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air con-di-tion-er \er-kən-'di-shən(-ə)nər/ *n*: an apparatus for filtering air and controlling its humidity and temperature — **air-con-di-tion** \-'di-shən/ *vb*

air-craft \er-'krāft/ *n*, *pl* **aircraft**: a vehicle for traveling through the air

aircraft carrier *n*: a warship with a deck on which airplanes can be launched and landed

air-drop \er-'drāp/ *n*: delivery of cargo or personnel by parachute from an airplane in flight — **air-drop** *vb*

Aire-dale terrier \er-'dāl-/ *n*: any of a breed of large terriers with a hard wiry coat

air-fare \er-'fer-/ *n*: fare for travel by airplane

air-field \er-'fēld/ *n*: AIRPORT

air-flow \er-'flō-/ *n*: the motion of air relative to a body in it

air-foil \er-'fōi(-ə)/ *n*: an airplane surface designed to produce reaction forces from the air through which it moves

air force *n*: the military organization of a nation for air warfare

air-frame \er-'frām-/ *n*: the structure of an aircraft, rocket, or missile without the power plant; *also*: AIRCRAFT

air-freight \er-'frāt-/ *n*: freight transport by aircraft in volume; *also*: the charge for this service

air gun *n*: a gun operated by compressed air 2: a hand tool that works by compressed air; *esp*: AIRBRUSH

air-head \er-'hed-/ *n*: a mindless or stupid person

air lane *n*: AIRWAY 1

air-lift \er-'līft/ *n*: transportation (as of supplies or passengers) by aircraft — **airlift** *vb*

air-line \er-'līn/ *n*: a transportation system using airplanes

air-liner \er-'lī-nər-/ *n*: a large passenger airplane operated by an airline

air lock *n*: an airtight chamber separating areas of different pressure

air-mail \er-'māl-/ *n*: the system of transporting mail by aircraft; *also*: mail so transported — **airmail** *vb*

air-man \er-'mən/ *n*: 1: AVIATOR, PILOT 2: an enlisted man in the air force in one of the three ranks below sergeant

airman basic *n*: an enlisted man of the lowest rank in the air force

airman first class *n*: an enlisted man in the air force with a rank just below that of sergeant

air mass *n*: a large horizontally homogeneous body of air

air-mo-bile \er-'mō-bəl-, -bēl/ *adj*: of, relating to, or being a military unit whose members are transported to combat areas usu. by helicopter

air-plane \er-'plān-/ *n*: a powered heavier-than-air aircraft that has fixed wings from which it derives lift

air-play \er-'plā-/ *n*: the playing of a musical recording on the air by a radio station

air pocket *n*: a condition of the atmosphere (as a local downdraft) that causes an airplane to drop suddenly

air police *n*: the military police of an air force

air-port \er-'pōrt-/ *n*: a place from which aircraft operate that usu. has paved runways and a terminal

air rage *n*: an airline passenger's uncontrolled anger that is usu. expressed in aggressive or violent behavior

air raid *n*: an attack by armed airplanes on a surface target

air-ship \er-'shīp-/ *n*: a lighter-than-air aircraft having propulsion and steering systems

air-sick \er-'sīk/ *adj*: affected with motion sickness associated with flying — **air-sick-ness** *n*

air-space \er-'spās-/ *n*: the space above a nation and under its jurisdiction

air-speed \er-'spēd-/ *n*: the speed of an object (as an airplane) with relation to the surrounding air

air-strip \er-'stri:p-/ *n*: a runway without normal airport facilities

air-tight \er-'tīt/ *adj*: 1: so tightly sealed that no air can enter or escape 2: leaving no opening for attack

air-to-air *adj*: launched from one airplane in flight at another; *also*: involving aircraft in flight

air-waves \er-'wāvz/ *n* *pl*: AIR 9

air-way \er-'wā-/ *n*: 1: a regular route for airplanes 2: AIR-LINE

air-wor-thy \er-'wər-thē/ *adj*: fit for operation in the air <an ~ plane> — **air-wor-thi-ness** *n*

airy \er-'ē/ *adj* **air-ier**; **-est** 1: LOFTY <~ perches> 2: lacking in reality: EMPTY 3: DELICATE 4: BREEZY

aisle \i(-ə)/ *n* [ME *ile*, fr. AF *ele*, lit., wing, fr. L *ala*] 1: the side of a church nave separated by piers from the nave proper 2: a passage between sections of seats

ajar \ə-'jār/ *adj* or *adv*: partly open

AK abbr Alaska

aka abbr also known as

AKC abbr American Kennel Club

akim-bo \ə-'kim-bō/ *adj* or *adv*: having the hand on the hip and the elbow turned outward

akin \ə-'kīn/ *adj*: 1: related by blood 2: similar in kind

Al symbol aluminum

AL abbr 1 Alabama 2 American League 3 American Legion

-al *adj* **suffix**: of, relating to, or characterized by <directional>

-al *n* **suffix**: action: process <rehearsal>

Ala abbr Alabama

al-a-bas-ter \ə-'lə-bas-tər/ *n*: 1: a compact fine-textured usu. white and translucent gypsum often carved into objects (as vases) 2: a hard translucent calcite

