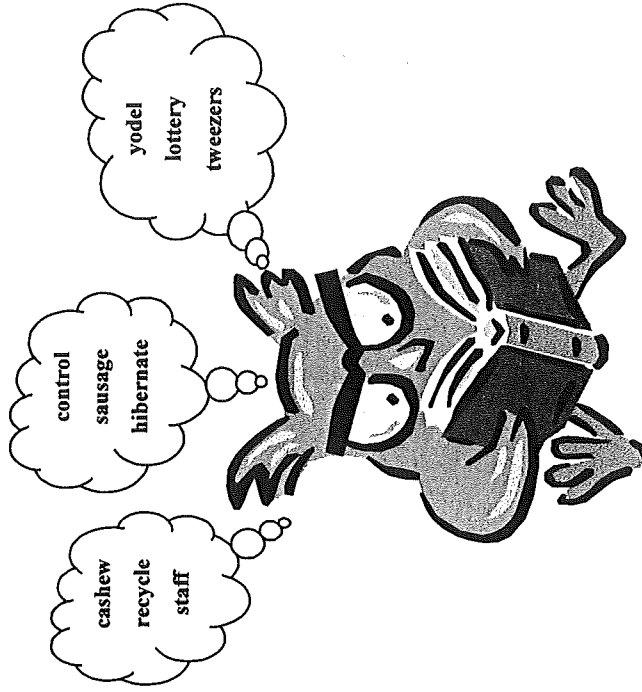


Tzad Aleph Spelling Bee - 2006

Calumet County 4-H Spelling Bee



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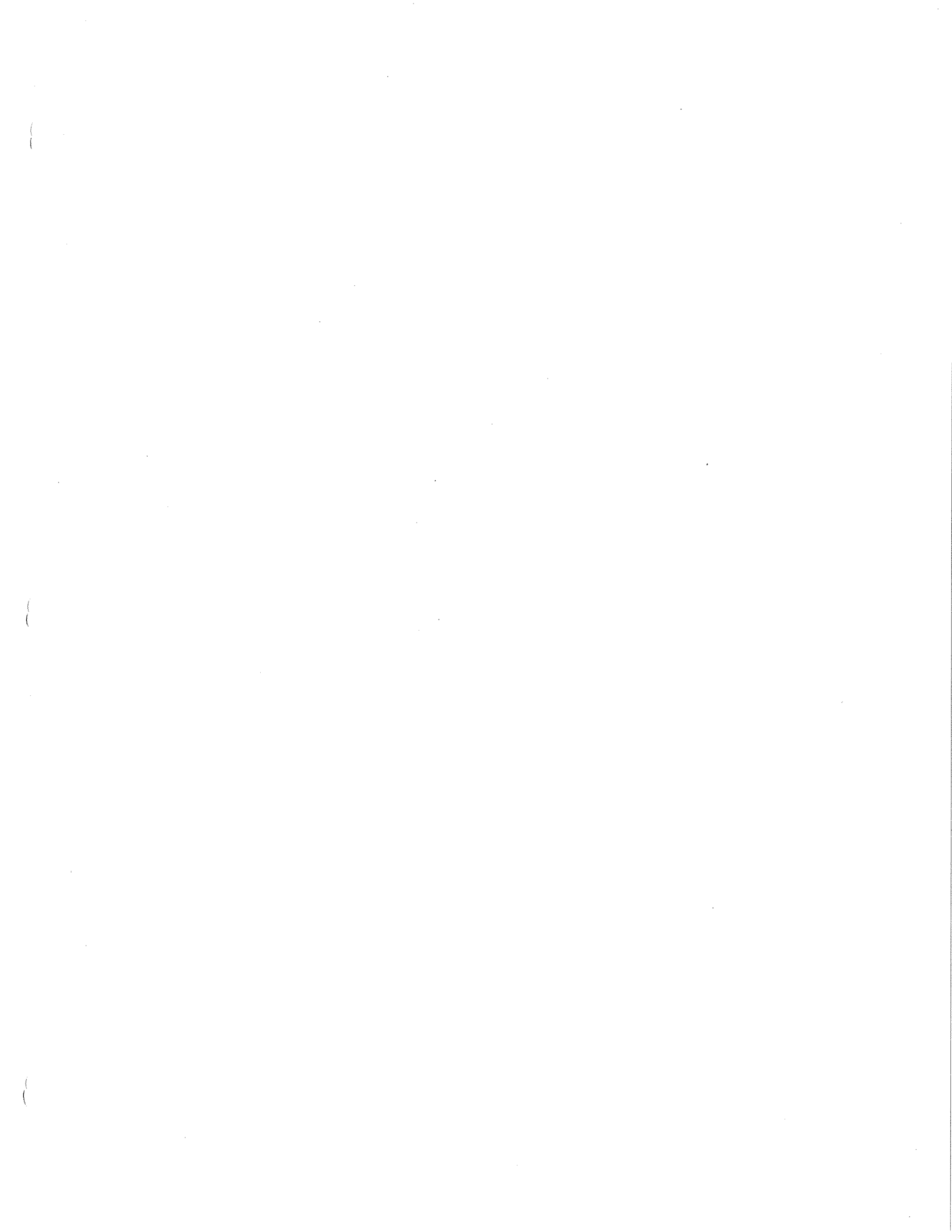
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alluviation

n

/ əˌlʊvɪˈeɪʃən /

L

the process that results in deposits of clay, silt, sand, or gravel at places in rivers or estuaries where stream velocity is decreased.

