut butter sticking to roof of mouth

arachnivorous feeding on spiders arachnology study of spiders arachnophobia fear of spiders

araneidan of, like or pertaining to spiders

araneiform shaped like a spider

araneous transparent; delicate; like a spider's web

araphorostic seamless

aration ploughing

arbalest type of crossbow

arborescent branched; branching; tree-shaped

arboricolous growing on or living in trees

arboriform shaped like a tree arbrolatry worship of start

arbuscle dwarf or shrub-like tree arbustum orchard; copse of trees

arcanna red chalk used to mark trees

arcate bow-shaped

archaeolatry worship of archaic things or old customs

archelogy the study of first principles

archet violin box

archididascalian of, like or pertaining to headmasters

archididascalos school principal

archimandrite head of a monastery or convent

archimime chief buffoon or mimic

architectonics of, like or pertaining to the arrangement of

knowledge

architrave parts surrounding a door or window, especially the top

archology science of the origins of government

arciform shaped like a bow

arctician one skilled in navigating arctic regions

arctogaeal of the arctic regions of the earth

arctoid bear-like

arctophile collector of teddy bears arctophily study of teddy bears arcuate arched; bow-shaped

ard plough used to scratch top surface of soil

ardass fine silk

arefy to dry up; to wither

arenaceous like, growing in or consisting of sand

arenoid sandy; like sand areology study of Mars

areometer instrument used for measuring specific gravity

areopagitic of, like or pertaining to tribunals or courts

aret to assign or allot

aretaics the science of virtue

arete sharp mountain ridge argand gas or oil lamp

argent the heraldic colour silver or white

argentiferous bearing silver

argentocracy government by money

argil clay used in making pottery

argillaceous clayey; of or resembling clay

argol crust formed on wine kept too long or improperly

argol dried cow dung used as fuel

argosy a large merchant ship; a rich supply

arguria silver poisoning argute shrill; keen; shrewd

argyll silver gravy dish

arietine of, like or pertaining to rams arietinous shaped like a ram's head

arightright; correctly

ariolation divination in general

aristarch a severe critic

aristarchy government by the best aristology the science or art of dining arithmancy divination using numbers

arithmocracy government by simple majority

arithmogram number composed of numerical values of letters in a

word

arithmomania obsessive preoccupation with numbers armamentarium collective equipment available to a doctor

armigerous entitled to bear arms armillary like or composed of rings

armipotent having strong weapons; militarily potent armisonant resounding with noises of battle or weapons armomancydivination by examining one's shoulders

armure twilled woollen or silk fabric

arointbegone

arpent unit of land area slightly smaller than an acre

arpenteur land surveyor

arrant downright; unmitigated

arras tapestry covering a wall

arrasene embroidery fabric of wool and silk

arrectattentive; erect; raised up

arrendator one who rents or farms at a yearly rent

arreptitious ecstatic; frantic; hasty or hurried

arrestant substance causing an insect to stop moving

arrhizal lacking roots

arris sharp edge on stone; meeting of two surfaces arrogate to claim unduly as one's own; to ascribe

arrosive gnawing; chewing; corroding

arthrology study of joints

arthroscope instrument for examining interior of a joint

arundiferous bearing or producing reeds

arundinaceous like or having the properties of a reed

arval of, like or pertaining to ploughed land

ascesis the practice of disciplining oneself; asceticism

asceticism doctrine that self-denial of the body permits spiritual enlightenment

ascham box for keeping bows and arrows dry ascian inhabitant of the equatorial zone

aseity self-origination

ashlar squared stone used in building walls

ashplant walking stick

asinine of, like or pertaining to asses; stupid

asitia lack of appetite

askefise one who blows on ashes to bring them to flame

asomatous lacking a body; incorporeal

asonia deafness to specific pitches of sound

asperge to sprinkle

aspergilliform shaped like a brush

aspergillum vessel for sprinkling holy water

asperity roughness of surface or sound

asperse slander; disparage

aspersory vessel for holding holy water

aspheterism denial of the right to private property

aspidate shield-shaped

aspidomancy divination by sitting and chanting within a circle

asportation to carry property away wrongfully

assart to reclaim for agriculture by clearing away trees

assecuration marine insurance assentation insincere or glib assent

asseveration positive or earnest affirmation assibilate to pronounce with a hiss or sibilant persevering application to a pursuit assiduity officer or judge in charge of weights and measures assizer assocative indicating association with or accompaniment by assoil to absolve; to acquit assot to befool: to besot assuefaction habituation assuetude accustomedness; habit assurgent ascending: rising: curving upward astacology the science of crayfish astatic in equilibrium asteism refined irony three asterisks used to direct attention to a passage asterism at the stern of a ship astern astheniology study of diseases of weakening and aging asthenopia muscular weakening of the eyes not in rows astichous small semicircular moulding: dice astragal astragalomancy divination using dice or knucklebones astraphobiafear of being struck by lightning astrapophobia fear of thunder and lightning astriction binding obligation astringe to draw together; to tighten electronics as applied to space flight astrionics astrobleme scar on the earth's surface from meteorite impact astrobolism sun-stroke study of extraterrestrial geology astrogeology astrognosy knowledge of fixed stars astrogony theory of the origin of stars astrolatry worship of stars astrologaster a foolish or petty astrologer astromancy divination using stars astrometeorology study of effect of stars on climate astronomical unit unit of distance equal to the distance from the earth to the sun astrophile person interested in astronomy astroseismology study of star oscillations astrutprotrudingly; distendedly asynartetic having two members with different rhythms asyndeton rhetorical device of omitting conjunctions atactic irregular tranquility: freedom from anxiety: stoicism ataraxia atavism reversion to early or ancestral type ateknia childlessness atelier artist's studio or workshop

ateliosis imperfect development; developmental irregularity

athanasy deathlessness

athanor alchemist's self-feeding digesting furnace

atheling Anglo-Saxon prince or nobleman athenaeum literary or scientific association

athermic lacking heat

athetesis rejection of a passage as spurious

athetosis nervous twitching of digits and extremities athwart across; in opposition to; sideways; transversely

athymia melancholy

atimy loss of honour; disgrace

atlantes male figures used as columns

atlas rich satin fabric

atmatertera great-grandfather's grandmother's sister

atmology the science of aqueous vapour

atmometer instrument for measuring evaporating capacity of air

atocia female sterility atokous lacking offspring

atomism belief that the universe consists of small indivisible

particles

atony muscular weakness

atpatruus great-grandfather's grandfather's brother

atrabiliary melancholy; hypochondriac

atrabilious melancholy; splenetic; acrimonious

atrament blacking; ink; black dye

atresia absence or irregular closure of a passage in the body

atrichia baldness atrous iet black

attainder the loss of civil rights for high treason

attaint disgrace; sully; infect; taint

attemper to adapt or alter quality by adding to something

attenuate make thin; reduce in value

atticism expression characterized by conciseness and elegance

attingent touching

attollent lifting up; raising attorn to transfer to another attrahent attracting or drawing

attrist to sadden

attrite repentant through fear of punishment

attuition operation between sensation and perception aubade musical announcement of dawn; sunrise song

aubergine eggplant

aubin horse's gait between an amble and a gallop

auceps hawker or bird-tender

aucupate to hunt birds; to pursue prey with vigilance

audile person more attuned to sound than the other senses

audiology study of hearing audiometer instrument for measuring acuity of hearing audiophile one who loves accurately reproduced recorded sound filthy; difficult augean augend number to which another number is added aughtat all aularian of, like or pertaining to a hall in a university aulete flautist aulic courtly; ceremonious; genteel crude balance for weighing auncel of, like or pertaining or pertaining to oranges or aurantiaceous orange trees aureity property of being golden in colour or substance aureole radiant light around head or body of holy personage auricomous having golden or blond hair auricular of, like or pertaining to the ear; spoken secretly auriferous bearing gold aurifex goldsmith auriform shaped like an ear aurigation charioteering instrument for cleaning the ear aurilave auriphrygia gold embroidery auriscope instrument for examining the ear aurochs extinct wild ox gold-coloured aurulent listening to sounds arising within organs auscultation final sound of a word or syllable auslaut austringer keeper of goshawks divination using wind austromancy government by an absolute ruler autarchy autarkic self-sufficient; independent autecology study of ecology of one species autocephality ecclesiastical self-government autocoprophagy eating one's own feces autocracy government by one individual auto-da-fe burning of a heretic autodidact self-taught person spontaneous generation autogenesis autognosis knowledge of or about oneself self-worship autolatry autology scientific study of oneself automorphism ascription to others of one's own characteristics automysophobia fear of being dirty a writer's real name; work published under writer's own autonym

name

autophagy feeding on body's own tissues

autophanous self-luminous

autophobia fear of solitude

autoschediasm anything extemporized

autosoterism belief that one can obtain salvation through oneself

autotelic being an end in itself

autothaumaturgist person pretending to be mystical or mysterious

autotheism belief that one is God incarnate or that one is Christ

autotropic growing in a straight line

auxanometer instrument for measuring growth of plants

auxesis increase in size; hyperbole

auxology science of growth

auxometer instrument for measuring magnifying power

aval of, like or pertaining to a grandparent avalement allowing knees to flex while skiing

avaunt away; hence avaunt to boast

aveniform shaped like oats

averruncate to ward off; to uproot averruncator pole for pruning trees

avicide killing of birds

avicular of, like or pertaining to birds

avinosis air sickness

avionics the science of electronic devices for aircraft

avital ancestral

avizandum private consideration of a case by a judge

avolitional involuntary

avulse to pluck or tear away by force

avuncular like an uncle; of, like or pertaining to uncles awn beard or similar bristly growth on stalk of grain axilla armpit

axiniform shaped like an axe-head

axinomancy divination using an axe or hatchet axiology the science of the ultimate nature of values

azimuth arc of the horizon

azoth alchemical name for mercury

azuline blue

azure light or sky blue; the heraldic colour blue

azymous unleavened

babeldom a confused sound of voices baccate having berries; berry-like

bacchanal drunkard; reveller bacciferous bearing berries bacciform shaped like a berry baccivorous eating berries

bacillicide killer of berries

backstay stay extending from ship's mastheads to the side of the

ship

bactericide killer of bacteria

baculiform rod-shaped

baculine of, like or pertaining to the stick or cane; of, like or

pertaining to flogging

baculum penis bone in some mammals baculus rod, staff or scepter of power

badigeon plaster and ground stone mixture for repairing masonry

badinage playful repartee or banter

badious chestnut-coloured

baedeker guide book

baetyl magical or holy meteoric stone

baft cheap coarse cotton fabric

bagarre scuffle or brawl

bagging coarse fabric for making bags or sacks

bagnio bathing house

bahadur self-important official

bahuvrihi compound word whose second part is a noun but that acts

as an adjective

bail barrier or pole separating horses in an open stable

bailivate office of a bailiff

bailment delivery of goods in trust

baisemain kiss on the hand

baize coarse napped cotton or wool fabric

bakelite type of solid plastic balaniferous acorn-bearing balanism use of suppositories

balanoid acorn-shaped balatron joker; clown

balbriggan knitted cotton fabric

balbutient stammering

baldachin rich embroidered silk and gold fabric baldaquin covering or canopy over a throne or altar

baldric shoulder strap for holding sword

balefire bonfire or beacon-fire balisaur long-tailed badger balistarius crossbowman

balistraria cross-shaped opening in wall for firing arrows

balize pole mounted on seashore as beacon ballaster one who supplies ships with ballast balletomania abnormal fondness for ballet

ballistocardiograph instrument for detecting body movements

caused by heartbeat

ballistophobia fear of missiles

ballottement diagnosis of pregnancy by applying sharp force to

abdomen

balmorality superficial enthusiasm for Scottish culture

balneary bath

balneology the science of the therapeutic use of baths

balustrade row of columns supporting a stair rail

balzarine light cotton dress material

banausic materialistic; merely mechanical; pertaining to workshops

bandelet small flat moulding around a column

banderol flat band with an inscription; small banner

bandobast detailed organization; settlement bandolier shoulder belt for carrying ammunition

bangtail mustang or wild horse

bannock flat unleavened loaf of bread

banquette raised way or footway above a parapet

bantling brat; whelp; bastard child

baptistery part of church reserved for performing baptisms

bar unit of pressure of one million dynes per square centimeter

baragnosis loss of ability to distinguish weight baragouin any jargon or unintelligible language

barathea pebbly silk or worsted fabric with broken rib weave

barathrum an abyss; an insatiable person barbarocracy government by barbarians

barbate bearded

barbette earthen terrace inside the parapet of a rampart barbican projecting watchtower over the gate of a castle

barbigerous bearded; bearing a beard

barbula small tuft of hair just below the lower lip

barcarole gondolier's song bardel pack saddle

bardocucullus hooded cloak worn by monks

bardolatry excessive devotion to or worship of Shakespeare

barege gauzy fabric of silk, cotton, wool, or worsted

bargemaster owner of a barge barkentine three-masted vessel

barleycorn old unit of length equal to one-third inch

barm yeast; froth on fermenting liquor barmaster local judge among miners

barmcloth an apron

barmkin battlement or turret on the outer wall of a castle barn unit of area measurement of particles equal to 100 square femtometres

barnard member of gang of thieves who acts as decoy

barodynamics science of the support and mechanics of bridges

barognosis ability to perceive weight

barograph instrument for recording air pressure

barology study of gravitation

baroscope weather-glass

barouche four-wheeled hooded carriage

barracan fine silk cloth barracoon depot for slaves barras coarse linen fabric barrateen some kind of fabric barratry inciting riot or violence

barre placing capo or finger across guitar strings

barrulet narrow heraldic bar bartisan parapet or battlement

barton farmyard

baryecoia deafness; hardness of hearing baryphonic having difficulty speaking

bascule apparatus of which one end rises as the other sinks

basial of, like or pertaining to kissing

basiation kissing

basilica Roman Catholic church given special privileges

basilicon kind of ointment bassinet light, conical helmet

bastinade to beat with a stick or baton, especially on the feet

bastion tower at the corner of a fortification bastle fortified house with vaulted ground floor

bathmism directive evolutionary force

batholith large mass of intruded igneous rock bathophobia fear of falling from a high place

bathos appearance of the commonplace in elevated matter

bathykolpian deep-bosomed

bathymeter instrument for recording contours of deep oceans bathyorographical of, like or pertaining to depth underwater or

elevation above sea level

bathypelagic found in the depths of the sea

bathysmal of, like or pertaining to the depths of the ocean

bathythermograph instrument for recording water temperature as

compared to depth

batik method of dyeing fabric by covering certain sections with wax

batiste fine soft sheer fabric of plain weave

batology the study of brambles

batophobia fear of heights or being close to tall buildings

batrachian of, like or pertaining to frogs or toads

batrachivorous frog-eating

batrachophobia fear of frogs and toads batraguomancy divination using frogs

batten timber used to fasten down a door or hatch

battledore bat used to strike shuttlecock; game played with such a

bat

battology futile, futile repetition in speech or writing

battue indiscriminate slaughter; driving game towards slaughter baud unit of data transmission speed of one signal event per second

bausond having white spots on the forehead

bavardage chattering; prattle

bavian insignificant or unskilled poet

bavin a bundle of brushwood

bayadere fabric with horizontal stripes in strongly contrasting colours

bdellism use of leeches for blood-letting bdelloid of, like or pertaining to leeches

bdellotomy act of cutting a leech to increase its suction

beadle church caretaker or usher

beadle mace-bearing official of an institution

beadsman monk or almoner who prays for benefactor

beata beatified woman

Beatlemania obsession with the Beatles

beatster fish net repairer beatus beatified man

beaupers linen fabric used for flags

beaver hinged face guard on a helmet beblubbered disfigured from weeping

bechic relieving coughs

becket large hook or bracket used to hold tackle or spars

beckets rope handles

bedaggle to soil by dragging along the wet ground

bedswerver unfaithful spouse

bee hardwood on either side of bowsprit through which forestays are

reeved

beele double-pointed miner's pick

beerocracy government by brewers or brewing interests

beeskep straw beehive

beestings the first milk drawn from a cow after calving

beforetime formerly

behoof a benefit resulting from some course of action

bel unit of noise intensity equal to ten decibels

belay to secure a rope by winding on a pin or cleat

belcher coloured; spotted neckerchief

beldam an old woman; a hag; an ancestress

belemnoid shaped like a dart belike most likely; probably

bellarmine large jug with rounded belly and narrow neck

belicote ornamental structure to hold one or two large bells

bellecism inclination towards violence; hawkishness

belleter bell-founder belliferous bringing war

belling deer's mating call

bellipotent militarily powerful

bellonion mechanical instrument combining trumpets and drums

bellwether one who takes the lead; indicator of trends

beloid shaped like an arrow

belomancy divination by means of arrows

belonephilia sexual obsession with sharp objects

belonephobia fear of pins and needles

belonoid shaped like a needle

belvedere raised covered terrace or pavilion

belvedere raised turret or lantern on the top of a house

bema raised part of an Eastern church containing the altar benedict a newly married man who has long been a bachelor

benefactive indicating for whom or which

benefic kindly; benign; beneficent

benefice ecclesiastical office to which revenue is attached

beneficiate to treat ores to remove impurities

benet exorcist

bengaline crosswise ribbed fabric

benthic of, like or pertaining to the depths of the ocean

benthos flora and fauna of the ocean floor

berceau covered walk

berceuse lullaby

bergamask country dance

berge spy glass or telescope

berlin four-wheeled covered carriage

berline crude winter sled

berm narrow shelf or ledge at the top or bottom of a slope

bersatrix baby-sitter besom curler's broom

bestiarian individual opposed to vivisection

bestiocracy rule by beasts

bethel a place of worship for seamen; nonconformist chapel

betimes in short time; speedily bêtise foolish act or situation

betwixt between

bewray to reveal; to betray; to divulge bezel oblique side or face of a cut gem

bezesteen Eastern marketplace

bezique card game played with two decks of cards bezoar stony material found in ruminants' stomachs

bialate two-winged

biarchy government by two people; diarchy

bibacious overly fond of drinking

bibelot trinket; miniature book of elegant design bibitory of, like or pertaining or pertaining to drinking

biblioclasm destruction of books or the Bible

bibliogenesis production of books

bibliognost well-read individual; person with wide knowledge of books

biblioklept book-thief

bibliolatry worship of the Bible or other books

bibliology study of books

bibliomancy divination by opening a book at random

bibliomania craze for books or reading

bibliopegist bookbinder

bibliophagist one who devours books, literally or figuratively

bibliophily love or fondness for books or reading

bibliophobia fear of books bibliopoesy making of books

bibliopolist bookseller bibliopoly bookselling

bibliotaph one who hoards or hides books

bibliotics study of documents to determine authenticity

bibulous addicted to alcohol

bicapitate two-headed

bickern anvil pointed at both ends bicollateral having two identical sides bicorn having two horns or points

biddery metal alloy inlaid with silver and/or gold

bidenticulate having two teeth

biduous lasting two days

bienséance something appropriate or proper

bifarious organized in two rows bifid divided in two by a deep split bifilar having two threads

bigential consisting of two races, genera, or subspecies

biggin a building

bight a wide bay; a bend or coil in a rope

bijugate having heads on both sides of a coin bilbo iron bar used to shackle prisoners' feet

bilge lower point of inner hull of a ship bilious ill-tempered; very unpleasant billingsgate coarsely abusive language

billon base metal, alloy of copper, tin or silver

bilocation ability to be in two places at once

biloquist one capable of speaking with two distinct voices bimetallism currency exchange on both the gold and silver

standards

binarchy government by two people; diarchy

binate doubled; coupled

binaural of, pertaining to or heard by both ears

bindle blanket roll

binnacle case in which a ship's compass is kept

binotonous consisting or comprised of two musical tones biobibliography annotated biographical bibliography

biocenosis state of association of creatures in a certain region

biocentric having life as main principle

biocide killing living material

bioecology study of interaction of life in the environment

biogenesis theory that all life is derived from living matter alone

biognosy general study or theory of life biolith rock formed by living creatures biometrics study of biological measurement

bionergy vital essence or force

bionomics study of organisms interacting in their environments

biopic film telling the life-story of a celebrity biotaxy classification of living organisms

biotope region of uniform environment and types of organisms

bipennate two-winged

biramous forked; with two branches

bireme rowed ship or galley with two banks of oars biretta square three-ridged cap worn by Catholic clergy

birl to make a log spin by walking on it

birostrate double-beaked bis twice; in two places

biserial in two rows or columns bismer shame; disgrace; scorn

bisociation association of an object with two or more ideas

bisontine of, like or pertaining to bison

bistoury narrow surgical knife

bistre pigment with brownish colour derived from soot

bisulcate cloven-footed; cleft in two

bitheism belief in two gods

bitts posts mounted on a ship for fastening ropes

biune combining two entities into one

biverbal of, like or pertaining to two words; having a double sense

bivious offering a choice; splitting between two directions

blackguard a menial helper

blackguard to vituperate; to portray as a scoundrel

blackmaster undertaker

blague humbug; pretentious nonsense

blain a boil or blister

blandiloquence complimentary speech; flattery

blandish to flatter and coax; to cajole

blarney skilful flattery

blastogenesis reproduction by budding

blattnerphone instrument used to record sound on magnetic tape

blattoid of, like or pertaining to cockroaches

blauwbok extinct bluish-coloured antelope of southern Africa

blazon heraldic arms painted on knight's shield or surcoat

blench to shrink or flinch

blendling hybrid blendure mixing

blennoid of or resembling mucus

blennophobia fear of slime

blepharal of, like or pertaining to eyelids bletcherous having an ugly design

bletherskate a garrulous talker of nonsense

bletonism alleged ability to find an underground water supply

blewit type of edible toadstool

blissom subject to or having strong sexual desires bloomery factory where iron bars are manufactured

bloviate to write or speak windily

blucher leather half-boot

bluepeter blue flag with white square in centre used as ship's signal

bluestocking early feminist; educated or literary woman

blunge to mix clay with water

blype piece of skin that peels off after a sunburn

boanerges skilled orator with powerful voice

boatswain ship's crewmember in charge of equipment and

maintenance

bobeche circular wax catcher that fits over a candle bobstay rope used on ships to steady the bowsprit

bocking smoked herring

bodach old man; churl; goblin or spectre

bodement prediction or prophecy

bodewash cow dung

bodge piece of poor or clumsy workmanship bodkin small tool for pricking holes; small dagger

boeotian stupid; dull boethetic helpful, curative

bogan quiet tributary or backwater boggart spectre; bugbear; goblin bolar of, like or pertaining to clay bolection moulding around a panel

bolero Spanish dance with sudden pauses and sharp turns

bolide large meteor that bursts; a fireball

bollard short post on a wharf or ship to which ropes are tied bolometer instrument for measuring radiant energy or infrared light

bolthead straight-necked distillation vessel or flask boltrope strong rope stitched to edges of a sail

bolus rounded mass

boman well dressed criminal

bombaster one who stuffs or pads things

bombastry bombastic language or composition

bombazine twilled silk and worsted fabric

bombé bulging outwards

bombic of, like or pertaining to silkworms

bombilate to hum, buzz or drone

bombosity the buttocks bombous convex; rounded

bombycine of, like or pertaining to silk or cotton

bombylious humming or buzzing

bonasus bison

bonbonnière small box used for sweetmeats

bonce large marble used in games bonification paying of bonus or reward

boniform having the form of good bonify to improve or ameliorate

boning estimating straightness by looking along a row of poles bonism the doctrine that the world is good but not perfect

bonner Duddhick managers

bonzery Buddhist monastery

bonzoline artificial ivory-like substance used to make billiard balls

boodle counterfeit money; funds obtained by corruption

boopic ox-eyed

borage rough-stemmed herb used in salads

borasco violent wind squall

borato thin fabric borborology filthy talk

borborygmus rumbling noise in the intestines

bordar tenant who holds land at his lord's pleasure

bordereau detailed bill or invoice

bordure border surrounding a heraldic shield

bore tidal flow of water up estuaries borné limited; narrow-minded

borsella instrument for shaping glass vessels

bort diamond fragments or dust

borzoi wolf-hound

boschveldt bush country; wilderness

bosket thicket; plantation

bosky covered with trees or shrubs

bossa-nova Brazilian dance similar to samba

bosselated knobby

boston waltz-like dance

bosun boatswain

bot larva of a botfly that infests horses

botanomancy divination using burning branches or plants

botryoidal like a bunch of grapes

bottine small boot

bottomry using the ship as collateral to finance a sea voyage

bottony having three buds like a trefoil bouclé fabric of uneven looped yarn bouillotte card game resembling poker

bouleuterion meeting-place; assembly hall bouleversement overturning; reversal; ruin boult to sift through cloth; to examine by sifting

boun to prepare; to dress; to set out

bourasque tempest

bourdon drone bass of a bagpipe or organ

bourrée French baroque dance with quick rhythm

boustrophedon writing alternating left-right then right-left

boutade sudden outburst

bovicide slaughter of cattle; one who kills cattle

boviform cow-shaped

bower anchor carried at bow of a ship bowery seedy or run-down district of a city

bowline rope used to keep weather edge of a sail taut

bowsprit spar that extends at bows of a ship

boyau communication trench

boyg a problem difficult to get to grips with

brabble to squabble or quarrel

braccate having feathered legs or feet

bracciale bracket or socket mounted on a wall

brach female hunting hound brachet whelp; brat; bitch hound

brachiation act of swinging by one's arms from place to place

brachiferous bearing or having branches or arms

brachiotomy amputation of an arm

brachycatalectic lacking two syllables from end of a line of verse brachycerous having horns or antennae clipped or removed

brachydactylous having short or stubby fingers

brachymetropia short-sightedness

brachyology laconic, abbreviated or interrupted speech

brachypodous short-legged brachypterous short-winged brackish saltish; very salty

brackle to break bread or cake into pieces bracteate thin beaten plate of gold or silver

bradawl small boring tool

bradyseism slow up-and-down movement of the earth's crust

brail leather strap to bind a hawk's wing

brails ropes on edge of sail for hauling up braird to appear above ground (of crops)

branchial of, like or pertaining to gills branchiferous having or bearing gills

branchiform gill-shaped

brandling striped earthworm used as fishing bait

brank to prance; toss the head; to strut bransle an old French follow-the-leader dance

brasero a place where criminals and heretics are burned

brash collection of broken pieces of rock or ice

brassage difference between cost of minting coin and its value brassard badge worn on the arm; piece of armour for the arm

brattice fixed tower of wood on a castle wall

brattice partition in mine shaft used to support walls and roof

braxy disease of sheep causing fits

brayer instrument for spreading ink in printing

bream to clean a ship's bottom by burning off seaweed

breastsummer beam supporting front of a building; bressummer

breccia geological formation of angular fragments of rock

breedbate someone looking for an argument brehon judge or magistrate in ancient Ireland brelogue an ornament attached to a watch

breme fierce; cruel; keen

bressummer beam supporting a wall over an opening

bretasche partition to control ventilation in a mine

breve mark over letter to indicate a short vowel sound brevet commission enabling officer to take higher rank

breviary book containing daily church service breviate a brief compendium; a lawyer's brief

brevicaudate short-tailed

breviloquence short-windedness; tendency towards brevity in

speech

breviped short-legged creature brevipennate having short wings

briarean many-handed

bricole harness for humans to pull heavy loads

bridewell house of corrections; jail

bridgewater anything undesirable or worthless

bridoon light military bridle

brigandine leather armour with metal scales

brigantine two-masted ship

brique to intrigue

brilliantine light lustrous cotton and worsted fabric brilliantine perfumed oil for making hair glossy

brindled marked with streaks or spots

brio enthusiastic vigour

brisure part of a parapet breaking from the general direction

britska open four-wheeled carriage

broadcloth dense twilled wool or worsted fabric

brobdingnagian immense

brocade rich silk fabric with raised patterns

brocard elementary law or principle; canon; axiom; maxim

broch luminous ring around the moon

broché with raised pattern

brochette skewer for holding food steady while cooking

brocken two-year-old stag

brockfaced having a white mark on the face or snout

brodequin light boot worn inside heavier boots

broderie embroidery pattern

brogan strong and tough working shoe

broma food: aliment

bromatology study of food

bromidrosis strong-smelling sweat

bromopnea bad breath

bronchos temporary loss of voice; laryngitis

bronchoscope instrument for examining the windpipe

brontology scientific study of thunder brontomancy divination using thunder brontophobia fear of thunder and lightning

brouette small two-wheeled carriage brougham one-horse closed carriage

bruit something rumoured widely; to report or spread rumour

brumal of, like or pertaining to winter

brumous foggy; wintry brunneous dark brown

bruxism habitual grinding of the teeth

bruxomania compulsion for grinding teeth bryology the study of mosses and liverworts

bubaline of, like or pertaining to buffalo or antelopes

bubonalgia painful inflammation of the groin

buccal of, like or pertaining to the mouth or cheek

buccan metal frame on which meat is dried and/or roasted

buccina Roman curved trumpet

buccinal shaped or sounding like a trumpet

buccula double chin

bucentaur legendary half-man and half-ox

buck-and-wing solo tap dance with many leg flings and leaps buckram stiff-finished cotton or linen used for linings of garments

bucoliast writer of pastoral poems

bucolic of, like or pertaining to the tending of cattle; rustic; rural

buddle sloping container for washing ore

bufoniform shaped like a toad

bufotenine hallucinogen found in certain tropical toads

buhl inlaying of precious material onto furniture

bulbiferous bearing bulbs

bulgur cooked broken wheat

bulimy extreme hunger

bulla round seal attached to a papal bull

bullace wild plum

bullantic capitalized and ornamented, as letters used on papal bulls

bullary collection of papal bulls

bullate having a blistered or puckered appearance

bulliform shaped like a blister or boil

bullionism belief in the importance of metallic currency in economics

bullition the act of boiling

bullock an ox or castrated bull

bullyrag to assault with abusive language; to badger

bulse a small bag for diamonds or gold dust bulwark the side of a ship above the deck

bumboat small boat used in harbours to carry provisions bumicky cement mixed with stone chips used in masonry

bummel stroll; leisurely journey bump coarse cotton fabric

bumpkin spar projecting from stern of ship bumptious offensively conceited or self-assertive

buncombe speech-making intended for the mass media

bunt middle of sail, fish-net or cloth when slack bunting light loosely woven fabric used for flags

buntline rope attached to middle of square sail to haul it up to the

yard

burdet cotton fabric

burgage tenure in socage for a yearly rent

burganet light helmet with nose and cheek protection

burgee small ship's flag used for identification or signalling burgensic of, like or pertaining to a borough or its citizens

burgrave commander of a German town or castle burke to suppress quietly; to bypass or avoid burlap coarse plain-woven jute or hemp fabric

burnet dark brown; dark woollen cloth

burrel coarse russet cloth burrole an eavesdropper

burrstone type of rock used to make millstones bursal of, like or pertaining to a state's revenues

bursary treasury of a monastery or college

burse square cloth case to carry the corporal during Communion

service

bursiculate resembling a small pouch bursiform shaped like a pouch or purse buskin tragedy as a dramatic genre

buss rude or playful kiss

buteonine of, like or pertaining to buzzards

butt unit of volume equal to two hogsheads or 126 gallons

buttery storeroom for provisions and liquors

butyraceous resembling, producing or having the qualities of

butter

butyric of, like or pertaining to butter

byre a cow barn

byrnie coat of mail or breastplate
byssaceous delicately filamentous
byssiferous having tufts or threads
byssine silky; soft; having many threads

byssoid fibrous; cottony soft byssus mummy-wrapping fabric bywoner agricultural labourer

caballine of, like or pertaining to or suited to a horse

cabaswoman's work basket or handbag

cable heavy rope or chain for mooring a ship

caboched heraldic animal shown in full face with no neck or body

cabochon highly polished convex gem caboose kitchen on the deck of a ship

cabotage shipping and sailing between points in the same country

cabré flying upside down with tail down

cabrie a pronghorn

cabriole curved furniture leg ending in a ball; exuberant dance or

caper

cabriolet two-wheeled carriage cacaesthesia morbid sensation

cachaemic having diseased or poisoned blood

cachalot sperm whale

cachepot ornamental container used to conceal a flowerpot

cachet a seal of approval; a mark of prestige

cachexic having an unhealthy physical or mental state

cachinnate to laugh loudly and inappropriately

cacidrosis smelly sweat

cacodemomania pathological belief that one is inhabited by an evil

spirit

cacodoxy bad doctrine or wrong opinion cacoepy poor or wrong pronunciation

cacoethes insatiable desire or mania; bad habit

cacogen antisocial person

cacogenics study of racial degeneration cacography bad handwriting or spelling

cacolet military mule litter

cacology bad choice of words or faulty pronunciation

caconym wrongly derived name

cacotopia a state in which everything is as bad as it can be cacuminal retroflex, pertaining to a point, crown, top or peak

cadastre record of ownership and value of property

caddis worsted yarn

cadge to beg or sponge from another cadilesker chief judge in the Turkish empire

cadrans instrument by which a gem is adjusted while being cut

caducary passing or expiring due to lapse or forfeit

caduceator herald; messenger

caducity being of a transitory or impermanent nature

caecity blindness

caenogenesis process of growth in individual not common in its

species

caesaropapism control of the church by a secular ruler

caesious bluish or greyish green caespitose growing in clusters or tufts

caesura natural breathing space in a line of verse

cafard depression; the blues cagamosis unhappy marriage cairngorm yellow-brown quartz

caisson vehicle or chest for holding ammunition

caitiff base; cowardly; despicable

cakewalk prancing stage dance with backward tilt

calamanco satin twilled woollen fabric

calamist piper; one who plays using a reed

calamus quill or reed used as a pen

calando slowing with gradually lowering volume calash light low-wheeled carriage with folding top

calathiform cup-shaped

calathus fruit basket carried on the head calcar furnace or oven for annealing calcariferous having or bearing spurs

calcariform spur-shaped

calceate to shoe

calceiform shaped like a slipper

calciferous bearing lime calciform pebble-shaped

calcifuge plant that will not tolerate limy soil

calcimine to whitewash

calcine to burn so as to drive out water and carbon dioxide

calcivorous feeding on or living in limestone

calcographer one who draws with crayons or pastels

calefacient warming; anything that warms

calefactory a monastery sitting room

calender machine with rollers which presses paper or cloth

calenture tropical fever due to heat exposure

calescence increase in heat calicoplain white cotton

calicular like a chalice or cup

caliginous misty; dark; dim; obscure

caliology study of bird's nests calipace turtle's carapace

calix cup; chalice

calk pointed piece on a horseshoe to prevent slipping

callant boy; fellow

calligram design using the letters of a word

callipygous having beautiful buttocks callisteia awards given for beauty callithump boisterous and noisy parade callow unfledged; inexperienced calodemon good or beneficial spirit

calorifacient producing or generating heat

calorifics study of heat

calorimeter instrument for measuring absorbed or evolved heat

calotte Roman Catholic skullcap

calque word or expression introduced into a language by literally

translating it

calumet ornamented ceremonial pipe

calumniate to slander; misrepresent; besmirch

calumny vile misrepresentation

calvary experience of intense mental suffering calver to prepare fish while alive or freshly caught

calvities baldness calvous bald

calycine of, like or pertaining to a cup or calyx

calvx outer covering of a flower

camaca fine silk fabric

camaïeu monotonous or uninteresting play or literary work

caman shinty stick

camarilla secret society of favourites of the king

camber slight arch or convexity to a beam or deck of a ship cambist person skilled in the science of financial exchange

cambistry science of international exchange

cambium soft tissue found in trees

cambresine fine linen fabric

cambric fine thin white cotton or linen fabric

cameline of, like or pertaining to camels

camelious jocular term describing camel's hump

camelopardgiraffe

camelot newspaper vendor

camelry troops mounted on camels

cameralism mercantilism designed to increase a ruler's power

camerated divided into separate chambers

cameriere waiter or valet camerlengopapal treasurer

camisade night attack

camisole straitjacket used for unruly prisoners camlet strong waterproof silk or wool fabric

camorra group united for nefarious or traitorous ends

camouflet mine used to destroy underground enemy emplacement

campaniform bell-shaped

campanile freestanding bell tower on church property

campanology the art of bell ringing campanulate shaped like a bell

campestral of, like or pertaining to the country; pertaining to level

ground

camsteary perverse; unruly

canaille riffraff; proletarian; the mob; rabble canaliculate grooved or channelled lengthwise

canard false rumour; hoax

canary lively Renaissance courtly dance cancellarial of, like or pertaining to a chancellor

cancellous having a porous structure

cancerophobia fear of cancer cancriform shaped like a crab

cancrine of, like or pertaining to crabs; palindromic

cancrine palindromic

cancrizans moving backwards; repeating a musical theme backwards

candela unit of luminous intensity

candent heated to whiteness

candescent glowing hotly

canephor sculpted figure carrying a basket on the head

canescent hoary; tending to become white or grey

caneva fancy woollen fabric made to resemble canvas

cang wooden yoke hung around a criminal's neck canicular of, like or pertaining to the dog star

canities whiteness of the hair

cannel bevel on the edge of a chisel

cannelure groove or fluting

cannikin small can or drinking vessel cannonade an attack with heavy artillery

cannonarchy government by superior firepower or by cannons

cannular hollow or tube-shaped

canoness woman living in a community under a religious rule

canonicate the rank or office of a cannon canophilia love or fondness for dogs

canopus vase for holding dead individual's inner organs

canorous musical; singing; resonant canque Chinese cotton fabric

cantabank strolling singer; second-rate musician

cantative of, like or pertaining to singing

cantatrice female singer

canter person who makes hypocritical or affected statements

canterbury stand with divisions for holding books or music canthus angle between eyelids at the corner of the eye

canticle short holy song or sung prayer

cantillate to chant or intone

cantle corner, edge or slice of anything canton dexter chief region of a heraldic field

cantonment small military town

cantorial located on the north side of the choir in a church canzone instrumental work that is melodious or song-like

caparison ornamented covering for a horse

capeline surgical bandage for the stump of amputated limb; small

iron skullcap

capelocracy government by shopkeepers capias writ authorizing the arrest of a person

capillaceous hairlike capilotade stewed meat dish

capistrate hooded

capitalism doctrine that private ownership and free markets should govern economies

capitation numbering of individuals; head tax

capitulary of, like or pertaining to a chapter of an organization

caple a horse

capnomancy divination by means of smoke caponier covered passage across a moat or ditch

capreolate having or resembling tentacles

capric having a goatlike smell; of, like or pertaining to goats caprifoliaceous of, like or pertaining to the honeysuckle plant

capriform goatlike

caprine of, like or pertaining to goats

capriole leap and kick performed by a trained horse

capripede satyr

capstan upright device for winding in heavy ropes or cables

captation attempt to obtain applause or recognition captious peevish; ready to take offence or find fault

capuchin pointed hooded cloak worn by friars

caracole spiral staircase; a half turn by a trained horse

caravanserai inn or rest station for caravans

carbasus lint or gauze

carboniferous bearing carbon

carboy large green bottle encased in wicker

carbuncle architectural monstrosity or eyesore; red precious stone

carcanet ornamental necklace, collar or headband

carcelage prison fees

carceral of, like or pertaining to prisons

carcinology study of crabs and other crustaceans

cardialgia heartburn

cardimelech supposed vital force causing heart to work

cardinal deep scarlet red colour

cardinalitial of, like or pertaining to church cardinals cardiognostone who knows the workings of the heart

cardiograph instrument for recording movements of the heart

cardioid heart-shaped

cardophagus donkey; something that eats thistles

careen to turn a ship on its side in order to clean or repair it

caret mark (^) used to note an omission

carfax place where four roads meet; intersection of roads at

center of a town

carferal compound of carbon, iron and aluminum

caricology study of sedges

caricous of, like or pertaining to figs

carinated shaped like the prow or keel of a ship

cariniform keel-shaped

carioca variation of the samba cariogenic causing dental cavities cariole light open carriage

carious of, like or pertaining to dental cavities; decayed

caritative generous; charitable

caritive indicating lack of something carking imposing great hardship or strain

carminative expelling, causing or relieving flatulence

carnaptious bad-tempered; cantankerous

carnassial specially adapted for eating flesh carneous fleshy; flesh-coloured; like or pertaining to flesh

carnet customs or other permit; book of coupons

carniferous bearing flesh; fleshy

carnifex executioner

carnification conversion into flesh

carnificial of, like or pertaining to butchers or executioners carnificine place of execution; office of the executioner

carnose fleshy; of or like flesh

caroche stately carriage used on ceremonial occasions

carpal of, like or pertaining to the wrist

carphology fitful plucking movements as in delirium

carpogenous producing or bearing fruit

carpology study of fruit carpophagous fruit-eating

carrack galleon

carriwitcheta quip or quibble; a pun; a conundrum

carronade short and light maritime cannon cartiliginous like or composed of cartilage

cartomancytelling fortunes using playing cards cartophily the hobby of collecting cigarette cards

cartouche oval- or scroll-shaped ornamentation on monument or

tomb

cartulary keeper of monastic records

carucate as much land as a team of oxen ploughs in a season

caruncle any fleshy growth on the body caryatid column shaped like female figure cascabel part behind the base-ring of a cannon caschrom spade with bent handle for tilling soil

casefy to become or make cheese-like

casemate bombproof chamber or armored compartment

caseous cheese-like

casern barrack or billet for soldiers

cashmere soft twilled fabric made of fine goat's wool

cashmerette soft imitation of cashmere

casque helmet

cassation annulment; overthrow of legal decision

cassideous helmet-shaped

cassimere closely woven twilled cloth of fine wool

cassock close-fitting ankle-length clergyman's garment

castaneous chestnut-coloured

castellar governor of castle or fortification castellar of, like or pertaining to a castle castellated having battlements or turrets

castophrenia belief that one's thoughts are being stolen castory brown colour; brown dye derived from beaver pelts

castral of or belonging to the camp

castrametation the art of designing a camp

casualism the belief that chance governs all things

casuistry plausible but flawed moral reasoning

catabaptism belief in the wrongness of infant baptism

catabasis the decline of a disease in a population

catachresis incorrect usage of a word

catachthonian underground; subterranean

cataclasm disruption; breaking down

catacoustics science of echoes or reflected sounds

catadioptricemploying both reflection and refraction of light catadromous migrating from fresh to salt water to spawn

catafalgue temporary tomb used in funerals and processions

catalactic of, like or pertaining to exchange catalactics science of commercial exchange catalectic incomplete; missing final syllable catamite boy kept for homosexual purposes

catamount any wild large species of cat

catapedamania obsession with jumping from high places

cataphract suit of mail; soldier in full armour; armoured ship cataphysical unnatural cataplasm plaster or poultice cataplexy condition feigning death used by animals catarolysis letting off steam by cursing catarrhine of, like or pertaining to Old World Monkeys scaffold or stage for torture or selling slaves catasta catastaltic astringent catastasis part of drama where action is at its height belief in rapid geological and biological change catastrophism catchpole constable; sheriff's officer catechectics the art of teaching by question and answer catechumen one undergoing instruction prior to conversion to Christianity catena series, chain or sequence catenarian of, like or pertaining to chains to connect as in or by a chain catenate catenular chain-like a Scottish military irregular or brigand cateran cathead projection near the bow of a ship to which anchor is secured cathedra chair or throne of office for a bishop or other high official cathetometer instrument for measuring short vertical distances cathexis investment of emotional energy in a thought or idea cathisma short hymn used as response fear of sitting cathisophobia catholicon cure-all; panacea catholicos primate of Armenian or Nestorian church catogenic formed from above of, like or pertaining to reflection or reflected light catoptric catoptromancy divination by examining mirror placed underwater caudal of, like or pertaining to the tail caudiform tail-like; tail-shaped warm drink given to the sick caudle caul net or similar covering for the head; afterbirth cauliform shaped like or resembling a stem originating on the stem of a plant cauligenous caulotaxy disposition and location of branches on a stem cauponate to engage in questionable trade for the sake of gain indicating causation by causative chat or gossip; short and informal essay causerie causidical of, like or pertaining to those who plead legal cases causimancy divination by means of fire cautelous treacherous; cunning; wily; cautious cavatina short operatic air

cavernicolous

cave-dwelling

cavernulous full of small cavities or holes

cavesson noseband for a horse

cavicorn hollow-horned

cavil to raise trivial and frivolous objections

cebocephalic having a head shaped like a monkey's

cecils minced meat made into balls and fried

cecityblindness

cecutiency a tendency toward blindness

cedrate citron

ceilometer instrument for measuring height of cloud ceiling above

earth

celadon pale green; pale green glazed pottery

celation concealment celeste sky blue

celidography descriptions of markings on the sun, a planet or

moon

cella inner chamber of a classical temple

cellarer monastery official in charge of provisions cellaret case or drawer for holding wine bottles

celliferous bearing cells

celluliferous bearing little cells

celsitude loftiness

celt prehistoric bevelled-edge axe celtuce lettuce with an edible stalk

cementatory having the quality of binding or uniting firmly

cementum hard tissue covering roots of teeth cenacle room where the Last Supper was eaten

cenacle meeting or dining room; group with common interests

cenatory of, like or pertaining to supper cendal silk fabric resembling taffeta ceneromancy divination using ashes

cenobite monk; member of religious group

cenoby monastery or convent cenophobia fear of empty spaces cenote deep natural well

censer vessel for burning incense in religious rituals centesimal counting or counted by hundreds or hundredths centner old unit of weight equal to about 110 pounds cento patchwork composition; collection of short quotations centrobaric of, like or pertaining to the centre of gravity

centuple hundred-fold

cep brown edible mushroom

cepaceous smelling or tasting of garlic or onion

cephalate having a head

cephaligation placing of major organs and bodily functions in the

head

cephalonomancy divination by boiling an ass head

cephalophore decapitated saint depicted with head tucked under

arm

cephalopod creature with tentacles or limbs attached to head

cepivorous onion-eating ceraceous resembling wax

ceramography historical description of types of pottery

cerated covered with wax

ceratoid shaped like a horn; horny

ceraunograph instrument for recording thunder and lightning

ceraunomancy divination using thunderbolts ceraunoscopy divination using lightning cerberic vigilant; dragon-like; like Cerberus

cercopithecan of, like or pertaining to long-tailed monkeys

cercus tail-like appendage

cerebration unconscious action of the brain

cerements clothes placed on a deceased individual

cerge large wax candle burned before the altar

ceriferous producing wax

cernuous drooping or hanging

cerography writing or printing on plates spread with wax

ceromancy divination by means of wax drippings

ceroscopy divination using wax certes in truth; certainly

cerulean sky-blue; dark blue; sea-green

cerumen ear wax

ceruminiferous bearing or yielding ear wax

cervelat smoked pork sausage cervicorn branching like antlers

cervine of, pertaining to or resembling deer, elk or moose

cervisial of, like or pertaining or pertaining to beer

cesious bluish-grey

cespitous composed of or resembling turf

cessionary someone to which something is ceded

cetacean type of aquatic mammal, including whales and dolphins

cete collective name for a group of badgers

ceticide killing of whales and other cetaceans

cetology study of whales and dolphins cevesaile ornamental corner of a coat

chabouk horse-whip

chaconne Spanish baroque dance in triple time

chad bits of paper punched out of paper tape or cards

chaetiferous bearing bristles; bristly

chaetophorous in need of a shave chaffer to bargain or haggle

chain unit of length equal to 22 yards

chaise light open carriage for one or two people

chalastic laxative

chalcography the art of engraving on copper or brass

chalcotriptics art of taking rubbings from ornamental brasses

chaldron old unit of dry volume equal to between 32 and 72 bushels

challis soft lightweight silk, wool or cotton fabric chambranledecoration around a door frame or fireplace

chambray lightweight fabric with coloured warp and white filling

chambré wine kept at room temperature

chamfer to channel or make furrows upon; to bevel chamfrain piece of leather to protect a war horse's face chamois cotton fabric made in imitation of chamois leather

champaign level countryside or plain

champerty illegal contract to finance a lawsuit for a percentage fee

chancel part of church containing altar and seats for choir chancery church office dealing with legal matters and archives

chandelle sharp upward turn in aviation

chantage blackmail to prevent exposure of scandalous facts chanter part of bagpipes on which the melody is played

chanticleer a rooster

chantry chapel or altar built for prayers for its benefactor's soul

chaology the study of chaos or chaos theory

chaomancy divination by examining phenomena of the air chapbook small independently produced popular book

chaplet circlet or wreath for the head; short string of prayer beads

chaptalize to add extra sugar to wine to raise alcohol content

charabanc open tourist coach

characterology study of development of character

charientism expression of an unpleasant thing in an agreeable manner; euphemism

charivari cacophonous mock-serenade performed for wedding

chark to burn wood to charcoal

Charleston fast-paced 1920s dance characterized by energetic kicking

charmante silk fabric with a crepe back

charmeuse soft and satiny silk fabric

charmeuse soft satiny material

charnel room where corpses are placed charpie shredded lint used to dress wounds

chartaceous papery

charterhouse Carthusian monastic building

chartreuse yellow-green colour chary discreetly cautious or sparing

chasmogamy opening of a flower in order to be fertilized

chasmophile lover of nooks and crannies

chasmophilous fond of nooks, crevices and crannies

chasseur hunter; liveried hotel attendant

chasuble sleeveless ecclesiastical garment chatelaine ring attached to belt for carrying keys

chatelaine female castle owner, manager or caretaker

chaton setting or stone of a finger-ring chatoyant with a changing lustre; iridescent

chauffer small furnace

chaussures general name for boots and shoes; footwear

chawdron entrails

cheiloplastyplastic surgery on the lip cheiloproclitic attracted to lips cheliferous bearing pincers or claws cheliform shaped like a pincer

chelonian of, like or pertaining to tortoises or turtles

chenille velvety silk, wool or cotton fabric with protruding pile chernozem black earth typically found in cool grassland climates

chersonese peninsula

chesilgravel

chessel cheese-mould

chevalet bridge of a stringed instrument

chevaline horse meat

chevaster double bandage for supporting chin in case of broken jaw

chevelure nebulous part of a comet cheverel soft; flexible kidskin leather

chevet east end of a church

cheville unnecessary word used to extend line of verse cheviot coarse heavy plain or twilled wool or worsted

chevisance resource; achievement; gain

chevon goat flesh

chevrotain small deer-like mammal

chiaroscuro juxtaposition of light and shade in artwork or literature

chiasmus contrast by parallelism in reverse order chicanery clever but misleading talk; deception

chiffon sheer silk fabric chiffonier chest of drawers

chignon knot or roll of hair worn at the back of the head

chilgoza edible pine seed chiliad one thousand

chiliahedron one-thousand sided solid figure chiliarchy government by one thousand people

chiliasm belief that Jesus will reign on Earth for a thousand years

chiliastic millenarian

chiliomb sacrifice of one thousand animals

chilopod multi-legged insect

chimere loose sleeveless robes worn by Anglican bishops

chimerical imaginary; fanciful

chiminage toll paid for going through a forest

chinamania obsession with collecting china

chine the intersection of the middle and sides of a boat

chine backbone and adjoining flesh of an animal

chino strong twilled cotton cloth

chintz glazed printed cotton fabric

chionablepsia snow blindness

chiral of, like or pertaining to the hand or handedness chirality chemical property of structural handedness

chirapsia massage

chirk cheer

chirm collective term for goldfinches

chirocosmetics beautifying the hands; art of manicure

chirocracy government by physical force

chirognomy divination by studying the hands

chirograph written or signed document

chirography study of handwriting or penmanship chirogymnast finger exercise machine for pianists

chirology study of the hands

chiromancy divination by means of palmistry

chironomy gesticulation or mime chiropody medical science of feet

chiropractic treatment of disorders of the locomotor system and spinal column

chiropterophilous pollinated or frequented by bats

chirosophy knowledge of palm-reading

chirospasm writer's cramp

chirotony election by a show of hands

chlamydatehaving a mantle or hood chlamys horseman's loose cloak

chlorochrous green-coloured

chlorometer instrument for measuring amount of chlorine in a

solution

choanoid shaped like a funnel

chockmetal casting with curved arms for passing ropes for mooring ship

cholelithiasis production of gall stones

choliamb verse with an iambus in the fifth place and a spondee in

the sixth

cholic of, like or pertaining to bile

choller double chin chololith gall stone

chômage work stoppage or slump

chondrogenesis production of cartilage

chondroid like or resembling cartilage

choragus leader of a choir or organizer of musical festivals chordee painful, downward-curving erection of the penis

choreomania dancing mania or frenzy

chorepiscopal of, like or pertaining to an early local bishop

choreutic of, like or pertaining to a chorus

chorisis multiplication of parts by branching or splitting

chorizont one who disputes identity of authorship chorographer one who maps or describes a region

chorology science of the geographic description of anything

chorometry land surveying chouse to cheat; to swindle

chrematistic of, like or pertaining to the pursuit of wealth or to

business

chrematistics the study of wealth; political economy

chrematophobia fear of money

chreotechnics useful or practical trades or arts

chrestomathic of, like or pertaining to useful knowledge

chrestomathy anthology of passages used in learning languages

chrism consecrated or holy oil

chrismation sacrament of baptism in Eastern churches

chrismatoryvessel for holding holy oil

chrisom white robe put on newly baptised child

chrisomalis the loser who wrote this damn list

Christolatry worship of Christ

christophany appearance of Christ to men chromatismpresence of abnormal coloration

chromatocracy government by rulers of a particular skin colour chromatograph instrument for performing chromatographic

separations

chromatoptometer instrument measuring eyes' sensitivity to

colour

chromophilous staining easily

chronobiology study of biological rhythms

chronogram inscription whose letters form a Roman numeral date chronograph instrument for recording the moment of an event

chronomancy divination by means of time

chronopher electrical instrument for transmitting time signals

chronoscope instrument for measuring very short time intervals

chronostichon chronogrammatic line or stanza

chronosynchronicity presentation of all stages of a person's life in a

single piece of art

chryselephantine inlaid with gold and ivory

chrysoaristocracy government by the wealthy; plutocracy

chrysochlorous greenish-gold

chrysocracy government by the wealthy; plutocracy

chrysography writing in gold or silver letters

chrysology study of precious metals

chrysophilist gold-lover

chrysopoetics transmutation of substances into gold chrystocrene rock formation resembling glacier

chthonian of, like or pertaining to the earth or the underworld

chthonophagia eating dirt

churching church ceremony given to women after childbirth churchism devotion to church rules over religious precepts chule milky fluid secreted into blood by small intestine

chyle milky fluid secreted into blood by small intestine

chyliferous bearing chyle

chyme partially digested food chymiferous bearing chyme

chypre mixture of resins used in making perfume cibarious of, like or pertaining to food; useful for food

cibation taking food; feeding

cibophobia fear of or distaste for food

ciborium freestanding canopy to cover altar; vessel for holding

eucharistic bread

cicatrization scarification; production of marks upon

cicerone guide; tour guide

cicisbeo male companion of a married woman

ciconine of, like or pertaining to storks

cienega marsh or swamp

cilice haircloth shirt worn as penance

cillosis spasm or twitch in the upper eyelid

cimelia treasures in storage

cimeliarch church vestry or treasury

cimex bedbug

cimicide substance used to kill bed-bugs

cimier crest of helmet; removable heraldic device or favour of

courtly love

cincture to gird or surround; belt worn around ecclesiastical

vestment

cineast one who takes artistic interest in motion pictures

cinerarium container for cremated ashes cinerary of, like or pertaining to ashes

cinerious ashen; ash-grey

cingular shaped like a girdle or ring

cingulum girdle or girdle-like structure; priest's belt

cinnabar red crystalline mercuric sulfide pigment; deep red or

scarlet colour

cinque-pace lively medieval dance with five steps

ciplinarian one who teaches disorder

cipolin white marble streaked with green

cippus small column used to mark burial location

cippus the stocks circa about; around

circadian occurring every 24 hours

circinate ring-shaped; rolled inwards; spiralling

circiter about; around

circuity motion in a roundabout course circumambagious roundabout in speech

circumambient going round about; encompassing

circumaviate to fly around

circumbendibus a roundabout way or expression circumcrescent growing around; above or over

circumduct to cause to revolve around an imaginary axis circumforaneous wandering about as from market to market circumforentor surveyor's instrument used to measure angles

circumfulgent shining about or around

circumfuse to pour around or about

circumincession the reciprocal existence of three parts of the Trinity

in each other

circumjacent bordering on every side circumlittoral around or near the shore

circumpose to place around

circumvallate to surround with a rampart or fortification

circumvolution anything winding or sinuous

cire fabric with a glazed finish cirrate having tendrils

cirriped barnacle or other parasitic crustacean

ciselure the art of chasing metal

cismarine on this or the near side of the ocean

cismontane on this or the near side of the mountains

cispontine on this or the near side of a bridge

cist tomb consisting of stone chest covered with stone slabs

cisvestism wearing strange or inappropriate clothes cithara ancient Greek musical instrument like a lyre

citigrade moving quickly

citreous lemon-coloured; lemony citrine dark greenish-yellow

cittosis abnormal desire for strange foods

cladistics taxonomic theory distinguishing by common ancestor cladogenesis origin and evolution as if branching from common

ancestor

cladoptosis annual shedding of twigs and branches

cladose branching; branched

clamancy urgency

clamant loud; insistent; urgent clangor loud ringing noise or clang

claque group of hired applauders or sycophants

clarence four-wheeled carriage clarigate to declare war formally

classis a group; governing body of Reformed churches

clastic able to be disassembled into its component parts

clathrate shaped like a net or lattice

clathrose marked with latticed lines or grooves

claudent closing; ending; confining

claudication limpness; cramp-like pain claustral cloistral; secluded; narrow-minded claustrationthe act of shutting in a cloister

claustrophobia fear of closed spaces

clavate club-shaped claver gossip claviature keyboard

clavichord old keyboard stringed instrument

claviform in the shape of a club

clavigerous club-bearing clavigerous keeping keys

clavis key; glossary; index; legend

cledonism circumlocution used to avoid speaking unlucky words

cleg horse-fly

cleidomancy divination using keys cleithral completely roofed over

clem to starve

clepe to name; to call

clepsydra instrument which measures time by trickling water clerestory upper storey of a church; windows near the roof of a

building

clerihew jingle summing up person's life in two couplets

clerisy scholars and educated people as a class

cleromancy divination using dice

cleronomy inheritance

clevis U-shaped fastener with pin used to close the open end

clew corner of sail with hole to attach ropes

clicket a latch

clientage the whole number of one's clients climacophobia fear of falling down stairs

climacteric critical time in a person's life; any critical turning point climatarchic presiding over a climate or region of the earth

clinamen inclination; bias; prejudice

clinkstone type of igneous rock that rings when struck

clinology study of aging or individual decline after maturity

clinomania excessive desire to stay in bed

clinometer instrument used to measure slopes and elevations

clinophilia passion for beds clinophobia fear of staying in bed clinquant tinselly; glittering

cliometrics the application of statistics in economic history

clithridiate shaped like a keyhole

clitterto make a shrill rattling noise

clivose hilly; steep

cloaca sewer; toilet; cesspool of moral filth

clochard tramp; vagrant; hobo
cloison partition; dividing band
clonicspasmodic; occasional; irregular
cloque fabric with an embossed design
cloture means of ending legislative debate
clou main point of interest; dominant idea

clough ravine: trench: gullv

clove old weight of seven to ten pounds for wool or cheese

clowder collective term for cats clupeoid like or resembling a herring

clypeate shaped like a buckler

clysmian of, like or pertaining to or caused by flood

clyster enema

cnemial of, like, or pertaining to the tibia (shin-bone)

cnemis shin bone

cnicnode point where tangents form a cone of the second order cnidarian of, like, or pertaining to invertebrates such as jellyfish and

anemones

coacervate to heap; to cause to mass together

coadjumentmutual assistance

coadjutor bishop assisting a diocesan bishop and having the right of

succession

coadunate to unite; to combine

coagment to join or cement together coalize to bring into coalition

coaming raised edge around ship's hatches to keep water out

coaptation joining or fitting together

coarctation constriction

cobaltiferous bearing cobalt

coburg thin single-twilled worsted fabric with cotton or silk cocarde emblem on airplane's wing indicating its nationality

cocciferous bearing or yielding berries

coccineous bright red

cochlear anything spiral-shaped; twisted spirally cockalorum boastful and self-important person

cockamamie ridiculous; incredible

cocker to pamper; to indulge

cocket official shipping seal; customs clearance form

cockloft small room just under the roof cockshy object of criticism or ridicule cocotte prostitute; a flirt or tease coctile baked; hardened by fire codicil supplement to a will

codicology study of manuscripts

codling unripe apple

codon mouth of a trumpet or bell

codswallop something utterly senseless; nonsense coehorn small mortar for throwing grenades coeliac of, like or pertaining to the abdomen

coelom body cavity; abdomen

coemption purchase of the entire supply of a commodity

coenaculous fond of dining; relishing food; especially suppers

coenaesthesis sensation

coercimeter instrument for measuring coercive force

coetaneous of the same age; coeval

coeval of the same length of time; having the same duration cofferdam narrow vacant space between two bulkheads of a ship

coffle gang of slaves tied together

coffret small coffer; presentation box

cog single-masted, square-sailed ship with raised stern

cogent convincing; compelling

coggage paper

cogitabund meditative; engaged in deep thought

cognomen family name cohibit to restrain cohobate to redistill

cohyponym word which is one of multiple hyponyms of another word

coign angle; viewpoint

coinstantaneous simultaneous; at the same time

col depression or pass in a mountain range

colation filtration

coleopterology study of beetles and weevils coliform resembling or shaped like a sieve collectanea collection of passages; miscellany

collectic adhesive; sticky

collectivism doctrine of communal control of means of production

colleger mortar-board

collegialism theory that church is independent from the state

colliform shaped like or resembling a neck

colligation bringing or binding together; conjunction collimation making parallel; adjusting to put into line colliquation the process of melting or wasting away

collocation the placing of things together

collogue to converse confidentially; to conspire with

colloid ielly-like

colloguy speaking together; mutual discourse

colluctation strife; opposition

collutory mouthwash

colluvies accumulated filth; foul discharge

collyrium eye lotion or ointment

colonnade row of evenly spaced column or trees colonoscope instrument for viewing the colon colophon publisher's emblem or inscription in a book

colorimeter instrument for measuring and determining color

colostrum mother's first milk

colporteur peddler of religious tracts and books

colposcope instrument for viewing the neck of the uterus

colubriform shaped like a snake

colubrine like a snake; cunning; of, like or pertaining to snakes

columbaceous of, like or pertaining to doves or pigeons columbarium a structure of vaults lined with recesses

columbine of or like a dove; dove-coloured

columella fleshy part of nose that separates nostrils

colure celestial circle that intersects another at the poles

colytic restraining; preventative

comate hairy

comburent burning; causing combustion

comburivorous consuming by fire comedogenic causing blackheads

comephorous bearing or having hair; hairy

cometology study of comets comiphorous tufted

comitative indicating accompaniment

comitatus band of warriors who escort a prince; a county or shire

comity courteousness; civility

commatic divided into short lines; divided with commas

commination threatening; denunciation

comminute to reduce or break into minute particles

commis assistant; deputy; apprentice commissure joint; joining surface

commonalty common people; the general populace

commonition warning; cautioning commorant resident of an institution commorient dying together

commove to excite; to put into motion; to disturb

comose having tufts of hair; tufted; hairy

compaginate to join; to connect

companionway stairs from upper deck of ship to lower deck compaternity spiritual relationship between child's parents and

godparents

compeer one who is equal in rank; a companion compellation the act of addressing someone

compellative indicating address or appellation; vocative

compendious concise but comprehensive

comper one who habitually enters many competitions

compital of, like or pertaining to crossroads

complaisant wishing to please others; obliging

complanatelevel

complect to embrace; to interweave

complicant overlapping

compline prayer service held just before bedtime

complot to plot or conspire

comport a dish with a stemmed base for serving desserts compossible possible in coexistence with something else

compotation an act of carousing in company

comprecation prayer meeting compunction regret; remorse

compurgation clearing an accused person by means of oaths

compusion wrinkling one's face

comstockery censorship of lewd and salacious material conation mental effort towards a goal, desire, purpose conative of, like or pertaining to purposeful action or desire

conatus a natural impulse or tendency

concameration vaulting

concelebrate to jointly recite the canon of the Eucharist in unison

with others

concent a harmony or concord of sounds or voices

conceptualism theory that universal truths exist as mental concepts

concetto ingenious expression; witticism

conchiferous bearing a shell conchiform shaped like a shell conchology study of shells

conchomancy divination using shells

conchyliferous bearing a shell

conciliabulesecret meeting of conspirators concinnity harmony; congruity; elegance

concipient conceiving

concision schism; separation; division

conclamation a shout of many voices together concolorate having the same colour on both sides

concomitant accompanying

concordat agreement between the pope and a secular government

concresce to grow together; coalesce

concrew to grow together

concubitant of a suitable age for marriage

concupiscence strong desire, appetite or lust condign well-deserved; fitting; appropriate confabulateto chat; to invent past experiences

