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Preface

This dictionary defines more than 37,000 words and phrases that reflect the vocabulary level, curriculum requirements, and personal interests of students. This newly updated version adds dozens of new words students are likely to encounter in their everyday life, including *aha moment*, *BFF*, *carbon footprint*, *chat room*, *e-book*, *FAQ*, *google*, *hashtag*, *ringtone*, *selfie*, and *unfriend*. We have also included special Canadian and British spellings, such as *colour* and *endeavour* when they differ from the usual spelling in the U.S.

In addition to the dictionary proper, in the back are sections of up-to-date information on the U.S., Canada, and other countries of the world as well as information on the making of U.S. laws, on U.S. presidents, and important events in American history.

We are proud of this dictionary, and we think it will be a great help to young students. The features of this dictionary are similar to those of larger dictionaries. It is important to understand them to make best use of this valuable language tool. For this reason we urge you to become familiar with the information in the next section, Using the Dictionary.

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The **bold** word that begins an entry is known as the main entry word. All of the material in the entry is related to the main entry word or to derived words or phrases that also appear in the entry.

co-la *n, pl co-las* : a sweet brown carbonated soft drink that contains flavoring from the nut of a tropical tree

icon *n . . . 4* : a small picture or symbol on a computer screen that represents a function that the computer can perform

Centered dots in the bold forms show where the words may be hyphenated at the end of a line on a page, and they may serve as an aid in sounding out the words.

Other bold forms may appear in this entry, such as **variant spellings** and **inflected forms** of the main entry word. Inflected forms are the plurals of nouns, the principal parts of verbs, or the comparative and superlative forms of adjectives.

¹**down-ward** *or down-wards* *adv* : from a higher place, amount, or level to a lower one

²**witness** *vb* **wit-nessed; wit-ness-ing 1** : to see or gain personal knowledge of something . . .

Other bold items in the entry may be defined **run-on phrases** that have the main entry word in the phrase, and **run-in entries** that are being explained in the definition itself.

¹**stand** *vb* **stood; stand-ing 1** : to be in or take an upright position . . . — **stand by 1** : to be or remain loyal or true to . . . — **stand for 1** : to be a symbol for : REPRESENT . . .

olive *n . . .* : the oily fruit of an evergreen tree that is eaten both ripe and unripe and is the source of an edible oil (**olive oil**) . . .

One of the more common bold forms appearing at an entry is the **undefined run-on entry**. This is a word at the end of an entry that is derived from the main entry by the addition of a common word ending (suffix).

af-fa-ble *adj* : friendly and easy to talk to — **af-fa-bly** *adv*

Since you know the meaning of the main entry word and the meaning of the suffix, the meaning of the run-on entry is self-explanatory.

The way a word is used in a sentence, its *function*, sometimes called its *part of speech*, is indicated by any of several *italic* abbreviations: *n* for *noun* (**cat, dog, mother**), *vb* for *verb* (**run, jump, cry**), *adj* for *adjective* (**blue, tall, happy**), *adv* for *adverb* (**easily, fast, nearby**), *pron* for *pronoun* (**who, them, none**), *conj* for *conjunction* (**and, but, if**), *prep* for

preposition (**about, for, to**), and *interj* for *interjection* (**hello, ahoy**). Others include *helping verb* (**may, can**), *prefix* (**anti-, bio-**), and *suffix* (**-age, -er, -graph**).

When there are two or more words that have the same spelling but are different in their meanings or how they function in a sentence, these are distinguished by a small superscript numeral in front of the spelling. The numeral is not part of the spelling; it is there in this dictionary to distinguish these identically spelled words (called **homographs**).

- ¹**calf** *n, pl calves* **1** : a young cow . . .
²**calf** *n, pl calves* : the muscular back part of the leg . . .
¹**dai-ly** *adj* **1** : occurring, done, produced, appearing, or used every day . . .
²**daily** *adv* : every day
³**daily** *n, pl dai-lies* : a newspaper published every weekday

One very important way a dictionary saves space when two or more words have the same meaning is by putting the definition at the more common word and linking to that entry by means of a cross-reference in SMALL CAPITALS. This treatment tells you to look at the entry for the word in small capitals for the definition, and it tells you that the entry word and the word in small capitals are synonyms.

Sometimes the synonym cross-reference is used in place of a definition and sometimes following a definition.

- lightning bug** *n* : FIREFLY
om-nip-o-tent *adj* : having power or authority
 without limit : ALMIGHTY . . .

When the synonym cross-reference has a following sense number or has a superscript homograph number attached, it tells you which specific sense number and which homograph to look to for the shared meaning.

- prince** *n* **1** : MONARCH I . . .
con-fi-den-tial *adj* **1** : ¹SECRET I . . .

There is a special treatment for Canadian (*Can*) and British (*Brit*) spelling variants. These variants are usually listed along with the U.S. spelling.

- cal-i-ber** or *Can and Brit* **cal-i-bre** *n* **1** : level of excellence, skill, or importance . . .
the-ater or *chiefly Can and Brit* **the-atre** *n* **1** : a building in which plays, motion pictures, or shows are presented . . .

The *or Can and Brit* at **caliber** indicates that the following spelling is the typical spelling in Canada and Britain and is relatively uncommon in the U.S.; the *or chiefly Can and Brit* at **theater** indicates that the following spelling, while typical in Canada and Britain, has some currency in the U.S.

When the Canadian or British spelling would fall more than five entries away, it is also reentered with a cross-reference to the main entry.

- cheque** *Can and Brit spelling of* CHECK *n, sense 4*
plough, ploughshare *chiefly Brit spelling of*
 PLOW, PLOWSHARE

Your dictionary also guides you in the way a particular word is used. **Usage notes** may follow a definition or be used in place of a definition.

ath•let•ics *n pl* : games, sports, and exercises requiring strength, endurance, and skill — used as singular or plural

why *interj* — used to express surprise, uncertainty, approval, disapproval, or impatience

Guidance on capitalization for entries where the main entry word is not shown capitalized is usually shown by an italic note at the beginning of the definition.

french fry *n, often cap 1st F* : a strip of potato fried in deep fat

cpu *n, often cap C&P&U* : the part of a computer that does most of the processing of data

DICTIONARY

A

1 *a n, pl a's or as often cap* **1** : the first letter of the English alphabet **2** : a grade that shows a student's work is excellent **3** : a musical note referred to by the letter A

2 *a indefinite article* **1** : someone or something being mentioned for the first time **2** : the same **3** : ¹ANY **1** **4** : for or from each **5** : ²ONE **3** — used before words that do not begin with a vowel sound

a- *prefix* **1** : on : in : at **2** : in (such) a state, condition, or manner **3** : in the act or process of

aard-vark *n* : an African animal with a long snout and a long sticky tongue that feeds mostly on ants and termites and is active at night

AB *abbr* Alberta

ab- *prefix* : from : differing from

aback *adv* : by surprise

aba-cus *n, pl aba-ci or aba-cus-es* : an instrument for doing arithmetic by sliding counters along rods or in grooves

aba-lo-ne *n* : a shellfish that is a mollusk which has a flattened shell with a pearly lining

1 *aban-don vb aban-doned; aban-don-ing* **1** : to leave and never return to : give up completely **2** : to stop having or doing — **aban-don-ment** *n*

2 *abandon n* : a feeling of complete freedom
aban-doned *adj* : given up : left empty or unused

abash *vb* **abashed; abash-ing** : EMBARRASS

abate *vb* **abat-ed; abat-ing** : to make or become less — **abate-ment** *n*

ab-bess *n* : the head of an abbey for women

ab-bey *n, pl abbeys* **1** : MONASTERY, CONVENT **2** : a church that is connected to buildings where nuns or monks live

ab-bot *n* : the head of an abbey for men

abbr *abbr* abbreviation

ab-bre-vi-ate *vb* **ab-bre-vi-at-ed; ab-bre-vi-at-ing** : to make briefer : SHORTEN

ab-bre-vi-a-tion *n* : a shortened form of a word or phrase

ab-di-cate *vb* **ab-di-cat-ed; ab-di-cat-ing** : to give up a position of power or authority — **ab-di-ca-tion** *n*

ab-do-men *n* **1** : the part of the body between the chest and the hips including the cavity containing the stomach and other digestive organs **2** : the hind part of the body of an arthropod (as an insect)

ab-dom-i-nal *adj* : relating to or located in the abdomen

ab-duct *vb* **ab-duct-ed; ab-duct-ing** : to take

a person away by force : KIDNAP — **ab-duc-tion** *n*

abed *adv or adj* : in bed

ab-er-ra-tion *n* : an instance of being different from what is normal or usual

ab-hor *vb* **ab-hor-red; ab-hor-ring** : to dislike very much : LOATHE

ab-hor-rent *adj* : causing or deserving strong dislike

abide *vb* **abode or abid-ed; abid-ing** **1** : to put up with patiently : TOLERATE **2** : ¹LAST **1**, ENDURE **3** : to stay or live in a place — **abide by** : to accept the terms of : OBEY

abil-ity *n, pl abil-ities* **1** : power to do something **2** : natural talent or acquired skill

-abil-ty *also -ibil-ty* *n* *suffix, pl -abil-ities* *also -ibil-i-ties* : ability, fitness, or tendency to act or be acted upon in (such) a way

ab-ject *adj* **1** : very bad or severe **2** : low in spirit, strength, or hope — **ab-ject-ly** *adv*

ablaze *adj* **1** : on fire **2** : glowing with light, color, or emotion

able *adj* **abler; ablest** **1** : having enough power, resources, or skill to do something **2** : having the freedom or opportunity to do something **3** : having or showing much skill

-able *also -ible* *adj* *suffix* **1** : capable of, fit for, or worthy of being **2** : tending or likely to — **ably** *also -ibly* *adv* *suffix*

able-bod-ied *adj* : physically fit

ably *adv* : in a skillful way

ab-nor-mal *adj* : differing from the normal usually in a noticeable way — **ab-nor-mal-ly** *adv*

ab-nor-mal-ity *n, pl ab-nor-mal-ities* : something that is not usual, expected, or normal

1 *aboard* *adv* : on, onto, or within a ship, train, bus, or airplane

2 *aboard* *prep* : on or into especially for passage

1 *abode* *past of* ABIDE

2 *abode* *n* : the place where someone stays or lives

abol-ish *vb* **abol-ish-ed; abol-ish-ing** : to do away with : put an end to

ab-o-li-tion *n* : a complete elimination of
ab-o-li-tion-ist *n* : a person favoring the abolition of slavery

A-bomb *n* : ATOMIC BOMB

abom-i-na-ble *adj* **1** : deserving or causing disgust **2** : very disagreeable or unpleasant

— **abom-i-na-bly** *adv*

abominable snowman *n, often cap A&S* : a creature somewhat resembling a human being or ape that is reported to exist in the Himalaya mountains

abom-i-na-tion *n* : something that causes disgust

ab-orig-i-nal *adj* **1** : being the first of its kind in a region **2** : of or relating to the original people living in a region

ab-orig-i-ne *n, pl ab-orig-i-nes* : a member of the original people living in a region : NATIVE

abound *vb* **abounded**; **abound-ing** **1** : to be plentiful : TEEM **2** : to be fully supplied

about *adv* **1** : ALMOST, NEARLY **2** : on all sides : AROUND **3** : in the opposite direction **4** : on the verge of

about *prep* **1** : having to do with **2** : on every side of : AROUND **3** : over or in different parts of **4** : near or not far from in time

above *adv* : in or to a higher place

above *prep* **1** : higher than : OVER **2** : too good for **3** : more than **4** : to a greater degree than **5** : having more power or importance than

above *adj* : said or written earlier

above-board *adv* : in an honest open way

aboveboard *adj* : free from tricks and secrecy

ab-ra-ca-da-b-ra *n* : a magical charm or word
abrade *vb* **abraded**; **abrad-ing** : to wear away or irritate by rubbing

abrasive *n* : a substance for grinding, smoothing, or polishing

abrasive *adj* **1** : causing damage or wear by rubbing **2** : very unpleasant or irritating

abreast *adv or adj* **1** : right beside one another **2** : up to a certain level of knowledge

abridge *vb* **abridged**; **abridg-ing** : to shorten by leaving out some parts

abridgment *or abridgement* *n* : a shortened form of a written work

abroad *adv or adj* **1** : over a wide area **2** : in the open : OUTDOORS **3** : in or to a foreign country **4** : known to many people

abrupt *adj* **1** : happening without warning : SUDDEN **2** : ¹STEEP **1** **3** : rudely brief —

abruptly *adv* — **abrupt-ness** *n*

abscess *n* : a collection of pus with swollen and red tissue around it — **abscessed** *adj*

absence *n* **1** : a failure to be present at a usual or expected place **2** : ²LACK, WANT

absent *adj* **1** : not present **2** : not existing **3** : showing a lack of attention

absent-tee *n* : a person who is not present

absent-minded *adj* : tending to forget or not pay attention — **absent-minded-ly** *adv* — **absent-minded-ness** *n*

ab-so-lute *adj* **1** : ¹TOTAL **1**, COMPLETE **2** : not limited in any way **3** : free from doubt : CERTAIN — **ab-so-lute-ly** *adv*

ab-solve *vb* **ab-solved**; **ab-solv-ing** : to make free from guilt or responsibility

ab-sorb *vb* **ab-sorbed**; **ab-sorb-ing** **1** : to take in or swallow up **2** : to hold the complete attention of **3** : to receive without giving back

ab-sor-ben-cy *n* : the quality or state of being able to draw in or soak up

ab-sor-bent *adj* : able to draw in or soak up

ab-sorp-tion *n* **1** : the process of drawing in or soaking up : absorbing or being absorbed **2** : complete attention

ab-stain *vb* **ab-stained**; **ab-stain-ing** : to choose not to do or have something — **ab-stain-er** *n*

ab-sti-nence *n* : an avoidance by choice especially of certain foods or of liquor

ab-stract *adj* **1** : hard to understand **2** : relating to general ideas or qualities rather than specific people, things, or actions — **ab-stract-ly** *adv*

ab-stract *n* : ²SUMMARY

ab-stract *vb* **ab-stract-ed**; **ab-stract-ing** **1** : to take away : SEPARATE **2** : SUMMARIZE

ab-strac-tion *n* **1** : the act of summarizing : the state of being summarized **2** : a thought or thoughts about general qualities or ideas rather than people or things

ab-surd *adj* : very foolish, unreasonable, or untrue : RIDICULOUS — **ab-surd-ly** *adv*

ab-sur-di-ty *n, pl ab-sur-di-ties* **1** : the fact of being ridiculous **2** : something that is ridiculous

abun-dance *n* : a large quantity : PLENTY

abun-dant *adj* : more than enough : PLENTIFUL — **abun-dant-ly** *adv*

ab-use *n* **1** : wrong or unfair treatment or use **2** : the act or practice of improperly using or of using in harmful amounts **3** : harmful treatment of a person or an animal

4 : harsh insulting language **5** : a dishonest practice

ab-use *vb* **abused**; **abus-ing** **1** : to treat in a cruel or harmful way **2** : to use wrongly : MISUSE **3** : to use improperly or in harmful amounts **4** : to blame or scold rudely

abu-sive *adj* **1** : using or involving harmful treatment **2** : using harsh insulting language

abut *vb* **abut-ted**; **abut-ting** : to touch along an edge

aby-s-mal *adj* : extremely bad

abyss *n* : a gulf so deep or space so great that it cannot be measured

AC *abbr* **1** air-conditioning **2** alternating current **3** area code

ac-a-dem-ic *adj* **1** : of or relating to schools and education **2** : having no practical importance — **ac-a-dem-i-cal-ly** *adv*

ac-a-dem-y *n, pl acad-em-ies* **1** : a private high school **2** : a high school or college where special subjects are taught **3** : an organization which supports art, science, or literature

ac-cede *vb* **ac-ced-ed**; **ac-ced-ing** : to agree to

ac-cel-er-ate *vb* **ac-cel-er-at-ed**; **ac-cel-er-at-ing** **1** : to move or cause to move faster **2** : to cause to happen more quickly

ac-cel-er-a-tion *n* : the act or process of speeding up

ac-cel-er-a-tor *n* : a pedal in an automobile for controlling the speed of the motor

¹ac-cent *vb* **ac-cent-ed**; **ac-cent-ing** **1** : to give a greater force or stress **2** : to mark with a written or printed accent

²ac-cent **1** : a way of pronouncing words shared by the people of a particular country or region **2** : greater stress or force given to a syllable of a word in speaking or to a beat in music **3** : a mark (as ¹ or ₁) used in writing or printing to show the place of greater stress on a syllable

ac-cen-tu-ate *vb* **ac-cen-tu-at-ed**; **ac-cen-tu-at-ing** : to make more noticeable

ac-cept *vb* **ac-cept-ed**; **ac-cept-ing** **1** : to receive or take willingly **2** : to agree to **3** : to stop resisting **4** : to admit deserving

ac-cept-able *adj* **1** : worthy of being accepted **2** : ADEQUATE **2** — **ac-cept-ably** *adv*

ac-cep-tance *n* **1** : the act of accepting **2** : the quality or state of being accepted or acceptable

