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excised tissue. **b** A. BRODAL In chronic encephalitis the pathological changes are found in the same regions as in the acute stages. **V** NABOKOV Age had developed in her a pathological stinginess.

B A person whose psychological disposition or state is pathological. **M20**.

pathologically /pəθə'lədʒɪk(ə)li/ *adv.* **E19**. [f. **PATHOLOGIC** or **prec.**: see **-ICALLY**.] **1** In terms of pathology. **E19**. **b** *colloq.* Abnormally. **M20**. **2** In relation to the passions or emotions. *rare*. **E19**.

pathologist /pəθə'lədʒɪst/ *n.* **M17**. [f. **next** + **-IST**.] An expert in or student of pathology; *esp.* a specialist in the laboratory examination of samples of body tissue, usu. for diagnostic or forensic purposes.

speech pathologist: see **SPEECH n.**

pathology /pəθə'lədʒi/ *n.* **L16**. [Fr. *pathologie* or mod.L *pathologia*, f. (as) **PATHO-**: see **-LOGY**.] **†1** In pl. Sorrows. Only in **L16**. **2** The science of the causes and effects of diseases; *esp.* the branch of medicine that deals with the laboratory examination of samples of body tissue for diagnostic or forensic purposes. **E17**. **b** Pathological features considered collectively; the typical behaviour of a disease; a pathological condition. **L17**. *c* *transf.* & *fig.* (The science of) mental, social, or linguistic, etc., abnormality or malfunction. *Usu.* w. specifying wd. **M19**. **3** The branch of knowledge that deals with the passions or emotions. *rare*. **L17**. **4** *Math.* A pathological feature of a mathematical system, esp. of a surface or field in the neighbourhood of a particular point. **M20**.

2 A. MACLEAN I'm not a specialist in pathology—and you require one for an autopsy. *plant pathology*: see **PLANT n.** **Scientific American** For every pathology there is an underlying biochemical defect. **c** D. M. SMITH The major metropolitan states... experience high levels of social pathology. *speech pathology*: see **SPEECH n.**

pathopolis /pəθə'ləp(ə)lɪs/ *n.* *rare*. **E20**. [f. **PATHOLOGICAL** + **-POLIS**.] A diseased or morally degenerate city.

pathos /'peɪθɒs/ *n.* **L16**. [Gk = suffering, feeling, rel. to *paskhein* suffer, *penthos* grief.] **1** A pathetic expression or utterance. *rare*. **L16**. **2** A quality in speech, writing, events, persons, etc., which excites pity or sadness; the power of stirring tender or melancholy emotion. **M17**. **3** Physical or mental suffering. *rare*. **L17**.

2 V. SACKVILLE-WEST His death held no pathos, since it was in accordance with what he had chosen. A. LIVINGSTONE The war had a special pathos for Lou, since fighting on each side was a country she felt to be her own.

pathway /'pɑ:θweɪ/ *n.* **M16**. [f. **PATH n.** + **WAY n.**] **1** A way that constitutes or serves as a path; the course of a path or track. **M16**. **2a** *Physiol.* A route, formed by a chain of nerve cells, along which impulses of a particular kind usually travel. **E20**. **b** A sequence of chemical reactions undergone by a compound or class of compounds, esp. in a living organism. **E20**.

1 M. MOORCOCK The procession moved along gravel pathways. *fig.*: *Scientific American* The flow diagram shows the pathways of the energy that drives machines. **2a** H. L. HOLLINGWORTH The course of the various sensory pathways in the spinal cord. **b** *Nature* The pathways and interactions of mercury in the estuarine and marine environment. *metabolic pathway*: see **METABOLIC z.**

-pathy /pəθi/ *suffix*. [Gk *-pathēia* suffering, feeling: see **-Y³**.] In sense **2** extracted f. **HOMOEOPATHY**.] Forming ns. w. the senses (a) a disease or disorder in a particular part, as *encephalopathy*, *neuropathy*, or of a particular kind, as *idiopathy*; (b) a method of cure, curative treatment, as *allopathy*, *hydropathy*, etc.

†patible *n.* **LME-M18**. [L *patibulum* fork-shaped yoke or gibbet, f. *patere* lie open + *-bulum* instrumental suff.] A gibbet, a cross; the horizontal bar of a cross.

