FIRST ROUND

ABANDONED adj. given up completely or before completion; forsaken

Origin: French abandoner , from a`bandon, 'under one's control'

Sentence: Motorists abandoned their cars when the water on the road started to rise

ABDOMEN n. the part of the body containing the stomach, bowels, reproductive organs

Origin: Latin

Sentence: The surgeon made an incision in the upper abdomen: This country is absolutely beautiful!

ABDUCT v. to kidnap or carry off a person by force or illegally

Origin: Latin abducere, 'to lead away' ab'dûkt

Sentence: The criminals failed in their attempt to abduct the woman from her home.

ABILITY n. possession of the means or skills to do

Origin: Ofr/ Lat

Sentence: We know that the child has the ability to spell.

ABORTION n. miscarriage of birth; expulsion of foetus from the womb ə'borshən

Origin: Latin abortus, 'disappeared, miscarried'

Sentence: A major problem in pregnancy might lead to an abortion.

ABRASION n. scraping off; wearing away (of skin, rock, etc) əˈbrāžən

Origin: Latin radere, 'to scrape'

Sentence: When she fell she received an abrasion to her knee.

ABSENCE n. being away from a place or person

Origin: Latin absentia

Sentence: Last term, Kelly missed a lot because of her frequent absence from school.

ABSOLUTELY adv. utterly; perfectly

Origin: Latin absolutus, 'completed unconditional' Sentence: This country is absolutely beautiful!

ABSTINENCE n. forbearance of any indulgence of appetite

Origin: Ofr/ Lat

Sentence: Our school children must practice abstinence

ABSURD adj. inappropriate; unreasonable; ridiculous; silly/ n. that which is ridiculous

Origin: Latin

Sentence: It is really absurd to hear that they are going to make condoms available in school.

ACCELERATOR n. pedal or other device for increasing speed

Origin: Latin celer 'swift'

Sentence: When the driver steps on the accelerator, the car goes faster

ACCENT n., v. mode of pronunciation; mark showing stressed syllable; to pronounce with accent; emphasize

Origin: Latin accentus, 'song added to'

Sentence: The foreigner spoke English but with a strange accent

ACCESS n., v. admittance; gain admittance to (mainly in computing) 'akses

Origin: Latin accessus, 'an approach'

Sentence: We were able to gain access to the building through a broken window.

ACCOMMODATION n. lodgings; adjustment to a purpose əkomə'dāshən

Origin: Latin accommodare, 'to make fit'

Sentence: Comfortable accommodation was provided for our Spelling Bee champion.

ACCOMPLICE n. partner or helper especially in crime or wrongdoing ə'kûmplis / ə'komplis

Origin: Latin complex complicis, 'closely connected'

Sentence: Both the criminal and his accomplice were arrested for their wrongdoing.

ACCUSTOMED v., adj. used to; customary; usual

Origin: French acostumer, related to 'custom'

Sentence: We rural farmers are accustomed to hard work.

ACHIEVEMENT n. accomplishment; success

Origin: French a chief (venir), '(to come or bring) to a head'

Sentence: The country's winning of the first prize was a major achievement for us.

ACKNOWLEDGE v. to recognize; accept; express appreciation ək'nolij

Origin: Medieval English

Sentence: Do you now acknowledge that you were wrong?

ACNE n. skin condition usually showing pimples and pustules

Origin: Greek from akme, 'facial eruption'

Sentence: Many teenagers develop acne on their faces

ACQUAINTANCE n. slight knowledge of a person or thing; person one knows slightly ə'kwāntəns

Origin: Latin accongnitare, 'to come to know'

Sentence: He's not a friend, but an acquaintance of ours.

ACQUISITION n. something which has come into one's possession akwi'zishən

Origin: Latin acquirere, 'to get'

Sentence: The collector's latest acquisition is an antique typewriter.

ACQUITTAL n. the process of freeing or being freed from a charge əˈkwit(ə)l

Origin: Latin acquitare, 'to pay a debt'

Sentence: The acquittal of the prisoner came after only a short trial.

ACREAGE n. a number of acres; an extent of land 'āk(ə)rij

Origin: Old English aecer

Sentence: The acreage is not much but it is all level land.

ACROBATICS n. gymnastic performances; the art of performing acrobatic feats

Origin: Greek akron, 'summit' + bainein , 'to walk'

Sentence: His acrobatics kept the audience fully entertained.

ACTIVATOR n. a device that sets things in motion, activates or energizes

Origin: Probably Latin agere, 'to do'

Sentence: My old toy train used a spring as an activator.

ACTUALLY adv. as a fact; really; as a matter of fact; at present

Origin: Latin actus, 'an act'

Sentence: We aimed for ten thousand dollars but actually got nine

ADAPT v. to fit; to adjust to another purpose

Origin: Latin adaptare

Sentence: Travellers learn to adapt to foreign climates

ADDRESS n., v. place of residence or contact; speech; to deliver speech; to direct attention to; to write address

Origin: Latin directus, 'direct'

Sentence: Please give me your e-mail address

ADEQUATE adj. sufficient; satisfactory; only just enough

Origin: Latin adaequatus, 'made equal' Sentence: The time allowed was adequate

ADHESIVE n., adj. sticky substances; enabling surfaces to stick; sticky əd'hēsiv / əd'hēziv

Origin: French adhesif

Sentence: Liquid glue is the best adhesive to hold these sheets together.

ADJACENT adj. lying near, next to, adjoining ə'jāsənt

Origin: Latin, adjacere, 'to lie next to'

Sentence: Someone called from the adjacent house, so we went across to help.

ADJOURN v. (meeting, discussion, etc) to break off or transfer to another place ə'jern

Origin: French jorn, 'day' (a + jorn)

Sentence: The chairman decided to adjourn the meeting until the following week.

ADJUSTABLE adj. capable of being made suitable, or of fitting a new condition ə'jûstəbl

Origin: Latin juxta, 'near'

Sentence: These seat belts are adjustable to the passengers' heights

ADMINISTRATOR n. person who controls and directs the affairs of a business; manager

Origin: Latin administrare, 'to minister (take care of)'

Sentence: The managing director is the chief administrator in this company.

ADMITTANCE n. allowing or being allowed to enter; a right to enter

Origin: Latin admittere, 'to let into'

Sentence: The sign said, 'Admittance to Staff Only'

ADOLESCENT n., adj. person or period between childhood and adulthood ada'lesant

Origin: Latin adolescere, 'to grow up' Sentence: A teenager is an adolescent.

ADOPTION n. assuming parenthood; accepting or taking over

Origin: Latin adoptare, 'to choose for oneself'

Sentence: As they have no children, they are considering adoption.

ADVERTISEMENT n. notice of something (for sale, for information etc)

Origin: French a(d)vertir

Sentence: Many people applied for the job displayed in that advertisement.

AEROPLANE n. flying vehicle with wings and engine

Origin: French aeroplane , 'air planet'

Sentence: An aeroplane will transport you quickly from one country to another

AFFECTIONATE adj. fond; showing love or tenderness

Origin: Latin affectionatus

Sentence: Children are usually very affectionate.

AGGRESSION n. an unprovoked attack; forcefulness ə'greshən

Origin: Latin aggressio, 'attack'

Sentence: Aggression is a common cause of fights and wars.

AISLE n. passageway in the middle of a church, theatre etc 'īl

Origin: Latin ala, 'wing'

Sentence: The couple led the procession down the aisle of the church.

ALBINO n. person, animal or plant born without normal colouring or pigmentation in skin, hair, eyes

Origin: Latin albus, 'white'

Sentence: In Jamaica, an albino has to endure much teasing and discrimination

ALBUMEN n. egg white, substance between skin and germ of many seeds 'albūmin

Origin: Latin albumen, fromalbus, 'white'

Sentence: We eat both the yolk and the albumen of eggs.

n. any protein which is readily soluble in water and coagulable by heat; spec. (in medicine) the soluble

protein present in blood stream

Origin: French

Sentence: Albumin present in the urine may be a sign of renal disease.

ALCOHOLISM n. addiction to alcohol 'alkəholizm

Origin: Arabic al-kuhl, 'the khol' ('alcohol')

Sentence: Many visitors to the bar suffer from alcoholism

ALCOVE n. small secluded spot; nook or recess

Origin: Arabic al-kubba, 'the vault'

Sentence: They met in an alcove for a very private discussion.

ALLEGE v. to declare or state without (or before) proof ə'lej

Origin: French esligier, 'to clear at law'

Sentence: The owners allege that there was robbery, but there is no proof of it.

ALLIGATOR n. large reptile of the crocodile family

Origin: Spanish el legarto, 'the lizard'

Sentence: Like crocodiles, the alligator enjoys swampy areas.

ALMANAC n. annual calendar with astronomical data, etc 'awlmənak / 'olmənak

Origin: Greek almenikhiaka

Sentence: Some farmers use the almanac as a guide for planting crops.

ALMOND n. type of fruit tree whose seeds are eaten as nuts; the nut from it

Origin: Greek amugdale

Sentence: My favourite nut is definitely almond

ALUMINIUM n. light silvery metal produced mainly from bauxite alū'miniəm

Origin: Latin alumen aluminis

Sentence: Pots, pans, aeroplanes are some of the objects made with aluminium.

n. person engaged in a pursuit as a pastime rather than a profession; something for or done by amateurs

'amətůr / 'amətə

Origin: Latin amator, 'lover'

Sentence: She is an amateur but plans to begin professional swimming soon.

AMBASSADOR n. diplomat or other high ranking person sent abroad to represent his or her country

Origin: Latin ambactus, 'servant'

Sentence: There is no Egyptian ambassador to Jamaica

AMBULANCE n. vehicle for conveying the sick to hospital

Origin: Latin ambulare 'to walk about'

Sentence: An ambulance was summoned to transport the injured persons to hospital.

AMBUSH n., v. surprise attack from a place of hiding; such place of hiding; to attack by means of ambush

Origin: French embuschier, 'to put in the woods'

Sentence: The soldiers lay in ambush to attack the passing troops

AMICABLE adj. showing or done in a friendly spirit 'amikəbl

Origin: Latin amicus, 'friend'

Sentence: Discussions were heated, but we finally reached an amicable agreement.

AMMONIA n. colourless gas with pungent smell; solution of this gas in water

Origin: Latin sal ammoniacus

Sentence: Ammonia is used in fertilizers and many other chemical preparations.

AMMUNITION n. bullets, shells, bombs etc to be fired from a weapon; points used against someone in an argument

Origin: French (la) munition, '(the) munition'

Sentence: Soldiers appeared with guns and ammunition to fight the war.

AMUSEMENT n. enjoyment; something that amuses

Origin: French amuser, 'to cause to muse'

Sentence: The clown was a source of great amusement

ANAEMIA or ANEMIA n. deficiency in the blood usually of red cells; unhealthy condition resulting from this ə'nēmiə

Origin: Greek anaimia, 'without blood'

Sentence: The patient ate lots of green vegetables to help cure his anaemia.

ANALYSE or ANALYZE v. to examine in detail

Origin: Latin analysis, 'loosen up'

Sentence: Our chemist will analyse the sample to see what it contains.

ANATOMY n. the body or body parts of an animal or plant; the study of that structure

Origin: Greek anatome, 'a cutting up'

Sentence: The class is studying the anatomy of the iguana.

ANCHOR n.,v. heavy metal for keeping ship from moving; to secure ship using anchor

Origin: Greek agkura

Sentence: The ship dropped anchor just as it entered the harbour.

ANCIENT adj. of long ago; having existed since very early times

Origin: Latin ante, 'before'

Sentence: Very few tribes still practise ancient customs

ANCILLARY adj., n. giving support to a main service or body; worker who gives such support an'siləri

Origin: Latin ancilla, 'maidservant'

Sentence: The canteen provides ancillary services to the school.

APOLOGETIC adj. showing or expressing regret for doing wrong

Origin: Greek apologeistha, 'to speak in defence'

Sentence: They admitted to their wrongdoing and were all very apologetic.

APPRECIATION n. gratitude or thanks; an estimation, judgement or review of a book etc əprēshi'āshən / əprēsi'āshən

Origin: Latin appretiare, 'to value, appraise'

Sentence: The graduation class expressed appreciation to the school and all the teachers.

APPROACHABLE adj. friendly; easy to talk to; able to be approached ə'prōchəbl

Origin: Latin appropiare, 'to draw near'

Sentence: Our principal is a pleasant, approachable person.

AQUATIC adj., n. living in or near water, (sport) played in or on water ə'kwatik / ə'kwotik

Origin: Latin aqua, 'water'

 $\label{eq:Sentence:All fish are aquatic animals.}$ 

ARCHIVES n., v. collection of public documents and records; places where they are kept; to store in archive 'arkīvz

Origin: Greek arkheia, 'public records'

Sentence: All the older records have now been transferred to the archives.

ARGUMENT n. an exchange of views; reason for or against an idea

Origin: Latin arguere, 'to make clear'

Sentence: Both sides were engaged in a heated argument on a single topic.

ARRANGEMENT n. a plan, preparation, agreement; putting things in order; a piece of music etc specially adapted

Origin: French arangier, 'to range'

Sentence: They made an arrangement to meet at five o'clock.

ARTIFICIAL adj. imitation; made by man – not natural; not genuine

Origin: Latin artificialis, 'belonging to art'

Sentence: In order to cut cost for the wedding, we used artificial flowers

ASCEND v. to climb move upwards; rise

Origin: Latin ascendere, 'to climb up'

Sentence: They are in such a hurry that they ascend the stairs in leaps.

ASPHALT n., v. black sticky material used in road construction; to surface (road) with this 'asfalt

Origin: Greek asphalton

Sentence: Most of our roads are surfaced with asphalt.

ASSIGNMENT n. a job to be done; a position or office

Origin: Latin assignare 'to mark out to'

Sentence: We completed the assignment early and had time for entertainment

ATHLETICS n. track and field sports such as running, jumping, throwing

Origin: Greek athlos, 'contest'

Sentence: Some students prefer athletics rather than playing football.

AUTOMATIC adj. able to operate on its own; done without thinking; a machine operating on an automatic device

Origin: Greek automatos, 'acting of itself'

Sentence: It's an automatic door; you do not need to push it.

AUTOPSY n. examination of dead body usually by cutting it open to discover cause of death

Origin: Greek

Sentence: It is clear from the autopsy that death was casued by drowning

AUTUMN n. season between summer and winter

Origin: Latin autumnus

Sentence: Autumn is the season that is also called 'fall'.

AVOIDANCE n. keeping away from; escape

Origin: avoidier, 'to empty out'

Sentence: Complete avoidance of drugs is the safest way to escape addiction.

AWESOME adj. inspiring awe; dreaded

Origin: Old Norse agi, 'fear, awe'

Sentence: That leader has a truly awesome personality.

BABOON n. large long-nosed African and Arabian monkey; coarse person bə'boon

Origin: Latinbabewynus

Sentence: The children enjoyed watching the pranks of the baboon.

BADGER n., v. small animal with nocturnal habits; to pester or harass 'baja

Origin: Medieval English

Sentence: Plug all the holes to keep the badger out!

BADMINTON n. type of game played with net, rackets, etc 'badmintən

Origin: Named after town in England.

Sentence: I enjoy playing badminton at school.

BALLOON n., v. small inflatable rubber toy; to cause to swell out bə'loon

Origin: Frenchballone, 'large ball'

Sentence: Cindy is playing with a red balloon.

BANDANNA or BANDANA n. brightly coloured material worn esp. around head

Origin: Hindi bandhna, 'to tie' ban'danə

Sentence: The folk dancers were all wearing bandana.

BANDEAU n. narrow headband 'bandō

Origin: Frenchbandel, 'a little band'

Sentence: She is wearing a colourful bandeau on her head.

BANKRUPT adj., n. unable to pay debts; insolvent person 'baŋkrûpt

Origin: Italianbanca-rotta 'broken bank'.

Sentence: Failure of his business left him bankrupt.

BAPTISM n. symbolic admission to the Christian church, using water 'baptizm

Origin: Greekbaptizo, 'baptize'

Sentence: Christians see baptism as an important religious rite.

BARBECUE n., v. meal cooked outdoors over charcoal

Origin: French Haitian

Sentence: We are going to invite some friends over for a Sunday afternoon barbecue

BARRAGE n., v. rapid succession of questions or criticisms; artificial barrier 'bara:ž

Origin: Frenchbarrer, 'to block'

Sentence: A barrage of questions forced the speaker to shorten his speech.

BARRICADE n., v. barrier esp. improvised; to block or defend bari'kād

Origin: Frenchbarrique, 'barrel'

Sentence: A barricade was hurriedly built to block the street.

BARRISTER n. a lawyer qualified to speak in the high courts of law 'baristə

Origin: Latinbarra, 'bar, rod'

Sentence: The barrister successfully defended his client.

BARROW n. small cart with wheels used to carry items 'barō

Origin: Old English bearwe, 'a bier'

Sentence: The barrow was used to carry sand for the building.

BASIC adj. fundamental; critical 'bāsik

Origin: Medieval English

Sentence: One basic rule for good writing is correct spelling.

BATTALION n. an army unit bə'taliən

Origin: Italianbattaglia, 'company of soldiers'

Sentence: The enemy could not put up any resistance against the strong battalion at the border.

BAUXITE n. clay-like mineral; the chief source of aluminium 'bawksīt

Origin: French. Named after Les Baux where it was first found Sentence: Mining of bauxite is an important industry in Jamaica BEADLE n. ceremonial officer of a church, college, city, company, etc 'bēdl

Origin: Frenchbedel

Sentence: The beadle led the procession into the chapel.

BEAUTICIAN n. specialist in beauty treatment bū'tishən

Origin: Medieval English

Sentence: Before entering the beauty contest the young lady was helped by her beautician.

BECKON v.,n. to summon or call attention by gesture; a summoning 'bekən

Origin: Old English beacen, 'a sign'

Sentence: The child could not speak but could beckon for help.

BEGONIA n. type of garden plant with bright flowers and leaves biˈgōniə

Origin: Modified Latin Named after M Begon, a patron of botany.

Sentence: That begonia will bloom soon.

BEHAVIOUR or BEHAVIOR n. way of acting or conducting oneself

Origin: Latinhabere, 'to have' (be + have) bi'hāvyə

Sentence: The behaviour of the audience showed that they enjoyed the performance.

BENEDICTION n. prayer for blessing esp. at end of a religious service beni'dikshən

Origin: Latinbenedictio, 'bless'

Sentence: The congregation stood as the pastor gave the benediction.

BENEFICIAL adj. useful; having benefits; advantageous beni'fishəl

Origin: Latinbeneficialis, 'generous'

Sentence: The new health centre is beneficial to all persons in the community

BENEVOLENT adj. friendly and helpful; charitable bi'nevələnt

Origin: Frenchbene volens 'well wishing'

Sentence: Victims of the disaster got help from many benevolent organizations

BEQUEATH v. to pass on by a will; to hand down bi'kw $\bar{e}\theta$ 

Origin: Old English becwethan, 'speak or say'

Sentence: The old man decided to bequeath all his possessions to his only child.

BEREAVED adj. deprived of relation or friend esp. by death bi'rēvd

Origin: Old English bereafian. 'to rob, plunder'

Sentence: What can we do for the bereaved family in their grief?

BICENTENARY n., adj. two hundredth anniversary of an event bīsen'tēnəri

Origin: Latin bīsen'tenəri

Sentence: The company which was formed two bīsen'tinəri hundred years ago now celebrates its

bicentenary.

BICENTENNIAL adj., n. occurring every two hundred years or lasting 200 years; bicentenary bīsen'teniəl

Origin: Latir

Sentence: The bicentennial celebrations extended far and wide.

BICYCLE n. a vehicle having two wheels turned by paddling/v. to ride such a vehicle

Origin: Latin & Greek

Sentence: Johnny got a new bicycle for his birthday

BIGAMY n. crime of being married to two persons at the same time 'bigəmi

Origin: Latin bi ('twice) + Greekgamus, ('marriage')

Sentence: He was imprisoned for having committed bigamy.

BILINGUAL adj. able to speak two languages bīˈlingwəl

Origin: Latinbi ('two') + lingua, ('tongue')

Sentence: Being bilingual, he was able to interpret the speech of the foreign visitor.

BILIOUS adj. affected by disorder of the bile; bad tempered 'bilias

Origin: Latinbiliosus, 'full of bile'

Sentence: His sickness was caused by a bilious condition.

BILLIARDS n. game with cards played on a table 'bilyədz

Origin: Frenchbille 'a narrow stick'

Sentence: The family's favourite past time is a game of billiards.

BILLIONAIRE n. person who has over a billon dollars, pounds etc. bilyə'ne:r

Origin: French modelled on millionaire

Sentence: The billionaire was very charitable with his wealth.

BINOCULARS n. twin glasses for viewing distant objects bi'nokūləz

Origin: Latinbini, 'two by two' +oculus, 'eye'

Sentence: Using her binoculars she observed the performance at a distance.

BISCUIT n. flat crisp cookie 'biskit

Origin: Latinbis, 'twice' coquo, 'cook'

Sentence: You may have a biscuit with your tea.

BISECT v. to divide or cut into two equal parts bī'sekt

Origin: Latinbi ('two') + seco sect 'cut'

Sentence: In geometry she learnt to bisect lines.

BLATANT adj. shamelessly obvious 'blātənt

Origin: Scot. Coined by Edmund Spencer

Sentence: The judge punished him for his blatant dishonesty.

BLIZZARD n. severe snowstorm with high winds 'blizəd

Origin: US

Sentence: The rescue team searched for persons caught in the blizzard.

BOISTEROUS adj. noisy; rowdy 'boyst(ə)rəs

Origin: Medieval English

Sentence: Some neighbours are complaining about the boisterous behaviour of others.

BORROW n. take a thing on security giving assurance for its safe return / n. a pledge; a guarantee; bail; a ransom

Origin: OE

Sentence: I will ask him if I can borrow his hose to wash my car.

BOULEVARD n. broad street in a city or town esp. if lined with trees 'boolevard

Origin: German Bollwerk, bulwark

Sentence: As we drove along the boulevard we admired the trees lining it.

BOYCOTT v., n. to refuse to have any business or social dealings with; demonstration of such refusal 'boykot

Origin: Irish. Named after Captain Boycott, an English land agent. Sentence: They will boycott the shop if the prices continue to rise.

BROWSE v., n. to read leisurely for enjoyment; twigs, shoots etc as fodder 'bröwz

Origin: Frenchbrost, 'bud'

Sentence: They had enough time to browse through the day's newspapers.

BRUISE n., v. damage to skin caused esp. by a blow; to bruise 'brooz

Origin: Old English 'crush'

Sentence: The bruise on her arm is a result of the fall she had.

BUCCANEER n. pirate, unscrupulous adventurer bûkə'ne:r

Origin: Frenchboucan, 'frame for smoking meat'

Sentence: The buccaneer sailed the Caribbean Sea and robbed many ships.

BUFFALO n. wild ox of Africa or Asia 'bûfəlō

Origin: Greekboubalos, 'wild ox, antelope' Sentence: The buffalo is related to the cow.

BULLETIN n. short official news report 'bulitin

Origin: Italian diminutive of bulla, 'bull (document from the Pope)'

Sentence: As the hurricane approached, we listened to one bulletin after another.

BUNGALOW n. one storeyed house 'bûŋgəlō

Origin: Hindi bangala 'in the style of Bengal'

Sentence: She lived in a small bungalow near the sea.

BURROW n., v. a hole or tunnel dug by a rabbit etc; to dig such a hole 'bûrō

Origin: Related to Old English burger, 'grave'

Sentence: The little rabbit escaped the hunters and hid safely in its burrow.

BURSAR n. treasurer of a college, school, etc 'bersə

Origin: Latinbursa 'purse'

Sentence: The bursar kept a record of all the money paid.

BUZZARD n. large bird of the hawk family that eats other creatures 'bûzəd

Origin: French busard, 'falcon, hawk'

Sentence: That buzzard flying overhead seems to be searching for chickens.

BY-ELECTION n. election held between regular elections 'bīilekshən

Origin: Medieval English prefix by 'supplementary' + word election Sentence: A by-election was held when a member of parliament resigned.

CAFETERIA n. restaurant in which people collect their own food

Origin: Spanish cafeteria, 'coffee shop'

Sentence: Our school cafeteria serves cooked lunches.

CALABASH n. gourd or shell from the fruit of a particular tropical tree; the tree itself

Origin: Spanish calabaza

Sentence: Grandma still uses a calabash to collect water.

CALYPSO n. a particular kind of tune or music from the Caribbean

Origin: West Indian

Sentence: In Trinidad we hear and enjoy calypso.

CAMPAIGN n., v. organized series of action to gain support; operations of an army, to conduct such actions

Origin: Latin campania, 'open country'

Sentence: Both political parties have started their campaign for the election.

CAMPHOR n. a strong-smelling white substance used mainly as liniment or inhalant 'kamfə

Origin: Sanskrit karpuram

Sentence: There was a strong smell of camphor in the sick bay.

CANCELLATION n. the act of cancelling (stopping, crossing out) or being stopped

Origin: Latin cancellare, 'to strike out'

Sentence: A cancellation of the concert will disappoint the patrons.

CANINE adj., n. relating to dogs or family of dogs; animal in that family

Origin: Latin canis, 'dog'

Sentence: A wolf belongs to the canine family..

CANNIBAL n., adj. person who eats human flesh; animal that eats flesh of its own kind; of or like a cannibal

Origin: Spanish Canibales , name given by Columbus to the Caribs Sentence: A cannibal is a creature that eats the flesh of its own species.

CAPACITY n. amount; volume; ability; power

Origin: Latin capacitas , from capere , 'to take' Sentence: The seating capacity of that bus is forty.

CAPITALISM n. an economic system based on private ownership of business (instead of Government ownership)

Origin: Latin caput, 'head'

Sentence: Capitalism is the system operating in many countries today.

CAPSIZE v. (boat, ship, etc) to tip over completely; overturn

Origin: Spanish

Sentence: Too much weight on one side of the boat will make it capsize.

CAPTAINCY n. leadership of a team, army, aircraft, etc

Origin: Latin capitaneus, 'chief'

Sentence: When the captain resigned, the captaincy passed to his deputy.

CAREER n., v. job or profession; to swerve or go swiftly

Origin: Latin carrus, 'car'

Sentence: He is studying for a career in teaching.

CARPENTRY n. the art of working as a carpenter (making and repairing wooden objects)

Origin: Latin carpentaria from carpentum, 'wagon'

Sentence: I would like to take up carrpentry as a  $\,$  profession.