¹ac-cess *n* **1** : the right or ability to approach, enter, or use **2** : a way or means of approaching

²access *vb* **ac-cess-ed**; **ac-cess-ing** : to get at : get access to

ac-ces-si-ble *adj* **1** : able to be reached **2** : able to be used or obtained **3** : easily used or accessed by people with disabilities

ac-ces-sion *n* : the rise to a position of power
ac-ces-so-ry *n*, *pl* **ac-ces-so-ries** **1** : a person who helps another in doing wrong **2** : an object or device not necessary in itself but adding to the beauty or usefulness of something else

ac-ci-dent *n* **1** : something that happens by chance or from unknown causes and that often causes injury or damage : MISHAP **2** : ¹CHANCE **1**

ac-ci-den-tal *adj* **1** : happening by chance or unexpectedly **2** : not happening or done on purpose — **ac-ci-den-tal-ly** *adv*

¹ac-claim *vb* **ac-claim-ed**; **ac-claim-ing** : ¹PRaise **1**

²acclaim *n* : ²PRaise **1**

ac-cli-mate *vb* **ac-cli-mat-ed**; **ac-cli-mat-ing** : to adjust or change to fit a new climate or new surroundings

ac-cli-ma-tize *vb* **ac-cli-ma-tized**; **ac-cli-ma-tiz-ing** : ACCLIMATE

ac-com-mo-date *vb* **ac-com-mo-dat-ed**; **ac-com-mo-dat-ing** **1** : to provide with a place to stay or sleep **2** : to provide with something needed : help out **3** : to have room for
ac-com-mo-dat-ing *adj* : ready to help

ac-com-mo-da-tion *n* **1** accommodations
pl : a place where travelers can sleep and

find other services **2** : something supplied that is useful or handy

ac-com-pa-ni-ment *n* : music played in support of someone singing or playing an instrument

ac-com-pa-nist *n* : a musician who plays in support of someone else who is singing or playing an instrument

ac-com-pa-ny *vb* **ac-com-pa-nied**; **ac-com-pa-ny-ing** **1** : to go with as a companion **2** : to play a musical accompaniment for **3** : to go or occur with

ac-com-lice *n* : a partner in wrongdoing

ac-com-plish *vb* **ac-com-plished**; **ac-com-plish-ing** : to succeed in doing or reaching

ac-com-plished *adj* : skilled through practice or training : EXPERT

ac-com-plish-ment *n* **1** : the act of successfully doing or reaching **2** : something successfully done or reached especially through effort **3** : an ability or skill gained by practice or training

¹ac-cord *vb* **ac-cord-ed**; **ac-cord-ing** **1** : ¹GIVE **3** **2** : to be in harmony : AGREE

²accord **1** : AGREEMENT **1**, HARMONY **2** : willingness to act or to do something

ac-cord-dance *n* : AGREEMENT **1**

ac-cord-ing-ly *adv* **1** : in the necessary way : in the way called for **2** : as a result : CONSEQUENTLY, SO

ac-cord-ing-to *prep* **1** : in agreement with **2** : as stated by

ac-cor-di-on *n* : a portable keyboard musical instrument played by forcing air from a bellows past metal reeds

ac-cost *vb* **ac-cost-ed**; **ac-cost-ing** : to approach and speak to in a demanding or aggressive way

¹ac-count *n* **1** : a record of money received and money paid out **2** : an arrangement with a bank to hold money and keep records of transactions **3** : an arrangement for regular dealings with a business **4** : a statement of explanation or of reasons or causes **5** : a statement of facts or events : REPORT **6** : ²WORTH **1**, IMPORTANCE — **on account of** : for the sake of : because of — **on someone's account** : because of someone

²account *vb* **ac-count-ed**; **ac-count-ing** **1** : to think of as : CONSIDER **2** : to take into consideration **3** : to give an explanation **4** : to be the only or chief reason

ac-count-ant *n* : someone whose job is keeping the financial records of a person or a business

ac-count-ing *n* : the work of keeping the financial records of a person or a business

ac-cu-mu-late *vb* **ac-cu-mu-lat-ed**; **ac-cu-mu-lat-ing** **1** : COLLECT **3**, GATHER **2** : to increase in quantity or number

ac-cu-mu-la-tion *n* 1 : an act of collecting or gathering 2 : COLLECTION 2

ac-cu-ra-cy *n* : freedom from mistakes

ac-cu-rate *adj* : free from mistakes : RIGHT — **ac-cu-rate-ly** *adv*

ac-cursed or **ac-curst** *adj* 1 : being under a curse 2 : greatly or strongly disliked

ac-cu-sa-tion *n* : a claim that someone has done something bad or illegal

ac-cuse *vb* **ac-cused**; **ac-cus-ing** : to blame for something wrong or illegal — **ac-cus-er** *n*

ac-cus-tom *vb* **ac-cus-tomed**; **ac-cus-tom-ing** : to cause (someone) to get used to something

ac-cus-tomed *adj* 1 : CUSTOMARY 2, USUAL 2 : familiar with

ace *n* 1 : a playing card with one figure in its center 2 : a person who is expert at something

ace *adj* : of the very best kind

ache *vb* **ached**; **ach-ing** 1 : to suffer a dull continuous pain 2 : to desire very much : YEARN

ache *n* : a dull continuous pain

achieve *vb* **achieved**; **achiev-ing** 1 : to get by means of hard work 2 : to become successful

achievement *n* 1 : the state of having gotten through great effort 2 : something gotten especially by great effort

acid *adj* 1 : having a taste that is sour, bitter, or stinging 2 : harsh or critical in tone 3 : of, relating to, or like an acid — **acid-ly** *adv*

acid *n* : a chemical compound that tastes sour and forms a water solution which turns blue litmus paper red

acid-ity *n*, *pl* **acid-ities** : the quality, state, or degree of being acid

ac-knowl-edge *vb* **ac-knowl-edged**; **ac-knowl-edg-ing** 1 : to admit the truth or existence of 2 : to make known that something has been received or noticed 3 : to recognize the rights or authority of 4 : to express thanks or appreciation for

ac-knowl-edged *adj* : generally accepted

ac-knowl-edg-ment or **ac-knowl-edge-ment** *n* 1 : an act of admitting the truth or existence of 2 : an act of praising or thanking for some deed or achievement 3 : a usually written statement saying that a letter or message was received

ac-ne *n* : a skin condition in which pimples and blackheads are present

acorn *n* : the nut of the oak tree

acous-tic or **acous-ti-cal** *adj* 1 : of or relating to hearing or sound 2 : not having the sound changed by electrical devices

acous-tics *n pl* : the qualities in a room that affect how well a person in it can hear

ac-quaint *vb* **ac-quaint-ed**; **ac-quaint-ing** 1 : to cause to know personally 2 : to make familiar

ac-quain-tance *n* 1 : a person someone knows slightly 2 : personal knowledge

ac-qui-esce *vb* **ac-qui-esced**; **ac-qui-esc-ing** : to accept, agree, or give consent by keeping silent or by not making objections

ac-qui-es-cence *n* : the act of agreeing, accepting, or giving consent

ac-quire *vb* **ac-quired**; **ac-quir-ing** : to get especially through effort : GAIN

ac-qui-si-tion *n* 1 : the act of gaining especially through effort 2 : something gained especially through effort

ac-quit *vb* **ac-quit-ted**; **ac-quit-ting** 1 : to declare innocent of a crime or of wrongdoing 2 : to behave in a certain way

ac-quit-tal *n* : the act of declaring someone innocent of a crime or wrongdoing

acre *n* : a measure of land area equal to 43,560 square feet (about 4047 square meters)

acre-age *n* : area in acres

ac-rid *adj* 1 : sharp or bitter in taste or odor 2 : very harsh or unpleasant

ac-ro-bat *n* : a person skillful at performing stunts like jumping, balancing, tumbling, and swinging from a bar

ac-ro-bat-ic *adj* : relating to acrobats or acrobatics

ac-ro-batics *n pl* 1 : the art or performance of an acrobat 2 : difficult or dangerous stunts — used either as a singular or a plural in writing

ac-ro-ny-m *n* : a word formed from the first letter or letters of the words of a compound term

across *adv* 1 : from one side to the other 2 : a measurement from one side to another 3 : on the opposite side

across *prep* 1 : to or on the opposite side of 2 : so as to pass, go over, or intersect at an angle 3 : in every part of

act *n* 1 : something that is done : DEED 2 : a law made by a governing body 3 : a main division of a play 4 : one of the performances in a show 5 : an insincere way of behaving

act *vb* **acted**; **act-ing** 1 : to do something : MOVE 2 : to behave oneself in a certain way 3 : to perform as a character in a play 4 : to perform a certain function 5 : to have a result : make something happen : WORK — **act up** : to behave badly

act-ing *adj* : serving for a short time only or in place of another

ac-tion *n* 1 : the process by which something produces a change in another thing 2 : the doing of something 3 : something done 4 : the way something runs or works 5 : combat in war

action figure *n*: a model often of a superhero used as a toy

act-ivate *vb* **ac-ti-vat-ed**; **ac-ti-vat-ing**: to start working or cause to start working

active *adj* **1**: producing or involving action or movement **2**: showing that the subject of a sentence is the doer of the action represented by the verb **3**: quick in physical movement: LIVELY **4**: taking part in an action or activity — **active-ly** *adv*

act-iv-ity *n*, *pl* **act-iv-ities** **1**: energetic action **2**: something done especially for relaxation or fun

actor *n*: a person who acts especially in a play or movie

act-ress *n*: a woman or girl who acts especially in a play or movie

act-u-al *adj*: really existing or happening: not false

act-u-al-ly *adv*: in fact: REALLY

acute *adj* **ac-uter**; **ac-ute-st** **1**: measuring less than 90 degrees **2**: having or showing an ability to understand what is not obvious **3**: SEVERE **2**, SHARP **4**: developing quickly and lasting only a short time **5**: CRITICAL **4**, URGENT **6**: very strong and sensitive — **acute-ly** *adv* — **acute-ness** *n*

ad *n*: ADVERTISEMENT

A.D. *abbr* in the year of our Lord — abbreviation for Latin *anno Domini*, which means “in the year of our Lord”

ad-age *n*: an old familiar saying: PROVERB

ad-a-mant *adj*: not giving in

Ad-am's apple *n*: the lump formed in the front of a person's neck by cartilage in the throat

adapt *vb* **ad-apt-ed**; **ad-apt-ing** **1**: to change behavior so that it is easier to function in a particular place or situation **2**: to make or become suitable or able to function

adapt-able *adj*: capable of changing or being changed to better suit a situation

ad-apt-a-tion *n* **1**: the act or process of changing to better suit a situation **2**: a body part or feature or a behavior that helps a living thing survive and function better in its environment

add *vb* **add-ed**; **add-ing** **1**: to combine numbers into a single sum **2**: to join or unite to something **3**: to cause to have **4**: to say something more — **add up** **1**: to be added together to equal the expected amount **2**: to make sense

ad-dend *n*: a number that is to be added to another number

ad-den-dum *n*, *pl* **ad-den-da**: something added (as to a book)

ad-der *n* **1**: a poisonous snake of Europe or Africa **2**: a harmless North American snake

ad-dict *n* **1**: a person who is not able to

stop taking drugs **2**: a person who likes or enjoys something excessively

ad-dict-ed *adj* **1**: unable to stop using a drug **2**: having an unusually great need to do or have something — **ad-dic-tion** *n*

ad-di-tion *n* **1**: the act or process of adding numbers to obtain their sum **2**: something added — **in addition**: as something more — **in addition to**: along with or together with

ad-di-tion-al *adj*: ¹EXTRA — **ad-di-tion-al-ly** *adv*

ad-di-tive *n*: a substance added to another in small amounts

ad-dle *vb* **ad-dled**; **ad-dling**: to make or become confused

ad-dress *vb* **ad-dressed**; **ad-dress-ing** **1**: to put directions for delivery on **2**: to speak or write to **3**: to use a specified name or title when speaking or writing to (someone) **4**: to deal with: give attention to

ad-dress *n* **1**: the place where a person can usually be reached **2**: the directions for delivery placed on mail **3**: the symbols (as numerals or letters) that identify the location where particular information (as a home page) is stored on a computer especially on the Internet **4**: a formal speech **5**: the name of a computer account from which e-mail can be sent or received

ad-dress-ee *n*: the person to whom something is addressed

ad-e-noids *n pl*: fleshy growths near the opening of the nose into the throat

ad-e-pt *adj*: very good at something — **ad-e-pt-ly** *adv* — **ad-e-pt-ness** *n*

ad-e-quate *adj* **1**: ¹ENOUGH **2**: good enough — **ad-e-quate-ly** *adv*

ad-her-e *vb* **ad-her-ed**; **ad-her-ing** **1**: to stick tight: CLING **2**: to act in the way that is required by

ad-her-ence *n*: the act of doing what is required by

ad-her-ent *n*: a person who is loyal to a belief, an organization, or a leader

ad-he-sion *n*: the act or state of sticking

ad-he-sive *adj*: tending to stick: STICKY

ad-hesive *n*: a substance that is used to make things stick together

adj abbr adjective

ad-ja-cent *adj*: next to or near something

ad-jec-ti-val *adj*: of, relating to, or functioning as an adjective — **ad-jec-ti-val-ly** *adv*

ad-jec-tive *n*: a word that says something about a noun or pronoun

ad-join *vb* **ad-joined**; **ad-join-ing**: to be next to or in contact with

ad-journ *vb* **ad-journ-ed**; **ad-journ-ing**: to bring or come to a close for a period of time

— **ad-journ-ment** *n*

ad-just *vb* **ad-just-ed**; **ad-just-ing** **1** : to change (something) in a minor way to make it work better **2** : to change the position of (something) **3** : to become used to

ad-just-able *adj* : possible to change to make work or be positioned better

ad-just-ment *n* **1** : a small change that improves something or makes it work better **2** : the act or process of changing or adjusting **3** : the decision about and payment of a claim or debt

ad-ju-tant *n* : an officer who assists the officer in command

ad-lib *vb* **ad-libbed**; **ad-lib-bing** : to make up words or music during a performance : **IMPROVISE**

ad-min-is-ter *vb* **ad-min-is-tered**; **ad-min-is-ter-ing** **1** : to be in charge of : **MANAGE** **2** : to give out as deserved **3** : to give officially **4** : to give or supply as treatment

ad-min-is-tra-tion *n* **1** : the act or process of administering **2** : the work involved in managing something **3** : the people who direct the business of something (as a city or school) **4** : a government department

ad-min-is-tra-tive *adj* : of or assisting in administration

ad-min-is-tra-tor *n* : a person who administers business, school, or government affairs

ad-mi-ra-ble *adj* : deserving great respect and approval — **ad-mi-ra-bly** *adv*

ad-mi-ral *n* : a high-ranking commissioned officer in the navy or coast guard

ad-mi-ral-ty *adj* : of or relating to conduct on the sea

ad-mi-ra-tion *n* : a feeling of great respect and approval

ad-mire *vb* **ad-mired**; **ad-mir-ing** : to think very highly of : feel admiration for — **ad-mir-er** *n*

ad-mis-si-ble *adj* : able to be or deserving to be admitted or allowed : **ALLOWABLE**

ad-mis-sion *n* **1** : acknowledgment by someone of something about him or her that has not been proved **2** : the right or permission to enter **3** : the price of entrance

ad-mit *vb* **ad-mit-ted**; **ad-mit-ting** **1** : to make known usually with some unwillingness **2** : to allow to enter : let in **3** : **PERMIT** **2**, **ALLOW**

ad-mit-tance *n* : permission to enter

ad-mon-ish *vb* **ad-mon-ished**; **ad-mon-ish-ing** **1** : to criticize or warn gently but seriously **2** : to give friendly advice or encouragement

ad-mo-ni-tion *n* : a gentle or friendly criticism or warning

ado *n* : foolish or unnecessary trouble, activity, or excitement

ado-be *n* **1** : brick made of earth or clay dried in the sun **2** : a building made of adobe

ad-o-les-cence *n* : the period of life between childhood and adulthood

ad-o-les-cent *n* : a person who is no longer a child but not yet an adult

adopt *vb* **ad-adopt-ed**; **ad-opt-ing** **1** : to legally take a child of other parents to raise **2** : to take up as someone's own **3** : to accept and put into action

adop-tion *n* : the act of adopting : the state of being adopted

ador-able *adj* : **CHARMING**, **LOVELY** — **ador-ably** *adv*

ad-o-ra-tion *n* : deep love

adore *vb* **adored**; **ad-or-ing** **1** : **WORSHIP** **1** **2** : to be very fond of

