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or tissue transplant Also **auto-genic** (ô'tə jén'ik) —**autog'enously** *adv.*

auto-giro or **auto-gyro** (ô'tə jî'rô) *n.*, *pl.* **-ros** [Sp, orig. a trademark, *Autogiro* < *auto-*, *AUTO-* + *Gr gyros*, a circle: see *GYRATE*] an aircraft that moves forward by means of a propeller and is supported in the air mainly by means of a large rotor mounted horizontally above the fuselage and turned by air pressure rather than motor power: largely superseded by the *HELICOPTER*

auto-graft (ô'tô grăf't) *n.* any tissue grafted from one location to another on the same individual: see *ALLOGRAFT*, *XENOGRIFT*

auto-graph (ô'tə grăf) *n.* [L *autographum*, neut. of *autographus* < *Gr autographos*, written with one's own hand < *autos*, self + *graphein*: see *GRAPHIC*] 1 a signature, handwritten inscription, etc., esp. that of a famous person which is valued as a memento 2 a thing written in one's own handwriting; original manuscript; holograph —*vt.* 1 to write (something) with one's own hand 2 to write one's signature on or in

auto-graphic (ô'tə grăf'ik) *adj.* 1 of, for, or like an autograph or autographs 2 written in one's own handwriting —**au'to-graph'i-cally** *adv.*

auto-graphy (ô tă'gră fē) *n.* [< *AUTOGRAPH*] 1 the writing of something with one's own hand 2 a person's own handwriting 3 autographs in general

★**Auto-harp** (ô'tô hărp) [AUTO- + *HARP*] trademark for a type of zither for playing chordal accompaniments by means of a series of dampers worked by keys —*n.* [a-] such a zither

auto-hyp-no-sis (ô'tô hip nō'sis) *n.* the act of hypnotizing oneself or the state of being so hypnotized —**au'to-hyp-not'ic** (-năt'ik) *adj.*

auto-immune (-i myoon) *adj.* initiating or resulting from the production of autoantibodies, sometimes with damage to normal components of the body —**au'to-im-mu'nity** *n.*

auto-in-fec-tion (-in fek'shən) *n.* infection from a source within the organism itself, as from harmful bacteria previously present but not in contact with vulnerable areas

auto-in-oc-u-la-tion (-in ôk'yôô lă'shən) *n.* 1 inoculation of a patient with a vaccine prepared from microorganisms from the patient's own body 2 a spreading of infection from one part to other parts in the body

auto-in-tox-i-ca-tion (-in taks'i kă'shən) *n.* poisoning by toxic substances generated within the body

★**auto-load-ing** (ô'tô lôd'ing) *adj.* SEMIAUTOMATIC (sense 2)

auto-logous (ô tăl'ə gəs) *adj.* [AUTO- + (*HOMO*)LOGOUS] derived from the same organism or from one of its parts [an *autologous* graft]: see *HOMOLOGOUS* (sense 5)

auto-ly-sate (ô tăl'ə săt, ô'tə lî'săt) *n.* [AUTOLYSIS + -ATE] a product of autolysis

auto-ly-sin (ô'tə lî'sin, ô tăl'ə sin) *n.* [< *fol.* + -IN] a substance that produces autolysis

auto-ly-sis (ô tăl'ə sis) *n.* [AUTO- + -LYSIS] the destruction of cells or tissues by their own enzymes, as after death or in some diseases —

auto-lytic (ô'tə lit'ik) *adj.*

auto-lyze (ô'tə lîz) *vt.*, *vi.* -lyzed-, -lyz'ing to affect with or undergo autolysis

auto-mat (ô'tə mat) *n.* [Ger < *Gr automatos*: see *AUTOMATIC*] a restaurant in which patrons get food from small compartments with doors that open when coins are put into slots

automa-ta (ô tām'ə tə) *n.* *alt. pl.* of *AUTOMATON*

★**auto-mate** (ô'tə măt) *vt.* -mat'ed-, -mat'ing [back-form. < *AUTOMATION*] 1 to convert (a factory, process, etc.) to automation 2 to use techniques of automation in [teaching is being *automated*]

