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- reckon** <REK.uhn>
 v / suppose, think, consider; count
 The ancient cowpoke drawled, "I --- it's time for me to turn in, and you young kids better turn in, too."
 Ety: E
- mullet** <MUH.luht>
 n / small to medium-sized edible fish; heraldic five pointed star
 --- makes good bait for catching larger fish; and if nothing is biting, some are edible themselves.
 Ety: E fr Fr
- pigeon** <PIJ.uhn>
 n, adj, v / bird with stout build and smooth feathers
 Pete's pet --- is so tame that it will sit on Pete's shoulder to be fed.
 Ety: E fr Fr fr L - Notes: Hom: pidgin
- climax** <KLII.maks>
 n, v / major turning point of a story; bring to the highest dramatic point
 The story was so exciting that Robert couldn't put the book down as it built up to the --- .
 Ety: L fr Gk
- tarpon** <TAHR.puhn> or <TAH.puhn>
 n / sport fish found in the Gulf of Mexico
 A dyed-in-the-wool sportsman, Tim wanted a 200-pound --- from his fishing trip so he could have it mounted.
 Ety: Unk orig
- corona (C)** <kuh.ROH.nuh>
 n / colored ring surrounding a celestial body; faint glow surrounding high voltage; genus; city of Calif
 When he saw a --- surrounding the moon, Granddad said the glowing ring indicated rain was coming.
 Ety: L - Notes: Capitalized for geog or genus def
- wrench** <RENCH>
 v, n / make a violent twisting motion; tool used to twist
 Mary's mother shouldn't lift those heavy boxes of books because she may --- her back again.
 Ety: E
- garnet** <GAHR.nuht>
 n / semiprecious gem
 Lou's birthstone was a ---, and her grandmother gave her an antique ring with the deep reddish-purple gem.
 Ety: E fr Fr - Notes: Hom: garnett
- bitter** <BIT.uhr>
 adj, adv, n, v / having a strong taste; lacking sweetness; causing unpleasant sensation
 Mother forgot to add sugar to the cocoa so the chocolate icing on the cake tasted --- .
 Ety: E
- marlin** <MAHR.luhn>
 n / large game fish found in oceans
 Chad was so proud of the --- he'd caught that he had the huge, blue billfish mounted for his den wall.
 Ety: Unk orig
- quartz** <KWAWRTS> or <KWAW.uhts> <KWAWTS>
 n / hard, usually transparent mineral
 Upon cutting the geode, Carrie discovered an array of beautiful crystals of --- .
 Ety: Ger fr Slav - Notes: Hom: quartz
- parlor** <PAHR.luhr> or <PAHR.luh> <PAH.luh>
 n, adj / room used to receive guests
 My aunt had a --- in her home in which she received guests on Sunday afternoons.
 Ety: E fr Fr
- basket** <BAS.kit> or <BAHS.kit>
 n, v, adj / receptacle made of interwoven material
 The large --- was made of woven cane and was large enough to hold all of our picnic supplies.
 Ety: E fr Fr fr Gmc
- reason** <REEZ.uhn>
 n, v / statement offered to explain a belief; understanding
 The school asked that Mrs. Lansky write a note explaining the --- that Sharon had been absent for a week.
 Ety: E fr Fr
- figure** <FIG.yuhr>
 n, v / shape; symbol for a number; calculate
 Mrs. Estes drew a pentagon on the board and asked how many students knew what to call the 5-sided --- .
 Ety: E fr Fr fr L
- copper** <KAHP.uhr>
 n, adj, v / reddish metal; coin; relating to a specific metal
 The technician used wire made of --- because of its superior electrical conductivity.
 Ety: E
- lesser** <LES.uhr>
 adj, adv / smaller; inferior
 We chose to kayak on the --- of the two rivers because the larger one seemed too treacherous.
 Ety: E - Notes: Hom: lessor
- violin** <vii.uh.LIN>
 n, v / small 4-stringed musical instrument played with a bow
 During the week, Mr. Colt plays --- for the symphony; but on weekends, he plays fiddle with a country band.