adorn *vb* **adorned**; **adorn-ing** : to make more attractive by adding something

adorn-ment *n* : something added to make a person or thing more attractive

adren-a-line *n* **1** : **EPINEPHRINE** **2** : excited energy

adrift *adv* or *adj* : in a drifting state

adro-it *adj* : having or showing great skill or cleverness — **adro-it-ly** *adv*

ad-u-la-tion *n* : very great admiration

adult *adj* : fully developed and mature

adult *n* : a fully grown person, animal, or plant

adul-ter-ate *vb* **adul-ter-at-ed**; **adul-ter-at-ing** : to make impure or weaker by adding something different or of poorer quality

adulthood *n* : the period of being an adult

adv *abbr* adverb

ad-vance *vb* **ad-vanced**; **ad-vanc-ing** **1** : to move forward **2** : to help the progress of **3** : to raise to a higher rank : **PROMOTE** **4** : to give ahead of time **5** : **PROPOSE** **1**

advance *n* **1** : a forward movement **2** : progress in development : **IMPROVEMENT** **3** : a rise in price, value, or amount **4** : a first step or approach **5** : money given ahead of the usual time — **in advance** : before an expected event

ad-vanced *adj* **1** : being far along in years or progress **2** : being beyond the elementary or introductory level

ad-vance-ment *n* **1** : the action of moving forward in position or progress : the state of being moved forward in position or progress **2** : the act of raising to a higher rank or position : the result of being raised to a higher rank or position

ad-van-tage *n* **1** : something that benefits the one it belongs to **2** : the fact of being in a better position or condition **3** : personal benefit or gain

ad-van-ta-geous *adj* : giving a benefit especially that others do not have : giving an advantage — **ad-van-ta-geous-ly** *adv*

ad-vent *n* : the arrival or coming of something

ad-ven-ture *n* **1** : an action that involves unknown dangers and risks **2** : an unusual experience

ad-ven-tur-er *n* : a person who seeks dangerous or exciting experiences

ad-ven-ture-some *adj* : likely to take risks
: DARING

ad-ven-tur-ous *adj* **1** : ready to take risks or to deal with new or unexpected problems **2** : DANGEROUS **1**, RISKY

ad-verb *n* : a word used to modify a verb, an adjective, or another adverb and often used to show degree, manner, place, or time

ad-verb-i-al *adj* : of, relating to, or used as an adverb — **ad-verb-i-al-ly** *adv*

ad-ver-sary *n*, *pl* **ad-ver-saries** : OPPONENT, ENEMY

ad-verse *adj* **1** : acting against or in an opposite direction **2** : not helping or favoring — **ad-verse-ly** *adv*

ad-ver-si-ty *n*, *pl* **ad-ver-si-ties** : hard times
: MISFORTUNE

ad-ver-tise *vb* **ad-ver-tised**; **ad-ver-tis-ing** **1** : to call to public attention to persuade to buy **2** : to announce publicly — **ad-ver-tis-er** *n*

ad-ver-tise-ment *n* : a notice or short film advertising something

ad-ver-tis-ing *n* **1** : speech, writing, pictures, or films meant to persuade people to buy something **2** : the business of preparing advertisements

ad-vice *n* : suggestions about a decision or action

ad-vis-able *adj* : reasonable or wise to do

ad-vice *vb* **ad-vised**; **ad-vis-ing** **1** : to give suggestions about a decision or action : give advice to **2** : to give information about something — **ad-vis-er** or **ad-vi-sor** *n*

ad-vi-so-ry *adj* : having the power or right to advise

ad-vo-cate *n* **1** : a person who argues for or supports an idea or plan **2** : a person who argues for another especially in court

ad-vo-cate *vb* **ad-vo-cat-ed**; **ad-vo-cat-ing**
: to speak in favor of : argue for

ad-ware *n* : computer software that is provided usually for free but contains advertisements

adze *also* **adz** *n*, *pl* **adz-es** : a cutting tool that has a thin curved blade at right angles to the handle and is used for shaping wood

ae-on or **eon** *n* : a very long period of time

aer- or **aero-** *prefix* : air : atmosphere : gas

aer-ate *vb* **aer-at-ed**; **aer-at-ing** **1** : to supply or cause to be filled with air **2** : to supply (blood) with oxygen by breathing — **aer-a-tor** *n*

aer-a-tion *n* : the process of supplying or filling with air or gas

1aer-i-al *adj* **1** : performed or occurring in the air **2** : of aircraft **3** : taken from, used in, or performed using an airplane

2aer-i-al *n* : ANTENNA **2**

aero-nau-ti-cal *adj* : of or relating to aeronautics

aero-nau-tics *n* : a science dealing with the building and flying of aircraft

aero-sol *n* **1** : a substance (as an insect repellent or medicine) that is released from a container as a spray of tiny solid or liquid particles in gas **2** : a container (as a can) that dispenses a substance as a spray

1aero-space *n* **1** : the earth's atmosphere and the space beyond **2** : a science dealing with aerospace

2aerospace *adj* : relating to aerospace, to the vehicles used in aerospace or their manufacture, or to travel in aerospace

aes-thet-ic *adj* : relating to beauty and what is beautiful — **aes-thet-i-cal-ly** *adv*

1afar *adv* : from, at, or to a great distance

2afar *n* : a long way off

af-fa-ble *adj* : friendly and easy to talk to — **af-fa-bly** *adv*

af-fair *n* **1 affairs** *pl* : work or activities done for a purpose : BUSINESS **2** : something that relates to or involves someone **3** : a social event or activity

1af-fect *vb* **af-fect-ed**; **af-fect-ing** : to pretend that a false behavior or feeling is natural or genuine

2affect *vb* **affected**; **affecting** **1** : to have an effect on **2** : to cause strong emotions in **3** : to cause illness in

af-fect-ed *adj* : not natural or genuine — **af-fect-ed-ly** *adv*

af-fec-tion *n* : a feeling of liking and caring for someone or something

af-fec-tion-ate *adj* : feeling or showing a great liking for a person or thing : LOVING — **af-fec-tion-ate-ly** *adv*

af-fi-da-vit *n* : a written statement signed by a person who swears that the information is true

af-fill-a-te *vb* **af-fill-i-at-ed**; **af-fill-at-ing** : to associate as a member or partner

af-fin-i-ty *n*, *pl* **af-fin-i-ties** : a strong liking for or attraction to someone or something

af-firm *vb* **af-firmed**; **af-firm-ing** : to declare that something is true

af-fir-ma-tion *n* : an act of saying or showing that something is true

1af-fir-ma-tive *adj* **1** : saying or showing that the answer is "yes" **2** : being positive or helpful

2affirmative *n* **1** : an expression (as the word *yes*) of agreement **2** : the side that supports or votes for something

1af-fix *vb* **af-fixed**; **af-fix-ing** **1** : to attach firmly **2** : to add to something else

²af-fix *n* : a letter or group of letters (as a prefix or suffix) that comes at the beginning or end of a word and has a meaning of its own
afflict *vb* **af-flict-ed**; **af-flict-ing** : to cause pain or unhappiness to

af-flict-ion *n* **1** : the state of being affected by something that causes pain or unhappiness **2** : something that causes pain or unhappiness

af-flu-ence *n* : the state of having much money and expensive things : WEALTH

af-flu-ent *adj* : having plenty of money and expensive things : WEALTHY

af-ford *vb* **af-ford-ed**; **af-ford-ing** **1** : to be able to do or bear without serious harm **2** : to be able to pay for **3** : to supply or provide someone with

af-ford-able *adj* : within someone's ability to pay : reasonably priced

¹af-front *vb* **af-front-ed**; **af-front-ing** : to insult openly : OFFEND

²af-front *n* : an act or statement that insults or offends someone

Af-ghan *n* **1** : a person born or living in Afghanistan **2 not cap** : a blanket or shawl made of wool or cotton knitted or crocheted into patterns

afield *adv* **1** : to, in, or into the countryside **2** : away from home **3** : out of a usual, planned, or proper course

afire *adj* **1** : being on fire **2** : in a state of great excitement or energy

afk *abbr* away from keyboard

af-lame *adj* : burning with flames

afloat *adv or adj* : carried on or as if on water

af-lut-ter *adj* **1** : flapping quickly **2** : very excited and nervous

af-oot *adv or adj* **1** : on foot **2** : happening now : going on

af-ore-men-tioned *adj* : mentioned before

af-ore-said *adj* : named before

afraid *adj* **1** : filled with fear **2** : filled with concern or regret **3** : having a dislike for something

afresh *adv* : again from the beginning

¹Af-ri-can *n* : a person born or living in Africa

²African *adj* : of or relating to Africa or African people

African-American *n* : an American having African and especially black African ancestors — **African-American** *adj*

African violet *n* : a tropical African plant often grown for its showy white, pink, or purple flowers and its velvety leaves

Af-ro-Amer-i-can *n* : AFRICAN-AMERICAN — **Afro-American** *adj*

aft *adv* : toward or at the back part of a ship or the tail of an aircraft

¹af-ter *adv* : following in time or place : at a later time

²af-ter *prep* **1** : behind in time or place **2** : for

the reason of catching, seizing, or getting **3** : following in order or in a series **4** : following the actions or departure of **5** : with the name of

³af-ter *conj* : following the time when

af-ter-effect *n* : an effect that follows its cause after some time has passed

af-ter-glow *n* **1** : a glow remaining (as in the sky after sunset) where a light has disappeared **2** : a pleasant feeling that remains after some good experience

af-ter-life *n* : an existence after death

af-ter-math *n* **1** : a result or consequence **2** : the period of time following a bad and usually destructive event

af-ter-noon *n* : the part of the day between noon and evening

af-ter-par-ty *n* : a party for invited guests that follows a main party or event

af-ter-thought *n* : something done or said that was not thought of originally

af-ter-ward or **af-ter-wards** *adv* : at a later time

again *adv* **1** : for another time : once more **2** : on the other hand **3** : in addition

against *prep* **1** : opposed to **2** : not agreeing with or allowed by **3** : as protection from **4** : in or into contact with **5** : in a direction opposite to **6** : before the background of

aga-pe *adj* : having the mouth open in wonder, surprise, or shock

ag-ate *n* : a mineral that is a form of quartz with colors arranged in stripes or patches and that is used especially in jewelry

aga-ve *n* : a plant that has sword-shaped leaves with spiny edges and is sometimes grown for its large stalks of flowers

¹age *n* **1** : the amount of time during which someone or something has lived or existed **2** : the time of life when a person receives some right or capacity **3** : the later part of life **4** : the condition of being old **5** : a period of time associated with a person or thing **6** : a long period of time

²age *vb* **aged**; **ag-ing** or **age-ing** **1** : to become old or older **2** : to cause to become old or to appear to be old **3** : to remain or cause to remain undisturbed until fit for use : MATURE

-age *n suffix* **1** : total amount : collection **2** : action : process **3** : result of **4** : rate of **5** : house or place of **6** : state : condition **7** : fee : charge

aged *adj* **1** : very old **2** : having reached a specified age

age-less *adj* **1** : not growing old or showing the effects of age **2** : lasting forever : TIMELESS

agen-cy *n, pl* **agen-cies** **1** : a person or thing through which power is used or something is

achieved **2** : a business that provides a particular service **3** : a part of a government that is responsible for providing a particular service or performing a specific function

agen-da *n* : a list of things to be done or talked about

agent *n* **1** : something that produces an effect **2** : a person who acts or does business for another

ag-gra-vate *vb* **ag-gra-vated**; **ag-gra-vat-ing** **1** : to make worse or more serious **2** : to make angry usually by bothering again and again

ag-gra-va-tion *n* **1** : an act or the result of making worse or more serious **2** : something that annoys or bothers someone

ag-gre-gate *vb* **ag-gre-gat-ed**; **ag-gre-gat-ing** **1** : to collect or gather into a mass or whole

ag-gre-gate *n* **1** : a mass or body of units or parts **2** : the whole sum or amount

ag-gre-ga-tion *n* **1** : the collecting of units or parts into a mass or whole **2** : a group, body, or mass composed of many distinct parts

ag-gres-sion *n* **1** : angry or violent behavior or feelings **2** : hostile action made without reasonable cause

ag-gres-sive *adj* **1** : showing a readiness to fight or argue **2** : engaging in hostile action without reasonable cause **3** : being forceful in getting things done — **ag-gres-sive-ly** *adv* — **ag-gres-sive-ness** *n*

ag-gres-sor *n* : a person or a country that engages in hostile action without reasonable cause

ag-grieved *adj* **1** : having or showing a troubled or unhappy mind **2** : having cause for complaint especially from unfair treatment

aghast *adj* : struck with terror, surprise, or horror

ag-ile *adj* **1** : able to move quickly and easily **2** : having a quick mind — **ag-ile-ly** *adv*

agil-i-ty *n* : the ability to move quickly and easily

aging *present participle of AGE*

ag-i-tate *vb* **ag-i-tat-ed**; **ag-i-tat-ing** **1** : to move or stir up **2** : to disturb, excite, or anger **3** : to try to stir up public feeling — **ag-i-ta-tor** *n*

ag-i-ta-tion *n* : the act of agitating : the state of being agitated

ag-low *adj* **1** : glowing with light or color **2** : feeling or showing excitement and happiness

ago *adv* : before this time

agog *adj* : full of excitement

ag-o-nize *vb* **ag-o-nized**; **ag-o-niz-ing** : to think or worry very much about something

ag-o-ny *n*, *pl* **ag-o-nies** : great physical pain or emotional distress

agree *vb* **agreed**; **agree-ing** **1** : to give approval or permission **2** : to have the same opinion **3** : ADMIT **4** : to be alike **5** : to come to an understanding **6** : to be fitting or helpful

agree-able *adj* **1** : pleasing to the mind or senses **2** : willing to do, allow, or approve something **3** : of a kind that can be accepted — **agree-ably** *adv*

agree-ment *n* **1** : the act or fact of having the same opinion or an understanding **2** : the act or fact of giving approval or permission **3** : an arrangement by which people agree about what is to be done

ag-ri-cul-tur-al *adj* : relating to or used in farming or agriculture

ag-ri-cul-ture *n* : the cultivating of the soil, producing of crops, and raising of livestock

ag-round *adv or adj* : on or onto the shore or the bottom of a body of water

aha *interj* — used to express discovery or understanding

aha moment *n* : a moment of sudden realization, inspiration, or insight

ahead *adv or adj* **1** : in or toward the front **2** : into or for the future

ahead of prep **1** : in front of **2** : earlier than **3** : having a lead over

ahoy *interj* — used in calling out to a passing ship or boat

aid *vb* **aid-ed**; **aid-ing** : to provide what is useful or necessary : HELP

aid *n* **1** : the act of helping **2** : help given **3** : someone or something that is of help or assistance

aide *n* : a person who acts as an assistant

AIDS *n* : a serious disease of the human immune system in which large numbers of the cells that help the body fight infection are destroyed by the HIV virus carried in the blood and other fluids of the body

AIDS virus *n* : HIV

ail *vb* **ailed**; **ail-ing** **1** : to be wrong with **2** : to suffer especially with ill health

ail-ment *n* : a sickness or disease

aim *vb* **aimed**; **aim-ing** **1** : to point a weapon toward an object **2** : INTEND **3** : to direct toward an object or goal

aim *n* **1** : the ability to hit a target **2** : the pointing of a weapon at a target **3** : a goal or purpose

aim-less *adj* : lacking a goal or purpose — **aim-less-ly** *adv*

ain't **1** : am not : are not : is not **2** : have not : has not

air *n* **1** : the invisible mixture of odorless tasteless gases that surrounds the earth **2** : the space or sky that is filled with air **3** : air that is compressed **4** : outward appearance : a quality that a person or thing has **5** : AIR-

CRAFT 6 : AVIATION 1 7 : a radio or television broadcast 8 **airs** *pl* : an artificial way of acting

²**air** *vb* **aired**; **air-ing** 1 : to place in the air for cooling, freshening, or cleaning 2 : to make known in public

air bag *n* : an automobile safety device consisting of a bag that inflates to cushion a rider in an accident

air base *n* : a base for military aircraft

air-borne *adj* : moving through the air
air-con-dition *vb* **air-con-di-tioned**; **air-con-di-tion-ing** : to equip with a device for cleaning air and controlling its humidity and temperature — **air con-di-tion-er** *n* — **air-con-di-tion-ing** *n*

air-craft *n, pl* **aircraft** : a vehicle (as an airplane or helicopter) that can travel through the air and that is supported either by its own lightness or by the action of the air against its surfaces

air-field *n* : a field or airport where airplanes take off and land

air force *n* : the military organization of a nation for air warfare

air-lift *vb* **air-lift-ed**; **air-lift-ing** : to move people or cargo by aircraft usually to or from an area that cannot be reached otherwise — **airlift** *n*

air-line *n* : a company that owns and operates many airplanes which are used for carrying passengers and cargo to different places

air-lin-er *n* : a large airplane used for carrying passengers

¹**air-mail** *n* 1 : the system of carrying mail by airplanes 2 : mail carried by airplanes

