

Concise Oxford English Dictionary

ELEVENTH EDITION, REVISED

MAYER BROWN
LIBRARY

JAN 18 2017

71 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE
CHICAGO, IL 60606

Edited by

Catherine Soanes

Angus Stevenson

IPR2024-00254

Nespresso USA, Inc. Ex. 1080

Page 1 of 3

OXFORD
UNIVERSITY PRESS

OXFORD

UNIVERSITY PRESS

Great Clarendon Street, Oxford OX2 6DP

Oxford University Press is a department of the University of Oxford.
It furthers the University's objective of excellence in research, scholarship,
and education by publishing worldwide in

Oxford New York

Auckland Cape Town Dar es Salaam Hong Kong Karachi
Kuala Lumpur Madrid Melbourne Mexico City Nairobi
New Delhi Shanghai Taipei Toronto

With offices in

Argentina Austria Brazil Chile Czech Republic France Greece
Guatemala Hungary Italy Japan Poland Portugal Singapore
South Korea Switzerland Thailand Turkey Ukraine Vietnam

Oxford is a registered trade mark of Oxford University Press
in the UK and in certain other countries

Published in the United States
by Oxford University Press Inc., New York

© Oxford University Press 1964, 1976, 1982, 1990, 1995, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2006, 2008

Database right Oxford University Press (makers)

First published 1911

New edition (revised) 1929

Third edition (with Addenda) 1934

Fourth edition 1951

Fifth edition 1964

Sixth edition 1976

Seventh edition 1982

Eighth edition 1990

Ninth edition 1995

Tenth edition 1999

Tenth (revised) edition 2001

Eleventh edition 2004

Eleventh edition (revised) 2006

Eleventh edition (revised) 2008

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced,
stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted, in any form or by any means,
without the prior permission in writing of Oxford University Press,
or as expressly permitted by law, or under terms agreed with the appropriate
reprographics rights organization. Enquiries concerning reproduction
outside the scope of the above should be sent to the Rights Department,
Oxford University Press, at the address above

You must not circulate this book in any other binding or cover
and you must impose this same condition on any acquirer

British Library Cataloguing in Publication Data

Data available

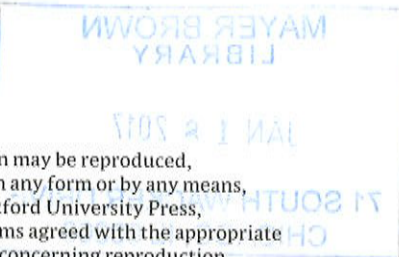
Library of Congress Cataloging in Publication Data

Data available

ISBN 978-0-19-954841-5

1

Typeset in Frutiger and Parable
by Interactive Sciences Ltd, Gloucester
Printed and bound in Great Britain by
Clays Ltd, St Ives plc



from a momentary input signal until reset by another signal. ■ **v.** 1 fasten with a latch. 2 Electronics (of a device) become fixed in a particular state. 3 (**latch on**) informal understand the meaning of something. 4 (**latch on to**) informal attach oneself to (someone) as a constant companion. ► take up (an idea or trend) enthusiastically. 5 (**latch on**) (of a breastfeeding baby) manage to get its mouth into the correct position around the nipple.

— PHRASES **on the latch** chiefly Brit. (of a door or gate) closed but not locked.

— ORIGIN OE *læccan* 'take hold of, grasp', of Gmc origin.

latchet /'lætʃɪt/ ■ **n.** archaic a narrow thong or lace for fastening a shoe or sandal.

— ORIGIN ME: from OFr. *latchet*, var. of *lacet*, from *laz* 'lace'.

latchkey ■ **n.** (pl. **latchkeys**) a key of an outer door of a house.

latchkey child ■ **n.** a child who is alone at home after school until a parent returns from work.

late ■ **adj.** 1 acting, arriving, or happening after the expected or usual time. 2 belonging or taking place far on in a particular time or period. 3 far on in the day or night. 4 (**the/one's late**) (of a specified person) no longer alive. ► no longer having the specified status; former. 5 (**latest**) of most recent date or origin. ■ **adv.** 1 after the expected or usual time. 2 towards the end of a period. 3 far on in the day or night. 4 (**later**) at a time in the near future; afterwards. 5 (**late of**) formerly but not now living or working in a specified place or institution. ■ **n.** (**the latest**) the most recent news or fashion.

— PHRASES **at the latest** no later than the time specified. **late in the day** (or **N. Amer. game**) at a late stage in proceedings. **of late** recently.

— DERIVATIVES **lateness** **n.**

— ORIGIN OE *læt* (adj.), *late* (adv.), of Gmc origin.

latecomer ■ **n.** a person who arrives late.

lateen sail /'leɪtɪn/ ■ **n.** a triangular sail on a long yard at an angle of 45° to the mast.

— ORIGIN C16: from Fr. (*voile*) *Latine* 'Latin (sail)', so named because it was common in the Mediterranean.

late Latin ■ **n.** Latin of about AD 200–600.

lately ■ **adv.** recently; not long ago.

latent ■ **adj.** existing but not yet developed, manifest, or active: *her latent talent*.

— DERIVATIVES **latency** **n.** **latently** **adv.**

— ORIGIN ME: from L. *latens*, *latere* 'be hidden'.

latent heat ■ **n.** Physics the heat required to convert a solid into a liquid or vapour, or a liquid into a vapour, without change of temperature.

latent image ■ **n.** Photography an image on film that has not yet been made visible by developing.

latent period ■ **n.** Medicine the period between infection and the onset of symptoms.

— **later** ■ **comb. form** denoting a person who worships a specified thing: *idolater*.

