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ac-cord-ing-ly \=-'kôr-diŋ-lê\ adv (14c) 1: in accordance : CORRE-SPONDINGLY 2: CONSEQUENTLY, SO **according to** prep (14c) 1: in conformity with 2: as stated or at-tested by 3: depending on **'ac-cor-di-on** \=-'kôr-dē-ən n [G Akkord chord, fr. F accord, fr. OF acorf] (1831): a porta-ble keyboard wind instrument in which the wind is forced past free reeds by means of a hand-operated bellows — **ac-cor-di-on-ist** \-dē->-nist\ n nist\ n

nist *n* ²accordion *adj* (1885) : folding or creased or hinged to fold like an ac-cordion (an ~ pleat) (an ~ door) **accost** $\langle a^{-k}$ köst, -^kkäst\ *vt* [MF *ac*-coster, ultim. fr. *L ad* + *t* costa rib, side — more at COAST] (1612) : to

esp: OBSTETRICIAN ac-count \a-kaunt\ n (14c) 1 archaic : RECKONING, COMPUTATION 2

ac-cou-cheur \,a-,ku-'shər\ n [F] (1/39) : one that assists at a birth; esp: OBSTETRICIAN **!ac-count** \,>-kaunt\ n (14c) 1 archaic : RECKONING, COMPUTATION 2 a : a record of debit and credit entries to cover transactions involving a particular item or a particular person or concern b : a statement of transactions during a fiscal period and the resulting balance 3 a : a statement explaining one's conduct b : a statement or exposition of reasons, causes, or motives (no satisfactory ~ of these phenomena) c : a reason for an action : BASIS (on that ~ I must refuse) 4 a : a formal business arrangement providing for regular dealings or services (as banking, advertising, or store credit) and involving the establish-ment and maintenance of an account; also : CLIENT, CUSTOMER b : money deposited in a bank account and subject to withdrawal by the depositor 5 a : VALUE, HMPORTANCE (it's of no ~ to me' b : ESTEEM (stood high in their ~) 6: ADVANTAGE (turned her wit to good~) 7 a: careful thought : CONSIDERATION (have to take many things into ~) b: a usu. mental record : TRACK (keep ~ of all you do) 8: a descrip-tion of facts, conditions, or events : REPORT, NARRATIVE (the newspaper ~ of the fire) (by all ~s they're well-off); also : PERFORMANCE (a straightforward ~ of the sonata) — on account : with the price charged to one's account — on account of : for the sake of : by rea-son of — on no account : under no circumstances — on one's own account vb [ME, fr. MF acompter, fr. a- (fr. L ad-) + compter to count] vt (14c) 1 : to think of as : CONSIDER (~s himself lucky) 2 : to probe into : ANALYZE ~ vt 1 : to furnish a justifying analysis or explanation — used with for (couldn't ~ for the loss) 2 a: to be the sole or primary factor — used with for (the pitcher ~ed for all three putouts) b : to bring about the capture, death, or destruction of something (~ed for two rabbits) account.able (>a-kaun-ta-bal) adj (14c) 1 : subject to giving an ac-count : ANSWERABLE 2 : capable of being accounted for : EXPLAIN-ABLE *syn* see RES

or accounting $1ac-countant \ backaun-t^nt \ n (15c)$ 1: one that gives an account or is accountable 2: one who is skilled in the practice of accounting or who is in charge of public or private accounts — ac-countant-ship $-t^n(t)$ -ship n

 $\langle -t^*n(t), ship \rangle n$ **2accountant** adj (15c) obs: ACCOUNTABLE, ANSWERABLE $\langle I \text{ stand} \sim for$ as great a sin —Shak.) **account executive** n (1931): a business executive (as in an advertising agency) responsible for dealing with a client's account **ac-count-ing** $\langle -kain-itig \rangle n$ (ca. 1716) 1: the system of recording and summarizing business and financial transactions and analyzing, verifying, and reporting the results; also: the principles and proce-dures of accounting 2 a: work done in accounting or by accoun-tants **b**: an instance of applied accounting or of the settling or pre-senting of accounts senting of accounts

