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Reference grammar

General

Everything in Esperanto is regular. In principle, there are no exceptions. All rules are freely productive.

Pronunciation

Esperanto spelling is phonemic. Every word is pronounced just as it is spelt. There are no silent letters.

Word stress

Word stress in words of more than one syllable always falls on the penultimate (= next to last) syllable. Thus **skaRAbo**, **VENas**, **anaLIZo**, **inteliGENta**, **baLAI**, **hoDIAŭ**, **tiTolojn**, **histoRIO**, **federaCIO**, **opiNIas**, **neNIujn**, **Apud**, **PREter**, **malANTAŭ**, **vesperMANĝo**, **kongresURbo**.

Vowels

The vowels of Esperanto are **i e a o u**. Their sounds correspond to those of the same symbols in the International Phonetic Alphabet, [i e a o u], with [e] and [o] ranging towards [ɛ] and [ɔ] respectively.

i		u	close/high
e		o	mid
	a		open/low
front	central	back rounded	

It is not possible to describe the sounds of a language accurately merely by reference to the sounds of another language. For instance, the expression “*e* as in *get*” can mean rather different qualities depending on the reader’s own pronunciation of English. The following notes must be taken as a rough guide only. Unless otherwise specified, “English” means the pronunciation heard from educated speakers in the south of England, free from regional features.

Esperanto **i e a o u** are “pure” (i.e. monophthongal), not diphthongal like most English long vowels. The five Esperanto vowels are comparable to the vowels of Spanish, Serbian-Croatian, or Modern Greek. There is no distinction of length in vowels such as exists in English, though vowels in stressed syllables may be rather longer than other vowels, particularly if the stressed syllable is “open” (= not closed by a consonant). Thus the **e** in **BEno** is usually longer than the **e** in **BENdo**.

- i** is a close front unrounded vowel, like English *i* in *machine*. Do not centralize it and make it like *i* in *thin*. Do not diphthongize it.
- e** is a mid front unrounded vowel, like English *e* in *get*. Do not diphthongize it like *a* in *cake* (although some regional versions of *a* in *cake* may be quite suitable for Esperanto **e**).
- a** is an open front/central vowel comparable to English *a* in *father* or popular London *u* in *cup*, northern/Welsh/Scottish *a* in *cap*, and some north Americans' *o* in *top*.
- o** is a mid back rounded vowel, like English *o* in *forty* or *bought*; or like some regional versions of the *o* in *code*. Do not diphthongize it.
- u** is a close back rounded vowel somewhat like English *oo* in *moon*.

It is wise to take particular care when a vowel occurs before **r**: it is pronounced just the same in this position as in any other. Thus **domo** and **dormo** differ only in that the latter contains a pronounced **r**. In Esperanto **perdo** and **burdo** do not rhyme, even though in most kinds of English *serve* and *curve* do. **Pluraj** and **ploraj** are also firmly distinct.

In the words **indigniĝis**, **severe**, **haltadas**, **kontrolos**, **susuru** the vowel sounds should remain constant despite the different surrounding sounds. Vowels in unstressed syllables should be pronounced clearly and not reduced to a central [ə] quality. All three **a**'s in **kapablas** should sound the same. In **interesa** the two **e**'s should sound the same. **Preter** is different from **preta**.

Glides

The glides (semivowels) **j** and **ŭ** are like English *y* and *w* (IPA [j w]). That is, **j** is a gliding nonsyllabic **i**-sound and **ŭ** a gliding nonsyllabic **u**-sound.

j	palatal glide
ŭ	labial-velar glide

Esperanto **jes** sounds like English *yes*. In this position **ŭ** does not occur. After a vowel, **j** and **ŭ** combine with the vowel to form a phonetic diphthong (IPA nonsyllabic [i u]).

- aj** represents **a** plus a short **i**-sound. It is like English *y* in *try*. IPA [ai].
- aŭ** represents **a** plus a short **u**-sound. It is like English *ow* in *how*. IPA [au].
- ej** represents **e** plus a short **i**-sound. It is like English *ay* in *play*. IPA [ei].
- eŭ** represents **e** plus a short **u**-sound. There is no corresponding English diphthong, although a comparable sound may be heard in some dialectal variants of *ow* in *how*. IPA [eu].
- oj** represents **o** plus a short **i**-sound. It is like English *oy* in *boy*. IPA [oi].

uj represents **u** plus a short **i**-sound. There is no corresponding English diphthong, but compare *ui* in *ruinous*, *bluish* etc. IPA [**ui**].

These combinations can either be considered diphthongs, with the first element being the prominent, syllabic part, or, perhaps better, as simple vowels followed by a glide.

Consonants

The Esperanto consonants should present little difficulty to English-speaking people. The plosives **p b t d k g** are essentially as in English (**g** always as in *ago*): IPA [**p b t d k g**]. The fricatives **f v s z ŝ ĵ** are like English *f*, *v*, *s* (always as *ss* in *fussy*), *z* (always as in *fuzzy*), *sh* and *zh* (i.e. the *s* in *measure*) respectively: IPA [**f v s z ŝ ĵ**]. The affricates **ĉ** and **ĝ** are like English *ch* and *j*, IPA [tʃ dʒ]. The nasals **m** and **n** are as in English, IPA [**m n**]; so is **h**, IPA [**h**].

Do not replace **t** with a glottal stop.

The voiceless alveolar affricate **c** is like English *ts*, IPA [**ts**]. Unlike English *ts*, **c** often begins a syllable (e.g. **cepo**). Where it occurs in clusters (**penco**, **akcepti**, **sankcio**, **nescio**, **scias**) it should be carefully practised. **Nescio** has the same sequence of sounds as *best seat*, with the whole *sts* carefully pronounced using the tip of the tongue. Do not pronounce **c** as a glottal stop plus **s**.

The sound written **ĥ** is a voiceless velar fricative, similar to the *ch* of Welsh *bach* or Scots *loch*, IPA [x]. It is the rarest Esperanto consonant.

The liquids **l** and **r** should be carefully pronounced, and never weakened into vowel sounds as may happen in English. The lateral consonant, **l**, should preferably be clear (as in *leaf*) rather than dark (as in *feel*). If possible **r** should be pronounced as a lingual trill or tap (like the sound used in Italian, Spanish, Polish, and Russian). Those who do not pronounce any consonantal **r**-sound in English words like *start*, *north*, *beard* should be careful not to omit it when it precedes a consonant: **karto** must not be pronounced as **kato**.

Ideally, the voiceless plosives should be unaspirated (as in French, Italian, Spanish, Russian). The voiced obstruents **b d g v z ĵ ĝ** should if possible be fully voiced in all positions.

	bilabial	labiodental	dental/ alveolar	palato- alveolar	velar	glottal
plosive	p b		t d		k g	
fricative		f v	s z	ŝ ĵ	ĥ	h
affricate			c	ĉ ĝ		
liquid			l r			
nasal	m		n			

Word formation

Endings

Most Esperanto words consist of a stem and one or more grammatical endings. Each part of speech has its characteristic ending.

-o

Nouns (= naming words) have the ending **-o**.

dom/o	house
(the boundary marker / is shown here only for clarity)	
patr/o	father

-j

The plural of nouns is formed by adding **-j** after the **-o**.

dom/o/j	houses
patr/o/j	fathers

-n

The accusative case is formed by adding **-n** after the **-o(j)**. For the use of the accusative, see below.

dom/o/j/n	houses (acc.)
patr/o/j/n	fathers (acc.)

-a

Adjectives (= describing words) have the ending **-a**.

bel/a	beautiful
subit/a	sudden

Adjectives add plural and accusative endings like the nouns they go with.

bel/a/j	beautiful (pl.)
bel/a/n	beautiful (acc.)
bel/a/j/n	beautiful (acc. pl.)

-e

Most *adverbs* consist of a stem followed by the ending **-e**.

bel/e	beautifully
subit/e	suddenly

Adverbs of place can take the accusative ending to show motion towards.

hejm/e	at home
hejm/e/n	homewards: iri hejmen go home.

