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or government（2）：the obligation of an alien to the government un－ der which the alien resides 2 ：devotion or loyalty to a person，group or cause syn see FIDELITY－Glhle－giant（－jont \adj or cause syn see FIDELITY－ having the characteristics of allegory 2 ：having hidden spiritual meaning that transcends the literal sense of a sacred text－al－le．gori－ cal－ly $\-k(\partial-) l e ̄ \ a d v-a l-l e-g o r \cdot l-c a l \cdot n e s s ~ t-k a l-n a s \backslash n$
al－le－go－rise Brit var of ALLEGORIZE

al－le－go•ri－za•tion \a－lə－，gōr－ə－＂zä－shən，－sgór－，－gər－\} n （1847）：allegori－ cal representation or interpretation
al－le•go•rize \＇a－lo－ıgōr－ıiz，－ıgór－，－gor－\ $v b$－rized；－riz－ing vi（1581） 1 ito give allegorical explanations $2:$ to compose or use allegory $\sim v t$
i to treat or explain as an allegory $2:$ to make into allegory ale－ go－rizer $n$
irle－gorry \a－lo－ıgōr－ē，－gȯr－\ n，$p l$－ries［ME allegorie，fr．Lallegoria， fr．Gk allēgoria，fr．allegorein to speak figuratively，ir．allos other＋ －egorein to speak publicly，fr．agora assembly－more at ELSE，AGORA］ （14c） 1 ：the expression by means of symbolic ex fistence；also ：an in tions of truths or generalzations of such expression 2 ：a symbolic rep stance（as in a story or pa
resentation ：EMBLEM 2
resentation ：EMBLEM $2,{ }_{\text {ald }}$ ） 1740）：faster than andante but not so fast as allegro－used as a direc－ tion in music
tion in music allegretto $n, p l$－tos（ca．1846）：a musical composition or movement in allegretto tempo
 or movement in allegro tempo
 alacr－，alacer］（ca．1721）：at a brisk lively tempo－used as a direction in music
al．lele \ə－llē（a）$\backslash n$［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
 zom，－le－$\backslash n$
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〉
 mor－phic \o－l lē－le－mor
mór－ıi－zom，－le－lop－a•thy \o－lē－lo－ıpa－thē，－le－lə－；also，a－lə－lä̈－po－thē $n$［ISV］ aide－10p－a
（1948）：the suppression of growth of one plant species by another due －1 $\mathrm{l}-\mathrm{lo}-1$ adj
al－le－lu－la（aa－lo－luü－yo interj［ME，fr．LL，fr．Gk allēlouia，fr．Heb halälūyäh praise ye Jehovah］（14c）：Halle fuJaH
al－le－mande \＇a－lo－ıman（d），mon，－mänd，Ia \＆ 2 also a－lo－$\backslash n$ ，often cap $[\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{fr}$ ．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 17 th and 18 th century court dance developed in France from a German folk dance $b$ ：a dance step with arms inter－ laced
 Al．len wrench＇ta－lan－$n$［Allen Manufacturing Co．，Hartford，Conn．］ （1943）：an L－shaped hexagonal metal bar either end of which fits the socket of a screw or bolt
alder－gen \＇a－lor－jon $n$［ISV allergy＋－gen］（1910）：a substance that in－ duces allergy－al．ler－gen－ic \a－lor－je－nik $\$ adj－al．ler．ge•nic＊i．ty
 by allergy 2 ：having an aversion＜～to work〉
 al－ler－gy \a－lor－jē $n$ ，pl－gies［G Allergie，fr．all－＋Gk ergon work－
more at work］（1910） $1:$ altered bodily reactivity（as hypersensitivi－ more at wORK］（i910）in ：altered bodirst exposure 〈a bee venom $\sim$ so se ty）to an antigen in response to a first exposure 〈a bee 2 ：exaggerated or pathologica vere that a second sting may be fatal＞embarrassment，itching，or skin reaction（as by sneezing，respiratory embarrassment，fores
rashes）to substances，situations，or physical states that are without comparable effect on the average individual 3 ：medical practice con compar with allergies $4:$ a feeling of antipathy or repugnance