account payable n, pl accounts payable (ca. 1936) : the balance due

to a creditor on a current account account receivable n, pl accounts receivable (1936) : a balance due from a debtor on a current account accountre or accounter \orkintering v-küttering (F accounter, fr. MF acoustrer, fr. a + costure seam, fr. (assumed) VL consuture — more at COUTURE] (1596) : to provide with equipment or furnishings : OUTFIT syn see FURNISH accounter accounter accounter ment \orkinter ment view for more t

syn see FURNISH ac-cou-tre-ment or ac-cou-ter-ment \a-kii-tra-mant, -kii-tar-mant n (1549) 1 a: EQUIPMENT, TRAPPINGS; specif: a soldier's outfit usu. not including clothes and weapons — usu. used in pl. b: an accessory item of clothing or equipment — usu. used in pl. b: an accessory accourting 3: an identifying and often superficial characteristic or device — usu. used in pl. (~s of power that define our diplomacy — Elizabeth Drew)

Elizabeth Drew) accredit λ_0 -kre-dət $\forall f[L accreditus, pp. of accredite to give credence$ to, fr. ad- + credere to believe — more at CREED] (1535) 1: to giveofficial authorization to or approval of: a: to provide with creden-tials: en: to send (an envov) with letters of authorization b: to rec-

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b Brit: STORAGE BATTERY **c**: a part (as in a computer) where numbers are totaled or stored **accuracy** (3 -k 9 -ra-s $\stackrel{5}{\sim}$, a -k $^{(a)}$ -ra- n , pl -cies (1662) **1**: freedom from mistake or error: CORRECTNESS **2 a**: conformity to truth or to a standard or model : EXACTNESS **b**: degree of conformity of a mea-sure to a standard or a true value — compare PRECISION 2a **accurate** (a -k 9 -rat, a -k $^{(a)}$ -rat) *adj* [L accuratus, fr. pp. of accurare to take care of, fr. ad + cura care] (1596) **1**: free from error exp. as the result of care (an ~ diagnosis) **2**: conforming exactly to truth or to a standard : EXACT (providing ~ color) **3**: able to give an accurate result (an ~ gauge) **syn** see CORRECT — **ac-cu-rate-ness** (a -k 9 -rat- a -k $^{(9)}$ -rat- $^{-1}$, a -k $^{(9)}$ -rat- a -cu-rate-ness (a -curate)

¹a-k(a-)rot-, ¹a-k(y)ort-\ adv — **ac-cu-rate-ness** \-kya-rot-ness, -k(a-)rot-ness n **ac-cursed** \>-'korst, -'kor-sod\ or **ac-curst** \>-'korst\ adj [ME acursed, fr. pp. of acursen to consign to destruction with a curse, fr. a- (fr. OE \bar{a} , perfective prefix) + cursen to curse — more at ABIDE] (13c) 1: being under or as if under a curse 2 : DANNABLE — **ac-curs-ed-ly** \-'kor-sod-le\' adv — **ac-curs-ed-ness** \-'kor-sod-nos\ n **ac-cu-sa-tion** \.a-kya-zā-shan, -()kyü\- n (14c) 1: the act of accusing : the state or fact of being accused 2: a charge of wrongdoing **'ac-cu-sa-tion** \.a-kya-zā-shan, -()kyü\- n (14c) 1: the act of accusing : the state or fact of being accused 2: a charge of wrongdoing **'ac-cu-sa-tive** \>-'kyü-za-tiv\ adj [ME, fr. MF or L; MF accusatif, fr. L accusativus, fr. accusatus, pp. of accusare] (15c) 1: of, relating to, or being the grammatical case that marks the direct object of a verb or the object of any of several prepositions 2: ACCUSATORY **'accusative** n (ca. 1620): the accusative case of a language : a form in the accusative case