confelicitous taking pleasure in others' happiness

conferva green algae that floats on surface of stagnant water

confirmand candidate for religious confirmation

confiteor prayer of confession of sins

conflate blend or fuse together

conformative indicating resemblance; similative confute to disprove or overcome through argument congee permission to depart; dismissal; discharge congelation act of freezing something into a solid state

congener something of the same kind or nature

congeries aggregation; collection

congiary gift distributed amongst the people or soldiers

conglobate shaped like a small ball or globe

conglobe to gather together into a globe or round mass

conglutinate to glue or join together

coniaker coin counterfeiter coniferous bearing cones

conification making conical or pyramidal in shape

connate congenitally or firmly united connubial of, like or pertaining to marriage

connumerate to count together

consectary deduction; conclusion or corollary; consequent

consecution logical sequence or progression of an argument

consenescence state of general decay

consentaneous accordant or agreeable; consistent

consentient unanimous; of one accord consilience concurrence; coincidence

consilient having common inferences drawn from different premises

consistory a solemn assembly or council; a church tribunal

consociate to ally or associate

conspecies different species that are part of the same genus

conspectus comprehensive survey; synopsis; summary

conspue to despise; to abhor; to loathe

conspurcation defilement

constate to assert

constative capable of being true or false

constellate to cluster; to compel by stellar influence

constringe to draw together; to cause to contract or shrink

constructivism belief that knowledge and reality do not have an

objective value

constuprate to ravish consuetude custom; familiarity

consuetudinary book of customs, traditions and principles

consultor advisor to a Catholic bishop contabescent wasting away; atrophied

conteck strife

contect to cover or overlay contemn to despise or scorn

contemnor one found guilty of contempt of court

contemper to blend together; to adapt

contenement property necessary to maintain one's station contesseration forming a union by breaking a tablet as token

conticent silent

contignation joining together of timber

contline space between casks or strands of rope

contorniate having a groove around the edge

contorno contour or outline

contractile having the power or property of contracting contradistinguish to distinguish by contrasting qualities

contrahent a contracting party contrail condensation trail

contranatant swimming upstream

contraplex having messages passing both ways simultaneously

contraposition opposition; contrast

contrariant opposed or acting contrary to; one who is opposed to

something

contraterrene opposite in character to earthly or terrestrial contravallation fortification built around besieged place

contredanse folk dance in which two lines of couples face each

other

contretemps embarrassing occurrence; mishap

contrist to sadden contriturateto pulverize

contubernal living together in the same tent; cohabiting contumacious stubborn; obstinate; opposing lawful authority

contumely insolence; a scornful insult

contumulation lying in the same tomb as another conurbation city surrounded by many urban areas

convenances what is suitable or proper; the required proprieties

conventicle secret or illegal church assembly

convicinity neighbourhood convolve to roll together

copacetic very satisfactory; fine

coparcenary joint heirship or ownership

cophosis deafness

coprolalia pathological use of obscene language

coprolith ball of hardened feces coprology study of pornography copromania obsession with feces coprophagous eating feces

coprophemia obscene language

coprophilia abnormal love or fondness for feces

coprostatis constipation

copyhold land tenure dependent on will of the lord of the manor

coquelicot brilliant red; poppy red

coquillage shell-like decoration

coracoid shaped like a crow's beak

coralliferous bearing coral coralligenous producing coral coram in the presence of; before

corban offering to God in fulfilment of a vow

corbeau blackish green

corbeil basket filled with earth used as a missile corbel bracket or projection from the face of a wall

corbiculate like a small basket

cordage ropes in the rigging of a ship

cordate heart-shaped cordiform heart-shaped

cordovan soft goatskin leather

cordwainer shoemaker

corf miner's basket, trolley or wagon

coriaceous having a leathery appearance; consisting, of, like or

pertaining to leather corium skin layer

corm swollen subterranean part of a stem

cornet military rank of horn-bearer or standard-bearer cornice moulding at the junction of ceiling and walls

corniculate horn-shaped; horned

cornific producing or forming horns

corniform shaped like a horn

cornigerous horned cornuted cuckolded cornuto cuckolder coronach funeral dirge

coronagraph instrument for viewing the corona of the sun

coronoid shaped like a beak

corpocracy government by corporate bureaucrats

corporal white cloth on which Communion bread and wine are

placed

corposant St. Elmo's fire or similar electrical discharge corrade to wear away through the action of loose solids

correption shortening in pronunciation

corrigendum something which requires correction

corrivate to cause to flow together

corrody right of lord to demand free lodging from vassal

corsetier corset maker

cortege train of attendants; procession

cortinate like a cobweb

coruscate to sparkle; to throw off flashes of light corvette highly manoeuvrable armed escort ship

corviform shaped like a crow

corvine crow-like; of, like or pertaining to crows or ravens

corybantic wildly excited; frenzied

coryphaeus spokesman; leader of a chorus

coscinomancy divination using a sieve and a pair of shears

cosher to live on dependents

cosmarchy rulership over the entire world, esp. by the devil

cosmetology study of cosmetics

cosmism belief that the cosmos is a self-existing whole

cosmocrat ruler of the world

cosmogenic produced by interaction of cosmic rays with earth's surface

cosmogony theory of the origin of the universe

cosmolatry worship of the world

cosmoplastic moulding or shaping the universe cosmorama a view of different parts of the world

cosmosophy knowledge of the cosmos

cosmotellurian of, like or pertaining to both heaven and earth cosmotheism the belief that identifies God with the cosmos

cosset to fondle or pamper

costalof, like or pertaining to the ribs

costellate ribbed

costive affected with or causing constipation coteau uplands; higher ground of a region

cotehardie medieval long close-fitting garment with tight sleeves

coterie a social or literary circle

cothurnal of, like or pertaining to tragedy coticular of, like or pertaining to whetstones

cotillion elaborate ballroom dance with frequent changes of partner

cotquean man who does women's work cottarmedieval peasant inhabiting a cottage

cottonocracy government by those involved in the cotton trade

cotyliform disc-shaped with a raised rim

couchant in heraldry, an animal lying on its belly with head lifted

couchee evening reception coulée steep and dry gully

couloir gully

coulombmeter instrument for measuring electric charge

coulometer instrument measuring amount of substance released in electrolysis

coulter iron cutter in front of a ploughshare countenance approve of; condone; encourage

counterblast a defiant pronouncement or denunciation

counterfoil part of ticket or cheque retained by giver countermand to revoke an order by a contrary order counterphobic seeking out situation that is feared

counterscarp narrow earth band on the outer wall of a defensive

ditch

coupe four-wheeled closed horse-drawn carriage

courante quick Italian baroque dance involving running steps

courgette zucchini

couvade symptoms of pregnancy suffered by the father

couveuse incubator for babies

covinous fraudulent

cowcat person whose function is to occupy space

coxalgia hip pain

coxcomb foolishly vain or conceited man

cozento coax or deceive by trickery

crachoir spittoon

crackjaw hard to pronounce

crambo game in which rhyme must be found for given word

cramoisy crimson

crampon boot-spike for rock and ice climbing

craniometer instrument for measuring the skull

crapehanger pessimist

crapulent physically ill through overeating or overdrinking

craquelure fine cracking that appears in old paintings

crash coarse drapery and towelling fabric

crasis blending; melding two vowels into a diphthong

crassilingual having a thick tongue

crassitude state of being coarse, gross or crass

crateriform cup-shaped

cratometer instrument for measuring power of magnification

creancer guardian or mentor creant creating; formative

creatic of, like or pertaining to flesh creatophagous carnivorous; flesh-eating

crebrous frequent

credal of, like or pertaining to a creed

credence small table for holding sacred vessels

credenda things to be believed

credenza credence table or shelf; a sideboard

credo concise statement of doctrine; section of Mass followed by

offertory

cremaillere zigzag line of fortification

cremaster muscle by which the testicles are suspended

cremnophobia fear of cliffs and precipices

crenate scalloped

crenel open space on a parapet used for launching projectiles at

enemies

crenellated notched; having battlements

crenitic of, like or pertaining to mineral springs

creophagous flesh-eating; carnivorous crepance sore on a horse's hind ankle-joint

crepe light crinkled fabric

crepehanger pessimist; gloomy person crepitate to crackle; to snap; to rattle

crepitus fart

crepon heavy crepe fabric with lengthwise crinkles

crepuscular of, like or pertaining to twilight

crescive growing; increasing

crescograph instrument for measuring the growth of plants

cresset iron basket for burning oil to provide light cretaceous of or resembling chalk; of a whitish colour cretify to change into calcium or lime; to fossilize

cretonne heavy cotton or linen cloth

crewel fine worsted yarn used in tapestry

criantgarish; discordantly coloured

cribble to decorate wood or metal with small dots or punctures

cribration sifting

cribriform shaped like a sieve

cribrous perforated or punctured like a sieve

cricoid ring-shaped

criminogenic causing crime criminology study of crime; criminals

crin horsehair fabric

crinal of or related to the hair

cringle loop at corner of sail to which a line is attached

crinigerous hairy

crinoline stiff flax or cotton fabric

criophore sculpture of a man carrying a ram

crista ridge or fold resembling a crest

crithomancy divination by strewing meal over sacrifices

criticaster inferior or petty critic

critomancy divination using viands and cakes

croceate saffron-coloured

croche knob at top of a deer's horn

cromlech prehistoric stone circle

cromnyomancy divination using onions

croquinole curling of one's hair with curling iron

crosier pastoral staff or crook held by bishop or abbot

crosslet small cross with crossed arms used as heraldic bearing crosstrees horizontal crosspieces at a masthead used to support

ship's mast

crotal small spherical bell

crotaline of, like or pertaining to rattlesnakes

croze groove in the staves of a cask crubeen term for pig's feet as food

cruciferous bearing a cross cruciform cross-shaped

cruentation leaking or oozing of blood from dead body

cruet vessel used in religious ceremonies, especially to hold the

Eucharist

cruive pen or sty for animals

crumenal a purse

crupper strap of saddle that passes beneath horse's tail; armour for

horse's flanks

crural of or belonging to the leg cruset goldsmith's crucible

crwth Welsh six-stringed instrument played with a bow

cryobiology study of life under cold conditions

cryometer instrument for measuring low temperatures

cryoscope instrument for determining freezing points of substances

cryptadia things to be kept hidden

cryptaesthetic of, like or pertaining to supranormal perception

cryptarchy secret rulership

cryptodynamic having secret or hidden power

cryptogenic of unknown origin

cryptonym secret name

cryptotype an implicit and specific rule of language use

cryptous of, like or pertaining to crypts crystallogenesis production of crystals

crystallomancy divination by means of clear objects

crystalomancy divination using a crystal globe

cteniform comb-shaped

ctetology study of the inheritance of acquired characteristics

cubation act of lying down or reclining

cubica fine unglazed fabric resembling shalloon

cubiform shaped like a cube

cubomancy divination by throwing dice

cuculine of, like or pertaining to cuckoos

cucullate hooded; hood-shaped cucumiformcucumber-shaped

cucurbit chemical vessel used in a still or alembic

cucurbitaceous of, like or pertaining to gourds

cuddy right of a lord to entertainment from a tenant

culet flat back or base of a gemstone

culiciform like or resembling a mosquito

culicino mark left on a tablecloth by a wet glass cullet waste glass which is melted into new objects

cullion mean or base person; rascal

culm stem of grass or sedge culmen highest point culmiferous bearing coal-dust

cultch flooring of an oyster-bed; rubbish

cultriform knife-shaped

cultus religious ritual; a cult

culver dove or pigeon

culverin lightweight, portal, long-barrelled cannon

culvertage degradation of a peasant to the position of serf

cumbent lying down; reclining cumuliform shaped like a heap

cumulose containing or consisting of small heaps

cunabula cradle

cunctation delay; procrastination

cuneate wedge-shaped

cuneiform shaped like a wedge

cuniculous full of holes and tunnels; full of rabbits

cupel goldsmith's vessel for assaying metal cupola spherical vault or concave ceiling

cupriferous bearing copper

cupulate of, like or pertaining to a cup; cup-shaped

cupuliferous bearing cupules curate assistant to a parish priest

curette instrument for scraping sides of body cavities

curia papal court and its officials

curie unit of radioactive decay and intensity

curiology picture-writing curiosa pornographic books

curmurring rumbling or flatulent sound curricle two-wheeled open carriage

currycomb metal comb used to groom horses

cursorial used in walking or running

curtal short; abbreviated; curtailed; early form of the bassoon

curtate shortened; short

curtilage court or field attached to a dwelling

curule of high authority curvet to leap; to frisk

curvicaudate having a curvy tail

cusecunit of liquid flow equal to one cubic foot per second

cuspidor a spittoon

custos guardian, custodian or keeper, especially of convents or

monasteries

custrel attendant to a knight; a knave

cutaneous of or related to the skin

cuvette shallow dish for holding liquids

cwm valley or glen cyaneous sky blue

cyanogenesis production of cyanide

cyanometer instrument for measuring blueness of the sky or

ocean

cyanotype blueprint

cyathiform shaped like a cup

cybernate to control by means of a computer

cyberphobia fear of computers

cyclograph instrument for describing arcs of circles without compasses

cyclolith stone circle

cyclometer instrument for measuring revolutions of a wheel

cyclophoria squint due to weakness in the eye muscles

cyclosis circulation

cyclostyle device for making multiple copies of written text

cyesis pregnancy

cyesolagniasexual attraction to pregnant women

cylix shallow cup with long stem

cyllosis congenital physical deformity

cymaphen telephone receiver cymbiform shaped like a boat

cymograph instrument for tracing the outline of mouldings

cymometer instrument for measuring frequency of electrical waves

cymophanous opalescent; having a wavy or floating light

cymotrichous wavy-haired

cynanthropy pathological belief that one is a dog

cynartomachy bear-baiting using dogs

cynegetic of or related to hunting cynoclept one who steals dogs

cynography writing or treatise on dogs

cynoid dog-like; canine cynolatry worship of dogs

cynology scientific study of dogs

cynomorphic pertaining to a dog's viewpoint

cynophilist one who loves dogs

cynophobia fear of dogs

cynosure anything that attracts attention; object of interest

cyphonism use of pillorying as punishment

cypress silk or cotton gauze fabric, usually black

cyprian lewd woman; prostitute cyprinoid of, like or pertaining to carp cypseline of, like or pertaining to swifts

cyrenaic adherent of doctrine that pleasure is ultimate goal

cystolith calcium carbonate that masses in cell wall of some plants

cystoscope instrument for examining the bladder

cytheromania nymphomania cytogenesisformation of cells cytology study of living cells

cytometer instrument for counting cells

czardas Hungarian dance that increases in speed

dacnomania obsession with killing

dacoitage robbery by gang or mob dacryops wateriness of the eyes

dactylioglyph engraver of rings or of gems

dactyliology study of rings

dactyliomancy divination by means of a finger

dactylogram fingerprint

dactylography the study of fingerprints dactyloid like or resembling a finger dactylology study of sign language dactylomancy divination using rings

dactylomegaly condition of having abnormally large digits

dactylonomy counting using the fingers and toes

dactyloscopy comparing fingerprints for purpose of identification

dado large wooden moulding along bottom of wall daedal formed with art; displaying inventive skill

daedalist aviator; pilot

dag dirty tatted tuft of sheep's wool

dal a dried legume, such as lentils, beans or peas dalmatic ecclesiastical robe or other outer vestment

dalton unit of atomic mass

damascene decorate or engrave metal with wavy lines and

patterns

damask fine lustrous fabric with flat patterns and a satin weave

damine having antlers like a fallow deer dammar hard resin used in making varnish damnification causation of injury or loss

damoiseau male form of damsel; a young man not yet dubbed a knight

dancetté deeply indented

danism lending money on usury

dap to dip gently into water; to fish with a surface fly

dapatical lavish; sumptuous; costly daphnomancy divination using a laurel dapifer one who brings meat to the table dapocaginous mean-spirited; heartless

darbies handcuffs

darby large trowel for levelling concrete or plaster

darcy unit of permeability of rock to various substances

darkle to grow or make dark

darraign to vindicate; to justify or prove

dash non-specific very small unit of measurement used in cooking

dashpot shock absorber

dasyphyllous having crowded, thick or woolly leaves

dasypoedes types of birds having downy-feathered young

dasyure flesh-eating marsupial

datary papal officer who registers and dates bulls and edicts

dation act of giving, conferring or donating

dative indicating indirect object of a verb

davenport small ornamental writing desk; large sofa

davit device for hoisting and lowering a boat

daw simpleton; bird of the crow family

deaconing act of putting best looking goods on top of pile

deadeye rounded wooden block with hole used to set up ship's stays

deadhouse mortuary

deadstock farm equipment

deadwood timbers built into ends of ship when too narrow to permit

framing

dealate insect divested of its wings

dealbation whitening; bleaching

deambulatory place for walking around or about in

dearticulate to disjoint deasil sunwise motion

debarrass to disembarrass; disentangle; free

debel to conquer in war

debellate to conquer or overcome through battle

debouch to issue or emerge; to flow from a confined place

debouchure mouth of a river or strait

debridement the removal of foreign matter from a wound decadarchy government by ten individuals; decarchy

decadist author who writes works in ten parts

decalcomania process of transferring a design onto a surface using

specially prepared paper

decalescence point in heating metal where it appears to cool decalogist exponent of rules such as the Ten Commandments

decalvant removing hair; depilatory decamerous having parts in tens

decanal located on south side of the choir in a church decanal of, like or pertaining to a dean or deacon

decantate to chant or say repeatedly decarchy government by ten individuals

decare 1000 square metres

decarnate denied or deprived of physical bodily form

decastich ten-line poem

decatise to uncurl through the use of steam or moisture

decaudate to cut off the tail of

decelerometer instrument for measuring deceleration

decennoval of, like or pertaining to the number nineteen

decession departure

decimestrial lasting ten months deckle ragged edge of paper declassé below one's social class

declinometer instrument for measuring magnetic declination declivity place that slopes downwards; inclination downwards

decoct to prepare or extract by boiling; to devise

decollate to behead; to disorganize decomplex repeatedly compound

decorticate to remove the bark, husk or peel of

decoupage the application of paper cutouts to wood surfaces

decrassify to make less crass or boorish

decrement a gradual decrease in quantity or quality

decrepitate to crackle; to roast so as to cause to crackle

decrescent becoming gradually less

decretal papal decree deciding a point of church law

decretal of, like or pertaining to a decree

decrudescence diminution or reduction of a disease

decuman principle; large; primary

decumbent lying down; reclining on the ground decumbiture the time spent by an invalid in bed

decurrent extending or running downwards decurtate to curtail, shorten or abbreviate

decussate to divide in the form of an X; to cross or intersect

dedans spectators at a court tennis match

dedition surrender; capitulation

deek look at; see

deemster judge on the Isle of Man

defalcate to embezzle money held on trust

defeasible that may be annulled

defenestration throwing a person or object out a window

deferrise to remove iron from

defervescence abatement of heat; coolness; decrease of fever

defilade to arrange fortifications against frontal attack

defiliation depriving a parent of a child

definiens word or words used in a dictionary definition

deflexure deviation

deflocculate to break down into small pieces

defluent running down; decurrent

defluvium falling of hair

dégagé at rest; untroubled; at ease deglutinate to unglue or unstick deglutition the power or act of swallowing

degression gradual decrease; reduction in taxes dégringolade rapid decline or decay; downfall degustation eating in a series of small portions

dehisce to gape; to burst open

dehort to dissuade

deicide destruction or killing of a god

deictic directly demonstrating something or some proposition

deiform appearing like or shaped like a god

deiparous bearing a god

deipnosophy learned dinner-conversation

deipotent having godlike power

deism belief in God but rejection of religion

deixis relating to time and place of a linguistic utterance

delactation weaning

delaine light fabric of wool or mixed wool and cotton

delaminate to split into layers

delate to pass on; to charge with a crime

delative indicating motion downward

delectus anthology of useful passages or quotations

delenda things to be deleted or destroyed

deleterious harmful to body or mind

delf drain; ditch; excavation

delibate to sip deligation bandaging

delignate to remove wood from; to deprive of wood deliquesce to melt into liquid by absorbing moisture

deliration madness; aberration

delirifacient producing or creating delirium

delitescent latent

delope to fire one's gun into the air in a duel

delphically enigmatically; obscurely

delphine pertaining to the Dauphin of France delphinine of, like or pertaining to dolphins

deltiology the collection and study of picture postcards

deltoid shaped like a delta or triangle

delubrum a font, a temple or shrine having a font

demagogue political agitator appealing to popular prejudices

démarche decisive course of action taken in diplomacy demarchy government by the people; popular government

demegoric of, like or pertaining to demagogues or demagogic speech

démenti official denial or refusal

demephitise to purify air demerge to immerse; to plunge

demersal subaqueous; living underwater; sinking to the bottom

demesne feudal manor-house with adjacent lands

demicastor beaver pelt of poor quality; beaver fur mixed with another

type of fur

demigration change of abode

demijohn large bottle having a wicker case

demisang half-breed; hybrid demiurge creative spirit or entity

demogenic of, like or pertaining to membership by citizenship rather

than kinship

demology study of human behaviour demonarchy government by a demon

demonetise to deprive of monetary value; to withdraw from

circulation

demonocracy government by demons or evil forces demonolatry worship of or devotion to demons

demonology study of demons

demonomancy divination using demons

demonomania pathological belief that one is possessed by demons

demonosopher one who is inspired by a demon or devil demotic of, like or pertaining to the common people

demulcent emulsifier; something soothing

demurrage delay of vessel's departure or loading with cargo

denary one of ten; tenfold; of, like or pertaining to group of ten

dendriform shaped like a tree dendritiform branched

dendrochronology study of tree rings dendroid tree-like; resembling a tree

dendrolatry worship of trees

dendrology study of trees

dendrometer instrument for measuring trees

dendrophilous fond of trees

denehole vertical shaft having chambers at the base

denier unit of yarn fineness

dennet light two-wheeled carriage

densimeter instrument for measuring closeness of grain of a

substance

densitometer instrument for measuring optical or photographic

density

dentagra toothache

dentellated having small notches or teeth

dentelle lace; lacework

denticle small toothlike structure

dentiform shaped like a tooth

dentigerous toothed; bearing teeth dentiloquy speaking with clenched teeth

dentine ivory-like material making up teeth dentiologist one who speaks with closed teeth

dentirostral with notched beak

deobstruent something that removes an obstacle

deodate a gift to or from God

deonerate to disburden

deontic of or relating to duty or obligation deontology the theory or study of moral obligation

deoppilate to free from obstruction

deordination abnormality or irregularity

deorsumversion turning downwards deosculate to kiss affectionately

depascent eating

depaysé out of one's element or natural environment

depeculation embezzlement of public funds

deponent having a passive form but active meaning

depotentiate to deprive or divest of power

deprehend to catch; to seize

depurate to purify deracinate to root up

deray to go wild; to derange deric of, like or pertaining to the skin

dermatoglyphics the study of skin patterns and fingerprints

dermatoid like or resembling skin dermatology study of skin

dermographia condition where writing on skin causes red mark to

form

derodidymus two-headed beast

derrick hoisting mechanism using a boom and a central post

desacralise to deprive or remove sacred qualities

descrive to describe

desideratum something which is greatly desired

desiderium longing or yearning desinent terminal; ending

desipient playing the fool; trifling desmology study of ligaments

désobligeante carriage for one passenger despoliation despoiling; despoilment

despotocracy government by despots or tyrants

despumate to throw off impurities in foam; to skim; to remove scum

desquamate to scale or flake off

desudation extreme sweating desuetude state of disuse

desultory jumping from one thing to another; rambling; unplanned

detersion the act of cleaning

detinue wrongful seizure of property; action to recover it

detort to untwist; to twist the other way

détragué a person who is deranged

detritus waste or debris

detrude to thrust downward or outward detumescence diminution of swelling

deuteragonist a person who serves as a foil to another

deuterogamy second marriage after the death of the first wife

deuteropathy second illness in addition to an initial one deuteroscopy second view or meaning; second sight

devall to sink; to decline

devisee one to whom property is bequeathed in a will

devoir what is due; duty

dewlap turkey's wattle; flap of skin under the throat

dexiotropic turning to the right

dexter relating to the right side of a heraldic shield dextroduction shifting the eyes from left to right

dextrogyratory turning to the right

diable unglazed earthenware casserole

diablerie magic; sorcery; mischief

diabolocracy government by the Devil

diabology study of devils

diabrotic corrosive

diacatholicon panacea

diachoretic laxative diaclastic refractory

diaconal of, like or pertaining to a deacon

diaconicon sacristy for sacred vessels in Orthodox churches

diacope deep wound or incision

diacoustic of, like or pertaining to the refraction of sound

diacritic making a distinction; aiding a diagnosis or evaluation

diactinal having two pointed ends

diadermic of, like or pertaining to the puncturing of the skin

diadrom course or passing; vibration

diagenesis production of rock out of sediment

diaglyph figure etched or engraved in surface of gem or stone;

intaglio

diagometer instrument for measuring electrical conductivity

diagraph instrument for enlarging or projecting drawings

diagraphics art of making diagrams or drawings

dialectology study of dialects

diallage device in which many arguments brought upon one point

diallelus circular argument

diamanté glittering; decoration using glitter

diamantiferous bearing diamonds

dianoetic capable of, like or pertaining to thought

diaphanometer instrument for measuring the transparency of air

diaphanous transparent; translucent

diaphone low-pitched fog signal consisting of two tones

diaphoresis artificially induced sweat diapyesis release or discharge of pus diarchy government by two people

diaskeuast reviser; interpolator

diaspora dispersion

diastema space between teeth

diastomatic moving through the pores

diastrophe upheaval or drastic modification of the earth's crust diasyrm rhetorical device of condemning through faint praise

diatessaron medicine of four ingredients

diathermic permeable to or able to conduct radiant heat

diathesis particular condition of body or mind; predisposing factor

dibble pointed tool for making holes for seeds or plants

dicacity raillery; banter

dicaeology defending oneself in argument by claiming justification

dicephalous two-headed

dicephalus conjoined twins with two heads dicerous two-horned; having two antennae

dichogamous having males and females maturing at different rates

dichord musical instrument with two strings

dichroscope instrument for examining crystals for dichroism

didact a person given to lecturing or moralizing didapper someone who disappears and bobs up again didascalic didactic; pertaining to education or teaching

diddicoy itinerant tinker or scrap-dealer didelphine of, like or pertaining to opossums didelphous marsupial or pouched mammal didine of, like or pertaining to dodos didymous twin; twinned; growing in pairs

diectasis extending line of verse by adding extra syllable

diegesis the narration of facts diesis double dagger sign diestrus period of sexual inact

diestrus period of sexual inactivity diffarreation Roman form of divorce

differentia property which distinguishes one from another

diffident overly shy or modest diffinity lack of similarity or affinity

diffluent readily flowing away

diffract to break up into segments or portions

diffractometer instrument for determining structure of crystal

through light diffraction

diffrangible capable of being diffracted or separated

diffugient dispersing; diffusing dight disposed, adorned, clothed

digitate having or resembling fingers

digitiform shaped like a finger

digitigrade walking on the toes alone digitorium silent piano for practicing digladiate to fight with swords; to fence

digonal figure such that a half-turn gives the same figure

digoneutic double brooded

digraph two letters expressing a single sound

dijudicate to judge; to decide dilacerate to rend or tear asunder

dilaniate to tear to pieces

dilatometer instrument for measuring expansion

dilatory slow; given to delay or procrastination

dilettante dabbler or lover of fine arts

dilogical ambiguous; having two meanings

dilogy intentional ambiguousness

diluent diluting

diluvial of, like or pertaining to floods; especially mythical ones

dimerous consisting of two parts dimidiate divided into halves

dimissory sending away or giving leave to depart; dismissing

dimity sheer and stout white cotton

dinanderie bronze-coloured metal alloy used for decorative vessels

dinarchy government by two people; diarchy dinic of, like or pertaining to vertigo or dizziness

dinomania mania for dancing

dioecious having male and female sexual organs in different

individuals

diogenic cynical

dionym name containing two parts or terms

dioptometer instrument for measuring focus or refraction of the

eyes

dioptre unit of measurement of power of lens or eye

dioptric transparent

dioptrics study of light refraction diorism distinction; definition

diorthosis a critical revision of a text; any correction or adjustment

diotic affecting both ears

diphyletic descended from two distinct ancestral groups diphyodont having second set of teeth that replaces the first

diphysitism belief in the dual nature of Christ

dipleidoscope instrument for measuring moment when an object

passes a meridian

diplocephalus two-headed monster

diplogenesis doubling of ordinarily single organ or part diplograph instrument for writing two lines of text at once

diplomatics science of deciphering ancient writings and texts

diplomatology study of diplomats

diplopia double vision

dipnoous having both lungs and gills dippydro person who often changes mind diprionidian serrated on both sides

dipsetic causing to be thirsty

dipsomania abnormal craving for alcohol

dipsosis pathological great thirst

diptote noun taking two grammatical cases only

diptych pair of pictures on hinged panels; register of bishops and

saints

diremption separation into two; disjunction

dirigent guiding

dirigible able to be directed

dirigism state control in economic and social spheres

diriment condition of legal nullification disafforest to clear of forest; to disforest

disagio fee charged for exchanging foreign or depreciated

currency

disbosom to make known; to reveal

discalced without shoes; barefoot; a religious order wearing no shoes

discarnate disembodied; separated from the body

discept to dispute; to debate discerptible able to be separated disciform round or oval in shape

discigerous bearing a disc or discus

discinct ungirded

discission open incision or cut

discobolus discus thrower

discomania obsession for disco music discombobulate to disconcert; to upset

discommodious inconvenient

discophile one who loves and studies sound recordings

discophoran of, like or pertaining to jellyfishes

discountenance to abash; to discourage

disculpate to free from blame

disembogue to discharge or eject into the sea

disembrangle to free from dispute

diseuse female orator or reciter of verse

disgarnish to despoil

disgeneric being of a different genus disgregation separation; scattering

disillude to free from illusion

disimmure to liberate; to release from walls

disinure to render unfamiliar disjection scattering or dispersion disomus monster with two bodies

disorbed deprived of authority or sovereignty

dispendious extravagant; expensive

dispiteous pitiless; malicious

dispone to set in order; dispose

disponge to sprinkle or discharge as if from a sponge

disport to play about, frolic or gambol dispread to spread in different ways dispurvey to deprive of provisions

disquisition carefully argued examination of a topic disseize to seize or deprive of property wrongfully

dissentient one who dissents: dissenter partition or separation of tissue dissepiment dissilient springing apart; bursting open with force dissimulate to pretend; to feign; to fake dissolute of loose morals; debauched of, like or pertaining to the female branch of a family or distaff women's work distictions in or having two rows distraint seizure of goods distrait distracted: inattentive distributary branch of river that flows away from the main stream distributive indicating separate members of a group, one at a time poem; words of a song dit belief in two equal gods, one good and one evil ditheism ditheletism doctrine that Christ had two wills dithvrambic passionate; ecstatic; frenzied ditokous producing two at a birth or in a clutch ditrichotomous divided into either two or three parts unintentional repetition of letters in print dittography dittology double reading or interpretation diurnation hibernating or sleeping during daylight diutiurnal lasting long divagate to digress; wander about divaricate to divide into two branches drawing apart; pulling apart in pieces divellent speaking in different ways; speaking on different diversiloquent subjects diverticulum blind passage or tunnel divisim separately act of pulling or rendering apart or away divulsion dixit individual's uncorroborated statement dizen to dress up; to dress gaudily dobbin workhorse dobhash interpreter docimasy scrutiny; assaying; application of tests docimology the art of assaying doctiloguent speaking learnedly decayed with loss of branches doddered divisible into twelve parts or regions dodecafid government by twelve people dodecarchy shield against rain or spray on a ship's bridge dodger dodoism stupid remark light two-wheeled carriage with seats back-to-back dogcart a short, evening period of watch duty on a ship dogwatch doit a trifle or minor thing dol unit for measuring intensity of pain

dolabrate of, like or pertaining to axes or hatchets dolabriform resembling a hatchet or cleaver

dolee one who receives a government benefit, especially

unemployment benefits

dolent mourning; doleful dolichocephalic long-headed dolichopodous having long feet dolioform shaped like a barrel

dolmen prehistoric structure or tomb of unhewn stones

doloriferous bearing grief or pain

dolorific causing great sadness or sorrow dolose having evil or malicious intent

domal of, like or pertaining to a house or dome

domett plain cotton-wool blend dompteuse female animal trainer

donary thing given for a sacred purpose

donative benefice presented to church without reference to bishop donné basic assumption or axiom; basic principle of an artwork

donnism self-importance

donnybrook an uproarious brawl

dontopedalogy putting one's foot in one's mouth

doomster judge; pessimist

dop copper cup for holding a diamond while cutting it

doppio double meter Renaissance dance step

doramania obsession with owning furs

dormer gabled window dormition falling asleep; death

dornick stout linen

doromania obsession with giving gifts

dorsiventral having differentiated opposite faces or surfaces

doryphorus sculpture of a spear-bearer

dos-a-dos carriage where passengers seated back to back dosimeter instrument for measuring dose of radiation

dosimetry measurement of doses of drugs

dosiology the study of doses

dossal ornamental cloth hung behind and above an altar

dossil plug; spigot; wad of lint for wiping a wound

dotation endowment or donation

douanier customs official

doublette copy of own artwork made by an artist

doucet savory tart baked in sweet dough

douceur gentleness or sweetness; a subtly offered bribe

doulocracy government by slaves

dowlas coarse linen

downhaul rope for holding down or hauling down a sail or spar

doxastic of, like or pertaining to opinion

doxographer compiler of opinions of philosophers

doxology hymn or verse of praise to God

drabbet coarse linen

drabble to besmear; bedraggle draconiform shaped like a dragon

draconites jewel supposedly found inside a dragon's head

draffish worthless

drageoir box for holding sweetmeats

dragoman interpreter

dragonism unremitting watchfulness

dragonnade persecution by military means

dragoon to compel by military bullying; to compel by force

drail iron bow of a plough; heavy fishhook

dramaturgy art of producing and staging dramatic works

drap-de-Berry old woollen cloth

drapetomania intense desire to run away from home

dreadnought heavy woollen cloth dreamery a place favourable to dreams

dree to endure or withstand

dreikanter three-faced pebble worn by wind

drepaniform shaped like a sickle

drepanoid like a sickle drill durable twilled cotton

dripstone stone projection used to dispose of rainwater

dririmancy divination by observing dripping blood

droguet ribbed woollen dress fabric

drogulus entity whose existence is unverifiable due to lack of

physical effects

drollery drollness; comic show; jest

dromestoners persons who remove stones from temporary airfields

dromic of, like or pertaining to a racecourse dromomania compulsive longing for travel dromometer instrument for measuring speed dromond large single-sailed ship powered by rowers

dromophobia fear of crossing streets droskhy low four-wheeled open carriage drosometer instrument for measuring dew

drugget coarse durable wool fabric

drumlin long hill formed by glacial retreat drung narrow road or path to a pasture

drupaceous of, like or pertaining to drupes or stone-fruits druxy having decayed spots concealed by healthy wood

drygulch to murder by pushing off a cliff drysalter seller of dry goods and chemicals duarchy government by two people; diarchy

dubiety doubtfulness

dubitate to doubt; to hesitate

dubitative mood signifying doubt or incertitude

ducape plain-woven stout silk fabric

ducdame meaningless refrain

duck durable closely woven cotton fabric ductia vigorous stamping dance

dudgeon resentment; offended resignation

duende power to attract through personal charm

duenna governess; chaperone

duffel fabric of thick, low-quality woolen cloth

dulcian a small early bassoon

dulcifluous flowing sweetly

dulciloquy a soft manner of speaking

dulia inferior veneration of saints and angels in comparison with God

dulocracy government by slaves; doulocracy

dulosis slavery practiced by animals; especially ants

dumose bushy

dump obsolete English dance in 4/4 time

duncical stupid; dim-witted

dungaree heavy coarse durable twilled cotton, usually coloured

duniwassal a Scottish gentleman

dunnage wood laid in hold to keep cargo dry and safe duodenary of, like or pertaining to the number twelve

duomachy duel or fight between two people

dupion coarse silk duramen heartwood

durative continuing; not completed; undergoing transformation

dure to last; to endure durity hardness

durometer instrument for measuring hardness of substances

duroy coarse woollen

duteous devoted to duty; obedient

duumvirate governing council or body of two individuals

duvetyn smooth lustrous velvety fabric

dwale stupefying drink

dwile floorcloth or mop

dyarchy government by two people; diarchy

dynamogenesis production of increased nerve activity

dynamograph instrument for recording mechanical forces dynamometer instrument for measuring mechanical force

dyne unit of force to accelerate 1 gram to 1 cm per second per second dyogram ship's chart indicating compass deflection due to ship's

iron

dysaesthesia loss of sensation

dysania having a hard time waking up in the morning

dysbulia loss of willpower

dyschroa discoloration of the skin

dyschromatopic colour-blind

dysgenesis sterility in hybrid creatures

dysgenics the study of racial degeneration

dyslogia inability to express ideas due to mental incompetence

dyslogistic conveying censure; opprobrious

dysmorphophobia fear of physical deformities

dysphagia pathological difficulty in swallowing

dysphemism replacement of an inoffensive by an offensive word

dysphonia physical abnormality causing speech impediment dysphoria uneasiness; restlessness; general depression

dystectic not easily fused

dysteleology study of purposeless organs dysteleology doctrine of purposelessness

dystocia difficult childbirth

dystopia place where all is as bad as possible

eagre sudden rise of tide in a river

earing line for fastening corner of a sail to the gaff or yard earwig a small insect; to bias; to pester with demands; to

eavesdrop

easement rights held over another's land

eau-de-nil pale green colour

ebberman one who fishes under bridges ebeneous like or resembling ebony

éboulement falling in of wall of a fort; landslide ebriection mental breakdown from too much drinking ébrillade jerking of horse's rein when it does not turn

ebrious tending towards excessive drinking

ebullioscope instrument for measuring boiling point of liquids

ebullition boiling over; agitation; outbreak eburnean of or like ivory; ivory-coloured

ecardinate without hinges

ecarlate fine woollen cloth, usually dyed scarlet

ecaudate tailless

ecbatic grammatical construction indicating result without

intention

ecbole digression

ecbolic assisting childbirth; aiding abortion

eccaleobion incubator

ecchymosis black-and-blue spot

ecclesiarchy government by clerics or ecclesiastical authorities

ecclesiastry affairs of the church

ecclesiolatry excessive devotion to church tradition and form

ecclesiology study of church affairs

eccoprotic laxative; mildly cathartic; purgative

eccrinology study of excretion

ecdemic not endemic; of foreign origin

ecdemomania abnormal compulsion for wandering

ecdysiast striptease performer

ecesis the establishment of a plant or animal in a new habitat

echard water in the soil not available to plants

echinate like a hedgehog; prickly

echinuliform resembling small spines echoism the formation of imitative words

echolalia echo-like repetition of another's words echopraxia echo-like repetition of another's actions

eclaircise to clear up

éclaircissement clarification; enlightenment

eclat to make notorious

éclat publicity; dazzling effect; brilliance; applause

eclegme ancient syrupy medicine that is licked off a spoon

eclipsareon astronomical toy used to show phenomena of solar

and lunar eclipses

eclipsis omission of sounds or words in speech

ecliptic imaginary circle which the sun follows from Earth

perspective

eclogue pastoral or rustic poem

eclosion emergence, as from a larva or egg, or of an era or

movement

ecmnesia loss of memory of the events of a specific period

ecocide destruction of the environment

economacy position of controller of ecclesiastical affairs

ecophene range of phenotypes produced by a genotype in a given

environment

ecophobia fear of home

écorché a human figure portrayed stripped of the skin

ecphasis explicit declaration or interpretation

ecphonensis exclamation

ecphrasis plain interpretation of a thing

ecthlipsis omitting one or more sounds in pronouncing a word

ectobatic carrying or leading towards the outside

ectogenesis variation in response to outside conditions

ectopia displacement of internal organs in the body

ectype reproduction or copy ectypography etching in relief

écuelle two-handled soup or porridge bowl ecydisis shedding or moulting of the skin

edacious voracious; gluttonous; pertaining to eating

edapha organisms living in soil

edaphic of, like or pertaining to the soil

edaphology study of soils

edentate toothless; without teeth; pertaining to aardvarks and sloths

edulcorate to sweeten; to rid of soluble particles by washing

eellogofusciouhipoppokunurious good effable capable of being expressed efferent carrying outward or away effete weak or worn-out; degenerate

effigurate having a definite shape

effleurage stroking movement in massage

effluvium invisible emanation; offensive exhalation or smell

effodient burrowing

effulge to shine out; to beam

effusiometer instrument for comparing molecular weights of gases

eft again; afterwards

eft newt

eftsoons soon after

egad mild oath egency need

egestion the removal of materials from the body

egoism doctrine that the pursuit of self-interest is the highest good

egotheism identification of oneself with God

Egyptology study of ancient Egypt

eidetic vivid mental image or memory eidograph instrument for copying drawings

eidolism belief in ghosts

eidolon image, phantom or apparition; confusing reflected image

eigne first born eikonology metaphor

eirenarch officer in charge of keeping the public peace; justice of the

peace

eirenicon peace-making message, proposition for peace eirenics theological doctrine of religious unification

eirenism peaceful state of mind

eisegesis faulty interpretation or explanation of text

eisel sour wine resembling vinegar

ejectamenta material ejected from a volcano

eke in addition; also; likewise

ekistics study of human settlement

ekka small one-horse carriage

ekphrasis description of a work of art as rhetorical exercise

élan impetuosity; dash or style; brilliancy or vivacity

elance to throw as a lance

elaphine of, like or belonging to a red deer; of, of, like or pertaining

to red deer

elapid of, like or pertaining to cobras

elative indicating movement out of or away from

elatrometer instrument for measuring gaseous pressure

elchee ambassador

eldritch horrifying; arcane; strange

electrocardiograph instrument for recording unusual electrical

fluctuations of the heart

electrochemistry study of relations between electricity and chemicals electrodynamometer instrument for measuring electrical current electroencephalograph instrument for measuring the brain's electrical impulses

electrogenesis production of electricity

electrograph instrument for recording electrical potential

electrology study of electricity

electrometer instrument for measuring electrical potential

electromyograph instrument for diagnosing neuromuscular disorders electrophile substance having an affinity for electrons or negative

charge

electroretinograph instrument for measuring electrical activity in

the retina

electroscope instrument for detecting electrical charges in the

body

electrostatics study of static electricity

electuary medicine mixed with honey or syrup

eleemosynary of, like or pertaining to charity or giving alms;

dependent on charity

elenchus refutation; sophism

elenctic of, like or pertaining to argument; cross-examination or

refuting

elephant large unit of paper measurement equal to 28 by 23 inches

elephantine of, like or pertaining to elephants

eleutherian freedom-giving

eleutheromania manic desire for freedom

eleutherophobia fear of freedom elflock lock of tangled hair

elide omit; ignore; suppress or abridge ell old unit of length equal to 45 inches

ellipsograph instrument for describing ellipses elocation removal from someone's control; alienation

éloge funeral oration; panegyric

eloign to convey to a distance; to remove

elsin shoemaker's awl

elumbated made weak in the loins

elution purification or separation by washing elutriate to separate by washing into finer portions elydoric painted with both oil and watercolour

elytriferous having or bearing hardened forewings

em unit of measuring width of typeface where width of letters equals height

emacity itch to be buying email type of dark ink emarcid wilted; limp

embale to enclose; to bind in; to make into a bale embar to shut in; to hinder; to put under embargo

embase to lower; to debase

embayment bay

emberlucock to confuse; to bewilder

emblements growing crops

embonpoint stout; plump or full in figure; corpulent

embouchement opening of a passage or tunnel embower to place in a bower; to shelter with trees embracery attempt to influence a jury corruptly

embrangle to confuse or perplex
embrasure recess of a door or window
embrocate to moisten and rub with a lotion
embryogenesis production of an embryo
embryoniform shaped like an embryo
emendation correction; usually of a text

emergicenter urban clinic offering emergency outpatient services

emesis the act of vomiting emetology study of vomiting

émeute a popular rising or uproar

emicate to sparkle

emiction the discharging of urine

emissile able to be emitted or pushed out emmenagogue drug aiding menstrual flow emmenology the study of menstruation

emmet ant

emmetropia correct refraction of light by the eyes

emmew to confine or mew up emollient softening; making supple

emolument payment; profit arising from employment

emonomancy divination using demons

emotivism theory that moral statements are inherently biased

empaestic of, like or pertaining to the art of embossing

empanoply to clothe in full armor empasm deodorant powder empennage airplane's tail unit empery wide dominion; empire

emphractic stopping the pores of the skin

emphyteusis perpetual but conditional lease of property

empiecement an insertion in a garment mania for holding public office of, like or pertaining to trade show of affection or eagerness

emprise adventurous undertaking emption the act of buying; purchase

emptysis spitting up of blood

empyreal of, like or pertaining to heaven; sublime; skyward

emulge to milk or drain out

emunctory conveying waste; pertaining to nose-blowing

enallage the exchange of one grammatical case for another enantiodromia process when a thing is replaced by its opposite enantiomorph object which is the mirror image of another

enantiopathy allopathy; sympathy with one's opposite enantiosis ironic expression of idea by refuting its contrary

enation outgrowth; extension

encaenia anniversary festival of renewal of an institution

encaustic having the colours burned in

enceinte pregnant

encephalograph instrument for recording brain images

encephaloid like or resembling a brain

enchiridion book carried in the hand for reference, esp. for music or

theology

enchorial belonging to or used in a country; domestic

encolpion reliquary; cross worn on the breast encomiast person who utters encomiums; praiser

encomic having closely curled hair

encomium glowing and warmly enthusiastic praise

encraty self-control

encyclical letter sent by the pope to multiple bishops

endarchy centralised government

endeictic showing, exhibiting or demonstrating

endeixis an indication

endemiology study of local diseases

endlong lengthwise

endocrinology study of glands

endogenous having no external cause

endophagy cannibalism within a tribe; eating away from within endoscope instrument for visualizing interior of a hollow organ endosmometer instrument for measuring osmosis into a solution

endysis growth of new feathers, hair or skin

energumen individual inhabited by an evil spirit

enervate to weaken

enfilade series arranged as if threaded on a string engastration stuffing of one bird inside another

engastrimyth ventriloguist

engouement excessive infatuation

engrailment ring of dots around edge of a coin

engram lasting effect on memory

engrenage series of decisions leading towards unspoken goal

enigmatography composition of riddles or enigmas

enigmatology study of enigmas

enjambment continuation of the sense of a verse without pause

enjoin to command; to order; to prohibit by injunction

ennead any group of nine objects enneagon polygon with nine sides

ennomic lawful; legal

enoptromancy divination using mirrors

enosimania pathological belief that one has sinned

enosis union; unification

enounce to enunciate; to proclaim

enow enough

ensanguine to cover with blood

ensiform resembling or possessing characteristics of a sword

ensign large naval flag

ensilage storage of green fodder in silos

entablature wall that rests on top of columns

entasis swelling on vertical columns to counteract optical illusion

of concavity

entelechy perfect realization of ultimate goal or reason for existence

enteral of, pertaining to or within the intestine

enthalpy heat per unit mass

entheomania abnormal belief that one is divinely inspired

enthetic introduced from outside the body

entify to treat as or cause to become a separate entity

entitative regarded as a distinct entity without regard to context

entomical of, like or pertaining to insects

entomology study of insects entomophagous eating insects

entomophilous adapted for pollination by insects

entoptic within the eyeball; visibility of objects in the eye

entozoology study of parasites that live inside larger organisms entremets edible pastry sculpture served between main courses

entrepot a warehouse, particularly for international trade

entresol mezzanine

entropion inversion of the edge of the eyelid

entryism doctrine of joining a group to change its policies

enuresis uncontrollable urination

enzone to engirdle or surround with a zone or belt

enzymology study of enzymes eoan of, like or pertaining to dawn

eolation geological effects of the wind

éolienne fine silk and wool

eolith stone naturally formed but thought to be manufactured

eonism adoption by a male of female dress and manner

eosophobia fear of dawn

eozoic containing early evidence of animals

epact excess of the calendar month over the lunar month

epaenetic eulogistic epagoge induction

epagomenal intercalary; inserted between others

epanadiplosis sentence which begins and ends with same word

epanalepsis repetition

epanodos recapitulation of chief points in a discourse after digression

epanorthosis retraction of statement in order to intensify it

eparchy diocese of an Eastern church

epedaphic of, like or pertaining to atmospheric conditions

epeirogenesis building continents by moving of earth's crust

epenthesis insertion of extra sound into a word

epeolatry worship of words

epergne branched ornamental centrepiece

epexegesis addition of words to make the sense more clear ephebiatrics branch of medicine dealing with adolescence

ephectic tending to reserve judgement

ephelis freckle or mole

ephemeris table giving location of celestial body at different specific

times

ephemeromorph life form that cannot be classified as animal or

vegetable

ephemeron creature that lives for only one day

ephestian domestic

ephidrosis profuse perspiration ephod Jewish priestly vestment

epibole device of beginning several clauses with same word

epicede funeral ode

epicedial of, like or pertaining to dirges or elegies

epicene having one form or characteristics of either sex

epicheirema syllogism confirmed by an incidental proposition

epichoric belonging or pertaining to a rural area

epiclesis calling on the Holy Spirit to consecrate the Eucharist

epicrisis critical appreciation for literature

epideictic done for show or display

epidemiology study of diseases; epidemics

epidiascope instrument for projecting images of objects epidiascope magic lantern used for opaque and translucent

objects

epigamic attractive to the other sex epigeal living near or in the ground

epigenesis theory of embryonic development

epigeous growing or living on or above the ground

epigon descendant or successor

epigone inferior follower or imitator of a distinguished original

epilate to remove hair from epileptology study of epilepsy moral of a story or work of literature epimyth epinician celebrating a triumph epinikion ode in honour of a victor or winner unhealthy; unwelcome epinosic dusting powder used in medicine epipastic epiphenomenalism doctrine that mental processes are epiphenomena of brain activity exclamation, finishing phrase or reflection epiphonema epiphora watering of the eyes epipolism fluorescence episcope instrument for projecting images of opaque objects episcopicide killing of bishops episcopolatry worship of bishops episemon badge or characteristic device; one of three extra Greek numeral-letters epistatic suppressing some factor nose bleeding epistaxis epistemology study of grounds of knowledge epistemology theory of a method or grounds of knowledge epistolary of, like or pertaining to letters epistoler reader of the epistle in Anglican service epistolography letter-writing epistrophe ending of successive clauses with the same word part of a play where the action is developed epitasis song or poem composed for weddings epithalamion epithesis addition of one or more letters to a word epithymetic of, like or pertaining to desire epitimesis adverse criticism epitoga wide academic gown with bell sleeves epitonic subjected to excessive strain; overstrained epitrachelion stole of an Orthodox priest or bishop ironic permission epitrope epizeuxis immediate repetition of a word for emphasis dwelling upon an animal epizoic craze for writing epics epomania personal name from which another name is derived eponym epopee epic poem; saga befitting an epic poet epopoean one who writes epic poetry epopoeist one who is initiated into mysteries epopt epos epic poem éprouvette instrument for testing strength of gunpowder epulary of, like or pertaining to banquets epulation feasting

epulotic substance encouraging growth of scar tissue

epuration purification or purging

equable smooth; without wide variations

equanimity evenness of mind or temper; calmness

equative indicating likeness or identity

equatorium computational instrument for planetary astronomy

equilibrist tightrope walker

equine of, like or pertaining to horses equiparate to regard or treat as equal

equiparent having a level or mutual relationship

equipluve line drawn through locations having same annual rainfall

equipoise equilibrium; counterbalancing thing

equipollent having equal power or force

equiponderate to be equal in weight; to balance

equison horse groom; jockey equitation horseback riding equivorous consuming horseflesh

eradiate to shoot out like a ray of light

ere before

erean made of copper or brass

erelong before long; soon

eremic of or belonging to deserts eremite hermit; religious recluse

eremology study of deserts

eremophyte plant that lives in desert biome

erethism abnormal irritability

erewhile until now

erg unit of work measuring force of one dyne applied over one centimeter

ergasia love of work; workaholism

ergasiomania excessive desire to work; ergomania

ergasiophobia fear of work

ergative indicating subject of a transitive verb

ergatocracy government by the workers or the working class

ergo therefore; hence

ergograph instrument for measuring and recording muscular work

ergology study of effects of work on humans ergomania excessive desire to work; workaholism ergometer instrument for measuring work performed

ergonomics study of people at work

ergophile one who loves work

ergophobia fear of work ergotise to wrangle

eriometer instrument for measuring very small diameters eristic of, like or pertaining to controversy or argument erogenesis induction of sexual desire; production of arousal

eromancy divination using water vessels

erotetic engaging in or pertaining to rhetorical questioning

erotogenic producing erotic desire or sexual gratification

erotology erotic description in literature

erotomania abnormally powerful sex drive

erotopathy pathological sexual desire

erotophobia fear of sex

errhine something which causes sneezing or for nasal ingestion

erubescent growing red; blushing

eruciform like or resembling a caterpillar

eructate to belch out; to emit lava erumpent bursting out; bursting forth

erythema redness of the skin erythraean reddish colour

erythrochroism excessive or pathological redness of the hair

erythrophobia fear of red lights or of blushing erythropsia condition of seeing all colour as red

esbat meeting of a witches' coven escadrille squadron of aircraft; flotilla

escalade crossing moat or scaling wall using ladders

escalier staircase

escapology study of freeing oneself from constraints

escargatoire place where snails are reared

escharotic caustic

eschatocol concluding clause or section of a charter

eschatology doctrine of life and afterlife eschatology study of death; final matters

eschaton end of the world; end time

escheatment forfeiture of property to state for lack of heir

esclandre notoriety; unpleasantness

escritoire writing-desk

esculent eatable; fit for consumption

escutcheon part of ship's stern where name is displayed escutcheon shield on which coat of arms is represented unifying; moulding diverse ideas into one

esemplasy the unifying power of imagination

esker ridge of sandy soil

esotropic squinting

espalier lattice on which trees are trained across

espiègle roguish; frolicsome; mischievous essive indicating a temporary state of being

essoin giving of an excuse for not appearing in court

essorant soaring

estacade dike of stakes in a river against an enemy

estafette military courier or express

estaminet small bar or cafe

estampie vigorous rhythmic Provençal stamping dance

estiferous producing heat

estival of, like or pertaining to summer

estoppage preventing someone from alleging a fact due to prior

denial

estrade low platform or dais

estrapade horse's attempt to throw its rider

estreat to consult court records in order to enable prosecution

estuosity heated state or condition esurient hungry; greedy; starving

etamine light open-mesh cotton or worsted

eternalism the belief that matter has existed eternally etesian periodic; winds blowing at certain seasons

eth old English letter for voiced 'th' sound

etheromania craving for ether

ethmoid of or like a sieve

ethnarchy government over an ethnic group

ethnocracy government by an ethnic group or race

ethnogenesis origin of an ethnic group

ethnogeny study of origins of races or ethnic groups

ethnomania obsessive devotion to one's own people ethnomethodology study of everyday communication ethnomusicology study of comparative musical systems

ethology study of natural or biological character

ethonomics study of economic and ethical principles of a society

etiolate to become pale; to make pale by depriving of light

etiology the science of causes; especially of disease

étui case for holding sewing articles etymology study of origins of words etymon true origin of a word etypical unconformable to type

euchology prayer book

eucrasy state of fitness and physical well-being

eudaemonism ethical belief that happiness equals morality

eudaemony happiness or well-being eudiaphoresis normal perspiration

eudiometer instrument for measuring air purity

euhemerism explanation of mythology as growing out of history

eulogomania obsessive craze for eulogies

eumoiriety happiness due to state of innocence and purity

eunomia state of being well governed euonym a pleasing or beautiful name euonymous appropriately named

eupathy state of contentment

eupeptic of, like or pertaining to good digestion; cheerful

euphobia fear of good news

euphonism custom of using pleasing sounding words

euphonym euphonious synonym

euphuism high-flown and affected style of writing

eupraxia correct or orthodox action

eupsychics proper education to induce human progress

euripus arm of the sea with strong currents

Europhile one who loves Europe

eurythermic tolerating a wide variation in temperature eurythmics system of rhythmic and harmonious movement eustacy changes in world shoreline by changes in sea level eustatic remaining at same altitude despite geological activity

eusuchian of, like or pertaining to alligators and crocodiles

eutaxy good order

eutechnics improvement in condition of humanity through natural

forces

eutexia the property of being easily melted

euthenics science concerned with improving living conditions

eutony pleasantness of the sound of a word eutrapely wit, ease and urbanity of conversation

eutropic turning to face the sun evagation wandering; digression

evaginate to remove from a sheath; without a sheath

evanescent tending to vanish like vapour

evanish to vanish; to die away evanition vanishing; dying away

evaporimeter instrument for measuring rate of evaporation evection attraction of the moon to the sun causing change in its

orbit

eventration protrusion of an organ from the abdomen

eversion turning inside out or outwards

evince indicate or exhibit

evirate to castrate; to make weak

eviscerate disembowel eviternal eternal

évolué primitive person educated in modern ways

evulgate to divulge; to publish

evulse to pluck out

exactor one who exacts; extortioner; claimer of rights

exallotriote foreign

exanimate lifeless; spiritless; depressed exarate containing grooves or furrows

exarch viceroy; rank below patriarch in Eastern church

exarchy government by bishops

exaugurate to desanctify; to deprive of sacred status

excalation omission of one of a series or sequence

excarnate to remove flesh from

exclaustration return to public upon release from vows

exclave part of a country surrounded by foreign soil

excogitate to discover by thinking out or reasoning

excoriate censure severely; strip the hide off of

excorticate to strip the bark off of

excrementitial of, like or pertaining to excrement

excresence outgrowth; projection; tumour

excubant on guard

excursive constituting a digression

exeat permission from bishop for clergyman to work elsewhere

exeat formal leave of absence; permission to be absent

execrate to denounce or place under a curse

executancy technique in music

exedra semicircular bench beside episcopal throne; outdoor bench

or recess

exegetic explanatory, especially of Scripture exemplum short story or anecdote with a moral

exenterate to disembowel

exeguy funeral rites; procession

exercitation putting into practice; exercise exergue reverse of coin where date is contained

exgorgitation vomited material

exheredate to disinherit exigible liable to be exacted exiguous scanty; slender; sparse

exility slenderness or smallness; refinement

eximious excellent or distinguished

existentialism doctrine of individual human responsibility in an

unfathomable universe exlex outside the law

exobiology study of extraterrestrial life

exocentric of a linguistic compound, having a different grammatical

function than its parts exoculate blind; eyeless exode farce or afterpiece

exodist one who goes out; emigrant

exodontia extraction of teeth

exodromy stabilizing movement of exchange

exogenous having an external origin

exonym name for a town or country in a foreign language

exopathic due to external forces or causes

exophagy cannibalism outside one's own group exorable capable of being moved or influenced exordium beginning or introduction to a composition

exosculate to kiss fervently or heartily

exoteric intelligible to the uninitiated; commonplace

exotropia outward squint expatiate to wander freely; to write about in great detail expeditate to deprive of the ball of the foot or the claws expergefacient awakening; arousing experientialism doctrine that knowledge comes from experience expiate to make amends for wrong expiscate to find out by strict examination explement complement exponible able to be explained to remonstrate: to discuss or reason with expostulate exprobate to reproach; to upbraid expromission relieving another person's debt by taking it upon oneself to take by storm; to overcome expugn expurgate to purify or revise; to censor without blood exsanguinous exscind to cut off; to uproot exsect to cut out exsert to protrude exsiccate to dry up exspuition spitting exstrophy turning an organ inside out exsuccous lacking sap exsufflate to blow away; to exorcise instrument for measuring deformation in object due extensometer to forces applied exterritority exemption from local regulations extispicy divination using entrails extramundane beyond the known universe to let out of the proper vessels; to flow out extravasate turned outward extrorse examination of matters external to oneself extrospection exungulation paring of the nails to cast off or shed exuviate eyas unfledged falcon or other bird of prey small hole in fabric to allow passage of a cord; cotton fabric evelet with small holes eyeservice work done while the boss is watching

fabaceous bean-like

eyot small island in a lake or river

evne eves

fabiform shaped like a bean fabulist one who invents fables

faburden harmony in thirds and sixths face-cord unit of wood measurement equal to a stack four by eight feet in volume

facetiae term for books of inappropriate or lewd nature

facia nameplate or sign above shop

facinorous atrociously wicked

factious turbulent; given to faction; seditious factitious produced by humans or artificial forces

factitive signifying making or causing something to be

factive indicating causation

factotum lackey; person employed to do various jobs

facture workmanship; the products of making facula unusually bright spot on sun's surface facultative optional; incidental; conferring privilege

facundity eloquence

fagin an adult who instructs others in crime

fagottist bassoon player

faience glazed coloured earthware

faille shiny closely woven silk, cotton or rayon fabric

fain happy; inclined; pleased

fainéant puppet ruler; do-nothing; idle person

fairlead ring through which rope is led to change its direction

without friction

falcade motion of a horse throwing itself on its haunches

falcate resembling a sickle falciform shaped like a sickle

falconine of, like or pertaining to falcons or hawks falderal nonsense; meaningless refrain of a song

faldstool desk from which the Litany is read at church service fallibilism the doctrine that empirical knowledge is uncertain

falsidical conveying a meaning that is false

famicide one who destroys another's reputation; slanderer

familic pertaining to a family; domestic

familism the tendency of a family to cohere as a group

familistery house for communal living famulus private secretary or attendant

fanal lighthouse or beacon

fandango lively Spanish dance performed by a couple

fane flag or banner; weather-cock

fane temple

fanfaron an empty boaster

fanfaronade grandiose trumpet blast

fanion cloth worn on priest's arm and used for handling holy

vessels

fanion small flag used in surveying

fantassin infantry soldier

fantasticate to fantasize over something

fantigue anxiety or irritation

fantod a state of irritability or tension; an emotional fit

farad unit measuring electrical capacitance

farandine silk and wool cloth

farandole lively Provençal dance in which men and women hold

hands

farctate full; stuffed

fardage wood placed in bottom of ship to keep cargo dry

fardel anything cumbersome or irksome farinaceous mealy; consisting of cereals

farinose resembling or yielding flour

farouche wild; unpolished

farraginous disordered; jumbled; miscellaneous

farrago confused mass of objects or people; disordered mixture

farrier one who shoes horses or cares for horses

farris female blacksmith

farrow to give birth to piglets

farruca Spanish gypsy dance with sudden tempo and mood

changes

fasces bundle of rods with an axe used to symbolise authority

fascia board over a shop-front

fascicle bundle; division of book published in parts bundle of brushwood used to fill ditches

fasti record or register fastigiate pointed; conical fastigium roof; peak; gable fastuous haughty; ostentatious

fatalism doctrine that events are fixed and humans are powerless fathometer instrument for measuring underwater depth using sound

fatidical prophetic; having the power to foretell the future

fatuous silly; purposeless

fauteuil enclosed seat in theatre

favela slum area faveolate honeycombed

faviform shaped like a honeycomb

favonian of, like or pertaining to the west wind; mild and favourable

feague to whip; to perplex

feak lock of hair

featous shapely; well-made; handsome; neat

febricant causing fever febricity feverishness

febrifuge something which reduces fever fecalith stony heap or mass of feces

feckless feeble; helpless; futile; ineffectual

feculent covered with filth; filthy

felicide killing of a cat

felicificative tending to make happy feliform having a catlike form or shape

fell barren or rocky hill or moor felloe circular rim of a wheel

felsenmeer flat arctic area covered with angular boulders

femerall outlet for smoke in a roof

femicide killing of a woman

fenestella recess in church wall for storing communion vessels

fenestral of, like or pertaining to windows

feracious fruitful: fecund

feretory shrine for relics during a procession or for a funeral bier

feria weekday of a church calendar on which no holiday falls

ferial of, like or pertaining to holidays ferity state of savagery or barbarism

fermi unit of length equal to one quadrillionth of a metre

ferriferous bearing iron

ferronière jewel held on the forehead by a chain

ferruginous of the colour of rust; impregnated with iron

ferrule band on the end of a stick for reinforcing it

ferula flat piece of wood

ferulaceous like a cane or reed

ferule cane or rod used for punishment

fescennine marked by the use of vulgarity or obscene language

fess broad horizontal bar across heraldic field festilogy treatise on ecclesiastical festivals

festinate to accelerate; to quicken

fetial heraldic; ambassadorial feticide killing of a fetus

fetlock tuft of hair immediately above horse's hoof

fettling loose material thrown on furnace hearth for protection

feuilleton critical article at the bottom of a newspaper page

fiacre hackney coach; cab

fiberscope instrument using fiberoptics to examine inaccessible areas

fibriform shaped like a fibre

fibrilliform shaped like a small fibre

fibula brooch in the shape of a safety pin

ficiform shaped like a fig

fictile capable of being moulded; of, like or pertaining to pottery

fictor sculptor; one who makes images from clay

fid conical wooden pin used to splice strands of rope fiddley iron framework around hatchway opening

