



National Round 2018

Challenge Word List

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Word	Pronunciation	Origin	Part of Speech	Definition
abhorrence	ab-hawr-uh ns	Middle English	noun	a feeling of extreme repugnance or aversion; utter loathing; abomination
abstemiousness	ab-stee-mee-uh s-ness	Latin	adjective	sparing or moderate in eating and drinking; temperate in diet
adjutancy	aj-uh-tuh n-see	Latin	noun	rank of an officer who assist with the commanding and issues orders
agglomeration	uh-glom-uh-ray-shuh n	Middle English	noun	a jumbled cluster or mass of varied parts
alluvial	uh-loo-vee-uh l	Old English	adjective	of or relating to deposits of the sedimentary matter or sand
anthesis	an-thee-sis	Greek	noun	the period of expansion in flowers, especially the maturing of the stamens
anthracite	an-thruh-s-eye t	French	noun	a mineral coal containing hydrocarbons and burning almost without flame
anticlinorium	an-tih-kl-eye-nor-ee-uh m	Latin	noun	inclining in opposite directions from a central axis; contour of an arch
aperture	ap-er-cher	French	noun	an opening, as a hole, slit, crack, gap
ascription	uh-skrip-shuh n	Latin	noun	a statement in writing, especially praise to the Deity
aspidistra	ah-spih-dih-struh	Latin	noun	any of several plants belonging to the genus Aspidistra, like the lily flower
audacious	aw-day-shuh s	French	adjective	extremely bold or daring; recklessly brave; fearless
Austenite	aw-stuh-n-eye t	Old English	noun	a devotee of an early 19th-century English author or her writings
bacillus	buh-sil-uh s	Latin	noun	comprising spore-producing bacteria
benzene	ben-zeen	Frech	noun	colorless water-soluble, liquids used in manufacturing chemicals
bereavement	bih-reev-muh nt	Old English	noun	a period of mourning after a loss, especially after the death of a loved one
bronchial	brong-kee-uh l	Latin	adjective	pertaining to the bronchia, the main branches of the trachea
callowness	kal-oh-ness	Old English	adjective	of or being immature or inexperienced
campanula	kam-pan-yuh-luh	Latin	noun	a plant from the genus Campanula, comprising the bellflowers
carbuncle	kahr-buhng-kuh l	Anglo-French	noun	a gemstone, like a garnet, cut with a convex back
casuist	kah-joo-ist	Latin	noun	a person who studies moral problems of arising in specific situations
cataloguing	kat-ah-lawg-ing	middle English	verb	to make a list or record, as of items for sale or courses at a university
catheterize	kath-ih-tuh-r-eye z	Old English	verb	the process of inserting a hollow tube to drain fluids from body cavities.
chancellor	chan-suh-ler	French	noun	the title of various important judges and other high officials.
chauffeur	shoh-fer	French	noun	a person employed to drive a private automobile or limousine for the owner.
chevalier	shev-uh-leer	French	noun	a member of certain orders of honor or merit.
chiseled	chiz-uhl d	Old English	adjective	sharply or clearly shaped; clear-cut.
citriculture	sih-trihk-uhl-cher	Latin	noun	the cultivation of citrus fruits.
clamorousness	klam-er-uhs-ness	Middle English	adjective	vigorous in demands or complaints.
congealment	kuh n-jeel-ment	French	verb	to make or become fixed, as ideas, sentiments, or principles.
contrastive	kuh n-trahs-tiv	Latin	adjective	studying the congruences and differences between two languages.
convalescent	kon-vuh-leh-suh nt	Latin	Noun	an ill person requires assitance to progress towards recovery of health.
corroboration	kuh-rob-uh-ray-shuh n	Old English	noun	the act of making more certain; confirm.
cotyledon	koti-eed-on	Greek	noun	the primary or rudimentary leaf of the embryo of seed plants.
counterargument	cow n-ter-ar-gyoo-muh nt	Old English	noun	a contrasting, opposing, or refuting a disagreement.
coypu	coy-poo	Chilean	noun	a large, South American, aquatic rodent, yielding the fur nutria.
crematorium	kree-muh-tor-ee-uh m	Latin	noun	a crematory; place where bodies are reduces to ashes by fire.
crustaceans	kruh-stay-shuh n	Latin	noun	creatures with body covered in a hard shell, like lobsters, shrimps, crabs.

curvature	kur-vuh-cher	New Latin	noun	the act of curving or the state of being curved.
cyclamen	s-eye-kluh-muh n	Latin	noun	a primrose flower with nodding white, purple, pink, or with reflexed petals.
Decrepitude	dih-krep-ih-tood	French	noun	decrepit condition; dilapidated state; feebleness, especially from old age.
deliverance	dih-liv-er-uh ns	Latin-Greek	noun	a thought or judgment expressed; a formal or authoritative pronouncement.
dementia	dih-men-shuh	Latin	noun	loss of intellectual capacity, due to damage to neurons in the brain.
detritus	dih-tr-eye-tuh s	French	noun	rock or other material worn or broken away from the action of water or ice.
diadem	d-eye-uh-dem	Greek	noun	royal dignity or authority.
diffidence	dif-ih-duh ns	Latin	noun	the quality or state of not being the same.
disheveled	dish-ev-uh ld	French	adjective	hanging loosely or in disorder; unkempt.
dovecote	duhv-koht	French	noun	a structure, usually above the ground, for housing domestic pigeons.
draughtsman	drafts-muh n	Old English	noun	a person who draws sketches, plans, or designs.
duodenum	doo-uh-dee-nuh m	Latin	plural noun	the first portion of the small intestine, from the stomach to the jejunum.
Ebullience	ih-bool-yuh ns	Old English	noun	high spirits; exhilaration; exuberance.
elephantiasis	el-uh-fuhn-t-eye-uh-sis	Latin-Greek	noun	untoward growth or development.
embrocation	em-broh-kay-shuh n	Middle English	noun	to moisten and rub with a liniment or lotion for a deceased body part.
emphysema	em-fuh-zee-muh	Greek	noun	a chronic, irreversible disease of the lungs.
emulsified	ih-muhl-suh-f-eye d	Latin	Verb	to form a liquid preparation consisting of two completely mixable liquids.
enervating	ener-vay-ting	Latin	verb	to deprive of force or strength; destroy the vigor of; weaken.
ennobled	en-noh-buh l	French	verb	to elevate in degree, excellence, or respect; dignify; exalt.
enthralment	en-thrall-ment	Latin	adverb	the occupation of the attention or of the mind: absorption, immersion.
erysipelas	er-uh-sip-uh-luh s	Latin	noun	an acute infectious disease, that spreads inflammation onto the skin.
exegesis	ek-sih-jee-sis	Greek	noun	critical explanation or interpretation of a text or portion of a text.
expressivity	ek-sprehs-iv-ih-tee	Greman	noun	the quality or state of being expressive.
extirpation	ek-ster-pay-shun	Latin	verb	to remove or destroy totally; do away with; exterminate.
floccule	flok-yool	Latin	noun	something resembling a small flock or tuft of wool.
fretsaw	freht-saw	Latin	noun	a long, narrow-bladed saw used to cut ornamental work from thin wood.
fumigation	fyoo-mih-gayt	Latin	verb	to expose to smoke as in exterminating roaches, ants, insects.
gendarme	zhah-n-darm	French	noun	a police officer in several European countries, like a French policeman.
gouging	g-ow-jing	French	verb	to extort from, scoop out, or overcharge.
grille	grih-l	French	noun	a grating or barrier, as for a gate, usually of metal of decorative design.
heckler	hek-ler	Old English	verb	to harass (a public speaker) with impertinent questions, gibes; badger.
heliotrope	hee-lee-uh-trohp	Greek	noun	any hairy plant belonging to the genus Heliotropium, of the borage family.
hemistitch	hem-ee-stich	Old English	noun	a half of a line of verse.
herbarium	hur-b-air-ee-uh m	Latin	noun	a collection of dried plants systematically arranged.
hypotenuse	h-eye-pot-uhn-oos	Greek-Latin	noun	the side of a right triangle opposite the right angle.
impetigo	im-pih-tay-goh	Latin	noun	a contagious skin disease usually caused by streptococcal bacteria.
impetuosity	im-pech-oo-os-ih-tee	Latin	noun	the quality or condition of being impulsive.
inadvertence	in-uhd-vert-ehn s	Latin	noun	the act or effect of inattention; an oversight.
indemnified	in-dem-nuh-f-eye d	Latin	verb	to compensate for damage or loss sustained, expense incurred.
interpolated	in-ter-puh-layt-ed	Latin	verb	to introduce something between other things or parts; interject; interpose.
kneading	nee-ding	English	verb	to manipulate by similar movements, as the body in a massage.
lamentation	lam-uhn-tay-shuh n	Latin	noun	the act of expressing grief.
leatherette	leth-uh-ret	French	noun	a material constructed of paper or cloth to simulate the texture of leather.
lexicography	leks-ih-kog-ruff-ee	Latin	Noun	the principles and procedures involved in writing, editing, or dictionaries.

