

# ENGLISH ETYMOLOGY

## *A SELECT GLOSSARY*

SERVING AS AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY  
OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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## PREFACE.

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Our primer of English Etymology is meant to serve as an introduction to the study of the historical grammar of English. However manifold the advantages which the student may derive from Professor Skeat's Etymological Dictionary, it cannot be denied that it does not commend itself as a book for beginners. Though it is a work of deep research, brilliant sagacity, and admirable completeness, the linguistic laws underlying the various changes of form and meaning are not brought out clearly enough to be easily grasped by the uninitiated. We, therefore, propose to furnish the student with a small and concise book enabling him to get an insight into the main linguistic phenomena. We are greatly indebted to Professor Skeat, of whose excellent work we have made ample use, drawing from it a great deal of material, which we hereby thankfully acknowledge. As our aim has, of course, not been to produce a book in any way comparable to our predecessor's work in fulness of detail and general completeness, we have confined ourselves merely to selecting all words, the history of which bears on the development of the language at large. We have therefore, in the first place, traced back to the older periods loanwords of Scandinavian, French and Latin origin, and such genuine English words as may afford matter for linguistic investigation. In this way we hope to have provided a basis for every historical grammar of English, e.g. for Sweet's History of English Sounds.

If we may be allowed to give a hint as to the use of our little book, we should advise the teacher to make it a point to deal always with a group of words at a time. Special interest attaches, for instance, to words of early Christian origin, to the names of festivals and the days of the week; besides these the names of the various parts of the house and of the materials used in building, the words for cattle and the various kinds of meat, for eating and drinking, etc. might be made the subject of a suggestive discussion. By treating etymology in this way, the teacher will have the advantage of converting a lesson in the growth of the English language into an inquiry into the history of the Anglo-Saxon race, thus lending to a naturally dry subject a fresh charm and a deeper meaning.

In conclusion, our best thanks are due to Professor W. Franz of Tübingen University, who has placed many words and etymologies at our disposal and assisted us in various other ways.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS.

<p>acc. = accusative case            adj. = adjective            adv. = adverb            BRET. = Breton            CELT. = Celtic            conj. = conjunction            CORN. = Cornish            cp. = compare            Cymr. = Cymric (Welsh)            Dan. = Danish            dat. = dative case            der(iv). = derived, derivative            dimin. = diminutive            DU. = Dutch            E. = modern English            f. (fem.) = feminine            frequent. = frequentative            FR. = French            FRIES. = Friesic            G. = modern German            Gael. = Gaelic            gen. = genitive case            GOTH. = Gothic            GR. = Greek            Icel. = Icelandic            inf. = infinitive mood            infl. = inflected            interj. = interjection            IR. = Irish            ITAL. = Italian            LAT. = Latin            LG. = Low German</p>	<p>lit. = literally            LITH. = Lithuanian            m. = masculine            ME. = Middle English            MHG. = Middle High German            n. (neutr.) = neuter            nom. = nominative            obl. = oblique case            ODU. = Old Dutch            OFR. = Old French            OHG. = Old High German            OIR. = Old Irish            ON. = Old Norse            ONFR. = Old North French            orig. = original, originally            OSAX. = Old Saxon            OSLOV. = Old Slovenian            pl. = plural            p. p. = past participle            prob. = probably            pron. = pronoun            prop. = properly            PROV. = Provençal            prt. = preterite, past tense            RUSS. = Russian            sb. = substantive            SKR. = Sanskrit            SPAN. = Spanish            superl. = superlative            SWED. = Swedish            TEUT. = Teutonic            vb. = verb</p>
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## LIST OF SYMBOLS IN TEUT. WORDS.

- ē (not umlauted) = European and Aryan *e*.  
 ē in OE. ME. long closed *e*.  
 ē in OE. ME. long open *e*.  
 ē in OHG. MHG. OSAX. closed *e* (umlauted).  
 ə a reduced Aryan und pre-Teut. vowel.  
 ø in Oe. Me. long closed *o*.  
 ø in OE. ME. words long open *o*.  
 ě in OE. words palatalized *k*.  
 ě in ME. words as in NE. *age bridge*.  
 ȝ in Oe. Me. words a spirautic palatalized *g*.  
 þ in Teut. words = E. *th*.  
 ð in On. Oe. Osax. words = E. *th*.  
 w in Goth. is *h* + *w*.  
 √ = root.  
 \* before a word conjectured or inferred.
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**a<sup>1</sup>**, an indef. article ME. *a an*, OE. *an*: ident. with *one*.

**a<sup>2</sup>** ME. *a*: ident. with *on* (cp. *back*, *abroad*).

**abase**; cp. *base*.

**abash** short for ME. *abaisse* *abaische* (*abaisse*): borrowed from OFR. *esbahiss-* stem of OFR. *esbahir* (FR. *ébahir*) 'astonish'.

**abate** ME. *abate*: adapt. of OFR. *abatre* 'beat down'.

**abbess, abbey** see *abbot*.

**abbot** ME. *abbot*; older by-form ME. OE. *abbod*. Source LAT. *abbâtem* (*abbas*), whence IT. *abbate*, FR. *abbé*, OHG. *abbât* G.DU. *abt*. — Hence **abbess** ME. *abbesse* from FR. *abbesse* (but OE. *abbudisse* = LAT. *abbatissa*) 'abbess' and **abbey** ME. *abeie* from FR. *abbaye* (OFR. *abeie*).

**abide** cp. *bide* and *abode*.

**able** ME. *able*: adapt. of OFR. (*h*)*able* = SPAN. *habil*, IT. *abile*; source LAT. *habilis*.

**abode** ME. *abôd* prop. 'delay, abiding'; cp. *bide*.

**abound** ME. *abounde*: adapt. of FR. *abonder* = LAT. *abundare* 'abound'.

**about** ME. *aboute* OE. *abûtan* *onbûtan*; cp. *but* for OE. *bûtan*.

**above** ME. *above* earlier *abufen* OE. *abufan*; akin to G. *oben* OHG. *obana* 'from above'; cp. *over*.

**abridge** ME. *abrigge* *abregge*: adapt. of OFR. *abrigier* *abregier* (source LAT. *abbreviare* 'shorten').

**abroad** ME. *a brôd* prop. 'broadly, widely'; cp. *broad*.

**abuse** cp. *use*.

**accord** vb. ME. *acorde* late OE. (c.1140) *acordian*: borrowed from OFR. *acorder* FR. *accorder* (cp. IT. *accordare*).

**accuse** ME. *accüse* from FR. *accuser* (LAT. *accusare*).

**accrue** (*accrow*) vb. from FR. *accrue* sb. 'growth, increase' (orig. part. of FR. *accroître*: LAT. *ad+cretum*); cp. *increase*.

**ace** ME. *ás ace*: loanword from FR. *as* (= SPAN. *as*, G. *ass*, DU. *aas*). Source LAT. *as* (acc. *assem*) 'a unit, pound, foot'.

**ache** earlier spelling *ake* ME. *dke*; derived from OE. *ēce* ME. *eche* 'pain' under the influence of the vb. OE. *acan* ME. *ake* 'ache, feel pain'.

**achieve** ME. *achève*: adapt. of FR. *achever* 'accomplish'. Akin to *chief*.

**acorn** ME. *acorn* OE. *æcern*; ident. with GOTH. *akran* 'crop, fruit', ON. *akarn*, DU. *aker*, G. *ecker*. The meaning 'acorn' being a later and special one as compared with GOTH. *akran* 'fruit', the group may be derived from TEUT. *akra* = *acre*.

**acquaint** vb. ME. *aqueinte a-cointe*: borrowed fr. OFR. *acointer* 'advise' cp. *quaint*.

**acquire** ME. *aqutre aquère*: borrowed from OFR. *aquerre* (FR. *acquérir* = LAT. *acquirere*).

**acre** ME. *aker* OE. *æcer* 'a field, acre' = synonym. GOTH. *akrs*, OSAX. *akkar*, OHG. *acchar* G. *acker*, DU. *akker*, ON. *akr*: a common Teut. and Aryan word: TEUT. \**akra-z*, pre-TEUT. *agro-s* = SKR. *ajra-s*, GR. *ἀγρός*, LAT. *ager* (stem *agro-*) 'acre': Aryan √ *ag* in LAT. *ago*, GR. *ἄγω*, SKR. *aj*, ON. *aka*. The orig. meaning of *acre* (INDO-TEUT. *agro-s*) was 'place where the cattle are driven'; cp. G. *trift* from *treiben*.

**adage** from FR. *adage* = LAT. *adagium* 'proverb'.

**add** ME. *adde* from LAT. *addere* 'add'.

**adder** ME. *adder* older *nadder* OE. *ná(d)dre* = OSAX. *nâdra*, DU. *adder*, OHG. *nât(a)ra* MHG. *nâter* G. *natter* (*otter*), ICEL. *nadraf*. — *nadr* m., GOTH. *nadrs*: cogn. with IR. *na-thair*, W. *neidr*. For the loss of initial *n* cp. *auger* and *apron*.

