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to impede or to imper the function or activity of: **HINDER** (negotiations ~ed by a lack of trust) **3**: to burden with a legal claim (as a mortgage) (~ an estate)
en-cum-brance \in-'kəm-brəns(ə)s/ **n** (1535) **1**: something that encumbers: IMPEDIMENT, BURDEN **2**: a claim (as a mortgage) against property
en-cum-brance-er \-brənt(t)-sər/ **n** (1858): one that holds an encumbrance
encyc or **encyc** *abbr* encyclopedia
-ency *n* suffix [ME *-encie*, fr. L *-enia* — more at **-ENCE**]: quality or state (despondency)
en-cy-clic-al \in-'sī-kli-kəl, en-'aɪ/ [**L** *encyclīcus*, fr. Gk *enkyklios* circular, general, fr. *en* + *kyklos* circle — more at **IN**, **WHEEL**] (1647)
encyclical **n** (1837): an encyclical letter of a group: **GENERAL**
encyclical **adj** (1837): an encyclical letter; *specif*: a papal letter to the bishops of the church as a whole or to those in one country
en-cy-clo-pae-dia, **en-cy-clo-pae-dīk** chiefly *Brit* var of **ENCYCLOPEDIA**, **ENCYCLOPÆDIA**
en-cy-clo-pe-dia \in-'sī-klə-'pē-dē-ə/ **n** [ML *encyclopædia* course of general education, fr. Gk *enkyklios* + *paideia* education, child rearing, *en*, *paid-*, *país* child — more at **FEW**] (1644): a work that contains information on all the branches of knowledge or treats comprehensively a particular branch of knowledge usu. in articles arranged alphabetically often by subject
en-cy-clo-pe-dīc \-'pē-dīk/ *adj* (1824): of, relating to, or suggestive of an encyclopedia or its methods of treating or covering a subject: **COMPREHENSIVE** (an ~ mind) (an ~ collection of armor) — **en-cy-clo-pe-dī-cal-ly** \-'dī-k(ə)-lē-ə/ *adv*
en-cy-clo-pe-dī-sm \-'pē-dī-zəm/ **n** (1833): the quality or state of being encyclopedic
en-cy-clo-pē-dīst \-'pē-dīst/ **n** (1651) **1**: one who compiles or writes for an encyclopedia **2** *often cap*: one of the writers of a French encyclopedia (1751–80) who were identified with the Enlightenment and advocated deism and scientific rationalism
en-cyst \in-'sīst, en-'v/ (1720): to enclose in a cyst ~ *vi*: to form or become enclosed in a cyst — **en-cyst-ment** \-'sīst(t)-mənt/ **n**
en (vend) *n* [ME *ende*, fr. OE; akin to OHG *enti* end, *L* ante before, Gk *anti* against] (bef. 12c) **1**: the part of an area that lies at the boundary **2**: a part that marks the extent of something **3**: the extreme or last part lengthwise: **TIP** **d**: the terminal unit of something spatial that is marked off by units **e**: a player stationed at the extremity of a line (as in football) **2**: a cessation of a course of action, pursuit, or activity **b**: **DEATH**, **DESTRUCTION** **c** (1): the ultimate state **(2)**: **RESULT**, **ISSUE** **3**: something incomplete, fragmentary, or undetermined: **REMNANT** **4**: a: an event taken toward: **PURPOSE** (the ~ of poetry) **b**: a part that marks the extent of something **5**: a share in an undertaking ('kept your ~ up') **b**: a particular operation or aspect of an undertaking or organization (the sales ~ of the business) **6**: something that is extreme: **ULTIMATE** — used with the **7**: a period of action or turn in any of various sports events (as archery or lawn bowling) *SYN* *SEE* **INTENTION** — **end-ed** \en-'dɒd/ *adj* — **in the end**: **AFTER ALL**, **ULTIMATELY** (will surely succeed in the end) — **no end**: **EXHAUSTION** (it ceases no end) — **on end**: without a stop or break
end *vb* (bef. 12c) **1**: *a*: to bring to an end **b**: **DESTROY** **2**: to make up the end of a wedding scene ~ *see* the film) ~ *vi* **1**: to come to an end (the meeting will ~ at noon) **b**: to reach a specified ultimate rank, situation, or place — *usu.* used with *up* (~ed up as a colonel) **2**: **DIE** *SYN* *SEE* **CLOSE**
end *adj* (13c): **FINAL**, **ULTIMATE** (~ results) (~ markets)
end *vt* [prob. alter. of *E* dial. *in* to harvest] (1607) *dial Eng*: to put (grain) in the end of a field
end- or **endo-** *comb form* [F. fr. Gk. fr. *endon* within; akin to Gk *en* in, *LO* *indai*, *Indi* *hādan* within — more at **IN**] **1**: within: inside (*endoskeleton*) — compare **ECT-**, **EXO-** **2**: taking in (*endothermic*)
en-dam-age \in-'dām-i/ *vt* [ME] (14c): to cause loss or damage to
en-dan-ger \in-'dān-ġer, en-'v/ **-dan-gered**; **-dan-ger-ing** \-'dān-ġr-, 'dān-ġə-/ *vb* (1964): to bring into danger or peril (recklessly ~ing innocent lives) ~ *vi*: to create a dangerous situation (driving to ~) — **en-dan-gerous** \-'dān-ġə-r(ə)s/ *adj*
endangered *adj* (1964): *endanger* or relating to an endangered species (an ~ bird) (put on the ~ list)
endangered species **n** (1964): a species threatened with extinction; *broadly*: any other or anything whose continued existence is threatened
en-darch \en-'dārk/ *adj* (1900): formed or taking place from inner cells outward (~ xylem)
en (around) **n** (1926): a football play in which an offensive end comes between the line of scrimmage to take a handoff and attempts to carry the ball around to the opposite flank
end-ar-ter-ec-to-my \en-'dā-tē-ek-tə-'mē/ **n**, *pl* -mies [**NL** *endarterectomia* removal of an artery (fr. *end-* + *arteria* artery) + *-ectomy*] (1974): surgical removal of the inner layer of an artery when thickened and atheromatous or occluded (as by intimal plaques)
en-dorain \en-(d)-brān/ **n** (1927): **TELEENCEPHALON**
en-brush **n** (ca. 1891): **END PLATE**
en-dear \in-'dīr, en-'v/ (1580) **1** *obs*: to make higher in cost, value, or estimation **2**: to cause to become beloved or admired (her generosity has ~ed her to the public) — **en-dear-ing-ly** \-'dīr-īŋ-lē/ *adv*
en-dear-ment \in-'dīr-mənt/ **n** (1610): a word or an act (as a caress) expressing affection **2**: the act or process of endearing
en-deav or **in-deav** *vb* **en-deav-or**; **en-deav** or **in-deav** *v* (-(ə)-rɪŋ) [**ME** *endeveren* to exert oneself, fr. *en-* + *dever* duty — more at **DEVOIR**] (16c) **1**: *archaic*: to strive to achieve or reach **2**: to attempt (as an fulfillment of an obligation) by exertion of effort (~s to finish the race)
endeavor **n** (15c): a serious determined effort **2**: activity directed toward a goal: **ENTERPRISE** (a field of ~)
en-deav-or chiefly *Brit* var of **ENDEAVOR**
en-dem-ic \in-'dē-mīk, in-'aɪ/ [**F** *endémique*, fr. *endémie* endemic disease, fr. Gk *endēmia* action of dwelling, fr. *endēmos* endemic, fr. *en* in + *dimos* people, populace — more at **DEMOGOGUE**] (1759) **1**: a: belonging or native to a particular people or country **b**: characteristic