CARRIAGE n., v. type of passenger vehicle; part of machine such as typewriter; one's bearing; the conveying of oods

Origin: French carier, 'to carry'

Sentence: People no longer travel by the old horse- drawn carriage.

CARTOONIST n. person who does humorous drawings and picture stories

Origin: Italian carta, 'card map'

Sentence: Jim Davis is the cartoonist for the comic Garfield

CARTRIDGE n. tube containing explosive and bullet for gun; ink container for a pen; other similar devices

Origin: Italian corruption of cartouche

Sentence: When the bullet is fired, the cartridge is left behind.

CASKET n. small ornamental box for jewellery; wooden box for cremated ashes

Origin: French cassette, 'little box'

Sentence: She keeps her most precious jewellery in that casket

CASSAVA n. plant with starchy tuberous edible root; the root itself; starch or flour from that root

Origin: Taino casavi

Sentence: The cassava plant grows easily and produces a tasty tuber.

CASSEROLE n., v. covered dish for cooking food in the oven; food cooked in that dish; to cook in such a dish 'kasərōl

Origin: Greek kuathion, 'little cup'

Sentence: Cooking in a casserole is easy but a bit slow.

CASSETTE n. sealed case with a photographic film; a case with magnetic tape for tape recorder

Origin: French casse, 'case' (so cassette, 'little case')

Sentence: Several popular films are now available on cassette.

CASSIA n. a tree from which senna is extracted; the bark of this tree used as spice 'kasia

Origin: Greek kasia

Sentence: Cassia is a useful tropical tree.

CASUAL adj. informal (dress); uninterested; happening by chance; person employed temporarily

Origin: Latin casualis, 'happening by chance'

Sentence: People usually go to parties in a casual dress.

CAULIFLOWER n. type of garden vegetable related to cabbage 'koliflöwə

Origin: Italian caoli fiori, 'cabbage flower' Sentence: Cauliflower is a nutritious vegetable.

CAULK OR CALK v., n. to seal; make watertight; something that prevents water from flowing out 'kawk

Origin: Latin calcare, 'to tread or trample' Sentence: A plug can be used to caulk this hole.

CAUSEWAY n. raised road especially across water

Origin: Latin calciatus, 'paved with limestone'

Sentence: A causeway across the bay links St Andrew to St Catherine

CAUTIONARY adj. giving advice or serving as a warning

Origin: Latin cautio, 'taking heed'

Sentence: Please pay attention to the cautionary advice I am giving

CEDAR adj., n. a type of tree that produces timber; the wood from that tree

Origin: Greek kedros

Sentence: The trunk of that cedar will produce good wood for building furniture or a house.

CEILING or CIELING n. inner side of roof; upper limit in prices or wages etc

Origin: Middle English

Sentence: He lay on his back staring up at the ceiling

CELEBRATE v. to mark a special occasion with festivities; to publicly honour

Origin: Latin celebrare, 'frequented, honoured'

Sentence: On Emancipation Day we celebrate the abolition of Slavery.

CELLAR n., v. underground room used usually for storage; stock of wine; to store in a cellar

Origin: Latin cellarium, 'storehouse'

Sentence: Our cellar is the coolest place to store the jars of preserves.

CELSIUS adj. denoting temperature on the Celsius scale

Origin: From name of Swedish astronomer, A Celsius

Sentence: Water freezes at 0 degrees and boils at 100 degrees on the Celsius scale.

CEMETERY n. burial ground 'semitri

Origin: Greek koimeterion, 'dormitory, room for sleeping' Sentence: A cemetery is a place for burying the dead.

CENSUS n. the official count of a country's population, or of any other similar group of persons or things 'sensəs

Origin: Latin censere, 'to assess'

Sentence: A census is taken to list all persons eligible to vote.

CENTIPEDE n. small wormlike creature with many segments and legs 'sentipēd

Origin: Latin centipeda from centum ('hundred') + pes pedis ('foot')

Sentence: A centipede may have 15 to 190 pairs of legs.

CENTURY n. period of one hundred years; score of one hundred runs in cricket; army of 100 soldiers

Origin: Latin centuria , from centum, 'hundred'

Sentence: Fifty years is half a century.

n., adj. kinds of grain used for food; grass producing them; breakfast food from them; related to these

CEREAL grains

Origin: Latin. Linked to Ceres, Roman goddess of agriculture Sentence: Oats, corn, and rice all belong to the cereal family

CEREMONY n. formal public function; formalities; extremely polite behaviour

Origin: caerimonia, 'religious worship'

Sentence: The flag-raising ceremony was held in front of the Government building.

CERTAINTY n. an undoubted fact; a person or thing that may be relied on

Origin: Latin certus, 'settled'

Sentences: It's a certainty that our team will win.

CERTIFICATE n. official document that records birth, marriage, academic achievement or other important matter

Origin: Latin certus, 'certain'

Sentence: A birth certificate shows one's date and place of birth.

CHAMPIONSHIP n. contest held to find the champion, title or position of champion; strong defence of a position

Origin: Latin campus, 'field, military exercise ground'

Sentence: I don't think he will win the championship this year.

CHAPEL n. place of worship; religious service held there

Origin: Latin cappella, 'little cloak'

Sentence: The ceremony was held in the school chapel.

CHAPLAIN n. member of the clergy attached to a school or other institution

Origin: Latin cappellanus , from cappella , (see 'chapel')

Sentence: The chaplain of our school conducts the morning assembly.

CHARACTERISTIC n., adj. special quality or feature; typical karəktə'ristik

Origin: Greek kharakter, 'stamp, impress'

Sentence: A useful characteristic of the team is its ability to play in pouring rain.

n. the science which studies elements that make up the universe; the make-up and behaviour of a

substance

Origin: Latin alchimista, 'alchemist'

Sentence: The students studying chemistry will use this laboratory

CHIMNEY n. vertical channel conducting smoke or gases away from fire

Origin: Greek kaminos, 'oven'

Sentence: The chimney carries away all the smoke up through the roof.

CHIMPANZEE n. a small African ape

**CHEMISTRY** 

Origin: French chimpanzee , from Kongo dialect

Sentence: The chimpanzee is the most intelligent member of the ape family.

CHLORINE n. a poisonous greenish-yellow chemical often used for purifying water, as disinfectant and bleach 'klōrēn

Origin: Greek khloros, 'green'

Sentence: Chlorine is one of the chemicals used to purify water.

CHOCOLATE n., adj. food preparation made from cacao seeds; deep brown colour

Origin: Aztec chocolatl, 'bitter water'

Sentence: In the Caribbean we eat and drink lots of chocolate.

CHORD n. group of musical notes sounded together; straight line joining two points on a curve 'kord

Origin: Abbreviated fromaccord, 'harmony'; Latin chorda 'string' Sentence: The pianist struck a chord as a signal to the choir.

CHORES n. jobs to be done usually at home; routine tasks; tedious (disliked) work 'chōrz

Origin: US, related to char ('household work')

Sentence: Children usually have chores to do on weekends.

CHORUS n., v. refrain of a song, group of singers; piece of music for a choir; to sing or play these

Origin: Greek khoros, 'band of dancers, singers'

Sentence: You should sing the verses and let us sing the chorus.

CHRONICLE n., v. record of events in the order of occurrence; narrative or account; to record such events 'kronikl

Origin: Greek khronika, 'annals'

Sentence: This history book gives a reliable chronicle of the events of 1865

COBBLER n. person who makes or repairs shoes for a living

Origin: Middle English

Sentence: Don't buy new shoes; ask a cobbler to mend the old ones

COFFEE n., adj. drink or seeds from beans of the coffee plant; brown colour

Origin: Arabic kahwa, 'the drink'

Sentence: Dad has a cup of coffee every morning.

COINCIDENCE n. occurring together or being similar just by chance kō'insidəns

Origin: Middle English

Sentence: What a coincidence that we're both on the same flight and seated next to each other!

COIR n. fibre from the outer husk of the coconut 'koyə

Origin: Malayalam (an Indian language) kayar, 'cord'

Sentence: Coir is sometimes used for making ropes, mats, and for compost.

COLLISION n. crashing together of moving objects; disagreement or conflict

Origin: Latin collidere  $\ ,$  'to collide'

Sentence: Fortunately nobody was hurt in the collision of the two vehicles

COLUMNS n. pillars used in a building etc; vertical rows of numbers or vertical divisions of a page; parts of a newspaper

Origin: Latin columna, 'pillar'

Sentence: This building is standing on several huge concrete columns.

COMBUSTIBLE adj., n. capable of or used for burning; excitable; a combustible substance kəm'bûstibl

Origin: Latin combustus, 'burnt up'

Sentence: We made a fire from wood, cardboard, and other combustible material.

COMFORTABLE adj. at ease; giving ease; having an easy conscience

Origin: Latin confortare, 'to strengthen'

Sentence: Earlier he was uneasy but he's very comfortable now.

n. broadcaster who gives running description of an event; person who gives an explanation, notes etc on a

COMMENTATOR book or other work

Origin: Latin comminisci , 'devise, think up'

Sentence: The commentator kept us informed throughout the event at the National Stadium

COMMITTEE n. group of people selected by a larger body to do a special job ka'miti / komi'tē

Origin: Latin Word commit ('put together, entrust') + ee

Sentence: We appointed a committee to investigate the matter and report to the club.

COMPLEMENT n. the quality or amount that completes or fills; the totality

Origin: Lat

Sentence: A full complement of passengers would have numbered only fourteen.

COMPLIMENT n. polite expression of praise or approval/ v. to give praise or approval

Origin: F>Ital>Lat

Sentence: I gave her a compliment for the dress that she wore.

CONCENTRATE v. focus one's attention; increase strength by removing water/ n. liquid made stronger

Origin: Latin

Sentence: The children find it difficult to concentrate in a noisy class.

CONCRETE n., adj. building material made of cement etc; relating to that kind of material; opposite of 'abstract'

Origin: Latin concretus 'grown together, hardened' Sentence: Houses made of concrete are usually strong.

CONDEMN v. to declare something or someone to be wrong or unfit to be used

Origin: Latin condemnare, 'to condemn'

Sentence: If the food is unsafe, the sanitary inspector will condemn it.

CONJUNCTION n. word used to link parts of a sentence; the action of joining; things joining

Origin: Latin conjunctio, 'join'

Sentence: The word 'and' is a common conjunction

CONQUER v. to overcome; win; defeat

Origin: Latin conquirere, 'to get (by trying)'

Sentence: In the past, warring countries tried to conquer others and rule over them.

CONSUMPTION n. the act of consuming; amount consumed; the purchase and use of goods; disease of the tissues

kən'sûm(p)shən

Origin: Latin: consumere 'to take up completely'

Sentence: Eating of fried foods increases our consumption of oil.

CONTRACT n., v. formal agreement; to make such agreement; to make or become smaller

Origin: Latin contractus, 'drawn together'

Sentence: Marriage is a legal contract between two persons

CORONATION n. ceremony of crowning a king or queen

Origin: Latin coronare, 'to crown'

Sentence: A new king is officially crowned at a coronation ceremony.

CORPORAL n. army or police officer of rank next below sergeant 'korp(ə)rəl

Origin: Italian caporale

Sentence: She was promoted to the rank of corporal in the army.

CORRESPOND v. to communicate by letter writing; to be similar or matching

Origin: Latin correspondere (respondere) 'to respond, reply'

Sentence: Pen pals normally correspond by mail.

COUNCILLOR or COUNCILOR n. member of a council

Origin: Latin concilium, 'assembly' 'kowns(ə)lə

Sentence: A member of the parish council is a councillor.

COUNSELLOR or COUNSELOR n. an adviser; one who counsels

Origin: Latin consilium, 'advice, consultation' 'kowns(ə)lə Sentence: Our school's guidance counsellor gives good advice.

COUNTERFEIT adj., n., v. not genuine; an imitation; to imitate; to forge 'kowntəfit / 'kowntəfēt

Origin: French countrefait, 'copied'

Sentence: It is illegal to circulate counterfeit money.

COURAGEOUS adj. brave; fearless; having great courage ka'rājəs

Origin: Latin cor, 'heart'

Sentence: The courageous fireman rescued the child from the blazing building.

COURTEOUS adj. polite; having good manners; kind; considerate 'kertyəs

Origin: French corteis, 'with courtly manners'

Sentence: He is usually courteous - not impolite like the others.

CREVICE n. narrow crack or opening 'krevis

Origin: French crever, 'to burst'

Sentence: We could feel the cold wind coming through a crevice in the window.

CRITICISM n. finding fault; making judgment about an item or person 'kritisizm

Origin: Latin criticus, 'judge, decide'

Sentence: I accept your criticism and am trying to do better.

CROCODILE n. large tropical reptile related to and resembling the alligator

Origin: Greek krokodilos, 'worm of the stones'

Sentence: A crocodile can live in water as well as on land.

CROTON n. kind of shrub with ornamental leaves; a special shrub with capsule-like fruit 'krōt(ə)n

Origin: Greek kroton, 'tick, castor oil plant'

Sentence: Croton is a popular plant for making hedges.

CRUCIFIXION n. put to death by being nailed to a cross kroosi'fikshən

Origin: Latin cruci fixus 'fixed to a cross'

Sentence: On Good Friday, Christians remember the Crucifixion of Christ.

CRUELTY n. an unkind or brutal act

Origin: Latin, related to crudus, 'raw, rough, crude' Sentence: Animals expect kindness, not cruelty from us.

CRYSTAL n., adj. a transport mineral; articles made of this; clear or unclouded (like crystal)

Origin: Greek krustallos, 'ice, crystal'

Sentence: Some wine glasses are made from crystal.

CUBICLE n. a small enclosed area usually in a larger room

Origin: Latin cubicilum, 'bed chamber'

Sentence: One cubicle in each bathroom has a shower

CUBOID adj., n. shaped like a cube; in geometry a solid body of a particular shape

Origin: Latin cuboids

Sentence: If the object has six equal faces, it can be described as cuboid

CUCKOO n. a particular long-tailed song bird

Origin: French cucu (imitating the bird's sound)

Sentence: That cuckoo is laying its eggs in the nest of another bird.

CUCUMBER n. long green fleshy vegetable (fruit) like a squash; the plant producing it

Origin: Latin cucumer

Sentence: Cucumber, tomatoes, and lettuce together make a good salad

CULTIVATOR n. person who cultivates (usually does farming); tool for doing this

Origin: Latin cultiva (terra), 'arable (land)'

Sentence: A good cultivator knows how to get the best out of the soil.

CUPBOARD n. a closet with shelves usually for storage

Origin: Middle English

Sentence: Pots, pans and dishes are usually stored in the kitchen cupboard.

n. a rule requiring people to remain indoors between stated hours; the hours specified; the ringing of a bell

CURFEW at a fixed evening hour

Origin: French cuevrefeu, 'cover the fire'

Sentence: During the disturbance, a curfew was imposed in the community

n. small symbol on computer monitor or other display screen indicating where the next character will be;

CURSOR movable part of a slide rule

Origin: Latin cursor, 'runner'

Sentence: All computer screens will have a flashing cursor

CYLINDER n. long solid or hollow container (with straight sides and a circular section) for storing certain things

Origin: Greek kulindein, 'to roll'

Sentence: We need cooking gas, as this cylinder is empty.

CYNICS n. persons known to have little faith in human sincerity and goodness

Origin: L>Gk

Sentence: Those critics are cynics who seem to trust no one.

DAHLIA n. type of flowering garden plant with large bright flowers 'dāliə

Origin: Named after Swedish botanist Anders Dahl

Sentence: A dahlia is growing right at the edge of my garden.

DAIRY n. place for processing or selling milk; its products 'de:ri

Origin: Middle Englishdeierie, 'maidservant' Sentence: She buys butter and cheese at the dairy.

DAMSEL n. young unmarried woman 'damz(ə)l

Origin: Frenchdamoisele, 'lady'

Sentence: She's a beautiful and clever damsel

DANDRUFF n. scales that form on the scalp and fall off 'dandrûf

Origin: Uncertain

Sentence: You may get rid of the dandruff if you wash and brush your hair properly.

DANGEROUS adj. risky; causing likely harm 'dānj(ə)rəs

Origin: Frenchdangier, 'power to harm'

Sentence: Be careful; that game is dangerous.

DEACONESS n. female church officer; counterpart of a deacon dēkə'nes

Origin: Greekdiakonos, 'servant'

Sentence: As a deaconess in her church she was responsible for children's services.

DEBIT n., v. entry in account recording sum owed; to deduct 'debit

Origin: Latindebitum, 'debt'

Sentence: The large debit could be a sign that the company is failing.

DEBTOR n. person owing money or other debt 'detə

Origin: Latindebere, 'to owe'

Sentence: The debtor had difficulty finding the money to pay his bills

DECAY v., n. to rot or decompose; a decline in quality di'kā

Origin: Latin cado, 'fall'

Sentence: Some fruits decay more easily than others.

DECEASED n., v. dead person; died di'sēst

Origin: Latindecedere, 'to depart'

Sentence: The body of the deceased was removed for burial.

DECEIT n. lying; deception; dishonest trick di'sēt

Origin: Frenchdeceivre, 'to deceive'

Sentence: You cannot be trusted if you practise deceit.

DECENCY n. correct or appropriate behaviour; manners 'dēs(ə)nsi

Origin: Latindecet, 'is fitting'

Sentence: The decency that he always shows makes him a good role model.

DECIMAL adj., n. of a system based on number 10 'desiməl

Origin: Latindecem, 'ten'

Sentence: The answer to the math exercise was a decimal fraction.

DECISION n. making up of one's mind; settlement of a question di'sižən

Origin: Latindecisio, 'a cutting off, settlement

Sentence: After careful consideration he took the decision to sell his property.

DECLARE v. to make known; announce openly di'kle:r

Origin: Latin clarus, 'clear'

Sentence: Members of Parliament are asked to declare their assets.

DECREASE v. to make or become smaller or fewer di'krēs / 'dēkrēs

Origin: Latindecrescere, 'to grow less'

Sentence: To lose weight I must decrease the amount of food I eat.

DEFAME v. to attack the good reputation of; speak ill of di'fām

Origin: Latindiffamare, 'to spread evil report'

Sentence: He lied repeatedly in an effort to defame his rival.

DEFAULT n., v. failure especially to pay a debt; to fail to do so di'fawlt

Origin: Frenchdefaillir, 'to fail'

Sentence: His goods were seized in default of payment.

DEFENDANT n. person sued or accused in law court di'fendant

Origin: Latindefendere, 'to ward off'

Sentence: The defendant was clear in his explanation to the court.

DEFIANCE n. a challenge or opposition to authority; open disobedience; bold resistance di'fions

Origin: Latin desfier, 'to defy'

Sentence: They blocked the entrance in defiance of the police.

DEFINITION n. statement of the meaning of a word; clearness and preciseness of limits defi'nishən

Origin: Latindefinire, 'to set bounds'

Sentence: She requested a clear definition of the word.

DEFORMATION n. disfigurement; change in shape; perverted form of a word dēfor māshən

Origin: Latin deformare, 'to deform'

Sentence: Persistent poor posture has caused a slight deformation in her shape.

DEGENERATE adj., v., n. having lost the qualities that are normal and di'jen(ə)rət / di'jenərāt desirable or proper to its

kind; fallen from former excellence; person in this state Origin: Latin degenerare, 'to depart from its kind, to decline'

Sentence: He's trying hard to redeem his degenerate brother whose life is being wrecked.

DELEGATE n., v. a representative; entrust to another 'deligat / 'deligat

Origin: Latindelegare, 'to assign, send'

Sentence: The delegate to the conference turned out to be a good representative.

DELETE v. to strike out; remove from text di'lēt

Origin: Latindelere, 'to blot out'

Sentence: Should I delete these last words from the list?

DELIBERATE adj., v. intentional; careful; to ponder di'lib(ə)rət / di'libərāt

Origin: Latin delibrare, 'to consider well'

Sentence: A deliberate move was made to save the trapped animal.

DELICATE adj. requiring careful and skilful handling; ticklish; fine in texture, finish, quality/ n. Luxury; a delight

Origin: Lat

Sentence: The subject is a delicate one, which I prefer not to discuss.

DELICIOUS adj. pleasing to taste di'lishəs

Origin: Latindelicere, 'to entice, delight' Sentence: I enjoyed that delicious meal.

DELIVERY n. regular distribution of letters etc di'liv(ə)ri

Origin: Latindeliberare, 'to set free'

Sentence: The news came with the latest delivery of mail.

DEMOCRACY n. government by the people or their elected representatives di'mokrasi

Origin: Greek demokratia, 'rule of the people'

Sentence: Citizens are proud to be part of this democracy.

DEMOLISH v. to pull down (building, etc); destroy; put an end to di'molish

Origin: Latindemoliri, 'to throw down, destroy'

Sentence: The developers plan to demolish all the old buildings.

DEMONSTRATION n. show of feeling; public meeting, march, etc. esp. political demon'strāshən

Origin: Latinmonstrare, 'to show'

Sentence: The demonstration was organized to demand water in the community.

DEMOTE v. to reduce to lower rank or class dē'mōt

Origin: Medieval English

Sentence: The senior officer will demote him because of his poor performance.

DENIAL n. statement that something is not true; contradiction di'nīəl

Origin: Latin negar, 'to say no'

Sentence: He met the charge with a flat denial.

DENIM n. hard-wearing cotton twill used for jeans, overalls etc 'denim

Origin: Frenchde ('of') +Nimes (town in France)

Sentence: Two yards of denim will make a pair of jeans.

DENOMINATOR n. the devisor of a fraction (number below the line in a vulgar fraction) di'nominātə

Origin: Latin denominator

Sentence: The denominator in a vulgar fraction is usually larger than the numerator.

DEODORANT n. substance applied to body or sprayed in air to conceal smells di'ōd(ə)rənt

Origin: Prefix de + Latinodor, 'smell'

Sentence: The odour disappeared after the deodorant was used.

DEPARTMENTAL adj. relating to department (separate part; branch or division) depart'mental

Origin: Latindepartir, 'to divide, go away'

Sentence: His departmental responsibilities include supervision of workers.

DEPARTURE n. going away; turning aside from di'parchə

Origin: Latindepartir, 'to divide, go away',

Sentence: The departure of the plane was delayed because of bad weather.

DEPOSITOR n. person who places or has money in a bank or similar organization di'pozita

Origin: Latindepositare, 'to put down'

Sentence: The depositor earns interest on his money in the bank.

DEPRESS v. to make sad; weaken di'pres

Origin: Frenchdepresser, 'to press'

Sentence: I did not want to depress her with the sad news.

DEPUTATION n. body of persons appointed to represent others depū'tāshən

Origin: Latindeputare, 'to assign, select'

Sentence: The leader of the deputation spoke at length with the Prime Minister.

DESERT v., n. to abandon; dry barren tract – esp. sandy di'zert / 'dezət

Origin: Latindeserere, 'to abandon'

Sentence: He begged her not to desert the family.

DESIGNER n. person who designs machines, clothing, etc di'zīnə

Origin: Latindesignare, 'to mark out, describe'

Sentence: A famous designer made her wedding gown.

DESSERT n. a course of fruit, nuts, sweets, etc., served at the end of a meal

Origin: Fr

Sentence: My favorite dessert is cake and ice cream.

DETECT v. to discover or perceive di'tekt

Origin: Latindetegere, 'to uncover'

Sentence: Did you detect any signs of weakness in his movements?

DETOUR n., v. divergence from usual route; to make a divergence 'dētōr

Origin: Frenchdetour, 'change of direction'

Sentence: The travellers had to take a detour because of flooding on the usual route.

DIAGRAM n. chart or plan; outline; drawing 'dīəgram

Origin: Greekdiagramma, 'thing written, marked out by lines'

Sentence: The boundaries of the property were easily identified on the diagram.

DIALOGUE or DIALOG n. conversation between two or more persons

Origin: Greekdialogos, 'to converse' 'dīəlog

Sentence: Children learn well when there is dialogue between them and their teachers.

DIAPER n. baby's nappy; fabric with small diamond pattern 'dīəpə

Origin: Greek aspros (diaspros), 'white' Sentence: The baby's diaper is wet. DIARY n. daily record of events or thoughts; book for this 'dīəri

Origin: Latindies, 'day'

Sentence: I must remember to write in my diary every day.

DIGITAL adj. giving a reading by numbers (digits) displayed 'dijitəl

Origin: Latindigitus, 'finger, toe

Sentence: Everyone finds it easy to read a digital clock

DIGNITY n. true worth; excellence; self-control 'digniti

Origin: Latin dignus, 'worthy'

Sentence: In spite of the looseness around him, he always conducted himself with dignity.

DILIGENT adj. hardworking; showing care; attentive to duties 'dilijant

Origin: Latindiligere, 'to love, take delight in' Sentence: Such a deligent worker deserves a bonus.

DILUTE v. to reduce the strength of a fluid by adding water dī'loot / dī'lūt

Origin: Latindiluere, 'to wash away' diloot / dilūt

Sentence: Party-goers dilute strong drinks with water or a 'chaser'.

DIMINISH v. to make or become smaller or less di'minish

Origin: Latindiminuere, 'to lessen, make smaller'

Sentence: Increase in employment will help to diminish poverty.

DINOSAUR n. large reptile of prehistoric times 'dīnəsōr

Origin: Greekdeinos ('terrible') + sauros ('lizard')

Sentence: The dinosaur is said to be an extinct relative of the lizard.

DIPLOMA n. certificate of qualification di'plōmə

Origin: Greekdiploma, 'folded paper'

Sentence: Having successfully completed her studies at the college, she received a diploma.

DISCIPLES n. followers of a leader or teacher esp. of Christ di'sīplz

Origin: Latindiscere, 'to learn'

Sentence: Jesus taught his disciples many good things.

DISEASE n. unhealthy condition of body, mind, plants, etc di'zēz

Origin: Frenchdesaise, 'unease'

Sentence: The disease has spread among the plants and hindered their growth.

DISINFECTANT n. substance that destroy germs etc disin'fektənt

Origin Greekdis ('reverse') + infector ('to infect') Sentence: She used disinfectant to clean the bathrooms.

DISPATCH or DESPATCH v., n. to send off for a purpose; news report to a newspaper di'spach

Origin: Spanish despatcha, 'to expedite, hasten'

Sentence: He was instructed to dispatch the report without delay.

DISPUTE v., n. to debate; argue; discuss; argument 'dispūt

Origin: Latindisputare, 'to discuss'

Sentence: One cannot dispute the fact that children live what they learn.