**adjourn** vb. ME. *ajurne ajorne*: adapted from FR. *ajourner* (deriv. of FR. *jour* — *journée* 'day').

**ado** ME. *adô* prop. *at dô*: prop. infinit. 'to do' with *at*, orig. in Northern English.

**advance** vb. for ME. *avaunce*: loanword from FR. *avancer* 'go before' (deriv. of FR. *avant* = ITAL. *avante*, LAT. *ab + ante*).

**advise** sb. for ME. *avis*: adopt. of FR. *avis* (= IT. *avviso*, LAT. *advisum*). — The vb. **advise** ME. *avise* is FR. *aviser* (= IT. *avvisar*, LAT. \**advīsare*).

**afford** ME. *aforth* 'provide' OE. *zefordian* 'promote': deriv. of *forth*.

**affray** 'frighten' ME. *afraie*: from FR. *effrayer* 'frighten'. — Hence the part. **afraid** 'frightened' ME. *afraied*.

**after** ME. *after* OE. *after* adv. prep. = GOTH. *aftra* 'back, again', OHG. OSAX. *aftar* 'back', DU. *achter*.

**again** ME. *agein* OE. *ongezun ongeán*; ident. with G. *gegen* OHG. *gegin gagan*, OSAX. *gegin?*, ON. *gagn*. — **against** ME. *ageinest* earlier *ageines* = OE. *tōgeznes*.

**age** ME. *āge*: adoption of FR. *âge* (OFR. *a-age e-age*). Source a LAT. type \**aetaticum* (= LAT. *aetas*) 'time'.

**aghast** part. of ME. *agaste* vb. 'terrify' OE. *gæstan* 'terrify'; akin to GOTH. *usgaisjan* 'make afraid' and perh. to *ghost*.



**aglet** 'spangle, pin' (Shakesp.) from FR. *aiguillet* dimin. of *aiguille* 'needle'.

**ago** ME. *agō agōn*: orig. part. 'gone by, past' from *go*.

**agog** adapt. of OFR. *en gogues* 'lusty, lively, in a pleasant humor' — FR. *gogue* 'mirth, glee'.

**agree** ME. *agrée*: adapt. of FR. *agrée* (= IT. *aggradare*; source LAT. *gratum* 'pleasing, agreeable').

**ague** ME. *agüe*: source OFR. *agu* 'sharp, acute'. (= FR. *aigu*). Source LAT. *acūtus*.

**aid** vb. from FR. *aider* 'help'.

**ail** vb. ME. *aile eile* OE. *eȝlan* 'trouble, afflict' = GOTH. *us-agljan* 'trouble': deriv. of OE. *eȝle* = GOTH. *aglus* 'loathsome, troublesome'. For  $\sqrt{ag}$  cp. *awe*.

**air**<sup>1</sup> ME. *aire* older *eir*: loanword from FR. *air* (source LAT. *aer*). — **air**<sup>2</sup> from FR. *air* 'external appearance' is considered ident. with *air*<sup>1</sup>.

**aisel** (Shakesp.); cp. *eisel*.

**ajar** ME. *acher* — *oncher* (OE. *on ēterr* — *on ēyrr*) 'ajar' cp. *char*.

**akimbo** ME. *a kembōwe* — *a kembōwe* (in the phrase »his hand, his armes a kembōwe setten«); for ME. *bōwe* cp. *bow* and *elbow*. The first element represents an adapted ON. *kengr* 'crook the shape of a horse-shoe' (cp. ON. *kengboginn* 'crooked'). Another suggestion proceeds from an OE. \**cyneboga* formed as OE. *cyne-widde*.

**alder** ME. *alder* OE. *alor* = OHG. *êlira êrila* G. *erle*, ON. *elr elre(r)*, DU. LG. *eller* (GOTH. \**ailiza* is found in SPAN. *alisa*, FR. *alizer* 'wild sorb, wild service-berry'). Akin to OSLOV. *jelicha*, LAT. *alnus* (for \**alsnus*) 'alder'.

**ale** ME. *âle* OE. *ealu ealo* (infl. *ealod*) = OSAX. *alo*, ON. SW. DAN. *øl*; akin to OSLOV. *oliz* 'cider', LITH. *alus* 'beer'.

**alight** 'alight from a horse' cp. *light* vb.

**all** ME. *al(l)* — plur. *alle* OE. *al(l)* *eal(l)* — plur. *ealle* = OSAX. OHG. DU. LG. *al*, G. *all*, ON. *allr*, GOTH. *alls*. A primary form *ala-* is found in compounds and derivatives; cp. OSAX. OHG. *alung* MHG. *alenc* 'entire, complete', GOTH. *alamans* 'all men', OHG. *ala-wâri* 'all true', *ala-niuwi* 'all new'. Cogn. w. OIR. *uile* (base *olio-*).

**allay** ME. *alaie aleie aleggē* 'lay aside, give up'; from *lay*<sup>1</sup>. Perh. mixed with OFR. *aley* (FR. *aloyer*)?

**allege** ME. *aleggē* 'give testimony': adapted from OFR. *alegier* *allegger*?

**alley** ME. *aley*: loanword from FR. *allée* 'a going, passage'.

**allow** vb. ME. *aloue*: adapt. of FR. *allouer* 'grant' (LAT. type *adlocare*).

**allure** ME. *alüre*: from OFR. *alurer*, deriv. of *lure* 'bait'.

**almond** ME. *almaunde*: from OFR. *almande* (= FR. *amande*, whence DU. *amandel*). Source LAT. *amygdala* (GR. ἀμυγδύλη) 'an

almond', whence a vulgar LAT. *amendla* (IT. *mandola* = OHG. *mandala* G. *mandel*).

**alms** ME. *almes* OE. *ælmesse* (infl. *ælmessan*): borrowed from OIR. *almsan*. Akin to the synonym. OSAX. *alamôsna*, ODU. *aelmoese aelmoesene* DU. *aalmoes*, OHG. *alamuowan alamôsan* G. *almsen*. Source LAT.-GR. *eleemosyna* (cp. IT. *limosina*) with a vulgar pronunciation *almôsna* = PROVENZ. *almosna*, OFR. *almsone* FR. *aumône*.

**alone** ME. *alône* late OE. *eallâna* prop. 'all singly' = synonym. G. *allein*, DU. *alleen*. Cp. *one*.

**along** ME. *along* OE. *ondlong andlong*; cp. *long*. The prefix E. *a* for OE. *and* is = to G. *ent* in *entlang* 'along' (OFRIS. *ondlinga*).

**aloof** adapt. of DU. *te loef* 'to the windward'; ident. with *luff*.

**already** orig. 'quite ready'; cp. *ready*. — also prop. 'quite so' ME. *alsô* OE. *ealswá* 'quite so' = G. *also*. Ident. with *as*. — **although** ME. *although altheigh*; in OE. we find *theah* + *eal* (e. g. »þeah ic eal mæge« 'although I may'); cp. *though*.

**alum** ME. *alum* from OFR. *alum* = FR. *alun*; source LAT. *alûmen*, whence G. *alaun*, DU. *aluin*.

**always** ME. *alway alwey* OE. *ealnewēg*: orig. acc. sing. (sometimes contr. to *ealneg*) prop. 'all the way, all the time'; the commoner form is *always* ME. *alwaies*, being an adv. gen. sing. 'all the time, always'.

**amaze** vb. ME. *amdse* OE. *d-māsian*.

**amid, amidst**; cp. *middle*. — **amiss** ME. *on misse*; cp. *miss*.

**among** ME. *among*; prop. *on-mang* — *on zemang* 'in the crowd'; OE. *zemang* 'crowd' see under *mingle*. Ident. with LG. *mang* 'among'.

**amount** ME. *amounte*: adapt. of FR. *amonter* 'amount to' (FR. *amont* 'uphill' = LAT. *ad montem*); cp. *mount*.

**ancestor** ME. *auncestre*: loanword from FR. *ancêtre* older *ancestre* (ME. *auncessour* from OFR. *ancesour*); source LAT. *antecessor(em)*.

**anchor** ME. *anker* OE. *ancor oncor*; cp. ON. *akkeri*, DU. G. *anker* late OHG. *anchar*: a loanword from LAT. *ancora* (IT. *ancora*, FR. *ancre*).

**ancient** ME. *auncient* older *auncięn* (for the secondary *t* cp. *pageant, parchment*): adapt. of FR. *ancien* (= IT. *anziano*; LAT. type *anteānus*).

**and** ME. OE. *and* = OSAX. *endi*, DU. *en*, OHG. *anti enti inti unt* MHG. *unde* G. *und*. The cogn. SKR. *dtha* 'also, further, and' points to ARYAN *antha* 'and, also'.

**andiron** ME. *aundire*: loanword from OFR. *andier* (FR. *landier*) 'fire-dog'. Source unknown, perh. fr. a LAT. type *amitarius* (LAT. *ames*)? Cp. MED.-LAT. *andēna* 'fire-dog'.