-i

Verbs in the infinitive have the ending **-i**.

sid/i	to sit, to be sitting
trov/i	to find

-as, -is, -os

The present tense ending is **-as**, the past tense **-is**, and the future tense **-os**.

sid/as	sits
sid/is	sat
sid/os	will sit

-us, -u

The conditional ending is **-us**, the imperative **-u**.

sid/us	would sit
sid/u	sit!

A smaller number of words — mostly function words such as pronouns, prepositions and conjunctions — have no ending.

mi	I, me
la	the
de	of
kaj	and
morgaŭ	tomorrow
ve!	alas!

The various endings can be freely applied to any stem as long as a logical meaning results.

telefon/o	(a) telephone
telefon/i	to phone, to call
telefon/a	telephonic
telefon/e	by telephone
jes	yes
jes/i	to affirm, to say yes

In all the foregoing, the stem is a single element, known as a root. Frequently, though, a stem consists of more than one element.

Complex stems

Compound stems are formed by combining two or more roots. Affixed stems are formed by adding prefixes or suffixes to a root.

In ordinary **compounds** the order of elements is the same as is usual in English. **Poŝ|mono** (pocket money) is a kind of **mono**, but **mon|poŝo** (money pocket) is a kind of **poŝo**. **Maten|manĝo** (morning meal = breakfast) is a kind of **manĝo**.

Where desirable a vowel **o** may be inserted in a compound to make it easier to pronounce: **kant(o)|birdo** (a songbird), **bird(o)|kanto** (bird song). (The mark | is used here to show a boundary within a stem.)

Examples of other compound stems: **sam|opinia** (having the same opinion), **tri|hora** (lasting three hours), **gast|ama** (guest-loving = hospitable).

Compounds are written as a single word, or less commonly hyphenated, but never as two or more words. For example **skrib|tablo** (a writing table, a desk). Speakers of English need to take care to follow this rule. Sometimes it is easier to translate an English compound by an Esperanto phrase: **universitatkurso** 'a university course' is awkward, and is better expressed as **universitata kurso** or **kurso en la universitato**. It is not correct to write **universitato kurso**.

Derivation by the use of affixes (prefixes and suffixes) is very common in Esperanto. As well as the officially recognized affixes, there are also various unofficial and technical suffixes whose use is more restricted.

There is no hard-and-fast criterion for distinguishing prefixes and suffixes from other roots. The officially recognized prefixes are **bo-**, **dis-**, **ek-** **eks-**, **ge-**, **mal-**, **mis-**, **pra-**, and **re-**. Prepositions (**al**, **antaŭ** etc) can also be used prefixally. The officially recognized suffixes are **-aĉ-**, **-ad-**, **-aĵ-**, **-an-**, **-ar-**, **-ebl-**, **-ec-**, **-eg-**, **-ej-**, **-em-**, **-end-**, **-er-**, **-estr-**, **-et-**, **-id-**, **-ig-**, **-iĝ-**, **-il-**, **-in-**, **-ind-**, **-ing-**, **-ism-**, **-ist-**, **-obl-**, **-on-**, **-op-**, **-uj-**, **-ul-** and **-um-**. They are all entered and exemplified in the body of the dictionary. Prefixes and suffixes can also be used as stems, with an appropriate ending or endings: **aĉa** (wretched, nasty), **eble** (possibly, perhaps), **eco** (quality), **praa** (primordial). From **ero** (particle) we can go on to form **dis|er|iĝi** (to disintegrate, fall apart).

There are also two inflectional suffixes, **-ĉj-** and **-nj-**, used for forming pet names (hypocoristics). Their behaviour is unusual in that they are attached not to the whole root of the name but to a shortened part of it.

Note that in the Esperanto-English part of the dictionary words are entered by **root**. This means that to find a word you may first have to strip off one or more affixes, as well as paying due attention to the ending or endings.

Unofficial affixes and combining forms

A number of further affixes and affix-like combining forms used in biological taxonomy, chemical nomenclature, and medical terminology are listed in the dictionary. There are also a few others of more general application (**-ik-**, **-iv-**, **-iz-**), which are not recognized by the Academy of Esperanto and should be used with caution.

There are many terms whose analysis is uncertain in that they could be regarded either as derivatives, formed by affixation using one of these affixes, or as separate roots: thus **dis|tordi** or **distord/i** (distort), **lingv|ist|ik/o** or **lingvistik/o** (linguistics), **met|il|en/o** or **metilen/o** (methylene).

Participles

Verb participles ending in **-o** refer to persons. They can also accept other endings. Active participles are formed by adding the elements **-ant-**, **-int-**, **-ont-** (present, past and future respectively). Passive participles are formed (from transitive stems only) by adding the elements **-at-**, **-it-**, **-ot-**. They are listed and exemplified in the body of the dictionary.

Adverbial participles (those ending in **-e**) are used where English uses an adverbial clause, e.g. **manĝante** ‘while eating’. As in English, the subject of the participle should be the same as the subject of the main verb: dangling participles are deprecated.

Compound tenses are formed by some part of **esti** together with a participle in **-a**.

Ni estos forgesintaj tion	We'll have forgotten that
La ringo estas serĉata ĉie	The ring is being looked for everywhere
Ŝi estas amata de ĉiuj	She is loved by all
Li estis vundita en la milito	He was injured in the war

Some Esperanto speakers attach tense endings direct to participles (e.g. **ŝi amatas de ĉiuj**). However this is not classical usage.

Stylistically it is advisable to avoid compound tenses as far as possible. Rather than **ni estis manĝintaj** (we had eaten) it is usually sufficient to say **ni manĝis (jam pli frue)**. Rather than **ni estis akceptitaj en la urbdomo** (we were received in the town hall), say **oni akceptis nin en la urbdomo**.

Productivity

Esperanto word formation rules are thoroughly productive. So the learner who learns a single root (and has mastered word formation with compounds and affixes) can immediately produce a large number of different words using it. Someone who has learned **manĝ/i** (to eat) can automatically produce such forms as

ni manĝos	we'll be eating
manĝu!	eat!
manĝo	a meal
manĝ o horo	mealtime
vesper manĝo	evening meal
manĝa	to do with eating and meals (no one-word equivalent in English)
manĝ eti	to nibble, to have a light snack

manĝ egi	to gorge, to have a very heavy meal
manĝ ebla	edible
manĝ ebl eco	edibility (quality of being edible)
manĝ inda	worth eating
manĝ aĉo	a disgusting meal
manĝ aĵo	food
manĝ ejo	an eating place, dining-room
manĝ igi	to cause to eat, to feed
manĝ ujo	manger
ek manĝi	to start eating, to set to
for manĝi	to eat up
manĝ il aro	eating equipment, cutlery
manĝ ante	while eating

It is important in word formation to note the exact meaning of the roots in question. **Profesoro** (professor) is a noun root. From it we can form a verb **professori** (to ‘profess’, to be a professor). But **instrui** (to teach) is a verb root, so to express the notion ‘teacher’ we need a suffix: **instru|isto**. Plain **instruo** means ‘teaching’. Although the roots of two words **profesoro** and **instru|isto** have similar meanings, the first does not require the suffix **-ist** to name the person involved, while the second does.

Entries in the Esperanto-English part of the dictionary include the appropriate grammatical ending, since this is an essential part of the meaning of the word.

Correlatives

Esperanto has a system of demonstrative and other pronouns, adjectives, and adverbs, known as the correlatives. Each of these words consists of a combination of one of five initial elements with one of nine final elements.

ti- (demonstrative) that; **ki-** (interrogative and relative) which; **i-** (indefinite quantifier) some; **ĉi-** (universal quantifier) every; **neni-** (negative quantifier) no.

-o (pronoun) thing; **-u** (pronoun and determiner) individual, one; **-a** (adjective) kind of; **-es** (possessive) one’s; **-e** (locative adverb) place; **-el** (manner adverb) way; **-om** (quantity adverb) amount; **-al** (motive adverb) reason; **-am** (temporal adverb) time.