alle thrin \a－lo－thron\ $n$［allyl + pyrethrin］（1950）：a light yellow vis－ cous oily synthetic insecticide $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ used esp．in household aero－ sols
sols al．le－vi－ate lo－＂̄̄ē－vē－，āt vt －at－ed；－at－ing［LL alleviatus，pp．of alleviare， fr．Lad－levis light－more at LIGHT］（15c）：RELIEVE，LESSEN：as a ：to make（as suffering）more bearable＜her sympathy alleviated his dis－ tress＞b：to partially remove or correct syn see RELIEVE

${ }^{1}$ al．ley $\backslash \mathrm{a}-1 \bar{e} \backslash n$ ，pl alleys［ME，fr．MF alee，fr．OF，fr．aler to go］（14c） 1 ：a garden or park walk bordered by trees or bushes 2 a（1）：a grassed enclosure for bowling or skittles（2）：a hardwood lane for bowling； also ：a room or building housing a group of such lanes b：the space on each side of a tennis doubles court between the sideline and the ser－ vice sideline c：an area in a baseball outfield between two outfielders when they are in normal positions 3 ：a narrow street；esp ：a thor－ or buildings－up one＇s alley also down one＇s alley ：suited to one＇s or buildings－up one
own tastes or abilities
2alley $n$ ，pl alleys［by shortening and alter，fr．alabaster］（1720）：a play－ alley $n$ ，$p l$ alleys［by shortening and alt
ing marble；$e s p$ ：one of superior quality
ing marble；esp ：one of superior quality $\quad$ aley about to leap，prob．fr．F allez，2d pers．pl．imper．of aller to go $+\mathrm{E}-o o p$ ， perh．alter．of $u p]$（ 1967 ）：a basketball play in which a leaping player peatches a pass above the basket and immediately dunks the ball；also ：the usu．looping pass thrown on such a play
al－ley－way \a－lê̄，wā\n（1788）1：a narrow passageway 2：ALLEY 3 All Fools＇Day $n$（1712）：APRIL FOOLS＇DAY
all fours $n$ pl（1563） 1 a $:$ all four legs of a quadruped $b:$ the two legs and two arms of a person when used to support the body 2 sing in constr ：any of various card games in which points are scored for the high trump，low trump，jack of trumps，and game
all get－out \，ol－＇get－，aüt，－＇git－$\backslash n$（1884）：the utmost conceivable degree －used in comparisons to suggest something superlative＜is handso as all get－out and has a deft way with the ladies－John McCarten＞ tion All－hal－lows \ol－＇ha－（）löz，－ləz $\backslash n, p l$ Allhallows［short for All Hallows＇， Day］（1503）：ALL SAINTS＇DAY
 alicarceous ta－a－or onion esp．in smell or taste
 of allying $b:$ a bond or connection between families，states，parties，or individuals 〈a closer or between government and industry＞ 2 ：an as－ individuals＜a ciation to further the common interests of the members；specif：a confederation of nations by treaty 3 ：union by relationship in quali－ ties ：AFFINITY 4：a treaty of alliance
al－lied $\mathrm{a}^{2}$ lid，${ }^{3} \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{lind} \backslash a d j$（14c） $1:$ having or being in close association ：CONNECTED $\langle$ a strong personal pride with the utmost probity〉 ＜two families $\sim$ 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 I or those united against the Axis powers in World War II 3 a ：related esp．by common properties or qualities〈heraldry and $\sim$ subjects〉 b：related genetically
allies pl of ALLY
 that）＋lagarto lizard，fr．（assumed）VL lacartus，fr．L lacertus，lacerta－ more at LIZARD］（1579） 1 a ：either of two crocodilians（genus Alliga－ tor）having broad heads not tapering to the snout and a special pocke in the upper jaw for reception of the enlarged lower
CROCODILIAN 2 ：leather made from alg gato
alligator clip $n$（ca．1941）：a spring－loaded clip alligator clip $n$（ca．1941）：a spring－loaded clip that has jaws resembling an aligator＇s and is
