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Abbreviations and



or government (2): the obligation of an alien to the government under which the alien resides 2: devotion or loyalty to a person, group, or cause syn see FIDELITY — al-le-giant _jont\ adj al-le-gor-i-cal _ja-l--'gor-i-kal, -'gar-\ adj (1528) 1: of, relating to, or having the characteristics of allegory 2: having hidden spiritual meaning that transcends the literal sense of a sacred text — al-le-gor-i-ca

1: to treat or explain as an anegory 2: to treat or explain as an anegory 2: to treat or explain as an anegory all-le-go-ry \\\^{1}a-\\^{1}a-\\^{1}g\rightarrow -\rightarrow -

resentation: EMBLEM 2

*al-le-gret-to \;a-le-gre-(₁)tō, ;\"a-le-\ adv or adj [It, dim. of allegro] (ca. 1740): faster than and ante but not so fast as allegro — used as a direc-

tion in music

*allegretto n, pl -tos (ca. 1846): a musical composition or movement in allegretto tempo

*al-le-gro \a-\(^1\)a\^n, pl -\(^1\)gros (1683): a musical composition of movement in allegro tempo

*allegro adv or adf [It, merry, fr. (assumed) VL alecrus lively, alter. of L alacer, alacer] (ca. 1721): at a brisk lively tempo — used as a direction in music

*al-lele \a-\(^1\)e(\a-)\(^1\)) n [G Allel, short for Allelomorph] (1928) 1: any of the alternative forms of a gene that may occur at a given locus 2: either of a pair of alternative Mendelian characters (as smooth and wrinkled seed in the pea) — al-le-lic \-\(^1\)e^-lik, \-\(^1\)e-\(^1\)adj — al-le-lism \-\(^1\)e^-(\)e^-).

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allelo-comb form [Gk allēlon of each other, fr. allos ... allos one ... the other, fr. allos other — more at ELSE] 1: alternative (allelomorph) 2: reciprocal (allelopathy) al-le-lo-morph \(\rightarrow \righta

-,lo-lo-\adj al-le-lu-ia \(\alpha al-le-\frac{1}{10} \)-ya\\\ inter\) inter\) [ME, fr. LL, fr. Gk all\(el\) allelouia, fr. Heb hald\(\alpha \) ya\\ praise ye Jehovah\] (14c): HALLELUJAH al-le-mande \(\alpha - \alpha - \alpha \) mand(d), -mən, -\mandd, \(\alpha \) & 2 also \(\alpha - \alpha - \alpha \), \(\otin \) noten cap \(\beta \), fr. fem. of allemand German\) (1685) 1: a musical composition or movement (as in a baroque suite) in moderate tempo and duple or quadruple time 2 a: a 17th and 18th century court dance developed in France from a German folk dance b: a dance step with arms interlaced

(1943): an L-shaped hexagonal metal bar either end of which fits the socket of a screw or bolt aller. In the socket of a screw or bolt aller. In the socket of a screw or bolt aller. In the screw of the socket of a screw or bolt aller. In the screw of t

all get—out \,ôl-'get-,aût, -'git-\ n (1884): the utmost conceivable degree
— used in comparisons to suggest something superlative (is handsome
as all get-out and has a deft way with the ladies — John McCarten \
all hall inter (14c) — used to express greeting, welcome, or acclama-

tion
All-hal-lows \ol-'ha-(1)loz, -ləz\ n, pl Allhallows [short for All Hallows'
Day] (1503): ALL SAINTS' DAY
al-li-a-ceous \: a-lē-'ā-shəs\ adj [L allium garlic] (1792): resembling gar-

al-li-a-ceous \a-le-12-shas\adj [L allium garlic] (1792): resembling garlic or onion esp. in smell or taste al-li-ance \alpha-1\fi-an(\s)\n (13c) 1 a: the state of being allied: the action of allying b: a bond or connection between families, states, parties, or individuals \(\alpha\) closer \simes between government and industry \(\geq 2\) : an association to further the common interests of the members; specif: a confederation of nations by treaty \(\geq 3\): union by relationship in qualities: APFINITY \(4\): a treaty of alliance al-lied \(\geq -1\fid\) id-\(\geq \geq \geq (14c) 1\): having or being in close association: CONNECTED \(\alpha\) strong personal pride \(\simes\) with the utmost probity \(\geq \text{two families} \simes\) by marriage\(2\): joined in alliance by compact or treaty; specif. cap: of or relating to the nations united against Germany and its allies in World War II \(\geq 3\) a: related esp. by common properties or qualities \(\lefta\) herealdry and \(\simes\) subjects \(\righta\) b: related genetically allies pl of ALLY