libidinous	lih-bid-in-uhs	Latin	adjective	full of lust; lewd; lascivious.
licentiousness	l-eye-sen-shuhs-ness	Latin	adjective	going beyond customary or proper bounds or limits; disregarding rules.
lignification	lig-nuh-fah-kay-shun	Latin	verb	to become wood or woody.
linoleum	lih-noh-lee-uh m	Latin	noun	burlap used for adding pigments to create the desired colors and patterns.
loitering	loi-ter ing	Dutch	verb	to waste time or dawdle over work.
lumbago	luhm-bay-goh	Latin	noun	pain in the back or loins, especially chronic or recurring pain.
magnanimous	mahg-nan-uh-muh s	Latin	adjective	proceeding from or revealing generosity or nobility of mind, character.
masseur	mah-ser	French	noun	a man who provides massage as a profession or occupation
mattock	maht-uh k	English	noun	an instrument for loosening the soil in digging, shaped like a pickax.
mericarp	mer-ih-karp	Greek	noun	one of the carpels of a schizocarp.
metallurgy	met-el-er-jee	Greek	noun	the technique or science of separating metals from their ores.
metathesis	muh-tath-uh-sis	Greek	noun	the transposition of letters or sounds in a word, as in the pronunciation.
mimeograph	mim-ee-uh-graf	Latin	noun	a printing machine with an ink-fed drum.
morpheme	mor-feem	French	noun	a speech element having grammatical functions that cannot be subdivided.
mortised	mor-tis d	French	noun	a cut hole, groove, or slot made in a piece of wood.
nonchalance	non-shuh-lawns	French	noun	quality of being cool indifference or lack of concern; casualness.
paraesthesia	p-air-uhs-thee-zhuh	Greek	noun	an abnormal sensation, as prickling, itching, etc.
paraffin	p-air-uh-fin	Old English	noun	used in candles, for forming coatings and seals, for waterproofing paper.
parapet	p-air-uh-pit	Italian	noun	a defensive wall or elevation, as of earth or stone, in a fortification.
pearlescent	perl-es-uh nt	Anglo-French	adjective	having an iridescent luster/shine resembling that of pearl.
pedantry	ped-an-tree	Italian	noun	character, qualities, practices from the display of the uneducated.
peritoneum	per-it-ohn-ee-um	Latin	noun	serous membrane lining the abdomen and covering the abdominal organs.
phrenologists	freh-nol-uh-jists	Greek	noun	those versed in the study of the shape of the skull based on the belief that it indicates a person's mental faculties and character.
phylacteries	fih-lak-tuh-rees	Greek	noun	a receptacle containing a holy relic/script.
pituitary	pih-too-ih-t-air-ee	Latin	plural noun	glands located beneath the brain that run the hormonal activities of the body.
plectrum	plek-truh m	Greek-Latin	noun	a small piece of plastic, metal, ivory, etc., for plucking instrumental strings.
plenum	plee-nuh m	Latin	noun	a space where gas, is contained at greater than atmospheric pressure.
poinciana	poyn-see-an-uh	Latin	noun	any of several other tropical trees.
polyhedron	pol-ee-hee-druh n	Greek	noun	a solid figure having many faces.
poultice	pohl-tih s	French	noun	a soft, moist mass of material, typically consisting of bran, flour, herbs.
provincialism	pruh-vin-shuh-liz-uh m	English	noun	narrowness of mind, ignorance from lack of exposure to cultural activity.
pterodactyl	ter-uh-dak-til	Greek	noun	any of a number of genera of flying reptiles; extinct reptiles.
putrescent	pyoo-tres-uh nt	Latin	adjective	the act of decay; bacteria-ridden.
quandary	kwon-duh-ree	Latin	noun	a state of perplexity or uncertainty, especially as to what to do; dilemma.
querulous	kw-er-uhl-uh s	Latin	adjective	full of complaints; complaining.
quiescent	kwee-es-uh nt	Latin	adjective	being at rest; quiet; still; inactive or motionless.
raspingly	rahs-ping	Germanic	adverb	in a grating harsh manner.
remonstrance	rih-mon-struh ns	French	noun	a protest.
remuneration	rih-myoo-nuh-ray-shuh n	Latin	noun	something that is a form of reward; payment.
repudiate	rih-pyoo-dee-ayt	Latin	verb	to reject with disapproval or condemnation.
rheumatism	roo-muh-tiz-uh m	Greek	noun	any disorder of the extremities or back, such as pain and stiffness.
rhombus	rom-buh s	Greek	noun	an equilateral parallelogram, including the square as a special case.
rivulet	riv-yuh-lit	Latin	noun	a small stream; streamlet; brook.

