psychiatry
n /səˈkiətri/  
Gk + L  
a branch of medicine that deals with the science of treating mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders.
The concept of multiple personalities is of special interest to Helen, who plans to pursue a career in psychiatry.

psychological

psychomachy
n /siˌkæməki/  
Gk > L  
a conflict of the soul (as with the body or between good and evil).
Countless novels have as their theme the psychomachy within the hero as he struggles to do right.

psychrometer
n /siˈkrɪmətə(r)/  
Gk + Gk  
a hygrometer whose operation depends on two similar thermometers with the bulb of one being kept wet so that it is cooled as a result of evaporation and shows a temperature lower than that of the dry-bulb thermometer.  
Greg built a crude psychrometer out of two old thermometers and some cotton gauze.

psychrophilic
adj /siˈkrɒfɪlɪk/  
Gk  
thriving at a relatively low temperature.  
The psychrophilic bacteria died when the refrigerator’s compressor failed.

ptarmic
n /ˈtɑrmɪk/  
Gk > L  
a substance that causes sneezing.  
Andrea is extremely allergic to dust, an everpresent ptarmic difficult for her to avoid.

ptarmigan
n /ˈtɑrməɡən/  
ScotGael  
any of various grouses of northern regions having completely feathered feet.  
“Why did the ptarmigan cross the road?” asked Martha.

pteridology

ptomaine
n /ˈtɔːmən/  
Gk > It  
any of various organic bases some of which are poisonous and which are formed by the action of putrefactive bacteria on nitrogenous matter.  
About three hours after he had eaten, Dunstan realized that his lunch had been tainted with ptomaine.

ptosis
n /ˈtɒsəs/  
[has near homonym: tussis] a sagging or prolapse of an organ or part; specifically: drooping of the upper eyelid.  
The film star had a clear case of ptosis.

publication

puce

puchero
n /piˈuʃɛrə/  
L > Sp  
a Latin American boiled dinner or stew containing beef, sausage, bacon, and various vegetables.  
Olivia sampled puchero at an Argentine restaurant.

puerile
adj /ˈpyʊərəl/  
L  
childish or immature.  
Mrs. Yolton was not impressed by Tommy’s puerile behavior.

pugilist
n /ˈpjuɪjəlɪst/  
L + E  
a professional boxer.  
Years as a pugilist took their toll on Leo’s coordination.

pugilistic

pugnacious
adj /pəɡˈnæʃəs/  
L  
having a quarrelsome or belligerent nature.  
Bushpigs are pugnacious enough to put up a fight against a leopard.

puissance

pulchritude

pulmonary
adj /ˈpʌlmənerə/  
L  
of, relating to, or associated with the lungs.  
Uncle Rob’s pulmonary disease requires that he breathe pure oxygen at all times.

pulsatile
adj /ˈpʌlsətəli/  
L  
beating, throbbing.  
The heart is a pulsatile muscular organ that maintains the flow of blood.

pultaceous
adj /pəltəˈʃiːs/  
L + Ecf  
having a consistency like that of porridge.  
Serena dislikes rice pudding because of its pultaceous consistency.

pulverize
pulverulent
adj
/ˈpʌlˈvɛrələnt/  
L  
consisting of or reducible to fine powder.  
Chalk is a pulverulent deposit of calcium carbonate.

pumice
n
/ˈpʌməs/  
L  
[has homonyms: pomace and pumace] hardened volcanic froth.  
Ground pumice is sometimes used as an abrasive ingredient in soap.

punchinello

punctilious
adj
/ˈpʌŋk(t)liəs/  
L  
marked by precise exact accordance with the details of codes or conventions.  
Inflexible people often pay punctilious attention to rules of etiquette.

punctual
adj
/ˈpʌŋktʃuəl/  
L  
marked by exact adherence to an appointed time.  
Everybody was punctual for the wedding, and all behaved charmingly.

punctuation

punditry

pungent
adj
/ˈpʌŋdənt/  
L  
causing a sharp sensation: pricking, irritating, acrid.  
The pungent odor of wet dog sent the guests out for fresh air.

purlieu
n
/ˈpɜrl(ə)jʊə/  
F  
a place of resort: haunt.  
Vince can be found most evenings in the local pool hall, his favorite purlieu.

purloin
v
/ˈpɔ(r)ˈloʊn/  
L > F > E  
appropriate wrongfully and often under circumstances that involve a breach of trust.  
The district manager was fired when he was caught trying to purloin company earnings.

purportedly

pursued

purveyor
n
/ˈpɜrvɪər/  
L > F > E  
one who provides supplies of food or whose business is to make provisions for the table: caterer.  
The reception was delayed because the purveyor got stuck in traffic.

pusillanimous
adj
/ˈpjuːsələnəməs/  
L  
lacking or showing a lack of courage, manly strength, and resolution: marked by mean-spirited and contemptible timidity.  
Edgar never forgave his brother’s pusillanimous desertion during the war.

putrescent
adj
/ˈpjuːtrefənt/  
L  
decaying, rotting.  
The disagreeable odor was coming from the putrescent skunk carcass.

putrid
adj
/ˈpjuːtrid/  
L  
in an advanced state of decomposition: rotten.  
The putrid heap of kitchen scraps will compost in no time.

putsch
n
/ˈpʊtsʃ/  
imit G  
a secretly plotted and suddenly executed attempt to overthrow a government or governing body.  
The right-wing nationalist group plotted a putsch for early September.

puzzling
adj
/ˈpʊz(ə)liŋ/  
unknown + EcE  
mystifying: difficult to understand.  
The puzzling directions in the instruction manual rendered it useless.

pylon
n
/ˈpləln/  
Gk  
a tower for supporting either end of a wire over a long span.  
The steel pylon at the north end of the footbridge was showing dangerous signs of wear.

pyramid
n
/ˈpɪrəmid/  
Gk  
an ancient massive structure of huge stone blocks found especially in Egypt having typically a square ground plan, outside walls in the form of four triangles that meet in a point at the top, and inner sepulchral chambers.  
The sight of a pyramid on the desert horizon took Rico’s breath away.

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<td>n / kwəd'ræŋgəl / L &gt; F &gt; E a square or rectangular enclosure or court especially when surrounded by buildings (as in some schools and colleges). Norm sailed a pie tin across the quadrangle.</td>
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**quagmire**
- n / kwəgmər / unknown + ON > E a complex or precarious position where disengagement is difficult. In his position as protocol officer, Russell often found himself in a quagmire of delicate relationships.

**quail**
- n / kwɔl / L > F > E a migratory game bird of Europe, Asia, and Africa that is about seven inches long. The vintner decided to name his wine after the quail because the birds were so plentiful on his property.

**quarantine**
- n / kwərəntən / unknown a state of perplexity or doubt: dilemma. Taylor’s advice left Miriam in more of a quandary than she was in when she sought his help.

**qualm**
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**quantum**
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**quarrel**
- n / kwərəl / L > F > E apt or disposed to argue: contentious. If Angie weren’t so quarrelsome, she might have more friends.
quarry
quartz
quash
quasi

quaternion
n /ˈkwɔːtərnioʊ/ L
a set of four parts, things, or persons.
The auto parts store offered a special price on a quaternion of tires.

quatorzain
n /ˈkɔːtərzaɪn/ F
a poem of 14 lines that resembles a sonnet but lacks strict sonnet structure.
When his English teacher was satisfied with Walter’s quatorzain, she encouraged him to write a sonnet.

quatrefoil
n /ˈkætrəˈfɔɪl/ F
a conventionalized representation of a flower with four petals or of a leaf with four leaflets.
The Gothic window featured a quatrefoil at the top of its arch.

quay
quell
quench

v /ˈkwɛntʃ/ E
put out (as a fire or a light).
For three days the firefighters tried to quench the blaze.

quenelle
n /ˈkənɛl/ G > F
a ball or oval of meat stuffing cooked in boiling water or stock and served as a garnish or as a separate dish.
Martha served a quenelle of chicken in brown onion sauce as an appetizer.

quericitron
n /ˈkwɛrəsɪtɾɔn/ L
a black oak or the bark of this tree used in tanning and dyeing.
When used as a dye, quericitron turns fabrics yellow.

querimonious
adj /ˈkwɛrəmənʃəs/ L
habitually complaining.
Luther was known for his querimonious temperament.

quern
n /ˈkwɜːrn/ E
a primitive mill for grinding grain consisting of two circular stones with the upper one being turned by hand.
Some Tibetan villagers still grind wheat into flour by using a quern.

querulous
adj /ˈkwɛr(y)ələs/ L
expressing or suggestive of complaint: fretful, whining.
As the crow fluttered from the tree, it gave a loud, querulous caw.

query

quest
n /ˈkwɛst/ L > F > E
an act or instance of searching: expedition, pursuit, venture.
In “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow,” the horseman rides forth to the scene of battle in nightly quest of his head.

question
v /ˈkwes(h)ən/ L
express doubt about: dispute.
Corporal Sage decided he had to question Sergeant McGonigle’s orders.

questionnaire
queue
queuer
quibble
quiche

n /ˈkwɪʃ/ G > F
a baked custard pie usually having an added savory ingredient (as chopped ham, seafood, or vegetables).
Lois served soup and a seafood quiche for lunch today.

quiddity
n /ˈkwɪdətɪ/ L
the essential nature or ultimate form of something.
The photographer was noted for her ability to capture the quiddity of her subjects.

quidnunc
n /ˈkwɪdnʌŋk/ L
one that is avidly curious and given to speculating especially about ephemeral or petty things.
Every neighborhood seems to have a quidnunc.
quiescent

quietus
n
/ kwɪˈtʃuːs /
L
final discharge or acquittance (as from debt or obligation) : final settlement.
The judge is expected to rule tomorrow on a quietus in Mr. Ford’s civil case.

quincentennial

quincunx
n
/ˈkwɪŋkəŋks/  
L
an arrangement of five things with one at each corner and one in the middle of a square.
Any nine-block square of a chessboard will include a quincunx of either black or white blocks.

quinine
n
/ˈkwɪnən/ 
Quechua > Sp
a bitter alkaloid derived from cinchona bark and used in medicine especially in the form of bitter salts to reduce fever.
Quinine was a common remedy when Dr. Prentice was young.

quinquennial
adj
/ˈkwɪnkwɪnəl/ 
L + L
occurring at the end of every five years.
The philanthropist makes a quinquennial gift to the school.

quisling
n
/ˈkwɪzliŋ/  
Norw name
a traitorous national who aids the invader of his country and often serves as chief agent or puppet governor.
Many French citizens thought that Marshal Petain, head of the Vichy regime during World War II, was little better than a quisling.

quirt
n
/ˈkwɜrt/ 
L > Sp
a riding whip with a short handle and a rawhide lash.
Eager to get home, Juanita urged her horse on by using the quirt.

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<td>adj, commonplace, ordinary. Thelma rebelled against her quotidian existence.</td>
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<td>quotient</td>
<td>n, L: the number resulting from the division of one number by another. In the equation 48 ÷ 4 = 12, 12 is the quotient.</td>
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<td>rabbinate</td>
<td>Rabelaisian adj, French name marked by or manifesting a gross robust humor or extravagance of caricature, characteristic of the French humorist François Rabelais. In the 19th century many writers, including Mark Twain, were criticized for having a Rabelaisian view of life.</td>
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<td>radarscope</td>
<td>n, L &gt; F: the oscilloscope or screen serving as the visual indicator in a radar receiver. The pilot relied on the radarscope to fly through the storm safely.</td>
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<td>adj, L: marked by or expressive of joy, pleasure, love, confidence, or happiness. Emily looked positively radiant when she saw her newborn sister for the first time.</td>
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<td>adj, L &gt; E: characterized by a significant difference from the norm: extreme. The new governor promised radical changes in the state’s welfare system.</td>
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<td>radicchio</td>
<td>n, L &gt; It: a chicory of a red variety with variegated leaves that is used as a salad green. Instead of lettuce, Angela always uses radicchio in her salads.</td>
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<td>n, L &gt; F: meat and vegetables well seasoned in a thick rich usually brown sauce. The rich ragout made a complete meal.</td>
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<td>n, F: good-natured ridicule: mockery. The new students soon became accustomed to the raillery of their dormitory mates.</td>
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<td>raiment</td>
<td>n, E: clothing, garments. The stranger’s raiment was well-worn but clean and pressed.</td>
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<td>raisiny</td>
<td>adj, L &gt; F: containing or resembling sun-dried grapes. Taylor enjoyed the raisiny trail mix.</td>
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<td>rambunctious</td>
<td>adj, E: excessively exuberant: wild, uncontrollable. Nothing pleases a group of rambunctious youngsters more than a good pillow fight.</td>
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<td>ramellose</td>
<td>adj, L: having little branches. In the biology lab Carla observed the ramellose extremities of freshwater algae.</td>
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<td>n / rəˈmaɪfəˈʃən / L a resulting development : consequence.</td>
<td>Tina felt that the only negative ramification of accepting the job offer was that she would have to take a pay cut.</td>
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<td>v /ˈram.pāj/ Scots act, rush, or storm wildly or excitedly.</td>
<td>Crazed fans began to rampage in the streets after their team won the championship.</td>
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<td>adj /ˈræm.pənt/ F marked by the absence of check or restraint.</td>
<td>A rampant smallpox epidemic decimated the population.</td>
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<td>ramshackle</td>
<td>adj /ˈram.shakəl/ ON &gt; E appearing as if ready to collapse : dilapidated, rickety.</td>
<td>Bonnie heard strange noises coming from the ramshackle house next door.</td>
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<td>adj /ˈrænsəd/ L having an offensive smell or taste usually from chemical change or decomposition.</td>
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<td>adj /ˈrantəˈpol/ D? + G &gt; E? characterized by a wild unruly manner or attitude.</td>
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<td>n / raˈpōr/ F relation characterized by harmony, accord, or affinity.</td>
<td>Mr. Sanchez works hard to achieve rapport with all his students.</td>
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<td>rapprochement</td>
<td>n / raˈprōshˈmā/ F establishment or a state of cordial relations.</td>
<td>The rapprochement between the country’s two religious groups suffered a setback when members of one group bombed a church that belonged to the other group.</td>
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<td>rapturous</td>
<td>adj /ˈrap.tərəs/ L feeling, expressing, or marked by ecstasy : ecstatic.</td>
<td>Cecilia always became rapturous during the final movement of Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony.</td>
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<td>rasctype</td>
<td>n / raˈset/ Ar &gt; L &gt; F a line crossing the wrist below the palm of the hand that is sometimes held by palmists to provide additional indication of a strong or weak constitution.</td>
<td>Madame Xantha peered closely at Helen’s rascette and told her she would live to be 100.</td>
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<td>rasgado</td>
<td>n / räsˈɡādə/ L &gt; Sp the arpeggio effect produced by sweeping the strings with the thumb in guitar playing.</td>
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<td>n /ˈræzˈbɛrè/ unknown + E any of various usually black or red sweet juicy edible berries.</td>
<td>The raspberry is highly prized for making jams and preserves.</td>
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<td>n /ˈrətəfə/ F a small sweet biscuit made from almond paste.</td>
<td>May ate a ratafia with her coffee for breakfast.</td>
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<td>rataplan</td>
<td>n /ˈrətəplan/ F the iterative sound of beating (as from a drum or the hooves of a galloping horse).</td>
<td>One verse of the song required the campers around the bonfire to make a rataplan by clapping their hands and slapping each thigh in turn.</td>
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<td>a stew made of eggplant, tomatoes, green peppers, squash, and sometimes meat. Marnie used vegetables from her own garden to make the ratatouille.</td>
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<td>a restaurant located usually below the street level and patterned after the cellar or basement of a German city hall. There are three good restaurants on this block, but college students seem to prefer the rathskelel.</td>
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<td>ratiocinate</td>
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<td>alimentary paste made in little shells or cases and stuffed (as with cheese, spinach, or meat). Fletcher bought a package of frozen spinach ravioli and a jar of tomato sauce.</td>
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<td>a sauce or dressing colored green with spinach puree and seasoned with vinegar and a mixture of herbs. The specialty of the seafood brunch was shrimp ravigote.</td>
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recidivism
n
/ rəˈsida.vizəm /
L + Ecff
repeated relapse into criminal or delinquent habits.
_Unemployment of ex-convicts is at the root of much of the recidivism that leads to overcrowded prisons._

recipe
n
/ ˈresə(p)ə/
L
a formula for cooking or preparing something to be eaten or drunk.
_Chuck’s chili recipe is a closely guarded secret._

recipient


reciprocal
adj
/ rəˈsəprəkəl /
L + Ecff
consisting of or functioning as a return in kind.
_James is truly unselfish, always ready to help without expecting reciprocal benefit._

reciprocity
n
/ ɹesəˈprəsədə /
L
mutual dependence, action, or influence.
_A treaty of reciprocity called for the lowering of protective tariffs by both countries._

recital


recluse
n
/ˈrekləs/ 
L
one who leads a retired or solitary life.
_Alison was shocked when the old recluse next door called to invite her for tea._

recognizance
n
/ rəˈkägnəzn(t)əs /
L > F > E
an obligation of record entered into before a court or magistrate requiring the performance of an act (as appearance in court) usually under penalty of a money forfeiture.
The suspect was arraigned the next morning and released on his own recognizance.

recommendation


recondite
adj
/ˈrekən.dət/
L
very difficult to understand and beyond the reach of ordinary comprehension and knowledge.
_Mansur chose the recondite subject of quantum mechanics for his paper._

recreant


recrementitious


recrudescence


recurring


redingote


redolent
adj
/ˈredələnt/
L > F > E
conveying an aura: tending to suggest.
_Every page of Ryan’s essay is redolent of fine scholarship._

redoppe
n
/ rəˈdəp/ 
L > It > F
a show-ring movement in which a horse gallops in circles whose diameter never exceeds ten feet.
The last movement in Thunder’s performance was a fast redoppe.

redoubtable
adj
/ rəˈdəubəl/ 
F > E
inspiring awe or reverence: august, eminent.
_Mount Rushmore is a fitting memorial to four redoubtable statesmen._

reductase


redundancy


referee


referential


refluence


refocillate
v
/ rəˈfəsə.lat/ 
L
refresh, revive.
_Mom hopes that a good watering will refocillate her drooping ferns._

refuge
n
/ˈre(f)əj/ 
L > F > E
shelter or protection from danger or distress.
The high hills are a refuge for wild goats.