fideism doctrine that knowledge depends on faith over reason fidicinal of, like or pertaining to stringed musical instruments

fiduciary held in trust; depending on trust fie expression of disgust or disapproval

figuline of, like or pertaining to earthenware

figurant ballet dancer who dances only in groups

figuration the act of giving figure or form

figurehead ornament or (usually female) bust attached to the bow of a

ship

filaceous composed of threads

filatory machine for forming or spinning threads

filature drawing out of threads filemot dead-leaf colour; dull brown

filibeg kilt

filicide killing of one's own child filiciform shaped like a fern or frond

filiferous thread-bearing filiform shaped like a thread

filiopietistic marked by excessive veneration of ancestors

filipendulous hanging by or strung on a thread

fillister groove in window pane into which glass is set

filose threadlike; having a threadlike end

filoselle coarse floss silk

fimbriate fringed; having a narrow border fimetic of, like or pertaining to dung

fimicolous living in dung

finalism belief that an end has or can be reached

fingent moulding; shaping

finial decoration on the top of a gable or spire finical excessively precise in trivial matters

fipple plug in the mouthpiece of a wind instrument firkin old unit of capacity equal to one quarter of a barrel

firkin small keg

fissicostate having divided ribs

fissilingual with forked or cloven tongue

fissility ability to be split

fissiparous tending to break up into parts fissiped animal with separated toes fistula long narrow passage or duct

fistuliform shaped like a pipe

fitch brush made from hair of polecat fixity fixed state; stability; permanence

flabellation the act of fanning flabelliform shaped like a fan

flacon scent-bottle

flagellantism the practice of whipping oneself or another

flagelliferous bearing a whip or flagellum

flagelliform shaped like a whip

flagellomania abnormal enthusiasm for flogging flageolet small flute or recorder with two thumb holes

flagitate to entreat or importune

flagitious grossly wicked; guilty of heinous crimes

flagstaff flag pole at stern of a ship

flambeau flaming torch flamen pagan priest flammeous flame-coloured

flammiferous producing flame

flammulated ruddy

flammulation flamelike marking

flammule little flame

flânerie idling; strolling about aimlessly

flapdoodle gross flattery; nonsense

flaught snowflake

flaughter to flutter or flicker; to strip or skin

flavescent yellowish or turning yellow

fleam surgical instrument

flèche narrow wooden spire on church roof fleer to mock; to jeer; to make faces in contempt

flench to cut up the blubber of; to flay

fleshling a sensualist

fleuret ornament resembling a small flower

flews drooping or pendulous lips

flexion a bend; a fold

flexuose full of windings and turnings; undulating

flibbertigibbet gossipy or flighty person

flinty unyielding; stern

flivver cheap car or airplane floatant agent causing flotation

floccilation fitful plucking at the bedclothes

floccinaucinihilipilification setting at little or no value

floccose woolly

flocculate to collect or mass together in tufts or masses

floricide killing or killer of flowers

floricomous crowned or topped with flowers

floriferous bearing flowers floriform shaped like a flower

florilegium anthology of writings, especially of church fathers

florimania craze for flowers

floriscope instrument for inspecting flowers

floristry the art of cultivating and selling flowers

florisugent sucking honey from flowers floromancy belief that flowers have feelings floruit dates of a person's birth and death flounce to move impatiently or abruptly

flowmeter instrument for measuring properties of flowing liquids

fluke part of an anchor that fastens in the ground

flumen right to direct excess rain water to neighbour's yard

fluminous having many rivers or streams

flummery anything insipid; empty compliment; humbug

fluorimeter instrument for measuring fluorescence

fluoroscope instrument using x-rays to examine internal structure

of opaque object

fluvialist one stressing the role of rivers in explanation

fluviology study of watercourses fluxional variable; inconstant

flype to strip back; to turn partially inside out

flysch sandstone deposit

focimeter instrument for measuring focal length of a lens

fodient of, like or pertaining to digging

foehn dry wind that blows down from mountaintops

foeticide killing a fetus

foetiferous bearing or carrying a fetus

fogram antiquated

foin to thrust with a sword or spear

foinery fencing; swordplay foison plenty; plentiful yield foliaceous bearing leaves; leaf-like

foliate to cover with leaf metal; to number the leaves of

foliferous bearing leaves foliform shaped like a leaf

foliophagous eating leaves; eating folios of books

folkloristics study of folklore and fables

fontinal growing near springs fooliaminy collective term for fools foolocracy government by fools

foothot hastily; immediately; on the spot

footlambert unit of luminance of a surface emitting one lumen

per square foot

footle to waste time; to act foolishly

footling inept; trivial foraminate to pierce

foraminated perforated or pierced with small holes

foraminiferous bearing foramina

foraneous of, like or pertaining to forums

forby past; near

forcipate of, like or pertaining to forceps

forcipiform shaped like forceps fore at an earlier time or period

forebitt post for fastening cables at a ship's foremast

forecabin cabin in fore part of ship

forecastle short raised deck at fore end of ship; fore of ship under

main deck

forecome to come early; to come before

forefoot foremost end of ship's keel forel parchment for covering books

foremast mast nearest the bow of a ship

foresail lowest sail set on the foremast of square-rigged ship

foreshots first liquid to come out of a still

forestay stay leading from the foremast to the bow of a ship forfaiting export finance where debts on goods are transacted

forfend to ward off or avert

forfex a pair of scissors or pincers

forficate forked; like scissors

forficulate like scissors

forinsecal foreign; alien; extrinsic

forisfamiliate to emancipate from parental authority formant anything that limits, determines or defines

formate to join or fly in a formation formic of, like or pertaining to ants

formicate resembling an ant

formication sensation like ants crawling on the skin

formicide substance that kills ants formicine of, like or pertaining to ants

formivorous eating ants fornicate vaulted or arched forsooth in truth; indeed forswink to exhaust by labour

fortalice fortress; small outwork of a fortification

forthwith immediately

fortuitism belief in evolution by chance variation

foss ditch, moat, trench or canal

fossarian clergyman moonlighting as a gravedigger to search by turning over earth or rock

fossiliferous bearing fossils

fossor grave-digger

fossorial adapted for digging fossulate grooved; pitted foudroyant thundering; dazzling

fougade piece of improvised artillery

foulard soft lightweight plain-woven or twilled silk fabric

foulé light woollen fulled cloth

foumart polecat

fourchette anything forked fourgon baggage-wagon

foursquare forthright

fouter to mess about with aimlessly

fovea depression or pit

foveate pitted

foveiform shaped like a depression or pit

fractionalism the state of consisting of discrete units

fractious irritable; peevish

fragor a crash

francomania craze or obsession with France and the French

Francophile one who loves France or the French

Francophobia fear of France or the French

frangible easily broken

frankalmoign land tenure requiring religious obligations on part of

tenant

frantling mating call of a peacock

frap to draw a sail tight with ropes or cables frazil ground-ice; ice in small spikes in streams

freeboard distance between waterline and main deck of a ship

freestone building stone difficult to split into layers

fremescent growling or muttering

fremitus vibration; rumbling

frescade a cool walk; cool or shady place

fresnel unit of optical frequency equal to one terahertz

fretum strait

friable easily crumbled or pulverized fricandeau thick slice of veal or similar meat

frieze rough heavy woollen cloth frigiferous bearing or bringing cold frigolabile susceptible to the cold frigorific causing cold; freezing

fringillaceous of, like or pertaining to finches

fringilliform resembling a finch

fringilline of, like or pertaining to finches

frisson shiver; shudder; thrill

frist delay or respite, as for debt repayment

frit material from which glass is made

frith peace; sanctuary

fritiniency the noise of insects

frogmarch to carry an uncooperative drunkard or prisoner

frondescence the formation of leaves frondiferous bearing or producing fronds

frondose having or like leaves

frontal cloth hanging over front of altar

frontogenesis creation of a weather front by meeting of air currents

frostwork delicate figures and patterns in which frost forms on

surfaces

frottage rubbing, especially for sexual gratification

froward turned away; self-willed; unreasonable; perverse; adverse

frowst to luxuriate in hot stuffiness and stupefaction

fructiferous bearing fruit fructivorous feeding on fruit

fructuary person enjoying the fruits of anything

fructuation coming to fruit or bearing of fruit

fructuous fruitful

frugiferous bearing fruit

frugivorous eating fruit

frumentaceous resembling wheat or other grain

frumentarious of, like or pertaining to corn

frutescent like or resembling a shrub

fruticose shrubby fub to put off; to fob

fucivorous eating seaweed fucoid shaped like seaweed

fuero code or body of laws; a constitution fug hot; close; smoky state of atmosphere

fugacious inclined to run away or flee

fuji plain spun silk fabric

fulcible capable of being propped up fulciform shaped like or resembling a prop

fulcrate supported with fulcrums

fulgent shining; bright

fulgid flashing fulgorous flashing fulgour splendour

fulgural of, like or pertaining to lightning

fulgurate to flash like lightning fulgurous resembling lightning

fuliginous sooty; dusky

fuligo soot

fuliguline of, like or pertaining to sea ducks

fullonical of, like or pertaining or belonging to a fuller

fulminate express loudly; explode violently

fulmineous of, like or pertaining to thunder and lightning fulsome nauseatingly affectionate, admiring or praiseful

fulvous dull yellow; tawny

fumage hearth-tax

fumarole hole emitting gases in a volcanic region

fumatorium a place for smoking fumet the scent of game when high fumiduct smoke vent; smokestack

fumosity condition of fuming; an exhalation

funambulism tightrope walking; show of mental agility functionalism doctrine emphasising utility and function

fundiform shaped like a sling fundus the bottom of anything

funebral of, like or pertaining to a funeral

funest deadly; lamentable

fungible interchangeable fungiform shaped like a fungus

fungous of or like fungus; soft; spongy

funicular of, like or pertaining to a string or cable

funipendulous hanging by a rope or cord

furacious thievish furcate forked

furciferous bearing a fork

furciferous bearing a forked appendage; rascally

furcular shaped like a fork furfur dandruff or scurf furfuraceous branny; scaly furibund raging; furious

furnicular hanging from a rope or cable furuncular of, like or pertaining to boils

furunculoid like a boil

fusain fine charcoal used in drawing

fuscous brown; tawny; dingy

fusee spindle in a watch on which the chain is wound

fusiform shaped like a spindle fusillation death by shooting fustian coarse twilled cotton

fustian pretentious writing or speech

fustigate to cudgel

fustilarian a term of abuse futtock rib of a ship

futurition future existence; time to come

futurology study of future

Word Definition

gabardine closely woven cotton or wool twill

gabbart barge

gabble to chatter or talk inarticulately

gabbro granular igneous rock

gabelle a salt tax

gabion wicker or wire basket of earth or rock gablock spur attached to the heel of a fighting cock gad to wander about idly or in pursuit of pleasure

gadarene headlong; precipitate

gadoid of, resembling or pertaining to the cod

gadroon embossed decoration or fluting on silverware

gadzookery the use of archaisms in literature

gadzooks mild oath

gaff spar on which head of fore-and-aft sail is extended

gaff-topsail triangular topsail with its foot extended upon the gaff

gage token of defiance or challenge; thing deposited as pledge of performance unit of acceleration of one centimeter per second per second aal of, like or pertaining to or obtained from milk galactic galactoid like or resembling milk; milky galactometer instrument for measuring specific gravity of milk galactophagist milk drinker galactophorous bearing or carrying milk shadow play galanty galatea striped cotton galeanthropy belief that one is a cat galeated shaped like a helmet galeiform shaped like a helmet galère group of undesirable people; unpleasant situation topped by a hat-like covering galericulate galilee porch in front of church galimatias nonsense; confused mixture of unrelated things to fill in mortar joints with small pebbles gallet galliard sprightly Renaissance and Baroque dance galliard brisk; gallant; lively gallimaufry a mixture of different things; hodge-podge gallinaceous of or resembling pheasants and other domestic birds gallionic uncaring; indifferent small galley galliot small medicine jar gallipot to bring wine to standard proportions gallize gallomania craze or obsession with France and the French lace trim or binding material galloon Gallophile one who loves France or the French gallophobia fear of France or the French lively double-time dance galop galvanometer instrument for measuring electrical current galvanoscope instrument for detecting presence and direction of electric current gambado bound or spring of a horse; fantastic movement gambeson ancient leather or guilted coat worn as armour gambrel crooked stick used by butchers for hanging carcasses horse's hock gambrel roof having a pentagonal gable gambrel gambroon twilled worsted and cloth gametogenesis formation of gametes sexual; sexually produced gamic worship of marriage gamidolatry street urchin; precocious imp gamin playful; impish; boyish gaminesque gamma unit of magnetic flux density equal to one nanotesla

gammadion figure comprised of capital gammas; swastika

gammicism inability or hardship in pronouncing letters 'g' and 'k'

gammon to feign an action; perpetrate a hoax on

gamogenesis sexual reproduction

gamomania obsession with issuing odd marriage proposals

gamophagia destruction of one gamete by another

gamophobia fear of marriage

gangue worthless rock in which valuable metals occur gangway either of the sides of the upper deck of a ship

ganister flint-like rock used to surface roads

ganoid having shiny smooth scales ganosis reduction in shininess of marble gantline rope used in single-block hoist

gantry shelving for barrels; shelf where drinks are displayed

gaposis gap in a row of buttons or snaps

gar mild oath

garboard plank on a ship's bottom next to the keel

garbology study of garbage

garçonniere bachelor apartment

gardyloo warning cry gargarize to gargle

garner granary; store of anything garnetiferous bearing garnets

garret room just under the roof of a house; attic

gasconade to brag or boast gasconism boastfulness

gasiform of the form or shape of gas

gasometer instrument for holding and measuring gases

gastriloguist ventriloguist

gastroenterology study of stomach; intestines gastrolatry gluttony; excessive love of food

gastrolith stone ingested by an animal to aid in digestion

gastrology good eating; cookery

gastromancy divination by sounds from the belly

gastronomy study of fine dining

gastropod mollusks including snails; slugs; whelks

gastroscope instrument for examining interior of the stomach

gastrosopher a person skilled in matters of eating

gat opening or strait between two sandbanks

gatefold oversized page in a book

gaucherie awkward or socially unacceptable remark

gaud trick or practical joke

gauffer to make pleats or ripples in material gauleiter overbearing wielder of petty authority

gault heavy clay used for bricks gaumless stupid; witless; vacant

gaur wild ox unit of magnetic flux density equal to 1/10000 tesla gauss force-feeding of poultry gavage land inheritance by all sons in equal portion gavelkind gavotte moderate tempo French peasant dance gawdelpus helpless person silk organza fabric gazar geal of, like or pertaining or pertaining to the earth gegenschein glow of zodiacal light seen opposite the sun geist spirit; intellectual inclination pollination of a flower by another flower on the same geitonogamy plant gelasin dimple in the cheek that appears when one smiles of, like or pertaining to or provoking laughter gelastic solidification by cooling gelation gelid extremely cold gelogenic tending to produce laughter geloscopy fortune-telling by means of laughter twinned; occurring in pairs aemel gemelliparous having given birth to twins gement groaning, lamenting geminate to double; to arrange in pairs geminiform paired; double gemma bud from which a new plant can grow gemmate to deck with gems gemmation budding gemmeous of, like or pertaining to gems; like a gem gemmiferous bearing gems gemmology study of gems and jewels smooth worsted varn genappe head of a family or clan genarch generalate the office of a general genesic of, like or pertaining to procreation or the genitals study of reproduction and heredity genesiology genethliacon birthday ode genethlialogy the art of casting horoscopes mother; female ancestor genetrix geniculate bent like a knee; jointed geniophobia fear of chins aenitive indicating possession, origin or relation large jib that overlaps the mainsail genoa fear of sex genophobia genouillère jointed knee-piece of armour gentilitian belonging to a race or clan gentrification movement of middle class to working class area geocarpy the production or ripening of fruit underground

aeocentrism belief that Earth is the centre of the universe geochemistry study of chemistry of the earth's crust geochronology study of measuring geological time of, like or pertaining to the rotation and revolution of the geocyclic Earth geodesy earth measurement on a large scale rock chipped naturally that looks like an artifact geofact geogenous growing on the ground science of the formation of the earth's crust geogeny knowledge of the general structure of the earth geognosy study of formation of the earth geogony theory of the formation of the earth geogony figure of the earth geoid earth-worship geolatry study of earth's crust geology geomancy divination by casting earth onto a surface geomorphogeny study of the origins of land forms geophagy practice of feeding on soil; dirt-eating geophilous living in or near the ground geophone device for detecting sound waves underground plant that grows in the earth geophyte geoponic agricultural geoponics study of agriculture georgette thin silk of, like or pertaining to agricultural or rustic affairs; rural; georgic agrarian geoscopy examination or analysis of soil geoselenic of, like or pertaining to both the Earth and the moon geostrophic of, like or pertaining to deflection due to effects of Earth's rotation aeotaxis response of an organism to gravity study of increasing habitability of the earth geotechnics geothermometer instrument for measuring subterranean temperatures gerascophobia fear of growing old geratology study of decadence and decay gerdoying imitation sound of a crash gerendum something that is to be done one that rules or manages gerent of one's parents' siblings german love or fondness for Germany or the Germans Germanophilia germicide substance that kills germs gerocomy study of old age geromorphism appearing to be older than one's actual age

government by the aged

of, like or pertaining to the Old World

gerontocracy

gerontogenous

gerontology study of the elderly; aging

gerontophilia sexual attraction towards the elderly

gerrymander to divide electoral districts for one's own political

gain

gesso plaster of Paris used in painting gestatorial of, like or pertaining to carrying gestic of, like or pertaining to gestures

geta wooden-soled Japanese shoe gewgaw toy; trifling object; bauble ghawazi Egyptian dancing girls

giaour one who does not follow the Islamic faith; unbeliever gib wedge-shaped piece of metal that holds another in place

gibbet gallows

gibbous hump-backed; humped; swollen

gibus hat worn to the opera gid brain disease suffered by sheep

gig light two-wheeled one-horse carriage

giganticide killing of a giant gigantology study of giants gigantology giant-lore

gigantomachy war of giants against the gods

gigot leg of mutton

gigue lively Baroque dance in triple time

gilbert unit of magnetomotive force

gilderoy proud person gilliver wallflower

gimbals arrangement of rings allowing free motion of supported

object

gimcrack trick; trivial mechanism

gimmal ring that can be divided into two or three rings

gingham striped cotton cloth

ginglymus joint that permits movement in one plane only

ginnel narrow alley between high buildings

ginnery place where cotton is ginned

girandole branched chandelier or similar structure girasol fire-opal that glows like fire in certain light

glabrous hairless; smooth

glaciology study of ice ages and glaciation glacis a gentle slope in fortification

gladiate shaped like a sword

glair egg white used as medium for binding paint

glaireous slimy; viscous

glandiferous bearing acorns or nuts glandiform gland-shaped; acorn-shaped

glanduliferous bearing glands

glareous gravelly; growing on gravel

glaucous sea-green; greyish-blue

glebe church land granted to clergyman

glebe sod; the soil

glebous earthy; full of clods gleed hot coal; burning ember

gleek a trick or joke

gleet mucus discharge from the urethra glenoid slightly cupped; socket-shaped

gliriform resembling a rodent

glirine rodent-like; of, like or pertaining to rodents

glissade moving on snow without skis

gloaming period between sunset and full night; dusk

globuliferous bearing globules

glochidiate bristled; barbed

glomerate packed or bunched together

glossa the tongue

glossographer writer of short explanatory notes or glosses

glossoid like a tongue

glossology study of language; study of the tongue

glossophagine eating using the tongue

glottogonic of, like or pertaining to the origins of language

glozing flattery; deceit

gluconeogenesis production of glucose from non-carbohydrates

glumiferous bearing glumes

glutinous gluey; sticky glutition swallowing

glycogenesis production of glycogen

glyptic of, like or pertaining to carving or gem-engraving

glyptography the art of engraving on gems

glyptology study of gem engravings

gnathal of, like or pertaining to the jaws

gnathion tip of the chin gnathonic flattering

gnomic signifying general truth; pertaining to aphorisms or

proverbs

gnomology collection of aphorisms, proverbs and short poems

gnomon upright rod of a sundial

gnomonics the art of measuring time using sundials

gnosiology study of knowledge; philosophy of knowledge

gnosis knowledge; especially spiritual

gnosticism belief that freedom derives solely from knowledge

gnotobiology study of life in germ-free conditions

goatish lustful; foolish

godet triangular piece of cloth inserted in a skirt

goetic of, like or pertaining to black magic goitrous affected by or pertaining to goitre

goldenrod dark golden yellow wandering student goliard riotous or lustful behaviour goliardy goluptious delightful; luscious gomphiasis looseness of the teeth gomphosis growth of teeth into the bone cavity gonalgia knee pain gonfalon ensign with streamers hung from a horizontal bar gonfalonier standard-bearer aoniometer instrument for measuring angles between faces gonoph pickpocket; thief piece of armour for the throat gorget gorgoneion representation of the gorgon's head gorgonize to turn into stone; to paralyze with one's gaze gormandism gluttony gormless dull or unintelligent assembly for granting awards to Welsh bards gorsedd gorsoon boy-servant gossypine cottony gouache opaque watercolour paint gowk a cuckoo; a fool grabble search with the hand; grope graben a rift valley gracility slenderness gradatim step by step one who regulates things by means of statistics gradgrind gradin a rising tier of seats in a theatre gradiometer instrument for measuring gradient of a physical quantity part of mass between epistle and gospel gradual gradualism belief that things proceed by degrees Graecomania obsession with Greece and the Greeks grafology divination by studying writing grain unit of weight equal to 1/7000 of a pound graip pitchfork; dungfork grallatory of, like or pertaining to wading birds magic; enchantment gramary expression of gratitude or surprise gramercy of, like or pertaining to grass; grassy gramineous graminivorous feeding on grass or cereals graminology study of grasses

word represented by a single sign; logogram

worship of letters and words

grammatology study of systems of writing grandeval of great age; ancient

grammaticaster a piddling grammarian

grammalogue

grammatolatry

grandiloquent bombastic

grandinous full of hail; consisting of hail grandisonant pompous-sounding

grangerize to cut plates out of many books to illustrate one

granivorous feeding on seeds granuliferous bearing granules grapheme a letter of the alphabet

graphemics study of systems of representing speech in writing

grapholagnia obsession with obscene pictures

graphology study of handwriting

graphomania obsession with writing

graphophobia fear of writing graphospasm writer's cramp

graphel small anchor used for dragging or grappling graptomancy divination by studying handwriting

grassing bleaching by exposure on grass

graticulation division of design into squares when scaling

gratis without charge; for free grattoir scraper made of flint

gratulatory congratulatory

grauncher clumsy and incompetent mechanic

graupel frozen rain or snowflakes

gravamen grievance; grounds of legal complaint

graveolent rank-smelling; fetid

gravid pregnant

gravimeter instrument for measuring variations in gravitational fields

gravimetrical of, like or pertaining to measuring by weight gray unit of absorbed dose of ionizing radiation equal to 100 rads

greave armour for the shin

greaves tallow waste

gregal of, like or pertaining to a flock

gregatim in flocks

greige of a grey-beige colour

gremial intimate; pertaining to the lap or bosom

grenadine thin silk

gressorial adapted for walking

gricer train-spotter or railway enthusiast

gridelin violet-grev

griffade sudden seizure with the claws

grillage framework of timber

grilse salmon first returning to the river from the sea

grimgribber learned gibberish; legal jargon grimoire magician's book for summoning spirits

grinagog one who is constantly grinning

gripulous grasping; greedy

grisaille style of painting in grey tints

ariseous pearl-grey or blue-grey; grizzled grith sanctuary; asylum grithbreach breach of the peace grobianism slovenly boorishness groggery low public-house old or veteran soldier grognard coarse loosely woven silk fabric grogram of, like or pertaining to surveys or surveying gromatic gromatics science of surveying grosgrain heavy close-woven corded silk deep gully in peat moor area grough groundage a charge on a ship in port groundling person of inferior taste; commoner groundprox altitude warning system in aircraft groundsel lowest timber of a structure groupuscule small clique or faction to root or grub with the snout grout a retreat for times of ill humour growlery wooden breakwater groyne grufted dirty: begrimed of, like or pertaining to cranes or similar birds gruine grum morose; surly clotted; lumpy grumous bearing dung guaniferous of a heraldic animal turned to side with head facing the quardant viewer guarish to heal metal pin or bearing connecting rudder to a boat gudgeon a person easily cheated gudgeon reward; recompense guerdon guéridon small ornate table or stand guérite chair with raised back forming a hood guichet ticket window or similar small opening pennant with rounded outer edge auidon guignol something intended to horrify people to decorate with intersecting curved lines guilloche wide cloth covering neck and shoulders worn by nuns guimpe lace having no ground or mesh guipure heraldic name for the colour red gules gulix kind of fine linen place where gulls breed gullery gluttony; greed gulosity credulous person; simpleton aulpin gummiferous bearing gum gummosity gumminess

feeding on tree saps

gumnivorous

gunarchy government by women; gynarchy gunnage number of guns carried on a warship

gunwale upper edge of the side of a ship

gurgitate to bubble; to boil

gurgitation surging

gurlet pickaxe with one pointed and one bladed end guttate spotted; having drops or droplike markings

guttatim drop by drop

guttation release of drops of moisture

guttiferous exuding drops guttiform shaped like a drop

gutturotetany spasm in the throat causing stutter

guyot flat-topped underwater mountain gybe to swing a sail from one side to another

gyle fermenting vat for beer

gymnasiarch the head of a gymnasium

gymnasiarchy government over a school or academy

gymnasiast a pupil in a gymnasium

gymnobiblism belief that the Bible can be presented to unlearned

without commentary

gymnophobia fear of nudity

gymnosophy deep contemplation performed while naked

gynaecide killing of women

gynaecocracy government by women; gynarchy

gynaecology study of women's physiology

gynaecomania abnormal sexual obsession with women gynandroid hermaphroditic; being of or resembling both sexes

gynarchy government by women gynics knowledge of women

gyniolatry deep respect or devotion for women

gynocentric focused on or concerned with women

gynocracy government by women; gynarchy

gynotikolobomassophile one who nibbles on women's earlobes

gypsiferous bearing gypsum

gyrograph instrument for counting a wheel's revolutions

gyroidal spiral; rotatory

gyromancy divination by falling from dizziness

gyron triangular heraldic charge

gyrose having a folded surface; marked with wavy lines

gyrostatics the study of rotating bodies

gyrus convoluted ridge between two grooves

gyve to fetter; to shackle

habanera slow and seductive Cuban dance

habergeon sleeveless mail coat habilable capable of being clothed habilatory of, like or pertaining to clothes or dressing

habile dexterous; adroit

habiliment attire

habilitate to equip or finance; to qualify

habromania insanity featuring cheerful delusions hachure shading or lines showing a slope on a map

hackle comb for flax or hemp

hackney four-wheeled two-horse carriage

hadal parts of the ocean below 6000 metres

hadeharia constant use of the word "hell"

haecceity aspect of existence on which individuality depends

haemal of, like or pertaining to blood

haemataulics study of movement of blood through blood vessels

haemathermal warm-blooded

haematic blood-coloured

haematogenesis production of blood

haemophilia hereditary disease causing excessive bleeding

hagiarchy government by saints or holy persons

hagiocracy government by holy men

hagiolatry worship or reverence for saints

hagiology study of saints

hagiomania mania for sainthood

hagioscope opening in wall to enable viewing of altar

hakenkreuz swastika

halation blurring in a photograph due to light reflection

halcyonine of, like or pertaining to kingfishers

halfpace landing or broad step

halibiotic of, like or pertaining to the entirety of life under the sea

halieutic of, like or pertaining to fishing

halieutics study of fishing haligraphy treatise on salt halitosis bad breath halitous vaporous

halitus vapour; breath

hallux big toe

halolimnic of, like or pertaining to sea creatures who spend time in

fresh water

halomancy divination using salt

halophilous tolerant of salt or salt-water

halyard rope or tackle for hoisting and lowering sails hamarchy government by a cooperative body of parts hamartia flaw in a character leading to his downfall

hamartiology study of sin

hamartiology section of theology dealing with sin

hamate hooked

hamble to mutilate a dog by cutting of the balls of its feet

hambo Swedish folk dance in three-four time

hame curved projection attached to the collar of a draft horse

hamiform shaped like a hook

hamose hooked

hamshackle to fetter; to restrain

hamular like a small hook

hamulate tipped with a small hook

hamulus a small hook or hook-like process

hanap chalice used in communion whose cover is a second

chalice

hanaster one who paid the entrance fee for Oxford's medieval

merchant's guild

handfast a firm grip; a contract handlist list without detail

handsel inaugural gift; first installment or payment

handspike bar used as a lever

hank series of rings or clips for attaching a jib or staysail to a stay

hansom light two-wheeled cab

hapax word which occurs only once hapaxanthous flowering only once

haplography omission of words or lines in recopying text

haplology omission of a doubled or similar sound or syllable in a word

haptic of, like or pertaining to the sense of touch

haptometer instrument measuring sensitivity to touch

haptotropic curving in response to touch haqueton stuffed jacket worn under mail

hardihood boldness; audacity

hardparts skeletal parts of an organism harengiform shaped like a herring

hariolate to divine; to foretell

hark to pay close attention; to listen

harl barb of feather used to make artificial fishing fly

harmonics study of musical acoustics

harmoniphone keyboard instrument with reeds

harmonograph instrument drawing curves representing vibrations harmonometer instrument measuring harmonic relations of sounds

harn coarse linen harpagon harpoon

harridan sharp-tongued; scolding woman

harrier medium-sized scenting dog for hunting hares

harry to plunder; to ravage; to destroy

haruspication divination by inspecting animal entrails

haslock wool on sheep's throat and neck

haslot cooked animal entrails

hassock kneeling cushion in a church

hastate spear-shaped

hatchment coat of arms of a deceased person

hauberk long chain mail coat

haulm stems of plants or straw collectively

haurient rising as if to breathe

haussmannize to open out; to rebuild haustellum sucking proboscis or sucking end

haustorial having a sucking proboscis

haut high; haughty

hauteur haughtiness; arrogance havelock white cover for a military cap

haversack bag worn over the shoulder for carrying provisions

havier castrated deer

hawkshaw detective

hawse distance between ship's bow and its anchor

hawsehole hole for ship's cable

hawser large rope for mooring or towing a ship

haycock conical pile of hay in a field

haysel hay season

headborough petty constable headland cape; point; promontory

headsail sail set forward of the foremast of a ship

headstock device for supporting end or head of a member

heapstead buildings and places around a mine shaft hearsecloth cloth lain over coffin during funeral

heartsome exhilarating; merry

hebamic of, like or pertaining to the socratic method

hebdomadally every week

hebenon anything with poisonous juices

hebephrenia form of dementia occurring at puberty

hebetate to make dull or obtuse

hebetic of, like or pertaining to puberty

hebetude stupidity

hecatarchy government by one hundred people; hecatontarchy

hecatomb large sacrifice or slaughter; killing of one hundred animals

or people

hecatontarchy government by one hundred people hector to intimidate by bluster, pomp or arrogance heddle series of vertical cords to receive warp-thread

hederaceous of, like or pertaining to ivy hederated crowned with a wreath of ivy

hederiferous ivy-bearing hederiform shaped like ivy hednon wedding present

hedonics part of ethics or psychology dealing with pleasure

hedonism belief that pleasure is the highest good

heeler a worker for a local politician or political party

hegemony leadership of one state within a confederacy

hegumene head of a nunnery

hekistotherm plant which can grow in very cold environments

helcoid ulcerous

helcology study of ulcers

heliac solar; coincident with that of the sun

helicograph instrument for drawing spirals on a plane

helicoid screw-shaped; like a coil

helicon bass tuba

helicosophy geometry that deals with spirals

helictite twisted; branching stalactite heliofugal moving away from the sun

heliograph instrument for measuring intensity of sunlight

heliolatry sun worship

heliology science of the sun

heliometer instrument for measuring apparent diameter of the sun

heliophilous preferring or attracted to the sunlight

heliophobia fear of sunlight

heliosciophyte plant that thrives in sun better than shade

helioscope instrument for observing sun without injury to the eyes helioseismology study of sun's interior by observing its surface oscillations

heliosis exposure to the sun; sunburn

heliotaxis response of an organism to the sun's rays

heliotrope purplish hue; purplish-flowered plant; ancient sundial;

signalling mirror

heliotropism movement of plants towards sunlight

helix screw-shaped coil

Hellenomania obsession with Greece and the Greeks; Graecomania

hellkite kite of infernal breed; extremely cruel person

helm ship's steering wheel

helminth worm

helminthiasis infestation with worms

helminthology study of worms

helobious living in marshes or moors

helotage the state of helots or being enslaved

helotry class of slaves

helve handle of an axe or similar tool

hemacytometer instrument for counting blood cells

hematology study of blood

hematomancy divination using blood

hemeralopia day-blindness; vision requiring dim light

hemerology calendar

hemialgia pain in one side of the body alone

hemianopsia blindness in one eye

hemiolic based on the ratio of 3 to 2 hemiplegic paralyzed on one side only

hemistich half a verse line hemitery congenital deformity hendecagon eleven-sided figure

hendecarchy government by eleven people

hendiadys expression of adjective and noun as two adjectives henism doctrine that there is only one kind of existence henotheism belief in one tribal god, but not as the only god henotic tending to unify or reconcile; promoting harmony

henry unit of electrical inductance

hent to grasp; to seize

heortology study of religious feasts

hepatic of, like or pertaining to or acting upon the liver

hepatology study of liver

hepatoscopy divination by examining animal livers

hephaestic of, like or pertaining to iron-working and blacksmiths

heptamerous having parts in sevens heptarchy government by seven people hepteris ship with seven rows of oars

herbarium collection of preserved plants and herbs

herbescent growing like an herb herborize to gather or tend herbs herbose abounding with herbs

hercogamy prevention of self-pollination in plants herdic low-hung carriage with back entrance hereditament property that may pass on to an heir

heresiarch leader of a heretical movement

heresiology study of heresies

hereticaster a petty or contemptible heretic

hereticate to denounce as heretical

hereticide killing of heretics

heretofore until now

heriot payment to feudal lord upon death of tenant farmer

hérissé bristled

herisson swinging beam bearing iron spikes

herm head or bust of Hermes with a big wang on a square base

hermeneutic of, like or pertaining to the interpretation of passages

hermetic of, like or pertaining to sorcery or alchemy

heroarchy government by heroes

heroon temple to a hero; temple-shaped tomb

herpetic creeping

herpetiform resembling or shaped like a reptile

herpetoid of, like or pertaining to snakes

herpetology study of reptiles and amphibians

herpetophobia fear of snakes

herringbone twilled fabric woven in rows of parallel sloping lines

hesternal of, like or pertaining to yesterday

hesternopothia yearning for yesterday or earlier times hesychastic keeping silence; soothing or quieting

hetaera paramour; prostitute; concubine hetaerocracy government by paramours

hetairism concubinage; system of communal marriage

heterarchy government by a foreign ruler

heterism variation

heterochrony divergence from normal time sequence

heteroclitous irregularly inflected

heterodymus conjoined twins with two heads and torsos but one

pair of legs

heterodyne interference due to different wave frequencies

heteroecious parasitism upon several hosts heteroepy irregular or non-standard pronunciation heterogenesis spontaneous or alternate generation

heterology differences due to different origin

heteronomous subject to different or foreign laws

heteronym word having same spelling but different sound and

meaning

heteropathy excessive sensitivity

heterophemy accidental use of word different from that meant

heteroscian dweller of a temperate zone heterotaxis anomalous arrangement of body parts

heterothermal taking the temperature of the surroundings

heterotrichosis having hair of varied or mixed colours

heterotropic squinting

heuristic helping to discover by trial and error

hexactinal having six rays

hexaemeron period of six days of creation

hexamerous having six parts

hexametromania mania for writing in hexameter

hexastichal having six lines or rows hexeris galley with six rows of oars heyday expression of elation or wonder

hiant gaping

hibernaculum winter retreat

hibernal of, like or pertaining to winter

hidation measuring or assessing land by hides hide old unit of land area equal to 120 acres

hidrotic causing or exuding sweat hiemal of, like or pertaining to winter

hieratical priestly; bound by religious convention

hierocracy government by priests or religious ministers

hierodule temple slave

hierogram sacred or hieroglyphic symbol hierography description of sacred things hierolatry worship of saints or sacred things

hierology science of sacred matters

hieromachy fight or quarrel between priests

hieromancy divination by studying objects offered in sacrifice

hieromania pathological religious visions or delusions hieromonach monk who also serves as a priest hieropathic pertaining to a strong love of the clergy hierophant one who shows or reveals sacred things

hierophobia fear of sacred things hieroscopy divination using entrails hierurgy sacred performance

highbinder a scheming or corrupt politician hight named; called; to command or call

hilasmic propitiatory

himation loose outer garment worn by ancient Greeks

hindermate companion who is a hindrance

hindforemost with the back part in the front place

hinnable able to neigh or whinny hiplings with the hips foremost hipparchy rule or control of horses

hipped melancholy; peevish; offended

hippiatric of, like or pertaining to the treatment of horses' diseases

hippiatrics study of diseases of horses hippic of, like or pertaining to horses hippocras medieval hot spiced wine hippocrepian horseshoe-shaped

hippocrepiform shaped like a horseshoe

hippodamist horse-tamer

hippoid equine; of, like or pertaining to horses

hippology the study of horses

hippomancy divination using horses hippomania obsession with horses

hippometer instrument to measure height of horses

hippomobile horse-drawn vehicle hippophagy feeding on horses

hippophile lover of horses

hippophobe hater of horses

hircine goat-like; having a goatish smell; of, like or pertaining to

smelly goats

hircismus stinky armpits hircosity goatishness hirrient roughly trilled

hirsute having or covered with coarse shaggy hair

hirsuties hairiness

hirudine of, like or pertaining to leeches hirudinean of, like or pertaining to leeches hirundine of, like or pertaining to swallows

hispid rough with or covered with strong hairs or bristles

hist expression used to attract attention

histogenesis the formation or differentiation of tissues

histology study of the tissues of organisms

histopathology study of changes in tissue due to disease

historicism belief that all phenomena are historically determined

historiography study of writing history

historiology study of history

histrionic of, like or pertaining to the stage or actors

hither to this place

hithermost nearest on this side hitherside the nearest side

hoary pale silver-grey colour; grey with age

hobbish clownish

hobbledehoy awkward; gawky youth

hobnail thick and strong nail for shoeing horses

hobohemia community of hoboes

hod V-shaped trough for carrying bricks or mortar on the shoulders

hodden coarse undyed woollen cloth

hodiernal of, like or pertaining to the present day hodometry measurement of distance of a sea voyage

hodoscope instrument for tracing paths of ionizing particles

hoggaster young sheep, hog, or boar hogget one-year-old sheep or colt

hoggin sifted gravel

hogmanay gift or cake made on New Year's Eve hogshead unit of capacity equal to 63 gallons holderbat clamp fixed around sides of pipe

holism belief that fundamental universal principle is creation of

wholes

holland coarse plain-woven cotton or linen

holm island in a river

holobaptism belief in baptism with total immersion in water

holobenthic passing entire life in the deep ocean

holocryptic inscrutable; undecipherable

holograph text written entirely in its author's handwriting holophrase single word expressing sentence or phrase

holoptic having the eyes meeting in front

holosteric totally solid holt woody hill or grove

holystone sandstone material used to scrape ships' decks homaloidal of the nature of a plane; flat; plane-shaped

homarine of, like or pertaining to lobsters

homeomerous composed of similar parts

homeoteleuton the use or occurrence of similar endings

homichlophobia fear of fog

homiletical of, like or pertaining to homilies

homiletics the art of preaching homiliary book of sermons

hominiform shaped like a human

hommock ridge in an ice field homnivorous eating humans

homocentric having the same central or focal point

homochiral identically shaped homodont having teeth all alike

homograph words spelled the same but of different meaning

homoiousia similarity but not identicality in substance homolegomena books of the Bible used in early Christianity

homologate to confirm; to agree; to ratify

homomerous possessing similar parts or components

homonym words having the same sound but different meanings

homoousia identicality in substance

homophile one who prefers the company of the same sex; a

homosexual

homophobia fear of homosexuals

homophyly resemblance due to common ancestry

homoplasty resemblance due to convergent evolution

homotaxic arranged in a similar manner honorificabilitudinity honourableness hoplarchy government by the military

hoplite a heavily armed Greek foot soldier

hoplology the study of weapons

hoplomachy fighting while heavily armoured hopple to restrain by tying the feet together

hopsack rough-surfaced loose fabric

hora circle dance

horal of, like or pertaining to hours; hourly

horary of, like or pertaining to an hour; continuing for an hour;

hourly

hordeaceous of, like or pertaining to barley

hordeiform shaped like a barleycorn

horme goal-directed or purposive behaviour

hornbook rudimentary treatise

hornito low oven

hornpipe lively British folk dance

hornwork cuckoldry

horography art of constructing sundials or clocks

horology science of time measurement

horometry time measurement

horrent bristling

horrescent expressing or showing horror

horripilation process causing goose-bumps

horrisonant dreadful-sounding hortatory giving exhortation or advice hortensial of, like or pertaining to gardens hortulan of, like or pertaining to gardens

hospitate to greet; to welcome

hospitium hospice

hotchpot aggregation of property prior to equal division among heirs

houghmagandy fornication

houndstooth fabric with an irregular checked pattern

hourd timber gallery on summit of castle tower

housal belonging to the house

housel the eucharist; the act of taking the eucharist

howbeit although

howdah seat with a canopy erected on an elephant's back

hoy large one-decked boat

hoyden tomboy

huckaback absorbent cotton or linen used for towels

huggery the action of hugging

huitain group of eight lines of verse

hula sinuous Polynesian dance with rhythmic hip movements

hulchy swollen

humanism belief that human interests and mind are paramount humanitarianism doctrine that the highest moral obligation is to improve human welfare

humect to moisten; to cause to become moist

humectation moisture humgruffin terrible person

humicubation act of lying on the ground penitently

humify to moisten

hummock pile or ridge of ice

humoral of, like or pertaining to body fluid

humpenscrump crude musical instrument like a hurdy-gurdy

hustle lively disco dance derived from swing elements with a plus-

like pattern

hwyl emotional state capable of arousing intense eloquence

hyacinthine of a blue or purple colour hyaline glassy, of or like glass, transparent

hyalography engraving upon glass hyaloid of, like or pertaining to glass

hyalopterous having glassy or transparent wings

hydatoid watery

hydragogue removing water or serum

hydrargyrism mercury poisoning

hydric of, like or pertaining to an abundance of moisture

hydriotaphia burial in an urn

hydrobiology study of aquatic organisms hydrodynamics study of movement in liquids

hydrogenic caused or formed by water hydrogeology study of ground water

hydrognosy historical account of water surfaces of the earth

hydrography study of investigating bodies of water

hydrokinetics study of motion of fluids

hydrology study of water resources hydromancy divination using water hydromania irrational craving for water

hydrometeorology study of atmospheric moisture

hydrometer instrument for measuring specific gravity of liquids

hydropathy study of treating diseases with water

hydropathy treating diseases with water

hydrophanous becoming transparent when placed in water

hydrophilous loving or preferring water

hydrophobia fear of water hydropic dropsical; thirsty

hydroscope instrument for viewing under water hydroscopist one who divines sources of fresh water hydrospace regions beneath the oceans' surface hydrotaxis movement towards or away from water

hydrotimeter instrument for measuring water hardness

hyetal rainy; of, like or pertaining to rainfall hyetograph instrument for recording rainfall

hyetology science of rainfall

hyetometer instrument for measuring rainfall hyetometrograph instrument for recording rainfall

hygeian of, like or pertaining to health; healthy

hygeiolatry excessive devotion to health hygiastics science of health and hygiene hygiology hygienics; study of cleanliness

hygric of, like or pertaining to water or moisture

hygrograph instrument for recording variations in atmospheric

humidity

hygrology study of humidity

hygrometer instrument for measuring air moisture

hygrometry science of humidity

hygrophilous preferring or living where there is an abundance of

moisture

hygroscope instrument for displaying changes in air humidity

hygrostat machine for regulating humidity of air

hylactic barking; in a barking manner

hylarchic ruling over matter

hyle matter

hylicism materialism

hylobatine of, like or pertaining to gibbons

hylogenesis the origin of matter

hylomania excessive tendency towards materialism

hylomorphism belief that matter is cause of the universe

hylopathism belief in ability of matter to affect the spiritual world

hylophagous eating wood

hylotheism belief that the universe is purely material

hylotomous wood-cutting

hylozoism doctrine that all matter is endowed with life

hymeneal of, like or pertaining to marriage

hymnal collection of church hymns

hymnody hymns collectively; hymn-singing

hymnography study of writing hymns

hymnology study of hymns hyoid having a "U" shape

hypactic purgative

hypaethral roofless; open to the sky

hypalgesia diminished susceptibility to pain

hypallage figure in which relations between words are changed

hypaspist shield-bearing elite soldier

hyperacusis abnormally good sense of hearing

hyperalgia extreme sensitivity to pain

hyperanarchy condition of extreme anarchy hyperaphia extraordinarily keen sense of touch

hyperarchy excessive government

hyperbaton rhetorical device in which word order is reversed

hyperbole impression by extravagant exaggeration hyperborean an inhabitant of the extreme north

hyperbulia excessive zeal for action or activity

hypercatalectic having an extra syllable on the end of a line of verse

hypercathexis manic desire for a particular object

hyperdulia veneration of the Virgin Mary above saints and angels

hyperemesis excessive vomiting

hypergamy marriage of a man to a woman of lower status

hyperhidrosis excessive sweating

hypermania severe mania hypermetropia long-sightedness

hypernym word representing a class of words or things

hyperope far-sighted person

hyperosmia very keen sense of smell

hyperphagia eating too much

hyperpyrexia excessive body temperature

hypertrichologist person who treats unsightly facial hair hyphaeresis omission of sound or letter from a word

hypnagogic sleep-inducing; pertaining to drowsiness or sleep hypnoetic of, like or pertaining to unconscious logical thought

hypnogeny production of the hypnotic state

hypnoid like sleep or hypnosis

hypnology study of sleep; study of hypnosis hypnomancy divination using sleep

hypnomogia insomnia

hypnopompic of, like or pertaining to period between sleep and

wakefulness

hypnosophy knowledge of phenomena relating to sleep hypobole anticipating and refuting objections to an argument

hypobulic weak-willed; lacking willpower

hypocaust space under floor for heating by hot air

hypocorism pet-name; diminutive or abbreviated name

hypodynamia loss of strength

hypogeal underground

hypogeiody surveying underground

hypogeum underground chamber

hypogeusia diminished sense of taste

hypolimnion colder and deeper layer of water in a lake

hypomania minor mania

hypometropia shortsightedness

hyponychial underneath fingernail or toenail hyponym term which is a member of a larger class

hypophrenia weakness of mental facilities

hypostasis basis; foundation; essence

hypostrophe return to primary argument after digression

hypostyle pillar

hypotaxis dependent construction

hypothecary of, like or pertaining to mortgages hypothecate to mortgage; to place as security

hypotrichosis hairlessness

hypotyposis vivid description of a scene hypsiloid shaped like the Greek letter upsilon hypsography science of measuring heights

hypsometer instrument for measuring height of trees through

triangulation

hypsophobia fear of high places hypural situated beneath the tail

hyrax shrew

hysteresis lagging of an effect behind its cause

hysterogenic causing hysteria hysteroid like or resembling a womb

hysteromania nymphomania

hystricine of, like or pertaining to porcupines

iamatology study of remedies

iamb poetic foot consisting of short then a long syllable

ianthine violet-coloured

iatraliptic relating to the curing of diseases by means of unguents

iatramelia medical negligence

iatrarchy government by physicians

iatrochemistry application of chemistry to medical theory iatrogenic induced inadvertently by medical treatment

iatrology treatise or text on medical topics

iatromathematics archaic practice of medicine in conjunction with

astrology

iatrophobia fear of going to the doctor

ibidem in the same place

iceblink glare in the sky caused by light reflected off ice

ichneumous parasitical

ichneutic of, like or pertaining to a tracker or tracking

ichnite fossilized footprint

ichnogram footprint

ichnography art of drawing ground plans ichnology science of fossilized footprints ichnomancy divination using footprints ichthyic of, resembling or pertaining to fish

ichthyoid fishlike

ichthyolatry the worship of fish

ichthyology study of fish

ichthyomancy divination by inspecting fish entrails

ichthyomorphic shaped like a fish

ichthyophagous fish-eating ichthyopolist fish seller

iconoclasm attacking of established beliefs iconography study of drawing symbols

iconology sexual stimulation from pictures or statues

iconolatry image-worship

iconology study of icons; symbols

iconomachy opposition to the worship of images or icons

iconomancy divination using icons

iconomania obsession with icons or portraits

iconomatic using pictures to represent sounds of words

iconometer instrument for finding size of object by measuring its

image

iconophilism a taste for pictures and symbols

iconoplast one who makes images or icons

iconostasis screen or partition in Eastern churches with tiers of icons

icterical of, like or pertaining to or suffering from jaundice

icterine yellowish or marked with yellow

icterine of, like or pertaining to orioles and related birds

icteritious jaundiced; yellow ictus stress in poetry or verse

idempotent quantity which does not change when squared

ideogenous being of mental origin ideogeny study of origins of ideas

ideogram symbol that stands for a concept rather than a word

ideophone word that is spoken but not written ideopraxist one who is impelled to carry out an idea

idiochromatic having unique or distinctive coloration

idiocrasis intrinsic peculiarity or unique feature

idioglossia private language developed between children

idiograph private mark; trademark

idiolect distinctive individual form of speech

idiologism personal speech peculiarity idiomology study of idiom, jargon or dialect

idiomorphic having a unique or distinct form idiopathic disease particular to an individual

idiophone percussion instrument made of naturally resonant material

idiorhythmic self-regulating idiothermous warm-blooded

idioticon vocabulary of a particular district idolomancy divination using idols

idolomania obsession or devotion to idols idolothyte sacrifice presented to an idol idolum mental image; logical fallacy

idoneous suitable; appropriate

ifsoever if ever

ignavia laziness; laxity

ignescent capable of emitting sparks; of a volatile mood

ignicolist fire-worshipper

ignify to burn

ignipotent presiding over fire

ignivomous vomiting or spewing forth fire

ignoscency forgiveness

ignotism mistake due to ignorance ilastical propitiatory; expiatory iliac of, like or pertaining to the loins ilicic of, like or pertaining to holly

ilke kind or nature illapse to glide in illagueate to ensnare

illation the act of inferring from premises illative indicating movement into or toward

illaudable not praiseworthy

illeist one who refers to oneself in the third person

illimitable limitlessly infinite

illinition act of rubbing against or on

illiquation the melting of one thing into another illision the act of striking against something

illocution an act which is performed by speaking words

illude to trick

illuminism belief in an inward spiritual light

illusionism belief that the external world is philosophy

illutation mud bath

illuvium material dissolved in water and deposited in layers

imagism doctrine of use of precise images with unrestricted subject

imago idealized mental image of a person

imbibition the absorption of a liquid by a solid or gel

imbreviate to enroll

imbricate to lay overlapping one another

imbroglio confusing or disturbing situation; confused mass or heap

imbrue to wet or moisten

imbrute to degrade to the state of a brute

imburse to put in a purse; to pay

immanation flowing in

immanent inherent; permanently pervading the universe immanentism belief in an immanent or permanent god

immarcescible unfading; imperishable

immaterialism the doctrine that there is no material substance

immeability state of being impassable or impermeable

immerge to immerse; to dip into water

immeritous undeserving

imminution lessening; decreasing

immiseration progressive impoverishment or degradation

immission insertion; infusion immix to commingle

immoralism rejection of morality immortelle everlasting dried flower immunifacient causing immunity

immunogenetics study of genetic characteristics of immunity

immunogenic producing an immune response immunopathology study of immunity to disease

immure to imprison; to shut in

impacable not able to be guieted or appeased

impanate embodied in bread

imparidigitate having an odd number of fingers on each limb

imparlance delay in pleading for amicable adjustment

impaste to lay paint or colours thickly on

impavid fearless; undaunted

impecunious without money; penniless impedimenta things that impede; baggage

impedimentary hindering; obstructing

impennate featherless; wingless

imperscriptible not recorded; unwritten

imperseverant lacking the power to perceive impest to infest with plague or pestilence

impetrate to obtain by entreaty, request or prayer

impignorate to pledge, pawn or mortgage

impleach to intertwine

impletion filling; fullness; fulfilment

implex not simple; involved; complicated

implodent an implosive sound implumous without feathers

imponent that which imposes an obligation

importune to press or urge with repeated requests

impostume abscess

imprecate to call down by prayer; to curse; to invoke evil on

imprescriptible inalienable

imprest a loan or advance of money

imprimatur licence to print a book

imprimis in the first place imprimitive not primitive

impropriate to appropriate for private use improvident lacking foresight; thoughtless

impudicity shamelessness

impugn to oppose; to attack by words or arguments

imputation attribution of fault to

imsonic onomatopoetic

inaniloquent prone to foolish or empty babbling

inanition emptiness; starvation inappetent lacking desire or appetite

inapt unfit or unqualified inaurate gilded; golden

inbeing inherence; inherent existence

inboard inside the line of a ship's bulwarks or hull

incalescent growing warm

incanous covered with soft white hair

incardination acceptance by a diocese of clergyman from another

diocese

incarnadine carnation-coloured; blood-red incatenation harnessing; chaining together

incede to advance majestically incendivity the power of causing ignition incentivize to be given an incentive incept to take into the body; ingest

inceptive marking the beginning or formation

inchoate undeveloped; just begun incipient beginning; in an early stage

incivism neglect of duty as a citizen

inclinometer instrument for measuring inclination to the horizontal

of an axis

incommiscible unable to be mixed or intermingled incommode to cause trouble or inconvenience to incommutable that cannot be commuted or exchanged

incompossible incapable of coexisting

inconcinnity lack of congruousness or proportion incondite not well put together; poorly constructed

inconscient unconscious: abstracted

incoronate crowned

incorpse to incorporate incrassate to thicken increscent waxing

incubus nightmare; burden

inculcate implant in by persistent urging

inculpate to blame; to incriminate incult uncultivated; coarse

incunabulist one who collects early books

incunabulum early printed book; early version of a thing

incuse impressed or stamped upon indagate to search out; to investigate indehiscent not opening when mature indicia indicating marks or symptoms

indifferentism the belief that all religions are equally valid

indigence poverty; state of being needy indign unworthy; disgraceful; unseemly

indigo deep blue-violet colour; a blue-violet dye

indiscerptible not able to be separated

indite to compose

individualism belief that individual interests and rights are

paramount

indoles inherent disposition

induciae peace treaty or armistice

indue to supply; to endow

indulgence former Catholic pardon granted for remission of

punishment for sins

indult special temporary dispensation granted by the Catholic

church

indumentum total body covering of hair, fur or feathers

indurate to make hard, callous or unfeeling

induviae withered leaves which persist on plants

indwell to exist within as a guiding force

ineluctable against which it is useless to struggle

inescatory of, like or pertaining to baiting; adapted to bait

inesculent inedible

inessive indicating location within

ineunt entering

inexpiable that which cannot be expiated or atoned for inexpugnable not able to be attacked or captured

infandous unmentionable

infantocracy government by an infant

infarction tissue dying due to lack of blood flow

infaust unlucky; ill-omened

infelicitous inappropriate in application or expression

inferiae offerings to the spirits of the dead

inficete not facetious; rudely jesting

inflorescence process of producing flowers; flowering infomania excessive devotion to accumulating facts

infra below; later in a text

infrangible not able to be broken or violated

infructuous not fruitful

infumate smoky; blackened

infundibuliform having the form or shape of a funnel or cone infuscate clouded or tinged with brown; obscured; cloudy brown

colour

ingannation deception

ingate inlet for molten metal in founding

ingeminate to reiterate; to redouble ingerence intrusion; interference ingle a fire in a room; a fireplace inglenook alcove by a large open fire

ingluvies a crop or craw of birds

ingravescent becoming more severe

ingression pronounced with inhalation rather than exhalation

inguinal of, like or pertaining to the groin

ingurgitate to swallow; to guzzle

inhaust to drink in inhere be inherent

inhumation burial; act of depositing in the ground inhumist referring to a society that burns its dead

inimical hostile; harmful

iniquity wickedness; gross injustice

inkhorn portable case for ink

inkhornism pedantic word or expression inlagation pardoning of an outlaw

inlapidate to petrify

inly inwardly; thoroughly

innitency state of leaning or resting upon something

innominate having no name

innoxious harmless

inoperculate without an operculum or lid

inopinate not thought of; unexpected

inosculate to join together with ducts or openings; to blend or

combine

inquiline living with another; dwelling in another creature's lair

inquinate to corrupt or defile

inquirendo authority to inquire into something inquisiturient eager to act as an inquisitor

inquorate not making up a quorum inscenation staging; setting

inscient having little or no knowledge

insculp to engrave, to cut or carve from something

insectifuge insect repellent insectivorous eating insects insectology study of insects insessorial adapted for perching

insidiate to conspire against; to betray insipience lack of wisdom; stupidity

insolate to treat by exposure to the sun's rays

insouciance indifference; apathy insouciant lighthearted and unconcerned inspan to bring or force into service

inspissate to thicken or condense instauration restoration; renewal

institorial of, like or pertaining to an agent or factor

instructive indicating means whereby

instrumental indicating means by which

instrumentalism doctrine that ideas are instruments of action

insufflate to disseminate by blowing; to breathe upon

insulse lacking wit; dull; stupid; insipid

intaglio a figure engraved into a gem or another substance

integument an external covering or coating intellection act of thinking; exercise of the intellect

intellectualism belief that all knowledge is derived from reason

intemerate pure; undefiled

intempestive unseasonable; untimely; inopportune

intenerate to make tender; to soften

intenible not capable of holding or retaining

interactionism belief that mind and body act on each other

interamnian between two rivers

intercalary interpolated; inserted between other things intercalation interpolation; insertion between others

interciliary between the eyebrows intercipient intercepting

interclude to block; to enclose; to cut off

intercolline lying between hills intercostal between the ribs

intercrural within or pertaining to the area between the legs interdigitate to interlock in the manner of locked fingers

interdine to eat together

interfenestration spacing of windows

interferometer instrument for analysing spectra of light

interfluve area between two rivers that flow in the same direction

intergrade to merge or shade by means of intermediate steps

interim meanwhile

interjacent intervening; situated between two things

interjaculate to ejaculate in interruption interlaminate to insert between layers

interlocutor one who converses; interpreter; participant in

conversation

interlucation thinning of a forest to let some light in interlunation dark time between old moon and new

intermure to wall in

internecine causing (mutual) destruction

internuncio messenger between two parties; low-ranking papal legate

interosculant possessing attributes common to different groups

interpellation question raised during the course of debate

interpilaster space between two pilasters

interpunction insertion of punctuation marks in writing

interramification interweaving of branches

interrex one who rules during an interregnum; regent

interscribe to write between intersidereal between stars

interstitial of, like or pertaining to the space between things

intertesselation complex interrelationship

intertie short timber binding together upright posts intertrigo skin rash due to friction of two moist surfaces

intervallum between the ramparts

intervolve to roll up or entwine with one another

intinction administering communion by dipping bread into wine

intitule to endow or furnish with a title

intorted twisted inwards; involved

intrados undersurface of an arch or vault

intrant entering; penetrating introessive indicating motion into

introit psalm or hymn sung at beginning of church service

intromit to introduce: to admit: to insert

introrse turned or facing inward

introspectionism doctrine that knowledge of mind must derive from

introspection

intuitionism belief that the perception of truth is by intuition

intumesce to enlarge; to swell; to bubble

intussusception movement of one part of a thing into another

inumbrate to cast a shadow upon; to shade

inunction anointing, smearing or rubbing with ointment inurbanity lack of manners or deportment; incivility

inusitation disuse; disrepair

inustion burning in; cauterization

invaginate to sheathe; to draw in; to enfold

inveigh to make an attack in speech or writing

inveigle to entice; to wheedle

invenit invented it

inverecund shameless; unabashed inveterate long-established; confirmed invictive insurmountable; undefeatable

invidious likely to excite indignation against the performer invination presence of Christ's blood in sanctified wine

inviscate to entrap with sticky material

invitatory psalm or anthem sung before prayer during church service

invultuation the making of an image for use in witchcraft

ipseity selfhood; state of being oneself

iracund inclined to become angry

iracundulous somewhat inclined to become angry

irascent becoming enraged or angry

irenic conducive to or working towards peace

irenology the study of peace

iridian having or suggestive of the colours of a rainbow

iridic of, like or pertaining to the iris of the eye

iridize to make iridescent

iridology study of iris

iriscope instrument for exhibiting the prismatic colours

irradicate to fix firmly

irrecusable that cannot be rejected

irredentism advocating restoration of territory to a nation

irrefragable that cannot be refuted; unanswerable

irrefrangible incapable of refraction

irremeable which cannot be returned; irrevocable

irriguous watered; wet; irrigating

irrision the act of laughing at another

irrisory mocking; derisive

irroration watering a plant with discharge of a sick person

irruption breaking or bursting in

isabelline greyish yellow

isabnormal line connecting points of equal deviation from mean

temperature

isacoustic line connecting points of equal acoustic quality

isagoge academic introduction to a subject

isagogic introductory

isallobar line connecting points of equal change in barometric pressure

isanemone line connecting points on map having same wind velocity

isapostolic equal to or contemporary with the apostles

isatis Arctic fox

ischaemia lack of blood in a part of the body due to an obstruction

ischiatic of or pertaining to the ischium or hip

ischiorrhogic of an iambic line, having spondees in the second,

fourth or sixth place ischuretic diuretic

ischuria retention of urine

iseidomal line connecting points of equal visibility of a spectacle

isentropic line connecting points of equal entropy

ishan prehistoric Iragi mound

ishies hip-joints ising meat sausage

isinglass firm semitransparent substance used to make jellies

islandic of or pertaining to an island islesman inhabitant of a group of islands islomania craze or obsession for islands

ismatic addicted to "isms" or faddish theories

isness the fact of being; essence

isobar line connecting points of same atmospheric pressure

isobase line connecting points of equal land upheaval isobath line connecting points of equal underwater depth isobathytherm line connecting points of equal temperature and depth underground

isobront line connecting points of simultaneous storm development isocephaly arrangement of figures in art so that their heads are at the same height

isochar line connecting points of similar distinguishing characteristics of plant life

isochasm line connecting points of equal frequency of aurorae

isocheim line connecting points of same average winter temperature

isochlor line connecting points of equal chlorine concentration

isochor line connecting points of varying conditions under constant

volume

isochrone line connecting points of equal time difference or simultaneous occurrence

isochronous having the same duration; recurring at equal intervals

isochroous having a uniform colour

isoclinal line connecting points of same magnetic dip

isocracy equal political power

isocryme line connecting points of equal winter temperature

isodiabatic having equal transmission of heat

isodose line connecting points that receive equal doses of radiation

isodynamic line connecting points of equal magnetic intensity isoflor line connecting points of equal number of plant species isogam line connecting points of equal acceleration due to gravity

isogen line connecting points of equal birthrates

isogeny sameness or similarity of origin

isogeotherm line connecting points of equal subterranean

temperature

isogloss line connecting points of similar regional dialect isoglossal having similar speech patterns or language

isogonal line connecting points of equal magnetic declination

isogonal having equal angles

isograd line connecting points of similar conditions during

geological metamorphism

isogram line connecting points on a map having some similar

feature

isograph line connecting points of same linguistic usage in some

respect

isohaline line connecting points of equal salinity

isohalsine line connecting points of equal ocean salinity

isohel line connecting points of equal sunlight isohyet line connecting points of equal rainfall

isokeraunic line connecting points of equal occurrence of

thunderstorms

isolex line connecting points of same vocabulary usage isoline line connecting points on a map having some similar

feature

isomagnetic line connecting points of equal magnetic induction

isometric line connecting points of equal variations of pressure isomorph line connecting points of same linguistic morphological forms

isonephelic line connecting points of equal cloud cover

isonomy equal law; rights or privileges

isonym word having the same derivation or form as another isopach line connecting points of equal thickness of geological

strata

isophene line connecting points of the same phenotype or seasonal

variation

isophote line connecting points of equal light intensity from a given

source

isopiestic line connecting points of equal pressure but varying temperature and volume

