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acclimatize or **-ise** /ə-klɪˈmæ-tɪz/, also (US) **acclimate** /ə-klɪˈmæt or əkˈlɪ- or -li-/, **climatize** or **-ise** /klɪˈmæ-tɪz/ vt to accustom (a person, animal, plant, etc) to a new climate or environment. ♦ vi to become acclimatized. [Fr *acclimater*, from *à* to, and *climat* climate]

■ **acclimatizable** or **-s-** *adj.* **acclimatization** or **-s-**, also **acclimatation** or **acclimation** /əkˈlɪ- or -li-/ *n.* **acclimatizer** or **-s-** *n.*

acclivity /ə-klɪvˈɪ-ti/ *n* an upward slope. [L *ad* to, and *clivus* a slope]

■ **acclivitous** or **acclivous** *adj.*

accloy /ə-kloɪ/ (*obs*) vt to injure with a horseshoe nail; to clog, choke or encumber (*Spenser*); to sate or cloy (*Spenser*). [See **clay**]

accost /ə-kɔst/ *n* an older form of **accost**.

accoided see **accoy**.

acoil /ə-koɪl/ (*rare*) *n* reformation. ♦ vi (*pat* **accoyld**) (*Spenser*) to assemble. [OFr *acoil* (Fr *accueil*)]

accolade /əkˈɔl-əd or -əd/, also ək-ol-əd/ *n* a high award, honour or praise publicly given; the action used in conferring knighthood, formerly an embrace or kiss, now a tap on each shoulder with the flat of a sword; an embrace; a brace or other line connecting staves (*music*; *rare*); a brace-like ornament (*archit*). [Fr, from L *ad* to, and *collum* neck]

accommodate /ə-komˈə-dæt/ vt to adapt; to make suitable; to adjust; to harmonize or make consistent; to furnish or supply (with); to find or provide room, etc, for; to provide with a loan; to oblige. ♦ vi (*rare*) to come to terms; to make adjustment. [L *accommodare*, -ātum, from *ad* to, and *commodus* fitting]

■ **accommodable** *adj.* **accommodating** *adj.* ready to make adjustment; obliging; pliable; easily corrupted. **accommodatingly** *adv.* **accommodation** *n* adaptation; adjustment, *esp* of the eye to change of distance; the adaptation or twisting of language to a sense not intended; obligingness; settlement or compromise; the supplying of needs (*esp* housing or refreshment); a help towards satisfaction of a need; a convenience; lodgings, living quarters (formerly or *N Am* sometimes *pl*); space for what is required; adaptation of revelation by way of compromise with human ignorance or weakness (*theol*); a loan of money. **accommodative** *adj.* **accommodativeness** *n.* **accommodator** *n.*

□ **accommodation address** *n* an address to which mail may be sent but which is not that of the addressee's home or office.

accommodation bill *n* a bill drawn, accepted or endorsed by one or more persons as security for a sum advanced to another by a third party, such as a banker. **accommodation ladder** *n* a stairway on the outside of a ship allowing access to and from small boats, etc, alongside. **accommodation rig** *n* an offshore oil rig with sleeping, supply, and recreational facilities. **accommodation road** *n* a road giving access to buildings, etc, off the public road. **accommodation train** *n* (US) one stopping at all or most stations on the way.

accompany /ə-kumˈpə-ni/ vt to go or be in company with; to attend; to go along with; to perform an accompaniment to or for (*music*); to associate, join, or couple. [Fr *accompagner*; see **company**]

■ **accompanier** *n.* **accompaniment** *n* something which accompanies; a subsidiary part or parts supporting a solo (*music*). **accompanist** (also **accompanyist**) *n* a person providing musical accompaniment.

accomplice /ə-komˈplɪs or -kum/ *n* a person who helps another or others to commit a crime (of or with a person, in or of the crime); an associate (*Shakesp*). II. *complex*, -icis joined; prefix unexplained]

accomplish /ə-komˈplɪʃ or -kum/ vt to complete; to fulfil; to achieve; to equip (*obs*); to finish off, complete, in culture and acquirements. [OFr *accomplir*, from L *ad* to, and *complere* to fill up; see **complete**]

■ **accomplishable** *adj.* **accomplished** *adj.* complete, finished or highly skilled; expert; polished. **accomplisher** *n.* **accomplishment** *n* completion; an achievement; making accomplished; an acquired skill, *esp* in matters of culture or social behaviour, sometimes superficial or merely ornamental.

accmpt, **accmptable** and **accmptant** obsolescent spellings of **account**, **accountable** and **accountant** with the same pronunciation.

accorage see **accourage**.

accord /ə-kɔrd/ vi to agree; to correspond (with). ♦ vt to give or grant (to a person); to cause to agree; to reconcile. ♦ *n* agreement; harmony; the set of notes to which an instrument is tuned; assent (*obs*). [OFr *acorder*, from L *ad* to, and *cor*, *cordis* the heart]

■ **accordable** *adj.* **accordance** or **accordancy** *n* agreement; conformity; a granting. **accordant** *adj.* agreeing; corresponding. **accordantly** *adv.* **accord'er** *n.* **accord'ing** *adj.* in accordance; agreeing; harmonious. **accord'ingly** *adv.* agreeably (*obs*); suitably; in agreement (with what precedes); therefore.