²**airmail** *vb* **air-mailed**; **air-mail-ing** : to send by airmail

air-man *n, pl* **air-men** 1 : an enlisted person in the air force in one of the ranks below sergeant 2 : ¹PILOT 1, AVIATOR

airman basic *n* : an enlisted person of the lowest rank in the air force

airman first class *n* : an enlisted person in the air force ranking just below that of sergeant

air-plane *n* : an aircraft with wings which do not move, that is heavier than air, is driven by a propeller or jet engine, and is supported by the action of the air against its wings

airplane mode *n* : a setting for an electronic device (as a cell phone or tablet) which prevents the device from connecting to wireless networks or accessing the Internet but allows other functions to remain usable

air-port *n* : a place where aircraft land and take off and where there are usually buildings for passengers to wait in and for aircraft and equipment to be kept

air sac *n* : one of the small pouches in the lungs where oxygen and carbon dioxide are exchanged

air-ship *n* : an aircraft lighter than air that is kept in the air by one or more compartments filled with gas and that has an engine and steering

air-strip *n* : a runway without places (as hangars) for the repair of aircraft or shelter of passengers or cargo

air-tight *adj* : so tightly sealed that no air can get in or out

air-wave *n* : the radio waves used to broadcast radio and television programs — usually used in *pl*.

air-way *n* 1 : the passage through which air moves from the nose or mouth to the lungs in breathing 2 : a route along which airplanes regularly fly 3 : AIRLINE

airy *adj* **air-i-er**; **air-i-est** 1 : open to the air : BREEZY 2 : high in the air 3 : having a light or careless quality that shows a lack of concern 4 : like air in lightness and delicacy — **air-ily** *adv*

aisle *n* 1 : a passage between sections of seats (as in a church or theater) 2 : a passage between shelves (as in a supermarket)
ajar *adv or adj* : slightly open

AK *abbr* Alaska

aka *abbr* also known as

akim-bo *adv or adj* 1 : with the hands on the hips and the elbows turned outward 2 : set in a bent position

akin *adj* 1 : related by blood 2 : SIMILAR

AL *abbr* Alabama

¹-**al** *adj suffix* : of, relating to, or showing

²-**al** *n suffix* : action : process

Ala. *abbr* Alabama

al-a-bas-ter *n* : a smooth usually white stone used for carving

à la carte *adv or adj* : with a separate price for each item on the menu

alac-ri-ty *n* : a cheerful readiness to do something

¹**alarm** *n* 1 : a warning of danger 2 : a device (as a bell) that warns or signals people 3 : ALARM CLOCK 4 : the feeling of fear caused by a sudden sense of danger

²**alarm** *vb* **alarmed**; **alarm-ing** : to cause to feel a sense of danger : worry or frighten

alarm clock *n* : a clock that can be set to sound an alarm at a desired time

alas *interj* — used to express unhappiness, pity, disappointment or worry

al-ba-tross *n* : a very large seabird with webbed feet

al-be-it *conj* : even though : ALTHOUGH

al-bi-no *n, pl* **al-bi-nos** 1 : a person or an animal that has little or no coloring matter in skin, hair, and eyes 2 : a plant with little or no coloring matter

al-bum *n* 1 : a book with blank pages in which to put a collection (as of photographs,

- stamps, or autographs) **2** : one or more recordings (as on tape or disk) produced as a single collection
- al-bu-men** *n* **1** : the white of an egg **2** : ALBUMIN
- al-bu-min** *n* : any of various proteins that dissolve in water and occur in blood, the whites of eggs, and plant and animal tissues
- al-chem-y** *n* : a science that was used in the Middle Ages with the goal of changing ordinary metals into gold
- al-co-hol** *n* **1** : a colorless flammable liquid that in one form is the substance in liquors (as beer, wine, or whiskey) that can make a person drunk **2** : a drink containing alcohol
- ¹al-co-hol-ic** *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or containing alcohol **2** : affected with alcoholism
- ²alcohol-ic** *n* : a person affected with alcoholism
- al-co-hol-ism** *n* : continued, uncontrolled, and greater than normal use of alcoholic drinks accompanied by physical and mental dependence on alcohol
- al-cove** *n* : a small part of a room set back from the rest of it
- al-der** *n* : a shrub or small tree that is related to the birch and usually grows in moist soil (as near a river or pond)
- al-der-man** *n* : a member of a lawmaking body in a city
- ale** *n* : an alcoholic drink made from malt and flavored with hops that is usually more bitter than beer
- ¹alert** *adj* **1** : watchful and ready especially to meet danger **2** : quick to understand and act — **al-ert-ly** *adv* — **al-ert-ness** *n*
- ²alert** *n* **1** : an alarm or signal of danger **2** : the period during which an alert is in effect — **on the alert** : watchful against danger
- ³alert** *vb* **al-ert-ed**; **al-ert-ing** : to make aware of a need to get ready or take action : WARN
- al-fal-fa** *n* : a plant with purple flowers that is related to the clovers and is grown as a food for horses and cattle
- al-ga** *n*, *pl* **al-gae** : any of a large group of simple plants and plant-like organisms (as a seaweed) that usually grow in water and produce chlorophyll like plants but do not produce seeds
- al-ge-bra** *n* : a branch of mathematics in which symbols (as letters and numbers) are combined according to the rules of arithmetic
- Al-gon-qui-an** or **Al-gon-quin** *n* **1** : a group of American Indian people of southeastern Ontario and southern Quebec or their language — usually *Algonquin* in this sense **2** : a family of American Indian languages spoken by people from Newfoundland and Labrador to North Carolina and westward into the Great Plains **3** : a member of the group of people speaking Algonquian languages
- ¹ali-as** *adv* : otherwise known as
- ²alias** *n* : a false name
- ali-bi** *n*, *pl* **ali-bis** **1** : the explanation given by a person accused of a crime that he or she was somewhere else when the crime was committed **2** : an excuse intended to avoid blame
- ¹alien** *adj* **1** : different from what is familiar **2** : from another country and not a citizen of the country of residence : FOREIGN **3** : from somewhere other than the planet earth
- ²alien** *n* **1** : a resident who was born elsewhere and is not a citizen of the country in which he or she now lives **2** : a being that comes from somewhere other than the planet earth
- alien-ate** *vb* **alien-at-ed**; **alien-at-ing** : to cause (a person who used to be friendly or loyal) to become unfriendly or disloyal
- ¹al-ight** *vb* **al-ight-ed**; **al-ight-ing** **1** : to get down : DISMOUNT **2** : to come down from the air and settle
- ²alight** *adj* : full of light : lighted up
- align** *vb* **al-igned**; **al-ign-ing** : to arrange things so that they form a line or are in proper position
- align-ment** *n* : the state of being arranged in a line or in proper position
- ¹al-ike** *adv* : in the same way
- ²alike** *adj* : being like each other : similar in appearance, nature, or form
- al-i-men-ta-ry** *canal* *n* : DIGESTIVE TRACT
- al-i-men-ta-ry** *tract* *n* : DIGESTIVE TRACT
- al-i-mo-ny** *n* : money for living expenses paid regularly by one spouse to another after their legal separation or divorce
- al-ive** *adj* **1** : having life : not dead **2** : still in force, existence, or operation **3** : aware of the existence of **4** : filled with life and activity
- al-ka-li** *n*, *pl* **al-ka-lies** or **al-ka-lis** **1** : a substance that has a bitter taste and reacts with an acid to form a salt : BASE **2** : a salt or a mixture of salts sometimes found in large amounts in the soil of dry regions
- al-ka-line** *adj* **1** : having the properties of an alkali **2** : containing an alkali
- al-ka-lin-i-ty** *n* : the quality, state, or degree of being alkaline
- ¹all** *adj* **1** : every one of **2** : the whole of **3** : the whole number of **4** : any whatever **5** : the greatest possible
- ²all** *adv* **1** : COMPLETELY **2** : so much **3** : ²VERY **1** **4** : for each side
- ³all** *pron* **1** : the whole number or amount **2** : EVERYTHING **3** : the only thing

Allah *n* : God as named in Islam

all-around *also all-round* *adj* **1** : having many good aspects **2** : skillful or useful in many ways

al-lay *vb* **al-layed**; **al-lay-ing** **1** : to make less severe **2** : to put to rest

all but *adv* : very nearly : ALMOST

al-le-ga-tion *n* : a statement that is not supported by proof and that usually accuses someone of wrongdoing

al-le-ge *vb* **al-le-ged**; **al-le-ging** : to state as fact but without proof

al-le-giance *n* : loyalty and service to a group, country, or idea

al-le-lu-ia *interj* : HALLELUJAH

al-ler-gen *n* : a substance that causes an allergic reaction

al-ler-gic *adj* : of, relating to, causing, or affected by allergy

al-ler-gist *n* : a medical doctor who specializes in treating allergies

al-ler-gy *n, pl al-ler-gies* : a condition in which a person is made sick by something that is harmless to most people

al-le-vi-ate *vb* **al-le-vi-at-ed**; **al-le-vi-at-ing** : to make less painful, difficult, or severe

al-ley *n, pl alleys* **1** : a narrow passageway between buildings **2** : a special narrow wooden floor on which balls are rolled in bowling

all fours *n pl* : all four legs of a four-legged animal or both legs and both arms of a person

al-li-ance *n* **1** : a relationship in which people, groups, or countries agree to work together **2** : an association of people, groups, or nations working together for a specific purpose

al-li-ed *adj* **1** : being connected or related in some way **2** : joined in a relationship in which people, groups, or countries work together

al-li-ga-tor *n* : a large short-legged reptile that has a long body, thick skin, a long broad snout, and sharp teeth and is related to the crocodile and lizards

al-lo-cate *vb* **al-lo-cat-ed**; **al-lo-cat-ing** **1** : to divide and give out for a special reason or to particular people or things **2** : to set apart for a particular purpose

al-lo-sau-rus *n* : a large meat-eating dinosaur related to the tyrannosaur

al-lot *vb* **al-lot-ted**; **al-lot-ting** : to give out as a share or portion

al-lot-ment *n* **1** : the act of giving out as a share or portion **2** : an amount of something that is given out as a share or portion

all-out *adj* : as great as possible

al-low *vb* **al-low-ed**; **al-low-ing** **1** : to give permission to **2** : to fail to prevent **3** : to assign as a share or suitable amount (as of time or

money) **4** : to accept as true : CONCEDE **5** : to consider when making a decision or a calculation **6** : to make it possible to have or do something

al-low-able *adj* : not forbidden

al-low-ance *n* **1** : an amount of money given regularly for a specific purpose **2** : a share given out **3** : the act of considering things that could affect a result

al-lo-y *n* : a substance made of two or more metals melted together

¹all right *adv* **1** : fairly well : well enough **2** — used to show agreement, acceptance, annoyance, reluctance, pleasure, or excitement

²all right *adj* **1** : not ill, hurt, or unhappy : WELL **2** — used to tell someone not to be concerned **3** : within acceptable limits of behavior **4** : suitable or appropriate **5** : fairly good : SATISFACTORY

all-round *variant of ALL-AROUND*

All Saint's Day *n* : November 1 observed as a church holy day in honor of the Christian saints

all-star *adj* : made up mainly or entirely of outstanding participants

all-ter-rain vehicle *n* : a small open vehicle with three or four wheels for use on rough ground

al-lude *vb* **al-lud-ed**; **al-lud-ing** : to talk about or hint at without mentioning directly

¹al-lure *vb* **al-lured**; **al-lur-ing** : to try to attract or influence by offering what seems to be a benefit or pleasure

²allure *n* : power to attract

al-lu-sion *n* : a statement that refers to something without mentioning it directly

¹al-ly *n, pl allies* : a person, group, or nation associated or united with another in a common purpose

²al-ly *vb* **al-li-ed**; **al-ly-ing** : to form a connection between : join in an alliance

al-ma-nac *n* : a book containing a calendar of days, weeks, and months and usually facts about weather and astronomy and information of general interest

al-mighty *adj, often cap* : having absolute power over all

al-mond *n* : a nut that is the edible kernel of a small tree related to the peach tree

al-most *adv* : only a little less than : very nearly

alms *n, pl alms* : money given to help the poor : CHARITY

aloft *adv* **1** : at or to a great height **2** : in the air : in flight **3** : at, on, or to the top of the mast or the higher rigging of a ship

¹alone *adj* **1** : separated from others **2** : not including anyone or anything else

²alone *adv* **1** : and nothing or no one else **2** : without company or help

1along *prep* **1** : on or near in a lengthwise direction **2** : at a point on

2along *adv* **1** : farther forward or on **2** : as a companion, associate, or useful item **3** : at an advanced point — **all along** : all the time

1along-side *adv* : along or by the side

2alongside *prep* : parallel to

1aloof *adv* : at a distance

2aloof *adj* : not friendly or outgoing

aloud *adv* : in a voice that can be clearly heard

al-paca *n* : a South American animal related to the camel and llama that is raised for its long woolly hair which is woven into warm strong cloth

al-p-ha-bet *n* : the letters used in writing a language arranged in their regular order

al-p-ha-bet-i-cal or al-p-ha-bet-i-c *adj* : arranged in the order of the letters of the alphabet — al-p-ha-bet-i-cal-ly *adv*

al-p-ha-bet-ize *vb* al-p-ha-bet-ized; al-p-ha-bet-izing : to arrange in alphabetical order

al-ready *adv* **1** : before a certain time : by this time **2** : so soon

al-so *adv* : in addition : TOO

alt. *abbr* **1** alternate **2** altitude

Alta *abbr* Alberta

al-tar *n* **1** : a platform or table used as a center of worship **2** : a usually raised place on which sacrifices are offered

al-ter *vb* al-tered; al-tering : to change partly but not completely

al-ter-ation *n* **1** : the act or process of changing something **2** : the result of changing : MODIFICATION

1al-ter-nate *adj* **1** : occurring or following by turns **2** : arranged one above, beside, or next to another **3** : every other : every second — al-ter-nate-ly *adv*

2al-ter-nate *vb* al-ter-nat-ed; al-ter-nat-ing : to take place or cause to take place by turns

3al-ter-nate *n* : a person named to take the place of another whenever necessary

alternating current *n* : an electric current that reverses its direction of flow regularly many times per second

al-ter-na-tion *n* : the act, process, or result of taking place by turns

1al-ter-na-tive *adj* : offering or expressing a choice — al-ter-na-tive-ly *adv*

2alternative *n* **1** : a chance to choose between two things **2** : one of the things between which a choice is to be made

al-though *conj* **1** : in spite of the fact that **2** : ¹BUT **1**

alti-tude *n* **1** : height above a certain level and especially above sea level **2** : the perpendicular distance from the base of a geometric figure to the vertex or to the side parallel to the base

al-to *n, pl* altos **1** : the lowest female singing voice **2** : the second highest part in harmony that has four parts **3** : a singer or an instrument having an alto range or part

al-to-geth-er *adv* **1** : COMPLETELY **2** : with everything taken into consideration **3** : when everything is added together

al-um *n* : either of two aluminum compounds that are used especially in medicine (as to stop bleeding)

alu-mi-num *n* : a silver-white light metallic chemical element that is easily shaped, conducts electricity well, resists weathering, and is the most plentiful metal in the earth's crust

alum-na *n, pl* alum-nae : a girl or woman who has attended or has graduated from a school, college, or university

alum-nus *n, pl* alum-ni : a person who has attended or has graduated from a school, college, or university

al-ways *adv* **1** : at all times **2** : throughout all time : FOREVER **3** : often, frequently, or repeatedly

am *present first person sing of* BE

Am. *abbr* **1** America **2** American

a.m., A.M. *abbr* before noon — abbreviation for Latin *ante meridiem*, which means "before noon."

amass *vb* amassed; amass-ing : to collect or gather together

1am-a-teur *n* **1** : a person who takes part in sports or occupations for pleasure and not for pay **2** : a person who takes part in something without having experience or skill in it — am-a-teur-ish *adj*

2amateur *adj* : not professional

amaze *vb* amazed; amaz-ing : to surprise or puzzle very much

amaze-ment *n* : great surprise

am-bas-sa-dor *n* : a person sent as the chief representative of his or her government in another country — am-bas-sa-dor-ship *n*

am-ber *n* **1** : a hard yellowish to brownish clear substance that is a fossil resin from trees long dead and that can be polished and used in making ornamental objects (as beads) **2** : a dark orange yellow : the color of honey

