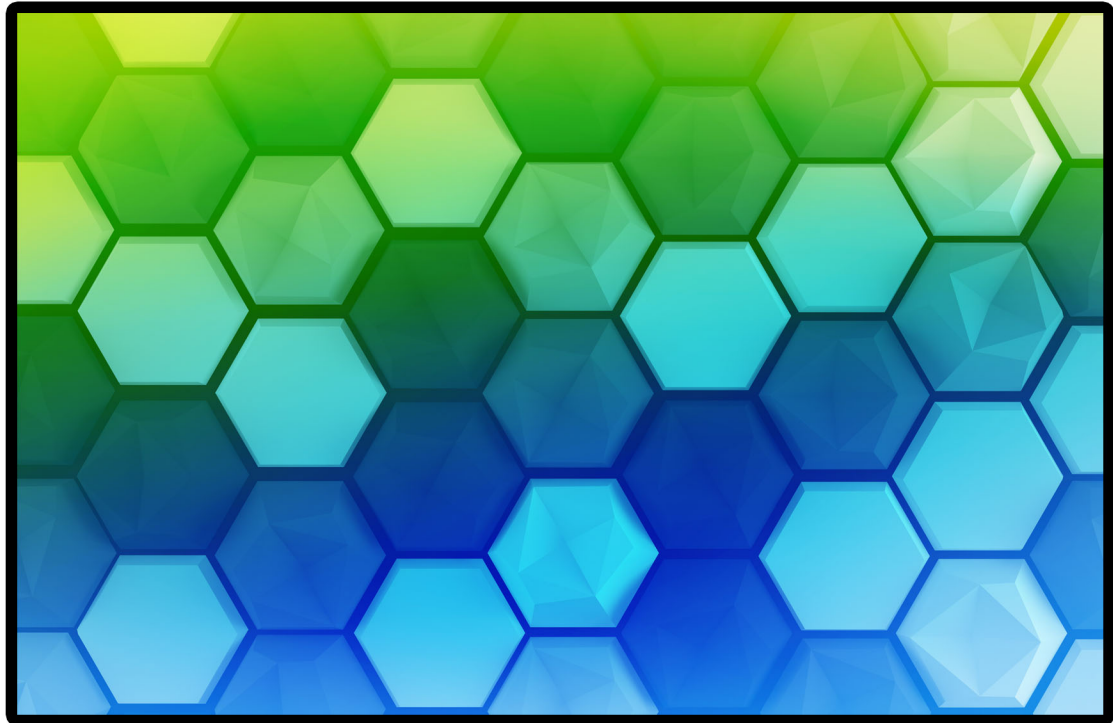




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ii=sign	eh=care	uh=ago	ay=wade	ah=calm	aw=paw	a=cap
oh=home	oo=too	ow=how	i=hit	ee=heat	u=put	e=pet

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lathe <LAYTHH>

n, v / machine to hold rotating material while being shaped with a fixed cutting tool
Fred used the --- in the cabinet shop to turn the chair leg he was making.

• **lotic** <LOH.tik>

adj / inhabiting water that is actively moving
'--- environments are usually moving streams, but some shores of the Great Lakes have incessantly moving water.
Ety: L - lavo/-are/lautum/lotum (wash/bathe)

kaput, kaputt <kah.POOT> or <kuh.POOT>

adj / totally destroyed; hopelessly out of date
After the fire, the entire project was --- because not enough was salvageable to start over.

• **tumid** <TOO.mid>

adj / swollen, bulging; bombastic in reference to language
The entire area around Ed's boil was red and ---, but after it was lanced, the swelling and redness subsided.
Ety: L - tumidus/-a/-um (swollen) fr tumeo/-ere (be swollen or puffed up)

• **delft (D)** <DELFT>

n / kind of blue and white pottery; city in the Hague
Mom set the table with her ---, and the blue and white pottery matched her blue stemware and white place mats.
Ety: Note: Capitalized for city

Punic <PYOO.nik>

adj, n / treacherous; pertaining to Carthage or its inhabitants; dialect spoken there
The --- inhabitants became disloyalty, and the king of Carthage was ousted by the treacherous rebels and their deceitful plan.
Note: Always capitalized

nexus <NEK.suhs>

n / connected series, link, tie
The --- between the two topics was clarified in a subsequent paragraph explaining the common link.