auto-matic (ô'tə mat'ik) *adj.* [< *Gr automatos*, self-moving, self-thinking (< *autos*, self + component < IE **mntos*, thinking < base **men-*, to think > *MIND*, *MEMORY*) + -IC] 1 done without conscious thought or volition, as if mechanically 2 involuntary or reflex, as some muscle or gland action 3 a) moving, operating, etc. by itself; regulating itself [automatic machinery] b) done with automatic equipment [an automatic landing] 4 Firearms a) using the force of the explosion of a shell to eject the empty cartridge case, place the next cartridge into the breech, and fire it, so that shots continue in rapid succession until the trigger is released b) *nontechnical name* for SEMIAUTOMATIC (sense 2) —*n.* 1 an automatic (or, popularly, semiautomatic) firearm 2 any automatic machine 3 an automatic vehicle having a transmission that changes gears automatically —*SYN.* SPONTANEOUS —**au'to-mat'i-cally** *adv.*

automatic direction finder a type of radio compass that indicates automatically the direction of the station to which it is tuned, used esp. on aircraft

auto-ma-tic-ity (ô'tə mā tis'ə tē, ô tām'ə-) *n.* the condition of being automatic, or the degree of this

automatic pilot a gyroscopic instrument that automatically keeps an aircraft, missile, etc. to a predetermined course and attitude

★**auto-ma-tion** (ô'tə mā'shən) *n.* [AUTOMA(TIC) + -TION] 1 in manufacturing, a system or method in which many or all of the processes of production, movement, and inspection of parts and materials are automatically performed or controlled by self-operating machinery, electronic devices, etc. 2 any system or method resembling this in using self-operating equipment, electronic devices, etc. to replace human beings in doing routine or repetitive work [automation in teaching] 3 the condition of being automated

automa-tism (ô tām'ə tîz'm) *n.* [AUTOMAT(IC) + -ISM] 1 the quality or condition of being automatic 2 automatic action 3 *Philos.* the theory that the human or animal body is a machine governed by physical laws and that consciousness does not control but only accompanies its actions 4 *Physiol.* a) action independent of outside stimulus, as sleepwalking b) action not controlled by the will, as the heartbeat c) the power of such action 5 *Psychol.* an automatic

or unconscious action, as a tic 6 free expression of the unconscious mind by releasing it from the control of the conscious: a surrealist concept —**au'tom'a-tist** *n.*

automa-tize (-tiz) *vt.* -tized-, -tiz'ing 1 to make automatic 2 AUTOMATE —**au'tom'a-ti-za-tion** *n.*

automa-ton (ô tām'ə tăn', -tən) *n.*, *pl.* **-tons'** or **-ta** (-tə) [L < *Gr*, neut. of *automatos*: see *AUTOMATIC*] 1 anything that can move or act of itself 2 an apparatus that automatically performs certain actions by responding to preset controls or encoded instructions 3 an electronic machine, control device, etc. equipped with a computer and designed to operate automatically in response to instructions previously fed into the computer 4 a person or animal acting in an automatic or mechanical way

★**auto-mo-bile** (ô'tə mā bēl', -mô-; ô'tə mā bēl'; ô'tə mō'bēl) *n.* [Fr: see *AUTO-* & *MOBILE*] a passenger vehicle, usually four-wheeled, propelled by an engine or motor that is part of it, esp. an internal-combustion engine, and meant for traveling on streets or roads; motorcar

auto-mo-tive (ô'tə môt'iv) *adj.* [AUTO- + -MOTIVE] 1 moving by means of its own power; self-moving 2 of or having to do with automobiles or other motor vehicles

auto-nomic (-nām'ik) *adj.* 1 occurring involuntarily; automatic 2 of or controlled by the autonomic nervous system 3 *Biol.* resulting from internal causes, as through a mutation —**au'to-nom'i-cally** *adv.*

autonomic nervous system the part of the nervous system that is responsible for control and regulation of the involuntary bodily functions, including those of the heart, blood vessels, visceral smooth muscles, and glands: it consists of the sympathetic system which, in general, stimulates the body to prepare for physical action or emergency, and the parasympathetic system which, in general, stimulates the opposite responses

auton-o-mist (ô tăn'ə mist) *n.* a person desiring or advocating autonomy

auton-o-mous (-mas) *adj.* [Gr *autonomos*, independent < *autos*, self + *nomos*, law: see *-NOMY*] 1 of or having to do with an autonomy 2 a) having self-government b) functioning independently without control by others 3 *Biol.* a) existing, functioning, or developing independently of other parts or forms b) autotrophic c) resulting from internal causes; autonomic

auton-o-my (-mē) *n.* [Gr *autonomia*] 1 the fact or condition of being autonomous; self-government; independence 2 *pl.* -mies any state that governs itself

