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EU- 3: impaired <dysfunction> 4: bad <dyslogistic> — compare EU-  
**dys-cra-sia** \dis-'krā-zh(ē)-ə\ *n* [NL, fr. ML, bad mixture of humors, fr. Gk *dyskrasia*, fr. *dys-* + *krasis* mixture — more at *CRASIS*]: an abnormal condition of the body  
**dys-en-ter-ic** \dis-'n-ter-ik\ *adj*: of or relating to dysentery  
**dys-en-ter-y** \dis-'n-ter-ē\ *n*, *pl -ter-ies* [ME *dissenteria*, fr. L *dysenteria*, fr. Gk, fr. *dys-* + *enteron* intestine — more at *INTER-*]: a disease characterized by severe diarrhea with passage of mucus and blood and usu. caused by infection 2: *DIARRHEA*  
**dys-func-tion** \(')dis-'fʌŋ(k)-shən\ *n*: impaired or abnormal functioning — **dys-func-tion-al** \-'shnəl, -shən-ē\ *adj*  
**dys-gen-esis** \(')dis-'jen-ə-səs\ *n* [NL]: defective development esp. of the gonads (as in Klinefelter's syndrome or Turner's syndrome)  
**dys-gen-ic** \(')dis-'jen-ik\ *adj*: 1: detrimental to the hereditary qualities of a stock 2: biologically defective or deficient  
**dys-gen-ics** \-'iks\ *n* *pl* but *sing* in *constr*: the study of racial degeneration  
**dys-lex-ia** \dis-'lek-sē-ə\ *n* [NL, fr. *dys-* + Gk *lexis* word, speech]: a disturbance of the ability to read — **dys-lex-ic** \-'sik\ *adj*  
**dys-lo-gis-tic** \dis-'jɪs-tik\ *adj* [*dys-* + *-logistic* (as in *eulogistic*)]: UNCOMPLIMENTARY — **dys-lo-gis-ti-cal-ly** \-'ti-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*  
**dys-men-or-rhea** \(')dis-'men-ə-'rē-ə\ *n* [NL]: painful menstruation — **dys-men-or-rhe-al** \-'rē-əl\ or **dys-men-or-rhe-ic** \-'rē-ik\ *adj*  
**dys-pep-sia** \dis-'pep-shə, -sē-ə\ *n* [L, fr. Gk, fr. *dys-* + *pepsis* digestion, fr. *pepsin*, *pepsin* to cook, digest — more at *COOK*]: INDIGESTION  
**dys-pep-tic** \-'pep-tik\ *adj*: 1: relating to or having dyspepsia 2: showing a sour disposition — **dys-pep-ti-cal-ly** \-'ti-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*  
**dyspeptic** *n*: a person having dyspepsia