The effects of alluviation can be seen along the banks of a large river.

almond

n

/ ˈä(l)mənd /

Gk > L > F > E

the fruit of a small tree; especially : the nutlike stone or kernel of this tree.

The almond is a nut that is easy to crack.

almoner

n

/ ˈälmənə(r) /

L > F > E

one who distributes charitable gifts, often for another.

In his role as the king's almoner, Jared tossed a few pennies to the audience.

alnico

n

/ ˈälnəˌkō /

L + G > Sw + G

a powerful permanent-magnet alloy containing iron, nickel, aluminum, and one or more of the elements cobalt, copper, and titanium.

Mr. Arkin's factory makes industrial magnets from alnico.

aloof

adj

/ əˈlʊf /

E + D? > F > E

removed or distant either physically or spiritually and usually by choice and with indifference to the feelings, opinions, or interests of others.

Greg's aloof personality discouraged his gregarious colleagues.

alopecia

n

/ ˌäləˈpēsh(ē)ə /

Gk

loss of hair, wool, or feathers : baldness.

Prescription drugs such as minoxidil have had limited success in treating alopecia.

alpaca

n

/ ˈäpəkə /

Aymara > Sp

an animal like a llama with fine long woolly hair and domesticated in Peru and adjacent countries.

The petting zoo featured four goats, an alpaca, a pony, and three lambs.

alpenglow

n

/ ˈälpəŋˌglō /

G + E

a reddish glow or sometimes the entire series of light phenomena seen near sunset or sunrise on the summits of mountains.

Jocelyn and Ruth enjoyed the rich alpenglow from the balcony of their cabin.

alphabet

altazimuth

n

/ ˈältəzəˌməθ /

L + Ar > L

an instrument consisting of a telescope mounted so that it can swing horizontally and vertically.

Josh saw an antique altazimuth in the maritime museum.

altercation

n

/ ˌältə(r)ˈkāʃən /

L

dispute carried on with feeling (as anger).

Police broke up a minor altercation between two street vendors.

altiplano

n

/ ˈältəˈplä(ˌ)nō /

L > Sp

a high plateau or plain : tableland.

A cold northerly wind over the altiplano heralded the arrival of winter.

altitude

n

/ ˈältəˌtʊd /

L > E

position at a height.

When the plane suddenly lost altitude, the pilot told the passengers to fasten their seat belts.

altogether

adv

/ ˌältəˈgeθə(r) /

E

wholly, completely, thoroughly.

The suffragettes argued that it was altogether fit and proper that women have the right to vote.

altruism

altruistically

alveolate

adj

/ ˈälˈvēələt /

L + Ecf

pitted like a honeycomb.

The porous sandstone had an alveolate surface.

amadelphous

amalgam

n

/ əˈmälɡəm /

Ar? > L > F

an alloy of mercury with another metal.

Because mercury will form an amalgam with most other metals, it can be used to extract them from ore.

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amanuensis

n
/ əˌmʌnyəˈwen(t)səs /

L
one who is employed to write from dictation or to copy what another has written.

During the six weeks that Chrissie's arm was in a cast, she completed her homework with her mother as her amanuensis.

amaryllis

n
/ ˌɑməˈrɪləs /

L name
any of several African bulbous herbs grown for their large showy flowers.

Deborah's amaryllis bloomed just in time for the December holidays.

amateur

amber
n
/ ˈʌmbə(r) /

Ar > L > F
a very hard yellowish to brownish translucent fossil resin that takes a fine polish.

Sarah was delighted when her mother gave her some earrings made of amber.

ambidextrous

ambiguity
n
/ ˌʌmbəˈɡjuːədē /

L
the condition of admitting of two or more meanings, of being understood in more than one way, or of referring to two or more things at the same time.

The ambiguity of Mr. Mitchell's essay questions encouraged creative interpretations.

ambivalent

adj
/ ʌmˈbɪvələnt /

L
characterized by, suggestive of, motivated by, or exhibiting contradictory emotional or psychological attitude.
Because Tad has a grueling job lined up, he is ambivalent about the upcoming summer vacation.

amblyopia

n
/ ˌʌmblēˈɒpiə /

Gk
dimness of sight without apparent change in the eye structures associated especially with the toxic effects of certain drugs or chemicals or with dietary deficiencies.