The meaning of any correlative may be inferred from its composition. All are also included in the body of the dictionary.

i|o = some + thing = something
ti|am = that time = then
ki|om = which amount = how much
ĉi|e = every place = everywhere
neni|am = no time = never

	ti-	ki-	i-	ĉi-	neni-
-o	that	what	something	everything	nothing
-u	that one	which, who	someone	everyone	no, no one
-a	that kind of	what kind of	some kind of	every kind of	no kind of
-es	that one's	whose	someone's	everyone's	no one's
-e	there	where	somewhere	everywhere	nowhere
-el	in that way, so	how	somehow	in every way	in no way
-om	so much, so many	how much, how many	somewhat, a little	every quantity	none
-al	for that reason, therefore	why	for some reason	for every reason	for no reason
-am	then	when	sometime	always	never

Those ending in **-o**, **-u**, **-a**, **-e** may take the accusative ending **n**; those ending in **-u** and **-a** may take the plural ending **j**.

Occasionally another series, in **ali-**, may be encountered, e.g. **ali|el** (otherwise). This usage is deprecated.

Sentence formation

Constituent structure

Esperanto syntax is similar to that of many European and other languages, including English.

The basic word order is subject-verb-object, and adjectives precede their noun. These orders can be scrambled for stylistic effect (more so than in English). There are prepositions, not postpositions. Relative clauses follow their antecedent noun. Question words are usually fronted.

A sentence (S) consists of one or more clauses. If there is more than one clause, they are usually linked by a conjunction.

The structure of a clause is subject + predicate. The subject is a noun phrase (NP), the predicate a verb phrase (VP).

S = NP + VP	[Mi] [kantas]	I'm singing
	[La nigraj katoj] [ludas en la ĝardeno]	The black cats are playing in the garden

An NP in turn consists of a noun (N) or pronoun. As in English, the noun may be premodified by a determiner (the definite article **la**, a pronominal adjective, or a demonstrative) a numeral or other quantifier, and/or one or more adjectives. It may be postmodified by a preposition phrase (PP) and/or by a relative clause. Coordinate NPs contain several such structures, linked by a conjunction (typically **kaj**).

NP = Det + N	[tiu] [ideo]	that idea
NP = Det + num + N	[miaj] [du] [fratoj]	my two brothers
NP = Adj + N	[freŝa] [lakto]	fresh milk
NP = Det + N + PP	[la] [filo] [de mia amiko]	my friend's son
NP = Det + N + Rel	[la] [homo] [al kiu mi parolis]	the man I was talking to
NP = NP conj NP	[mia onklo] [kaj] [viaj du nevinoj]	my uncle and your two nieces

A VP consists of a verb plus possible complements. If the verb is a linking verb (copula), the complement is an NP, adjective phrase (AP) or PP. An NP or AP governed by a copula is in the nominative case. Otherwise, if the verb is intransitive its complement, if any, is a PP or other adverbial. If the verb is transitive it may have a direct object (an NP in the accusative case). A subset of transitive verbs can have a second complement NP, in the nominative (predicative nominative).

VP = V _{cop} + NP	[estas] [mia amiko]	is my friend
VP = V _{cop} + AP	[aspektas] [tute sama]	looks just the same
VP = V _{intr}	[malaperis]	disappeared
VP = V _{intr} + PP	[revenis] [al Usono]	has returned to the US
VP = V _{tr} + NP	[prenis] [la ŝlosilojn]	took the keys
VP = V _{tr} + NP + NP	[elektis] [ŝin] [prezidanto]	elected her (to be) president

A PP consists of a preposition plus an NP.

PP = Prep + NP	[de] [la libro]	of the book
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- a (*ending for adjectives*) **bon**~ good;
buŝ~ oral
- abak/o** abacus
- abat/o** abbot
- abdik/i** abdicate
- abdomen/o** abdomen
- abel/o** bee; ~**ejo** apiary; ~**ujo** hive
- aberaci/o** (*sci*) aberration
- abi/o** fir
- abisen/o**, ~**a** Abyssinian
- abism/o** abyss
- abiturient/o** high school graduate
- ablativ/o** ablative
- abnegaci/o** abnegation, self-denial
- aboc/o** ABC; primer
- abol/i**, **abolici/i** abolish
- abomen/i** abhor, loathe; ~**a**, ~**inda**
 abominable
- abon/i** subscribe to (magazine,
 season ticket *etc*)
- aborigen/o** aboriginal
- abort/i** miscarry; ~**igi** abort
- abrikot/o** apricot
- abrotan/o** (*bot*) southernwood
- abrupt/a** abrupt
- absces/o** abscess
- abscis/o** (*math*) abscissa
- absid/o** apse
- absint/o** wormwood; absinthe
- absolut/a** absolute
- absolv/i** absolve; acquit
- absorb/i** engross
- abstin/i** abstain (from alcohol,
 tobacco *etc*)
- abstrakt/a**, ~**i** abstract
- absurd/a** absurd
- Abudabi/o** Abu Dhabi
- abund/a** abundant, plentiful;
 ~**okorno** cornucopia
- abutment/o** abutment
- ac/** (*bot suffix*) name of family:
roz~oj Rosaceae
- acer/o** maple
- acerb/a** harsh, acrid, acerbic
- acet/o** (*chem*) acetic acid; ~**ato**
 acetate
- acetilen/o** acetylene
- aceton/o** acetone
- acid/a** sour; acid; ~**o** acid
- Acor/oj** the Azores
- aĉ/a** wretched, no good; (*suffix*)
 pejorative: **dom~o** hovel; **skrib~i**
 scrawl
- aĉet/i** buy; **el~i** redeem; ransom;
sub~i bribe
- ad/e** continuously, repeatedly;
 (*suffix*) durative: action, particu-
 larly prolonged, repeated or habi-
 tual action: **naĝ~o** swimming;
paf~o shooting; **kur~i** keep on
 running; ~**asismo** suffix rhyme
 (of the type *iradas – venadas*)
- adaĝ/o** (*mus*) adagio
- adapt/i** adapt; fit *tr*
- adekvat/a** appropriate, adequate
- aden/o** gland, aden-; ~**oidoj**
 adenoids
- adept/o** adherent, initiate
- adher/i** adhere
- adiabat/a** (*phys*) adiabatic
- adiant/o** maidenhair fern
- adiaŭ**, ~**o** farewell; ~**i** say goodbye
 (to)
- adici/i** add, add up *tr*
- adjekt/o** (*gram*) adjunct, adverbial
- adjektiv/o** adjective
- adjunkt/o** assistant, adjunct
- adjutant/o** adjutant, aide
- administr/i** administer, manage
- administraci/o** administration
 (staff, office)
- admir/i** admire
- admiral/o** admiral
- admiralitat/o** admiralty
- admitanc/o** (*elec*) admittance
- admon/i** exhort; tell off, admonish;
Re~o Deuteronomy

- adob/o** adobe
adolesk/a, ~anto adolescent
adolt/o, ~a adult [= plenkreskulo]
adopt/i adopt
ador/i adore, worship
adrenalin/o adrenalin
adres/o, ~i address (postal *etc*)
adstring/a astrigent
adulari/o moonstone
adult/i commit adultery
Advent/o Advent
adverb/o adverb
advokat/o barrister, advocate, attorney
adz/o adze
aer/o air; ~**umi** air, aerate; ~**arneo** air force; **plen~a** open-air
aerobatik/o aerobatics
aerobik/o aerobics
aerodin/o aerodyne
aerodrom/o aerodrome
aerolit/o aerolite, meteorite
aeronaŭt/o aeronaut, airman
aeroplan/o aeroplane, airplane
aerosol/o aerosol
aerostat/o aerostat, balloon
afabl/a kind, affable
afazi/o aphasia
afekci/o (*med*) complaint; (*psych*) affection, affect; ~**i** affect, influence
afekt/i put on airs; feign; ~**o** affectation
afeli/o (*astr*) aphelion
afér/o matter; affair; thing; business; (good) cause; ~**isto** businessman; ~**ŝargito** chargé d'affaires; **ĉef~o** main point
afgan/o Afghan
afid/o aphid
afiks/o (*gram*) affix
afin/a (*chem, law*) having affinity
afiŝ/o poster, bill; posting
aflikt/i afflict, distress
afoni/o (*med*) aphonia
aforism/o aphorism
afrank/i prepay (postage, carriage)
Afrik/o Africa
afrikans/o Afrikaans (language)
afrikat/o (*phon*) affricate
afrodizi/o (*med*) sexual excitement; ~**igaĵo** aphrodisiac
aft/o mouth ulcer, aphtha; ~**a febro** foot and mouth disease
afust/o gun carriage
ag/i act; ~**o** act, action; ~**ado** action, activity; **kontraŭ~i** counteract; contravene; **re~i** react
aga/o aga
agac/i irritate, set (teeth, nerves) on edge
agap/o (*rel*) agape, love feast
agar/o, ~~o agar(-agar)
agarik/o agaric, (kind of) mushroom
agat/o (*min*) agate
agav/o (*bot*) agave, American aloe
agend/o diary, engagement book
agent/o agent
agit/i agitate, stir things up
agl/o eagle
aglomer/i agglomerate *tr*
aglutin/i agglutinate *tr*; ~**a** agglutinative
agnat/o agnate (paternal relative)
agnosk/i recognize (as official), acknowledge
agnostik/a agnostic
agoni/i be at the point of death; ~**o** death throes
agorafobi/o agoraphobia
agord/i tune, attune; ~**o** tuning; mood
agr/o arable land; ~**ara** agrarian
agrabl/a pleasant, enjoyable
agraf/o clasp; hook; staple
agregaci/o agrégation (French academic qualification)
agregat/o (*phys, philos*) aggregate
agres/i commit aggression, be aggressive