DISQUALIFIED v., adj. excluded; declared or made unsuitable dis'kwolifid

Origin: Medieval English

Sentence: Because of his recklessness he was disqualified from driving

DISSOLVE v. to make or become liquid esp. by immersion; dismiss esp. parliament di'zolv

Origin Latin dissolvere, 'to loosen'

Sentence: Sugar will more easily dissolve in hot water than cold

DISTINCTION n. exceptional ability or achievement; mark of honour; excellence di'stiŋkshən

Origin: Latin distinguere, 'to distinguish'

Sentence: As a writer of distinction he was popular throughout the Caribbean

DISTINGUISHED v., adj. made prominent, recognized; famous di'stingwisht

Origin: Latindistinguere, 'to separate, discriminate'

Sentence: The team distinguished itself having won all the games

DISTRIBUTE v. to give out in portions di'stribūt / 'distribūt

Origin: Latindistribuere, 'to divide up'

Sentence: We met to distribute packages to the flood victims.

DISTRICT n. an area or region; geographical unit 'distrikt

Origin: Latindistrictus, 'jurisdiction'

Sentence: Most residents in my district are farmers.

DISTURBANCE n. interruption; uproar; outbreak di'sterbəns

Origin: Latindisturbare, 'to upset'

Sentence: The speaker could not continue speaking because of the disturbance.

DOCUMENTARY adj., n. providing record or report; film or radio presentation of facts dokū'ment(ə)ri

Origin: Latin documentum, 'a lesson' (docere, 'to teach')

Sentence: There is documentary proof that the money was spent on the project.

DOMESTIC adj. pertaining to the home, family, one's own country; private life də'mestik

Origin: Latindomus, 'home'

Sentence: Her domestic workers are important helpers in the family.

DORMITORY n. sleeping room with several beds esp. for school 'dormit(ə)ri

Origin: Latin dormitorium (dormio, 'sleep')

Sentence: At boarding school the children sleep in a dormitory.

DRAINAGE n. draining off of liquid; a system of drains 'drānij

Origin: Old English dreahnian, 'to strain, filter'

Sentence: Because the village has such poor drainage, the streets are flooded whenever it rains.

DRAMATIC adj. sudden and exciting; relating to plays dra'matik

Origin: Greek dramatikos, (fromdran, 'to do')

Sentence: Her dramatic entry into the hall stunned but amused everyone.

DRAPERY n. Curtains and othe hanging fabrics; a draper's business 'drāp(ə)ri

Origin: Latindrappus, 'cloth'

Sentence: My neighbour is a dealer in drapery.

DRAUGHT n. current of air in a room; quantity of liquid 'dra:ft swallowed in one go; disc used in a game of draughts

Origin: Old English draht,

Sentence: I felt a sudden draught as I sat by the window.

DREARY adj. dull; gloomy; causing sadness 'dre:ri

Origin: Old English dreorig, 'mournful'

Sentence: A dreary feeling fills the community as a result of the accidents.

DROUGHT n. long dry spell (in relation to rain) 'drowt

Origin: Old Englishdrugath, 'dryness'

Sentence: The plants are dying because of the drought.

DRUNKARD n. a person who is habitually drunk 'drûŋkəd

Origin: Old English drincan, 'to drink'

Sentence: The drunkard could not walk a straight line

DUMPLING n. small piece of dough baked, boiled, or fried 'dûmplin

Origin: Uncertain

Sentence: At breakfast we had a fried dumpling and at dinner a boiled one.

DUNGEON n. prison cell especially underground 'dûnjən

Origin: Frenchdonjon,

Sentence: While in the dungeon the prisoner could see or hear nothing.

DWINDLE v. to become gradually less or smaller 'dwindl

Origin: Old Englishdwinan, 'fade away'

Sentence: Constant expenditure caused my savings to dwindle.

EARTHQUAKE n. sudden shakings of the earth's surface

Origin: Old English

Sentence: The Port Royal earthquake occurred in 1692.

n., v. repeated sounds caused by sound waves bouncing back; imitations; to cause those repeated sounds

ECHOES or imitations

Origins: Greek ekho, 'sound'

Sentence: Inside the cave we liked listening to the echoes of our voices

ECLIPSE n., v. obscuring of the light of one planet by another; to do this or to create a shadow

Origin: Greek ekleipsis, 'failure to appear'

Sentence: An eclipse of the moon occurs when the earth passes between the sun and the moon.

ECONOMICS n. related to the production and distribution of money, goods and services

Origin: Greek oikonomia, 'household management'

Sentence: Good business people study and practise economics in doing their jobs.

EDIBLE adj. fit or suitable to be eaten; eatable

Origin: Latin edere, 'to eat'

Sentence: Some berries are edible, but many are not

n. one form of a book or magazine; a number of copies issued at one time; a particular version of a

EDITION publication

Origin: Latin editio, 'putting out' (edere, 'to put out, publish')

Sentence: The new edition of that book is more attractive than the last.

EDUCATIONAL adj. providing education; of or about education

Origin: Latin educatus, 'reared'

Sentence: A field trip is usually an educational experience

EFFECTIVELY adv. efficiently; properly; producing a definite result; in fact

Origin: Latin effectus , 'wanting to perform'

Sentence: To increase our sales, we have to advertise more effectively.

EIGHTH adj., n. the ordinal number matching eight; position after seventh

Origin: Old English eahta

Sentence: 'H' is the eighth letter in the English alphabet.

ELABORATE adj., v. complicated in design; carefully worked out; to work in more detail

Origin: Latin elaboratus, 'extensively worked'

Sentence: The tablecloth has an elaborate Indian design

ELASTICITY n. flexibility; ability to spring back into shape ēla'stisiti / ela'stisiti / ila'stisiti

Origin: Greek elastikos

Sentence: The elasticity of the fabric makes the tights fit well.

ELECTORAL adj. concerning election (process of selecting leaders)

Origin: Latin electus, 'picked'

Sentence: The electoral committee makes preparations for the elections.

ELECTRICIAN n. person who installs or maintains electrical equipment

Origin: Greek elektron, 'amber' (which produces electricity when rubbed)

Sentence: An electrician has wired the building for electricity.

ELECTRONICS n. branch of physics concerned with electronic circuits in machines; the circuits used in this

Origin: Greek

Sentence: He is studying electronics at the technical college.

ELEGANCE n. dignified appearance or behaviour; tastefulness

Origin: Latin elegans, 'tasteful'

Sentence: She showed elegance in dress as well as in manner.

ELEMENTARY adj. simple; basic; dealing with the beginnings

Origin: Latin elementum , 'first principle'

Sentence: Elementary schools prepare students for secondary schools.

ELEVATOR n. a kind of hoisting machine; place for lifting and storing grain

Origin: Latin elevare, 'to raise'

Sentence: An elevator will carry you quickly to the top floor.

ELIGIBLE adj. fit or having a right; entitled; suitable 'elijibl

Origin: Latin eligere, 'to select'

Sentence: All persons of at least eighteen years are eligible to vote in the General Elections.

ELIMINATE v. to remove or get rid of; exclude

Origin: Latin eliminare, 'to put out of the house'

Sentence: Good writers try to eliminate mistakes from their publications

EMANCIPATION n. liberation; the act of freeing or state of being freed

Origin: Latin emancipatus, 'released from control'

Sentence: The ex-slaves celebrated their emancipation in several ways.

EMERGENCY n. an unexpected happening which must be dealt with at once

Origin: Latin emergere, 'to rise up from'

Sentence: In an emergency, dial 119 for the police

EMIGRATE v. to leave one's country to settle in another

Origin: Latin emigrare, from migrare, 'to depart'

Sentence: The entire family has decided to emigrate to Canada

EMOTIONALISM n. action or behaviour showing too much emotion

Origin: Latin emovere, 'to stir up or disturb'

Sentence: Decisions should be based more on thinking than on emotionalism

EMPLOYEE n. person who is employed for payment

Origin: Latin implicari, 'to be involved'

Sentence: I am a weekly paid employee of the telephone company

ENCHANTMENT n. magic spell; delightful experience

Origin: Latin incantare, 'to chant, charm'

Sentence: A witch put an enchantment on the princess

ENCLOSURE or INCLOSURE n. fenced off area; additional document included in a letter

Origin: French enclos, 'enclosed'

Sentence: The winners are going into the enclosure to receive their prizes.

ENCOMPASS v. to surround; to include or contain

Origin: Medieval English

Sentence: The supporters encompass the entire field while their teams play.

ENCOUNTER v., n. to meet unexpectedly or in conflict; such a meeting

Origin: French encontre, from contra, 'against'

Sentence: In life, one will encounter many problems and challenges

ENCOURAGEMENT n. support or confidence given or received

Origin: French encourager

Sentence: She owes her success to the encouragement of her parents

ENDURE v. to undergo; to bear; to tolerate

Origin: Latin indurare, 'to harden'

Sentence: Adults seem to endure pain better than children do.

ENERGETIC adj. very active; vigorous

Origin: Greek energetikos, related to 'work'

Sentence: Little children are usually more energetic than adults.

ENGAGEMENT n. an agreement to marry; an appointment

Origin: French engager, 'to gage, pledge'

Sentence: The couple announced their engagement at a dinner at the Sandals Hotel

ENGINEERING n. the use of science in designing, construction, etc

Origin: French engignier, 'to do, bring about'

Sentence: He is studying mechanical engineering in college.

ENLARGEMENT n. the act or result of making larger

Origin: French enlarger

Sentence: An enlargement of this photograph would make it much clearer.

ENMITY n. state or feeling of opposition or hostility

Origin: Latin inimicus , 'enemy'

Sentence: Countries at enmity with each other sometimes go to war

ENORMOUS adj. very large; huge

Origin: Latin enormis, 'unusual'

Sentence: The house is not just big; it's enormous!

ENTERTAINER n. performer (usually on stage)

Origin: French entretenir, 'to keep up, maintain'

Sentence: Bob Marley was a popular singer and entertainer.

ENTIRELY adv. completely; exclusively

Origin: Latininteger, 'whole, untouched

Sentence: An 'A' means that the teacher was entirely satisfied with our work

ENVELOP v. to wrap up or cover completely; hide

Origin: Frenchenvoluper

Sentence: The thick fog seemed to envelop the entire countryside.

ENVELOPE n. wrapper for a letter or similar object

Origin: French enveloppe

Sentence: A letter is usually placed in an envelope for privacy

EQUALITY n. being equal or even or same; being uniform

Origin: Latin aequus, 'even'

Sentence: We demand equality in the treatment of all races

EQUATION n. mathematical or chemical statement where two expressions are equal; being equal

Origin: Latin aequus, 'even'

Sentence: I am trying to solve a mathematical equation

EQUATOR n. imaginary line around the middle of the earth

Origin: Latin aequare, 'to make even or equal'

Sentence: Places near the equator are usually very hot.

EQUIPMENT n. (usually plural) articles needed to do a job

Origin: French equiper , 'to put in order, fit out'

Sentence: A computer and printer are useful office equipment

ERASER n. piece of rubber used for removing writing

Origin: Latin erasus, 'scraped out'

Sentence: I need an eraser to rub out this word.

EROSION n. having been or is being worn away

Origin: Latin rodere, 'to gnaw'

Sentence: Heavy rains usually cause soil erosion

ERRAND n. short journey to carry a message etc; the object of such journey

Origin: Old English aerende, 'verbal message'

Sentence: He is late as he had to run an errand before school.

ERROR n. mistake; inaccuracy; wrong judgement

Origin: Latin errare, 'to stray'

Sentence: The bank made an error and overcharged me.

ERUPT v. to become active (e.g. volcano); break out suddenly

Origin: Latin eruptus, 'broken out'

Sentence: A dormant volcano can erupt at any time.

ESCALATOR n. moving staircase that uses belts as steps

Origin: French escalade, 'climbing by ladder'

Sentence: An escalator carries us upstairs and downstairs.

ESSENTIAL adj., n. absolutely necessary; being basic or fundamental

Origin: Latin esse, 'to be'

Sentence: We can manage without clothes, but water is essential to life.

EVAPORATE v. to change into steam or vapour; to disappear

Origin: Latin vapor, 'steam'

Sentence: When water starts to boil, it immediately begins to evaporate.

EVENTUALLY adv. in due course; at last

Origin: Latin eventus, 'a happening'

Sentence: I will come to do it eventually but not now.

EXCEED v. to do beyond the limit; be greater than

Origin: Latin excedere, 'to go out'

Sentence: Motorists should not exceed the speed limit on the roads.

EXCELLENT adj. of extremely high quality

Origin:Latin excellere, 'to rise up'

Sentence: This school produces excellent students

EXCHANGE n., v. giving one thing and receiving another in return

Origin: French eschangier (and prefix ex +change)
Sentence: At the library I exchange one book for another

EXCITEMENT n. eagerness; being excited; an exciting event

Origin: Latin excitare, 'to rouse, stir up'

Sentence: In her excitement about the trip, the child could hardly sleep.

EXCLAMATION n. a sign in written language; sudden cry of pain, anger, surprise

Origin: Latin exclamare, 'to shout'

Sentence:In writing, an exclamation sign expresses surprise

EXCLUSION n. being or having been kept out or left out (excluded)

Origin: Latin excludere, 'to shut'

Sentence: Poor discipline led to his exclusion from the team

EXCURSION n. journey usually by a group for pleasure ek'skershən / ik'skershən

Origin: excurrere, 'to run out'

Sentence: We are going on an excursion to Castleton Gardens.

EXERCISE n., v. activity; practice; to practise; to put into action

Origin: Latin exercere, 'to drill'

Sentence: Our bodies need exercise in order to be healthy.

EXHALE v. to breathe out; give off or be given off in vapour

Origin: Latin ex , ('out')+ halare, ('breathe')

Sentence: In breathing, mammals inhale and exhale air.

EXHIBITOR n. person who provides item or items for an exhibition (display) eg'zibitə / ig'zibitə

Origin: Latin exhibere, 'to hold out'

Sentence: Our Company is an exhibitor at the medical conference.

EXOTIC adj. attractively strange or rare; from a foreign place, not native eg'zotik / ig'zotik

Origin: Greek exoterikos (exo-, 'outside')

Sentence: To us the ackee is an ordinary dish, but to visitors it is exotic.

EXPEDITIOUSLY adv. In a speedy manner

Origin: Latin ekspi'dishəsli

Sentence: There is now a need to move expeditiously and to reach consensus with all stakeholders

EXPEL v. to cast out; discharge

Origin: expellere, 'to drive'

Sentence: A school might expel a student who mis- behaves

EXPENSE n. cost; money spent; object on which money is spent

Origin: Latin expensa, '(money) spent'

Sentence: The expense of running a car nowadays is great.

EXPERTISE n. expert skill; knowledge in a particular field

Origin: Fr

Sentence: You need someone with the right training and expertise to manage this business.

EXPLOSION n. sudden eruption, outburst or discharge of noise etc

Origin: Latin explosio, 'scornful rejection'

Sentence: An explosion of thunder frightened us all.

EXPOSITION n. large public exhibition; explanation; commentary ekspə'zishən

Origin: Latin exponere, 'to display'

Sentence: Many persons in business went to see the exposition on manufacture.

EXPRESSION n. showing feeling; conveying ideas, thoughts, etc

Origin: Latin expressus, 'distinctly shown' Sentence: She sings with so much expression!

EXTENSION n. addition; lengthening

Origin: Latin extendere, 'to stretch out'

Sentence: The allotted time was running out, so we requested an extension

EXTRACTION n. pulling or having been pulled out; origin; descent

Origin: Latin extractus, 'drawn out'

Sentence: The extraction of my tooth was not at all painful.

EXTREMELY adv. to the greatest extent; exceedingly

Origin: Latin extremus, 'most outward'

Sentence: Please be extremely careful in crossing abusy road.

FABRIC n. cloth or woven material 'fabrik

Origin: Latin fabrica, 'craft'

Sentence: My school uniform is made from a strong coloured fabric.

FABULOUS adj. wonderful; astounding; legendary; based on a fable 'fabūləs

Origin: Latin fabulosus (fabula, 'fable')

Sentence: She was all excited to tell about her fabulous trip.

FACIAL adj. for or in relation to the face fāshəl

Origin: Latin facies, 'face'

Sentence: The beauty queen got many facial treatments from her beautician.

FAILURE n. lack of success; ceasing to function e.g. heart failure 'fālyə

Origin: Latin fallere, 'to deceive, disappoint'

Sentence: Failure in his business made him bankrupt.

FALCON n. bird of prey (like a hawk) 'fawlkən / 'folkən

Origin: Latin falco, 'hawk'

Sentence: The hen protected her chickens from the falcon.

FALSEHOOD n. untrue thing; lie; dishonesty 'fawls-hud / 'fols-hud

Origin: Latin fallere; 'to deceive'

Sentence: He has been found guilty of falsehood so he cannot be trusted.

FAMILIAR adj. well known; well acquainted fəˈmiliə

Origin: Latin familia, 'household, family'

Sentence: All the familiar faces at the party belonged to my school-mates

FANATIC n., adj. person excessively enthusiastic about something; addicted or extremely zealous fə'natik

Origin: Latin fanum, 'temple'

Sentence: That football fanatic does not miss any of the matches.

FANTASY or PHANTASY n. imagination; day dream

Origin: Greekphantasia, 'appearance, image in mind' 'fantəsi / 'fantəzi

Sentence: As I sat day-dreaming, my teacher remarked that I was in a world of fantasy.

FAREWELL n. goodbye; leave-taking 'fe:rwel

Origin: Middle English foran, 'fare (go)' + 'well'

Sentence: Before leaving on my trip I went to say farewell to my friends.

FASCINATE v. to capture the interest of; attract 'fasināt

Origin: Latin fascinare, 'to bewitch'

Sentence: The tricks of the clown always fascinate young children.

FAUCET n. tap or valve to regulate flow of water or other liquid 'fawsit

Origin: French fausset, 'vent-peg'

Sentence: Turn the faucet on and fill the bath with water.

FAUNA n. animal life of a region or period 'fawnə

Origin: Latin Fauna, 'rural goddess of living creatures'
Sentence: We are studying the flora and fauna of this valley.

FAVOURITISM or FAVORITISM n. preferred treatment of a person over another esp. if unfairly 'fāv(a)ritizm

Origin: Latin favere, 'to favour'

Sentence: He showed favouritism in his selection of persons for the job.

FENDER n. cover for wheel on a vehicle; protection for fireplace 'fendə

Origin: Middle Englishdefenden, 'to defend'

Sentence: The damaged fender is brushing against the wheel.

FERMENTATION n. breaking down of substances by yeast or bacteria fermen'tāshən

Origin: Latin fermentum, 'yeast'

Sentence: Through fermentation the juice of the sugar cane is made into vinegar.

FEROCIOUS adj. fierce; savagely cruel fə'rōshəs

Origin: Latin ferox, 'wild'

Sentence: The intruder was attacked by two ferocious dogs.

FERRET n., v. small animal used in chasing rabbits or rats; to hunt or search 'ferit

Origin: Latin fur, 'thief'

Sentence: The ferret chased the rat and caught it.

FERTILITY n. fruitfulness; state or quality of being fertile fə'tiliti

Origin: Latin fertilis, 'bear'

Sentence: We can increase the fertility of the soil by adding manure to it.

FIASCO n. ridiculous failure; humiliating outcome fi'askō

Origin: Italian fiasco, 'flask'

Sentence: The plans he boasted about turned out to be a fiasco.

FIDELITY n. faithfulness; loyalty fi'deliti

Origin: Latin fides, 'faith'

Sentence: The patriot's fidelity to the cause is well known.

FIERCE adj. savage; raging; very strong or intense (heat) 'fe:rs

Origin: Latin ferus, 'savage'

Sentence: Fierce dogs attacked but he escaped.

FIERY adj. blazing red; flaming with or as with fire 'fiəri

Origin: Old English fyr, 'fire'

Sentence: The evening sky glowed with a fiery appearance.

FIGURINE n. small statue; statuette 'figəren / 'figūren

Origin: Italian figurina, 'small figure'

Sentence: On his desk is a figurine of his pet dog.

FILET n. a slice cut from a small end of the tenderloin of beef; a kind of net or lace with a square mesh

Origin: French

Sentence: When I go to the restaurant I like to order filet mignon.

FILLET n.v. boneless piece of meat or fish; to remove bones from meat or fish 'filit

Origin: Latin filum, 'thread'

Sentence: The fillet was nicely cooked.

FILTHY adj. extremely dirty or unpleasant; obscene 'fil $\theta$ i

Origin: Old English fylth, from ful, 'foul'

Sentence: This filthy place must be cleaned immediately!

FINANCIAL adj. relating to management of money fi'nanshəl / fi'nanshəl

Origin: French fin, 'settlement'

Sentence: The financial report showed that a lot of money was spent.

FIREARM n. gun, pistol, rifle carried or used by an individual 'fiərarm

Origin: Old English

Sentence: The soldiers used their firearm to defend themselves.

FIRING n., v. discharge of guns 'fiəriŋ

Origin: Old English fyr, 'fire'

Sentence: Firing was heard from the soldier's guns.

FLAMMABLE adj. inflammable; burnable 'flaməbl

Origin: Latin flammare, 'to blaze'

Sentence: Kerosene is a highly flammable fuel.

FLATTERY n. insincere praise; over praise 'flat(ə)ri

Origin: Middle English

Sentence: He knew that the high commendation was mere flattery.

FLEXIBLE adj. capable of bending without breaking; pliable 'fleksibl

Origin: Latin flectere, 'to bend, bow'

Sentence: The rods were made from flexible wires.

FLICKER v. to shine or burn unsteadily 'flikə

Origin: Old English flicorian, 'to flutter'
Sentence: The flames flicker in the light wind.

FLOURISH v. to grow vigorously; thrive 'flûrish

Origin: French florir, 'to flower'

Sentence: Plants will flourish here because of good weather.

FLUENTLY adj. speaking or writing with ease, naturally 'flooəntli

Origin: Latin fluere, 'to flow'

Sentence: He speaks fluently in many languages.

FOETUS or FETUS n. unborn mammal

Origin: Latin fetus, 'offering' 'fētəs

Sentence: An ultrasound showed that the foetus was healthy.

FOLIAGE n. leaves; leafage; leaflike design 'fōliij

Origin: French feuille, 'leaf'

Sentence: There is a lot of foliage on these trees but no fruits.

FORBIDDEN v. ordered not to; barred; banned; disallowed fə'bid(ə)n

Origin: Old English forbeddan, 'to forbid'

Sentence: Because of his rude behaviour he was forbidden to go on the trip.

FOREIGNER n. person born in or coming from another country 'forənə

Origin: Latin foras; 'outside'

Sentence: As a foreigner visiting, I am impressed with the beauty of the island.

FORGERY n. act of making an imitation, especially if illegal; a forged document 'forj(ə)ri

Origin: Middle English

Sentence: He was charged with forgery of a signature of one of the bank's clients.

FORMALITY n. thing done simply to comply with a rule; formal meaningless act; rigid observance of rules for maliti

Origin: Latin forma, 'mould, form'

Sentence: Politeness today is sometimes a mere formality.

FORMULA n. rules to be followed or ingredients to be used; infant's food 'formūlə

Origin: Latin forma, 'form'

Sentence: If you apply the formula carefully, you should get the correct results.

FORTNIGHTLY adv., adj. done or occurring every two weeks 'fortnītli

Origin: Old English, feowertiene niht 'fourteen nights'

Sentence: Mommy is paid weekly but Daddy is paid fortnightly.

FRACTURE n. breakage esp. of bone 'frakcha

Origin: Latin frangere, 'to break'

Sentence: The X-ray revealed a small fracture of the wrist.

FRAGILE adj. easily broken; weak; delicate 'frajīl

Origin: Latin frangere, 'to break'

Sentence: These glass tubes are fragile and must be handled with care.

FRAUD n. dishonest trick; criminal deception 'frawd

Origin: Latin fraus fraudis, 'trick'

Sentence: He is to answer a charge for fraud when the case goes to court.

FREAK n. adj. v. abnormal person or thing; abnormally occurring 'frēk

Origin: Probably Old English frician, 'to dance'

Sentence: The freak storm that ripped through the village caused much alarm.

FREIGHTER n. ship or aircraft for carrying cargo; person concerned with loading cargo 'frātə

Origin: Dutch vrecht

Sentence: The freighter arrived fully loaded.

FRONTIER n. border between two countries 'frûnte:r

Origin: Latin frontus, 'forehead, front'

Sentence: Soldiers guarded the frontier to prevent persons from crossing over.

FRUSTRATION n. feeling of disappointment because of inability to achieve one's aims frû'strāshən

Origin: Latin frustra, 'in vain'

Sentence: After repeated failure he is now almost overcome by frustration.

FUDGE n. soft sweet made of milk, sugar, butter, etc

Origin: Unknown 'fûj

Sentence: The children ate a lot of fudge at the party.

FUGITIVE n., adj. person who flees from justice etc; fleeing; roving 'fūjitiv

Origin: Latin fugere, 'to run away'

Sentence: The fugitive was returned to his country to face trial.

FULFILMENT n. carrying out of task, promise etc ful'filment

Origin: Old English fulfyllan ('full + fill')

Sentence: The people waited patiently to see the fulfilment of certain prophecies

FUMIGATE v. to kill germs by smoke or fumes; disinfect 'fūmigāt

Origin: Latin fumigare, 'to produce smoke or steam'

Sentence: They were advised to fumigate the rooms before occupying them.

FUNGI n. plural of fungus (type of organism without leaves, roots, chlorophyll) 'fûnji / 'fûngi / 'fûngī / 'fûngī

Origin: Latin fungus, 'mushroom'

Sentence: Moulds, mushrooms and toadstools are all fungi.

FUZZY adj. blurred; frayed; indistinct 'fûzi

Origin: Dutch

Sentence: His vision became fuzzy after a few drinks of alcohol.

GADGET n. small mechanical device or appliance or tool

Origin: Uncertain 'gajit

Sentence: The new weed cutter is a very useful gadget.

GAGGLE n., v. a flock of geese; to cackle

Origin: Middle English, imitation of the sound

Sentence: Farmer Jones has a gaggle of geese on his farm.

GAINFULLY adv. profitably (employed)

Origin: French gaaignier 'to earn, to till land'

Sentence: She is now gainfully employed, so she can pay her bills.

GALAXY n. any of the large group of stars which make up the universe

Origin: Greek galaxias, 'the milky way'

Sentence: The galaxy in which we live is called The Milky Way

GALLANTRY n. bravery; politeness; chivalry

Origin: French galant, 'making merry'

Sentence: The gentleman was everywhere admired for his gallantry

GALLERY n. place for showing works of art; balcony; upper floor in a theatre

Origin: French galerie

Sentence: Our national art gallery has many valuable paintings.