The doctor told Henry to quit smoking if he wanted his amblyopia to improve.

ambrosia

n
/ ʌmˈbrɔʒh(ē)ə /

Gk > F
a dessert of a fruit or of mixed fruits topped with shredded coconut.

Cyrus's favorite dessert is his grandmother's ambrosia.

ambulation

ambuscade

ambush

ameliorate
v
/ əˈmɛljəˌrɑːt /

L
make better : improve.
Activists lobbied to ameliorate prison conditions.

amelioration

n
/ əˌmɛljəˈræʃən /

L
the act of making better or the state of being made better : improvement.

The committee submitted its recommendations for the amelioration of the undesirable conditions at the overcrowded school.

amenable

adj
/ əˈmɛnəbəl /

L > F
readily brought to yield or submit : responsive, tractable.

Horst is amenable to any ideas for the prom's theme.

amendment

n
/ əˈmɛn(d)mənt /

L + Ecf
the process of changing or modifying in any way for the better (as a motion, bill, act, or constitution).

A well-drafted constitution will provide for its own amendment.

amertoy

n
/ ˈʌmə(r)tɔɪ /

E geog name + E
a small terrierlike dog having a short sleek satiny coat and weighing between six and ten pounds.

Ricky was forever chasing Trixie, the family amertoy, out of the flower beds.

amethyst

amiable

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amicable

adj
/ 'aməkəbəl /

L
characterized by or as if by friendship and goodwill.
Carla and Jeanine have had an amicable relationship since they settled their initial dispute.

amice

n
/ 'aməs /

L
[has near homonyms: amas, amiss]
a liturgical vestment consisting of an oblong piece of cloth usually of white linen, worn about the neck and shoulders and partly under the alb.
Father Patrick put on a fresh white amice before serving mass.

amiss

amity

n
/ 'amədē /

L
friendship and goodwill, especially as characterized by mutual acceptance and tolerance of potentially antagonistic standpoints or aims.
The natural amity between Avital and her sister has helped them maintain strong ties through many family disagreements.

ammeter

n
/ 'a(m).medə(r) /
F + Gk

[has near homonym: amateur] an instrument for measuring electric current.
Perry and Ayrton's ammeter helped measure the efficiency of the battery.

ammonia

amnesia

n
/ am'nēzhə /

Gk
loss of memory : forgetfulness.
Alice suffered from amnesia as the result of a head injury.

amole

n
/ ə'mōlē /
Nahuatl > Sp
any of a number of plants utilized as a source of soap.
The discovery of an amole created much excitement among the castaways.

amortization

amphibian

n
/ am'fībēən /
Gk

[has homonym: amphibion] an animal or plant accustomed or adapted to life both on land and in the water.
The frog is perhaps the best-known amphibian.

amphibious

amphora

n
/ 'amfərə /
Gk > L
a Greek unit of capacity equal to 10.3 gallons or 39 liters.
The group ordered 1 amphora of punch for the Antiquity Party.

ampicillin

n
/ ampə'silən /
ISV
a penicillin that is effective against gram-negative and gram-positive bacteria and is used to treat various infections of the urinary, respiratory, and intestinal tracts.
Pneumonia has been successfully treated with ampicillin.

amulet

n
/ 'amyələt /

L
an inscribed charm believed to protect or aid the wearer.
The archaeologist discovered an amulet in the tomb of an ancient Egyptian ruler.

amuse

v
/ ə'myüz /

L > F
entertain or occupy in a pleasant manner.
The children seemed to tumble about and amuse themselves like good-natured collie puppies.

amygdaline

adj
/ ə'migdəlɪn /
Gk

of or relating to a tonsil.
Because of a persistent amygdaline infection, Lana checked into the hospital to have her tonsils removed.

anabasis

n
/ ə'nabəsəs /
Gk

a going or marching up; especially : a military advance.
Hannibal is famous for his remarkable anabasis across the Alps into Italy.

anabibazon

n
/ anə'bībəzən /
Gk

the ascending node of the Moon's orbit with the ecliptic.
Lars waited for the Moon to reach its anabibazon so he could confirm his findings.

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anabolic

adj

/ˌanəˈbælik/

Gk + Gk

relating to, characterized by, or promoting constructive metabolism.

The weightlifter was disqualified after it was discovered he had used anabolic steroids.

anachronism

anachronous

anaconda

n

/ˌanəˈkændə/

Singhalese

a large arboreal snake of the boa family of tropical South America.

The anaconda has been known to forage in trees for birds.

anaglyph

n

/ˈanəɡlɪf/

Gk

a stereoscopic still or moving picture producing a three-dimensional effect when viewed through colored filters.

Troy begged his parents to take him to the newest anaglyph at the IMAX theater.

anagnorisis

n

/ˌanəɡˈnɔːrəsɪs/

Gk

an incident or solution of plot in tragedy in which the main character recognizes his or her own or some other character's true identity or discovers the true nature of his or her own situation.