- agrikultur/o** agriculture
agrimoni/o (*bot*) agrimony
agronom/o agronomist
agronomi/o agronomy
agropir/o couch grass
agrostem/o (*bot*) corncockle
agrostid/o (*bot*) bentgrass
aguti/o agouti
aĝ/o age; **plen~a** adult
aĝi/o agio, exchange premium
aĝiot/i speculate in stocks; **~ado** stockjobbing
aha! aha!
Ahasver/o, Aĥaŝveroŝ/o
 Ahasuerus
Aĥil/o Achilles
aidos/o AIDS, Aids
ailant/o ailanthus, tree of heaven
aj! ow! ouch! oh!
ajatol/o ayatollah
ajl/o garlic
ajn any, -ever (*used after i- and ki- words*); **iu** ~ anyone at all; **kio** ~ whatever; **~a** any (at all)
ajug/o (*bot*) bugle
ajut/o (spray) nozzle, jet
aĵ/o thing; (*suffix*) thing: **1** concrete manifestation of an abstraction: **nov~o** novelty; **2** external manifestation of an activity: **seg~o** sawdust; **3** characteristic piece of behavior: **infan~o** piece of childishness; **4** flesh of an animal: **bov~o** beef
aĵur/a perforated, fretted, openwork
akaci/o acacia, wattle
akademi/o academy
akaju/o cashew (nut)
akant/o acanthus
akapar/i monopolize, corner
akar/o (cheese- *etc*)mite
akcel/o accelerate; further, promote; **~ilo** accelerator, gas pedal
akcent/o, -i accent, stress
akcept/i accept; receive (guests) **~ejo** reception (desk)
akcesor/a secondary; accessory
akci/o (*com*) share; **~ulo** shareholder
akcident/o accident, mishap
akcipitr/o hawk, goshawk
akciz/o excise
akĉent/o (regional, foreign) accent
akile/o (*bot*) yarrow
akir/i acquire, get; **~ebla** obtainable
aklam/i acclaim, hail
akn/o pimple, spot, acne
akolit/o acolyte
akomod/i adapt, accommodate *tr*
akompan/i accompany
akonit/o (*bot*) aconite, monkshood
akord/o accord, agreement; (*mus*) chord; (*gram*) concord; **~i** be in accord
akordion/o accordion
akr/a sharp
akre/o acre
akredit/i accredit; **~aĵo** credentials
akreditiv/o letter of credit
akrid/o grasshopper; locust
akril/a acrylic
akrobat/o acrobat
akromat/a achromatic
akronim/o acronym
akropol/o acropolis
akrostik/o acrostic
aks/o axis; axle
aksel/o armpit
aksiom/o axiom
aksolotl/o axolotl
akson/o axon
akt/o act (of play *etc*); deed, legal document
aktin/a actinic
aktini/o sea anemone; (*chem*) actinium
aktiv/a active; **~o** (*fin*) assets; (*gram*) active

- aktor/o** actor; ~**i** act
aktual/a topical, current, present(-day)
aktuari/o actuary
akumul/i accumulate *tr*
akupunktur/o acupuncture
akurat/a punctual, prompt
akustik/o acoustics
akuŝ/i be in labour (expectant mother); ~**istino** midwife
akut/a acute
akuz/i accuse; charge
akuzativ/o accusative
akv/o water; ~**imuna** watertight; waterproof
akvafort/o etching ~**i** etch
akvarel/o watercolour painting
akvari/o aquarium
akvatint/o aquatint
akvedukt/o aqueduct
akvilegi/o (*bot*) aquilegia, columbine
al (*prepn*) to; towards; ~**igi** (**al**) join (society *etc*); ~**igilo** application form, registration form; (*prefix*) ~**paroli** address
al/o wing (of car, building, screw *etc*)
-al/ 1 (*bot*) name of order:
likopodi~oj Lycopodiales;
2 (*chem*) aldehyde: **etan~o** acetaldehyde
alabastr/o alabaster
alarm/o alarm, alert
Alask/o Alaska
alaŭd/o (sky)lark
alb/o (*rel*) alb
alban/o, ~**a** Albanian
albatros/o albatross
albin/o albino
album/o album
albumen/o albumen
albumin/o albumin (protein); ~**urio** albuminuria
alburn/o 1 sapwood; **2** bleak (fish)
alce/o hollyhock
alcion/o kingfisher
ald/o alto; viola
aldehid/o aldehyde
ale/o garden walk; avenue
alegori/o allegory
alegr/o allegro; ~**eto** allegretto
aleksandr/o alexandrine (verse)
alél/o allele
alen/o awl
alergi/o allergy
aleron/o aileron
alez/i ream out
alf/o esparto grass
alfa alpha, α; ~**radioj** alpha rays
alfabet/o alphabet; ~**umo** ABC book
alfenid/o German (nickel) silver
alg/oj algae
algebr/o algebra
algi/o (*med*) -algia: **neŭr~o** neuralgia
algoritm/o algorithm
Alĝer/o Algiers
Alĝeri/o Algeria
alhemi/o alchemy
ali/a other; another; else; ~**e** otherwise; ~**flanke** on the other hand; ~**igi**, ~**igi** alter; ~**lande** abroad; **inter~e** among other things
alianc/o alliance; ~**ano** ally
alibi/o alibi
aliel ☹ otherwise [= alie, alimaniere]
alies ☹ someone else's [= de iu alia, aliula]
aligator/o alligator
aliment/o alimony, maintenance
aline/o paragraph; indentation
alis/o (*bot*) alyssum
aliteraci/o alliteration
aliz/o whitebeam berry
alize/o trade wind
alk/ (*chem*) alk-: ~**ano** alkane
alk/o moose, elk
alka/o auk