GALLIWASP n. a kind of lizard

Origin: Uncertain

Sentence: A galliwasp is not a wasp, but a lizard

GARDENER n. person who attends to the garden

Origin: French jardin, 'garden'

Sentence: A good gardener cares his plants.

GARGLING v. washing the throat with a liquid (called a gargle)

Origin: French gargouille, 'throat'

Sentence: Gargling with salt water helps a sore throat.

GARNISH v., n. to decorate, embellish (food); the garnishing; serve notice of proceedings (e.g. to collect money owed)

Origin: French garnir, 'to supply'

Sentence: Cooks and caterers garnish food to make it tasty and attractive.

GARRISON n. troops (soldiers) stationed in a fortress to defend it; the fortress they occupy

Origin: French garir, 'to defend, protect'

Sentence: A garrison of British soldiers defended that city again the Spanish.

GASEOUS adj. in the form of gas; like gas

Origin: Greek khaos, 'atmosphere'

Sentence: Water is gaseous as it is neither solid nor liquid.

GASPED v. past tense of gasp ('to catch one's breath or to be breathing short')

Origin: Norse geispa, 'to yawn'

Sentence: She gasped when she came upon the frightening scene.

GAZEBO n. summer house that offers a pleasant view gə'zēbō

Origin: Coined fromgaze

Sentence: A gazebo is the ideal place to spend a warm afternoon.

GAZELLE n. a small antelope found in Asia and Africa gə'zel

Origin: Arabic ghazal, 'wild goat'

Sentence: The gazelle is a slender, graceful animal

GENESIS n. the beginning or origin; first book in Bible

Origin: Greek gignesthai, 'to be born'

Sentence: That is the genesis from which everything else developed.

GENUINE adj. authentic; not artificial or fake; honest; sincere

Origin: Latin, genuinus, 'natural'

Sentence: These shoes are made of genuine leather.

GEOGRAPHIC adj. of or related to geography

Origin: Greek geographia, 'earth description'

Sentence: Atlases show the geographic locations of places.

GERANIUM n. type of flowering plant - usually pink or purplish flowers ji'rāniəm

Origin: Greek geranion

Sentence: The geranium has covered the entire flower bed.

GERBERA n. type of small flowering plant 'jerb(ə)rə / 'gerb(ə)rə

Origin: Named after German naturalist, T Gerber

Sentence: The gerbera thrives in our climate, and blooms brightly coloured flowers.

GESTURE n., v. a signal shown by body movement; to express feeling or intention

Origin: Latin gestura, 'one's manner or bearing'

Sentence: All children know which gesture on their parents' faces shows disapproval.

GHETTO n. slum area in city; a segregated group or area 'getō

Origin: Italian, probably getto named after a place

Sentence: Life in the ghetto is not prosperous but it has produced some great artists and performers.

GIBE or JIBE v., n. to jeer or mock; a jeer or instance of gibing

Origin: French giber, 'to handle roughly' 'jīb

Sentence: People like to gibe others who look or are dressed differently.

GIGANTIC adj. huge; enormous; like a giant

Origin: Latin gigas, 'giant'

Sentence: That ice cream cone is not large; it's gigantic!

GIRAFFE n. tall African animal with very long neck and legs

Origin: Arabic zarafa

Sentence: The giraffe is the world's tallest animal.

GIZZARD n. part of stomach of birds etc specially for digesting difficult food

Origin: French guisier, 'fowl's liver'

Sentence: A chicken's gizzard has muscles for grinding up indigestible food.

GLACIER n. slowly moving mass of ice

Origin: French glace, 'ice'

Sentence: The glacier formed from the snow was moving slowly down the mountain.

GLAMOUR or GLAMOR n. physical appeal; attractiveness

Origin: Related to 'grammar' and so linked with witchcraft

Sentence: A fashion model is chosen for glamour as well as personality.

GLAZIER n. person who glazes (fits glass into) windows

Origin: Middle English glasen, 'glass'

Sentence: We need to hire a glazier to fit the window panes properly

GLIMPSE n., v. very brief look; to see only briefly

Origin: Middle English glimse

Sentence: We could get only a glimpse of the bride as her car drove by in the rain.

GLISTENING adj. shining; sparkling

Origin: Old English glisnian, 'shine'

Sentence: The water is so clean and clear, it's glistening in the sunlight

GLOOMILY adv. in a glum, sad way; sullenly

Origin: Middle English gloumben , 'to look sullenly'

Sentence: She saw her school report and walked away gloomily.

GLOSSARY n. brief dictionary or list of terms and their meanings in a particular book 'glos(ə)ri

Origin: Latin glossarium (glossa, 'explanatory word')

Sentence: The glossary at the back of the book explained all the unusual terms.

GLUCOSE n. one form of sugar

Origin: Greek gleukos, 'sweet wine'

Sentence: Our bodies need glucose for energy.

GOBLET n. drinking vessel with a foot and stem

Origin: French goblet, 'little cup'

Sentence: Most wine glasses are a kind of goblet

GODDESS n. female god; woman who is adored

Origin: Old English god

Sentence: Venus was said to be the goddess of love and beauty.

GORGEOUS adj. extremely beautiful, elegant, attractive 'gorjəs

Origin: French gorgias, 'fine, elegant'

Sentence: It was a gorgeous room decorated with flowers and artwork.

GORILLA n. the largest of apes

Origin: Greek Gorillai, from the name of a hairy African tribe

Sentence: The gorilla is a huge but gentle member of the ape family.

GOSPEL n. life and teachings of Christ; a principle for action

Origin: Old English godspel, 'good news' Sentence: The gospel is the Christian's guide.

GOSSIP n., v. idle talk; rumour; to engage in such talk

Origin: Old English, godsibb, 'godparent'

Sentence: We listen to the gossip, but we know it's probably only a rumour.

GOVERNMENT n. manner of ruling or governing; body of persons who rule or govern

Origin: Latin gubernare, 'to steer, rule'

Sentence: Voters choose leaders to be in charge of the government of our country.

GRACIOUS adj. kind; courteous; polite; merciful

Origin: Latin gratus, 'pleasing'

Sentence: He was gracious enough to let her play

GRADIENT n. a sloping stretch of land; the steepness of a slope

Origin: Latin gradus, 'step'

Sentence: A gradient is not as steep as a hill.

GRAMMAR n. the study of the rules of a language

Origin: Greek gramma, 'something written' Sentence: English grammar is taught in our schools.

GRAPHICS n. photographs and illustrations

Origin: Greek graphikos, 'writing'

Sentence: Graphics in a textbook help to make the meaning clear.

GRATIFYINGLY adj. in a satisfying; or pleasing manner

Origin: Latin gratificari, 'to do a favour to'

Sentence: He gratifyingly accepted the award as "Teacher of the Year".

GRAVEL n. mixture of coarse sand and small stones

Origin: French gravele, 'little shore' Sentence: Gravel feels rough on bare feet.

GREYHOUND n. a tall slender dog known for its swiftness

Origin: Old English grieg ('bitch) + hund ('dog')

Sentence: The greyhound is popularly used in dog racing events.

GRIEVOUS adj. very severe or painful; causing or showing grief 'grēvəs

Origin: Latingravis, 'heavy'

Sentence: A hurricane can cause grievous damage to a country.

GRISTLE n. cartilage, especially in meat

Origin: OE

Sentence: Some meat eaters prefer the gristle.

GROCERY n. shop selling food and household items; the trade of a grocer

Origin: English and French grosser, 'a person who sells in the gross' Sentence: Every week, Paula goes to the supermarket for her grocery

GROIN n. sunken area just under the belly

Origin: Middle English grynde, 'abyss'

Sentence: A person's groin is found between the belly and the thigh.

GROPING v. to feel about or search blindly

Origin: Old English grapian, related to 'grasp'

Sentence: We could barely see him groping in the dark to find his way.

GROUPING n. putting in groups; organizing in sets

Origin: French groupe

Sentence: The coach is grouping the children into teams for different races.

GROUSE n., v. a complaint; a particular game-bird; to complain

Origin: Uncertain

Sentence: People who have a grouse against a company should report their complaints.

GRUMBLED v. complained angrily but not loudly

Origin: Old English grymman, 'to cry, wail'

Sentence: They grumbled about the price but had to pay it.

GUARANTEED v., adj certified (given a warranty); sure, certain garən'tēd

Origin: French guarantie

Sentence: This clock is guaranteed to give three years of trouble-free service.

GUARDIAN n. protector or caretaker; defender

Origin: French garder, 'protect'

Sentence: The children live with a guardian while their parents are away.

GUILTILY adv. feeling of being in the wrong; being in the wrong

Origin: Old English gylt (origin uncertain)

Sentence: The accused confessed to doing wrong and hung her head guiltily

GULLIBLE adj. easily persuaded or deceived

Origin: Uncertain

Sentence: Gullible people are easily tricked.

GUTTERING n. the gutters (shallow troughs) of a building; material for gutters

Origin: Latingutta, 'drop'

Sentence: Rain water is carried from the guttering on some roofs into storage tanks.

GYPSUM n. soft mineral used to make plaster of Paris 'jipsəm

Origin: Greek gupsos, 'chalk'

Sentence: Gypsum is mined in parts of Jamaica.

HABITUAL adj. done regularly or as a habit həˈbichuəl / həˈbitūəl

Origin: Latinhabitus, 'custom'

Sentence: Many habitual smokers are now breaking the habit.

HADDOCK n. an edible fish from the sea 'hadək

Origin: Medieval English

Sentence: The haddock is a member of the cod (fish) family.

HAGGARD adj. looking very tired, exhausted 'hagəd

Origin: Frenchhagard,'wild'

Sentence: A hard day's work may leave a person haggard.

n., v. rope or strap for holding and leading horse; rope with a noose for hanging someone; to do either of

HALTER these 'hawltə

Origin: Old English haelfter

Sentence: The groom led the horse gently by the halter.

HAMMOCK or HUMMOCK n. net or canvas hung by the ends as a swinging bed

Origin: Spanish (from the Tainos) hamaca 'hamək or 'hûmək

Sentence: A hammock is a cosy place for a nap.

HAMPERED v. hindered the progress or movement 'hampəd

Origin: Middle English (origin uncertain)

Sentence: Heavy rains hampered the repairs started on the roof.

HANDCUFFS n., v. pair of rings for locking around wrists of a prisoner; puts handcuffs on 'han(d)kûfs

Origin: Old English

Sentence: The prisoner was brought to court in handcuffs.

HANDKERCHIEF n. a square of cloth for wiping nose and face 'haŋkəchif

Origin Medieval English

Sentence: I blow my nose into my handkerchief.

HAPHAZARD adj., adv. in a disorderly manner; at random hap'hazəd

Origin: Middle English

Sentence: Her attendance at school was haphazard until she became better organized.

HARASS v. to pester or keep troubling 'harəs / hə'ras

Origin: Frenchharer, 'to set a dog on'

Sentence: They will try to harass us until we change our mind.

HARDWARE n. the mechanical and electronic part of a computer; metal goods, machinery etc 'hardwe:r

Origin: OE

Sentence: An electronic technician can repair the hardware of the computer.

HASSOCK n. cushion for kneeling on in church; clump of grass 'hasək

Origin: Old English hassuc, 'matted grass'

Sentence: The couple knelt on a hassock at the altar.

HATCHERY n. place where eggs are hatched under artificial conditions 'hachəri

Origin: Middle English hacche, 'to hatch'

Sentence: Thousands of chickens are hatched in a hatchery then sold to farmers.

HAUGHTY adj. very proud; arrogant; behaving as if superior 'hawti

Origin: Latinaltus, 'high'

Sentence: He's so haughty that nobody bothers to talk to him.

HAVOC n. great destruction; widespread confusion or disorder 'havək

Origin: Frenchhavot, 'plunder, loot'

Sentence: Strong winds cause havoc with the trees.

HAZEL n. the light reddish or greenish brown clour; deciduous shrubs and low trees bearing nuts

Origin: Old English

Sentence: I like staring into your hazel eyes.

HEADQUARTERS n. head office; main office of an organization 'hedkwawtəz

Origin: Old English

Sentence: Our police headquarters are on Old Hope Road.

HEARSE n. vehicle for conveying the coffin at a funeral 'hers

Origin: Latinhirpex icis, 'large rake'

Sentence: A hearse transported the coffin to the grave.

HEARTILY adv. in a hearty, very friendly manner; to a great degree 'hartili

Origin: Middle English, related to 'heart'

Sentence: He was greeted heartily by all his supporters.

HEATHEN n. person who does not belong to a religion 'hē $\theta$ ən

Origin: Old English haethen

Sentence: Many Christians would describe a non-Christian as a heathen.

HECKLER n. person who heckles (interrupts, harasses a speaker) 'hekla

Origin: Middle English

Sentence: The heckler would not allow the politician to speak in peace.

HECTARE n. an area of land that is 10,000 square metres 'hekte:r / 'hektar

Origin: Frenchhecto, 'hundred' + are 'a hundred square metres' Sentence: A hectare of land is enough for a small farmer.

HEDGEHOG n. small prickly-backed animal with a pig-like snout 'hej(h)og

Origin: Middle Englishhedge (from its home) + hog (from its snout) Sentence: A hedgehog rolls itself into a tight ball for protection.

HEIFER n. young cow especially one that has not had more than one calf 'hefə

Origin: Old English heahfore

Sentence: She's a young cow – a mere heifer.

HEMISPHERE n half of the earth; half of a sphere 'hemisfe:r

Origin: Medieval English

Sentence: Planet Earth has a northern and a southern hemisphere.

HEROIN n. a drug used to relieve pain, and as a narcotic 'herōin

Origin: German trademark probably from hero referring to supposed effect on user's self-esteem

Sentence: The prescription was a drug containing heroin.

HEROINE n. female hero (champion; outstanding person; main character in story) 'herōin

Origin: Latin heros, 'hero'

Sentence: The woman who rescued the children from the fire is our latest heroine.

HIBERNATION n. fromhibernate ('to go into a state like a long sleep during winter; remain inactive') hībə'nāshən

 $Origin: Latinhibernatus, \verb"`wintered""$ 

Sentence: Some animals go into hibernation throughout the winter season.

HIBISCUS n. a kind of shrub with large brightly coloured flowers hi'biskəs

Origin: Greekhibiskos, 'marsh mallow'

Sentence: The hibiscus seems to be always in bloom.

HOOLIGAN n. young ruffian (especially member of gang) 'hooligən

Origin: Named after an Irish surname, Houlihan

 $Sentence: The \ hooligan \ pushed \ every body \ roughly, forcing \ himself \ into \ the \ bus.$ 

HORRENDOUS adj. horrifying; shocking ho'rendəs

Origin: Latinhorrere, 'to shudder'

Sentence: The escape of the guard dogs was a horrendous experience for people nearby.

HORTICULTURE n. gardening; cultivation of fruits, flowers, vegetables 'hortikûlchə

Origin: Latin hortus, 'garden'

Sentence: That plot of fertile land is ideal for horticulture.

HUMID adj. warm, damp or moist air 'hūmid

Origin: Latinumere, 'to be moist'

Sentence: When the air is humid it makes us feel hot and sticky.

HUMILIATION n. shame; embarrassment hū'mili'āshən

Origin: Latinhumiliatus, 'made lowly'

Sentence: The boastful team suffered the humiliation of losing disgracefully.

HUMOROUS adj. amusing; funny; comic 'hūmərəs

Origin: Latinhumor, 'moisture'

Sentence: A comedy is a humorous play.

HURDLE n. set of obstacles to be jumped over in a race; obstacle or difficulty 'herdl

Origin: Old English, hyrdel

Sentence: The athlete was doing well until he failed to clear the last hurdle.

HURRICANE n. a violent tropical storm like a cyclone 'hûrikān / 'hûrikən

Origin: Tainohurakan (hura, 'wind')

Sentence: A hurricane normally brings rain with its strong winds.

HUSTLE v. to push or shove roughly; rush or hasten 'hûsl

Origin: Dutchhusselen, 'to shake, toss'

Sentence: In a crowded market, people hustle one another too much.

HYDRANT n. large pipe in the street for supplying water for fires etc 'hīdrənt

Origin: US

Sentence: The fire fighters have attached their hose to the hydrant down the road.

HYDROGEN n. one of the common gases

Origin: Frenchhydrogene, 'producing water' 'hīdrəjən Sentence: Hydrogen is one of the gases in water.

HYGIENE n. sanitary principles and practices; the study of these 'hījēn

Origin: Greekhygieia, 'health'

Sentence: Regular bathing and washing of hands is good hygiene.

HYMN n. song of praise (to God, to a nation etc) 'him

Origin: Latinhymnus

Sentence: The religious service began with the singing of a hymn

HYPERTENSION n. abnormally high blood pressure hīpə'tenshən

Origin: Lat

Sentence: She is taking regular medication for her hypertension.

HYPHEN n., v. the sign (-) used to join words; to join words this way 'hīfən

Origin: Greekhuphen, 'together'

Sentence: A hyphen between look and out converts it to the noun "look-out".

ICEBERG n. large floating mass of ice

Origin: Probably Dutch ijs ('ice') +berg ('hill, mountain')

Sentence To avoid an accident the captain sailed far away from the iceberg.

ICICLE n. piece of ice in form of a cone

Origin: Middle English is ('ice') +gicel ('icicle') Sentence: He ate an icicle for dessert.

IDEALISM n. belief in or following what is considered perfect

Origin: Latin idealis, related to 'idea'

Sentence: His early life was shaped by his youthful idealism.

IDENTIFIABLE adj. can be pointed out; recognizable

Origin: Latin identificare

Sentence There were identifiable footprints showing that the animal walked that way.

IDIOM n. expression or language peculiar to a people; dialect 'idiəm

Origin: Greek idioma, 'private property'

Sentence: This phrase is not grammatical but is an idiom we use.

IDIOTIC adj. acting like a stupid person

Origin: Greek idiote 'ignorant or unskilled person' Sentence: He was ridiculed for his idiotic behaviour.

IGLOO n. eskimo's snow house

Origin: Eskimo igdlu, 'house'

Sentence: The Eskimo made the walls of his igloo very thick.

IGNITE v. to set fire to; catch fire; provoke or excite feelings

Origin: Latin ignire 'to set on fire'

Sentence: He bought fuel to ignite the camp fire.

IGNORANCE n. lack of knowledge

Origin: Latin ignorare, 'to not know, be ignorant'

Sentence He could not inform the meeting because of his ignorance on the subject.

IGUANA n. large lizard found in the Caribbean region

Origin: Spanish from Carib iwana;

Sentence: The iguana is protected by law in Jamaica.

ILLEGAL adj. not lawful; not legal

Origin: Latin

Sentence: It is illegal to hunt iguanas in this country.

ILLEGIBLE adj. not easily read; not legible i'lejibl

Origin: Latin

Sentence: He types most of his letters as his writing is so illegible.

ILLITERATE adj. unable to read

Origin: Latin

Sentence He could not tell what the sign said because he was illiterate.

ILLUMINATE v. to light up; make bright

Origin: Latin lumen, 'light'

Sentence: They used bright light bulbs to illuminate the hall for the function.  $\label{eq:continuous}$ 

ILLUSION n. false impression or belief; state of being deceived i'loožən / i'lūžən

Origin: Latin illusio, 'mockery'

Sentence: She was under the illusion that he was an honest person until she found out otherwise.

ILLUSTRATE v. to explain with examples or pictures

Origin: Latin lusto, 'light up'

Sentence: She uses pictures to illustrate her lesson.

ILLUSTRIOUS adj. distinguished; famous; renowned i'lûstriəs

Origin: Latin illustris, 'bright, lustrous'

Sentence: They travelled long distance to see and hear the illustrious performer.

IMAGINARY adj. supposing to exist; not real

Origin: Latin imaginari, 'to fancy, picture mentally'

Sentence: The equator is an imaginary line around the world.

IMBALANCE n. lack of balance

Origin: O French

Sentence: The imbalance between what he earns and what he spends always leaves him indebted

IMITATOR n. one who follows the examples of another; mimic

Origin: Latin imitari, 'to copy'

Sentence: The imitator did a good imitation of the President's voice.

IMMACULATE adj. perfectly clean or tidy

Origin: Latin im ('not') + macula ('spot or blemish)' Sentence: The policemen were immaculate on parade.

IMMATURE adj. unripe; undeveloped esp. in character

Origin: Latin

Sentence: The eating of certain immature fruits may cause harm.

IMMEDIATELY adj. without pause or delay; right away

Origin: Latin immediatus (im 'not' + mediare 'to be in the middle')
Sentence A doctor immediately attended to the victims of the accident.

IMMENSELY adv. very much (to an immense extent) i'mensli

Origin: Latin immensus, 'immeasurable'

Sentence: She enjoyed herself immensely at the party.

IMMERSION n. being dipped in water e.g. baptism i'mershən

Origin: Latin Latin immergere, 'to dip in, immerse'

Sentence: In some churches baptism involves total body immersion in water.

IMMIGRANT n. a person who enters a country to settle

Origin: Latin immigrare, 'to go into'

Sentence: An immigrant needs time to settle in a new country.

IMMORAL adj. morally wrong or bad; loose; corrupt

Origin: Latin im ('not') + moralis ('custom') Sentence: Immoral practices can cause harm.

IMPATIENCE n. eagerness; lack of patience

Origin: French impatiens ('im' + 'patience')

Sentence: The people were showing impatience, as they had waited so long.

IMPERIALISM n. a system of governing by a supreme authority

Origin: Latin imperium , 'command, authority'

 $\label{thm:continuous} \textbf{Sentence: Imperialism is not a popular form of government today}.$ 

IMPLEMENT n., v. tool, instrument, utensil; to put decision, plan etc. into effect 'impliment / 'impliment

Origin: Latin implementa, 'implement'; implere, 'to employ'

Sentence: The hoe is an implement for digging.

INAUDIBLE adj. unable to be heard; not audible

Origin: Latin

Sentence: Although he tried to shout, he was still inaudible to those at the back of the room.

INCENTIVE n. payment or concession to encourage effort

Origin: Latin incentivus, 'setting the tune'

Sentence: The promise of a promotion was an incentive for even harder work.

INCEST n. sexual relationship between very close relatives

Origin: Latin incestus (in 'not' + castus 'chaste')
Sentence: In many modern societies incest is a crime.

INCISOR n. sharp front tooth for biting

Origin: Latin incidere, 'to cut into'

Sentence: The dentist filled and so saved the decayed incisor.

INCREMENT n. increase or added amount 'iŋkrimənt

Origin: Latin incrementum, 'growth'

Sentence: Government employees receive an annual increment to their salaries.

INCUBATOR n. equipment for providing warmth for hatching eggs or rearing premature babies

Origin: Lain incubare, 'to lie on'

Sentence Chickens hatched in the incubator are ready for sale.

INDEBTED adj. owing money or gratitude; having an obligation in'detid

Origin: French endetter, 'to involve in debt' Sentence: I am indebted to you for rescuing me.

INDECENT adj. offending; disgusting; unsuitable

Origin: Latin

Sentence The indecent haste with which he closed the meeting caused annoyance

INDELIBLE adj. cannot be rubbed out or removed

Origin: Latin indelibilis (from delere, 'to wipe out')

Sentence: His honesty and good works have left an indelible mark in the school.

INDENTURE n., v. sealed contract especially for work; to bind a person by such contract in dencha

Origin: Anglo-French endenture

Sentence: The terms of the indenture were read to the employee.

INDEPENDENT adj. free from or needing no help

Origin: Medieval English

Sentence: We did the project independent of our teacher.

INDIFFERENCE n. lack of interest or attention

Origin: Latin indifferens , 'making no distinction, of medium quality' Sentence: Her indifference shows that she has other interests

INDIGENT adj., n. needy, very poor; impoverished person

Origin: Latin indigere, 'to need'

Sentence: Food stamps are for indigent persons.

INDIGESTIBLE adj. difficult or impossible to digest (absorb, assimilate) indi'jestibl / indī'jestibl

Origin: Latin

Sentence: Indigestible food may cause abdominal discomfort

INDISCIPLINE n. disorder; lack of discipline

Origin: Lat Prefix in ('not') + word discipline ('order')

Sentence: Everyone is affected when there is indiscipline in class.

INFINITE adj. boundless; endless; limitless

Origin: Lat Prefix in ('not') + word finite ('limited')
Sentence: Our Solar System travel through infinite space.

INFLUENZA n. contagious virus infection causing fever, aching, etc

Origin: Latin influentia, 'influence'

Sentence: She was having influenza and stayed in bed.

INFRASTRUCTURE n. basic structures in place - roads, sewers, etc.

Origin: French Prefix infra ('below, under') + word structure

Sentence: As soon as the infrastructure is in place, people will build houses and move in.

INQUIRY or ENQUIRY n. investigation esp. an official one

Origin: Latin inquirere, 'to seek'

Sentence: An inquiry is being held into the disappearance of the visitor.

INSECTICIDE n. substance for killing insects

Origin: Latin

Sentence: Some people use an insecticide to get rid of cockroaches.

INSTALMENT or INSTALLMENT n. one of a series of fixed payments of a debt

Origin: French estaler, 'to fix or set'

Sentence: Another instalment on the bill is now due.

INSTINCT n. intuition; natural response; inborn behaviour

Origin: Latin instinguere, 'to incite, prompt'

Sentence: People choose friends not by reasoning but by instinct.

INSULIN n. hormone secreted in body, lack of which causes diabetes

Origin: Latin insula, 'island'

Sentence: The diabetic patient was told that her body was very short of insulin.

INTENTION n. aim; purpose; goal

Origin: Latin intendere, 'to direct, purpose'

Sentence: He threw objects but with no intention of hitting anyone.

INTERCHANGEABLE adj. exchangeable; capable of changing places or uses

Origin: Old French

Sentence: Although they are from different cars, these parts are interchangeable

INTERDENOMINATIONAL adj. concerning or involving more than one religious, denomination

Origin: Latin Prefix inter ('together') + word denominational

Sentence: All the religious groups are meeting together in an interdenominational conference.

INTERFERE v. to meddle; intervene; hinder

Origin: French s'entreferir, 'to collide'

Sentence: I try not to interfere in other people's business.

INTERMISSION n. pause as between two things (eg different acts of a play

Origin: Latin intermission, 'interruption'

Sentence: People often have drinks during intermission in a performance.