**dys-pha-gia** \dis-'fā-(ē)-ə\ *n* [NL]: difficulty in swallowing — **dys-pha-gic** \-'fā-ik\ *adj*  
**dys-pha-sia** \dis-'fā-zh(ē)-ə\ *n* [NL]: loss of or deficiency in the power to use or understand language as a result of injury to or disease of the brain — **dys-pha-sic** \-'fā-zik\ *n* or *adj*  
**dys-pho-nia** \dis-'fō-nē-ə\ *n* [NL]: defective use of the voice — **dys-pho-nic** \-'fā-n-ik\ *adj*  
**dys-pho-ria** \dis-'fōr-ē-ə, -'fōr-\ *n* [NL, fr. Gk, fr. *dysphoros* hard to bear, fr. *dys-* + *pherein* to bear — more at *BEAR*]: a state of feeling unwell or unhappy — **dys-pho-ric** \-'fōr-ik, -'fār-\ *adj*  
**dys-pla-sia** \dis-'plā-zh(ē)-ə\ *n* [NL]: abnormal growth or development (as of organs or cells); *broadly*: abnormal anatomic structure due to such growth — **dys-plas-tic** \-'plā-s-tik\ *adj*  
**dys-pnea** \dis(p)-nē-ə\ *n* [L *dyspnoea*, fr. Gk *dyspnoia*, fr. *dyspnoos* short of breath, fr. *dys-* + *pnain* to breathe — more at *SNEEZE*]: difficult or labored respiration — **dys-pne-ic** \-'nē-ik\ *adj*  
**dys-pro-si-um** \dis-'prō-zē-əm, -zh(ē)-əm\ *n* [NL, fr. Gk *dysprostios* hard to get at, fr. *dys-* + *prostios* approachable, fr. *prosinai* to approach, fr. *pros-* + *tenai* to go — more at *ISSUE*]: an element of the rare-earth group that forms highly magnetic compounds — see *ELEMENT* table  
**dys-to-pia** \(')dis-'tō-pē-ə\ *n* [NL, fr. *dys-* + *-topia* (as in *eutopia*)]: an imaginary place which is depressingly wretched and whose people lead a fearful existence — **dys-to-pi-an** \-'pē-ən\ *adj*  
**dys-tro-phic** \dis-'trō-fik\ *adj*: 1: relating to or caused by faulty nutrition 2 *of a lake*: brownish with much dissolved humic matter, a sparse bottom fauna, and a high oxygen consumption  
**dys-tro-phy** \dis-'trō-fē\ *n*, *pl -phies* [NL *dystrophia*, fr. *dys-* + *-trophia* (-trophly): imperfect nutrition; *specif*: any of several neuromuscular disorders — compare *MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY*  
**dys-uria** \dɪsh-'(y)ūr-ē-ə, dis-'yūr-\ *n* [NL, fr. Gk *dysouria*, fr. *dys-* + *-ouria* -uria]: difficult or painful discharge of urine  
**dz** *abbr* dozen

**E** \ē\ *n*, *pl e's* or *es* \'ēz\ *often cap*, *often attrib* 1 *a*: the 5th letter of the English alphabet *b*: a graphic representation of this letter *c*: a speech counterpart of orthographic *e* 2: the 3d tone of a C-major scale 3: a graphic device for reproducing the letter *e* 4: one designated *e* esp. as the 5th in order or class; *specif*: the base of the system of natural logarithms having the approximate numerical value 2.71828 5 *a*: a grade rating a student's work as poor and usu. constituting a conditional pass *b*: a grade rating a student's work as failing *c*: one graded or rated with an *E* 6: something shaped like the letter *E*  
**e** *abbr*, *often cap* 1 earth 2 east; easterly; eastern 3 edge 4 eldest 5 ell 6 empty 7 end 8 energy 9 erg 10 error 11 excellent  
**e**, *symbol* 1 charge of an electron 2 eccentricity of a conic section  
**E**, *symbol* 1 einsteinium 2 energy  
**e** \(')ē, i\ *prefix* [ME, fr. OF & L; OF, out, forth, away, fr. L, fr. ex-] 1 *a*: not <ecarinate> *b*: missing; absent <edental> 2: out; on the outside <escribe> 3: thoroughly <evaporize> 4: forth <eradiate> 5: away <eluvium>  
**ea** *abbr* each  
**EA** *abbr* enemy aircraft  
**each** \'eč\ *adj* [ME *ech*, fr. OE *ælc*: akin to OHG *logilith* each; both fr. a prehistoric WGmc compound whose first and second constituents respectively are represented by OE *æ* always and by OE *gelic* alike]: being one of two or more distinct individuals having a similar relation and often constituting an aggregate  
**each** *pron*: each one  
**each** *adv*: to or for each; *A PIECE*  
**each other** *pron*: each of two or more in reciprocal action or relation <looked at each other in surprise>  
**ee-ger** \ē-'gər\ *adj* [ME *egre*, fr. OF *atere*, fr. L *acer* — more at