The moment of anagnorisis occurs when the boy finds out he is actually the king's son.

anagogic

adj

/ˌanəˈɡæjɪk/

Gk > L

having a spiritual meaning or a sense referring to the heavenly life.

Terrance recited anagogic poems by a Greek mystic.

analects

analemma

n

/ˌanəˈlemə/

Gk

a graduated scale shaped like a figure 8 and showing the Sun's declination for each day of the year usually constituting part of a sundial and often shown on globes. *Katrina consulted the sundial's analemma to calculate the correct time.*

analgesic

analogy

n

/əˈnæləʒi/

Gk

a figure of speech involving an extended or elaborate comparison between two things or situations. *Hugo used an analogy to illustrate his point, but no one understood the analogy either.*

analysand

n

/əˈnæləsənd/

Gk + L > Ecf

one that is analyzed; specifically : one who is undergoing psychoanalysis.

The psychotherapist encouraged the analysand to unburden herself of her anxieties.

anonym

n

/ˈanənim/

Gk

[has homonym: anonym] a fictitious name consisting of the real name written backwards.

Pat often uses the anonym Tap when writing secret messages to her friends.

anaphora

n

/əˈnaf(ə)rə/

Gk

repetition of a word or words at the beginning of two or more successive clauses or verses.

"The voice of the Lord" occurred three times in anaphora in the psalm Julie read.

anarchy

n

/ˈanə(r)ki/

Gk > L

a state of lawlessness or political disorder due to the absence of governmental authority.

After the revelation of election fraud, some observers feared that the tiny republic would succumb to anarchy.

anastomosis

n

/əˈnastəˈmɔːsɪs/

Gk

a joining of the parts of a branched system.

Hal pointed out the anastomosis in the veined mulberry leaf.

anastrophe

n

/əˈnɑːstrə(ː)fi/

Gk

inversion of the usual syntactical order of words for rhetorical effect.

In the poem "Jabberwocky," the line "So rested he by the TumTum tree" is an example of anastrophe.

anathema

n

/əˈnathəmə/

Gk

one that is cursed by ecclesiastical authority.

The Sixth Ecumenical Council pronounced Pope Honorius anathema in A.D. 681.

anautia

n

/əˈnɔːdiə/

Gk

loss of voice : inability to articulate.

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A blow to the throat can cause temporary anaudia.

anautogenous

ancestor

anchovy

n

/ 'an.chōvē /

Gk > L? > It > Sp

any of a number of small herringlike fishes; especially : a common Mediterranean form esteemed for its rich and peculiar flavor.

Joshua informed his mother that one anchovy had rendered the entire pizza inedible.

ancillary

adj

/ 'ans.ə.lerē /

L

serving to aid or assist : auxiliary : supplementary.

Electronic media usually include radio, film, and television, as well as the ancillary industries of audio and video recording.

anecdote

n

/ 'anik.dōt /

F&Gk

a usually short narrative of an interesting, amusing, or curious incident.

The speaker's presentation ended with a touching anecdote.

anemochore

n

/ ə'neməkō(ə)r /

Gk > F + Gk

a plant that has seeds or spores adapted to distribution by wind.

The dandelion is a familiar anemochore.

anemometer

n

/ anə'māmədə(r) /

Gk > F + Gk > Ecf

an instrument for measuring and indicating the force or speed of the wind.

The anemometer spun furiously as the hurricane approached.

anemone

n

/ ə'nemənē /

Heb name > Gk

a plant or flower of a widely distributed genus of plants with showy flowers that lack petals but have showy sepals.

Xantha picked an anemone from the flower bed.

aneroid

adj

/ 'anə'rōid /

Gk > F

containing no liquid or functioning without the use of liquid.

Tasha carefully monitored the aneroid manometer throughout the course of the experiment.

anglaise

adj

/ ʌŋ'glāz /

Gmc > F

boiled and served without sauce.

Carrots anglaise are not very tasty.

anguish

anhydride

anise

n

/ 'anəs /

Gk

an herb cultivated for its aromatic seeds.

The flavor of anise is similar to that of licorice.

anisette

ankh

n

/ 'aŋk /

Egypt

a cross having a loop instead of an upper vertical arm used especially in ancient Egypt.

Roger's first discovery as an Egyptian archeologist was a gold ankh.

anklet

anneal

annihilate

v

/ ə'nī.əl.āt /

L

destroy a considerable part of.
Armyworms can annihilate a beautiful lawn in just a few days.

anniversary

n

/ .anə'vərs(ə)rē /

L

the annual recurrence of a date marking an event or occurrence of notable importance.

Next Thursday will be the 23rd anniversary of our family grocery store's first day of operation.

annotation

annoyance

n

/ ə'nōiən(t)s /

F > E

a source of vexation or irritation : bothersome disturbance.

Vera enjoyed raking leaves on the warm autumn day, but the loud music from the neighbor's yard was an annoyance.

annual

annuity

n

/ ə'n(y)üədē /

L

an amount payable yearly or at other regular intervals (as quarterly) for a certain or uncertain period.