used for making temporary electrical connec－ used f
tions
tions alligator pear $n$［by folk etymology fr． Sp
alligator pear $n$［by folk etymology fr．Sp
aguacate－more at Avocado］（1763）：Avo－
alligator snapper $n$（1884）：a snapping turtle

alligator clip
Gulf states that may reach nearly 150 pounds（ 68 kilograms）in weight and 5 feet（ 1.5 meters）in length
 greatest importance 〈an question＞
greatest importance（18） 1 question＞ ：being almost without restrictions＜～wrestling〉
all in adj（1903）：TIRED，EXHAUSTED 〈after a day of wood－splitting he
was all in $\rangle$ all－in－clu－sive \ó－lin－＇klü－siv，－ziv $\backslash$ adj（ca．1855）；including everything〈a broader and more nearly view〉－all－in－clu－sive－ness $n$
al－lit－er－ate $\backslash \partial$－ 1 li －ta－，rāt $\backslash v$－at－ed；－atoing［back－formation fr ．allitera－ tion］vi（1816） $1:$ to form an alliteration $2:$ to write or speak alliter atively $\sim v t:$ to arrange or place so as to make alliteration＜$\sim$ sylla－ bles in a sentence＞
al－lit－er－a．tion \o－ıli－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
alliteer－a•tive $\backslash ⿱-$－li－tor－ə－tiv，－to－，rā－tiv $\backslash$ adj（1764）：of，relating to，or marked by alliteration－alliterera．tive．ly adv
al－li－um \＇a－lê－am\ $n$［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 \ól－nint\adj（1888） 1 ：lasting throughout the night 〈an $\sim$ poker game〉 2 ：open throughout the night 〈an $\sim$ diner〉 all－nightoer $\begin{gathered}\text { an all－night study session }\end{gathered}$
allo－an all－night st
alolo－an－ti－body \，a－lō－＇an－ti－，bä－dē $\boldsymbol{n}$（1964）：an antibody produced following introduction of an alloantigen into the system of an individu－ al of a species lacking that particular antigen－called also isoantibody aldo andti－gen ha－lō－an－ti－jan $\backslash n$（1964）：an antigen present only in some individuals（as of a particular blood group）of a species and capa－ ble of inducing the production o black of it called also isoantigen
al－lo－ca－ble <br>（a－la－ka－bal $\backslash$ adf（1916）：capable of being allocated
al－lo－cate \＇a－lo－ıkāt $\backslash t$－cat－ed；－cat－ing［ML allocatus，pp．of allocare， fr．L ad－＋locare to place，fr．locus place－more at STALL］（ca．1641） ：DISTRIBUTE＜～tasks among human and automated components〉 2 ：to set apart or earmark ：DESIGNATE＜～a section of the building for special research purposes $\rangle$－allolocat－able $\backslash-1 k a \overline{-t}$－t－bal
 speak to，fr，ad－＋loqui to speak］（1615）：a formal speech；esp ：an au－ thoritative or hortatory address
all of adv（1829）：FULLY 〈she＇s all of 20 years old〉
al－log．a•mous \a－liä－gə－mos adj（ca．1890）：reproducing by cross＝ fertilization－al－logea．my \－mê $\backslash n$
al－lo－ge•ne－ic \，a－1ō－jo－nē－ik also alvlo－gen•ic（－＇je－nik\adj［all－＋ －geneic（as in syngeneic）］（1961）：involving，derived from，or being indi－ viduals of the same species that are sufficiently unlike genetically to in－ teract antigenically
al－lo－graft \a－lo－graft $\backslash n$（1961）：a homograft between allogeneic indi－ viduals－allograft $v t$
aldlo．graph \a－la－ıgraf $\backslash n$（1951）1：a letter of an alphabet in a particu－ lar shape（as A or a）2：a letter or combination of letters that is one of several ways of representing one phoneme（as $p p$ in hopping
ing the phoneme $\backslash \mathrm{p} \backslash$ ）al－longraph－ic $\backslash$ a－lo－＇gra－fik $\backslash \mathrm{adj}$
 allom－e．try la－＇la－mb－tré $n$（1936）：relative growth of a part in relation