auto-phyte (ô'tə fit) *n.* [AUTO- + -PHYTE] any plant that makes its own food from inorganic matter —**au'to-phyt'ic** (-fit'ik) *adj.* —**au'to-phyt'i-cally** *adv.*

auto-pilot (-pî'lət) *n.* AUTOMATIC PILOT

auto-plasty (-plastē) *n.* [AUTO- + -PLASTY] the repairing of injuries by grafting in tissue from another part of the patient's body: see *HOMOPLASTIC* (sense 2), *HETEROPLASTY* —**au'to-plas'tic** *adj.*

auto-psy (ô'tăp'sē, ô'tăp sē) *n.*, *pl.* **-sies** [ML & *Gr autopsya*, a seeing with one's own eyes < *Gr autos*, self + *opsis*, a sight < *ôps*, EYE] 1 an examination and dissection of a dead body to discover the cause of death, damage done by disease, etc.; post-mortem 2 a detailed critical analysis of a book, play, etc., or of some event —*vt.* -sied-, -sy-ing to examine (a body) in this manner

auto-radio-graph (ô'tô ră'dē ə grăf) *n.* [AUTO- + *RADIOGRAPH*] an X-ray photograph made by bringing an object containing radioactive material into close contact with the emulsion on a film or plate: it shows the pattern of radioactivity in the object Also **au'to-ra'diô-gram** —**au'to-ra'diô-graph'ic** *adj.* —**au'to-ra'diô-log'ra-phy** (-ă'gră fē) *n.*

auto-some (ô'tə sôm) *n.* [AUTO- + (*CHROMO*)SOME] any chromosome that is not a sex chromosome; specif., either of a pair of like chromosomes in a diploid cell —**au'to-so'mal** (-sô'məl) *adj.*

auto-strada (ô'tô stră'dă; It ô'tô stră'dă) *n.*, *pl.* **-das** or **-de** (-de) [It < *auto*, contr. < *automobile* (< Fr: see *AUTOMOBILE*) + *strada*, road < LL *strata*: see *STREET*] in Italy, an expressway

auto-sug-ges-tion (ô'tô sŭg jes'hən) *n.* suggestion to oneself arising within one's own mind and having effects on one's thinking and bodily functions

auto-tel'ic (-tel'ik) *adj.* [< *Gr autoteles*, complete in itself (see *AUTO-* & *TELELOGY*) + -IC] having an end in itself; engaged in for its own sake, as some creative art —**au'to-tel'ism'** *n.*

auto-to-mize (ô tăt'ə mîz') *vi.*, *vt.* -mized-, -miz'ing to undergo or cause to undergo autotomy

auto-to-my (-mē) *n.* [AUTO- + -TOMY] the reflex action by which a leg, claw, tail, etc., as of a lobster, starfish, or lizard, is broken off at a special joint when the part is damaged, seized, etc.: the missing part then regenerates —**auto-to-mic** (ô'tə tām'ik) *adj.*

auto-tox-e-mia or **auto-tox-a-e-mia** (ô'tô taks ē'mē ə) *n.* [AUTO- + *TOXEMIA*] AUTOINTOXICATION

auto-tox'in (ô'tô tāk'sin) *n.* any toxin or poison produced within the body —**au'to-tox'ic** *adj.*

auto-trans-form'er (ô'tô trans'fôrm'ər) *n.* *Elec.* a transformer with at least part of the windings common to both the primary and the secondary circuits

auto-trophic (ô'tô trăf'ik) *adj.* [AUTO- + *TROPHIC*] making its own food by photosynthesis, as a green plant, or by chemosynthesis, as

at, âte, cār; ten, êve; is, ice; gō, hōrn, look, tōol; oil, out; up, fur; a for unstressed vowels, as a in ago, u in focus; ' as in Latin (lat'n); chin; she; zh as in azure (azh'ər); thin, the; ŋ as in ring (rîŋ) In etymologies: * = unattested; < = derived from; > = from which ★ = Americanism See inside front and back covers

palm (*Phytelephas macrocarpa*) used to make buttons, ornaments, etc. 2 the shell of the coquilla nut

vegetable marrow [Chiefly Brit., etc.] 1 any of various large, elongated, smooth-skinned, meaty varieties of summer squash 2 the flesh of any of these

vegetable oil any of various liquid fats derived from the fruits or seeds of plants, used in food products, soaps, etc.