the accusative case

ac•cu•sa•to•ry \ə-'kyü-zə-,tor-e, -,tor-\ adj (14c) : containing or ex-

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defendant in a criminal case **ac-cus-tom** λ -kas-tam λ *t* [ME, fr. MF acostumer, fr. a- (fr. L ad-) + costume custom] (15c) : to make familiar with something through use or experience — **ac-cus-tom-ation** \backslash -kas-ta-'mā-shan \backslash *n* **ac-cus-tomed** \backslash -kas-tamd \backslash *adj* (15c) 1 : often used or practiced : CUSTOMARY (her ~ cheerfulness) 2 : adapted to existing conditions (eyes ~ to the dark) 3 : being in the habit or custom (~ to making decisions) syn see USUAL — **ac-cus-tomed-ness** \backslash -tam(d)-nas \backslash *n* **AC/DC** $\backslash'\bar{a}$ -(\backslash)sē- $d\bar{c}$ -(\backslash)sē *ddj* [fr. the likening of a bisexual person to an electrical appliance which can operate on either alternating or direct current] (ca. 1960) : BISEXUAL 1b 'ace $\backslash'\bar{as}$ (n [ME as, fr. MF, fr. L, unit, a copper coin] (14c) 1 a : a die face marked with one spot b : a playing card marked in its center with one pip c : a domino end marked with one spot 2 : a very small amount or degree : PARTICLE 3 : a point scored esp. on a service

reserve — within within an ace of win 2ace vt aced; ac-int 2: to make (a hole tage over : DEFEAT tage over : DEFEAT (as an examination) sace adj (1926): of -aceae n pl suffix [nature of <Rosacea ace-dia /a-'sē-dē-a\ more at HATE] (160 ACE inhibitor \. (1085) - any of a (1985) : any of a relax arteries and I ing the activity of a Acel-da-ma \ə-sel field of blood] : t been paid for betra been paid for betra acel·lu-lar \(,)ā-'se cines> 2 : not div -- used esp. of pro acen·tric \(,)ā-'sen

somes> aceous adj suffix -aceous adj sulfix ceous) b: consisi (tuffaceous) 2 : (such) a form (cet ceous) b: of or r aceph-a-lous \(.)ā head reduced 2 : head reduced 2: ace-quia \>-sā-kē (1844) Southwest : acerh \> sorb, a` acerb \a-'sarb, a-' sharp --- more at ac.er.bate \'a-sər EXASPERATE acer-bic \ə-'sər-b

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acet- or aceto- c gar; akin to acere : acetic (acetyl) ac-e-tab-u-lum cup, fr. acetum v : the cup-shaped ac•e•tal \'a-sə-,ti (1853) : any of C(OR)₂ and obt ac•et•al•de•hyde tile water-solubi thesis acet-amide \>-'s talline amide C ganic synthesis

acet-amin-o-ph phenol] (1958) derivative of ace derivative of acc cine to relieve p **ac-et-an-i-lide** 1864) : a white aniline and acet ac-e-tate \'a-sə : CELLULOSE AC cellulose acetat cellulose acetat or coated with ac-et-azol-amit amide] (1954) : of edema assoc ace-tic acid \= (1808) : a colo vinegar and the coatia aphydr acetic anhydr odor used in oi ace.ti.fy \ə-'sē acetic acid or \ ace-to-ace-tic Azetessigsäure, unstable acid (ties in the bloc ac-e-tone \'a-s fragrant flamr in organic syn — ac-e-ton-ic ace-to-ni-trile less liquid nit: sis and as a so ace-to-phe-ne : PHENACETIN ace-tous \a-'s gar (~ fermei ace-tyl \ə-'sē-

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rout \'rot, 'ruit\ vi [ME rowten, fr. ON rauta; akin to OE reotan to weep, L rudere to roar] (14c) dial chiefly Brit: to low loudly: BELLOW

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spectrate direction route-man \ruit-man, 'raut-man\ n (1918) : one who is responsible for making sales or deliveries on an assigned route route-making sales or deliveries on an assigned route route-route of white the revolving vertical spindle and cutter for milling out the surface of wood or metal route-re \ruit-tor, 'rau-\ n (1903) : one that routes route-re \ruit-tor, 'rau-\ n (1903) : one that routes route-re \ruit-tor, 'rau-\ n (1903) : one that routes route step n (1867) : a style of marching in which troops maintain prescribed intervals but are not required to keep in step or to maintain silence -- called also route march. route-way \ruit-wa, 'raut-\ n [origin unknown] (ca. 1689) chiefly Scot : FLENY