isopiptesis line connecting points of same arrival date of migratory

species

isopleth line connecting points of equal aspect of climate

isopolity reciprocity of rights of citizenship in two communities

isopor line connecting points of equal annual change in magnetic

field

isopsephic equal in number

isopycnic line connecting points of equal density

isorithm line connecting points of equal population density

isorropic of equal value

isoseismal line connecting points of same earthquake intensity

isostasy condition of equilibrium in the earth's crust

isostere line connecting points of equal specific volume of a

substance

isotac line joining points where the ice melts at the same time of

year

isotach line connecting points of the same wind speed

isothere line connecting points of equal summer temperature

isotherm line connecting points of equal temperature

isothermobath line connecting points of equal temperature at a

given ocean depth

isotherombrose line connecting points of equal ratio of summer

rainfall to annual rainfall

isotropic having the same properties in every direction

isovol line connecting points of equal ratio of fixed to volatile

carbon in coal

issles sparks; embers

issuant issuing from; in heraldry, emerging from the bottom of a

chief

ist one who holds to an 'ism'

isthmian living on or situated on an isthmus

isthmoid resembling an isthmus

istle coarse tough Central American fibre used to make cords and

nets

itacism pronunciation of the Greek letter eta as 'ee'

itai-itai disease caused by cadmium poisoning and resulting in

back pain

Italiot person of Greek descent dwelling in ancient Italy

Italomania obsession with Italy or Italians

item likewise; also

iter circuit; path; road or line of travel

iterant repeating; echoing

iteration repetition

iterum again; afresh; anew

ithomiid tropical South American butterfly

ithyphallic indecent; immoral

itinerarian traveller

itinerarily in the course of wandering

ition the action of going

itis bodily condition or disease

iulan of the first growth of the beard iulus millipede ivi Tahitian chestnut tree ivoride imitation ivorv white and smooth like ivory ivorine one who carves ivory professionally ivorist ivresse drunkenness iwis surely; certainly ixia South African beautiful flowering plant of, like or pertaining to ticks ixiodic ixora tropical evergreen shrub with white flowers izard goatlike antelope found in the Pyrenees izzard archaic name for the letter Z izzat public esteem; honour iabberwock nonsense, gibberish jabot lace frill worn on shirt or dress front lying flat; sluggish iacent orange colour iacinthe jack medieval leather coat worn as armour jack ship's flag flown from jack-staff at bow of vessel jackanapes impudent child; conceited fellow jack-block pulley system for raising topgallant masts single iron cross-tree at head of a topgallant mast iack-cross-tree short staff at ship's bow from which the jack is hoisted iackstaff iron or wooden bar running along yard of ship to which jackstay sails fastened spar used to spread the foot of a gaff-topsail jackyard extremist or radical in politics iacobin iaconet stout cotton cloth jacquard intricately-woven variegated fabric; loom for making jacquard jactancy boastfulness, vainglory iactation throwing; boasting iactitation a tossing, twitching or jerking of the body; a false claim iaculation the act of throwing or hurling iaculiferous having arrow-like prickles jade pitiful horse; a nag iaggery coarse and dark sugar ialouse to suspect; to be jealous of ialousie outside shutter with slats armour worn on the legs iambeau curved dagger with two edges jambiya an Indian sedan chair jampan ianiform having two faces janitrix a female janitor

janizary a follower or supporter janker long pole on wheels for transporting logs outspoken; honest; outgoing iannock unit of strength of radio wave emission jansky japan glossy black varnish or lacquer love or admiration for Japan or the Japanese iapanophilia jardinière container for displaying flowers jargonelle early pear jargoon brilliant pale or colourless zircon iark seal or insignia on a counterfeit document jarta term of endearment fine chain mail jacket iaseran jaspe cotton or rayon cloth with shaded effect jasperated mottled; streaked with various colours to prance; to cause a horse to prance iaunce jawhole cesspool; sewer entrance poetry read to jazz accompaniment iazzetrv jebel hill or mountain of, like or pertaining to the liver iecoral jectigation wagging, tremulous movement ieiunator one who fasts jejune lacking interest or significance; dull or insipid; dry; empty old device for copying that used a plate of jelly jellygraph iemadar an Indian police or customs officer burglar's short crowbar jemmy small Spanish horse jennet early type of apple jenneting jentacular of, like or pertaining to breakfast ieofail official or legal acknowledgement of a mistake ieremiad prolonged complaint; angry or cautionary harangue; lamentation jerkinhead truncated gable with a lipped roof ieroboam large bottle for holding equivalent of 6 ordinary wine bottles jerque to search for smuggled goods plain weft-knitted fabric of wool, cotton, nylon or silk iersev jess ringed strap tied to leg of falcon or hawk yellow like a jasmine jessamy in heraldry, overlying iessant splinted armour iesserant iesuitical cunning; quibbling government by Jesuits jesuitocracy control surface for deflecting rocket exhaust ietavator jeton stamped metal token used in card-playing or reckoning accounts the evil eve iettatura jib small triangular sail extending from the head of the foremast

spar forming an extension of the bowsprit iibe to change a ship's course to make the boom shift sides iiffy unit of time used in computing equal to 1/100 second; any small unit of time jigamaree a thingamajig; a cunning manoeuvre jiggermast aftermost mast of a four-masted ship jiggumbob a thingamabob; a gadget; a whatsit; a gewgaw jimswinger a frock coat jink to move quickly with sudden turns and shifts light horse-drawn passenger carriage iinker small passenger vehicle jitney iitterbug jazz dance featuring vigorous acrobatic feats jive fast dance done to jazz or swing music knowledge obtained through meditation inana iobation tedious scolding jobbernowl a blockish or stupid head the conduct of public business for private gain iobberv iocko a chimpanzee large clasp knife iocktelea iocose merry; characterized by joking jocoserious half in jest; half serious joculator professional jester or minstrel joggle tooth or pin to prevent surfaces from slipping ioinder legal uniting or joining property granted to wife for use after husband's death iointure joist beam supporting boards of a floor or laths of a ceiling jolley guide for fixing a pottery mould for plates small boat kept hoisted at ship's stern jollyboat jolterhead clumsy oaf; blockhead ionaleur wandering minstrel jordan a chamberpot large bowl containing drinks iorum joss luck, fate jota fast Spanish folk dance in triple time jougs iron collar attached to post and put around neck as punishment to bump or jolt iounce a convivial person jovialist to ring a bell; a stroke of a bell juba dance with clapping and leg slapping performed by Southern blacks iubate maned; having or possessing a mane long loose outer garment worn by Muslims iubbah jube ornamental choir-screen one who celebrates a jubilee, especially a priest, monk, or jubilarian nun jubilate the third Sunday after Easter

mass of coal ready for final removal iud iudder strong vibration in an aircraft judicature power of dispensing justice by trial jacket and trousers worn by practitioner of judo judogi jug sound of the nightingale side by side; in pairs; overlapping iugate juggins a simpleton iuglandaceous of, like or pertaining to walnuts jugulate to cut the throat of julep sweetened and often medicated drink mountaineering clip that grips rope when weight is applied jumar impossible mythical offspring of a cow and donkey iumart thin crisp sweet cake jumbal admiration for large things iumboism paired or twinned article; opera-glasses iumelle jumentous like a horse juncaceous of, like or pertaining to rushes juntocracy government by a junta sleeveless jacket worn beneath a hauberk iupon jural of, like or pertaining to the law juramentum oath iurant taking an oath; one who takes an oath jurat memorandum at end of affidavit showing to whom it was sworn juratory of, like or pertaining to an oath jure by law jurimetrics application of scientific methods to legal problems jurisconsult legal expert jurymast mast erected on ship in place of one lost law; legal right ius expressing a command iussive iusticiar administrator of justice; supreme judge jutty projecting part of a wall iuvenal a youth; young bird's plumage juvenescent becoming youthful juvenilia works of one's youth; early works of an artist or author iuxtapositive indicating juxtaposition kainotophobia fear of change wife of a kaiser kaiserin kakidrosis body odour government by the worst kakistocracy kakorrhaphiophobia fear of failure kalamkari fabric coloured by repeated dyeing kaleidophone instrument for demonstrating sound waves by lines of light kalology study of beauty

kalon beauty that is more than skin deep

kalpis a water jar

kalyptra veil worn by Greek women

kame steep irregular ridge

kamelaukion tall cylindrical hat worn by Orthodox priests

kamerad to surrender

kamik knee-length sealskin boot kaneh Hebrew measure of 6 cubits

kantar Turkish unit of weight equal to approximately 100 pounds

kantele Finnish zither

kantikoy to dance as an act of worship

kapnography means of producing designs on smoked glass

surfaces

karabiner steel link with clip on side used in mountaineering

karezza prolonged sex avoiding orgasm karrozzin Maltese horse-drawn carriage

karst rough limestone country with underground drainage

karyokinesis division of cell nucleus

karyology study of cell nuclei

karyotype appearance, number and arrangements of chromosomes kasha porridge or gruel-like dish made from crushed buckwheat

katabasis going down; military retreat

katabothron underground water-channel

katathermometer instrument for measuring the cooling power of

air

katharometer instrument measuring changes in composition of

gases

kathenotheism polytheism in which each god is considered single

and supreme

katzenjammer hangover; uproar; clamour kausia Macedonian felt hat with broad brim kava narcotic drink prepared from Polynesian plant

kazachoc Slavic fast dance in which dancer squats and kicks out legs alternately

kazatzka Slavic folk dance performed by a couple

keb ewe that gives birth to stillborn lamb

kebbie a shepherd's crook keck to retch; to feel disgust

keckle to protect by binding with rope ked wingless fly that feeds on livestock

kedge small anchor to keep a ship steady

keelhaul to punish by dragging under keel of ship

keelson lengthwise wooden or steel beam in ship for bearing stress

keeve a large tub

kef state of dreamy or drug-induced repose

keffel a horse; a nag

keister burglar's tool kit

keloid hard scar tissue which grows over injured skin

kelpie mischievous water spirit

kelt coarse fabric made of black and white wool

kemb to comb

kemp coarse, rough strand of wool

kennebecker knapsack

kenodoxy the love or study of vain-glory kenophobia fear of empty spaces

kenosis Christ's rejection of his divine side upon assuming human

form

kenotism doctrine that Christ rid himself of divinity in becoming

human

kenspeckle easily recognizable or distinguishable

kent-bugle an obsolete keybugle

kente hand-woven African silk fabric

kentledge pig-iron used as ballast in ship's hold kep to catch an approaching object or falling liquid kephalonomancy divination using a baked ass's head

kerasine horny; made of horn

keratogenic causing growth of horn, skin or hair

keratometer instrument for measuring curvature of the cornea keraunograph instrument for recording distant thunderstorms

keraunoscopia divination using thunder

kerf cut, notch or groove; quantity of something cut at the same time

kermes brilliant red colour; a red dye derived from insects

kermesse cycle race held in an urban area

kermis indoor charity fair

kern Irish foot-soldier

kern part of typeface letter that sticks out beyond its body

kern to granulate

kersey coarse woollen cloth kerseymere twilled fine wool

kerygma preaching of the Christian gospel

kerygmatic of, like or pertaining to preaching the Gospel

ket carrion: matted wool

ketch small two-masted sailing vessel

ketjak traditional Balinese dance accompanied by male chorus kettlestitch stitch made at head and tail of section of book to connect sections

kex dry hollow plant stalk keybugle bugle with keys

keyline outline showing shape and position of an illustration

keystone to double the wholesale price for retail

khaddar homespun cotton cloth khor a dry watercourse; a ravine kibble the bucket of a well kibble to grind cereal coarsely

kibe chapped area of skin kickie-wickie a wife

kickshaws a trinket; a cheap, worthless article

kidder a forestaller; a huckster

kiddle stake-fence set in stream for catching fish

kidlet a very little kid kidology study of kidding

kier bleaching vat

kif drug like marijuana smoked in North Africa

kilderkin old unit of capacity equal to 1/2 barrel or 18 gallons

kilfud-yoking a fireside disputation

killas clay slate

killcow a bully; a swaggerer

killcrop greedy insatiable baby; a changeling

killock small anchor

kilobase unit of measure of length of nucleic acid chain equal to

1000 base pairs kinchin a child

kincob embroidered silk with gold and silver threads

kindergraph photograph of a child kinderspiel a children's cantata or play

kine cows

kinematics study of motion

kinescope cathode ray tube for a television kinesics study of gestural communication

kinetheodolite theodolite used in tracking missiles and satellites

kinetics study of forces producing or changing motion

kinetogenic causing movement

kinetoscope instrument for producing curves by combination of

circular movements

kingpost perpendicular beam in frame of roof

kinkle a slight kink kip skin of a young animal

kip unit of weight equivalent to 1000 pounds

kippage state of displeasure or anger

kir drink of black currant syrup and white wine

kirking first attendance of a couple at church after marriage

kirpan small sword or dagger worn by Sikhs kirsch liqueur made from the wild cherry

kirtle man's or woman's tunic or coat

kish solid graphite that separates from pig-iron

kismet fate; destiny

kissel thickened fruit purée dessert kistvaen tomb covered with stone slabs kit a small pocket violin

kith knowledge; one's native land; one's friends

kitthoge left-handed; awkward klangfarbe tone-colour; timbre klaxon loud mechanical horn

klendusic able to withstand disease due to protective mechanism

kleptocracy government by thieves

klopemania kleptomania knackish cunning; crafty

knag knot in wood

knarred gnarled; knotty

knickerbockers loose breeches gathered in at the knee

knick-knackatory collection of knick-knacks

knickpoint discontinuity in river profile due to intersection of new

erosion curve

knissomancy divination using burning incense

knitch bundle of wood tied together knobber a stag in its second year

knop loop or tuft in yarn

knosp unopened bud of a flower; ornament shaped like a bud

knout to flog; to scourge knubble to beat with the fists

knur knob or knot in wood

knurl small excrescence or protuberance; to make knurls on koan nonsensical question given to Buddhist students for contemplation

kobold spirit of the mines kohl eye-shadow; mascara kohlrabi variety of cabbage

koine dialect that spreads to become common language of a

region

kolo Central European folk dance having a ring of dancers

komatik sled with wooden runners

konimeter instrument measuring amount of dust in air koniology study of atmospheric pollutants and dust koniscope instrument for measuring dust in air

koniscope instrument for measuring dust in a kop—bank of terracing at a football field

kora musical instrument similar to a harp

kore ancient Greek statue of a draped maiden

koto obnoxious-sounding Japanese stringed instrument

kouros statue of a nude male kraken legendary sea monster

krasis addition of water to sacramental wine

kraurosis shrivelling of the skin kreatophagia eating of raw meat

kremlin a Russian citadel

kreng whale carcass after blubber is removed

kriegspiel war-game used to teach strategy

krimmer tightly curled grey or black lamb's wool

kritarchy government by judges

krobylos tuft of hair on the top of the head

krummhorn ancient double-reed wind instrument

krypsis doctrine that Christ secretly exercised divine powers

ktenology science of putting people to death

kumiss fermented mare's milk kummel cumin-flavoured liqueur kurgan prehistoric burial mound

kurtosis relative degree of sharpness of peak of distribution curve

kuru brain disease transmitted by cannibalism

kvass Eastern European rye beer

kwashiorkor tropical disease of infants due to protein deficiency

kyle narrow strait

kylin Chinese mythical animal

kyllosis club foot

kyloe small long-haired cattle

kymatology study of wave motion

kymograph instrument for recording fluid pressure

kyphorrhinos humped nose kyphosis hunchbacked condition kyrie religious petition for mercy

kyrielle string of short lines in stanzas all ending with the same

word

kyriolexy the use of literal expressions

labarum moral standard; ecclesiastical banner bearing Christ's

monogram

labefactation a weakening decay; overthrow labeorphily collection and study of beer bottle labels

labidometer instrument for measuring size of the head of a fetus

labile adaptable; unstable

lability plasticity; openness to change or breakdown

labiomancy lip reading labret lip ornament labrose thick-lipped

labtebricole living in holes

lac dark red transparent resin used to make shellac

laccolith mass of igneous rock intruded between two sedimentary

beds

lacertiform shaped like a lizard

lacertilian of, like or pertaining to lizards

laches negligence or undue delay in fulfilling legal duty

lachrymatory narrow-necked bottle or vase

lachrymiform shaped like a tear

lachrymogenic causing tears or weeping

lachrymose shedding tears

laciniate cut into narrow lobes; slashed; fringed

laciniform shaped like a fringe

lacis network

lackaday expression of regret or deprecation

laconicum sauna

lactarium dairy farm or milking operation

lacteous milky

lactescent secreting milk lactiferous milk-bearing lactifluous flowing with milk lactogenic producing milk

lactometer instrument for testing relative density of milk

lactoscope instrument for measuring purity or richness of milk

lacuna a blank space or missing part lacunar sunken panel or coffer in a ceiling lacuscular of, like or pertaining to pools lacustrine of, like or pertaining to lakes

ladronism banditry; robbery laeotropic turning to the left

laevoduction movement leftwards

lagan cargo jettisoned from ship but marked by buoys for

recovery

lagan wreckage or goods at the bottom of the sea

lagena flask

lageniform shaped like a flask

lagerphone percussion instrument with bottlecaps loosely nailed

to pole

lagniappe gratuity lagostoma harelip

lagotic having ears like a hare's

laic of, like or pertaining to lay people rather than clergy laicisation process of returning a clergyman to lay status laicism doctrine of opposition to clergy and priests lairwite fine given to married women for adultery laitance milky deposit on top of fresh concrete

lallation childish speech; mispronunciation of speech sounds

lambdoid shaped like the letter lambda (^) or "L"

lambent moving about as if touching lightly; flickering; glowing

lambert unit of brightness of light

lambitive taken by licking up with the tongue

lambreguin drapery over a window or doorway; veil over a

helmet

lamé fabric in which metallic threads are interwoven

lamella thin plate or layer

lamelliform shaped like a plate or layer

lamiaceous minty; of, like or pertaining to the mint plant

lamina thin plate or layer

laminary of, like or pertaining to thin plates or layer

lamister fugitive

lammergeier giant vulture-like bird of prey

lampad lamp, candlestick or torch

lampadedromy torch-race lampadephore torchbearer

lampadomancy divination by flame

lampion decorated oil lamp

lamprophony speaking in loud and clear tones

lampyridine of, like or pertaining or pertaining to glow-worms or

fireflies

lanai private balcony in a hotel room

lanameter instrument for measuring quality of wool

lanate woolly

lanceolate shaped like a lance-head

lanciform shaped like a lance lancinate to lacerate; to pierce lancination sharp; shooting pain

landau horse-drawn carriage with folding top

landocracy government by the propertied class; timocracy

langlauf cross-country skiing or running

langley unit of solar radiation languescent growing languid languet tongue-like object or part languor listlessness; weariness

laniary of teeth or claws designed for tearing (canine teeth)

laniferous wool-bearing lanigerous bearing wool

lanuginose downy; covered with fine soft hair

lanyard rope or line for fastening something in a ship

lanyard cord for hanging a knife or whistle around the neck

Laodicean lukewarm; half-hearted

lapactic purgative

laparoscope instrument for viewing interior of peritoneal cavity

lapicide stonecutter

lapidarian of, like or pertaining to stones; inscribed on stones

lapidary gem-cutter

lapidate to pelt with stones; to kill by stoning

lapideous stony

lapidescent becoming stone; petrifying

lapifidication petrifaction

lapilliform shaped like a small stone

lapillus small stone ejected by volcanic eruption

lappaceous prickly

lappet fold or flap on a garment or headdress worn by priest

laquearia panelled ceiling lar local god of a house larboard left side of a ship

lardaceous of, like or pertaining to lard

lares local Roman gods largifical ample; bountiful

largiloguent talkative; full of words

largition giving of largess

larine of, like or pertaining to gulls study of population statistics of, like or pertaining to gulls

larrigan high oil-tanned leather boot or moccasin

larrup to flog or thrash larvicide killing of larvae larviparous giving birth to larvae larvivorous feeding on larvae laryngology study of larynx

laryngoscope instrument for examining interior of the larynx

lasher weir

lassitude state of being tired or weary lastage room for stowing goods in a ship sturdy cotton or worsted cloth

latebricole living in holes

lateen triangular sail rigged on ship's spar

laterigrade running or moving sideways

lateritious brick-red

latescent becoming latent

laticiferous containing or conveying latex

latidentate having broad teeth
latifundia great landed estates
latinitaster a petty scholar of Latin
latipennate having broad wings

latitant lurking; lying in wait; hibernating

latitat writ based on supposition that person is in hiding latitudinarian one having tolerant or free religious views

latitudinarianism doctrine of broad liberality in religious belief and

conduct

latitudinous broad or wide interpretation lative indicating motion up to or as far as

latrant barking

latration the act of yelping or barking

latria highest degree of veneration, assigned to God over saints

latrocinate to engage in highway robbery

latten metal in thin plates latticinio glass having white veins laudanum an opium preparation

lauds prayer service held at dawn following matins

lauriferous bearing laurels

lautenclavicymbel lute harpsichord with gut strings

lautitious sumptuous

lavabo ceremony in which priest washes his hands; basin for the

ceremony

lavadero place for washing gold ore

lavaliere jeweled pendant worn round the neck; pendant

microphone

lavatory wash-basin for washing bodies of newly dead; room where

lavabo kept

laveer to sail against the wind

laver large vessel for washing, especially for ritual purification

lavic of, like or pertaining to lava

lavolta lively bouncy dance for two persons

lavra group of recluses' cells

lawn fine sheer plain-woven cotton or linen

laxism belief that an unlikely opinion may be safely followed

layette baby's complete set of clothing laystall place for depositing dung or rubbish lazar leper or person with similar pestilential disease lazaret space in ship between decks used for storage

lazaretto hospital for lepers

lea arable land left fallow or used for pasture

lecanomancy divination using water in a basin or pool

lecanoscopy staring at pool of water as means of self-hypnosis

lecithal having a yolk

lectern desk or stand from which church lessons are read

lection reading; lesson read in church

lectisternium sacrifice where images of gods placed on couches

and offered food

lectrice female reader in church

lectual requiring bed rest or confinement to bed

leeboard wood or metal planes attached to hull to prevent leeway

leech a vertical edge of a square sail

legalism belief that salvation depends on strict adherence to the law

legatine of, like or pertaining to a legate

legerity lightness; nimbleness

legist person knowledgeable about the law leguleian like a lawyer; underhanded and legalistic

leiotrichous straight-haired

leister three-pronged spear or trident used for fishing

leman a lover, sweetheart or paramour

lemma preliminary proposition, theme, argument or headword

lemures spirits of the dead

lemurine of, like or pertaining to lemurs

lenify to mitigate or assuage

lenitive soothing; laxative; mitigating

lenity mildness; clemency

leno open-woven fabric

lentic associated with standing water

lentiform shaped like a lens

lentiginose minutely dotted; freckled

lentigo freckle

lentitude lethargy; slowness lentor sluggishness; viscidity

leonine of, like or pertaining to lions

leonine of or like a lion; rhyming last two or three syllables in a line

leontiasis form of leprosy in which the face becomes wrinkly and

somewhat lion-like

leopon crossbreed between a leopard and a lion

lepadoid resembling a barnacle lepid pleasant; charming; amusing lepidine composed of scales

lepidopterology study of butterflies and moths

lepidopterous having four wings, such as a moth or butterfly

leporiform resembling or shaped like a hare leporine of, like or pertaining to the hare

leprology study of leprosy

leprosarium hospital for lepers

leprose scaly; scurfy

leptochrous abnormally thick-skinned

leptometer instrument for measuring oil viscosity leptosome person with a slight or slender build

lethe oblivion; forgetfulness

lethiferous causing death; carrying or bearing death lethologica inability to remember the right word

lethonomia tendency to forget names leucochroic white or pale-coloured

leucomelanous having dark hair and eyes but fair skin leucous albino; having fair or pale hair or complexion

levant to run away from a debt

leveret a hare in its first year; a mistress

levigate to smooth; to grind to a fine powder; to polish; to lighten

levin lightning

levirate custom of compulsory marriage with brother's widow

lexer law student

lexicology study of words and their meanings

lexigram sign which represents a word

lexigraphy art of definition of words

lexigraphy system of writing in which each sign represents a word

lexiphanic bombastic; sesquipedalian; using many long words

lexis way in which a piece of writing is expressed in words

ley mystical straight line between features of landscape

liard grey; dapple-grey

lias fossil-bearing limestone

libaniferous yielding or bearing incense

libanomancy divination by watching incense smoke

libanotophorous producing incense

libeccio southwest wind

libellant one who brings a charge of libel

liber phloem or fibre from tree liberticide destruction of liberty

libertinage debauchery libidinist lewd person libken place to sleep in

librate to oscillate; to be poised

libration apparent oscillation of moon's visible surface

libriform shaped like a book lichenology study of lichens lickerish lecherous; lusty; greedy

lictor ancient Roman magistrate's attendant lido bathing beach; open-air swimming pool

lief soon; gladly

lienal of, like or pertaining to the spleen lientery discharge of partially digested food

ligation the act of binding; the state of being bound

ligger horizontal timber of a scaffolding

lighter large open boat used in loading and unloading ships lighterage cargo carried by or fee for carrying cargo by lighter

ligneous woody; wooden

ligniform of the form or shape of wood lignify to make woody; to turn into wood

ligniperdous destructive of wood

lignite woody coal

lignivorous feeding on wood

ligulate resembling or shaped like a strap

ligyrophobia fear of loud noises

limaciform slug-like

limacine of, like or pertaining to slugs

limacology study of slugs

limation polishing or smoothing; correction of astronomical errors

limax slug

limbate possessing a border

limbus border

limes border

limicoline living on a shore; of, like or pertaining to wading birds

limicolous living in mud

limitrophe near the frontier or border

limivorous eating mud

limn to portray, paint or delineate limner painter of portraits

limnetic living in fresh water; pertaining to fresh water

limnobiology study of freshwater ecosystems

limnology study of bodies of fresh water limnophilous living in ponds or marshes

limoniad meadow nymph

limophoitos insanity due to lack of food limosis abnormally ravenous appetite

limous muddy; slimy clear; transparent

linaceous of, like or pertaining to flax

linchpin person or thing vital to an organization

lincrusta thick embossed wallpaper

lindy hop lively dance closely resembling the jitterbug and famous

for its aerials

lineament distinctive feature or characteristic

lineolate marked with fine lines

lingual of, like or pertaining to language, speech or the tongue

linguiform shaped like a tongue linonophobia fear of string

linsey coarse linen and wool blend

linsey-woolsey thin coarse fabric of wool and linen lintel horizontal beam supporting the load above a door

lioncelle small lion used as a bearing

lionism lion-like appearance symptomatic of leprosy

lipogram piece of writing in which a certain letter is excluded lipography accidental omission of letter or syllable in wrting

lipomatosis obesity

lipothymy swoon

lippitude soreness of the eyes

lipsanographer one who writes about relics

lipsanotheca container for relics

liquate to melt; to subject to liquation

liquescent becoming liquid liquifacient liquifying agent

liquifaction the act of liquefying something

liripipe long tail of a graduate's hood; a part or lesson committed

to memory

lissome lithe; nimble; flexible lissotrichous smooth-haired

litany prayer of supplication in responsive style

literatim letter for letter

literation representation of sounds by letters

literator dabbler in learning

literose spuriously or affectedly literary

lithochromy painting upon stone

lithoclast stone breaker; tool for breaking rocks

lithodomous living in burrows in rocks

lithogenous rock-building lithoglyph engraving on stone

litholatry stone-worship lithology study of rocks

lithomancy divination by stones or meteorites

lithophagous stone-swallowing; rock-boring; eating rock

lithophilous living among stones lithophyte plant that grows on rock

litotes understatement by affirming using negation of the contrary

littoral of, like or pertaining to the shore of a body of water

liturate spotted

liturgician one who studies or recites church rituals liturgiology study of liturgical forms and church rituals

liturgist leader in public worship livedo pathological blueness of skin

lixiviation leaching

loan-word word borrowed from another language

lobar of, like or pertaining to a lobe lobate having a lobe or lobes lobcock bumpkin, boor or lout lobular shaped like a lobe locanda lodging-house; inn

locative indicating location or place where locellate divided into small compartments small compartment of a cell

lochetic waiting in ambush

lochlet little loch

lockram coarse linen

lockstep method of marching in tight formation locomobile self-propelling machine; early automobile

loculate having loculi

loculus small compartment or recess for holding an urn locum clergyman temporarily replacing regular priest

locuplete well-stored

locutory room for conversation

loden heavy waterproof woollen fabric

lodesman pilot

loess deposit of rich and fertile soil

logan rocking-stone

loganamnosis mania for trying to recall forgotten words

logarithmancy divination by means of algorithms

loggia covered open arcade

logia collection of sayings logicaster a petty logician

logocracy government of words logodaedalus artificer in words logodaedaly verbal legerdemain

logogogue one who issues laws or rules regarding words

logogram single sign standing for word or phrase

logogriph riddle in which word is found from other words' letters

logomachy contention about words or in words

logomancy divination using words logomania pathological loquacity

logopedics speech therapy logophile a lover of words

logorrhea excessive flow of words; uncontrollable garrulity

logos divine rational principle

logotype body of text with frequently occurring word or syllable

loimic of, like or pertaining to plagues loimology study of plagues and epidemics

lollop to bound about wildly

longanimity forbearance; patience longe rope used in training horses

longeron longitudinal membrane of an airplane

longiloquence long-winded language

longiniquity remoteness

longueur period of dullness or tedium

loranthaceous of, like or pertaining to the mistletoe

lordolatry worship of nobility

lordosis convex curvature of the spine

loreal located in the area between the eyes and the nose or

snout

lorette courtesan

lorgnette eyeglasses with a handle

lorgnon an eyeglass

loricate armoured with plates or scales; to coat or armour

protectively

lorimer saddlemaker losel worthless fellow; scamp

lotic associated with or living in running water

lotophagous feeding on lotuses; indolent; lazy; dreamy

louche squinting; ambiguous; shady

louchettes spectacles used to reduce glare and prevent squinting loupe jeweller's magnifying glass worn on the eye-socket

lour to look sullen or threatening

louvre sloping slat placed across an opening

lovat grey-green; blue-green

loxodograph device used to record ship's travels

loxodrome line on the globe equally oblique to all meridians

loxodromy study of sailing along rhumb-lines

loxophthalmus squint

loxotic distorted; oblique lubricious slippery; lewd lubricity areasiness: wiliness

lubritorium service station

lucarne dormer window lucent shining; bright

lucernal of, like or pertaining to lamps luciferous light-bringing; light-giving

luciform like light

lucifugous shunning or avoiding light

lucigen lamp burning oil mixed with air in a spray lucimeter instrument for measuring light intensity luciphyllous light-absorbing or consuming

lucre sordid gain; riches

lucriferous lucrative; yielding profit

lucripetous eager for gain

luctation struggle

lucubration study protracted late into the night

luculent bright; clear; convincing

ludibry contempt; derision

ludibund playful

ludic spontaneously and aimlessly playful

ludicrism burlesque

luff windward side of a ship; forward edge of fore-and-aft sail lugsail four-sided sail bent to an obliquely hanging yard

lugubrious mournful; dismal

lumbriciform shaped like a worm; worm-like lumbricine of, like or pertaining to earthworms

lumen unit of luminous flux

luminiferous bearing or bringing light

luminist artist who uses the effects of light; impressionist one who believes that the moon affects the weather

lunate crescent-shaped

lunation lunar month; interval between successive new moons lunette crescent-shaped space where a vault meets a wall

lunisolar pertaining jointly to the moon and sun

lunistice time when moon is farthest north or south each month lunula Bronze Age crescent necklace; white part of fingernail base

lunulate shaped like a small crescent

lupanarian of, like or pertaining to a brothel

lupicide killing of a wolf lupiform shaped like a wolf

lupine of, like or pertaining to wolves lupulic of, like or pertaining to hops

lurdan lazy and dull individual lurid red-yellow; yellow-brown

lusory playful

lustrate to purify by sacrifice lustration ritual washing; ablution

lustring glossy silk

lustrum period of five years; periodic purification of Roman empire

lutaceous of, like or pertaining to or comprised of mud

lutarious inhabiting mud

lutchet fitting on ship's deck to allow mast to pivot to pass under

bridges

luteolous yellowish luteous golden-yellow lutescent yellowish

lutestring plain glossy silk

luthier maker of stringed instruments lutose covered with mud or clay; muddy lutrine of, like or pertaining to otters

lutulent thick; muddy

lux unit of illumination equal to one lumen per square meter

luxate to displace or dislocate

luxation dislocation of an anatomical part luxmeter instrument for measuring illumination

luxuriant overabundant in growth

lycanthropy mythical ability of humans to turn into wolves;

werewolfism

lyceum school of philosophical instruction

lychgate roofed gate of a churchyard

lychnobite one who works at night and sleeps in the day

lychnoscope low side window Lydian effeminate; luxurious

lygophilia love of darkness lygophobia fear of darkness

lyncean lynx-like; sharp-sighted

lyophile easily dispersed in a suitable medium

lyophilization freeze-drying

lypemania extreme pathological mournfulness

lyrate lyre-shaped

lyrichord kind of obsolete harpsichord

lyricon electronic wind instrument like a large obverse flute

lysarden old wind instrument like a cornett or serpent

lysigenic caused by the breaking down of cells

lysimeter instrument for measuring percolation of water through soil

lysis disintegration; destruction

lyssophobia abnormal fear of hydrophobia

lyterian indicating the end of a disease lythcoop auction of household goods

Word Definition

mabble to wrap up mabsoot happy

macadamize to cover a road with small broken stones macarism a beatitude; taking pleasure in another's joy

macarize to declare to be happy or blessed

macaronic muddled or mixed-up

macerate to steep or soak; to break up; to emaciate macerator a person who fasts and becomes emaciated

machair low-lying sandy beach machairodont sabre-toothed

machicolation space between corbels in a parapet machinule tool used by surveyors to obtain right angle

macies atrophy

macilent lean; excessively thin

mackinaw heavy napped and felted wool cloth

mackintosh lightweight rubberized waterproof cotton

macon smoked salted mutton

macrobian long-lived

macrobiote long-lived organism

macrocephalic having an abnormally large head

macrocephalous having a large head

macrocosm large and complex structure considered as a whole

macrography viewing an object with the naked eye

macrology much talk with little to say; redundancy; pleonasm

macromancy divination using large objects

macromania delusion that objects are larger than natural size

macrophobia fear of prolonged waiting

macropodine of, like or pertaining to kangaroos

macropterous having large wings or fins

macroscian one with a long shadow; one who inhabits polar

regions

macrotous big-eared

macrural having a long tail

mactation killing or slaughter of a sacrificial victim

macular spotted; patchy

maculation the act of spotting or staining maculomancy divination using spots

maculose spotted

madapollam fine cotton cloth

madarosis loss of eyelashes or eyebrows

madder red dye made from brazil wood; a reddish or red-orange

colour

madefy to moisten or make wet

maderization wine becoming rusty in colour and flat in taste

madescent growing damp madid wet; dank

madoline vegetable slicer with adjustable blade

madras fine plain-woven cotton or silk

maelid apple-nymph

maenadic furious; bacchanalian

maffick to celebrate exuberantly and boisterously

magadis ancient bridged stringed instrument

maggotorium place where maggots are bred for sale to fishers

magianism teachings or philosophy of the magi

magirics art of cookery

magisterial in the manner of a teacher or magistrate

magisterium teaching function of the Catholic church magistral of, like or pertaining to a master or teacher

magnality wonderful or great thing

magnanerie art of raising silkworms

magnetics study of magnetism

magnetograph instrument for recording measurements of magnetic

fields

magnetometer instrument for measuring intensity of magnetic fields

magneton unit of the quantized magnetic moment of a particle

magnicaudate having a long tail

magnificat canticle in praise of the Virgin Mary

magniloguent speaking in a grand or pompous style

magpiety garrulousness

mahout one who rides or drives elephants maidan open plain; open space near a town maieutic bringing out latent thoughts; socratic

maieutics midwifery

maillot tights worn by a ballet dancer mainmast sailing ship's principal mast mainour stolen goods discovered on thief mainpernor one who gives mainprise

mainprise surety for the appearance of a prisoner at trial

mainsail principal sail on a ship's mainmast

mainsheet rope by which mainsail is trimmed and secured

mainstay stay that extends from the main-top to the foot of the

foremast

majolica elaborate glazed Italian pottery

malabathrum dried leaf used in ancient times to make perfumed

ointments

malacissation act of making soft or supple malacoid made of a soft or fleshy substance

malacology study of molluscs malacophilous pollinated by snails

malacophonous soft-voiced malagma emollient plaster

malaguena Spanish dance performed by a couple, similar to the

fandango

malapert bold; forward; saucy

malapropism misapplication of words without mispronunciation

malar of, like or pertaining to the cheek

malariology study of malaria

malaxage softening of clay by kneading it

malaxate to soften by kneading, rubbing or mixing with a liquid

malchus short cutting sword

maledicent cursing

malefic doing mischief; producing evil malfeasance evil-doing; illegal activities

malgré in spite of

maliferous harmful; unhealthy

malinger to feign sickness in order to avoid duty or work

malism the belief that the world is evil

malison a curse

malleation hammering; a hammer-mark or dent

malleiform shaped like a hammer mallophagous eating wool or fleece

malloseismic suffering from frequent and severe earthquakes

malm calcareous loam used in making brick

malmsey sweet perfumed wine maltha thick mineral pitch

maltster one who makes or deals in malt

malvaceous of, like or pertaining to the mallow family of plants

malversation corruption in office; corrupt administration;

misconduct

mambo Cuban ballroom dance resembling the rumba or cha-cha

mamelle rounded hill

mamelon rounded hill or protuberance mammalogy study of mammals

mammer to stammer; to waver; to be undecided

mammetry idolatry; idols collectively mammiferous having breasts mammiform shaped like a breast

mammila nipple

mammiliform shaped like a nipple

mammock scrap or shred; a broken piece

mammogenic promoting growth of the milk glands

mammon riches; the wealthy; the upper classes

mammonism devotion to pursuit of wealth

mammose shaped like a breast mammothrept spoiled child

mamzer illegitimate child

manal of, like or pertaining to the hand

mancipation legal transfer by actual or symbolic sale manciple steward of a college or monastery; purveyor

mandament command; order

mandamus writ instructing that an action should be performed

mandarism government with a large bureaucracy

mandative of, like or pertaining to commands or leadership

mandibuliform shaped like a mandible or jaw-bone

mandorla oval panel containing a work of art; elliptical halo around

holy person

mandrel axle of a circular saw

mandriarch founder or leader of a monastic order

manducate to chew or eat

mandylion loose outer garment worn over armour

manège the art of horsemanship manganiferous bearing manganese

mangonel medieval war engine for throwing stones

manicate having a woolly growth that can be peeled off

manicism left-handedness

maniform having the shape of a hand

maniple clerical vestment worn on the left arm

manometer instrument for measuring pressure of a liquid or gas

manqué having had unfulfilled ambition; failing to achieve

expectation

manrope rope used as a handrail on a ship

mansionary residence; mansions

mansuetude meekness; tameness; sweetness of temper

mansworn perjured

mantelletta knee-length sleeveless garment worn by Catholic

cardinals and bishops

mantic of, like or pertaining to divination; prophetic; divinely

inspired

mantissa decimal part of logarithm

mantology fortune-telling

manubrial shaped like a handle

manubrium any handle-like structure

manuduction careful guidance; leading by hand manumission emancipation; freedom from slavery

manurance cultivation

manustupration masturbation mappemend map of the world

maquette small model of something to be made on a larger scale

maquis guerrilla resistance force

marabout thin downy silk

maraging process by which alloy is slowly cooled in the air

marah bitterness; something bitter

marasmus wasting away of the body; emaciation due to malnutrition

marc refuse from winemaking

marcella cotton or linen in twill weave marcescent withering without falling off

marchpane old name for marzipan marcidity state of great leanness

marcottage propagation of trees by stripping ring of bark and

covering with moss

maremma marsh; miasma

margaric pearl-like

margaritiferous pearl-bearing

margaritomancy divination using pearls

maricolous living in the sea

mariculture cultivation of aquatic flora and fauna

marigenous produced by or in the sea marigraph instrument for recording tide levels

Mariolatry worship of the virgin mother Mariology study of the Virgin Mary

maritage right of feudal lord to arrange marriages of vassals

mariticide killing or killer of one's husband

maritodespotism ruthless domination by a husband

marivaudage preciosity in literary style or expression

marl clay used as fertilizer

marline small rope wound about larger rope to keep it from fraying

marmarosis conversion of limestone into marble

marmoreal of or like marble marocain ribbed crepe fabric

marguetry furniture inlaid with multicoloured wood, ivory, or metal

marguisette sheer meshed cloth

marrano Jew converted to Christianity to avoid persecution

marry expression of surprised agreement martello circular fort for coastal defence

martext ignorant preacher

martinet a strict disciplinarian; one who adheres to rules

martingale lower stay of rope used to sustain strain of the forestays martingale strap between horse's forelegs to keep its head down

martlet heraldic representation of a bird without feet

martyrium shrine erected in memory of a martyr martyrolatry excessive devotion to martyrs

martyrology study of martyrs

marver marble or iron slab on which molten glass is rolled

mascaron grotesque face on a door-knocker

maschalephidrosis massive sweating of the armpits

mascle diamond-shaped plate or scale

mascon concentration of dense mass beneath the moon's surface maskirovka use of deception or camouflage as military stratagem

masseter muscle used to move the lower jaw

masterate degree or title of a master

masticate to chew; to knead mechanically

mastigophorous bearing a whip mastoid like a nipple or teat mastology study of mammals

matachin Spanish ritualised sword-dance or battle dance

matelassé having a quilted ornamentation; fabric with raised pattern

as if quilted

materialism belief that matter is the only extant substance

materteral of or resembling an aunt mathemancy divination by counting

mathematicaster minor or inferior mathematician mathesis mental discipline; learning or wisdom matinal of, like or pertaining to the morning

matins prayer service held in early morning hours

matrass long-necked chemical flask

matrical of, like or pertaining to a womb or a matrix

matricular of, like or pertaining to a register

matriherital of, like or pertaining to inheritance along the female

lıne

matriotism love for country or other institution when regarded as a mother

matripotestal of, like or pertaining to the power of mothers

matroclinic more like the mother than the father matryoshka Russian hollow wooden doll

mattery purulent

mattock pickaxe for loosening soil

mattoid person on borderline between sanity and insanity

maturescent becoming mature

matutinal of, like or pertaining to the morning; happening early in the day

matutolypea getting up on the wrong side of the bed

maudlin tearfully sentimental

maugre in spite of

maugre in spite of; notwithstanding

maulstick stick used by painters to steady the hand

maunder to grumble; to drivel; to mutter

maundy custom of sovereign washing feet of poor or giving alms

mavrodaphne sweet dark red Greek wine maxillary of, like or pertaining to a jaw

maximalism uncompromising adherence to extreme demands

maxixe Brazilian ballroom dance resembling the two-step

maxwell unit of magnetic flux

maya illusion; the world of phenomena

mayhap perhaps

mazarine rich blue or reddish-blue colour

mazer hardwood drinking bowl

mazology mammalogy; study of mammals mazopathia any disease of the placenta

mazurka Polish folk dance in moderate triple measure

mazut petroleum residue after distillation

mazy dizzy; confused; labyrinthine; convoluted

mazzard wild sweet cherry

mazzebah ancient Jewish sacred stone pillar

mbalax West African popular music

mbaganga jazz-influenced southern African popular music style

meable easily penetrable

meatus opening of a passage or canal

mecate old Mexican measure of about one-tenth of an acre mechanism belief that life is explainable by mechanical forces

mechanolatry worship of machines

mechanomorphic having the form of a machine mecometer instrument for measuring length

meconium first feces of a newborn child

meconology study of or treatise concerning opium

meconomancy divination using sleep

meconophagist consumer of opium or heroin

mediagenic able to present a good image in the media

medianic of, like or pertaining to spiritualists, mediums or prophets

medicament externally applied curative treatment

medicaster quack; charlatan

meditabund absorbed in meditation

medius the middle finger

medullary consisting of or resembling marrow or pith

medusiform resembling a jellyfish meedless undeserving; unrewarded

meet fitting; proper

megacerine extinct giant deer

megachiropteran of, like or pertaining to fruit bats megalith large rough stone used as a monument

megameter instrument for determining longitude by observing

stars

megaprosopous having a large face

megascope instrument for projecting an enlarged image

megascopic visible to the naked eye

megathermic surviving only in tropical climates megistotherm plant requiring very high temperatures

megrim dizziness; migraine; low spirits

mehari camel used for racing

meiosis understatement of size or importance for rhetorical effect

mekometer range-finder

mel honey

melalgia pain in the limbs melanic black; very dark

melaniferous containing or bearing melanin melano abnormally dark person or animal

melanochroic dark-skinned melasma dark patch of skin

meldometer instrument for measuring melting points of

substances

meleagrine of, like or pertaining to turkeys

melic to be sung; lyric

melichrous having a honey-like colour

meline canary-yellow

meliorism the belief the world tends to become better

meliphagous feeding upon honey

melisma tune; melodic embellishment; ornamentation

melismatic florid in melody melittology study of bees

mellaginous of, like or pertaining to or resembling honey

melliferous producing or forming honey

mellification honey-making mellisonant sweet-sounding mellivorous honey-eating

melologue recitation with musical accompaniment

melomania craze for music

melopepon any of various kinds of squash

melopoeia composition of music

melton strong and smooth heavy woollen cloth

membral of, like or pertaining to the limbs rather than the trunk

memoriter from memory; by heart

menald speckled; spotted menarche first menstruation

mendacity insincerity; inclination to tell falsehoods mendicant member of impoverished religious order

mendiloquence artful lying

menisciform shaped like a crescent

meniscus crescent-shaped object; concave lens menology register or calendar of saints' days

mensal of, like or pertaining to the dinner-table; monthly

menstruum solvent used in the preparation of drugs mensuration measuring to find the dimensions of things

mental of, like or pertaining to the chin

mentalism belief that the world can be explained as aspect of the

mind

mentatiferous telepathic

mentation thought; cogitation; cognition

menticide reduction of mind by psychological pressure

mentum the chin mephitic foul-smelling meracious pure; unmixed

mercedary pertaining to the giving or receiving of wages

mercer dealer in small wares or textiles

mercurial volatile; fluctuating merdivorous dung-eating

merdurinous composed of urine and feces

merengue Caribbean ballroom dance in which feet are frequently

dragged

mereology study of part-whole relationships

meretricious of, like or pertaining to prostitution; superficially

attractive but lacking value

merino soft wool of the merino sheep; any soft merino-like wool or

wool and cotton cloth

merism rhetorical device of contrasting two parts of a whole

meristic divided into parts or segments

meritocracy government by the meritorious

merkin pubic wig

merlon narrow wall in battlement between embrasures

merocracy government by a part of the citizenry

merogenesis segmentation meromorphic fractional

meronym word whose relation to another is a part to the whole

meropia partial blindness mersion dipping; as in baptism

merycism rumination

mésalliance unsuitable marriage

meseems it seems to me

mesial middle

mesic adapted to life with a moderate supply of moisture

mesnalty feudal estate

mesochroic having skin colour intermediate between light and

dark

mesocracy government by the middle classes

mesology ecology

mesotherm plant living only in moderate climates

mesquin mean; ungracious

messaline soft lightweight silk with a satin weave messianism belief in a single messiah or saviour

messuage house with land and auxiliary buildings

metabasis transition; transfer

metabiosis reliance of an organism on another for environment

metachronism an error of dating an event too late metachrosis ability of animals to change colour

metage official weighing of goods; charge for such weighing

metagnomy divination

metagnostic incomprehensible; beyond understanding

metagraphy transliteration

metagrobolize to mystify; to puzzle out

metalepsis metonymy of a double or indirect kind

metalliferous bearing metal

metallogenic metal occurring as an ore as opposed to in rocks metallogeny study of the origin and distribution of metal deposits metallography study of the structure and constitution of metals

metallurgy study of alloying and treating metals

metameric of, like or pertaining to serial division or segmentation of

body

metanalysis incorrect placement of 'n' at start of word following a

nindefinite article

metanoia repentance; fundamental change in character

metanomen metaphorical name

metaphony umlaut; change in vöwel sound due to nearby

consonant

metaphrase turning of prose into verse or vice versa

metaphrast one who produces a metaphrase

metaphysics study of principles of nature and thought

metaphysis change in form; metamorphosis

metaplasm alteration in spelling of a word

metapolitics study of politics in theory or abstract

metapsychology study of nature of the mind metastasis removal from one place to another

metasthenic having strong haunches or hindquarters

metastrophe mutual exchange

metathesis transposition of sounds or letters of a word

métayage system of agricultural labour with share of produce as

wages

metempirical beyond the scope of knowledge

metempsychosis passing of soul after death into another body metemptosis omission of day from calendar to correct lunar

calendar

metensomatosis movement of soul into new body before or after

death

meteorism abdominal cramps and swelling due to flatulence

meteoritics the study of meteors

meteorograph instrument recording a variety of meteorological

observations

meteoromancy divination by studying meteors

methanometer instrument for detecting presence of methane

metheglin mead; honey ale methinks I believe; I think

methomania morbid craving for alcohol

methysis drunkenness

métier profession, occupation, calling or business

metonymy figurative use of word to name an attribute of its subject

metope front, forehead or frontal surface metopic of, like or pertaining to the forehead

metopomancy divination using the forehead or face

metoposcopy fortune-telling or judgement of character by the lines

of the forehead

metrics study of versification

metrocracy government by mothers or women; matriarchy

metrology science of weights and measures

metromania insatiable desire for writing verse

metronymy system of naming after the mother's or female line

metrophobia fear of poetry

metropolitan archbishop holding authority over other bishops

meuse space through which animal track passes

mew to shed, moult or change

mewling crying feebly

mezzotint method of copper engraving with even gradation of tones

mho unit of electrical conductance

miasma foul vapours from rotting matter; unwholesome air

micaceous consisting of or made of mica

micrander dwarf male plant

microanatomy study of microscopic tissues

microbarograph instrument for recording minute changes in

atmospheric pressure

microbiology study of microscopic organisms

microcalorimeter instrument for measuring tiny quantities of heat

microcephalic having a very small head microclimatology study of local climates

micrograph instrument used to write on a very small scale

microlith very small stone tool

micrology study or discussion of trivialities micromancy divination using small objects

micromania pathological self-deprecation or belief that one is

very small

micrometer instrument for measuring very small distances micronometer instrument for measuring short periods of time

micropalaeontology study of microscopic fossils feeding on small creatures or plants microphagous microphyllous having small leaves microphytology study of very small plant life micropodal having extremely small feet micropolis small city micropsia disease causing objects to appear smaller than actual size micropyle microscopic orifice microscopy study of minute objects microseismograph instrument for recording small or distant earthquakes microseismometer instrument for measuring small or distant earthquakes microsomatous having a small body microtome instrument used to cut very small sections of something dissection under magnification or under a microscope micturition the act of urinating mida larva of the bean-fly midinette shop-airl midlenting custom of giving gifts to parents on mid-Lent Sunday mien air or look; manner mignon small and dainty migraineur one who suffers from migraines unit of 1/1000 inch used for measuring thickness of wire instrument for recording distance travelled in miles mileometer miliary like or concerning millet seeds militaster soldier without skill or ability glassware made of coloured rods embedded in clear glass milleflori millenarianism belief that an ideal society will be produced in the near future millesimal thousandth; consisting of thousandth parts milliad millennium; period of a thousand years milliammeter instrument for recording very small electrical currents millionocracy government by millionaires millocracy government by mill owners milguetoast very timid; unassertive person milt fish spawn of, like or pertaining to kites and similar birds milvine mim prim, demure mimature mimicry imitative; of, like or pertaining to mimicry mimetic written representation of signs mimography minacious threatening minargent alloy of copper, silver and aluminum minatory threatening

minauderie display of affectation

mineralogy study of minerals

miniaceous colour of reddish lead

miniate to decorate with rubrics; to illuminate a manuscript

miniaturist one who paints miniature pictures minify to diminish, in appearance or reality

minim unit of liquid volume equal to 1/480 fluid ounces minimifidian having the smallest possible degree of faith minimism inclination to reduce a dogma to the least possible

minimuscular tiny

minium vermilion; red lead

miniver ermine in winter coat; ermine or squirrel fur

minnesinger medieval troubadour or poet minster church associated with a monastery

minuend number from which another is to be subtracted minuet slow and stately Baroque dance in 3/4 time

minutious paying undue attention to minutiae

miosis abnormal contraction of the pupil of the eye

miothermic of, like or pertaining to temperature conditions of the

present day

mirabilia wonders

mirabiliary miracle worker

mirador belvedere or watchtower; architectural feature with good

view

mird to meddle

mirific wonder-working; marvellous

mirliton reed pipe

misacceptation misinterpretation

misandry hatred of men

misaunter misadventure or mishap

misbeseem to be unsuited or unsuitable to

miscegene person of mixed racial heritage miscellanarian writer of miscellanies

misericord ledge in church to lean against while standing; forgiveness

or mercy

misfeasance doing of a lawful act in a wrongful manner

mislight to lead astray by a light misocapnic hating tobacco or its smoke misoclere one who hates the clergy misogallic hating France or the French misology hatred of reason or knowledge

misoneism hatred of novelty

misopaedia hatred of children

misosophy hatred of knowledge or wisdom misotheism hatred of God or deities misprise to scorn; to slight; to undervalue misprision mistake; overlooking of a crime of another missal book containing complete service for mass

mistetch bad habit

mistigris variation of poker where blank card can have any value

misyoke to yoke or marry unsuitably

miter high headdress worn by bishop or archbishop

mithridate antidote to poison

mithridatism immunity to poison by taking increasingly large

doses

miticide agent which kills mites mitogenic causing cell division mitrailleur machine-gunner

mitrate shaped like a mitre or bonnet

mitriform mitre-shaped

mittimus warrant granted for sending a charged person to jail

mixen dunghill

mixotrophic combining different modes of nutrition

mizmaze labyrinth; bewilderment

mizzen three-masted vessel; aft sail of such a vessel

mizzenmast mast aft or next aft of the mainmast in a ship

mizzle to rain in small drops

mnemon unit of memory, largely hypothetical

mnemonist one from whose memory nothing is erased

mnemotechny system for improving memory mnesic of, like or pertaining to memory

mobocracy government by mobs or crowds mockado inferior quality woollen fabric

modalism belief in unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit

modena crimson

modillion ornamental bracket under Corinthian or other column

modish fashionable: stylish

modiste a maker or seller of fashionable dresses and hats

modius cylindrical headdress of the gods

modulus number leaving same remainder when divided into two

others

mofette volcanic opening in the earth emitting carbon dioxide

mofussil provincial: rural

mogadore ribbed silk used in making neckties mogigraphia writing only with difficulty mogilalia speaking only with difficulty

mohair fabric made from silky hair of angora goats

moilsome laborious

moineau small flat bastion that protects fortification when being

built

moire watered silk

moiré watered appearance on cloth or metal

moirologist mourner for hire molariform shaped like a molar

molendinar of, like or pertaining to a mill or miller

molendinary mill

moleskin heavy durable cotton

molimen great effort, especially in performing natural functions

molinary of, like or pertaining to mills or grinding

molinology study of mills and milling

mollescent softening

mollipilose downy; soft; having soft plumage

mollities softness; softening mollitious luxurious; sensuous molluscicide killing of mollusks mollycoddle an effeminate man

molochize to sacrifice

molossus verse foot of three long syllables

molybdosis lead poisoning

momentaneous momentary; instantaneous

momilogy study of mummies

Momus satirist; critic mon Japanese family crest

monachise to cause to become a monk

monachism monasticism

monadism theory that there exist ultimate units of being

monandry marriage to only one man at a time monanthous having only a single flower

monaxial having only one axis

mondain worldly; fashionable; such a person

monepic comprising only one word or single-word sentences

monergism theory that the Holy Spirit alone can act moneyocracy government by the monied classes

mongery trafficking or marketing, especially in discreditable ways

monial a nun

moniliform shaped like a string of beads

monism belief that all things can be placed in one category

monition caution; warning

monitory letter containing a warning

monkery monks in general; monasticism; behaviour of monks

monoblepsia colour-blindness for all but one colour

monocarpic producing fruit only once monocerous having only one horn

monochord musical instrument having only one string

monochroic of one colour

monochromasy complete colour-blindness

monochronic contemporaneous

monocracy government by one individual

monoculture growing of one agricultural crop only

monoculus one-eyed person

monodont one-tusked

monodrama one-man show; play having only one actor

monody mournful ode or poem performed by a single mourner monoecious having both male and female reproductive organs

monogenesis origin of offspring from identical parent

monogoneutic having only a single brood or litter

monogony asexual reproduction

monoideism obsession or fixation on a single idea or thought monolatry worship of one god without excluding belief in others

monoliteral comprising only one letter

monolith large single stone in form of monument, obelisk or column

monology habit of offering soliloquies or monologues

monomachy single combat; a duel

monomania abnormal obsession with a single thought or idea

monomorphic having only one form

monophagous having the same substance monophagous feeding on only one type of food

monophobia fear of being alone

monophylletic derived from common ancestry or parentage

monophysitism belief that Christ was primarily divine but in human

form

monopode one-footed person with foot large enough to be a sunshade

monopolylogue dramatic work in which one actor plays many roles monopsony case of only one buyer for products of several sellers

monopsychism belief that individuals have a single eternal soul

monopteron circular temple with one ring of columns monoptote word with one form for all cases; indeclinable noun

monorhyme series of lines all rhyming together

monoschemic having the same metrical pattern throughout

monostichous in one line; in one row

monostrophe poem in which all stanzas share an identical

structure

monostylar consisting of a single shaft

monosy separation of parts normally fused

monotheism belief in only one God

monotheletism belief that Christ had only one will

monothelious polyandrous

monotroch wheelbarrow

monoxylon canoe made from one log

monstrance vessel used to expose the Eucharist

montane mountainous; mountain-dwelling

montant vertical member in panelling or framing

montero huntsman

montgolfier balloon using fire for propulsion

monticle a little hill

monticolous mountain-dwelling montiform shaped like a mountain montre visible pipes of an organ monture mounting, setting or frame

mooncalf false conception or fleshy mass in the womb moonraker topmost sail of a ship, above the skyscraper

moorlog deposit of decayed woody material under a marsh

moot meeting; gathering; meeting-hall

mopsical short-sighted

moquette thick piled fabric used in upholstery and carpeting mor humus layer formed by slow decomposition in acidic soil mora delay

morassic of, like or pertaining to a morass

morbidezza an extreme delicacy and softness

morbiferous disease-bringing

morbilli measles

morbilliform like or resembling measles

morbus disease

morcellate to divide into small portions

mordacious given to biting; biting in quality mordant biting; caustic; incisive; corrosive

mordent rapidly alternating a tone with one half-tone lower; reverse

trill

moreen stout corded wool or cotton

morel dark-coloured horse; blackish colour moresco a Moorish dance or morris-dance

morgan unit of inferred distance between genes on a chromosome morganatic of, like or pertaining to a marriage between those of

unequal rank

morganise to secretly do away with

morgen unit of land area slightly more than two acres

morgue haughtiness; arrogance

moria folly morient dying

moriform shaped like a mulberry morigeration deferential behaviour morigerous obsequious or deferent morion open helmet without visor

morioplasty restoration of lost parts of the body

morkin animal that has died by accident morling sheep dead from disease; its wool

mormal inflamed sore

morne dismal; gloomy; sombre

morology nonsense

morosis pathological feeble-mindedness

morosophy foolish pretence of wisdom

morphallaxis regeneration in a changed form

morphean of, like or pertaining to dreams

morphew skin eruption

morphinomania habitual craving or desire for morphine

morphogenesis origin or development of a body part or organ morphology study of forms and the development of structures

morphometry measurement of form or shape

morphonomy laws governing biological morphology

morphotic of, like or pertaining to formation or development morris vigorous English dance performed by costumed men

morro rounded hill or headland

morsal of, like or pertaining to the cutting edge of a knife

morse walrus

morsitation act of biting or gnawing

morsure a bite

mortalism belief that the soul is mortal mortiferous death-bringing; fatal

mortise hole or recess made in wood to receive a tenon mortmain restrictive influence of the past on the present

moschate having a musky odour moschiferous producing musk

moslings thin strips taken off when dressing skins

motable constantly moving motatory continually moving motiferous conveying motion

motile capable of moving spontaneously as a whole

motograph old telegraph or telephone receiver

motrix female motor

motte artificial mound upon which a castle is built

mottle to variegate blotchily

moucharaby projecting latticed window

mouchard police spy

mouillé sounded in a liquid manner; palatized

mouldwarp mole

moulin shaft in a glacier caused by water running down a crack

moulinet machine for bending a crossbow

mountenance amount; distance

mournival set of four things

mousseline fine sheer fabric mousseline very fine glassware

mouton sheepskin processed to look like the fur of another animal

movent moving; capable of causing motion

mow to make a grimace mova volcanic mud

mozzetta short cape with ornamental hood worn by Catholic prelates

mucago mucus; mucilage

mucedinous mouldy; mildewy

muchity great size or bulk mucid mouldy; musty

muciferous conveying or secreting mucus

mucilage any sticky substance

mucivorous feeding on plant juices

mucopurulent of mucus and pus mucorrhoea discharge of mucus mucronate terminating in a sharp point

mucrone stiff sharp point forming an abrupt end

mucroniform like, having or resembling a sharp point

muculent like mucus

muffineer dish for keeping muffins hot

mugient bellowing; braying

mugwump one who is neutral politically

mulciberian of, like or pertaining to metalworking

mulct to swindle; to obtain by fraud

mulctuary punishable by a fine

muleteer mule-driver

muliebrile womanly; feminine

muliebrity womanhood

mulism obstinate quirk or habit mull soft fine sheer cotton or silk fabric

mull to moisten leather to make it more supple muller flat heavy stone or iron pulverizing tool

mullet five-pointed star in heraldry; ridiculous hairstyle

mulley hornless

mulligrubs a despondent or ill-tempered mood mullion upright division between window panes

mullock waste earth or rock from a mine

mulm organic sediment at bottom of an aquarium

mulse boiled wine with honey

multanimous having a many-sided mind

multarticulate many-jointed

multeity manifoldness; very great numerousness

multicapitate many-headed

multicipital many-headed

multifarious having great diversity; manifold

multifid having many divisions multiflorous many-flowered

multilocation appearance in many places simultaneously

multiloculate many-chambered multiloquent talkative; garrulous

multiparous having given birth to multiple children multiplicative indicating repetition or augmentation

multipotent having the power to do many things

multiscience knowledge of many things

multisonant producing many or very loud sounds

multisulcate many-furrowed

multitarian having many forms but one central essence

multivious leading in many directions; offering many different paths

multivocal having many meanings

multivolent having several differing opinions; disagreeing multivoltine having several broods in one season

multure fee for grinding grain

mumpsimus view stubbornly held even when shown to be wrong

mundificative a cleansing or purifying medicine

mundify to cleanse; to purify; to heal mundungus foul-smelling tobacco mungo waste produced in a woollen-mill

munificence magnificent liberality in giving

munify to fortify

muniment means of defence; record fortifying or proving a claim

munting vertical framing piece between door panels muonium positively-charged muon attached to an electron

murage tax for the upkeep of walls

murally by means of walls; on or from a wall

murcous having the thumb cut off

murdrum killing of a human being in a secret manner

murenger official in charge of ensuring city walls are repaired

muriated pickled; preserved

muriatic briny

muricate rough or warty with sharp points

muriform resembling a mouse or rat

murine of, like or pertaining to mice and rats

muriphobia fear of mice

murrain epidemic or plague affecting livestock

murrhine clear glassware containing pieces of coloured glass

musal of, like or pertaining to poetry or the Muses

muscariform shaped like a brush

muscicapine of, like or pertaining to flycatchers and related birds

muscicide substance for killing flies

muscid of, like or pertaining to house-flies

muscoid of, like or pertaining to mosses; moss-like

muscology the study of mosses
museology the study of museums
musicaster a mediocre musician
muslin plain-woven fine cotton
musomania obsession with music

musrol nose-band of a bridle

mussitate to mutter

mussitation murmuring; grumbling mustelid otters, badgers and weasels

musteline of, like or pertaining to weasels, martens and badgers

mutagenesis origin or induction of mutation mutative indicating a change of place or state

mutchkin old unit of liquid measurement equal to 3/4 of an imperial

pint

mutic lacking normal defensive parts or organs

mutivity tendency to alter

mutualism belief in mutual dependence of society and the individual mvule kind of African tree like a mulberry; hard wood of that tree

myasthenia muscular weakness or debility

mycetism fungus poisoning mycology study of funguses mycophagous eating fungus

mycosis disease due to the growth of a fungus mycteric of, like or pertaining to the nostrils

mycterism sneering

mydriasis morbid dilatation of the pupil of the eye myelic of, like or pertaining to the spinal cord

myogenic having a muscular origin

myograph instrument for recording muscular contractions

myology study of muscles

myomancy divination from the movements of mice

myophobia fear of mice

myosis excessive contraction of the pupil of the eye

myoxine of, like or pertaining to dormice myriacanthous having many prickles

myriadth being a one-ten-thousandth part of a whole myriarchy government by ten thousand individuals

myringa eardrum

myringoscope instrument for viewing the eardrum

myriorama picture consisting of many interchangeable parts

myristicivorous feeding upon nutmegs

myrmecoid antlike

myrmecology study of ants

myrmecophagid of, like or pertaining to anteaters

myrmecophagous feeding on ants

myrmecophilous having a symbiotic relationship with ants

myrmicine of, like or pertaining to ants myrmidon follower; hireling; mercenary myropologist one who sells perfume

mysophobia fear of contamination or dirt

mystacial having a mustache-like stripe

mystagogical of, like or pertaining to religious ritual initiation

mysteriosophy system of knowledge concerning secrets and

mysteries

mythoclast destroyer of myths mythogenesis origin of myths

mythography descriptive study or representation of myths mythomania lying or exaggerating to an abnormal extent

mythopoeic giving rise to myths

nacarat bright orange-red

nacelle structure on wing of airplane containing engine

nacket snack; light lunch nacre mother-of-pearl

nacreous of or resembling mother-of-pearl

naevus birthmark

naiant swimming horizontally

nail old measure of two and a quarter inches

nainsook fine cotton fabric

naissant nascent, rising or coming forth

nanism the condition of being dwarfed or being a dwarf

nanization artificial dwarfing

nankeen buff-coloured; durable buff-coloured cotton nanocephalous having an extremely small head naology study of church or temple architecture

naos temple; inner cell of a temple

napaea nymph that inhabits wooded dells

napiform shaped like a turnip

nappe sheet of water flowing over a weir napper one who naps cloth after it is fulled

narcohypnia numbness experienced upon awakening

narcolepsy pathological drowsiness narcomancy divination using sleep

narcomania uncontrollable craving for narcotics

narcose experiencing a hallucinogenic stupor

nares the nostrils

narial of, like or pertaining to the nostrils naricorn horny termination of a bird's nostril

nariform shaped like the nostrils narquois mocking; malicious

narthex small entrance or porch to a church

nary not a one; not at all

nasard organ mutation stop

nascent immature; in process of birth nasicornous having a horn on the nose

nasology study of the nose

nasute keen-scented; critically discriminating; having a big nose

nasutiform shaped like a nose

natable able to float; able to be sailed natalitial of, like or pertaining to a birthday

natation swimming natatorium swimming-pool nates the buttocks

natheless nevertheless; notwithstanding

natiform shaped like buttocks

nativism belief that the mind possesses inborn thoughts

natricine of, like or pertaining to water-snakes

natron sodium bicarbonate natuary hospital maternity ward

naturalism belief that the world can be explained in terms of natural

forces

naturism communal nudism naumachy mock sea-battle naupathia sea sickness nauseant producing nausea nautics art of navigation

navalism cult of naval supremacy or seapower

navarchy rulership over the seas

nave largest part of church where congregation sits navette pointed oval shape; jewel cut in this shape

navicular boat-shaped naviform boat-shaped naze headland or cape

neanic of, like or pertaining to the adolescent period; young neap tidal period of least difference between high and low tides

neatherd cowherd

nebbich colourless; inconsequential person

nebulaphobia fear of fog nebulize to reduce to spray

necessarianism theory that actions are determined by prior history;

fatalism

necrogenic deriving from dead animals

necrographer obituary writer necrolatry worship of the dead

necrologue obituary necrology obituary list

necromania sexual obsession with dead bodies; necrophilia

necrophagous feeding on the dead

necrophobia fear of corpses necropsy post-mortem examination

necrotic undergoing death of part of the body

nectareal of or like nectar

nectariferous producing nectar nectarivorous feeding on nectar

nectopod limb used for swimming

necyomancy divination by summoning Satan

needlecord thinly ribbed cotton needledom the world of sewing needs of necessity; necessarily

nef ornamental stand in shape of ship for holding salt or cutlery

nefandous abominable; despicable

negrophile one who is sympathetic towards black people

negrophobia fear of blacks

nekton assemblage of swimming organisms in a body of water

nemaline of or like a thread

nematology the study of nematodes

nembutsu Buddhist invocation chanted to achieve enlightenment

nemophilist one who loves the woods

nemoral of a wood or grove

nemoricolous living in forests or groves

nemorous wooded

neoblastic of, like or pertaining to new growth

neocracy government by new or inexperienced rulers

neogenesis producing regeneration of tissue

neolagnium puberty neolatry worship of novelty

neomenia period of the new moon

neomorphic developed suddenly and not inherited

neonate newly born child

neonaticide killing or killer of a newborn infant

neonatology study of newborn babies

neonomianism theory that the gospel abrogates earlier moral codes

neophile one who loves novelty and trends neophobe one who fears change or novelty

neophobia fear of novelty

neophrastic of, like or pertaining to neologisms

neorama view of interior of building neossology study of nestling birds neoteric of recent origin; modern

neoterism introduction of new things, especially words

neovitalism theory that total material explanation is impossible nepenthe something, such as a drink, capable of making one forget

suffering

neper unit for expressing ratio of two currents or voltages

nephalism total abstinence from alcoholic drinks nepheligenous discharging smoke in clouds

nephelognosy observation of clouds

nepheloid cloudy

nephelometer instrument for measuring cloudiness nephelometry measurement of cloudiness of liquids

nephogram photograph of clouds

nephograph instrument for photographing clouds

nephology study of clouds

nephoscope instrument for observing direction and velocity of

clouds

nephric of, like or pertaining to the kidneys

nephroid kidney-shaped nephrolith kidney stone

nephrology study of the kidneys

nepionic of, like or pertaining to the embryonic period of

development

nepotal of, like or pertaining to one's nephew

nepotation riotous behaviour; profligacy

neritic belonging to the shallow waters near land nervine quieting; soothing nervous excitement

nervure vein of a leaf

nescience lack of knowledge; ignorance

nesh soft; delicate; tender nesiote living on an island

nestitherapy medical treatment by reducing food intake

neuralgiform like or shaped like a nerve

neurergic of, like or pertaining to the function or action of the nerves

neurism "nerve-force" acting on evolution

neurobiology study of anatomy of the nervous system

neurogenesis production or generation of nerves

neuroid like a nerve

neuropath one who believes in nervous origin of most diseases neuropsychology study of relation between brain and behaviour

neurypnology study of hypnotism

neuston minute organisms floating or swimming on water's surface

neutrosophy study of the origin and nature of philosophical

neutralities

névé granular snow; field of granular snow

nevus birthmark

newel upright column in middle of circular staircase; post at end

of stairs

nexus a bond; a linked group niaiserie simplicity; foolishness

niccolic made of, like or pertaining to nickel

nickeliferous bearing nickel

nicotian of, like or pertaining to tobacco

nictate to wink or blink nidamental nest-forming

nidatory of, like or pertaining to nests

niddering one who shows shameful fear or timidity

nidicolous reared in a nest; sharing a nest

nidificate to construct a nest

nidifugous leaving the nest soon after hatching

nidify to build a nest nidology study of nests

nidor strong smell or fume of animal cooking

nidulation nest-building

nidus place where something originates or develops; nest niello ornamenting metal by placing black compound in

engravings

nieve hand or fist niff an unpleasant smell nigh nearly; almost

nightpiece work of art describing a night scene

nigrescence blackness; dark colouring or pigmentation

nigricant of a blackish colour

nigrine black

nigrities exceptionally dark coloration

nigroglobulate to blackball

nigrosine blackish coal-tar colour dye

nihilism denial of all reality; extreme scepticism

nihility nothingness; a mere nothing

nill to refuse; to be unwilling

nim to steal; to pilfer nimbose cloudy nimiety excess

nimonic of alloys used in high-temperature work

ninon silk voile or other thin fabric

nippitatum exceptionally good and strong ale

nipter ecclesiastical ceremony of washing the feet

niramiai period of stamping and glaring to cow sumo opponent

nisus effort; striving; impulse

nitency brightness; lustrousness nitency effort; impulse; tendency

nithing infamous person; abject coward; traitor

nitid bright; shining; merry

nitriary artificial bed of animal matter used to produce nitre nitrometer instrument for measuring nitrogen and its compounds nitrophilous flourishing in or preferring locations with abundant

nitrogen

nivellate to level or plane niveous snowy; white nivial growing among snow

nobiliary of, like or pertaining to nobility

nobilitate to ennoble

nocent hurtful; quilty; harmful

nociceptive sensitive to pain; causing pain

noctambulation sleep-walking

noctidiurnal comprising one day and one night

noctiflorous flowering at night

noctilucent phosphorescent; glowing in the dark

noctivagant wandering in the night noctuary record of one night's thoughts

nocuous hurtful; noxious

nodality knottedness; state of being nodal

nodated knotted

noddy plain two-wheeled horse-drawn cart

noddypeak fool; imbecile

nodose having knots or nodules; knotty nodosity knottiness; a knotty swelling

nodus a knotty point; difficulty; complication

noegenesis production of knowledge

noesis intellectual activity; purely intellectual perception

noetics laws or rules of logic

noils short pieces of fibre separated from longer ones by combing

noisette small piece of lamb cut off the bone and rolled

nolition adverse action of will; unwillingness nomancy divination by examining letters of name

nomenclator lexicon; word-list; one who assigns names

nomiatrist lawyer specializing in medical cases

nomic customary; conventional

nominalism doctrine that naming of things defines reality

nominative indicating subject of a verb

nomism view that moral conduct consists in observance of laws

nomistic based on law or a sacred book

nomocracy government based on legal system; rule of law

nomogeny origin of life according to natural law

nomographer a writer of laws

nomology the science of the laws; especially of the mind

nomothetical giving laws; legislative

nonage legal infancy; minority; time of immaturity

nones prayer service held at 3 p.m.