■ **accord and satisfaction** (*commerce*) the process by which a party agrees to release the other party from contractual obligations (the *accord*) in exchange for a consideration given for the release (the

satisfaction). **according as** in proportion as; depending on whether. **according to** in accordance with, or agreeably to; as asserted by; in proportion to. **as accords** (*formal*) as may be appropriate. **of one's own accord** spontaneously; voluntarily. **with one accord** with spontaneous unanimity.

accordion /ə-kɔrˈdi-ən/ *n* a musical instrument with folding bellows that cause free metal reeds to vibrate, the notes being determined by pressing on studs or a keyboard. [accord]

■ **accord'ionist** *n.*

□ **accord'ion-pleating** or **accordion pleats** *n* pleating with very narrow folds like the bellows of an accordion.

accost /ə-kɔst/ earlier **accost** /-kɔst/ vt to approach and speak (often threateningly) to; to speak first to; to solicit as a prostitute. ♦ vi (*Spenser*) to lie alongside, border; to fly along near the ground. ♦ *n* address; greeting. [OFr *acoster*, from LL *accostare* to be side by side, from L *ad* to, and *costa* a rib, a side]

■ **accost'able** *adj.*

accouchement /ə-koʊʃˈmā or -mānt/ *n* delivery in childbirth. [Fr]

■ **accoucheur** /-ʃær/ *fem* **accoucheuse** /-ʃæz/ *n* a person who assists women in childbirth, a midwife.

account /ə-kaʊnt/ vt to reckon; to judge, value; to recount (*obs*). ♦ vi to count; to reckon; to keep accounts; to give a reason or explanation; to give a statement of money dealings; to answer as someone responsible; to have the responsibility or credit (of killing or otherwise disposing of anything or anybody; with *for*). ♦ *n* counting; reckoning; a business relationship; a reckoning of money or other responsibilities; (in *pl*) the statement of a company's financial affairs, containing the profit and loss account and the balance sheet; a record of business transacted between two people or people and organizations; a section of a ledger in which a record is made of every transaction relating to the same activity (*bookkeeping*); a statement of money owing; a continuing facility for the purchase of goods and services on credit; a facility with a bank, building society, etc for carrying out financial transactions and storing money; the period of time (*usu* a fortnight) allowed before accounts are settled (*stock exchange*); the client of an advertising agency, public relations consultancy, etc; advantage; value (as in *of no account*); estimation; consideration; sake; a descriptive report; a statement; a narrative; a performance. [OFr *acconter*, from L *ad* to, and *computare* to reckon; see **compute** and **count**]

■ **accountability** *n.* **accountable** *adj.* liable to account, responsible; explicable. **accountableness** *n.* **accountably** *adv.* **account'ancy** *n* the office, work or profession of an accountant. **account'ant** *n* a person whose work involves the preparation, recording, analysis and interpretation of the accounts of a company, etc. **account'antship** *n.* **account'ing** *n* the setting up, maintaining and analysing of financial records. ♦ *adj.* relating to the keeping of accounts.

□ **account book** *n* a book for keeping accounts in. **account day** *n* a designated day on which accounts are settled on the London Stock Exchange. **account executive** *n* the person in an advertising agency who is responsible for looking after a client's requirements (*abbrev* AE).

■ **bring** or **call to account** to demand of someone an explanation or justification of what they have done; to reprimand. **by all accounts** according to general opinion. **find one's account** to derive advantage. **for account of** on behalf of **for the account for** settlement on the regular settling day. **give a good (or bad) account of oneself** to give a good (or bad) performance; to do well (or badly). **go to one's (long) account** to go to the last judgement, die. **hold to account** to hold responsible. **in account with** in business relations requiring the keeping of an account with. **leave out of account** not to consider as a factor. **make account of** to set value upon. **on or to account** as an instalment or interim payment. **on account of** because of. **on no account** not for any reason or consideration. **on one's own account** for one's own sake; on one's own responsibility. **on someone's account** on behalf or to the advantage of someone. **put to good account** to put to good use, take advantage of. **settle accounts** or **square accounts** (or **an account**) **with** to complete financial transactions with; to revenge oneself against (*fig*). **take into account** or **take account of** to take into consideration. **take no account of** to overlook or fail to take into consideration. **turn to (good) account** to turn to advantage.

accourage /ə-kurˈɪj/ or **accorage** /ək-ɔr-əj/ (*Spenser*) vt to encourage. [OFr *acorager*, from *à* to, and *courage* courage]

accourt /ə-kɔrt/ vt to entertain. [An invention of Spenser's, from **court**]

accoutre or (US) **accouter** /ə-koʊˈtər/ vt (**accou'tring** (or US **accou'tering** /ə-koʊˈtər-ɪŋ/); **accou'tred** (or US **accou'tered** /-tərd/)) to dress or equip (*esp* a warrior). [Fr *accouter*, earlier *accoustrer*; origin doubtful]

■ **accou'trement** (or US **accou'terment**; /-tər- or -trə-/), also (*obs*) **accus'trement** or **accous'trement** *n* equipping; (*usu* in *pl*) dress or

fāte; fār; mē; fūr; mīne; mōte; fōr; mūte; pūt; dhen (then); eɪə-mānt (element) • For other sounds see detailed chart of pronunciation