or prevalent in this particular field, area, or environment (problems ~ to translation) < the self-indulgence ~ in the film industry > 2: restricted or peculiar to a locality or region (< diseases > (an ~ species) *syn see NATIVE* — **en-dem-ic-al-ly** \ˈde-mi-k(ə)-lē^{adv} — **en-dem-ic-ity** \ˈen-de-mi-sə-tē, -də-mi-ⁿ — **en-dem-ism** \ˈen-də-mi-zəmⁿ

endemic *n* (1926): an endemic organism

end-er-gon-ic \ˈen-dər-ˈgə-nik^{adj} **lend** + *Gk ergon* work — more at *work* 1 (1940): ENDOTHERMIC 1 <an ~ biochemical reaction>

end-ex-ine \ˈen-jē-ˌkē-sēn, -sīnⁿ (1947): an inner membranous layer of the exine

end-game \ˈen(d)-ˌɡeɪmⁿ (1881): the stage of a chess game after major reduction of forces; *also*: the final stage of some action or process

end-ing \ˈen-dinⁿ (bef. 12c): something that constitutes an end as: a CONCLUSION (a movie with a happy ~) b: one or more letters or syllables added to a word base esp. in inflection

en-div-ive \ˈen-div, ˌæn-ˈdēvⁿ [ME, fr. AF, fr. LL *endivia*, fr. LGK *emphion*, fr. L *intubus*] (14c) 1: an annual or biennial composite herb bitter curly leaves, dissected leaves used esp. in salads b: one having slightly bitter broad flat leaves used esp. cooked as a vegetable — *also called escarole* 2: BELGIAN ENDIVE

end-less \ˈend-lēʃⁿ (1888): ENDPAPER

end-less \ˈend-(l)əs^{adj} (bef. 12c) 1: being or seeming to be without end (<an ~ speech> 2: extremely numerous (<all the multiplied, ~, nameless iniquities — Edmund Burke> 3: joined at the ends (<an ~ chain> 4: **end-less-ly** *adv* — **end-less-ness** *n*

end-line *n* (1895): a line marking an end or boundary esp. of a playing area a: a line at either end of a football field 10 yards beyond and parallel to the goal line b: a line at either end of a court (<as in basketball or tennis) perpendicular to the sidelines

end-long \ˈend-lōŋ^{adv} [ME *endelōng*, alter. of *andlong*, fr. OE *andlang* along, fr. *andlang*, prep. — more at *ALONG*] (13c) *archaic*: LENGTHWISE

end man *n* (1865): a man at each end of the line of performers in a minstrel show who engages in comic repartee with the interlocutor