rosette	roh-zet	Latin	noun	a rose-like arrangement of ribbon or other material, used as an ornament.
Sadducee	sah-juh-see	Latin	noun	a member of a Palestinian sect, consisting of priests and aristocrats.
scabbard	skab-erd	Old English	verb	a sheath for a sword or the like.
schismatic	siz-mat-ik	Greek	adjective	elating to, or of the nature of schism; guilty of division or disunion,
schizophrenia	skits-uh-free-nee-uh	French	noun	a mental disorder with disorganized speech, delusions, and hallucinations.
sciatica	s-eye-at-ih-kuh	Latin	noun	pain and tenderness in a nerve, usually caused by a prolapsed disk;.
seethe	see-th	Old English	verb	to be in a state of agitation or excitement.
seismicity	s-eyez-mis-ih-tee	Geek	noun	the frequency, intensity, and distribution of earthquakes in a given area.
septuagint	sep-too-uh-jint	Ancient Greek	noun	the oldest Greek version of the Old Testament.
serviette	sur-vee-et	French	noun	a table napkin.
slovenliness	sluhv-uhn-lee-ness	Greek	adjective	untidy or unclean in appearance or habits.
soiree	swahr-ay	French	noun	an evening party or social gathering, for a particular celebration.
solecisms	sol-uh-siz-uh m	Greek and Latin	noun	a breach of good manners or etiquette.
solubility	sol-yuh-bil-ih-tee	French	noun	the quality or capability of being dissolved.
spittoon	spih-toon	American English	noun	a large bowl, often of metal, especially from chewing tobacco.
stratum	strah-tuh m	Latin	noun	one of a number of portions or divisions likened to layers or levels.
stupefaction	stooop-uh-fak-shuh n	New Latin	noun	overwhelming amazement.
subterfuge	suhb-ter-fyooj	Latin	noun	an artifice used to evade a rule, escape a consequence, hide something.
succinctness	suhk-singkt	Latin	adjective	expressed in few words; concise; terse.
sufferance	suhf-er-uh ns	Latin	noun	capacity to endure pain, hardship, etc.; endurance.
supernumerary	soo-per-nu-muh-reh-ree	Latin	adjective	being in excess of the usual, proper, or prescribed number; additional; extra.
synchronous	sing-kruh-nuh s	Greek	adjective	occurring at the same time; contemporaneous; simultaneous.
synclorium	sing-kluh-nor-ee-uhm	Latin	noun	a structure with downward slopes in direction forming points and folds.
taciturnity	tas-ih-tern-ih-tee	Latin	noun	the state or quality of being reserved or reticent in conversation.
taxidermy	tak-sih-der-mee	Greek	noun	the art of preparing skins of animals and of stuffing them in lifelike form.
tetchiness	tech-ee-ness	Latin	adjective	to be in a state of agitation or bothered.
thih-ther	thith -er	middle English	adjective	being away from the direction of the person speaking; farther; more remote.
thrombosis	throm-boh-sis	Greek	noun	intravascular coagulation of the blood in any part of the circulatory system.
transliteration	trans-lit-er-ayt	Latin	Verb	to change words into corresponding characters of another language.
trellis	treh-lis	French	noun	a framework of this kind used as a support for growing vines or plants.
umbilicus	uhm-bil-ih-kuh s	Latin	noun	surface of the abdomen at the point of attachment of umbilical cord; navel.
unanimously	yoo-nan-uh-muh s	Latin	adjective	of one mind; in complete agreement; agreed.
ungulate	uhng-gyuh-lit	Latin	adjective	belonging to a former order of all hoofed mammals;.
unleavened	uhn-lehv-uhn d	Hebrew	adjective	(of bread, cake, cookies, etc.) containing no leaven or leavening agent.
urticaria	er-tihk-air-ee-uh	Latin	noun	caused by an allergic reaction, elevated patches and severe itching; hives.
vociferousness	voh-sif-er-uhs-ness	French	adjective	crying out noisily; clamorous.
wobulator	wawb-yoo-lay-ter	English	noun	electronic device for receiving or sending intermediate frequency strips.
woebegone	woh-be-gawn	Old English	adjective	beset with woe; affected by woe, especially in appearance.
metonymy	mi-ton-uh-mee	Latin & Greek	noun	a figure of speech that consists of the use of the name of one object or concept for that of another to which it is related
milieu	mil-yoo	French	noun	surroundings of a social or cultural nature
miscegenation	mi-sej-uh-ney-shuh	Latin	noun	marriage between people from different racial groups
mountebank	moun-tuh-bangk	French	noun	a person who sells fake medicines in public places attracting and influencing an audience by tricks and storytelling
myrmidons	mur-mi-dons	Greek	noun	a person who executes without questioning a master's command
nonpareil	non-pah-rel	middle English	adjective	having no equal; peerless

noctambulism	<i>nok-tam-byuh-liz-uh m</i>	Latin	noun	sleepwalking
numismatics	<i>new-miz-mat-iks</i>	French	noun	the study or collecting of coins, medals or paper money
obdurate	<i>ob-dyoo-rit</i>	Latin	adjective	unmoved by persuasion, pity or tender feelings; stubborn; unyielding
obfuscate	<i>ob-fuh-skayt</i>	Latin	verb	to confuse or bewilder; to make unclear
oleaginous	<i>oh-lee-ah-jih-nuh s</i>	Latin	adjective	having the quality of oil; containing oil; producing oil
panache	<i>puh-nash</i>	Italian	noun	a grand manner; style; flair
panegyric	<i>pan-ih-jeer-ik</i>	Greek	noun	formal or elaborate praise; eulogy
pasquinade	<i>pas-kwuh-nay-d</i>	Italian	noun	a satire put in a public place
phlegmatic	<i>fleg-mat-ik</i>	Latin	adjective	not easily excited to action or emotion; apathetic; sluggish
plebeian	<i>plih-bee-uh n</i>	Latin	adjective	belonging to the common people; common; commonplace
plebiscite	<i>pleh-buh-s-eye-t</i>	French	noun	a direct vote by voters in an important public question
portmanteau	<i>port-man-toh</i>	French	noun	a case or bag to carry clothing while traveling, specifically like a leather trunk or suitcase which has two halves when it opens
prestidigitator	<i>pres-tih-dij-ih-tay-shuh n</i>	Latin	noun	sleight of hand; tricks on the eye with quick hands
proboscis	<i>proh-baw-sis</i>	Latin	noun	the trunk of an elephant; any long flexible nose of an animal; a long beak
primogeniture	<i>pr-eye-muh-jin-ih-cher</i>	Latin	noun	the state of being the firstborn child in a family from the same parents
proscenium	<i>proh-see-nee-uh m</i>	Latin	noun	the arch that separates a stage from the auditorium in a performance hall
propinquity	<i>proh-ping-kwi-tee</i>	middle English	noun	proximity; similarity; nearness in time
pusillanimous	<i>pyoo-suh-lan-uh-muh s</i>	Latin	adjective	lacking courage or resolution; cowardly; faint-hearted; timid
quadrille	<i>kwah-dril</i>	Spanish	noun	a square dance for four couples; the music for a square dance
pulchritude	<i>puhl-krih-tew-d</i>	Latin	noun	physical beauty; comeliness
putsch	<i>puh ch</i>	German	noun	a plotted revolt or attempt to overthrow a government, especially one that depends on speed
purlieus	<i>pur-loo-s</i>	French	noun	neighborhood; an outlying district or region
quotidian	<i>kwoh-tid-ee-uh n</i>	Latin	adjective	daily; usual or customary; everyday; ordinary or commonplace
recalcitrant	<i>rih-kal-sih-truh nt</i>	Latin	adjective	resisting authority or control; not obedient or compliant; hard to deal with
reconnaissance	<i>rih-kohn-uh-suh ns</i>	French	noun	a search made for useful military information in the field, especially by examining the ground
rubicund	<i>roo-bih-kuhnd</i>	Latin	adjective	red or reddish; ruddy
sacerdotal	<i>sah-ser-doht-l</i>	Latin	adjective	of priests; priestly
saccharine	<i>sak-er-in</i>	Latin	adjective	resembling sugar; containing sugar or giving out sugar; very sweet to the taste; sugary
scintillate	<i>sin-tl-ahy-t</i>	Latin	verb	to emit sparks; to sparkle or flash; to twinkle
seraphic	<i>sih-raf-ik</i>	Latin	adjective	angelic; like the angels; like a cherub or child of heaven
simulacrum	<i>sim-yuh-lay-kruh m</i>	Latin	noun	vague likeness; a slight; a superficial likeness or semblance
stanchion	<i>stan-shuh n</i>	French	noun	an upright beam or post usually in a window, stall or ship
subcutaneous	<i>suhb-kyoo-tay-nee-uh s</i>	Latin	adjective	under the skin; put under the skin, as in an injection; living below several layers of skin, as in a parasite
susurrant	<i>suh-ser-uh nt</i>	Latin	adjective	softly murmuring; whispering
terpsichorean	<i>turp-sih-kuh-ree-uh n</i>	Greek	adjective	pertaining to dancing
trogodyte	<i>trog-luh-d-eye-t</i>	Greek	noun	a prehistoric cave dweller; a primitive gift; a person living in seclusion
lamasery	<i>lah-muh s-air-ee</i>	French	noun	a monastery of lamas
laloplegia	<i>lah-luh-plee-jee-uh</i>	Greek	noun	paralysis of the speech organs in which the tongue is not affected
lagniappe	<i>lan-yap</i>	Spanish	noun	a small gift given with a purchase to a customer; a bonus gift when you buy something
kookaburra	<i>koo k-uh-ber-uh</i>	Wiradjuri	noun	an Australian bird of the kingfisher family which has a loud cry that resembles human laughter
kriegspiel	<i>kreeg-shpeel</i>	German	noun	a form of the game chess where both players see only their own pieces on a board in front of them and must remember their opponents moves as they are told to them by a game referee
kymograph	<i>k-eye-muh-graf</i>	Greek	noun	an instrument for measuring and graphically recording variations in fluid pressure like the human pulse