Amber Alert *n* : a widely publicized bulletin that alerts the public to a recently abducted or missing child

ambi- *prefix* : both

am-bi-dex-trous *adj* : using both hands with equal ease — am-bi-dex-trous-ly *adv*

am-bi-gu-i-ty *n, pl* am-bi-gu-i-ties : something that can be understood in more than one way

am-big-u-ous *adj* : able to be understood in more than one way — am-big-u-ous-ly *adv*

am-bi-tion *n* **1** : a desire for success, honor, or power **2** : something a person hopes to do or achieve **3** : the drive to do things and be active

am-bi-tious *adj* **1** : possessing a desire for success, honor, or power **2** : not easily done or achieved — **am-bi-tiously** *adv*

am-ble *vb* **am-bled**; **am-bling** : to walk at a slow easy pace

am-bu-lance *n* : a vehicle used to carry a sick or injured person

1**am-bush** *vb* **am-bushed**; **am-bush-ing** : to attack by surprise from a hidden place

2**ambush** *n* **1** : a hidden place from which a surprise attack can be made **2** : a surprise attack made from a hidden place

amen *interj* **1** — used at the end of a prayer **2** — used to express agreement

ame-na-ble *adj* : readily giving in or agreeing

amend *vb* **amend-ed**; **amend-ing** **1** : to change for the better : **IMPROVE** **2** : to change the wording or meaning of : **ALTER**

amend-ment *n* : a change in wording or meaning especially in a law, bill, or motion

amends *n pl* : something done or given by a person to make up for a loss or injury he or she has caused — used as singular, but more common as plural

ame-ni-ty *n, pl ame-ni-ties* **1** : the quality or characteristic of being pleasant or agreeable **2** *amenities pl* : something that makes life easier or more pleasant

Amer. *abbr* **1** America **2** American

1**Ameri-can** *n* **1** : a citizen of the United States **2** : a person born or living in North or South America

2**American** *adj* **1** : of or relating to the United States or its citizens **2** : of or relating to North or South America or their residents

American Indian *n* : a member of any of the first groups of people to live in North and South America

AmerInd *abbr* American Indian

am-e-thyst *n* : a clear purple or bluish violet quartz used as a gem

ami-a-ble *adj* : having a friendly and pleasant manner — **ami-a-bly** *adv*

ami-ca-ble *adj* : showing kindness or goodwill — **ami-ca-bly** *adv*

amid or **amidst** *prep* : in or into the middle of

amid-ships *adv* : in or near the middle of a ship

ami-no acid *n* : any of various acids containing carbon and nitrogen that are building blocks of protein and are made by living plant or animal cells or are obtained from the diet

1**amiss** *adv* : in the wrong way

2**amiss** *adj* : not right : **WRONG**

am-i-ty *n* : a feeling of friendship

am-me-ter *n* : an instrument for measuring electric current in amperes

am-mo-nia *n* **1** : a colorless gas that is a compound of nitrogen and hydrogen, has a sharp smell and taste, can be easily made liquid by cold and pressure, and is used in cleaning products and in making fertilizers and explosives **2** : a solution of ammonia and water

am-mu-ni-tion *n* : objects fired from weapons

am-ne-sia *n* : abnormal and usually complete loss of memory

amoe-ba *n, pl amoe-bas* or **amoe-bae** : a tiny water animal that is a single cell which flows about and takes in food

amok or **amuck** *adv* : in a wild or uncontrolled manner — usually used in the phrase “run amok” or “run amuck”

among also **amongst** *prep* **1** : in or through the middle of **2** : in the presence of : **WITH** **3** : through all or most of **4** : in shares to each of **5** : in the number or group of being considered or compared

1**amount** *vb* **amounted**; **amount-ing** **1** : to add up **2** : to be the same in meaning or effect

2**amount** *n* : the total number or quantity

am-pere *n* : a unit for measuring the strength of an electric current

am-per-sand *n* : a character & standing for the word *and*

am-phet-amine *n* : a drug that makes the nervous system more active

am-phi-bi-an *n* **1** : any of a group of cold-blooded vertebrate animals (as frogs and toads) that have gills and live in water as larvae but breathe air as adults **2** : an airplane designed to take off from and land on either land or water

am-phi-bi-ous *adj* **1** : able to live both on land and in water **2** : meant to be used on both land and water **3** : made by land, sea, and air forces acting together

am-phi-the-ater *n* : an arena with seats rising in curved rows around an open space

am-ple *adj* **am-pler**; **am-plest** : enough or more than enough of what is needed — **am-ply** *adv*

am-pli-fier *n* : a device that increases the strength of electric signals so that sounds played through an electronic system are louder

am-pli-fy *vb* **am-plied**; **am-pli-fy-ing** **1** : to make louder or greater **2** : to give more information about — **am-pli-fi-ca-tion** *n*

am-pu-tate *vb* **am-pu-tat-ed**; **am-pu-tat-ing** : to cut off

amt. *abbr* amount

amuck *variant of* **AMOK**

am-u-let *n* : a small object worn as a charm against evil

amuse *vb* **amused**; **amusing** **1** : to enter-

tain with something pleasant **2** : to please the sense of humor of

amuse-ment *n* **1** : something that amuses or entertains **2** : the condition of being amused or entertained

amusement park *n* : a place for entertainment having games and rides

an *indefinite article* : ²A — used before words beginning with a vowel sound

¹**-an** or **-ian** *also* **-ean** *n suffix* **1** : one that belongs to **2** : one skilled in or specializing in

²**-an** or **-ian** *also* **-ean** *adj suffix* **1** : of or relating to **2** : like ; resembling

ana-bol-ic steroid *n* : a hormone that is used in medicine to help tissue grow and is sometimes abused by athletes to increase muscle size and strength even though it may have unwanted or harmful effects (as stunted growth in teenagers)

ana-con-da *n* : a large South American snake that coils around and crushes its prey

anal-o-gy *n, pl anal-o-gies* **1** : a comparison of things based on ways they are alike **2** : the act of comparing things that are alike in some way

anal-y-sis *n, pl anal-y-ses* **1** : an examination of something to find out how it is made or works or what it is **2** : an explanation of the nature and meaning of something

anal-yst *n* : a person who studies or analyzes something

ana-lyt-ic or **ana-lyt-i-cal** *adj* : of, relating to, or skilled in the careful study of something — **ana-lyt-i-cal-ly** *adv*

ana-lyze *vb* **ana-lyzed; ana-lyz-ing** **1** : to examine something to find out what it is or what makes it work **2** : to study carefully to understand the nature or meaning of

ana-tom-i-cal or **ana-tom-ic** *adj* : of or relating to the structural makeup of living things

anat-o-my *n, pl anat-o-mies* **1** : a science that has to do with the structure of living things **2** : the structural makeup especially of a person or animal

-ance *n suffix* **1** : action or process **2** : quality or state **3** : amount or degree

an-ces-tor *n* **1** : a person from whom someone is descended **2** : something from which something else develops

an-ces-tral *adj* : of, relating to, or coming from an ancestor

an-ces-try *n, pl an-ces-tries* : a person's ancestors

¹**an-chor** *n* **1** : a heavy device attached to a ship by a cable or chain and used to hold the ship in place when thrown overboard **2** : someone or something that provides strength and support

²**anchor** *vb* **an-chor-ed; an-chor-ing** **1** : to

hold or become held in place with an anchor **2** : to fasten tightly

an-chor-age *n* : a place where boats can be anchored

¹**an-cient** *adj* **1** : very old **2** : of or relating to a time long past or to those living in such a time

²**ancient** *n* **1** : a very old person **2** **ancients** *pl* : the civilized peoples of ancient times and especially of Greece and Rome

-an-cy *n suffix, pl -an-cies* : quality or state

and *conj* **1** : added to **2** : AS WELL AS **3** — used to describe an action that is repeated or that occurs for a long time **4** — used to indicate the purpose of an action — **and so forth** : and others or more of the same kind — **and so on** : and so forth

and-iron *n* : one of a pair of metal supports for firewood in a fireplace

an-ec-dote *n* : a short story about something interesting or funny in a person's life

ane-mia *n* : a sickness in which there is too little blood or too few red blood cells or too little hemoglobin in the blood

an-e-mom-e-ter *n* : an instrument for measuring the speed of the wind

anem-o-ne *n* **1** : a plant that blooms in spring and is often grown for its large white or colored flowers **2** : SEA ANEMONE

an-es-the-sia *n* : loss of feeling in all or part of the body with or without loss of consciousness

¹**an-es-thet-ic** *adj* : of, relating to, or capable of producing loss of feeling in all or part of the body

²**anesthetic** *n* : something that produces loss of feeling in all or part of the body

anew *adv* **1** : over again **2** : in a new or different form

an-gel *n* **1** : a spiritual being serving God especially as a messenger **2** : a person who is very good, kind, or beautiful

¹**an-ger** *vb* **an-ger-ed; an-ger-ing : to make strongly displeased ; make angry**

²**anger** *n* : a strong feeling of displeasure or annoyance and often of active opposition to an insult, injury, or injustice

¹**an-gle** *n* **1** : the figure formed by two lines meeting at a point **2** : POINT OF VIEW **3** : a sharp corner **4** : the slanting direction in which something is positioned

²**angle** *vb* **an-gled; an-gling : to turn, move, or point in a direction that is not straight or flat**

³**angle** *vb* **an-gled; an-gling** **1** : to fish with hook and line **2** : to try to get something in a sly way

an-gler *n* : a person who fishes with hook and line especially for pleasure

an-gling *n* : fishing with hook and line for pleasure

Anglo- *prefix* **1** : English **2** : English and

¹Anglo-Saxon *n* **1** : a member of the German people who conquered England in the fifth century A.D. **2** : a person whose ancestors were English

²Anglo-Saxon *adj* : relating to the Anglo-Saxons

an-gu-ra *n* : cloth or yarn made from the long soft silky hair of a special usually white domestic rabbit (**Angora rabbit**) or from the long shiny wool of a goat (**Angora goat**)

an-gry *adj* **an-gri-er**; **an-gri-est** : feeling or showing great annoyance or displeasure : feeling or showing anger — **an-gri-ly** *adv*

an-guish *n* : great physical or emotional pain
an-guished *adj* : full of physical or emotional pain

an-gu-lar *adj* **1** : having angles or sharp corners **2** : lean and bony

an-i-mal *n* **1** : any member of the kingdom of living things (as earthworms, crabs, birds, and people) that differ from plants typically in being able to move about, in not having cell walls made of cellulose, and in depending on plants and other animals as sources of food **2** : any of the animals lower than humans in the natural order **3** : MAMMAL

animal kingdom *n* : a basic group of natural objects that includes all living and extinct animals

¹an-i-mate *adj* : having life

²an-i-mate *vb* **an-i-mated**; **an-i-mating** **1** : to give life or energy to : make alive or lively **2** : to make appear to move

an-i-mated *adj* **1** : full of life and energy : LIVELY **2** : appearing to be alive or moving

an-i-mation *n* **1** : a lively, enthusiastic, or eager state or quality **2** : a way of making a movie that includes moving cartoons

an-i-me *n* : a style of animation that was created in Japan and that uses colorful images, strong characters, and action-filled plots

an-i-mos-i-ty *n*, *pl* **an-i-mos-i-ties** : ¹DISLIKE, HATRED

an-kle *n* **1** : the joint between the foot and the leg **2** : the area containing the ankle joint

an-klet *n* **1** : something (as an ornament) worn around the ankle **2** : a short sock reaching just above the ankle

an-ky-lo-saur *n* : a plant-eating dinosaur with bony plates covering the back

an-nals *n pl* **1** : a record of events arranged in yearly sequence **2** : historical records : HISTORY

an-neal *vb* **an-nealed**; **an-nealing** : to heat (as glass or steel) and then cool so as to toughen and make less brittle

¹an-nex *vb* **an-nexed**; **an-nex-ing** : to add (something) to something else usually so as to become a part of it

²an-nex *n* : a building or part of a building attached to or near another building and considered part of it

an-nex-ation *n* : the act of adding new territory

an-ni-hi-late *vb* **an-ni-hi-lat-ed**; **an-ni-hi-lat-ing** : to destroy entirely : put completely out of existence — **an-ni-hi-la-tion** *n*

an-ni-ver-sa-ry *n*, *pl* **an-ni-ver-sa-ries** : a date remembered or celebrated every year because of something special that happened on it in an earlier year

an-nounce *vb* **an-nounced**; **an-nounc-ing** **1** : to make known publicly **2** : to give notice of the arrival, presence, or readiness of

an-nounce-ment *n* **1** : the act of making known publicly **2** : a public notice making something known

an-nounc-er *n* : a person who gives information on television or radio

an-noy *vb* **an-noyed**; **an-noy-ing** : to cause to feel slightly angry or irritated

an-noy-ance *n* **1** : slight anger or irritation **2** : a source or cause of slight anger or irritation

an-noy-ing *adj* : causing slight anger or irritation — **an-noy-ing-ly** *adv*

¹an-nu-al *adj* **1** : coming, happening, done, made, or given once a year **2** : completing the life cycle in one growing season — **an-nu-al-ly** *adv*

²annual *n* : an annual plant

annual ring *n* : the layer of wood produced by one year's growth of a woody plant (as in the trunk of a tree)

an-nu-ity *n*, *pl* **an-nu-ities** : a sum of money paid yearly or at other regular intervals

an-nul *vb* **an-nulled**; **an-nul-ling** : to cancel by law : take away the legal force of — **an-nul-ment** *n*

an-ode *n* **1** : the positive electrode of an electrolytic cell **2** : the negative end of a battery that is delivering electric current **3** : the electron-collecting electrode of an electron tube

an-oint *vb* **an-ointed**; **an-oint-ing** **1** : to rub or cover with oil or grease **2** : to put oil on as part of a religious ceremony

anom-a-lous *adj* : not regular or usual

anom-a-ly *n*, *pl* **anom-a-lies** : something different, abnormal, strange, or not easily described

anon. *abbr* anonymous

anon-y-mous *adj* **1** : not named or identified **2** : made or done by someone unknown — **anon-y-mous-ly** *adv*

¹an-oth-er *adj* **1** : some other **2** : one more

²another *pron* **1** : one more **2** : someone or something different

ans. *abbr* answer

an-swer *n* **1** : something said or written in reply (as to a question) **2** : a solution of a problem

²**answer** *vb* **answered**; **answering** **1** : to speak or write in order to satisfy a question **2** : to write a response to a letter or e-mail **3** : to pick up (a ringing telephone) **4** : to open (a door) when someone knocks on it **5** : to react to something with an action **6** : to take responsibility — **answer back** : to reply rudely

answerable *adj* **1** : RESPONSIBLE **1** **2** : possible to answer

answering machine *n* : a machine that receives telephone calls and records messages from callers

ant *n* : a small insect related to the bees and wasps that lives in colonies and forms nests in the ground or in wood in which it stores food and raises its young

ant. *abbr* antonym

ant- *see* ANTI-

¹**ant** *n* *suffix* **1** : one that does or causes a certain thing **2** : thing that is acted upon in a certain way

²**ant** *adj* *suffix* **1** : doing a certain thing or being a certain way **2** : causing a certain action

antag-onism *n* : a strong feeling of dislike or disagreement

antag-onist *n* : a person who is against something or someone else : OPPONENT

antag-onis-tic *adj* : showing dislike or opposition : HOSTILE, UNFRIENDLY

antag-onize *vb* **antag-onized**; **antag-onizing** : to stir up dislike or anger in

ant-arc-tic *adj*, *often cap* : of or relating to the south pole or to the region around it

ante- *prefix* **1** : before in time : earlier **2** : in front of

ant-eater *n* : an animal that has a long nose and long sticky tongue and feeds chiefly on ants and termites

ant-e-lope *n* : an animal chiefly of Africa and southwest Asia that resembles a deer and has horns that extend upward and backward

ant-en-na *n* **1** *pl* **ant-en-nae** : one of two or four threadlike movable feelers on the head of insects and crustaceans (as lobsters) **2** *pl*

ant-en-nas : a metallic device (as a rod or wire) for sending or receiving radio waves

ante-room *n* : a room used as an entrance to another

ant-hem *n* **1** : a patriotic song **2** : a song that is important to a particular group

ant-her *n* : the enlargement at the tip of a flower's stamen that contains pollen

ant-hill *n* : a mound made by ants in digging their nest

anthol-o-gy *n*, *pl* **anthol-o-gies** : a collection of writings (as stories and poems)

anthra-cite *n* : a hard glossy coal that burns without much smoke

anthrax *n* : a serious bacterial disease of

warm-blooded animals (as sheep) that can affect humans

anthro-pol-o-gy *n* : a science that studies people and especially their history, development, distribution, and culture

anti- or **ant-** *prefix* **1** : opposite in kind, position, or action **2** : hostile toward

anti-bi-ot-ic *n* : a substance produced by living things and especially by bacteria and fungi that is used to kill or prevent the growth of harmful germs

anti-body *n*, *pl* **anti-bod-ies** : a substance produced by special cells of the body that counteracts the effects of a disease germ or its poisons

anti-c *n* : a wildly playful or funny act or action

anti-c-i-pate *vb* **anti-c-i-pated**; **anti-c-i-pating** **1** : to foresee and deal with or provide for beforehand **2** : to look forward to

anti-c-i-pa-tion *n* **1** : excitement about something that's going to happen **2** : the act of preparing for something

anti-cy-clone *n* : a system of winds that is like a cyclone but that rotates about a center of high atmospheric pressure instead of low

anti-dote *n* : something used to reverse or prevent the action of a poison

anti-freeze *n* : a substance added to the water in an automobile radiator to prevent its freezing

anti-mo-ny *n* : a silvery white metallic chemical element

anti-pa-thy *n*, *pl* **anti-pa-thies** : a strong feeling of dislike

anti-per-spi-rant *n* : a substance that is used to prevent sweating

anti-quat-ed *adj* : very old and no longer useful or popular : OLD-FASHIONED, OBSOLETE