INTERRUPTION n. halting of an action or speech; disturbance

Origin: Latin interrumpere , 'to break apart'

Sentence: They performed without interruption from the audience.

INVARIABLE adj. always the same; no changes; constant; unchangeable

Origin: Latin

Sentence: Invariable weather may become boring eventually.

INVENTORY n. complete list of goods etc in a particular place

Origin Latin inventorium, 'a list of things found'

Sentence: We need to make an inventory of items in the science lab.

INVESTMENT n. money or property etc. in safekeeping esp. for profit

Origin: Latin investire, 'to clothe'

Sentence: It seems wise to have an investment in that thriving business.

IODINE n. type of dark-violet crystal, or solution

Origin: Greek iodes, 'violet-like, rust-coloured'

Sentence: The animal's wound was treated with iodine

IRONY n. figure of speech that says the opposite of what is meant

Origin: Greek eironeia, 'pretended ignorance'

Sentence: As we listened we could identify the irony in his speech.

IRREGULAR adj. not orderly; uneven; not regular

Origin:: Latin

Sentence: The student's attendance was so irregular, that he was far behind in his studies.

IRRIGATE v. to water land by means of channels etc 'irigāt

Origin: Latin irrigatus, 'watered'

Sentence: Farmers irrigate the dry lands for the crops to flourish.

ITCHY adj. having or causing irritation in the skin; having a strong urge

Origin: Old English gyccan, 'to itch'

Sentence: Mosquito bites cause an itchy feeling.

IVORY n., adj. hard white substance made from tusks of elephants etc; a smooth white colour

Origin: Latin ebur eboris, 'ivory'

Sentence: Ivory is used for carving and making

JACKAL n. a wild animal related to the dog and the wolf 'jak(ə)l / 'jakawl

Origin: Persian shagal

Sentence: The jackal likes to hunt in packs.

JAGUAR n. large spotted member of the cat family 'jagūə

Origin: South American Indian Language, jaguara

Sentence: The jaguar has a yellowish coat with black spots

JANITOR n. caretaker of a building; doorkeeper 'janitə

Origin: Latin janua, 'door'

Sentence: Our janitor lives on the premises and opens the classrooms every morning.

JASMINE or JASMIN n. kind of flowering shrub with white or yellow flowers 'jasmin / 'jazmin

Origin: Persian yasamin

Sentence: The jasmine blooms sweet-smelling flowers.

JAUNDICE n. a condition causing yellowing of the whites of one's eyes 'jawndis

Origin: French jaunice, 'yellowness'

Sentence: A person with jaundice should be examined by a doctor.

JEALOUSY n. feeling jealous (suspicious, possessive, envious) 'jeləsi

Origin: Latin zelosus, 'zeal, enthusiasm'

Sentence: The wife's jealousy was a problem in that marriage.

JERSEY n. a (usually) knitted pullover; light brown dairy cow from Jersey 'jerzi

Origin: Named after island called Jersey

Sentence: It was cold so I wore a jersey along with my shirt.

JIGGLE v. to shake lightly; rock jerkily; fidget 'jigl

Origin: Uncertain

Sentence: Don't knock; just jiggle the doorknob and someone will hear you.

JIGSAW n a picture cut into pieces to be put back together; a kind of saw that cuts patterns 'jigsaw

Origin: Uncertain

Sentence: Children enjoy fitting the pieces of jigsaw puzzle together.

JITTERY adj. nervous; uneasy 'jitəri

Origin: Probably Scots chitter, 'to shiver'

Sentence: Mom becomes jittery whenever we're not home early.

JOCULAR adj. merry; fond of joking 'jokūlə

Origin: Latin joculus, 'a little joke'

Sentence: He is a jocular person, who keeps the party merry.

JOSTLED or JUSTLED n. pushed and shoved 'josld

Origin: Middle English jostle (similar to joust 'to fight etc')

Sentence: The ruffian jostled his way to the front of the crowded bus.

JUBILEE n. a special anniversary; time or season of rejoicing 'joobilē

Origin: Hebrew yobel, 'ram's horn trumpet' (to announce the jubilee)

Sentence: Next year the jubilee of Emancipation will be celebrated in a special way.

JUNCTION n. an intersection of roads or railway lines; point at which things are joined 'jûŋ(k)shən

Origin: Latin junctio, 'joining'

Sentence: The local YMCA headquarters is at the junction of Hope and Trafalgar Roads.

JURORS n. members of a jury (body of people judging a case in court); people judging an event 'jůrəz

Origin: French jurare, 'to swear'

Sentence: A jury consists of jurors who swear to make honest judgement of the case.

JUSTIFIABLE adj. can be justified (defended); proper; reasonable 'jûstifiəbl

Origin: Latin justificare, 'to make right or just'

Sentence: I don't see how you can consider such rudeness justifiable!

KANGAROO n. type of long-tailed animal which moves by hopping

Origin: Australian Aboriginal gangurru

Sentence: The female kangaroo carries her young in a pouch on her belly.

KARATE n. Japanese system of self-defence without weapon

Origin: Japanese kara, 'empty' + te, 'hand'

Sentence: Karate, like kung fu, has become popular as a sport as well as a method of defence.

KAYAK n. skin-covered Eskimo canoe 'kīak

Origin: Eskimo

Sentence: When the ice melted the Eskimo sailed off in his kayak.

KERNEL n. core or inner part of a seed, nut etc

Origin: Old English cyrnel, 'little seed'

Sentence: The kernel of the almond is the part that we eat.

KHAKI n., adj. type of brownish-yellow uniform; the cloth or colour of that uniform

Origin: Urdu, kaki, 'dust-coloured'

Sentence: Most boys in our country wear khaki to school.

KIDNAPPED v. carried off illegally (especially to get ransom)

Origin: Medieval English

Sentence: The bandits kidnapped the child but were caught by the police.

KIDNEYS n. plural of kidney (organ for excreting urine)

Origin: Middle English kidnei

Sentence: A person is born with two kidneys at the back of the abdomen

KILN n. furnace or oven for baking, drying pottery etc 'kiln

Origin: Latin culina, 'kitchen'

Sentence: The potter has just put the clay pots in the kiln for baking.

KILOWATTS n. plural of kilowatt (unit of electricity equal to 1000 watts)

Origin: Prefix kilo, (1000) + word watt (a unit of power)

Sentence: A stand-by generator may produce approximately four kilowatts of electricity

KINDERGARTEN n. class or school for young children

Origin: German, literally 'children's garden'

Sentence: In kindergarten, children learn mostly through playing and pictures

KIOSK n. a kind of open booth for selling food, newspapers etc, or for housing public telephone 'kēosk

Origin: Turkish kiushk, 'pavillion'

Sentence: At the fair there was a kiosk with the most delicious ice cream.

KNAPSACKS n. plural of knapsack (hiker's or soldier's bag carried trapped to his back)

Origin: German knappen, 'eat' + sack, 'bag'

Sentence: The hikers are all ready with their knapsacks on their backs.

KNEAD v. make into dough

Origin: Old English cnedan

Sentence: To make dumplings we mix the flour with water and then we knead the dough.

KNICKERS n. woman's undergarment made a bit like shorts 'nikəz

Origin: From word knickerbockers

Sentence: Knickers were worn by women and girls long ago, but not nowadays.

KNOWLEDGE n awareness; a range of information

Origin: Middle English knaulege

Sentence: The knowledge of an adult is normally greater than that of a child.

LABEL n., v. tag; paper, cloth etc attached to an object to give information about it; to put on a label 'lābl

Origin: French label, 'ribbon'

Sentence: Before you buy the item, read the label carefully.

LABORATORY n. place for scientific research or manufacture ləˈborət(ə)ri / ˈlab(ə)rət(ə)ri

Origin: Latin laboratorium (laborare, 'to work')

Sentence: Today we should know the result of the test in the laboratory.

LADLE n., v. long handed deep spoon; to scoop out with such spoon 'lādl

Origin: Old English hladan, 'to draw out' Sentence: Soup is normally served with a ladle.

LANGUAGE n. system of expressing ideas, thoughts, etc 'langwij

Origin: Latin lingua, 'tongue'

 $\label{thm:continuous} \textbf{Sentence: The English language is widely spoken.}$ 

LARCENY n. theft of personal property 'lars(ə)ni

Origin: French larcin

Sentence: The punishment for larceny is imprisonment or a fine.

LAUNDER v. to wash and iron especially clothes 'lawndə

Origin: Latin lavare, 'to wash'

Sentence: Today we'll launder our school uniforms.

 $LAVATORY \\ {\color{blue} n.\ toilet;\ room\ containing\ toilet(s)\ 'lavət(ə)ri\ /\ lə'vāt(ə)ri} \\$ 

Origin: Latin lavare, 'to wash'

Sentence: This school has a lavatory for girls and one for boys.

LAXATIVE n. medicine to help freeing the bowels 'laksətiv

Origin: Latin laxus, 'loose'

Sentence: A laxative will usually ease constipation.

LEATHERETTE n. imitation leather  $le\theta\theta'$ ret

Origin: Old English lether, 'leather'

Sentence: The settee is covered with brown leatherette.

LECTURER n. person who gives formal talk or lesson on a subject 'lekchərə

Origin: Latin legere, 'to read'

Sentence: I listened to the lecturer and learned a lot from her.

LEDGER adj. record of accounts of a business 'lejə

Origin: Dutch leggen, 'to lay'

Sentence: The ledger showed an increase in cash received.

LEEWARD adj. on or toward the side sheltered from the wind (opposite of windward) 'lēwəd / lūəd

Origin: Old English hleo, 'shelter'

Sentence: The lands on the leeward side of the mountain were not hit by the hurricane.

LENGTHEN v. to make or become longer 'leŋ $\theta$ (ə)n

Origin: Old English lengthu

Sentence: To cover the table we must lengthen the cloth.

LEOPARD n. large spotted animal of the cat family 'lepəd

Origin: Greek leon ('lion') + pardos ('panther')

Sentence: Ancient people thought the leopard to be a cross between the lion and the panther.

LESSEN v. to make or become less (reduced); diminish 'les(ə)n

Origin: Old English laessa

Sentence: To lose weight, I must lessen my food intake.

LESSON n. something learned; instruction; period of teaching 'les(ə)n

Origin: Latin lectio, 'a reading'

Sentence: To be thrifty was a lesson he learnt at an early change.

LIBRARY n. collection of books; place where these are kept 'lībri / 'lībrəri

Origin: Latin liber, 'book'

Sentence: We borrowed books on different topics from the library

LICENCE or LICENSE n.v. official permission to own or do something; permit

Origin: Latin licere, 'to be lawful' 'līsəns Sentence: I have a licence to drive a car.

LIGAMENT n. tissue connecting bones at a joint 'ligəmənt

Origin: Latin ligare, 'to bind'

Sentence: When I fell I damaged a ligament in my shoulder.

LIGHTING n., v. arrangement of lights in a room or street etc; effect of such lights; producing lights 'lītiŋ

Origin: Old English leoht, 'light'

Sentence: The lighting in the theatre was just right.

LIGHTNING n. flash of bright light from the clouds 'lītniŋ

Origin: Middle English from leoht, 'light'

Sentence: Flashes of lightning preceded the thunder.

LIKELIHOOD n. probability; prospect 'līklihud

Origin: Old Norse likligr

Sentence: There is a strong likelihood that he will be found.

LIMESTONE n. type of rock composed mainly of calcium carbonate 'līmstōn

Origin: Old English

Sentence: Limestone is common in many areas of Jamaica.

LIMOUSINE n. large luxurious motor car limə'zēn

Origin: French

Sentence: The bride rode in a white limousine.

LINIMENT n. oily liquid rubbed onto a painful or diseased part of the body

Origin: Latin

Sentence: Mom applied a liniment to his bruised knee.

LINKAGE n. connection; interconnectedness 'liŋkij

Origin: Old Norse hlekkr, 'link'

Sentence: The two groups have formed a linkage as they have much in common.

LIQUIDATION n. ending of a business; termination likwi'dāshən

Origin: Latin liquidare, 'to make clear'

Sentence: He wound up his business, and then went into liquidation.

LIQUOR n. alcoholic drink (usually distilled) 'likə

Origin: Latin liquor

Sentence: People buy and drink liquor at the bar.

LISTENER n. person who listens; person who receives broadcast 'lis(ə)nə

Origin: Old English hlysnan

Sentence: He learns well mainly because he is a good listener.

LITERATURE n. written work e.g. poetry, fiction, of lasting value 'lit(ə)rəchə

Origin: Latin litera, 'letter'

Sentence: The literature written by authors of every century teaches us a lot

LOBSTER n. sea animal with shell and claws; its flesh as food 'lobstə

Origin: Latin locusta, 'crustacean, lucust'

Sentence: The men have gone to sea, fishing for lobster.

LOCKET n. small case worn as pendent to a necklace 'lokit

Origin: French loc, 'latch'

Sentence: She wears a locket with two tiny photographs inside it.

LOGIC n. the science of reasoning; a chain of reasoning 'lojik

Origin: Greek logike (tekhne), 'art' of reason

Sentence: I can be convinced by logic but not by emotion.

LONELINESS n. being alone; feeling of sadness because of this 'lonlinis

Origin: Old English al one, 'all (entirely) one, alone' Sentence: Telephone calls help to relieve my loneliness.

LONGITUDE n. angular distance east or west of the Prime Meridian 'lonjitūd / 'longitūd

Origin: Latin longitudo 'length' (longus, 'long')

Sentence: Lines of longitude mark distances on the world map.

LOOSE adj. not ridgedly or securely attached/ n. laxity, or unrestraint; free indulgence/ v. to set free

Origin: Norse

Sentence: She tucked some loose strands of her hair behind her ears.

LOSE v. suffer loss or detriment

Origin: Old English

Sentence: We all knew that his team would lose in the final.

LOTTERY n. game of chance based usually on drawing of tickets 'lot(ə)ri

Origin: Old English hlot, 'portion, choice (lot)'
Sentence: Tickets for the lottery are now being sold.

LOUNGE n. v. waiting area at airports, hotels etc; to lie back comfortably 'lownj / 'lownž

Origin: Uncertain

Sentence: We waited comfortably in the lounge for the arrival of the aeroplane.

LUDO n. type of game played with dice and counters 'loodo / lūdo

Origin: Latin ludo, 'I play'

Sentence: The children enjoyed playing ludo.

LUSCIOUS adj. richly sweet in taste or smell

Origin: Unknown

Sentence: Luscious fruits were served as a dessert.

LUXURY n. expensive and extremely comfortable possessions or surroundings 'lûkshəri

Origin: Latin luxus 'abundance, excess'

Sentence: Wealthy persons can afford a life of luxury.

MACARONI n. a kind of pasta in long strips

Origin: Greek makaria, 'food made from barley' Sentence: Macaroni and cheese is a delicious dish.

MACAW n. long-tailed brightly coloured parrot mə'kaw

Origin: Portuguese macao

Sentence: The macaw is one of the largest members of the parrot family.

MACHETE n. gardening and chopping tool resembling a large knife mə'cheti / mə'sheti

Origin: Spanish macho, 'hammer'

Sentence: We use a machete to chop wood.

MACHINERY n. machines in general; the workings of a machine or of a system

Origin: Greek makhana, 'pulley'

Sentence: The machinery of the factory is outdated but still working well.

MAGAZINE n. a periodical (like a journal or newspaper); storage part of a gun, camera etc

Origin: Arabic makazin, 'storehouses'

Sentence: The 'Jamaica Journal' is an informative magazine

MAGICIAN n. entertainer who performs conjuring tricks etc; one who practises magic

Origin: Greek magike, 'witchcraft'

Sentence: The magician entertained the crowd with his many tricks.

MAGPIE n. long-tailed crow; other similar black and white birds; a person who collects small objects 'magpī

Origin: Uncertain

Sentence: The black and white magpie likes to collect shine objects.

MALAISE n. bodily discomfort; feeling of unease

Origin: French

Sentence: She was overcome with Malaise and had to see the doctor.

MALARIA n. a tropical disease caused by a type of mosquito

Origin: Italian mal(a) aria, 'bad air'

 $\label{thm:continuous} \textbf{Sentence: Malaria is spread by the bites of the female anopheles mosquito.}$ 

MALICIOUS adj. spiteful; evil or wicked; revengeful mə'lishəs

Origin: Latinmalus, 'bad'

Sentence: Even kind people can be malicious sometimes.

MALIGNANCY n. harmfulness; destructiveness mə'lignənsi

Origin: Latinmalus, 'bad'

Sentence: The is no evidence of malignancy in the scar so it will soon heal

MAMMALIAN adj. adjective from mammal ('animal which gives suck to its young) ma'māliən

Origin: Latin mammalis, 'of the breast'

Sentence: Human beings belong to the mammalian family.

MANAGEMENT n. administration, directing the affairs of a business; the persons who do this

Origin: Latin manus, 'hand'

Sentence: The management of this company is in good hands.

MANGE adj. a skin disease of animals; shabby 'mānj

Origin: French mangeue, 'itch'

Sentence: Mange causes a dog to lose hair and to itch all over.

MANGROVE n. a type of tree that grows in salt marshes and swamps

Origin: Taino

Sentence: Many birds, lizards and crocodiles live in Jamaica's mangrove swamps

MANUFACTURING n., v. making, constructing from raw material

Origin: Latin manufactum, 'made by hand'

Sentence: Some companies do manufacturing while others do the selling.

MANUSCRIPT n., adj. an author's (used to be handwritten) version of a book etc; handwritten stage

Origin: Latin manuscriptus, 'written by hand'

Sentence: The author's manuscript of the novel is read by the publishers

MARGARINE n. butter substitute made from vegetable oil or animal fat

Origin: Greek margaron, 'pearl' (from its appearance) Sentence: Some people eat margerine instead of butter.

MARIGOLD n. plant with bright golden flowers and a strong smell

Origin: Middle English Mary + gold

Sentence: Marigold flowers come in different shades of gold and yellow.

MARTIAL adj. relating to war or fighting; warlike

Origin: Latin martialis, 'of Mars' (the god of war)

Sentence: Karate is one of the martial arts for self defence.

MASCOT n. person, animal or thing carried around for good luck

Origin: French mascotto, 'little witch'

Sentence: The football team's mascot is a billy goat.

MASCULINITY n. manliness; maleness maskū'liniti

Origin: Latin masculinus

Sentence: He thought that refusing to cry would show his masculinity.

MASONRY n. stonework; work or craft of a mason

Origin: French masson, probably 'to make' Sentence: The masonry on this house is excellent.

MASSACRE n., v. general slaughter (especially of persons); to do such a slaughter

Origin: French macacre, 'slaughterhouse'

Sentence: In war there is a great deal of massacre and pain.

MATINEE n. afternoon performance in theatre, cinema etc

Origin: French matinee, 'morning, what occupies a morning'

Sentence: The matinee performance of the pantomime is just as good as the evening show

MATTRESS n. large pad usually on a bed for sleeping

Origin: Arabic almatrah, 'the place, the cushion' Sentence: The mattress on that bed is stuffed with foam

MAUVE adj., n. a pale purple colour

Origin: French, mauve, 'mallow' (a plant with pink or purple flowers)

Sentence: Everybody is wearing a mauve outfit with a thin green belt around the waist.

MEANDER v., n. to bend and curve about (e.g. a road or river); winding of road etc

Origin: Latin

Sentence: Most rural roads in Jamaica meander around the hills for considerable distances.

MEASLES n. a viral disease that comes with a skin rash

Origin: German masele , 'spot on skin' Sentence: Measles is a contagious disease.

MEDICINE n. a drug to treat or prevent illness; the science and practice of treating illness

Origin: Latin, medicina, 'healing'

Sentence: The medicine helps the patient to feel better.

MEMENTO n. an object kept as reminder or souvenir of a person or event milmentō

Origin: Latin meminisse, 'to remember'

Sentence: This smooth white stone is a memento of our wonderful week on the beach.

MIGRAINE n. a special kind of throbbing headache usually on one side of the head 'mīgrān / 'mēgrān

Origin: Greek hemikrania, 'half skull'

Sentence: A migraine is one of the worst types of headache that you can experience.

MILLENNIUM or MILLENIUM n. a period of 1000 years; a particular period of Christ's rule, of future happiness mi'leniəm

Origin: Latin mille ('thousand') + annus ('year')

Sentence: January 1, 2001 marked the beginning of a new millennium.

MIRROR n., v. looking glass; a surface that reflects; to reflect

Origin: French mirer, 'to look at'

Sentence: When I'm dressing, I look at myself in a mirror.

MISCHIEVOUS adj. playful; playfully troublesome

Origin: French meschief, 'a disaster or bad end' Sentence: Most children are mischievous in some way.

MISSIONARY n., adj. person spreading a doctrine or belief (such as a religious faith); related to a mission

Origin: Latin missio, 'sending'

Sentence: The missionary is spreading the gospel everywhere

MISTLETOE n. a kind of evergreen parasite that bears white berries in winter 'misltō

Origin: Old English misteltan

Sentence: The mistletoe is a popular plant at Christmas time.

MIXTURE n. something mixed; the process of mixing

Origin: Latin miscere, 'to mix'

Sentence: This class is a mixture of boys and girls of different ages.

MOAT n. deep ditch dug around a castle or town to protect it

Origin: French mote, 'mound'

Sentence: The enemies could not cross the moat so the castle was safe.

MOCKERY n. ridicule; tease; imitation

Origin: French mocquer, 'to tease, jeer'

Sentence: He wore his short pants proudly, despite the mockery of his classmates.

MOISTURISER or MOISTURISER n. something that makes another thing moist (less dry)

Origin: Latinmucidus, 'musty' 'moyschərīzə

Sentence: She uses a moisturizer cream to soften her dry hands.

MOLARS n. the large back teeth used for chewing and grinding

Origin: Latin mola, 'millstone'

Sentence: The dentist filled a cavity in one of my molars.

MOLASSES n. thick syrup remaining after the sugar is processed

Origin: Latin mellaceum, 'fermenting juice'

Sentence: Molasses is not very sweet but can be used in pastry.

n., v. computer or television screen; an instrument that monitors (checks and regulates) something; to do

MONITOR that monitoring

Origin: Latin monere, 'to advise, warn'

Sentence: We watch programmes on our television monitor.

MONOLOGUE or MONOLOG n. long speech by one actor; scene in which an actor speaks alone; a play for one actor 'monolog

Origin: Greek

Sentence: The opening scene of the play was a monologue by the main character.

n. the right or power of only one company or person to sell certain goods or services; sole possession or

MONOPOLY control of something

Origin: Prefix mono, 'single' + Greek polein, 'to sell'

Sentence: That Company has a monopoly to supply water, so nobody else is allowed to do it.

MORGUE n. place for storing dead bodies; mortuary

Origin: French

Sentence: Bodies are kept in a morgue until they are to be buried.

MORSEL n. small piece (especially food)

Origin: French morsel, 'little bite'

Sentence: I tasted only a morsel of the pudding, but it was delicious.

MORTAR n., v. deep container for pounding things; a mixture of cement etc; type of gun; the verbs from these

Origin: Latin mortarium, 'basin'; French mortier, 'the mixture'

Sentence: Some people still beat coffee beans in a mortar until they become fine grains.

MOSQUITO n. small insect the female of which sucks the blood of animals

Origin: Spanish and Portuguese mosquito, 'little fly' (from mosca , 'fly') Sentence: The sting of a mosquito is unpleasant and sometimes harmful

MUMPS n. a disease causing painful swelling of glands under the chin

Origin: Uncertain

Sentence: Mumps is a painful and infectious disease.

MUSCLES n. plural of muscle (elastic material in the body that helps movement)

Origin: Latin musculus, 'little mouse' (because some muscles look mouse-like)

Sentence: The human body has hundreds of muscles which are responsible for all movement

MYSTERY n. any strange matter beyond explanation; secret

Origin: Greek musterion, 'secret rites, ceremonies'

Sentence: How the magician pulls a rabbit out of a hat is still a mystery to me.

MYTHICAL adj. not real, based on myth (untrue tale); exist only in a myth 'miθik(ə)l

Origin: Greek muthos, 'fable, word'

Sentence: Stories about elephants having long memories are mythical (as elephants really don't).

NARCOTICS n. certain drugs which cause numbness, drowsiness etc; such drugs used to affect the mind nar'kotiks

Origin: Greeknarkotikos, 'numbing'

Sentence: He was imprisoned for using narcotics illegally.

NARRATOR n. a character that tells the events in a story or gives commentary in a film or play. na'rātə

Origin: Latin narrare, 'to relate, tell'

Sentence: The narrator tells the story from her point of view.

NARROWLY adv. barely; hardly; in a limited way; not thoroughly

Origin: Old English nearu 'narōli

Sentence: The dog narrowly escaped being hit by a bicycle.

NASEBERRY n. a fruit also called sapodilla 'nāzb(ə)ri

Origin: Spanish and Portuguese nespera, 'medlar' Sentence: Naseberry is a very sweet and juicy fruit.

n. great pride in or loyalty to one's country; patriotism; ideas similar to national independence

NATIONALISM 'nash(ə)nəlizm

Origin: Latinnatio, 'birth, tribe'; nasci, 'to be born'

Sentence: You could sense their nationalism in the way they talked about their country.

NATURALLY adv. according to nature (not artificially nor man-made); in a manner to be expected 'nach(ə)rəli

Origin: Latinnaturalis, fromnatura, 'nature'

Sentence: Kamal finds music lessons difficult, but Kary is naturally musical.

NAUGHTY adj. badly behaved; disobedient 'nawti

Origin: Old Englishnaught, 'wickedness'

Sentence: That naughty child threw the chalk at the teacher

NAUTICAL adj. relating to ships, sailors or navigation 'nawtik(ə)l

Origin: Greeknautes, 'sailor'; naus, 'ship'

Sentence: The sailors are using nautical terms which I do not understand.

NAVEL n. the mark on one's belly, showing where the umbilical cord was attached to the foetus 'nāv(ə)l

Origin: Old English nafela

Sentence: The short blouse stops just above her navel.

NAVIGATOR n. officer on ship or aircraft who records and controls the course 'navigate

Origin: Latinnavis, 'ship' + agere, 'to drive'

Sentence: In the past, the navigator of a ship depended on his compass and the stars.

NECESSITY n. something essential; a need; shortage or hardship ni'sesiti

Origin: Latinnecesse, 'needful, unavoidable'

Sentence: Sweet drinks are not a necessity, but water is.

NECKLACE n. jewellery worn around the neck 'neklis

Origin: Old English

Sentence: She is wearing a beautiful necklace of pearls.

