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**ad-junct** \əj-ŋk(t)\ *n* [L *adjunctum*, fr. neut. of *adjunctus*, pp. of *adjungere*] (1588) 1: something joined or added to another thing but not essentially a part of it 2: a word or word group that qualifies or completes the meaning of another word or other words and is not itself a main structural element in its sentence 3: an associate or assistant of another — **ad-junctive** \ə-ŋk(t)-tív, -ə\ *adj*  
**ad-junct** *adj* (1595) 1: added or joined as an accompanying object or circumstance 2: attached in a subordinate or temporary capacity to a staff (an ~ psychiatrist) — **ad-junct-ly** \əj-ŋk(t)-tlē, -ŋk(t)-klē\ *adv*  
**ad-junc-tion** \ə-ŋk(t)-shən\ *n* (1618) 1: the act or process of adjoining  
**ad-jur-a-tion** \əj-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* (1611) 1: a solemn oath 2: an earnest urging or advising — **ad-jur-a-to-ry** \ə-ˈjūr-ə-tōr-ē, -tōr-\ *adj*  
**ad-jure** \ə-ˈjūr-ə\ *vt* **ad-jured**; **ad-jur-ing** [ME *adjuren*, fr. MF & L; MF *ajurer*, fr. L *adjurare*, fr. *ad-* + *jurare* to swear — more at **JURY**] (14c) 1: to command solemnly under oath or as if under oath or penalty of a curse 2: to urge or advise earnestly *syn* see **BEG**  
**ad-just** \ə-ˈjʌst\ *vb* [ME *ajusten*, fr. MF *ajuster* to gauge, adjust, fr. *a-* (fr. *L ad-*) + *juste* right, exact — more at **JUST**] *vt* (14c) 1 *a*: to bring to a more satisfactory state: (1) to SETTLE, RESOLVE (2) to RECTIFY *b*: to make correspondent or conformable: ADAPT *c*: to bring the parts of to a true or more effective relative position (~ a carburetor) 2: to reduce to a system: REGULATE 3: to determine the amount to be paid under an insurance policy in settlement of (a loss) ~ *vi* 1: to adapt or conform oneself (as to climate, food, or new working hours) 2: to achieve mental and behavioral balance between one's own needs and the demands of others *syn* see ADAPT — **ad-just-abil-ty** \-jʌs-tə-bil-ət-\ *n* — **ad-just-able** \-jʌs-tə-bəl\ *adj* — **ad-just-ive** \-jʌs-tív\ *adj*  
**ad-just-ed** *adj* (1674) 1: accommodated to suit a particular set of circumstances or requirements 2: having achieved a harmonious relationship with the environment or with other individuals (a well-adjusted schoolchild)  
**ad-just-er** also **ad-just-er** \ə-ˈjʌs-tər\ *n* (1673) 1: one that adjusts; *esp*: an insurance agent who investigates personal or property damage and makes estimates for effecting settlements  
**ad-just-ment** \ə-ˈjʌst(t)-mənt\ *n* (1644) 1: the act or process of adjusting 2: a settlement of a claim or debt in a case in which the amount involved is uncertain or in which full payment is not made 3: the state of being adjusted 4: a means (as a mechanism) by which things are adjusted one to another 5: a correction or modification to reflect actual conditions — **ad-just-men-tal** \ə-ˈjʌst(t)-ˈment-tl-, -aj-,əs(t)-\ *adj*  
**ad-ju-tan-cy** \əj-ət-ən-sē\ *n* (1775) 1: the office or rank of an adjutant  
**ad-ju-tant** \əj-ət-ənt\ *n* [L *adjutant-*, *adjutans*, pp. of *adjutare* to help — more at **AID**] (1600) 1: a staff officer in the army, air force, or marine corps who assists the commanding officer and is responsible *esp.* for correspondence 2: one who helps — **ASSISTANT**  
**ad-ju-tant** general *n*, pl *adjutants* general (1645) 1: the chief administrative officer of an army who is responsible *esp.