katabatic	kah-tuh-bah-tik	Greek	adjective	wind or air moving downward or down a slope
jurat	jo r-aht	Latin	noun	a sworn officer; a magistrate; a member of a permanent jury
jeremiad	jer-uhm-eye-ah d	Greek	noun	a prolonged lamentation or mournful complaint
jerboa	jer-boh-uh	Arabic	noun	a mouselike rodent family from North Africa and Asia which has long hind legs that are used for jumping
jacquard	juh-kard	French	noun	a fabric with an elaborately woven pattern produced on a Jacquard loom
jealousie	jah-luh-see	Italian	noun	a shutter made with horizontal slats that can be adjusted to let in light and air but exclude rain and the direct rays of the sun
jackanapes	jak-uh-nayps	middle English	noun	an impertinent person; a presumptuous person, especially a young man; a mischievous child
isohyetal	eye-suh-hi-uh t	Greek	noun	a line drawn on a map connecting points that have equal rainfall at a certain time of the year or for a specific period of time during a year
invidious	in-vid-ee-uh s	Latin	adjective	offensively or unfairly discriminating; calculated to create bad feelings or resentment; intended to give offense; hateful
innocuity	ih-nok-yoo-uh-tee	Latin	noun	having no ability to cause harm or injury; the state of being uninteresting
inchoate	in-koh-it	Latin	adjective	not yet completed or fully developed; rudimentary; just begun; not organized; lacking order
ichnolite	ik-nol-eye-t	Latin	noun	a fossil footprint
ichthyology	ik-thee-uhl-uh-jee	Greek	noun	the branch of zoology that deals with fish
hyssop	his-uh p	Latin	noun	an aromatic herb from the mint family which is native to Europe and having a cluster of small blue flowers
hyperdulia	h-eye-per-doo-lee-uh	Latin	noun	the veneration offered to the Virgin Mary as the most exalted of creatures
hollandaise	hall-uhn-days	French	noun	a sauce of french and dutch origin made from flour and egg
hiemal	hi-uh-muhl	Latin	adjective	relating to winter; wintery
hierophant	hi-er-uh-fant	Greek	noun	any interpreter of sacred mysteries or esoteric principles
heuristic	hyoo-ris-tik	Greek & Latin	adjective	servng to indicate; serving to point out; stimulating interest as a means of furthering investigation
hylophagous	hl-lof-Fuh-guh s	Greek	adjective	feeding on wood like some insects or insect larvae; perforating or destroying timber from trees
harrumph	huh-ruhmf	English	Verb	to clear the throat audibly in a self-important manner, usually when upset or displeased
hauteur	ho-tur	French	noun	haughty manner or spirit; arrogance
hauberk	haw-burk	French	noun	a long defensive shirt usually made of chain mail that extends to the knees
hackneyed	hak-need	English	adjective	made common or unimportant; stale; banal
gemmiferous	jeh-mif-fer-uh s	Latin	adjective	having buds or gemmae, as in a plant
guernsey	gurn-zee	English	noun	a breed of dairy cattle, raised originally on the Isle of Guernsey and producing a rich, golden-colored milk
gossamer	gaw-suh-mer	middle English	noun	a fine, filmy cobweb seen in grass or bushes or floating in the air in calm weather, especially in autumn
glaucoma	glaw-koh-muh	Greek	noun	abnormal high fluid pressure in the eye which most commonly causes blurred vision and issues with sight
gingivitis	jii-juh-v-eye-tis	Latin	noun	inflammation of the gums around teeth
gesticulate	jeh-stik-yuh-layt	Latin	Verb	to make or use gestures in an animated or excited manner with or without speech
genuflect	jen-yoo-flekt	Latin	Verb	to bend the knee or touch one knee to the floor in reverence or worship of another
geniture	jen-ih-cher	Latin	noun	birth; generation
ganglion	gang-glee-uh n	Greek	noun	a mass of nerve tissue existing outside the central nervous system
garrulity	guh-roo-lih-tee	French	noun	the quality of being garrulous; talkativeness
gallimaufry	gal-ih-maw-free	French	noun	a hodgepodge; jumble; confused medley
fusillade	fyoo-suh-layd	French	noun	a continuous discharge of firearms
fissiparous	fih-sip-er-uh s	Latin	adjective	reproducing by fission
flambeau	flam-boh	French	noun	a flaming torch; a torch used at night for processions or illumination
floriferous	flaw-rif-er-uh s	Latin	adjective	producing blossoms; flower-bearing
flibbertigibbet	flib-er-tee-jib-it	Middle English	noun	a very chatty and light-headed person; someone who talks without meaning or control and moves from subject to subject without logic or pause
foible	f-oy-buh l	French	noun	a minor weakness of character; a failing of character; a slight flaw or defect

