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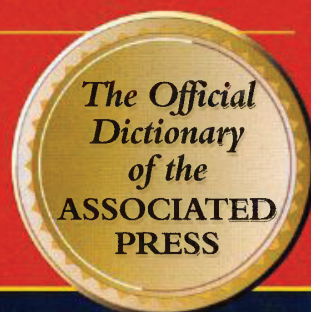
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tal, performed together with the main part for richer effect [the piano accompaniment to a song]

**ac-com-pa-nist** (ə kum'pə nɪst; often, ə kump'nɪst) *n.* a person who plays or sings an accompaniment; also **ac-com'pā-ny-ist** (-nē ɪst)

**ac-com-pā-ny** (ə kum'pə nē; often, ə kump'nē) *vt.* -nied, -ny-ing [MFr *accompagner* < *ac-*, *AD-* + OFr *compagnon*; see COMPANION] 1 to go or be together with; attend 2 to send (with); add to; supplement [to accompany words with acts] 3 to play or sing a musical accompaniment for or to —*vi.* to perform a musical accompaniment

**SYN.**—**accompany** means to go or be together with as a companion, associate, attribute, etc., and usually connotes equality of relationship [he accompanied her to the theater]; **attend** implies presence either in a subordinate position or to render services, etc. [Dr. Jones attended the patient]; **escort** and **convoy** are both applied to the accompanying, as by an armed guard, of persons or things needing protection (**convoy**, esp. in the case of sea travel and **escort**, in the case of land travel); **escort** also implies an accompanying as a mark of honor or an act of courtesy; **chaperon** implies accompaniment, for reasons of propriety, of young unmarried people by an older or married person

**ac-com-lice** (ə kəm'plɪs) *n.* [C ME *a complice* (the article *a* is merged, infl. by *accomplish*) < OFr *complice* < LL *complex*; see COMPLICATE] a person who knowingly participates with another in an unlawful act; partner in crime —**SYN.** ASSOCIATE

**ac-com-plish** (ə kəm'plɪʃ; also, -kum'-) *vt.* [ME *accomplishen* < OFr *accompliss-*, extended stem of *acomplir* < VL \**adcomplere* < L *ad-*, intens. + *complere*; see COMPLETE] 1 to do; succeed in doing; complete (a task, time, or distance) 2 to make complete; perfect —**SYN.** PERFORM, REACH —**ac-com'plish-able** *adj.*

**ac-com-plished** (-plɪʃt) *adj.* 1 done; done successfully; completed 2 skilled; proficient [an accomplished pianist] 3 having social poise; polished

**ac-com-plish-ment** (ə kəm'plɪʃ mənt; also, -kum'-) *n.* 1 an accomplishing or being accomplished; completion 2 something accomplished or done successfully; work completed; achievement 3 a social art or skill: usually used in *pl.*

**ac-cord** (ə kɔrd) *vt.* [ME *acorden* < OFr *acorder* < VL \**accordare* < L *ad-*, to + *cor* (gen. *cordis*), HEART] 1 to make agree or harmonize; reconcile 2 to grant or concede; bestow —*vi.* to be in agreement or harmony (with) —*n.* 1 mutual agreement; harmony 2 an informal agreement, as between countries 3 harmony of sound, color, etc. 4 [Obs.] consent; permission —**SYN.** AGREE —**of one's own accord** willingly, without being asked —**with one accord** all agreeing; with no one dissenting

**ac-cord-ance** (ə kɔrdəns) *n.* [ME < OFr *accordance* < *accordant*; see *fol.*] 1 agreement; harmony; conformity [in accordance with the plans] 2 the act of granting

**ac-cord-ant** (ə kɔrdənt) *adj.* [ME < OFr *accordant*, *pp.* of *acorder*; see ACCORD] in agreement or harmony (with or to) —**ac-cord'ant-ly** *adv.*

**ac-cord-ing** (ə kɔrdɪŋ) *adj.* agreeing; in harmony —**according** as 1 to the degree that; in proportion as 2 depending on whether; if —**according** to 1 in agreement with 2 in the order of [arranged according to size] 3 as stated in or reported by