- Alkaid/o** al-Qaeda
alkal/o alkali; ~**oido** alkaloid
alkazab/o casbah
alkemi/o alchemy
alkemil/o (*bot*) lady's mantle
alkohol/o alcohol; ~**ajoj** spirits, liquor
alkov/o alcove, recess
almanak/o almanac
almenaŭ (*adverb*) at least
almoz/o alms; ~**i**, ~**peti** beg; ~**ulo** beggar
aln/o alder
alo/o aloe
alofon/o (*phon*) allophone
aloj/o, ~**i** alloy
along'o extension (to table *etc*)
alopati/o allopathy
alopeci/o alopecia
alopekur/o foxtail grass
aloz/o shad (fish)
alp/o alp, mountain pasture; ~**ismo** mountaineering
alpak/o alpaca
alpar/o (*fin*) par; ~**eco** parity
alt/a high, tall
altan/o belvedere, (covered) terrace
altar/o altar
alte/o (*bot*) marshmallow
altern/i alternate *intr*; ~**a** alternate; alternating
alternativ/o, ~**a** alternative
altitud/o altitude
altruism/o altruism, unselfishness
alud/i refer (to), allude
alumet/o match (for setting alight)
alumin/o alumina (Al_2O_3)
alumini/o aluminium, aluminum
alun/o alum
aluvi/o alluvium
alveol/o alveolus
alveolar/o (*phon*) alveolar
 [= alveolsono]
alvus/o fry (spawned fish)
- Alzac/o** Alsace
am/i, ~**o** love; ~**indumi** woo, court;
en~igi fall in love; **mal~i** hate
amalgam/o, ~**i** (*chem*)
 amalgam(ate)
amanit/o amanita (toadstool)
amar/a bitter
amarant/o amaranth,
 love-lies-bleeding
amarilid/o amaryllis, belladonna lily
amas/o pile, heap; mass; crowd; ~**e**
 in large numbers, en masse; ~**igi**
 amass; collect
amator/o amateur; enthusiast
amazon/o amazon
ambasad/o embassy
ambasador/o ambassador
ambaŭ both
ambici/o ambition
ambigu/a ambiguous
ambl/i amble
ambon/o ambo, pulpit
ambos/o anvil
ambr/o ambergris
ambrozi/o ambrosia; ragweed
ambulanc/o ambulance; field
 hospital
ambulatori/o outpatient
 department
ameb/o amoeba
amel/o starch
amen amen
amend/i amend (resolution *etc*)
ament/o catkin
americi/o americium
Amerik/o America
ametist/o amethyst
amfetamin/o amphetamine
amfibi/o amphibian
amfibrak/o amphibrach (metre)
amfiteatr/o amphitheatre; lecture
 theatre
amfor/o amphora
amid/o (*chem*) amide

- amik/o** friend; **mal~o** enemy
amin/o (*chem*) amine; (*as prefix*)
 ~**(o)acido** amino acid
amnesti/o amnesty
amnezi/o amnesia
amni/o amnion (of embryo); ~**a**
 amniotic
amofil/o marram grass
amom/o black cardamom
amoni/o ammonium (NH₄⁺)
amoniak/o ammonia; **sal~o** sal
 ammoniac
amonit/o ammonite
amor/o sexual love; ~**i** make love;
 ≈**o** Cupid
amorf/a amorphous
amortiz/i amortize, pay off in
 instalments; damp, deaden; ~**o**
 sinking fund; depreciation; ~**ilo**
 shock absorber
ampelops/o pepper vine
amper/o ampere, amp
ampleks/o extent, range; ~**a**
 extensive; ~**i** embrace, comprise,
 cover
amplif/i amplify (a signal)
amplitud/o amplitude
ampol/o bulb (electric); ampulla,
 ampoule
amput/i amputate
amulet/o amulet
amuz/i amuse, entertain
an/o member (of a group); inhabitant
 (of a place); adherent (of a doctrine
etc); (*suffix*) **1 kurs~o** course
 member; **vilaĝ~o** villager; **Azi~o**
 Asian; **luter~o** Lutheran; **2 (chem)**
 -ane, paraffin hydrocarbon: **pent~o**
 pentane
anafor/o anaphora
anagal/o pimpernel
anagram/o anagram
anakardi/o cashew (plant)
anakolut/o (*gram*) anacoluthon
anakond/o anaconda
anakronism/o anachronism
anal/o annal, record
analfabet/o illiterate
analgezi/o analgesia
analitik/o (*math*) analysis, calculus
analiz/i analyse, analyze; ~**o** analysis
analog/a analogous
analogi/o analogy
anas/o pineapple
anapest/o anapaest (metre)
anarhi/o, anarki/o anarchy
anas/o duck
anastigmat/a (*opt*) anastigmatic
anatem/o anathema, ban; ~**i**
 anathematize
anomi/o anatomy
ancilostom/o hookworm; ~**ozo**
 hookworm infection
-anc/o (*elec*) -ance: **indukt~o**
 inductance
anê/o reed (of musical instrument)
anêov/o anchovy
And/oj Andes
andant/o andante
Andor/o Andorra
Andre/o Andrew
androgen/o androgen
androgen/o androgyne,
 androgynous plant
android/o android
anekdot/o anecdote
aneks/i annex
anelid/oj (*zool*) Annelida
anemi/o anaemia
anemometr/o anemometer, wind
 gauge
anemon/o anemone
aneroïd/a aneroid
anestez/i anaesthetize
anet/o dill
aneŭrism/o aneurysm
anfrakt/o anfractuosity
angelik/o (*bot*) angelica

angi/o (blood-)vessel; ~**ogramo**
angiogram

angil/o eel; ≈**o** Anguilla

angin/o tonsillitis, pharyngitis;
brust~o angina

angiosperm/o (*bot*) angiosperm

angl/o Englishman; ~**a** English;
≈**ujo**, ≈**io** England

anglikan/o Anglican

Angol/o Angola

angor/o anguish; agony; angina

angostur/o angostura

angul/o angle; corner; ~**ilo** set
square; **tri~o** triangle

angvis/o slow-worm

anĝel/o angel

anĝelus/o angelus

anhel/i pant

anhidr/a anhydrous

anilin/o aniline

anim/o soul; ~**i** animate; **unu~a**
unanimous

animaci/o animation (of cartoons
etc)

animal/o animal (in contrast to
vegetable, mineral)

aniz/o anise, aniseed

anjon/o (*chem*) anion

ankaŭ (*adverb*) also, too

ankiloz/o ankylosis

ankoraŭ (*adverb*) still, yet; ~ **unu**
one more, another; ~ **ne** not yet,
still not; ~**foje** once more

ankr/o, ~**i** anchor; ~**umi** ride at
anchor

anksi/o anxiety

anobi/o woodworm, furniture beetle

anod/o anode

anofel/o anopheles mosquito

anomali/o anomaly

anonc/i announce; give notice of;
advertise; **sin** ~**i** register; ~**eto**
small ad

anonim/a anonymous

anorak/o anorak

anoreksi/o anorexia

ans/o handle

anser/o goose; ~**vice** in single file

anstataŭ (*prepn*) instead of; ~**a**,
~**anto**, ~**igi** substitute; ~**i** take the
place of; **ne~igebla** irreplaceable

angstrom/o angstrom unit, ångström

-ant/ (*participial formative, present
active*) **komenc~o** beginner;

parol~a talking

antagonism/o antagonism

antagonist/o antagonist

antarkt/a antarctic

antaŭ (*prepn*) before; in front of;

~ **ses jaroj** six years ago;

~**a** previous, preceding; ~**e**

before(hand); in front; ~**en**

forward(s); ~ **ol** (*conj*) before;

mal~ behind; (*prefix*) pre-, ante-;

~**juĝi** prejudge

antem/o anthem

anten/o antenna (aerial; feeler);
lately yard

anter/o anther

anti/ anti-: ~**sepsa** antiseptic

antibiotik/o antibiotic

anticip/i anticipate

antidork/o springbok

antidot/o antidote

antifon/o antiphon, anthem

Antigv/o Antigua

Antikrist/o Antichrist

antikv/a ancient; antique

Antil/oj the Antilles, the West

Indies; ~**a**, ~**ano** West Indian,
Caribbean

antilop/o antelope

antimon/o antimony (Sb)