formaldehyde	for-mal-duh-h-eye d	German	noun	a colorless, toxic gas that has a suffocating odor, usually derived from an alcohol base and used as a disinfectant or a preservative for dead tissue
largetto	lahr-get-oh	Italian	adjective	somewhat slow or a little slow and used to describe a slow movement in music
laryngitis	l-air-uh nj-eye-tis	Latin	noun	inflammation of the larynx which makes your throat sore and hoarse when you talk, sometimes it causes people to lose their voice
leptocercal	lepta-sir-cuhl	Greek	adjective	having a long thin tail
leviathan	lihv-eye-uh-thuh n	middle English	noun	a sea monster; any huge marine animal, like a whale; anything of immense size and power which is as huge as an oceangoing ship
lilliputian	lil-ih-pyoo-shuh n	English	noun	a very small person; the small people from the island Lilliput featured in Gulliver's Travels
liquefaction	lik-wuh-fak-shuh n		noun	the process of making something into a liquid; the state of being liquefied
lucent	loo-suh nt	Latin	adjective	shining; translucent; clear
maceral	mah-ser-el	Latin	noun	any of the organic units that make up coal
lycanthrope	l-eye-kan-throhp	Greek	noun	a person affected by lycanthropy; a werewolf or person in the physical form of a bloodthirsty wolf
madarosis	mah-dar-oh-sis	Latin	noun	the loss of eyelashes; illnesses or genetic defect where a person's eyelashes fall out
majuscule	muh-juhs-kyool	Latin	noun	a capital letter
malapropism	mal-uh-prop-iz-uh m	English	noun	a habit of misusing words ridiculously, especially by confusing words that are similar in sound but not in meaning
manganese	mang-guh-nees	French	noun	a hard, brittle, metallic element that is used mainly as an alloying agent in steel to give it toughness and strength
maudlin	maw-dlin	middle English	adjective	tearfully emotional; weakly emotional; foolishly sentimental; foolishly sentimental because of being drunk
miliarensis	mil-yuh-ren-sis	Latin	noun	a silver coin of ancient Rome
metallurgist	met-el-ur-jist	Greek	noun	someone who makes objects out of hot metal in a metallurgy; someone who specializes in making products from metal
meringue	muh-rang	French	noun	a delicate and frothy mixture made from beating egg whites and sugar very fast into a hot syrup, then it is browned and used as a topping for pies and pastries
microfiche	m-eye-kruh-feesh	French	noun	a flat sheet of microfilm that has printed graphics on it and can be inserted into an electronic machine that can make the images larger and in full color for viewing
miscible	mis-uh-buh l	Latin	adjective	capable of being mixed
mitochondrion	m-eye-tuh-kon-dree-uh n	Greek	noun	an organelle in the cytoplasm of cells that functions in energy production for the cell and thus the living organism
mordancy	mord-en-see	middle English	noun	the quality of being sharp with words; sharpness or cleverness in a mean way with language
moulage	moo-lahzh	French	noun	the making of a mold of footprints, tire tracks, etc especially with plaster of Paris, for the purpose of identification
musciform	pis-uh-form	Latin	adjective	shaped like a fish
munificence	myoo-nif-uh-seh ns	French	noun	the quality of being generous; showing unusual generosity to others
myasthenia	m-eye-uh s-thee-nee-uh	Latin	noun	muscle weakness
nacelle	nuh-sel	Latin	noun	the enclosed part of an airplane or other flying machine that carries people, and where the engine, luggage or people are kept
nainsook	nayn-soo k	Hindi	noun	a fine, soft-finished cotton fabric which is usually white and used for lingerie or for infant clothing
nascent	nas-uh nt	Latin	adjective	beginning to exist or develop
nematocyst	nem-uh-tuh-sist	Greek	noun	an organ in coelenterates which consists of a small capsule which contains an ejectable thread that can cause a sting (like a bee)
noisome	noy-suh m	middle English	adjective	offensive or disgusting odor; harmful to health; noxious gas
novercal	noh-ver-kuh l	Latin	adjective	like a stepmother; from a stepmother; suited for a stepmother
nullifidian	nuhl-uh-fid-ee-uh n	Latin	noun	a person who has no faith or religion; a skeptic
obeisance	oh-bey-suh ns	middle English	noun	a movement of the body expressing deep respect or deferential courtesy; a bow, curtsy or similar gesture
obtenebrate	ob-ten-eh-bray t	Latin	verb	to darken by shadowing; to darken as if with shadows
paucity	paw-si-tee	middle English	noun	smallness of quantity; scarcity of a resource; scantiness; insufficiency in number of objects; fewness
patulous	pah-chuh-luh s	Latin	adjective	open; gaping; expanded
parietal	puh-r-eye-ih-tl	Latin	adjective	having authority over residence of a place, especially to control interaction and living between the genders, like in a college dormitory

paraclete	p-air-uh-kleet	Latin	noun	an advocate or an intercessor
paludal	puh-loo dl	Latin	adjective	relating to marshes; from marshes; produced by marshes
oxydactyl	ox-ee-dak-tl	Greek	adjective	having slende, tapered digits
oubliette	ooo-blee-et	French	noun	a secret dungeon with an opening only in the ceiling
otitis	oh-t-eye-tis	Latin	noun	inflammation of the ear
ormolu	or-muh-loo	French	noun	mosaic gold; an alloy of copper and zinc used to immitate cold; fake cold alloy; gold or gold powder used for gilding weapons, jewelry or other ornate objects
orrery	or-uh-ree	English	noun	an apparatus for representing the positions, motions and phases of the planets in the solar system
orfeverrie	or-fev-er-ee	French	noun	goldsmith's or jeweler's work; a gold or silver plate
opusculum	oh-puhs-kyuh-luh m	French	noun	small or minor work; a literary or musical work of small size
oppidan	op-ih-duh n	Latin	adjective	of a town; urban
ohmmeter	ohm-mee-ter	Latin	noun	an instrument for measuring electric resistance in ohms
onychopathy	on-ee-co-path-ee	Latin	noun	a disease of the fingernails or toenails
omnilegent	awm-nil-ee-gent	Latin	adjective	reading or having read everything; characterizes by encyclopedic ready
ochlocratic	awk-loh-crah-tic	Greek	adjective	like a government run by a mob; rule which is like a mob
obstreperous	uh b-strep-er-uh s	Latin	adjective	resisting control in a difficult situation; unruly; resisting restraint in a difficult situation
obloquy	ob-luh-kwee	middle English	noun	censure, blameor abusive language aimed at a person or thing by many people or the general public
obfuscatory	ob-fuh-skat-ory	latin	adjective	confusing; bewildering; stupifying
chrysalis	kris-uh-lis	Latin	noun	the hard-shelled pupa of a moth or butterfly
chernozem	chur-nuh-zem	Russian	noun	a soil common in cool or temperate semi-arid climates which is very black and rich in humus and carbonates
chartaceous	kar-tay-shuh s	latin	adjective	like paper; papery; from paper
charactonym	k-air-ik-tuh-nim	Latin	noun	a name given to a literary character that is descriptive of a quality or trait of the character
chandelle	shan-del	French	noun	an abrupt turn in which an aircraft almost stalls while using its momentum to gain a higher rate of climb in to the sky
centripetal	sen-trip-i-tl	Latin	adjective	directed toward the center; operating by centripetal force
cerography	sih-rog-ruh-fee	Greek	noun	the process of writing or engraving on wax
cephalalgia	sef-uh-lal-juh	Latin	noun	headache; head pain that lasts a long time
cenotaph	sen-uh-taf	Latin	noun	a monument built in memory of a deceased person whose body is buried somewhere else
cavil	kah-vuh l	Latin	verb	to raise irritating and trivial objections to an idea or statement; to find unnecessary fault with something; to oppose with inconsequential or frivolous points
caterwaul	kat-er-wawl	middle English	verb	to utter long wailing cries that sound like a cat in heat; to howl or screech; to quarrel like cats
caudal	kah-dl	Latin	adjective	near the tail or posterior; tail-like; from the tail or posterior
catechism	kat-ih-kiz-uh m	Latin	noun	an elementary book containing a summary of the principles of the Christian religion
caracole	k-air-uh-kohl	Spanish	noun	a half turn executed by a horse and rider
candelabrum	kan-dl-ah-bruh m	Latin	noun	an ornamental branched holder for more than one candle
camaraderie	kah-muh-rah-duh-ree	French	noun	good fellowship; friendship from the experience of being comrades in a group or organization
cacophony	kuh-kof-uh-nee	Greek	noun	harsh discordance of sound; a meaningless mixture of sounds that is very loud
cabriole	kab-ree-ohl	French	noun	a leap in which one leg is raised in the air and the other is brought up to beat against it in the air
biauriculate	b-eye-aw-rik-yuh-lit	Latin	adjective	having to auricles or earlike parts
bullionist	buhl-yuhn-ist	Latin	noun	a person who advocates as system in which currency is directly convertible to gold or silver
bruxism	bruhk-siz-uh m	Greek	noun	teeth grinding
brouhaha	broo-hah-hah	Hebrew	noun	excited public interest in attending some sensational event; an episode involving excitement, confusion or turmoil over a minor or ridiculous cause
brevet	bruh-vet	French	noun	a document or statement which promotes a military officer to a higher rank without an increase in pay and with limited power, usually granted as an honor immediately before an officer retires
brachylogy	bruh-kil-uh-jee	Greek	noun	brevity of diction; short speech; concise or abridged form of expression

