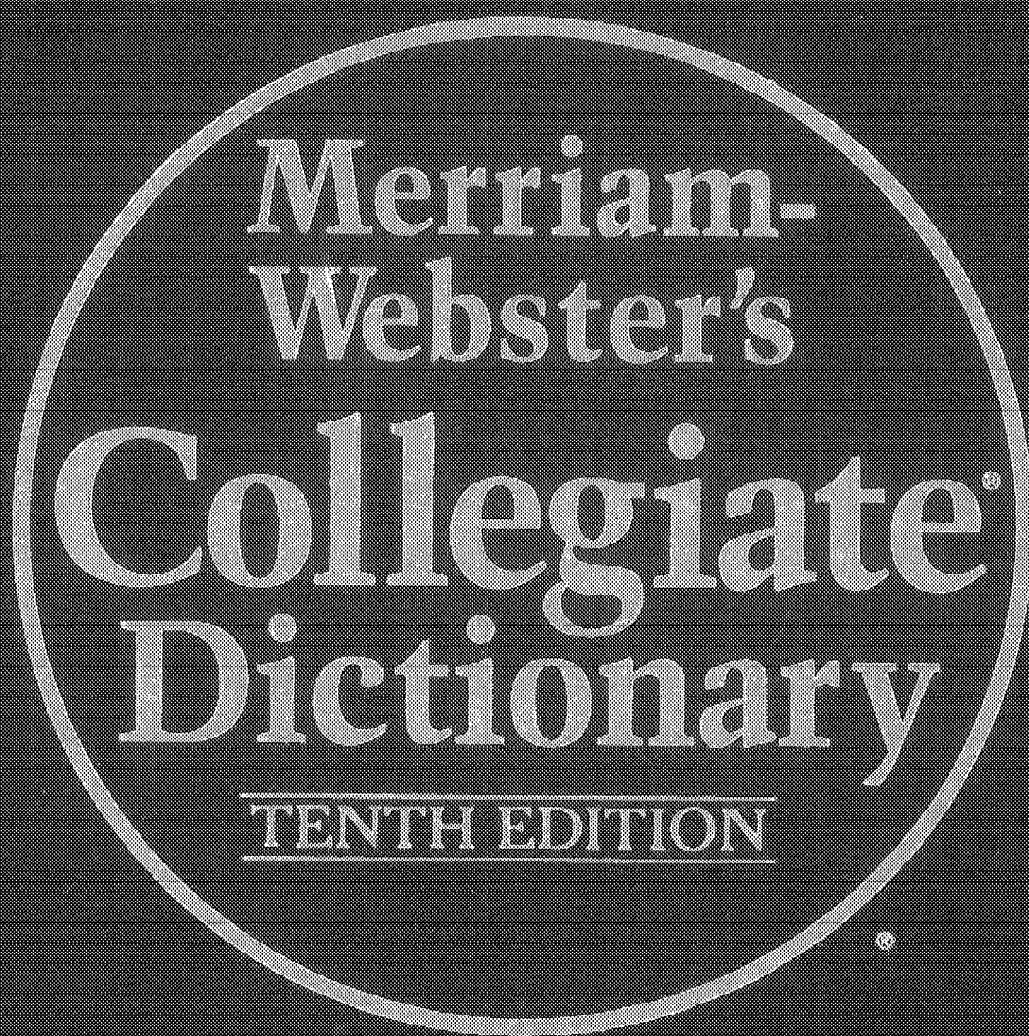


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ac-cord-ing-ly \ə-ˈkɔr-dɪŋ-lē\ *adv* (14c) 1: in accordance: CORRESPONDINGLY 2: CONSEQUENTLY, SO

according to *prep* (14c) 1: in conformity with 2: as stated or attested by 3: depending on