à la carte \ə-'lə-'kār-tē, -'kār-/ *adv* or *adj* [F]: with a separate price for each item on the menu

alac-rity \ə-'lā-'krē-tē/ *n*: cheerful readiness: BRISKNESS

à la mode \ə-'lə-'mōd, -'mō-/ *adj* [F, according to the fashion] 1: FASHIONABLE 2: topped with ice cream

alarm \ə-'lārm/ *also* **ala-rum** \ə-'lār-əm, -'lēr-/ *n* [ME *alarm*, fr. MF, fr. OIt *all'arme*, lit., to arms] 1: a warning signal or device 2: the terror caused by sudden danger

alarm *also* **alarum** *vb*: 1: to warn of danger 2: FRIGHTEN

alarm-ist \ə-'lār-mīst/ *n*: a person who alarms others esp. needlessly

alas \ə-'las/ *interj* — used to express unhappiness, pity, or concern

al-ba-core \ə-'bā-'kōr-/ *n*, *pl* **-core** or **-cores**: a large tuna that is a source of canned tuna

Al-ba-nian \ə-'bā-nē-ən/ *n*: a native or inhabitant of Albania

al-ba-tross \ə-'bā-'trōs, -'trās-/ *n*, *pl* **-tross** or **-tross-es**: any of a family of large web-footed seabirds

al-be-do \ə-'bē-(j)dō-/ *n*, *pl* **-dos**: the fraction of incident radiation that is reflected by a body or surface

al-be-it \ə-'bē-'at, -'at/ *conj*: even though: ALTHOUGH

al-bi-no \ə-'bī-'nō-/ *n*, *pl* **-nos**: a person or animal lacking coloring matter in the skin, hair, and eyes — **al-bi-nism** \ə-'bī-'nī-zəm/ *n*

al-bum \ə-'bām-/ *n*: 1: a book with blank pages used for making a collection (as of stamps or photographs) 2: one or more recordings (as on tape or disk) produced as a single unit

al-bu-men \ə-'byū-mən/ *n*: 1: the white of an egg 2: ALBUMIN

al-bu-min \ə-'byū-mən/ *n*: any of numerous water-soluble proteins of blood, milk, egg white, and plant and animal tissues

al-bu-min-ous \ə-'byū-mē-nəs/ *adj*: containing or resembling albumen or albumin

al-bu-ter-ol \ə-'byū-tər-'rōl, -'rōl/ *n*: a drug used as an aerosol or in tablet form to treat asthma

alc abbr alcohol

al-cal-de \ə-'kāl-dē-/ *n*: the chief administrative and judicial officer of a Spanish or Spanish-American town

al-ca-zar \ə-'kāl-'zār, -'kāl-/ *n* [Sp *alcázar*, fr. Ar *al-qasr* the castle]: a Spanish fortress or palace

al-che-my \ə-'kə-mē-/ *n*: medieval chemistry chiefly concerned with efforts to turn base metals into gold — **al-che-mist** \ə-'kə-mīst/ *n*

al-co-hol \ə-'kō-'hōl/ *n* [NL, fr. ML, powdered antimony, fr. Sp, fr. Ar *al-kuhl* the powdered antimony] 1: a colorless flammable liquid that is the intoxicating agent in fermented and distilled liquors 2: any of various carbon compounds similar to alcohol 3: beverages containing alcohol

al-co-hol-ic \ə-'kō-'hō-'lik, -'hā-/ *adj*: 1: of, relating to, caused by, or containing alcohol 2: affected with alcoholism — **al-co-hol-i-cal-ly** \ə-'kō-'hō-'li-'k(ə)-lē/ *adv*

alcohol-ic *n*: a person affected with alcoholism

al-co-hol-ism \ə-'kō-'hō-'li-'zəm/ *n*: continued excessive and usu. uncontrollable use of alcoholic drinks; *also*: a complex chronic psychological and nutritional disorder associated with such use

al-cove \ə-'kōv-/ *n*: a nook or small recess opening off a larger room 2: a niche or arched opening (as in a wall)

ald abbr alderman

al-der \ə-'dər-/ *n*: any of a genus of trees or shrubs related to the birches and growing in wet areas

al-der-man \ə-'dər-mən/ *n*: a member of a city legislative body

ale \ā-/ *n*: an alcoholic beverage brewed from malt and hops that is usu. more bitter than beer

ale-a-tor-ic \ə-'lē-'ā-'tōr-ik/ *adj*: characterized by chance or random elements <~ music>

ale-a-to-ry \ə-'lē-'ā-'tōr-ē/ *adj*: ALEATORIC

alee \ə-'lē-/ *adv*: on or toward the lee

ale-house \ə-'lā-'hauz-/ *n*: a place where ale is sold to be drunk on the premises