vegetable oyster ★SALSIFY

vegetable silk KAPOK

★**vegetable sponge** LUFFA (sense 2)

vegetable tallow any of various fatty, tallowlike substances from the fruits or seeds of plants

vegetable wax any of various waxes found on the leaves, stems, or fruits of some plants

vegetal (vej'ə təl) *adj.* [ME *vegittālē* < ML **vegetalis* < *vegetare*, to grow < L: see *VEGETATE*] 1 *VEGETABLE* 2 *VEGETATIVE* (sense 3)

vegetarian (vej'ə ter'ē ən) *n.* [VEGET(ABLE) + -ARIAN] a person who eats no meat, and sometimes no animal products (as milk or eggs); esp., one who advocates a diet of only vegetables, fruits, grains, and nuts as the proper one for all people for reasons of health or because of principles opposing the killing of animals —*adj.* 1 of vegetarians or vegetarianism 2 consisting only of vegetables, fruits, etc.

vegetarianism (-izəm) *n.* the principles or practices of vegetarians

vegetate (vej'ə tāt) *vi.* -tated, -tating [L *vegetatus*, pp. of *vegetare*, to enliven < *vegetus*, lively < *vegere*, to quicken, wake!; senses 1 & 2 infl. by *VEGETABLE*] 1 to grow as plants 2 to exist with little mental and physical activity; lead a dull, inactive life 3 *Med.* to grow or increase in size, as a wart or other abnormal outgrowth

vegetation (vej'ə tā'shən) *n.* [ML *veg-tatio*, growth < LL, an enlivening: see *prec.*] 1 the act or process of vegetating 2 plant life in general 3 a dull, passive, unthinking existence 4 *Med.* any abnormal outgrowth on a part of the body —*vegetational adj.*

vegetative (vej'ə tāt'iv) *adj.* [ME < ML *vegetativus* < L *vegetatus*: see *VEGETATE*] 1 a) of vegetation, or plants b) of or concerned with vegetation, or plant growth 2 growing, or capable of growing, as plants 3 designating or of those functions or parts of plants concerned with growth and nutrition as distinguished from reproduction 4 capable of causing growth in plants; fertile [*vegetative material*] 5 *VEGETATIONAL* 6 involuntary or passive like the growth of plants; showing little mental activity [*a vegetative existence*] 7 *Zool.* of or pertaining to reproduction by budding or other asexual method Also *vegetive* (-tiv) —*vegetatively adv.* —*vegetativeness n.*

veg-gie (vej'ē) *n.* [Slang] 1 a vegetable 2 a vegetarian

vehement (vē'hə mant; occas. vē'hə-) *adj.* [LME < MFr *véhément* < L *vēhemens*, eager, vehement < base of *vehere*, to carry: see *WAY*] 1 acting or moving with great force; violent; impetuous 2 having or characterized by intense feeling or strong passion; fervent, impassioned, etc. —*vehemently adv.*

vehemently (vē'hə mən'tē) *adv.* —*vehemently adv.*

vehicule (vē'hə kəl; often vē'hik'əl, -hə kəl) *n.* [Fr *véhicule* < L *vehiculum*, carriage < *vehere*, to carry: see *WAY*] 1 any device or contrivance for carrying or conveying persons or objects, esp. over land or in space, as automobiles, bicycles, sleds, spacecraft, etc. 2 a means by which thoughts are expressed or made known [*music as the vehicle for one's ideas*] 3 in a metaphor, that word or term whose usual, literal meaning is applied in a figurative, nonliteral way to the *TENOR* (sense 3) /in "all the world's a stage", "world" is the tenor and "stage" is the *vehicle*/ 4 a play, film, etc. thought of as a means of communication or as a means of presenting a specified actor or company 5 *Painting* a liquid, as water or oil, with which pigments are mixed for use 6 *Pharmacy* a substance, as a syrup, in which medicines are given

vehicular (vē'hik'yū lər, -yə-) *adj.* [LL *vehicularis*] 1 of or for vehicles [*a vehicular tunnel*] 2 serving as a vehicle 3 resulting from a collision or collisions, etc. of or with a vehicle or vehicles [*vehicular homicide*]

★**V-8** (vē'ät') *adj.* designating or of a type of reciprocating internal-combustion engine with eight cylinders arranged in a V-shape of two rows of four —*n.* 1 a V-8 engine 2 a vehicle with a V-8 engine