Carl's grandparents set up a trust fund that will provide him with an annuity for the next 20 years.

annul

v

/ ə'nəl /

L > F > E

cause to cease to exist : reduce to nothing.

The legislator's motion to annul the out-of-date law met with the approval of his colleagues.

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swivel

v

/ 'swivəl /

E

turn or pivot freely.

Frank chose an office chair that could swivel and tilt.

sybaritic

adj

/ ,sibə'ridik /

Gk geog name

marked by or given to luxury or voluptuous living.

The duke's sybaritic bathroom had marble sinks with gold fixtures, floor-to-ceiling mirrors, and a whirlpool bath.

sybaritically

adv

/ ,sibə'ridək(ə)lē /

Gk > L > E

in a luxurious or voluptuous manner.

Dana reclined sybaritically on the velvet sofa.

sycamine

sychnocarpous

adj

/ ,sɪknə'kɑ:pəs /

Gk + Gk > L > E

able to produce fruit repeatedly.

The apple and pear are sychnocarpous trees.

sycophant

syllable

syllabus

n

/ 'siləbəs /

Gk > L

a compendium or summary outline of a discourse, course of study, or examination requirements.

After reading the syllabus for the seminar, Brad realized he had made a terrible mistake by enrolling.

syllogism

n

/ 'siləjɪzəm /

Gk

a brief form of argument that consists of two statements and a conclusion that must be true if these two statements are true.

The following argument is a syllogism: All lawbreakers deserve punishment. This person is a lawbreaker. Therefore, this person deserves punishment.

syllogize

v

/ 'siləjɪz /

GK > L > E

deduce something by analysis of a formal argument that consists of a major premise, a minor premise, and a conclusion.

To teach logical thinking, Mr. Canby had the class syllogize the philosopher's argument.

sylph

n

/ 'sɪlf /

unknown > L

a slender woman or girl of light and graceful carriage.

One sylph after another joined the growing circle of ballerinas on the stage.

symballophone

symbiosis

n

/ ,sɪmbē'ɒsəs /

Gk + Gk

the intimate living together of two dissimilar organisms in any of various mutually beneficial relationships.

Some insects depend on symbiosis with bacteria to supplement otherwise nutrient-poor diets.

symbol

symmetry

symminct

sympathy

symphony

n

/ 'sɪm(p)fənē /

Gk + Gk

an elaborate instrumental composition usually in sonata form for full orchestra.

The concert program featured a symphony by Gustav Mahler.

symposiarch

synchronicity

n

/ ,sɪŋkrən'nēədē /

Gk + Ecf

the state of happening, existing, or arising at the same time.

The fireworks display was a spectacle of synchronicity.

syncopation

n

/ ,sɪŋkə'pəʃən /

Gk > L

a temporary displacement or shifting of the regular metrical accent in a musical composition. *Syncopation is typical of much Eastern European folk dance music.*

syncope

n

/ 'sɪŋkə(,)pē /

Gk

a partial or complete temporary suspension of respiration and circulation : faint, swoon.

Unexplained dizziness and syncope occasionally occur on arrival at high altitude.

syndicate

n

/ 'sɪndəkət /

L

a loose association of racketeers in control of organized crime.

The police have spent years trying to get evidence to convict the head of the local crime syndicate.

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synecdoche

n
/ sá'nekdə(,)kē /
Gk

a figure of speech by which a part is put for the whole or vice versa.
Fifty sail is a synecdoche for fifty ships.

synod

n
/ 'sinəd /
Gk > L > E

an ecclesiastical council : a formal meeting to consult and decide on church matters.
Karl is an active participant in the regional Presbyterian synod.

synopsis

n
/ sá'näpsəs /
Gk

a brief orderly outline affording a general view.
Marvin read a plot synopsis before he saw Macbeth.

synoptophore

n
/ sá'näptə.fō(ə)r /
Gk

an instrument for diagnosing imbalance of eye muscles.
The ophthalmologist prescribed eye exercises to correct the muscular imbalance detected by the synoptophore.

syntax

synthesis

n
/ 'sin(t)thəsəs /
Gk

composition or combination of parts or elements so as to form a whole.

Language arts is a synthesis of reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills.

syringe

n
/ sá'rinj /
Gk > L > E

a device used to inject fluids into or withdraw them from the body or its cavities.

Cameron let the toddler use an old ear syringe as a bathtub toy.

syzygy

n
/ 'sizəjē /
Gk

the nearly straight-line configuration of three celestial bodies in a gravitational system.
Tides are highest when the Sun, Moon, and Earth are in syzygy.

tabby

tabernacle

n
/ 'tabə(r).nakəl /
L > F > E

a meetinghouse with a large assembly hall.

The town meeting will be held at the tabernacle.

tabetisol

n
/ tə'bedəsəl /
L + Ecf

unfrozen ground above, within, or below the permanently frozen ground.