¹**anti-que** *n* : an object (as a piece of furniture) made at an earlier time

²**anti-que** *adj* : belonging to or like a former style or fashion

anti-qui-ty *n* **1** : ancient times **2** : very great age

¹**anti-sep-tic** *adj* : killing or preventing the growth or action of germs that cause decay or sickness

²**antiseptic** *n* : a substance that helps stop the growth or action of germs

anti-so-cial *adj* **1** : violent or harmful to people **2** : UNFRIENDLY **1**

anti-th-e-sis *n*, *pl* **anti-th-e-ses** : the exact opposite

anti-tox-in *n* : a substance that is formed in the blood of one exposed to a disease and that prevents or acts against that disease

ant-ler *n* : a bony branching structure that grows from the head of a deer or related animal (as a moose) and that is cast off and grown anew each year — **ant-lered** *adj*

ant lion *n* : an insect having a larva form with long jaws that digs a cone-shaped hole in to which it waits for prey (as ants)

an-to-nym *n* : a word of opposite meaning

ant-sy *adj* **ant-si-er**; **ant-si-est** : impatient and unable to keep still

an-vil *n* : an iron block on which pieces of metal are hammered into shape

anx-i-ety *n*, *pl* **anx-i-eties** : fear or nervousness about what might happen

anx-ious *adj* **1** : afraid or nervous about what may happen **2** : causing or showing fear or nervousness **3** : wanting very much : EAGER — **anx-ious-ly** *adv*

¹any *adj* **1** : whichever one of **2** : of whatever number or amount

²any *pron* **1** : any one or ones of the people or things in a group **2** : any amount

³any *adv* : to the least amount or degree

any-body *pron* : any person : ANYONE

any-how *adv* **1** : in any way, manner, or order **2** : ANYWAY **1**

any-more *adv* : NOWADAYS

any-one *pron* : any person

any-place *adv* : ANYWHERE

any-thing *pron* : a thing of any kind

any-way *adv* **1** : without regard to other considerations **2** : as an additional consideration or thought

any-where *adv* : in, at, or to any place

aor-ta *n* : the main artery that carries blood from the heart for distribution to all parts of the body

Apache *n*, *pl* **Apache** or **Apach-es** **1** : a member of an American Indian people of the southwestern United States **2** : any of the languages of the Apache people

apart *adv* **1** : away from each other **2** : separated by an amount of time **3** : into parts : to pieces **4** : one from another **5** : as something separated : SEPARATELY

apart-ment *n* : a room or set of rooms rented as a home

apartment building *n* : a large building having several apartments

apartment house *n* : APARTMENT BUILDING

ap-a-thy *n* : lack of feeling or of interest : INDIFFERENCE

apato-sau-rus *n* : BRONTOSAURUS

¹ape *n* : any of a group of animals (as gorillas or chimpanzees) that are primates most closely related to humans — **ape-like** *adj*

²ape *vb* **aped**; **ap-ing** : to imitate (someone) awkwardly

ap-er-ture *n* : an opening or open space : HOLE

apex *n*, *pl* **apex-es** or **apices** **1** : the highest point : PEAK **2** : the most successful time

aphid *n* : a small insect that sucks the juices of plants

a-piece *adv* : for each one

aplomb *n* : confidence and skill shown especially in a difficult situation

apol-o-get-ic *adj* : sorry for having done or said something wrong — **apol-o-get-i-cal-ly** *adv*

apol-o-gize *vb* **apol-o-gized**; **apol-o-giz-ing** : to express regret for having done or said something wrong

apol-o-gy *n*, *pl* **apol-o-gies** : an expression of regret for having done or said something wrong

apos-tle *n* : one of the twelve close followers of Jesus Christ

apos-tro-phe *n* : a mark ' used to show that letters or figures are missing (as in "can't" for "cannot" or "'76" for "1776") or to show the possessive case (as in "Mike's") or the plural of letters or figures (as in "cross your t's")

apoth-e-cary *n*, *pl* **apoth-e-car-ies** : PHARMACIST

app *n* : a program (as a word processor, spreadsheet, or game) that performs one of the major tasks for which a computer is used

ap-pall *vb* **ap-palled**; **ap-pall-ing** : to cause to feel shock, horror, or disgust

ap-pall-ing *adj* : being shocking and terrible

ap-pa-ra-tus *n*, *pl* **ap-pa-ra-tus-es** or **appa-ratus** : the equipment or material for a particular use or job

ap-pa-rel *n* : things that are worn : CLOTHING

ap-pa-rent *adj* **1** : clear to the understanding : EVIDENT **2** : open to view : VISIBLE **3** : appearing to be real or true — **ap-pa-rent-ly** *adv*

ap-pa-ri-tion *n* **1** : GHOST **2** : an unusual or unexpected sight

¹ap-pel *n* **1** : the power to cause enjoyment : ATTRACTION **2** : the act of asking for something badly needed or wanted : PLEA **3** : a legal action by which a case is brought to a higher court for review

²appeal *vb* **ap-pealed**; **ap-peal-ing** **1** : to be pleasing or attractive **2** : to ask for something badly needed or wanted **3** : to take action to have a case or decision reviewed by a higher court

ap-pear *vb* **ap-peared**; **ap-pearing** **1** : to come into sight **2** : to present oneself **3** : SEEM **4** : to come before the public **5** : to come into existence

ap-pear-ance *n* **1** : the way something looks **2** : the act or an instance of appearing

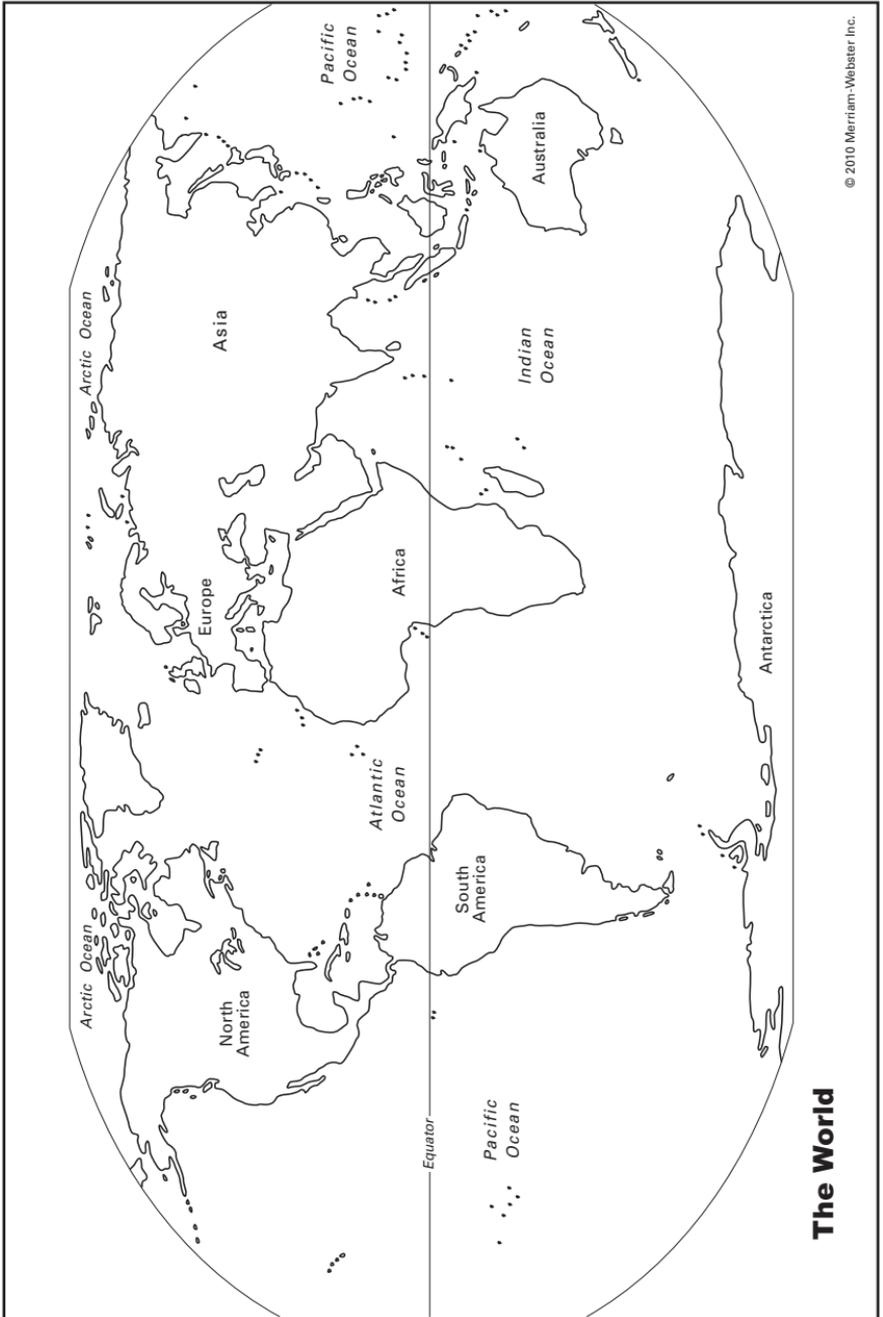
ap-peace *vb* **ap-peased**; **ap-peas-ing** **1** : to make calm or quiet **2** : to make less severe

ap-pend *vb* **ap-pend-ed**; **ap-pend-ing** : to add as something extra

ap-pend-age *n* : something (as a leg) attached to a larger or more important thing

ap-pen-di-ci-tis *n* : a condition in which a person's appendix is painful and swollen

ap-pen-dix *n*, *pl* **ap-pen-dix-es** or **ap-pen-dices** **1** : a part of a book giving added and







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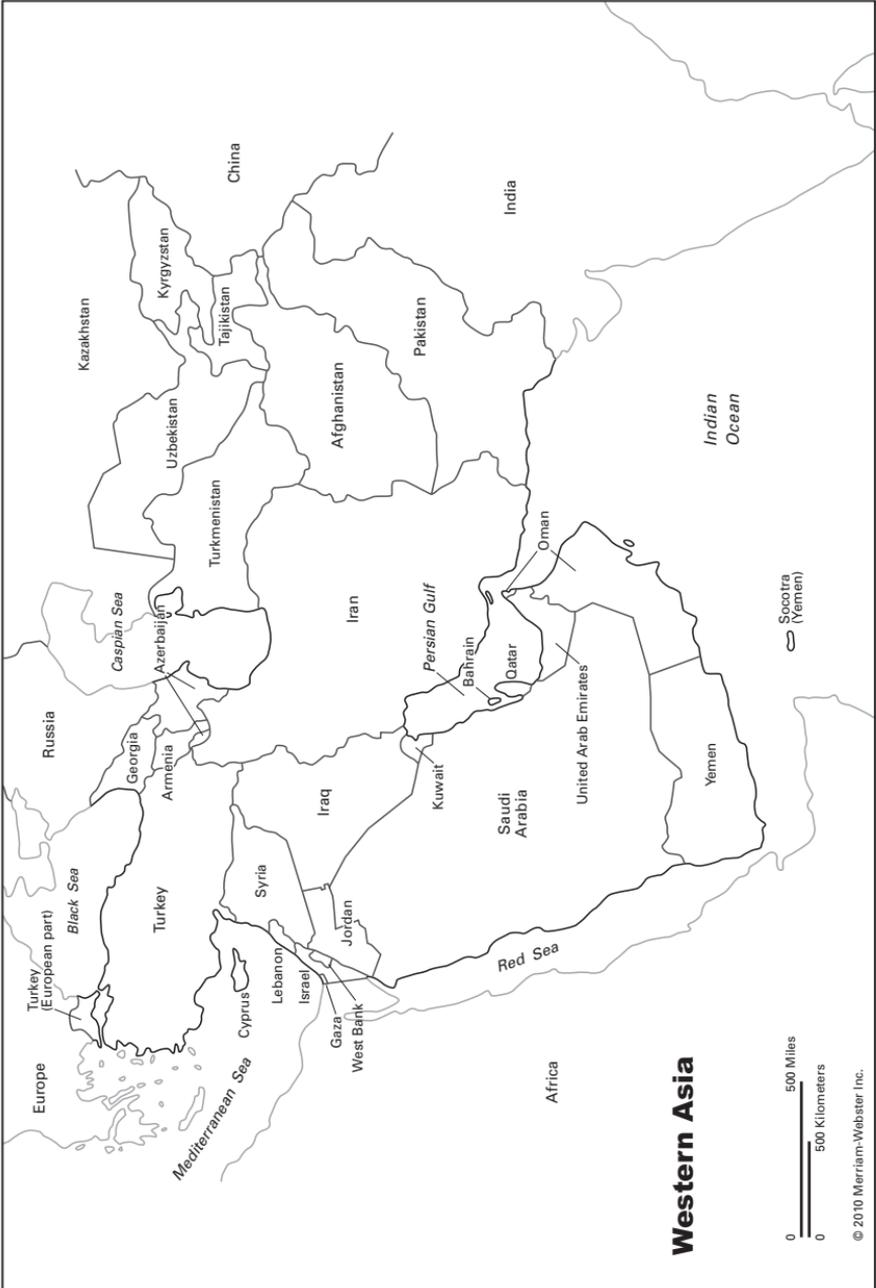