refugium
refulgent
regale
v
/ rəˈgāl / L entertain (as a person) sumptuously or agreeably : feast with delicacies. The hostess will regale her bridge club members with a variety of delightful homemade desserts.
regardless
regatta
n
/ rəˈɡäta / L an organized series of rowing, speedboat, or sailing races. The famous rowing regatta at Henley-on-Thames has been held each year since 1839.
reggae
n
/ rəˈɡä / L an unknown popular music of Jamaican origin that combines indigenous styles with elements of rock 'n' roll and soul music and is performed with the accent on the offbeat. The video travelogue about Jamaica included a soundtrack of reggae.
regicide
n
/ ˈreɪdʒəsɪd / L the killing or murder of a king. The peasants resorted to regicide when their pleas were ignored by the tyrannical monarch.
regime
n
/ rəˈzhēm / L > F the period during which a government or social system prevails. During the communist regime in Romania, environmental problems were flagrantly ignored.
regimen
n
/ ˈrejəmən / L a systematic plan designed to improve and maintain health. Cassandra's regimen includes getting at least seven hours of sleep per night.
regurgitate
v
/ rəˈɡərjətət / L throw, cast, or pour back or out again. Brenda watched the redbird regurgitate food to feed his nestlings.
rehabilitation
n
/ əˈhɑːbɪlətən / L the process of restoring an individual (as a convict, mental patient, or disaster victim) to a useful and constructive place in society. The penitentiary employed psychologists and educators to help in the rehabilitation of the prisoners.
rehearsal
n
/ rəˈhərsəl / L a private recital or practice session held in preparation for a public appearance. Roland was somewhat nervous during his first rehearsal with the New York City Ballet.
reindeer
reiterate
v
/ reˈɪdərət / L say or do over repeatedly. The new teacher decided to reiterate each point of the lesson at the end of the period so that the students could not claim they missed the information.
rejoice
rejuvenescence
relegate
v
/ ˈreləɡət / L [has homonym: religate] degrade, demote. The coach decided to relegate the quarterback to second string after his poor performance in the game.
reliable
relic
n
/ ˈrelik / L an object (as a bone, an article of clothing or of personal use) kept in esteem and veneration because of its association with a saint or martyr. The Shroud of Turin is the most famous relic in Christendom, in spite of its disputed history.
relinquish
reliquary
remainder
reminisce
v
/ ˈremənɪs / L&amp;F indulge in the practice of thinking about past experiences. The old photographs prompted Grandpa to reminisce about his youth.
reminiscence
reminiscingly
renaissance
n
/ ˈrenəsənt(t)si / L > F enthusiastic activity along literary, artistic, and cultural lines distinguished by a revival of interest in the past and an increasing pursuit of learning. In the 1970s, there was a renaissance of interest in organic gardening techniques.
render

v
/ 'rendə(r) / 
L > F > E
melt down : extract or clarify by melting.
The process of cooking a few strips of bacon can render enough fat to fry several eggs.

rendezvous

n
/ 'rændəs(v)u / 
F
a meeting at an appointed place and time.
The astronauts completed a rendezvous with the orbiting space station.

renege

renounce

v
/ rə'nəun(t)s / 
L
[has near homonym: renowns] announce one’s abandonment of the ownership of : give up, abandon, or resign usually formally (something possessed).
In 1936 Edward, Prince of Wales, decided to renounce his claim to the throne of England and marry American divorcée Wallis Simpson.

renovation

renovator

n
/ 'renə,vədə(r) / 
L
one that restores to a former state (as worn or damaged articles).
The Rehmers hired a renovator to work on the old farmhouse they bought.

renvoi

n
/ rə'nvoi / 
F
the return by a government of an alien to his own country.
Because of crowded prisons, New York has been practicing renvoi on illegal aliens who have committed a crime.
reprimand
v
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L > F
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requiescence
n
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resipiscence
n
change of mind or heart; often: return to a sane, sound, or correct view or position.
The soldier’s severe war experience brought about in him a resipiscence marked by much regret for shortcomings in his personal life.

resilient

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residual
n
the part of a molecule that remains after the removal of a portion of its constituents.
Sondra asked Jeff to analyze and write out the formula for the residue in the Erlenmeyer flask.

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resistible
adj
having or characterized by a decided purpose: determined.
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resolute
adj
/ˌrezəˈljuːt/ 
L
having or characterized by a decided purpose: determined.
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respite
n
n
temporary intermission of labor or of any process or operation: interval of rest.
Seeking respite from the arguing of his siblings, Jerold left the table in the middle of their family dinner.

respiratory
adj
/ˈresɪprətɪəri/ 
L
required by the nature of things or by circumstances or by the end in view.
Buried under a calmness that seemed but indifferece was an attachment that would have led either of the two brothers, if requisite, to do everything for the good of the other.

resin
n
/ˈrezɪn/ 
L
a place where water is collected and kept in quantity for use when wanted.
Because of the dry spell, our reservoir was only half full, and water restrictions had to be imposed.

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n / 'rɔbdəmənt(ə)rə(r) / Gk
one who practices divination by rods or wands. With his divining rod in hand, the rhabdomancer set out to find an undiscovered spring of water.

rhapsodical
adj / ræpsə'dɪkəl / Gk extravagantly emotional: rapturous. The music critic lavished rhapsodical praise on the Brahms concert.

rheostat
n / 'rɛəsət / Gk a resistor for regulating a current by means of variable resistances. The light dimmer has refused to work ever since Henry adjusted the rheostat.

rhetoric

rhetorician
n / rɛdə'rɪʃən / Gk one who writes or speaks in an inflated or bombastic style. People tend to ignore Mr. Wade's good ideas because he is such a rhetorician.

rheumatism
n / ˌrɛməˈtizəm / Gk any of numerous conditions characterized by inflammation or pain in muscles, joints, or fibrous tissue. Shea's grandfather complained of rheumatism whenever the weather was cold and damp.

rhinoceros
n / ˈrɪnəs(ə)roʊs / Gk any of various large powerful herbivorous thick-skinned mammals that have one or two heavy upright horns on the snout. The videotape showed dramatic footage of a rhinoceros charging a photographer.

rhizotomy

rhodium

rhododendron
n / ˌrɔdəˈdendrən / Gk any of various plants of the genus Rhododendron with persistent leathery leaves and bell-shaped flowers. Evan's mother plants a rhododendron along the driveway every year on his birthday.

rhomboid
n / ˈrɔmbəʊd / Gk a parallelogram in which the angles are oblique and adjacent sides are unequal. One of our geometry problems was to find the area of a rhomboid.

rhombus
n / ˈrəmbəs / Gk > L an equilateral parallelogram. The most familiar form that a rhombus takes must certainly be a square.

rhubarb
n / ˈrǔbərb / (Gk + L) > L? > F > E a plant having large leaves with thick succulent stems that are often eaten in pies or preserves. Rhubarb and strawberries make a good combination for a pie.

rhythm
n / ˈrɪθəm / Gk > L > F the aspect of music comprising all the elements (as accent, meter, time, tempo) that relate to forward movement as contrasted with pitch sequence or tone combination. Latin American music is usually easily recognizable by its distinctive rhythm.

ribald
adj / ˈrɪbdəld / Gmc > F > E characterized by broad coarse humor. Sharon's mom was surprised to learn that the ribald tale her daughter was reading was written by Geoffrey Chaucer.

ricochet
n / ˌrɪkəˈʃeɪt / F a glancing rebound or skipping (as of a flat stone thrown along the surface of water). Albert and Tyler carefully counted each ricochet in the stone-skipping contest.
**ricotta**

n / r̩ˈkodə /  
L > It  
a white unripened whey cheese of Italian origin that resembles cottage cheese.  
*Angela’s favorite Italian recipe calls for ravioli stuffed with ricotta.*

**richtus**

n / ’rìktos /  
L  
a gaping grin or grimace.  
*Reuben’s face was frozen in a rictus of horror during the movie’s last scene.*

**rideau**

n / r̩ˈdoo /  
F  
a small ridge or mound of earth.  
The cottage was built on a rideau overlooking the marsh.

**ridiculous**

**rifeness**

**rift**

n / ’rɪft /  
Scand > E  
a divergence (as of interests or beliefs) resulting in disagreement or dispute.  
*Deciding what the puppy should be named caused a temporary rift between the twins.*

**rigatoni**

n / rɪɡəˈtɔnə /  
Gmc > It  
hollow alimentary paste made in short curved fluted pieces.  
*Paula served rigatoni stuffed with cheese and diced vegetables.*

**righteous**

adj / ’rɪɡəthəs /  
E  
characterized by uprightness or justice.  
The civil rights protesters were fearless in their righteous cause.

**rigorous**

**rime**

n / rɪm /  
E  
[has homonym: rhyme] a covering of minute ice crystals on a cold surface that is formed by the condensation of atmospheric vapor at temperatures below freezing: frost.  
*Rime may occur in large, feathery flakes, but they lack the crystalline patterns of snowflakes.*

**riparian**

adj / rəˈperən /  
L  
[Note: Could be confused with riparial.] of, relating to, or living or located on the bank of a watercourse (as a river or stream).  
*Most wildlife depends on riparian areas for survival.*

**risibility**

n / rɪsəˈbilədə /  
L  
the ability or inclination to laugh: alertness or sensitiveness to the ridiculous, incongruous, or absurd.  
*Mary’s risibility has earned her the nickname “Giggle Girl.”*

**rissole**

n / rəˈsəl /  
L > F  
[has near homonym: resole] minced meat or fish covered with pastry and fried in deep fat.  
*Marianne ate a rissole for lunch.*

**romance**

**roan**

adj / rˈən /  
Gothic > Sp > F  
[has near homonym: rowan] of an animal’s coat: having the base color (as black, red, gray, or brown) muted and lightened by a liberal admixture of white hairs.  
The roan pony is the tamest mount at Camp Wannagohome.

**roborant**

adj / rəˈbərant /  
L  
strengthening.  
*In China, ginseng has for ages been esteemed for its roborant effects on the body.*

**rococo**

adj / rəˈkō(ə)kō /  
F  
excessively ornate or intricate.  
The rococo decor of Griselda’s new house is typical of those built with “new money.”

**rodomont**

n / rəˈdɔmənt /  
It name  
a vain or blustering boaster.  
*James’s new roommate is something of a rodomont.*

**rognon**

**rogue**

n / rəˈg/  
unknown  
a dishonest unprincipled person.  
The sheriff warned the newcomers that he would not tolerate a rogue in his town.

**roleo**

n / rəˈloʊ /  
L > F > E&E  
a logrolling tournament.  
*A roleo is similar to a rodeo but has floating logs instead of bucking broncos.*

**ritziness**

**riverain**

**rivulet**

n / rɪˈvylət /  
L > It  
a small stream: brook.  
The fast-melting snow pushed down the rivulet to the pond below.
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<td>n /ˈrōməˈtēm/ F a psychological test of personality and intelligence using inkblot designs. <em>Keesha’s responses during the Rorschach caused the examiner to believe that she was trying to make the results unreliable.</em></td>
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<td>n / rōˈsō-lə / F a cooking appliance with a spit on which food is rotated before or over a source of heat. <em>Herb cooked the chicken on a rotisserie over his gas grill.</em></td>
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<td>n / rōtˈo-gravər / L + F a photogravure process in which the impression is produced by a rotary press. <em>Rotogravure is used to print the magazine section of the Sunday paper.</em></td>
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<td>n / rūˈbe-lə / L an acute contagious disease usually affecting children and young adults and characterized by a red skin eruption, mild symptoms, and a short duration: German measles. <em>Rubella is especially dangerous when contracted by an expectant mother because it can threaten the health of her unborn child.</em></td>
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<td>adj / rūˈdə-məntərē / L basic, fundamental. <em>Thurston possessed only a rudimentary knowledge of opera.</em></td>
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<td>n / rəˈmənənt / L any of a suborder of even-toed hoofed mammals (as sheep, giraffes, deer, and camels) that chew the cud and have a complex usually four-chambered stomach. <em>Microorganisms play an essential role in the digestive system of a ruminant.</em></td>
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<td>adj / rūˈmə(r).mōndə(r) / L one that spreads unconfirmed pieces of information. <em>If Alfonso doesn’t learn to hold his tongue, he’s going to earn a reputation as a rumormonger.</em></td>
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runnel

rural
adj
/ˈrʊrəl/  
L  
of, relating to, associated with, or typical of the country.
*Kevin has always resided in the city and knows little about the rural way of life.*

rurigenous
adj
/ˈruərɪdʒənas/  
L  
born or living in the country.
*As the town grew, some of the stores began to neglect their rurigenous customers.*

russet
adj
/ˈrʌsət/  
L > F > E  
reddish brown.
*Troy’s Robin Hood costume featured a russet top and forest green pants.*

rutabaga
n
/ˈrʊdəbɑɡə/  
ON > Sw  
a turnip with a very large yellowish root that is used as food both for stock and for human beings.
*In England, the vegetable Americans know as a rutabaga is called a “swede.”*

rutch

rutilant
adj
/ˈrʊdələnt/  
L  
having a reddish glow: shining.
*The evening sun put a rutilant sheen on the sunbathers’ skin.*

sable
n
/ˈsæbəl/  
Slav > G > F > E  
[Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] the heraldic color black.
*Anita began painting her family’s coat of arms by creating a background of sable.*

sabotage
n
/ˈsæbətəʒ/  
F  
malicious destruction of or damage to property with the intention of injuring a business or impairing the economic system or weakening a government or nation in time of war or national emergency.
*When a drug enforcement agency airplane crashed, sabotage was suspected and an investigation was launched.*

saboteur

saccharify

sacciform
adj
/ˈsæk(ə)ˈfɔrm/  
L  
resembling a pouch.
*The squirrel filled its sacciform cheeks with acorns.*

saccharify

saccadic
adj
/ˈsækədɪk/  
F  
[has near homonym: psychotic] of or relating to a sudden movement: jerky.
*Virginia’s saccadic motions were symptomatic of a neurological disorder.*

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L  
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bunt in baseball with fewer than two out, enabling a base runner to advance a base while the batter is put out at first base.  
The coach told Marvin to sacrifice because George was on third base and the team needed one more run to win. |
| sacrificial |                                                                                               |
| sacrist |                                                                                               |
| sacristy |                                                                                               |
| sacroiliac |                                                                                               |
| sacrosanct | adj /ˈsakrōsənt/  
L  
most holy or sacred: inviolable. The use of loud voices is inappropriate in the sacrosanct temple. |
| safari | n /ˈsæfərē/  
Ar > Swahili  
a hunting or other expedition in east Africa, especially on foot.  
While on safari, Ariel photographed lions and elephants. |
| saffron | n /ˈsæfrən/  
Ar > L > F > E  
a deep orange-colored substance consisting of the aromatic pungent dried stigmas of the saffron crocus and used to color and flavor foods.  
Saffron is the most expensive spice at Walker’s Market. |
| sagacious | adj /ˈsæʒəshəs/  
L  
possessing quick intellectual perceptions. The neighbors often came to the sagacious old man for advice about investments. |
| sagacity | n /ˈsæɡəsəti/  
L  
quickness or acuteness of sense perceptions. Chuck’s sagacity made him the finest detective in the arson unit. |
| sagathy |                                                                                               |
| sagebrush |                                                                                               |
| sagittal | adj /ˈsæʒətəl/  
L  
of, relating to, or shaped like an arrow or arrowhead. Murray fantasized that the sagittal rock he found in the quarry was an Indian arrowhead. |
| Sagittarius | n /ˌsæɡəˈtaɪərəs/  
L  
the ninth sign of the zodiac. The Moon was in Sagittarius when Sherman was born. |
| salamander | n /ˈsələməndər/  
Gk > L > F > E  
a metal disk or plate heated and held over a food (as pastry or pudding) to brown the top of it.  
A salamander is often used to caramelize the top of desserts like crème brulée. |
| salmonellosis | n /ˌsælməˈnələləsəs/  
American name + Lcfs  
infection with a bacterial disease typically marked by gastroenteritis but often complicated by septicemia, meningitis, and other conditions.  
Vaughn contracted salmonellosis while on the cruise. |
| salmon | n /ˈsələmən/  
L > F > E  
a variable color of salmon’s flesh averaging a strong yellowish pink. Unable to find a purse in the right shade of salmon, Vera decided to stick with basic black. |
| salmon |                                                                                               |
| salicylate |                                                                                               |
| salicetum | n /ˌsələˈsiːtəm/  
L  
a collection or plantation of willows. The salicetum is Nikki’s favorite picnic spot. |
| salicylic acid |                                                                                               |
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salsilla
n / sa'l'silə /
L
a tropical American plant with edible roots sometimes used as a substitute for potatoes.
In the West Indies we had our first taste of salsilla.

salutary
adj / 'sələtərē /
L
promoting health : curative, restorative.
The long vacation had a salutary effect on Grace’s mental health.

salve
n / 'sav /
E
a healing ointment.
Jason’s grandmother prepared a mustard oil salve and told him that if he used it, his troubles would be over in three days.

samovar

samphire
n / 'samfi(ə)r /
F name
a fleshy European coastal plant that is sometimes pickled.
Daphne ordered the salad of samphire and other greens.

sampler

samurai

sanctified

sanctimonious
adj / sa'n(k)tə'mōnēəs /
L
displaying high-mindedness with intent to impress.
Ronnie’s voice took on a sanctimonious tone when he volunteered to give his mother his meal.

sanctification

sanctity

sanctum
n / sa'k(t)əm /
L
a sacred place.
The innermost sanctum of the temple in Jerusalem was known as the Holy of Holies.

sandal
n / 'sandəl /
Gk > L > E
a shoe consisting essentially of a sole fastened to the foot by means of straps or thongs passing over the instep and around the ankle.
Lorraine stopped to refasten the strap of her sandal because her ankle had swollen.

sangaree

sangfroid
n / sa'frwä /
L > F
extraordinary self-possession or imperturbability, especially under strain.
Justin remained calm during the prosecutor’s attack and replied to the questions with sangfroid.

sanguinary

sanguine
adj / sa'gwən /
Gk
marked by eager hopefulness.
Ever sanguine, Kathy said that she would one day win the lottery.

sanitary
adj / 'sanətərē /
L
for or relating to the preservation of health.
Conditions at Christ Hospital are as sanitary as is humanly possible.

saponaceous
adj / sa'pə'nāʃəs /
L
soapy.
Talc and soapstone have a saponaceous feel.

saporous
adj / 'səpərəs /
L
having flavor; especially : agreeable in taste.
When Dad returned from work, Mom treated him to a saporous beef stew.

sapphire
n / sa'fə(r) /
Skt > Heb > Gk > L > F > E
a precious stone of transparent rich blue corundum of great value.
Sapphire has been highly prized as a gemstone since 800 B.C.

sapphiric
adj

saprophagous
adj / sa'prəfə'gəs /
Gk + Gk
feeding on decaying matter.
While hiking, Ted and Paul passed the carcass of a squirrel that was covered with saprophagous insects.
sardine
n
/särˈdên/  
Gk? > L > F > E  
any of several small or immature fishes preserved for food.  
The only way to entice the frightened cat from under the porch was to offer him a sardine.

sardonic

sardonyx

sarong

sarrazin

sarsaparilla
n
/səs(ə)pəˈrila/  
Sp  
a sweetened carbonated beverage similar to root beer with the predominant flavor from birch oil and sassafras.  
Sylvester’s yen for sarsaparilla is well known to cartoon aficionados.

sartorial
adj
/sərˈtôrēəl/  
L  
of or relating to dress or to tailored clothes.  
Sandy, who longed to be a sartorial rebel, sometimes went to class wearing purple tights under her uniform.

sashay
v
/saˈʃā/  
F > E  
[Note: Could be confused with chassé. Also, word has homonym: sachet] strut in an ostentatious or conspicuous manner.  
Tommy and Suzanne tried to sashay as the caller instructed, but they both tripped and fell.

