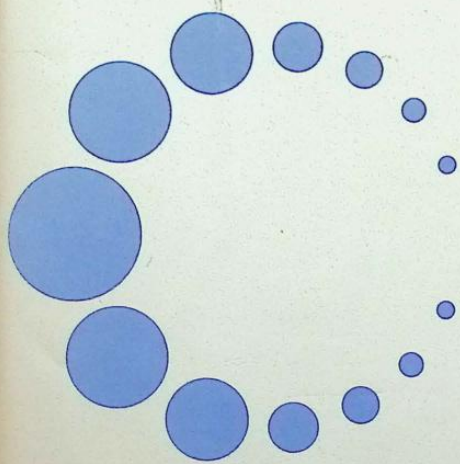


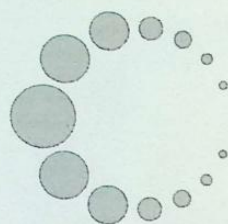


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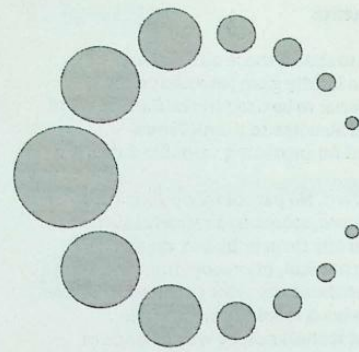
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also call (sense 61), put (sense 20), spread (sense 24c), straddle (sense 9) **vb** (tr) 7 to bestow a privilege or privileges upon 8 (foll by *from*) to free or exempt [c12 from Old French *privilegium*, from Latin *privilegium* law relevant to rights of an individual, from *privus* an individual + *lex* law]

privileged ('prɪvɪlɪdʒd) *adj* 1 enjoying or granted as a privilege or privileges 2 *law* a not actionable as a libel or slander b (of a communication, document, etc) that a witness cannot be compelled to divulge 3 *nautical* (of a vessel) having the right of way

privily ('prɪvɪli) *adv* *archaic* or *literary* in a secret way

privity ('prɪvɪti) *n*, *pl* -ties 1 a legally recognized relationship existing between two parties, such as that between lessor and lessee and between the parties to a contract: *privity of estate*; *privity of contract* 2 secret knowledge that is shared [c13 from Old French *privetē*]

privy ('prɪvi) *adj* *priver*, *priverist* 1 (postpositive; foll by *to*) participating in the knowledge of something secret 2 *archaic* secret, hidden, etc 3 *archaic* of or relating to one person only **vb**, *pl* -privies 4 a lavatory, esp an outside one 5 *law* a person in privy with another. See *privity* (sense 1) [c13 from Old French *privé* something private, from Latin *privātus* PRIVATE]

privy chamber *n* 1 a private apartment inside a royal residence 2 *archaic* a private room reserved for the use of a specific person or group

privy council *n* 1 the council of state of a monarch or noble, esp formerly 2 *archaic* a private or secret council

Privy Council *n* the private council of the British sovereign, consisting of all current and former ministers of the Crown and other distinguished subjects, all of whom are appointed for life. See also *Judicial Committee of the Privy Council* > *Privy Counsellor* *n*

privy purse *n* (often *capitals*) 1 a (in Britain) an allowance voted by Parliament for the private expenses of the monarch: part of the civil list b (in other countries) a similar sum of money for the monarch 2 an official of the royal household responsible for dealing with the monarch's private expenses. Full name: *Keeper of the Privy Purse*

privy seal *n* (often *capitals*) (in Britain) a seal affixed to certain documents issued by royal authority; of less rank and importance than the great seal

prix fixe (French *pri fiks*) *n*, *pl* *prix fixes* (fiks) a fixed price charged for one of a set number of meals offered on a menu. Compare *à la carte*, *table d'hôte*