brachiate	bray-kee-it	Latin	adjective	having widely spreading branches in alternate pairs; having arms
bauxite	bawk-s-eye-t	French	noun	a rock consisting of aluminum oxides and hydroxides with various impurities; the main ore in aluminum
bouillabaisse	bool-yuh-bays	French	noun	a soup or stew containing several kinds of fish or shellfish and combined with olive oil, tomatoes and saffron
blepharal	blef-ar-uhl	Greek	adjective	related to eyelids; from eyelids; about eyelids
blatherskite	blath -ersk-eye-t	Norse	noun	a person who talks but the talk is empty or meaningless; someone who talks too much about nothing
bimillenary	b-eye-mil-uh n-air-ee	Latin	adjective	relating to a bi-millennium or a second millenium; marking of a two-thousandth anniversary
bifurcate	b-eye-fer-kayt	Latin	verb	to divide into branches; to fork into branches
besom	bee-zuh m	middle English	noun	a broom made from twigs or trees
beleaguer	bih-lee-ger	German	verb	to surround with military force; to surround with troubles
behemoth	bih-hee-muh th	Hebrew	noun	any creature or thing of monstrous size or power
bavardage	bah-var-dawj	French	noun	idle gossip; gossip to fill time that isn't very meaingful
barouche	buh-roosh	German	noun	a four-wheeled carriage with a high front seat outside for the driver and facing seats inside the carriage for two couples
barbiturate	bar-bih-cher-it	German	noun	from a group of barbituric acid derivatives and used in medicine as a sedatives and hypnotics
balustrade	bahl-uh-stray d	French	noun	a railing with supporting beams
bandicoot	ban-dih-koot	Telugu	noun	large East Indian rats
avuncular	uh-vuhng-kyoo-ler	Latin	adjective	having the characteristics of an uncle; related to being an uncle
avarice	ah-ver-ih s	Latin	noun	insatiable greed for riche; an inordinate desire to gain lots and lots of wealth
auspex	aw-speks	Latin	noun	an auger in ancient Rome
ferrule	f-air-uh l	French	noun	a ring of metal put around the end of a post or cane to prevent it from splitting; a short metal sleeve for strengthening a tool handle at its end
feliform	fee-lih-form	Latin	adjective	resembling a cat
farcical	far-sih-kuh l	middle English	adjective	ludicrous; absurd; like a farce
facilely	fahs-eye-ly	Latin	adverb	action performed in an easy way or without much work; describes work performed with ease
extemporaneous	ex-temp-uh-ray-nee-uh s	Latin	adjective	done or spoken without special advance preparation; impromptu; previously planned but delivered with few or no notes
extirpate	ek-ster-payt	Latin	verb	to remove totally; to destroy totally; to do away with; exterminate
exiguous	ig-zig-yoo-uh s	latin	adjective	scanty; meager; small; slender
eutrophic	yoo-traw-fik	Greek	adjective	healthy nutrition state; an abundant accumulation of nutrients that leads to a dense growth of algae
eschewal	es-choo-uhl	middle English	verb	keeping away from; shunning; avoiding
eponymous	uh-paw-nuh-muh s	Greek	adjective	giving one's name to a tribe or place
ephemeral	ih-fem-er-uh l	greek	adjective	lasting a very short time; short-lived; transitory; lasting only 1 day
encomium	en-koh-mee-uh m	greek	noun	a formal expression of high praise; eulogy
encephalitis	en-sef-uhl-e-ye-tis	Latin	noun	inflammation of parts of the brain
empennage	ahm-puh-nahzh	French	noun	the rear part of an airplane or airship
embrasure	em-bray-zher	French	noun	an opening through which missiles may be discharged; the space between teeth that are side-by-side
elision	ih-lizh-uh n	Latin	noun	the omission of a vowel, consonant or syllable in a pronunciation
eiderdown	eye-der-down	German	noun	soft feathers from the breast of a female duck
sluice	sloos	middle English	noun	the body of water held back by a gate; an artificial channel for water which has a gate for controlling the water flow
solecistic	sawl-eh-sist-ic	Latin	adjective	ungrammatical usage; describing an unmannered behavior
sorghum	sor-guh m	Italian	noun	a cereal grass which has broad leaves and a tall pithy stem
spheterize	spet-er-eye s	greek	verb	to take for one's own
speleothem	spee-leeoh-th-em	greek	noun	a structure formed ina cave by the deposit of minerals from water
stanniferous	stan-if-er-us	Latin	adjective	containing tin; tin-bearing
sternutation	sturn-yuh-tay-shuh n	Latin	noun	the act of sneezing