Saskatchewan
adj
/səˈskəchəwən/  
Cree > Canad geog name of or from the province of Saskatchewan, Canada.  
Among the Saskatchewan flora is the saskatoon, a sweet purple berry.

saskatoon
n
/səskəˈtūn/  
Canadian geog name  
a juneberry of the northern and western United States and adjacent Canada.  
The purple fruit of the saskatoon is eaten eagerly by birds.

sassafras
n
/səˈsəsəfərəs/  
Sp > L  
the dried bark of the root of an aromatic tree used as a diaphoretic, a flavoring agent, an aromatic stimulant, or as a source of an aromatic volatile oil used in perfumes.  
Alba’s family has a recipe for medicinal tea that contains sassafras.

satchel

satellite
n
/'sædˌli.t/  
Etruscan? > L > F  
a celestial body orbiting another of larger size.  
Earth has only one natural satellite—the Moon.

satiate

satiety
n
/səˈtēədē/  
L > F  
the quality or state of being fed to or beyond capacity.  
Nell wondered if her beagle puppy would ever reach satiety.

satire
n
/səˈtər/  
L  
a usually topical literary composition holding up human or individual vices, folly, abuses, or shortcomings to censure by means of ridicule, derision, burlesque, irony, or other method sometimes with an intent to bring about improvement.  
Gulliver’s Travels is a scathing satire of political and religious hypocrites.

satiric

satirical
adj
/səˈtərɪkəl/  
L > F  
characterized by caustic or ironic comment.  
Ned’s cartoons have a sharp, satirical edge.

saturate
v
/'səchərət/  
L  
infuse thoroughly or cause to be pervaded.  
The aroma of a turkey roasting in the oven began to saturate the entire house.

saturnine
adj
/'sədən(r)nən/  
L  
of a moody or surly character: morose, sullen.  
Shirley’s father-in-law is a saturnine person with a quick temper.

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<td>highly seasoned chopped or ground meat that is used either fresh or cured. Harry’s favorite pizza is topped with sausage and onions.</td>
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<td>Charlene found it hard to bid Nagano sayonara at the end of the 1998 Winter Olympics.</td>
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<td>a usually leather or metal sheath in which the blade of a sword, dagger, bayonet, or other cutting weapon is enclosed when not in use. The knight began to pull his sword from its scabbard, but a look from the queen stopped him.</td>
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<td>not plentiful or abundant. Lettuce became scarce and expensive after the recent flooding.</td>
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scenario
n
/ ˈsĕntrōn/ /
Gk > L
an outline or synopsis of a play.
*After the actor read the scenario, he decided that he was not right for the leading role.*

scentless
adj
/ ˈsɛntləs/ /
L > F > E + Ecf
emitting no odor.
*Gerald prefers scentless soap.*

scepter
n
/ ˈseptər/ /
Gk > L > F > E
a staff or baton borne by a sovereign as a ceremonial emblem of authority.
*When Ben played Henry VIII in the school play, his mother made him a scepter.*

schadenfreude
n
/ ˈʃaʊdənfrʊd/ /
G
enjoyment obtained from the mishaps of others.
*Morgana claimed to be sympathetic, but the schadenfreude was all too obvious.*

scheduling

schellenkra
n
/ ˈʃɛflərə/ /
G name > L
any of several shrubby tropical plants that are cultivated for their showy foliage.
*When frost was predicted, Demont covered the schefflera with a blanket.*

scheme
v
/ ˈskɛm/ /
Gk
accomplish by clever contriving.
*Walter resolved to scheme out a way to get a new bike.*

schemer
n
/ ˈskɛmə(r)/ /
Gk
one that forms plots or intrigues.
*Joe was a schemer who always had big plans to get rich.*

scherzando
adj
/ ˈskɛrtʃɑn(d)ə/ /
Gmc > It
playful, jesting—used as a direction in music indicating style and tempo.
The Flight of the Bumblebee was played with scherzando lightness.

scherzo

schistow

schism

schismatic
adj
/ ˈsɪzmædɪk/ /
Gk > L
of, relating to, or characteristic of division, separation, or discord.
The book describes numerous schismatic movements in church history.

schizoid

schizophrenia

schnitzel
n
/ ˈshnɪtsəl/ /
G
a veal cutlet variously seasoned and garnished.
The Bavarian restaurant’s menu included sauerbraten, sausages, and schnitzel.

schooner

schottische
n
/ ˈʃaʊdɪʃ/ /
G
a round dance in duple time characterized by gliding and hopping steps and similar to but slower than the polka.
*After an hour of dancing the schottische, Ed and Sarah wearily headed for the soda machine.*

schuss
n
/ ˈʃhʊs/ /
G
a straightaway skiing course.
*In a tucked position Kira followed the schuss all the way to the bottom.*

schussboomer
n
/ ˈʃhʊsbʊmər/ /
G + imit
one who skis usually straight downhill at high speed.
*When the schussboomer lost control, he somersaulted and rolled to the foot of the slope.*

sciatica
n
/ ˈsɪdədəkə/ /
Gk > L
pain along the course of a sciatic nerve or its branches and especially in the leg.
*As Alicia struggled out of bed, she complained of sciatica in her left leg.*

scientific
adj
/ ˈsɛntɪtɪfɪk/ /
L
concerned with or treating of a branch or department of systematized knowledge that is or can be made a specific object of study.
*Alain’s scientific training landed him a job at Dow Chemical.*

scientist

scilicet

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<td>scissors</td>
<td>n /ˈskɪsərz/ L an ornamental electric light fixture for a wall that resembles a bracket candlestick or group of candlesticks. Tamara bought an elaborate sconce for her hallway.</td>
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<td>scoundrel</td>
<td>n /ˈskɔːndrl/ L a bold selfish person who has very low ethical standards. The treasurer of the company was fired when he was found out to be an opportunistic scoundrel.</td>
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<td>scourge</td>
<td>n /ˈskɜːrj/ L a social evil. Much of the city’s crime is attributed to the scourge of recurrent unemployment.</td>
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<td>scraggly</td>
<td>adj /ˈskræg(ə)l/ L delightfully, excellently. The bakery down the street makes a scrumptious almond coffee cake.</td>
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<td>scroll</td>
<td>n /ˈskrərl/ Gmc &gt; F &gt; E a long strip used as the body of a written document and often having a rod or rods for convenience in rolling and storing. The writing on the magician’s scroll erased itself after the spell was read aloud.</td>
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<td>n /ˈskrɪvənər/ L a professional or public copyist or writer. The critic dismissed the writer’s novel as the uninspired work of a scrivener.</td>
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<td>n /ˈskrɪmʃɔ/ L any of various carved or engraved useful or decorative articles sometimes colored by brushing ink into the engraved lines and made especially by American whalemen from whalebone or whale ivory. The whaling museum has a large collection of scrimshaw.</td>
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<td>n /ˈskrəb/ L a small, hand-held instrument with a long, flexible handle and a hard, flat, or bristled surface used for cleaning or polishing. The gardener used a scrub brush to clean the old paint off the fence.</td>
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<td>adv /ˈskrəbəljəs/ L conscientiously, painstakingly. Katie washes her hands so scrubulously that her friends wonder if she has a psychological disorder.</td>
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sculptor
n
/ˈskʌulptə(r)/
L
one that carves, engraves, molds, welds, or constructs (materials) into a primarily three-dimensional work of art.
_Pablo Picasso_ was equally influential as a painter, a sculptor, and a draftsman.

sculpture

scuppernong
n
/ˈskʌpə(r)nɔŋ/
geog name
any of various cultivated muscadine grape varieties which have yellowish-green fruit suggesting a plum in flavor.
_Molly picked and ate a scuppernong from her grandmother’s grape arbor._

scurrilous
adj
/ˈskərələs/
L
containing low obscenities or coarse abuse.
The farmers hurled scurrilous accusations across the barbed-wire fence.

scutellate
adj
/ˈskytəˌlət/
L
rather flat with a distinct rim and a rounded to oval outline.
_Beryl opened the packet and examined the scutellate seeds._

scuttlebutt

scythe

scytodepsic

seabound

seafaring

seasonably

sebaceous
adj
/ˈsɛbəʃəs/
L
relating to, composed of, or secreting fatty matter.
_Oily skin is usually the result of overactive sebaceous glands._

secco

secede
v
/ˈsɛsɪd/
L
withdraw from a federation.
_About ten more deputies have opted to secede from the governing majority._

secession
n
/ˈsɛshən/
L
formal withdrawal from an organization (as a religious communion or political party or federation).
The history teacher explained that the South’s secession from the United States was not solely an issue regarding slavery.

secessionist

secondariness

secularism

secund

sedens

sedentary
adj
/ˈsedən.tərē/
L
characterized by or requiring sitting or slight activity.
_Isabelle’s sedentary job provided little opportunity for exercise._

sedentary

Seder
n
/ˈsɛdə(r)/
Heb
[has homonym: satyr] a Jewish home or community service and ceremonial dinner held on the first evening of the Passover.
_Jim had never been to a Seder before he met Julia._

sediment
n
/ˈsedəment/
L
material deposited (as by water, wind, or glaciers).
The layers of sediment were evident in the shades of color on the rocky hillside.

sedition
n
/ˈsedishən/
L > F > E
an insurrection against constituted authority.
_Because Paul openly advocated the overthrow of the government, he was charged with sedition._

sedulous

seedling
n
/ˈsedliŋ/
E + Ecf
a nursery plant (usually a tree) that has not been transplanted.
_Karen bought a maple seedling at the tree farm._

seersucker

seethe

segue
v
/ˈsä()gwə/
L > It
make a transition from one activity, topic, scene, or part to another as or as if part of a natural progression.
_Senator Ward used an anecdote to segue to a new topic in his speech._
seguidilla
n
/ˈsɛɡɪdɪlə/  
L > Sp
a Spanish dance with many regional variations or the music for this dance performed with guitar and castanets.
In the second act of the opera, the Spanish gypsy performs a seguidilla.

seiche
n
/ˈsɛʃ/  
F
an oscillation of the surface of a lake or landlocked sea.
A seiche can be almost as powerful as a tidal wave.

seismism
n
/ˈsɪzmɪzm/  
Gk
earthquake phenomena. Ralph gave a report about seismism in Chinese folklore.

seity

seizure
n
/ˈsɛzə(r)/  
E
a sudden attack (as of a disease or sickness).
A seizure of hay fever ruined the picnic for Tom.

seldom

selectivity

selenian
adj
/ˈsɛləniən/  
Gk
of, relating to, or designating the Moon.
Jim’s story tells the tale of an explorer going off to create a selenian colony.

selenology

semaphore

semester
n
/ˈsəmɛstə(r)/  
L
either of the two periods of instruction commonly 18 weeks in length into which an academic year is usually divided.
Yolanda was delighted that her grades for the first semester were all A’s.

semautomatic

seminary
n
/ˈsɛmnərɪ/  
L
an institution for the training of candidates for the priesthood, ministry, or rabbinate.
The pulpit committee’s first choice is a young person who has just completed seminary.

semolina
n
/ˈsɛmələnə/  
L > It
the purified middlings of durum or other hard wheat used for macaroni and other alimentary pastes.
The best pasta is made from semolina.

senary
adj
/ˈsenərɪ/  
L
[has homonym: scenery] of, based upon, or characterized by six: compounded of six things: consisting of six parts.
Jethro experimented with music using a senary scale.

senectitude

senescent
adj
/ˈsɛnɛsənt/  
L
growing old.
The town’s senescent infrastructure struggled under the burden of a growth spurt.

seneschal
n
/ˈsenəʃəl/  
Gmc > F > E
a bailiff, steward, or majordomo of a great medieval lord.
The seneschal pounded his staff on the floor three times and announced the king’s visitors.

senile

sensibilia

sensibility

sensible

sensory
adj
/ˈsen(t)s(ɔ)ərɪ/  
L + E
of or relating to the senses.
In some insects the sensory organs of taste, touch, smell, and hearing are located in the antennae.

sententious
adj
/ˈsentʃənsɪs/  
L
terse, aphoristic, or moralistic in expression: pithy.
The sitcom’s drop in popularity was attributed to its growing tendency toward sententious sermonizing.

sentient

sentimental

sentinel
n
/ˈsent(ə)nəl/  
L > It > F
one that watches or guards.
The sentinel peered into the distance through tiny binoculars.

separate
sepia
n
/ˈsepə/  
Gk > L  
a pigment of rich brown color containing melanin, prepared from the ink of various cuttlefishes, and used in watercolor painting and in ink. Black-and-white photographs can be stained with sepia to give them an old-fashioned look.

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septentrional
adj
/sepˈtɛntrɪənəl/  
L  
northern. The septentrional seaports of Russia are frozen in the winter.

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sequestration
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/ˈsɛkrɛʃən/  
the act of sequestrating or the state of being sequestrated.  
sequester
v
/ˈsɛkwəstər/  
L > F > E  
hide from public view: seclude. The judge wanted to sequester the jury to keep them from hearing news reports that might sway their opinions.

serpiginous
adj
/ˈsɜrpɪdʒənəs/  
L  
notched or toothed on the edge. Under the microscope, dust mites appear to be hairy monsters with serrated claws.

sesquicentennial
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sesquipedalian
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L  
given to or characterized by the use of long words. Norbert dozed off halfway through the principal's sesquipedalian speech.

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shackle
v
/ˈʃakəl/
E
[has homonym: shackel] confine the limbs of so as to prevent free motion.
The prisoner of war told the United Nations delegation that his guards had threatened to shackle him 24 hours a day.

shaddock
n
/ˈshadək/  
E name
a very large thick-rinded typically pear-shaped citrus fruit.
The shaddock resembles the grapefruit but is larger, coarser, and drier.

shadiness
n
/ˈʃədənəs/  
E + Ecff
the quality or state of comparative darkness.
On a hot day, the cool shadiness of a tree is very welcome.

shaganappi


shallot
n
/ˈʃələt/  
L > F
a perennial herb that resembles an onion and is used in cooking.
Ted didn’t have time to go to the store again, so he substituted a white onion for a shallot in the recipe.

shanghaied

shears

shebang

shaken

shekel
n
/ˈshekəl/
Hebrew
a Hebrew unit of weight equal to about 252 grains troy.
In the Talmudist system, a shekel is 1/60 of a mina.

shenanigan

shenanigans
n pl
/ˈshənənəgənz/  
unknown
high-spirited, daring, or mischievous acts : pranks.
On the first day of school Mrs. Gibson warned the class that she would not put up with any shenanigans in her classroom.

sheriff
n
/ˈʃərəf/  
E
a county officer who is usually elected by the people of the county and has the duty of preserving the peace.
The office of sheriff is a holdover from medieval English law.

shibboleth
n
/ˈʃɪbələθ/  
Heb
a custom or usage regarded as a criterion for distinguishing members of one group (as a social class) from those of another.
Table manners are sometimes used as a shibboleth of class distinction.

shillibeer
n
/ˈʃɪləbɪ(ə)r/  
E name
a horse-drawn hearse with seats for mourners.
The museum has acquired an ornate Victorian shillibeer.

shillyshallyer

shindig
n
/ˈʃɪndɪɡ/  
E
a jovial social affair that includes dancing.
Max hosted the shindig at the hotel.

shipwreck
n
/ˈʃɪpwreck/  
E + Scand > F > E
a large ruined or stranded seagoing boat or its parts.
The shipwreck was mottled with barnacles.

shivering
v
/ˈshivərɪŋ/  
E
trembling due to cold, fear, or physical pressure.
Norma was shivering because she did not dress in warm clothing.

shrapnel
n
/ˈʃræpnəl/  
E name
bomb, mine, or shell fragments.
The surgeon found and removed all of the shrapnel in the soldier’s leg, ensuring a swift recovery.

shrewdness
n
/ˈʃruːdəs/  
E
the quality or state of being discerning or astute.
Shrewdness is Janet’s strong suit.

shriek
n
/ˈʃriːk/  
E
a shrill, usually wild or involuntary cry.
Nancy let out a shriek when her little brother dropped an ice cube down the back of her dress.