NEGLIGIBLE adj. very slight; insignificant; unimportant 'neglijibl

Origin: Latin negligere, 'to disregard'

Sentence: That mistake is so negligible; you won't lose any marks for it.

NEGOTIATE v. to bargain; discuss terms; arrange; find a way ni'gōshiāt

Origin: Latinnegotium, 'business'; negotiari, 'to trade'

Sentence: The price was high so I had to negotiate with the salesman to get a better deal.

NEONATAL adj. relating to newly born children 'nēənātəl / 'nēōnātəl

Origin: Latin neonatus, 'neonate, newborn' (natus, 'born')

Sentence: A nurse is advising the mother on neonatal care for the newborn child.

NERVOUSNESS n. anxiety; uneasiness; apprehension 'nervəsnis

Origin: Latinnervus, (related to 'nerve')

Sentence: Before the exam we were quite nervous, but we soon lost all that nervousness.

NEUTER adj., v. neither male nor female gender; to castrate or spay an animal 'nūtə

Origin: Latinneuter, 'neither'

Sentence: Most things that have no life belong to the neuter gender.

NEWT n. small lizard-like animal that lives partly on land, partly in water 'nūt

Origin: Middle Englishan+ ewt (hence a newt)

Sentence: A newt lives on land for part of the year and in water during the breeding season.

NICOTINE n. poisonous narcotic contained in tobacco 'nikətēn

Origin: Named after J Nicot who introduced tobacco into France

Sentence: Nicotine is a poisonous substance inhaled by smokers of cigarettes and cigars.

NIECE n. daughter of one's brother or sister 'nēs

Origin: Latinneptis, 'granddaughter'

Sentence: Her niece and nephew are spending the holidays with her.

NIGHTINGALE n. a small brown bird known for its melodious singing 'nītingāl

Origin: Old English nihtegale, 'night-singer' Sentence: The nightingale sings mostly at night.

NIGHTMARE n. frightening, unpleasant dream; haunting experience 'nītme:r

Origin: Old English mare, a fictitious evil spirit that haunted sleepers (at nights)

Sentence: Watching a horror movie sometimes gives me a nightmare.

NITROGEN n. name of the gas that forms most of the earth's air 'nītrəjən

Origin: Frenchnitrogene

Sentence: Nitrogen is found in all living things.

NOCTURNAL adj. active mostly at night; happening at or relating to night nok'ternəl

Origin: Latin nocturnes, 'of the night'

Sentence: Animals that prowl mostly at night are considered to be nocturnal.

NOMADIC adj. Wandering from place to place no madik /nə madik

Origin: Latinnomas, 'wandering shepherd'

Sentence: Early man was nomadic, roaming in search of food.

NOMINEE n. a person who has been nominated for an office or an award nomi'nē

Origin: Latin nominatus, 'named'

Sentence: Jason is a nominee for the art scholarship and I hope he gets it.

NONSENSE n. speech or writing with little or no meaning; foolishness; silly behaviour 'nonsens

Origin: Medieval English

Sentence: People should prepare their speeches, to avoid talking nonsense.

NOTARY n. a person (like a Justice of the Peace) authorized to perform certain legal functions 'nōt(ə)ri

Origin: Latinnotarius, 'secretary'

Sentence: Many official documents have to be signed by a notary public.

NOTICEABLE adj. easily seen or noticed; noteworthy 'nōtisəbl

Origin: Latinnotitia, 'fame, being known'

Sentence: The mistake was hardly noticeable but I still lost points.

NOURISHMENT n. food; sustenance; nutrient 'nûrishmənt

Origin: Latinnutrire, 'to feed, care for'

Sentence: Our bodies get much of their nourishment from the food we eat.

NOVEL n., adj. a story the length of a book; of a new kind 'novl

Origin: Italiannovella (storia), 'new (story)'; Latin novellus

Sentence: The novel 'Sprat Morrison' was written by Jean DaCosta.

NOVICES n. beginners; people new at something 'novisiz

Origin: Latinnovicius, 'new'

Sentences: Obviously they are all novices and will need a lot of practice at this sport.

NUCLEAR n. relating to nucleus (central part of a thing) 'nūkle:r

Origin: Latinnucleus, 'kernel, inner part'

Sentence: Nuclear weapons are built for war, and are very dangerous.

NUISANCE n. annoyance; a bother; pest 'nūsəns

Origin: Latinnocere, 'to hurt'

Sentence: Be quiet and stop being a nuisance to everybody!

NUMBNESS n. deprived of feeling; being numb (without feeling) 'nûmnis

Origin: Middle Englishnome(n), 'paralyzed'

Sentence: Holding ice for long leaves one's hands with a sense of numbness.

NUMERACY n. basic ability in the use of mathematics 'nūm(ə)rəsi

Origin: Latinnumerus, 'number'

Sentence: Before we leave Primary School we should be skilful in literacy and numeracy.

NUNNERY n. a convent; home for nuns 'nûn(ə)ri

Origin: Latinnonna, female of nonnus, 'monk'

Sentence: All the nuns in this area live in the nunnery on the church premises.

NURSERIES n. plural of nursery (a room or place equipped for young children; place for rearing young plants) 'ners(ə)riz

Origin: Latinnutrire, 'to nourish'

Sentence: Many schools now have nurseries for the very young children.

NUTMEG n. the seed or spice produced by a type of tropical tree; the tree itself 'nûtmeg

Origin: Latinnux ('nut') +muscus ('musk'), hence musk-scented nut Sentence: Nutmeg is a fragrant spice that makes porridge delicious.

NUZZLE v. to prod or rub gently with the nose; to press close, comfortably 'nûzl

Origin: Middle Englishnose(le), 'nose'

Sentence: The horse likes to nuzzle against me whenever I visit her.

NYLON n. a strong lightweight synthetic fibre; fabric made from it 'nīlon

Origin: Name coined by the manufacturer

Sentence: Most ladies' stockings today are made of nylon fabric.

OASIS n. fertile patch in a desert; refuge

Origin: Latin

Sentence: The desert travellers watered their animals at a small oasis.

OBESITY n. excessive fatness; extreme overweight ə'bēsiti / ō'bēsiti

Origin: Latin obesus

Sentence: Eating moderately helps to prevent obesity.

OBLIQUE adj., n. slanting; indirect; an oblique line etc ə'blēk

Origin: Latin obliquus,

Sentence: You need to construct an oblique line to divide that angle.

OBOE n. musical instrument – wood wind 'ōbō

Origin: French haut bois, 'high wood' (because of the nasal tone)

Sentence: He plays the oboe in our band.

OBSTACLE n. obstruction; something hindering progress

Origin: Latin obstare, 'to stand in the way, impede' Sentence: Indiscipline is an obstacle to progress.

OBSTINATELY adj. stubbornly; firmly; persistently 'obstnətli

Origin: Latin obstinare, 'to persist'

Sentence: He obstinately refused to give the information.

OBSTRUCTION n. blockage; hindrance

Origin: Latin obstructus , 'blocked up'

Sentence: The obstruction in the road prevented the vehicles from going on.

OCCASION n., v. a special event; time of this event; to cause an event

Origin: Latin occasio, 'reason, opportunity, cause'

Sentence: It was an occasion for rejoicing as the team had won.

OCCUPATIONAL adj. in the nature of an occupation (job); connected with one's occupation or job

Origin: Latin occupare, 'to take hold'

Sentence: The doctor recommended occupational therapy to assist in her recovery.

OCCURRENCE n. an incident or event (especially unexpected); happening

Origin: Latin occurrere to happen, befall'

Sentence: The occurrence marked the beginning of new things.

OCTAGONAL adj. eight sided (having eight sides + eight angles)

Origin: Greek okto, 'eight'; oktagonos 'having eight angles' Sentence: The geometry teacher drew an octagonal figure

OCTANE n. a colourless inflammable liquid I petroleum

Origin: Greek

Sentence: There is a high level of octane in the petrol.

OCTOPUS n. soft sea animals with eight arms

Origin: Greekokto (eight) +pous podos 'foot'

Sentence: There was an octopus in the fisherman's net.

ODIOUS adj. hateful; disgusting

Origin: Latin related to odi , 'to hate'

Sentence: The booing of performers was an odious behaviour by the audience.

OMELETTE or OMELET n. dish of beaten eggs fried with or without a filling

Origin: French omelette 'omlit

Sentence: For breakfast we had a cheese omelette.

OPERA n. dramatic work set to music for singers and instrumentalists; place where this is performed

Origin: Latin opera, 'labour, work'

Sentence: We have tickets to the opera tonight.

OPPORTUNITY n. good chance; favourable time or condition

Origin: Latin opportunitas

Sentence: She was excited about the opportunity to visit the country

OPPOSITION n. resistance; opposite position; in conflict

Origin: Latin opponrere, 'to oppose, set before or against'

Sentence: At the debate the proposing team sat on the right while the opposition sat on the left

OPTICIAN n. one who fits and sells spectacles, contact lenses etc

Origin: Greek optos, 'seen'

Sentence: The optician has a variety of spectacles on display

ORATOR n. eloquent (skilful) public speaker 'orətə

Origin: Latin oratio, 'discourse, prayer, oration'

Sentence: The audience listened with rapt attention as the orator spoke.

ORCHESTRA n. large group of musical instruments with players

Origin: Greek orchestra, 'to dance'

Sentence: The orchestra provided music for the occasion

ORCHID n. type of flowering plant producing fantastic flowers; the flower

Origin: Greek orkhis, 'testacle' (because of the shape of its root tuber)

Sentence: She cultivates orchid in a greenhouse

ORIGIN n. source; commencement; starting point

Origin: Latin origo, 'beginning, birth'

Sentence: English words have their origin in Latin

ORIOLE n. type of songbird with black and yellow feathers

Origin: Latin aureolus, 'little golden (one)'

Sentence: An oriole flew past me and perched in my apple tree.

ORPHANAGE n. home for orphans; being an orphan

Origin: Greek orphanos, 'bereaved'

Sentence: The orphanage takes care of and educates the orphans who live there.

OSTRICH n. large flightless running bird

Origin: Latin struthio 'ostrich

Sentence: An ostrich is the largest bird and is said to run as fast as a horse.

OTTER n. kind of furred semi-aquatic, swimming mammal

Origin: Old English otor

Sentence: An otter can close its ears and nostrils to make it watertight.

OUTRAGEOUS adj. shocking; offensive; extravagant öwt'rājəs

Origin: Latin outrer, 'to exceed'

Sentence: We must condemn such outrageous behaviour.

OVARY n. reproductive organ in female

Origin: Latin ovarium (ovum , 'egg')

Sentence: A female produces egg in her ovary.

OVERHAUL v., n. to inspect thoroughly and repair if necessary; thorough examination

Origin: Medieval English Prefix over + word haul ('hoist a vessel for repair') Sentence: Please overhaul my car engine to make sure it remains reliable.

OVERWHELMED v. made powerless; overpowered ōvə'welmd

Origin: Middle English

Sentence: The visitor was overwhelmed with the beauty of the country.

OVOID adj., n. egg-shaped; an ovoid body

Origin: French ovoide, 'related to ovum, egg'

Sentence: In school he used to be teased for his ovoid head, but now it's covered with hair

OWLET n. young or small owl

Origin: Old English ule, 'owl'

Sentence: The mother owl protects the owlet.

OXYGEN n. a common gas essential to living things

Origin: Greek oxys, ('sharp, acid') + gennaein ('to generate')

Sentence: All animals inhale oxygen

OYSTER n. hard shelled sea creature sometimes producing a pearl 'oystə

Origin: Greek ostreon,

Sentence: The fisherman was lucky to find an oyster with a pearl inside.

PACIFIER n. a person or thing that pacifies (brings calm) 'pasifiə

Origin: Latinpacificare, 'to make peace'

Sentence: When the baby got his pacifier he became calm immediately.

PAGEANT n. a spectacular procession or open air performance; a grand show 'pajant

Origin: Latinpagina, 'scene of a play, page'

Sentence: People lined the streets to watch the pageant of historical scenes pass along.

PALATIAL adj. grand; magnificent; luxurious; like a palace pəˈlāshəl

Origin: Latin

Sentence: The wedding reception was held in an elegant, absolutely palatial room.

PALPITATION n. throbbing, trembling; increase rate of heart-beat palpi'tāshən

Origin: Latin palpitare, 'to throb'

Sentence: The palpitation in my heart may be due to recent overexertion.

PAMPHLET n., v. small booklet or leaflet containing information; to distribute such leaflet 'pamflit

Origin: Latin Pamphilet, from the name of a love song

Sentence: After the speech, the speaker handed me this pamphlet about the environment.

PANELLISTS n. members of a panel (group of people forming a or PANELISTS team) 'panelists

Origin: Frenchpan, 'portion, piece of cloth'

Sentence: A team of four panellists discussed the matter on television.

PANTOMIME n. humorous theatrical performance based on a fairy tale; miming in dance and drama 'pantəmīm

Origin: Greekpantomimos, 'a mime actor'

Sentence: In Jamaica there is a pantomime every Christmas season at the Ward Theatre.

PARACHUTE n., v. an umbrella-shaped apparatus to help safe landing from the air; to drop by parachute 'parəshoot

Origin: French

Sentence: The helicopter developed problems but the pilot came down safely in a parachute.

PARALLEL adv., adj., v. side by side; alongside; to run parallel or be equal 'paralel

Origin: Greekparallelos, 'side by side'

Sentence: These two roads run parallel, but that third one cuts across them.

PARALYSED or PARALYZED v., adj. crippled; disabled; brought to a standstill

Origin: Greekparalyein, 'to make feeble' 'parəlīzd

Sentence: Major accidents sometimes leave persons dead or paralysed.

PARISHIONERS n. the inhabitants of a parish 'parishənəz

Origin: Greekparoikia, 'dwelling'

Sentence: The majority of the parishioners voted her in as Mayor of the Parish.

PARLIAMENT n. a country's highest lawmaking body 'pa:rləmənt

Origin: Frenchparlement, 'speaking'

Sentence: This country holds a General Election to choose its members of Parliament.

PARLOUR or PARLOR n. a sitting room; room or shop for a special purpose

Origin: Frenchparleur, room in a convent for receiving guests (coming fromparler, 'to speak') 'pa:rlə

Sentence: The hostess and her guests are meeting in the parlour.

PARSLEY n. type of herb used for seasoning and garnish 'parsli

Origin: Greek petroselinon

Sentence: Many people like the flavour of parsley cooked with fish.

PARTIALITY n. favouritism; bias; preference pa:rshi'aliti

Origin: Latinpartialis, frompars, 'part'

Sentence: Good teachers discipline their class fairly, without partiality to anyone.

PARTNERSHIP n. a business or other relationship between two or more persons 'pa:rtnəship

Origin: Middle Englishparcener, 'joint inheritor'

Sentence: Marriage is a partnership between two persons.

PASSAGEWAY n. a corridor; narrow way for walking along 'pasijwā

Origin: Frenchpasser, 'to pass'

Sentence: Students are walking along the passageway to their classes.

PASSIONATE adj. showing strong feeling; enthusiastic; strongly emotional 'pash(ə)nət

Origin: Latinpassio, 'suffering'

Sentence: The speaker made a passionate plea for the end of crime in the country.

PASSPORT n. an official travel document; a thing that guarantees admission to something else 'pa:sport

Origin: French passeport related to 'pass' + 'port'

Sentence: Usually a traveller needs a passport to travel from one country to another.

PATROLLED v. walked or rode at intervals around an area to protect it pə'trōld

Origin: Frenchpatrouiller, 'to paddle in the mud'

Sentence: The police patrolled the area to keep away intruders.

PAUPER n. poverty-stricken person; someone living on charity 'pawpə

Origin: Latin pauper, 'poor'

Sentence: The passers-by gave money to the pauper who sat on the side-walk begging.

PAVILION n. exhibition booth; a kind of entertainment area; building at a sports ground for refreshments etc po'vilyən

Origin: Latinpapilio, 'butterfly, tent'

Sentence: At the fair we bought fruits in the farmers' pavilion.

PEACEABLE adj. peace loving or unwarlike; peaceful; friendly; gentle 'pēsəbl

Origin: Latin pax, 'peace'

Sentence: Being a peaceable person, he tries his best to prevent fights.

PEASANTRY n. population of peasants (poor agricultural workers); peasant status or conduct 'pezəntri

Origin: Latinpagus, 'rural area'

Sentence: We depend on the peasantry to supply us with fresh vegetables from their fields.

PEDESTRIAN n., adj. persons walking; dull or prosaic pi'destriən

Origin: Latinpedester, 'on foot'

Sentence: If you are a pedestrian here, you should walk on the right hand side of the road.

PELICAN n. large water bird with a long bill and a pouch 'pelikən

Origin: Greek pelekan

Sentence: The pelican uses its pouch to store the fish that it catches.

PENANCE n. atonement; repentance or penalty for sin 'penans

 $Origin: Latin penitentia, \ 'repentance'$ 

Sentence: Some religious people used to walk in hot ashes as penance for their sins.

PENGUINS v. plural of penguin (a type of flightless seabird with stout body and small wings) 'pengwinz

Origin: Probably Welch pen ('head') + gwyn ('white')

Sentence: Penguins are birds that do not fly, but are excellent swimmers.

PENITENTIARY n., adj. a reformatory prison; related to penance or reform peni'tensh(ə)ri

Origin: Latin paenitens, 'penitent'

Sentence: The court sent the prisoner to the penitentiary for six months.

PENSIONER n. person receiving pension (retirement payment) 'penshənə

Origin: Latinpensio, 'payment'

Sentence: Usually a worker may retire at age sixty, and receive pension thereafter.

PENSIVELY adv. in deep thought; thoughtfully 'pensivli

Origin: French penser, 'to think'

Sentence: She sat alone by the window looking pensively down the road.

PERCEIVE v. to observe; notice; understand; interpret pa'sēv

Origin: Latinpercipere, 'to seize or grasp entirely'

Sentence: I perceive that you are a group of responsible students.

PERCENTAGE n. proportion; per cent portion pə'sentij

Origin: Latinper centum, 'by the hundred'

Sentence: A large percentage of the children are not yet literate.

PERCOLATOR n. machine for percolating (brewing by a filtering process) coffee etc 'perkəlātə

Origin: Latin percolatus, 'strained through'

Sentence: I drink instant coffee but I prefer the ground kind, brewed in a percolator.

PERCUSSION n. musical instruments played by striking with a stick pəˈkûshən

Origin: Latin percussio, 'striking'

Sentence: Drums, tambourines and xylophones are all percussion instruments.

PERFECTION n. being perfect; flawlessness pəˈfekshən

Origin: Latinperfectus, 'completed'

Sentence: Good pianists practise tirelessly in order to achieve perfection.

PERIWINKLE n. a type of flowering shrub; a type of mollusc 'periwinkl

Origin: Latin pervinca

Sentence: The periwinkle blooms red, pink or white flowers.

PERPENDICULAR adj., n. exactly upright or at right angles to another line or object; a line that is drawn this way perpən'dikūlə

Origin: Latin perpendiculum, 'plumb line'

Sentence: The wall of the house is perpendicular to the floor.

PESSIMIST n. one who usually expects the worst or emphasizes gloom 'pesimist

Origin: Latinpessimus, 'worst'

Sentence: Kelly is such a pessimist, although her brother is the greatest of optimists.

PESTLE n. instrument for pounding substances in a mortar 'pesl

Origin: Latin pistillum, related topinsare, 'to crush'

Sentence: Grandma still uses a pestle to crush her coffee beans in a mortar.

PETITE adj. small and dainty (usually describing a woman) pəˈtēt

Origin: French petit, 'small, little'

Sentence: A size five dress would be for a petite person.

PETROLEUM n. a type of oil mined and refined to produce fuel and other things pi'trōliəm

Origin: Latin petra, 'rock' + oleum, 'oil'

Sentence: The petrol used in motor vehicles is really refined petroleum.

PHANTOM n., adj. ghostlike being; apparition or illusion; unreal or imaginary 'fantəm

Origin: Greek phantazein, 'to make visible, illusion'

Sentence: There is no horse around so that must have been a galloping phantom.

PHARMACISTS n. persons qualified to prepare and dispense drugs 'fa:rməsis

Origin: Greek pharmakeia, 'practice of the druggist'

Sentence: One of the pharmacists will fill the prescription for you.

PHEASANT n. type of long-tailed bird popularly hunted 'fezənt

Origin: Medieval English

Sentence: The pheasant is a medium to large sized bird belonging to several continents.

PHILOSOPHY n. basic rule for living; system of beliefs; study of life fi'losəfi

Origin: Greek sophos, 'wise'

Sentence: My philosophy is to do unto others as I would like others to do unto me.

PHRASE n., v part of a sentence; an idiom or a 'saying'; part of music; to express in a particular way 'frāz

Origin: Greekphrazein, 'to declare, tell'

Sentence: 'Through the window' is a phrase – not a sentence.

PHYSICIAN n. medical doctor; medical practitioner; healer fi'zishən

Origin: Greekphusike, '(knowledge) of nature'

Sentence: A physician usually prescribes medicine for patients.

PHYSICS n. science concerned with study of matter, energy, force, motion etc 'fiziks

Origin: Greekphusika, 'natural things'

Sentence: She likes all science subjects, but physics is her favourite.

PICNIC v., n. to eat outdoors (e.g. on an outing); the food taken 'piknik

Origin: Frenchpique-nique

Sentence: We got hungry so we decided to picnic under a large mango tree.

PIETY adj. being pious (devout; very religious; dutiful; hypocritically virtuous) 'pīəti

Origin: Latin pietas, 'dutifulness'

Sentence: Their behaviour in and out of church is an example of piety.

PIGEONS n. plural of pigeon (a large family of birds including doves) 'pijinz / 'pijənz

Origin: Frenchpijon, 'young dove'

Sentence: There are about 300 species of pigeons; the smaller ones are called doves.

PINCERS n. a gripping tool resembling scissors; front claws of lobster etc 'pinsəz

Origin: Frenchpincier, 'to pinch'

Sentence: To pull out that nail you need a pair of pincers.

PINNACLE n. peak; highest point; climax; pointed rock or other ornament on roof etc 'pinəkl

Origin: Latinpinna, 'point, wing'

Sentence: He shouted down to us from the pinnacle of the hill

n., v. person who does something first thus preparing the way for others; a thing which does this; explorer;

PIONEER to start or explore pīə'ne:r

Origin: French pionnier, 'foot soldier, pioneer'

Sentence: He is a pioneer in the use of this method, but we expect others to follow soon.

PITCHER n. jar with lip and handle, for holding liquids; person (baseball player etc) who pitches 'pichə

Origin: French; Middle English

Sentence: All he requested was a pitcher of water and some crackers.

PLAGUE n. contagious disease spreading over a wide area; an affliction brought on as punishment 'plāg

Origin: Latin plaga, 'blow, wound, disaster'

Sentence: The disease has spread through the community like a plague upon us.

PLAID n. cloth with chequered pattern 'plad / 'plād

Origin: Gaelic plaide, 'blanket'

Sentence: Her skirt was made of a brightly coloured plaid, but her blouse was plain.

PLAITED v., adj. done by interweaving (hair etc) using three or more lengths 'platid

Origin: Frenchpleit, 'a fold'

Sentence: Her mother plaited her hair for school this morning.

PLIERS n. instrument like pincers, for gripping small objects 'plīəz

Origin: Frenchplier, 'to bend'

Sentence: I need a pair of pliers to grip and bend this wire.

PLUMBING n. system of water (or gas) pipes in a building; work of a plumber 'plûmin

Origin: Latin plumbum, 'lead' (related to plumber, a worker in lead)

Sentence: All these water leaks indicate that we need to redo the plumbing in this house.

POISONOUS adj. containing or causing poison (destructive, toxic substance); harmful 'poyz(ə)nəs

Origin: French puison, 'dose, drug, potion'

Sentence: Some mushrooms are edible but some are extremely poisonous.

PORPOISE n. small whale with a blunt rounded snout 'porpoys / 'porpos

Origin: Latinporcus, 'pig' +piscis, 'fish'

Sentence: A porpoise looks like a dolphin but is usually smaller.

PORPOISE n. small whale with a blunt rounded snout

Origin: Latin

Sentence: A porpoise could easily be mistaken for a dolphin.

POSTPONE v. delaying or putting off until a later date pōs(t)'pōn / pə'spōn

Origin: Latinpostponere 'to put after, neglect'

Sentence: Because of heavy rains we had to postpone the barbecue until a month later.

POSTURE n., v. one's bearing or deportment; an attitude to an issue; 'poscha to demonstrate a particular attitude

Origin: Latin ponere, 'to place'

Sentence: Instead of slouching, try to develop a bold upright posture.

POULTRY n. birds commonly reared for meat, eggs and feathers.

Origin: French

Sentence: I am eating more poultry than red meat this year.

PRAYER n. a supplication, thanksgiving, or other verbal or mental act addressed to God; one who prays

Origin: Ofr>Lat

Sentence: I always say a prayer before going to bed.

PRECEDE v. to come or go before

Origin: F>Lat

Sentence: The appetizer and the main course usually precede the dessert at dinner.

PRECIOUS adj. of great value; much prized; very refined 'preshəs

Origin: Latin pretium, 'price, value'

Sentence: A gift may be precious to someone even if it is not expensive.

PRECIPICE n. steep, vertical or overhanging cliff 'presipis

Origin: Latin precipitium, 'falling headlong'

Sentence: To avoid falling over a precipice, one should stand away from the edge.

PREFERRED v. liked better; put forward; promoted or advanced pri'ferd

Origin: Latin praeferre, 'to bear or put before' Sentence: At school he preferred cricket to football.

PREJUDICE n., v. bias; partiality; to influence 'prejudis

Origin: Latin praejudicium, 'before judgement'

Sentence: A good judge is unbiased and free from prejudice when trying a case.

PRINCIPAL adj. foremost; leading; chief/ n. head of school, college or university

Origin: Latin

Sentence: He was reported to the school principal for bad behaviour.

PRINCIPLE n. a fundamental cause or basis of something; a code of right action

Origin: French

Sentence: He reviewed the basic principle of forces in physics class.

PRINTERY n. a printer's office or place where printing is done 'print(ə)ri

Origin: French preinte, 'pressed, printed'

Sentence: Hundreds of copies of the book were printed and bound at the printery.

adj. proceeding in time, order or importance; earlier, former, previous/ n. superior or head of religious

PRIOR orders

Origin: Latin

Sentence: He could not come to the party because of a prior commitment

PRIVILEGE n., v. advantage; special benefit or honour; to bestow a privilege 'privilij

Origin: Latin privilegium, 'law affecting a person'

Sentence: College education is still a privilege enjoyed by fewer than half the population.