**angel** ME. *aunġel*: borrowed from OFR. *angele* (FR. *ange*). The FR. word supplanted the orig.

OE. ME. *engel* = G. DU. *engel* OHG. OSAX. *ęngil*, GOTH. *aggilus*: early church-loanwords from LAT. *angelus* = GR. ἄγγελος 'angel'.

**anger** ME. *anger* 'affliction, sore, trouble': Scand. loanword from ON. *angr* 'grief, sorrow' (DAN. *anger* 'penitence', SW. *ånger* 'regret'); akin to LAT. *angor* 'bodily or mental torture'.

**angle**<sup>1</sup> ME. *angel* OE. *angol* *ęngul* = SYNOD. OHG. *angul* G. *angel*, ON. *ęngull*. Akin to LAT. *uncus* 'a hook', GR. ὄγκος 'a hook', ἄγκιστρον 'fish-hook', SKR. *āṅkā* 'hook', OIR. *éad* 'hook'.

**angle**<sup>2</sup> (corner) ME. *angle* from FR. *angle* = LAT. *angulus* 'corner'.

**anguish** ME *anguisse*: from OFR. *anguisse* FR. *angoisse*. Source LAT. *angustia* 'straitness, poverty, perplexity'.

**ankle** ME. *ankel* orig. *anklē* OE. *ancleow* 'ankle' = DU. *anklaaww*, OHG. *anchlāo*, ON. *ękkla* (prop. \**ankulāw*?); akin to DU. *enkel*, OHG. *anchal* *ęnchil* G. *enkel* 'ankle'. Source and formation of the group are doubtful; perh. akin to SKR. *aṅguli* *aṅguṣṭha* 'thumb, toe', AVEST. *aṅgusta* 'toe'?

**announce** ME. *anounce*: adapt. of FR. *annoncer* (= LAT. *annuntiare*); cp. *pronounce*.

**annoy** ME. *anoye* *anuy(e)* 'weariness': from OFR. *enoi* *anui* FR. *ennui* (source LAT. *in odio* 'in hatred').

**anoint** ME. *anointe*: adapt. of OFR. *enoint* 'anointed' part. of *enoindre* 'anoint'; cp. *ointment*.

**anon** 'immediately' ME. *anōn* earlier *anān* OE. *on ān* 'in one' (moment); cp. *one*.

**another**; see *other*.

**answer** sb. ME. *answare* OE. *andswaru*; corresp. to the synonym. OSAX. *ant-swōr*, OFRIS. *ondser*, ON. *andsvar*? — Thereto the deriv. vb. **answer** ME. *answere* OE. *andswarian*. Source the TEUT.  $\sqrt{\text{swar}} = \text{swear}$ ; hence *answer* was orig. 'a solemn charge made to rebut a charge'; *and-* means 'against'.

**ant** ME. *am(e)te* OE. *æmete* 'emmet': TEUT. base *āmaitjōn*; cp. OHG. *ameiza* MHG. *ameize* G. *ameise*, MDU. *emte* *eempte*. Perh. akin to G. *emsig* OHG. *ęmizzi* *ęmizzi* 'industrious'. See *emmet*.

**antler** ME. *auntelēre*: loanword from OFR. *antoillier* (*andoillier* = FR. *andouiller*); LAT. type *antocularis* 'tine of a stag's horn in front of the eyes'.

**anvil** short for ME. *anvelt* *anfelt* OE. *anfilt* = OHG. *anafalz*, DU. *aanbeeld* ODU. *anbelt*: TEUT. base *anafalti-* and *ana-balti-*; cp. the synonym. OHG. *ana-bōz* cogn. w. *beat*.

**any** ME. *any* (*ęny* *ęny*) OE. *ęnię* = OSAX. *ęnig* *ęnag*, DU. *eenig*, OHG. *einag* G. *einig* 'only, sole': deriv. of TEUT. *aina* = E. *one*.

**ape** ME. *ape* OE. *apa* = DU. *aap*, ON. *api*, OHG. *affo* MHG. G. *affe*: a common TEUT. word, whence ORUSS. SLOV. *opica*, OBO-

HEM. *opice* 'ape' are borrowed. Source of TEUT. *apan-* unknown.

**appal(l)** vb. ME. *appelle*: adapted from OFR. *apallir* 'grow pale', akin to *pale*.

**apparel** ME. *aparaile appareile*: adapted from OFR. *aparailler apa-reiller* 'dress' = FR. *appareiller* (IT. *apparrechiare*).

**appeal** ME. *a(p)pele*: adapt. from FR. *appeler* (=LAT. IT. *appellare*).

**appear** vb. ME. *a(p)pere*: adapt. from OFR. *aperer aparir apareir aparoir* (= IT. *apparire*; source LAT. *apparere*).

**appease** vb. ME. *apese* earlier *apaise*: loanword from FR. *apaiser* 'pacify'; akin to *peace*.

**apple** ME. *appel* OE. *appel* = DU. LG. *appel*, MHG. G. *apfel* OHG. *apful*: WESTTEUT. base *applu-*, allied to IR. *uball*, LITH. *obūlas*, OSLOV. *ablūko* 'apple', RUSS. *jabloko*.

**apply** vb. ME. *aplle*: adapted from OFR. *aplier* (FR. *appliquer*, IT. *applicare*, LAT. *applicare* 'apply'); cp. *ply* vb.

**apprentice** ME. *aprentice aprentis*: loanword fr. OFR. *aprentis* and *aprentif* FR. *apprenti* (source LAT. *apprendere* 'learn').

**approach** vb. ME. *aprophe*: adapt. from FR. *approcher*: LAT. type *adpropiare* 'draw near'.

**apricot** borrowed from FR. *abricot*; corresp. to DU. *abrikoos*, G. *aprikose*; akin to SPAN. *albaricoque*, IT. *albercocco* (mod. GR. *πρασινός*) from LAT. *praecocium*

(*malum praecocium*?) lit. 'precocious'.

**April** ME. *april(le)*: adapt. of LAT. *aprilis*; the earlier ME. by-form *avertl* points to OFR. *avrill*. Cp. G. DU. *April*.

**apron** orig. *napron* = ME. *napron naproun*: adapt. of FR. *napperon* 'a large cloth', dimin. of *nappe* = LAT. *mappa* 'table, napkin'; cp. *napkin*. For the loss of initial *n* see *adder* and *auger*.

**arch** ME. *arch(e)* OE. *arce* (*arce-biscop*): borrowed from FR. *arch-*. Cp. the synonym. DU. *aarts*, OHG. *erzi* G. *erz-*, GOTH. *ark* (*-aggilus*). Source the LAT. = Gr. prefix *archi-* (*ἀρχι-*). Perh. OFR. *arch* (in *archangel*) influenced the E. word.

**archer** ME. *archer*: adapt. of FR. *archer* 'bowman' (LAT. type *arcarius*, deriv. of *arcus* 'bow').

**are** («we, you, they are») ME. *are* OE. (Northumbr.) *aron*; plur. to the second person sing. *art* ME. *art* OE. *eart*. An ARYAN. *ar* 'be' is prob. in LITH. *yrà* 'is'.

**ark** ME. *arke* OE. *earc* (infl. *earce*) = OHG. *arahha archa* 'chest' MHG. *arche* 'chest, money-chest' G. *arche* 'Noah's ark', DU. *ark* 'Noah's ark', ON. *prk* 'chest, covenant, ark, box', GOTH. *arka* f. 'money-box, Noah's ark': a Teut. loanword from LAT. (also ROM.) *arca*.

**arm<sup>1</sup>** ME. *arm* OE. *earm* = OSAX. DU. *arm*, ON. *armr*, GOTH. *arms*, OHG. *ar(a)m* G. *arm*. Akin

to LAT. *armus* 'the topmost part of the upper arm, fore-quarter', OSLOV. *ramę* 'shoulder, arm', PRUSS. *irmo* 'arm', SKR. *îrmâ-s* 'fore-quarter, arm', AVEST. *arema* 'arm', ARMEN. *armukn* 'elbow'.

**arm<sup>2</sup>** 'a weapon' ME. *armes* plur. from OFR. *armes* = LAT. *arma* 'weapons'.

**armor** ME. *armour(e)* *armüre*: borrowed from OFR. *armure* *arme-ure* (LAT. *armatūra*) 'armor'.

**army** ME. *armie* *armę*: adoption of FR. *armée* (= IT. *armata*; base LAT. *armare*).

**arrange** borrowed from FR. *arranger* (deriv. of FR. *rang* 'rank, file' from OHG. *hrinc* G. *ring* 'a ring or circle of people'; cp. *rank*).

**arrant** ident. with *errant*.

**arras** ME. *arras*; orig. »cloth of Arras«: *Arras* is the name of a town in Artois (France) famous for its manufacture. See *cambric* and *lawn<sup>2</sup>*.