Prix Goncourt (French *gɔŋkur*) *n* an annual prize for a work of French fiction [c20 after the Académie Goncourt, which awards the prizes, founded by the will of Edmond Goncourt (1822–96), French writer]

prize ('praɪz) *n* 1 a a reward or honour for victory or for having won a contest, competition, etc b (as *modifier*); *prize jockey*; *prize essay* 2 something given to the winner of any game of chance, lottery, etc 3 something striven for 4 any valuable property captured in time of war, esp a vessel [c14 from Old French *prise* a capture, from Latin *prehendere* to seize; influenced also by Middle English *prise* reward; see *PRICE*]

prize ('praɪz) *vb* (tr) to esteem greatly; value highly [C15 *prise*, from Old French *preisier* to PRAISE]

prize ('praɪz) *vb*, *n* a variant spelling of *prize*

prize court *n* *law* a court having jurisdiction to determine how property captured at sea in wartime is to be distributed

prizefight ('praɪz,faɪt) *n* a boxing match for a prize or purse, esp one of the fights popular in the 18th and 19th centuries > *prizefighter* *n* > *prizefighting* *n*

prize money *n* 1 any money offered, paid, or received as a prize 2 (formerly) a part of the

money realized from the sale of a captured vessel

prize ring *n* 1 the enclosed area or ring used by prizefighters 2 the prize ring the sport of prizefighting

prizewinner ('praɪz,wɪnə) *n* a person, animal, or thing that wins a prize > *prize-winning* *adj*

PRK *abbreviation* for *photo refractive keratometry*

prn (in prescriptions) *abbreviation* for *pro re nata* [Latin: as the situation demands; whenever needed]

pro¹ ('prəʊ) *adv* 1 in favour of a motion, issue, course of action, etc. Compare *anti* **prep** 2 in favour of **vb**, *pl* *pros* 3 (usually *plural*) an argument or vote in favour of a proposal or motion. See also *pros and cons* 4 (usually *plural*) a person who votes in favour of a proposal, motion, etc **Compare** *con*² [from Latin *pro* (prep) in favour of]

pro² ('prəʊ) *n*, *pl* *pros*, *adj* 1 *informal* short for *professional* 2 **an internet domain name** for a professional practitioner 3 *slang* a prostitute [c19 by shortening]

PRO *abbreviation* for 1 *Public Records Office* 2 *public relations officer*

pro-¹ *prefix* 1 in favour of; supporting: *pro-Chinese* 2 acting as a substitute for: *proconsul*; *pronoun* [from Latin *pro* (adv and prep). In compound words borrowed from Latin, *pro-* indicates: forward, out (project); forward and down (prostrate); away from a place (prodigal); onward in time or space (proceed); extension outwards (propagate); before in time or place (provide, protect); on behalf of (procure); acting as a substitute for (pronominal); and sometimes intensive force (promiscuous)]

pro-² *prefix* before in time or position; anterior; forward: *prophase*; *procephalic*; *prognathous* [from Greek *pro* (prep) before (in time, position, rank, etc)]

proa ('prəʊə) or **prau** *n* any of several kinds of canoe-like boats used in the South Pacific, esp one equipped with an outrigger and sails [c16 from Malay *parāhū* a boat]

proabortion ('prəʊəbɔːʃən) *adj* in favour of the medical provision of abortion

proaction ('prəʊækʃən) *n* action that initiates change as opposed to reaction to events [c20 from *PRO*² + (RE)ACTION]

proactive ('prəʊæktɪv) *adj* 1 tending to initiate change rather than reacting to events 2 *psychol* or denoting a mental process that affects a subsequent process [c20 from *PRO*² + (RE)ACTIVE]

proactive inhibition or interference *n* *psychol* the tendency for earlier memories to interfere with the retrieval of material learned later. Compare *retroactive inhibition*

pro-am ('prəʊəm) *adj* 1 (of a golf tournament, snooker tournament, etc) involving both professional and amateur players **vb** 2 a sporting tournament involving both professional and amateur players

pro-American *adj* 1 in favour of or supporting America, its people, culture, etc **vb** 2 a person who is in favour of or supports America, its people, culture, etc

prob. *abbreviation* for 1 *probable* 2 *probably*

probabilism ('prɒbəbɪlɪzəm) *n* 1 *philosophy* the doctrine that although certainty is impossible, probability is a sufficient basis for belief and action 2 the principle of Roman Catholic moral theology that in a situation in which authorities differ as to what is the right course of action it is permissible to follow any course which has the support of some authority > *probabilist* *n*, *adj* > *probabilistic* *adj* > *probabilistically* *adv*

probability ('prɒbəbɪlɪti) *n*, *pl* -ties 1 the condition of being probable 2 an event or other thing that is probable 3 *statistics* a measure or estimate of the degree of confidence one may have in the occurrence of an event, measured on a scale from zero (impossibility) to one (certainty). It may be defined as the proportion of favourable outcomes to the total number of possibilities if these are indifferent (*mathematical probability*),