— ORIGIN from Gk *-latrēs* 'worshipper'.

lateral ■ **adj.** 1 of, at, towards, or from the side or sides.

2 Phonetics (of a consonant, especially the English clear /l/) pronounced with partial closure of the air passage by the tongue, which allows the breath to flow on one or both sides of the point of contact. ■ **n.** 1 a side part of something, especially a shoot or branch growing out from the side of a stem. 2 Phonetics a lateral consonant. 3 American Football a pass thrown sideways or back.

— DERIVATIVES **laterally** **adv.**

— ORIGIN ME: from L. *lateralis*, from *latus*, *later-* 'side'.

laterality ■ **n.** dominance of one side of the brain in controlling particular activities or functions, or of one of a pair of organs such as the eyes or hands.

lateralize or **lateralise** ■ **v.** (**be lateralized**) Physiology & Medicine be localized to one or other side of the brain.

— DERIVATIVES **lateralization** **n.**

lateral line ■ **n.** Zoology a visible line along the side of a fish, consisting of a series of sense organs which detect pressure and vibration.

lateral thinking ■ **n.** chiefly Brit. the solving of problems by an indirect and creative approach.

— DERIVATIVES **lateral thinker** **n.**

lateral ventricle ■ **n.** Anatomy each of the first and second ventricles in the centre of each cerebral hemisphere of the brain.

laterite /'lætəraɪt/ ■ **n.** a reddish clayey material, hard when dry, forming a topsoil in some tropical regions and sometimes used for building.

— DERIVATIVES **lateritic** /-'rɪtɪk/ **adj.**

— ORIGIN C19: from L. *later* 'brick' + *-ite*.

latex /'leɪtɛks/ ■ **n.** (pl. **latexes** or **latices** /-'tɪsɪz/) 1 a milky fluid found in many plants, notably the rubber tree, which coagulates on exposure to the air. 2 a synthetic product resembling this, used to make paints, coatings, etc.

— ORIGIN C17 (denoting various bodily fluids): from L., lit. 'liquid, fluid'.

lath /lɑːθ, ləθ/ ■ **n.** (pl. **laths** /lɑːθs, ləθz, ləθs/) a thin, flat strip of wood, especially one of a series forming a foundation for the plaster of a wall. ■ **v.** cover with laths.

— ORIGIN OE *lætt*, of Gmc origin; rel. to **LATTICE**.

lathe /leɪð/ ■ **n.** a machine for shaping wood or metal by means of a rotating drive which turns the piece being worked on against changeable cutting tools.

— ORIGIN ME: prob. from Old Dan. *lad* 'structure, frame', perh. from ON *hlath* 'pile, heap', rel. to **LADE**.

lather /'leɪðə, 'ləðə/ ■ **n.** 1 a frothy white mass of bubbles produced by soap when mixed with water.

2 heavy sweat visible on a horse's coat as a white foam. 3 (**a lather**) informal a state of agitation or nervous excitement.

■ **v.** 1 form or cause to form a lather. ► rub with soap until a lather is produced. 2 cover or spread liberally with (a substance). 3 informal thrash (someone).

— DERIVATIVES **lathery** **adj.**

— ORIGIN OE *læthor*, *læthran* (v.), of Gmc origin.

lathi /'leɪtɪ/ ■ **n.** (pl. **lathis**) (in the Indian subcontinent) a long metal-bound bamboo stick used as a weapon, especially by police.

— ORIGIN from Hindi *lāthī*.

latices plural form of **LATEX**.

latifundium /'leɪtɪfʌndɪəm, 'leɪtɪ/ ■ **n.** (pl. **latifundia**) a large landed estate or ranch in ancient Rome or in Spain or Latin America.

— ORIGIN C17: from L., from *latus* 'broad' + *fundus* 'landed estate'.

Latin ■ **n.** 1 the language of ancient Rome and its empire. 2 a native or inhabitant of a country whose language developed from Latin, e.g. a Latin American.

■ **adj.** 1 relating to the Latin language. 2 relating to or denoting countries using languages that developed from Latin, especially Latin America. 3 relating to or denoting the Western or Roman Catholic Church. 4 historical relating to ancient Latium in Italy.

— DERIVATIVES **Latinism** **n.** **Latinist** **n.** **Latinity** **n.**

— ORIGIN from L. *Latinus* 'of Latium'.

Latina /lə'ti:nə/ ■ **n.** fem. of **LATINO**.

Latin American ■ **adj.** relating to Latin America, the parts of the American continent where Spanish or Portuguese is the main national language. ■ **n.** a native or inhabitant of Latin America.

Latinate /'leɪtɪneɪt/ ■ **adj.** (of language) having the character of Latin.

Latin Church ■ **n.** the Roman Catholic Church as distinguished from Orthodox and Uniate Churches.

Latin cross ■ **n.** a plain cross in which the vertical part below the horizontal is longer than the other three parts.

Latinize or **Latinise** ■ **v.** 1 give a Latin or Latinate form to (a word). ► archaic translate into Latin. 2 cause to conform to the ideas and customs of the ancient Romans or the Latin Church.

— DERIVATIVES **Latinization** **n.** **Latinizer** **n.**

Latino /lə'ti:nəʊ/ ■ **n.** (fem. **Latina**) (pl. **Latinos** or **Latinas**) chiefly N. Amer. a native or inhabitant of Latin America or the United States.

— ORIGIN from Latin Amer. Sp.

latish (also **lateish**) ■ **adj.** & **adv.** fairly late.

latissimus /lə'tɪsɪməs/ (also **latissimus dorsi** /'dɔːsɪ, -sɪ:/) ■ **n.** (pl. **latissimi** /lə'tɪsɪməɪ, -mɪ:/) Anatomy either of a pair of large, roughly triangular muscles covering