nonpareil thing of unequalled excellence; paragon

nonparous not having given birth nonpathogenic not causing disease noogenesis evolution of the mind noology science of the intellect noometry mind-measurement

noosphere sum of human intellectual activities nootropics cognitive enhancers; mind drugs

normalism state of being normal

norsel short piece of line for fastening fishing nets and hooks

nosebag food bag hung over a horse's head

nosegay bouquet of fragrant flowers

nosism use of royal "we"; assumption of role of group mouthpiece

nosocomial of, like or pertaining to a hospital

nosocomium hospital

nosography description of diseases

nosology study of diseases

nosomania delusion of suffering from a disease

nosophobia fear of disease nostology study of senility

nostomania abnormal desire to go back to familiar places

nostopathy fear of returning to familiar places

nostrification acceptance of foreign university degrees on par with

native

nostrum secret or quack medicine

notabilia notable sayings; things worthy of notice

notalgia back pain

notandum something to be specially noted or observed

notaphily collecting of bank-notes and cheques

notarikon making words from letters taken from throughout a

sentence

nothingarian person who has no particular belief

nothous spurious; bastard notitia roll, list or register notonectal swimming on the back

noumenalism belief in existence of noumena

noumenon object whose reality defined by reason rather than

perception

nous pure intellect or reason

novalia lands newly brought under cultivation

novantique both new and old through repair or imitation

novation substitution of a new obligation for an existing one

novena series of Catholic church services held on nine successive

days

novenary of, like or pertaining to the number nine

novendial festival lasting nine days

novercal of, like or pertaining to a stepmother

novercaphobia fear of one's stepmother

novity innovation; newness

nowise not at all

noxal of, like or pertaining to wrongful injury by object or animal

of another

noyade execution by drowning

nubecula a cloudiness nubiferous cloud-bringing

nubiform cloudlike

nubigenous cloud-born

nubilate to obscure nubilous cloudy

nucal of, like or pertaining to nuts

nucha the nape of the neck

nuchal of, like or pertaining to the nape of the neck

nuciferous nut-bearing

nuciform shaped like a nut

nucivorous nut-eating nucule a nutlet

nudation the act of making bare nugacious unimportant; trifling; trivial

nugatory inconsequential; inoperative; futile; trifling

nullibicity state of being nowhere

nullibilism denial that the soul exists in space nullifidian having no faith; one who is faithless

nulliparous having not borne children nullity the state of being null or void

nulliverse universe devoid of any plan or organizing principle

numen presiding deity

numenism belief in local deities or spirits

numinous of, like or pertaining to a deity; suffused with religious awe

numismatics study of coins nummamorous money-loving

nummary of, like or pertaining to coins or money

nummet light meal or luncheon nummiform shaped like a coin numquid an inquisitive person nunciative bearing messages

nuncio one who brings tidings; high-ranking papal legate

nuncius messenger

nuncupate to utter as a vow; to declare verbally

nuncupative oral; designative

nundinal of, like or pertaining to a fair or market nundination trading; mercantile commerce

nunnation addition of a final n in the declension of nouns

nupson simpleton; fool nuptiality marriage-rate nuque nape of the neck nutant nodding; drooping

nutarian person who believes that nuts are the best kind of food nutation fluctuation or nodding in movement of earth's pole

nutrication nourishment

nutrice nurse

nutricial of, like or pertaining to nurses

nychthemeral of, like or pertaining to a nychthemeron or 24-hour

period

nychthemeron a full night and a day; 24 hours

nyctalopia night-blindness

nyctanthous flowering at night

nyctograph device for recording ideas at night or when not fully

awake

nyctophobia fear of the night or darkness nymphean of, like or pertaining to a nymph

nympholepsy emotional frenzy, as that inspired in men by nymphs

nymphology study of nymphs

oakum old ropes untwisted for caulking the seams of ships

oakus wallet; pocket billfold oast kiln to dry hops or malt obambulate to wander about

obdormition numbness in a limb caused by pressure on a nerve

obduracy stubbornness; persistence obedible docile; capable of obedience

obedientiary someone subject to obedience

obeism practice of West African magic

obeliscolychny lighthouse

obelize to condemn as spurious, doubtful, or corrupt

obelus sign used to mark questionable or corrupt text passages obeophone mechanical keyboard instrument used to imitate other

instruments

obequitate to ride about

obfuscate to obscure; to darken; to confuse

obganiate to irritate someone by constantly repeating oneself

obi broad sash worn with a kimono obit religious office for a dead person

obitual of, like or pertaining to obituaries

objectivism doctrine that all reality is objective

objicient objector

objuration the act of binding by oath; a solemn charge

objurgate to chide; to scold; to rebuke

oblate layman living in a religious community under modified rule

oblate flattened at opposite sides or poles

oblation act of offering; a sacrifice; anything offered in worship

oblectation enjoyment; pleasure

obliquation obliqueness

oblivescence forgetfulness; forgetting oblocutor one who denies or disputes

obloguy censure; calumny; slander; disgrace

obluctation resistance; opposition

obmutescent speechless; persistently silent

obnixely earnestly; strenuously obnubilate to becloud; to obscure

obolary extremely poor

obreption seeking to obtain a gift by false premises obrogate to alter the law by passing a new law obrotund round but flattened on top and bottom

obscurantism policy of withholding knowledge from the public

obsecrate to beseech; to implore

obsequent flowing in opposite direction to original slope of land

obsequies funeral

obsequious servilely ingratiating; fawning

obsidional of, like or pertaining to a siege

obsign to seal or confirm

obsolagnium waning sexual desire due to age

obstetrics study of midwifery obstreperous noisy; unruly

obstriction obligation

obtend to put forward or allege obtenebrate to cast a shadow over

obtest to call to witness; to adjure; to protest; to beseech

obtruncate to cut or lop off the head of obtund to blunt or dull; to deaden

obtundent dulling

obturate to stop up; to seal up

obumbrate to overshadow obvallate walled in; sealed up

obvention any incidental occurrence or advantage

obvert to turn; to alter obvolute overlapping; twisted

obvolvent enwrapping; curved downward or inward ocarina egg-shaped flute-like wind instrument

occamy alloy imitating gold or silver

occipital of, like or pertaining to the back of the head occlusion closing of an opening, passage or cavity occultation concealing of one heavenly body by another

ocellated eyelike and ringed; having an eyelike spot or spots

ocellus small eye or eye-like coloured spot

ochlesis sickness resulting from overcrowded living conditions

ochlocracy government by mobs ochlophobia fear of crowds

ochre yellowish or yellow-brown colour

ochroleucous yellowish white

ocracy government

ocreate wearing boots or leggings octactinal having eight rays or points

octad set of eight things

octamerous having parts in eights octan recurring every eight days

octapla multi-lingual book in eight texts octarchy government by eight people

octarius pint

octastich poem of eight lines

octingentenary eight hundredth anniversary of an event octonary of, like or pertaining to or consisting of eight things;

grouped in eights

octonocular having eight eyes

octothorp the sign "#"

octroi trading privilege, monopoly or concession granted to a

town

oculate having eyes

oculiform shaped like an eye

oculus round window, especially over main door in church

od mild oath

odalisque female slave in a harem odditorium place for displaying oddities

odeum a usually small theatre or concert hall

odible worthy of hatred

odium hatred; offensiveness; blame

odograph odometer; instrument for measuring distance travelled

odology science of the hypothetical mystical force of od

odontalgia toothache

odonterism chattering of the teeth

odontist dentist

odontogeny origin and development of teeth

odontograph instrument for obtaining curves for gear-teeth

odontoid tooth-like odontology study of teeth

odontoloxia irregularity of the teeth odontomancy divination using teeth

odophone scale of odours

odoriferous emitting a usually pleasant smell

odorimetry measurement of strength and persistence of odours

odorivector substance producing an odour

oecist founder of a colony

oecodomic of, like or pertaining to architecture

oeillade an ogle; a glance or wink

oenology study of wines

oenomancy divination by studying appearance of wine

oenomania obsession or craze for wine

oenometer instrument for measuring alcoholic strength of wine

oenophile one who is fond of or loves wine oenophobia fear or hatred of wine

oenopoetic of, like or pertaining to wine-making

oersted unit of magnetic field strength

oestrogenic producing female sex hormones officialism excessive devotion to routine or position

officinal belonging to or used in a shop

officious volunteering one's services too eagerly

ogdoad set of eight

ogee S-shaped

ogive graph representing cumulative frequency ohmmeter instrument for measuring electrical resistance

oikology science of housekeeping oikonisus desire to start a family oinomancy divination using wine

olamic of or belonging to a vast period or eon

oleaginous oily, fawning or sycophantic

olecranon funny bone

oleic of, like or pertaining to or derived from oil

oleiferous producing oil olent having a smell; fragrant

oleograph print in oil-colours to imitate an oil painting

oleometer instrument for measuring amount of oil in a substance oleraceous of the nature of a pot-herb; for kitchen use; edible

olericulture growing of herbs and vegetables

olfactible able to be smelled

olfactology study of the sense of smell

olfactometer instrument measuring intensity of odour of a

substance

olid rank-smelling

oligarchy government by the few

oligochrome work of art using few colours

oligodynamic of, like or pertaining to the effect of small quantities

oligogenics birth control

oligomania obsession with a few thoughts or ideas

oligophrenia feeble-mindedness

oligopoly market situation of few sellers of a service oligopsony market situation of few buyers of a service

oligosyllable word of few syllables

olio miscellany; potpourri

olitory of, like or pertaining to kitchen vegetables

olivaceous olive-coloured olivary olive-shaped

olivaster having an olive complexion

olivet artificial pearl

olivetta container used to hold olives

oliviform shaped like an olive

ollamh learned man in ancient Ireland

ololygmancy fortune-telling by the howling of dogs

ombré shadowy; shaded; dusky

ombrology study of rain

ombrometer rain-gauge

ombrophilous tolerant of large amounts of rainfall

ombrophobia fear of rain

omegoid shaped like a horseshoe or omega

ommateum compound eye omneity state of being all; allness omniana about all sorts of things

omnicompetent legally competent in all matters

omnifarious of all kinds omniferous bearing everything

omnify to make large or universal

omnigatherum miscellaneous assemblage or collection

omnigenous of all kinds omniparity general equality omnism belief in all religions

omophagy eating of raw flesh as a ritual observance

omoplatoscopy divination by observing cracks in burning scapulae

omphalism centralization in government

omphaloid navel-like

omphalomancy divination from the knots in the umbilical cord

omphalopsychite one who meditates by gazing at the navel

omphalos the navel; a boss; a centre

omphaloskepsis navel-gazing

onager military engine for throwing great stones

onanism masturbation; self-gratification

oncogenesis producing cancerous tumours

oncology study of tumours

oncometer instrument measuring change in size of internal organs oncosimeter instrument measuring variations in density of molten

metal

oncostman mine worker paid by the day

ondograph instrument measuring change in wave formations of

electricity

ondoyant wavy

oneiric of, like or pertaining to dreams oneirocriticism dream interpretation

oneirodynia nightmare oneirology study of dreams

oneiromancy divination by dreams

one-step ballroom dance marked by quick walking steps

oniomania mania for making purchases

oniscoid like a woodlouse

onocrotal old term for the pelican onolatry worship of asses or donkeys

onomamania mania for names

onomancy divination using a donkey or ass

onomancy divination using proper names

onomasiology study of nomenclature

onomastic of, like or pertaining to a name or signature

onomasticon dictionary of proper names onomastics study of proper names

onomatomania irresistible desire to repeat certain words

onomatophobia fear of hearing a certain word

onomatous bearing the author's name

ontal of, like or pertaining to reality or existence

ontocyclic returning to an infantile state or character in old age ontogenesis origin and development of a single individual

organism

ontography description of reality, essence or being

ontological based upon being or existence

ontology science of pure being; the nature of things

ontosophy knowledge of being or existence

onychocryptosis ingrowing toenail

onychoid like a fingernail

onychomancy divination by the fingernails

onychophagist nail-biter

onychophorous bearing nails or claws

onychotillomania compulsive picking at the fingernails

onymancy divination by the fingernails onymatic of, like or pertaining to names onymous bearing the author's name onymy scientific nomenclature

onyxis ingrown nail

oogenesis production of eggs or ova

ooidal egg-shaped oology study of eggs

oomancy divination using eggs

oometer instrument for measuring eggs

oophoron ovary

oose furry dust that gathers under beds ootocous producing eggs; oviparous

opacimeter instrument for measuring opacity

opacular somewhat opaque opalescence milky iridescence

opalotype photograph taken on a milky opal glass plate

opeidoscope instrument for illustrating sound by means of light

operculum cover or lid; lid-like organ or covering

operose laborious; tedious

ophelimity ability to please sexually; ability to satisfy

ophiasis baldness in wavy bands

ophic of, like or pertaining to serpents

ophicleide keyed bass brass musical instrument ophidian of or like a snake ophidiarium snake-house ophidiomancy divination using snakes

ophidiophobia fear of snakes ophiolatry worship of snakes ophiology study of snakes

ophiomancy divination by watching snakes

ophiomormous snakelike

ophiomorphic shaped like a snake

ophiophagous eating snakes ophiophilist snake-lover ophism snake-worship ophiuran brittle star

ophthalmometer instrument for measuring the eye ophthalmophobia fear of being stared at

ophthalmoscope instrument for viewing the interior of the eye

opificer artificer

opinable capable of being thought

opiniaster one who obstinately holds to an opinion

opinicus mythic heraldic winged beast with lion's body, eagle's

head, camel's tail

opinionator one who holds or gives an opinion

opiomania craving for opium

opisometer instrument for measuring curved lines

opisthenar the back of the hand

opisthograph manuscript or slab inscribed on both back and front

opisthosomal of, like or pertaining to posteriors

opodeldoc soapy liniment

oppidan urban

oppignorate to pawn

oppilate to block up; to stop up

oppositive indicating opposition or location opposite to

opprobrium disgrace; bad reputation

oppugn to attack by argument; to oppose; to call in question

opsigamy one who marries late in life opsimath one who learns late in life opsiometer instrument for testing vision

opsomania abnormal love for one kind of food opsonium anything eaten with bread as a relish optative mood expressing a desire or wish

optics study of light

optimate of the nobility or aristocracy optogram image fixed on the retina

optology study of sight

optometer instrument for testing vision

optophobia fear of opening one's eyes

optophone device transforming light into sound

opuscule little work or composition

or before

or heraldic colour gold or yellow

orad toward the mouth

oragious stormy

oralism instruction of the deaf through speech rather than sign

language

orangery building for growing orange trees in a cool climate

orant representation of praying figure in early art

orarian coastal; a coast-dweller

orarion deacon's stole in Orthodox church

orarium book of private devotions

orarium handkerchief; scarf attached to bishop's staff

oratiuncle short oration

oratory small chapel for private prayer; lectern for prayer

orbific creating the world

orchesis act of dancing or rhythmical moving of the body

orchesography notation of dance movements by means of diagrams

orchidaceous exceptionally beautiful; gaudy; ostentatious

orchidology study of orchids

orchidomania abnormal obsession with orchids

orchidometer instrument for measuring the size of the testicles

ord point of a weapon; a beginning

ordalian of, like or pertaining to an ordeal

ordinal book containing religious rites, especially for ordination

ordinant one who ordains ordinate in rows or columns

ordo calendar with list of services for each day of the year ordonnance proper coordination of figures in a picture

ordure loathsome dirt or refuse; something morally degrading

oread mountain nymph

orectic of, like or pertaining to appetite or desires

oremus Roman Catholic liturgical prayer orey-eyed expressing anger through the eyes

orf viral infection of sheep orfèvrerie goldsmith's work organdie fine translucent cotton

organice fine translucent cotton

organicism conception of life or society as an organism

organistrum early musical instrument resembling the hurdy-gurdy

organity an organized whole

organogenesis origin or development of living organs

organoleptic dealing with testing effects of a substance on senses

organon method of investigation; logical technique or system

organonomy laws of organic life

organza transparent thin silk or nylon

orgulous proud; haughty

orichalc gold-coloured alloy; brass

oriel small room or recess with a polygonal bay window oriflamme banner of red silk split into several points

oriform shaped like a mouth

orillion semicircular projection on a bastion to protect flanks

orismology technical definition or terminology

orison prayer

orleans interwoven cotton and worsted

orlop lowest deck in a ship having four or more decks

ormolu something expensive looking; gold-plated metal

ornithic of, like or pertaining to birds

ornithoid bird-like

ornithology study of birds

ornithomancy divination by observing flight of birds

ornithon aviary

ornithophilous pollinated by birds

ornithophobia fear of birds

ornithopter bird-like archaic flying machine

ornithoscopy bird watching

orobathymetric of, like or pertaining to map showing submerged

heights and sea depths orogen mountain pass orogenesis mountain-building

orography description of mountains oroide alloy used to imitate gold

orology study of mountains

orotund marked by fullness and clarity of sound; pompous

orphanotrophism care and support of orphans

orphrey gold or other rich embroidery on clerical robes orpiment yellow arsenic compound used as pigment

orrery clockwork model of the solar system

ort scrap of food; morsel orthian high-pitched

orthobiosis correct or moral living

orthodromics great-circle sailing; sailing by most direct route

orthoepy study of correct pronunciation

orthogenesis directional evolution of organisms

orthognathism state of having straight jaws

orthographer correct speller orthography study of spelling orthography correct spelling orthology correct use of words

orthopraxis correct practice in religion

orthopter ornithopter; flying machine with moving wings

orthopterology study of cockroaches orthostichous arranged in vertical rows

orthotomic cutting at right angles

orthotonic taking an accent in some but not all positions

orthotropism vertical growth oryctognosy mineralogy

oryctology mineralogy or paleontology

oryctomancy divination using excavated objects

oryzivorous rice-eating

oscheal of, like or pertaining to the scrotum

oscillograph instrument for recording alternating current wave

forms

oscillometer instrument for measuring ship's rollings

oscilloscope instrument for detecting electrical fluctuations

oscinine of, like or pertaining to song-birds oscitancy yawning; sleepiness; stupidity

oscitate to yawn

oscular of, like or pertaining to the mouth or to kissing

osculate to kiss

osculatory carved tablet kissed by priest during celebration of mass

osmatic having olfactory organs

osmesis act of smelling

osmics scientific study of smells osmidrosis emission of ill-smelling sweat

osmol unit of osmotic pressure

osmology study of smells and olfactory processes

osmometer instrument for measuring osmotic pressure

osnaburg coarse linen or cotton osophy belief or doctrine

osphresiology study of the sense of smell

osphresis sense of smell

ossein the organic basis of bone ossia alternatively; rather (in music) ossicle little bone or bone-like plate

ossiferous bearing bones

ossifrage osprev

ossify to change into bone; to become callous or conventional

ossivorous feeding on bones

ossomancy divination using bones

ossuary a depository for the bones of the dead

osteal of, like or pertaining to, or comprised of bone

ostensory container for holding consecrated Communion wafers

ostent appearance; manifestation osteoclasis surgical breaking of a bone

osteogenesis production or formation of bone

osteography description of bones

osteoid bony; bone-like osteology study of bones

osteomancy divination using bones

osteometry measurement of bones or skeleton

osteophone device used to allow deaf to hear sounds through the

cranium

osteophyte abnormal bony outgrowth

ostiary doorkeeper

ostiolate having an opening ostiole a small opening ostium mouth-like opening

ostler person who takes care of horses at an inn and/or sells oats

ostracean of, like or pertaining to oysters ostraceous of, like or pertaining to oysters

ostreiform shaped like an oyster

ostreoid oyster-like

ostreophagous oyster-eating

ostrichism habit or policy of refusing to face unpleasant facts

otacoustic aiding hearing

otalgia earache

otarine of, like or pertaining to seals otic of, like or pertaining to the ear

otiose superfluous; redundant; futile; useless; functionless; idle otolith calcium concretion in inside of vertebrate's ear to aid in

equilibrium

otology study of the ear

otorhinolaryngology study of ear, nose and throat

otoscope instrument for examining the ear

otosis mishearing of speech

ottoman heavy clothing fabric with crosswise ribs

ounce medium to large-sized great cat

oundy wavy

ouranomancy divination using the heavens

ouroboros snake eating own tail symbolizing totality or completion

oustiti lock-opening tool

outage amount of commodity lost in transport and storage outcross to breed individuals of different strains of a species

outfling sharp retort or gibe

outhaul rope used to haul a sail taut along a spar

outiet projection

outmantle to exceed in dress or ornament

outmaster to overcome in a contest for mastery outrance the utmost extremity; the bitter end

outré beyond what is proper; extravagant outremer area beyond the sea; overseas

outrigger spar extended from side of ship to help secure mast

outroop auction

ouzel blackbird; a dark-haired person

ovarious consisting of eggs

overcrow to crow or triumph over

overflush superfluity

overhaile to overtake; to overpower

overlock to oversew a hem or fabric edge to prevent fraying overmantel ornamental structure set on a mantel-shelf

overpoise weight sufficient to weigh another down

overrack to overstrain

overset to upset; to disorder

overslaugh exemption from duty in turn when otherwise employed

ovibovine of, like or pertaining to musk-oxen

ovicide killing insect eggs

ovicide sheep-killing oviferous egg-carrying oviform like a sheep

oviform shaped like an oval or egg

ovigerous bearing eggs

ovil sheep-fold

ovine of, like or pertaining to sheep

oviparous producing offspring through laying eggs

ovivorous eating eggs ovivorous eating sheep

ovopyriform having a shape between a pear and an egg

ovoviviparous producing eggs which are hatched in parent's body

ovuliferous bearing ovules

owlery place frequented by owls owling smuggling wool or sheep

oxford soft durable plain-woven cotton

oxter to take under the arm; to support by taking the arm

oxyacaesthesia extreme sharpness of senses

oxyacanthous having sharp thorns oxyblepsia extremely keen sight

oxygeusia extremely keen sense of taste

oxymoron figure of speech combining contradictory terms

oxyphonia sharpness or shrillness of voice

oxytocic drug that hastens the process of childbirth oxytone word bearing acute accent on last syllable

ozoniferous bearing ozone

ozostomia bad breath

pabouche a slipper

pabulous of, like or pertaining to nourishment

pabulum food; provender; nourishment

pacable able to be appeased; willing to forgive

pace contrary to the opinion of; in respectful disagreement with pachydermia elephantiasis pachyglossal thick-tongued pachymeter instrument for measuring small thicknesses pachynsis thickening paciferous peace-bringing pacificate to give peace to pactolian like or having golden-hued sands padella shallow dish of fat with a wick used in illuminations padrone innkeeper: employer padronism system of obtaining labour through employment agents paduasoy corded silk song of thanksgiving paean paedarchy government by children paedobaptism doctrine of infant baptism paedocracy government by children; paedarchy paedogenesis reproduction by an infant or larval organism paedology study of children paedonymic name taken from one's child paedophage eater of children paedophilia abnormal love or sexual attraction for children paedophobia fear of children; fear of dolls paedotrophy art of rearing children paginal of, like or pertaining to pages or pagination pagophagia eating trays of ice to help offset iron deficiency educational method or theory paideutic paidonosology study of children's diseases; pediatrics paillette a spangle pais people from whom a jury is drawn soft wool fabric with ornamental pattern paisley paizogony necking; love-play a word; talk palabra palaceous spade-shaped palaeoanthropology study of early humans palaeobiology study of fossil plants and animals study of ancient climates palaeoclimatology palaeogaea the Old World as a biological region palaeolimnology study of ancient fish palaeolimnology study of ancient lakes palaeopedology study of early soils palaeophile antiquarian palaeosophy ancient learning or thought palaestra wrestling school: gymnasium palaetiology application of principles of causation to past events palafitte prehistoric lake dwelling palamate having webbed feet

palanguin light litter for one passenger palatine having royal authority over a region palative pleasing to the taste or to the palate recording position of tongue against hard palate palatography during speech to talk profusely or idly palaver paleaceous chaffy; like or resembling chaff paleobotany study of ancient plants paleo-osteology study of ancient bones loose overcoat paletot small plate covering the armpit joint in a suit of armour palette palewise (of heraldic charges) oriented vertically palfrenier groom palfrev riding horse, especially one for a lady palification the act of strengthening with stakes paliform shaped like a stake disorder characterized by rapid repetition of words palilalia repetition of a word or word or phrase palillogy palimbacchius metrical foot of two long and one short syllable palimpsest manuscript or paper that is erased and then written over palingenesis new birth; reincarnation; second creation palingman seller of fish or eels palinode poem in which earlier thoughts or feelings are retracted compulsive repetition of an act until it is perfect palinola palinspasticshowing geological formations of an area as they existed in the past palisade fence of stakes used for defensive purposes pall covering cloth laid upon Communion chalice of, like or pertaining to wisdom or learning palladian sense of vibration pallasethesia pallescent turning pale palliament white robe or gown palliasse straw mattress palliate to ease with out curing; to extenuate pallid pale; wan pallium white woollen band symbolising archbishop's authority pallograph instrument measuring ship's vibration of, like or pertaining to the palm palmar palmarian pre-eminent principal; meritorious palmary palmate hand-shaped palmiped web-footed palpebral of, like or pertaining to the eyelid palpebration winking palterto trifle in talk; to use trickery; to equivocate paltripolitan term of scorn applied to city-dwellers or urban life

paludal of, like or pertaining to marshes; marshy; malarial paludicolous growing in marshes; marsh-dwelling paludism marsh fever; malaria paludose marshy; living in marshes palynology study of pollen palzogony love-play; foreplay pam card game in which jack of club has highest value pampiniform like a tendril panaceist believer in panaceas totality of perception; general awareness panaesthesia theory that consciousness may inhere generally in panaesthetism matter universal rule or dominion panarchy of, like or pertaining to bread; bread store panary panatella long; thin cigar panchion coarse earthenware pan panchreston panacea theory that the material universe is all that exists pancosmism pancratic excelling all round in athletics or accomplishments pancyclopaedic encyclopaedic pandation warping pandect treatise covering the whole of a subject pandemian vulgar; sensual pandemic universal; affecting majority of people in a region worship of spirits dwelling in all forms of nature pandemonism pandiculation the act of stretching and yawning panduriform fiddle-shaped panegoism solipsism panegyric elaborate and poetic compliment; eulogy; laudation collection of sermons for Orthodox church festivals panegyricon grand assembly; religious festival panegyry paneity the state of being bread panentheism belief that world is part but not all of God's being random or unrestricted mating pangamy extension of geometry to more than three pangeometry dimensions Panglossianoverly optimistic sentence containing all the letters of the alphabet pangram panhygrous moist in all parts panification conversion into bread panivorous bread-eating panjandrum imaginary potentate of great power and selfimportance cessation of the influence of natural selection panmixia panmnesia belief that all mental impressions are stored in memory pannage food picked up by swine in woods; right to pasture swine

panne heavy lustrous silk or rayon with waxy feel

pannicle thin sheet-like vestment

pannier provision-basket; basket carried over one's back

pannikin small metal cup

pannose like felt

pannychis all-night vigil in preparation for Orthodox church feast

panomphaean all-oracular

panophobia melancholia marked by groundless fears

panoptic all-embracing; viewing all aspects

panopticon prison where all inmates can be watched from one point

panpharmacon universal remedy

panplain flat area consisting of several joined floodplains panpsychism theory that all nature has a psychic side

panpygoptosis shortness of the legs

pansexualism theory that all thought derived from sexual instinct

pansophy universal knowledge

panspermatism belief in origin of life from extraterrestrial germs

pantagamy universal bachelorhood; free love

pantagruelian marked by extravagant and coarse satire pantarchy government by all the people; world government

pantechnicon receptacle holding many miscellaneous objects pantheism belief that the universe is God; belief in many gods

pantisocracy government by all equally

pantler officer in a household in charge of bread pantochronometer combined sundial and compass

pantoglot speaker of all languages

pantograph instrument for copying drawing to a different scale pantograph apparatus connecting streetcar to overhead wires

pantology system of universal knowledge

pantomnesia remembrance of everything ever learned

pantomorphic taking on all shapes

pantophagyomnivorousness

pantophobia fear of everything

pantopragmatic meddling in everybody's business

pantoscope panoramic camera

pantosophy universal knowledge; pansophy

panurgic good at all kinds of tasks

panzoism belief that humans and animals share vital life energy

paparchy government by the pope

papaverous of, like or pertaining to poppies

papeterie packaged fancy stationery; stationery-case

papilionaceous of, like or pertaining to butterflies

papilla nipple-like projection

papilliferous bearing papillae

papilliform nipple-shaped

papillose having nipples or papillae

downy beginnings of a beard pappus stone passing through a wall from face to face papren papulation the development of papillae or pimples papule pimple papuliferous pimply; bearing or pertaining to pimples papyraceous like paper; papery government by newspapers or literature papyrocracy papyrology study of paper papyrotamia manufacture of paper flowers parabasis speech where the chorus advances and addresses audience parabiosis physical union of two embryos or organisms parablepsis false vision; oversight parabolanus layman who tends the sick a parabola of a higher degree parabolaster paraboliform shaped like a parabola parabolist teller of parables paracentral situated near the centre representation of something as being newer than it is parachronism paraclete advocate or intercessor; the Holy Spirit acting in such a role paracme decline; period following the zenith or acme paracoita female sexual partner paracoitus male sexual partner paracrostic poem whose initial letters reproduce its first verse paracusis disordered hearing paradisiacal suggestive of a place or state of perfect bliss earthworks defending against a rear attack parados paradoxology holding or maintaining paradoxes paradromic adjacent; side by side paraenesis exhortation paraesthesia tingling sensation on the skin high birth or rank; equality of birth or status parage formation of minerals as a joined mass paragenesis paragnosia misunderstanding paragnosis skill in matters immune to scientific investigation addition of a sound to end of word paragoge paragram play on words in which letters are changed writing of different letters and words than intended paragraphia parakinesis production of movement of objects by a spiritualist paralalia abnormality of speech sounds thing left out; added in supplement paralipomenon fixing attention on subject by pretending to neglect it paralipsis seeming change of object position due to observer moving parallax parallelepiped solid figure with each face a parallelogram parallelism belief that matter and mind don't interact but relate

paralogise to reason falsely paralogism false reasoning paramatta worsted and cotton blend near the middle line paramedian parament rich decoration, hanging or robe paramnesia abnormality of memory; inability to remember meaning of word paranatellon a star that rises at the same time as another star paranym euphemism; word whose meaning altered to conceal evasion paranymph one who solicits for another; best man or bridesmaid flourish under one's signature paraph paraphasia disorder in which one word substituted for another paraphilia any abnormal sexual attraction paraphonia alteration of the voice; as at puberty paraphrast one who paraphrases paraphraxisinability to perform purposive movements properly parapraxis blunder; error; mistake parapsychology study of unexplained mental phenomena pararthria incoherence paraselene mock moon; bright patch on a lunar halo parasigmatism inability to pronounce the sound 's' parasitaster a mean or sorry parasite parasiticide killing of parasites parastatal indirectly controlled by the state parastatic of, like or pertaining to protective mimicry of animals parasuicide harmful act appearing to be an attempt at suicide parasynesiscorruption of forms of words parasynthesis derivation of words using hyphenated compounds organization of clauses without connectives parataxis parathesis apposition; compounding of words without change paratonic arresting growth paravail inferior; lowest; of least account device used to cut underwater cables paravane paravant in front; first; beforehand wind screen paravent parbreak to vomit parbuckle sling made by wrapping both ends of rope around object parcel partly parcenary co-heirship parciloguy laconic speech parclose railing in church enclosing altar, chapel or tomb pardie mild oath; certainly or truly of, like or pertaining to leopards pardine pardine of or related to leopards

pardoner one who raises money for religious works by selling

indulgences

paregmenon repetition of a word or its cognates in a series of

words

paregoric soothing; lessening pain

parembole insertion of something related to the subject into a phrase

parentalia feasts or rites in memory of deceased parents

parentelic related by blood

parenticide killing or killer of one's parents

parergon work undertaken in addition to one's employment

pareschatology doctrine dealing with matters after death but before

the end of the world

paresis omission of an element from a word

pareunia coitus

parfay by my faith; verily parfleche dried buffalo skin

parget to plaster over; to cover with ornamental plasterwork

parhelion halo-like light seen in sky opposite the sun

paribuntal fine straw used to make hats

parietal of a wall or walls, especially anatomical walls parietals school rules regarding inter-gender contact

parine of, like or pertaining to titmouses

parison lump of glass before it is moulded into its final shape

paristhimion tonsil

parisyllabic having the same number of syllables in all forms

parity condition or fact of having born children

parlous full of danger or risk

Parnassian poetic

parnel mistress or concubine of a priest; harlot

parochial local; confined to one region

parodinia difficult childbirth paroemia proverb; adage

paroemiographer writer of proverbs paroemiology study of proverbs

paromoeon alliteration

paromologyconcession of opponent's point to strengthen one's own

point

paronomasia play on words; punning

paronym word from same root or having same sound as another

parorexia desire to eat strange foods parotic near or adjacent to the ear

parous bearing or having borne offspring

parousia second coming of Christ

parousiamania obsession with the second coming of Christ

paroxysm fit of passion; laughter; coughing; sudden violent action

paroxytone having an acute accent on the next to last syllable

parquet floor-covering of fitted wooden blocks parr young salmon parrelband by which a yard is fastened to a mast parrhesia boldness of speech parricide killing of parent or close relative parse to describe a word fully in terms of classification government by parsons parsonarchy pit of a theatre parterre parthenian of, like or pertaining to virgins parthenogenesis reproduction by a virgin or by means of an unfertilized egg parthenolatry worship of the Virgin Mary parthenology study of virgins parthophobia fear of virgins that may be divided up or parted partible partim in part indicating a part of a larger whole partitive partocracy government by a single unopposed political party parturition the act of giving birth parure a set of ornaments or jewels smallness of mind parvanimity parvenu one suddenly risen to wealth without great social rank parvipotent having little power parvis enclosed space at the front of a church parviscient having little knowledge growing on land used for grazing; of, like or pertaining to pascual pastures paseoleisurely stroll; march of bullfighters into arena pashmina fine goat's wool fabric used for making shawls pasigraphy a system of universal ideographic writing paso-doble guick Spanish one-step dance pasquilant lampooner to lampoon pasquin pasquinade to lampoon; a lampoon passacaglia slow solemn Italian or Spanish dance motion of horse to and fro over ground in dressage passade passalorynchite one who takes a religious vow of silence heraldic animal depicted walking passant passement decorative trimming of beads or braid passepied Breton dance resembling a guick minuet passerine of, like or pertaining to sparrows passible susceptible to or capable of suffering or of feeling everywhere: dispersedly passim passimeter instrument for issuing automatic tickets passivate to coat metal with oxides to protect from corrosion passulate to dry grapes

passus section of a poem or story

pastance pastime

pastern rope, strap or chain used to tie horse by its leg

pastiche medley, composed from different sources; imitative work

pastille small cone of charcoal burned as incense

pastose painted thickly

pastourelle medieval poem between knight and shepherdess

patagium wing-membrane of flying mammal pataphysicsthe science of imaginary solutions

patation act of drinking

patavinity provincialism; dialectal term

patefaction disclosure; opening; manifestation patelliform shaped like a saucer or kneecap

patenplate; metal disk used to hold Communion bread

pateriform saucer-shaped

pathic passive; a passive subject

pathogenesis causation or production of disease pathognomic indicative of a specific disease

pathomaniamoral insanity

pathophobia fear of disease

pathopoeia excitation of passion by rhetoric or poetry

patible capable of suffering or being acted on; passible

patibulary of, like or pertaining to the gallows

patibulate to execute by hanging

patina film or surface that forms on surface of metal or wood

patination formation of a film on copper from exposure patrial of, like or pertaining to one's native land patrimony inheritance from father or ancestors

patriolatry excessive devotion or worship of one's native country

patroclinous having inherited paternal characteristics

patrology study of early Christianity

patronym name derived from father's name

patroon captain of a ship; coxswain of a longboat patruity degree of relationship of paternal uncle patte narrow band keeping a belt or sash in its place

patten wooden shoe; clog; base of a pillar patulous spreading; wide-spreading; open pauciloquent of few words; speaking little pauldron shoulder-plate of suit of armour

paulopast just finished or past

paulopost just after

pavage charge for paving streets

pavane stately English Renaissance court dance pavé setting of jewellery with stones close together

pavid timid

pavior one who lays down paving stones

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pavis shield for the entire body
pavonated peacock-blue
           of, like or pertaining to peacocks
pavonian
           of, like or pertaining to peacocks
pavonine
pax tablet decorated with sacred figure and kissed by participants in
mass
paxillose
           resembling a small stake
           heathendom
paynimry
           landscape
paysage
paysagist
           painter of landscapes
           region, bog or moor covered with peat
peatary
           lumberman's spiked and hooked lever
peavey
peccable
           liable to sin
peccadillo a slight offense or sin
peccaminous
                 sinful
           sinfulness; transgression
peccancy
           admission of sin or quilt
peccavi
peck unit of dry measure equal to 8 quarts
pecorous full of cows
           of a comb; comb-like
pectinal
pectination comb-like structure
pectineal of the pubic bone
pectiniform shaped like a comb
           to congeal; to cause to set
pectize
                 sound of patient's voice as heard through
pectoriloguy
stethoscope
pecudiculture
                 rearing of cattle
peculation embezzlement
           private property; especially when given by father to son
peculium
pecuniary of, like or pertaining to money; consisting of money
ped naturally formed mass or aggregate of soil
pedagogics study of teaching
pedagoguery
                 schoolmastering; teaching
           of, like or pertaining to the foot or to metrical feet
pedalian
pedaneous going on foot; pedestrian; of lowly or petty standing
                 government by pedants or strict rule-bound scholars
pedantocracy
           of, like or pertaining to walking or feet
pedary
           footed; having feet; like a foot
pedate
pederasty anal intercourse between a man and a boy
pedetentous
                 proceeding slowly
pedicel
           stalk of an animal organ
pedicle
           bony protrusion of the skull from which an antler grows
pedicular
           of, like or pertaining to lice
pediculophobia fear of lice
pediculous lousy
pediform
           shaped like a foot
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pedigerous having or bearing feet pediluvium foot bath pedimanous having feet shaped like hands pediment triangular structure crowning front of a Greek building pedipulate to work or knead with the feet pedological of, like or pertaining to soils pedology study of soils pedomancy divination by examining the soles of the feet pedometer instrument for measuring distance travelled on foot stem or stalk of a flower peduncle pegamoid artificial leather pegomancy divination by springs or fountains woman's dressing-gown peignoir peirameter instrument measuring resistance of road surfaces to wheel movement peirastic experimental; tentative peise weight; burden; load to worsen; to depreciate pejorate severe pessimism peiorism pekin fine soft silk animal's coat of hair or wool pelage pelagic oceanic; inhabiting or carried out in the deep sea pelargic of, like or pertaining to storks pelasgic nomadic pelatast ancient Greek shield-bearing soldier shaped like a hatchet; a hatchet-shaped geometrical figure pelecoid pelerine woman's fur cape fur-lined or fur garment pelisse composed of fine sediment pelitic to divide: to separate pellate pellicle thin skin or film pellicule thin diaphanous fabric pellucid completely clear; transparent sole of foot pelma pelmatogram footprint fringe or valance for hiding a curtain rod pelmet peloid mud or other semi-solid medium used in baths pelology study of mud pelotherapy treatment by mud baths peltastiform shield-shaped peltiferous bearing a shield peltryskins of animals with the fur on them pelurious furry; hairy pelviform basin-shaped pelvimeter instrument for measuring the pelvis pembroke small four-legged table with hinged flaps

pemphigus skin condition characterized by watery boils on the body penacute having an acute accent on the penultimate syllable; paroxytone female vampire of Malay mythology penanggalan penannular in the form of an almost complete ring household gods of a Roman family penates pencilliform paintbrush-shaped pendeloque drop pendant pendent hanging; drooping; dangling pendicle pendant, dependency or appendage pendular of, like or pertaining to a pendulum penduline building a pendulous nest pendulograph curve representing combination of musical sounds penecontemporaneous of geological processes occurring immediately after deposition penectomy surgical removal of the penis penelopize to create work as an excuse to deter suitors peneplain land worn down by denudation to almost be a plain penetralia inmost parts of a building or temple; innermost secrets penetrometer instrument for measuring firmness or consistency of substances penial of, like or pertaining to the penis featherlike pennaceous pennate winged; feathered penniferous bearing feathers penniform feather-shaped pennyweight unit of troy weight equal to 24 grains study of crime and punishment penology pensile hanging; suspended; overhanging task; school imposition pensum pentad set of five things person who has or has had five spouses pentagamist pentalogy state of being in five parts pentamerous having five parts or members pentapolis alliance of five cities pentarchy government by five individuals pentateuch the first five books of the Old Testament pentheraphobia fear or hatred of one's mother-in-law pentimento revealing of part of a painting beneath a newer one destitution; poverty penurv peotillomania abnormal compulsion for pulling on the penis surgical removal of the penis peotomy per through; according to; by means or agency of very sharp or violent; very acute peracute perhaps; possibly; by adventure; by chance peradventure peragrate to travel over or through

percale closely woven lightweight cloth percaline glossy lightweight cotton percheron dappled cart horse percipient perceiving; observant; perceptive percoct well-cooked; overdone percurrent running through the whole length done or applied through the skin percutaneous percutient striking or having the power to strike; percussive perdicine of, like or pertaining to partridges perdricide killer of partridges perduellion treason perdure to endure over a period of time fully equal peregal peregrination journey, especially on foot or to a foreign country peregrinity foreignness; outlandishness perennate to live perennially; to survive from season to season pereguitate to ride through on horseback perfectibilian believer in the perfectibility of mankind perfectibilism doctrine that humans capable of becoming perfect perfectionism doctrine that moral perfection constitutes the highest value perfervid very fervid; ardent; eager perficient effectual; actually achieving a result perfuse to pour or diffuse through or over pergameneous like or resembling parchment pergola arched framework for climbing plants point in orbit of a body in which it is nearest to a specified periaster star precinct; enclosing wall of a precinct peribolos pericentral surrounding a centre or central body periclinal sloping downwards in all directions from a point periclitate to endanger; to jeopardise pericope an excerpt or passage read during religious services periculous dangerous periegesis description in the manner of a tour; journey through periodontics study of gums perioeci individuals living at same latitude on opposite sides of earth periotic around the ear peripatetic wandering about; itinerant sudden change of fortune peripetia periphrasis circumlocution; round-about expression a vovage or trip around something periplus peripteral having a row of columns on every side

person living inside the polar circle

having a circumflex accent on the final syllable

periscian

perispomenon

perissology verbiage; pleonasm perissosyllabic having an additional syllable perissotomist knife-happy surgeon peristalith ancient stone circle peristeronicof, like or pertaining to pigeons peristerophily pigeon-collecting peristrephicmoving round; revolving; rotatory peristyle range of columns around a building or courtyard peritectic in the state between solid and liquid; melting periwinkle a bluish or azure colour; a plant with bluish flowers perlaceous pearly perlative indicating movement through or across perliginous producing pearls perlocution effect produced when a particular word is uttered perlustrate to traverse and inspect carefully permeameter instrument for measuring permeability pernicious destructive; ruinous; fatal pernoctate to pass the night in vigil or prayer one who takes or receives pernor peroral through the mouth to speak grandiosely or grandiloquently perorate peroration lengthy part of speech; especially a conclusion to weigh in the mind; to consider carefully perpend perpilocutionist one who speaks through his hat raised platform or terrace at an entrance door perron perruguier wigmaker thorough search perscrutation perse dark blue or bluish-grey; cloth of such a colour perseity independent existence to repeat an action continually or habitually perseverate persiennes outside shutters with movable slats persiflage banter; flippancy; idle chatter personalia personal details, possessions or stories doctrine that humans possess spiritual freedom personalism personalty personal belongings and property perspicacious clear-minded; astute; perceptive easily understood; clearly expressed perspicuous perstringe to constrain; to touch on; to censure pertinacity quality of holding unvieldingly to a position punched; pierced; slit pertuse whooping cough pertussis a frilly wig peruke scaly; having scaled skin perulate very obstinate pervicacious pervigilium night vigil pervious permeable; penetrable

suppository inserted into the vagina pessary pessimal least favourable pessimum point at which any condition is least favourable pessomancy divination using pebbles pestiferous bringing plague or pestilence pestology science of pests petaliferousbearing petals peat-bog petary petaurist flying phalanger valve for draining condensed steam from engine cylinders petcock petrary contrivance for hurling stones of, like or pertaining to or made of rock petrean pleasant smell accompanying the first rain after a dry spell petrichor petricolous living in or near rocks petrissage massage by longitudinal rubbing and lateral squeezing petrogenesis formation or development of rocks petroleous containing or rich in petroleum petroliferous bearing petroleum petrology study of rocks petrophilous living on or thriving in rocky areas petrous stony pettifogger a lawyer given to underhanded tactics pettitoes pigs' feet as food petulcous butting like a ram pewfellow one who occupies the same pew as another roughness of the nap of cloth pexity phacochoerine of, like or pertaining to warthogs phacoid lens-shaped phacometer instrument for measuring lenses phaeic dusky phaeism duskiness phaeton open four-wheeled carriage phagomania excessive desire for food or eating phagophobia fear of eating phakic (of an eye) having a crystalline lens phalacrosis baldness phalansterydwelling of a communal group or phalanx of individuals phallephoric carrying the penis of, pertaining to or resembling a penis phallic phallocracy government by men phallocrat one who assumes the naturality of male dominance phaneromania habit of biting one's nails phanerosis act or process of becoming visible phanic visible; obvious phanopoeia visual imagery in poetry phaometer old instrument for measuring light intensity

pharisaic hypocritical pharmacognosy study of drugs of animal and plant origin pharmacology study of drugs pharmacomania abnormal obsession with trying drugs pharmacometer instrument for measuring drugs drug-seller; pharmacist; apothecary pharmacopolist pharology study of lighthouses pharos lighthouse or beacon pharyngology study of the throat pharyngoscope instrument for inspecting the pharynx phassachate lead-coloured agate phatic using speech for social reasons or to communicate feelings phellem cork cork-like phelloid phelloplastic a model in cork phememe smallest possible linguistic unit of, like or pertaining to speech phemic phenakistoscope early cinematograph in which figures are viewed through a slit phenetic of, like or pertaining to classification by phenotype bright and beautiful kind of alabaster phengite phengophobia fear of daylight phenogenesis origin of racial groups phenology study of organisms as affected by climate phenomenalism belief that phenomena are the only realities phenomenology study of phenomena the barbed head of a dart or arrow in heraldry pheon keeper of a shrine pheretrer phialiform saucer-shaped resembling a phial phialine philalethist lover of truth philately study of postage stamps philematology the act or study of kissing philematophobe one who dislikes kissing philhippic loving or admiring horses speech or writing full of bitter condemnation philippic philistine materialistic in outlook; uncultured phillumeny collecting of matchbox labels philocaly love of beauty philodemic fond of commoners or the lower classes one who loves his own opinions; dogmatic person philodox philogyny love of women philologaster petty or contemptible philologist philology study of ancient texts; historical linguistics philomath lover of learning philomelian of, like or pertaining to nightingales

philonoist one who seeks knowledge philopornistlover of prostitutes philoprogenitive of, like or pertaining to instinctive love for offspring philosophaster amateur or superficial philosopher philosophocracy government by philosophers devoted to the arts philotechnical philotherianism love of animals philoxenia hospitality phimosis inability to retract the prepuce of the penis description or examination of a vein phlebography phlebotomyblood-letting phlegmatic of a calm; unexcitable disposition phlogiston nonexistent principle of flammability inherent in matter phlogogenetic causing inflamation phocine of, like or pertaining to seals phocomelia having limbs like a seal's flippers bright scarlet-red colour phoeniceous phoenicopter flamingo pholidosis arrangement of scales, as in fish and reptiles phon unit of loudness of sound as heard by listeners phonascus person who maintains rhythm in church choir phonasthenia weakness of voice phonation production of vocal sound phonautograph instrument for recording sound vibrations phonendoscope device which amplifies small sounds production of speech sounds phonesis phoniatrics study and correction of speech defects pathological tendency to murder phonomania phonometer instrument for measuring sound levels fear of noise or of speaking aloud phonophobia phonophorous transmitting sound waves phorometer instrument used to correct abnormalities in eye muscles phosphene light seen when the eyeball is pressed caused by phosphorus vezona photaesthesia sense of vision photic light-giving; sensitive to light; penetrated by light photism illusory vision of light photobiology study of effects of light on organisms motion towards light photodromy photoglyph photographic engraving photogyric turning towards light photolysis disintegration resulting from exposure to radiation photomaniapathological desire for light photometerinstrument for measuring light intensity unit of brightness of light as received at the retina photon photophile organism loving or thriving in light

photophilous preferring or thriving in lighted conditions fear of light photophobia irrational fear or dislike of light photophobia photophygous avoiding or disliking light photopia vision in bright light photopolarimeter instrument for measuring intensity and polarization of reflected light photopsia appearance of light flashes due to retinal irritation photosphere region of space lit by the sun phototachometer instrument for measuring the speed of light phototaxis growth or movement determined by light phototelegraph instrument for transmitting drawings telegraphically phototonus sensitivity to light phraseology study of phrases phratry clan or tribe phreatic of, like or pertaining to underground water supplying or wells phrenesis delirium; frenzy of or near the midriff phrenic phrenology study of bumps on the head a thinking-place; place for study phrontistery phthartic deadly; destructive phthirophagous lice-eating phthongal of, pertaining to, or consisting of a sound; vocalized phthongometer instrument measuring intensity of vowel sounds of, like or pertaining to the longitudinal stability of aircraft phugoid phycology study of algae and seaweeds phygogalactic halting milk production phylactic defending against disease phylarchy government by a specific class or tribe phyle division of the people of a state into local clans phylliform shaped like a leaf phylline leaf-like divination using leaves or tea leaves phyllomancy phyllomania excessive or abnormal production of leaves phyllophagous leaf-eating leafy; bearing or having leaves phyllophorous phylogenesis origin and history of a species' evolution substance causing flatulence physagogue physicalism belief that all phenomena reducible to verifiable assertions physiocracygovernment according to natural laws or principles physiognomancy divination by studying the face physioanomy general appearance of anything, especially the face physiolatry nature-worship physiologuswork containing descriptions of animals; a bestiary

physiophilosophy system of knowledge concerning principles of natural history physiosophy assumption of knowledge of nature physitheism attribution of physical form and attributes to deities physiurgic due to natural causes phytivorous feeding on plants phytogenesis origin and development of plants phytogenic derived from plants phytoid plant-like phytology study of plants; botany phytomania obsession with collecting plants phytophilous fond of plants phytosophy knowledge of plants piacular expiatory; atrociously bad old Welsh instrument like a hornpipe pibcorn pibroch piece of music for bagpipe pica craving to eat dust bitter oily liquid obtained from tar picamar picaresque of, like or pertaining or pertaining to rogues or roguish behaviour picaroon person who lives by his or her wits; roque or scoundrel picayune five-cent-piece or other coin of little value piceous like pitch; inflammable; reddish black of the form or shape of a woodpecker piciform of the nature of or resembling pitch piciform picineof, like or pertaining to woodpeckers pickery petty theft under Scottish law picksome particular; picky pickthank sycophant; flatterer picot loop in an ornamental edging; raised knot in embroidery piebald of an animal, consisting of two or more colours pied variegated; of various colours piedroit square pillar attached to wall, lacking both base and capital piend a salient angle pierage fee paid for use of a pier pieta representation of Virgin Mary with dead Christ across her knees unquestioning or dogmatic religious devotion pietism piezometer instrument for measuring pressure or compressibility small pail or bowl made of staves and hoops piggin pight to pitch pigmentocracy government by those of one skin colour pignorate to give or take in pledge or pawn pigsconce blockhead pilaster square column partially embedded in a wall pilch fur or wool outergarment; rug laid over saddle pilcrow paragraph-mark

pile upside-down wedge at an acute angle on a coat of arms pileated cap-shaped; crested; capped pileiform shaped like an umbrella pileum top of a bird's head pileusumbrella-shaped portion of a mushroom pilgarlick poor wretch; self-pitying person piliferous bearing or growing hair piliform shaped like hair pillionlight pillow or saddle for a woman rider pilliwinks torture instrument for crushing fingers wooden frame with holes for head and hands used as pillory punishment pilosehaving scattered soft or moderately stiff hairs pilule little pill piment spiced sweetened wine pinacotheca picture-gallery loose protective garment worn over a dress pinafore pinchbeck cheap copper and zinc alloy; spurious or trashy one who impounds cattle pinder pineal shaped like a pine-cone collection or plantation of pine trees pinetum pingo cone-shaped mound with ice core pinguefy to become or make fat or greasy; to make rich pinguid fat pinion small wheel with teeth wing; last joint of a wing; outermost flight feather pinion small vessel with oars and sails pinnace shaped like a feather pinnate seals, walruses, and other such sea mammals pinniped pintle bolt or pin on which something turns, as a hinge piolet ice-axe pipe unit of liquid capacity equal to two hogsheads pipistrelle small reddish-brown bat pipkin small pot piqué stiff durable corded fabric of cotton, rayon or silk the right of fishing; a fishing pond piscary piscatology study of fishes piscatorial of, like or pertaining to fishing or fishers fisherman piscicapturist piscifauna fish life of an area pisciform shaped like a fish basin set in wall of church to drain away ceremonial water piscina of, like or pertaining to fish piscine piscivorous fish-eating pisiform shaped like a pea pismire an ant; something or someone insignificant

pismirism hoarding of small or insignificant things pisteology science or study of faith pistiology doctrine concerning faith pistology branch of theology concerned with faith pitchometer instrument for measuring angles of ship's propeller blades piteous arousing or deserving pity pityroid bran-like pixilated bemused; bewildered; intoxicated pizzle bull's penis used as instrument of punishment by floaging placage covering of walls with thin marble slabs or with plaster placee investor who is sold shares by private placement placentiform cake-shaped placentigerous bearing a placenta placentophagy eating of the placenta placet vote of assent in a governing body decision of a court or an assembly placitum placket opening in a skirt or shirt for a pocket placoid plate-like; having plate-like scales plafond decorated ceiling marked with a streak or streaks plagate plage fashionable beach plagiary one who plagiarises the crime of kidnapping plagium plainstones flagstone side-pavement of a street planation making level planchet blank metal disc to be stamped as a coin planchette board or similar tool used in interpreting spirit messages planetesimal of, like or pertaining to asteroids or similar tiny celestial bodies planetic erring; erratic planetogeny theory of the origin of planets planetolatry worship of the planets planetology study of planets plangency resonance; noisiness plangent deep or loud sounding plangorous mournful planigraph instrument for copying drawings at a different scale planimeter instrument for measuring area of plane figures having flat; broad wings planipennate planish to polish; to flatten planisphere sphere projected onto a plane; map of the heavens the quality of being plane planity plankwise in the manner or direction of a plank planography cartography planomania abnormal desire to wander and disobey social norms

petty or poor planner planster plantar of, like or pertaining to the sole of the foot plantigrade walking fully on the soles of the feet plantivorous plant-eating plantocracy government by plantation owners to make sounds with the lips plapper plash dash of water full of pools or puddles; marshy or boggy plashy plasmophagous consuming plasma fencer's padded breast-shield; steel breastplate worn plastron under hauberk plataleiform spoonbilled; of the shape of a spoonbill platband flat molding that exceeds its projection; fillet between column's flutings plateasm broad speech; talking with the mouth open too wide fine white linen platilla platiniferous bearing platinum commonplace or trite remark made as if it were important platitude one who utters platitudes platitudinarian platometer instrument for measuring area; planimeter platten to flatten into a plate or sheet platurous flat-tailed platypodia flat-footedness platypussary building or pen where platypuses are kept broad sheet of muscle in the neck platysma plauditory issuing enthusiastic approval or applause of, like or pertaining to a wagon plaustral playa basin which becomes a shallow lake after heavy rainfall to intertwine the branches of pleach pleasance pleasure; enjoyment; complaisance mother-church having authority over several local plebania churches of the common people or vulgar classes plebeian making something vulgar or plebeian plebification plebiscitarism principle or practice of using plebiscites plectile woven or plaited pick for stringed instruments plectrum wad of cotton or lint used to dress a wound pledget plegometer instrument for measuring the strength of a blow pleiomery condition of having more than the normal number pleiomorphy occurrence of several distinct stages in the life cycle of an organism instrument for measuring variations in water level plemyrameter full; entire; complete; absolute; unqualified plenary plenicorn having solid horns (as a deer) pleniloguence excessive talking; fullness of speech