ac-cord-ion \ə-ˈkɔr-dē-ʒən\ *n* [G *Akkordion*, fr. *Akkord* chord, fr. *F accord*, fr. OF *acordi*] (1831): a portable keyboard wind instrument in which the wind is forced past free reeds by means of a hand-operated bellows — **ac-cord-ion-ist** \-dē-ʒə-nɪst\ *n*

ac-cord-ion *adj* (1885): folding or creased or hinged to fold like an accordion (an ~ pleat) (an ~ door)

ac-cost \ə-ˈkɔst-, ˈkɑst\ *vi* [MF *accoster*, ultim. fr. L *ad-* + *costa* rib, side — more at *COAST*] (1612): to approach and speak to often in a challenging or aggressive way

ac-cou-che-ment \ə-ˈkʊsh-mənt, -ˈkʊsh-ə\ *n* [F] (1803): the time or act of giving birth

ac-cou-cheur \ə-ˈkʊ-shər\ *n* [F] (1759): one that assists at a birth; *esp*: OBSTETRICIAN

ac-count \ə-ˈkaʊnt\ *n* (14c) 1 *archaic*: RECKONING, COMPUTATION 2 a: a record of debit and credit entries to cover transactions involving a particular item or a particular person or concern b: a statement of transactions during a fiscal period and the resulting balance 3 a: a statement explaining one's conduct b: a statement or exposition of reasons, causes, or motives (no satisfactory ~ of these phenomena) c: a reason for an action: BASIS (on that ~ I must refuse) 4 a: a formal business arrangement providing for regular dealings or services (as banking, advertising, or store credit) and involving the establishment and maintenance of an account; *also*: CLIENT, CUSTOMER b: money deposited in a bank account and subject to withdrawal by the depositor 5 a: VALUE, IMPORTANCE (it's of no ~ to me) b: ESTEEM (stood high in their ~) 6: ADVANTAGE (turned her wit to good ~) 7 a: careful thought: CONSIDERATION (have to take many things into ~) b: a usu. mental record: TRACK (keep ~ of all you do) 8: a description of facts, conditions, or events: REPORT, NARRATIVE (the newspaper ~ of the fire) (by all ~s they're well-off); *also*: PERFORMANCE (a straightforward ~ of the sonata) — **on account**: with the price charged to one's account — **on account of**: for the sake of; by reason of — **on no account**: under no circumstances — **on one's own account** 1: on one's own behalf 2: at one's own risk 3: by oneself; on one's own

account *vb* [ME, fr. MF *acompter*, fr. *a-* (fr. L *ad-*) + *compter* to count] *vt* (14c) 1: to think of as: CONSIDER (~s himself lucky) 2: to probe into; ANALYZE ~ *vi* 1: to furnish a justifying analysis or explanation — used with *for* (couldn't ~ for the loss) 2 a: to be the sole or primary factor — used with *for* (the pitcher ~ed for all three putouts) b: to bring about the capture, death, or destruction of something (~ed for two rabbits)

ac-count-abil-i-ty \ə-ˈkaʊn-tə-bəl-ə-tē\ *n* (1794): the quality or state of being accountable; *esp*: an obligation or willingness to accept responsibility or to account for one's actions (public officials lacking ~)

ac-count-able \ə-ˈkaʊn-tə-bəl\ *adj* (14c) 1: subject to giving an account: ANSWERABLE 2: capable of being accounted for: EXPLAINABLE — **syn** see RESPONSIBLE — **ac-count-able-ness** \-tə-bəl-nəs\ *n* — **ac-count-ably** \-bəl-ē\ *adv*

ac-coun-tan-cy \ə-ˈkaʊn-tən(t)-sē\ *n* (1854): the profession or practice of accounting

ac-coun-tant \ə-ˈkaʊn-tənt\ *n* (15c) 1: one that gives an account or is accountable 2: one who is skilled in the practice of accounting or who is in charge of public or private accounts — **ac-coun-tant-ship** \-tən(t)-shɪp\ *n*

accountant *adj* (15c) *obs*: ACCOUNTABLE, ANSWERABLE (I stand ~ for as great a sin — Shak.)