Veii (vē'yī) ancient Etruscan city northwest of Rome: destroyed by the Romans in 396 B.C.

veil (vāl) *n.* [ME *veile*, veil, sail, curtain < NormFr < L *vela*, neut. pl., taken as fem., of *velum*, sail, cloth, curtain < IE base **weg-*, to weave, attach, a textile > OIr *figim*, I weave, OE *wecca*, wick] 1 a piece of light fabric, as of net or gauze, worn, esp. by women, over the face or head or draped from a hat to conceal, protect, or enhance the face 2 any piece of cloth used as a concealing or separating screen or curtain 3 anything like a veil in that it covers or conceals [*a veil of mist*, *a veil of silence*] 4 a) a part of a nun's headdress, draped along the sides of the face and over the shoulders b) the state or life of a nun (chiefly in *take the veil*, to become a nun) 5 *short for HUMERAL VEIL* 6 [Dial.] CAUL 7 *Biol.* VELUM —*vt.* 1 to cover with or as with a veil 2 to conceal, hide, disguise, screen, obscure, etc. —*veil-like adj.*

veiled (vāld) *adj.* 1 wearing a veil 2 covered with or as with a veil 3 concealed, hidden, disguised, obscured, etc. 4 not openly expressed [*a veiled threat*]

veiling (vāl'ing) *n.* 1 the act of covering with or as with a veil 2 a veil; curtain 3 thin, transparent fabric used for veils

vein (vān) *n.* [ME *veine* < OFr < L *vena*] 1 a) any blood vessel that carries blood from some part of the body back toward the heart b) loosely, any blood vessel (cf. *ARTERY*, *CAPILLARY*) 2 any of the riblike supports strengthening the membranous wings of an insect 3 any of the bundles of vascular tissue forming the framework of a leaf blade 4 a more or less continuous body of minerals, igneous or sedimentary rock, etc., occupying a fissure or zone, differing in nature, and abruptly separated, from the enclosing rock and usually deposited

from solution by circulating water 5 *LODE* (senses 1 & 2) 6 a streak or marking of a color or substance different from the surrounding material, as in marble or wood 7 a) any distinctive quality or strain regarded as running through one's character, or a speech, writing, etc. [*a vein of humor in the essay*] b) course or tenor of thought, feeling, action, etc. 8 a temporary state of mind; mood [*speaking in a serious vein*] —*vt.* 1 to streak or mark with or as with veins 2 to branch out through in the manner of veins —*SYN.* MOOD¹

veined (vānd) *adj.* having veins or veinlike markings

vein-ing (vān'ing) *n.* the formation or arrangement of veins or veinlike markings

vein-let (vān'lit) *n.* VENULE

vein-stone (-stōn') *n.* GANGUE

vein-ule (-yūl') *n.* [VEIN + -ULE] VENULE

veiny (vān'ē) *adj.* **vein'y-er**, **vein'y-est** 1 having or showing veins 2 full of veins, as flesh, leaves, or marble

vel *Bookbinding* vellum

vela (vē'lə) *n. pl.* of VELUM

Vela (vē'lə, vā'-) [ModL < L: see *VEIL*] a constellation in the S Milky Way between Carina and Antlia: see *ARGO*

vela-men (vē'lə mən) *n., pl. -lam'ī-na* (-lam'ə nə) [L, a covering < *velare*, to cover: for IE base see *VEIL*] 1 *Anat.* a membrane or velum 2 *Bot.* the corky outer layer of the aerial roots of certain orchids —*vela-men-tous* (vē'lə mən'təs) *adj.*

velar (vē'lər) *adj.* [L *velaris*, belonging to a veil or curtain < *velum*, a veil.] 1 of a velum; esp., of the soft palate 2 *Phonet.* articulated with the back of the tongue touching or near the soft palate, as (k) followed by a back vowel as in *cup* —*n.* a velar sound

velar-ium (vē'lər'əm) *n., pl. -la* (-ē ə) [L < *velum*, a covering, *VEL*] in ancient Rome, a large awning over an amphitheater or theater

velar-ize (vē'lər'iz) *vt. -ized, -iz'ing* *Phonet.* to modify the pronunciation of (a sound) by having the back of the tongue raised toward the velum during articulation —*velar-i-za'tion n.*

velate (vē'lāt', -lit) *adj.* [L *velatus*, pp. of *velare*, to cover: for IE base see *VEIL*] having a velum