or the proportion observed in a sample (*empirical probability*), or the limit of this as the sample size tends to infinity (*relative frequency*), or by more subjective criteria (*subjective probability*)

probability density function *n* *statistics* a function representing the relative distribution of frequency of a continuous random variable from which parameters such as its mean and variance can be derived and having the property that its integral from *a* to *b* is the probability that the variable lies in this interval. Its graph is the limiting case of a histogram as the number of data increases and the class intervals decrease in size. Also called: *density function*. Compare *cumulative distribution function*, *frequency distribution*

probability function *n* *statistics* the function the values of which are probabilities of the distinct outcomes of a discrete random variable

probable ('prɒbəbəl) *adj* 1 likely to be or to happen but not necessarily so 2 most likely: the *probable cause* of the accident **vb** 3 a person who is probably to be chosen for a team, event, etc [c14 via Old French from Latin *probabilis* that may be proved, from *probare* to prove]

probable cause *n* *law* reasonable grounds for holding a belief, esp such as will justify bringing legal proceedings against a person or will constitute a defence to a charge of malicious prosecution

probably ('prɒbəbəlɪ) *adv* 1 (*sentence modifier*; not used with a *negative* or in a question) in all likelihood or probability: I'll *probably* see you tomorrow > *sentence substitute* 2 I believe such a thing or situation may be the case

proband ('prɒbənd) *n* another name (esp US) for *propositus* (sense 2) [c20 from Latin *probandus*, gerundive of *probare* to test]

probang ('prɒbəŋ) *n* *surgery* a long flexible rod, often with a small sponge at one end, for inserting into the oesophagus, as to apply medication [c17 variant, apparently by association with *probe*, of *provang*, name coined by W. Rumsey (1584–1660), Welsh judge, its inventor; of unknown origin]

probate ('prəʊbɪt, -bɛɪt) *n* 1 the act or process of officially proving the authenticity and validity of a will 2 a the official certificate stating a will to be genuine and conferring on the executors power to administer the estate b the probate copy of a will 3 (in the US) all matters within the jurisdiction of a probate court 4 (*modifier*) of, relating to, or concerned with probate: *probate value*; a *probate court* **vb** 5 (tr) chiefly US and Canadian to establish officially the authenticity and validity of (a will) [c15 from Latin *probare* to inspect]

probation ('prəʊbeɪʃən) *n* 1 a system of dealing with offenders by placing them under the supervision of a probation officer 2 on probation a under the supervision of a probation officer b undergoing a test period 3 a trial period, as for a teacher, religious novice, etc 4 the act of proving or testing 5 a period during which a new employee may have his employment terminated on the grounds of unsuitability > *probational* or *probationary* *adj* > *probationally* *adv*

probationary assistant *n* NZ a teacher in the first probationary years. Abbreviation: *PA*

probationer ('prəʊbeɪʃənə) *n* a person on probation

probation officer *n* an officer of a court who supervises offenders placed on probation and assists and befriends them

probative ('prəʊbətɪv) or **probatory** ('prəʊbətəri, -tri) *adj* 1 serving to test or designed for testing 2 providing proof or evidence [c15 from Late Latin *probativus* concerning proof] > *probatively* *adv*

probe ('prəʊb) *vb* 1 (tr) to search into or question closely 2 to examine (something) with or as if with a probe **vb** 3 something that probes, examines, or tests 4 *surgery* a slender and usually

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flexible instrument for exploring a wound, sinus, etc 5 a thorough inquiry, such as one by a newspaper into corrupt practices 6 *electronics* a lead connecting to or containing a measuring or monitoring circuit used for testing 7 *electronics* a conductor inserted into a waveguide or cavity resonator to provide coupling to an external circuit 8 any of various devices that provide a coupling link, esp a flexible tube extended from an aircraft to link it with another so that it can refuel 9 See *space probe* [c16 from Medieval Latin *proba* investigation, from Latin *probare* to test] > *probeable* *adj* > *prober* *n*