account executive *n* (1931): a business executive (as in an advertising agency) responsible for dealing with a client's account

ac-count-ing \ə-ˈkaʊn-tɪŋ\ *n* (ca. 1716) 1: the system of recording and summarizing business and financial transactions and analyzing, verifying, and reporting the results; *also*: the principles and procedures of accounting 2 a: work done in accounting or by accountants b: an instance of applied accounting or of the settling or presenting of accounts

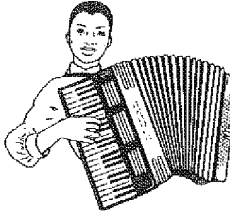
account payable *n*, *pl* **accounts payable** (ca. 1936): the balance due to a creditor on a current account

account receivable *n*, *pl* **accounts receivable** (1936): a balance due from a debtor on a current account

ac-cou-try or **ac-cou-ter** \ə-ˈkʊ-tər\ *vt* -**cou-tered** or -**cou-tered**; -**cou-try** or -**cou-ter-ing** \-ˈkʊ-tər-ɪŋ, -ˈkʊ-trɪŋ\ [F *accouter*, fr. MF *accouter*, fr. *a-* + *costure* seam, fr. (assumed) VL *consutura* — more at *COUTURE*] (1596): to provide with equipment or furnishings: OUTFIT *syn* see FURNISH

ac-cou-ter-ment or **ac-cou-ter-ment** \ə-ˈkʊ-tər-mənt, -ˈkʊ-trə-mənt\ *n* (1549) 1 a: EQUIPMENT, TRAPPINGS, *specif*: a soldier's outfit *usu.* not including clothes and weapons — *usu.* used in pl. b: an accessory item of clothing or equipment — *usu.* used in pl. 2 *archaic*: the act of accoutring 3: an identifying and often superficial characteristic or device — *usu.* used in pl. (<~s of power that define our diplomacy — Elizabeth Drew)

ac-cred-it \ə-ˈkrɛ-dɪt\ *vt* [L *accreditus*, pp. of *accredere* to give credence to, fr. *ad-* + *credere* to believe — more at *CRED*] (1535) 1: to give official authorization to or approval of: a: to provide with credentials; *esp*: to send (an envoy) with letters of authorization b: to recognize or vouch for as conforming with a standard c: to recognize (an educational institution) as maintaining standards that qualify the graduates for admission to higher or more specialized institutions or for professional practice 2: to consider or recognize as outstanding 3: ATTRIBUTE, CREDIT *syn* see APPROVE — **ac-cred-i-table** \-dā-tə-bəl\ *adj* — **ac-cred-i-tation** \ə-ˈkrɛ-də-tā-shən, -ˈdā-\ *n*



accordion

ac-crete \ə-ˈkrɛt\ *vb* **ac-cret-ed**; **ac-cret-ing** [back-formation fr. *accretion*] *vi* (1784): to grow or become attached by accretion ~ *vt*: to cause to adhere or become attached; *also*: ACCUMULATE

ac-cre-tion \ə-ˈkrɛ-shən\ *n* [L *accretion*, *accretio*, fr. *acrescere* — more at *ACCURE*] (1615) 1: the process of growth or enlargement by a gradual buildup: as a: increase by external addition or accumulation (as by adhesion of external parts or particles) b: the increase of land by the action of natural forces 2: a product of accretion; *esp*: an extraneous addition (<~s of crime) — **ac-cre-tion-ary** \-shə-nər-ē\ *adj* — **ac-cre-tive** \ə-ˈkrɛ-tɪv\ *adj*

ac-cru-al \ə-ˈkrʊ-əl\ *n* (1880) 1: the action or process of accruing 2: something that accrues or has accrued