shubunkin
shuddering
v
/ˈʃaʊd(ə)rɪŋ/ /ˈʃaʊd(ə)rɪŋ/ /ˈʃaʊd(ə)rɪŋ/
E
shaking with fear, aversion, horror, or cold.
Joan woke shuddering from a nightmare.
sibilant
adj
/ˈsɪbɪlənt/ /ˈsɪbɪlənt/ /ˈsɪbɪlənt/
L
imit
having, containing, or producing the sound of or a sound resembling that of the s or the sh in sash.
“She sells sea shells . . .” is a sibilant tongue twister.
siccative
adj
/ˈsɪkətɪv/ /ˈsɪkətɪv/ /ˈsɪkətɪv/
L
causing to dry: promoting the action of drying.
Zinc oxide is often used as a siccative agent for skin rashes.
sickle
sicklocyte
n
/ˈsɪkləsɪt/ /ˈsɪkləsɪt/ /ˈsɪkləsɪt/
E + Gk
an abnormal red blood cell of crescent shape.
The patient with sickle-cell anemia wanted to see a sicklocyte under the microscope.
sidereal
adj
/ˈsaɪdɪrɪəl/ /ˈsaɪdɪrɪəl/ /ˈsaɪdɪrɪəl/
L
[has near homonym: sideral] of or relating to stars or constellations.
Time-lapse photography was used by the observatory to detect sidereal motion.
siege
n
/ˈsɪdʒ/ /ˈsɪdʒ/ /ˈsɪdʒ/
L > F > E
the operations of an army around a fortified place for the purpose of compelling its surrender by assault or blockade.
The defenders were confident they could outlast the siege, since the castle had an underground source of fresh water.
siffilate
v
/ˈsɪfləlɪt/ /ˈsɪfləlɪt/ /ˈsɪfləlɪt/
L
whisper.
The diners began to siffilate when the celebrity entered the restaurant.
signature
silentiary
n
/ˈsaɪlɪntəri/ /ˈsaɪlɪntəri/ /ˈsaɪlɪntəri/
L
one appointed to keep silence and order (as in a court of law or a public assembly).
One stern glance from the silentiary was all it took to stop Karsten’s insipid murmuring.
silhouette
n
/ˈsaɪləwet/ /ˈsaɪləwet/ /ˈsaɪləwet/
F name
a representation of the outlines of an object filled in with black or some other uniform color.
Mrs. Baldwin has a framed silhouette of each of her children on the wall of her foyer.
silhouettist
siliciferous
adj
/ˈsɪlkəsɪfrəs/ /ˈsɪlkəsɪfrəs/ /ˈsɪlkəsɪfrəs/
L
producing, containing, or united with silica.
When geologists analyzed the siliciferous rock, they found quartz and chlorite veins.
silicon
n
/ˈsaɪləkən/ /ˈsaɪləkən/ /ˈsaɪləkən/
L
[Note: Could be confused with silicone.] a nonmetallic element that occurs abundantly in combined form and is used chiefly in the form of alloys.
The scientist was striving to devise a new method for purifying silicon for use in fabricating microchips.
silographer
n
/ˈsaɪloʊɡrɑːfə(r)/ /ˈsaɪloʊɡrɑːfə(r)/ /ˈsaɪloʊɡrɑːfə(r)/
Gk
a writer of satires.
The marble bust of the ancient silographer crashed to the library floor.
similarity
simile
n
/ˈsaɪməl/ /ˈsaɪməl/ /ˈsaɪməl/
L
a figure of speech comparing two essentially unlike things and often introduced by like or as.
Kermit has a pet chicken and knows firsthand what the simile “as scarce as hens’ teeth” means.
simnel
n
/ˈsaɪmənl/ /ˈsaɪmənl/ /ˈsaɪmənl/
Semitic? > L > F > E
a rich fruit cake sometimes covered with almond paste.
Auntie Grace always serves simnel during the December holidays.
simpatico
adj
/ˈsaɪmpətɪkə/ /ˈsaɪmpətɪkə/ /ˈsaɪmpətɪkə/
L
possessing attractive qualities: appealing, likable.
The hero of the novel is a thoroughly simpatico character.
A simulacrum of Elvis stood at the entrance to the wax museum.

The mayor made the grave mistake of handing out a sinecure to a friend.

Ephraim wore a jade pendant in the shape of a bear on a sinew around his neck.

By practicing every day, Ben believed he could singularize himself in the school orchestra.

Dr. Symonds has a real human skeleton in his office.

The skimpiness of Eunice’s budget did not allow for many luxuries.

Liz felt sure that the pail of blueberries would make a skookum pie.
slalom
n
/ˈslāləm/
Norw
skiing in a zigzag or wavy course between upright obstacles.
*Tully did the slalom down the mountainside.*

slanderous

slantindicular
adj
/ˈslantnˈdikələr/\(\text{E + L > F > E}\)
somewhat oblique.
*The main staircase of the new library rises at a slantindicular angle to the facade.*

slapstick
n
/ˈslæpstɪk/
G imit + E
comedy that depends for its effect on fast, boisterous, and zany physical activity and horseplay often accompanied by broad rowdy verbal humor.
*The Three Stooges were famous for their slapstick.*

sleazily

sledgehammer

sleuth
v
/ˈslūθ/\(\text{ON > E}\)
act as a detective or investigator: search for information or facts.
*There are several game programs that teach children how to sleuth out facts and figures on the Internet.*

slobberhannes

sluice
n
/ˈslūs/\(\text{L > F > E}\)
a body of water pent up behind a floodgate.
*Ellen crossed the sluice in a canoe.*

smoggy
adj
/ˈsmōɡɡ/\(\text{(E + Scand?) > E}\)
characterized by or abounding in a fog made heavier and darker by smoke and chemical fumes.
*The smoggy atmosphere of Los Angeles aggravated Frank’s allergies.*

smorgasbord
n
/ˈsmɔrɡəsbɔːrd/\(\text{Sw}\)
a luncheon or supper buffet offering a variety of foods and dishes.
*Nita’s smorgasbord included turkey and smoked salmon.*

snagrel
n
/ˈsnæɡrəl/\(\text{unknown}\)
an herb of the genus Aristolochia of the eastern United States.
*Snagrel is also called Virginia snakeroot.*

soavemente
adv
/soˈävəmenˈtɑ/\(\text{L > It}\)
with sweetness or smoothness: in a gentle manner—used as a direction in music.
*The serenade was played soavemente by the strings.*

sociable
adj
/ˈsoʊʃəbəl/\(\text{L}\)
enjoying companionship.
*The dolphin is one of the most sociable creatures known to man.*

sojourner
n
/ˈsoʊˌjɔrnər/\(\text{F > E}\)
one that stays as a temporary resident.
*Even though he had lived there for five years, Russell knew he was regarded as a sojourner by the neighbors.*

solatium
n
/ˈsɔlətʃəm/\(\text{L}\)
something that alleviates or compensates for suffering or loss; especially: an additional allowance (as for injured feelings).
*The government offered a solatium to the families of those killed in the terrorist bombing.*

solder
v
/ˈsɑːdər/\(\text{L > F > E}\)
[has homonym: sodder] unite or make whole by means of a melted metallic alloy.
*Jennifer’s science class learned how to solder wires so they could experiment with electrical circuits.*

soldier

solecism

solfatara
n
/ˈsɑlfətərə/\(\text{L > It}\)
a volcanic area or vent that yields sulfur gases and hot vapors and represents a late stage of volcanic activity.
*Harry noticed a rotten-egg odor coming from a solfatara on the north side of the previously inactive volcano.*

solferino
solicitous
adj
/səˈlisətəs/
L
manifesting or expressing concern. 
Dr. Turner is especially solicitous toward his older patients.

soliloquy
n
/səˈliːkəwə/
L
a discourse made by one in solitude to oneself. 
At the talent contest Angelo stepped into the spotlight and recited Hamlet’s famous soliloquy “To be or not to be, . . .”

solipsism
n
/ˈsəlɪpˌsɪzəm/
L
extreme indulgence of and concern with the self at the expense of social relationships especially as expressed in a failure of artistic communication. 
Critics accused the popular actor of solipsism.

solitaire
n
/ˈsələˌtaɪər/ 
L
a card game designed for one person to play alone. 
Shelley often relaxes by playing solitaire after everyone else has gone to bed.

soliterraneous
adj
/ˈsələtərənēəs/
L
of or relating to Earth and the Sun. 
Scientists attribute the recent drought to soliterraneous causes.

solivagant
adj
/ˈsəlivəɡənt/
L
marked by solitary wandering. 
During his first semester in college, Gerry took frequent solivagant walks around the campus.

solleret
n
/ˈsələrɛt/ 
L > F
a flexible steel shoe forming part of a medieval suit of armor. 
The curator explained that the cumbersome solleret had to be removed to allow the knight to fight on foot.

solmization

solon
n
/ˈsələn/ 
Gk name
a wise and skillful lawgiver or statesman. 
Judge Kantz is revered throughout the county as a solon.

solstice
n
/ˈsəlstɪs/ 
L > F > E
one of two points on the ecliptic at which its distance from the celestial equator is greatest and which is reached by the Sun each year about June 22nd and December 23rd. 
The North Pole is tilted directly toward the Sun at the summer solstice.

solstitial
adj
/ˈsəlzəˈtɪʃəl/ 
L
of or relating to the two points on the ecliptic at which its distance from the celestial equator is greatest and which is reached by the Sun each year about June 22nd and December 23rd. 
Ancient myths about the eternal battle between light and dark are tied to equinoctial and solstitial moments in the year.

solvency

somnambulant
adj
/ˈsəmˈnæmbələnt/ 
L + L
walking or addicted to walking while asleep. 
Sheila could remember nothing of her somnambulant activities when she was told of them the next morning.

somniloquist

somnolence

sonorous
adj
/ˈsɔnərəs/
L
characterized by full or loud sound often with clear or rich tone, marked volume, or easy audibility. 
Alex’s sonorous voice made him the clear choice to perform the reading.

soothsaying

sophistry
n
/ˈsɑfəstrē/ 
Gk > F
reasoning that is superficially plausible but actually fallacious. 
Larry’s masterful but irresponsible sophistry easily convinced naive listeners.

Sophoclean
adj
/ˈsəfəˈkliən/ 
Gk name
of, relating to, or characteristic of the Athenian tragic poet Sophocles or his dramas. 
Finding a new Sophoclean fragment in the museum’s papyri was Gunther’s claim to fame.

sophomore
n
/ˈsəfəˌmɔrə/ 
Gk
a student in his second year or with second-year standing at a college. 
As a sophomore, Jason was expected to find a one-semester internship in his major subject.
soporific
adj
/səpəˈrɪfɪk/
L > F
caus[ing] or tending to cause sleep. *The students valiantly attempted to fight off the soporific effects of the lecture.*

sorbet
n
/'sɔrbət/
Turkish > It > F
[Note: Could be confused with sherbet.] a frozen dessert made with a mixture of fruits.
*Wylie ate sorbet between courses to cleanse his palate.*

sorcerer
n
/'sɔr(ə)rə(r)/
L > F
magician.
*Traveling alone in the dark, the sorcerer saw no harm in conjuring up a lamp for his convenience.*

sorcery

sorghum
n
/'sɔrɡəm/
L? > It
syrup produced by evaporating the juice from stems of certain tropical grasses.
*Rachel likes sorghum on her oatmeal.*

sorrel
n
/'sɔrəl/
Gmc > F > E
[has homonyms: saurel, soral, sorel] a light bright chestnut horse often with white mane and tail.
*Ken promised to take good care of the sorrel his dad had bought for him.*

sortie

sortileger
n
/'sɔr(ə)rəliʃə(r)/
L
one that tells fortunes; especially : a person who for payment predicts what are claimed to be future events or influences in the life of another.
*The sortileger predicted a radical change in Frank’s lifestyle.*

soubise
n
/'səbɪz/
F geog name
a white or brown sauce containing onions or onion puree.
*A sauceboat of soubise accompanied the roast.*

soubrette

sourdough

sousaphone
n
/'səʊzəfən/
Amer name + Gk > E
a large circular tuba having a flaring adjustable bell.
*The band director was looking for someone who could play the sousaphone.*

soutane

souterrain

souvenir
n
/'səvəˈnɪr/
L > F
something that serves as a reminder : memento, remembrance.
*Moira kept a seashell as a souvenir of her trip to the ocean.*

spacious

spacistor
n
/'spæsɪstə(r)/
L
a high-frequency semiconductor amplifying device.
*The spacistor has replaced the transistor because of its greater ability to amplify electrical energy.*

spaghetti
n
/'spæɡədɛ/
It
a pasta made in solid strings of small diameter but larger than vermicelli.
*The specialty of the restaurant was spaghetti with meat sauce.*

spandex

spangle
n
/'spændʒəl/
Scand > E
a small object that brightly reflects light.
*The packrat ran out into the road to pick up the glittering spangle.*

spatial

spatiotemporal
adj
/spəˈtiːt(ə)mprəˈrəl/
L
having the quality of something that is at once extended and enduring.
*The philosopher pointed out that two things cannot coexist in one spatiotemporal point.*

spatterdock

spatula
n
/'spætələ/
L
a flat thin flexible dull-edged usually metal implement used especially for spreading or mixing soft substances, scooping, or lifting.
*With batter on his face and a spatula in his fist, Casey smiled for his mom and her camera.*

species
n pl
/'spɛ(ˌ)shəz/
L
a category of biological classification ranking immediately below a genus or subgenus.
*The housefly belongs to the genus Musca and the species domestica.*
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<td>a series of images formed when a beam of light is subjected to dispersion. The specialty store carried a spectrum of ties to suit any man’s taste.</td>
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<td>a specialist in the scientific study or systematic exploration of caves. Dale’s work as a speleologist takes him to spectacular natural features around the world.</td>
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<td>any plant of a large genus of atypical mosses that grow only in very wet acid areas where their accumulated remains become compacted with other plant debris to form peat. A large patch of sphagnum grew in the bog by the police station.</td>
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<td>tapering to a sharp rigid point. The fish Homer caught had two spinescent fins.</td>
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<td>a compactly built upright piano of reduced height and usually reduced keyboard suitable for limited space. Percival didn’t have room for a full-size piano in his studio apartment, so he bought a spinet.</td>
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<td>take for one’s own : appropriate. The invading army proceeded to sphincterize the villagers’ private property.</td>
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<td>a monster in Greek mythology having typically a lion’s body, wings, and the head and bust of a woman. According to Greek legend, the sphinx of Thebes would pose a riddle to a passerby and then kill that person if he or she could not answer it.</td>
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spontaneity

n / spîntəˈnɛdə/  
L  
the quality or state of being unconstrained or impulsive.  
_Brian has always liked to stick to a schedule, but lately he has shown more spontaneity than usual._

spontaneous

adj / spînˈtænəs /  
L  
proceeding from natural feeling or native tendency without external constraint.  
_His employee’s spontaneous obedience made Tim’s job pleasant._

sporadically

sporran

n /ˈspærən/  
ScotGael  
a large pouch of skin with the hair or fur on that is worn in front of the kilt by Highlanders in full dress and used as a purse.  
_Angus picked up a quarter and put it in his sporran._

springerle

n /ˈspriŋɡərl/  
G  
a thick hard cookie usually flavored with anise and impressed with a relief design and traditionally eaten at Christmas in German-speaking countries.  
_Klaus broke his tooth on a stale springerle._

spur

spurious

squadron

squalid

adj /ˈskwəlɪd/  
L  
marked by filthiness and degradation usually from neglect.  
The squalid tenement building was condemned and scheduled for demolition.

squaliform

adj /ˈskwəlɪfɔːrm/  
L > E  
resembling a shark or dogfish in form.  
_While scuba diving, Mike encountered a group of curious squaliform fish._

squeamish

adj /ˈskweɪmɪʃ/  
AF > E  
inclined to become nauseated: queasy.  
_Pat is squeamish when it comes to rides at the fair._

squelch

v /ˈskwelʃ/  
imit  
move with water or mud in one’s shoes and produce a sucking or splashing sound.  
_After playing in mud puddles all the way home, Frances tried to squelch quietly to her room without getting caught by her mother._

squirrel

n /ˈskwɪr(ə)l/  
Gk > L > F > E  
any of various widely distributed small to medium-sized rodents that have a bushy tail and long strong hind limbs.  
_On the trunk of the tree, a brown squirrel was clinging and watching the boy below._

stabilimeter

stable

staccato

adj /stəˈkæd(ə)/  
F > It  
marked by short clear-cut playing or singing of tones or chords.  
_Marcia’s piano teacher told her to practice the etude’s staccato passage several minutes each day._

stagnant

adj /ˈstæɡnənt/  
L  
having undergone physical changes while standing; especially: impaired in flavor, odor, or texture by such changes.  
_Josh stood still in disbelief after Kevin pushed him into the stagnant water of the ditch._

stalactite

n /stəˈlæktɪt/  
Gk  
a deposit of calcium carbonate resembling an icicle hanging from the roof or sides of a cavern.  
_It takes hundreds of years for a stalactite to form._

stalagmite

n /staˈlæɡmɪt/  
Gk  
a deposit of crystalline calcium carbonate more or less like an inverted stalactite formed on the floor of a cave.  
_A gigantic stalagmite blocked the spelunker’s path._

stalwart

adj /ˈstəlwɔːrt/  
E  
brave, valiant, resolute.  
The new musical comedy is based on the story of Robin Hood and his stalwart companions.
**stamina**  

*n*  

/ˈstəmənə/  

L

strength or courage of conviction: staying power.  

*The elderly senator doubted that he had the stamina to last through another election campaign.*

**stamnos**

**stanchion**  

*n*  

/ˈstænʃən/  

L > F

an upright bar, post, prop, brace, or support.  

*When Oliver lost control of his car, it swerved and hit a traffic-light stanchion.*

**stanniferous**  

*adj*  

/ˈstænɪfərəs/  

Celt > L

containing tin.  

*In Spain, Italy, and the Middle East pottery is sometimes covered with a white stanniferous glaze as a base for other decoration.*

**stapes**

**stationary**  

*adj*  

/ˈstæʃənerē/  

L

[has homonym: stationery] fixed in a place, position, course, or mode.  

*The clerk calmly remained in a stationary position.*

**stationery**  

*n*  

/ˈstæʃəneri/  

L > F > E

[has homonym: stationary] materials (as paper, pens, pencils, ink, blankbooks, ledgers, and cards) for writing or typing.  

*Claudia complained that just before the beginning of every school year the office stationery began to disappear.*

**statistician**  

*n*  

/ˈstæstɪʃən/  

L > G

one versed in or engaged in compiling masses of numerical data.  

*Jamie’s career as a statistician began with following baseball scores.*

**statistics**  

*n pl*  

/ˈstætɪstɪks/  

L

a science dealing with the collection, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of masses of numerical data.  

*Our state has lost some of its voting clout because of statistics reported by the U.S. Census Bureau.*

**statuesque**  

*adj*  

/ˈstæʃəwesk/  

L > F > E + G > Ec

having a massive dignity or impressiveness: majestic.  

*A statuesque sculpture stood in the town square.*

**steinkern**  

*n*  

/ˈst(ə)tn.kərn/  

G

a fossil consisting of a stony mass that entered a hollow natural object (as a bivalve shell) in the form of mud or sediment, was consolidated, and remained as a cast after dissolution of the mold.  