**array** ME. *araie*: adapt. of OFR. *arraier* *areier* 'arrange' (= IT. *arredare*): of Teut. origin; cp. GOTH. *garaiðs* under *ready*.

**arrest** ME. *a(r)reste*: adapt. of OFR. *arester* FR. *arrêter* (= IT. *arrestare*, LAT. *restare* 'stay back').

**arrival** ME. *artwaile* prop. 'landing'; adapt. of OFR. *arrivaille* 'landing'. — **arrive** ME. *arive* prop. 'bring to shore, come to shore': adapt. of FR. *arriver* = IT. *arrivare*; LAT. type *adripare* (*ripa* 'shore').

**arrow** ME. *arwe* late OE. *arwe*: adapt. of ON. *ǫr* (plur. *ǫvar*). The native OE. word was *earh* ident. with ON. *ǫr* (cp. GOTH. *arhwazna* 'dart' and LAT. *arcus* 'bow').

**as** ME. *as(e)* *als(e)* *also* *alswþ* OE. *ealswá* = synonym. OSAX. HG. *álsô*, DU. *als*, MHG. *also* *als álse*. The compound means prop. 'entirely so'; cp. *all* and *so*.

**ash<sup>1</sup>** sb. 'the name of a tree' ME. *asch* OE. *æsc* = OHG. *asc* G. *esche*, DU. *esch*, ON. *askr* 'ash'.

**ash<sup>2</sup>** sb. ME. *asche* OE. *æsc* (infl. *ascan* *axan*); mod. E. is commonly used in the plur. *ashes* (ME. *asches*). Cogn. w. ON. *aska*, DU. *asch*, OHG. *aska* G. *asche*, GOTH. *azgô* 'ashes'.

**ask** vb. older by-form *ax* ME. *aske* *axe* (KENT. *ǫxi*) OE. *āscian* *ācsian*: Teut. base *aiskōjan* = OSAX. *ēscōn*, OHG. *eiskōn* (G. *heischen*). Akin to LITH. *jėskoti*, OSLOV. *iskati*, SKR. *icch* 'seek'.

**asp<sup>1</sup>** 'a venomous serpent' from LAT. *aspis*.

**asp<sup>2</sup>** 'a tree' ME. *aspe* OE. *æspe* = synonym. ON. *ǫsp*, OHG. *aspa* MHG. *aspe* G. *espe*, DU. *esp*: perh. connected with LAT. *arbor* (if from \**azbos* by rhotacism) 'tree'.

**ass** ME. *asse* OE. *assa* (infl. sing. *assan*): loanword from OIR. *assan* 'ass'; cp. ON. *asne* from OFR. *asne* = FR. *âne*. Source LAT. *asinus*, whence also GOTH. *asilus*, OE. *esol*, OHG. *esil* G. *esel* 'ass', DU. *euel* and further OSLOV. *osilü*, RUSS. *oselü* 'ass'.

- assail** vb. ME. *asaile*: adapt. of FR. *assaillir*; see *assault*.
- assault** vb. ME. *a(s)saut*: adapted from FR. *assaut* (=IT. *assalto*, MED. LAT. *assaltus*).
- assay** ME. *assay assai* borrowed from OFR. *assai assay* = FR. *essai* (IT. *assagio* from LAT. *exagium* 'weighing').
- assemble** ME. *a(s)semble a(s)-semble*: adapt. of FR. *assembler* (IT. *assemblare* deriv. of LAT. *simul* 'together').
- assuage** ME. *aswāge a(s)sūdgē*: loanword fr. OFR. *asoager asuager*, LAT. type *ad-suaviare* deriv. of *suavis* 'sweet'.
- assure** vb. ME. *a(s)sūre* borrowed from FR. *assurer* (=IT. *assecurare*).
- astonish** transformed after vbs. in *-ish* from an earlier *astony astone* ME. *astonie astune astoune*: borrowed from OFR. *estoner* = FR. *étonner*; LAT. type *ex+tonare* 'thunder'. But cp. *stun*.
- at** ME. *at* OE. *æt* = OSAX. *at*, OHG. *az*, ON. GOth. *at*: akin w. LAT. *ad* 'to', OIR. *ad*.
- atone** vb. from *atone* adv. 'at one, agreed' = ME. *at ðn* 'into one'; cp. *one*.
- attach** vb. ME. *attacche* (law term) 'take prisoner, arrest': adapt. of FR. *attacher* (=SPAN. *atacar*, IT. *attaccare*).
- attain** vb. ME. *attaine atteine*: borrowed from FR. *atteindre* (=LAT. *attingere* 'touch upon').
- attire** vb. ME. *atire*: adapted fr. OFR. *atirer* 'adorn'. Source a Teut. sb. *fir* 'ornament; honor' = OSAX. OE. *thr* 'glory, honor' (G. *zierde*).
- attorney** ME. *atourney* older *aturné atourné* 'agent, deputy, commissioner?': adapt. of FR. *atorné* part. of *atorner* 'direct, appoint'.
- auburn** orig. 'whitish or flaxen-colored, reddish-brown' ME. *auburne awburne* 'citron-colored': from OFR. *auborne alborne* (=IT. *alburno*) = MED. LAT. *alburnus* 'whitish' (*albus* 'white').
- auger** orig. *nauger* (like *adder* for *nadder*, *apron* for *napron* with loss of an initial *n*) ME. *nauger* older *nāve-gōr* OE. *nafo-gār* 'an auger' prop. 'borer, piercer of naves' (see *nave*<sup>1</sup> and *gore*<sup>2</sup>); cp. the synon. OHG. *nabugēr* MHG. *nabegēr* G. (dial.) *näber*, ICEL. *nafarr*.
- aught** 'a whit, anything' ME. *aught* older *awight* OE. *āwihht* *ānwihht* 'aught'; OE. *ān* is *one* and for *wihht* see *whit* and *not*.
- August** from LAT. *augustus*; ME. *aust* from OFR. *aoust* = FR. *août*? or from late OE. *august* changed to *\*awwest*?
- aunt** ME. *aunt(e)*: adapt. of OFR. *ante* (FR. *tante*). Source LAT. *amita* 'aunt'.
- avail** ME. *availe*: source FR. *vaille* from *valoir* 'be worth'.
- avalanche**: adoption of the synon. FR. *avalanche* (FR. *aval* 'downward' = OFR. *a val* is LAT. *ad vallem* 'valleyward').
- avenge** ME. *avenge*: adapt. of OFR. *avengier* 'avenge' (source

LAT. *vindicare* 'vindicate'); cp. *vengeance*.

**avoid** ME. *avoidē*: adapted from FR. *avoider* 'empty out'; cp. *void*.

**avouch** 'declare, confess' from OFR. *avoch(i)er*; cp. *vouch*.

**avow** ME. *avowe avoue* from FR. *avouer*; cp. *vow*.

**await** ME. *awaite* from ONFR. *await(i)er*; cp. *wait*.

**award** ME. *awarde* from ONFR. *eswardel(i)r* 'examine'. For the Teut. source see under *guard*.

**aware** ME. *tware* OE. *zewara zewær* = OHG. OSAX. *grīwar* G. *gewahr*, DU. *gewaar* 'watchful, wary'; cp. *wary*.

**away** ME. *away away* OE. *onwæg* 'away' prop. 'on the way'; cp. *way* and *alway*.

**awe** ME. *awe* older *age*: adapt. of ON. *agi* 'awe, terror'. Akin to OE. *ege* ME. *cie* 'fear, terror' = GOTH. *agis* and GR. *ἄχος* 'anguish'; cp. GOTH. *aglus* 'molesting', OIR. *agor* 'I fear'.

**awkward** ME. *awkward aukward* beside late ME. *auke* 'contrary, wrong'; *auk-* contr. of *avek-* = ON. *ofugr* 'turned the wrong way'. Cogn. w. OSAX. *abuh*, OHG. *abuh* and SKR. *apâk* 'turned away'.

**awl** ME. *aul awel* OE. *awel earwol* 'awl': if traceable to a Teut. base *awola* (for *agwola-*), akin to LAT. *acus* 'needle' — *aculeus* 'sting'.

**awn** ME. *aune* older *awene agene*: Scand. loanword from ON. *øgn* which is ident. with OE.

*agne*, OHG. *agana* MHG. *agene* G. *ahne*, GOTH. *ahana* 'chaff'; prob. related. to GR. *ἄχνη ἄχνη* 'chaff', LITH. *akūtas*, OPRUSS. *ackons* 'awn'.

**awry** ME. *awry(e) onwry*; cp. *wry*.

**ax(e)** ME. *ax* OE. *eax* = the synon. OE. *eax æx*, OHG. *ahsa* MHG. *ahse* G. *achse*, DU. *as* and with formative *-l* the synon. ON. *øxull*, whence borrowed ME. *axel* E. *axle-(tree)*. For a pre-TEUT. *aksa* cp. SKR. *ákṣa*, GR. *ἄξων*, LAT. *axis*, OSLOV. *ost*, LITH. *aszis* 'axle'.

