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**radio-** (1960-65, Amer.; -thō-).  
**ra-di-o-tho-r-i-um** (rā'dē ō thōr'ē am, -thōr'-), *n.* Chem. a disintegration product of thorium. [1920-25; < NL; see RADIO-, THORIUM]  
**ra-di-o-tox-ic** (rā'dē ō tok'sik), *adj.* *Pathol.* causing radiation sickness. [1945-50; RADIO- + TOXIC]  
**ra-di-o-trac-er** (rā'dē ō trā'sēr), *n.* Chem. a radioactive isotope used as a tracer. [1945-50; RADIO- + TRACER]  
**ra-di-o-trans-pa-rent** (rā'dē ō trans pār'ent, -par'-), *n.* transparent to radiation; invisible in x-ray photographs and under fluoroscopy (opposed to *radiopaque*). Cf. **radiolucent**. [RADIO- + TRANSPARENT] —**ra-di-o-trans-par-en-cy**, *n.*

**ra/dio tube'**, a vacuum tube used in a radio receiving set.  
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**ra/dio wave'**, *Elect.* an electromagnetic wave having a wavelength between 1 millimeter and 30,000 meters, or a frequency between 10 kilohertz and 300,000 megahertz. [1915-20]  
**ra/dio win/dow**, *Astron.* the range of wavelengths at which the earth's atmosphere is transparent to radio waves.

**rad-ish** (rad'ish), *n.* 1. the crisp, pungent, edible root of the plant, *Raphanus sativus*, of the mustard family, usually eaten raw. 2. the plant itself. [bef. 1000; late ME *radish(e)*, var. (cf. OF *radise*, var. of *radice*) of ME *radiche*, OE *rādic* (< L *rādic*- (s. of *rādic* root)); cf. OHG *rāih*, G *Retlich*] —**rad-ish-like'**, *adj.*

**ra-di-um** (rā'dē am), *n.* 1. Chem. a highly radioactive metallic element whose decay yields radon gas and alpha rays. *Symbol:* Ra; *at. wt.:* 226; *at. no.:* 88. 2. a lustrous rayon or silk fabric constructed in plain weave and used in women's apparel, lining, and drapery. [1895-1900; < NL, equiv. to L *rad(ius)* ray (see RADIUS) + *-ium* -IUM]  
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**ra/dium emanation**, *Chem.* (formerly) radon.

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**rad-lib** (rad'lib'), *Informal.* —*n.* 1. *Usually Disparaging.* a liberal, esp. a liberal politician, considered to have radical or extremist tendencies. —*adj.* 2. being or of such a liberal; liberal tending toward radical: *The congressman accused his opponent of holding rad-lib ideas.* Also, **rad/lib'**. [RAD(ICAL) + LIB(ERAL)]  
**Radm**, rear admiral. Also, **RADM**  
**Rad-nor** (rad'nər), *n.* 1. a town in SE Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia. 27,676. 2. Radnorshire.  
**Rad-nor-shire** (rad'nər shēr', -shər), *n.* a historic county in Powys, in E Wales. Also called **Radnor**.  
**Rad-om** (rād'óm), *n.* a city in E Poland. 175,000.  
**rad-ome** (rād'óm'), *n.* a dome-shaped device used to house a radar antenna. [1940-45; b. RADAR and DOME]  
**rad-on** (rād'ón), *n.* *Chem.* a chemically inert, radioactive gaseous element produced by the decay of radium: emissions produced by outgassing of rock, brick, etc. are a health hazard. *Symbol:* Rn; *at. no.:* 86; *at. wt.:* 222. [1915-20; RAD(IUM) + -ON']  
**rad/s**, radians per second. Also, **rad/sec**  
**rad-u-la** (raj'ōlə), *n., pl. -lae (-lē'). a chitinous band in the mouth of most mollusks, set with numerous, minute, horny teeth and drawn backward and forward over the floor of the mouth in the process of breaking up food. [1745-55; < NL *rādula*, L: scraper, equiv. to *rād* (ere) to scrape, rub + *-ula* -ULE] —**rad-u-lar**, *adj.***

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