probiotic (ˌprəʊbaɪˈbɒtɪk) *n* 1 a harmless bacterium that helps to protect the body from harmful bacteria 2 *n* a substance that encourages the growth of natural healthy bacteria in the gut > *adj* 3 of or relating to probiotics: *probiotic* yogurt [c20 from PRO- + (ANTI)BIOTIC]

probity (ˈprɒbɪtɪ) *n* confirmed integrity; uprightness [c16 from Latin *probitas* honesty, from *probus* virtuous]

problem (ˈprɒbləm) *n* 1 a any thing, matter, person, etc, that is difficult to deal with, solve, or overcome b (as modifier): a *problem* child 2 a puzzle, question, etc, set for solution 3 *maths* a statement requiring a solution usually by means of one or more operations or geometric constructions 4 (modifier) designating a literary work that deals with difficult moral questions: a *problem* play [c14 from Late Latin *problēma*, from Greek: something put forward; related to *proballēin* to throw forwards, from PRO- + *ballēin* to throw]

problematic (ˌprɒbləˈmætɪk) or **problematical** *adj* 1 having the nature or appearance of a problem; questionable 2 *logic* *obsolete* (of a proposition) asserting that a property may or may not hold. Compare *apodeictic* (sense 2), *assertoric* > *problematically* *adv*

pro bono publico Latin (ˈprəʊ ˈbɒnəʊ ˈpʊblɪkəʊ) for the public good

proboscidean or **proboscidian** (ˌprɒbɒsɪˈdiən) *adj* 1 of, relating to, or belonging to the *Proboscidea*, an order of massive herbivorous placental mammals having tusks and a long trunk: contains the elephants > *n* 2 any proboscidean animal

proboscis (ˈprɒbɒsɪs) *n*, *pl* -cises or -cides (-sɪˈdiːz) 1 a long flexible prehensile trunk or snout, as of an elephant 2 the elongated mouthparts of certain insects, adapted for piercing or sucking food 3 any similar part or organ 4 *informal*, *facetious* a person's nose, esp if large [c17 via Latin from Greek *proboskis* trunk of an elephant, from *boskein* to feed]

proboscis monkey *n* an Old World monkey, *Nasalis larvatus*, of Borneo, with an elongated bulbous nose

pro-British *adj* in favour of or supporting Britain, its people, culture, etc

probusiness (ˌprəʊˈbɪznɪs) *adj* in favour of or supporting the practices of business

proc. *abbreviation for* 1 procedure 2 proceedings

procaine (ˈprəʊkeɪn, ˈprəʊˈkeɪn) *n* a colourless or white crystalline water-soluble substance used, as the hydrochloride, as a local anaesthetic; 2-diethylaminoethyl-4-amino benzoate. Formula: $\text{NH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{COOC}_2\text{H}_4\text{N}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_2$. See also *Novocaine* [c20 from PRO- + (CO)CAINE]

procambium (ˌprəʊˈkæmbiəm) *n* undifferentiated plant tissue, just behind the growing tip in stems and roots, that develops into conducting tissues [c19 from PRO- + CAMBIUM] > *procambial* *adj*

procapitalist (ˌprəʊˈkæpɪtəlɪst) *adj* in favour of or supporting capitalist policies and ideologies

procarp (ˈprəʊkɑːp) *n* a female reproductive organ in red algae [c19 from New Latin *procarpum*, from PRO- + -carpum, from Greek *karpōs* fruit]

procaryote (ˌprəʊˈkæriət) *n* a variant spelling of *prokaryote*

procathedral (ˌprəʊkəˈθiːdrəl) *n* a church serving as a cathedral

procedural agreement *n* regulations agreed between the parties to collective bargaining, defining the bargaining units, bargaining scope, procedures for collective bargaining, and the facilities to be provided to trade union representatives

procedure (ˈprəʊsiːdʒə) *n* 1 a way of acting or progressing in a course of action, esp an established method 2 the established mode or form of conducting the business of a legislature, the enforcement of a legal right, etc 3 *computing* another name for *subroutine*. > *procedural* *adj* > *procedurally* *adv*

proceed (ˈprəʊsiːd) *vb* (intr) 1 (often foll by *to*) to advance or carry on, esp after stopping 2 (often foll by *with*) to undertake and continue (something) or to do something: he *proceeded* with his reading 3 (often foll by *against*) to institute or carry on a legal action 4 to emerge or originate; arise: *evil* *proceeds* from the heart > See also *proceeds* [c14 from Latin *prōcēdere* to advance, from PRO- + *cēdere* to go] > *proceeder* *n*