to an entire organism or to a standard；also ：the measure and study of to an entire organism or to a standard；also ：the
such growth－al－lo me．tric $\lfloor$ a－la－lme－trik $\backslash$ adj allomorph $n$［allo－＋morpheme］（1945）：one of a set of forms that a oxen，and the zero suffix of sheep are $\sim s$ of the English plural mor

or－phic \a－10－ －longe $a-{ }^{-1 o^{n}} \mathrm{zh} \backslash n[\mathrm{~F}$ ，lit．，length do－pa－more at FATHER］（1942） reas or in isolation＜$\sim$ speciatic lorphane la－lo－，fān）$n$［Gk allo］ hainesthai to appear，middle vo FANCY］（ca．1821）：an amorphow ars often occurring in incrustat © a hydrous aluminum silicate －lo－phone \＂a－lo－，fōn\ $n$［allo－+
rariants of the same phoneme＜th rated $\backslash p \backslash$ of $s p i n$ are $\sim s$ of the $p$
rate FE－nik adj
－Ho－poly－ploid \ıa－lō－＇pä－li－，plóid train having a chromosome set yome sets derived more or less a Popppioid adj－airio－poly $\cdot$ plic
trug $\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}$ used to promote e trug $\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}$ used to promote e
－or－none ${ }_{1}$ ó－lor－non adj（19C －or－none lod－lor－non adj（19 ote operation or effect or by no no less than everything＜he＇s rything＜an combat strategy） laosaubrus \a－lo－sor－as $n$ INI any dinosaurs of the Upper Juras Wowsterric 1 a－lō－＇ster－ik，－＇stir－\ 20．or being a change in the shar rome）that results from combinal cher than the chy \a－lō－ster－e．， lot $\backslash$－lät $\backslash v t$ al－lot－ted；allot
L ad－$)+$ lot，of Gmc origin；a Is a share or portion $\langle\sim 10 \mathrm{~min}$ Wor as if by lot $\langle\sim$ seats to the loote－tra－ploid a－lō－＇te－trə－ıpl Letera－ploi－dy \－oploi－dè $\ n$ Hot－ment $\partial-$ lat－mont $n$（1574） MENT 2 ：something that is allot oo an individual for cultivation －lootrope ha－la－，trop $\begin{aligned} & n \\ & \text { a } \\ & \text { form showing allotropy }\end{aligned}$ a form showing allotropy and esp．an element in two or mo g the same phase－aldo－tropoli
 omTava
Hototee \o－ı－ıä－＇tē\n（1846）：one Hotype \a－lo－tip $\backslash n$（1960）：a Erotein（as an antibody）－alolos claly－pi－k（o－）l adat（1908） 1 ： out adv（1895）：with full dete mum effort－used chiefly in th nill－over \＇ó－ılō－var $\backslash$ adj（1859）：c neater with an $\sim$ pattern）
allover $n$（1838） 1 ：an embroid lin covering most of the surfac gle unit is repeated so as to cc
over $a d v$（1577） 1 ：over the over adv（1577） 1 ：over the tower pattern） 2 ：EVERYWHE Thevery respect ：THOROUGHD］ bor to approve fr L alloudare lover to approve，fr．L allaudare zore at ALLOCATE］$v t$（14c） deduction or an addition $\langle\sim$ en \＆Midland ：to be of the op co \＆Midland ：to be of the op to express an opin on
Southern \＆Midland ：INTEND， 1 pople to smoke in his home） cople to smoke in his home＞ mevent＜$\sim$ the dog to roam＞$\sim$ monideration to circumstances for expansion）
How able \ə－rlaú－o－bol $\backslash$ adj（ 15 r IV LHow－ance $\backslash-$－laú－ən（t）s $\backslash n$（14 granted b：a sum granted as ； penses＜salary includes cost－of－li ed for personal or household el Ered or available amount＜prov reduction from a list price or st posed handicap（as in a horse ra ace between mating parts of a cossion 5 ：
eontingencies owance $v t$－anced；－ancoing
allowance（as of food and drini rowance（as of
How－ed－ly \a－laú－ad－lē\ adv（11 1853）：a crystalline compoun 1853）：a crystalline compoun －illoy \a－lói also a－lói $\backslash n[F$ alc igare to bind－more at ALLY memetals ：FINENESS 2：a su