ac-cru-al *adj* (1917): being a method of accounting that recognizes income when earned and expenses when incurred regardless of when cash is received or disbursed

ac-cru-e \ə-ˈkrʊ-ē\ *vb* **ac-cru-ed**; **ac-cru-ing** [ME *acruen*, prob. fr. MF *acruere* increase, fr. *acrescere* to increase, fr. L *acrescere*, fr. *ad-* + *cre-scere* to grow — more at *CRESCENT*] *vi* (15c) 1: to come into existence as a legally enforceable claim 2 a: to come about as a natural growth, increase, or advantage (the wisdom that ~s with age) b: to come as a direct result of some state or action (rewards due to the feminine will ~ to me — Germaine Greer) 3: to accumulate or be added periodically (interest ~s on a daily basis) ~ *vt*: to accumulate or have due after a period of time (~ vacation time) — **ac-cru-able** \-krʊ-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **ac-cru-ment** \-krʊ-mənt\ *n*

ac-cul-tur-ate \ə-ˈkʊl-ʃə-rāt, -ə-\ *vt* -**at-ed**; -**at-ing** [back-formation fr. *acculturation*] (1930): to change through acculturation

ac-cul-tur-a-tion \ə-ˈkʊl-ʃə-rā-shən, -ə-\ *n* (1880) 1: cultural modification of an individual, group, or people by adapting to or borrowing traits from another culture; *also*: a merging of cultures as a result of prolonged contact 2: the process by which a human being acquires the culture of a particular society from infancy — **ac-cul-tur-a-tion-al** \-shən-əl, -shə-nəl\ *adj* — **ac-cul-tur-a-tive** \ə-ˈkʊl-ʃə-rā-tɪv, -ə-\ *adj*

ac-cu-mu-late \ə-ˈkju-m(ə)-lə\ *vb* -**lat-ed**; -**lat-ing** [L *accumulatus*, pp. of *accumulare*, fr. *ad-* + *cumulare* to heap up — more at *CUMULATE*] *vi* (15c): to gather or pile up *esp.* little by little: AMASS (<~ a fortune) ~ *vt*: to increase gradually in quantity or number

ac-cu-mu-la-tion \ə-ˈkju-m(ə)-lə-shən\ *n* (15c) 1: something that has accumulated or has been accumulated 2: the action or process of accumulating: the state of being or having accumulated 3: increase or growth by addition *esp.* when continuous or repeated (<~ of interest)

ac-cu-mu-la-tive \ə-ˈkju-m(ə)-lə-tɪv, -lə-\ *adj* (ca. 1651) 1: CUMULATIVE (an age of rapid and ~ change) 2: tending or given to accumulation — **ac-cu-mu-la-tive-ly** *adv* — **ac-cu-mu-la-tive-ness** *n*

ac-cu-mu-la-tor \ə-ˈkju-m(ə)-lə-tər\ *n* (1748): one that accumulates; as a: a device (as in a hydraulic system) in which a fluid is collected and *esp.* in which it is kept under pressure as a means of storing energy b: *Brit*: STORAGE BATTERY c: a part (as in a computer) where numbers are totaled or stored

ac-cu-ra-cy \ə-ˈkya-rə-sē, ˈk(ə)-rə-\ *n*, *pl* -**cies** (1662) 1: freedom from mistake or error: CORRECTNESS 2 a: conformity to truth or to a standard or model: EXACTNESS b: degree of conformity of a measure to a standard or a true value — compare *PRECISION* 2a

ac-cu-rate \ə-ˈkya-rət, ˈk(ə)-rət\ *adj* [L *accuratus*, fr. pp. of *accurare* to take care of, fr. *ad-* + *cura* care] (1596) 1: free from error *esp.* as the result of care (an ~ diagnosis) 2: conforming exactly to truth or to a standard: EXACT (providing ~ color) 3: able to give an accurate result (an ~ gauge) *syn* see *CORRECT* — **ac-cu-rate-ly** \-kya-rət-lē, ˈk(ə)-rət-lē\ *adv* — **ac-cu-rate-ness** \-kya-rət-nəs, -ˈk(ə)-rət-nəs\ *n*