antinomi/o antinomy; paradox

antipati/o antipathy, aversion

antipirin/o antipyrine, phenazone

antipod/o antipodes

antirin/o antirrhinum, snapdragon

- antisemit/o** antisemite
antitez/o antithesis
antologi/o anthology
antonim/o antonym
antracit/o anthracite
antraks/o anthrax
antropoid/o anthropoid
antropolog/o anthropologist
antropologi/o anthropology
antropometri/o anthropometry
antropomorf/a anthropomorphic
Antverpen/o Antwerp
Anunciaci/o (*rel*) Annunciation
anus/o anus; ~**a** anal
aorist/o (*gram*) aorist
aort/o aorta
apaĉ/o Apache
apanaĝ/o appanage; perquisite
aparat/o apparatus, equipment
apart/a separate; particular; ~**e** apart, separately; particularly
apartament/o apartment, flat
aparten/i belong
apati/o apathy
apelaci/i appeal
apenaŭ (*adverb*) scarcely, hardly; only just
apendic/o appendix; ~**ito** appendicitis
aper/i appear, come into sight; be published
aperitiv/o apéritif
apert/a open
apertur/o aperture
apetit/o appetite
api/o wild celery, marshwort
apik/a sheer, perpendicular
aplanat/a aplanatic, aspherical (lens)
aplaŭd/i applaud, clap
aplik/i apply *tr*
aplomb/o aplomb, self-assurance
apod/o swift (bird)
apofiz/o (*anat*) apophysis, process
apog/i support; lean, rest *tr*; ~**ilo** support; ~**seĝo** easy chair
apoge/o apogee; height (of fame *etc*)
apogatur/o (*mus*) appoggiatura
apokalips/o apocalypse; Revelation
apokop/o apocope
apokrif/o apocrypha
apolog/o apologue, fable
apologi/o apologia, vindication
Apolon/o Apollo
apopleksi/o apoplexy, stroke
apostat/o apostate
aposterior/a a posteriori
apostol/o apostle
apostrof/o apostrophe
apotek/o chemist's shop, pharmacy, drugstore
apoteoz/o apotheosis
apozici/o apposition
apr/o wild boar
apret/i dress, finish (fabrics)
aprec/i, aprez/i appreciate, appraise
april/o April
aprior/a a priori
aprob/i approve
apsid/o apsis (apogee, perigee)
apterig/o kiwi
apud (*prepn*) beside, nearby; (*prefix*) ~**meti** juxtapose
apus/o swift [= apod/o]
ar/o 1 group, set; (*suffix*) **amik~o** circle of friends; **arb~o** wood; **legant~o** readership; 2 are (100 m²)
ara/o macaw
arab/o, ~a Arab(ic)
arabesk/o arabesque
arak/o arrack
arakid/o peanut, groundnut
arame/a Aramaic
arane/o spider; ~**aĵo** web
aranĝ/i arrange
araŭkari/o monkey-puzzle (tree)

- arb/o** tree; ~**aro** wood
arbalest/o crossbow
arbed/o ☉ shrub [= arbusto]
arbitr/a arbitrary; despotic
arbitraci/o arbitration; ~**i** arbitrate, referee
arbitraĝ/o (*fin*) arbitrage
arbust/o bush, shrub
arbut/o arbutus (tree)
arĉ/o bow (for violin *etc*)
ard/i be red or white hot; glow; burn *intr*; ~**a** ardent
arde/o heron
ardez/o slate
are/o area
arek/o areca (palm)
aren/o arena
areometr/o hydrometer, areometer
Areopag/o Areopagus
arest/i arrest
argan/o derrick, (oil) rig
Argentin/o Argentina
argil/o clay
argon/o argon
argonaŭt/o Argonaut; paper nautilus
argument/o argument, point put forward; ~**i** maintain, argue; put forward arguments
arĝent/o silver
arĥ... → ark...
ari/o air, tune; aria
arier/o (*mil*) rear; ~**gardo** rearguard
aril/o aril
arist/o awn (of barley *etc*)
aristokrat/o aristocrat
aristokrati/o aristocracy
aristoloki/o aristolochia, birthwort
Aristotel/o Aristotle
arimetik/o arithmetic
arj/o, ~**a** Aryan
ark/o arc; bow; ~**o**, ~**aĵo** arch; ~**isto** archer, bowman
arka/a, **arkaik/a** archaic, obsolete; ~**ismo** archaism
arkad/o archway; ~**oj** arcade
arkan/o arcanum, secret
arke/o ark (Noah's)
arkebuz/o arquebus
arkeolog/o archaeologist
arkeologi/o archaeology
arkeopterig/o archaeopteryx
arketip/o archetype
arki/ arch-, archi-: ~**diakono** archdeacon
arkipelag/o archipelago
arkitekt/o architect
arkitektur/o architecture
arkitrav/o architrave
arkiv/o archive
arkt/a arctic
arleken/o harlequin
arm/i arm; reinforce (concrete); ~**ilo** weapon
armatur/o framework, formwork, shuttering; *elec* armature
arme/o army
armen/o, ~**a** Armenian
armeri/o (*bot*) thrift
armistic/o armistice
arnik/o arnica
arog/i arrogate; presume to
arogant/a arrogant
arok/i castle (in chess)
arom/o aroma
arorut/o arrowroot
arpeĝ/o arpeggio
arsen/o arsenic (element)
arsenal/o arsenal
arsenik/o arsenic trioxide, As₂O₃
arŝin/o arshin (obsolete measure, 0,7 m)
art/o art; (the) arts; ~**efarita** artificial
artemizi/o (*bot*) mugwort; sagebrush
arteri/o artery

- artez/a** artesian
artifik/o trick; subterfuge
artik/o (*anat, tech*) joint; ~**i** articulate; **el~igo** dislocation
artikl/o article (commodity)
artikol/o article (*gram; journalistic etc*)
artikulaci/o (*phon*) articulation
artileri/o artillery
artiŝok/o (globe) artichoke
artrit/o arthritis
artropod/o arthropod
Artur/o Arthur
arum/o arum, cuckoo-pint
arvikol/o vole
-as (*present tense ending*) **mi am~**
 I love; **ŝi parol~** she speaks, she is speaking
as/o ace
asafetid/o asafoetida
asbest/o asbestos
ascend/i ascend
asekur/i insure, underwrite
asembl/i assemble (in computer programming)
asemble/o (official) assembly
aseps/o asepsis
asert/i state, assert
asesor/o (*law*) assessor
asfalt/o asphalt
asfiksi/o asphyxia; ~**i** asphyxiate
asfodel/o asphodel
asidu/a assiduous; regular (in attendance *etc*)
asign/i assign, allocate; summons, subpoena; ~**ajo** allocation, allowance
asimil/i assimilate
asimptot/o asymptote
asist/i assist (in official capacity); be in attendance
asiz/o assizes
askarid/o (intestinal) roundworm
asket/o ascetic
Aski/o ASCII
asklepiad/o asclepiad (verse); milkweed
asoci/o association; ~**i** associate *tr*
asonanc/o assonance
asparag/o asparagus
aspekt/i look, seem; ~**o** look, appearance; aspect
asperg/i sprinkle (with holy water)
asperul/o woodruff, squinancywort
aspid/o asp (snake)
aspidistr/o aspidistra
aspir/i aspire
aspiraci/o (*phon*) aspiration
aspirin/o aspirin
aspleni/o spleenwort
aspr/a rough, harsh
astat/o astatine
asteni/o asthenia
aster/o aster, Michaelmas daisy
asteri/o starfish
asterisk/o asterisk
asteroid/o asteroid
astigmat/a astigmatic
astm/o asthma
astr/o heavenly body
astragal/o **1** milk-vetch; **2** astragal (moulding); **3** astragalus, ankle-bone
astrolab/o astrolabe
astrolog/o astrologer
astrologi/o astrology
astronaŭt/o astronaut
astronom/o astronomer
astronomi/o astronomy
aŝok/o ashoka tree; ≈**O** Ashoka
-at/ **1** (*participial formative, present passive*) **konstru~a** being built; **am~a** (be)loved; **nekon~o** stranger; **2** (*chem*) -ate, salt of ...ic acid; **nitr~o** nitrate
atak/i attack
ataksi/o ataxia
ataŝe/o attaché