**ax(e)** ME. *ax(e)* OE. *ax* orig. *acas* \**acces* = synon. OSAX. OHG. *accus* MHG. *ackes* G. *ax(t)*, DU. *aaks*, ON. *øx*, GOTH. *aqizi* 'axe'. Pre-TEUT. *agésî agzî (aksî)* appears also in GR. *ἄξινη* 'axe'.

**axle** ME. *axel* in *axel-trē*: borrowed from ON. *øxultré*; akin to *ax*.

**aye<sup>1</sup>** 'yes' occurring in the 16<sup>th</sup> cent. as *I* and not found earlier; perh. ident. with *I* = OE. *ic*; in OE. we find *nic* (for *ne + ic*) 'no' (in answering). The orthography of *aye* was influenced perhaps by *aye<sup>2</sup>* (cp. *na y*).

**aye<sup>2</sup>** ME. *ay ey*: borrowed from ON. *ei* 'ever'; akin to GOTH. *aiw* 'ever', OHG. OSAX. *io* G. *je*; cp. *ever*. In the Aryan langs. a sb. *aiwa-* 'age, time' exists in GOTH. *aiws*, LAT. *aevum*, GR. *αἰών*.

## B

**babe** ME. *babe* fuller form *bābān*: from W. GAEL. IR. CORN. *babān* 'a babe, child'.

**baboon** ME. *bābwīn* *bābōin*: loanword from the synon. FR. *babouin*. Akin to DU. *baviaan*, G. *pavian*. Source OFR. *babou* 'grimace'?

**baby** ME. *bābi*: dimin. of *babe*.

**bachelor** ME. *bachelér*: borrowed from OFR. *bachelor* = FR. *bachelier*. Source MED.-LAT. *baccalārius*.

**back**<sup>1</sup> cp. *basin*.

**back**<sup>2</sup> 'the hinder part of the body' ME. *bak* OE. *bæc* = OSAX. DU. (in comp.), ICEL. SW. *bak* 'back'. — **back** adv. for *aback* ME. *abak* OE. *on bæc* 'backward' prop. 'on the back'. — **backboard** OE. *bæcbord* = DU. LG. *bakboord* (whence G. *backbord*, FR. *babord*), ICEL. *bakbord* 'larboard'.

**backgammon** prop. 'backgame', because the men when taken are put back. See *gammon*.

**bacon** ME. *bācon* *bācoun*: borrowed from OFR. *bacon* 'flitch of bacon'. Source a TEUT. base *bakon* = MDU. MLG. *bake*, OHG. *bakho* MHG. *bache* 'side of bacon, ham'; akin to *back* sb.

**bad** ME. *bad(de)* 'worthless, wicked'; prob. ident. with OE. *abāded* 'forced, compelled': orig.

part. of the vb. *ā-bādan* 'compel, restrain'.

**badge** late ME. *bagge*: of FR. origin, cp. OFR. *bage*, MED.-LAT. *bagia* 'signum, a ring'.

**badger** orig. ident. with an obsolete *badger* 'one who buys corn'; cp. FR. *blaireau* 'badger' orig. 'little corn-merchant'. The source is a MED.-LAT. *bladdārius*, OFR. *blayer* 'corn-merchant' (FR. *blé* 'corn'): E. *badger* for *bladger*?

**bag** ME. *bagge*: loanword from ON. *baggi* 'bag, bundle'. — **baggage** ME. *baggage* according to FR. *baggage* points to OFR. *ibague* = ON. *baggi*.

**bail** 'a hoop' ME. *beil*: perh. traceable to an OE. *\*bezel* *\*byzel* = G. *bügel*, ON. *bygill*;  $\sqrt{}$  *büg* in *bow*.

**bail** vb. borrowed from OFR. *bailer* 'secure, keep in custody'. Akin to *bailiff* ME. *bailif* *baili*: from OFR. *bailif* (whence also DU. *baljuw*) later *baili* *bailli* = MED.-LAT. *baillivus* *ballivus*. Source LAT. *bajulus* 'burdenbearer'.

**bairn** 'child' (Sc.) ME. *bērn* OE. *bēarn* 'child' = OHG. GOTH. *barn*, ON. *barn* (whence also ME. *barn*): deriv. of the TEUT.  $\sqrt{}$  *ber* 'produce', prop. partic. with the meaning 'that which is born'.

**bait** vb. ME. *baite* *beite* 'feed': borrowed from ON. *beitr* 'cause to bite' = MHG. *beizen* 'bait', OE.



*bélan*: causative of TEUT. *bítan* 'bite'; cp. *bite*.

**bake** ME. *báke* OE. *bacan* str. vb. = ON. *baka*, OHG. *bahhan* 'bake'. The G. forms partly show TEUT. *kk* for TEUT. *k*: G. *backen*, DU. *bakken* (OSAX. *bakkeri* 'baker'); the *kk* is also shown in *batch*. The TEUT.  $\sqrt{\text{bak}}$  from pre-TEUT. *bhög* is perh. connected with GR. *φάγειν* 'roast'.

**bald** ME. *balled* (OE. \**bealléde?*); source and history unknown.

**baldrick** ME. *baudrik* *bauderik*; akin to ON. *baldrekr*, MHG. *balderich*, FR. *baudroy* (OFR. *baldrei*, whence ME. *baudry*), MED.-LAT. *baldringus*: related to LAT. *balteus* under *belt*.

**bale** sb. 'a large bundle of merchandise ready for transportation': loanword from OFR. *ba(l)le* (= SPAN. *bala*, IT. *balla*); of Teut. origin, ident. with *ball*.

**bale** vb. 'empty water out of a ship', also spelled *bail*: borrowed from DU. *balien* 'bale out'; DU. *balie* (= MLG. *ballige balge*, LG. *balje*, IT. *baglia*) 'tub' fr. FR. *baille* represents a Lat. type *bacula* (cogn. w. *basin*).

**bale** ME. *bále* OE. *bealu*; cp. OSAX. *balu*, OHG. *balu*, ON. *bol* 'evil, calamity'; GOTH. \**balwus* 'evil' in comp. and deriv. as *balweins* *balwjan* 'torment'.

**ball**<sup>1</sup> 'a spherical body' ME. *ball(e)*: borrowed from OFR. *balle* = OHG. *balla ballo* 'a ball, sphere', ON. *boltr* 'ball'.

**ball**<sup>2</sup> 'a dance' (= DU. G. *ball*): borrowed from FR. *bal* 'a dance' (= SPAN. *baile*, IT. *ballo*) 'a dance'. FR. *baller* (IT. *ballare*) is traced to GR. *βαλλίζειν* 'dance'.

**ballast**: loanword from SW. DAN. *ballast* orig. *baglast* for *barlass* prop. 'bare last' i. e. 'mere load' = DU. LG. G. *ballast*.

**balm** ME. *baum* (*baume bame bame*): adapt. of FR. *baume*. Source LAT. *balsamum*, whence G. *balsam*, DU. *balsem*.

**bane** 'harm' ME. *báne*; OE. *bana* means 'murderer'; cp. ON. *bane*, OHG. *bano* 'death'. Akin to GR. *φόνος*; 'murder'.

**bank** ME. *banke* OE. *banca* = ON. *bakki* (orig. \**banke*): akin to *bench*. — **bank** (for money) adapt. of FR. *banque* = IT. *banca*: ult. source TEUT. *bank(i)* in *bench*.

**bar** ME. *barre*: adapt. of OFR. *barre*.

**bare** ME. *báre* OE. *bær* = OHG. G. *bar*, ON. *berr*: TEUT.-GOTH. base *baza-* = pre-TEUT. *bhaso-* in OSLOV. *bosü* 'bare-foot', LITH. *basas*.

**bargain** sb. ME. *bargain*: adapt. of OFR. *bargaine* 'traffic'.

**barge** ME. *barge*: adapt. of OFR. *barge*. Source a MED.-LAT. *barica*, whence also *bark*<sup>2</sup>.

**bark**<sup>1</sup> 'the rind of a tree' ME. *barke*: possibly a loanword from the equiv. ON. *börkr*; cp. G. LG. *borke*, NORTHERNFRIS. *buark*, GOTH. \**barkus*: prob. akin to *birch* on account of SKR. *bhūrja* m. 'birch'

— n. 'birchbark'. *Bark* orig. 'birchbark'? cp. *birch*.

**bark<sup>2</sup>** adapt. of FR. *barque*; ident. with *barge*.

**bark** vb. ME. *berke* OE. *beorcan*; cp. OE. *borcian* 'bark' and ON. *berkja* 'bark': TEUT.  $\sqrt{\text{berk}}$ , not recorded elsewhere.

**barley** ME. *barll* older *barlich* late OE. *bærlic*; how the word is connected with the synon. OE. *bære* (cp. *barn*), is uncertain. Source a TEUT. base *baraz* (*bariz* = ON. *barr*, cp. GOTH. *barizeins* 'made of barley'), akin to LAT. *far* 'corn' (ARYAN base *bharos*).