• **tapir** <TAY.puhr> or <tuh.PIR>

n / hoglike mammal of South and Central America and Malaysia
At seven feet tall and 400 pounds, the --- at the zoo frightened Evelyn even though it was a gentle animal.
Ety: Perh Fr fr Tupi - tapiira (tapir) Note: Hom: taper

ingot <ING.guht>

n / molded metal; mold in which metal is cast
As a prop for the play, Allen painted a brick to be used as a large gold ---.

• **kedje** <KEJ>

v, n / move a vessel by pulling on secured anchor of a small size; brisk, lively
The old seaman would toss a line to the wharf to secure to a piling; then he would --- the boat into the pier.
Ety: ME - caggen (tie) poss fr Scand

Helot (h) <HEL.uht>

n / serf of ancient Sparta; serf
The historical fiction told of a Spartan --- whose place in society was between that of a slave and a citizen.
Note: Capitalized to refer to member of a Spartan class

basil <BAZ.uhl> or <BAY.zuhl>

n / herb of the mint family
The recipe for the spaghetti sauce called for ---, oregano, and two other spices.

besom <BEE.zuhm>

n / broom made with collected twigs; broom for clearing ice from stone path
The Scottish woman gathered twigs of heather and bound them together to a handle to make a new ---.

ficus (F) <FII.kuhs>

n / genus or tropical tree with fruit shaped like pears or of gastropods
Mom's large, potted --- Benjamini thrived on her patio all summer and stayed in a sunny window all winter.
Note: Capitalized for genus

triad <TRII.ad> or <TRII.uhd>

n / group of 3
In Greek mythology the --- of Graces represented brightness, joyfulness, and blooming things.

koto <KOH.toh>

n / long Japanese instrument like a zither that has 13 silk strings
A Japanese boy plucked strings of the --- and altered the pitch by pressing the strings above the bridges.

odium <OH.dee.uhm>

n / hatred and contempt
Because the town held such --- for the accused criminal, an impartial jury could not be found.

mecca (M) <MEK.uh>

n / place considered a center of an activity or interest; religious center of Islam in Saudi Arabia
The farmer's market was a --- for local home cooks and chefs looking to buy fresh ingredients.
Note: Capitalized for geog def

• **acrid** <AK.rid>

adj / bitter; caustic
The pickles had an --- taste, and Mrs. Simpson guessed she'd left some ingredient out of the mixture.
Ety: L - acer/acris/acre (sharp/acute/penetrating)

• **waff** <WAF> or <WAHF>

v, n / flutter or cause fluttering; waving movement; draft or puff of air
Is anything so stirring as the wind gently lifting a flag and making it --- ?
Ety: ME - waffen (wave)

montelukast <mon.tuh.LOO.kast>

n / drug used in treating asthma
Fred took --- to help his asthma symptoms when he exercised.

cantus firmus <kan.tuhs.FUHR.muhs> or <kan.tuhs.FUR.muhs>

n / type of plainsong melody
The --- is a simple Gregorian melody which was that was originally sung in unison in ecclesiastical services.

Pecksniffian <pek.SNIF.ee.uhn>

adj / sanctimonious, hypocritically feigning piety
Dr. Fen gave a --- smile as he passed out papers, and June found his hypocritical sanctimony disgusting.