: PLENTY : PLENTY rou-tine \ru:-tën\n [F, fr. MF, fr. route traveled way] (1676) 1 a: a regular course of procedure (if resort to legal action becomes a campus \sim _J. A. 'Perkins> b : habitual or mechanical performance of an established procedure (the \sim of factory work> 2: a reiterated speech or formula (the old "After you" \sim _Ray Russell> 3: a worked-out part (as of an entertainment or sports contest) that may be often re-peated (a dance \sim) (a gymnastic \sim); esp: a theatrical number 4: a sequence of computer instructions for performing a particular task rou-tine \ru:-tien, rü:-\\ adj (1817) 1: of a commonplace or repeti-tious character: : ORDNARY 2: of, relating to, or being in accordance with established procedure (\sim business) — rou-tine-ly adv rou-tine/ru:-tie.niz, rü:-tn-niz\ vt -ized; -izing (1921): to disci-pline in or reduce to a routine — rou-tine-iza-tion \(.)rii-tē-nɔ-'zā-shan, rü:-tⁿn-> n

shan, rüi-t^an-ə-\ n roux \'rü\ n, pl roux \'rüz\ [F, fr. beurre roux brown butter] (1813) : a cooked mixture of flour and fat used as a thickening agent in a soup or

a sauce **irove** $V'rov \lor b$ roved; rov-ing [ME roven to shoot at random, wander] vi (1536) : to move aimlessly : ROAM $\sim vt$: to wander through or

Prove \sqrt{rov} vb roved; rov-ing [ME roven to shoot at random, wander] w(1536) : to move aimlessly : ROAM ~ vt : to wander through or over syn see WANDER **Prove** n(1606) : an act or instance of wandering **Prove** past and past part of REEVE **Prove** proved; rov-ing [origin unknown] (1789) : to join (textile fi-bers) with a slight twist and draw out into roving **Prove** n(1789) : ROVING **Proving** n(14c) : **PIRATE Prov** n(176, var) n [ME, fr. roven] (15c) 1: a random or long-distance mark in archery — usu. used in pl. 2 : wANDERER, ROAMER 3 : a player who is not assigned to a specific position on a team and who plays wherever needed 4 : a vehicle for exploring the surface of an extraterestrial body (as the moon or Mars) **Proving** \sqrt{ro} -ving) adj [*Prove*] (1596) 1 a : capable of being shifted from place to place : MOBILE b : not restricted as to location or area of concern 2 : inclined to ramble or strang (a ~ fancy) **Proving** n[4rove] (1802) : a slightly twisted roll or strand of usu. textile fibers **Prov** high *Prov* high *L* fr. OE röwan: akin to MHG rüeien to row, L remus

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cana) with flat corymbs of white flowers followed by small orange red pomes the fruit of a rowan n (1814) \-,ber-ē\ row-an-ber-ry

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row-boat \ro-bot\ n (1538) : a small boat designed to be rowed irow-dy \rau-d\[a] row-di-er; -est [perh. irreg. fr. 5row] (1819) : coarse or boisterous in behavior : ROUGH: also : characterized by such behavior (~ local bars) - row-di-ly \rau-d\[a]-\[a] adv - row-di-ness \rau-d\[b]-nos\ n - row-dw.ish \rachter di

dy-ish \-ish \ adj rowdy n, pl rowdies (1819) : a rowdy person : TOUGH

rowan 1b: leaves and fruit row-dy-ism \'raù-dē-,i-zəm\ n (1842) : rowdy character or behavior rowel \'raù(-ə)\ n [ME rowelle, fr. MF rouelle small wheel, fr. OF rowel \'raù(-ə)\ n [ME rowelle, fr. MF rouelle small wheel, fr. OF roele — more at ROULETTE] (15c): a revolving disk with sharp mar-ginal points at the end of a spur rowel vr -elled or -elled; -el-ing or -el-ling (1599) 1: to goad with or as if with a rowel 2: VEX, TROUBLE row-en \'raù-ən\ n [ME rowein, fr. (assumed) ONF rewain; akin to OF regain aftermath, fr. re- + gain aftermath, of Gmc origin; akin to OHG weida pasture, weidanōn to hunt for food — more at GAIN] (15c): AF-TERMATH 1