**barm** 'yeast' ME. *berme* OE. *beorma* = DU. *berm*, MLG. *berme*: Teut. base *berman-* from an Aryan base *bhermen-* in LAT. *fermentum*.

**barn** ME. *berne* OE. *bern* short for orig. *bere-ern* 'barley-house'; cp. *barley*. OE. *-ern* (for *ærn* \**rænn*) 'house' corresponds to GOTH. *razn* 'house', ON. *rann*.

**barnacle<sup>1</sup>** 'a fish' ME. *bernake*; transformed by suffix-exchange from OE. *byrnete* 'lolligo'.

**barnacle<sup>2</sup>** 'a kind of goose' ME. *bernake*; an ANGLO-LAT. *bernaca* of the 12<sup>th</sup> cent. is the first record of the obscure word.

**barnacles<sup>3</sup>** 'spectacles' orig. 'irons put on the noses of horses to keep them quiet' dimin. to ME. *bernac* from OFR. *bernac* 'camus, a barnacle'.

**baron** ME. *bāroun*: loanword from FR. *baron*, whence also ODU. *baroen*, MHG. *barûn* G. DU. *baron*. Source a military word LAT. *baro*

'mercenary', which oftentimes is found in the Teut. *Leges Barbarorum* for 'baron'.

**barrel** ME. *bārel* prop. *baril*: borrowed fr. FR. *baril*.

**barren** ME. *barrein*: a FR. loanword, cp. OFR. *brahain* *barhain* (FR. *brêhaigne* 'sterile'). Source unknown.

**barrow** 'a wheel-barrow' ME. *bārwe* (OE. \**bearwe*): derived from the TEUT.  $\sqrt{\text{ber}}$  in *bear*; as for the *w*-suffix cp. also OE. *meox-byrwe*, WESTPHAL. *bierwe* 'a bier, stretcher'.

**barter** Engl. deriv. of OFR. *barate* 'deceit, fraud' (OFR. *barater* 'beguile'), whence ME. *barāt* *barēt*, ODU. *baraet* 'fraud', MHG. *bārāt*.

**base<sup>1</sup>** 'low' from FR. *basse* f. (*bas* m.). Source VULG.-LAT. *bassus*?

**base<sup>2</sup>** sb. 'foundation' ME. *bāse* (*bas*): loanword from FR. *base* (LAT. *basis*).

**bashful** see *abash*.

**basin** ME. *bāstin*: loanword from FR. *bassin*. Source LAT. *baccinum* (akin w. LAT. *bacar* and *bicarium*?) whence DU. *bekken*, OHG. (OSAX.) *bekkin* G. *becken* 'basin'; cp. DU. LG. *bak* 'bowl, tub, trough', FR. *bac* 'trough, basin' = LAT. *bacca*.

**baske** vb. ME. *haske*: a Scand. loanword, from ON. *badask* 'bathe oneself'. Source see under *bath*.

**basket** ME. *bāsket*; commonly considered ident. with BRITANN.-LAT. *bascauda* 'dish-pan' (= OFR. *baschoe* 'bucket'); an OE. \**bascod*

\**baxod* was supplanted by \**bascot*, -*ot* being an E. dimin. suffix. A primit. LAT.-GALL. *basca* appears in FR. *bâche* 'tilt, vat'.

**bass** 'a fish' ME. *base barse* OE. *bærs* = DU. *baars*, G. *barsch*; cp. SWED. *abborre*, DAN. *oborre* (rr from *rs*).

**bastard** ME. *bastard* (= G. *bastard*, DU. *bastard*): borrowed from OFR. *bastard* (FR. *bâtard* = SPAN. II. *bastardo*). Source OFR. *bast* = SPAN. IT. *basto* 'pack-saddle'; cp. OFR. *filz de bast* 'a bastard', lit. 'a son of a pack-saddle' (not of a bed, cp. G. *bankert* prop. 'son of a bench').

**baste**<sup>1</sup> vb. 'beat with a stick, strike': a Scand. loanword from ON. *beysta* 'beat' = SW. *bösta* 'thump', DAN. *böste* 'strike'.

**baste**<sup>2</sup> vb. 'pour fat over meat'; origin unknown.

**baste**<sup>3</sup> vb. 'sew slightly' ME. *bâte*; borrowed from OFR. *bastir* (FR. *bâtir* = SPAN. *bastear*, IT. *imbastare*) 'baste'. Source a TEUT. *bastjan* = OHG. *bēstan* 'patch' MHG. *bēsten* 'bind'.

**bat**<sup>1</sup> 'a short cudgel' ME. late OE. *bat(tt)*: loanword from IR. GAEL. *bat* 'staff, cudgel' or more prob. fr. FR. *batte* 'a rammer, wand'.

**bat**<sup>2</sup> 'a winged mammal'; the Scotch by-form *ba(c)k* points to ME. *bakke* = DAN. *bakke* (only in comp. *aftenbakke* 'evening-bat'). Perh. connected with *back* and *bacon*, made prob. by G. (dial.) *speckmaus* 'bat' prop. 'fitch-mouse'.

**batch** ME. *bacche* OE. \**bætte*; deriv. from the TEUT. √ *bakk* (: *bak*); see *bake*.

**bath** ME. *bath* OE. *bæð* = OSAX. *bath*, DU. G. OHG. *bad*, ON. *bad*. The dental being suffix, the word rests on a TEUT. √ *ba* (*bê*) in OHG. *bâen* = G. *bâhen*. — **bathe** vb. ME. *bâthe* OE. *badian* = OHG. *badôn* G. *baden*, ON. *bada*: deriv. from the TEUT. sb. *baþa* 'bath'.

**batten** vb. 'grow fat' ME. \**batne*: a Scand. loanword from ON. *batna* 'grow better' (= GOTH. *gabatan* 'profit'). Akin to *better* and *boot*<sup>2</sup>.

**batter** vb. 'beat' ME. *batre*: from FR. *battre*. Source LAT. *battuere*. Hence **batter** 'a compound of eggs, flour and milk' ME. *batüre*: from OFR. *bate-ure* 'a beating'.

**battle** ME. *bataille*: loanword from FR. *bataille*, whence ODU. *bataelghe*, MHG. *bateile* 'battle'. Source LAT. *battuere* 'beat'.

**bay** adj. 'reddish' ME. *bay*: from FR. *bai*. Source LAT. *badius* 'bay-colored'.

**bay**<sup>1</sup> 'inlet of the sea' ME. *baie*: borrowed from FR. *baie* (= SPAN. *bahia*, IT. *baja*).

**bay**<sup>2</sup> sb. 'a kind of laurel-tree, sweet-bay' ME. *bay baie* 'a berry': borrowed from OFR. *baie baye* FR. *baie* 'a berry'. Source LAT. *bacca bâca* 'berry'.

**bay** vb. 'bark as a dog' ME. *baye* shortened from *abaye*: loanword from OFR. *abaier* FR. *aboyer*.

**bay**<sup>3</sup> 'berry' (in *bay-rum*) ME. *bai bei* OE. *bæg* 𐚩 NORTHFRIS. *bei*,

DITMARSCH *beie*, DU. *bei* 'berry': Teut. base *baijis bajjis*; not ident. with OFR. *baie* = LAT. *bacca*.

**be** 'exist' ME. *bē* OE. *bēon* fr. a Teut. base \**bijan*; cp. OHG. *bim* = OSAX. *biu-m* 'I am', which answers to LAT. *fiō*: Aryan base *bhiō* (*bhijō*) traceable to *bhaviō bhuiō*; cp. √ *bhū* in LAT. *fui* 'I was'. Cp. *booth* and *build*.

**be-** prefix ME. OE. *be-*: ident. with *by*.

**beacon** ME. *bēken* OE. *bēacen* = OHG. *bouhhan*, OSAX. *bōkan* (DU. *baak*, G. *bake* fr. OFRIS. *bāken*): TEUT. base *baukna-*. See *beck*.

**bead** ME. *bēde* 'a bead, a prayer' OE. *zēbed* 'prayer'. Deriv. from the TEUT. √ *bed*; cp. *bid*.

**beadle** ME. *bēdel bēdel*: loanword from OFR. *bedel* = FR. *bédeau* (IT. *bidello*). Source a Teut. *bidil* = OHG. *bitil*.

**beaker** ME. *biker*; cp. the synon. DU. *beker*, OSAX. *bikeri*, OHG. *ōēhhāri* G. *becher*. Perh. the E. word is borrowed from the synon. ON. *bikarr*. Source LAT. *biccarium* (IT. *bicchiere*) with the by-form *piccarium* (see *pitcher*). Further connections under *basin*.

**beam** 'a piece of timber' ME. *bēm* OE. *bēam* 'a tree' = OHG. MHG. *boum* G. *baum*, LG. DU. *boom*, OSAX. *bōm* 'a tree'. The corresp. synon. GOTH. *bagms* (ON. *badmr*?) 'tree' seems to point to a TEUT. *bagwma-* with a by-form *bawma- bauma-*.