**ac-cord-ing-ly** (-lə) *adv.* 1 in a way that is fitting and proper; correspondingly 2 therefore

**ac-cor-dion** (ə kɔrdən) *n.* [Ger *akkordion* < *akkord*, harmony (prob. < It *accordare*, to be in tune; see ACCORD) + *-ion* as in ORCHESTRION] a musical instrument with keys, metal reeds, and a bellows: it is played by alternately pulling out and pressing together the bellows to force air through the reeds, which are opened by fingering the keys —*adj.* having folds, or folding, like the bellows of an accordion [*accordion* pleats] —**ac-cor'di-on-ist** *n.*



ACCORDION

**ac-cost** (ə kɔst', -kəst') *vt.* [Fr *accoster* < It *accostare*, to bring side by side < VL \**accostare* < L *ad-*, to + *costa*, rib, side] 1 to approach and speak to; greet first, before being greeted, esp. in an intrusive way 2 to solicit for sexual purposes: said of a prostitute, etc.

**ac-cou-che-ment** (ə kooʃ'mənt; Fr ə kooʃh mən') *n.* [Fr < *accoucher*, put to bed, give birth < OFr *accoucher*, lie down < L *ad-*, to + *collocare*; see COUCH] confinement for giving birth to a child; childbirth

**ac-cou-cheur** (a'kooʃ'ʃur') *n.* [Fr; see prec.] OBSTETRICIAN

**ac-cou-cheuse** (a'kooʃ'shu:z') *n.* [Fr, fem. of prec.] MIDWIFE

**ac-count** (ə kəunt') *vt.* [ME *acounten* < OFr *aconter* < *a-*, to + *conten*, to tell < *compter* < L *computare*; see COMPUTE] to consider or judge to be; deem; value —*vi.* 1 to furnish a reckoning (to someone) of money received and paid out 2 to make satisfactory amends (for) [he will account for his crime] 3 to give satisfactory reasons or an explanation (for) [can he account for his actions?] 4 to be the cause, agent, or source of: with *for* 5 to do away with as by killing: with *for* [he accounted for five of the enemy] —*n.* 1 a counting; calculation 2 [often *pl.*] a record of the financial data pertaining to a specific asset, liability, income item, expense item, or net-worth item 3 BANK ACCOUNT 4 a) a record of the financial transactions relating to a specific person, property, business, etc. b) CHARGE ACCOUNT c) a business or firm that is a customer or client, esp. on a regular, credit basis [one of our best accounts] 5 worth; importance [a thing of small account] 6 an explanation 7 a

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report; description; story —**call to account** 1 to demand an explanation of 2 to reprimand —**give a good account of oneself** to acquire oneself creditably —**on account** 1 on a charge account; on the installment plan 2 as partial payment —**on someone's account** for someone's sake —**on account of** 1 because of 2 for (someone's) sake —**on no account** not under any circumstances —**take account of** 1 to take into consideration; allow for 2 to take notice of; note —**take into account** to take into consideration —**turn to account** to get use or profit from

**ac-count-able** (ə kəunt'ə bəl) *adj.* 1 obliged to account for one's acts; responsible 2 capable of being accounted for; explainable —**SYN.** RESPONSIBLE —**ac-count'abil-ity** *n.* or **ac-count'able-ness** —**ac-count'ably** *adv.*

**ac-count-ancy** (ə kəunt'n sē) *n.* the keeping or inspecting of commercial accounts; work of an accountant

**ac-count-ant** (ə kəunt'nt) *n.* a person whose work is to inspect, keep, or adjust accounts: see CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

**account book** a book in which business accounts are set down

**account current** a record of business transactions that shows the total amount of money owed as of the date of the summarizing statement

**account executive** an executive in an advertising agency, stock-brokerage, etc., who handles the accounts of and maintains direct contact with one or more established clients and seeks new clients

**ac-count-ing** (ə kəunt'ɪŋ) *n.* 1 the principles or practice of systematically recording, presenting, and interpreting financial accounts 2 a statement of debits and credits 3 a settling or balancing of accounts

**account payable** *pl.* accounts payable the amount owed by a business to a creditor, usually for goods or services

**account receivable** *pl.* accounts receivable the amount owed to a business by a debtor, usually for goods or services

**ac-cou-ple-ment** (ə koo'pl mənt) *n.* [Fr < *accoupler*, to couple up < OFr *accoupler* < ML *accopulare* < L *ad-*, to + *copulare*, to COUPLE] 1 *Archit.* the placing of columns in pairs close together 2 *Carpentry* a brace or tie of timber