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plenilunar of, like or pertaining to the full moon
plenilune
           full moon
plenipotence
                 absolute power
plenitude fullness; completeness; abundance; sufficiency
plenum
           space completely filled with matter
pleochroic displaying different colours when seen from different
directions
pleonasm redundancy; use of more words than necessary
pleonectic greedy; covetous
pleonexia greed: avarice
           fullness; abundance
pleroma
plerophory full conviction
plethysmograph instrument for measuring change in body part size
due to blood flow
pleurotropous
                 laterally flattened
plexiform
           shaped like a network
           network; web; interweaving
plexure
plexus
           network
plicated
           folded fanwise; pleated
plication
           the act of folding
           rubber-soled canvas shoe
plimsoll
plinth rectangular base of column or pedestal
pliofilm
           thin waterproof transparent sheet used for packaging
pliothermic of, like or pertaining to periods of above-average
temperatures
plisséfabric with puckered finish
ploce repetition of word in more expressive sense for emphasis
           to trudge through anything in which the feet sink
plodge
plosion
           release of breath after consonant
                 government by the wealthy; plutocracy
plousiocracy
plumassier worker in feathers; feather-seller
plumbago graphite
plumbeous leaden; lead-coloured
                 bearing or yielding lead
plumbiferous
plumbism lead poisoning
plumbless incapable of being sounded
plumeopicean
                 of tar and feathers
plumigerous
                 plumaged
plumiped having feathered feet
plumulate downy
           belief that reality consists of several kinds or entities
pluralism
plurennial lasting or surviving many years
pluriliteral of more than three letters
plurinominal
                 having more than one name
pluriparous giving birth to multiple young in a single birth
pluripresence
                 presence in multiple places at one time
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pluriserial in several rows plutarchy government by the wealthy; plutocracy plutocracy government by the wealthy plutolatry worship of wealth plutology political economy; study of wealth plutomania mania for money mass of rock solidified under earth's surface pluton plutonic of volcanic or deep origin plutonomy economics floor-length open-fronted ecclesiastical garment pluvial pluviographself-registering rain gauge pluviometer rain-meter pluviose rainy pneometer instrument that measures respiration pneumatics study of mechanics of gases pneumatographer one who receives and writes spirit messages pneumatolith stone in the lung theory of the existence of spirits pneumatology pneumatomachy denial of the divinity of the Holy Ghost pneumatometer instrument for measuring quantity of air breathed pneumatomorphic like a spirit pneumatophany appearance of a spirit; especially the Holy Ghost pneumatophilosophy philosophy of spirits or the spirit world pneumatophony sound caused by a ghost or spirit presence of gas in the body pneumatosis instrument for measuring and recording respiration pneumograph pnyx ancient Athenian place of assembly poaceous of, like or pertaining or pertaining to grass pocket notecase or wallet pochette pochoir manual colour stencilling onto a printed illustration pocillator cup-bearer pococurante uninterested; indifferent; nonchalant; apathetic poculation drinking of alcoholic beverages fit for drinking poculent poculiform cup-shaped podagra gout podagrous gouty podalic of, like or pertaining to feet podex rump; anal region study and treatment of disorders of the foot; chiropody podiatry podiform shaped like a pod podobromhydrosis smelly feet podocarp stalk that bears the fruit of a plant study of the feet podology podoscaph pedalled boat; canoe-shaped float attached to feet for walking on water

lozbog acidic soil with ash-like subsurface layer poecilomere part of an animal's body where colour variations first appear poecilonym synonym; one of a variety of names for a thing poêlée broth or stock eating grass or herbs; herbivorous poephagous poetaster petty poet; writer of contemptible verses poetolatry worship of poets poetomachia contest or quarrel among poets wooden club with iron or stone piece on end, used by pogamoggan Indians pogoniasis excessive growth of beard dense fog of suspended ice particles pogonip pogonology book or treatise on beards pogonophile one who loves beards pogonophobia fear of beards pogonotomy shaving pogonotrophy growing of a beard organized massacre pogrom poiesis creation poikilitic mottled cold-blooded poikilothermic poimenic pastoral sharp instrument pointel pointillism use of separate dots of pure colour rather than blends poise unit of viscosity of liquids poitrel armour for a horse's breast pepper sauce poivrade pokerish causing terror; uncanny stately Polish dance; polonaise polacca government by many people; polyarchy polarchy polarimeter instrument for measuring polarised light polariscope instrument for detecting polarized light piece of low-lying reclaimed land pole unit of area equal to a square rod polemarch ancient Greek military and civil officer controversial discussion or attack polemic polemology study of war polemomania mania for war telescope with angled mirrors for seeing over walls or polemoscope around corners piece of armour for the knee poleyn policeocracy government by police policlinic outpatient department of hospital poliorcectic of, like or pertaining to siegecraft or besiegement poliosis premature graying of the hair

politicaster petty politician politicomania mania for politics polkamania craze for polka dancing government by the multitude or a mob; ochlocracy pollarchy pollard tree having the whole crown cut off pollent strong the thumb xellog pollicitation promise; especially one not yet accepted polliniferous bearing pollen polliniaerous pollen-bearing pollyanna one who is naively optimistic polonaise stately Polish dance of moderate tempo poltophagy prolonged chewing of food poltroon craven; cowardly glass-makers' potash polverine polyacoustic amplifying sounds polyaemia plethora polyarchy government by many people division into many parts polychotomy polychrest thing or medicine useful in many ways government by many rulers; polyarchy polycracy polydemic native to several countries polydipsia abnormal thirst polyergic having many functions polyethnic consisting of or derived from many races or ethnicities polygenesistheory that humans derived from many separate origins polygenous of multiple origin or composition having several broods in each season polygoneutic polyhidrosis excessive perspiration polyhistor person of exceptionally broad knowledge polylemma argument forcing choice between contradictory statements polylith prehistoric monument consisting of many stones polymania mania affecting several different mental faculties person possessing knowledge of many subjects polymath polymicrian compressed into a very small space polymythy use of multiple plots in a single story polynesic in multiple separate locations open water amid sea ice polynia polyommatous having many eyes name consisting of several words polyonym polyopia multiple vision eating many types of food polyphagous polypharmacy treatment with many medicines polyphiloprogenitive very fertile; very imaginative polyphloisbic loud-roaring polyphyletic descending from more than one original type

rapid breathing polypnea polypod many-legged animal polypragmatist busybody polypsychic having several souls polysarcousobese polysemant word with many meanings having many spikes polystachious polystichous arranged in many rows polystomatous having many mouths building having many columns polystyle series of syllogisms where each is basis for next polysyllogism polysyndeton rhetorical device of repeating conjunction for emphasis polythalamous having many chambers polytheism belief in multiple deities polytocous producing many or several at a birth crushed apples for cider-making pomace pomaceous of, like or pertaining to or consisting of apples ointment for the hair pomade pomander ball of perfumes pomiculture growing of fruit pomiferous bearing apples pomiform shaped like an apple pomoerium open space around a town within the walls pomology study of fruit-growing ponceau poppy red weighing or weighing up ponderation pone card player on dealer's right responsible for cutting cards ponent western ponerology theological doctrine of wickedness or evil thin soft fabric woven from raw silk pongee small dagger poniard pontage toll paid on bridges; tax for repairing bridges bridge-work; a bridge pontifice pontist bridge builder pontlevis drawbridge coarsely looped or nubby fabric poodle poop enclosed structure at stern of ship above main deck poophyte meadow plant conceited person popinjay to amuse oneself popjoy poplin corded woven silk and worsted of, like or pertaining to the back of the knee popliteal popocracy government by populists to flow tumblingly; to heave choppily popple poppyhead raised ornament on top of upright end of seats in churches poral of, like or pertaining to pores porbeagle shark with a pointed snout porcellanous resembling porcelain of, like or pertaining to pigs; swinish porcine porculation fattening or feeding of swine porgeto make meat kosher by removing veins and sinews from hindquarters poriferous having pores having the form of a pore poriform poriomania abnormal compulsion to wander porism geometrical expression of possibility of multiple solutions porlocking irksome intrusion or interruption pornbroker one who deals in pornography pornerastic lecherous; bawdy; lewd pornocracy government by harlots dirty old man pornogenarian pornolagniadesire for prostitutes obsession with pornography pornomania pornotopia perfect setting for the antics of pornography porogamy fertilization of seed plants poromeric permeable to water vapour porometer instrument for measuring degree of porosity poroplastic both porous and plastic poroscope instrument for investigating porosity porosis knitting together of broken bones porphyrogenitic of royal birth porphyrogeniture accession of 1st son born after father's accession porphyrous purple beautiful and valuable purplish stone porphyry porraceous leek-green to stretch forth; to present porrect porriginous suffering from a scalp disease that causes baldness porringer small dish for soup or porridge portatile portable portesse portable breviary prepared paper cylinder used to fire rockets and fireworks portfire curtain hung over door of a room portière word formed by blending two existing words portmanteau portreeve mayor posigrade auxiliary rocket on a spacecraft positivism doctrine that that which is not observable is not knowable small cooking pot with feet and handle posnet science of quantity or dosage posology possessive indicating possession; genitive case milk curdled with alcohol used as remedy posset postament frame; pedestal

after dinner postcenal postcibal after a meal postconnubial after marriage after the great Flood postdiluvian postern back door or gate; small private door postexilic after exile concluding note added to end of written work postface postiche excessively and inappropriately added to a finished work posticous posterior; outward; extrorse postil marginal note; commentary someone who guides posthorses postilion postiacent posterior; behind postliminary subsequent postliminy right of returned exiles to resume former status closing piece of music at end of church service postlude postmundane after the end of the world after dinner postprandial part of stage behind the scenery postscenium postulant candidate for a religious order postulator official who presents case for canonization or beatification fit to drink: drinkable potable potager garden laid out in a decorative way potamic of, like or pertaining to rivers potamologystudy of rivers the activity of drinking potation related to excessive drinking potatory potentiate to use drugs in combination to increase their power potentiometer instrument for measuring electromotive forces choking smoke or dust; fuss; commotion pother craze for imitating Oriental porcelain potichomania potomania abnormal desire to drink alcohol potometer instrument measuring rate at which plants absorb water potshop small public house to busy oneself with trifling tasks potter pottleunit of liquid measurement of two quarts, or one-half gallon pottlesmall conical fruit basket poudrin small ice crystals fattened or spayed hen poulard poulp octopus poult young fowl fine powder spread on writing paper to keep ink from pounce running poundage charge for keeping stray cattle poundal unit of force that accelerates 1 pound to 1 foot / second / second pourboire tip; gratuity

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pourparler discussion prior to negotiation
poussin
           chicken raised for eating at around six weeks old
                 means of preserving timber
powellisation
           practical; concerned with practice
practive
           of, like or pertaining to or connected with the land or
praedial
farming
praepostor prefect of a school
pragmatica royal edict that has the force of law
pragmatism
                 doctrine emphasizing practical value of philosophy
prairillon
           small prairie
pralltriller rapid musical trill
prandial
           of, like or pertaining to dinner
prasinous leek-green colour
pratalgrowing in meadows
prate to talk foolishly or sententiously; to tattle
pratincolous
                 inhabiting meadows or fields
           wickedness; depravity
pravity
praxeology study of practical or efficient activity; science of efficient
action
praxinoscope
                 early cinematograph using series of moving drawings
           customary practice or conduct
praxis
preadamic before Adam
preagonal immediately preceding death throes
preallable previous; preliminary; preceding
                 right to be heard before another
preaudience
           stipend or salary paid to clergyman
prebend
prebendal of, like or pertaining to stipends issued by a church
           supplicating; expressing entreaty
precative
           of the nature of or expressing a wish or recommendation
precatory
precentor leader of the singing of a church choir
preceptive concerning rules of conduct, laws or precepts
preciation evaluation of the value or price of a thing
précieuse woman affecting a fastidious over-refinement
precipitinogenic causing precipitation
precisian
           overly precise person; formalist
precissive separating; defining; exact
                 to take a precognition of
precognosce
preconcert to settle beforehand
preconize to proclaim; to summon publicly
predacean predatory animal
predacious living by prey; predatory
           platform for altar; portable altar or decoration upon it
predella
predestinarianism
                       belief that what ever is to happen is already
fixed
predevote foreordained
predicant preaching; predicating
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predicative indicating the predicate prefatorial serving as preface or opening remarks prefigure to imagine beforehand; to foreshadow prefulgent extremely bright pregustation foretaste prehensor something that grasps or seizes episcopal church government prelacy prelapsarian belonging to the time before man's original sin prelate bishop or abbot of superior rank preferment; promotion; eminence prelation to lecture prelect prelibation foretaste; offering of first fruits prelusive of the nature of a prelude; introductory to give a prize or premium for premiate premonish to warn beforehand premorse ending abruptly as if bitten off premotion divine impulse determining the will to incite or prompt to action premove period before the creation of the earth premundane prenarial of, like or pertaining to or in front of the nostrils premeditated; intentional prepense prepollence predominance to reschedule for an earlier time prepone prepossess to bias or prejudice favourably; to impress prepotent potent in a very high degree of, like or pertaining to the foreskin preputial broken off; steep; abrupt prerupt hardness of hearing during old age presbycousis presbyophrenia female senility marked by loss of memory presbyte old man presbytery part of church reserved for officiating clergy prescind to cut off; cut short; separate prescious prescient prescriptivism belief that moral edicts are merely orders with no truth value preseminal before the onset of puberty; before fertility presenium period of life preceding old age presentient prescient; having a premonition presentoir ornamental shallow tray or cup of, like or pertaining to a garrison presidial presidial presidential pressible able to be pressed prest to loan prestigiator conjurer prestriction blindness; blindfolding preterist lover of the past

preterite signifying past time or a completed action preterition the act of passing over or omission pretermit to pass by; to omit; to leave undone prevenancy courteous anticipation of others' wishes prevenient antecedent; preceding; anticipatory blossoming or foliating early prevernal foresight; foreknowledge prevision prevoyant having foresight Priapean of, like or pertaining to male reproductive power; phallic priapism constant erection: licentiousness: lewdness spike or antler used as a candlestick pricket pridian of, like or pertaining to yesterday prie-dieu prayer stool or kneeling bench in a church prill nodule of metal obtained after assaying fee paid to loaders for loading ship primage primatology study of primates prime prayer service held at 6 a.m. primigenial first or earliest formed or produced having borne only one child primiparous primitiae first fruits primitial of, like or pertaining to first fruits; primeval primitivism doctrine that a simple and natural life is morally best primoin the first place of, like or pertaining to the earliest or first primogenous developmental stage primrose pale yellow first; especially first edition of a book princeps ancient: of early times priscan instrument for measuring degree of astigmatism prisoptometer expression of wish or request prithee privatism attitude of avoiding involvement in outside interests privative indicating absence, deprivation or negation privity privacy; secrecy; secret or confidential conversation in favour of: for pro proairesis the act of choosing belief that when in doubt one must choose most probabiliorism likely answer probabilism belief that knowledge is always probable but never absolute proband one with a certain feature by which descendants analyzed flexible rod put down throat to clear obstacle probang probitunit of measurement of statistical probability proboscidate having a proboscis or long snout probosciform shaped like a long nose probouleutic for preliminary deliberation procacity petulance; insolence

procatalectic lacking the unaccented part of first foot of a line of verse procathedral parish church serving as a cathedral proceleusmatic inciting; encouraging; exhorting procellous stormy procephalic of, like or pertaining to the front of the head tallness procerity prochronism assigning a date to an event earlier than actual procidence prolapse; falling forward or downward preparedness procinct pronunciation of word dependent on following word proclisis proclivitous steep procoelous cupped in front procrustean seeking to enforce uniformity procrypsis protective coloration proctal of, like or pertaining to the anus or rectum proctology study of rectum disciplinary officer at a college or university proctor instrument for examining the rectum proctoscope procumbent lying or leaning forward; prone procuratory authorization to act for another procursive running forward procyonine of, like or pertaining to raccoons proditor traitor prodrome initial symptom of a disease; introductory treatise predisposing; preceding proeguminal preface proem introductory; prefatory proemial addition of extra day to lunar calendar every 300 proemptosis vears proethnic of, like or pertaining to primitive races profectitious derived from a parent or ancestor profligate debauched; rashly extravagant profluent exuberant: abundant profulgent shining out; radiant second childhood; disease of premature aging progeria prognathic having a jaw that projects forward projacient jutting forward projicient communicating between an organism and its environment having flattened sides due to lengthwise elongation prolate prolation utterance indicating motion alongside or means of motion prolative introductory study or treatise prolegomenon prolepsis anticipation; device where objections are anticipated proleptical prehistoric proleptics prognosis

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prolicide
           killing of offspring; killing of the human race
proligerous bearing offspring
prolix long-winded; garrulous; dwelling too long on particulars
prolocutor spokesman; speaker of the House of Lords
prolusion
           preliminary performance, activity or display
promachos champion or defender; tutelary god
promptuary repository; reference book of facts
promulgate make known; disseminate
pronaos
           vestibule in front of a temple
pronasale tip of the nose
pronation turning hand and forearm so that palm faces downward
pronograde walking with body parallel to ground
prooemium preface
propadeuctic
                 a preliminary study; preliminary
           elements of Christian mass that are variable
proper
prophetocracy
                 government by a prophet
propine
           to pledge in drinking; to present or offer
propinquity closeness
propitiate to render favourable; to appease
proplasm
           preliminary model or mould
           resin of tree buds collected by bees
propolis
proprioception
                 sense of muscular position
propugnation
                 defence
prore prow; ship
proreption creeping attack or secretive advance of troops
prorogue to discontinue meetings of a group without dissolving it
prorrhesis preface
prosateur one who writes prose for a living
proscenium part of the stage in front of the curtain
prosector one who dissects bodies in anatomical lectures
proseuche place of prayer; oratory
prosilient
           outstanding; conspicuous; jumping forth
prosit toast to good health
prosodemic contagious; infectious
prosodic
           of, like or pertaining to versification
           study of versification
prosody
           of, like or pertaining to the face
prosopic
                 biographical sketch; description of person
prosopography
                 personification; representation of absent person as
prosopopeia
speaking
           look forward
prospice
           building having columns only in the front
prostyle
prosy prosaic; tedious
prosyllogism
                 syllogism whose conclusion forms premise of another
protactic
           prefatory; preliminarily explanatory
protanopia colour-blindness with respect to red
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protasis conditional clause of a conditional sentence protasis introductory or explanatory portion of a play variable; versatile; assuming different forms protean protension duration protensive extensive in time or length protervity peevishness; petulance; perversity; wantonness avowal or solemn declaration protestation prothalamion song or poem celebrating a coming marriage prothonotary chief registrar of a court; keeper of canonisation records protistologystudy of protists protocolist registrar or clerk protogenic formed at the beginning protogenist inventor protolithic from the earliest Stone Age protomorphic primordial; primitive protopathy first or direct experience protoplast original ancestor; first-formed person or thing feeding directly on uncombined elements prototrophic protreptic exhorting; encouraging; didactic; doctrinal allowance of food; provisions provand provection transfer of last letter of one word to first of next proveditor purveyor of supplies or goods provenancesource; origin provenient issuing forth providore steward; quartermaster to propagate by layering provine proxemics study of man's need for personal space proxenete procurer; marriage broker of next month proximo close or near relationship proxysm pruinose having a frosted look; bearing whitish dust prunella strong and heavy silk or wool pruniferous bearing plums prunt moulded glass ornament attached to a larger glass object prurient stemming from the indulgence of lewd ideas; lascivious irritating skin disease causing itching prurigo pruritus itching of the skin psalligraphy the art of paper-cutting to make pictures psalmodist singer of psalms act of singing psalms in church services psalmody psaltery ancient stringed musical instrument psammite fine-grained rock sand-loving plant psammophile psammous sandy psellism defect in articulation or pronunciation

psephitic of, like or pertaining to pebbles

psephocracy government resulting from election by ballot

psephology study of election results and voting trends

psephomancy divination by drawing lots or markers at random

pseudacusis mistaken or false hearing pseudaesthesia imaginary feeling or sensation

pseudandry assumption of man's proper name by a woman

pseudaposematic imitating the coloration of a dangerous animal pseudepigrapha apocrypha; non-canonical books of the Bible

pseudepigraphy assignment of false authors to books pseudepiscopy existence or rule of a spurious bishop

pseudoautochiria murder disguised as suicide

pseudoblepsis imaginary or false vision; hallucination

pseudochromaesthesia mental association of sounds with colours

pseudochronism error in dating pseudodox false doctrine or opinion pseudography unsatisfactory spelling

pseudogyny adoption of woman's name by a man

pseudolalia incoherence of speech

pseudolatryfalse worship

pseudologia lying in speech or writing

pseudologue pathological liar pseudology art or science of lying

pseudomania irrational predilection for lying pseudomorph false or abnormal physical form pseudophonia suicide disguised as murder

pseudopsia optical illusion

pseudoptics study of optical illusions pseudosmia false perception of odours

pseudosopher one who pretends to hold knowledge or wisdom

pseudosophy pretension to wisdom psilanthropism denial of Christ's divinity

psilosis loss of hair

psilosophy shallow philosophy; limited knowledge

psilothrum substance causing loss of hair

psithurism whispering noise; sound of leaves moving in the wind psittacine of, like or pertaining to macaws, parakeets or parrots

psittacine of or like parrots

psittacism parrot-like repetition of speech

psoasloin muscle

psomophagy swallowing food without thorough chewing psophometer instrument measuring audible interference of

electrical current

psychaesthesia sensation in relation to feeling or thought

psychagogic attractive; encouraging

psychagogue conductor of souls to the underworld

psychalgia mental pain or distress

psychiasis healing of the soul or psyche

psychism belief in universal soul

psychobiology study of biology of the mind

psychodynamic concerning psychological motives and causation

psychofugal proceeding outward from a mental state origin and development of the mind study of internal or mental states

psychognosy study of mentality, personality or character

psychogony development of the mind or soul

psychogram writing supposedly produced under influence of

spirits

psychograph instrument that supposedly records spirit messages

psychomachy conflict between the body and the soul

psychomancy divination by means of spirits

psychometry measurement of intelligence and psychological

attributes

psychomorphism doctrine that inanimate objects have human

mentality

psychopannychism belief souls sleep from death to resurrection

psychopathology study of mental illness

psychophysics study of link between mental and physical processes

psychorrhagy separation of the soul from the body

psychosomatic of a physical disorder, having a psychological cause

psychosophy doctrine or theory of the soul

psychotaxisalteration of mental outlook to satisfy the personality psychotheism doctrine that God is a purely spiritual entity psychroaesthesia sensation of cold in part of body that is actually

warm

psychrolusia bathing in cold water

psychrometer instrument for measuring air moisture or

temperature

psychrometer instrument for measuring dryness of the atmosphere

psychrophilic thriving in cold temperatures

psychrophobia fear of the cold

psychurgy mental function, operation or energy

ptarmic substance that causes sneezing

pteric of, like or pertaining to the wing or the shoulder

pteridology study of ferns

pteridomania passion for ferns

pterography treatise or description of feathers pteronophobia fear of being tickled by feathers pteropine of, like or pertaining to flying foxes

pterospermous having winged seeds

pterygium abnormal mass of tissue obstructing vision in the eye

pterygoid like a wing

ptervla patch or clump of feathers on a bird pterylology study of distribution of feathers on birds plumage or mode of feathering; plumage ptilosis ptochocracy government by beggars or paupers; wholesale pauperization ptochogony production of beggars; pauperization ptosisdrooping of the upper eyelid ptyalagogue substance that promotes salivation ptyalism excessive flow of saliva pubarche first appearance of pubic hair puberulent feebly or minutely pubescent; covered with minute down publigerous hairy; bearing or growing hair puccoon blood-root; dark red colour puce brownish-purple; purplish-pink pucelage virginity pucelle maid; virgin astringent; tending to wrinkle puckery pudendum external female reproductive organs pudibund shamefaced; prudish pudicity modesty pudorsense of shame puericulture child-rearing puerperal of, like or pertaining to childbirth pug ground clay mixed with water pugil small handful; pinch pugioniform dagger-shaped puisne inferior in rank; later; junior powerful; mighty puissant pulchritude beauty pule to pipe; to whimper or whine pulicide flea-killer of, like or pertaining to fleas pulicine pulicoid like a flea pullastrine of, like or pertaining to pigeons pullet young hen pullulate to swarm; to teem; to breed freely; to sprout pulmonic of, like or pertaining to the lungs gigantic stone screen separating cathedral choir from the pulpitum nave pulsimeter instrument for measuring the pulse pultaceous macerated and softened; like porridge; pulpy pulverous dusty or powder pulverulent dusty-looking; readily crumbling; powdery pulvil perfumed powder pulvillar cushion-like pulvilli pads between claws of an insect's foot

pulvilliform shaped like a cushion pulvinated cushion-like; bulging; pillowy marriage of brothers of one family to sisters of another punalua puncheon tool for punching or stamping punctal like a point dotted; pitted punctate punctatim point for point punctiform shaped like a point punctilio minor detail or point of conduct punctilious scrupulous and exact punctulate bearing small spots or dots punctule minute dot, pit or aperture pundigrion play on words; pun punditocracy government by political pundits point of honour pundonor puniceous bright or purplish red punk decayed wood punk dry decayed wood used for tinder small shallow fruit basket punnet pupate to pass through a chrysalis stage pupigerous bearing a puparium pupillarity the state of being a pupil purblind nearly blind purfleto ornament the edge of with embroidery purificator cloth used to wipe Eucharist chalice puriform like pus purlicue curl or flourish in writing; summary of speeches purlieu a person's usual haunts; neighbourhood purline supporting timber stretching across rafters purloin to steal: to filch purpresture encroachment on public property heraldic colour purple purpure purpureal purple ship's officer in charge of finances and passengers purser pursuivant follower or attendant purulence the quality of being filled with pus pushful energetically or aggressively enterprising pusillanimous lacking firmness; cowardly; having a weak character pimple containing pus; lump or wart pustule putanism lewdness in women; prostitution putative supposed; reputed wire trap for catching salmon putcher wall round the top of a well puteal putid decayed; fetid putlock cross-piece in a scaffolding

brush for painting pottery

putois

putrefaction rottina putrilage products or remnants of decay putto plump naked winged boy in artwork foresters' claim of subsistence within bounds of forest puy small volcanic cone pycnometer instrument for measuring specific gravity or density pycnomorphous compact; dense pycnosis thickening pycnostyle having closely spaced columns pygal belonging to the rump end; pertaining to the rump pygia pain in the rump pygmachy boxing; fighting with clubs characterized by short squat stature pyknic instrument for measuring specific gravities pyknometer pyogenic pus-forming pyoid purulent; pus-like instrument measuring solar radiation from the sky's pyranometer whole hemisphere pyrene fruit-stone pyretic of, pertaining to or for the cure of fevers pyretology study of fevers pyrexia fever feverish pyrexical pyrgeometer instrument for measuring radiation from earth pyrgoidal tower-shaped pyrgology study of towers pyrheliometer instrument for measuring heating effect of sun pyriform shaped like a pear pyritiferous bearing pyrite pyroballogy study of artillery pyroclasticsash and other material released by volcano pyrogenation subjection to heat pyrogenous produced by or producing heat or fever pyrognomiceasily made incandescent pyrography study of woodburning pyrography poker-work pyrokinesis ability to start fires using mind alone pyrolatry fire-worship pyromachy use of fire in combat pyromancy divination using fire pyrometer instrument for measuring very high temperatures becoming transparent when heated pyrophanous pyrophobia fear of fire pyrophorus substance that spontaneously combusts pyroscope instrument for measuring intensity of radiant heat pyrosis heartburn

pyrosophy knowledge of the properties of fire

pyrrhic of, like or pertaining to the dance or to the foot

pyrrhonism total or radical skepticism pyrrhotism state of being red-haired

pyrrhous reddish; ruddy

pyrrhuline of, like or pertaining to bullfinches

pysmatic questioning; interrogatory

pythogenic produced by filth; causing dirt or decay

pythonic like an oracle or a python

pythonism possession by an oracular spirit

pyx box or vessel in which coins or consecrated E

qanat underground tunnel for carrying irrigation water

qasida Arabic or Persian elegiac poem

qat leaves chewed or brewed in tea as a stimulant gigong system of Chinese meditational exercises

qintar Albanian unit of currency

qiviut wool of the undercoat of a musk-ox

qoph a Hebrew letter qua in the capacity of quab to throb; to quiver

quab something unfinished or immature; unfledged bird

quackle to choke; to suffocate

quacksalver one who falsely pretends to knowledge of medicine quad unit of energy equal to one quadrillion British thermal units

quadra square frame; plinth

quadrable capable of being expressed in a finite number of algebraic

terms

quadragenarian a person between 40 and 49 years of age quadragesimal of, like or pertaining to Lent; lasting forty days

quadragesimarian one who observes Lent quadragintesimal forty-fold; having forty parts

quadral in four parts

quadraphonic produced by a sound system that employs four signal sources

quadrat small square block used as a space in printing

quadrate to make square; to make to agree

quadratrix a curve by which a circle may be squared

quadratura wall or ceiling painted with arches and columns in strong perspective

quadrel square block of brick

quadrennial lasting four years; occurring once every four years

quadrennium period of four years

quadrifid split into four

quadrifoliate having four leaves

quadriga two-wheeled carriage drawn by four horses

quadrigeminal in four similar or equal parts quadrigenarious comprising four hundred

quadrille square dance for four couples; card game for four people

quadrilocular having four compartments

quadrimium four-year-old wine; best or oldest wine

quadripole device having one pair of output terminals and one pair of input terminals

quadrireme ancient ship with four sets of oars

quadrivial leading in four directions; concerning a four-way junction quadrivium four branches of mathematics in medieval education

quadrivoltine having four litters in a single year

quadroon old term for a person of one-quarter black ancestry

quadrumanous of the primates other than man

quadrupedation stamping with four feet quaedam disparaging term for a woman quaere to introduce a question or issue

quaeritur the question is asked

quaesitum something sought for; the true value

quaestionary religious pardoner

quaestor ancient magistrate; a medieval pardoner

quaestuary money-making; money-seeking; in business only for profit

quagga extinct African wild ass like the zebra

quagma hypothetical matter made up of quarks and gluons

quagswag to shake to and fro quahog type of edible clam

quain angle; wedge-like corner

quale quality or property of something; abstract virtue or quality

qualificator one who prepares ecclesiastical cases for trial

qualimeter apparatus for measuring penetrating power of X-ray beams

qually of wine, cloudy or turbid

qualtagh first person encountered after leaving home on a special

day

quamoclit tropical climbing plant with brilliant flowers

quango a quasi-autonomous non-governmental organization quangocracy rule of quasi-autonomous non-governmental organizations

quannet flat file used like a plane

quant punting or jumping pole with a flat end

quantile any of a set of equal fractions of a given population quantimeter apparatus for measuring quantity of X-rays quantivalence chemical valence; ability of atoms to hold other

atoms in combination

quantometer instrument for measuring proportions of elements in

metallic samples

quantophrenia obsessive reliance on statistics and mathematical

results

quantulate to calculate the magnitude of

quantulum small quantity

quantuplicity relative magnitude of a quantity

quaquadrate a sixteenth power

quaquaversal facing or bending all ways

quarender dark red apple

quaresimal Lenten; having the meagreness of Lenten meals

quarion candle

quark soft cheese made from skim milk

quarkonium meson formed of a quark and an anti-quark quarl large curved brick or tile used to support melting pot

quarred soured; clotted quarrelet small square

quarrenden variety of apple

quarrion Australian parrot like the cockatiel quartan a fever recurring every third day

quartation mixing one part gold with three parts silver prior to

purifying it

quarter unit of weight equal to 28 pounds

quarterdeck part of ship's deck set aside by captain for

ceremonial functions

quartering sailing nearly before the wind

quarterland ancient land division on the Isle of Man quarterlight small triangular ventilation window in a car

quartern one quarter of various measures

quartic a curve or equation of the fourth degree quartinvariant an invariant of the fourth degree

quartodeciman early Christian who celebrated Easter on Passover

even if not a Sunday

quartziferous bearing quartz

quasi as if; seemingly; in a manner

quasquicentennial one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary

quassation act of shaking or being shaken

quassia tropical tree whose bark is used to make a bitter medicinal

product quat a pimple; an insignificant person

quatch a word; a sound

quatenus in the capacity of; in so far as

quatern arranged in fours

quaternion any set of four things; quotient of two vectors expressed

quadrinomially

quaternitarian one who believes that God consists of four parts

quaternity fourness; any group of four things

quatint engraving using nitric acid

quatorzain piece of verse having fourteen lines; a sonnet

quatrain stanza of four lines of verse

quatrayle great-great-great grandfather

quatrefoil four-petalled flower; design or ornament with four flowers

or leaves

quatridual lasting for four days

quattrocentism style of art of the fifteenth century in Italy

quattrocento the fifteenth century; Italian art and architecture of

that period

quatuorvirate a body of four men

quaviver fish otherwise known as the sea-dragon or dragonet

quawk black-crowned night heron

queach a thicket

quean lewd woman; hussy; woman of bad character

queem protected from the wind

queenite a queen's partisan

queenright of a colony of social insects, having a queen

quelch to squelch

quelea an African weaver-bird

quellio a Spanish ruff

quena vertical bamboo flute used in the Andes

quenelle poached meat dumpling

quenouille concerning the training of trees into cone-like shape

quercetum plantation of oak trees

quercine of, like or pertaining to oak trees

quercitron yellowish pigment derived from bark of a variety of oak querencia part of a bullfighting arena where the bull makes his stand

querent one who asks a question querical of the nature of queries querimonious full of complaints

querimony complaint querist inquirer

guerken to stifle; to suffocate

querl to twist; to curl

quern stone mill worked by hand querquedule pin-tail duck; a teal

quersprung in skiing, a jump-turn at right angles

querulist one who complains querulous complaining; peevish quesited sought for; asked about

questmonger one whose occupation is to conduct inquests quetsch dark-skinned oval plum; liqueur made from such plums

quetzal gold and green bird with long tail feathers

quevée in heraldry, having a tail

queyock heifer

quich to stir; to move quicken mountain ash tree

quickhatch wolverine

quicklime calcium oxide

quickset formed of living plants arranged in place

quicksilver old name for mercury quickstep fast march-like dance

quicquidlibet whatever one pleases; anything whatsoever

quid a cut or wad or something chewable quidam a certain person; somebody

quiddany jelly or thick syrup made from sweetened quince juice

quidditative quirky; eccentric

quiddity unique essence; eccentricity

quiddle a fastidious person

quidnunc busybody; one keenly interested in gossip

guidsworth able to be bought for one pound

quietation the action of quieting a person or persons

quietism doctrine of enlightenment through mental tranquility

quietus discharge from life; extinction; death; silencing

quiff puff or gust of wind

quiff tuft of hair brushed away from the forehead; oiled lock of hair

quillaia South American tree whose bark is used to make soap

quillet subtle point in argument; a quibble quilling strip or ribbon gathered into flutings quillon arm of the cross-quard of a sword handle

quinary based on the number five

quince orange-coloured, pear-shaped fruit

quincunx five things with four at corners and one in middle

quincurion leader of five men

quindecagon plane figure having fifteen sides

quindecasyllabic having fifteen syllables quingentenary five-hundredth anniversary

quiniferous yielding quinine

quinimetry measurement of amount of quinine in bark

quinism pathological state resulting from excessive use of quinine

guinnat the king salmon

quinnet wedge

quinology study of quinine

quinquagenarian person between the ages of 50 and 59

quinquagesimal belonging to a set of fifty quinquefarious arranged in five rows quinquennium period of five years quinquiplicate to multiply by five quinsy old disease like tonsilitis

quintain post for tilting with turning cross-piece quintal unit of weight equal to 100 kilograms

quinternion set of five sheets of paper

quintessence the most essential part or embodiment of something

quintic of the fifth order or degree

quinton five-stringed tenor viol

quintroon old term for someone who is of 1/16 black descent

quipu knotted cords used as Inca mnemonic device

quire unit of 24 sheets of paper

quire twenty-four sheets of paper of the same size and quality

quirister a chorister

quiritary in accordance with Roman civil law

quiritian a Roman citizen quirt short-handled riding whip

quisby an idler; suspicious or odd

quisling one who aids the enemy; a puppet leader supported by

foreign power

quisquilious made of rubbish quitch a kind of wild grass

quitclaim deed relinquishing a claim, such as a mining title quiteron superconducting device similar to a transistor

quitrent small nominal rent paid to commute feudal service

quittance release from a debt or obligation; a document expressing

such a release

quitter pus; suppurating discharge

quixotic extravagantly and romantically chivalrous; idealistic

quoad with respect to; as regards

quod prison

quoddamodotative existing in a certain manner

quodlibet philosophical argument of disputation; humorous medley

quodlibetificate to quibble with

quoin a wedge; salient angle of a building; cornerstone quoit heavy flat ring thrown over pin in a game like horseshoes

quokka short-tailed wallaby

quoll native cat-like marsupial of Australia

quomodocunquize to make money in any way possible

quondam former; sometime; formerly quorate having or being a quorum

quotatious tending to quote; given to quoting

quotennial yearly

quotha expression of surprise or contempt

quotidian everyday; commonplace

quotiety number; numerical relationship

quotition a division regarded as a repeated subtraction

quotum a number considered in its proportion to a larger number

quotuple what multiple quoz absurd person or thing

raad electric catfish

rabanna raffia fabric of Madagascar rabbet groove cut to receive an edge

rabble device for stirring molten iron in a furnace

Rabelaisian coarsely hilarious rabic of, like or pertaining to rabies

racemation cluster or bundle of grapes or any other thing

raceme central stem with flowers on small stalks

racemiferous bearing clusters or bunches

rach dog that hunts by scent

rachidian of or concerning the spine

rachiometer instrument for measuring the spine rachis spine or axis of a feather; the spinal cord

rachitogenic causing rickets raciology study of racial differences

rackrent excessive rent

racloir scraper used by early hominids

raconteur teller of anecdotes

radappertization treatment of food with ionizing radiation to kill

bacteria

radarscope instrument for detecting radar signals

raddle flexible rod used to make hurdles or fences

raddle red ochre used to make marks

radicated rooted; established

radiciform like a root

radicivorous eating roots radicle rootlike organ or part

radicolous living on roots

radiesthesia sensitivity to radiation from any source

radiogenic produced by radioactive disintegration

radiogoniometer instrument for finding direction through radio signals

radiology study of X-rays and their medical applications

radiometeorograph instrument for measuring atmospheric

conditions at high altitude

radiometer instrument measuring radiation energy radioscope instrument for viewing objects using X-rays

radiosonde radio transmitter in balloon used to gather weather data

radix root; root-number or numerical base; root word or stem

radular coarse; scraping; raspy

raduliform like a rasp or file

rafale burst of artillery in quick rounds

raffish disreputable; vulgar ragabash idle worthless fellow

raglan having sleeves going all the way to the neck

ragmatical wild; ill-behaved

raguly in heraldry, having short alternating projections and

depressions

railophone telephone installed in a train

raisonneur person in a play or book embodying author's viewpoint

rake the inclination of a mast or another part of a ship

ramage boughs of a tree

ramate branched

rameal of, like or pertaining to branches

ramellose having small branches ramentum chaffy scale on plants

ramie strong lustrous fabric resembling linen or silk

ramiferous bearing branches

ramiform branching; shaped like branches

rampallion scoundrel; villain

rampant heraldic animal portrayed on its hind legs

rampick dead tree or tree decayed at top ramuliferous bearing small branches

ramulus small branch

ramus branch of anything

ranarian froggy

ranarium place where frogs are kept

rancelman local constable or law officer in Orkney and Shetland

rancescent becoming rancid rand border; edge; margin

randan uproar; din; riotous conduct randem with three horses in single file

rangiferine of, like or pertaining to or like reindeer

raniform frog-like

ranine of, like or pertaining to or like frogs

ranivorous eating frogs rantipole wild; disorderly

rantize to sprinkle with water during baptism ranunculaceous of, like or pertaining to buttercups

raploch coarse undyed woollen cloth

rappel call to arms by the beating of a drum

rapprochement establishment of or state of cordial relations raptorial predacious; of, like or pertaining to a bird of prey

raptus trance; rapture; seizure rarissima extremely rare books

ras headland

raschel light loosely kitted cloth

rasophore lowest rank of Greek Orthodox monk

rasorial scraping the ground for food

raster pattern of parallel lines or grid used in certain scanning

devices

rasure act of scraping; erasure; obliteration

rataplan drumming sound

ratemeter instrument for measuring counting rate of electronic

counters

rath prehistoric hill fort

rathe quick; early; eager ratheripe early ripe

raticide substance or person who kills rats

ratihabition ratification

ratiné rough bulky plain-woven fabric ratiocinate to reason or argue logically

rationalism belief that reason is the fundamental source of knowledge

ratite of, like or pertaining to flightless birds

ratline small rope forming a rung of a rope ladder on a ship

ratten to practise sabotage against

ravanastron ancient Hindu stringed instrument played with a bow

ravelin detached work with two embankments realism doctrine that objects of cognition are real

reast to become rancid

rebarbative repellent; repulsive

rebatement abatement; reduction; discount

rebec medieval musical instrument like a mandolin or viol

reboant marked by reverberation; resounding rebullition act of boiling up or effervescing rebus picture puzzle representing a word

recadency relapsing; falling back

recalesce to display again a state of glowing heat

recaption reprisal; taking back that which is unlawfully obtained

recense to revise critically

recept idea or imaged formed by repeated similar perceptions

receptacular serving as a receptacle recherché carefully chosen, rare or exotic recidivism habit of relapsing into crime

recipiangle old instrument with two arms used for measuring angles reciprocornous having horns that turn backward and then forward

recision cutting back; rescinding

récit solo part for voice or instrument; narrative tale

reckling smallest or weakest of a litter

réclame art or practice by which publicity or notoriety is secured

reclinate bent down or back

recoct to cook again; to concoct; to improvise

recondite out of the way; little known recreant craven; false; apostate

recrement waste; dross; secretion that is reabsorbed; excess matter

recriminate to charge one's accuser

recrudescence a resurgence after a period of abatement

rectalgia pain in the butt

rectigrade moving in a straight line

rectiserial in vertical ranks

rectitudinous manifesting overly obvious moral correctness

recto front side of a bookleaf; on the front

rectrix quill feathers of a bird's tail recumbent reclining; lying comfortably

recure to cure; to heal; to bring back to health

recusant one who refuses to attend Catholic church services;

nonconformist

redact to edit; work into shape; to frame

redan field fortification with two parapets meeting at an angle

redargue to refute; to confute

reddendum reserving clause in a lease

rede to counsel or advise

redhibition return of defective product and cancellation of sale

redintegrate to make whole again; to restore

redivivus resuscitated; come to life again redolent fragrant; smelling of; suggestive of redoubt rough and temporary fortification

redoubtable formidable; valiant

redound recoil back on; make contribution for own benefit

redshort brittle at red-heat

reductionism belief that complex phenomena are reducible to

simple ones

reduit inner fortified retreat for a garrison

reef to reduce area of a sail by rolling or folding part of it

reel lively dance of the Scottish Highlands reeve to pass a rope through a ring refection refreshment or relief; a meal

refectory dining-hall of a monastery or other institution

refel to refute; to disprove; to confute

reflation increase in amount of economic activity and spending reflectometer instrument for measuring reflectance of radiant energy

reflet iridescent or metallic lustre

reflexology study of reflexes

refluent flowing back; ebbing; tidal

reflux an ebb; boiling using a condenser to avoid liquid loss

refocillate to refresh; to cherish

refractometer instrument measuring refraction of light refractory unruly; unmanageable; perverse; obstinate

refrangible that may be refracted

refringency refractivity

refugium area that has retained earlier geographic conditions

refulgent casting a flood of light; radiant; beaming

regal a small portable organ

regalism doctrine of the monarch's supremacy in church affairs

regardant in profile and looking to the rear

regelation freezing together again

reginal of, like or pertaining to a queen

régisseur stage manager; director; manager

regius royal

reglementation regulation

reglet strip for spacing between lines in printing

regnal of a reign

regolith layer of loose rock overlaying solid rock

regorge to disgorge; to regurgitate

regrate to buy and sell again in or near the same market

regrede to retrograde

regreet to exchange greetings

reguerdon to reward

regula rule of a religious order

regulus impure metal; intermediate product in ore smelting

reinfund to flow in again

rejectamenta refuse; excrement rejoinder sharp and clever answer

relâche relaxation; rest; no performance

relative indicating relation or a prepositional object

relict left behind; surviving

reliction recession of sea leaving bare land

religate to tie together; to restrain

reliquary a small box or shrine used to hold relics

reliquiae remains

relucent reflecting; shining

relume to light or light up again remanent a remainder; a remnant

remanet postponed case or parliamentary bill

remeant returning; coming back remex quill feather of a bird's wing

remiform oar-shaped remigate to row

remittitur act of sending case from appellate court back to trial court

remonstrate to protest; to expostulate

remontant flowering more than once per season

remora delay; obstacle remuant restless; fidgety

remueur person who turns the bottles in wine-making

renal of, like or pertaining to the kidneys

renascent coming into renewed life or vitality

rencounter chance meeting; encounter; casual combat

reniform shaped like a kidney

renitent resistant; reluctant; recalcitrant

renverse to reverse; to upset

rep plain-woven fabric with crosswise ribs

repetend figures, words, notes or numbers that are repeated

repine to feel or express discontent or dejection

replevin repossession of stolen goods pending outcome of lawsuit

repository side altar in Catholic church

repoussé raised in relief by hammering from behind or within

reprehend to rebuke

representamen the product of representation

representationalism doctrine that ideas rather than external objects

are basis of knowledge

reprobate reprehensible or immoral person

reprography reproduction of graphic or typeset material

reptant creeping; crawling

reptation act of squirming along a smooth-walled narrow passage

repugn to fight against; to oppose

repunit number consisting of two or more identical integers

requiem lament or mass for the dead

requiescat prayer for the dead

reguital act of payment in return; repayment; vengeance

reredos screen behind altar

reremouse bat

rescript answer of pope or emperor to any legal question; edict or

decree

réseau network of lines used in star photographs resection cutting away a part of; especially the end

resiant resident

resile to recoil; to rebound; to draw back from a position

resiniferous bearing resin

resipiscence recognition of error; change to better frame of mind resistentialism humorous theory that inanimate objects display

malice towards humans

resofincular resembling a wire hanger resorb to absorb back; to reabsorb

respirometer instrument for measuring and studying respiration

respondentia loan on ship's cargo payable on safe arrival responsory set of responses sung or said after liturgical reading

restiform shaped like a cord resupine lying on the back

ret to expose to moisture; to soak; to soften by soaking

retable shelf or ornamental setting for panels behind an altar

rete network or net; stylized star-map of an astrolabe

retiary of nets; using nets as a weapon; catching insects in webs

reticella old Venetian lace-like fabric

reticello glass formed with decorative network of fine glass threads

reticle set of intersecting wires used to facilitate accurate

observations

reticular of, like or pertaining to nets; intricate reticulate divide or be divided into a network

reticule small woven lady's handbag

reticulose of the nature of a network

retiform shaped like a net

retinaculum connecting band; means of retention

retinise to read mechanically by sight alone

retinoid like resin

retinoscope instrument for measuring and viewing the retina

retiracy seclusion; enough to retire on

retorse bent backwards

retrad backwards retrahent drawing back

retral at or toward the rear retree slightly damaged paper

retrenchment cutting down on; reduction in amount of retrocede to move back; to cede back; to grant back

retrochoir space in choir behind high altar

retrocognition extrasensory knowledge of past events

retrograde moving or directed backwards; degenerating; inverse

retrogress backward movement; degeneration

retroject to throw backwards

retromancy divination by looking over one's shoulder

retromingent urinating rearwards retromorphosis change for the worse

retronym new name as modification of older term used alone

retrophilia love of things of the past retropulsion pushing backwards retrorse turned back or downward

retroussé turned up; especially of the nose

retrovert to turn back

revalescent convalescent

revalorize to give new value to; to restore value of currency revanche revenge; policy directed towards recovery of territory

revehent carrying back

revendicate to make formal claim to; to try to retrieve lost goods

revers any part of a garment which is turned back

revest reinstate; reinvest revet to face with masonry revetment retaining wall

revie to stake more than an opponent has proposed on

revirescent growing young or strong again

reviviscent reviving

revolute rolled back at the edges

rhabdoid rodlike

rhabdology knowledge or learning concerning divining rods

rhabdology art of calculating using numbering rods

rhabdomancy divination using a rod or stick

rhabdos magic wand

rhadamanthine like a stern judge rhaebosis curvature; bandiness

rhagades small fissures or chaps on the skin

rhamphoid hooked beak shaped

rhapsodomancy divination by opening works of poetry at random rhathymia personality factor leading to optimism and cheerfulness rheid substance that flows viscously when below its melting point

rhema word; verb

rhematic of words or verbs; forming a word or words rheme speech element that expresses an idea rheology science of the deformation or flow of matter

rheometer instrument that measures current rheophile living or thriving in running water

rheostat instrument for measuring electric resistance

rheotaxis direction of movement by water

rheotropism change in orientation or location of an organism due

to running water

rhetoricaster petty rhetorician

rheum watery discharge from eyes and nose

rheumatology study of rheumatism rhexis rupture of a blood-vessel

rhigosis sensation of cold; ability to feel cold rhinal of, like or pertaining to the nose rhinocerial very heavy; of or like a rhinoceros

rhinocerotic of, like or pertaining to the rhinoceros

rhinogenous deriving from the nose

rhinology study of the nose

rhinoscope instrument for examining the nose rhinotillexomania compulsive nose picking

rhipidate fan-shaped

rhizic of the root of an equation

rhizogenic producing or growing roots

rhizoid root-like

rhizome root-like stalk or stem of a plant

rhizophagous root-eating

rhizophilous growing or thriving on or near roots

rhochrematics science of inventory management and the

movement of products rhodopsin visual purple

rhomboid shaped like a parallelogram

rhombos bull-roarer

rhonchial of, like or pertaining to snoring

rhonchisonant making a snorting or snoring noise

rhopalic having each word one syllable longer than that before

rhopography painting in still life

rhotacism excessive or incorrect pronunciation of the letter "r"

rhumb compass point

rhynchodont having a toothed beak

rhyparography genre or still-life pictures of sordid subjects

rhypophagy eating filth

rhysimeter instrument for measuring speed of current or watercraft

rhythmometer instrument for measuring speed of rhythms

rhytidectomy wrinkle-removing operation

rhyton drinking cup with hole in the point to drink by

ria normal drowned valley; long wide creek

riant laughing; merry

ribibe an old crone, past the age of sexual attractiveness

rictal of the gape; of the corner of the mouth

rictus gaping mouth; orifice

rideau ridge or mound of earth used for defense

ridel altar curtain

rident laughing or smiling radiantly; beaming

ridgeling half-castrated animal ridibund easily moved to laughter

ridotto social gathering with music and dancing

riem rawhide thong

rifacimento recasting of a literary or musical work riffler small file with curved ends used in woodworking

rigadoon lively Baroque period dance rigescent becoming numb or stiff

rigidulous somewhat stiff rillet small brook or stream

rillmark marking produced by water running down a bank or beach

rima narrow fissure

rimiform having a long furrow

rimose full of chinks; covered with cracks

rimple to wrinkle

rindle small watercourse

ringent gaping

rinkomania obsession with skating

riometer instrument for measuring absorbed cosmic radio waves

riparian of or inhabiting a riverbank; a riverside inhabitant

ripienist supplementary instrumentalist ripieno supplementary or reinforcing music

ripple toothed tool for removing seeds from flax or hemp

risible laughable

risorgimento revival; rebirth

risorial of, like or pertaining to or causing laughter

risus a laugh; a grin

ritornel short instrumental prelude or interlude in opera

rittmaster captain of a troop of horse

rivage shore; bank

rivel to shrivel; to shrink

rivulation irregular marks of colour

rivulose marked with winding and haphazard lines

riziform shaped like a grain of rice

roach curved cut in edge of sail for preventing chafing

roadster light carriage

roband piece of yarn used to fasten a sail to a spar

robinet ancient light cannon

roborant strengthening drug or tonic roborate to strengthen; to corroborate

roborean strong; like an oak robur hard-wooded oak

roc enormous legendary Arabian bird

rocaille artificial rockwork or similar ornament

roche rock or cliff; a rocky height

rochet surplice-like vestment of a bishop or abbot

rockaway light four-wheeled carriage with fixed top and open sides

rodenticide killing of rodents

rodomontade bluster; boasting; bragging speech roentgen unit of x-radiation or gamma radiation

rogation asking or supplication, especially in an ecclesiastical sense rogatory asking for the intervention of a foreign court in examining

a witness

rollick exuberant jollity; to frolic gaily

rolly truck; trolley rom a gypsy man romage tumult

romal handkerchief or headcloth; silk or cotton fabric

rondeau poem of thirteen lines

rondure gracefully rounded curvature

rood cross or crucifix at entrance to church chancel

rood old unit of land area equal to 1/4 acre

roodge to push or lift with effort

rookery state of confusion

roorback defamatory falsehood published for political effect

roric dewy

roriferous producing or bearing dew

rorulent dew-covered rosarian rose-fancier rosarium rose garden

roscid dewy

roseaceous of the rose family; roselike roseate resembling a rose; overly optimistic

rosette knot or radiating loops of ribbon concentrically arranged

rosin resin applied to bows for stringed instruments

rosmarine mythical walrus-like sea animal that feeds on dew

rosorial rodentine

rostel small beak or similar outgrowth rostelliform shaped like a small beak

rostrum spike on prow of warship for ramming

rostrum platform for public speaking; conductor's dais

rota roster

rotameter old instrument for measuring length of curved lines rotameter instrument consisting of glass tube with free float for

measuring liquid flow

rotiferous bearing rotifers

rotocracy government by those who control rotten boroughs rotograph photograph made by laying negative on sensitive paper

rotula kneecap

rotundate rounded off; orbicular

roturier plebeian

roué man devoted to life of pleasure; rake

roulade melodic embellishment sung to one syllable

rounce handle for moving carriage on hand printing press

rounceval a large, boisterous woman; a mannish woman; a lesbian

round dance in a ring

roundel anything circular; circle; disc; ring-dance

roundelay song with a refrain

roup poultry disease roussette fruit-bat

rowel small; spiked wheel on a spur

rowen second mowing of grass in the same season; aftermath

rowlock contrivance serving as a fulcrum for an oar royal small sail on royal mast just above topgallant sail

rubedinous ruddy

rubefaction reddening

rubefy to redden

rubescent growing red; blushing

rubican of a horse, black or red with flecks of white

rubicund ruddy

rubiginous rusty-coloured rubious ruby red; rusty

rubor redness of body part due to excess blood

rubricality ceremony

rubricate to mark in red; to fix like a ritual ruche frill of lace or other material

ruction disturbance; uproar

ruderal growing in wasteland or among rubbish

ruelle space between bed and wall

rufescent inclining to redness rufous reddish or brownish-red

rugate wrinkled

rugine surgeon's scraping instrument rugous wrinkled; covered with sunken lines

rugulous having small wrinkles

ruiniform having the form or appearance of ruins rulley flat four-wheeled wagon for carrying goods

rullion a rawhide shoe rumbustious boisterous rumchunder fine silk

rumfustian hot alcoholic drink made from rum and various spices

rummer large drinking-glass runagate fugitive; vagabond runcation action of weeding

runcinate having irregular saw-toothed divisions

rundale system of holding land in single detached pieces

rundle rung of a ladder

rundlet old liquid measure equal to about 15 gallons

runnel little brook runology study of runes

rupellary rocky

rupestrian composed of rock; inscribed on rock rupicaprine of, like or pertaining to chamoises

rupicoline rock-dwelling ruptile easily breakable

ruridecanal concerning a rural dean and his jurisdiction

rurigenous living or born in the country

rushlight a type of candle dipped in grease

russel ribbed cotton and wool

russet reddish brown

russet coarse homespun cloth

Russophile one who admires Russia or the Russians

Russophobia fear of Russia or Russians

rusticate to send into the country; to banish to rural areas

rusticity rustic manner; simplicity; rudeness

ruth pity; remorse; sorrow

rutherford unit of radioactive decay equal to 1 million disintegrations

per second

ruthful piteous; sorrowful

rutidosis wrinkling

rutilant shining; glowing ruddily

rya colourful Scandinavian knotted-pile rug

sabaton foot-covering as part of suit of armour sabbatarianone who keeps the sabbath strictly sabbulonarium gravel pit

sabelline sable fur

sabin unit of acoustic absorption of one square foot of a perfect absorber sable black; dark; of a black colour in heraldry sand pit sabliere sabot wooden shoe; clog sabot attachment to guide projectile through bore of firearm sabretache satchel suspended from cavalry officer's belt sandy; gritty; growing in sandy places sabulous saburration application of hot sand as medical treatment sharp lateral movement of the eye as it changes fixation saccade jerky; twitching saccadic sacchariferous bearing sugar instrument for measuring amount of sugar in a saccharimeter solution sacciferous bearing a sac or sacs sacciform shaped like a sac sac-like saccular sacculiform shaped like a small sac sacerdotal priestly; pertaining to priestly interests sacerdotalism belief that priests are necessary mediators between God and mankind sachet small plastic envelope holding liquid or cream sack dry white wine or sherry from Spain sackbut early wind instrument resembling the trombone sacralgia pain in the sacrum sacralized prepared to be used in sacred ceremonies sacramentarianism belief that sacraments have unusual properties sacrarium place where sacred objects are kept hallowing; consecration sacring church official in charge of vessels and the sacristy sacristan sacristy room in church where sacred objects are kept fat; easy-going person sadogue saeculum astronomical or geological age saffron orange-vellow sagathy light blend of silk and cotton or wool fishing-net; network sagene state or quality of being a sage sageship clay box in which pottery is packed for baking saggar to fatten animals saginate shaped like an arrow sagittal centaur; archer sagittary sagittiform shaped like an arrowhead sal a salt salacious indecently erotic; lecherous salamandroid like a salamander; able to withstand fire salariat salary-earning class collectively

saliferous salt-bearing

salify to impregnate with salt

saliniform like salt

salinometerinstrument for measuring amount of salt in a solution salmagundi stew of many mixed ingredients; a medley or miscellany

salpiform shaped like a barrel

salpinx Fallopian tube

salsa fast Latin American jazz-influenced dance

salse mud volcano

salsipotent ruling the salt seas salsitude saltiness; brackishness

salsuginous salty; brackish; growing in salty soil

saltant leaping; dancing saltarello lively Italian dance

saltation jumping or leaping; abrupt variation

saltationism punctuation in evolution

saltativeness ability to jump

saltern salt-works

saltigrade progressing by leaps

saltire X-shaped cross

saltusbreach of continuity; jump to a conclusion salubrious favourable to or promoting well-being salutary producing good effects; beneficial salutiferous conducive to health or well-being

salvific having the purpose or intention of saving

samara propeller-like winged fruit

samarra flame-decorated cassock worn by those condemned by the

Inquisition

samel underburnt

samite rich and heavy silk, sometimes interwoven with gold or

silver

sanable able to be healed

sanative healing

sanatory producing health

sanbenito yellow or black sackcloth garment worn by heretics prior to

execution

sanctanimity holiness of mind sangfroid coolness; composure sanguiferous bearing blood

sanguine optimistic; having a bright complexion

sanguineous bloody; of, like or pertaining to blood; blood-red

sanguinolent containing blood; bloodthirsty

sanguisugent blood-sucking sanguivorous blood-drinking

sanies watery foul discharge from wounds or sores

sansculotte strong republican; democrat or violent revolutionary

sapid having a perceptible or decided taste; savoury; agreeable sapience discernment; judgement sapiential providing wisdom soapy; soaplike saponaceous saponifiable able to be converted into soap saponify to convert into soap sapor property of substance of taste; flavour of, like or pertaining to the sense of taste saporine Sapphism homosexuality in women characterized by decaying organic matter saprobic saprodontiatooth decay saprogenous growing on decaying material; causing putrefaction saprophagous feeding on decaying material saprophyte plant living on dead or decaying matter having foul breath saprostomous hard green Swiss cheese sapsago soft tissue beneath bark of tree sapwood sarabande stately Spanish Baroque court dance waterproof stucco sarangousty sarcoid flesh-like sarcoline flesh-coloured sarcology study of fleshy parts of the body sarcophagous feeding on flesh; carnivorous sarcophilous fond of flesh promoting growth of flesh sarcotic of flesh or muscle sarcous sard deep orange chalcedony long weak twig sarment sarmentum vine, long twig or runner double-reeded musical instrument resembling the sarrusophone bassoon fine and soft silk; soft or gentle sarsenet of, like or pertaining to a tailor or tailored clothes sartorial long parallel ridges of snow that form on windy plains sastruga satanology study of devil satanophany an appearance of the devil satanophobia fear of the devil ribbed lustred wool satara sateen alossy cotton or wool thin silk satin or imitation thereof satinet satisdation provision of security satisfice to aim for or achieve that which will suffice cultivated sative saturnalian riotously merry of a gloomy or surly disposition; sardonic saturnine saturnism lead poisoning

satvrism uncontrolled licentiousness satyromania abnormally great male sexual desire; satyriasis saurophagous eating lizards sauterelle mason's tool for making angles long necklace or pendant sautoir saw saying or proverb to flatter sawder saxatile rock-dwelling saxicavous rock-boring saxicolous living in or among rocks saxifragous breaking stone saxigenous growing in rocks fine soft woollen fabric saxony delicate woollen fabric sav somewhat scabrous or rough scaberulous scabious of, like or pertaining to scabies or scabs scabrous having scaly or rough surface; risqué or obscene of, like or pertaining to chess scacchic scaffmastersteward scagliola stone-like plasterwork for interior decoration scalariform shaped like a ladder scalary formed with steps or rungs scallion onion with a slim bulb; leek scallom rod with thin or spliced end used to form base or frame of baskets scalpeliform shaped like a scalpel scalpriform shaped like a chisel art of engraving on metal or stone scalpture scamander to take a winding course; to meander scambling haphazard meal scammony plant root used as strong purgative scandent climbing scanderoon homing pigeon scansorial climbing; adapted for climbing scantling dimensions of a cross-section of timber; a small amount scapegrace scoundrel; incorrigible man or boy kind of sundial scaphion execution by deserting honey-covered person in the sun scaphism scaphoid boat-shaped shaped like a stalk scapiform having a scape scapigerous to work smoothly, without smoothing to a finish scapple badge of monastic order worn on the shoulders scapular

divination by examining burnt shoulder blade

scapulomancy

scaramouch

scarabaean of, like or pertaining to scarabs

ruffian: scoundrel

scarfskin surface skin

scarify to scratch or scar scarious thin and tough scarlatina scarlet fever scarlet fine cloth scarp to make steep

scarpetti climbing shoes with hemp soles scarpines instrument of torture for the feet

scatch a stilt

scatebrous flowing or bubbling out; abounding with springs

scatology study of excrement or obscene literature scatomancy divination by studying excrement

scatophagous dung-eating

scatoscopy divination by studying excrement; scatomancy

scattery dispersed; sparse scaturient flowing out; gushing

scaturiginous abounding with springs scauper semicircular gouging chisel scavage refuse scavenged from the roads

scavager officer in charge of keeping streets clean

scazon limping verse

scelerat villain

scelestic wicked; villainous

scelotyrbe disease causing hesitation in walking

scenography representation of an object in perspective

scepsis philosophic doubt

schadenfreude malicious pleasure in others' misfortunes

schediasm impromptu action; an extemporized work schematomancy divination using the human form

schematonics art of using gesture to express tones

schesis deriding opponent's argument by referring to his way of

thought

schetic of a disease, not deeply rooted in the body

schiller bronze lustre schistous formed of schist

schizogenesis reproduction by division

schizotrichia splitting of hair

schiztic of, like or pertaining to or marked by splitting schoenabatic of, like or pertaining to rope walking