†patible *a.* **E17**. [L *patibilis*, f. *pati* suffer: see **-IBLE**.] **1** Capable of or liable to suffering; possible. Only in **17**. **2** Capable of undergoing something; subject to something. **E17-M19**.

patibulary /pə'tɪbjʊləri/ *a.* *rare*. Chiefly *joc.* **M17**. [f. as **PATIBLE n.** + **-ARY¹**.] Of or pertaining

to the gallows; suggesting or resembling the gallows.

patibulate *v.t.* kill by hanging **M17**.

patience /'peɪʃ(ə)ns/ *n.* **ME**. [(O)Fr. f. L *patientia*, f. *patiēnt-* pres. ppl stem of *pati* suffer: see **-ENCE**.] **1** Being patient. **1a** (The capacity for) calm endurance of pain, trouble, inconvenience, etc. Formerly also foll. by *of* pain etc. **ME**. **b** Forbearance under provocation, *esp.* tolerance of the faults or limitations of other people. **LME**. **c** (The capacity for) calm self-possessed waiting. **LME**. **d** Constancy in exertion or effort; perseverance. **E16**. **†2** Indulgence; permission. **LME-E17**.

1a SHAKES. *Rich. III* How hath your lordship brook'd imprisonment? . . . With patience, noble lord, as prisoners must. *Blackwood's Magazine* Queues of workers formed to wait in patience for the . . . trams. **b** H. KELLER I had made many mistakes, and Miss Sullivan had pointed them out again and again with gentle patience. **c** H. HUNTER Behold the fruits of eleven years patience. **d** W. HARTE He learnt with patience and with meekness taught. **2** SHAKES. *1 Hen. VI* Nor other satisfaction do I crave But only, with your patience, that we may Taste of your wine.

II Special senses. **3** *Bot.* = *patience-dock* (a) below. **LME**. **4** A card-game for one player in which the object is to arrange cards turned up at random into a specified order (also called *solitaire*); an adaptation of such a game for more than one person. **E19**.

Phrases: **have no patience with** (a) be unable to tolerate; (b) be irritated by. **lose patience** become impatient (*with*).

Comb.: **patience-dock** (a) a kind of dock, *Rumex patientia*, formerly grown as a pot-herb; (b) *north*. = **PASSION-DOCK**.

patience /'peɪʃ(ə)ns/ *v.i.* *rare*. **L16**. [f. the **n.**] Have or exercise patience.

patience /'peɪʃ(ə)nsi/ *n.* *rare*. **L17**. [f. **PATIENT** after *agency*: see **-ENCY**.] The quality or condition of being patient or passive.

patient /'peɪʃ(ə)nt/ *a., n., & v.* **ME**. [(O)Fr. f. L *patient-*: see **PATIENCE n.**, **-ENT**.] **A** *adj.* **1** Having or exercising patience (*with, to, or towards* a person, fault, etc.). **ME**. **2** Foll. by *of*: a Enduring or capable of enduring (evil, suffering, etc.); tolerant of. *arch. or poet.* **LME**. **B** Of a word, statement, etc.: capable of bearing (a particular interpretation). **M17**.

1 AV *1 Thess.* 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren . . . be patient toward all men. **R. M. BENSON** We must form a habit of patient expectation. **A. CROSS** You've been very patient with my bad temper. **P. GAY** His search . . . helped to school Freud in patient and precise observation. **2a** EVELYN Plants least patient of Cold. **WORDSWORTH** Streams that April could not check Are patient of thy rule. **b** *Church Times* It is a carefully worded motion and . . . patient of many interpretations.

Special collocations: **patient Lucy** = *busy Lizzie* s.v. **LIZZIE z.**

B n. **1** A person receiving or registered to receive medical treatment; a sick person, *esp.* one staying in a hospital. **LME**. **b** A person who suffers (patiently). *Now rare or obs.* **LME**. **†2** A person subject to supervision or correction by another. **LME-M17**. **3** A person who or thing which undergoes an action (*arch.*). *Now chiefly Gram.*, the entity affected by the action of a verb. *Opp. agent.* **L15**.

1 D. CARNEGIE More patients suffering from mental diseases in the hospitals. *private patient*: see **PRIVATE a.** *voluntary patient*: see **VOLUNTARY a.** **3** E. UNDERHILL Baptism is a crucial act of surrender performed by the baptised, who is agent, not patient.

†C v.t. & i. Make or be patient; *refl.* calm oneself. **M16-M17**.

patienthood *n.* the state or condition of being a patient **L20**. **patientless** *a.* having no patients **E19**. **patiently** *adv.* **ME**. **patientness** *n.* **LME**.

patiki /'pɑ:tɪki/ *n.* **NZ**. **M19**. [Maori.] Any of several flatfishes found in New Zealand waters.

patil *n.* var. of **PATEL**.

patina /'pɑ:tɪnə/ *n.* **M18**. [It. f. L = shallow dish or pan.] **A** usu. green film or incrustation produced by oxidation on the surface of old bronze; a similar alteration of the surface of coins, flint, etc. Also, a gloss or sheen on wooden furniture produced by age, polishing,

etc.; an acquired change in the appearance of a surface, *esp.* one suggestive of age.