 Ety: It fr Prov

- kestrel** <KES.truhl>
n / small falcon or windhover
Genevieve watched the graceful --- hovering in the air above the small sparrow then swooping to catch it.
Ety: Fr fr L
- hideous** <HID.ee.uhs>
adj / displeasing or ugly to look at, revolting, dreadful
For Halloween, each art student was to create the most --- and ghastly mask possible.
Ety: E fr Fr
- buzzard** <BUH.zuhrd>
n / any of many birds of prey
The --- flew over the field looking for any unsuspecting mouse he might catch for his evening meal.
Ety: E fr Fr fr L
- alfalfa** <al.FAL.fuh>
n / plant of the legume family grown for hay
The farmer planted --- to restore nitrogen to the soil as well as produce hay for his cows.
Ety: Sp fr Arab
- crowbar** <KROH.bahr>
n, v / heavy metal rod used for prying
The carpenter used a --- to pry boards off the building, removed the nails and then stacked them for reuse.
Ety: E + E fr Fr
- jointer** <JAWIN.tuhr> or <JAWIN.tuh>
n / tool for planing an edge before mortising it to another piece
Using the ---, the cabinet maker hones the groove perfected to mortise the side panel to it.
Ety: E fr Fr fr L
- bowered** <BOWRD> or <BOW.uhrd>
v / covered by an arbor
The bench seemed --- by nature itself with the mass of tangled vines and branches of the ancient oak above it.
Ety: E
- hostile** <HAHS.tuhl> or <HAH.stiil> <HAH.stii.uhl>
adj, n / unfriendly, characterized as being antagonistic
Fearing the Indians might be ---, the pioneers armed themselves for a possible attack, but one never came.
Ety: Fr fr L - Notes: Hom: hostel
- pioneer** <pii.uh.NIR> or <Pii.uh.nir>
n, adj, v / one who travels to a new country or area to settle; first of a kind
My great grandmother was a --- who traveled from Ireland to settle in the northern part of Texas.
Ety: Fr fr L
- cymbals** <SIM.buhlz>
n / instrument made of concave metal plates that are clanged together
The music built to a crescendo, and the --- made a dramatic clash, then the tempo slowed down.
Ety: E fr Fr fr L fr Gk - Notes: Hom: symbols
- mutable** <MYOOT.uh.buhl>
adj, n / capable of change
The actress was very fickle and ---, and the director found her changeable moods intolerable.
Ety: L
- mallard** <MAL.uhrd> or <MAL.uhd>
n / kind of duck
A female --- is mottled with brown plumage, whereas the male has more vividly colored feathers.
Ety: E fr Fr
- carcass** <KAHR.kuhs>
n, v / dead body, usually of an animal prepared for food
The hunter dragged the deer --- for almost a mile before reaching his pickup truck.
Ety: Fr fr L fr Arab fr Per
- menthol** <MEN.thawl> or <MEN.thohl>
n / crystalline alcohol with odor and taste of peppermint
Many cigarettes are flavored with --- to give them a refreshing taste.
Ety: Ger fr L
- claimer** <KLAY.muhr>
n / horse in a race that an owner has pledged to sell at a given price
After the race, the horse's owner really didn't want to sell his ---, but he was bound to do so when asked.
Ety: E
- scholar** <SKAHL.uhr>
n / one who studies; person with knowledge
Professor Quigley is a --- of Roman architecture who spent eight years studying in Italy.
Ety: E fr Fr fr L
- sparrow** <SPEHR.roh> or <SPEHR.uh>
n / small brown bird
The mother --- worked frantically to feed the chirping baby birds in her nest.
Ety: E
- courage** <KUHR.ij>
n / moral strength to face danger or hardship; spiritual firmness
James showed a great deal of --- when he defended his little brother from the bullies trying to rob him.
Ety: E fr Fr fr L

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