**bean** ME. *bēne bēn* OE. *bēan* = synon. OHG. *bōna* G. *bohne*, DU.

*boon*, ON. *baun*: TEUT. base *baund-* 'bean'. The early existence of the word (GOTH. \**bauna*) is attested by the name of the Fris. island *Baunonia* (island of beans?).

**bear** vb. 'carry' ME. *bēre* OE. *bēran* = OSAX. OHG. *bēran*, ON. *bera*, DU. *baren*, GOTH. *balran*. Akin to LAT. *ferre*, GR. *φέρειν*, SKR. √ *bhar* 'bear, carry': ARYAN √ *bher*. Cp. *bier* and *birth*.

**bear** sb. 'ursus' ME. *bēre* OE. *bēra* = OHG. *bēro* MHG. *bēr* G. *bär*, DU. *beer*. The TEUT. *bēron-* (ON. *björn*) is based on an Aryan adj. *bhero-* 'brown' preserved in LITH. *bėras* 'brown'.

**beard** ME. *bērd* OE. *bēard* = DU. *baard*, OFRIS. *berd*, OHG. G. *bart*: TEUT. base *barda-* = ARYAN *bhardha-* in LAT. *barba*, OSLOV. *brada*, LITH. *barzdà*, PRUSS. *bor-dus* 'beard'.

**beast** ME. *bēst*: loanword from OFR. *beste* (FR. *bête*), whence also LG. DU. *beest* 'beast'. Source LAT. *bēstia* (in a vulgar form *bēsta*).

**beat** vb. ME. *bēte* OE. *bēatan* = OHG. *bōzzan* MHG. *bōzen*, ICEL. *bauta* 'beat'. Cp. *beetle*.

**beaver<sup>1</sup>** 'an animal' ME. *bēver* OE. *beofor* = OHG. *bibar* G. *biber*, DU. *bever*, ON. *bjorr*: TEUT. *bebruz* (whence are borrowed IT. *bevero*, FR. *bièvre*) points to PRE-TEUT. *bhebhrus* = LAT. *fiber*, CORN. *befer*, OSLOV. *bebrū*, LITH. *bebrus*, LETT. *bebris*, RUSS. *bobrū* 'beaver'. In SKR. there is an adj. *babhrus* 'brown', which is perh. a redupl.

form pointing to LITH. *beras* 'brown' under *bear*.

**beaver**<sup>2</sup> 'the lower part of a helmet' borrowed from the synon. FR. *bavière*, whence also the synon. DU. *bever*.

**because** ME. *because* *bicause* *by-cause* (also separately written *be-*, *bi-*, *by-cause*): *by* the prep. + *cause*.

**beck**<sup>1</sup> 'a stream' ME. *bek*: loanword from ON. *bekkr* (= SW. *bäck*); cp. OSAX. *beki*, DU. *beek*, OHG. *bah(hh)* G. *bach* from a TEUT. *baki-*.

**beck**<sup>2</sup> 'a nod or sign' ME. *bek* short for ME. *bēke* OE. *bĕacen*; see *beacon*.

**bed** ME. OE. *bed* (*dd*) = GOTH. *badī* (stem *badja-*), OHG. *bēti bētti* MHG. *bette bete* G. *bett*, DU. *bed*. The cogn. CYMR. *bedd* 'grave' (CELT. base *bedo-*) points to the ARYAN √ *bhedh bhodh* (in LAT. *fodio* 'I dig', LITH. *bedu* 'I dig'), as is evident in G. *beet* (blumenbeet) = E. *bed* (flowerbed).

**bedrid** ME. *bedred* OE. *bedrida*: lit. 'a bed-rider' = MLG. *bedderēde* 'bedridden'. Cp. *ride* (and the phrase »ride on anchor«). Akin to OHG. *bettiriso*, MLG. *bedderēse* 'bedridden' — *ban-krēse* 'a lazy fellow'.

**bee** ME. *bē* OE. *bēo* contr. of *bīe* (infl. *blan*) = OHG. *bīa*, DU. *bij*; with *n*-suffix G. *biene* from OHG. *bini*. Akin to PRUSS. *bitte*, LITH. *bitis*, LETT. *bitte*, IR. *bech* 'bee'; also LAT. *fūcus* 'drone' (Aryan base *bhoikō-*?).

**beech** ME. *bēche* OE. *bēce* (orig. *bācīe* = LG. *bāke* 'beech'): formed with vowel mutation from \**bōc* in OE. *bōc-trēow*; cp. OHG. *buohha* MHG. *buoche* G. *buche*, ON. *bōk*. The name of this tree (whence *book*) is a PRE-TEUT. *bhāgos* = LAT. *fāgus* 'beech', GR. *φάγος φηγός*. The GR. word signifies perh. originally 'tree with edible fruit, food-tree' (*φάγσιν* 'eat').

**beef** ME. *bēf* older *bāf* (*beof*): borrowed from OFR. *boef* FR. *boeuf*. Source LAT. *bovem* (*bos*).

**beer** ME. *bēr* OE. *bēor* = OHG. OSAX. *bior* G. DU. *bier*. A common WESTTEUT. word (base *beura-*), perh. derived fr. OE. OSAX. *bēo*, ON. *bygg* 'barley'; hence *beer* prop. 'barley-juice'?

**beet** ME. OE. *bēte*. Source LAT. *bēta* (= FR. *bette*, IT. *bieta*), whence also G. *beete*.

**beetle**<sup>1</sup> ME. *bētel* OE. *býtel bētel* = the synon. LG. *bātel*, ON. *beytill* 'hammer'. The TEUT. base *bautila-* belongs to the TEUT. √ *baut* in *beat*.

**beetle**<sup>2</sup> an insect ME. *bitel* OE. *bitola*; derived from an adj. OE. *bitol* 'inclined to bite'.

**beg** vb. ME. *begge* shortened from OE. *bedecian*, formed from *bid* with intensive *k* (as in *hark*, *lurk*, *walk*).

**begin** ME. *beginne* OE. *beginnan* str. vb. = OSAX. OHG. *biginnan*, DU. G. *beginnen*, GOTH. *duginnen* 'begin'. The TEUT. √ *gen* (the initial *g* of which may be an

Aryan *k* in the compound) is traceable to the Aryan  $\sqrt{\text{ken}}$  in OSLOV. *po-čtna* (infinit. *po-četi* 'begin', *konj* 'beginning').

**beguile** vb. ME. *begile* (= MDU. *beghijlen*): loanword from OFR. *guiler*. Cp. *wile*.

**behalf** 'interest, benefit' ME. *on behalve* for *on halve* or *be halve* OE. *on (be) healfe*; OE. *healf* sb. (= OHG. *halba*) means 'side'.

**behave** vb. late ME. *behāve* OE. *behabban*: ident. with *have*. — **behavior** shows a FR. ending in imitation of *havior*, var. of *haver* for *aver* 'possession'.

**behead** vb. ME. *behēde bihefden* OE. *behēafđian*; cp. MHG. *behoubeten* 'behead'. Cp. *head*.

**behest** ME. *behest(e) bihest* earlier *behēse* OE. *behās* 'command, vow.' OE. *hās* (base *hāsi-hāsi-*) points to TEUT. GOTH. *haitan* = OE. *hātan*; cp. *hight* and *hest*.

**behind** ME. *behinde(n)* OE. *behindan* 'afterwards, after'. Cp. *hinder* and *hindmost*.

**behold** vb. ME. *behōlde* OE. *behāldan (behāldan)* 'hold, see'. Cp. *hold*.

**behoof** ME. *behōf* OE. *behōf* = SYNON. DU. *behoef*, MLG. *behōf*, MHG. *behuof* G. *behuof*, ICEL. *hōf* 'moderation'. — **behoove** vb. ME. *behōve* OE. *behōfian* 'be necessary' = DU. *behoeven*, MLG. *behooven*.

**belch** vb. akin to ME. *belke* OE. *bælcian bealcian* and with suffix *bealcettan* 'belch'.

**belfry** ME. *berfray berfrey berfreid berfreit* adapt. of OFR. *berfrei berefreit* = FR. *beffroi*. Source MHG. *bērcvrit* from *berc* 'protection' and *frid* 'a place of security'.

**belief** ME. *belēve* from the vb. ME. *belēve* = *believe*. Phonetically not ident. with ME. *belēve ilēve* OE. *zēlęafa* = OSAX. *gilōbo*, DU. *geloof*, OHG. *giloubo* G. *glaube*. — **believe** vb. ME. *bilēve* orig. *ilēve* OE. *zēlęfan zelyfan* 'believe' = OSAX. *gilōbian*, DU. *gelooven*, OHG. *gilouban* G. *glauben*, GOTH. *galaubjan*.

