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aardvark <AHRD.vahrk>

n / African night mammal that eats bugs
The --- is a nocturnal feeder in Africa that lives on ants and termites predominately.

ab intra <ab.IN.truh>

adv / from within
Most promotions occurred ---, and all were surprised when the principal was hired from outside the district.

• **abapical** <ab.AP.i.kuhl> or <ab.AY.pi.kuhl>

adj / directed away from the highest point
The point of a leaf is called the apex, and the opposite end is the --- portion.
Ety: L - ab (away from) + apex/-icis (top/point) fr Gk

abasia <uh.BAY.zhuh>

n / poor muscle coordination when walking
The doctor diagnosed the severe problem with walking as ---, explaining the muscles did not coordinate.

• **abbatial** <uh.BAY.shuhl>

adj / relating to an abbey or its tenants
--- permission was required before a monk could receive a visitor.
Ety: Fr fr LL - abbas/-atis (abbot)

• **abidance** <uh.BII.duhns>

n / continuance; compliance
After causing trouble at school, the principal said Jon's --- by the rules was required to avoid suspension.
Ety: ME fr OE - bidan (wait)

aboveboard <uh.BUHV.bawrd> or <uh.BUHV.bohrd>

adv, adj / in a straightforward or open manner;
 straightforward
The meetings were all open and ---, and no one could claim that the leaders tried to pass the issue secretly.

abscess <AB.ses>

n / collection of pus in a cavity rimmed by infected tissue
After the dentist treated the painful --- under Bobby's sore tooth, he began to feel much better.

absquatulate <ab.SKWAHCH.uh.layt>

v / leave suddenly; hide from; withdraw
The noble reprimanded the servant, "Don't leave the gate open or the horse is likely to ---."

acarology <ak.uh.RAHL.uh.jee>

n / branch of animal science dealing with mites and ticks
Having an intense interest in ticks and mites and diseases spread by these organisms, Joe specialized in ---.

acaulescent <ay.kaw.LES.uhnt>

adj / having no stem
The botanist termed the primrose an --- specimen based on its extremely short stem.

accelerograph <ak.SEL.uhr.uh.graf>

n / instrument for measuring and recording motion of the ground during an earthquake
On the news, a seismographer was quoted saying the ground motion during the quake made the --- go wild.

accession <ak.SESH.uhn>

n, v / acquisition; record data concerning the acquisition of something
Library officials were ecstatic over the possible --- of a Gutenberg Bible.

accountancy <uh.KOWN.tuhn.see>

n / profession involving the bookkeeping system of a business
After working in the bookkeeping department, Noel became skilled in --- and returned to school to get his CPA degree.

accumulative <uh.KYOOM.yuh.lay.tiv> or

<uh.KYOOM.yuh.luh.tiv>
 adj / tending to gather together or amass
The speller's word bank was built in an --- fashion, adding a few words every day until he knew all 10,000.

acetylene <uh.SET.uhl.een> or <uh.SET.uhl.uhn>

n / colorless hydrocarbon gas used as a fuel
The welder used --- and oxygen in his cutting torch to cut through the heavy metal door.

Achates <uh.KAY.teez>

n / loyal friend of Aeneas in the Aeneid
Lloyd compared his lifelong friend to ---, and explained they had travelled the world together.
Note: Always capitalized

acoustooptics <uh.koo.stoh.AHP.tiks>

n / science dealing with the interaction of hearing and sight
Intrigued by man's miraculous ability to see and hear, Arnold studied --- to understand the interrelation.

• **acquittance** <uh.KWIT.ns>

n / settlement of a obligation or debt, receipt in full
When Josh made his last payment on his car, the lender gave him the title as his official ---.
Ety: ME fr OFr fr L - ad (to) + quiesco/-ere (rest/be calm)

ad hominem <ad.HAHM.uh.nem> or <ad.HAHM.uhn.uhm>

adj / using personal considerations rather than logical
The disagreement took an unfortunate turn when they came at each other with --- attacks.

ad libitum <ad.LIB.i.tuhm>

adv / by choice of the performer
A skilled actress, the lead in the play often performed ---, and the director gave her license to alter lines.

adenoma <ad.NOH.mu>

n / benign tumor originating on a gland
Dr. Smith diagnosed the tumor as an ---, and Mr. Harkins was terribly relieved that it was not malignant.

exposé, expose <ek.spoh.ZAY>

n / public revealing of something discreditable; formal explanation; take away protection
May read the --- on the shenanigans of the water department and was appalled at their openly crooked dealings.