Note: Always capitalized

Secchi disk <SEH.kee.disk>

n / type of disk with a black and white pattern that is used to determine water depth
We lowered the --- into the water to measure the water clarity of the lake.
Note: Always capitalized for Secchi

nacreous cloud <NAY.kree.uhs.klowd>

n / cirrus-like formation of water droplets that shows iridescent colors
When Eugene saw the ---, he knew what was meant by a "silver lining," and he was awed by its iridescence.

sal volatile <sal.vuh.LAT.uhl.tee>

n / ammonium carbonate or an aromatic solution of same
Aunt Mary always carried ---, and she advised us all on how to use her smelling salts in case she fainted.

cystic fibrosis <sis.tik.fii.BROH.sis> or <SIS.tik.fii.broh.sis>

n / hereditary disease of the exocrine glands resulting in respiratory infections
Bob had regular checkups to be sure that he didn't have --- like his father, who always had trouble breathing.

• **cainotophobia** <kay.noh.tuh.FOH.bee.uh>

n / obsessive fear of anything new or of novelty
An element of --- is typical of new parents who desperately cling to old traditions and fear forming new ones.
Ety: Gk - kainos (new) + phobos (fear)

chromophil <KROH.muh.fil>

adj / easily retaining colors from dyes or stains
The students used iodine to stain the --- cells, knowing that the color would remain so they could see them.

• **schipperke** <SKIP.uhr.kee> or <SKIP.uhr.kuh>

n / small, stocky Belgian dog or dog or breed of same
The black --- with pointed ears and a heavy coat was the best watchdog on any boat in the canal.
Ety: Flem - schipper (boatman/skipper/fr use as watchdogs on boats) fr Du

Serengeti Plain <sehr.uhn.GET.tee.playn>

n / area that borders Kenya and Lake Victoria in Africa
Our safari lasted ten days on the ---, filming all manner of the rich wildlife of the area.
Note: Always capitalized

café au lait <ka.fay.oh.LAY>

n / coffee and milk mixed in approximately equal portions; color of creamy coffee
Though black coffee is too strong for me, I enjoy --- because it tastes more like flavored milk than coffee.
Note: Acute accent req'd on 'e'

bouquet garni <boh.kay.gahr.NEE> or <boo.kay.gahr.NEE>

n / bundle of herbs tied together for use in cooking
Mom put a --- in the stew, then she removed bay leaves and herbs with stems before serving the dish.

hypoallergenic <hii.poh.al.uhr.JEN.ik>

adj / having less tendency to cause a reaction due to high sensitivity
Because Bill's new dog was sensitive to certain chemicals, he bought a --- soap.

carotenemia <kehr.uh.tuh.NEE.mee.uh>

n / presence of extra hydrocarbons in blood from yellow and orange vegetables
Diagnosed with ---, Mrs. Baker was put on a restricted diet eliminating yellow vegetables.

• **hydrocephalus** <hii.droh.SEF.uh.luhs>

n / condition in which excessive fluid causes enlarged skull and compressed brain
Dr. Mills showed a photo to the class of an infant with --- and noted the greatly expanded skull.
Ety: Gk - hydor (water) + kephale (head) Note: Hom: hydrocephalous

annus mirabilis <an.uhs.mi.RAB.uh.lis>

n / noteworthy year, usually one fraught with disasters
In 2006, a hurricane destroyed their beach house and fire damaged their home making 2006 their --- .

xenobiotic <zen.uh.bii.AH.tik> or <zee.nuh.bii.AH.tik>

adj / chemical foreign to organism's immune system; relating to this type of chemical
--- metabolism often converts chemical compounds into readily excreted hydrophilic products.

• **hemophobic** <hee.muh.FOH.bik>

adj / scared of blood
Geraldine was slightly ---; and when she cut her leg, it bled profusely, and she nearly fainted from fright.
Ety: Gk - haimo (blood) + phobos (fear)

tagliatelle <tahl.yuh.TEL.tee> or <tahl.yuh.TEL.ay>

n / pasta shaped like flat noodles
The Italian chef used --- with his marinara sauce, and he insisted no other flat noodles tasted the same.

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