* for the administration and preservation of personnel records 2: the chief administrative officer of a major military unit (as a division or corps)  
**ad-ju-vant** \əj-ə-vənt\ *adj* [F or L; F, fr. L *adjuvant-*, *adjuvans*, pp. of *adjuvare* to aid — more at **AID**] (1574) 1: serving to aid or contribute: AUXILIARY  
**ad-ju-vant** *n* (1609) 1: one that helps or facilitates: as *a*: an ingredient (as in a prescription or a solution) that modifies the action of the principal ingredient *b*: something (as a drug or method) that enhances the effectiveness of medical treatment  
**Ad-ler-i-an** \əd-ˈlir-ē-ən, əd-\ *adj* [Alfred Adler] (1933) 1: of, relating to, or being a theory and technique of psychotherapy emphasizing the importance of feelings of inferiority, a will to power, and overcompensation in neurotic processes  
**ad-lib** \əd-ˈlīb\ *vb* **ad-libbed**; **ad-lib-bing** [ad lib] *vt* (1919) 1: to deliver spontaneously ~ *vi*: to improvise *esp.* lines or a speech — **ad-lib** *n*  
**ad-lib** *adj* (1935) 1: spoken, composed, or performed without preparation  
**ad lib** *adv* [NL *ad libitum*] (ca. 1811) 1: in accordance with one's wishes 2: without restraint or limit  
**ad-lib-it-um** \(əd-ˈlīb-ət-əm)\ *adv* [NL, in accordance with desire] (1610); **AD LIB** (rais fed *ad libitum*)  
**ad libitum** \əd-ˈlīb-ət-əm\ *adv* (1769) 1: amissible according to a performer's wishes — used as a direction in music; compare **OBLIGATO**  
**ad-man** \əd-ˈmæn\ *n* (1909) 1: one who writes, solicits, or places advertisements  
**ad-mas** \əd-ˈmas\ *adj* [advertising + *mass*] chiefly *Brit* (1955) 1: of, relating to, or characteristic of a society that devotes itself chiefly to the production, promotion, and consumption of material goods  
**ad-meas-ure** \əd-ˈmezh-ər, -mə-zhər\ *vt* -sured; -sur-ing [ME *amesuren*, fr. MF *amesurer*, fr. *a-* (fr. *L ad-*) + *mesurer* to measure] (14c) 1: to determine the proper share of: APPORTION  
**ad-meas-ure-ment** \-ˈmezh-ər-mənt-, -mə-zhər-\ *n* (1598) 1: determination and apportionment of shares 2: determination or comparison of dimensions 3: DIMENSIONS, SIZE  
**ad-me-tus** \əd-ˈmēt-əs\ *n* [L, fr. Gk *Admētōs*] 1: a king of Pherae who is saved by Apollo from his fated death when his wife Alcestis offers to die in his place  
**ad-min-is-ter** \əd-ˈmín-ə-stər\ *vb* **ad-min-is-tered**; **ad-min-is-ter-ing** \-st(ə-ˈrɪŋ)\ [ME *administren*, fr. MF *administrer*, fr. L *administrare*, fr. *ad-* + *ministrare* to serve, fr. *ministrare* servant — more at **MINISTER**] *vt* (14c) 1: to manage or supervise the execution, use, or conduct of (~ a trust fund) 2 *a*: to mete out: DISPENSE (~ punishment) *b*: to give ritually (~ the last rites) *c*: to give remedially (~ a dose of medicine) ~ *vi* 1: to perform the office of administrator 2: to furnish a benefit: MINISTER (~ to his ailing friend) 3: to manage affairs *syn* see EXECUTE — **ad-min-is-tra-ble** \-strə-bəl\ *adj* — **ad-min-is-trant** \-strənt\ *n*  
**ad-min-is-trate** \-strāt\ *vt* -trated; -trat-ing [L *administratus*, pp. of *administrare*] (1651): ADMINISTER  
**ad-min-is-tra-tion** \əd-ˈmín-ə-ˈstrā-shən, (ə)d-\ *n* (14c) 1: the act or process of administering 2: performance of executive duties; MANAGEMENT 3: the execution of public affairs as distinguished from policy-making 4 *a*: a body of persons who administer *b cap*: a group constituting the political executive in a presidential government *c*: a governmental agency or board 5: the term of office of an administrative officer or body — **ad-min-is-tra-tion-al** \-shənəl, -shən-tl\ *adj* — **ad-min-is-tra-tion-ist** \-sh(ə)-nəst\ *n*

**ad-min-is-tra-tive** \əd-ˈmín-ə-ˈstrāt-ív, -strāt-\ *adj* (1731) 1: of or relating to administration or an administration: EXECUTIVE — **ad-min-is-tra-tive-ly** *adv*  
**administrative county** *n* (1949) 1: a British local administrative unit often not coincident with an older county  
**administrative law** *n* (ca. 1892) 1: law dealing with the establishment, duties, and powers of and available remedies against authorized agencies in the executive branch of the government  
**ad-min-is-tra-tor** \əd-ˈmín-ə-ˈstrāt-ər, -strā-,tō(ə)r\ *n* (15c) 1: a person legally vested with the right of administration of an estate 2 *a*: one that administers *esp.