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**solarium** <soh.LEHR.ee.uhm> or <suh.LEHR.ee.uhm>

<soh.LAYR.ee.uhm> <suh.LAYR.ee.uhm>

n / room exposed to sunlight; sundial

Extremely interested in tropical plants, Brad was delighted to find a house with a --- in which to grow them.

Ety: L

**dovetail** <DUHV.tayl>

v, n / fit together precisely; interlocking joint between pieces of wood

Our vacation plans --- perfectly, and we will both be in Rome at the same time.

Ety: E

**anterior** <an.TIR.ee.uhr> or <AN.tir.ee.uhr>

adj / located near the front or head

Our biology instructor pointed to the antennae on the --- portion of the insect near the eyes.

Ety: L

**aluminum** <uh.LOO.mu.h.nuhm>

n, adj / metal used in construction and in the conduction of electricity

Airplanes are often constructed of --- because it weighs less than most other metals, yet it is very strong.

Ety: L

**blizzard** <BLIZ.uhrd>

n / heavy snowstorm accompanied by strong winds and extreme cold

After losing his way in the ---, the hunter became disoriented and nearly froze to death before being rescued.

Ety: Unk orig

**inscribe** <in.SKRIIB>

v / write or engrave as a permanent record

The jeweler used an engraving machine to carefully --- each letter of Dad's name on the back of his new watch.

Ety: L

**hornpipe** <HAWRN.piip>

n / simple wind instrument with a single reed

The old Celtic --- had been made of bone with holes along the sides for producing different notes.

Ety: E

**director** <di.REK.tuhr> or <dii.REK.tuhr> <DII.rek.tuhr>

<DREK.tuh>

n / one who supervises a stage production, conductor; corporate leader

Jeff impressed the --- with his musical talent and won a part in the Broadway play.

Ety: L

**caladium (C)** <kuh.LAY.dee.uhm>

n / ornamental plant with colorful, showy leaves that have dark veins

Only one --- in Jay's planting had a pink leaf with green veins; the rest had large white leaves with veining.

Ety: L fr Malay - Notes: Capitalized for genus

**smallish** <SMAW.lish> or <SMAW.leesh>

adj / slightly below average size

"Please serve me a --- potato, and save the larger ones for the men," requested Mom.

Ety: E

**gigantic** <jii.GAN.tik> or <JII.gan.tik> <ji.GAN.tik>

<jii.GAN.teek>

adj / enormous in size

The --- hot-air balloon rose from the ground until it was only a tiny speck in the sky.

Ety: Gk

**capsheaf** <KAP.sheef>

n / acme, climax; top portion of a grain stack

Insulting Mrs. Day was Jim's --- of folly; and he found she put up with pranks, but drew the line at insults.

Ety: E fr L + E

**billfold** <BIL.fohld>

n / wallet, folding pocketbook for holding money and cards

The gentleman took his --- out, graciously gave the child a dollar, then ambled past the street urchin.

Ety: E

**contents** <KAHN.tentz> or <kuhn.TENTZ>

n, v / items in a receptacle; satisfies

The --- of the ancient coffer were examined, and the gold coins were dated to the 15th century.

Ety: E fr Fr fr L

**settlers** <SET.uhl.uhrz> or <SET.luhrz> <SET.uh.luhz>

<SET.luhz>

n / people who go to take up residence in a frontier area

Val's ancestors were early --- of Texas, and she still owns part of the original homestead where they lived.

Ety: E

**sociable** <SOH.shuh.buhl>

adj, n / naturally inclined to seek and enjoy the companionship of others

The presence of several --- people insures friendly conversation and helps get a party off to a good start.

Ety: Fr fr L

**dunnage** <DUHN.ij>  
 n, v / loose material used as padding to protect cargo  
 Old merchant ships packed --- between valuable cargo items to protect them from damaging each other in motion.  
 Ety: E fr Du

**prelude** <PREL.yood> or <PRAYL.yood> <PREL.ood> <PREE.lood>  
 n, v / introductory action or performance; furnish as an introduction  
 The pianist played a short fugue as a --- to the lengthy piece that he was going to play.  
 Ety: Fr fr L

**oblique** <oh.BLEEK> or <uh.BLEEK> <uh.BLIK> <oh.BLIK>  
 adj, n, v / not perpendicular or parallel; obscure; perverse, sinister  
 In geometry we learned that an obtuse angle was also considered ---, but a right angle was not.  
 Ety: E fr L

**imagine** <i.MAJ.in>  
 v / guess, suppose  
 Leslie held the brightly wrapped package in her hands and tried to --- what was inside.  
 Ety: E fr Fr fr L

**roulade** <roo.LAHD>  
 n, v / ornamentation of musical composition often arpeggio; cooked meat slice  
 The soprano skillfully inserted a --- in the composition, and her quick notes made a delightful embellishment.  
 Ety: Fr fr L

**wryneck** <RII.nek>  
 n / woodpecker of the genus Jynx  
 Differing from other woodpeckers, the --- has soft tail feathers and a unusual method of writhing its head.  
 Ety: E

**minikin** <MIN.i.kin> or <MIN.ee.kin>  
 n, adj / person or thing that is diminutive or especially small; small type  
 Lucy was Dad's ---, and he felt his five-foot tall daughter needed more protecting than her six-foot brothers.  
 Ety: Du

**fulsome** <FUHL.suhm>  
 adj / offensive to the appetite or to moral sensibility, sickening  
 Mr. Jay found the --- compliments from Alicia too frequent and too insincere to be other than apple-polishing.  
 Ety: E

**armoire** <ahrm.WAHR> or <AHR.muhr>  
 n / large, ornate wardrobe or cupboard used to hold linens or clothing  
 Aunt Cleo's linens always smelled of lavender sachet when she took them from the ornate old --- .  
 Ety: Fr fr L - Notes: Hom: armor/armour

**insipid** <in.SIP.id>  
 adj, n / dull; tasteless  
 So far this year, our football team has played like a collection of --- sissies from grade school.  
 Ety: Fr fr L + L - Notes: Noun listed as archaic

**limpkin** <LIMP.kin>  
 n / large brown wading bird that has white stripes on its head  
 Noted for its wailing call, the --- uses its long curved bill for digging snails.  
 Ety: E + E fr Du

**cholera** <KAHL.uh.ruh> or <KAHL.ruh>  
 n / disease marked by severe gastrointestinal symptoms  
 Tropical areas that have poor sanitation are subject to epidemics of ---, an acute disease caused by bacteria.  
 Ety: E fr L

**jibboom** <ji.BOOM> or <JIB.boom> <JI.boom> <jib.BOOM>  
 n / spar that attaches to and extends the bowsprit  
 The sailor gingerly went out on the --- to furl a sail; then inched his way back to the bowsprit and boat.  
 Ety: Imit + Du

**fermata** <fehr.MAHT.uh>  
 n / indication for a note of music to be prolonged; performance of such  
 Wesley was unfamiliar with the curious marking on the music, but he learned the --- meant a prolongation.  
 Ety: It fr L

**rhenium** <REE.nee.uhm>  
 n / metallic element similar to manganese chemically  
 Used in thermocouples, in certain alloys and as a catalyst, --- occurs in molybdenite.  
 Ety: L

**fleuron** <FLUHR.ahn> or <FLUR.ahn>  
 n / flowery ornamental style of printing that is often used with borders  
 Noticing the ---, Anne thought the floral motif of the elaborate border on the page was gracefully beautiful.  
 Ety: Fr

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