PROCEED v. to go forward; continue; adopt a course pra'sēd

Origin: Latinprocedere, 'to advance, proceed'

Sentence: The contractor was told to proceed with the plans.

PROFESSOR n. teacher of the highest rank at a university prə'fesə

Origin: Latinprofessor, 'public teacher' (one who professes) Sentence: Professor Craig teaches English at the university.

PRONUNCIATION n. way in which a word is pronounced; the act of pronouncing prənûnsi'āshən

Origin: Latin pronuntiatio

Sentence: The pronunciation of words may be different in another country.

PROPHECY n. a revelation of things to come; something foretold; prediction 'profisi

Origin: Greek prophetes, 'spokesman (prophet)'

Sentence: The teacher's prophecy that the class would do well, was later fulfilled.

PROPHESY v. to reveal; to foretell; to predict 'profisī

Origin: Greekprophetes, 'spokesman (prophet)'

Sentence: It is difficult to prophesy which party will win the election.

PROTEIN n. a particular substance important in building and keeping the body healthy 'prōtēn

Origin: Greek proteios 'primary'

Sentence: The body gets protein from milk, eggs and several other foods.

PSALMS n. sacred songs especially those contained in the Biblical book, Psalms 'sa:mz

Origin: Greek psalmos, 'song sung to a harp'

Sentence: The congregation sang psalms and choruses at their evening service.

PUMPKIN n. type of vine with large leaves producing large yellow-fleshed fruit; the fruit itself 'pûm(p)kin

Origin: Greek pepon, 'large melon'

Sentence: The pumpkin vine ran all around the yard and bore an enormous pumkin.

PUNCTUATE v. to insert punctuation marks; interrupt at intervals 'pûŋ(k)chuāt / 'pûŋ(k)tūāt

Origin: Latin punctuatus, 'pun'

Sentence: In English classes we learn to punctuate sentences carefully.

PUNCTURE n., v. a small hole pierced with sharp instrument; to make 'pûŋ(k)chə that hole

Origin: Latin punctuare, 'to prick or point'

Sentence: The car tyre got a puncture and had to be mended.

PURSUE v. to chase; to proceed along a course; to put into effect; to be engaged in; to continue pəˈsū

Origin: Latin prosequi, 'to follow after'

Sentence: A man was running and the dogs decided to pursue him.

PYJAMAS (PAJAMAS) n. kind of suit worn as sleepwear; loose trousers worn by some Asian women pəˈja:məz

Origin: Persian and Hindi pay ('leg') + jama ('clothing') Sentence: The children like to wear pyjamas to bed.

PYRAMIDS n. stone structures with four sloping triangular sides 'pirəmidz

Origin: Greek puramis

Sentence: Ancient Egyptians built pyramids in which to bury their pharaohs.

QUAINT adj. old fashioned; pleasingly odd

Origin: French cointe, 'clever, pleasing'

Sentence: You will like Chesterfield, a quaint little village in St Mary

QUALIFICATION n. competence; ability

Origin: Latin qualificare, 'to characterize (qualify)'

Sentence: After interviewing her, we found that she had the qualification for the job

QUANTITATIVE n. concering the amount or quantity

Origin: Latin

Sentence: The quantitative analysis of a substance is the measurement of the constituents in it.

QUARREL n., v. angry argument; violent contention; to be engaged in such argument

Origin: Latin querel(I)a, 'complaint'

Sentence: The quarrel among the parties ceased only when the counsellor spoke with them

QUARTET or QUARTETTE n. group of four especially musicians; composition for four

Origin: Italian quartetto , 'fourth'

Sentence: We enjoyed the music played by the quartet

QUIET adj., v. silent; not showy; private; to soothe or make calm

Origin: Latin quietus, 'rested calm'

Sentence: Let us be quiet and listen carefully.

QUILT n., v. type of padded bedspread; to make such a bedspread

Origin: Latin calcite, 'stuffed bedding'

Sentence: An elegant patchwork quilt is spread on the bed.

QUININE n. bitter drug used medically to treat malaria fever

Origin: Spanish quina, 'cinchona bark' (from which the drug comes)

Sentence: The doctor prescribed quinine tablet for the traveller to South America.

QUIRKS n. strange or odd features or happenings 'kwerks

Origin: Uncertain

Sentence: Those are not major flaws, just quirks in his character.

QUITE adv. completely; entirely; truly; actually

Origin: Middle English

Sentence: It is quite wrong to take a person's belongings without his or her permission.

QUIVER v., n. to tremble; shake; quake; a case for arrows

Origin: Middle English quiver 'rapid'; French quivre

Sentence The earthquake made buildings and people quiver.

QUIZZICAL adj. (in relation to expression) odd; comical; puzzling; questioning '

Origin: US

Sentence: The speaker received a quizzical glance from his listener.

QUORUM n. minimum number of members to be present for a valid meeting 'kworəm

Origin: Latin quorum, 'of whom'

Sentence: When there was a quorum the meeting was called to order.

QUOTA n. proportional share or allocation

Origin: Latin quota (pars), 'how great (a part)'

Sentence: With regards to the sale of bananas Jamaica quota to the U.K. has been increased.

RABIES n. serious infectious disease transmitted by the saliva of infected animals 'rābēz / 'rābiz

Origin: Latin rabere, 'to rave, be mad' Sentence: Not every dog bite spreads rabies.

RACIAL adj. relating to a particular race (distinctive group of 'rāshəl people); differences between races

Origin: Italian razza

Sentence: Different racial groups were reported at the world conference.

RADAR n. system or device to detect objects using radio waves 'rādar

Origin: Initial letters of the term ra(dio) d(etecting) a(nd) r(anging). An acronym.

 $\label{eq:continuous} \textbf{Sentence: Radar reports help to determine the position of hurricanes.}$ 

n. device for heating a room through circulation of hot 'rādiātə water; device for cooling an engine by water

filled tubes

Origin: Latin radiare, 'to emit rays, to radiate'

Sentence: The radiator keeps the old building warm in winter.

RADISH n. type of plant with fleshy edible root 'radish

Origin: Latin radix, 'root'

Sentence: Among the vegetables was a bundle of radish.

RAIMENT n. clothing; garments 'rāmənt

Origin: French areer, 'to array'

Sentence: My raiment is kept in my closet.

RAISIN n. dried grape 'rāz(ə)n

**RADIATOR** 

Origin: Latin racemus, 'a bunch of grapes' Sentence: Of all the dried fruits I like raisin best.

RANCID adj. stale or smelling stale (butter, oil etc) 'ransid

Origin: Latin rancere, 'to stink'

Sentence: The entire rancid foodstuff was dumped.

RANSACK v. to plunder; search thoroughly esp. to rob 'ransak

Origin: Norse rannsaka, 'to search house'

Sentence: Thieves sometimes come in and ransack the office.

RATCHET n., v. set of teeth on a wheel etc for motion in one direction; to provide, make a ratchet 'rachit

Origin: French rochet, 'a blunt head'

Sentence: These can openers turn on a ratchet.

RATIO n. relation of one quanity to another 'rāshiō

Origin: Latin reri, 'to reckon'

Sentence: The ratio of girls to boys in this school is almost 2:1

RAVINE n. deep narrow valley rə'vēn

Origin: French ravine, 'violent rush (of water)'

Sentence: There's a stream flowing through that ravine below.

REALM n. domain; special area of experience 'relm

Origin: French realme (related to reiel, 'royal')

Sentence: No one can out-perform him within his realm.

REBELLIOUS adj. tending to resist especially authority; unmanageable ri'belyəs

Origin: French rebelle (based on Latinbellum, 'war')

Sentence: Slaves on the plantation were more rebellious than submissive.

RECEIPT n. document acknowledging payment of money or goods delivered; the act of receiving ri'sēt

Origin: Latin recipere, 'to receive'

Sentence: He was a given a receipt for the money he paid.

RECITAL n. musical performance; an act of reciting or repeating ri'sīt(ə)l

Origin: Latin recitare, 'to cite again, to summon'

Sentence: The musical group will give a recital at the theatre.

RECOMMENDATION n. advice on suitability or fitness for a purpose, job etc; suggested action rekemen'dāshen

Origin: Latin commendare, 'to commend'

Sentence: With such recommendation you are sure to get the job.

RECURRENT adj. happening repeatedly; recurring ri'kûrənt

Origin: Latin recurrere 'to run back, re-run'

Sentence: This is a recurrent problem, not an isolated one.

REDUNDANCY n. state of being superfluous; no longer needed ri'dûndənsi

Origin: Latin redundare, 'to overflow'

Sentence: Reduced orders caused several staff members to be in a position of redundancy.

REFERENCE n. recommendation or person giving this; direction to a book or other source; allusion 'ref(ə)rəns

Origin: Latin referre, 'to carry back'

Sentence: You will need a reference when applying for the job.

REFERENDUM n. process of referring a political question to the electorate; a vote taken this way refe'rendem

Origin: Latin referre, 'to carry back, refer'

Sentence: A referendum was held on the question of a West Indian Federation.

REFERRAL n. the act of referring a person to a specialist ri'ferəl

Origin: Latin referre, 'to carry back, refer'

Sentence: I received a referral from my doctor to an opthalmologist.

REFINERY n. place where oil, sugar etc. is cleared of impurities ri'fin(ə)ri

Origin: French

Sentence: A refinery transforms crude oil into petrol

REFLECTOR n. mirror; polished surface which glows ri'flektə

Origin: Latin reflectere, 'to bend back' Sentence: A mirror is a kind of reflector.

REGGAE n. a type of West Indian music 'regā

Origin: West Indian

Sentence: The musicians played reggae all through the party.

REGIMENT n., v. unit of an army; to impose or force heavy discipline 'rejiment

Origin: Latin regimentum (regere, 'to rule')

Sentence: Troops from this regiment defended the border

REGION n. geographical area or division 'rējən

Origin: Latin regio, 'rule' (regere, 'to govern')

Sentence: A wide variety of plants thrive in the mountainous region of the island.

REGISTRAR n. person who keeps official records 'rejistrar

Origin: Latin regere, 'to enter on record'

Sentence: The registrar keeps records of all births, marriages, and other events.

REGRETTABLE adj. unfortunate; deserving of criticism; unwelcome ri'gretəbl

Origin: French regreter,

Sentence: Such impolite behaviour is certainly regrettable.

REIMBURSE v. to repay money spent; pay money to compensate (expenses, losses etc) rēim'bers

Origin: Latin imbursare, 'to put into a purse (bursa, 'purse')' Sentence: He will reimburse the money I spent on his behalf.

REINDEER n. large deer of the arctic regions 'rānde:r

Origin: Norse hreindyri,

Sentence: Both male and female reindeer have large antlers.

REMARKABLE adj. worth notice; very unusual; extraordinary ri'markəbl

Origin: French remarquer, to observe, to note'

Sentence: He was praised for his remarkable efforts in helping people to survive.

RESCUER n. one who saves someone from harm or danger etc. 'reskūə

Origin: French rescourre, 'to shake out or remove' Sentence: She thanked her rescuer for saving her life.

RESEMBLANCE n. likeness or similarity; appearance ri'zembləns

Origin: French resembler, 'to look alike' (Latin similis, 'like') Sentence: There is marked resemblance between the twins.

RESIN n. sticky substance secreted by some plants; type of organic compound made and used in plastics etc 'rezin

Origin: Latin, resina

Sentence: Synthetic resin is used in the making of plastic materials and paints.

RESURRECTION n. rising from the dead; a revival after inactivity rezəˈrekshən

Origin: Latin resurgere, 'to rise again'

Sentence: Christ's resurrection is the basis of the Christian faith.

RETRIEVE v., n. to fetch or bring back; return a tennis shot; the act or chance of retrieving ri'trēv

Origin: French retrover, 'to find'

Sentence: The dog jumped into the water to retrieve the ball.

RHYME n., v. similar sound between words; type of poem; to make or say a rhyme 'rīm

Origin: German rim, 'a series or row'

Sentence: Listen for the rhyme between 'great' and 'plate' or 'sign' and 'pine'.

RHYTHM n. regular repeated pattern, movement, sound etc 'riθəm

Origin: Greek rheein, 'to flow'

Sentence: The rhythm of the song was more easily learnt than the words.

RIDICULOUS adj. absurd; unreasonable; deserving to be mocked, senseless ri'dikūləs

Origin: Latin ridiculosus (ridere, 'to laugh') Sentence: These ridiculous prices won't last.

RIGHTEOUS adj. free from guilt; morally right; virtuous 'rīchəs

Origin: Old English riht, ('right') +wise ('manner')
Sentence: Religion advises people to live righteous lives.

RIGOROUS adj. strict; severe; harsh; firm; strictly accurate 'rig(ə)rəs

Origin: Latin rigor, 'stiffness'

Sentence: He received rigorous training to fit him for the difficult job.

RITES n. religious or solemn observances 'rīts

Origin: Latin ritus, 'religious ceremony'

Sentence: We attended the funeral rites held in the church.

RIVET n., v. a pin or bolt for joining pieces of metal etc; to fix 'rivit securely

Origin: French river, 'to fasten or clinch'

Sentence: The scissors are out of use because the rivet is broken.

ROSARY n. chain of beads used in praying especially by Roman Catholics; series of prayers counted on beads 'rōz(ə)ri

Origin: Latin rosarium, 'rose-garden'

Sentence: Many of my Roman Catholic friends wear their rosary to mass.

n. badge or decoration made from ribbon; shaped like a rose; other rose-shaped cluster or object rə'zet /

rō'zet

ROSETTE

Origin: French rosette, 'little rose'

Sentence: On her graduation dress she wore a pink rosette.

ROTOR n. rotating part of a machine; system of blades providing force for lifting 'rōtə

Origin: Probably rotate (rot(at)or), Latin 'wheel'

Sentence: The rotor on the helicopter helps to lift the machine.

ROUGHAGE n. fibrous material in food that helps digestion; coarse cattle food 'rûfij

Origin: Medieval English

Sentence: Doctors advise people to eat roughage to help constipation.

RUBBLE n. rough pieces of stone, brick etc esp. from torn down buildings 'rûbl

Origin: Middle English related to French robe, 'spoils'

Sentence: They are clearing away the rubble in order to start the new building.

RUFFIAN n. crude, lawless, violent person 'rûfiən

Origin: Italian ruffiano

Sentence: The ruffian just pushed his way through the group of assembled persons.

RUPEES n. plural of rupee; chief monetary unit of India and Pakistan roo'pēz

Origin: Sanskrit rupya, 'wrought silver'

Sentence: In India and Pakistan you will spend rupees.

RUSTLE n., v. sound as of dry blown leaves; to make soft, whispering sound or move with such a sound 'rûsl

Origin: Middle English

Sentence: There was a rustle as the wind passed through the trees.

RUTHLESS adj. without pity; merciless 'rooθlis

Origin: Middle English, based on ruth, 'compassion, pity'
Sentence: We denounced his ruthless treatment of the enemy.

SALMON n., adj. type of fish prized for its pink flesh; the colour of pink salmon

Origin: Latin salmo , similar to salar, 'trout'

Sentence: The female salmon always returns to lay her eggs in the stream where she was born.

SANCTION n., v. approval; permission; authorization; to authorize

Origin: Latin sanctio, 'made sacred'

Sentence: The principal can close the school only with the sanction of the Ministry of Education.

SANDWICH n., v. meal of two slices of bread with a filling between; to squeeze between two others

Origin: Named after an Earl of Sandwich, said to have started the idea

Sentence: Cheese sandwich is tasty and nutritious.

n. heavenly body moving around a larger one; man-made object to move around the earth (or other body)

SATELLITE to pick up signals

Origin: Latin satelles satellites, 'attendant'

Sentence: A satellite dish picks up and transmits television signals.

SATISFYING adj., v. pleasing; meeting expectations; settling or fulfilling

Origin: Latin satisfacere, 'to make or do enough' Sentence: The students have just had a satisfying meal.

SCENERY n. natural features of a landscape; stage background in a play

Origin: Greek skene, 'tent, stage (scene)'

Sentence: The scenery in the valley was beautiful and refreshing.

SCHEDULE n., v. outline of activities; list or plan; to make such a list or plan

Origin: Latin schedula, 'slip of paper'

Sentence: Every school operates on a schedule, which is called a timetable

SCHEME n., v. a plan or arrangement; schedule; deceitful plot; to plan, schedule, or plot

Origin: Greek skhema, 'form, figure'

 $\label{thm:company} \textbf{Sentence: The Company developed a health scheme } \ \ \textbf{to assist staff with medical care.}$ 

SCIENTIFIC adj. relating to or used in science; precise and methodical; accurate

Origin: Latin scientia, 'knowledge'

Sentence: The microscope is a scientific instrument.

SCISSORS n. instrument with two blades for cutting fabric, paper etc; a hold in wrestling

Origin: Latin cisoria, 'cutting instruments'

Sentence: You need a pair of sharp scissors to cut the material for sewing.

SCULPTORS n. artists who makes sculptures

Origin: French sculpere, 'to carve' 'skûlptəz

Sentence: There are two official sculptures of Bob Marley done by different sculptors.

SCULPTURES n., v. plural of sculpture (a carving); carves skûlpchəz

Origin: French sculpere, 'to carve'

Sentence: The sculptor has carved several sculptures in wood and is doing one in clay.

SECRECY n. the keeping of a secret; confidentiality

Origin: Latin secretus, 'set apart, separate'

Sentence: I cannot tell you because I am sworn to secrecy

SEETHE v. to boil, bubble over; be very angry

Origin: Old English seothan

Sentence: At one place in the river you can see the river seethe around the rocks like a boiling pot.

SEIZURE n. the act of seizing; a capture; sudden attack of an illness 'sēžə

Origin: Latin sacire, 'to appropriate, seize'

Sentence: They paid promptly in order to prevent seizure of their furniture.

SENSIBLE adj. having or showing wisdom or good judgment; can be observed by the senses; practical

Origin: Latin sensus, 'faculty of feeling, thought, meaning'

Sentence: If you are sensible, you will start studying early for your exams.

SEPARATE adj., v. apart; different; to detach; to keep apart

Origin: Latin se, 'apart' + parare, 'to put /obtain'

Sentence: A partition in the tray keeps spoons separate from forks.

SERVICEABLE adj. useful or usable; helpful; durable or lasting

Origin: Latin servus, 'slave'

Sentence: The machete is a serviceable tool with many uses.

SETTEE n. sofa; indoor comfortable chair for seating two or more persons se'tē

Origin: Uncertain

Sentence: Two guests sat on the settee in the sitting room and had drinks with us.

SHIRK v. to avoid; get out of (duty, responsibility, etc)

Origin: German Schurke, 'scoundrel'

Sentence: Worthless people try their best to shirk responsibility.

SIMILAR adj. like or alike; of the same kind, amount, shape

Origin: Latin similis, 'like'

Sentence: My views are similar to yours so we are not disagreeing.

SIMILE n. a figure of speech comparing one thing with another using words such as like and as

Origin: Latin similis, 'like'

Sentence: 'As hard as rock' is an example of a common simile.

SINCERELY adv. honestly; genuinely; frankly

Origin: Latin sincerus, 'clean, pure'

Sentence: Sarah apologized sincerely for the wrong she had done.

SKELETON n. framework of bones in an animal; an outline or framework

Origin: Greek skeletos, 'dried up'

Sentence: The human skeleton consists of bones and connective tissue.

SKILFUL or SKILLFUL adj. expert; clever; capable; talented

Origin: Norse skil, 'distinction' 'skilful

Sentence: Only the most skilful mechanics are allowed to repair this car.

SLIPPERY adj. so smooth, wet etc as to cause sliding; difficult to catch or get hold of; untrustworthy

Origin: Old English slipor, 'slippery, immoral'

Sentence: Wet floors are sometimes too slippery for walking on.

SLUDGE n. soft slimy mud; sewage; half-melted snow

Origin: Uncertain

Sentence: Walking in sludge with water-proof boots is very unpleasant.

SNIVEL n. running from the nose/ v. emit mucus from the nose

Origin: Old English

Sentence: When he contracted the cold, he began to snivel and had to take medications

SNOBBERY n. pompousness; scorn; condescendingly

Origin: Unknown

Sentence: She is disliked for her snobbery of people whom she considers to be below her.

SNORKEL n., v. breathing tube for underwater swimming, or for submarines; to use a snorkel

Origin: German Schnorchel, (related to 'snoring')

Sentence: The diver has put on his snorkel and is ready to go down.

SPECIMENS n. samples; examples; illustrations

Origin: Latin specere, 'to look (for evidence, proof)'

Sentence: Specimens of blood were taken from the animal and tested in the laboratory.

n. stick or post driven into the grounf; a sum of money wagred on th outcome of a game, race or contest/ v.

STAKE impale with a stick; to wager

Origin: OE

Sentence: The corner of the tent was tied with a stake.

STAMPEDE n., v. sudden flight or hurried movement of a crowd (usually in panic); to take part or cause stampede

Origin: Spanish estampida, 'crash, uproar'

Sentence: The earthquake caused a stampede from the cinema.

STATIONARY adj. not moving; not portable; unchanging

Origin: Latin statio, 'standing still'

Sentence: For weeks the car remained stationary, awaiting new tires

STATIONERY n. paper, envelopes, pens and other writing materials

Origin: Latin stationarius, 'person standing still (e.g. stationer - established bookseller)'

Sentence: Book-stores usually sell stationery

STATURE n. high standing; height; greatness or importance; level of achievement

Origin: Latin statura, 'standing'

Sentence: He's a person of great stature in our community

STEAK n. a thick piece of meat (esp. beef) cut for grilling, frying, etc.

Origin: Norse

Sentence: I will be having steak for dinner tonight

STEALTH n. secrecy; secretive or deceitful behaviour

Origin: Old English stelan, 'steal'

Sentence: He tiptoed down to the cellar with great stealth.

STENCIL n., v. card or plate with shapes cut out for copying; to make or decorate using a stencil

Origin: French estanceler, 'to sparkle, cover with stars'
Sentence: I can't draw so I used a stencil to create the poster.

STRAIGHTEN v. to make or become straight; stand erect after bending

Origin: Middle English, from stretch

Sentence: Let's meet and try to straighten out the problem.

n., v. portable cot for carrying a sick or wounded person, etc; to carry someone on this; frame with canvas

STRETCHER for painting; type of brick or stone laying

Origin: Middle English from stretch related to 'straight'

Sentence: The patient was carried on a stretcher from the ambulance to the hospital.

STUDDED v., adj. decorated with studs; fastened with a stud

Origin: Old English studu, 'post'

Sentence: The strange man wore a belt studded with silver knobs.

STUDIED v., adj. read carefully; learnt about; researched; deliberate or carefully considered

Origin: Latin studium, 'zeal, keenness, study' Sentence: They studied hard for the examinations.

SUBURBS n. residential area on outskirts of a city

Origin: Latin sub, 'near' + urbs, 'city'

Sentence: Many people are moving out of the city to live in the suburbs.

SUCCEEDED v. achieved; followed; inherited; took over

Origin: Latin succedere, 'to come after'

Sentence: They succeeded in their job application and will start working next week.

SUCCESSOR n. person or thing that follows (succeeds) another

Origin: Latin succedere, 'to come after'

Sentence: The vice-principal will be the successor to the position when the principal retires.

SUGGESTION n. a proposal, plan, recommendation; a theory, idea; a hint

Origin: Latin suggestus, 'suggested, brought up' Sentence: We followed your suggestion and it worked.

SULPHUR or SULFUR n. a yellow chemical substance used in making insecticides, matches etc; a greenish-yellow colour

Origin: Latin sulfur

Sentence: Sulphur is present in many medical and household preparations.

SUPERFICIAL adj. on the surface; lacking depth; apparent but not real

Origin: Latin superficialis (superficies, 'surface')

Sentence: His argument is superficial, without deep thought.

SUPERSTITIOUS adj. belief in omens, charms and unnatural beings;irrational fear of the unknown

Origin: Latin superstitio, 'dread of the supernatural'

Sentence: Because of his superstitious fear of ghosts he would not walk past the cemetery

SUPREME adj. highest in authority; greatest; most important

Origin: Latin supremus, 'highest'

Sentence: The Principal has supreme authority in the school.

SURGEON n. a doctor, dentist etc who is qualified to do surgery

Origin: Greek kheirourgia, 'handiwork, surgery'

Sentence: A surgeon performs surgery on patients  $\,$  in an operating theatre.

n. person who surveys (views and assesses) land and buildings professionally; person who carries out

SURVEYOR surveys

Origin: French surveoir, 'to see'

Sentence: He would not purchase the land until it was properly assessed by a surveyor.

SWAGGERED v. walked boastfully, with a swinging movement; behaved arrogantly

Origin: Uncertain

Sentence: He swaggered down the street after  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right$ 

SWIRL v., n. (water etc) to move in circles; a twist or curl

Origin: Middle English from Scots

Sentence: I like to stand in a stream and feel the water swirl around my feet.

SWOLLEN v., adj. past participle of swell ('to bulge, fatten, expand'); enlarged

Origin: Old English swellan, 'swell'

Sentence: The sprained ankle was swollen for a few days, but not much longer.

SYLLABLE n. a word or part of a word with only one vowel sound

Origin: Greek syllable, 'held together, taken together' Sentence: The word 'SYLLABLE' has three syllables

SYMBOLISM n. use of symbols to represent ideas, emotions, etc 'simbolizm

Origin: Greek sumbolon, 'mark, token'

Sentence: Sometimes in a novel, the writer uses symbolism to convey a person's thoughts or feelings.

SYMMETRY n. exact similarity between two parts of a thing; a pleasing balance 'simitri

Origin: Greek syn, 'together' + metron, 'measure' Sentence: I admire the symmetry of that shape.

SYMPATHETIC adj. showing sympathy (compassion, understanding); kindhearted; agreeable

Origin: Greek syn ('with') + pathos ('suffering')

Sentence: Thanks for being so sympathetic to me in my time of need

SYMPHONY or SYMPHONIE n. an elaborate musical composition for a large group of instruments 'simfəni

Origin: Greek syn, 'together' + phone, 'sound'

Sentence: The orchestra played a symphony by Beethoven, which the audience thoroughly enjoyed.

SYMPTOMS n. signs of a disease, a problem, a condition

Origin: Greek sumptoma, 'chance, happening, symptom'

Sentence: Headaches are often really symptoms of problems to be treated elsewhere.