* business, school, or governmental affairs *b*: a priest appointed to administer a diocese or parish temporarily  
**ad-min-is-tra-trix** \-ˈmín-ə-ˈstrā-trík-s\ *n*, pl -trā-trí-ces \-ˈstrā-trā-sēz\ [NL] (1626) 1: a woman administrator *esp.* of an estate  
**ad-mira-ble** \əd-m(ə)-ˈrā-bəl\ *adj* (15c) 1: deserving the highest esteem: EXCELLENT 2 *obs*: exciting wonder: SURPRISING — **ad-mira-bil-ity** \əd-m(ə)-ˈrā-bil-ət-\ *n* — **ad-mira-ble-ness** \əd-m(ə)-ˈrā-bəl-nəs\ *n* — **ad-mira-bly** \-blē\ *adv*  
**ad-mir-al** \əd-m(ə)-ˈrāl\ [ME, fr. MF *amiral* admiral & ML *admiralis* emir, *admirallus* admiral, fr. Ar *amir-al* commander of the (as in *amir-al-bahr* commander of the sea)] (15c) 1 *archaic*: the commander in chief of a navy 2 *a*: FLAG OFFICER *b*: a commissioned officer in the navy or coast guard who ranks above a vice admiral and whose insignia is four stars — compare GENERAL 3 *archaic*: FLAGSHIP 4: any of several brightly colored butterflies (family Nymphalidae)  
**admiral of the fleet** (1660) 1: the highest-ranking officer of the British navy  
**ad-mir-al-ty** \əd-m(ə)-ˈrāl-tē\ *n* (15c) 1 *cap*: the executive department or officers formerly having general authority over British naval affairs 2: the court having jurisdiction of maritime questions; also: the system of law administered by admiralty courts  
**Admiralty mile** *n* (ca. 1903): NAUTICAL MILE  
**ad-mira-tion** \əd-mə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* (15c) 1 *archaic*: WONDER 2: an object of esteem 3 *a*: a feeling of delighted or astonished approbation *b*: the act or process of regarding with admiration  
**ad-mire** \əd-ˈmɪr-ə\ *vt* **ad-mired**; **ad-mir-ing** [MF *admirer*, fr. L *admirari*, fr. *ad-* + *mirari* to wonder — more at **SMILE**] (1590) 1 *archaic*: to marvel at 2: to regard with admiration: 3: to think highly of often in a somewhat impersonal manner (~ a man's capacity for work) *syn* see REGARD — **ad-mir-er** *n* — **ad-mir-ing-ly** \-mɪ-rɪŋ-lē\ *adv*  
**ad-mis-si-ble** \əd-ˈmɪs-ə-bəl, əd-\ *adj* [F, fr. ML *admissibilis*, fr. L *admissus*, pp. of *admittere*] (1611) 1: capable of being allowed or conceded: PERMISSIBLE (behavior that was hardly ~) 2: capable or worthy of being admitted (foreign products ~ to a domestic market) — **ad-mis-sibil-ity** \-ˈmɪs-ə-bil-ət-\ *n*  
**ad-mis-sion** \əd-ˈmɪsh-ən, əd-\ *n* (15c) 1 *a*: the act or process of admitting *b*: the state or privilege of being admitted *c*: a fee paid at or for admission 2 *a*: the granting of an argument or position not fully proved: *b*: acknowledgment that a fact or statement is true *syn* see ADMITTANCE — **ad-mis-sive** \-ˈmɪs-ɪv-\ *adj*  
**ad-mit** \əd-ˈmɪt, əd-\ *vb* **ad-mit-ted**; **ad-mit-ting** [ME *admitten*, fr. L *admittere*, fr. *ad-* + *mittere* to send] *vt* (15c) 1 *a*: to allow scope for: PERMIT *b*: to concede as true or valid (compelled to ~ his failure) 2: to allow entry (as to a place, fellowship, or privilege) (each ticket ~s two persons) (admitted to the university) ~ *vi* 1: to give entrance or access 2 *a*: ALLOW, PERMIT (this order ~s of two interpretations) *b*: to make acknowledgment — used with *to* *syn* see ACKNOWLEDGE — **ad-mit-ted-ly** \-ˈmɪt-əd-lē\ *adv*  
**ad-mit-tance** \əd-ˈmɪt-ˈt(ə)ns, əd-\ *n* (1593) 1: permission to enter a place: ENTRANCE 2: the reciprocal of the impedance of a circuit *syn* ADMITTANCE **ADMISSION** mean permitted entrance, ADMITTANCE is usu. applied to mere physical entrance to a locality or a building; **ADMISSION** applies to entrance or formal acceptance (as into a club) that carries with it rights, privileges, standing, or membership.  