Arctic wildflowers are able to survive in areas of tabetisol.

tableau

n
/ 'tablō /
F

[Note: Plural form can be pronounced similarly.] a static depiction usually presented on a stage with participants in appropriate costume.

The final scene is a tableau in which the family is gathered at the gravesite.

tabloidism

tabulable

tachometer

n
/ ta'kämədə(r) /
Gk

a device for indicating the speed of rotation.

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n
/ ta'kigrəfē /
Gk > F

the art or practice of rapid writing.
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/ 'tasətərn /
L > F

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synecdoche

n
/ sə'nekdə(,)kē /
Gk

a figure of speech by which a part is put for the whole or vice versa.
Fifty sail is a synecdoche for fifty ships.

synod

n
/ 'sɪnəd /
Gk > L > E

an ecclesiastical council : a formal meeting to consult and decide on church matters.
Karl is an active participant in the regional Presbyterian synod.

synopsis

n
/ sə'näpsəs /
Gk

a brief orderly outline affording a general view.
Marvin read a plot synopsis before he saw Macbeth.

synoptophore

n
/ sə'näptəf(ə)r /
Gk

an instrument for diagnosing imbalance of eye muscles.
The ophthalmologist prescribed eye exercises to correct the muscular imbalance detected by the synoptophore.

syntax

synthesis

n
/ 'sɪn(t)θəsəs /
Gk

composition or combination of parts or elements so as to form a whole.
Language arts is a synthesis of reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills.

syringe

n
/ sə'rɪnj /
Gk > L > E

a device used to inject fluids into or withdraw them from the body or its cavities.
Cameron let the toddler use an old ear syringe as a bathtub toy.

syzygy

n
/ 'sɪzəj /
Gk

the nearly straight-line configuration of three celestial bodies in a gravitational system.
Tides are highest when the Sun, Moon, and Earth are in syzygy.

tabby

tabernacle

n
/ 'tabə(r),nəkəl /
L > F > E

a meetinghouse with a large assembly hall.
The town meeting will be held at the tabernacle.

tabetisol

n
/ tə'bedə,səl /
L + Ecf

unfrozen ground above, within, or below the permanently frozen ground.
Arctic wildflowers are able to survive in areas of tabetisol.

tableau

n
/ 'ta.blō /
F

[Note: Plural form can be pronounced similarly.] a static depiction usually presented on a stage with participants in appropriate costume.
The final scene is a tableau in which the family is gathered at the gravesite.

tabloidism

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taiga

n
/ 'tīgə /
Turkish > Russ
[has near homonym: tiger]
swampy coniferous forest of
Siberia beginning where the tundra
ends.
*Olga's great-grandfather was born
in a cabin on the edge of the taiga
and grew up playing among spruce
and fir trees.*

tailgate

takkanah

talcum

talebearer

talipes

n
/ 'taləpēz /
L
a congenital deformity of the foot
in which the forepart is twisted into
one of several directions : clubfoot.
*Gordon's talipes was so severe that
surgery was needed to adjust the
tendons and bones of his foot.*

talisman

n
/ 'taləsmən /
Gk > Ar > It > Sp > F
an object thought to act as a charm
to avert evil and bring good
fortune.
*Vern showed us his rabbit's foot,
which he claimed was an effective
talisman.*

talkathon

tallow

n
/ 'ta(ɪ)lō /
E
the rendered fat of cattle and sheep
that is used chiefly in making soap,
glycerol, margarine, candles, and
lubricants.
*Inside of her little tent, the fortune
teller began to shuffle her cards by
the light of a candle made from
tallow.*

tallowy

Talmudic

adj
/ tal'm(y)üdik /
Heb
of, relating to, or characteristic of
the authoritative body of Jewish
law and custom developed on the
basis of the scriptural law.
*The novel was full of Talmudic
lore.*

taloned

tamale

n
/ tə'mälē /
Nahuatl > Sp
ground meat seasoned with chili or
other filling, rolled up in cornmeal
dough, wrapped in corn husks, and
steamed.
*Rosita ordered a tamale, two tacos,
and a burrito from the street
vendor.*

tamarack

tambourine

tamburello

tandem

tangerine

n
/ tanjə'rēn /
Moroccan geog name
a variable color ranging from
moderate reddish orange to vivid or
strong orange.
*To Petra, the most beautiful color
of mum is tangerine.*

tangible

adj
/ 'tanjəbəl /
L
capable of being touched.
*The black darkness of the night
seemed to have a tangible quality.*

tangy

adj
/ 'taŋē /
Scand > E + Ecf
having a particularly pungent odor.
*The burning pile of old tires will
leave the air tangy for several days.*

tantalize

v
/ 'tant'līz /
Gk name
tease or torment by presenting
something to the view and exciting
desire but continually frustrating
the expectations by keeping it out
of reach.
*Philip used a rod and reel to
tantalize the kitten with a toy mouse
tied to the fishing line.*