**bell** ME. OE. *belle* = DU. *bel*, LG. *belle*: WEST-TEUT. base *bēllōn*. Akin to *bellow*?

**bellow** vb. ME. *bel(o)we belwe* OE. *belgian bylgian* 'bellow': TEUT. base \**balligōn*? Prob. an extended form with vowel mutation and intensive formative of OE. *bēllan* = OHG. *bēllan* 'bellow'. If *bell-* is traceable to *belz bels*, the TEUT.  $\sqrt{\text{}}$  corresponds to SKR. *bhas* (for *bhals*) 'bellow' = *bhās* 'speak' and LITH. *balsas* 'voice'.

**bellows** ME. *belwes* (also *belies*) 'a bellows': prop. plur. of *belowe belu beli* 'a bellows, a bag, belly' OE. *bætz bylz (blæstbylz)* 'a bag' = ON. *belgr*, G. DU. *balg* 'skin'. Ident. with *belly*. A TEUT.  $\sqrt{\text{}}$  *belg* 'swell' appears in OHG. *bēlgan* 'be angry', OE. *zēolgen* 'angry', ON. *bolgen* 'swollen'; cogn. w. OIR. *bolgaim* 'I swell' — *bolg bolc* 'bag, bellows' — OGALL. *bulga* 'leather-bag'. Cp. *bolster*.

**belly** ME. *belie belt* 'belly, womb, also a bellows' OE. *belz bylz* 'a bag, pouch, purse, bag of any kind'. Ident. with *bellows*.

**below** ME. *bilōwe* cp. *low*.

**belt** ME. OE. *belt* = OHG. *balz*, ON. *belti* 'a belt, border'. Source LAT. (GALL.?) *balteus* 'belt'.

**bench** ME. *bench* OE. *benč*: with umlaut and palatalization from a TEUT. base *banki(z)* = OSAX. DU. G. OHG. *bank*, ON. *hekk*; FR. *banc* and IT. SPAN. *banco* are TEUT. loanwords. Cp. *bank*.

**bend** sb. 'a band, bond' ME. OE. *bend* (= OSAX. *bendi*, ODU. *bende*, GOTH. *bandi* 'a band, bond') from the √ *bēnd* in *bind*, whence also **bend** vb. 'bow, curve' ME. *bende* OE. *bendan* 'bind, curve, bend'.

**beneath** ME. *benēthe* OE. *beneodan* = DU. *beneden*; from OE. *neodan*, OSAX. *nithana*, OHG. *nidana* MHG. *niden(e)* 'below'. Cp. *nether*.

**benison** ME. *benēisoun*: borrowed from OFR. *benēison*. Source LAT. *benedictionem* (vp. ME. *maleisoun* = OFR. *maleison*, LAT. *maledictionem*).

**bent-grass** OE. *beonot* = OSAX. *binut*, OHG. *binuz* MHG. *bin(e)z* G. *binse*, DU. *bentgras*.

**bequeath** vb. ME. *bequēthe* OE. *becwēdan* 'declare, affirm'. — **request** ME. *biqueste* usually *biquide byquide bequide*. For the OE. vb. *cwēdan* 'speak' cp. *quoth*.

**bereave** vb. ME. *birēve* (*rēve*) OE. *berēafian* (*rēafian*) = OSAX. *birōbōn*, DU. *berooven*, OHG. (*bi*)rou-

*bōn* G. *berauben*, GOTH. *biraubōn* 'rob', ON. *raufa* 'rob'.

**berry** ME. OE. *berie*; cp. *synon*. OHG. *beri* G. *beere*. The *r* was orig. *z* = *s*; cp. GOTH. *basi* in *weinabasi* 'wineberry, grape', DU. *bes* 'berry'.

**besech** vb. ME. *bisēche bisēke* OE. *bisēčan*: ident. with *seek*.

**besom** 'a broom' ME. *besom* *besme* 'a broom, rod' OE. *besma* 'a rod' = DU. *bezem*, OHG. *bēsamo* G. *besen* 'a broom', GOTH. \**bisma*. LAT. *ferula* may accord with the Teut. word in an Aryan √ *bhes*.

**best** ME. *beste* OE. *betsta* = GOTH. *batista*, OHG. *bezzisto* MHG. G. *beste*, OSAX. *betsto*. Cp. *better* and *boot*<sup>2</sup>.

**bestow** vb. ME. *bestōwe*; cp. *stow*.

**betide** vb. ME. *betide*; cp. *tide*.

**betray** vb. ME. *betraie* (by-form *betraisse*): adapt. of FR. *trahir* (source LAT. *tradere* 'deliver'). Cp. *traitor* and *treason*.

**betroth** vb. ME. *bitreuthie* 'betroth'; deriv. from *truth*.

**better** ME. *better* OE. *betera* = GOTH. *batiza*, OHG. *bezziro* G. *besser*, OSAX. *betoro*, DU. *beter*, ON. *betre*. Cp. the corresp. superl. *best*. No primitive adj. exists in the Teut. and Aryan langs.; for the root cp. *boot*<sup>2</sup> and *best*.

**between** ME. *bitwēne* OE. *betwēonum* 'between'; in OE. the orig. construction was *be scēm twēonum* = 'between the seas',

OE. \**twūon* earlier *twiſn* 'two' answers to GOTH. *twēihns* = LAT. *bīnus* (Aryan base *dweikno-*). — **betwixt** ME. *betwix* (by-form *betwixe*) OE. *betweox* *bitwihs* (by-form *betweoxn* = OSAX. *undartwisk* 'between', OHG. *undar zwiskēm* 'between' G. *zwischen*. The Teut. base *twiska-* 'two' is a deriv. of TEUT. *twa* in *two*.

**beverage** ME. *beverāge* *beverege*: loanword from OFR. *beverage* *beurage* *breuwaige* = FR. *brewage*. Source LAT. *bibere* (LAT. type *biberaticum*).

**bevy** 'a company' ME. *bevey* *bevé*; doubtful if ident. with OFR. *beveye* FR. *bevé* 'drink, drinking'? then the E. word might prop. denote 'a drinking-party'.

**beyond** ME. *beyonde* OE. *bezeōndan*. Cp. *yon*.

**bible** ME. *bible*: loanword from FR. *bible*, whence also DU. *bijbel*, G. SW. DAN. *bibel*. Source LAT. *ibilia*.

**bid** ME. *bidde* OE. *biddan* str. vb. = GOTH. *bidjan*, OSAX. *biddian*, DU. *bidden*, OHG. *bittan* G. *bitten*, ON. *bidja* 'bid'. The TEUT. √ *bēd* for *bid* goes back to an Aryan √ *bhīdh* in GR. *πείθω* 'move by praying' which with LAT. *fido* 'trust' points to connection with *bide*.

**bide** ME. *bide* OE. *bīdan* str. vb. = GOTH. *beidan*, OSAX. *bīdan*, OHG. *bītan*, ON. *bīda*. The strong verb TEUT. *bīdan* 'wait' agrees with LAT. *fīdo* 'I trust' and GR. *πείθομαι* 'I trust, obey' (*πείθω* 'I move by

entreaty'): pre-TEUT. *bhīdh*. Cp. *bid* 'pray for the identity of *bide* with TEUT. *bidjan*.

**bier** ME. *bēre* *bēre* OE. *bēr* = OSAX. OHG. *bāra* G. *bahre*, DU. *baar*; the modern spelling with *ie* (since 1600) is due to FR. *bière*. Source a TEUT. *bērō-*, derived fr. *bear* (TEUT. √ *bēr*).

**bile** ME. *bīle* OE. *bīle* = DU. *buil*, OHG. *būlla* \**būllia* 'blain' MHG. *biule* G. *beule*: TEUT. base *būljō(n)-*.

**bill**<sup>1</sup> 'a writing, account' together with its dimin. *billet* 'a note' ME. *bille* 'a letter' (dimin. *billette* 'a note'): from MED.-LAT. *billa* *bulla* 'a bubble, boss, leaden seal, a bull'. Cp. *bull*.

**bill**<sup>2</sup> 'sword' ME. OE. *bill* 'sword' = OHG. OSAX. *bil(l)* 'a sword'. If GOTH. \**bilja-* goes back to Aryan *bhūlyo-* for *bhīdyo-*, connection with LAT. *findere* is possible. Hence *bill* 'the instrument for splitting' and

**bill**<sup>3</sup> 'bird's beak' ME. *bill(e)* *bil(e)* OE. *bīle* 'beak'; prob. connected with *bill*<sup>2</sup>.

**billow** ME. \**bilwe* prop. \**bilge*: borrowed from ON. *bylgja*: TEUT. √ *bēlg* 'swell' treated under *bag* and *bellows*.

**bin** ME. *binne* OE. *binn* 'manger': CELT. loanword from GALL. *benna* 'kind of vehicle', whence also FR. *benne* 'a basket, hamper' (IT. *benna* 'sleigh, cart'). G. *benne* 'basket-wagon' is of FR. origin.

**bind** ME. *binde* OE. *bīndan* str. vb. = OSAX. *bindan*, ON. *bīnda*, DU.