*For show-and-tell, Rose brought in a steinkern she had found at the beach.*

**stellar**  

*adj*  

/ˈstelə(r)/  

L

of, relating to, or derived from the stars.  

*Rapid stellar rotation can modify the structure of a star’s atmosphere.*

**stentorophonic**

**steppe**  

*n*  

/ˈstep/  

Russ

[has homonym: step] one of the vast tracts in southeastern Europe or Asia that are usually level and without forests.  

*The tourists explored the steppe in search of exotic wildlife.*

**stereotype**

**sternutation**  

*n*  

/ˈstɜrnətʃən/  

L

the act, fact, or noise of sneezing.  

*Pat’s sternutation was so frequent and loud that his office mate asked to be transferred to another department.*

**stertorous**  

*adj*  

/ˈstɜrtərəs/  

L

characterized by a harsh snoring or gasping sound.  

*While asleep in his easy chair, Uncle Max would give a start every few minutes, briefly awakened by his own stertorous breathing.*
stethoscope
n
/ˈsthɛθəskɒp/
Gk > F
an instrument used for the detection and study of sounds within the body.
*Heard through a stethoscope, the rumbling of the stomach can sound like a storm at sea.*

stevedore
n
/ˈstɛvədɔ(r)ər/
L > Sp
one who works at or is responsible for the loading or unloading of a ship in port.
The stevedore returned to the ship after dining at his favorite dockside restaurant.

stifle
v
/ˈstɪfl/  
F > E
kill by smothering : asphyxiate.
Smoke can stifle a person in a short period of time.

stimulus

stipend
n
/ˈstɪpənd/
L
a fixed sum of money typically modest in amount that is paid periodically in compensation for services.
The university gave Professor Barrett a stipend for his lecture series.

stirrup

stochastic
adj
/ˈstəʊkəstɪk/
Gk
lacking or seeming to lack a regular plan, purpose, or pattern.
*Vince programmed the computer to create a stochastic series of numbers.*

stoically

stolkjaerre

strabismus
n
/ˈstræbɪzmas/
Gk > L
inability of one eye to attain binocular vision with the other because of imbalance of the extrinsic eye muscles.
*Corrective surgery was performed to remedy Herman’s strabismus.*

stratagem
n
/ˈstrædʒəm/
Gk
a cleverly contrived trick or scheme for gaining an end.
*Barb was disappointed that her mother saw through her stratagem for staying out past curfew.*

strategist

strength

stereophosymbolia
n
/ˌstɛrə(ˌfəʊ)ˈsɪməˌbɒlɪə/  
Gk
reversal or transposition of phrases, words, or letters or of any symbols especially in reading.
*Because of his stereophosymbolia, Ryan was diagnosed as having a learning disorder.*

stereitous
adj
/ˈstɛrəpɵdəs/
L
characterized or accompanied by much noise.
The playoff game was a stereitous event.

streptomycin
n
/ˌstreptəˈmoʊsɨn/  
Gk
an antibiotic organic base active against many bacteria and used especially in the treatment of infections (as tuberculosis) by gram-negative bacteria.
*Streptomycin was the first drug to prove effective against tuberculosis.*

streusel

streuselkuchen
n
/ˈstrʊzəlˌkʊkən/
G
coffee cake that is baked with a topping of a crumbly mixture of butter, sugar, and flour and sometimes nuts and spices.
*Mrs. Messer, our neighbor, always bakes her family a streuselkuchen for the holidays.*

strident
adj
/ˈstrɪdənt/
L
marked by insistent, discordant, harsh, shrill, or grating noise or sound.
*Mary-Ellen’s fingernails produced a strident sound as she drew them across the blackboard.*

stringent
adj
/ˈstrɪŋjənt/
L
marked by rigor, strictness, or severity.
*Stringent regulations have helped curb environmental pollution.*

stroganoff
adj
/ˈstrəɡənəf/  
Russ name
sliced thin and cooked in a sauce of meat stock, sour cream, onion, and condiments.
*Erica prepared beef stroganoff for the mayor’s visit.*

strongylid

strophulus
n
/ˈstrɑfələs/  
Gk
a rash in infants popularly associated with teething distress.
The pediatrician prescribed an ointment for our baby’s strophulus.
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G a sheet of paper-thin dough rolled up with any of various fillings and baked.  
*The flight attendant served the coach passengers a light breakfast of coffee, juice, and strudel.* |
| **strychnine**| n /ˈstrɪknən/  
Gk a very poisonous bitter crystalline alkaloid obtained from various plants.  
*Strychnine is a popular poison in murder mystery novels.* |
| **stubborn**| adj /ˈstʌbərn/  
L of, relating to, or concerned with the application of the mental faculties to the acquisition of knowledge.  
*Pam is the most studious pupil in Mr. Ramsey’s class.* |
| **stupefy**| v /ˈstjʊpəfi/  
L blunt or deaden the faculties of perception and understanding of.  
*Bright headlights will often stupefy a deer and cause it to stand motionless in the path of an oncoming vehicle.* |
| **sturgeon**| n /ˈstjʊrʒən/  
Gk name characteristic of death.  
*A black robe, a papier-mâché sickle, and some grayish makeup completed Sean’s stygian Halloween costume.* |
| **stylebook**|  
| **styptic**| adj /ˈstɪptɪk/  
Gk tending to arrest bleeding.  
*Kenneth had to apply a styptic agent to his chin where he cut himself while shaving.* |
| **suasible**| adj /ˈswɑsəbəl/  
L capable of being induced into some mental position : easily brought to belief, certainty, or conviction.  
*When it comes to trying new foods, Ming is the least suasible member of her family.* |
| **suavity**|  
| **subaqueous**| adj /ˈsəbəkwəʊəs/  
L being or found under water or beneath the surface of water.  
*Bartley rented a glass-bottomed boat to get a better look at the subaqueous fauna.* |
| **subbasement**|  
| **subboreal**| adj /ˈsəbəˈbɔrəl/  
L very cold : approaching the frigid.  
*Hope grew up in Florida and finds it very difficult to live in what she calls the “subboreal climate” of Minnesota.* |
| **subfuscous**|  
| **subjugate**| v /ˈsəbjəɡət/  
L bring under the yoke of power or dominion.  
*The love of acquisition and conquest are powers of destruction when used to subjugate one person to another.* |
| **subrident**| adj /ˈsəbrɪdənt/  
L wearing or offered with a smile.  
*Eilene’s subrident answer belied the furious feelings she had toward the questioner.* |
| **subscriber**|  
| **subservient**| adj /ˈsəbˈsɜrvənt/  
L subordinate.  
*In ancient Rome, wives were legally subservient.* |
| **subsistence**| n /ˈsəbˈsɪstən(t)əs/  
L a mode of obtaining the necessities of life : livelihood.  
*Mr. Ellis preaches to his students that a good education goes far to ensure a respectable subsistence.* |
| **substitute**| n /ˈsəbˈstɪtjuːt/  
L a person who takes the place of or acts for another.  
*When Donald fouled out of the basketball game, the coach decided to send in a substitute who had been warming the bench for weeks.* |
| **subterfuge**| n /ˈsəbˈtɛrfjʊ/  
L deception by trickery or stratagem to conceal, escape, avoid, or evade.  
*George’s experience in subterfuge is mostly in cryptography.* |
| **subterranean**|  
| **subtleness**| n /ˈsʌblɛnz/  
L > F > E + Ec the quality or state of being delicate or elusive.  
*The subtleness of the almond custard eluded Mr. Denson.* |
succedent
successor
succinct adj /
marked by brief and compact expression or by lack of unnecessary words and details. 
Sandy’s succinct answers do not satisfy those who question him.
succorance n /marked by brief and compact expression or by lack of unnecessary words and details. 
Harold took measures to reduce his succorance on nasal decongestants.
succotash n /marked by brief and compact expression or by lack of unnecessary words and details. 
Even though Thelma likes both corn and lima beans, she isn’t fond of succotash.
succulence
succulent adj /
full of juice : juicy.
Perry wiped his mouth with his sleeve after he bit into the succulent peach.
succumbence
sudadero n /
a broad piece (as of leather) attached to a stirrup strap to protect a rider’s leg from sweat.
Before mounting his horse, the cowboy checked to see that each sudadero was properly attached.
suddenness
sudoriferous adj /producing or conveying sweat. 
Cycling and running are sudoriferous forms of exercise.
suede
suffice v /be enough : meet or satisfy a need. 
One teaspoonful of salt will suffice for the stew.
sufflaminate v /obstruct, impede. 
Because Tim said not having a computer would sufflaminate his progress, his parents relented and bought him one.
suffocate v /die from being unable to breathe. 
It was so hot and stuffy in the classroom that Mark thought he would suffocate.
suffrage n /the right or power to participate in electing public officials and adopting or rejecting legislation in a representative form of government. 
The 19th Amendment to the Constitution gives women suffrage.
suffrutescent adj /having a base that is somewhat woody and does not die down each year—used of a plant or stem. 
Eunice prunes her suffrutescent shrubs in the fall.
suggestible
suitable
sukiyaki n /meat, soybean curd, onions, bamboo shoots, and other vegetables cooked in soy sauce, sake, and sugar. 
Joyce watched with fascination as the Japanese cook prepared sukiyaki right at the table.
summarily
summary
sumpter n /a saddlebag. 
Grandpa’s sumpter is embossed with his initials.
sumptuous adj /involving large outlay or expense : costly, lavish. 
Our grandparents treated the whole family to a sumptuous brunch on Saturday.
sundae
supercilious adj /arrogantly superior : haughty, disdainful. 
The supercilious senior ignored the first-year student.
superficies
superfluous adj /exceeding what is sufficient, necessary, normal, or desirable. 
Alex’s teacher told him to eliminate superfluous words from his essay.
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<td>an actor employed to play a walk-on (as in a mob scene or spectacle). The casting director wanted a supernumerary to play one of the bank’s customers.</td>
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<td>superstitious</td>
<td>having or based on a belief, conception, act, or practice resulting from ignorance, unreasoning fear of the unknown, or a false conception of causation. The bridge became more than ever an object of superstitious awe.</td>
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<td>lying on the back or with the face upward. Greg’s dog stayed supine while getting her belly rubbed.</td>
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<td>something that gives support, endurance, or strength. Tyrone drew sustenance from the letters his girlfriend wrote him while he was overseas.</td>
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<td>an overabundant supply, yield, or amount of something : excess. The reviewer commented that the novel was burdened with a surfeit of details.</td>
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<td>close watch kept over one or more persons (as to detect movements or activities). The suspects in the bombing investigation were kept under police surveillance.</td>
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<td>easily influenced or affected through some trait. People who smoke are very susceptible to chronic bronchitis and emphysema.</td>
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<td>mistrust, doubt. President Kennedy called for cooperation with our adversaries to &quot;push back the jungle of suspicion&quot; and allow the preservation of peace.</td>
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<td>oppressively hot : causing or marked by excessive sweating or faintness.</td>
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<td>Despite the sweltering heat, thousands of people lined the streets to watch the Fourth of July parade.</td>
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<td>capable of being deprived of money or property by fraud or deceit.</td>
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symphony
n
/ˈsɪmp(ə)niə/  
Gk + Gk
an elaborate instrumental composition usually in sonata form for full orchestra.
*The concert program featured a symphony by Gustav Mahler.*

symposiarch

synchroneity

n
/ˌsɪnkrəˈnɪdɛti/  
Gk + Ecf
the state of happening, existing, or arising at the same time.
*The fireworks display was a spectacle of synchroneity.*

syncopation

n
/ˌsɪŋkəˈpæʃən/  
Gk > L
a temporary displacement or shifting of the regular metrical accent in a musical composition. *Syncopation is typical of much Eastern European folk dance music.*

syncope

n
/ˈsɪŋkə(ˌ)pɛə/  
Gk
a partial or complete temporary suspension of respiration and circulation: faint, swoon. *Unexplained dizziness and syncope occasionally occur on arrival at high altitude.*

syndicate

n
/ˈsɪndəˌkæt/  
L
a loose association of racketeers in control of organized crime. *The police have spent years trying to get evidence to convict the head of the local crime syndicate.*

synecdoches

n
/ səˈnekdə(ˌ)kē/  
Gk
a figure of speech by which a part is put for the whole or vice versa. *Fifty sail is a synecdoche for fifty ships.*

synod

n
/ˈsɪnəd/  
Gk > L > E
an ecclesiastical council: a formal meeting to consult and decide on church matters. *Karl is an active participant in the regional Presbyterian synod.*

synopsis

n
/ˌsɪnəpˈsɪəs/  
Gk
a brief orderly outline affording a general view. *Marvin read a plot synopsis before he saw Macbeth.*

synoptophore

n
/ˌsɪnəptəˈfɔ(ə)r/  
Gk
an instrument for diagnosing imbalance of eye muscles. *The ophthalmologist prescribed eye exercises to correct the muscular imbalance detected by the synoptophore.*

syntax

syringe

n
/ˈsɪrɪnʤ/  
Gk > L > E
a device used to inject fluids into or withdraw them from the body or its cavities. *Cameron let the toddler use an old ear syringe as a bathtub toy.*

tabernacle

n
/ˈtæbə(r)nəkəl/  
L > F > E
a meetinghouse with a large assembly hall.  
*The town meeting will be held at the tabernacle.*

tabetisol

n
/ˌtæbəˈtɛsəl/  
L + Ecf
unfrozen ground above, within, or below the permanently frozen ground.  
*Arctic wildflowers are able to survive in areas of tabetisol.*

tableau

n
/ˈtæbliəʊ/  
F
[Note: Plural form can be pronounced similarly.] a static depiction usually presented on a stage with participants in appropriate costume.  
*The final scene is a tableau in which the family is gathered at the gravesite.*

tabloidism

tabulable

tachometer

n
/ˈtækiːmədə(r)/  
Gk
a device for indicating the speed of rotation.  
*By watching the tachometer, Mr. Henderson was able to keep the engine running above 3000 rpm.*

taciturn

adj
/ˈtæsətərn/  
L > F
habitually silent: temperamentally disinclined or reluctant to talk or converse. *Mrs. Gibbons found it challenging to draw the taciturn boy into class discussions.*
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| tackline |
| tactful |
| tactician |
| tadpole |
| tagraggery |
| taiga | n / 'tɪɡə / Turkish > Russ [has near homonym: tiger] swampy coniferous forest of Siberia beginning where the tundra ends. Olga’s great-grandfather was born in a cabin on the edge of the taiga and grew up playing among spruce and fir trees. |

| talkathon |
| tallow |
| tacky |
| talcum |
| talebearer |
| talipes | n / 'tæləpɛz / L a congenital deformity of the foot in which the forepart is twisted into one of several directions: clubfoot. Gordon’s talipes was so severe that surgery was needed to adjust the tendons and bones of his foot. |
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tapestry
n
/ˈtæpəstrē/  
Gk > F > E + Ecf  
a heavy handwoven textile for hangings, curtains, and upholstery. Teresa admired the vivid colors of the tapestry hanging in the corridor.

tapir
n
/ˈtæpər(r)/  
Tupi  
[has homonym: taper] any of a genus of chiefly nocturnal hoofed mammals of tropical America and Myanmar to Sumatra that have the snout and upper lip prolonged into a short flexible proboscis. The tapir is both a browser and a grazer, feeding on leaves, twigs, and fruits, as well as on grasses.

tarantula
n
/taˈrantələ/  
It geog name any of a family of large hairy spiders that are capable of biting but are not significantly poisonous to humans. Alexander’s friend tried in vain to convince him to get a pet tarantula.

tardigrade
adj
/ˈtɑrdɪɡreɪd/  
L  
moving or stepping slowly. The sloth is a well-known tardigrade animal.

tariff
n
/ˈtɑrɪf/  
Ar > It  
the duty or rate of duty imposed by a government on imported or exported goods. A high tariff protects the home industries from foreign competition.

tarmac
n
/ˈtɑrmæk/  
(E + Brit name) > trademark  
a road, apron, or runway made of asphalt. Neil’s suitcase fell out of the airplane and its contents spilled out onto the tarmac.

tarpaulin
n
/ˈtɑrpələn/  
E + E  
a piece of material (as durable plastic) used for protecting exposed objects or areas. When rain began during the second inning of the baseball game, the ground crew rolled out the tarpaulin to protect the field.

tarragon
n
/ˈtɑɾəɡən/  
Ar > L > F  
a small European perennial wormwood grown for its aromatic foliage that is used in cooking. Paul planted tarragon in his herb garden.

tassel
tatami
n
/ˈtɑtəmī/  
Jpn  
a straw matting used as a floor covering in a Japanese home. The Japanese restaurant had a special room in which patrons could sit on a tatami while dining.

tatterdemalion
adj
/ˈtətərdəˈməliən/  
Scand > E + unknown  
ragged or disreputable in dress or appearance. No one would have guessed that the tatterdemalion fellow is a millionaire.

tautology
n
/ˌtōtəˈlɑːdʒi-/  
Gk  
an instance of needless or meaningless repetition in close succession of an idea, statement, or word. The phrase a beginner who has just started is a tautology.

tautophony
n
/ˌtōtəˈfɒnɪ-/  
Gk  
repetition of the same sound. The insistent tautophony of Josh’s alarm clock finally woke him up.

tawdry
taxation
tazza
technetronic

technical

tedious

tektite

telamon

/ˈteləmən/  
Gk > L  
a male figure used as a supporting column or pilaster.  
While in Athens, Anita had her picture taken beside a telamon.

telecine

teleagnosis

/ˌteləˈnəsəs/  
Gk + Gk  
knowledge of distant happenings obtained by occult or unknown means: clairvoyance.  
The psychic claimed to have teleagnosis of events happening on the other side of the Atlantic.

telephone

/ˈteləfən/  
Gk + Gk  
a device for reproducing sounds, especially articulate speech, at a distance.  
Ginger’s parents asked her to limit her time on the telephone to three 15-minute conversations per night.

teleesis

/ˈteləsəs/  
Gk  
progress intelligently planned and directed.  
The mayor revealed the city council’s ten-year plan for telesis at the press conference.

telltale

temnerarious

/ˈtɛməra(rə)ərəs/  
L  
rashly or presumptuously daring: reckless.  
Mrs. Jasper punished Tim for his temnerarious behavior by withholding certain privileges.