tantamount

adj
/ 'tantə.maunt /
L > F > AF > E
equivalent in value, significance, or
effect.
*Because of inflation, Jamie's
meager raise was tantamount to a
pay reduction.*

tantivy

adv
/ tan'tivē /
unknown
in a headlong dash.
*Patsy ran tantivy toward second
base after the bunt.*

tapestry

n
/ 'tapəstrē /
Gk > F > E + Ecf
a heavy handwoven textile for
hangings, curtains, and upholstery.
*Teresa admired the vivid colors of
the tapestry hanging in the
corridor.*

taphephobia

n
/ 'təfə'fəbēə /
Gk
fear of being buried alive.
*After reading Edgar Allan Poe's
"The Cask of Amontillado," Mr.
Gallo developed a bad case of
taphephobia.*

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tapir

n

/ 'tāpə(r) /

Tupi

[has homonym: taper] any of a genus of chiefly nocturnal hoofed mammals of tropical America and Myanmar to Sumatra that have the snout and upper lip prolonged into a short flexible proboscis.

The tapir is both a browser and a grazer, feeding on leaves, twigs, and fruits, as well as on grasses.

tarantula

n

/ tə'ranch(ə)lə /

It geog name

any of a family of large hairy spiders that are capable of biting but are not significantly poisonous to humans.

Alexander's friend tried in vain to convince him to get a pet tarantula.

tardigrade

adj

/ 'tārdəgrād /

L

moving or stepping slowly.

The sloth is a well-known tardigrade animal.

tariff

n

/ 'tarəf /

Ar > It

the duty or rate of duty imposed by a government on imported or exported goods.

A high tariff protects the home industries from foreign competition.

tarmac

n

/ 'tār.mak /

(E + Brit name) > trademark

a road, apron, or runway made of asphalt.

Neil's suitcase fell out of the airplane and its contents spilled out onto the tarmac.

tarpaulin

n

/ tār'pōlən /

E + E

a piece of material (as durable plastic) used for protecting exposed objects or areas.

When rain began during the second inning of the baseball game, the ground crew rolled out the tarpaulin to protect the field.

tarragon

n

/ 'tarəgän /

Ar > L > F

a small European perennial wormwood grown for its aromatic foliage that is used in cooking.

Paul planted tarragon in his herb garden.

tartar

n

/ 'tārdər /

L

[has homonym and near

homonyms: tarter and tartare, Tatar] an incrustation on the teeth consisting of salivary secretion, food residue, and various salts.

The hygienist carefully removed the tartar from Rekha's teeth.

tassel

tatami

n

/ tətāmē /

Jpn

a straw matting used as a floor covering in a Japanese home.

The Japanese restaurant had a special room in which patrons could sit on a tatami while dining.

tatterdemalion

adj

/ tādə(r)də'mālyən /

Scand > E + unknown

ragged or disreputable in dress or appearance.

No one would have guessed that the tatterdemalion fellow is a millionaire.

tattersall

n

/ 'tādə(r)səl /

E name

a fabric having a pattern of colored lines forming squares of solid background.

Jeanne bought a blue-and-white tattersall to make into a skirt.

tattletale

n

/ 'tād'tāl /

D + E

one that blabs or tells secrets.

Erica's official title is "social reporter," but Will considers her a plain old tattletale.

taught

taunt

v

/ 'tōnt /

F? > E

reproach in a mocking or insulting manner : jeer at.

Spectators on the sidewalk began to taunt the suspect as he exited the van.

tauntingly

taupe

n

/ 'tōp /

L > F

[has homonym: tope] a light brownish gray.

It took some time, but Pam finally matched the taupe of her dress to a pair of shoes.

tauromachy

n

/ tō'rāməkē /

Gk + Gk

the art or practice of bullfighting.

The toreador is well known for his slow, dignified style of tauromachy.

taut

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tautology

n
/ tō'täləjē /
Gk
an instance of needless or meaningless repetition in close succession of an idea, statement, or word.
The phrase a beginner who has just started is a tautology.

tautophony

n
/ tō'täfənē /
Gk
repetition of the same sound.
The insistent tautophony of Josh's alarm clock finally woke him up.

tawdrily

adv
/ tō'drälē /
name > E
in a cheap and gaudy manner.
The tawdrily dressed actress signed autographs outside her hotel.

tawdry

taxation

tazza

technetronic

technical

tedious

tektite

telamon

n
/ 'teləmān /
Gk > L
a male figure used as a supporting column or pilaster.
While in Athens, Anita had her picture taken beside a telamon.

telecine

telegnosis

n
/ .telə'nōsəs /
Gk + Gk
knowledge of distant happenings obtained by occult or unknown means : clairvoyance.
The psychic claimed to have telegnosis of events happening on the other side of the Atlantic.