- atavism/o** atavism
ateism/o atheism
ateist/o atheist
Aten/o Athens
atenc/i attempt to murder; assault, violate
atend/i wait; await; expect
atent/a attentive; **~i** pay attention; **mal~i** neglect; **preter~i** overlook
aterom/o atheroma
ateroskleroz/o atherosclerosis
atest/i testify, bear witness; certify, attest
Atik/o Attica
ating/i reach, attain; achieve
atlant/o (*archit*) atlas, telamon
atlantik/o Atlantic
atlas/o atlas (maps); (kind of) satin
atlet/o athlete
atletik/o athletics
atmosfer/o atmosphere
atol/o atoll
atom/o atom
atoni/o (*med*) atony
-ator/ ☉ (*tech*) -ator, piece of machinery [= -ilo]; **transform~o** transformer
atrakci/o (tourist *etc*) attraction
atri/o atrium
atribu/i attribute, ascribe; award
atribut/o attribute
atripl/o orache
atrofi/o, **~iĝi** atrophy
atropin/o atropine (drug)
atut/o, **~i** trump (at cards)
aŭ (*cony*) or; **aŭ... aŭ...** either... or...
aŭd/i hear; **dis~iĝi** broadcast; **sub~i** overhear
aŭdac/a audacious, daring; **~i** dare
aŭdienc/o audience (official reception)
aŭditori/o auditorium
Aŭĝi/o Augeas; **~a** Augean
aŭgur/o augury, omen; **~i** augur
aŭgust/o August
Aŭgusten/o Augustine
aŭk/o auk
aŭkci/o, **~i** auction
aŭkupar(i)/o rowan [= (plumfolia) sorpo]
aŭl/o great hall, aula
aŭr/o aura
aŭreol/o aureola, halo
aŭreomicin/o aureomycin
aŭrignaci/o (*geol*) Aurignacian
aŭrikl/o auricle
aŭrikul/o auricula (primrose)
aŭror/o dawn; aurora
aŭskult/i listen (to); **~umi** auscultate; **sub~i** eavesdrop
aŭspici/o auspices
aŭstr/o, **~a** Austrian
Aŭstrali/o Australia
aŭt/o car, automobile; **~okuri** taxi (aircraft); **~ovojo** motorway, expressway
aŭtarci/o autarky, national self-sufficiency
aŭtent/a, **aŭtentik/a** authentic
aŭtism/o autism
aŭtobiografi/o autobiography
aŭtobus/o bus, coach
aŭtodafe/o auto-da-fé
aŭtodidakt/o self-taught person
aŭtogir/o autogyro
aŭtograf/o autograph
aŭtografi/o autography, facsimile
aŭtoklav/o autoclave
aŭtokrat/o autocrat
aŭtokrati/o autocracy
aŭtokton/o autochthon, original inhabitant
aŭtoliz/o autolysis
aŭtomat/o automat; automaton; **~a** automatic
aŭtomobil/o car, automobile
aŭtonom/a autonomous
aŭtonomi/o autonomy

aŭtor/o author
aŭtoritat/o authority (abstract)
aŭtun/o autumn, fall
av/o grandfather; **pra~o** great-grandfather
aval/o (*fin*) guarantee, backing
avan/o (*mil*) van; forward line
 ~**gardo** vanguard; avant-garde;
 ~**ulo** forward (in sports)
avanc/i be promoted; advance *intr*
avantaĝ/o advantage
avar/a miserly, mean; **mal~a**
 generous
avatar/o avatar
avel/o hazelnut
aven/o oats
aventur/o adventure; ~**isto**
 adventurer (using dishonest or
 immoral methods)
aventurin/o aventurine (quartz)
avenu/o avenue
averaĝ/o average, arithmetical mean
averi/o (insurance) average, damage
 (to goods); ~**i** suffer damage
avero/o starfruit, carambola
avert/i warn, caution
aviad/o aviation; ~**ilo** aircraft
avid/a eager; greedy
avis/o dispatch boat, aviso
aviz/o notification, advice; ~**i** notify
avocet/o avocet (bird)
avokad/o avocado (pear)
azale/o azalea
azar/o asarabacca
azen/o donkey
Azerbajĝan/o Azerbaijan
Azi/o Asia
azil/o asylum, sanctuary
azimut/o azimuth, bearing
azot/o azote, nitrogen
aztek/o Aztec
azuki/o azuki bean

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ba! rubbish!
baba/o rum baba
Babel/o Babel, Babylon
babil/i chat, chatter; ~**eti** babble
Babilon/o Babylon
babirus/o babirousa, pig-deer
babord/o (*naut*) port (side)
babuŝ/o babouche, Turkish slipper
bacil/o bacillus
bagaaĝ/o baggage, luggage
bagatel/o trifle, thing of no
 importance
Baha/o Bahá'í (faith)
Baham/oj Bahamas
bajader/o (Indian) dancing girl,
 devadasi
bajonet/o bayonet
bajt/o byte
bak/i bake *tr*; cook in an oven
bakalaŭr/o holder of bachelor's
 degree; baccalauréat
bakarat/o baccarat
bakelit/o bakelite
Bakĥ/o Bacchus
bakĥanal/o bacchanal
baklav/o baklava
bakteri/o bacterium
bakteriofaĝ/o bacteriophage
bal/o ball, dance
bala/i sweep; ~**ilo** broom
balad/o ballade; ballad
balalajk/o balalaika
balan/o barnacle
balanc/i swing *tr*, rock, bounce up
 and down; nod; ~**ilo** swing
balancel/o balancelle (boat)
balancier/o balance-wheel;
 stabilizer
balast/o ballast
balbut/i stutter, stammer
baldaken/o canopy, baldaquin

- baldaŭ** soon
Balear/oj Balearics
balen/o whale
balet/o ballet
balg/o bellows (accordion, camera etc)
balist/o ballista
balistik/o ballistics
Balkan/o, ~oj the Balkans
balkon/o balcony
balon/o (hot-air) balloon; ~eto (child's) balloon
balot/i, ~o vote, ballot, poll
balt/o Balt; ~a Baltic
balte/o baldric, shoulderbelt
balustr/o banister; baluster
balustrad/o balustrade; banisters
balz/o balsa
balzam/o balsam, balm
balzamin/o (bot) balsam
bambu/o bamboo
ban/i bath(e) tr; **sin ~i** have/take a bath; bathe
banal/a trite, commonplace
banan/o banana
band/o band (of musicians etc; of thieves)
bandaĝ/o, ~i bandage
banderol/o (postal) wrapper
bandit/o bandit
bangal/o bungalow, ranch house
Bangladeŝ/o Bangladesh
bangŝ/o banjo
banjan/o banyan tree
bank/o (fin) bank
banked/o banquet, (formal) dinner
bankier/o banker
bankiz/o ice floe, pack ice
bankrot/i go bankrupt
bant/o bow, pompom (ribbon); bow tie
bantam/o bantam
bantu/o, ~a Bantu
baobab/o baobab
bapt/i christen, baptize; ~ano co-sponsor; ~ujo font; ~ofilo godson
bar/i bar, block, dam; ~o bar, barrier; (phys) bar; ~aĵo dam; boom; ~ilo barrier
barak/o hut, temporary shelter
barakt/i flounder, thrash about, struggle
Barat/o Bharat, India
barateri/o (naut) barratry
barb/o beard
Barbad/o Barbados
barbakan/o barbican
barbar/o barbarian
barbir/o barber, (men's) hairdresser
barbitur/o barbiturate
Barbud/o Barbuda
barĉ/o borscht, beetroot soup
bard/o bard
Barejn/o Bahrain
barel/o barrel
barelief/o bas-relief
barem/o ready-reckoner
barĝ/o barge, lighter
bari/o barium
barier/o barrier
barikad/o, ~i barricade
barit/o baryta, barium sulfate; ~a papero art paper
bariton/o baritone
bark/o sailing craft, barque
barkarol/o barcarolle
barmicv/o bar-mitzvah
barograf/o barograph, recording barometer
barok/o, ~a baroque
barometr/o barometer
baron/o baron
bart/o whalebone
bas/o (mus) bass; ~a bass (voice); low, deep
basbal/o baseball
basen/o basin (fountain, lake, harbour, river), pool