**ac-cou-ter** or **ac-cou-try** (ə koo'tər) *vt.* -tered or -tred, -ter-ing or -try-ing (ə koo'tər ɪŋ, -koo'trɪŋ) [Fr *accouter*, earlier *accosturer*; prob. < *à-*, to + OFr *costure* < VL \**consutura*, seam, sewing < L *consuere*, to sew < *con-*, together + *suere*, SEW] to outfit; equip, esp. for military service

**ac-cou-ter-ment** or **ac-cou-try-ment** (ə koo'tər mənt, -koo'trə-) *n.* 1 an accoutering or being accoutered 2 *pl.* a) personal outfit; clothes; apparel b) furnishings; trappings; equipment; specif., a soldier's equipment except clothes and weapons

**Ac-cra** (ə krə') capital of Ghana: seaport on the Gulf of Guinea: pop. 949,000

**ac-credit** (ə kred'ɪt) *vt.* [Fr *accréditer*, to give credit or authority < *à*, to + *crédit*, CREDIT] 1 to bring into credit or favor 2 to authorize; give credentials to [an accredited representative] 3 to believe in; take as true 4 to certify as meeting certain set standards [colleges may be accredited by regional associations] 5 to attribute; credit [an action accredited to him] —**SYN.** AUTHORIZE —**ac-cred'i-ta-tion** *n.*

**ac-crete** (ə krēt') *vi.* -cret'ed, -cret'ing [C L *accretus*, *pp.* of *accrescere*; see *fol.*] 1 to grow by being added to 2 to grow together; adhere —*vt.* to cause to adhere or unite (to) —*adj.* Bot. grown together

**ac-cre-tion** (ə kre'shən) *n.* [L *accretio* < *accrescere*, to increase < *ad-*, to + *crescere*, to grow; see CRESCENT] 1 growth in size, esp. by addition or accumulation 2 a growing together of parts normally separate 3 accumulated matter [the accretion of earth on the shore] 4 a part added separately; addition 5 a whole resulting from such growth or accumulation 6 *Law* the addition of soil to land by gradual, natural deposits —**ac-cre'tive** (-krēt'iv) *adj.*

**ac-cru-al** (ə krū'əl) *n.* 1 the act or process of accruing 2 the amount that accrues Also **ac-cru-ement** (ə krū'mənt)

**ac-cru-e** (ə krū') *vi.* -crued', -crui'ing [ME *accreuen* < OFr *acreu*, *pp.* of *acroiſtre*, increase < L *accrescere*; see ACCRETION] 1 to come as a natural growth, advantage, or right (to) 2 to be added periodically as an increase: said esp. of interest on money —*vt.* to accumulate periodically as an increase [savings accounts accrue interest]

**acct** *abbrev.* 1 account 2 accountant

**ac-cul-tur-ate** (ə kul'tʃər át') *vi.*, *vt.* -at'ed, -at'ing [back-form. < *fol.*] to undergo, or alter by, acculturation

**ac-cul-tura-tion** (ə kul'tʃər ə'shən) *n.* [AC + CULTURE + -ATION] *Sociology* 1 the process of conditioning a child to the patterns or customs of a culture 2 the process of becoming adapted to a new or different culture with more or less advanced patterns 3 the mutual influence of different cultures in close contact —**ac-cul'tura-tive** *adj.*

**ac-cum-bent** (ə kum'bənt) *adj.* [L *accumbens*, *pp.* of *accumbere* < *ad-*, to + *cubare*, to recline] 1 lying down 2 *Bot.* lying against some other part: said esp. of certain cotyledons —**ac-cum'bency** *n.*

**ac-cu-mu-late** (ə kyoo'm'yoo lāt', -yə-) *vt.*, *vi.* -lulated, -lat'ing [C L *accumulatus*, *pp.* of *accumulare* < *ad-*, to + *cumulare*, to heap; see CUMULUS] to pile up, collect, or gather together, esp. over a period of time —**ac-cu'mu-lable** (-lə bəl) *adj.*

**ac-cu-mu-la-tion** (ə kyoo'm'yoo lā'shən, -yə-) *n.* 1 an accumulating or being accumulated; collection 2 accumulated or collected material; heap 3 the addition to capital of interest or profits

**ac-cu-mu-la-tive** (ə kyoo'm'yoo lāt'iv, -lət'iv; -yə-) *adj.* 1 resulting

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