(heraldry and ~ subjects) b: related genetically allies pl of ALIX al-liega-tor \n [Sp el lagarto the lizard, fr. el the (fr. L ille that) + lagarto lizard, fr. (assumed) VL lacartus, fr. L lacertus, lacerta — more at LIZARD] (1579) 1a: either of two crocodilians (genus Alligator) having broad heads not tapering to the snout and a special pocket in the upper jaw for reception of the enlarged lower fourth tooth b: CROCODILIAN 2: leather made from alligator hide alligator clip n (ca. 1941): a spring-loaded clip that has jaws resembling an alligator's and is used for making temporary electrical connections

alligator pear n [by folk etymology fr. Sp aguacate — more at AVOCADO] (1763): AVO-

CADO
alligator snapper n (1884): a snapping turtle
(Macrochelys temminckii) of the rivers of the
Gulf states that may reach nearly 150 pounds (68 kilograms) in weight
and 5 feet (1.5 meters) in length

alligator clip

and 3 leet (1.3 meters) in length all-im-por-tant _o\-lim\-lip\rupor-t'nt, \\-lim\-lop\rupor-t'nt, \\\ adj\ (1837): of very great or greatest importance \(can \(capeta lin_o\-lin\\\ in\\ adj\ (1890) \) 1 chiefty Brit: ALL-INCLUSIVE 2 chiefly Brit: being almost without restrictions \(<\mathrew wrestling \> all in \(adj\ (1903) : TIRED\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TIRED\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TIRED\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TIRED\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TIRED\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TIRED\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TIRED\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TIRED\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TIRED\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TIRED\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TIRED\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TIRED\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TIRED\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TIRED\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TIRED\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TIRED\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TIRED\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TIRED\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TIRED\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TIRED\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TireD\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TireD\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TireD\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\\ adj\ (1903) : TireD\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\ adj\ (1903) : TireD\), EXHAUSTED \(capeta lin\\ adj\ (1903)

was all int all-in-clu-sive \o-in-'klil-siv, -ziv\ adj (ca. 1855): including everything \(\alpha \) brader and more nearly \sim view \(\rangle \) all-in-clu-sive-ness n all-iti-er-ate \(\rangle \)-'li-i--₁tā\\ vb -at-ed; -at-ing [back-formation fr. alliteration] vi (l816) 1: to form an alliteration 2: to write or speak alliteratively \(\sim vi \) to arrange or place so as to make alliteration \(\sim \sim \) sentence.

atively ~ vt : to arrange or place so as to make alliteration (~ syllables in a sentence)

al-litera-ation \=, il-tə-'rā-shən\ n [ad- + L littera letter] (ca. 1656) : the repetition of usu. initial consonant sounds in two or more neighboring words or syllables (as wild and woolly, threatening throngs) — called also head rhyme, initial rhyme

al-litera-ative \=, il-tər-ə-tiv, -tə-rā-tiv\ adj (1764) : of, relating to, or marked by alliteration — al-litera-ative-ly adv

al-lium \\ 'a-lē-əm\ n [NL, genus name, fr. L, garlic] (1807) : any of a large genus (Allium) of bulbous herbs of the lily family including the onion, garlic, chive, leek, and shallot

all-night \\ 'ol-'nīt\ adj (1888) 1 : lasting throughout the night \(an \sim \text{poker game} \) 2 : open throughout the night \(an \sim \text{diner} \)

all-nighter \\ 'ol-'nīt-tər\ n (1967) : something that lasts all night; specif : an all-night study session

allo-— see All-

– al·lo·mor•phic \ıa-lə-ˈ

pheme) — al-lo-mor-phic \all-a-s-mor-phic \all-a-lo-mor-phic \all-a-lo-mor-phic \all-a-lo-more \ ex often occurring in incrustatic of a hydrous aluminum silicate bophone '\a-la-\fon' n [allo-variants of the same phoneme (the rated \p) of spin are \sigmas of the parallel allowed the same phoneme (the rated \p) of spin are \sigmas of the parallel allowed the same phoneme (the rated \p) of spin are \sigmas of the parallel allowed the same phoneme (the rate of the same phoneme (the rate of the same phoneme).

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How \(\rightarrow \)-lau\ \(v \) [ME, ir. MF allow to approve, fr. L allaudare not at ALLOCATE] vt (14c) 1 mount (as of time or money) \(\lambda \) adduction or an addition (\sigma a m & Midland: to be of the op to express an opinion—usu fourthern & Midland: INTEND, 1 that money causes problems in people to smoke in his home) wevent (\sigma \) the dog to roam \(\sigma \) med (evidence that \(\sigma \) event (~ the dog to roam) — used with of (evidence that a consideration to circumstances for expansion > How-able \adj (150

low-ance \alpha-'laù-an(t)s\ n (14 anted b: a sum granted as:
nese \salary includes cost-of-lid for personal or household end or available amount \(\rho\) provide or stood handicap (as in a horse race between mating parts of a second of the low-ance \ə-'lau-ən(t)s\ n (14