Velázquez (vē'lāth'keth; E vē'lās'kes, -kwez), **Diego Ro-drí-guez de Silva y** (dyē'gō rô thrē'geth the sēlv'ə ē) 1599-1660; Sp. painter: also **Velás-quez** (vē'lās'keth)

★**Vel-cro** (vēl'krō) [arbitrary formation based on *VEL(VET)*] *trade-mark* for a nylon material made with both a surface of tiny hooks and a complementary surface of a clinging pile, used, as in garments, in matching strips that can be pressed together or pulled apart for easy fastening and unfastening —*n.* this material

veld or veldt (velt) *n.* [Afrik < MDu *veld*, a field] in South Africa, open grassy country, with few bushes and almost no trees; grassland

velitation (vē'lə tā'shən) *n.* [L *velitatio* < *velitatus*, pp. of *velitari*, to skirmish < *velites*, *VELITES*] a hostile encounter; skirmish or dispute

velites (vē'lī tēz') *n. pl.* [L, pl. of *velēs* (gen. *velitis*), akin to *velox*, swift & *vehere*, to carry: see *WAY*] in ancient Rome, lightly armed foot soldiers

vel-ity (vē'lē'ə tē) *n., pl. -ties* [ML *vellitas* < L *velle*, to wish: see *WILL*] 1 the weakest kind of desire or volition 2 a mere wish that does not lead to the slightest action

vellicate (vē'lī kāt') *vt., vi. -cat'ed, -cat'ing* [L *vellicatus*, pp. of *vellicare*, to twitch, pinch < *vellere*, to pluck < IE base **wel-*, to tear, pluck out > OE *wæl*, battlefield] [Now Rare] to twitch, pluck, etc. —*vellic-a'tion n.*

velum (vē'ləm) *n.* [ME *velim* < MFr *velin*, vellum, prepared calfskin < OFr *veel*: see *VEAL*] 1 a fine kind of parchment prepared from calfskin, lambskin, or kidskin, used as writing parchment or for binding books 2 a manuscript written on vellum 3 a strong paper made to resemble vellum —*adj.* of or like vellum

velocipede (vē'lās'ə pēd') *n.* [Fr *vélocipède* < L *velox* (gen. *velocis*), swift, speedy (for IE base see *WAY*) + *pes* (gen. *pedis*), FOOT] 1 any of various early bicycles or tricycles 2 an old type of handcar for use on railroad tracks

veloc-ity (vē'lās'ə tē) *n., pl. -ties* [Fr *vélocité* < L *velocitas* < *velox*: see *prec.*] 1 quickness or rapidity of motion or action; swiftness; speed 2 a) rate of change of position, in relation to time b) rate of motion in a particular direction, as of the rotation of a sphere, in relation to time

velo-drome (vē'lə drōm, vē'lə-) *n.* [Fr *vélodrome* < *vélo* (contr. < *véllocipède*, *VELOCIPEDE*) + *-drome*, -*DROME*] an indoor arena with a track banked for bicycle races

velour or velours (vē'lōr') *n., pl. velours'* (-lōorz', -lōor') [Fr: see *VELURE*] a fabric with a soft nap like velvet, used for upholstery, draperies, hats, clothing, etc.

velouté (vē'lō tā') *n.* [Fr, velvety < MFr < OFr *velous*: see *VELURE*] a rich white sauce made from veal, chicken, or fish stock thickened with flour and butter Also *velouté sauce*

Vel-sen (vē'lən) city in W Netherlands: outer port of Amsterdam: pop. 57,000

vel-skoen (vēl'skūn, fēl'-) *n. pl.* [Afrik < *vel*, skin (< MDu, akin to *VELL*) + *schoen*, shoe (akin to OE *scoh*, *SHOE*)] sturdy shoes of untanned hide, worn in South Africa: also **veld'skoen** (vēlt'-, fēlt'-)

velum (vē'ləm) *n., pl. -la* (-lə) [L, a veil] *Biol.* any of various veillike membranous partitions or coverings; specif., a) SOFT PALATE b) the

at, āte, cār, tēn, ēve; is, ice; gō, hōrn, look, tōōl; ōil, out; up, fūr; ā for unstressed vowels, as a in ago, u in focus; ' as in Latin (lat'n); chin; she; zh as in azure (azh'ər); thin, the; ŋ as in ring (rīng) *In etymologies:* * = unattested; < = derived from; > = from which ★ = Americanism See inside front and back covers