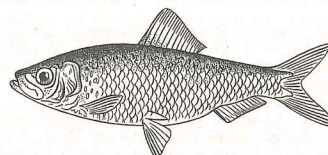
al-ert \ə-'lert/ *adj* [It *all'erta*, lit., on the ascent] 1: watchful against danger 2: quick to perceive and act — **al-ert-ly** *adv* — **al-ert-ness** *n*

al-ert *n*: 1: ALARM 2: the period during which an alert is in effect

al-ert *vb*: 1: WARN 2: to make aware of

Aleut \ə-'lē-'ūt, -'lūt/ *n*: 1: a member of a people of the Aleutian and Shumagin islands and the western part of Alaska Peninsula 2: the language of the Aleuts

ale-wife \ə-'wīf-/ *n*, *pl* **ale-wives** \ə-'wīvz-/ *n*: a food fish related to the herring that is abundant esp. along the Atlantic coast



Al-ex-an-dri-an \ə-'līg-'zan-drē-ən/ *adj*: 1: HELLENISTIC 2: of or relating to Alexander the Great

al-ex-an-drine \ə-'zan-drēn/ *n*, *often cap*: a line of six iambic feet

al-fal-fa \ə-'fal-'fā-/ *n*: a leguminous plant widely grown for hay and forage

al-fres-co \ə-'fres-kō/ *adj* or *adv* [It]: taking place in the open air

alg abbr algebra

al-ga \ə-'gā-/ *n*, *pl* **al-gae** \ə-'(j)ē-/ *n*: any of a group of lower plants having chlorophyll but no vascular system and including seaweeds and related freshwater plants — **al-gal** \ə-'gəl/ *adj*

al-ge-bra \ə-'jā-brā-/ *n* [ML, fr. Ar *al-jabr*]: a generalization of arithmetic in which letters representing numbers are combined according to the rules of arithmetic — **al-ge-bra-ic** \ə-'jā-'brā-'ik/ *adj* — **al-ge-bra-i-cal-ly** \ə-'brā-'ē-'k(ə)-lē/ *adv*

Al-gon-qui-an \ə-'gān-kwē-ən, -'gān-/ *or* **Al-gon-quin** \ə-'kwən/ *n* 1 *usu* **Algonquin**: a member of an American Indian people of the Ottawa River valley 2 *usu* **Algon-qui-an**: a family of American Indian languages of eastern and central No. America

al-go-rithm \ə-'gō-'rī-'thəm/ *n*: a procedure for solving a problem esp. in mathematics or computing — **al-go-rith-mic** \ə-'gō-'rī-'thm-ik/ *adj* — **al-go-rith-mi-cal-ly** \ə-'mī-'k(ə)-lē/ *adv*

alias \ā-'lē-'əs, 'āl-yəs/ *adv* [L, otherwise, fr. *alius* other]: otherwise called

alias *n*: an assumed name

al-i-bi \ə-'lā-'bī-/ *n* [L, elsewhere, fr. *alius* other] 1: a plea offered by an accused person of not having been at the scene of an offense 2: an excuse (as for failure)

alibi *vb* **-bied**; **-bi-ing**: 1: to furnish an excuse for 2: to offer an excuse

alien \ā-'lē-ən, 'āl-yən/ *adj*: 1: belonging to another: FOREIGN 2: EXOTIC 1

alien *n*: 1: a foreign-born resident who has not been naturalized 2: EXTRATERRESTRIAL

alien-able \ā-'lā-yā-'nā-'bəl, 'ā-'lē-'ā-'nā-/ *adj*: transferable to the ownership of another <~ property>

alien-ate \ā-'lē-'ā-'nāt, 'āl-yā-/ *vb* **-ated**; **-at-ing**: 1: to make hostile: ESTRANGE 2: to transfer (property) to another — **alien-ation** \ā-'lē-'ā-'nā-'shən, 'āl-yā-/ *n*

alien-ist \ā-'lē-'ə-nīst, 'āl-yā-/ *n*: PSYCHIATRIST

al-ight \ə-'līt/ *vb* **alight-ed** *also* **alit** \ə-'līt/; **alight-ing** 1: to get down (as from a vehicle) 2: to come to rest from the air ♦ **Synonyms** SETTLE, LAND, PERCH

al-ight *adj*: lighted up

align *also* **aline** \ə-'līn/ *vb*: 1: to bring into line 2: to array on the side of or against a cause — **align-er** *n* — **align-ment** *also* **aline-ment** *n*