**ad-mix** \əd-ˈmɪks\ *vt* [back-formation fr. *obs. admixt* mingled (with), fr. ME, fr. L *admixtus*] (15c): MINGLE, BLEND  
**ad-mix-ture** \əd-ˈmɪks-ʃər\ *n* [L *admixtus*, pp. of *admiscere* to mix with, fr. *ad-* + *miscere* to mix — more at **MIX**] (1605) 1 *a*: the act of mixing *b*: the fact of being mixed 2 *a*: something added by mixing *b*: a product of mixing: MIXTURE  
**ad-mon-ish** \əd-ˈmən-ɪsh\ *vt* [ME *admonester*, fr. MF *admonester*, fr. (assumed) VL *admonestare*, alter. of L *admonēre* to warn, fr. *ad-* + *monēre* to warn — more at **MENTAL**] (14c) 1 *a*: to indicate duties or obligations to *b*: to express warning or disapproval to *esp.* in a gentle, earnest, or solicitous manner 2: to give friendly earnest advice or encouragement to *syn* see REPROVE — **ad-mon-ish-er** *n* — **ad-mon-ish-ing-ly** \-ɪsh-ɪŋ-lē\ *adv* — **ad-mon-ish-ment** \-mənt\ *n*  
**ad-mo-ni-tion** \əd-mə-ˈnɪsh-ən\ *n* [ME *amonicioun*, fr. MF *amonition*, fr. L *admonition-*, *admonitio*, fr. *admonitus*, pp. of *admonēre*] (14c) 1: gentle or friendly reproof 2: counsel or warning against fault or oversight  
**ad-mo-ni-to-ry** \əd-ˈmən-ə-ˈtōr-ē, -tōr-\ *adj* (1594) 1: expressing admonition: WARNING — **ad-mo-ni-to-ry-ly** \-ˈmən-ə-ˈtōr-ē-lē, -tōr-\ *adv*  
**ad-na-te** \əd-ˈnā-tē\ *adj* [L *adnatus*, pp. of *adnasci* to grow on, fr. *ad-* + *nasci* to be born — more at **NATION**] (1661) 1: grown to a usu. unlike part *esp.* along a margin (a calyx ~ to the ovary) — **ad-na-tion** \əd-ˈnā-shən\ *n*  
**ad nau-se-am** \əd-ˈnō-zē-əm\ also -əm\ *adv* [L] (1647) 1: to a sickening degree  
**ad-nexa** \əd-ˈnek-sə\ *n* pl [NL, fr. L *annexa*, neut. pl. of *annexus*, pp. of *annectere* to bind to — more at **ANNEX**] (1899) 1: conjoined, subordinate, or associated anatomic parts; *specif*: the temporary structures and *esp.* the embryonic membranes of the embryo — **ad-nex-al** \-səl\ *adj*  
**ado** \ə-ˈdū\ *n* [ME, fr. *at da*, fr. *at* + *don*, *do* to do] (14c) 1: fussy bustling excitement: TO-DO 2: time-wasting bother over trivial details (wrote the paper without further ~) 3: TROUBLE, DIFFICULTY

\ə\ abut \ə\ kitten, F table \ər\ further \ə\ ash \ə\ ace \ə\ cot, cart  
\ə\ out \ch\ chin \e\ bet \e\ easy \g\ go \i\ hit \i\ ice \j\ job  
\j\ sing \ə\ go \ə\ law \oi\ boy \th\ thin \th\ the \ü\ loot \ü\ foot  
\y\ yet \z\ vision \ä, ä, ð, æ, œ, u, ü, \ see Guide to Pronunciation

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