their strength, size, gracefulness, keenness of vision, and powers of flight 2: any of various esp. emblematic or symbolic figures or representations of an eagle: as *a*: the standard of the ancient Romans *b*: the seal or standard of a nation (as the U.S.) having an eagle as emblem *c*: one of a pair of silver insignia of rank worn by a military colonel or a navy captain 3: a ten-dollar gold coin of the U.S. bearing an eagle on the reverse 4: a golf score of two strokes less than par on a hole — compare *BIRDIE* 5 *cap* [Fraternal Order of *Eagles*]: a member of a major fraternal order  
**eagle eye** *n*: 1: the ability to see or observe with exceptional keenness 2: one that sees or observes keenly  
**eagle ray** *n*: any of several widely distributed large active stingrays (family *Myliobatidae*) with broad pectoral fins like wings  
**ea-glet** \ē-'glēt\ *n*: a young eagle  
**ee-gre** \ē-'gər\ *n* [origin unknown]: a tidal bore  
**ee-l-dor-man** \ē-'dər-mən\ *n* [OE — more at *ALDERMAN*]: the chief officer in a district (as a shire) in Anglo-Saxon England  
**-ean** — see *-AN*  
**E and OE** *abbr* errors and omissions excepted  
**ear** \(')er\ *n* [ME *ere*, fr. OE *ēara*; akin to OHG *ōra* ear, L *auris*, Gk *ous*] 1 *a*: the characteristic vertebrate organ of hearing and equilibrium consisting in the typical mammal of a sound-collecting outer ear separated by a membranous drum from a sound-transmitting middle ear that in turn is separated from a sensory inner ear by membranous fenestrae *b*: any of various organs capable of detecting vibratory motion 2: the external ear of man and most mammals 3 *a*: the sense or act of hearing *b*: acuity of hearing *c*: sensitivity to musical tone and pitch 4: something resembling a mammalian ear in shape or position; as *a*: a projecting part (as a lug or handle) *b*: either of a pair of tufts of lengthened feathers on the head of some birds 5 *a*: sympathetic attention *b*: NOTICE, AWARENESS 6: a space in the upper corner of a periodical (as a newspaper) usu. containing advertising for the periodical itself or a weather forecast — *by ear*: without a script

**ex-plic-ate** \ˈek-splə-kāt\ *vt* **-cat-ed; -cat-ing** [L *explicatus*, pp. of *explicare*, lit., to unfold, fr. *ex-* + *plicare* to fold — more at PLY] 1 : to give a detailed explanation of 2 : to develop the implications of ; analyze logically *syn* see EXPLAIN — **ex-plic-a-tion** \ˈek-splə-kā-shən\ *n* — **ex-plic-a-tor** \ˈek-splə-kāt-ər\ *n*

**ex-plic-a-tion de texte** \ˈek-splə-kā-syō-də-tekst\ *n, pl* **explications de texte** \same\ [F, lit., explanation of text] : a method of literary criticism involving a detailed analysis of each part of a work

**ex-plic-a-tive** \ˈek-splīk-ət-iv, ˈek-splə-kāt-\ *adj* : serving to explicate ; EXPLANATORY; *specif* : serving to explain logically what is contained in the subject <an ~ proposition> — **ex-plic-a-tive-ly** *adv*

**explicative** *n* : an explicative expression

**ex-plic-a-to-ry** \ˈek-splīk-ə-tōr-ē, ˈek-(ə)splīk-, -tōr-\ *adj* : EXPLICATIVE

**ex-plic-it** \ˈik-splīs-ət\ *adj* [F or ML: F *explicite*, fr. ML *explicitus*, fr. L, pp. of *explicare*] 1 **a** : free from all vagueness and ambiguity <an ~ statement of the problem> **b** : fully developed or formulated <an ~ statement of his objectives> 2 : unreserved and unambiguous in expression 3 : externally visible 4 : involving direct payment <~ costs> — **ex-plic-it-ly** *adv* — **ex-plic-it-ness** *n*