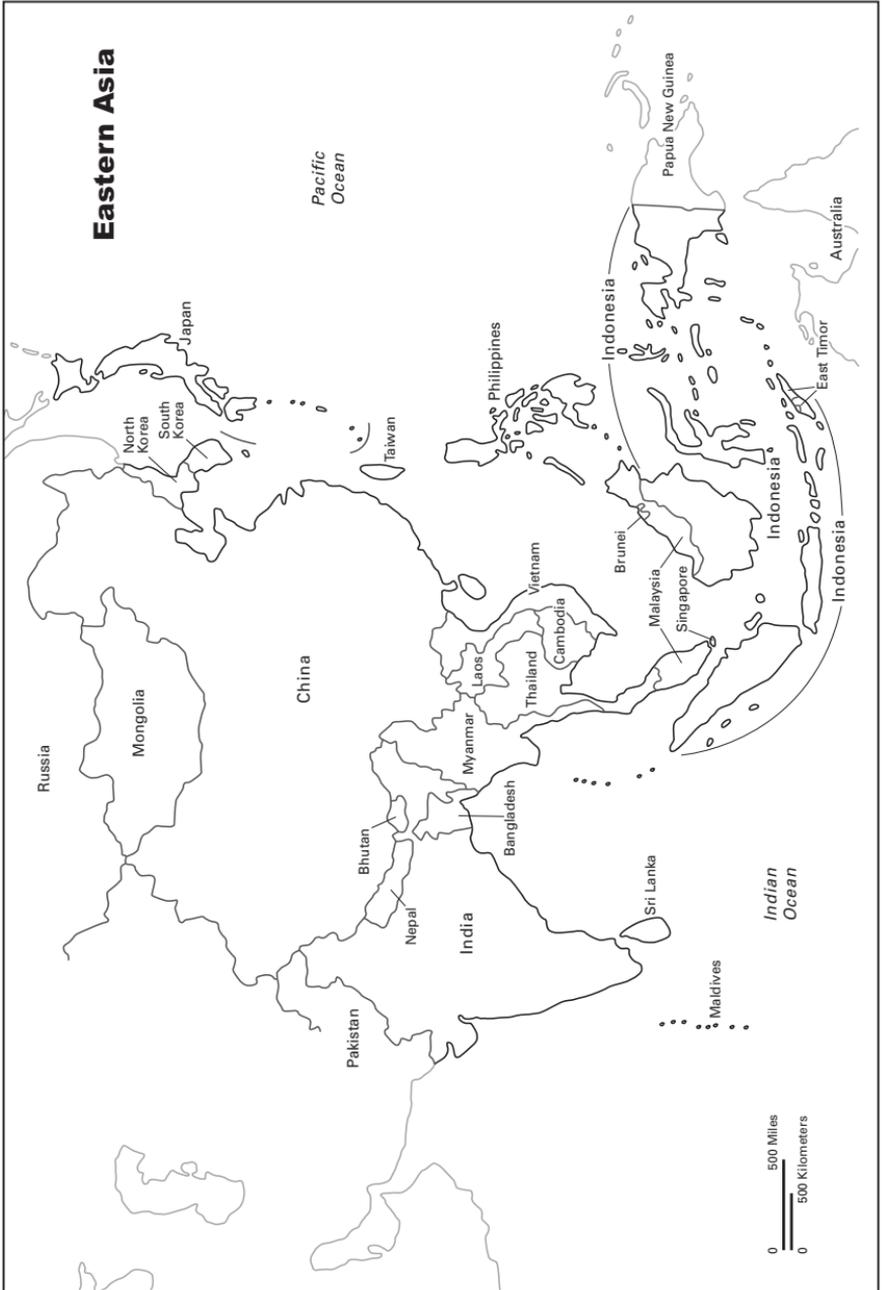
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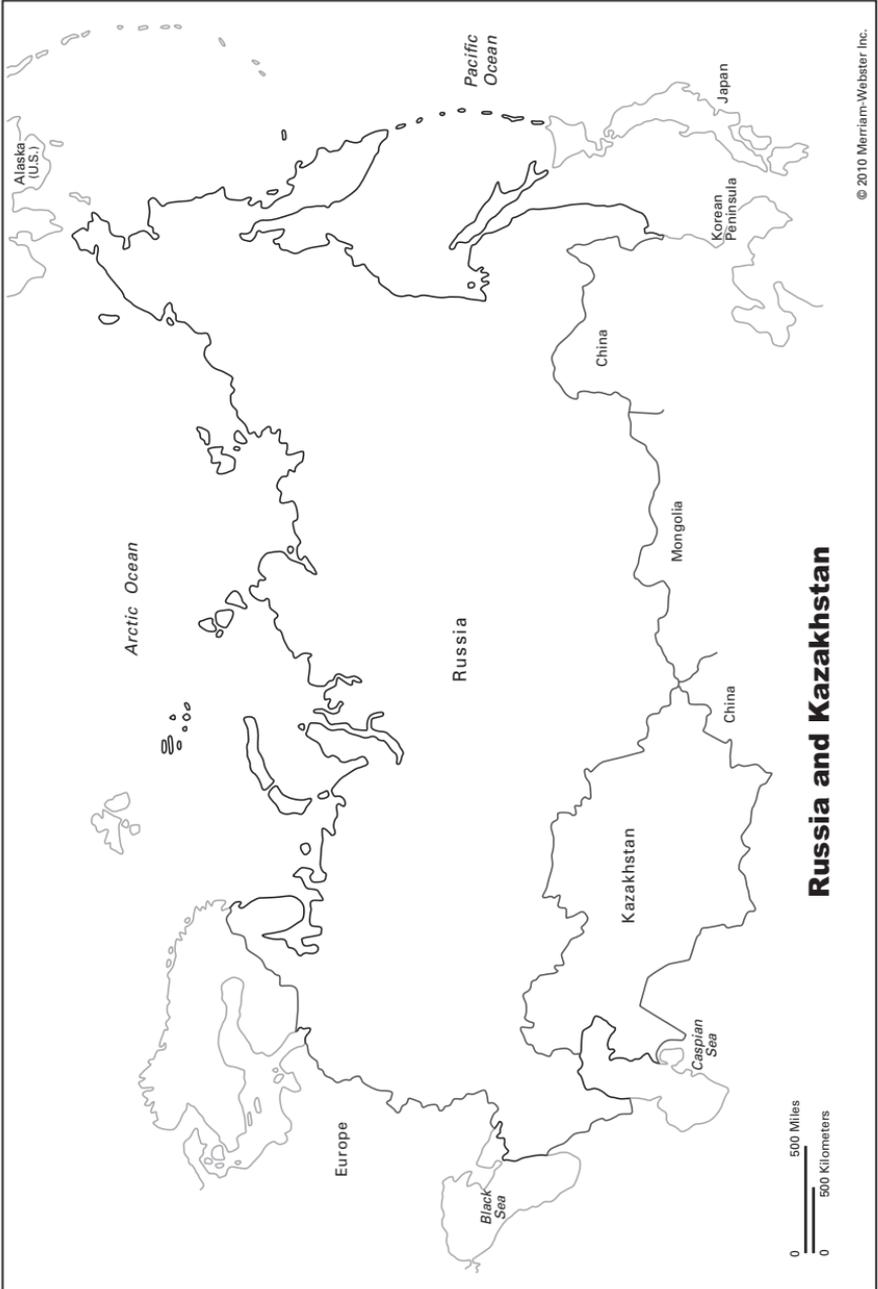
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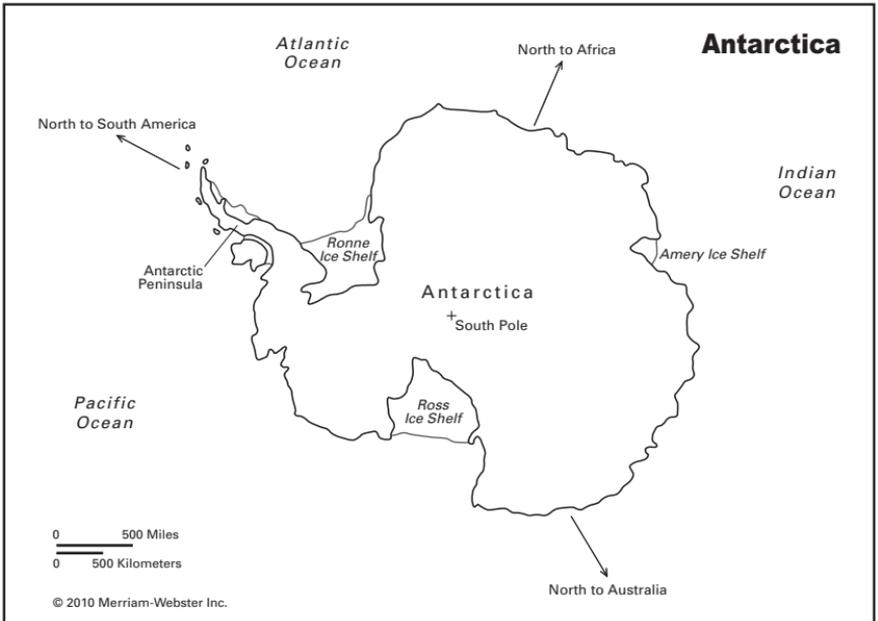
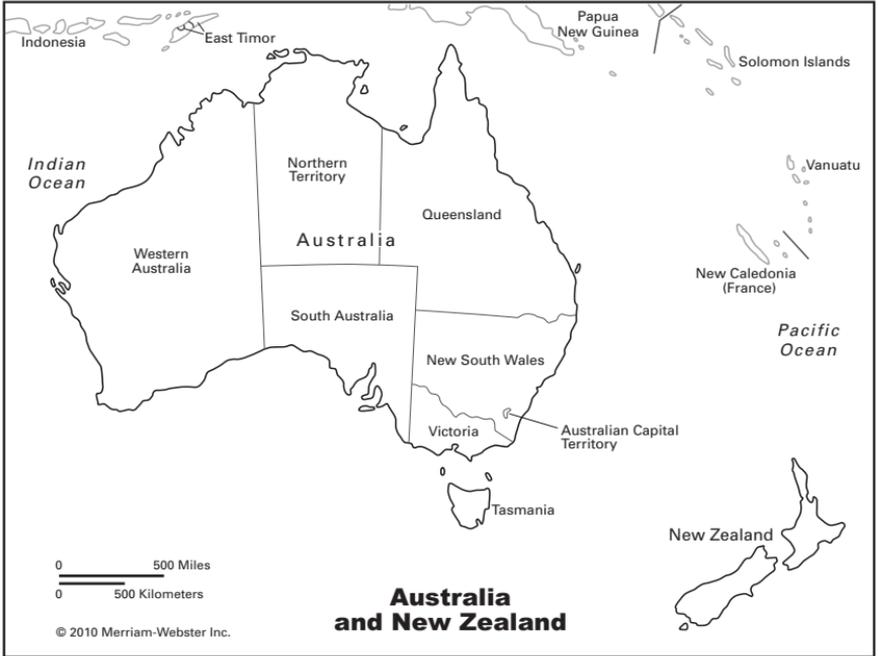
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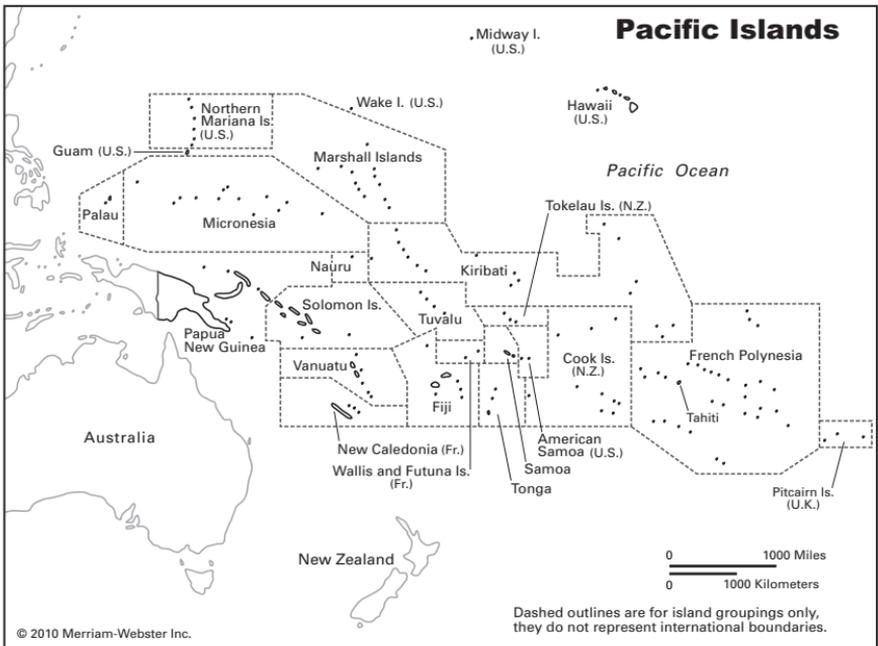






Russia and Kazakhstan





Countries of the World

Country Name	Capital(s)	Area	Population ¹ (2014 estimate)
Afghanistan (W. Asia)	Kabul	250,775 sq. mi.	31,823,000
Albania (S. Europe)	Tiranë	11,100 sq. mi.	3,020,000
Algeria (N.W. Africa)	Algiers	918,497 sq. mi.	38,814,000
Andorra (S.W. Europe)	Andorra la Vella	180 sq. mi.	85,000
Angola (S.W. Africa)	Luanda	481,351 sq. mi.	19,088,000
Antigua and Barbuda (Caribbean)	St. John's	171 sq. mi.	91,000
Argentina (S. South America)	Buenos Aires	1,072,156 sq. mi.	43,024,000
Armenia (W. Asia)	Yerevan	11,506 sq. mi.	3,061,000
Australia (Pacific/Indian oceans)	Canberra	2,967,909 sq. mi.	22,508,000
Austria (Europe)	Vienna	32,375 sq. mi.	8,223,000
Azerbaijan (Europe & Asia)	Baku	33,436 sq. mi.	9,686,000
Bahamas (W. Atlantic)	Nassau	4,404 sq. mi.	322,000
Bahrain (Asia-Persian Gulf)	Manama	255 sq. mi.	1,314,000
Bangladesh (S. Asia)	Dhaka	55,126 sq. mi.	166,281,000
Barbados (Caribbean)	Bridgetown	166 sq. mi.	290,000
Belarus (E. Europe)	Minsk	80,154 sq. mi.	9,608,000
Belgium (W. Europe)	Brussels	11,781 sq. mi.	10,449,000
Belize (Central America)	Belmopan	8,867 sq. mi.	341,000
Benin (W. Africa)	Porto-Novo, Cotonou	43,483 sq. mi.	10,161,000
Bhutan (Asia)	Thimphu	14,824 sq. mi.	734,000
Bolivia (South America)	La Paz, Sucre	424,162 sq. mi.	10,631,000
Bosnia and Herzegovina (S. Europe)	Sarajevo	19,904 sq. mi.	3,872,000
Botswana (S. Africa)	Gaborone	224,606 sq. mi.	2,156,000
Brazil (South America)	Brasília	3,284,426 sq. mi.	202,657,000
Brunei (S.E. Asia)	Bandar Seri Begawan	2,226 sq. mi.	423,000
Bulgaria (E. Europe)	Sofia	42,823 sq. mi.	6,925,000
Burkina Faso (W. Africa)	Ouagadougou	105,869 sq. mi.	18,365,000
Burundi (Africa)	Bujumbura	10,740 sq. mi.	10,396,000
Cambodia (S.E. Asia)	Phnom Penh	69,898 sq. mi.	15,458,000
Cameroon (W. Africa)	Yaoundé	183,569 sq. mi.	23,131,000
Canada (North America)	Ottawa	3,851,809 sq. mi.	34,835,000
Cape Verde (Atlantic Ocean-off Africa)	Praia	1,557 sq. mi.	539,000
Central African Republic (Africa)	Bangui	240,376 sq. mi.	5,278,000
Chad (Africa)	N'Djamena	495,752 sq. mi.	11,412,000
Chile (South America)	Santiago	292,257 sq. mi.	17,364,000
China (Asia)	Beijing	3,696,100 sq. mi.	1,355,693,000
Colombia (N.W. South America)	Bogotá	439,735 sq. mi.	46,245,000
Comoros (Indian Ocean-off Africa)	Moroni	719 sq. mi.	767,000

Country Name	Capital(s)	Area	Population (2014 estimate)
Congo, Democratic Republic of the (Africa)	Kinshasa	905,356 sq. mi.	77,434,000
Congo, Republic of the (Africa)	Brazzaville	132,047 sq. mi.	4,662,000
Costa Rica (Central America)	San José	19,652 sq. mi.	4,755,000
Croatia (S. Europe)	Zagreb	21,829 sq. mi.	4,471,000
Cuba (Caribbean)	Havana	42,804 sq. mi.	11,047,000
Cyprus (Mediterranean)	Nicosia	3,572 sq. mi.	1,172,000
Czech Republic (Europe)	Prague	30,450 sq. mi.	10,627,000
Denmark (Europe)	Copenhagen	16,629 sq. mi.	5,569,000
Djibouti (E. Africa)	Djibouti	8,880 sq. mi.	810,000
Dominica (Caribbean)	Roseau	289 sq. mi.	73,000
Dominican Republic (Caribbean)	Santo Domingo	18,657 sq. mi.	10,350,000
East Timor (S.E. Asia)	Dili	5,763 sq. mi.	1,202,000
Ecuador (W. South America)	Quito	109,483 sq. mi.	15,654,000
Egypt (N.E. Africa)	Cairo	386,900 sq. mi.	86,895,000
El Salvador (Central America)	San Salvador	8,124 sq. mi.	6,126,000
Equatorial Guinea (W. Africa)	Malabo	10,825 sq. mi.	722,000
Eritrea (E. Africa)	Asmara	45,405 sq. mi.	6,381,000
Estonia (E. Europe)	Tallinn	17,413 sq. mi.	1,258,000
Ethiopia (E. Africa)	Addis Ababa	426,370 sq. mi.	96,633,000
Fiji (Pacific)	Suva	7,055 sq. mi.	903,000
Finland (N. Europe)	Helsinki	130,128 sq. mi.	5,269,000
France (W. Europe)	Paris	212,918 sq. mi.	66,259,000
Gabon (W. Africa)	Libreville	102,317 sq. mi.	1,673,000
Gambia (W. Africa)	Banjul	4,003 sq. mi.	1,926,000
Georgia (W. Asia)	Tbilisi	26,911 sq. mi.	4,936,000
Germany (Europe)	Berlin	137,735 sq. mi.	80,997,000
Ghana (W. Africa)	Accra	92,100 sq. mi.	25,758,000
Greece (S. Europe)	Athens	50,944 sq. mi.	10,776,000
Grenada (Caribbean)	St. George's	133 sq. mi.	110,000
Guatemala (Central America)	Guatemala City	42,042 sq. mi.	14,647,000
Guinea (W. Africa)	Conakry	94,925 sq. mi.	11,474,000
Guinea-Bissau (W. Africa)	Bissau	13,948 sq. mi.	1,693,000
Guyana (N. South America)	Georgetown	83,000 sq. mi.	736,000
Haiti (Caribbean)	Port-au-Prince	10,714 sq. mi.	9,997,000
Honduras (Central America)	Tegucigalpa	43,277 sq. mi.	8,599,000
Hungary (Europe)	Budapest	35,919 sq. mi.	9,919,000
Iceland (N.W. Europe)	Reykjavik	39,702 sq. mi.	317,000
India (S. Asia)	New Delhi	1,195,063 sq. mi.	1,236,345,000
Indonesia (S.E. Asia)	Jakarta	739,773 sq. mi.	253,610,000