telephone

n
/ 'teləfōn /
Gk + Gk
a device for reproducing sounds, especially articulate speech, at a distance.
Ginger's parents asked her to limit her time on the telephone to three 15-minute conversations per night.

telesis

n
/ 'teləsəs /
Gk
progress intelligently planned and directed.
The mayor revealed the city council's ten-year plan for telesis at the press conference.

telltale

temerarious

adj
/ temə'ra(a)rēəs /
L
rashly or presumptuously daring : reckless.
Mrs. Jasper punished Tim for his temerarious behavior by withholding certain privileges.

temerity

n
/ tə'merədē /
L
unreasonable or foolhardy contempt of danger or opposition.
The private with the temerity to speak up against the sergeant's bullying was assigned to KP indefinitely.

temperament

temperate

adj
/ 'temp(ə)rət /
L > E
having a moderate climate.
All of the United States, except for Hawaii and parts of Alaska and Florida, lies within the temperate zone.

tempest

tempestuous

adj
/ tem'pes(h)chəwəs /
L
of, involving, or resembling a furious storm.
The tempestuous action of wind and waves imperiled the ships.

tempura

n
/ .tempə'rä /
Jpn
[has near homonym: tempera]
fritters of seafood and vegetables fried in deep fat.
The waiter brought a small dish of vegetable tempura as an appetizer.

tenacious

adj
/ tə'nāshəs /
L > E
holding fast or tending to hold fast.
Marjorie is tenacious in her belief that her cousin was abducted by aliens and replaced by an impostor.

tenacity

n
/ tə'nasədē /
L
the quality or state of holding fast : determination, firmness, persistence.
Randy's tenacity often made him seem stubborn.

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tenaculum

n

/ tənəkələm /

L

a slender sharp-pointed hook attached to a handle and used mainly in surgery for seizing and holding parts (as arteries).

Connie slipped the tenaculum under the patient's carotid artery.

tendency

n

/ 'tendənsē /

L

a proneness to or readiness for a particular kind of thought or action.

Tom's tendency to say exactly what he feels has gotten him into trouble several times.

tenderloin

tendon

n

/ 'tendən /

L

a tough cord of specialized fibrous connective tissue that unites a muscle with some other part and transmits the force which the muscle exerts.

The team doctor said that Larry's Achilles tendon was inflamed and that he shouldn't run in Saturday's race.

tendresse

n

/ tãdres /

F

tender feeling : fondness.

Sarah portrayed the sister who, in maidenly fashion, conceals her tendresse for the hero.

tenebrific

adj

/ .tenəbrifik /

L + Ecf + L > Ecf

causing gloom or darkness.

Tenebrific rain clouds overshadowed the entire region.

tenebrosity

n

/ .tenəbräsədē /

L

darkness.

Nocturnal animals moved silently through the tenebrosity of the forest.

tenement

tenet

n

/ 'tenət /

L

[has near homonym: tenant] a principle, dogma, belief, or doctrine generally held to be true; especially : one held in common by members of a group or profession.

The basic tenet of Central High's Key Club is that community service benefits everyone.

tennis

n

/ 'tenıs /

L > AF > E

[has homonym: tenace] a typically outdoor game that is played with rackets and a light elastic ball by two players or pairs of players on a level court divided by a low net.

Jeannine is so eager to learn to play tennis that she is willing to pay for lessons out of her allowance.

tenon

n

/ 'tenən /

L > F > E

a projecting member in a piece of wood or other material for insertion into a mortise to make a joint.

Curtis used his jigsaw to cut a tenon on each board of the box he was making.

tensible

adj

/ 'ten(t)səbəl /

L

capable of being extended.

The old rubber band was not very tensible.

tensile

tension

tentacle

n

/ 'tentəkəl /

L

one of the arms of a cephalopod.

In the horror movie the giant octopus tried to grab the heroine with a long tentacle.

tentative

tentatively

adv

/ 'tentədəvle /

L

in a hesitant or uncertain manner.

Janna smiled tentatively, not knowing if she should show her happiness.

tenuous

adj

/ 'tenyəwəs /

L

having little substance or strength : flimsy, weak.

The prosecutor's case was so tenuous that the judge dismissed the charge against the defendant.

tepid

adj

/ 'tepəd /

L

marked by an absence of enthusiasm or conviction.

The debate drew a tepid response from the audience.

teratism

n

/ 'terətizəm /

Gk + Ecf

fascination with monsters.

Monster movies appeal to the teratism of the viewing public.

teratogenic

adj

/ .terətōjenik /

Gk

tending to cause developmental malformations.

Sylvia carefully avoided any potentially teratogenic drugs during her pregnancy.

1. משרד
2. מגרש
3. דרך
4. שואפים
5. בית מדרש
6. הכנה לשבת
7. מעגל
8. אומנות
9. נגרות
10. שחייה

In the final round, when a kid mis-spells a word, he/she is given a HEBREW word to spell. If he/she spells it correctly, he/she can stay in the game!