R. FRAME A mahogany dining-table shows its patina best by candlelight. *fig.*: **R. HOGGART** He develops a strong patina of resistance, a thick . . . skin for not taking notice.

patinaed /'pɑ:tɪnəd/ *a.* covered with a patina, patinated **M20**.

patinate /'pɑ:tɪneɪt/ *v.t.* **L19**. [f. **prec.** + **-ATE³**.] Cause to develop a patina; cover with a patina.

D. WELCH Console tables charmingly patinated with dust and furniture polish. **L. R. ROGERS** Most sculptors today . . . use acids . . . to patinate their work.

patination *n.* the formation or production of a patina; the condition of having a patina: **L19**.

patine /pə'tɪn/ *n.¹ & v.* **L19**. [Fr. f. as **PATINA**.] **A** *n.* = **PATINA**. **L19**. **B** *v.t.* = **PATINATE**. **L19**.

†patine *n.²* var. of **PATEN**.

patio /'pɑ:tɪəʊ/ *n.* **Pl.** **-os**. **E19**. [Sp. = court of a house.] **1** *Orig.*, an inner court, open to the sky, in a Spanish or Spanish-American house. *Now also*, a usu. roofless paved area adjoining and belonging to a house. **E19**. **2** *Mining*. A yard or floor where ores are cleaned, sorted, or amalgamated. Also *ellipt.*, the patio process. **M19**.

Comb.: **patio door** a large glass sliding door leading to a patio, garden, or balcony; **patio process** an orig. Mexican process of amalgamating silver ores on an open floor.

pâtisserie /pə'tɪs(ə)ri/ *n.* Also **pât-**. **L16**. [Fr. *pâtisserie* f. med.L *pasticium*, f. *pastā* PASTE *n.*] **1** *sing.* & in *pl.* Articles of food made by a pastry-cook, pastries collectively. **L16**. **2** A shop which sells pastries. **E20**.

pâtissier /pə'tɪsɪə, forejn pətɪsje/ *n.* *Fem.* **-iere, -ière** /-iə; forejn -jɛ:t/. Also **pât-**. **E20**. [Fr.] A pastry-cook.

Pajitanian /pɑdʒɪ'tɑ:mɪən/ *a.* **M20**. [f. *Pajitan* (see below) + **-IAN**.] Of or pertaining to Pajitan, a town on the south coast of Java in Indonesia; *spec.* (*Archaeol.*) designating or pertaining to an early palaeolithic industry discovered near there.

patka /'pɑ:tka; -kə/ *n.* **L19**. [Panjabi *patkā* f. Skt *paṭikā* turban-cloth.] A kind of light head-covering worn by people of the Indian subcontinent, esp. Sikhs.

patlander /'pɑ:tləndə/ *n.* *slang*. *Now rare or obs.* **E19**. [f. **PAT n.²** + **LAND n.¹** + **-ER¹**.] An Irishman.

†patlet *n.* var. of **PARTLET n.²**

Pat Malone /pɑt mə'loun/ *n.* *phr. slang* (chiefly *Austral.*). **E20**. [Rhyming slang.] *on one's Pat Malone*, on one's own, alone. Cf. **PAT n.² 2**, **TOD n.⁴**

Patmorean /pɑt'mɔ:riən/ *a.* **M19**. [f. *Patmore* (see below) + **-AN**.] Of, pertaining to, or characteristic of the English poet Coventry K. D. Patmore (1823-96) or his writing.

Patna /'pɑ:tə/ *n.* **M19**. [A district in north central Bihar, India.] In full *Patna rice*. A variety of long-grained rice, used chiefly in curries and other savoury dishes.

patness /'pɑ:tɪns/ *n.* **M17**. [f. **PAT a.** + **-NESS**.] The quality or condition of being pat; contrived neatness; glibness.

patois /'pɑ:twaɪ/ *n. & a.* **M17**. [(O)Fr. = rough speech, perh. f. OFr. *patoier* handle roughly, trample, f. *patte* paw, of unkn. origin.] **A** *n.* **Pl.** same /-waɪ/. **1** A dialect (orig. in France) of the common people in a particular area, differing fundamentally from the literary language; any non-standard local dialect. **M17**. **2** *transf.* A social dialect; jargon. **L18**. **3** The creole of the English-speaking Caribbean, esp. Jamaica. **M20**.

B *attrib.* or *adj.* Of, pertaining to, or of the nature of a patois. **L18**.

patonce /pə'tɒns/ *a.* **M16**. [Perh. rel. to **POTENCÉ**.] *Her.* Of a cross: having limbs usu. expanding in a curved form from the centre, with ends resembling those of the cross flory. *Usu. postpositive*.

patootie /pə'tu:ti/ *n.* *US slang*. **E20**. [Perh. alt. of **POTATO**.] A sweetheart, a girlfriend; a pretty girl.

patresfamilias *n.* pl. of **PATERFAMILIAS**.