en-most \ˈen-(d)-mōst^{adj} (bef. 12c): situated at the very end

en-most \ˈen-(d)-mōstⁿ (1926): a note placed at the end of the text

en-do-bi-ol-ic \ˈen-də-bi-ˌōl-ik^{adj} — **en-do-bi-ol-ic** \ˈen-də-bi-ˌōl-ikⁿ (ca. 1900): dwelling within the cells or tissues of a host (< ~ fungus>)

en-do-car-di-al \ˈen-də-ˈkär-dī-əl^{adj} (ca. 1849) 1: situated within the heart 2: of or relating to the endocardium

en-do-car-di-tis \ˈkär-dī-tisⁿ [NL] (ca. 1839): inflammation of the lining of the heart and its valves

en-do-car-di-um \ˈkär-dī-əmⁿ, *pl* -dia \ˈdē-əⁿ [NL] (ca. 1864): a thin serous membrane lining the cavities of the heart

en-doe \ˈen-də-(kärp)ⁿ [F *endocarp*] (1830) — *also* **en-doe** \ˈen-də-(kärp)ⁿ the inner layer of the pericarp of a fruit (as an apple or orange) when it consists of two or more layers of different texture or consistency

en-do-cast \ˈen-də-kastⁿ (1949): ENDOCRANIAL CAST

en-do-chon-dral \ˈen-də-ˈkän-drəl^{adj} (1882) relating to, formed by, or being ossification that takes place from centers arising in cartilage and involves deposition of lime salts in the cartilage matrix followed by secondary absorption and replacement by true bony tissue

en-do-cra-ni-al cast \ˈen-də-kri-nä-əlⁿ (1923): a cast of the cranial cavity showing the approximate shape of the brain

en-do-crine \ˈen-də-kro-n, -krīn, -krēn^{adj} [ISV] (ca. 1914) 1: *separate* — more at *separate* 1 (1914) 2: *secreting internally; specif* producing secretion that enters the body by way of the bloodstream (hormones produced by the ~ system) 2: of, relating to, affecting, or resembling an endocrine gland or secretion (< ~ tumors>)

endocrine *n* (1922) 1: HORMONE 2 2: ENDOCRINE GLAND

endocrine gland *n* (1914): a gland (as the thyroid or the pituitary) that produces an endocrine secretion — *also called ductless gland*

en-do-cri-no-log-ic \ˈen-də-kri-nə-ˌlɔ-ˌjik^{adj} (ca. 1914): involving or relating to the endocrine glands or secretions or to endocrinology

en-do-cri-nol-o-gy \ˈen-də-kri-nə-lə-ˌjēⁿ, -krī-ⁿ [ISV] (ca. 1913): a branch of medicine concerned with the structure, function, and disorders of the endocrine glands — **en-do-cri-nol-o-gist** \-ˌjistⁿ

en-do-cy-to-sis \ˈsi-ti-tə-səsⁿ [NL, fr. *end* + *-cytosis* (as in *phagocytosis*)] (1963): incorporation of substances into a cell by phagocytosis or incytosis — **en-do-cy-to-tic** \-tī-tik^{adj}

en-do-derm \ˈen-də-dər-mⁿ [F *endoderme*, fr. *end* + *Gk derma* skin — more at *embryo*] (1861): the innermost of the three primary germ layers of an embryo; *also*: the inner surface of the epithelium of the digestive tract and its derivatives and of the lower respiratory tract; *also*: a tissue derived from this germ layer — **en-do-der-mal** \ˈen-də-ˈdär-məl^{adj}

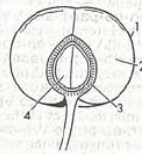
en-do-der-mis \ˈen-də-ˈdär-məsⁿ [NL] (1884): the innermost tissue of the cortex in many roots and stems

en-don-tics \ˈdän-tiksⁿ *pl* but *sing* in constr. [end + *odont* + *-ics*] (1946): a branch of dentistry concerned with diseases of the pulp — **en-don-tic** \ˈdän-tik^{adj} — **en-don-ti-cally** \ˈdän-ti-k(ə)-lē^{adv} — **en-don-tist** \ˈen-dən-tistⁿ

en-enzyme \ˈen-də-ˈem-zīmⁿ [ISV] (ca. 1909): an enzyme that functions inside the cell

en-ergic \ˈend-ər-ˈjē-ˌjik^{adj} (1940): absorbing energy: ENDOHERMIC (< ~ nuclear reactions>)

endocarp (cross section of a cherry): 1 exocarp, 2 mesocarp, 3 endocarp, 4 seed, 1, 2, and 3 together form the pericarp



\ə\ about \ə\ kitten, F table \ər\ further \ə\ ash \ā\ ace \ā\ mop, mar
 \aù\ out \ch\ chin \e\ bet \ē\ easy \g\ go \ì\ hit \ĩ\ ice \j\ job
 \ŋ\ sing \ð\ go \ó\ law \ói\ boy \th\ thin \t̃h\ the \ū\ loot \ú\ foot
 \y\ yet \zh\ vision, beige \k, ˢ, œ, w, ʸ\ see Guide to Pronunciation