TERMATH 1 row house $\langle r\bar{o}- \rangle n$ (1921) : one of a series of houses connected by common sidewalls and forming a continuous group row-ing $\langle r\bar{o}-i\eta \rangle n'$ (bef. 12c) 1 : the propelling of a boat by means of oars : the action of one that rows 2 : the sport of racing in shells rowing boat n (1820) chiefly Brit : ROWBOAT rowing machine n (1848) : an exercise machine that simulates the action of rowing row-lock $\langle r\bar{a}-i\kappa \rangle$, $\langle r\bar{a}-i\kappa \rangle n$ [prob. by alter.] (ca. 1750) chiefly Brit : ORLOCK

action of rowing row-lock \'rä-lak, 'rä-; 'rö-,läk \ n [prob. by alter.] (ca. 1750) chiefly Brit : OARLOCK !roy-al \'röi(-a)|\ adj [ME roial, fr. MF, fr. L regalis, fr. reg., rex king; akin to OIr rī (gen. rīg) king, Skt rājan, L regere to rule — more at RIGHT] (14c) 1 a: of kingly ancestry (the ~ family) b: of, relating to, or subject to the crown (the ~ estates) c: being in the crown's service (Royal Air Force) 2 a: suitable for royalty: MAGNIFICENT b : requiring no exertion : EASY (there is no ~ road to logic —Justus Buchler) 3 a: of superior size, magnitude, or quality (a patronage of ~ dimensions —J. H. Plumb) — often used as an intensive (a ~ pain) b: established or chartered by the crown 4: of, relating to, or being a part (as a mast, sail, or yard) next above the topgallant — roy-al-ly \'royal n (14c) 1: a person of royal blood 2: a small sail on the royal mast immediately above the topgallant sail 3: a stag of 8 years or royal antler n (ca. 1727) : the third time above the base of a stag's antler

more having antlers with at least 12 points
royal antler n (ca. 1727): the third tine above the base of a stag's antler
royal flush n (ca. 1868): a straight flush having an ace as the highest card — see POKER illustration
roy-al-isim \'roi-o-,li-zom\ n (1793): MONARCHISM
roy-al-isim \'roi-o-,li-zom\ n (1793): MONARCHISM
roy-al-isit \'roi (-1) ist\ n (1643) 1 often cap : an adherent of a king or of monarchical government: as a : CAVALIER 3. b: TORY 4 2: a reactionary business tycoon — royalist adj
royal palm n (1861): a highly nutritious secretion of the pharyngeal glands of the honeybee that is fed to the very young larvae in a colony and to all queen larvae
royal poinciana regin; esp : a tall graceful pinnate-leaved palm (R. regia) native to Cuba that is widely planted for ornament
royal poinciana n (ca. 1900): a showy tropical tree (Delonix regia syn. Poinciana n (ca. 1900): a showy tropical tree (Delonix regia as proveal flowers — called also flamboyant, peacock flower
royal/166(1): a : royal status or power: SovEREIGNTY 5: a right or perquisite of a sovereign (as a percentage paid to the crown of gold or silver taken from mines) 2: regal character or bearing: NOBILTY 3
a: persons of royal lineage b: a person of royal rank (how to address royalites — George Santayana) c: a privileged class 4: a right of jurisdiction granted to an individual or corporation by a sovereign 5
a: a share of the product or profit reserved by the grantor esp. of an oil or mining lease b: a payment to an author or composer for each copy of a work sold or to an inventor for each item sold under a patent royster war of ROISTER
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covering resembling a poncho frub \'rəb\ vb rubbed; rub-bing [ME rubben; akin to Icel rubba to

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