temnerity

/ˈtɛmərərətərə/  
L  
unreasonable or foolhardy contempt of danger or opposition.  
The private with the temnerity to speak up against the sergeant’s bullying was assigned to KP indefinitely.

temperament

temperate

/ˈtɛmərət/  
L > E  
having a moderate climate.  
All of the United States, except for Hawaii and parts of Alaska and Florida, lies within the temperate zone.

tempest

tempestuous

/temˈpɛst(h)ətʃwəs/  
L  
of, involving, or resembling a furious storm.  
The tempestuous action of wind and waves imperiled the ships.

tempura

/ˈtempərə/  
Jpn  
[fritters of seafood and vegetables fried in deep fat.  
The waiter brought a small dish of vegetable tempura as an appetizer.

tenacious

/ˈtɛnəsəs/  
L > E  
holding fast or tending to hold fast.  
Marjorie is tenacious in her belief that her cousin was abducted by aliens and replaced by an impostor.

tenaculum

/ˈtɛnəkləm/  
L  
a slender sharp-pointed hook attached to a handle and used mainly in surgery for seizing and holding parts (as arteries).  
Connie slipped the tenaculum under the patient’s carotid artery.

tendency

/ˈtɛndənsə/  
L  
a proneness to or readiness for a particular kind of thought or action.  
Tom’s tendency to say exactly what he feels has gotten him into trouble several times.

tenderloin

tendon

/ˈtɛndən/  
L  
a tough cord of specialized fibrous connective tissue that unites a muscle with some other part and transmits the force which the muscle exerts.  
The team doctor said that Larry’s Achilles tendon was inflamed and that he shouldn’t run in Saturday’s race.

tendresse

/təˈdres/  
F  
tender feeling: fondness.  
Sarah portrayed the sister who, in maidenly fashion, conceals her tendresse for the hero.
tenebrific
adj
/ˌtenəˈbrifik/  
L + Ecf + L > Ecf  
causing gloom or darkness.  
_Tenebrific_ rain clouds overshadowed the entire region.

tenement


tenon
n
/ˈtenən/  
L > F > E  
a projecting member in a piece of  
wood or other material for insertion  
into a mortise to make a joint.  
Curtis used his jigsaw to cut a  
tenon on each board of the box he  
was making.

tensible
adj
/ˈten(t)səbəl/  
L  
capable of being extended.  
The old rubber band was not very  
tensible.

tensile

tension

tentative

tentatively
adv
/ˈtɛntətəvəli/  
L  
in a hesitant or uncertain manner.  
Janna smiled tentatively, not  
knowing if she should show her  
happiness.

tenuous
adj
/ˈtenyəwəs/  
L  
having little substance or strength:  
flimsy, weak.  
The prosecutor’s case was so  
tenuous that the judge dismissed  
the charge against the defendant.

tepid
adj
/ˈtepəd/  
L  
marked by an absence of  
enthusiasm or conviction.  
The debate drew a tepid response  
from the audience.

teratology
n
/ˌterəˈtælədʒ/  
Gk  
the study of malformations,  
monstrosities, or serious deviations  
from the normal type in growing  
organisms.  
_Because of his several deformities,  
the so-called “elephant man” is  
often featured in textbooks for  
courses in teratology._

tercentenary
n
/ˌtərsənˈtenərē/  
L  
a 300th anniversary or its  
celebration.  
Next year Possumville will  
celebrate the tercentenary of its  
founding.

tergiversate
v
/ˈterədʒərəsət/  
L  
evade straightforward action or  
clearcut statement of position.  
_While political leaders tergiversate,  
petty tyrants are taking over the  
country._

tergiversation
n
/ˌterəˈdʒərəsəˈʃən/  
L  
evasion of straightforward action or  
clear-cut statement of position.  
The ambassador explained that in  
diplomacy there is sometimes  
defensible tergiversation in  
communication.

termagancy
n
/ˌtɛrməˈgænsi/  
E name  
habitual bad temper: scolding  
disposition.  
_Lillian’s abusive termagancy  
alienated her husband and  
children._

termitarium


terrace
n
/ˈterəs/  
L > OProv > F  
a colonnaded porch or promenade.  
The marketplace consisted of a row  
of shops along a terrace.

terrapin
n
/ˈterəpən/  
Algonquian  
any of various North American  
turtles living in fresh or brackish  
water.  
_Murray awoke from his lakeside  
nap to find a terrapin sunning on  
the blanket._

terraqueous
adj
/ˈterəkwəs/  
L  
consisting of land and water.  
_Global pollution threatens Earth’s  
terraqueous environment._

terrarium
n
/ˈterərəm/  
L  
a fully enclosed wholly or  
predominantly glass container for  
the indoor cultivation of moisture-  
loving plants.  
_Mosses and other small woodland  
plants thrive in a terrarium._
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<td>a mosaic flooring made by embedding small pieces of marble or granite in freshly placed mortar and after hardening grinding and polishing the surface. The contractor explained that if Travis wanted a hard, shiny floor at a reasonable price, terrazzo was an excellent option.</td>
<td>the general range of a melody or voice part; specifically: the part of the register in which most of the tones of a melody or voice part lie. Soprano parts in Bellini’s operas call for a very high tessitura.</td>
<td>doctrine, discussion, or study of the performing of miracles. Although he had never successfully performed any miracles, the young priest was nonetheless an expert in thauematography.</td>
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<td>requiring extreme effort or fortitude.</td>
<td>having a shell. The oyster is a testaceous marine animal.</td>
<td>the performance of miracles. The sacred writings of many religions contain stories of thauaturgy.</td>
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<td>living on or in or growing from the land.</td>
<td>of an extraordinary nature: astounding, tremendous. Terrific, serrated outcrops of bare rock stood on either side of the lush valley.</td>
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<td>of or relating to the sea or ocean. Some thalassic currents travel for thousands of miles.</td>
<td>a healing or curative agent or medicine. The diseased elm trees were sprayed with a chemical therapeutant.</td>
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<td>one of the manual, visual, or mental elements into which an industrial manual operation may be analyzed in time and motion study.</td>
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<td>up to that time : until then.</td>
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<td>The public parks committee created a playground where theretofore there had been a weedy vacant lot.</td>
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<td>a book containing a store of words or of information about a particular field or set of concepts; specifically: a dictionary of synonyms.</td>
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<td>purebred or pedigreed animal.</td>
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<td>Alex’s thoroughbred comes from a line of Kentucky Derby winners.</td>
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<td>a song, poem, composition, or speech of lamentation especially for someone dead or something regarded as dead.</td>
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<td>Asked to write a threnody for English class, Libby composed a song about the death of a robin.</td>
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<td>place or point of entering or beginning : entrance, outset.</td>
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<td>Now at the threshold of adulthood, James wonders if he will miss the carefree days of his previous years.</td>
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<td>the formation or presence of a blood clot within a blood vessel.</td>
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<td>The severe pain in Greg’s leg was found to have been caused by a thrombosis in one of the veins.</td>
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<td>a largely olive-brown Old World perching bird noted for its song.</td>
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<td>While on a walking tour in London, Madeline spotted a throstle in a sycamore tree.</td>
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<td>When a thurible is used in the procession, the odor of incense suffuses the church.</td>
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thylacine
n
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Gk > L
a now-extinct somewhat doglike carnivorous marsupial that formerly inhabited Tasmania—called also “Tasmanian wolf.”
The female thylacine had a rearward-opening pouch in which two to four young were carried.

thyme
n
/ 'tim /
Gk
[has homonym: time] a common garden herb used in seasoning and formerly in medicine.
The chicken recipe called for a teaspoon of dried thyme.

thymiaterion
n
/ .θı'miə'tirēən /
Gk
a vessel used by the ancient Greeks for burning incense.
Cecil found a bronze thymiaterion in an antique shop.

tichorrhine
n
/ 'tikərın /
Gk > L
an extinct two-horned woolly rhinoceros.
The remains of a tichorrhine were found frozen in the ice of Siberia with the flesh and hair well preserved.

tickicidal
adj
/ 'tikə'sidəl /
E + L + Ecf
destroying or controlling any of several wingless parasitic insects.
The exterminator used a tickicidal agent to eliminate the pests.

tickled
v
/ 'tikəld /
E
excited or stirred up agreeably.
The young actor was tickled to be offered the leading role in his next movie.

tightrope


tilapia
n
/ təˈläpə /
L
any of a genus of African freshwater food fishes that resemble the American sunfishes.
Some American fish farms have been raising tilapia for stocking in ponds and lakes.

tilde
n
/ ˈtɪldə /
L > Sp
a mark ~ placed especially over the letter n to denote the /ny/ sound or over vowels to indicate nasality.
Marcia could not find the tilde on the computer keyboard.

tilth


timorous


tinctorial


tincture
n
/ tɪŋ(k)cho(ə)rt /
L
hue, tint.
The main difference between American and Irish glass is in tincture.

tinnient
adj
/ 'tinɛənt /
L
having a clear or ringing quality.
Grandmother’s old silver knives made a tinnient sound in the sink as we rinsed them after Thanksgiving dinner.

tinnitus
n
/ təˈnɪdəs /
L
a ringing, roaring, or hissing in the ears that is purely subjective.
It’s hard to understand how annoying tinnitus is unless you have experienced it yourself.

tinselry


tintinnabulation


tirade
n
/ 'tirād /
F
a protracted speech usually marked by abusive language.
The grumpy woman screamed a tirade of protest whenever children made joyful noises outside her window.

tmesis


tobacco
n
/ təˈba(t)kə /
Taino > Sp
the leaves of a plant of the genus Nicotiana prepared and processed for use in smoking or chewing or as snuff.
At an early age, Amy vowed never to use tobacco.

toboggan
n
/ təˈbɑɡən /
Algonquian
a long flat-bottomed light sled made of thin boards curved up at one end with usually low handrails at the sides and used for coasting on snow or ice.
Bart’s new toboggan is the fastest one on the hill.

tobogganer
n
/ təˈbɑɡənər /
Algonquian > F
one that coasts on a long flat-bottomed light sled.
On hitting the unexpected bump, the tobogganer was thrown off his sled.

tobogganing
toccata
n
/ təˈkɑːtə /
It
a brilliant musical composition usually for pipe organ or harpsichord, in free fantasia style, and usually with many equal-timed notes in rapid movement.
Jamila sat down at the church organ and played a fast Bach toccata.

tocsin
n
/ təˈksən /
L > OProv > F
[has homonym: toxin] an alarm bell or the ringing of a bell for the purpose of alarm.
In the event of a natural disaster or a civil alert, the fire stations would set off a tocsin that could be heard for two miles in any direction.

toggery
tongue
tonitrous
adj
/ təˈnɪtrəs /
L + Ecf
thundering, fulminating.
The tonitrous artillery guns had been shelling the enemy positions for several hours.

tonsillectomy
tonsillitis
n
/ ˈtɑːn(ɪ)səˈlɪdəs /
L
inflammation of the tonsils.
Dr. Graham treated Erica’s tonsillitis with antibiotics.
tonsillotome
tonsorial
tonsure
n
/ ˈtændər(r) /
L > E
the shaven crown or patch worn by monks or various clergymen.
The actor who played Brother Cadfael had a hairpiece to cover his tonsure when he was off camera.
tontine
n
/ ˈtɑːn.tɛn /
It name > F
a financial arrangement whereby the participants share benefits equally on such terms that when one dies or defaults the others equally share the portion until all but one remains to own the entirety.
In the days before a central bank or common currency, villagers often used a tontine to share ownership of property.
toochach

topaz
n
/ ˈtɒpəˌzæs /
Gk > L > F > E
a usually yellow, reddish, or pink transparent mineral used as a gem.
Leslie received a yellow topaz for her birthday.
topiary
n
/ ˈtɒpiəri /
Gk > L + Lcf
the practice or art of training, cutting, and trimming trees or shrubs into odd or ornamental shapes.
Edward Scissorhands was skilled in topiary.
toroidal
adj
/ tɔrˈoɪdəl /
L
doughnut-shaped.
For the life of her, Bridget couldn’t identify the toroidal object she found in her purse.
torment
adv
/ tɔrˈmɛnt /
L
in a manner resembling a rushing stream of water.
Patricia wept torrentially when she found out about her pet dog’s injury.
torrential

torrentially
adv
/ tɔrˈrentiəl /
L
in a manner resembling a rushing stream of water.
Vic’s favorite Italian meal was tortellini stuffed with meat and cheese.
tortellini
n
/ tɔrˈteləni /
It name
noodle dough cut in rounds, filled with savory fillings, and boiled.
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tortilla
n
/ tɔrtəˈliːə /
Sp
a round thin unleavened cake usually eaten hot with a savory topping or filling.
Theron covered his tortilla with beans and cheese.
tortoise
n
/ tɔrtəˈsɪz /
F? > E
any of a family of terrestrial turtles.
The park ranger told the children that a tortoise takes five hours to walk just one mile.
tortoni
n
/ tɔrtəˈnəni /
It name
an ice cream made of heavy cream, minced almonds, chopped maraschino cherries, or other flavorings.
Tortoni is definitely not the dessert for someone on a low-fat, low-calorie diet.
totemism
n
/ˈtɒdə.mɪzəm/
Ojibwa + Ecfc
belief in kinship with or a mystical relationship between a group or individual and an emblematic plant, animal, or other object.

Powerful animals are common objects of totemism.

tractile
adj
/ˈtræktɪl/
L > Ecfc
 capable of being drawn out in length.

With laboratory equipment, Dr. Abrams was able to extend the tractile material to a great length.

trafficking
v
/ˈtrafɪkɪŋ/
It > F
engaging in commercial activity.

The townspeople were shocked when they learned that Mr. Bailey had been trafficking in drugs.

transference
n
/ˈtrænsfərəns/
L
an act, process, or instance of carrying or taking something from one person or place to another.

Ralph's dad was in charge of the transference of fish from the fishery to the lake being restocked.

toocan

tourelle

touristry

tournedos
n
/ˈtʊrnədəʊ/
L > F
a small fillet of beef usually cut from the tip of the tenderloin.

Diane usually prepares a tournedos in wine sauce with mushrooms.

towhee

toxicosis
n
/ˈtɒksəˌkɒsəs/
Gk
a pathological condition caused by the action of a poison or toxin.

The chihuahua exhibited no symptoms of toxicosis after eating the soap.

trouphily

trochne

trochotony

trochotable
adj
/ˈtræktəbəl/
L
capable of being easily led, taught, or controlled.

Maybe Fatima's work would improve if she were more tractable.

transducer
n
/ˌtrænsˈdəsər/
L + Ecfc
a device actuated by power from one system and supplying power in the same or any other form to a second system.

A common transducer is a microphone, which converts sound waves into electrical signals.

transducer
n
/ˈtrænsˈfərəns/
L
an act, process, or instance of carrying or taking something from one person or place to another.

Barrie used sensitive equipment to photograph the transit of Venus.

transmogrify
v
/ˌtrænsˈmɔɡrɪf/ unknown
change or alter in form, appearance, or structure often with grotesque or humorous effect.

Buford set out to transmogrify the hearse into a hot rod.

transient

transit
n
/ˈtrænsɪt/
L
the passage of a smaller body across the disk of a larger (as of Venus or Mercury across the Sun’s disk).

 Poison ivy is transmissible through the air to those who are very sensitive to it.

transmitt
	ransmissible
adj
/ˌtrænsˈmɪsəbəl/
L
capable of being sent or conveyed to another person or place.

transmit
n
/ˈtrænsˈmɪt/
L
an eating house : restaurant.

It seems to Fran that any trattoria located next to the golf course fails, regardless of the cuisine.

trattoria
n
/ˈtrætsəˈrʊə/ 
F > It
an eating house : restaurant.

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traulism
trauma
n
/ˈtraɪmə/
Gk
an injury or wound caused by the application of external force or violence.
The football player suffered the trauma of a broken leg.

traumatize

traumatropism
n
/ˌtraʊˈmætərəpɪzəm/
Gk
a modification of the orientation of an organ (as a plant root) as a result of wounding.
Traumatropism of the roots does not usually affect plant growth.

travesty

treachery

treacly
adj
/ˈtrek(ə)lē/
Gk > F > L > E
heavily sweet and cloying.
Sarah’s treacly voice warned her mother that a big request was forthcoming.

treason
n
/ˈtrezn/  
L > F > E
the offense of attempting by overt acts to overthrow the government of the state to which the offender owes allegiance or to kill or personally injure the sovereign or the sovereign’s family.
All persons involved in the attempted coup were charged with treason.

treasure

treatise
n
/ˈtrɛdəs/
F? > AF > E
a writing that provides in a systematic matter and for an expository or argumentative purpose a methodical discussion of the facts and principles involved and conclusions reached.
Victor’s treatise on international relations was well received by his colleagues.

treillage

trekked

trellis

trellised

tremulous
adj
/ˈtremləs/
L
quivering, shaking.
Uncle Edgar’s tremulous handwriting is one sign of his Parkinson’s disease.

trenchant

trepidation

trespass
v
/ˈtrespəs/
F > E
make an unwarranted or uninvited incursion.
The rock salt from farmer Brown’s shotgun taught Wally a painful lesson: Don’t trespass.

tressed

triage
n
/ˈtriːəʒ/  
F
the sorting of and allocation of treatment to patients and especially battle and disaster victims according to a system of priorities designed to maximize the number of survivors.
Once the system of triage was implemented, medics were better able to decide which soldiers should receive immediate treatment.

trianon
n
/ˈtrɪənən/  
F architecture
a small elegant villa.
Albert wrote his latest thriller in a rented trianon on the Riviera.

tribunal
n
/ˈtriːbənəl/  
L
a court or forum of justice.
The people have wisely provided, in the constitution itself, a tribunal for settling questions of constitutional law.

tricenary
adj
/ˈtriːsənərē/  
L
having or lasting 30 days.
Cameron never can remember which months are tricenary.

tricephalous
adj
/ˌtrɪsəfələs/
Gk
having or depicted with three heads.
Orpheus managed to lull the tricephalous watchdog to sleep by playing his lyre.
trichinosis
n
/trɪkɪˈnɒsɪs/
Gk
infestation with or disease caused by certain nematode worms contracted by eating raw or undercooked infested food and especially pork. Madeline cooked the pork chops well so there would be no danger of trichinosis.

trichotomy
n
/trɪkəˈmɑːtər/ /trɪˈkɑːmətər/
Gk
a system divided or divisible into three constituents or elements. Golda’s civics teacher explained how the United States government is a trichotomy, divided into the legislative, judicial, and executive branches.

trickle
n
/trɪˈklɪk/ /trɪˈklik/
Gk
trichology
n
/trɪkˈɒlədʒi/ /trɪˈkɑːlədʒi/
Gk
a branch of mathematics dealing with the relations holding among the sides and angles of triangles and among closely related magnitudes and especially with methods of deducing from given parts other required parts. Rachel enjoyed her course in trigonometry much more than she enjoys her calculus class.