ac-curs-ed \ə-ˈkɜrs-əd, -ˈkɜrs-əd\ or **ac-curs-t** \ə-ˈkɜrst\ *adj* [ME *accursd*, fr. pp. of *accursen* to consign to destruction with a curse, fr. *a-* (fr. OE *af-* perfective prefix) + *cursen* to curse — more at *ABIDE*] (13c) 1: being under or as if under a curse 2: DAMNABLE — **ac-curs-ed-ly** \-kɜrs-əd-lē\ *adv* — **ac-curs-ed-ness** \-kɜrs-əd-nəs\ *n*

ac-cus-al \ə-ˈkju-zəl\ *n* (1594): ACCUSATION

ac-cus-a-tion \ə-ˈkju-zə-shən, -ˈkju-zhən\ *n* (14c) 1: the act of accusing: the state or fact of being accused 2: a charge of wrongdoing

ac-cus-a-tive \ə-ˈkju-zə-tɪv\ *adj* [ME, fr. MF *accusatif*, fr. L *accusativus*, fr. *accusatus*, pp. of *accusare*] (15c) 1: of, relating to, or being the grammatical case that marks the direct object of a verb or the object of any of several prepositions 2: CASUATORY

accusative *n* (ca. 1620): the accusative case of a language: a form in the accusative case

ac-cu-sa-to-ry \ə-ˈkju-zə-tōr-ē, -tōr-\ *adj* (14c): containing or expressing accusation: ACCUSING

ac-cuse \ə-ˈkju-zē\ *vb* **ac-cus-ed**; **ac-cus-ing** [ME, fr. OF *accuser*, fr. L *accusare* to call to account, fr. *ad-* + *causa* lawsuit] *vt* (14c) 1: to charge with a fault or offense: BLAME 2: to charge with an offense judicially or by a public process ~ *vi*: to bring an accusation — **ac-cuser** \ə-ˈkju-zər\ *n* — **ac-cus-ing-ly** \-kju-zɪŋ-lē\ *adv*

accused *n*, *pl* **accused** (1593): one charged with an offense; *esp*: the defendant in a criminal case

ac-cus-tom \ə-ˈkɒs-təm\ *vi* [ME, fr. MF *accostumer*, fr. *a-* (fr. L *ad-*) + *costume* custom] (15c): to make familiar with something through use or experience — **ac-cus-tom-ation** \-kɒs-tə-mā-shən\ *n*

ac-cus-tomed \ə-ˈkɒs-təmd\ *adj* (15c) 1: often used or practiced: CUSTOMARY (her ~ cheerfulness) 2: adapted to existing conditions (eyes ~ to the dark) 3: being in the habit or custom (<~ to making decisions) *syn* see *USUAL* — **ac-cus-tomed-ness** \-təmd-nəs\ *n*

AC/DC \ˈi-ˌdʒe-ˈde-(l)zē\ *adj* [fr. the likening of a bisexual person to an electrical appliance which can operate on either alternating or direct current] (ca. 1960): BISEXUAL 1b

ace \ˈæs\ *n* [ME *as*, fr. MF, fr. L unit, a copper coin] (14c) 1 a: a die face marked with one spot b: a playing card marked in its center with one pip c: a domino end marked with one spot 2: a very small amount or degree: PARTICLE 3: a point scored *esp.* on a service (as in tennis or handball) that an opponent fails to touch 4: a golf score of one stroke on a hole; *also*: a hole made in one stroke 5: a combat pilot who has brought down at least five enemy airplanes 6: one that excels at something — **ace in the hole** 1: an ace dealt face down to a player (as in stud poker) and not exposed until the showdown 2: an effective and decisive argument or resource held in