*syn* EXPLICIT, EXPRESS, SPECIFIC, DEFINITE *shared meaning element* : perfectly clear and unambiguous *ant* ambiguous

**explicit function** *n* : a mathematical function defined by an expression containing only independent variables — compare IMPLICIT FUNCTION

**ex-plode** \ˈik-splod\ *vb* **ex-plod-ed; ex-plod-ing** [L *explodere* to drive off the stage by clapping, fr. *ex-* + *plaudere* to clap] *vt* 1 *archaic* : to drive from the stage by noisy disapproval 2 : to bring into disrepute or discredit <~ a rumor> 3 : to cause to explode or burst noisily <~ dynamite> <~ a bomb> ~ *vi* 1 : to burst forth with sudden violence or noise <~ with anger> 2 **a** : to undergo a rapid chemical or nuclear reaction with the production of noise, heat, and violent expansion of gases <dynamite ~s> <an atomic bomb ~s> **b** : to burst violently as a result of pressure from within — **ex-plod-er** *n*

**ex-plod-ed** *adj* : showing the parts separated but in correct

**exponential function** *n* : a mathematical function in which an independent variable appears in one of the exponents — called also *exponential*

**ex-po-nen-ti-a-tion** \ˈek-spa-nen-chē-ā-shən\ *n* [*exponent* + *-iation* (as in *differentiation*)] : INVOLUTION 2

**ex-port** \ˈek-spō(ə)rt, -spō(ə)rt, ˈek-\ *vb* [L *exportare* fr. *ex-* + *portare* to carry — more at FARE] *vt* 1 : to carry away ; REMOVE 2 : to carry or send (as a commodity) to some other place (as another country) ~ *vi* : to export something abroad — **ex-port-abil-i-ty** \ˈ(ə)k-spōrt-ə-bil-ət-ē, -spōrt-\ *n* — **ex-port-able** \ˈek-spōrt-ə-bəl, -ˈspōrt-, ˈek-\ *adj*

**ex-port** \ˈek-spō(ə)rt, -spō(ə)rt\ *n* 1 : something exported; *specif* : a commodity conveyed from one country or region to another for purposes of trade 2 : an act of exporting : EXPORTATION <the ~ of wheat>

**export** \ˈek-\ *adj* : of or relating to exportation or exports <~ duties>

**ex-por-ta-tion** \ˈek-spōr-tā-shən, -spōr-, -spər-\ *n* : an act of exporting; *also* : a commodity exported

**ex-port-er** \ˈek-spōrt-ər, -spōrt-, ˈek-\ *n* : one that exports; *specif* : a wholesaler who sells to merchants or industrial consumers in foreign countries

**ex-pose** \ˈik-spōz\ *vt* **ex-posed; ex-posing** [ME *exposen*, fr. MF *exposer*, fr. L *exponere* to set forth, explain (perf. indic. *exposui*), fr. *ex-* + *ponere* to put, place — more at POSITION] 1 **a** : to deprive of shelter, protection, or care <~ troops needlessly> **b** : to submit or subject to an action or influence; *specif* : to subject (a sensitive photographic film, plate, or paper) to the action of radiant energy **c** : to abandon (an infant) esp. by leaving in the open ; DESERT 2 : to lay open to view; as **a** : to offer publicly for sale **b** : to exhibit for public veneration **c** : to reveal the face of (a playing card) 3 **a** : to bring to light (as something shameful) ; UNMASK **b** : to disclose the faults or crimes of <~ a murderer> — **ex-pos-er** *n*

**ex-po-sé** or **ex-po-se** \ˈek-spō-zā, -spə-\ *n* [F *exposé*, fr. pp. of *exposer*] 1 : a formal recital or exposition of facts ; STATEMENT 2 : an exposure of something discreditable <a newspaper ~ of crime conditions>

**ex-posed** \ˈik-spōzd\ *adj* 1 : open to view <an ~ card> 2