stochastic	stuh-kas-tik	greek	adjective	relating to a process involving a randomly determined sequence of observations, each of which is considered a sample of one element from a probability distribution
strychnine	strihk-n-eye-n	Latin	noun	a colorless, crystalline poison obtained mainly by extraction from the seeds of an Indian tree and formerly used as a central nervous system stimulant
suasible	soy-sih-bl	Latin	adjective	capable of being persuaded; easily persuaded
succorance	suhk-er-uh ns	middle English	noun	the act of seeking out affectionate care and social support
sudoriferous	soo-duh-rif-er-uh s	Latin	adjective	bearing sweat; secreting sweat
sufflamine	suh-flahm-in-ayt	latin	verb	to obstruct; to impede
suffrutescent	suhf-ruh-tes-uh nt	Latin	adjective	partially woody; slightly woody; subshrubby
susurration	soo-suh-ray-shuh n	middle English	noun	a soft murmur; whisper
syncope	sing-kuh-pay-shuh n	Latin	noun	a shifting of the normal accent in music, usually by stressing the unaccented beats
tachygraphy	tah-kig-ruh-fee	greek	noun	shorthand; ancient Greek or Roman shorthand used for rapid stenography and writing
taphephobia	taf-uh-foh-bee-uh	greek	noun	an abnormal fear of being buried alive
tardigrade	tar-dih-gray d	Latin	noun	any microscopic and herbivorous invertebrate of the tardigrade phylum which lives in water, on mosses or on lichens
tauromachy	tuh-raw-muh-kee	Spanish	noun	the art of bullfighting; the technique for bullfighting
tatterdemalion	tat-er-dih-mayl-yuh n	Italian	noun	a person in tattered clothing; a shabby person
tawdrily	taw-dril-lee	English	adverb	cheaply; gaudily; showy; gaudy
temerarious	tem-uh-rair-ee-uh s	Latin	adjective	reckless; rash
teratogenic	tuh-rat-uh-jen-ic	greek	adjective	capable of interfering with the development of fetuses; causing birth defects
tergiversate	tur-jiv-er-sayt	Latin	verb	to change one's attitude repeatedly with respect to cause, subject or meaning; to turn renegade
tercentenary	tur-sen-ten-uh-ree	Latin	adjective	describing something that is about or from 3000 years
terrigenous	teh-rij-uhn-uh s	Latin	adjective	produced by the earth
timorous	tim-er-us	middle English	adjective	full of fear; fearful; subject to fear
regicidal	reg-ih-s-eye-dl	Latin	adjective	tending towards killing of a king; responsible for a king's death
trisepalous	tri-sep-uh-luhs	Latin	adjective	having three sepals;
unctuosity	uhngk-choo-oh-sih-tee	middle English	noun	the quality of being excessively flattering; the quality of being greasy or oily
umbrageous	uhm-bray-juh s	middle English	adjective	creating shade; shady; providing shade
unguligrade	uhng-yoo-lih-gray d	Latin	adjective	walking on hooves; related to horses or hooved animals
valetudinarian	val-ih-tood-in-air-ee-uh n	Latin	noun	an invalid; a person who is excessively concerned about his or her poor health or ailments
variegated	v-air-ee-ih-gay-tid	Latin	adjective	varied in appearance or color; marked by patches of different colors; varied; diversified
verboten	ver-boht-en	German	adjective	forbidden by law; prohibited
vespertine	ves-per-tin	Latin	adjective	occurring in the evening; relating to the evening; appearing or flying in the early evening
vesicant	ves-ih-kuh nt	Latin	noun	a chemical agent that causes burns and destruction of tissue both internally and externally
vinaceous	v-eye-nay-shuh s	Latin	adjective	resembling wine or grapes; relating to wine or grapes; the color of red wine
vicissitude	vi-sis-ih-tood	latin	noun	a change occurring in the course of something; interchange or alternation of state; regular change from one state to another
vicereine	v-eye-sray-n	French	noun	the wife of a viceroy
vituperative	v-eye-too-per-uh-tiv	Latin	adjective	characterized by the nature of verbal abuse; violent denunciation
wainscot	wayn-scaw t	middle English	noun	wood for lining interior walls; oak wood used for fine woodwork
wantonness	won-ton-ess	middle English	noun	the disposition to willfully inflict pain and suffering on others
wharfinger	hwar-fin-jer	middle English	noun	a person who owns a wharf
wherewithal	wair-with-awl	middle English	noun	means to do something; the supplies for the purpose needed;
yeomanry	yoh-muh n-ree	middle English	noun	a group of petty officers in a navy; a group of farmers who cultivate the land
zeitgeber	z-eye-t-gay-ber	German	noun	an environmental cue that helps regulate the cycles of an organism's biological clock (like length of daylight or the temperature)

zeugma	zoog-muh	Greek	noun	the use of a word to modify two or more words when it is appropriate to only one of them
cincture	singk-cher	Latin	noun	a belt or girdle; something that surrounds or encompasses; a surrounding border
cirrhosis	sih-roh-sis	Greek	noun	a disease of the liver
cliquant	kling-kuh nt	Dutch	adjective	glittering like tinsel; glittering brightly
clepsydra	klep-sih-druh	Greek	noun	an ancient device for measuring time by the controlled flow of water or mercury through a small aperture
cointise	coyn-t-eye s	French	noun	a fanciful or symbolic article of clothing; a scarf worn on a lady's headdress or as a token on a knight's helmet
collabent	coh-lab-ent	Latin	adjective	sunken or falling in; collapsing; collapsing in the middle
connivery	kuh n-eye-vuh-ree	French	noun	the practice of conniving; the practice of cooperating secretly; conspiring
contrariety	kon-truh-r-eye-ih-tee	middle English	noun	the quality or state of being contrary; something contrary or opposite of character
coquetry	koh-kih-tree	French	noun	the behavior of a playful and flirtatious person; flirtation
corniculate	cor-nik-yuh-lit	Latin	adjective	resembling a small horn in appearance; having horns or hornlike parts; horned
crinoline	krin-oh-lin	French	noun	a petticoat of stiff material worn under a full skirt to keep it belled outward; a hoop skirt; a stiff and coarse cotton material for interlining things made of fabric
crewelwork	kroo-uh l-werk	middle English	noun	decorative embroidery done with crewel yarn on cotton or linen, using simple stitches traditionally done in floral or pastoral designs
cryptonym	crihp-tuh-nim	greek	noun	a secret name or word; a code name or code word
cupressineous	cuh-pres-in-ee-us	Greek	adjective	resembling the cypress tree; from the cypress tree family
curmudgeon	ker-muh-juh n	Unknown	noun	a bad-tempered person; a difficult person; a cantankerous person
daedal	dee-dl	Latin	adjective	skillful; ingenious; cleverly intricate
decorticate	dee-kor-tih-kayt	Latin	verb	to remove the bark, husk or outer covering from an object
decoupage	day-koo-pahzh	French	noun	the art or technique of decorating something with cut-out pieces of paper, plastic or other flat material, over which a varnish or lacquer is applied afterwards
declivate	deh-clih-vay t	Greek	adjective	inclining downward; sloping
demarcate	dih-mar-kayt	English	verb	to determine or mark the boundaries or limits of an area or idea
demesne	dih-mayn	middle English	noun	possession of land as one's own; an estate or part of an estate with a clear owner; a district or region
demulcent	dih-muhl-suh nt	Latin	adjective	soothing like a medical substance; mollifying
dentifrice	den-tuh-frih s	French	noun	a paste or powder for cleaning teeth; a liquid or other substance for tooth care
deracinated	dih-rah-suh-nayt	French	verb	to pull up by the roots; to uproot; to isolate from a native culture or environment
dermonecrotic	der-mon-eh-crop-tic	Latin	adjective	relating to necrosis or death of the skin; causing death of the skin
desquamate	des-kwuh-mayt	Latin	verb	to come off in scales like a skin disease; to peel off; to lose scales like a snake or other reptile that sheds
diablerie	dee-awb-luh-ree	French	noun	diabolic magic or art; sorcery; witchcraft; lore or magic of the devils
deuteranopia	doo-ter-uh n-oh-pee-uh	Latin	noun	a defect of vision in which the retina fails to respond to the color green
diapason	d-eye-uh-pay-zuh n	middle English	noun	a full and rich outpouring of melodious sound; the fixed standard of a pitch in music
dirigible	der-ih-juh-buh l	Latin	noun	an airship; a floating and flying object powered by heated air within an enclosed chamber
diphthong	dif-thong	middle English	noun	a digraph in a word where two letters together make one sound
dynamitard	d-eye-nuh-mih-tar d	Greek	noun	one that uses dynamite for anarchy or other political acts of violence
ebullient	ih-bool-yuh nt	Latin	adjective	overflowing with enthusiasm or excitement; high-spirited
echinoderm	ihk-eye-nuh-derm	Greek	noun	any marine animal having a radiating arrangement of parts and a body wall stiffened by calcareous pieces protruding as spines, like a starfish or sea urchin
effervescent	ef-er-ves-uh nt	Latin	adjective	bubbling with joy; vivacious; merry; lively; sparkling
effleurage	ef-luh-rahzh	French	noun	a delicate stroking motion in massage
elucidate	ih-loo-sih-dayt	Latin	verb	to make lucid or clear; explain; to provide clarification
emollient	ih-mol-yuh nt	Latin	noun	a medical lotion, salve or balm for soothing or relaxing the skin
anechoic	an-e-koh-ik]	Latin	adjective	characterized by an unusually low degree of reverberation in a recording chamber; echo-free space for recording
arolium	air-ohl-ee-um	Latin	noun	a padlike lobe projecting between the tarsal claws of many insects