alike \ə-'līk/ *adv*: EQUALLY <denounced by teachers and students ~>

alike *adj*: LIKE <in their beliefs> ♦ **Synonyms** AKIN, ANALOGOUS, SIMILAR, COMPARABLE

al-i-ment \ə-'lā-mənt/ *n*: NOURISHMENT 1 — **aliment** *vb*

al-i-men-ta-ry \ə-'lā-mən-t(ə)-rē/ *adj*: of, relating to, or functioning in nourishment or nutrition

alimentary canal *n*: the tube that extends from the mouth to the anus and functions in the digestion and absorption of food and the elimination of residues

al-i-mo-ny \ə-'lā-mō-nē-/ *n*, *pl* **-nies** [L *alimonia* sustenance, fr. *alere* to nourish]: an allowance made to one spouse by the other for support pending or after legal separation or divorce

A-line \ə-'līn/ *adj*: having a flared bottom and a close-fitting top <an ~ skirt>

alive \ə-'līv/ *adj*: 1: having life 2: being in force or operation 3: SENSITIVE <to the danger> 4: ALERT, BRISK 5: ANIMATED <streets ~ with traffic> — **aliveness** *n*

alk abbr alkaline

al-ka-li \ə-'kāl-'lī-/ *n*, *pl* **-lies** or **-lis**: 1: a substance (as a hydroxide) that has a bitter taste and neutralizes acids 2: a mixture of salts in the soil of some dry regions in such amount as to make ordinary farming impossible — **al-ka-line** \ə-'kāl-'lī-/ *adj* — **al-ka-lin-i-ty** \ə-'kāl-'lī-nē-tē/ *n*

al-ka-loid \ə-'kāl-'lōid/ *n*: any of various usu. basic and bitter organic compounds found esp. in seed plants

al-kane \ə-'kān-/ *n*: a hydrocarbon in which each carbon atom is bonded to 4 other atoms

al-kyd \ə-'kād-/ *n*: any of numerous synthetic resins used esp. for protective coatings and in paint

all \ə-/ *adj*: 1: the whole of <sat up ~ night> 2: every member of 3: EVERY <~ manner of problems> 4: any whatever <~ beyond ~ doubt> 5: nothing but <~ ears> 6: being more than one person or thing <who ~ is coming>

all *adv*: 1: WHOLLY <sat ~ alone> 2: selected as the best — used in combination <all-state champs> 3: so much <~ the better for it> 4: for each side <the score is two ~>

all pron sing or pl: 1: the whole number, quantity, or amount <~ of it is gone> 2: EVERYBODY, EVERYTHING <~ are members> <that is ~>

all *n*: the whole of one's resources <gave his ~>

Al-lah \ā-'lā, -'ā-, 'ā-'lā, 'ā-'lā-/ *n* [Ar *allāh*]: GOD 1 — used in Islam

all along *adv*: all the time <knew it all along>

all-Amer-i-can \ə-'lā-'ā-'mēr-'ā-'kən/ *adj*: 1: selected as the best in the U.S. 2: composed wholly of American elements 3: typical of the U.S. — **all-American** *n*

all-around \ə-'lā-'ā-'raund/ *adj*: 1: considered in all aspects <best ~ performance> 2: competent in many fields: VERSATILE <an ~ athlete>

al-lay \ə-'lā-/ *vb* 1: ALLEVIATE 2: CALM ♦ **Synonyms** LIGHTEN, RELIEVE, EASE, ASSUAGE

all clear *n*: a signal that a danger has passed

al-lege \ə-'lē-/ *vb* **al-eged**; **al-leg-ing**: 1: to assert without proof 2: to offer as a reason — **al-le-ga-tion** \ə-'lā-'gā-shən/ *n* — **al-le-ged** \ə-'lē-jd, -'lē-jd-/ *adj* — **al-leg-ed-ly** \ə-'lē-jd-'lē-/ *adv*

al-le-giance \ə-'lē-'jāns-/ *n*: 1: loyalty owed by a citizen to a government 2: loyalty to a person or cause

al-le-go-ry \ə-'lā-'gōr-'ē-/ *n*, *pl* **-ries**: the expression through symbolism of truths or generalizations about human experience — **al-le-gor-i-cal** \ə-'lā-'gōr-'i-'kəl/ *adj* — **al-le-gor-i-cal-ly** \ə-'k(ə)-lē-/ *adv*

al-le-gro \ə-'lē-'grō, 'lā-'n, *pl* **-gros**: an allegro movement

allegro *adv* or *adj* [It, merry]: at a brisk lively tempo — used as a direction in music

al-lele \ə-'lē-/ *n*: any of the alternative forms of a gene that may occur at a given site on a chromosome — **al-lelic** \ə-'lē-'lik, -'lē-/ *adj*