schola church choir led by a cantor

scholarch head of a school

scholasticate preparatory college for those intending to enter

Catholic order

scholiast commentator; writer of marginal notes

scholion annotation to an argument written in margin

schorl tourmaline

schottische old polka-like round dance schryari old and very loud double-reed wind instrument schwärmerei sentimental enthusiasm; wild devotion schwerpunkt point where main effort of a military attack is directed sciagraphy art of shading scialytic dispelling shadows sciaphobia fear of shadows sciapodous having large feet sciatheric of, like or pertaining to measurement of time by shadows of, like or pertaining to the hip sciatic scible that which is knowable scientaster petty scientist belief that the methods of science are universally scientism applicable scilicet to wit; namely of or resembling a skink scincoid hint; trace; spark scintilla scintillant sparkling scintillescent twinkling scintillometer instrument measuring scintillation of star scintilloscope instrument for measuring gamma rays emitted by a radioactive body superficial pretensions to knowledge sciolism sciomancy divination using ghosts sciophilous thriving in or loving shady conditions of, like or pertaining to formation of images in darkrooms scioptic system of knowledge without basis in science sciosophy scissel metal clippings; scrap metal able to be cut; readily splitting scissile scission cutting; division; splitting a cleft; a splitting; fissure; rupture scissure sciurine of, like or pertaining to squirrels of, like or pertaining to squirrels or chipmunks sciuroid sciuroid shaped like a squirrel's tail sclerodermous hard-skinned hard: hardened scleroid sclerometerinstrument measuring hardness scobiform like sawdust marked by oblique lines scoliograptic scoliometer instrument measuring curvature scolopacine of, like or pertaining to snipes small protective fortification or earthwork scop Anglo-Saxon poet and harpist

brush-like

visual

scopate scopic scopophilia obtaining sexual pleasure from seeing things

scopophobia fear of being looked at scoptophobia fear of being looked at

scopula little tuft of hairs

scopulate brush-like

scorbutic of or suffering from scurvy

scoriadross or slag from metal-smelting; slag-like mass of lava

scorify to reduce to slag

scorpioid scorpion-like; curved at the end

scortation fornication

scotograph instrument for writing without seeing

scotoma dizziness with headache and impairment of vision

Scotophilia admiration for Scotland or the Scots

scotophobia fear of the dark

scotopia vision in dim light or darkness

scotoscope instrument for detecting objects in darkness

scranch to crunch

scrannel thin; meagre; squeaking

scree sloping mass of loose rock at base of a cliff

screed lengthy discourse; informal piece of writing

scribable capable of being written upon

scribacious given to writing

scribbleomania obsession with scribbling

scride to crawl on all fours

scrim durable plain-woven cotton fabric

scrimshank to evade work or duty

scrimure fencer

scriniary keeper of archives; archivist

scripophily collection of bond and share certificates

scriptorium writing room; room used by monastic scribes

scriptory by, in or pertaining to writing scripturient having a violent desire to write

scrivello elephant's tusk

scrobiculate pitted

scrobiculus small depression or pit scrotiform shaped like a pouch

scrowa scroll; writings

scrumpy strong apple cider as made in western England

scruple unit of weight used by apothecaries equal to 1/24 of an

ounce

scrutator close examiner scruto stage trap door

scud to sail swiftly before a gale

scullion mean; contemptible person

scumble softening a painting using a dry brush scuncheon inner part of a door jamb or window frame

scupper hole allowing water to drain from ship's deck

scurriour scout

scutage tax on a knight's fee scutalof, like or pertaining to shields

scutch to beat out impurities from flax or wool

scutellate shaped like a platter

scutellation arrangement of scales or plates on an animal's body

scutiform shaped like a shield

scutiger squire

scutigerous bearing a shield or scales

scuttlebutt cask of drinking water aboard a ship; rumour, idle gossip scuttlebutt cask with hole in it used for holding drinking water on a ship

scuttles portholes on a ship scyphiform shaped like a cup

scytodepsic of, like or pertaining to tanning leather

seacock bold sea rover

seahog porpoise

sealine the sea horizon sebaceous of or like tallow

sebastomania religious insanity sebiferous bearing fatty matter secateurs pruning-shears

seccopainting on dry plaster

secern to discriminate or distinguish; to secrete

secodont having cutting teeth

secque lightweight clog secreta products of secretion

secretagogue substance inducing or stimulating secretion

secretaire writing desk secretum private seal

sectile capable of being cut easily with a knife

secund on one side only

secundine afterbirth

secundogeniture custom where second-oldest child inherits property

secundum according to

securiform shaped like an axe securigerous bearing an axe

secus otherwise sedent seated

sederunt sitting of a court; gathering; long discussion

sedigitated six-fingered

sedilia stone seats for clergy in wall of chancel

sedimentology study of sediment

sedulous assiduous: diligent seel to sew up the eyelids of; to blindfold seersucker light puckered cotton or linen fabric stud or metal plate in sole of a shoe to prevent wear sluggishness; slothfulness segnity segregant having a genotype derived from segregation seguidilla Spanish folk dance seicento style of art in Italy in the seventeenth century seiche periodic side-to-side fluctuation of body of water seine large vertical fishing net seisin freehold possession of land in a feudal system seismicity degree of vulnerability to earthquakes instrument for recording earthquakes seismograph seismology study of earthquakes instrument for measuring earthquake intensity seismometer seismoscope instrument for detecting earthquakes seismotherapy medical therapy using vibrations seismotic causing earthquakes seity self; selfhood; personal identity sejant sitting (especially of a heraldic animal) to separate seiugate sejunction separation; disjunction sejungible able to be disjoined selachian of, like or pertaining to sharks or rays selcouth strange; unfamiliar; marvellous selenic of, like or pertaining to the moon selenocentric relating to the moon as a centre; as seen from the centre of the moon selenodesy study of the shape and features of the moon selenography description of the moon's surface selenolatry worship of the moon selenology study of the moon selenomancy divination by studying the moon instrument for viewing the moon selenoscope self-determinism doctrine that the actions of a self are determined by itself sellate having a saddle shaped like a saddle selliform differently finished edging of cloth selvage semantemeword expressing an idea, such as a noun semantics study of meaning science of meanings of words semantology semasiology study of meaning: semantics sematic serving for recognition, attraction or warning sematography writing in signs rather than letters semelincident occurring only once in the same individual

semelparous reproducing only once in its lifetime semese half-eaten semestral half-yearly semicof, like or pertaining to a sign or signs semilunate shaped like a half-moon seminative producing growth seminiferous seed-bearing seminivorous seed-eating seminule small seed or spore description of signs or symptoms semiography semiology study of signs and signals semiotics study of signs and symbols semioviparous bringing forth young in incomplete developmental state semiguote single quotation mark (`or') semitaur mythical half-man; half-bull semiterete half-cylindrical hard grains of wheat that resist grinding semolina sub-element of a grammatical unit of meaning semon semovedly separately extremely elderly Benedictine monk sempect semper always sempervirent evergreen; always fresh sempiternal of never-ending duration; eternal sempiternum durable wool sempster one who sews involving or based on six; having a numerical base of six senary sendal thin silk or linen senectitude old age senectuous very old senescent growing old senicide killing of old men sennet musical fanfare plaited straw or rope sennit senocular having six eyes sensationalism belief that ideas originate solely in sensation whatever may be perceived by the senses sensibilia producing or converting into sensation sensifacient sensiferous conveying sensation sentient; capable of affecting the senses sensile instrument for measuring sensitivity of photographic sensitometer material sententia opinion; aphorism sententious full of meaning; aphoristic; tending to moralize sepal division of the calvx of a flower separatrix solidus; separating line

sepelible that may be buried

sepelition burial

sephiroth ten essences of God emanated into the physical world

sepia fine brown sepian inky

sepicolous dwelling in hedges sepiment hedge; fence; barrier

sepometer instrument for measuring septic matter in the air

seposit to set aside; to give up

sept division of a tribe; clan

septarchy government by seven rulers; heptarchy

septate partitioned; having a septum

septemfid split into seven

septemfluous in seven streams

septenary in seven portions; grouped in seven; of base seven septentrional northern; of, like or pertaining to the north

septiferous having barriers

septiform shaped like a partition

septimal of, like or pertaining to or based on the number seven

septimanal weekly

septum division; partition; barrier sepulchral funereal; gloomy; dismal

sepulchre receptacle in an altar for holding religious relics

sepultre interment

sequacious ready to follow a leader or authority; compliant sequela after-effect of any trauma; consequence or result sequestrateto confiscate; to set income aside to meet claims serac pillar of glacial ice

seraglio harem

seral of, like or pertaining to the development of ecological communities

seraphic serene; blissful; angelic

sere threadbare; withered

serein fine tropical rain falling from cloudless night sky

serge strong twilled worsted

seriate in rows

seriatim in succession; one after another

seric silken

sericeous silky; covered with soft silky hairs

sericterium silk spinning glands sericulture breeding of silkworms

serific silk-producing serigraphy silk-screening

serimeter instrument for testing quality of silk seriocomic partly serious and partly humorous

serment oath

sermocination making of speeches or sermons

sermuncle short sermon serology study of serums

seron crate or hamper serotinous flowering late

serous of, like or pertaining to serum; watery

serpentcleide musical instrument like an ophicleide with a wooden

body

serpenticide killing or killer of a snake

serpentiferous bearing a snake; abounding in snakes

serpentise to wind; to cause to wind serpentry serpents collectively

serpette pruning knife serpigo ringworm

serpivolant mythical flying serpent

serratic like a saw

serratiform saw-shaped; serriform

serried close-set; packed together without gaps

serriform saw-shaped

serrurerie wrought iron work

sertule scientific collection of plants servilism system of slavery or serfdom

servitor one who serves; clerk or assistant; adherent

sesquialter in a ratio of three to two

sesquiduplicate having a ratio of five to two

sesquipedalian tending to use long or cumbersome words

sesquiplicate of or as the square roots of cubes sesquitertial having a ratio of four to three sessile stalkless, sedentary, fixed or stationary

seta bristle or bristle-like organ

setaceous having the form of a bristle; bristly

setiferous bearing bristles setiform shaped like a bristle setigerous bearing bristles

setline fishing line suspended between buoys

seton thread passed under skin acting as channel for discharge

setose bristly

settee long seat with a back setulous covered with small bristles

severalty separateness; separate ownership of property

severy compartment of vaulted ceiling

sevum tallow sexenary six-fold

sexology study of sexual behaviour sext prayer service held at noon

sexton church caretaker or bellringer

sferics study of storms using electronic detectors

sgraffito scratching surface of pottery to reveal different colour

shabrack saddle cloth

shag dance where participants hop energetically

shagreen green dyed untanned leather

shail to shamble; to stumble

shakeunit of one hundred millionth of a second used to measure

nuclear processes

shalloon light twilled wool or worsted shallop light river boat with sail and oars shallot onion with garlic-flavoured bulbs

shambles a butcher's shop; a street or district for butchers

shambolic chaotic

shambrough heraldic depiction of a boat or ship

shammel platform of boards for shovelling unrefined ore upon

shandry light cart on springs shantung plain rough silk or cotton

sharkskin smooth durable wool or worsted fabric

shaugh thicket

shawm double-reeded wind instrument

sheading administrative division on the Isle of Man

shearling one-year-old sheep

sheer fore-and-aft curvature of a ship from bow to stern

shenango a casually employed dock worker

shend to destroy; to ruin; to disgrace; to corrupt

shend to disgrace; to shame; to reproach

sheol hell; place where the dead live a shadowy existence

shetland lightweight loosely twisted wool fabric

shide piece of wood split off from a timber

shimmy jazz dance featuring rapid shaking of the body

shindle wooden roofing tile; shingle

shivaree noisy mock serenade for newlyweds

shoddy woollen fabric made from rags

shofar ram's horn trumpet used in Jewish ceremonies

shopocracy government by shopkeepers shrieval of, like or pertaining to a sheriff

shrive to hear a confession from and give absolution

shroff to test money to detect impurities

shrouds ropes supporting the mast of a ship

shuftiscope instrument used to explore interior of dysentery case shunamitism rejuvenation of an old man by a young woman

sial outer part of the earth's surface sialic of, like or pertaining to saliva

sialogogue anything that stimulates flow of saliva

sialoguent spitting greatly while speaking

siamese to join pipes in a way suggestive of Siamese twins

siblicide killing or killer of a sibling

sibylline prophetic; oracular

sic thus

sicarian murderer; assassin

siccaneous dry; arid siccarsure; certain; firm

siccative drying; a drying agent

siccimeter instrument for measuring liquid evaporation

sicilienne ribbed silk

sidelight coloured lights on side of a ship under way at night

sidelight lamp or light above or at the side of a door

sideral sent from the stars; omenous or evil

siderate to blast or strike sideration use of green manure

sidereal of, like or pertaining to the stars

siderism belief that the stars influence human affairs

siderization addition of iron to alloy

siderognost instrument measuring magnetic intensity

siderography art of engraving on steel

sideromancy divination using stars; divination by burning straws sideroscope instrument using magnets to detect presence of iron

siderose like or containing iron

siderurgy metallurgy of iron and steel

sideslip oblique offshoot

siege seat or throne

siemens unit of electrical conductance equivalent to one ampere

per volt

siffilate to whistle

siffleur professional whistler sightworthy worth looking at

sigillary of, like or pertaining to a seal sigillate sealed; with seal-like impressions

sigillative tending to form scars sigillography study of seals sigillum seal of the confession sigla abbreviations symbols and

sigla abbreviations, symbols and signs sigmate shaped like an S or a sigma

sigmoid S-shaped

sigmoidoscope instrument for examining the interior of the rectum

and sigmoid colon

signary system of symbols; alphabet

signate distinct; distinguished significs science of meaning

silageany green crop stored for use as animal fodder

silentiary any official who calls for silence

silenus tipsy person

silesia thin twilled cotton or linen silicicolous growing in silicate or sandy soil siliciferous bearing or containing silica

silkaline soft light cotton fabric resembling silk

sillograph one who writes satires

sillometer instrument measuring speed of ship

silva assemblage of trees in a region silverskin fine skin of a coffee bean silvicide substance that kills trees

silvicolous living in woods silvics study of tree's life silviculture growing of trees

simian of, like or pertaining to apes

similative indicating similarity to similiter in a similar manner similize to liken; to compare

simillimum remedy chosen for symptoms it emulates

simity state of being pug-nosed

simnel sweet fruit cake covered with marzipan and eaten at

Easter

simoniac one who practices simony

simony buying or selling of ecclesiastical offices

simous having a flat; upturned nose

simplex figure with minimum number of vertices simpliciter simply; not relatively; unconditionally simplism affected simplicity; oversimplification

simpliste simplistic; naïve simular counterfeit; feigned

simultanagnosia inability to experience perceptions as components of

a whole

sinal of, like or pertaining to the sinuses

sinapise to sprinkle; to powder

sinciput the forehead sindon fine linen

sindonology study of the shroud of Turin

sine without

sinecure ecclesiastical office or other job requiring little work

singillatim singly

singspiel semi-dramatic play in dialogue and song

singult a sob

singultous hiccuping; suffering from hiccups

sinister of or on the left side of a heraldic shield

sinistrad towards the left sinistration moving to the left sinistromanual left-handed

sinistrorse rising spirally and turning from right to left

Sinology study of China

Sinophile one who admires China or the Chinese

sinopia preparatory drawing for a fresco; reddish-brown colour

sinter deposit from hot springs; iron dross

sinuate having a wavy edge or margin; winding; sinuous

sipe to percolate or ooze through

siphonic of, like or pertaining to a siphon

siphoniformshaped like a siphon

siphonogamous reproducing by seeds

sipidity savour; flavour

sippet morsel of bread to be eaten with soup

sirenize to bewitch, allure or enchant

siriasis sunstroke

sisal fibre used for making rope siserary a scolding; a blow siskin small finch-like songbird

sisyphean laborious, endless and futile

sith since

sitiomania morbid aversion to food

sitiophobia fear of food sitology dietetics

sitophobia fear of food or eating

situative indicating comparison of two things

situla a holy bucket

situs position; normal position of an organ in the body

skald ancient Scandinavian bard

skaw low cape or headland

skeandagger

skeg part of ship connecting the keel with the bottom of the

rudderpost

skelder to beg; to swindle; to cheat skeletogenous producing a skeleton skelic of, like or pertaining to the skeleton

skellum villain; rascal; scoundrel

skep straw beehive

skerry small rocky island

skeuomorph retained but no longer functional stylistic feature

skewbald bearing patches of white and some other colour

skiagram shadow picture or photograph

skiagraphy telling time by sundial skiamachy sham fight; shadow boxing

skiascope instrument for measuring eye's refraction from movement

of shadows

skintle to separate and rotate half-dry bricks to permit drying to

complete

skippet flat box for protecting documents

skive to pare or split leather skoptsy self-castration skothending rhyme in which final consonant is same but preceding vowel differs skysail sail above the royal sail skyscraper triangular sail on a ship above the royal slade little valley or dell slangwhang to assail with violent or abusive language slantindicular slanting; oblique slate dull dark blue-grey slatternly slovenly slavocracy government by slave-owners Slavophile one who admires the Slavs sleathy slovenly sleech slimy mud; a mudflat sley weaver's reed slickenside smooth; polished rock surface produced by friction slipe skip or sledge ramp sloping into water for supporting a ship slipway sloyd Swedish system of teaching manual skills through woodcarving slug unit of gravitational mass of approximately 32.174 pounds slugabed one who spends much time in bed due to laziness slumberous inviting or causing slumber slummock to move slowly and awkwardly speech characterized by slurring slype covered passage between walls, or between transept and chapterhouse smallage wild celery smalt deep blue piece of coloured glass used in mosaic smalto smaragdineemerald green purifying; cleansing smectic smeddum fine powder; spirit smegmatic like soap; cleansing smeuse hole in a hedge or wall snaffle iointed bit for horses mythical monster of Maryland snallygaster burnt part of a candle wick snaste snath curved handle or shaft of a scythe to nip; pinch; put down; repress; snub snell quick; keen; sharp snell short line used to attach fish-hook to main fishing line snift to sniff: to blow out steam snipocracy leading members of the tailoring profession snobocracy government by snobs snood ornamental hair band or hair net

snooperscope instrument for viewing infrared radiation snotty naval midshipman snye natural channel bypassing rapids or body of river soboliferous bearing shoots or suckers sobriquet nickname feudal land tenure by fixed service socage four-wheeled open carriage with side-seats sociable sociative indicating association with the subject sociobiology study of biological basis of human behaviour sociocracy government by society as a whole origin of human societies sociogenesis member; associate; companion socius socle moulded member at base of pedestal a fellowship or fraternity sodality soffit ornamented underside of a stair or archway soiané well-groomed; sleek stain; pollution soilure giving solace solacious box in the form of a book solander solarimeter instrument for measuring solar radiation to expose to sunlight solarise solarism excessive use of solar myths in explaining mythology solation liquefaction of a gel solatium compensation given as solace for suffering or loss soldierlike soldatesque solecism a grammatical mistake; a breach of etiquette soleiform slipper-shaped excessively solemn or serious solemnsides cylindrical wire coil acting as a magnet when charged solenoid volcanic vent emitting only gases solfatara solferino purplish red solidary marked by solidarity; joint and several solidum large moulding along base of a pedestal solidus stroke, oblique or slash "/" solifidianism doctrine that faith alone will ensure salvation soliform sun-like; resembling the sun soligenous produced by the sun soliloguacious prone to giving soliloquies theory that self-existence is the only certainty solipsism following the course of the sun solisequious soliterraneous of, like or pertaining to the joint effect of the sun and earth solivagant wandering alone

solivejoist or beam of secondary importance

solmisate to sing; to set to musical notation

sollevation insurrection

solonist wise man

solum ground; soil; piece of ground

solus alone

solvolysis decomposition of dissolved substance

somatasthenia weakness of the body

somatism materialism

somatogenic caused from within the body or by the cells of the

body

somatognosis diagnosis of bodily conditions somatology science of the properties of matter

somatopsychic concerning a person's bodily self-image

somatotrophic promoting growth of the body

somedeal somewhat

somewhither to some place; somewhere

sommelier butler; wine steward

somnambulate to walk in one's sleep somnial of, like or pertaining to dreams

somniate to dream

somnifacient sleep-inducing somniferous bearing sleep

somniloquence talking in one's sleep

somnipathy sleep produced by hypnotism or mesmerism

somnolence sleepiness; drowsiness

somnolescent half-asleep

somnorific causing sleep; soporific

sonance sound; a sounding of an instrument

sondage trial bore or excavation; sounding out of opinion

sondation sounding of the earth by boring

sone unit of loudness on a scale based on subjective or perceived

loudness

soniferous producing sound

sonification act of producing sound

sonograph instrument for recording and analysing sound sonorescent emitting sound under influence of radiation

sooth truth; reality; in truth

soothfast truthful; honest; faithful

soothly in truth; truly

sophianic of, like or pertaining to wisdom

sophic full of wisdom; learned

sophiology science of ideas

sophism deceptive but plausible intellectualism

sophomania delusion that one is incredibly intelligent

sophomoric bombastic

sophrosyne soundness of mind; self-control; moderation

sopite to dull; lull; put to sleep; put an end to

sopitive causing sleep

soporiferous bearing sleep

soporific tending to produce sleep

soporose sleepy

sorbefacient promoting absorption sorbile able to be sipped or drunk

sord flock of mallard

sordor refuse; foul matter

soricident having teeth like a shrew's soricine of, like or pertaining to shrews

soricine shrewlike; of, like or pertaining to shrews

sorites string of statements where end of one is subject of next

soroche mountain sickness

sororal of, like or pertaining to sisters sororicide killing of one's own sister

sorosis women's club

sorrel reddish-brown; light chestnut

sortation sorting out

sortilege divination by drawing lots

sortition casting of lots; assignment by casting of lots

soterial of, like or pertaining to salvation soteriology study of theological salvation

sottisier collection of jokes, quotes, or ridiculous remarks

sottoportico covered passage or alley under the overhanging first

floor of a building

soubrette coquettish and intriguing maid; such a role in drama

sough drain; sewer; adit

sough to sigh or murmur as the wind does

sounder herd of pigs; young boar

soupçon hardly perceptible quantity; dash soutache narrow braid used for trimming

soutane priest's cassock

souteneur prostitute's pimp or bully

souterrain underground chamber; earth-house

sovenance remembrance; memory spadassin swordsman; fighter spadiceous chestnut-coloured

spadiceous shaped like a palm branch spadix fleshy spike of flowers

spado castrated or impotent person or animal

spagyric alchemical spagyrist alchemist

spall to splinter or split; to chip

spanandry extreme scarcity of males in a biological population

spancel to hobble

spandrel space between curve of an arch and mouldings

spandrel design in corner of postage stamp

spaniolate to hispanicize spanker sail on the mast nearest the stern of a square-rigged ship time-release capsule spansule spar any ship's mast, boom, yard, or gaff sparable small headless shoemakers' nail sparagmos ritualized tearing apart of a person prior to rebirth or renewal to sprinkle with moisture sparge spargefication act of sprinkling or scattering spargosis swelling here and there sparsim canopy for a bed sparver spasmatomancy divination by twitching or convulsions of the body spatchcock to insert into a text too hurriedly or inappropriately spatialism doctrine that matter has only spatial, temporal and causal properties spatiate to ramble; to saunter spatilomancy divination by means of feces spatiography scientific description of outer space spatiotemporal of, like or pertaining to time and space protective outer stocking spattee spatulate shaped like a spatula hard bony tumour on a horse's leg spavin lame; broken down; decrepit spavined specie coined money speciocide destruction of an entire species apparently good but not actually so; superficially plausible specious instrument for measuring and recording spectrofluorimeter fluorescence spectra spectrograph instrument for viewing a spectrum spectroheliograph instrument for taking pictures of the sun spectroheliokinematograph camera for taking pictures of the sun spectrohelioscope instrument for viewing solar disc in light of a single wavelength spectrology study of ghosts spectrometer instrument measuring wavelengths of light of a spectrum spectrophobia fear of looking in a mirror instrument for measuring speed of different spectrophotometer parts of light spectrum spectroscope instrument for forming spectra by dispersing rays of light study of spectra spectroscopy specular mirrorlike; by reflection; visual mirror; reflector; coloured patch on a bird's wing speculum speed prosperity; success

spelaeothem depositional features found in caves spelean cave-dwelling speleology study and exploration of caves speleothem structure in a cave formed by deposition of minerals in water spelter zinc speluncar of, like or pertaining to caves speosancient Egyptian cave temple spermatic of, like or pertaining to sperm spermatogenesis producing sperm spermatorrhoea frequent and involuntary ejaculation spermiogenesis producing sperm spermologer one who gathers seeds spermology study of seeds member of family of seed-loving rodents spermophile spetch piece of undressed leather used in making glue sphacelate to cause or affect with gangrene or mortification sphacelated necrosed; dark and shrunken sphagnicolous living in peat moss sphagnology study of peat moss sphairistic tennis-playing sphecoid wasp-like sphenic wedge-like sphenogram cuneiform character sphenoid wedge-shaped place for exercise in ball-play spheristerion spheromancy divination using a crystal ball instrument measuring curvature spherometer spheterize to make one's own; to appropriate of, like or pertaining to sphinxes sphingal sphragistic of, like or pertaining to seals and signets sphragistics study of seals and signets sphygmic of, like or pertaining to the pulse or heartbeat sphygmodic pulsating sphygmograph instrument for recording pulse sphygmology study of the pulse instrument for measuring arterial blood sphygmomanometer pressure sphyamometer instrument for measuring arterial blood pressure sphygmophone instrument for hearing the pulse sphygmoscope instrument for making arterial pulsations visible sphygmus the pulse sphyrelatonmetalwork done with hammers spicaceous shaped like a spike spiked; spikelike spicate spicigerous bearing spikes

spicula prickle or splinter spider light high-wheeled carriage spiflicate to destroy; to quell; to confound spikenard sweetly scented ointment spile device for tapping sap from maple trees spiloma birthmark; nevus spinescent developing spines; developing into a spine spiniferous bearing spines spiniform like a thorn or spine spinigerous bearing spines spinnaker large triangular sail opposite the mainsail spinnbar capable of being drawn into strands spinneret silk-spinning organ of an insect or spider copse or small clump of trees spinney spinosity thorniness spinthariscope instrument for visually detecting alpha particles spintherism seeing of sparks before the eyes of, like or pertaining to orgies or male sexual deviance spintrian spinulate furnished with small spines spinuliferous bearing spinules spiracle breathing hole; orifice; vent spiraculate having air-holes spiraliform shaped like a spiral spiralism advancement through a spirally structured career spirate voiceless act of breathing spiration spiritualism belief that nothing is real except the soul or spirit spirketting inside planking between ports and waterways of a ship spirograph instrument recording movements of breathing spirometer instrument measuring lung capacity spirulate spirally arranged spissated thickened spissitude density splanchnic visceral: intestinal splanchnology study of the entrails or viscera splat thin strip forming upright middle part of the back of a chair splenetic marked by bad temper or spite; melancholy splenial splint-like of, like or pertaining to the spleen splenic spleniculus small detached part of the spleen splenitive fiery; ill-tempered splenium surgical bandage bone charcoal; powder obtained from calcination of spodium substances spodogenous caused by waste matter

divination by means of ashes

spodomancy

spokeshaveplane or knife used to round spokes spoliate to despoil; to plunder spoliative serving to take away or diminish spondulicks available money; funds spondyle vertebra spongology study of sponges sponsal spousal espousals sponsalia sponsion act of becoming surety for another sponson platform jutting from ship's deck for gun or wheel killing of spores sporicide sporiferous bearing spores sporogenesis reproduction by means of spores ornamental pouch worn in front of kilt sporran sportulary relying on charity or the generosity of patrons sporulation formation or production of spores innate feel for essential character of a language sprachgefühl sprag bar inserted to stop a wheel otters' dung spraints sprauncy smart; dapper spreagh cattle raid; foray sprent sprinkled springald active young man; youth snare with noose and spring springe sprit spar crossing a fore-and-aft sail diagonally spritsail sail extended by a sprit spuddle to work feebly or ineffectively; to perform shallow agricultural ploughing spumescent foamy; frothing frothy; foamy spumid spurcidical foul-mouthed; speaking dishonestly or foully spurcitious foul; filthy; obscene spurious works spuria any hypothetical subatomic particle used to facilitate spurion calculations spurrier one who makes spurs habitually spitting sputative matter spat out sputum fat; clumsy; unfledged; newly hatched sguab squadrism control of government by armed squadrons of loyalists squaliform shaped like a shark of, like or pertaining to sharks squaloid squamate scalv squamationscaliness squamiform shaped like a scale squamoid like a scale

squandermania irrational propensity for spending money wastefully squarrose having scales sticking out at right angles clergyman who is also a land-holding squire squarson squarsonocracy government by landholding clergymen squassationform of torture involving hanging weights and shaking or whipping victim squatterarchy government by squatters; squattocracy squattocracy government by squatters squill sea-onion squinancy quinsy arch across the corner of a room squinch squintifego squinting greatly squirage the landed gentry squirearchy government by squires squirocracy government by squires; squirearchy stabile stationary stack old unit of measure for firewood equal to 108 cubic feet pipette with hollow bulb for counting drops stactometer staddle support for a haystack stadial of, like or pertaining to a stage instrument for measuring the length of a curved line stadiometer decorative accessories or additions to work of art staffage law student stagiary stagmometer instrument for measuring number of drops in volume of liquid stagnicolous living in stagnant water stalactiformshaped like a stalactite or icicle stalagmometer instrument for measuring surface tension by drops stallenger keeper of a stall staminiferous bearing stamens stammel coarse woollen fabric, usually dyed red; bright red colour obsession with stamp-collecting stampomania stanchion upright beam, bar or support standpipe vertical pipe for conveying gas or water to a higher level stang stake; pole stanhope light open one-seated carriage heraldic animal in profile with head towards the viewer stanjant stannary tin-mining district stanniferous bearing tin stapediform shaped like a stirrup staphyline like a bunch of grapes staphylorrhaphy surgical closure of a cleft palate starbolins sailors of the starboard watch starets Eastern Orthodox spiritual advisor starveling starving, weak, hungry or pining person stasiarch ringleader in sedition

stasimorphy structural modification by arrested development stasiology study of political parties heraldic animal standing in profile with all feet on the statant ground statics study of bodies and forces in equilibrium immediately; at once statim indicating a state rather than an action stative statocracy government by the state alone, without ecclesiastical influence statolatrv worship of the state small calcareous stone used by invertebrates to maintain statolith equilibrium statoscope instrument for measuring small changes in atmospheric pressure statuary of, pertaining to or suitable for sculpture statuminate to support; to prop up statuvolism mesmerism; hypnotism staurolatry worship of the cross or crucifix stauroscope instrument for studying structure of crystals with polarised light stay large rope used to support a mast staysail fore-and-aft sail hoisted on a stay steading range of building surrounding a farmhouse stearin hard fat steatite soapstone producing fat steatogenous steatopygous fat-buttocked steatorrhoea excretion of fat through the bowels steen to line with stone to set a ship's bowsprit at an upward inclination steeve angle of elevation in relation to the horizontal steeve steganograph cryptogram steganographer cryptographer; one who works with ciphers stegmonth period of recuperation after childbirth stegnosis constipation stegophilist one who climbs buildings for sport stellate star-shaped; starry stelliferous having many stars shaped like a star stelliform to set among the stars stellify lizard with starry spots stellion star-like; having star-like spots stellular stelography practice of writing inscriptions on columns or pillars

scroll; garland; pedigree; family tree

supporting timber of a ship

study of relationships between texts

stemma

stemson

stemmatology

stenometer instrument for measuring distances

stenopaeic with a narrow opening stenosis narrowing of an orifice

stenotopic able to tolerate only small environmental changes

stentor loud-voiced person stentorian extremely loud

stephane diadem or coronet worn by soldiers or statues of ancient

deities

stepney spare wheel

stercomancy fortune-telling by studying seeds in dung

stercoraceous of, like or pertaining to feces

stercoranism belief that the consecrated Eucharist is digested and

evacuated

stercorate to shit

stercoricolous living in dung or filth

stercovorous feeding on dung or excrement stereobate substructure; foundation; basement

stereochromy colourful wall painting

stereognosis ability to perceive the weight and form of an object

stereometer instrument for measuring specific gravity stereometry measurement of volumes of solid figures

stereophony reproduction of sound

stereopsis stereoscopic or three-dimensional vision

stereoscope instrument for viewing special three-dimensional

photographs

stereotaxis reaction of organism to contact with a solid body

stereotomy cutting of stone or other solid materials

steric of, like or pertaining to the organization of atoms in a molecule

stern back part of a ship

sternpost main member at stern of a ship extending from keel to

deck

sternutation sneezing

sternway movement of a ship backwards

sterguilinian of, like or pertaining to a dunghill

stertorous with a snoring sound

stet to restore after marking for deletion

stethometer instrument measuring chest expansion during

breathing

stevedorage fee levied for loading and unloading cargo

stevedore dock worker who loads and unloads ships

steven outcry; loud call

sthenia strength

sthenic strong; robust; morbidly active

stibadium semicircular couch

stibialof, like or pertaining to antimony

stibialism antimony poisoning

sticharion vestment like an alb worn by Orthodox priests sticheron short hymn stichology metrical theory stichomancy divination by picking passages from books at random stichometrynumbering or counting lines in books or documents dialogue in alternate lines stichomythia stiction frictional force occurring when surfaces set together stifle joint above the hock of a horse stigmatic giving infamy, stigma or reproach, marked or branded bearing stigma stiamatiferous obsession with tattooing or branding stigmatophilia stillage frame or stand for keeping things off the floor stillatim drop by drop stillatitious issuing in drops; falling in drops stillatory still; distillery stillicide drip; eavesdrop stillion cask stand stilp to walk with stilts or crutches stipe a stalk stipiform shaped like a stalk stirious shaped like an icicle stirk yearling ox or cow; pasture for yearlings stirpiculture selective breeding stirps branch of a family; pedigree stithy blacksmith's forge or anvil stiver thing of little or no value stochastic of, like or pertaining to a sequence of random events stockinette soft elastic cotton fabric to cram, stuff or gorge with food stodae stoichiologyscience of elements of animal tissues stoichiometry measurement of proportions of chemical reactions belief in indifference to pleasure or pain stoicism stokehold ship's furnace chamber stole narrow ecclesiastical vestment or scarf stolisomancy divination by observing how one dresses oneself runner or shoot from base of a plant stolon stoloniferous bearing or having runners stomacher armour for the chest; covering or ornament for the chest area stomachous resentful; haughty; spirited having an orifice or mouth stomatiferous speech produced with clogged nostrils stomatolalia study of the mouth stomatology jazz dance featuring heavy stamping of the feet stomp stonk a heavy concentration of artillery fire stope steplike excavation in mining

storge natural or parental affection

storiate to decorate with historical designs

storiated decorated with elaborate ornamental designs

storiology study of folk tales

stoss side of a hill facing upstream

stotious drunk

stoup vessel for holding holy water

stover fodder

strabismometer instrument measuring degree of squinting

strabismus squint

strabometer instrument for measuring strabismus in the eyes

strabotomy surgical removal of a squint

stradometrical of, like or pertaining to the measurement of streets

and roads

strahl flow of beams of electrons from the sun to earth

strait strict; rigorous; constricted

strake continuous band of plates on side of a ship

strake trough for washing ore

stramineous strawy; light; worthless; straw-coloured

strapontin folding seat in a theatre

strappado form of torture in which victim is left dangling from a rope

strasspaste for making false gems stratarchy rulership over an army

strathspey reel-like Scottish dance of moderate tempo

straticulate composed of parallel strata stratiform layered; forming a layer

stratigraphy study of geological layers or strata

stratocracy military rule or despotism stratography art of leading an army

stratonic of an army or armies

stratous in layers strepent noisy

strephosymbolia visual disorder where letters are mirror image

strepitant loud; noisy; clamorous

strepor noise; clamour

strepsis twisting

stretcher brick placed lengthwise in masonry

striated striped; with fine lines

strickle tool used to sharpen a scythe; template

stridor harsh shrill sound

stridulate to make a chirping or scraping sound

stridulous squeaky striga flute of a column

strigate bristled; streaked strigiform shaped like an owl

strigil scraper used to clean the skin after bathing

strigilation scraping

strigine owl-like; of, like or pertaining to owls strobic like a spinning top; appearing to spin

stroboscope instrument for studying motion using flashes of light

strombuliferous bearing spirally coiled organs

strombuliform shaped like a spinning top; spirally twisted

strophosis twist; turn

strumpetocracy government by strumpets

struthiform ostrich-like

struthious of, like or pertaining to ostriches

stulm adit; draining-shaft

stultiloquence foolish or senseless talk stummel bowl and adjacent part of a pipe

stunsail light auxiliary sail to the side of principal sails

stupe medicated cloth used to treat fever stupefacient narcotic; stupefying stupent astounded; dumbfounded stuprate to ravish; to violate; to rape

stupulose downy

stygian having a gloomy or foreboding aspect; murky

styliferous bearing a bristle styliform shaped like a bristle

stylite monk who spends much time on tops of pillars stylobate continuous pedestal supporting a row of columns

stylogalmaic of, like or pertaining to figures serving as columns or

pillars

stylographymode of writing or engraving with a pen

stylometer instrument for measuring columns

stylometry studying literature by means of statistical analysis

styptic drawing together; astringent

stythe choke-damp suable that may be sued

suasion persuasion suaveolent fragrant

subact to work up; to subdue

subaerial in open air

subalary beneath the wings

subaltern ranked quantitatively but not qualitatively

subaltern subordinate

subarrhation mode of betrothal where gift given by man to woman

subboreal very cold subdolous crafty

subduct to withdraw; to take away subduple in the ratio of one to two

subduplicate expressed by a square root

suberous of, like or having the appearance of cork; pertaining to cork

subessive indicating location under or below subfocal of which one is only dimly aware

subfusc dusky; sombre

subhastation sale by public auction

subindicate to hind

subinfeudate to grant to another land held by another feudal lord

subintelligitur implication understood though not stated

subitaneous sudden; hasty; hastily made

subitize to perceive number of items in a group without counting

subito at once; immediately

subjacent underlying

subjectivism doctrine that all knowledge is subjective

subjoin to add at the end or afterwards

sublate to deny; to contradict; to resolve a contradiction

sublative indicating movement towards the top of

sublineation act of underlining

sublunary under the moon; of this world; earthly; terrestrial

subluxation state of being almost dislocated

subnascent growing up from beneath

subniveal under snow subnubilar under clouds

suborn to bribe or procure to commit an unlawful act

subreptary adapted to crawling

subreption misrepresentation; false deduction

subrident smiling

subrogate to substitute

subsecive remaining over; spare subserve to be useful to; to promote

subsidiarity state of being subsidiary; secondary importance

subsolar beneath the sun; between the tropics

substantialism belief that there is a real existence underlying

phenomena

substractor detractor

substratose imperfectly stratified

substruct to build beneath; to lay as a foundation subsultive moving by leaps and starts; twitching

subsultus convulsive movement

subtend to be opposite to or to extend under

subternatural less than natural

subtopia suburbs of a city subtrist somewhat sad subtrude to push in stealthily

subturbary beneath turf subulate awl-shaped

subungual beneath a nail or hoof

suburbicarian of, like or pertaining to suburbs

subvention granting of money in aid succedaneous serving as a substitute succedaneum substitute; remedy succentor bass soloist in a choir succenturiate to supply what is lacking; to supplement succiduous ready to fall; in the process of falling; tottering succiferous bearing or producing sap succinctorium band or scarf worn from the Pope's girdle of, pertaining to or derived from amber succinic succiniferous bearing or producing amber appearing to have the lower part cut off succise excessive secretion succorrhoea to aid in distress succour female devil who seduces men and copulates with them in succubus their sleep succursal subsidiary; branch or subsidiary establishment juice extracted from plant succus to shake up succuss table vessel for sugar sucrier suctorial designed for sucking or adhering sudarium cloth for wiping away sweat sudation sweating sudatory inducing sweat sudd mass of floating weed blocking the Nile River sudiform shaped like a stake sudor sweat sudoral sweaty sudoriferous inducing or secreting sweat sudorific causing sweat sudoriparous secreting sweat sudorous sweaty suede light beige suffibulum veil worn by vestal virgins prior to their sacrifice suffisance sufficiency; satisfaction; enjoyment sufflaminate to check; to obstruct; to block sufflate to inflate assistant bishop suffragan suffrutescent having a woody base sugent designed for sucking sugillate to beat until black and blue suicidology study of suicide suidian of, like or pertaining to pigs suilline of, like or pertaining to hogs suilline like a pig; of, like or pertaining to pigs

suine mixture of margarine and lard

suint dried sheep perspiration

sulcal of a sulcus; grooved; furrowed

sulcalize to furrow

sulcate with grooves or furrows

sulciform having the shape of a groove sulcus groove, furrow or fissure

sulky light two-wheeled, one-person horse-drawn carriage

sullage filth; refuse; sewage; scum; silt

sulphorous of, like or pertaining to hellfire; infernal; blasphemous

sulphureous bright yellow summa comprehensive treatise

summate to add together

sumpsimus correct expression that replaces popular but wrong one

sumpter pack horse; beast of burden

sumptuary of, like or pertaining to expense or extravagance sundog bright spot or halo appearing on either side of sun;

parhelion

supellex furnishings; apparatus for an experiment

superannuate to discharge as being too old

supercalender to give a high polish to

supercargo ship's official in charge of business affairs

supercheriedeception; hoax; fraud superciliary of, on or near the eyebrow

supercilious disdainfully superior; overbearing

supercrescent parasitic

supererogation doing more than needed to complete a task

superessive indicating location upon or on top of

superfetate to conceive during pregnancy

superfetation superabundant production or accumulation superficies surface layer; surface with length and width only

superfuse to pour over

superhumeral ecclesiastical garment worn over the shoulders

superincumbent resting on top; overlying; overhanging

superinduce to bring as addition

superjacentlying above

superlunaryotherworldly; above the moon supernal on high; celestial; exalted supernatant floating on the surface

supernatant floating on the surface supernumerary above the stated, usual or necessary number

superscribe to write at the top or at the head

supersensible beyond physical perception; spiritual supersolid magnitude of more than three dimensions supervenient extraneous, additional or unexpected

supeter armour for the feet

supinate to lie on one's back; to make to lie on the back

supine lying flat on the back suppalpation coaxing; wheedling

support under foot of crucified person suppedaneum suppletion addition; supplement suppliant supplicating; entreating conjectural; hypothetical suppositious suppurate to discharge pus supra above; earlier in a text supraliminal conscious supralunar beyond the moon; very lofty surah soft twilled silk or rayon sural of, like or pertaining to the calf of the leg surbate to bruise from walking; to make footsore to stop or cease surcease girth or strap for holding saddle to animal's back surcingle surculation pruning; cutting off shoots to propagate them surculigerous producing suckers surculose having or producing suckers surd irrational number surd deaf; senseless surdimutism state of being both deaf and dumb surdomute deaf-mute suretyship responsibility assumed by one person on another's behalf surexcitation excessive excitedness surfactant substance which reduces surface tension excess; state of being full surfeit surficial of, like or pertaining to the surface of the earth surnominal of, like or pertaining to surnames loose-fitting ankle length overgarment worn by clerics surplice surguedry arrogance light four-wheeled carriage with two seats surrey host of a parasite suscept suscipient recipient of a sacrament suscitate to excite; to rouse suspercollate to hang suspiration sighing sussultatory characterized by large up-and-down vibrations sustentacular supporting sustentative sustaining susurrate to whisper murmuring; whisper; rustling susurrus sutile accomplished by stitching or sewing sutler one who sells liquor or provisions to soldiers sutor cobbler of, like or pertaining to cobbling or sewing sutorian unit of time used to measure sedimentation velocity svedberg swag looping hanging down bit of fabric over a window or door swage groove; grooved shaping tool

swale marshy hollow or depression; meadow swallet place where water disappears underground swansdown heavy napped cotton flannel swanskin soft napped fabric resembling flannel swape beam with which water is raised to irrigation ditches swarda portion of land covered with grass swarf grit from an axle; stone or metal filings swasivious agreeably persuasive vision seen in sleep; a dream sweven instrument for measuring swing in votes during an swingometer election swink to toil; to labour striking part of a flail swipple ordinary calendering of cloth swissing swith instantly; quickly swive to enjoy conjugal intimacy with a female personage; to fuck a chick swoopstakein an indiscriminate manner devoted to luxury svbaritic sybil female prophet; hag; witch like an oracle or prophet; mysterious sybilline sybotic of, like or pertaining to a swineherd sycomancy divination using fig leaves svcosis inflammation of the hair follicles or beard syllabatim syllable by syllable syllabub anything frothy or insubstantial syllepsis figure where word related to two others differently syllogism argument in which two premises lead to a logical conclusion sylph airy female spirit or fairy-creature; slim girl belonging to or found in woods sylvatic sylvestral of, like or pertaining to trees sylviculture forestry symblepharon adhesion of the evelid to the eveball symbolaeographydrawing up of legal documents symbolatry undue worship of symbols symbology study of symbols symmachy fighting jointly against a common enemy symmetrophobia fear of symmetry symmography string art sympatric occupying the same regions but not interbreeding symphilism the state of being in a symbiotic relationship living together for mutual benefit symphonia old name for the hurdy-gurdy or other musical instruments symphoric accident-prone symplesometer instrument for measuring pressure of a current

symploce repetition of word at start of one and end of next clause symposiarch leader of a conference symposiast participant at a conference symptomatology study of symptoms of illness symptosis emaciation synaeresis running together of vowels into a diphthong confusion of one sensation with another svnaesthesia synaesthesis harmony of differing impulses from a work of art synallagmatic mutually or reciprocally obligatory; bilateral synaloepha contraction of two syllables into one by omitting a vowel synanthy growing together of two flowers synaphea metrical continuity between verses in a system synaposematism warning coloration common to many species in region synarchy joint sovereignty synartesis close junction comparison of horoscopes of two or more people synastry synaxarion account of a saint's life syncategorematicmeaningless or unable to form a term without other words synchoresis concession made for the sake of more effective retort synchroscope instrument for detecting whether two moving parts are synchronized synchysis confusion of meaning due to unusual arrangement synclastic curved in all directions towards a single point downward fold in geology syncline omission of a sound from middle of a word syncope combination syncrasy syncretism combination of different religious beliefs syndactylic with digits joined together syndetic connective syndeton phrase whose parts are joined by a conjunction syndicalism doctrine of direct worker control of capital marked by a loose temporary pair-bonding or onesyndyasmian night stand synecdochepart used to refer to whole or vice versa synecdochial broadened or narrowed in interpretation synechiology continuity or union of all things synechthry cohabitation of hostile species synecology study of ecological communities synectics study of processes of invention synedrion judicial assembly syneidesis conscience as passing judgement on past acts synergism belief that human will and divine spirit cooperate in salvation combined action of two or more forces synergy

synesis syntax having regard to meaning rather than form

syngamy free interbreeding between organisms

syngenesis sexual reproduction

syngraph writing or contract signed by both or all parties

synizesis movement of one part causing movement in another part

synodecclesiastical assembly or council

synodical of, like or pertaining to conjunction

synoeciosis rhetorical figure of coupling opposites

synoecism uniting of several towns under a single capital city

synoecize to unite in one community or city-state

synoecy association of species with benefit to one species only

synonymicon thesaurus

synoptic of or giving a synopsis or summary

synorthographic spelled in the same way

synsemantic of a word, having no meaning outside a specific

context

syntagm organized body, system or group

syntectic having the quality of melting or dissolving

synteresis conscience as guide to action; intuitive moral knowledge

syntexis liquefaction; melting; wasting

synthronus joint throne for an Orthodox bishop and his presbyters

syntomy brevity; conciseness

syntrierarch an ancient Greek citizen charged with equipping a

trireme

syphilology study of syphilis

syphilomania pathological belief that one is afflicted with syphilis

syphilophobia fear of syphilis

syringadenous of, like or pertaining to sweat glands

syrinx rock-cut tunnel; pan pipes

syrt quicksand

syrtic of, like or pertaining to quicksand

syssitia ancient Greek custom of eating chief meal together in

public

systaltic alternately contracting and dilating; pulsating

systatic bringing together

systematology study of systems

systyle having columns separated by a distance of twice their

thickness

syzygy alignment of three or more celestial bodies

tabacosis tobacco poisoning

tabanid blood-sucking insect; gad-fly

tabaret striped watered silk and satin fabric

tabatière snuff-box

tabby plain-woven silk taffeta fabric tabefaction wasting away; emaciation

tabellary auditor; carrier of letters

tabellion scrivener

tabernacle ornamental container for storing Communion bread and

wine

tabernacular of, like or pertaining to a tabernacle

tabescent wasting; shrivelling

tabific wasting; consumptive; producing tabes

tabinet silk and wool watered fabric

tablature mental image or picture; plate-like surface or object

tablier apron; part of dress resembling an apron tabloidese language typical of tabloid journalism

tabor light medieval drum buckled onto the player's chest

tabouret low stool; embroidery frame tacenda things not to be mentioned

tacent silent

tach link

tacheometer instrument for rapidly measuring survey points on a

map

tachism painting by smearing or splattering

tachistoscope instrument for rapidly showing images on a screen to

test perception

tachograph instrument for recording speed of rotation tachometer instrument for measuring speed of rotation

tachygraphy shorthand

tachymetry measurement of speed

tachyphrasia abnormally rapid or voluble speech

tachyscope early cinematograph

taction contact; touch

tactometer instrument measuring sense of touch

tactual of, like or pertaining to or derived from the sense of touch

taenia band; tapeworm; fillet taeniacide killing of tapeworms

taeniate like a ribbon or tapeworm taenioid of a ribbon-like shape

taffeta thin glossy silk

taffrail rail round the stern of a ship

tagmeme analysis of arrangement of spoken elements tain tin foil used as backing for mirror; thin tin plate

talalgia pain in heel or ankle

talar ankle-length robe

talaric of, like or pertaining to or reaching the ankles

taligrade walking on the outer side of the foot

talionic retributive; like for like taliped one with a club-foot

tallage feudal tax of a lord on tenants; any tax or toll

talliate to impose a tax

talpa mole or similar mark on the body

talus rock detritus or debris at the base of a slope

tambour sloping buttress or fortification

tamin thin glazed worsted

tamis thin wool

tampion protective plug placed in mouth of gun or cannon

tanacles pincer-like instruments of torture

tandem two-seated carriage with horses harnessed in series

tangoreceptor sensory receptor responding to touch tanistry succession by previously elected relative

tanquam a person fit for college education tantalus locked case used to hold wine bottles

tanti worthwhile

tantième share of profits or royalties tantivy at full gallop; headlong

taperer one who bears a taper during a religious procession

taphephobia fear of being buried alive

taphrogenesis vertical movement of the earth's crust

tapinosis use of degrading or diminutive diction regarding a topic

tapotement use of light taps in massage

tappit crested

tarantas four-wheeled carriage mounted on poles

tarantella fast violent Italian folk dance tarantism irresistible urge to dance tarassis hysteria suffered by a man

tardigrade slow-paced

tardiloquous slow in speech tarlatan thin sheer stiff cotton

tarradiddle lie; falsehood; nonsense; fib

tarriance act of tarrying or delaying; procrastination

tarrish of the quality or consistency of tar tartarology beliefs about hell or the underworld

taseometer instrument for measuring stress in a structure

tasimeter instrument for measuring changes in pressure

tasse one of a series of armour plates that go around the hips like a

skirt

tastevin wine taster

tatonnement experimentation; trial and error

tatou armadillo

tatterdemalion tattered; ragged; scarecrow-like

taupe brownish-grey

taurean of, like or pertaining to a bull

tauricide killing or killer of a bull

tauricornous having horns like a bull's

tauriform having the form of a bull taurine of, like or pertaining to bulls

taurine bull-like; of a bull tauromachy bullfighting tauromorphous bull-shaped

tautochronous lasting the same amount of time

tautological repetition of an idea implied in a statement tautomerism possession of more than one structure by a

substance

tautonym taxonomic name in which genus and species are the same

tautophony repetition of the same sound

taw to prepare skins by soaking, salting, stretching and paring

taws thong used for punishment

taxaceous of, like or pertaining to yew trees

taxeme a basic unit of systems of classification

taximeter instrument for measuring fee for hired vehicle

taxis movement of a whole organism

tazza cup with saucer-shaped bowl on a pedestal

teasel brush with hooked bits used in napping cloth

technocracy government by technical experts technography description of arts and crafts

technolithic of, like or pertaining to stone tools

technomania craze for technology technonomy laws of industrial arts

technophile one who is fond of technology

technophobia fear of technology

technopole place where high-technology industries located

tecnology teaching of children tectiform shaped like a roof

tectonic of, like or pertaining to building; structural

tectonics science of structure of objects, buildings and landforms

tectorial covering

tectosphere part of the earth that moves during plate tectonic

activity

tectrix small feather of a bird's wing

ted to spread grass for drying

tediferous bearing a torch

teen injury; grief

teg a sheep in its second year; the fleece of such a sheep

tegestology study and collecting of beer mats

tegmen covering or shell

tegmental of, like or pertaining to coverings or outer shells

tegminal covering; protecting

tegula tile

tegular of, like or overlapping like tiles or slates tegulated composed of plates overlapping like tiles tegument natural covering of an animal or plant body

teichopsia visual blurring and colours associated with migraines

teichoscopy observation from the perspective of a wall

teinoscope prism telescope

teknonymy the naming of the parent from the child

telaesthesia perception of events or objects not actually present

or near

telamon a column carved in the shape of a human male

telarian creature that spins a web

telary web-spinning

telautograph telegraph that reproduces writing done with a pen or

pencil

telega four-wheeled springless wagon

telegnosis knowledge of events taking place far away; clairvoyance telegony influence of previous mate on offspring of current one telematics transmission of computerized data over long distances telemeter instrument for measuring strain or distance from observer

telenergy application of spirit energy at a distance

teleology study of final causes; analysis in terms of purpose teleonomy characteristic of being governed by an overall purpose teleorganic vital

telergy physical force at work in telepathy teleseism tremor due to a very distant earthquake

telesis making use of natural or social processes for a goal

telespectroscope instrument for analysing radiation omitted by distant bodies

telestereoscope instrument for viewing distant objects stereoscopically

telesthesia abnormal impression of objects beyond the senses

telestic of, like or pertaining to the mysteries

telestich poem where final letters of each line spell a word

teletactor instrument that allows deaf people to feel sound vibrations

telic expressing purpose; purposive; signifying intention tellograph signalling apparatus like a semaphore system

tellural of, like or pertaining to the earth

tellurian terrestrial

tellurometer instrument using microwaves to measure distance

telmatology study of swamps

telodynamic of, like or pertaining to transmission of power to a

distance

telos aim; purpose; ultimate end

teloteropathy telepathy between living persons

telpherage system of cargo conveyance using electric motor and cable

telson last segment of a crustacean

temenos place dedicated to a god; sacred precinct temerarious rashly or presumptuously daring tempera painting using white of egg instead of oil temperative having a moderating influence tempestive timely; seasonable temporal indicating time when

temporaneous lasting only a short while

tempore in the time of

temporise to delay; to procrastinate

temulence intoxication tenaculum pincers

tenaille outwork in main ditch of a fortification tendentious designed to advance a cause

tenderometer instrument for measuring tenderness of fruits and

vegetables

tenebrific producing darkness

tenebrose dark; gloomy

tenendum clause in a deed defining land tenure

tenne heraldic designation for orange-brown colour tenon projecting part of joint for inserting into mortise

tensimeter instrument for measuring vapour pressure tensiometer instrument for measuring tension

tentamen experiment; attempt

tentation experiment by trial and error

tentiginous lust-provoking

tentigo priapism; morbid lasciviousness tenue bearing; carriage; manner of dress tepefaction making or becoming tepid tephra ash and debris ejected by volcano

tephrochronology dating of volcanic eruptions by studying layers

of ash

tephromancy divination by ashes

tephrosis incineration

tepor state of being tepid or lukewarm

teramorphous of abnormal or monstrous form teratism monster, malformed person or animal

teratogenic producing monsters or abnormal growth

teratoid monstrous

teratology study of monsters, freaks, abnormal growths or

malformations

terce prayer service held at 9 a.m.