SYNTHETIC adj. artificial; man-made; made up chemically instead of being natural; unnatural sin'θetik

Origin: Greek syn, 'together' + thetikos, 'placed'

Sentence: Shoes made from synthetic material are often not as soft as those made from natural leather.

SYRINGE n., v. medical instrument for injecting and drawing off liquids; to use a syringe si'rinj

Origin: Greek syrinx, 'tube'

Sentence: The doctor sprayed a liquid from a syringe into the patient's ear.

TABLOID n. small-sized (as opposed to broadsheet) newspaper 'tabloyd

Origin: Middle English

Sentence: The 'Star' newspaper is a daily tabloid.

TACTICS n. skilful devices; manoeuvres 'taktiks

Origin: Latin tactus, 'touch, sense of touch'

Sentence: The country with the best military tactics won the war.

TAMARIND n. fruit tree; fruit from this 'tam(ə)rind

Origin: Arabic tamr hindi 'Indian date'

Sentence: Many birds are nesting in that large tamarind tree.

TANGIBLE adj. definite; clearly seen or understand 'tanjibl

Origin: Latin tangere, 'to touch'

Sentence: His footprints on the floor were tangible evidence that he was there.

TANNERY n. place where leather is cured 'tan(ə)ri

Origin: Latin tannum, 'oak bark'

Sentence: A tannery converts animal hide (skin) into leather.

TAPESTRY n. thick woven coloured fabric 'tapistri

Origin: French tapisserie, 'carpet'

Sentence: The drapes were made from rich tapestry

TARPAULIN n. heavy waterproof cloth used for covering tar'pawlin

Origin: Uncertain

Sentence: The rain is threatening; let's put the tarpaulin up.

TECHNICIAN n. someone skilled in a particular art or craft tek'nishən

Origin: Greek tekhne, 'art or skill'

Sentence: A technician can easily repair this radio.

TECHNIQUE n. method; skill; mode of presentation tek'nēk

Origin: Greek tekhne, 'art or skill'

Sentence: He is interested in the technique of film making.

TELECOMMUNICATION n. communication over a distance by telephone, telegraph, cable etc telikəmüni'kāshən

Origin: Greek tele 'far off' + communication

Sentence: Through telecommunication people in one country can see, hear and speak to others in another

country.

TEMPORARY adj. lasting or meant to last for only a limited time; person not permanently employed 'temp(ə)rəri

Origin: Latin temporarius

Sentence: Temporary arrangements were made to keep the child until her mother came.

TENEMENT n. large building divided into flats; rooms or flats within a house 'tenəmənt

Origin: Latin tenere, 'to hold'

Sentence: Several families live in the tenement house on Seventh Street.

TENTACLES n. long slender feelers on some types of animals 'tentəklz

Origin: Latin temptare, 'to handle, try'

Sentence: The slug uses its tentacles to find its way around.

TEXTURE n., v. feel or appearance of a substance; to create a particular texture 'tekschə

Origin: Latin texere, 'to weave'

Sentence: The texture of the material was soft and silky.

THIEVERY n. stealing; theft ' $\theta \bar{e} v(\theta) ri$ 

Origin: Old English theofian (theof, 'thief')

Sentence: Thievery is common in crowded places; one has to be watchful.

THORAX n. chest; the body between neck and abdomen 'θorraks

Origin: Greek thorax, 'breastplate'

Sentence: The heart is situated in the thorax.

THOROUGHLY adv. completely; entirely; carefully 'θûrəli

Origin: Old English thurh, related to 'through'

 $\label{thm:coms} \textbf{Sentence: The rooms were quite presentable after they were thoroughly cleaned.}$ 

THROTTLE n., v. valve in an engine controlling flow of steam etc; to 'θrotl squeeze and choke

Origin: Middle English, possibly from word throat (throat + le)

Sentence: The throttle is blocked, preventing the fuel from going through.

THUMPED v. struck or beat with fist; throbbed violently 'θûmpt

Origin: Imitating the sound

Sentence: The boxer thumped his opponent with his right fist.

THYME n. aromatic herb or shrub used for seasoning food 'tīm

Origin: Greek thumon, 'burn a sacrifice' Sentence: Thyme makes all soup tasty.

TOBACCO n. type of shrub with large leaves; the dried leaves prepared for smoking or chewing təˈbakō

Origin: Spanish tabaco (from American Indian)

Sentence: Some persons claim that the smoking of tobacco relaxes them.

TONNAGE or TUNNAGE n. cargo capacity of ship, truck etc

Origin: French tonne, 'barrel' (originally 'a tax on each tun of wine' 'tûnij

Sentence: If we use a truck with high tonnage we can transport all the marl in one trip.

TOPAZ n. type of mineral used as gemstone 'tōpaz

Origin: Greek topazos,

Sentence: She's wearing a ring with a yellow topaz.

TORTOISE n. land turtle; slow-moving creature 'tortəs / 'tortoyz

Origin: Latin tortuca,

Sentence: A tortoise has a hard shell similar to that of a sea turtle.

TORTURING v. inflicting severe physical or mental pain 'torcharin

Origin: Latin tortura, 'torment'

Sentence: They kept torturing the man hoping he would tell what he knew.

TRAGEDY n. serious accident, disaster etc; sad event; drama ending unhappily 'trajidi

Origin: Greek tragos + oide, 'goat song'

Sentence: The train accident has been a real tragedy in this village.

TRAITOR n. one who is disloyal to country or friend etc; one who betrays 'trātə

Origin: Latin traditort, 'betrayer'

Sentence: That traitor gave away his country's secrets.

TREASON n. betrayal of one's country; a crime 'trēz(ə)n

Origin: Latin traditor, 'betrayer'

Sentence: In many countries treason is punishable by death.

TREMORS n. slight earthquakes; trembling or shaking of voice, body etc 'treməz

Origin: Latin tremere, 'to tremble, shake'

Sentence: Several tremors were felt after the heavy earthquake.

TRESTLE n. structure for supporting table, bridge etc 'tresl

Origin: Latin transtrum, 'cross beam'

Sentence: There is a creeper growing on a trestle in the garden.

TRIUMPH n., v. notable victory, achievement etc; joy at success; to gain victory 'trīûmf

Origin: Latin triumphus

Sentence: The cricketers joyfully, celebrated their triumph over the other team.

TROUGH n. long open container for water or animal feed; a channel or drain 'trof

Origin: Old English trog, 'trough'

Sentence: There's plenty of feed in the trough for the cows.

TUBULAR adj. shaped like a tube; made or consisting of tubes 'tūbūlə

Origin: Latin tubulus, 'little tube'.

Sentence: Bamboos are tubular in shape.

TURBULENT adj. disturbed; restless; in commotion 'terbūlənt

Origin: Latin turbulenta, 'crowd'

Sentence: The weatherman forecasted that there would be turbulent weather.

TURMOIL n. confusion; agitation; hustle; disorder 'termoyl

Origin: Middle English

Sentence: There was turmoil in the community following the accident.

TWELFTH adj., n. next after eleventh; each of twelve equal parts 'twelfθ

Origin: Old English twelfta,

Sentence: There are twelve players and he is the twelfth one to play.

TWITCH n., v. sudden pull or jerk of muscles etc; to move jerkily or spasmodically 'twich

Origin: Old English twiccian, 'to pluck'

Sentence: I get a twitch on my lips when I am nervous.

TYPHOID n. a type of infectious disease causing fever (full name: typhoid fever) 'tīfoyd

Origin: So called because once thought to be related to typhus – another disease' Gk

Sentence: Because of careful healthy practices typhoid is uncommon now.

TYPHOON n. violent storm like a cyclone tī'foon

Origin: Chinese 'great wind'

Sentence: The Chinese typhoon is similar to our hurricane.

TYPICALLY adv. displaying characteristic features; of a type 'tipikəli

Origin: Greek tupikos, (tupos 'type')

Sentence: Your movements are typically those of a dancer.

TYRANNY n. cruel use of power; period of oppression etc; cruelty 'tir(ə) ni

Origin: Greek tyrannos, 'a tyrant',

Sentence: People fear leaders who rule by tyranny.

ULCERATED n. having an open sore (in a part of one's body)

Origin: Latin ulcus , 'sore'

Sentence: She developed an ulcerated stomach from poor eating habits.

UMBILICAL adj. related to the navel or to the umbilical cord

Origin: French umbilicus, navel

Sentence: The umbilical cord attaches the foetus to its mother.

UNANIMOUS adj. all in agreement; held or given by general consent

Origin: Latin unus ('one') + animus, ('mind')

Sentence: The Staff was unanimous in their request for an increase in salaries.

UNILATERAL adj. one-sided; done by or affecting only one side or one person in a group

Origin: Latin Prefix uni ('one') + word lateral ('side')

Sentence: We rejected the unilateral decision of the chairman, and instead allowed everybody to vote.

UNIQUE adj. sole or solitary; distinctive; only one of its kinds.

Origin: Lat unicus, 'one'

Sentence: This style of writing is truly unique – unlike any other

UNISON n. (music, action, etc) concord; togetherness; at the same time

Origin: Latin unus ('one') + sonus ('sound')

Sentence: They marched in perfect unison, not one out of step.

UNKEMPT adj. (hair, features etc) uncombed; untidy ûn'kem(p)t

Origin: Prefixun, 'not' +Middle English kempt,

Sentence: She needed a comb as the wind had left her hair looking rather unkempt.

UPBRAIDING v. reproaching; scolding upbregdan'to brandish, blame'

Origin: Old English

Sentence: I'm tired of people upbraiding instead of praising me.

UPHEAVAL n. violent or sudden change or disruption; great movement in the earth's crust ûp'hēvəl

Origin: ME

Sentence: The divorce caused great upheaval in the family.

UPHOLSTERY n. the springs, stuffing and covers of a chair or sofa; the work of an upholsterer

Origin: US Obsolete use of upholster, 'a maker or dealer in furniture'

Sentence: The new upholstery makes the sofa much more attractive than before.

UPSURGE n. a sudden rise or increase; a surging up

Origin: Medieval English Prefix up + word surge

Sentence: An upsurge in violence has made everybody worried and scared.

URANIUM n. a radio-active element and source of nuclear energy

Origin: Named after the planet Uranus

Sentence: Uranium is used in the production of nuclear power.

URCHIN n. mischievous child; dirty and raggedly dressed child; a sea urchin (marine creature)

Origin: French (h)erichon, 'hedgehog'

Sentence: He used to be an urchin but is now a tidy, well-behaved child.

URINARY adj. relating to urine; relating to the urinary system

Origin: Latin urina, 'urine'

Sentence: Our urinary system is concerned with the discharge of waste matter from the blood.

UTENSILS n. vessels; appliances; instruments; gadgets

Origin: Latin utensilis, 'fit for use, useful'

Sentence: Every kitchen has utensils for cooking and serving.

UTERUS n. the womb

Origin: Latin, uterus

Sentence: The uterus is the organ in the mother that holds and nourishes the baby.

UTTERANCE n. something spoken; the act of speaking

Origin: Dutch uteren, 'to show or make known'

Sentence: Her utterance was clear so we understood all that she said.

VACANCY n. an unoccupied job or room; emptiness

Origin: Latin vacare, 'to be empty'

Sentence: I am applying to fill the vacancy in your office

VACATIONERS n. people on a vacation (holiday)

Origin: Latin vacatus, 'made empty, vacated'

Sentence: The vacationers are having an enjoyable holiday away from work.

VACCINE n. preparation used to immunize people against a disease; software to detect or remove computer viruses

Origin: Latin vacca, 'cow' (virus vaccines 'cowpox vaccine')

Sentence: To be vaccinated is to be given a vaccine that makes us immune to a particular disease.

VACUUM n., v. a completely empty space; to use a vacuum cleaner 'vakūəm

Origin: Latin vacuus, 'empty'

Sentence: The pump sucked out the air from in the jar creating a vacuum inside.

VAGABOND n., adj. wanderer (usually idle); having no fixed home

Origin: Latin vagabundus, 'wandering, vagrant'

Sentence: He wanders about like a vagabond, but that's just his way of life.

VAGRANCY n. a lifestyle of a vagrant (homeless person); purposeless roaming or loitering on streets

Origin: Anglo (English)-French vag(a)raunt 'wanderer'
Sentence: Poverty sometimes leads people into vagrancy.

VAGUE adj. unclear; uncertain; inexact; ambiguous

Origin: Latin vagus, 'wandering'

Sentence: His comments were vague so we asked him to tell us precisely what he meant.

VAIN adj. conceited; proud

Origin: Latin

Sentence: I am still vain enough to be please when my theories are confirmed.

VALANCE or VALENCE n. a short curtain at the top of a longer one , or elsewhere

Origin: French avaler, 'to descend'

Sentence: We hung a valance like a frill at the top of the window.

VALIANT adj. outstandingly brave and heroic

Origin: French valiant

Sentence: The valiant swimmer jumped into the swift stream and saved the child.

VANDALISM n. wilful or malicious damage of property

Origin: Latin Vandalus, name of a tribe that raided Roman provinces

Sentence: Some of the public bathrooms are out of use because of vandalism.

VANE n. metal, usu. Ornamental, fixed on a church spire or other high place to show the direction of the wind

Origin: OE

Sentence: If you want to know the direction of the wind, look at the vane.

n., adj. fragrant liquid from vanilla plant; a type of climbing plant with fragrant flowers and pods; flavoured

VANILLA with vanilla

Origin: Spanish vainilla, 'small pod'

Sentence: Vanilla adds a nice flavour to ice cream and cakes.

VAPORISER or VAPORIZER n. device that produces steam that converts substances into vapour

Origin: Latin vapor, 'steam, heat'

Sentence: The patient inhales vapour from her vaporizer, for quick relief.

VARIETY n. different types; difference; mixture; species or kind

Origin: Latin varietas, 'difference, diversity'

Sentence: This store displays a wide variety of clothes from which to choose.

VASCULAR adj. containing vessels for conveying blood or sap in animals or plants

Origin: Latin vasculum, 'little vessel'

Sentence: Every animal has a vascular system that keeps its blood flowing.

VEGETABLES n., adj. plants used for food; the food derived from them

Origin: Latin vegetare, 'to enliven'

Sentence: Vegetables are an essential part of our diet.

VEHICULAR adj. concerning vehicles (means of conveying things or people) vi'hikūlə

Origin: Latin vehere, 'to carry'

Sentence: The road was crowded with vehicular traffic.

VEIN n. tube carrying blood to the heart; tubes carrying sap in plants

Origin: Latin vena

Sentence: The intravenous catheter was placed in a vein on the back of the hand.

VELOCITY n. speed; rate of movement or motion

Origin: Latin velox, 'swift'

Sentence: The velocity of an aeroplane is much  $\,$  greater than that of a motor car.

VENERABLE adj. highly respected; ancient and dignified

Origin: French venerari, 'to venerate, adore'

Sentence: The Justice of the Paece is a venerable community leader.

VENGEANCE n. punishment inflicted as revenge; retaliation

Origin: Latin vindicare, 'to punish, avenge'

Sentence: It is sometimes better to forgive than to inflict vengeance on others

VENOMOUS adj. containing or inflicting poison; poisonous; spiteful

Origin: Latin venenum, 'poison'

Sentence: The cobra is a venomous snake.

VENTILATOR n. an appliance or aperture for ventilating (airing) a room etc

Origin: Latin ventilare, 'to fan'

Sentence: This room needs another ventilator to provide more fresh air.

VENUE n. an appointed place of meeting for an event

Origin: French venir, 'to come'

Sentence: The National Stadium is a popular venue for football games.

VERDICT n. decision or finding of a court etc; a judgement

Origin: Latin vere dictum, 'truly spoken'

Sentence: After considering the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of 'not guilty'.

VERTEBRAE n. segments of the backbone (plural of vertebra )

Origin: Latin vertebrates, 'jointed'

Sentence: A person's backbone consists mainly of several vertebrae.

VESSEL n. a receptacle; a ship or boat; duct or canal

Origin: Latin vascellum, 'little vessel'

Sentence: Please pour the soup into a vessel and eat it.

VIBRANCY n. liveliness; brightness; forcefulness

Origin: Latin vibrare 'to shake'

Sentence: The vibrancy of the garden in full bloom lifted our spirits.

VICINITY n. surrounding district; neighbourhood; surroundings

Origin: Latin vicinitas (vicus, 'village')

Sentence: This is my community and I know everybody who lives in the vicinity.

VICIOUS or VITIOUS adj. cruel; dangerous; bad-tempered; spiteful; violent 'vishəs

Origin: Latin vitium, 'vice'

Sentence: A large vicious looking black dog met us at the gate, daring us to enter.

VIOLENCE n. use of extreme force; aggression; rough treatment

Origin: Latin violentia

Sentence: The country needs to end violence and let peace reign.

VIRILE adj. manly; masculine; macho

Origin: Latin virilis (from vir, 'man')

Sentence: It is natural for young men to be virile.

VIRTUALLY adv. in effect, in practice though not in fact; almost

Origin: Latin virtus, 'virtue'

Sentence: Grandma is virtually my mother, as my real mother lives abroad.

VIRTUOUS adj. upright; morally sound; high-principled; righteous

Origin: Latin virtuosus (virtus, 'virtue')

Sentence: She is a virtuous person and a good role model.

VIRUSES n. plural of virus (type of germ that causes infectious disease; computer system that corrupts others)

Origin: Latin virus, 'slimy liquid, poison'

Sentence: Several diseases are caused by viruses

VISIONARY n., adj. dreamer; mystic; prophet; imaginative; idealistic

Origin: Latin visio, 'sight'

Sentence: The palm readers may be classified as being visionary.

VOCABULARY n. words of a language; alphabetical list of words

Origin: Latin vocabularius, 'concerning words'

Sentence: Her vocabulary is still limited but she is learning new words

VODKA n. alcoholic spirit made from rye

Origin: Russian vodka, 'little water'

Sentence: Vodka is a popular alcoholic drink.

VOGUE n. fashion; style; taste; trend

Origin: French voga, 'fashion' (vogare, 'to go or row well') Sentence: Mini-skirts were once in vogue for women.

VOLCANOES n. plural of volcano (eruption of the earth)

Origin: Latin

Sentence: Volcanoes have occurred in several Caribbean islands.

VOLLEYBALL n. game like tennis, in which two teams hit a ball over a net

Origin: French volee, 'flight'

Sentence: Kara plays tennis, but Kenton prefers volleyball.

VOLUNTARY adj. of one's free will; by choice; without payment

Origin: Latin voluntas, 'will'

Sentence: The Justice of the Peace is a voluntary worker in the community.

VOMITING v. throwing up food from the stomach

Origin: Latin vomitare, 'to vomit repeatedly' Sentence: She is still sick but is no longer vomiting.

VULGAR adj. coarse in manners; ill-bred; rude; crude; offensive

Origin: Latin vulgus, 'common people'

Sentence: The use of indecent language is still considered vulgar in this community.

VULTURES n. plural of vulture (type of bird of prey; a grasping person)

Origin: Latin vulturius

Sentence: The vultures are feasting on a carcass that they found in the fields.

WAISTCOAT n. waist-length sleeveless garment worn under a jacket

Origin: Medieval English

Sentence: Very few men in Jamaica would wear a waistcoat

WALTZING v. dancing a waltz (a style in which pairs of dancers spin around the room)

Origin: German walzen, 'to revolve'

Sentence: The couples were waltzing on the dance floor when the music suddenly stopped.

WANDER v. go about from place to place without any fixted course, purpose or destinations; roam; ramble

Origin: Old English

Sentence: I lost concentration during the examination as my mind began to wander

WARDROBE n. large cupboard for hanging clothes; a person's stock of clothes; costume department of a theatre etc

Origin: French warderobe (garderobe, 'to guard robe')

Sentence: The bedroom has a clothes closet as well as a wardrobe to hang all their clothes.

WAREHOUSE n. v. building for storing goods; large wholesale shop

Origin: Medieval English

Sentence: Our finished goods are taken from the factory to the warehouse for storage and shipment.

WARY adj. cautious; on one's guard; suspicious

Origin: Old English waer, 'beware'

Sentence: One is usually wary of someone who has already let one down.

WAVELENGTH n. channel, station, waveband; the length of a radio wave in broadcasting

Origin: Old English

Sentence: He tuned his radio to his favourite wavelength and listened intently.

WEALS n. long raised marks on the skin caused by a whip, slash, etc 'wēlz

Origin: Old English walu, 'ridge'

Sentence: Flogging with a whip might leave weals on a person's skin.

adj. suffering from loss of strength and need for rest as a result of continued exertion or endurance; tired;

WEARY fatigued

Origin: Old English

Sentence: The footballers were very weary after playing for two hours.

WEASELS n. plural of weasel (a small brown and white mammal)

Origin: Old English wesle

Sentence: Weasels are creatures that eat rats, birds and other animals.

WEATHER n., v. atmospheric conditions in an area; to be exposed to the weather; to come safely through

Origin: Old English weder

Sentence: When the weather is fine, people like to go to the beach.

WEDLOCK n. the married state

Origin: Old English 'marriage vow'

Sentence: A child born of married parents is said to be born in wedlock.

WEEVIL n. a type of beetle; insect that damages stored grain 'wevl

Origin: Middle English wifel

Sentence: If there is one weevil in the peas, there will soon be many.

WELFARE n. well-being or happiness; health and prosperity

Origin: Medieval English

Sentence: We are working to improve the welfare of everyone in the community.

n. sold discs or circular rings with spokes used to facilitate the motion of a vehicle or for various mechanical

WHEELS purposes

Origin: Old English

Sentence: Almost all motor cars have four wheels.

WHEEZE v. breathed with a chesty whistling sound/ n. a whistling or rasping sound

Origin: Norse hvaeza, 'to hiss'

Sentence: The asthmatic girl started to wheeze after playing on the dusty field.

WHETHER conj. conjunction used to introduce an alternative or indirect question

Origin: Old English

Sentence: Tell me whether you want to study or go out to play.

WHIFF n., v. a slight smell, puff or breath of air, smoke, etc; to blow or puff lightly

Origin: Uncertain. Imitation of the sound

Sentence: I stepped out of the crowded room to get a whiff of fresh air.

WHISTLING v., adj. producing a shrill, melodious sound from the lips

Origin: Old English 'to whistle'

Sentence: The gardener was whistling an old song that I love.

WHOLESALE adj., adv, n. by or at wholesale; on a large scale; the selling of goods in large quantities to be retailed

Origin: Middle English literally by whole sale

Sentence: Shops buy goods at wholesale and then sell to customers at retail prices

WIDTH n. breadth; measurement, distance from side to side

Origin: Old English

Sentence: Please be sure to measure the length as well as the width of the table.

WINDSCREEN n. protective glass at the front of a motor vehicle

Origin: Old English

Sentence: The windscreen protects driver and passengers from the force of wind

WINDWARD adj., adv., n. facing the wind; the windward side

Origin: Old English

Sentence: The trees on the windward side of the hill seem different from those on the leeward side.

WITHDRAWAL n. removal; retreat; ceasing; act of withdrawing

Origin: Medieval English

Sentence: The team's withdrawal from the competition means that we will lose points.

WONDER v. be surprised to find/ n. an amazing thing; a supernatural event

Origin: Old English

Sentence: When I see the stars in the sky, I wonder how they got there.

WOOLLEN or WOOLEN adj. made wholly or partly of wool

Origin: Old English wull

Sentence: A woollen sweater will keep you warm enough in the hills at Christmas time.

WORTHWHILE adj. worth the time and effort spent; beneficial

Origin: Old English

Sentence: Many charities are worthwhile causes and need our support.

WREATHS n. plural of wreath (ring-shaped garland of flowers and leaves; a curl or ring of smoke etc)

Origin: Old English related to writhe, 'to twist in pain'

Sentence: Wreaths are used for decoration at funerals and at Christmas time.

WRECKER n. vehicle that deals with wrecked vehicles; person or think that destroys

Origin: Middle English wrec

Sentence: A wrecker removed the damaged vehicle from the road side.  $\label{eq:continuous}$ 

WRENCH n., v. a tool for gripping things; a violent twist; to twist violently

Origin: Old English wrencan, 'to twist'

Sentence: The plumber uses a wrench to loosen the nut on that pipe.

WRESTLER n. person engaged in wrestling (a sport in which opponents grapple and throw each other)

Origin: Old English wraestlian

Sentence: The wrestler is practising hard for next week's contest with a famous opponent

WRETCHED adj. unhappy or miserable; unsatisfactory; of bad quality

Origin: Old English wrecca

Sentence: A cold sometimes makes one feel wretched as well as sleepy.

WRY adj. (smile etc) slightly mocking or bitter; dry humour

Origin: Old English wrigian, 'to turn or twist'

Sentence: She agreed, but there was a wry smile on her face

YACHT n. light sailing vessel for cruising

Origin: Dutch jaghte, 'chasing ship'

Sentence: A yacht has adjustable sails so it can travel in any direction except directly into the wind.

YIELDED v. produced; gave up; surrendered

Origin: Old English g(i)eldan, 'to pay'

Sentence: Last year the farm yielded a large crop of vegetables.

YOKE n., v. wooden frame placed over necks of oxen to hold them together; other similar devices; to yoke oxen

Origin: Old English, geoc

Sentence: When the farmer is ready to use his old plough he puts a yoke on the oxen to control them.

YOLK n. yellow part of the egg

Origin: Old English geolu, 'yellow'

Sentence: The yolk of the egg is filled with protein and fat.

ZEBRA n. a striped undomesticated animal resembling a horse 'zebrə / 'zēbrə

Origin: Congolese meaning 'wild horse'

Sentence: The zebra looks like a horse with black and white stripes.

ZENITH n. highest point of achievement; the point in the heavens directly above the person on earth 'zeni $\theta$ 

Origin: Arabic

Sentence: He has already reached the zenith of his career, so there is nowhere further up for him to go.

ZESTFULLY adv. enthusiastically; excitedly; eagerly 'zestfuli

Origin: French zeste, 'zest'

Sentence: Young children usually do homework more zestfully than older children.

ZINNIAS n. plural of zinnia (type of plant with brightly coloured flowers) 'ziniəz

Origin: Mod Latin - Named after JG Zinn, German botanist Sentence: The flower garden is aglow with zinnias.

ZITHER n. a kind of musical instrument played with the finger 'ziθə

Origin: German cithera

Sentence: The zither is a stringed instrument not often used these days.

ZOMBIE n. (colloquial) dull apathetic person; corpse brought to life by magic 'zombi

Origin: West African zumbi, 'fetish'

Sentence: She sat like a zombie, staring into space as if lost.