asyndeton	<i>uh-sin-dih-ton</i>	Latin	noun	the omission of conjunctions; the omission of cross references
bonification	<i>bon-ih-fih-cay-shun</i>	Latin	noun	the giving of a bonus; the paying of a bonus
calumniate	<i>kuh-luhm-nee-yt</i>	Latin	verb	to make false and malicious statements about; slander
capeador	<i>kah-pee-uh-dor</i>	Spanish	noun	a person who assists a matador by harassing or distracting the bull with a red cape
caulicle	<i>call-ih-cull</i>	Latin	noun	a small stalk or stem
ciliary	<i>sil-ee-air-ee</i>	Greek	adjective	pertaining to various anatomical structures in or about the eye
decrement	<i>deh-kruh-muh nt</i>	Latin	noun	the act or process of decreasing; gradual reduction; the amount lost by reduction
encomiastic	<i>en-koh-mee-ast</i>	Greek	noun	a person who utters or writes a eulogy; eulogist
encipherment	<i>en-s-eye-fer-ment</i>	greek	verb	to convert a message from plain text into a code
fodient	<i>foh-dee-ent</i>	Latin	adjective	suited for digging or burrowing
gudgeon	<i>guh-juh n</i>	Latin	noun	a person who is easily duped or cheated
hirsutism	<i>her-soo-tiz-uh m</i>	Latin	noun	excessive hairiness, especially in women
theremin	<i>ther-uh-min</i>	Russian	noun	a musical instrument with electronic tone controlled by the distance between the player's hands and two metal rods serving as antennas
rufescent	<i>roo-fes-uh nt</i>	Latin	adjective	somewhat reddish; tinged with red; rufous
rosaceous	<i>roh-zay-shuh s</i>	Latin	adjective	like a rose; roselike; having a corolla of five broad petals which is like a rose
roque	<i>roh-k</i>	English	noun	a form of croquet played on a clay or hard-surfaced court surrounded by a low wall off which the balls may be played
rimulose	<i>rim-yoo-loh s</i>	English	adjective	having small chinks or fissures
rhizome	<i>r-eye-zohm</i>	Greek	noun	a rootlike underground stem, commonly horizontal, and which produces roots below and sends up shoots to the surface
rescission	<i>rih-siz-juh n</i>	Latin	noun	the act of rescinding or taking back an offer
renascent	<i>rih-nah-suh nt</i>	Latin	adjective	being reborn; springing again into being or vigor
raucously	<i>raw-cuhs-lee</i>	Latin	adjective	harsh; strident; grating; rowdy; disorderly
rarefaction	<i>r-air-uh-fak-shuh n</i>	Latin	noun	the act or process of making rare; the state of being made rare
aficionado	<i>uh-fish-yuh n-ah-doh</i>	Spanish	noun	an ardent devotee; a fan; an enthusiast
aggrandize	<i>uh-grand-eye z</i>	Italian	verb	to widen in scope; increase in size or intensity; enlarge; extend
ambidextrous	<i>am-bih-dek-strih s</i>	Latin	adjective	able to use both hands equally well; unusually skillful
ameliorate	<i>uh-meel-yuh-rayt</i>	French	verb	to make better; to become better; to make more bearable; to improve
ingenue	<i>an-juh-noo</i>	French	noun	the part in a play, musical or opera of an artless, innocent and unwordly girl or young woman
asymptote	<i>ah-sim-toht</i>	greek	noun	a straight line approached by a given curve as one of the variables in the equation of the curve approaches infinity
bivouac	<i>biv-oh-wak</i>	German	noun	a military encampment made with tents or improvised shelters that are not protected from enemy fire
phyllo	<i>fee-loh</i>	greek	noun	flaky tissue thin layers of pastry used in baked desserts and appetizers
abjure	<i>ab-joo er</i>	Latin	verb	to renounce or retract; to give up an oath or a sworn solemnity
abrogate	<i>ab-ruh-gayt</i>	Latin	verb	to abolish by formal or official means; annul by authoritative act; repeal
adumbrate	<i>ah-duhm-brayt</i>	Latin	verb	to produce a faint image or resemblance; to foreshadow; to overshadow
anachronistic	<i>uh-nak-ruh-nis-tik</i>	greek	adjective	chronologically misplaced
antediluvian	<i>an-tee-dih-loo-vee-uh n</i>	Latin	noun	relating to the period before the biblical flood
diaphanous	<i>d-eye-af-uh-nuh s</i>	Greek	adjective	very sheer and light; almost completely transparent; delicately hazy
grandiloquent	<i>gran-dil-uh-kwuh nt</i>	Latin	adjective	speaking in a lofty style, often to the point of being pompous
impecunious	<i>im-pih-kyoo-nee-uh s</i>	Latin	adjective	not having enough money to pay for necessities; penniless; poor
intransigent	<i>in-tran-sih-juh nt</i>	Spanish	adjective	refusing to agree or compromise; uncompromising; inflexible
legerdemain	<i>leh-jer-duh-mee-n</i>	French	noun	sleight of hand; trickery; deception; any artful trick
mawkish	<i>maw-kish</i>	German	adjective	characterized by sickly sentimentality; weakly emotional
potentate	<i>poh-ten-tayt</i>	Latin	noun	a ruler who is unconstrained by law

predilection	pred-il-ek-shuh n	French	noun	a tendency to think favorably of something in particular
solipsism	saw-lip-siz-uh m	Latin	noun	the philosophical theory that the self is all that exists
feldenkrais	fell-den-kray s	german	noun	a somatic educational system designed to reduce pain or limitations in movement to improve physical function, promoting a general well-being for students