• **expunge** <ik.SPUHNJ>

v / delete or omit, strike out
Dr. Evans recommended that students --- any derogatory elements from their papers before turning them in.
Ety: L - ex (out of) + punga/-ere/pupugi/punctum (prick/vex)

• **extant** <EK.stuhnt> or <ek.STANT>

adj / still existing
Researching the town's history, Joel talked to the oldest settlers still --- and children of those deceased.
Ety: L - exsto/-are (stand out) fr ex (out of) + sto/-are/-avi/-atum (stand)

extenuation <ik.sten.yoo.AY.shuhn>

n / state of being diminished in size, number or seriousness
For the sake of ---, Joshua insisted that the fracture was insignificant and the collision simply an accident.

extraterritorial <ek.struh.tehr.i.TAWR.ee.uhl>

adj / existing outside normal boundaries or jurisdiction
The city claimed --- jurisdiction when it tried to control water use by people outside city limits.

extravaganza <ik.stra.vuh.GAN.zuh>

n / lavish event; musical composition having freedom of form
The wedding of the prince was scheduled as the most elaborate --- that the court had ever sponsored.

extrinsic <ek.STRIN.sik> or <ek.STRIN.zik>

adj / not belonging to, lying outside of
The chairman explained that the committee would cover only the announced topics and not cover any --- matters.

Fabian <FAY.bee.uhn>

adj, n / cautious; tending to avoid decisive contests
The vet said a --- method of changing my dog's diet was best, so I added just a few bites of new food a day.
Note: Always capitalized

fair-trade agreement <fehr.TRAYD.uh.gree.muht> or

<FEHR.trayd.uh.gree.muht> <fehr.trayd.uh.GREE.muht>
 n / arrangement between companies to set a minimum selling price
The --- stipulated that the auto dealer couldn't sell any model below a price set by the manufacturer.

• **falcate** <FAL.kayt>

adj / curved like a sickle; moon when one-third of its disk is illuminated
Seth found a --- piece of iron from the farmer's old sickle left in the cornfield several years ago.
Ety: L - falcatus/-a/-um (sickle shaped) fr falx/falcis (sickle/scythe)

• **fanion** <FAN.yuhn>

n / flag used to mark a position
The old painting depicted a horse brigade, and to the side was an old servant carrying a tattered --- proudly.
Ety: Fr - dim of fanon (maniple/banner) fr OFr fr Frkish

farinaceous <fehr.uh.NAY.shuhs>

adj / rich in starch or having a powdery surface
The boy's sluggish behavior was a result of his --- diet, and the starchy food also made him chubby.

fascicle <FAS.i.kuhl>

n / small bundle; section of book published in separate parts; sheaf of stems
On the tip of our cat's tail there was a --- of hairs growing, and the odd tuft earned her the name, "Tufty."

fatuous <FACH.oo.uhs>

adj / marked by ill-fated hope
The prince had a --- desire to marry the milkmaid, but he knew the union would not be allowed.

faux-naïf, faux-naïf <foh.nah.EEF>

adj / disingenuous, or connivingly pretending to be stupid
The book centered on violence, but the author described everything in a --- or almost matter-of-fact format that bothered me as a reader.
Note: Diaresis opt on 'i'

faveolate <fu.h.VEE.uh.layt>

adj / honeycombed, having cavities separated by thin walls
Our geology teacher identified Sue's honeycombed rocks as some form of --- limestone indigenous to the area.

feigned <FAYND>

adj, v / pretended; imitated in order to deceive
The boy's --- illness was realistic enough to convince his mother to let him stay home from school.

felicitous <fi.LIS.i.tuhs>

adj / delightful, charming; marked by being cheerfully appropriate
The heroine lived a --- childhood; but as her life unfolded, it was marked more by tragedy than good fortune.

• **felinity** <fi.LIN.i.tee>

n / quality of being catlike
The model had an elusive --- in her sleek stature, smooth movements, and catlike grace.
Ety: L - feles/-is (cat)

• **Fenian** <FEE.nee.uhn>

adj, n / relating to a U.S. revolutionary supporting overthrow of British rule in Ireland
In the U.S., John O'Malley, a --- leader, actively assisted the revolutionary movement in Ireland in the mid 1800s.
Ety: Mod of IrGael - fiann (band of Fenians/ancient inhabitants of Ireland) Note: Always capitalized