tercel male hawk

tercet group of three rhyming lines

terdiurnal three times per day terebrate to bore into; to pierce

terete smooth and cylindrical or tapering tergal of, like or pertaining to the back

tergiversation equivocation

termagant an overbearing or nagging woman

terminative indicating motion up to or time until

terminism doctrine that there is a time limit for repentance

ternary in threes; having three components; having three as a

base

terotechnology use of various skills to extend life of equipment

terpsichorean of, like or pertaining to dancing

terraceous earthen

terracotta reddish-brown

terramara kind of earthy fertiliser

terraneous of, like or pertaining to the earth

terraqueous amphibious; consisting of land and water

terrazzo flooring of chips of marble terrella magnetic model of the earth

terremotive seismic

terrene of the earth; earthly; worldly; mundane terreplein top of a rampart where guns are mounted terret swivel-ring; ring for fastening chain to

terricolous living in or on the soil

terrier register or roll of rents from an estate

terrigenous produced on land; produced by the land

terriginous earth-born; derived from the land

terrine earthenware jar or dish

terry piled fabric consisting of uncut loops

tersive cleansing; detersive terzain stanza of three lines

tesla unit of magnetic flux density equal to one weber per square

meter

tessaraglot speaking four languages

tessellate to form into or adorn with mosaic

tessellation fitting together exactly; leaving no spaces tessera small token or ticket; block of stone used in mosaic;

password

tesseract figure of a cube within a cube

tesserarian of, like or pertaining to dice games

tesseratomy division into four parts

testaceous of or having a hard shell; brick-red

testamur certificate of having passed an examination

tester piece of armour for the head; headgear for a horse

tester canopy over a bed, pulpit or altar

testicond having the testes concealed within the body testudinal of, like or pertaining to tortoises or tortoise-shell

testudo wheeled shelter used for protection from above attacks

tetanigenous causing tetanus

tetchy irritable

tetrachotomous divided into fours

tetrachromatic concerning theory that there are four primary colours

tetradarchy government by four people; tetrarchy

tetragrammaton sacred word or acronym of four letters

tetrakishexahedron cube with pyramid erected on each face

tetralemma quandary with four alternatives

tetramerous having four parts

tetramorph artistic representation of the four evangelists in one

figure

tetrapod quadruped

tetrapolis group of four cities
tetrapteran having four wings
tetraptych hinged painting in four parts
tetrarchy government by four people

teuthology study of cephalopods

Teutomania obsession with Teutonic or German things

tewel a chimney; the rectum or anus of a horse

textology study of the production of texts textorial of, like or pertaining to weaving textrine of, like or pertaining to weaving

textuary a person having extensive biblical knowledge

thalassian marine; type of sea turtle

thalassiarchy sovereignty of the seas; thalassocracy

thalassic marine; of seas; of inland seas thalassocracy sovereignty of the seas

thalassography science of the sea

thalassometer instrument for measuring tides thalassophilous living in or fond of the sea

thalassophobia fear of the sea

thalassotherapy medical treatment using baths in sea water

thalerophagous feeding on fresh vegetable matter

thalposis sensation of warmth

thalweg middle of navigable waterway used as boundary line

thanatism belief that the soul dies with the body

thanatognomonic indicating or characteristic of death

thanatography narrative of a death

thanatoid apparently dead; deathly; deadly thanatology study of death and its customs

thanatomania belief that one has been affected by death magic,

and resulting illness

thanatophobia fear of death

thanatopsis view of or reflection upon death thanatosis gangrene; necrosis; state imitating death

thanatousia funeral rites

thaumatogeny doctrine of the miraculous origin of life

thaumatography description of natural wonders thaumatolatry worship of miracles or wonders

thaumatology study of miracles

thaumatrope gadged showing persistence of visual impressions

using spinning disk

thaumaturgy performing of miracles

theandric divine and human at the same time theanthropic simultaneously human and divine

theanthroposophy system of belief concerning Christ as god and

man

thearchy rule by a god or gods; body of divine rulers

theatrocracy government by gathered assemblies of citizens

theatromania craze for going to plays

theca sheath; capsule thecate having a sheath

theftuous thievish

thegosis tooth-grinding in order to sharpen teeth

theiform of the form of tea

theism belief in the existence of God without special revelation

thelematic of, like or pertaining to will or volition; voluntary

thelemic allowing people to do as they wish

thelemite libertine

thelitis inflammation of the nipple

thelytoky parthenogenetic production of females only theocentrism belief that God is central fact of existence

theocracy government by priests or by religious law

theocrasy mixture of religions; fitting other religions into own theodicy defense of goodness in view of the existence of evil

theodidact student of God; one who is taught by God theodolite surveying instrument for measuring angles

theody hymn in praise of God theogamy marriage of gods

theogonic accounting for the origin or presence of gods

theolepsy seizure or possession by a god theologaster petty or shallow theologian

theologoumenon theological statement as opposed to divine one

theomachy war amongst or against the gods theomancy divination by means of oracles

theomania belief that one is a god

theomastix punisher of mortals sent by God; such a punishment

theometry measurement or estimation of God

theomicrist one who belittles God

theonomy government or rule by God

theopantism belief that God is the only reality

theopathy emotional experience brought on by religious belief

theophagy sacramental consumption of a god

theophany manifestation or appearance of a god to people

theophilanthropism love of both God and humanity

theophile one who loves or is loved by God

theophobia fear of God

theophorous having the name of a god; derived from a god's

name

theopneustic divinely inspired

theopsychism belief that the soul is of a divine nature

theorbo double-necked lute

theosophy immediate divine illumination or wisdom

theotechny use of the gods as primary moving force in a poem or play

theotherapy faith healing

theotokos title given to the Virgin Mary as bearer of God therblig unit of work for quantifying industrial operations

thereinto into that or it thereoid bestial; savage thereology therapeutics thereon thereupon

therewith thereupon; forthwith

therewithal besides

theriac antidote to venomous bites theriacal of, like or pertaining to antidotes

therianthropic combining human and animal forms

theriatrics veterinary medicine

theriodic malignant

theriogenology study of animals' reproductive systems

theriolatry animal-worship

theriomorph animal form in art

theriomorphosis transformation into a beast

therm unit of quantity of heat equal to 100,000 British thermal

units

thermaesthesia sensitivity to heat or cold thermantidote apparatus for cooling air thermic of, like or pertaining to heat thermogenesis production of heat

thermograph instrument for recording changes in temperature

thermokinematics study of motion of heat thermolabile easily decomposed by heat

thermology study of heat

thermolysis decomposition caused by heat

thermometrograph instrument for recording changes in

temperature

thermonous of, like or pertaining to stimulation by heat thermophilous preferring or thriving in high temperatures

thermopile instrument measuring minute changes in temperature

thermoplagia sunstroke

thermoscope instrument indicating change in temperature thermotaxis movement influenced or controlled by heat thermotropism growth of organism influenced by heat

theroid of, like or pertaining to a beast or wild animal

therology study of wild mammals

thersitical scurrilous; violent in manner of speech

thesial of, like or pertaining to a thesis

thesmothete law-giver

thetic positively asserting; bearing the thesis; prescribed magic or miracles by the agency of good spirits pillory for women that keeps the legs together

thiasus group of worshippers gathered to dance in praise of gods thigmotaxis movement of plant towards or away from an object

thigmotropism turning of an object in response to touch thionic of, like or pertaining to or containing sulphur

thirdborough petty constable of a township

thirdendeal old liquid measure of three pints; one-third of

anything

thither to that place

thixotropy temporary reduction in viscosity when shaken or stirred

thlipsis constriction; compression

thnetopsychism belief that the soul dies with the body, to be reborn on day of judgement

thole to endure: to suffer

thole pin in the side of a boat to keep oar in place

tholobate circular substructure on which a dome rests

tholoid dome-shaped lava extrusion plugging the vent of a volcano

tholus round building; dome; cupola

thooid like a wolf

thoracoscope instrument for viewing the thorax and chest wall thoughtography supposed technique for transferring mental images onto photographs

thrasonic boastful; bragging

thremmatology science of breeding domestic animals and plants

threnetic mournful threnodic mournful

threnody ode or song of lamentation; lament; dirge

threpsology science of nutrition

threptic of, like or pertaining to the rearing of young

thrioboly divination using pebbles

thro through

throat-pit depression between collarbones where they meet the

breastbone

thrombus blood clot

thronal of, like or pertaining to a throne thropple throat or windpipe of an animal

throstle machine for drawing, twisting and winding fibres throttlebottom harmless incompetent holding public office

thrum loose thread or fringe of a garment or cloth

thumomancy divination by means of one's own soul

thurible censer

thurifer altar boy who bears censer

thuriferous incense-bearing

thurl cow's hip-joint thyestean cannibalistic

thymiatechny use of perfumes for medicinal purposes

thymiaterion ancient Greek censer

thymogenic due to emotion

thymoleptic psychologically energizing

thymopathy mental disorder thyrsus staff wreathed with ivy

tiara three-tiered crown worn by or carried in front of the pope

tibicinate to play on a pipe tichorrhine woolly rhinoceros tick cover of a mattress or pillow

ticking strong linen or cotton fabric used for mattress and pillow

cases

tidology study of tides

tiffany transparent silk-like gauzy fabric

tigerism swagger

tigrine of, like or pertaining to tigers tilbury light open two-wheeled carriage tiller handle or lever for turning a ship's rudder

tilleul pale yellowish-green

tilth agricultural work

tiltmeter instrument for measuring tilting of earth's surface timarchy government by the propertied class; timocracy

timbal kettle drum

timberhead top end of ship's timber used above the gunwale

timbrology study of postage stamps

timbromania craze for stamp collecting

timbrophily love or fondness for stamps; stamp-collecting

timbrous resonant; sonorous

timenoguy rope stretched from place to place in a ship

timeous in good time; seasonable

timocracy government by the propertied class

timoneer helmsman

timwhisky light carriage for one or two people, pulled by one or two

horses

tinchel circle of men who encircle a deer

tinction act of dyeing

tinctorial of, like or pertaining to dyeing; giving colour

tinctumutation change of colour tincture a heraldic colour or metal

tingent adding colour; having the ability to tinge

tinnient ringing; resonant

tinnitus ringing sound in the head tintinnabulate to ring; to tinkle

tintinnabulum percussion instrument of many bells in succession

tippet long black scarf worn by Anglican clergy

tiqueur one who suffers from tics tirailleur skirmisher; sharpshooter tirasse pedal-coupler in an organ

tiretaine wool cloth mixed with cotton or linen

tiro recruit; novice; beginner

tirocinium early training; first experience; group of recruits

tiromancy divination using cheese tisane infusion of herbs or flowers

tisicky wheezy; asthmatic titaniferous bearing titanium

titanism spirit of revolt or defiance against social conventions

titanomachy war of the Titans against the gods

titian red-gold or reddish-brown titivate dress up; spruce up titrimetry measuring by titration

tittup to prance mincingly; to walk in an affected manner

titubate to stagger; to stumble

titulus inscription on or over something

tmema segment or section

tmesis separation of word into parts by an intervening word toadstone stone thought to grow inside a toad and have magic

powers

tobaccophile one who loves tobacco

tocodynamometer instrument for measuring uterine contractions

during childbirth

tocology obstetrics; midwifery

tocophobia fear of pregnancy or childbirth

tocsin alarm bell; sounding of an alarm bell tod old unit of weight of wool equal to 28 pounds

toft a small hill

tog unit of measurement for insulation properties of fabric

togated wearing a toga; dignified toile plain or simple twilled fabric

toison lamb's wool

tolerationism doctrine of toleration of religious differences

tolsester duty of ale due to one's lord for the privilege of brewing

tolutation act of pacing or ambling

tolypeutine of, like or pertaining to armadillos

toman myriad; ten thousand

tombac cheap gold-coloured alloy of zinc and copper

tombic holding that the Egyptian pyramids were intended as

tombs

tombola lottery in which each entrant must win a prize

tomentose bearing thickly matted hair or fur

tomiparous of organic matter, multiplying by division

tomium cutting edge of a bird's bill

tomograph instrument for viewing section of an object using X-rays tomography scan to obtain detailed image of solid structure tomomania irrational predilection for performing surgery

ton unit of cooling power equal to 12,000 BTU per hour

tonant thundering

tondo circular painting or relief carving

tonetic of, like or pertaining to tonal pronunciation or languages

tonetics study of pronunciation tonga light two-wheeled carriage

tonish modish; fashionable tonitrophobia fear of thunder

tonitruone musical instrument that imitates sound of thunder

tonitruous thundering

tonlet set of overlapping strips on armour skirt

tonneau rear extension of body of car

tonometer instrument measuring pitch of musical tones

tonsorial of, like or pertaining to a barber or a barber's work

tonsure shaving of small area on the crown of head of a priest or

monk

tontine annuity scheme where benefits increase as members die

tonus normal elasticity of healthy muscle at rest topaesthesia determining place by sense of touch

toparch ruler of a district

topaz dark yellow

topgallant mast or sail above the topmast and below the royal mast

tophaceous gritty

topiary clipping of trees into imitative or fantastic shapes

toplofty high and mighty; haughty

topmast ship's mast above the lower mast

topology study of places and their natural features

topomancy divination using landforms

toponomastic of, like or pertaining to place names toponym place name derived from geographical feature

toponymics study of place-names

topophilia great love or affection for a particular place

topophobia stage fright; fear of performing; fear of certain places topophone instrument to determine direction and distance of a fog-

horn

topotype specimen collected in the same locality as an original

topsail ship's sail above the lowermost sail

toran arched gateway or garland of flowers

torchier floor lamp with bowl for reflecting light upwards

torchon duster or dishcloth; coarse lace or paper

torcula wine press torcular tourniquet

tordion Renaissance dance similar to but slower than a galliard tore surface described by rotation of conic section about a line toreumatography description of ancient metal sculpture

toreutics study of artistic work in metal

toreutics artistic work in metal by chasing and embossing

torfaceous growing in mosses or bogs

tormentum ancient siege engine tornote having blunt extremities

toroid shaped like a doughnut or anchor-ring torose swelling; bulging; knobby; muscular

torpedinous numbing; having the quality of a torpedo

torpefy to make numb or torpid; to paralyze torpescence becoming numb or torpid

torpid numb; lethargic; having lost the power to act

torpillage electric shock therapy

torpor numbness; inactivity; dullness torporific causing dullness or numbness

torquated wearing a collar or chain; formed like a torque

torr unit of pressure equal to 1/760 of standard atmospheric pressure

torrefy to scorch or parch; to dry or roast with heat

torrentine of, like or pertaining to a torrent; having the character of a

torrent

torsade ornament on a hat like a twisted cord; any twisted cord

torsel plate in a brick wall to support the end of a beam

torsibility capability of being twisted

torsiograph instrument for recording torsional vibrations on an

object

torsive twisted spirally

torticollis stiff neck

tortile wreathed; twisted; coiled tortious committing a wrongful deed torulose with small swellings at intervals

torus rounded swelling; lowest moulding of a column

torvity grimness; fierceness

torvous stern

tosticated fuddled; perplexed

tot bone or other object retrieved from garbage pile

totemism belief that a group has a special kinship with an object or

animal

tother the other

totient number of numbers less than and prime to a given number

totipotent capable of differentiation

totitive number less than and prime to another

tourbillon swirl; vortex; whirlwind

tournure contour; characteristic turn of line; grace or poise

tovarish comrade

tow bundle of untwisted natural fibres

toxicogenic producing or produced by poisons

toxicomania morbid craving for poisons

toxicophagous eating poison toxicophobia fear of poisoning

toxiferous producing or bearing poison

toxiphagous poison-eating

toxiphobia fear of poison or being poisoned

toxophilite lover of archery; an archer; of, like or pertaining to archery

toxophily love of archery; archery; study of archery

toze to tease out; card; comb; draw out; elicit

trabeate built of horizontal beams rather than arches

trabecula small bar or rod

trabeculated transversely barred

tracasserie turmoil

trachelate having a neck

trachyphonia roughness of voice

tractate treatise; tract

tractile ductile; able to be drawn out

traditive traditional

traduce to defame; to slander

traductive transmitted

tragedian writer or actor of tragedy

tragelaph mythical crossbreed of a goat and stag

tragomaschalia smelly armpits

tragus prominent bump in front of opening of the ear

trahison treachery; treason

traject crossing; ferry; transference

tralatition metaphor

tralatitious traditional; transmitted; handed on; metaphorical

tralineate to deviate

tramble to wash tin-ore by agitation in a trough

trammel device used to hold pots and pans over a fire

trammel net used to catch fish or birds

trammel to hamper or restrain

trammel tool used for drawing ellipses

tramontane beyond the mountains; foreign; uncivilized

tranation act of swimming over or across

trancey creating a trance-like effect; hypnotic tranche slice or block of money or shares

tranchet Neolithic flint chisel

tranect ferry

trangam showy or worthless article

transcalent pervious to or allowing the passage of heat

transcendentalism theory that emphasizes that which transcends

perception

transenna screen enclosing a shrine

transept part of a church off to one side of main structure

transfluent flowing across

tranship to transfer from one ship to another

transhumant passing from winter to summer pastures

transilient leaping or passing across

transire ship's customs warrant for clearing goods

translative indicating process of change or movement through

translunary beyond the moon; spiritual across or beyond the sea

transmigrationism belief that soul passes into other body at death

transmissometer instrument for measuring transmission of light

through a fluid

transom transverse timbers attached to ship's sternpost

transom structure dividing a window horizontally; horizontal bar transpicuous transparent; easily seen through or understood transpontine from the other side of the river; melodramatic transubstantiation miraculous changing of bread and wine into

body and blood of Christ

transude to ooze out; to exude through the pores transumption transcription; transference; translation

transuranic denoting heavy radioactive artificial chemical

elements

transverberate to pierce

transvolation flying higher than normal trap light one-horse carriage with springs

trapezium quadrilateral having only one pair of parallel sides trapunto kind of quilting in which only the design is padded

traulism stammering

traumatology study of wounds and their effects

traumatropism alteration in direction of growth of a plant due to a

wound

trautonium electronic musical instrument like a theramin

trave crossbeam or space between crossbeams travelator moving footpath for pedestrians

treacle dark; syrupy molasses

trebuchet medieval siege engine for launching stones

trechometer instrument for determining distance travelled;

odometer

treenail long wooden pin used to fix planks of ship to the timbers

trefoil three-lobed architectural ornament

tregetour juggler; trickster; deceiver

treillage trellis-work; a trellis

trellis structure of cross-barred or lattice-work

trema an orifice; a dieresis

tremallose gelatinous

tremendum feeling of overwhelming awe associated with

religious experience

tremissis late Roman and early Byzantine gold coin tremogram irregularity in a person's handwriting

tremograph instrument for recording involuntary muscular

motion

tremolist one who employs tremolo

tremolo vibrating effect of certain musical instruments or the

singing voice

tremulous trembling; quivering trenchant incisive; terse; vigorous

trencher edible plate and platter made of bread

trendle flat rounded baker's vessel

trental commemoratory service held thirty days after burial

trepan obsolete instrument for cutting open the skull

trepanation cutting open the skull tresayle great-great grandfather

tressilate to quiver

tressure narrow band around a heraldic shield trews close-fitting trousers with tartan pattern triage selection for patients most likely to survive

trialism doctrine that humans have three separate essences (body,

soul, spirit)

triarchy government by three people triatic rope joining adjacent mastheads tribade female homosexual; lesbian

tribadism lesbian intercourse in the missionary position tribble horizontal frame with wires for drying paper tribology study of friction and wear between surfaces triboluminescence emission of light caused by friction

tribometer instrument measuring friction

tribuloid yielding prickly fruit

tribunitial of, like or pertaining to a tribune

tributorian of, like or pertaining to tribute or payment trice to haul in and lash secure a sail with a small rope

tricephalous having three heads

trichoclasis brittleness of hair trichogenous producing hair

trichoic having or exhibiting three colours

trichoid hair-like

trichology study of hair and its disorders

trichoschisis splitting of hair

trichosis arrangement, distribution or disorder of hair trichotillomania neurosis where patient pulls out own hair

trichotomy division into three parts or categories

tricoaster combination of three-speed gear and coaster brake on a

cycle

tricolette silk or rayon knitted fabric tricorn three-horned; three-cornered tricot plain knitted silk or woollen fabric

tricotee lively old dance

tricotine double-twilled worsted fabric

tridominium threefold rule triduan lasting three days

triduum period of three days of prayer preceding Roman Catholic

feasts

trierarchy obligation of fitting out ships trieteric occurring in alternate years

trifarious facing three ways

triforium gallery or arcade over an aisle; gallery over nave and choir

trifurcate to divide into three forks

trig stone placed under a wheel to keep it from rolling trigamy state of being married to three spouses

triglyph architectural ornament of tablet bearing two V-shaped

channels

trigonal having three angles

trigonometer instrument for solving triangles trigraph combination of three letters for one sound

trihoral happening every three hours

trilaminar having three layers

trilemma quandary having three choices

trilith stone monument of two upright and one transverse slab

trimacular having three spots or marks trimerous having the parts in threes

trin triplet

trinacriform three-pronged

trindle thin piece of wood which holds book spine while trimmed

tringoid of, like or pertaining to sandpipers

trinoctial lasting three nights

trionym name consisting of three words

triphibious taking place on land, in water and in air triphthong three vowel sounds pronounced as one

triplopia triple vision

trippet part of machine which strikes another part regularly

tripsis pulverization; shampooing; massage

triptote used in three cases only

triptych hinged painting with three panels

tripudiate to dance for joy; to exult; to stamp

triquetra triangular-shaped object

trireme ancient ship with three banks of oars triskaidekaphobia fear of the number thirteen triskelion figure of three radiating curves or legs

trismus lockjaw

tristachyous three-spiked tristichous having or in three rows tristiloquy mournful manner of speech tristisonous mournful-sounding trisulcate having three ridges or forks

tritanopia inability to distinguish the colour blue tritarchy government by three people; triarchy

tritavia four-greats grandmother tritavus four-greats grandfather

tritheism belief that the members of the Trinity are separate gods

tritheocracy government by three gods

tritical trite; common triticeous wheat-like triticism trite remark

triturate to rub or grind into a fine powder

triumphalism belief in the superiority of one particular religious

creed

triune trinity; three in one

trivet tripod for a pot; metal plate to raise food from heat

trivirgate having three linear marks troat to bellow like a roaring buck trochal wheel-like; circular

trocheameter instrument counting wheel's revolutions trochiferous bearing a wheel or wheel-like organ

trochiform shaped like a spinning-top

trochilic of, like or pertaining to rotatory motion trochilidine of, like or pertaining to hummingbirds trochiline of, like or pertaining to hummingbirds

trochiscus medicated tablet or lozenge

trochlear like a pulley

trochoid curve traced by a fixed point in plane of a circle

trochomancy divination by studying wheel tracks

troglodytic cave-dwelling

troglodytine of, like or pertaining to wrens troika carriage drawn by three horses troilism sexual activity between three people

trommel revolving sieve for cleaning or sizing minerals

tromometer instrument for measuring slight earthquake shocks

tronc collection of gratuities to be divided out later

trophallaxis mutual exchange of nutriment in symbiosis

trophism nutrition

trophobiosis exchange of nutriment in symbiotic relationship

trophology study of nutrition

trophotropism direction of growth by nutritional factors

tropic like a keel

tropism a tendency to react to stimuli in a specific manner tropological characterized by tropes or figures of speech tropology figurative language; moral interpretation of the Bible

tropometer instrument measuring rotation

tropophilous flourishing in seasonal extremes of climate tropophyte plant adapted to alterations of moisture and drought

trottoir pavement

trousseau clothes collected by a bride for her marriage

trouvaille a fortunate find

trover legal action brought to recover goods from wrongful owner

trucage faking of works of art

trucidation slaughter

truckle to submit; to cringe

truculent belligerent; cruel; pugnacious; defiant; aggressive

trullization act of plastering with a trowel

trumeau piece of wall or pillar between two openings

truncheon broken spear; broken or cut piece

trunnion a pin or pivot on which something can be rotated trutinate to weigh using a balance; to evaluate mentally

truttaceous of, like or pertaining to trout

tryma nut-like fruit

trypanocide killing of trypanosomes

trysail ship's sail bent to a gaff and hoisted on a lower mast

tsiganology study of gypsies

tsiology treatise on tea

tuant of writing, keen or trenchant tuberiferous bearing tubers

tuberiform shaped like a lump or protuberance

tuberous having tubers; knobbed

tubicinate to blow a trumpet tubicolous inhabiting a tube tubicornous hollow-horned tubifacient constructing a tube tubiform shaped like a tube

tubulate to form into a tube; to provide with a tube

tubulure tubular opening

tuck part of ship where ends of lower planks meet under the stern

tucket flourish on a trumpet

tufa rock made of fine volcanic detritus

tufthunter toady

tuille armour plate hanging below the tasses

tuism theory that individuals have a second or other self tuism apostrophe; reference to or regard to a second person

tuitive giving instruction; acquired by instruction

tulchan calf's skin set beside a cow to make her give milk freely

tulipomania obsession with tulips

tulle sheer and delicate thin silk

tumbrel old instrument of punishment like a pillory

tumefacient causing swelling

tumefy to swell

tumescent tending to swell

tumid inflated; falsely sublime; bombastic

tumorigenic producing tumours

tum-tum dog-cart

tumular consisting of a mound or tumulus

tumultuary chaotic; haphazard

tumulus barrow-mound; mound of earth over a grave

tund to beat; to thump

tunicate covered with layers

tunicle short ecclesiastical vestment worn by bishop or subdeacon tup ram; pile-driver; striking face of steam hammer or jackhammer

turbary right to take peat from another's ground

turbidimeter instrument for measuring turbidity of liquids

turbinate shaped like a top or inverted cone

turdiform like a thrush

turdine of, like or pertaining to thrushes turdine of, like or pertaining to thrushes

turgent swollen

turgescence act or process of swelling; swollenness

turgid swollen; inflated

turgometer instrument for measuring turgidity

turncock valve for regulating water flow

turnery art of turning in a lathe

turnspit person who turns a roasting spit

turnverein athletic club turophile cheese lover turquoise blue-green

turrical of, like or pertaining to a tower or turret; like a turret

turriferous bearing towers turriform shaped like a tower

turtleback structure over ship's bows or stern

tussah brownish silk fabric

tussicular of, like or pertaining to coughs tussock a compact tuft of grass or sedge tutelary having the guardianship of a thing

tutiorism doctrine that one should take the safer moral course

tutulus conical Roman headdress

twain two

twee affectedly dainty; sentimentally sweet

twiforked bifurcate

twingle to wriggle; to twist twink to blink; to twinkle

twinter two-year-old domestic animal

twire to peep; to leer

twixt between

twizzle to swirl; to spin

two-step ballroom dance with two main steps

twyer nozzle for a blast of air

tychism theory that accepts role of pure chance

tye inclined trough for washing ore

tyloma callus

tympaniform drum-like; shaped like a drum

tympanum space within an arch; arched recess at entrance of

cathedral

tympany swelling with pride or with pregnancy

typhlograph instrument to help the blind write clearly

typhlology study of blindness and the blind typhlophile one who is kind to the blind

typhogenic causing fever

typhomania delirious state resulting from typhus fever typhonic having the character of a whirlwind or tornado typographia matter pertaining to printing or printers

typography art of printing or using type

typology study of types of things

typomania craze for printing one's lucubrations

typothetae master printers collectively

typtology theory concerning rappings by spirits or ghosts

tyrannicide killing or killer of a tyrant

tyriasis elephantiasis

tyroid resembling cheese; cheesy

tyroma cheese-like matter tyromancy divination using cheese

uakari short-tailed, long-haired monkey

uberous yielding an abundance of milk; abounding uberty fruitfulness; abundant productiveness ubication condition of being in a certain location location; state of being in a definite place

ubique everywhere

ubiquitarianism belief that Christ is everywhere

ubity place or locality

ucalegon neighbour whose house is on fire

udal form of land tenure in Orkney and Shetland islands

udometer instrument for measuring rainfall

ufology study of alien spacecraft

ughten morning twilight

ukase edict; proclamation by an autocratic government

ulatrophy atrophy of the gums

ulcuscle a small ulcer

uletic of, like or pertaining to the gums

uliginous slimy; oozy; swampy; growing in swampy places ullage quantity by which vessel is under full capacity

ullagone cry of lamentation; funeral lament

ulmaceous of or like elms

uloid like a scar

ulosis formation of a scar ulotrichous having woolly hair ultimo of last month

ultimogeniture inheritance by the last son

ultion revenge; vengeance

ultracrepidate to criticize beyond sphere of one's knowledge ultradian of physiological cycles longer than an hour and shorter

than a day

ultrafidian going beyond faith ultrageous violently extreme

ultraism holding extreme opinions on a subject

ultramarine deep blue

ultramicroscope instrument for viewing extremely small objects

ultramontane south of the Alps; supporting the Pope

ultroneous spontaneous; voluntary

umbel mass of flowers springing from a single center

umbelliferous bearing umbels

umber brownish red

umbilical of, like or pertaining to the navel; related on the mother's

side

umbiliciform shaped like a navel

umbo central knob or boss of a shield umbraculiform shaped like an umbrella

umbraculum umbrella or umbrella-like structure

umbrage shade; foliage; offence umbratic shadowy; providing shade

umbratilous shadowy; shaded; indoor; secluded

umbriferous giving or bearing shade

umbril visor on helmet to protect the eyes from light

umbrose shade-giving; dusky

unalist priest holding one benefice unaneled without extreme unction unasinous being equally stupid

unberufen exclamation to avert ill luck following boasting

unbosom to pour out; to tell freely

uncate hooked

uncial of, like or pertaining to an inch or an ounce

unciform shaped like a hook

unconsentaneous not in agreement

unction anointing as right of consecration or healing; warmth of

address

unctuous slimy; oily; greasy; offensively suave and smug

undate wavy

undecennial happening every eleven years undeify to deprive of the nature of a god underbreath subdued voice; rumour

underbridge bridge carrying a road or railway

undercroft crypt or vault under a church

undern light midday meal underwit inferior wit; half-wit

undight to take off; to doff; to undo

undine female water spirit

undinism psychological obsession with urine and urination

undulationism theory that light consists of waves

uneath difficult; distressing; hard; scarce ungual of a claw, hoof, or talon; clawed

unquentary of, like or pertaining to unquents; one who makes or

sells unguents

unguiculate clawed unguiform shaped like a claw

unguinous oily; fatty

unguligrade walking on hoofs

unhouseled not having received the Eucharist shortly before

death

unicity uniqueness; oneness

unifarious arranged in a single row or series unifilar having only one thread or wire

unigeniture state or fact of being the only begotten

unigenous of the same origin, kind or sort

unipara woman having given birth only once uniparous producing only one offspring at birth

unipotent powerful in one direction only

unisonous in unison or agreement

unition conjunction

universalism belief in universal salvation

univocal unmistakeable; unequivocal

univocalic having only one vowel; written passage using only one

vowel

univoltine having one brood a year

univorous living on only one host or source of food

unleal unfaithful

unreeve to withdraw a rope from an opening

unseel to unsew the eyes of unsinew to take the strength from

unstercorated not manured

untimeous untimely untreasure to despoil

unwithdrawing liberal; lavish upaithric roofless; open to the sky

upas poisonous or harmful institution or influence

upbuilding development; edification

upcast upward throw; material thrown up

upher rough pole made of fir and used in scaffolding

uprist rising; uprising upspeak to begin to speak

upstay to sustain uranic of the palate

uraniferous bearing uranium uraniscus roof of the mouth uranism male homosexuality

uranography descriptive astronomy and mapping

uranology study of the heavens; astronomy

uranomancy divination by studying the heavens uranomania obsession with the idea of divinity

uranometry measurement of distances between heavenly bodies

uranophobia fear of heaven

uranoplasty plastic surgery on the hard palate

uranoscopy star-watching

uraster starfish

urbacity excessive pride in one's city urbanist expert in urban planning

urbanology study of cities

urbarial founded on a register of landed property

urbicide destruction of a city urbicolous dwelling in cities

urbiculture cultivation or development of urban life

urceiform shaped like a pitcher urceolate shaped like a pitcher

urceus single-handled jug or pitcher

urdé pointed; having points

urdee of a heraldic device, pointed or broken into parallel pointed

projections

ure use; custom

uredo burning feeling in the skin

urenology study of rust molds urent burning; stinging

uresis urination

urethroscope instrument for viewing the interior of the urethra

uretic of, like or pertaining to urine urimancy divination by observing urine

urinator diver

uriniferous bearing urine

urinometer instrument for measuring specific gravity of urine urkingdom taxonomic group of organisms larger than a kingdom

urman swampy pine forest

urogenous producing or produced in urine urolith small stone in the urinary tract urology study of urine; urinary tract uropoietic secreting or excreting urine

uropygium rump of a bird

urosthenic having a tail designed for propulsion

ursal fur seal

ursicide killing or killer of a bear

ursiform having the shape or appearance of a bear

ursine of, like or pertaining to bears

urtext earliest version of a text; original unmodified version

urticaceous of, like or pertaining to nettles

urticant stinging; irritating

urticate to sting; to flog with nettles

usageaster self-appointed and conservative language usage expert

usance habit: custom

ushabti figurine of deceased person placed in Egyptian tomb

usitative signifying a usual act

ustion action of burning or searing

ustulation burning; roasting

usucaption acquisition of property by long usage and enjoyment

usufruct the right to use and enjoy something

usward toward us utile profitable; useful

utilitarianism belief that utility of actions determines moral value

utinam earnest wish or desire

utraguist person speaking two or both of two languages

utricide one who stabs an inflated skin vessel instead of killing

someone

utricle small cavity or sac

utriculiform shaped like a small cavity or sac utriform shaped like a leather bottle or flask uvala irregular depression in a karst terrain uvelloid resembling a small cluster of grapes

uvid moist; wet

uxorial of, like or pertaining to a wife

uxoricide killing of one's own wife

uxorious excessively fond of one's wife

vaccary dairy or cow pasture vaccimulgence cow milking

vaccine of, like or pertaining to cows; preparation conferring

immunity to disease

vacillate fluctuate in opinion or resolution

vadelect servant; serving-man

vade-mecum ready reference manual regularly carried about

vadimony bond or pledge given before a judge

vadose of, like or pertaining to underground water above the water

table

vafrous cunning; sly

vagient crying like a baby

vagile having the ability to move about

vagility ability to succeed in the struggle for existence

vaginate sheathed; having a sheath

vagitus baby's cry or wail vainglory idle boastfulness

vair blue-grey squirrel fur; heraldic representation of blue and white

rows

valance drapery hung along the edge of a bed, table or canopy

valence linen helmet-cover for armour

valenki warm Russian felt boots

valetudinarian of, like or pertaining to ill-health; anxious about

health

valgus club-footed; bow-legged

vallate having a raised rim or rampart

vallation ridge or bank of earth used as fortification

vallecula groove or furrow

vallum rampart; wall of earth thrown up from a ditch

valorise to set a fixed arbitrary price valuta comparative value of a currency vandola stringed lute-like Spanish instrument

vaniloguence vain or foolish talk

vaporimeter instrument for measuring vapour pressure

vapulate to flog; to be flogged

vapulatory of, like or pertaining to flogging

vara unit of linear measure of between 33 and 43 inches

varec seaweed; kelp

varia miscellany

varicella chicken pox

variegated diverse and varied; having multi-coloured patches

varietal of, like or pertaining to a variety

varietist unorthodox person variform of various forms

variola smallpox

variometer instrument for measuring magnetic declination variorum including the notes of earlier scholars or editors

varsovienne polka-like Polish dance

varus pigeon-toed

vascular of, like or pertaining to fluid-carrying vessels

vasculature arrangement of blood vessels

vasculiform shaped like a small vase or flowerpot

vasculum botanist's collecting case vasiferous bearing a vessel or vas vasiform shaped like a duct or vase

vastate to make immune

vastidity vastness; a vast extent vatic prophetic; oracular; inspired vaticide killing or killer of a prophet

vaticinate prophesy; predict

vauclusian of a spring in which water is expelled by artesian pressure

vavasour feudal noble who is both a liege and a vassal

vectigal of, like or pertaining to the paying of tribute or rent

vectitation act of carrying or conveying

vedette mounted sentry stationed to watch for enemy

veduta panoramic view of a town

vegete vigorous

vegetivorous eating vegetables

veilleuse shaded night-lamp

velamentous of, like or pertaining to or like a membrane or sail

velarium awning over an auditorium

velate having a veil; veiled velation act of veiling; secrecy

veliferous bearing a sail or membrane

velitation skirmish

velivolant flying with sails

velleity lowest degree of volition; slight wish

vellicate to twitch; to tickle or pinch velociman hand-propelled tricycle

velocimeter instrument for measuring velocity

velocious with great speed

velocipede swift-footed; swift-footed person; old-fashioned bicycle

velometer instrument for measuring speed of air

velour piled velvety cotton veloutine velvety corded wool

velutinous velvety; having a downy covering

velvetine cotton with silk pile

venal of a type that may be bribed venatic of, like or pertaining to hunting

venation arrangement of veins on a leaf or an insect's wing

venator huntsman; hunter vendange grape harvest

vendible capable of being sold vendicate to claim for oneself venditation offering for sale

vendition sale

venefic acting by poison or potions or by sorcery

venenation poisoning

venencia instrument used to sample sherry from a cask

veneniferous carrying poison venepuncture puncturing of a vein venereology study of venereal disease

venerer gamekeeper; hunter

venerous lustful

venery pursuit of sexual gratification; hunting; pursuit of game

venesect to open a vein for blood-letting

venial pardonable; excusable

venigenous containing veins of metal or quartz

venireman juror

venography injecting radioactive material into veins for medical

examination

venose veiny; veined

venous of, like or pertaining to veins

ventage finger-hole; small hole

ventana window

ventiduct ventilating pipe or passage

ventifact stone polished by wind-blown sand ventorious characterized by venturesomeness ventose windy; flatulent; puffed up with conceit

ventral of, like or pertaining to the underside or the belly

ventricumbent lying on one's front or one's belly

ventriduct to turn towards the belly

ventripotent with great capacity or appetite for food

venule small vein veracious truthful; exact

verbalism undue attention to words alone

verbatim word for word

verberate to beat

verbicide destroying the meaning of a word

verbid non-finite part of a verb

verbigeration morbid and purposeless repetition of certain words verbile one whose mental processes are stimulated by words

verbomania craze for words

verderer officer in charge of royal forests

verdigris greenish copper coating verdure greenness; health and vigour

verecund modest; shy

verger church usher and attendant

vergiform shaped like a rod verglas film of ice on rock

veridical veracious; genuine; truthful

veridicous truthful

verily truly; certainly; confidently

verism artistic preference of the everyday to the legendary

verjuice sour juice of unripe fruit vermeil bright red; scarlet; vermilion

vermeology study of worms

vermian like a worm vermicide killing of worms

vermicular of, like or pertaining to worms

vermiculous wormy

vermiform shaped like a worm vermifugal expelling worms

vermigerous bearing, containing or infested with worms

vermigrade creeping like a worm

vermilion bright red

vermivorous eating worms

vernal of, like or pertaining to spring vernalize to make springlike; to freshen

vernicle cloth with image of Christ's face impressed upon it

vernicose brightly polished or varnished

vernissage varnishing-day vernition varnishing

verricule tuft of hairs or bristles

verruca wart

verruciform shaped like a wart; wartlike

verrucose wartv

versability aptness to be turned around

versal ornamental letter at beginning of section

versant general slope of a mountain

versicle short verse in church service normally followed by

response

versicoloured diversely or changeably coloured

versicular of or in verse versiform changing in form

verst unit of distance equal to approximately 2/3 of a mile

versus against; in contrast to

versute crafty; wily

vert the heraldic colour green

verticil whorl

verticillated whorled verticity power of turning

vertiginous of, like or pertaining to vertigo; dizzy; giddy

vervel ring for a hawk's jess

vervelle decorated connector between helmet and mail of suit of

armour

vesical of, like or pertaining to the bladder

vesicant blistering vesicate to blister

vespacide substance or person who kills wasps

vespal of, like or pertaining to wasps

vespers prayer service held in early evening vespertinal of, like or pertaining to the evening

vespiary wasp's nest

vespine of, like or pertaining to hornets or wasps

vespoid wasp-like

vesta wax-stemmed match

vestiary robing-room; cloakroom; of, like or pertaining to clothes

vestibule entrance-hall

vestiture clothes; covering; coat vestry priest's dressing room vesturer keeper of vestments

vesuvian smoker's slow-burning match vesuviate to erupt; to burst with heat

vetanda forbidden things

vetitive having the power to veto

vettura carriage, cab or car

vexillary standard-bearer; pertaining to regimental colours or flags

vexillology study of flags

viaggiatory traveling frequently

viameter instrument for measuring revolutions of a wheel

viatecture construction of roads and bridges viatical of, like or pertaining to roads or travel

viaticum money or provisions for journey; Eucharist for a dying

person

viator traveller; wayfarer

vibraslap modern percussion instrument with rod and ball

vibratile capable of vibratory motion

vibrissa tactile bristle such as cat's whisker; bristly hair

vibrograph instrument for recording vibrations vibrometer instrument for measuring vibrations vibronic of or caused by electronic vibration

vicarial of, like or pertaining to a vicar or delegate

vice in place of; rather than

vicegerent acting in place of another; having delegated authority

vicegod hostile appellation applied to the Pope

vicenary based on the number twenty vicennial occurring every twenty years

vicereine wife of a viceroy

vicinage neighbourhood; residents in a neighbourhood

vicinal neighboring; local victimology study of victims

victoria light open two-seated four-wheeled carriage

victualler one who operates a pub or eatery

vicuna fabric made from wool of the vicuna, a small ruminant

videlicet to wit; namely videndum thing to be seen

videtur it seems

vidimus attested copy; inspection of accounts

viduage widowhood; widows collectively

viduity widowhood viduous widowed; empty

vigesimal based on the number twenty

vigia danger warning on a chart

vigneron vine-grower

vigorish percentage of gambler's winnings taken by bookkeeper

vigoro team sport combining cricket and baseball

vilipend to despise; to make light of; to disparage mockingly

villanelle poem consisting of five tercets and a quatrain

villar of, like or pertaining to a manor or village villatic rural; of, like or pertaining to a villa

villeggiatura a stay in the country villiform of the form or shape of velvet

villose velvety

villus soft velvety hair or fur

vimen long thin branch or twig vimineous with long flexible shoots

vinaceous wine-coloured vinal of or due to wine

vincible that may be overcome

vincular connective

vindemial of, like or pertaining to the vintage vindemiate to gather grapes or other fruit vineatic of, like or pertaining to vines vinew to make or become mouldy

vinewed mouldy; musty

vinification process of fermenting wine

vinolent addicted to wine

vinology scientific study of vines and winemaking

vinous deep red; burgundy

vinous like wine; pertaining to wine; wine-coloured

violaceous violet-coloured violatic flying about

viperiform shaped like a snake or viper

viperine of, like or pertaining to vipers

viperous of, like, or pertaining to vipers; treacherous; venomous

viraginous suggestive of a loud overbearing woman

virago manlike or heroic woman

virason sea breeze

virelay old French poem with refrain and unusual rhyming scheme

virescent becoming green or greenish; of a greenish colour

virgal composed of twigs

virgate old unit of land area usually equal to 30 acres or 1/4 hide

virgate rodlike; twiggy

virgule slanting line; solidus; "/"

viricide killing of viruses; killing of men or of husbands

virid green

viridarium Roman garden viridian chrome green

viridigenous producing greenness

viridity greenness; freshness

virilescence development of male character in the female

virilia male reproductive organs

viripotent fit for a husband; marriageable

virology study of viruses virose poisonous; foul virucide killing of viruses

viruliferous bearing or containing a virus

vis force; power

visagist expert in facial make-up

visard mask or visor

vis-a-vis light carriage with seats facing one another

visceral of the organs of the body

viscid semi-fluid; sticky; glutinous; viscous viscometer instrument for measuring viscosity

visibilia things that are seen

visile of, like or pertaining to sight; learning easily by sight

visiogenic suitable for transmission by television

visitador official visitor or inspector

visive of, like or pertaining to sight; visual; able to see or be seen

visometer instrument for measuring focal length of the eye vitalism the doctrine that there is a vital force behind life

vitative concerned with the preservation of life

vitellary bright yellow

vitelligenous producing yolk

vitellus volk of an egg

vitiate impair quality of; make invalid; spoil; make impure

viticetum plantation of vines; vineyard

viticolous living on vines viticulture vine-growing

vitiferous bearing vines

vitilitigation vexatious wrangling

vitrage thin curtain for windows or glazed doors

vitrail stained glass

vitrescent tending to become glass vitrescible able to be turned into glass

vitrics glassy materials; glassware; study of glassware

vitrifaction process of converting into glass

vitrifacture glassblowing

vitriform of the form or shape of glass

vitrine glass display case vitriolic caustic or hostile

vitta band or stripe of colour on an animal or plant

vittate striped lengthwise

vitular of, like or pertaining to a calf or to calving vituline of, like or pertaining to calves or veal

vituperation abuse; rejection

vivandière female camp follower who supplies provisions vivarium artificial enclosure for keeping live animals

vivat long live vivency vitality

viverrine of, like or pertaining to civets and mongoose

viverrine of, like or pertaining to the civet

vivers food; eatables

viviparous producing live young

vivisepulture practice of burying people alive

vizard mask

vocabularian of, like or pertaining to vocabulary vocative indicating calling or personal address

vocicultural of, like or pertaining to voice training

vociferant clamorous

vociferate to cry out with a loud voice; to bawl

vocoid vowel-like

voicespondence correspondence by means of recorded oral messages

voided of a heraldic charge, having the inner part cut away

voile soft fine sheer fabric

voiturier driver of a carriage or coach

voivode leader of an army; provincial governor

volable nimble-witted volacious apt or fit to fly

volage giddy; flighty; fickle

volant flying; able to fly; of a heraldic bird, with wings extended volar of, like or pertaining to the palm or the sole; of, like or pertaining

to flight

volary aviary

volation ability to fly

volcanology study of volcanoes

volens consenting to a course of action which requires risk

volery place for aircraft repair

volet short veil worn at the back of the head

volitant flying; flitting; fluttering; moving about

volitation flying; flight

volitient willing

volitive of, like or pertaining to the will volitive expressing desire or permission

volitorial able to fly

volplane to glide through the air

volta old leaping dance

voltameter instrument for measuring electrical current indirectly

voltigeur lightly armed skirmisher

voltinism breeding rhythm; brood frequency

voltmeter instrument for measuring electrical potential

voluble fluent in speech; too fluent or glib volucrine of, like or pertaining to birds; bird-like

volumenometer instrument for measuring volume of a solid volumeter instrument for measuring volume of a liquid or gas voluminal of, like or pertaining to volume or cubic capacity voluntarism belief that the will dominates the intellect

voluptuary sensualist; person fond of luxury

volupty sexual pleasure

volutation action of rolling; turning; wallowing

voluted in spiral form

volution revolving movement; convolution; whorl

volvelle instrument like an astrolabe used by doctors for astrology

vomiturition violent retching

voraginous of, like or pertaining to a whirlpool; voracious

vorago gulf; chasm; abyss

vorant devouring vorpal keen; deadly

vortical of, like or pertaining to a vortex; whirling

vorticist painter who expresses complexity of machinery through

art

vorticity amount of vortical motion in a fluid

vortoscope device using mirrors to produce abstract photographs

votation action of voting

votive given by vow; consisting of a vow or wish voussoir wedge-like stone forming part of an arch

vraisemblance verisimilitude vug small cavity in a rock

vulcanology study of volcanoes vulgo commonly; popularly

vulgus the common people; schoolboy Latin composition

vulnerary healing wounds

vulnerate to wound vulnerose wounded

vulpecular of, like or pertaining to a young fox

vulpicide killing of a fox

vulpine of, like or pertaining to foxes; cunning

vulsella forceps with toothed blades

vulturine rapacious; of, like or pertaining to a vulture vulvar of, like or pertaining to or resembling the vulva

vulviform shaped like an oval or a vulva

wack old name for decomposed basalt

wadmal thick coarse wool

waftage transportation through water or air

wafture act of waving or wafting

wagonette carriage with one crosswise seat in front, two seats in back

wagtail an obsequious person; a harlot

wainage team and implements needed for cultivation of land wainscot to line with boards or panels; fine oak panelling wair timber of six feet in length and one foot in width

waits musicians employed to play on ceremonial occasions

wakerife wakeful; indisposed to sleep

waldflute organ flute stop of 4 feet in length

waldgrave old German title of nobility waldhorn French valveless hunting horn

wale to choose; the act of choosing walleteer one who carries a wallet

wallfish snail

wallflower vellowish-red

wallydrag feeble or worthless person or animal

walm to spout; to boil up

walty inclined to tip over or lean

wamble churning of the stomach; wobbling or rolling motion

wame the womb or belly; a protuberant hollow part wamus cardigan or jacket buttoned at neck and wrists

wanchancy unlucky; uncanny wang the cheek; a molar

wanhope despair

wanigan pay office in a lumber camp

wanion ill luck; misfortune wankle unstable or unsteady wantage deficiency; shortage

wanze to decrease; to waste away

wapenshaw periodic gathering to evaluate readiness of men for

combat

wapentake archaic sub-division of certain counties

waqf charitable donation for Islamic religious purposes

warble small tumour suffered by horses under the saddle area

wardcorn payment of corn in place of military service

warden kind of pear used in cooking

wardmote meeting of a ward or a court of a ward

wardroom quarters for ship's officers warison wealth; reward; punishment

warrantise the act of guaranteeing or warranting; an assurance

warray to make war on warren heart-shaped hoe

warrener keeper of a warren of rabbits

wase small bundle of hay or straw for resting one's head

washball ball of toilet soap

washboard broad thin plank along ship's gunwale to keep out sea

water

washery location where industrial washing takes place

washeteria laundromat or launderette

washi thin Japanese paper used to make kites and lanterns

washland area periodically flooded by river wasm an outdated policy, doctrine or theory

wassail toast to someone's health; to go caroling or carousing;

spiced ale

wasserman man-shaped sea monster

wastel sweet flaky bread made with fine flour and butter

wastelot unused lot of land in a built-up area

waster wooden sword used for practicing fencing

wastive liable to waste

watchet pale blue

watchglass small dish used for holding small amounts of a solution

watching fully afloat

waterage fee paid for travelling on water

waterish resembling or filled with water; insipid or diluted

waterman boatman or ferryman

waterwork piece of fabric painted to resemble a tapestry wattmeter instrument for measuring electrical power

waulk to full cloth waulker cloth fuller

wavemeter instrument for measuring wavelengths waveson goods floating on the sea after a shipwreck

waxcloth oilcloth: linoleum

wayboard thin geological seam separating larger strata

waygone exhausted from long travels

wayment lamentation; grief

waywiser instrument for measuring distance travelled

wayzgoose annual employees' dinner or outing

wear to turn a ship's stern to windward to alter its course

wearish tasteless; savourless weasand the gullet or windpipe

weatherboard weather side of a ship

weatherly able to sail close to the wind with little leeway weatherometer instrument for measuring weather-resisting properties of paint

webcast live broadcast transmitted on the World Wide Web weber unit of magnetic flux equal to 100 million maxwells

webster a female weaver

webwheel wheel in which spokes, rim and centre made from one piece of material

wedeln skiing in a swiveling motion with skis close together

weed garment or outfit worn during mourning

weedicide something that kills weeds

weedy dressed in widow's mourning clothes

weftage texture

wegotism excessive use of the pronoun 'we' in speech or writing

weighage fee paid for weighing goods weirdward bordering upon the supernatural weld yellow dye; plant from which it is extracted

welk to twist about

welkin the vault of the sky; firmament; heaven wellaway expression of sorrow or lamentation; alas

welter to be in a state of turmoil or chaos

wen enormously congested city

wergild fine paid by family of murderer to family of murder victim

wertfrei without value judgement; neutral westing space or distance westward

wether castrated ram

wey old measure for dry goods usually equal to 40 bushels

whang a leather thong; a thick slice

whangam an imaginary animal

wharfinger keeper or owner of a wharf

whatabouts things with which one is occupied

wheal a Cornish mine

wheaten the golden colour of ripe wheat

wheelhouse shelter where ship's steering wheel kept

wheep sound made by a steel weapon when drawn from a sheath

wheeple to whistle feebly whelky knobby; rounded

whelve to cover with an upside down vessel

whemmle to overturn; to throw into a state of disorder

whenas when

whencesoever from whatsoever place or source

whereagainst against which

whereinsoever in whatsoever respect or place

whereinto into which; into what

whereof of what whereon on what whereout out of which

wherethrough through which; through the agency of

whereuntil to what wherewith with what

wherret a blow on the ear or side of the head

wherry light shallow boat; barge

whey off-white

whichsoever every one that whicker to neigh; to bleat

whiff to fish with hand line towed behind a boat

whiffet paltry person; little dog

whiffler official who clears way for a procession

whifflery levity; trifling whift a slight puff or blast

whiggarchy government by Whigs whilom formerly; once; former

whin gorse; furze

whinger dirk or short sword whinstone hard and compact rock

whinyard short sword

whipcat tailor

whipcord fabric with bold twill used for making dresses whipjack whining beggar who pretends to be a sailor

whippet a small tank

whippletree crosspiece of a carriage to which harnesses attached

whippy pliant; supple

whipsaw narrow saw for cutting timber lengthwise whipstaff vertical lever controlling ship's rudder

whipstall airplane stall causing nose to whip forward and down

whirret to give a sharp blow to whiskerando a whiskered person whiskerine beard-growing contest whiss to hiss or whistle

whistler mythical bird whose whistle is fatal to the listener

whitecoat white-furred seal pup

whither to what place

whithersoever to any place whatsoever whitherward toward what or which place whitleather leather dressed with alum

whitlow abscess around a fingernail whitster bleacher of cloth and clothing

whittawer one who makes saddles or harnesses

whittle a woollen shawl or blanket

whodunitry genre of writing poor mystery novels

wholestitch weaving stitch that fills in a pattern whoreson bastard; whore's son; term of contempt

whosoever every one who

wicket small door forming part of larger door of a church or castle

widdershins counterclockwise

widgeon freshwater duck

widget any small manufactured object

wieldless unmanageable

wigan stiff plain-woven cotton

wight a supernatural man-like being wight nimble; strong; courageous

wilder to cause to stray

wilding that which grows without cultivation williwaw sudden squall, tumult or disturbance

willowish of the colour of willow leaves

wimble instrument for boring holes; gimlet; auger wimple cloth covering for head and neck worn by nuns

wincey plain or twilled cotton

windbound hindered from sailing by contrary winds

windcheater windproof jacket

windgall puffy swelling around a horse's joints windlass winch used to raise a ship's anchor windlass circuitous movement; indirect action

windle appliance for winding yarn

windlestraw anything light or insubstantial; feeble person windrose diagram showing yearly wind strengths for a locality

windrow hay raked together into a line

windthrow the blowing over of trees by the wind

winglet a small wing

winkler one who extracts or forces something out little by little

winterbourne intermittent spring of water

winterim short winter term at a private school designed for personal

study

winterkill to kill by exposure to cold

winze small ventilating shaft between two levels of a mine wippen part of piano hammer raised when note played

wirble to whirl; to turn round and round

wiredraw to reduce fluid pressure by passing it through a small

orifice

wirewove very fine quality of writing paper

wis to know, to believe

wiseacre someone who unduly assumes air of superior wisdom

wiseling one who pretends to be wise

wisent European bison

wisket a basket

wist to know

wistly longingly; earnestly

witchknot knot in hair supposedly tied by witches

witeless without fault; blameless

witenagemot early English national council withal besides; therewith; nevertheless; with

withe elastic tool handle to save the hand from shock of blows

withe partition between chimney flues

witherling withered or decrepit person; an adversary

withy flexible; wiry and agile; willow

witling one who utters markedly feeble witticisms

witticaster a petty or inferior wit

wittol one who knows wife's faithlessness and submits to it

witwanton to engage in irreverent wit wive to take for a wife; to marry a woman

wivern mythical two-legged winged monster

woad broad-leafed plant yielding blue dye

woggle ring of leather or plastic used to thread neckerchief

wold open tract of country

womanthrope a hater of women

womby hollow; capacious

wondermonger one who promises miracles wonderwork prodigy; miracle; thaumaturgy

wone a dwelling-place; custom or habit

woning state of dwelling; dwelling-place

wontless unaccustomed wood mad; insane; wild

woodmeal sawdust and other wood waste used as industrial filler

woodreeve overseer of a wood

woodshedding spontaneous barbershop singing

woodwose wild man of the woods, used in heraldry as supporter; satyr

or faun

woofits an unwell feeling; depression

woolage untidy hair woolbird sheep

woold to wind a rope or chain around woolfell skin with the wool still on it

woolpack cirrocumulus cloud; a bale or bundle of wool

woolsack large wool-filled scarlet sack for the Lord Chancellor

woolsev cotton and wool blend

woolward with wool next to the skin as punishment

woonerf road in a residential district which uses various measures

to calm traffic

woopie well-off older person

worcester fine wool

wordbound unable to find expression in words

wordbreak point of division in a word that runs onto the next line

wordish verbose

workerist one who supports worker's rights workshy hating or avoiding work; lazy

worksome industrious

worldling a person engrossed in concerns of the present world

wormcast spiral heap of earth left by burrowing worm

wormery place where worms are bred

wormil lump in the skin of an animal's back wormwood something bitter, galling, or grievous

worricow scarecrow; hobgoblin; frightening-looking person worsement deterioration or deprecation of property without the

owner's consent

worsification the composition of bad poetry

wort any herb or vegetable

wort infusion of malt before fermentation

wortle perforated plate through which wire drawn to make thinner

woubit a small and shabby person

woundless harmless

woundy causing wounds; characterized by wounds

woundy excessively; extremely

wrack seaweed or wreckage cast up on shore

wrackful destructive

wranglership position of being a wrangler at Cambridge University

wrawl to caterwaul wreakless unpunished

wretchock smallest or weakest of a brood

wrick to twist; to sprain; to strain

wright maker; repairer

wristlet wristband; small strap worn around the wrist

writative characterized by an inclination to write

writhled wrinkled; shriveled wrongous unjust; wrongful

wroth wrathful; in commotion; stormy

wrox to decay; to rot

wuffler agricultural machine for turning and fluffing bales of hav

wurley a nest; an aboriginal hut

wurst large sausage wurzel kind of beet

wuthering blowing strongly with a roaring sound

wye a Y-branching pipe or railroad track arrangement

wyn old English rune having value 'w'

wynd narrow street or lane

wyrd the personification of fate or destiny

xanthareel yellow eel formerly used in medicinal foods

xanthic yellow; yellowish xanthippe ill-tempered woman

xanthocarpous having yellow fruit xanthochroia yellowness of the skin xanthochroic having yellow skin

xanthocomic yellow-haired

xanthocyanopsy form of colour-blindness in which only blue and

yellow can be distinguished

xanthoderm yellow-skinned person xanthodont one with yellow teeth

xanthoma disease characterized by yellow patches on the skin

xanthometer instrument for measuring colour of sea or lake water xanthophyll substance causing yellow colour of autumn leaves

xanthopsia a visual condition where things appear yellow

xanthospermous having yellow seeds

xanthous yellow or red-haired

xebec small three-masted pirate ship

xeme fork-tailed gull

xenagogue guide; someone who conducts strangers xenial of or concerning hospitality towards guests

xenium gift made to a guest or ambassador; any compulsory gift

xenobiotic indicating a substance or item foreign to the body

xenocracy government by a body of foreigners

xenodiagnosis diagnosis of disease by allowing laboratory-bred

diseases to affect material

xenodocheionology love of hotels

xenodochial hospitable; kindly to strangers

xenodochium building for the reception of strangers

xenogamy cross-fertilization

xenogeneic of a disease, derived from an individual of a different

species

xenogenesis generation of offspring entirely unlike the parent

xenogenous due to an outside cause

xenoglossia person's knowledge of a language never studied

xenolalia person's knowledge of a language never studied

xenolith fragment of extraneous rock embedded in magma or

another rock

xenomancy divination using strangers

xenomania inordinate attachment to foreign things xenomenia menstruation from abnormal orifices

xenomorphic having a form not its own

xenophilia love of foreigners

xenophobia fear of foreigners

xenops a small tropical rainforest bird

xenurine species of armadillo

xeransis drying up

xerarch growing in dry places

xerasia abnormal dryness of the hair

xeric dry; lacking in moisture

xerocopy photocopy

xerodermia abnormal dryness of the skin

xerography photocopying

xerophagy eating of dry food; fast of dry food in the week preceding

Easter

xerophily adaptation to very dry conditions xerophobous unable to survive drought

xerophthalmia dryness and soreness of the eyes

xerophytic able to withstand drought

xeroradiography process for taking permanent pictures of X-ray

images

xerosis abnormal dryness of body parts xerostomia excessive dryness of the mouth

xerothermic dry and hot

xerotic dry

xerotripsis dry friction

xesturgy process of polishing

xilinous of, like or pertaining to cotton

xiphias swordfish xiphoid sword-shaped

xiphopagus conjoined twins joined by a band of flesh on the torso

xiphophyllous having sword-shaped leaves

xiphosuran horseshoe crab

xoanon primitive wooden statue overlaid with ivory and gold xography photographic process for producing three-dimensional images

xu former monetary unit of Vietnam

xylan gelatinous compound found in wood

xylary of, like or pertaining to xylem xylem woody portion of a plant xylocarp hard and woody fruit xylogenous growing on wood

xyloglyphy wood-carving

xylography art of engraving on wood

xyloid woody; ligneous xylology study of wood

xylomancy divination by examining wood found in one's path xylometer instrument measuring specific gravity of wood

xylophagous wood-eating

xylophilous fond of wood; living in or on wood

xylophory wood-carrying

xylopolist one who sells wood

xylopyrography engraving designs on wood with hot poker

xylorimba combination of xylophone and marimba

xylotherapy use of certain sorts of wood in treating disease

xylotomous wood-cutting; wood-boring xylotypographic printed from wooden blocks

xystarch ancient Greek officer in charge of gymnastic exercises

xyster surgeon's instrument for scraping bones xyston short pike used by Greek heavy cavalry

xystus covered walkway for exercises

yabba large Jamaican earthenware or wooden vessel

yabby small edible freshwater crayfish

yachty relating to yachts

yad rod used by readers of the Torah as a pointer for following text

yaff to bark like a snarling dog yaffingale green woodpecker

yag synthetic diamond made of yttrium aluminum garnet

yager nineteenth-century rifle

yahrzeit Jewish remembrance of the first anniversary of someone's

death

yair tidal enclosure for catching fish

yajna Hindu sacrificial rite

yakhdan box used for carrying ice on back of pack animal yakow animal crossbred from male yak and domestic cow

yale mythical animal resembling tusked horse with elephant's tail and

used in heraldry

yam posting-house along a road

yantra geometrical diagram designed as a meditation aid

yapness hunger

yapok an amphibious opossum of South America

yapp limp leather binding in which cover overlaps edges of book

yarak of a hawk, in good condition for hunting

yarborough hand of cards containing no card above nine

yardage charge for use of a yard

yardang ridge formed by wind erosion parallel to prevailing winds

yardarm either end of the yard of a square-rigged ship

yarder donkey-engine used in logging yardland unit of land area equal to 30 acres

yare marked by quickness and agility; nimble; prepared; easily

handled

yarling wailing; howling

yarmulke skullcap worn by Orthodox Jewish men

yarnwindle tool for winding yarn into a ball yarpha peatbog; sandy or fibrous peat

yarrow flowering herb growing in moist areas; milfoil vashiki residence of a feudal lapanese nobleman

yashmak double Muslim veil leaving only eyes uncovered

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yataghan long curved knife or sabre
yate species of eucalyptus tree with strong wood
           root crop of the West Indies like a vam
vautia
yaw to move unsteadily side to side; to rotate about a vertical axis
yawl ship's small boat; sailboat carrying mainsail and one or more jibs
           prone to yawning; characterized by yawning
vawny
yealing
           person of the same age
yean to give birth to a lamb or kid
veanling
           lamb; kid
           full of restless energy or creativity; insubstantial
veastv
yede to go
yegg a burglar of safes
yelek outer garment worn by Turkish women
           to bellow; to yelp
vellow
yellowback cheap sensational novel
yelm a straight bundle of straw used for thatching
yelt a young sow
                 old term for a female yeoman in the American naval
veomanette
reserve
yerk to draw tight; to bind
veuk to itch
yex to hiccup, belch or spit
           to utter sharp little cries
vikker
yird to bury
ylem in alchemy, substance from which the elements developed
yogh letter in Middle English representing y or 'hh' sound
                 materials used by a spiritualist
vogibogevbox
           expression of surprise or excitement
yoicks
           to carry heavy equipment over difficult terrain
yomp
yon yonder
yonderly
           mentally or emotionally distant; absent-minded
yoni symbol representing female genitals
           emigrants who leave Israel
vordim
younker
           a young person
yowie
           a little ewe
           mustard gas
vperite
ypsiliform shaped like an upsilon
           unit of reciprocal inductance
vrneh
vttriferous bearing vttrium
     precious jade
vuft Russia leather
yuke to itch
zabaglione frothy custard
zabernism misuse of military authority; bullying
zabra
           small Spanish sailing vessel
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zabuton flat Japanese cushion for kneeling or sitting

zaffre impure cobalt oxide

zaftig having a full; rounded figure

zaitech investment in financial markets by a company in order to

boost profits

zakuska hors d'oeuvre; snack

zalambdodont having molar teeth with V-shaped ridges

zamacueca Chilean dance where partners move around each

other

zamarra sheepskin jacket

zambomba Spanish percussion instrument

zambra Spanish dance zampogna Italian bagpipe

zampone stuffed pigs' trotter sausage zander a variety of European perch zanella mixed twilled umbrella fabric zanjero supervisor of irrigation canals

zanyism buffoonery

zanze African musical instrument like castanets

zapata flowing, drooping moustache

zapateado Latin-American dance with rhythmic tapping of the feet

zappy lively; entertaining

zarf ornamental holder for hot coffee cup

zari Indian gold and silver brocade

zariba square fence of thorn-bushes; fortified camp

zarzuela traditional Spanish vaudeville show; fish and shellfish stew

zatch female genitalia

zayat Burmese public meeting-hall or house of worship

zazzy flashy; stylish

zebrine of, like or pertaining to zebras

zebrinny offspring of male horse and female zebra

zebroid like or resembling a zebra

zebrule hybrid offspring of male zebra and female horse

zebu ox with hump and dewlap

zedoary aromatic root resembling ginger

zegedine silver drinking-cup

zeitgeber rhythmically occurring event that cues organisms'

biological rhythms

zek inmate of prison labour camp

zel form of Oriental cymbal

zelator sister in a convent in charge of checking on conduct of

other nuns

zelatrix older nun in charge of disciplining younger nuns

zelophobia irrational or fear of jealousy zelotic of the nature of a zealot

zelotypia jealousy; excessive zeal in carrying out a project

zeme Caribbean idol or totem

zemindar in colonial India, an indigenous revenue collector or

landholder

zemirah Hebrew religious song sung at Sabbath meals

zemni blind mole-rat

zenana system of segregating women away from men in harems zendalet large black woollen shawl worn over the head or shoulders

zendik heretic; magician

zendo hall for Zen Buddhist meditation

zenocentric measured with reference to the planet Jupiter

zenography study of the planet Jupiter

zenzic square of a number

zenzizenzic eighth power of a number

zephyr lightweight wool or worsted fabric; the west wind

zeppole a variety of doughnut

zeroable able to be omitted from a sentence without any loss of

meaning

zeta small room or closet in a church

zetetic proceeding by inquiry; a search or investigation

zeugma use of a word to modify two or more words in different

ways

zeugmatography imaging using nuclear magnetic resonance to study soft tissue

zeze stringed instrument resembling a zither

zho cross between a yak and a cow ziamet large ancient Turkish fiefdom

zibeline soft piled wool

zibeline of, like or pertaining to the sable

zibib colourless alcoholic drink made from raisins

ziganka Russian country dance

ziggurat Mesopotamian step pyramid zill finger cymbals used in belly dancing

zimocca bath-sponge

zincic of, pertaining to or containing zinc

zinciferous bearing zinc

zincography process of engraving or etching on zinc

zineb white powder used as fungicide

zingaro gypsy zingiber ginger

zinke old wind instrument resembling the cornet

zinkiferous bearing zinc

zinnia brightly coloured annual flower

zinnober chrome green

ziraleet expression of joy among Arab women

zirconic of or pertaining to zirconium

zitella young girl; maiden

zither musical instrument with strings laid over horizontal board

ziti pasta shaped like large macaroni

zizel chipmunk

zizyphus spiny fruit-bearing shrub

zizz sparkle; vim

zoanthropy delusion that one is an animal

zoarium supporting structure for a polyp colony zodiographer one who writes about animals

zoetic living; vital

zoetrope slotted rotating cylinder producing primitive animation zograscope optical device for viewing stereoscopic images

zoiatrics veterinary surgery

zoic of, like or pertaining to animals; containing evidence of life

zoilism carping and unjust criticism

zoism doctrine that life originates from a single vital principle

zollverein customs union

zolotnik old Russian unit of weight equal to 1/6 of an ounce

zomotherapy medical treatment using raw meat

zona girdle or belt; patch or band

zonal of or like a zone; arranged in zones

zonarious of or pertaining to a girdle or purse zonary of or like a zone; arranged in zones

zonelet a little zone zonoid like a zone zonule small zone

zonulet a small belt or girdle zonure small South African lizard

zooarchaeology study of animal remains of archaeological sites

zoocentric centred on the animal world

zoocephalic animal-headed

zoochemistry chemistry of animals

zoochorous of seeds or spores spread by animals zoochory spread of plant seeds or spores by animals

zooculture domestication of animals

zoocytium a hollow vessel zoodikers an exclamation

zoodynamics dynamics of animal bodies zoogamy sexual reproduction of animals

zoogenic produced from animals

zoogeography study of geographic distribution of animals

zoogeology study of fossil animal remains

zoogonous giving birth to live offspring

zoograft tissue from an animal grafted to a human zoography the painting or description of animals

zoogyroscope device for depicting the movement of animals

through rotating images

zooid asexually produced organism resembling an animal zoolatry excessive devotion to animals or pets zoolite fossil animal animal magnetism zoomagnetism zoomancy divination by observing animals insane fondness for animals zoomania measurement of animals zoometrv zoomimetic imitating an animal or part of an animal zoomorphic having the form or shape of an animal conception of a god or man in animal form zoomorphism zoon organism regarded as a complete animal of, like or pertaining to or derived from animals zoonic animal physiology zoonomy disease of animals which can be transmitted to humans zoonosis study of animal diseases zoonosology zoopathology study of animal diseases experimentation on animals zoopery zoophagy eating animals zoophilia loving or caring for animals; bestiality zoophily loving or caring for animals; bestiality zoophobia fear of animals zoophorus continuous frieze depicting humans and animals zoophysics physics of animal bodies zoophysiology study of physiology of animals plant-like animal such as coral zoophyte zoophytology study of plant-like animals zoopraxiscope device for depicting the movement of animals through rotating images hallucination that one is seeing animals ZOOSCODV study of animal communication zoosemiotics knowledge or learning concerning animals zoosophy science of classifying animals zootaxv zootechnics science of breeding animals zoothapsis premature burial zootheism attribution of divine qualities to animals zootherapy veterinary therapeutics dissection of animals; comparative anatomy zootomy poison derived from animal zootoxin zootrophy feeding or tending of animals animal serving as a type; figure of an animal used to zootype represent a deity combination of wax and pitch used for medicinal purposes zopissa syncopated; limping (in music) zoppa medieval Italian limping hop dance zoppetto

zori lapanese thonged sandals

euphemism for skunk fur

zorino

zoster a girdle

zosteriform shaped like a girdle

zosterops small tropical bird with a ring of white feathers around the

eyes

zouk Caribbean disco dance and corresponding type of fast rhythmic

music

zounds mild oath

zoysia perennial subtropical grass

zubrowka vodka flavoured with sweet-grass

zucca gourd

zucchetto round skullcap worn by Catholic clergy to indicate rank

zuche tree stump

zufolo small flute used to train songbirds

zug waterproof leather used for boots

zugtrompete slide trumpet zugzwang chess blockade zule in heraldry, a chess rook

zumbador South American hummingbird

zumbooruk small cannon carried on the back of a camel

zuppa fish soup zurla Yugoslavian shawm

zurna Turkish bagpipe or shawm zwieback sweet toasted biscuit

zwischenzug chess move made to play for time

zwitterion ion carrying both a positive and negative charge

zydeco Louisiana Creole dance music

zygal formed like the letter H; of, like or pertaining to a yoke or union

zygnomic legally supported constraint on human freedom zygodactylic having two toes in front and two behind

zygology science of joining and fastening zygoma bony arch on the side of the skull zygomorphic bilaterally symmetrical

zygon connecting bar

zygopleural bilaterally symmetrical

zygosis conjugation

zymic of, like or pertaining to fermentation

zymite priest using leavened bread during communion

zymogenic causing fermentation zymology science of fermentation

zymometer instrument for measuring fermentation zymosimeter instrument for measuring fermentation

zymosis fermentation

zymotechnics the art of fermentation

zymotic of, like or pertaining to fermentation

zymurgy branch of chemistry dealing with brewing and distilling

zythum ancient Egyptian beer

zyzzyva South American weevil