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truculent
adj
/ˈtrʌkʃələnt/
L
feeling or evincing savage ferocity; fierce.

*Hunger makes the tiger a truculent hunter.*

trumpet

truncated
adj
/ˈtrʌŋkədәd/
L
abbreviated by or as if by lopping.

*Cindy’s cat has a truncated tail.*

truncheon

trunnioned
adj
/ˈtrʌnʃənd/
F
having a pin or pivot usually mounted on bearings for rotating or tilting.

*Dave attached a trunnioned compass to the deck of his sailboat.*

truttaceous
adj
/ˈtrʌtʃəsəs/
L
of, relating to, or resembling a trout.

*Truttaceous fish are highly esteemed as sport fish because of their spiritedness.*

tufaceous
adj
/ˈtjuːfəʃəs/
Osclo-Umbrian > L > It
of or resembling a rock composed of the finer kinds of volcanic debris.

*Many buildings in Italy were constructed of tufaceous rock.*

tularemia
n
/ˈtjuːlərəmɪə/
Calif geog name + Lcf
a bacterial disease of rodents, man, and some domestic animals.

*Jerry’s temperature reached a dangerously high level during his bout with tularemia.*

tulle

tumefaction

tumultuous
adj
/ˈtjuːmlətʃəs/
L
full of commotion and uproar; boisterous.

*As the basketball star entered, he received tumultuous applause from his schoolmates.*

tumulus
n
/ˈtjuːmləs/
L
[has homonym: tumulous] an artificial hillock or mound (as over a grave).

*In the center of the cemetery is a large tumulus where one of the town’s founders is buried.*

turgescence

turgid

turbidity

turbulence
n
/ˈtərbɪdən(t)s/
L
highly irregular atmospheric motion characterized by rapid changes in wind speed and direction and the presence of up and down currents.

*The captain warned the plane’s passengers to brace themselves for a patch of turbulence.*

turquoise

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<td>n / 'tɔrp.en.tin / Gk &gt; L &gt; F &gt; E any of various oleoresins that are derived from coniferous trees and are obtained in crude form as yellowish viscous exudates of characteristic odor and taste from incisions in the tree trunks and that usually thicken and solidify in the air. <em>The most common use of turpentine is in paint and lacquer thinners.</em></td>
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<td>n / 'tɪflədʒə / Gk the scientific study of blindness, its causes, effects, and control. <em>Researchers in typhology have found that certain nutritional deficiencies can result in the clouding and softening of the cornea.</em></td>
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<td>n / 'tɪrənə / L &gt; F &gt; E absolute government in which power is vested in a single ruler. <em>The tyranny of many medieval kingdoms was eventually supplanted by democracy.</em></td>
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<td>n / 'yu.dəmədɔ(r) / L + Gk an instrument for measuring the quantity of precipitation that falls at a given place and time. <em>The local television station asked Karen to put a udometer in her backyard.</em></td>
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uglify

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ulotrichous
adj
/yuˈlātrəksəs/
Gk + Gk
having woolly or crisp hair.
The ulotrichous aborigines crafted wide-toothed combs for their hair.

ulterior
adj
/ˌalˈtiərē(ə)r/ /
L
not apparent : hidden.
When Sherman volunteered to walk the dog, his ulterior motive was to escape the boring conversation in the house.

ultimacy

ultimatum
n
/ˈaʊltəmədəm/
L
a final proposition, condition, or demand; especially : one whose rejection will end negotiations and cause a resort to force or other direct action.
If the striking workers refused its ultimatum, the company threatened to close the factory permanently.

ultraviolet
adj
/ˌɔlˈtrəvɪələt/
L + L > F > E
situated beyond the visible spectrum at the violet end and having a wavelength shorter than visible light and longer than X rays.
Arthur purchased sunglasses that provide some protection against ultraviolet radiation.

ululation
n
/əˈljuəˈləʃən/
L
a loud mournful usually protracted and rhythmical sound: howl.
An ululation from deep in the woods gave Jesse goosebumps.

umbilical
adj
/ˈɒmˈbɪlɪkəl/
L
attached by or as if by a cord arising at the navel that connects a fetus with the placenta.
Important medical research is being done with stem cells obtained from umbilical cords.

umbra
n
/ˈʌmbrə/
L
a shaded area: darkness.
Trent saw something flicker in the umbra beneath the side porch.

umbrage
n
/ˈʌmbrɪdʒ/
L > F > E
displeasure, resentment, annoyance.
Hatred between nations disposes each more readily to offer insult and injury and lay hold of slight causes of umbrage.

umbrageous
adj
/ˈʌmbrədʒəs/
L > F > E
providing protection from heat and light: shady.
Sherwood Forest was the umbrageous domain of the legendary Robin Hood and his outlaw band.

umbrella

umlaut
n
/ˈʊmˌlaʊt/
G
a diacritical mark composed of two adjacent dots placed especially over a German vowel to indicate a vowel shift.
Gary never knew how to pronounce words with an umlaut until he studied German.

umpire
n
/ˈʌmp.ər/ /
L > F > E
one having authority to arbitrate and make a final decision, as an official in a sport who rules on the plays.
The coach vehemently objected when the umpire ejected the player for unsportsmanlike conduct.

unabridged

unaccompanied

unanimous
adj
/yuˈnənəməs/
L
being of one mind: agreeing in opinion, design, or determination.
The advice given the candidate by those in his confidence was unanimous.

unciferous
adj
/ˌənˈsiːfəroʊs/
L
bearing a hook or hooklike structure.
Weaving and other fiber arts involve the use of several unciferous tools.

uncinate
adj
/ˌənˈsənət/ /
L
bent at the tip like a hook.
Using a magnifying glass, Chad was able to examine the insect's uncinate antennae.
unconscionable
adj
/ˌənˈkənʃ(ə)nəbəl/
Ecf + L + Ecf
going or controlled by an internal sense of right or wrong: unscrupulous.
The governor was denounced for his unconscionable indifference to the plight of the homeless.

uncouth
adj
/ˌənˈkənθ/
Ecf + E
lacking in polish and grace.
Last night we watched a movie about turning an uncouth high school student into a princess.

unctuosity

unctuous

underrate

underread

undisciplinable

undulance

undulate
v
/ˈanjʊlət/
L
form or move in waves.
Terry stood on the shore and watched the ocean undulate in the moonlight.

undulation

unencrypted

unfeigned

unforgettable

unfurl
v
/ənˈfɜːrl/
Ecf + L > F
release or open out from a rolled-up state.
Kendra embroidered her school’s motto on the new flag she will unfurl during tomorrow’s assembly.

unguent

unguligrade
adj
/ˌəŋɡələˈgrād/
L
walking on hoofs.
Unguligrade mammals include horses, cows, swine, camels, deer, elephants, rhinoceroses, and tapirs.

unhygienic

unicameral

unicorn
n
/ˈyūnəkərn/
L > F > E
a fabulous animal possibly based on faulty old descriptions of the rhinoceros and generally depicted with the body and head of a horse, the hind legs of a stag, the tail of a lion, and in the middle of the forehead a single long straight horn.
Sarah has a poster of a beautiful white unicorn on her wall.

unilateral

unintelligible
adj
/ənˈnənteləjəbəl/
Ecf + E + L
difficult to comprehend.
Dave readily admitted that he found the article unintelligible.

unique
adj
/ˈyūnik/
L
being without a like or equal: single in kind or excellence: unequaled.
The class agreed that Martin Luther King Jr. had a unique impact on civil rights in the 20th century.

unison
adj
/ˈyūnəsən/
L > F
identical in musical pitch.
The choir was well trained in unison singing; every member could hit the same note perfectly.

unsonorous

universally

unparalleled

unprincipled
adj
/ənˈprɪŋ(t)əpəld/
E + L
lacking or exhibiting a lack of a moral code of conduct.
The detective described the arsonist as “unprincipled and conscienceless.”

unpronounceable

unscrupulous
adj
/ənˈskrəpyələs/
E + L
unprincipled.
Desmond was not so unscrupulous as to betray his comrades.

unсуlled

unveiled

upbraid

upeygan
n
/ˈųpəgən/
Shona
a black rhinoceros.
The front horn of the upeysan can reach a length of over 30 inches.

upheaval

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<td>a whimsical, fanciful, or extravagant idea or notion. <strong>George’s idea that he would be spending his spring break in Paris was sheer vagary.</strong></td>
<td>brave, courageous. <strong>Carrie’s valorous behavior during the flood earned her a medal.</strong></td>
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adj
/ˈværəˌkos/ 
L
abnormally swollen or dilated. 
*Extreme cases of varicose veins can require surgical treatment.*

variegated
adj
/ˈvɛriɡətəd/ 
L
marked with different colors or tints in spots, streaks, or stripes. 
*A shady corner of the garden was brightened by a clump of variegated coleus plants.*

variolous

vassal
n
/ˈvæsəl/ 
Celt > L > F > E
a feudal tenant. 
The lord of the estate rewarded the vassal for years of faithful service.

vaticinator

vaudeville
n
/ˈvɔd(ə)vəl/ 
F geog name
a stage entertainment especially popular in the early decades of the 20th century that consisted of various unrelated acts following one another in succession and that might include performing animals, acrobats, comedians, dancers, singers, or magicians. 
*Some of the stars of vaudeville went on to become movie actors.*

vaudevillian
n
/ˈvɔdvɪliən/ 
F geog name&L
a writer or performer of stage entertainments especially popular in theaters in the early decades of the 20th century. 
*In his days as a vaudevillian, Mr. Kramer was a comedian’s sidekick.*

vault

veal

vealskin

vegetable

vegetarian
adj
/ˌvejdʒəˈrēən/ 
L > E + EcF
consisting wholly of edible plants. 
*After spending two years in Japan, Annabelle followed a vegetarian diet.*

vehemence
n
/ˈvɛməns(ə)ts/ 
L > F
the quality or state of being expressive of strong emotion or conviction. 
*Norm’s impetuosity and vehemence of temper made him his own worst enemy.*

vehicle

vein

velitation
n
/veləˈtishən/ 
L
[Note: Could be confused with vellication.] a dispute or slight contest: skirmish. 
*Police used every means to keep the velitation from exploding into a riot.*

vellevity
n
/ˈvɛləˈsi/ 
L
a slight wish: a faint desire. 
*Mr. and Mrs. Newton found that the hotel staff had anticipated their every vellevity.*

vellum
n
/ˈveləm/ 
F > E
a thin calfskin specially prepared as a surface for writing. 
*Sanford carefully turned the rare vellum over to see if there was any writing on the back.*

velocious

velocity
n
/ˈveləsədə/ 
L > F
quickness of motion: swiftness, speed. 
*George estimated the velocity of the wind at 22 miles per hour.*

vendaval
n
/ˈvɛnˌdəvəl/ 
F > Sp
an autumnal thundersquall on the coast of Mexico. 
*A recent vendaval damaged the banana grove.*

vendetta
n
/ˈvɛndəˈdə/ 
L > It
a prolonged feud marked by bitter hostility. 
*Chloe’s all-night party exacerbated the vendetta with her neighbor.*

veneer
n
/ˈvɛnər(ə)r/ 
G
a thin sheet of wood cut or sawed from a log and adapted for adherence to a smooth surface (as of wood). 
The maple veneer really spruced up the old pine table.

veneniferous
adj
/ˌvɛnənɪˈfərəs/ 
L + EcF
bearing or transmitting poison and especially a natural venom. 
*Ellen couldn’t believe that anyone would want to work with veneniferous snakes for a living.*

venerable
adj
/ˈvɛnərəbəl/ 
L
deserving to be regarded with profound respect and affection. 
The venerable teacher’s retirement saddened students who had hoped to benefit from her instruction.
vengeance
n
/ vəˈdʒeɪn(ə)ts /
L > F > E
infliction of punishment in return for an injury or offense.
The defeated team howled with rage and fury and swore bloody vengeance.

venireman

venom
n
/ ˈvɛnəm /
L > F > E
poisonous matter normally secreted by some animals (as snakes, scorpions, or bees).

ventilating
v
/ ˈvɛntɪlæt /
L
cause fresh air to circulate through and contaminated air to be simultaneously withdrawn from.
To ventilate her kitchen, Margo set a fan in the doorway and opened the windows.

ventriloquist
n
/ ˈvɛntrɪləkwɪst /
L
one who is skilled in the art of speaking in such a manner that the voice appears to come from some source other than the vocal organs of the speaker.
A ventriloquist entertained at Rebecca’s birthday party.

veracious
adj
/ ˈvɛrəʃəs /
L + Ec
[has homonym: voracious]
observer of the truth: habitually speaking the truth.
It was up to the jury to decide which of the two witnesses was the more veracious.

verbatim
adv
/ ˈvɜrətɪm /
L
word for word: in the same words.
Marcelle can recite the entire Gettysburg Address verbatim.

verdant

verdigris
n
/ ˈvɜrdəgrɛs /
L > F > E
a green or greenish blue poisonous pigment obtained by the action of acetic acid on copper.
The verdigris on the church steeple has aged beautifully.
vernacular
adj
/ və(r)nək′ələr / L belonging to or being a language or dialect developed in and spoken and used by the people of a particular place, region, or country in a form considered nonstandard. Mr. Hillis could not understand the vernacular language of the rappers.

vernissage
noun verb - to give a formal introductory display of a show or periodical.

verricule
noun a small growth of bone or cartilage.

versatile
adj / vər′səl/ L [Note: The definition provided is not the one most commonly associated with this word.] marked by a tendency to change: fluctuating readily. Tricia’s versatile temperament made it impossible to predict her reactions.

vertebrate
adj / vər′təbrət/ L having a spinal column. Vertebrate animals include fishes, reptiles, birds, and mammals.

vertex
n / vər′tɛks/ L the point on the limb of a celestial body nearest the zenith. The tiny dark spot near the Moon’s vertex is a huge crater.

vertiginate
v / vərt′jənət/ L whirl dizzily around: twirl. Young children love to vertiginate until they fall down.

vertiginous
adj

vertigo
n
/ vərd′əgə/ L a disordered state in which the individual or the individual’s surroundings seem to whirl dizzily. The constant rocking of the boat produced feelings of vertigo and nausea in many of the passengers.

vesicant
n / vəs′kənt/ L + E an agent (as a drug or a plant substance) that induces blistering. Brittany wore thick gloves in order to avoid contact with the vesicant.

vespicide
n / vəsp′səd/ L one that kills wasps. Mindy waved the can of vespicide threateningly at the nest of yellow jackets.

vespertilian

vespertine
adj / vəsp′ərtn/ L setting with or just after the Sun. Venus is the most prominent vespertine planet.

vessel
n
vestige
n / vəstij/ L an accident of fortune: a shift of luck. By the vicissitude of winning the lottery, Helen was able to buy the dream house she always wanted.

vestibule
n / vəst′bəl/ L or AF of or relating to a viscount or sheriff. Robin Hood was wanted by the vicontiel authorities of several counties.

vexation

vexatious
adj / ˈvekˈsāshəs/ L causing or likely to cause mental suffering. A lame carriage horse threw everything into sad uncertainty and created a situation Emma found most vexatious.

vexillology
noun the science of heraldry.

viable
adj

vibraphone
noun / vəbrəˈfoun/ a metal or plastic keyboard instrument played with small mallets or with a special tongue-like device.

vibrato
noun / vəbrəˈtō/ a rapid fluctuation in pitch; a vibrato.

vicegerency
noun / vəsəˈdʒərən s/ the act of representing as substitute or deputy.

vicereine

vichyssoise
n / vish′swīz/ F geog name a soup made of pureed leeks and potatoes and usually served cold. When vichyssoise is well made, it’s heavenly; when it’s badly made, it’s inedible.

vicinage
noun / vəˈsənij/ an accident of fortune: a shift of luck.

vicious
adj

viciousness
noun / vəˈsisisəns/ an accident of fortune: a shift of luck.

victorious
adj

victoriously
adverb / vɪkˈtəriəsli/ with much glory; triumphantly.
viduity
n / vɔˈd(y)uːdi/ /L
widowhood.
Wendy’s first husband was killed in the Gulf War, but her viduity ended when she remarried in 1994.

vigesimal

vigilance

vigilante
n /vɪdʒiˈlænt/ /L > Sp
a member of a volunteer committee organized to protect an interest, especially to suppress and punish crime.
The cowboy movie was about a rancher who became a vigilante and joined in the search for a criminal.

vigneron
n /vɪɲˈnərɔn/ /F
one who cultivates a vineyard and makes wine from the grapes.
The American vigneron was delighted that the French judges chose his wine as being among the world’s best.

vignette

vilayet

vilify
v /ˈvɪləfi/ /L
utter slanderous and abusive statements against: defame.
Wouldn’t it be refreshing if the candidates vying for the office did not vilify each other?

vilipend
v /ˈvɪləpɛnd/ /L
speak of slightly or disparagingly: depreciate.
The candidate decided to vilipend her opponent instead of discussing the issues.

villain
n /ˈvɪlən/ /L > F > E
[has homonyms: villein, villan]
one who deliberately plots and does serious harm to others.
The police were seeking the villain who conned several senior citizens out of their savings.

villainous

villainy

vinaigrette
n /vɪnəˈɡrɛt/ /F
a sauce made typically of vinegar, oil, onions, parsley, and herbs.
The salad was dressed with a tomato-flavored vinaigrette.

vincible

vinculum
n /ˈvɪŋkylələm/ /L
a unifying bond.
Their mutual love of dolls is the vinculum between Delia and Christine, who are otherwise very different.

vindicate
v /ˈvɪndaɪkət/ /L
free from any question of error, dishonor, guilt, or negligence.
Oliver felt the judge’s decision would vindicate him completely.

vinegar
n /ˈvɪnɪɡə(r)/ /L > F > E
a sour liquid used as a condiment or a preservative that is obtained by acetic fermentation of dilute alcoholic liquids (as fermented cider, malt beer, or wine) and is often seasoned especially with herbs.
Pete used a special aged balsamic vinegar in the salad dressing.