- bask/o** coat-tail, skirt
baskul/o bascule; see-saw
bast/o inner bark, bast
bastard/o bastard
bastion/o bastion
baston/o stick; baton; ~**i** cudgel
bat/i beat, strike
batal/i, ~**o** battle, fight
batalion/o battalion
batat/o sweet potato
bateri/o (*mil, elec*) battery
batik/o batik
batisfer/o, **batiskaf/o** bathyscaphe
batist/o cambric; ~**eto** lawn (textile)
baŭ/o (*naut*) beam
baŭdruĉ/o goldbeater's skin
baŭksit/o bauxite
baŭm/i rear, buck
bav/i dribble, slobber
bavar/o, ~**a** Bavarian
baz/o base; basis; ~**i** base *tr*
bazalt/o basalt
bazar/o market; bazaar
bazili/o basil
bazilik/o basilica
bazilisk/o basilisk
bazuk/o bazooka
be/i bleat, baa
beat/a blessed; blissful
beb/o baby
bed/o (flower-)bed; (vegetable-) patch
bedaŭr/i regret; be sorry about; ~**inde** unfortunately
beduen/o, ~**a** Bedouin
begin/o beguine (nun)
begoni/o begonia
behaviorism/o behaviorism
bek/o beak, bill; nib; (gas) burner; mouthpiece; ~**i** peck; chirp; ~**fluto** recorder
bekerel/o becquerel
bekvadrat/o (*mus*) natural (♯)
- bel/a** beautiful; lovely, fine; handsome, good-looking; ~**o** beauty; ~**eta** pretty; ~**artoj** fine arts
beladon/o deadly nightshade
beletr/o belles-lettres, creative writing
belfrid/o belfry
belg/o, ~**a** Belgian; ~**ujo** Belgium
Beliz/o Belize
belorus/o, ~**a** Belorussian, Belarusian; ~**ujo** Belarus
belveder/o belvedere, viewpoint
bemol/o (*mus*) flat (♭)
ben/i bless; **mal~i** curse
bend/o tape; strip, band; tyre; ~**i** bind with tape; **glu~o** sellotape, Scotch tape
Benedikt/o Benedict; ~**ano** Benedictine (monk)
benefic/o benefit (match, performance); benefice
bengal/o, ~**a** Bengali, Bangla
benign/a (*med*) benign
Benin/o Benin
benjet/o fritter, beignet
benk/o bench
benzen/o benzene (C₆H₆)
benzin/o petrol, gasoline
benzo/o benzoin resin
benzodiazepin/o benzodiazepine
Beograd/o Belgrade
beot/o, ~**a** Boeotian
ber/o berry
berberis/o barberry, berberis
bergamot/o bergamot
beriber/o beriberi
beril/o beryl
berili/o beryllium
berkeli/o berkelium
Berlin/o Berlin
bernikl/o brent goose, brant
best/o animal, beast
besti/o ☹ wild beast [= sovaĝbesto]

- beŝamel/o** béchamel sauce, white sauce
- bet/o** beet, beetroot
- beta** beta, β; ~**radioj** beta rays
- betel/o** betel
- Bet-El** Bethel
- Betlehem/o, Bet-Leĥem**
Bethlehem
- beton/o** concrete
- betonik/o** betony
- betul/o** birch (tree)
- bevel/o, ~i** bevel, chamfer
- bezoni** need, require
- bi/** ☉ bi- [= du-]
- bias/o** bias
- bibli/o** Bible
- bibliofil/o** bibliophile
- bibliograf/o** bibliographer
- bibliografi/o** bibliography
- bibliotek/o** library
- biceps/o** biceps
- bicikl/o** bicycle
- bid/o** bead
- bide/o** bidet
- biel/o** connecting rod
- bien/o** estate, land(ed property)
- bier/o** beer
- bifstek/o** steak, roast beef
- bigami/o** bigamy
- bigl/o** beagle
- bigot/o** bigot
- bikin/o** bikini
- bikŝu/o** bhikkhu, Buddhist monk
- bil/o** note, bill, negotiable instrument, security
- bilabial/o** (*pho*n) bilabial [= *dulipa* sono]
- bilanc/o** balance sheet; ~**i** balance *tr* (an account)
- bilard/o** billiards
- bilbok/o** cup-and-ball (game)
- bild/o** picture; image
- Bileam/o** Balaam
- bilet/o** ticket
- bilĝ/o** bilge, well (of ship)
- bilharzi/o** bilharzia
- bilion/o** (European) billion, trillion (10¹²) *Note: it is generally best to avoid this term, which may mean different things in different countries*
- binar/a** binary
- bind/i** bind (a book)
- binokl/o** binoculars, field glasses
- binom/o** binomial
- bio/** bio-: ~**ritmo** biorhythm; ~**sfero** biosphere
- biograf/o** biographer
- biografi/o** biography
- biolog/o** biologist
- biologi/o** biology
- biometri/o** biometrics
- bionik/o** bionics
- biopsi/o** biopsy
- biplan/o** biplane
- bir/i** take (directional) bearings
- bird/o** bird
- biret/o** biretta, cap
- Birm/o** Birma, Myanmar
- bis, ~i, ~o** encore
- bisin/o** byssus, fine linen
- biskot/o** rusk, zwieback
- biskvit/o** biscuit, cracker; biscuit-ware
- bismut/o** bismuth
- bistort/o** bistort
- bistr/o** bistre
- bisturi/o** bistoury, scalpel
- bit/o** 1 bit (information theory); 2 ~**oj** bits (on ship)
- bitum/o** bitumen; ~**i** bituminize
- bivak/o, ~i** bivouac
- Bizanc/o** Byzantium
- bizar/a** bizarre
- bizon/o** bison
- blag/o** humbug, fib; ~**i** pull (someone's) leg
- blank/a** white; blank

- blanket/o** blank cheque, carte blanche
- blasfem/i** blaspheme; swear
- blat/o** cockroach; (electronic) chip
- blazon/o** coat of arms
- blek/i, ~o** neigh, bray, low, bleat *etc* (all animal cries)
- blend/o** armour plating; blende
- bleni/o** blenny (fish)
- blenoragi/o, blenore/o** gonorrhoea
- blin/o** blini
- blind/a** blind; ~**umi** dazzle
- blog/o, ~i** blog
- blok/o, ~i** block; ~**ado, ~adi** blockade
- blokhaŭs/o** blockhouse; conning tower
- blond/a** fair, blond(e)
- blov/i** blow; ~**instrumento** wind instrument; **tra~o** draught
- blu/a, ~o** blue
- bluf/i** bluff
- blunderbuz/o** blunderbuss
- blus/o** *mus* blues
- bluz/o** blouse; windcheater, blouson
- bo/** (*prefix*) -in-law: ~**patro** father-in-law
- boa/o** boa
- boac/o** reindeer
- board/i** (*naut*) beat, tack
- boat/o** boat
- bob/o** bobsleigh
- bobel/o, ~i** bubble
- boben/o** bobbin; reel, spool; *elec* coil; ~**ego** drum (of winch *etc*)
- Bocvan/o** Botswana
- bodisatv/o** bodhisattva
- boĝi/o** bogie, truck
- bohem/o, ~a** Bohemian
- boj/i** bark
- bojkot/i** boycott
- bok/o** buck, male (goat, deer)
- bokal/o** (wide-mouthed) bottle, jar; goldfish bowl
- boks/i** box; ~**isto** boxer
- bol/i** boil *intr*; ~**eti** simmer *intr*; ~**igi** boil *tr*; ~**ilo** kettle
- bolard/o** bollard
- bolero/o** bolero
- bolet/o** boletus (mushroom)
- bolid/o** fireball, meteor
- Bolivi/o** Bolivia
- Bolonj/o** Bologna
- bolŝevism/o** bolshevism
- bolŝevist/o** Bolshevik, bolshevist
- bolt/o, ~i** bolt, pin; ~**ingo** nut
- bolus/o** bolus, pellet
- bomb/o, ~i** bomb
- bombard/i** bombard, shell
- bombast/o** bombast, pompous talk
- bombicil/o** waxwing
- bombiks/o** silkmoth
- bombon/o** sweet, candy, bonbon
- bon/a** good; ~**e** well; ~**ega** excellent; ~**deziroj** good wishes; ~**fari (al)** benefit *tr*; ~**hava** well-to-do; ~**havo** credit, asset; ~**trovo** discretion; ~**vena** welcome; ~**volu** please
- bong/oj** bongo drums, bongos
- bonsaj/o** bonsai
- bonus/o** bonus
- bop/o** bop, bebop
- bor/i** drill, bore, pierce
- bor/o** boron
- borag/o** borage
- boraks/o** borax
- bord/o** bank (of river *etc*); shore (of lake, sea *etc*); **al~igi** land; berth
- bordel/o** brothel
- border/i, ~o** border, hem
- Bordoza/o** Bordeaux
- boreli/o** Borrelia (spirochaete); ~**ozo** Lyme disease
- bors/o** stock exchange, bourse
- bosanol/o** bossa nova
- bosk/o** grove; copse
- bosn/o, ~a** Bosnian; ≈**ujo** Bosnia