Country Name	Capital(s)	Area	Population (2014 estimate)
Iran (W. Asia)	Tehran	635,932 sq. mi.	80,841,000
Iraq (W. Asia)	Baghdad	168,927 sq. mi.	32,586,000
Ireland (W. Europe)	Dublin	27,133 sq. mi.	4,833,000
Israel (W. Asia)	Jerusalem	7,992 sq. mi.	7,822,000
Italy (S. Europe)	Rome	116,313 sq. mi.	61,680,000
Ivory Coast (W. Africa)	Yamoussoukro	124,503 sq. mi.	22,849,000
Jamaica (Caribbean)	Kingston	4,471 sq. mi.	2,930,000
Japan (Pacific—E. Asia)	Tokyo	143,619 sq. mi.	127,103,000
Jordan (W. Asia)	Amman	34,575 sq. mi.	7,930,000
Kazakhstan (W. Asia)	Astana	1,048,300 sq. mi.	17,949,000
Kenya (E. Africa)	Nairobi	224,960 sq. mi.	45,010,000
Kiribati (Pacific)	—	277 sq. mi.	104,000
Kosovo (S. Europe)	Pristina	4,203 sq. mi.	1,859,000
Kuwait (W. Asia)	Kuwait City	6,880 sq. mi.	2,743,000
Kyrgyzstan (W. Asia)	Bishkek	76,641 sq. mi.	5,604,000
Laos (S.E. Asia)	Vientiane	91,428 sq. mi.	6,804,000
Latvia (E. Europe)	Riga	24,595 sq. mi.	2,165,000
Lebanon (W. Asia)	Beirut	4,016 sq. mi.	5,883,000
Lesotho (S. Africa)	Maseru	11,716 sq. mi.	1,942,000
Liberia (W. Africa)	Monrovia	43,000 sq. mi.	4,092,000
Libya (N. Africa)	Tripoli	679,358 sq. mi.	6,244,000
Liechtenstein (Europe)	Vaduz	62 sq. mi.	37,000
Lithuania (E. Europe)	Vilnius	25,174 sq. mi.	3,506,000
Luxembourg (Europe)	Luxembourg	999 sq. mi.	521,000
Macedonia (Europe)	Skopje	9,928 sq. mi.	2,092,000
Madagascar (Indian Ocean—off Africa)	Antananarivo	226,657 sq. mi.	23,202,000
Malawi (S.E. Africa)	Lilongwe	45,747 sq. mi.	17,377,000
Malaysia (S.E. Asia)	Kuala Lumpur	128,727 sq. mi.	30,073,000
Maldives (Indian Ocean—off India)	Male	115 sq. mi.	394,000
Mali (W. Africa)	Bamako	478,652 sq. mi.	16,456,000
Malta (Mediterranean)	Valletta	122 sq. mi.	413,000
Marshall Islands (Pacific)	Majuro	70 sq. mi.	71,000
Mauritania (N.W. Africa)	Nouakchott	397,955 sq. mi.	3,517,000
Mauritius (Indian Ocean)	Port Louis	720 sq. mi.	1,331,000
Mexico (S. North America)	Mexico City	759,530 sq. mi.	120,287,000
Micronesia (Pacific)	Palikir	271 sq. mi.	106,000
Moldova (E. Europe)	Chisinau	13,012 sq. mi.	3,583,000
Monaco (S. Europe)	Monaco	0.75 sq. mi.	31,000
Mongolia (Asia)	Ulaanbaatar	604,247 sq. mi.	2,953,000
Montenegro (S. Europe)	Podgorica	5,333 sq. mi.	650,000
Morocco (N.W. Africa)	Rabat	172,413 sq. mi.	32,987,000
Mozambique (S.E. Africa)	Maputo	297,846 sq. mi.	24,692,000
Myanmar (S.E. Asia)	Nay Pyi Taw	261,789 sq. mi.	55,746,000
Namibia (S.W. Africa)	Windhoek	318,321 sq. mi.	2,198,000
Nauru (Pacific)	—	8 sq. mi.	9,000
Nepal (Asia)	Kathmandu	54,362 sq. mi.	30,987,000
Netherlands, The (W. Europe)	Amsterdam, The Hague	16,033 sq. mi.	16,877,000

Country Name	Capital(s)	Area	Population (2014 estimate)
New Zealand (Pacific)	Wellington	103,736 sq. mi.	4,402,000
Nicaragua (Central America)	Managua	49,579 sq. mi.	5,849,000
Niger (W. Africa)	Niamey	459,073 sq. mi.	17,466,000
Nigeria (W. Africa)	Abuja	356,669 sq. mi.	177,156,000
North Korea (E. Asia)	P'yongyang	46,609 sq. mi.	24,852,000
Norway (N. Europe)	Oslo	154,790 sq. mi.	5,148,000
Oman (S.W. Asia— Arabian Peninsula)	Muscat	82,000 sq. mi.	3,220,000
Pakistan (W. Asia)	Islamabad	307,373 sq. mi.	196,174,000
Palau (Pacific)	Melekeok	191 sq. mi.	21,000
Panama (Central America)	Panama City	30,765 sq. mi.	3,608,000
Papua New Guinea (Pacific)	Port Moresby	178,260 sq. mi.	6,553,000
Paraguay (South America)	Asunción	157,043 sq. mi.	6,704,000
Peru (South America)	Lima	496,222 sq. mi.	30,148,000
Philippines (Pacific)	Manila	115,651 sq. mi.	107,668,000
Poland (Europe)	Warsaw	120,756 sq. mi.	38,346,000
Portugal (S.W. Europe)	Lisbon	35,383 sq. mi.	10,814,000
Qatar (W. Asia)	Doha	4,400 sq. mi.	2,123,000
Romania (E. Europe)	Bucharest	91,699 sq. mi.	21,730,000
Russia (Europe & Asia)	Moscow	6,592,812 sq. mi.	142,470,000
Rwanda (Africa)	Kigali	10,169 sq. mi.	12,337,000
Saint Kitts and Nevis (Caribbean)	Basseterre	104 sq. mi.	52,000
Saint Lucia (Caribbean)	Castries	238 sq. mi.	163,000
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Caribbean)	Kingstown	150 sq. mi.	103,000
Samoa (Pacific)	Apia	1,100 sq. mi.	197,000
San Marino (S. Europe)	San Marino	24 sq. mi.	33,000
São Tomé and Príncipe (Atlantic—off Africa)	São Tomé	372 sq. mi.	190,000
Saudi Arabia (W. Asia— Arabian Peninsula)	Riyadh	865,000 sq. mi.	27,346,000
Senegal (W. Africa)	Dakar	76,124 sq. mi.	13,636,000
Serbia (S. Europe)	Belgrade	29,912 sq. mi.	7,210,000
Seychelles (Indian Ocean—off Africa)	Victoria	107 sq. mi.	92,000
Sierra Leone (W. Africa)	Freetown	27,699 sq. mi.	5,744,000
Singapore (S.E. Asia— off Malaysia)	Singapore	255 sq. mi.	5,567,000
Slovakia (Europe)	Bratislava	18,923 sq. mi.	5,444,000
Slovenia (S. Europe)	Ljubljana	7,819 sq. mi.	1,988,000
Solomon Islands (Pacific)	Honiara	11,500 sq. mi.	610,000
Somalia (E. Africa)	Mogadishu	246,154 sq. mi.	10,428,000
South Africa (S. Africa)	Pretoria, Cape Town, Bloemfontein	471,445 sq. mi.	48,376,000
South Korea (E. Asia)	Seoul	38,022 sq. mi.	49,040,000
South Sudan (Africa)	Juba	239,284 sq. mi.	11,563,000

Country Name	Capital(s)	Area	Population (2014 estimate)
Spain (S.W. Europe)	Madrid	194,881 sq. mi.	47,738,000
Sri Lanka (Indian Ocean—off India)	Colombo	25,332 sq. mi.	21,866,000
Sudan (Africa)	Khartoum	728,216 sq. mi.	35,482,000
Suriname (N. South America)	Paramaribo	63,251 sq. mi.	573,000
Swaziland (S. Africa)	Mbabane, Lobamba	6,705 sq. mi.	1,420,000
Sweden (N. Europe)	Stockholm	173,665 sq. mi.	9,724,000
Switzerland (W. Europe)	Bern	15,940 sq. mi.	8,062,000
Syria (W. Asia)	Damascus	71,498 sq. mi.	17,952,000
Taiwan (Pacific—Asia)	Taibei	13,887 sq. mi.	23,360,000
Tajikistan (W. Asia)	Dushanbe	55,251 sq. mi.	8,052,000
Tanzania (E. Africa)	Dodoma, Dar es Salaam	364,900 sq. mi.	49,639,000
Thailand (S.E. Asia)	Bangkok	198,455 sq. mi.	67,741,000
Togo (W. Africa)	Lome	21,853 sq. mi.	7,351,000
Tonga (Pacific)	Nuku'alofa	270 sq. mi.	106,000
Trinidad and Tobago (Caribbean)	Port of Spain	1,980 sq. mi.	1,224,000
Tunisia (N. Africa)	Tunis	63,378 sq. mi.	10,938,000
Turkey (Europe & Asia)	Ankara	301,380 sq. mi.	81,619,000
Turkmenistan (W. Asia)	Ashgabat	188,455 sq. mi.	5,172,000
Tuvalu (Pacific)	Funafuti	9 sq. mi.	11,000
Uganda (Africa)	Kampala	91,134 sq. mi.	35,919,000
Ukraine (E. Europe)	Kiev	222,664 sq. mi.	44,291,000
United Arab Emirates (W. Asia—Arabian Peninsula)	Abu Dhabi	30,000 sq. mi.	5,629,000
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (W. Europe)	London	94,251 sq. mi.	63,743,000
United States of America (North America)	Washington, D.C.	3,531,905 sq. mi.	318,892,000
Uruguay (South America)	Montevideo	68,039 sq. mi.	3,333,000
Uzbekistan (W. Asia)	Tashkent	173,591 sq. mi.	28,930,000
Vanuatu (Pacific)	Port-Vila	5,700 sq. mi.	267,000
Vatican City	—	0.17 sq. mi.	800
Venezuela (N. South America)	Caracas	352,143 sq. mi.	28,868,000
Vietnam (S.E. Asia)	Hanoi	127,207 sq. mi.	93,422,000
Yemen (W. Asia—Arabian Peninsula)	Sanaa	203,849 sq. mi.	26,053,000
Zambia (S. Africa)	Lusaka	290,585 sq. mi.	14,639,000
Zimbabwe (S. Africa)	Harare	150,820 sq. mi.	13,772,000

¹Source: CIA (except Vatican City - Encyclopædia Britannica)

States of the United States

Name/ Abbreviation	Capital	Area	Population ¹ (2014 estimate)
Alabama (AL)	Montgomery	51,705 sq. mi.	4,849,000
Alaska (AK)	Juneau	591,004 sq. mi.	737,000
Arizona (AZ)	Phoenix	114,000 sq. mi.	6,731,000
Arkansas (AR)	Little Rock	53,187 sq. mi.	2,966,000
California (CA)	Sacramento	158,706 sq. mi.	38,802,500
Colorado (CO)	Denver	104,247 sq. mi.	5,356,000
Connecticut (CT)	Hartford	5,018 sq. mi.	3,597,000
Delaware (DE)	Dover	2,057 sq. mi.	936,000
Florida (FL)	Tallahassee	58,664 sq. mi.	19,893,000
Georgia (GA)	Atlanta	58,910 sq. mi.	10,097,000
Hawaii (HI)	Honolulu	6,471 sq. mi.	1,420,000
Idaho (ID)	Boise	83,557 sq. mi.	1,634,000
Illinois (IL)	Springfield	56,400 sq. mi.	12,881,000
Indiana (IN)	Indianapolis	36,291 sq. mi.	6,597,000
Iowa (IA)	Des Moines	56,275 sq. mi.	3,107,000
Kansas (KS)	Topeka	82,277 sq. mi.	2,904,000
Kentucky (KY)	Frankfort	40,395 sq. mi.	4,413,000
Louisiana (LA)	Baton Rouge	48,523 sq. mi.	4,650,000
Maine (ME)	Augusta	33,265 sq. mi.	1,330,000
Maryland (MD)	Annapolis	10,460 sq. mi.	5,976,000
Massachusetts (MA)	Boston	8,284 sq. mi.	6,745,000
Michigan (MI)	Lansing	58,527 sq. mi.	9,910,000
Minnesota (MN)	St. Paul	84,068 sq. mi.	5,457,000
Mississippi (MS)	Jackson	47,689 sq. mi.	2,994,000
Missouri (MO)	Jefferson City	69,697 sq. mi.	6,064,000
Montana (MT)	Helena	147,138 sq. mi.	1,024,000
Nebraska (NE)	Lincoln	77,355 sq. mi.	1,882,000
Nevada (NV)	Carson City	110,567 sq. mi.	2,839,000
New Hampshire (NH)	Concord	9,279 sq. mi.	1,327,000
New Jersey (NJ)	Trenton	7,787 sq. mi.	8,938,000
New Mexico (NM)	Santa Fe	121,593 sq. mi.	2,086,000
New York (NY)	Albany	49,576 sq. mi.	19,746,000
North Carolina (NC)	Raleigh	52,669 sq. mi.	9,944,000
North Dakota (ND)	Bismarck	70,665 sq. mi.	739,000
Ohio (OH)	Columbus	41,222 sq. mi.	11,594,000
Oklahoma (OK)	Oklahoma City	69,956 sq. mi.	3,878,000
Oregon (OR)	Salem	97,073 sq. mi.	3,970,000
Pennsylvania (PA)	Harrisburg	45,333 sq. mi.	12,787,000
Rhode Island (RI)	Providence	1,212 sq. mi.	1,055,000
South Carolina (SC)	Columbia	31,113 sq. mi.	4,832,000
South Dakota (SD)	Pierre	77,116 sq. mi.	853,000
Tennessee (TN)	Nashville	42,144 sq. mi.	6,549,000
Texas (TX)	Austin	266,807 sq. mi.	26,957,000
Utah (UT)	Salt Lake City	84,899 sq. mi.	2,943,000
Vermont (VT)	Montpelier	9,609 sq. mi.	627,000
Virginia (VA)	Richmond	40,767 sq. mi.	8,326,000
Washington (WA)	Olympia	68,192 sq. mi.	7,062,000
West Virginia (WV)	Charleston	24,181 sq. mi.	1,850,000
Wisconsin (WI)	Madison	56,154 sq. mi.	5,758,000
Wyoming (WY)	Cheyenne	97,914 sq. mi.	584,000

¹Source: U.S. Census Bureau

U.S. Capital

Name/ Abbreviation	Capital	Area	Population ¹ (2014 estimate)
District of Columbia (DC)	Washington	69 sq. mi.	659,000

U.S. Territories

Name/ Abbreviation	Capital	Area	Population ² (2014 estimate)
American Samoa (AS)	Pago Pago	76 sq. mi.	55,000
Guam (GU)	Hagåtña	209 sq. mi.	161,000
Northern Mariana Islands (MP)	Saipan	184 sq. mi.	51,000
Puerto Rico (PR)	San Juan	3,435 sq. mi.	3,621,000
Virgin Islands of the U.S. (VI)	Charlotte Amalie	133 sq. mi.	104,000

¹Source: U.S. Census Bureau

²Source: CIA

Canadian Capital

Name	Capital	Area	Population ³ (2011 census)
Ottawa, Ontario		1,072 sq. mi.	883,391

Provinces and Territories of Canada

Name/ Abbreviation	Capital	Area	Population ³ (2013 estimate)
Alberta (AB)	Edmonton	247,999 sq. mi.	4,025,000
British Columbia (BC)	Victoria	357,215 sq. mi.	4,582,000
Manitoba (MB)	Winnipeg	213,728 sq. mi.	1,265,000
New Brunswick (NB)	Fredericton	27,587 sq. mi.	756,000
Newfoundland and Labrador (NL)	St. John's	144,352 sq. mi.	527,000
Northwest Territories (NT)	Yellowknife	456,790 sq. mi.	43,500
Nova Scotia (NS)	Halifax	20,594 sq. mi.	941,000
Nunavut (Territory) (NU)	Iqaluit	747,534 sq. mi.	36,000
Ontario (ON)	Toronto	354,340 sq. mi.	13,538,000
Prince Edward Island (PE)	Charlottetown	2,185 sq. mi.	145,000
Quebec (QC)	Quebec	527,076 sq. mi.	8,155,000
Saskatchewan (SK)	Regina	228,444 sq. mi.	1,108,000
Yukon (YT)	Whitehorse	183,162 sq. mi.	37,000

³Source: Statistics Canada