vineyard
n /ˈvɪnərɔ(r)d/ /E
a field of grapevines.
While touring a Napa Valley winery, Jamie wandered through the vineyard.

violated

violin
n /ˈvɪliən/ /OProv > It
a bowed stringed instrument having four strings, a shallow body, a fingerboard without frets, and a curved bridge.
Reuben demonstrated his technical virtuosity on the violin when he auditioned for the string ensemble.

viridescent
adj /vɪrɪˈdɛsnt/ /L
greenish.
Gideon removed the viridescent scum from the bottom of the horse trough and added fresh water.

virtue

virtuoso
n /vɜːrəˈsuːoʊ/ /L > It
one who excels in the technique of an art; especially: a musical performer.
The virtuoso took 12 curtain calls, setting a new record for the concert hall.
virulent
adj
/ˈvɪrʌlənt/
L
classified by rapid course, severity, and malignancy—used especially of a disease or infection.
*The virulent strain of flu spread rapidly through the community.*

**visage**

**visceroptosis**
n
/ˌvɪsəˈrɒptəsəs/
L + Gk
downward displacement of the abdominal organs.
*The growth of the tumor had caused visceroptosis.*

**viscount**
n
/ˈvɪkənt/
L > F > E
a noble ranking below an earl and above a baron.
*The viscount had no children and was becoming desperate to have an heir.*

**viscous**
adj
/ˈvɪskəs/
L
[Note: Could be confused with viscose.] having the physical property of a fluid or semifluid that enables it to develop a certain amount of shearing stress dependent upon the velocity of flow and then to offer continued resistance to the flow.
*Joe was surprised to learn that glass is viscous, as evidenced by the fact that a windowpane, over time, becomes thicker at its lower edge and thinner at its upper edge.*

**visibility**
n
/ˌvɪzəˈbɪlətɪ/
L
the degree or extent to which something is capable of being seen.
*The captain announced that visibility was approximately five miles.*

**vitiate**
v
/ˈvɪʃəˌeɪt/
L
make incomplete, faulty, or defective: injure the substance or quality of.
*Freddie argued that Clark’s poor acting abilities would vitiate the school play.*

**vitreous**
adj
/ˌvɪtrərəs/
L
of, relating to, derived from, or consisting of glass.
*The huge vitreous wall of skyscrapers reflected the mountains and the sunset.*

**vitrine**
n
/L > F/
a glass showcase for display (as of fine wares or specimens).
*Allegra has a large vitrine that houses her collection of porcelain figurines.*

**vivacity**

**vociferate**

**vociferous**
adj
/ˈvɒsɪfərəs/
L
marked by or given to ready vehement insistent outcry.
*A vociferous couple in the back row ruined our evening at the poetry reading.*

**vogue**

**volante**

**volatile**
adj
/ˈvɔːlətɪl/
L > F
easily passing off by evaporation.
*The fact that gasoline is highly volatile produces an advantage in starting engines.*

**volition**
n
/ˈvɒlɪʃən/
L
the act of willing or choosing: the act of deciding.
*The notary public asked Nigel to state that he was signing the contract of his own volition.*
The cheerful volubility at Mrs. King’s luncheon is largely due to the fact that she is a great hostess.

voracious

vorago

[vorāgō] an engulfing chasm : abyss.

vorlage

n
[för.lägə] G
the position of a skier leaning forward from the ankles usually without lifting the heels from the skis.

vorlage

n
[ˈför.lägə] G
the position of a skier leaning forward from the ankles usually without lifting the heels from the skis.

The object of the vorlage is to keep the body of the skier perpendicular to the slope.

vorspiel

vowel

vulnerable

adj
[ˈvʌlnərəbəl] L
capable of being wounded : defenseless against injury.

Maggie’s sensitive nature made her vulnerable to cross remarks.

vulnerary

adj
[ˈvʌlnərərē] L
promoting the healing of wounds : curative.

There was a section in the old medical book about vulnerary herbs.

vulpine

vulture

n
[ˈvalcha(r)] L > E
any of various large raptorial birds related to the hawks, eagles, and falcons but having weaker claws and a usually naked head and that subsist chiefly or entirely on the decaying flesh of dead animals.

The turkey vulture rarely gets credit for its help in removing unfortunate opossums and skunks from our roadways.

waffle

n
[ˈwæfəl] D
a crisp cake made of pancake batter baked in a specialized appliance.

For breakfast, Mary ordered a waffle topped with blueberry compote.

waggish

wagonload

waif

wainscot

n
[ˈwænzkət] D > E
the lower three or four feet of an interior wall when finished differently from the remainder of the wall (as with wood panels, tile, or marble slabs).

Michelle chose a striped wallpaper for the wainscot in the dining room.

wainwright

waldmeister

n
[ˈwɔlt.mistə(r)] G + L > G
a small European sweet-scented herb.

The Germans use waldmeister to flavor May wine.

wallaby

n
[ˈwälbə] L > E
any of various small or medium-sized kangaroos.

The wallaby usually feeds in the safety of dusk or darkness.

wallet

wallop

v
[ˈwəlp] F
gain a decisive victory over : beat by a wide margin : trounce.

Coach Garrett predicts that the Cougars will soundly wallop the Buccaneers.

waltz

n
[ˈwəlts] G
a moderately fast dance in three-quarter time with a strong accent on the first beat of the measure and characterized by one step per beat.

When the band started playing a waltz, Marilyn hoped that someone would ask her to dance.

wander

wantonness

n
[ˈwɔntn(ə)nd] E
the quality or state of being without check or limitation.

The wantonness of comfort Georgetta experienced as a young child caused her to become a spoiled brat.

wapiti

n
[ˈwæpədə] L > E
a North American deer similar to the European red deer but considerably larger.

The older male wapiti is often hunted for its antlers.
warden
n
/ˈwɔrdɛn/  
Gmc > F > E  
an official in charge of the operation of a prison.  
*The warden recommended that the disruptive prisoner be denied parole.*

warehouse

warison

warmonger

warmth

warrior
n
/ˈwɔrɪər/  
E  
a human engaged or experienced in warfare and especially in primitive warfare or the close combat typical of ancient or medieval times.  
*The warrior attended a council before battle in the morning.*

wasabi
n
/ˈwɑsəbə/  
Jpn  
an Asiatic herb whose greenish root is grated and eaten with fish or other food.  
*In Japan, Pam had raw fish seasoned with wasabi, which tasted like horseradish.*

washtrough

wastewir
n
/ˈwɑstwɪər/  
L > F > E + E  
a notch in a levee or other barrier across a stream for the escape of superfluous water.  
*A wastewir was constructed in the dam to prevent flooding along the banks of the stream.*

watercress
n
/ˈwɔrdərəs/  
E  
a white-flowered plant growing in water with leaves that are used in salads.  
*Jesse added some watercress and carrots to the tossed salad.*

waxen

wearisome
adj
/ˈwɛərɪsəm/  
E  
tiresome, tedious.  
*Gondolph found hearing accounts of other people’s dreams wearisome.*

weasel
n
/ˈwɛzəl/  
E  
any of various small slender active carnivorous mammals that are mostly reddish brown with white or yellowish underparts and in northern forms turn white in winter.  
*In the snow the white fur of the weasel camouflages it against attacks by hawks or owls.*

weather

webelos
n
/ˈwɛbəloʊz/  
E acronym  
a Cub Scout of the fifth rank who is at least 10½ years old and is preparing for entrance into Boy Scouts.  
*Noah spent his second year as a webelos working on his fitness, geologist, and handyman activity badges.*

wedellelite

wedge

weevil
n
/ˈwɛvəl/  
E  
yany of numerous snout beetles in which the head is elongated and usually curved downward to form a snout bearing the jaws at the tip.  
The boll weevil is a serious pest to the cotton crop in North America.

weigh
v
/ˈweɪ/  
E  
[has homonym: way] evaluate: ponder.  
*Mrs. Avery asked Sam to weigh the potential consequences of his decision.*

weird
adj
/ˈwɜrd/  
E  
[has homonym: weired] curious in nature or appearance: of strange or extraordinary character.  
*Most episodes of The X-Files begin with a weird or puzzling event.*

welfare

welfarism
n
/ˈwelərɪzərn/  
E + EcF  
the complex of policies, attitudes, and beliefs associated with a welfare state.  
*Free health care was touted as one of the benefits of welfarism.*

welkin
n
/ˈwelkɪn/  
E  
the celestial regions as the abode of God or the gods: the heavens.  
The hymn that begins “Hark! The herald angels sing” was originally written as “Hark how all the welkin rings.”

wellaway

welterweight

wharf
**wharfinger**  
*n*  
/ˈhwɔː(r)fanja(r)/  
E  
a person or company operating a marine terminal with facilities for the berthing of ships and the loading, unloading, and storage of goods.  
The wharfinger keeps a parrot in his office.

**whim**  
v  
/ˈhwɛdəl/  
unknown  
get or take something from by using soft words or flattery.  
Ginger’s attempt to wheedle ten dollars out of her father was unsuccessful.

**wheelbarrow**

**wheelwright**  
*n*  
/ˈhwɛlrit/  
E  
a person whose occupation is to make or repair circular frames of metal, wood, or other hard material.  
In the days of the horse and buggy, the wheelwright had an essential job to do.

**whelk**

**wherewithal**  
*n*  
/ˈhwɛrəθɔl/  
E + E + E  
financial resources : money.  
Everyone was surprised that Jake had the wherewithal to buy a sailboat.

**wherry**

**whetstone**

**whimper**  
v  
/ˈhwɪmpə(r)/  
imit  
make a low whining plaintive or broken sound.  
Laura’s dog starts to whimper whenever he wants to be fed.

**whimsical**  
*adj*  
/ˈhwɪznəkəl/  
unknown  
resulting from or determined by sudden unpredictable impulses.  
Ichabod became the object of whimsical persecution to Brom and his gang of rough riders.

**whimsicality**

**whininess**  
*n*  
/ˈhwɪnənas/  
E  
the quality or state of complaining or lamenting with or as if with a prolonged high-pitched sound.  
Allen’s habitual whininess when asked to do something he didn’t like annoyed both his teacher and his classmates.

**whinyard**

**whippersnapper**

**whippet**

**whippet**

**whippoorwill**  
*n*  
/ˈhwɪpə(r)twil/  
imit  
a nocturnal bird of the eastern United States and Canada that is seldom seen although its call is often heard at nightfall or just before dawn.  
At camp Nick recorded the call of a whippoorwill.

**whirligig**

**whirlwind**

**whisk**

*n*  
/ˈhwɪsk/  
Scand > E  
a small usually wire kitchen implement used for hand beating of food (as eggs, cream, or potatoes).  
Rose used a whisk to beat the egg whites into a stiff froth.

**whisperer**  
*n*  
/ˈhwɪsparə(r)/  
E  
one that speaks softly with the aim of preserving secrecy.  
Reverend Loomis scanned the congregation in vain, searching for the whisperer.

**whist**  
*n*  
/ˈhwɪst/  
imit E  
a four-player card game from which bridge evolved.  
In learning to play whist, Carole found it helpful to make a chart of its similarities to bridge.

**whistleable**  
*adj*  
/ˈhwɪsoləbəl/  
E + Ecf  
capable of being whistled.  
Rufus could botch up even the most whistleable tune.

**whodunit**  
*n*  
/ˈhʊdənət/  
E  
a detective story or a mystery story presented as a novel, a play, or a motion picture.  
The whodunit proved to be the most popular play at the summer theater.

**wholesale**  
*adv*  
/ˈhɔlsəl/  
E  
in a manner of, relating to, or engaged in the sale of goods or commodities in quantity for resale.  
Juliana purchased several store fixtures wholesale.
wholesome
adj
/ˈhɒlsəm/
E
promoting health of body: health-giving.
Ellie sometimes ate junk food rather than the wholesome lunch her mother had made for her.

whorlywort
n
/ˈhɔrliwɜːrt/
E
a tall perennial herb—called also “Culver’s root.”
Darnell bought a hand-colored engraving of a whorlywort at the auction.

whortleberry
n
/ˈhɔrtlɪbəri/
E
a sweet edible European blueberry.
The unripe whortleberry was too sour for Vernon to eat.

wickiup
n
/ˈwɪkiəp/
Sac, Fox, & Kickapoo
a hut used by Native Americans that is typically elliptical in form and has a rough frame covered by reed mats or grass.
As they constructed the wickiup, the campers were careful to leave a hole in the top for campfire smoke to escape.

width

wince

winsome
adj
/ˈwɪnsəm/
E
pleasant because of cheer, childlike nature, and open candor.
The little tyke’s winsome smile won him many friends.

wintriness

wirrah

wiseacre
wren

wretched adj
/'rerched/
E
squalid, dismal, foul.
After the flood, the whole neighborhood looked wretched.

wriggle v
/'rigl/
G? > E
move the body or a bodily part to and fro with short writhing motions like a worm.
Zakia was startled when she saw a snake wriggle through the tall grass.

writhe v
/'rith/
E
move or proceed with twists and turns.
Silently, we watched a seven-foot boa constrictor writhe through the trees.

wunderkind n
/'vand(k)r.int/
G
a child prodigy: one who succeeds in a competitive or highly difficult field or profession at an early age.
Mozart, a famous wunderkind, wrote complicated sonatas at the age of five.

xanthic adj
/'zan(t)hik/
Gk
of a flower: colored with some tint of yellow.
The forsythia rivals the daffodil for being the loveliest xanthic bloom in Cynthia’s garden.

xanthoma n
/ˈzanθəʊmə/
Gk
a condition that is marked by the development (as on the eyelids, neck, or back) of irregular yellow patches or nodules.
High cholesterol or triglyceride levels can be factors in causing xanthoma.

xenocentric

xenogamy n
/ˈzænəɡəmɪ/ Gk
fertilization by cross-pollination; especially: cross-pollination between flowers on different plants.
Xenogamy may occur by wind or by bees carrying pollen from plant to plant while feeding on nectar.

xenophobia

xerosis n
/ˈzɛrəʊsɪs/ Gk
abnormal dryness of the skin.
Xerosis can be an indication of an underlying health problem.

xerostomia n
/ˈzɪərəʊstəʊmɪə/ Gk
abnormal dryness of the mouth due to insufficient secretions.
Xerostomia was one of the drug’s side effects.

xylography

xylography

xylophagous

xylophilous

xylophone n
/ˈzɪləˌfɒn/ Gk + Gk
a musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars graduated in length and sounded by striking with two small wooden hammers.
Many African musical instruments are variations of the xylophone.

xylophonist

xylotomy

xystus

yacht

yachtsman n
/ˈjætsmən/ G > D + E
[Note: Plural form is pronounced identically.] a person who owns or sails a boat used for pleasure, as for racing or cruising.
Mike fancied himself a true yachtsman after one week at sea.

yammer

yannigan

Yarborough n
/ˈjɑːr(ə)bɔrə/ E name
a hand in bridge or whist containing no card higher than a nine.
Gene was not sure how to signal to his bridge partner that he held a Yarborough.

yardage

yarrow

yawl

yearn
yeast
n
/ˈyɛst/
E
a substance used in baking and the fermentation of alcoholic beverages: leaven.
The sourdough bread recipe called for two packages of yeast.

yeasty

yeoman

yeomanry
n
/ˈyʊmənri/ E
the whole body of small farmers who cultivate their own land; specifically: the body of small landed proprietors of the middle class.
Among the legal privileges of the yeomanry was the right to serve as a juror.

yewberry

yelm

yoga
n
/ˈyəʊɡə/ Skt
union of the individual self with the universal spirit.
The teacher explained that through years of mental and physical exercise, she had been able to attain a complete yoga.

yokel
n
/ˈyəʊkəl/ imit E
an unpolished, naïve, or gullible inhabitant of a rural area or of a small town.
The pool hustler disguised himself as a yokel to lure unsuspecting victims.

yore
n
/ˈəʊr/ E
[has homonym: your] time past and especially long since past.
Adam's favorite books contain stories about knights of yore.

yore

youngster

youthfully

yowl

ytterbium

yule

yuletide

zaguan

zaibatsu
n pl
/zaiˈbatts/ Jpn
the powerful financial and industrial conglomerates of Japan.
Keiko intended that her electronics company become one of the zaibatsu.

zeal
n
/ˈzel/ Gk > L > E
impassioned eagerness.
Russell entered into his new job with great zeal.

zealot

zealous

zebra

zenith
n
/zɛnɪθ/ Ar > Sp > L > F > E
the point of culmination: peak, summit.
Winning the Faculty Award was the zenith of Stephanie's college career.

zephyr
n
/ˈzɛfə(r)/ Gk
a soft warm breeze from the west.
The gentle zephyr was not sufficient to keep Renee's kite airborne.

zeppelin
n
/ˈzɛplən/ G name
a rigid airship.
Olga's dream was to ride in a zeppelin one day.

zeugma
n
/ˈzuːmə/ Gk
the use of a word in the same construction with two adjacent words in the context with only one of which it is appropriate in sense.
The statement "John upset the table and his mother" is, one would hope, a zeugma.

zircon
n
/zɜrˈkɑn/ It > F > G
a mineral occurring in brown or grayish square prisms or sometimes in transparent forms which are used as gems.
The zircon in Wendy's ring looks very much like a diamond.

zoanthropy

zodiac

zodiacal
adj
/zəˈdiəkəl/ Gk
of, relating to, or within the zodiac.
Jessica has a pendant in the shape of Pisces, her zodiacal symbol.

zoning

zoological
zoophilist
n / zōˈəfəlɪst /  
Gk + Gk + Ecf
a lover of animals; especially : a person concerned with the rights of lower animals and their protection from abuse.
The noted zoophilist explained how deforestation is endangering several species of mammals and birds.

zootechny

zucchetto
n / züˈkɛtبو /  
L > It
a small round skullcap worn by Roman Catholic ecclesiastics in colors that vary according to the rank of the wearer.
In public appearances, the pope usually wears a white cassock and zucchetto.

zucchini
n / züˈkɛnˌi /  
It
a slender green summer squash.
Tim picked a large zucchini from his garden.

zwieback
n / ˈswiːˌbæk /  
G
a usually sweetened bread enriched with eggs that is first prepared and baked and then sliced and toasted until dry and crisp.
Liza placed a slice of zwieback on the baby’s tray.

zygosis

zymology