proceeding (ˈprəʊsiːdɪŋ) *n* 1 an act or course of action 2 a the institution of a legal action b any step taken in a legal action 3 (*plural*) the minutes of the meetings of a club, society, etc 4 (*plural*) legal action; litigation 5 (*plural*) the events of an occasion, meeting, etc

proceeds (ˈprəʊsiːdz) *pl n* 1 the profit or return derived from a commercial transaction, investment, etc 2 the result, esp the revenue or total sum, accruing from some undertaking or course of action, as in commerce

proceleusmatic (ˌprɒsɪluːsˈmætɪk) *prosody* > *adj* 1 denoting or consisting of a metrical foot of four short syllables > *n* 2 a proceleusmatic metrical foot [c18 from Late Latin *proceleusmaticus*, from Greek *prokeleusmatikos*, from *prokeleuein* to drive on, from PRO- + *keleuein* to give orders]

procephalic (ˌprəʊsiˈfælik) *adj* *anatomy* of or relating to the anterior part of the head

process¹ (ˈprəʊses) *n* 1 a series of actions that produce a change or development: the *process* of digestion 2 a method of doing or producing something 3 a forward movement 4 the course of time 5 a summons, writ, etc, commanding a person to appear in court 6 the whole proceedings in an action at law 7 a natural outgrowth or projection of a part, organ, or organism 8 a distinct subtask of a computer system which can be regarded as proceeding in parallel with other subtasks of the system 9 (modifier) relating to the general preparation of a printing forme or plate by the use, at some stage, of photography 10 (modifier) denoting a film, film scene, shot, etc, made by techniques that produce unusual optical effects > *vb* (tr) 10 to subject to a routine procedure; handle 11 to treat or prepare by a special method, esp to treat (food) in order to preserve it: to *process* cheese 12 a to institute legal proceedings against b to serve a process on 13 *photog* a to develop, rinse, fix, wash, and dry (exposed film, etc) b to produce final prints or slides from (undeveloped film) 14 *computing* to perform mathematical and logical operations on (data) according to programmed instructions in order to obtain the required information 15 to prepare (food) using a food processor [c14 from Old French *procēs*, from Latin *proceſsus* an advancing, from *prōcēdere* to PROCEED]

process² (ˈprəʊses) *vb* (intr) to proceed in or as if in a procession [c19 back formation from PROCESSION]

process camera *n* *printing* a large camera used in the photographic processes involved in the printing industry

process colour *n* *printing* any of the four colours (cyan, magenta, yellow, and black) used in process printing

process engineering *n* the branch of

engineering concerned with industrial processes, esp continuous ones, such as the production of petrochemicals > *process engineer* *n*

procession (ˈprəʊseʃən) *n* 1 the act of proceeding in a regular formation 2 a group of people or things moving forwards in an orderly, regular, or ceremonial manner 3 a hymn, litany, etc, sung in a procession 4 *Christianity* the emanation of the Holy Spirit > *vb* 5 (intr) *rare* to go in procession [c12 via Old French from Latin *processiō* a marching forwards]

processional (ˈprəʊseʃənəl) *adj* 1 of, relating to, or suitable for a procession > *n* 2 *Christianity* a a book containing the prayers, hymns, litanies, and liturgy prescribed for processions b a hymn, litany, etc, used in a procession > *processionally* *adv*

processionary (ˈprəʊseʃənəri) *adj* 1 of, relating to, or moving in a procession > *n* 2 a processionary moth

processionary moth *n* a moth of the family *Thaumetopoeidae*, esp the oak processionary moth (*Thaumetopoea processionea*), the larvae of which leave the communal shelter nightly for food in a V-shaped procession

processor (ˈprəʊsesə) *n* 1 *computing* another name for *central processing unit* 2 a person or thing that carries out a process

process printing *n* a method of making reproductions of a coloured picture, usually by using four halftone plates for different coloured inks

process-server *n* a sheriff's officer who serves legal documents such as writs for appearance in court

procès-verbal French (ˌprɒsɛvɜrˈbəl) *n*, *pl* -baux (-bo) a written record of an official proceeding; minutes [c17 from French: see PROCESS¹, VERBAL]

pro-Chinese *adj* in favour of or supporting China, its people, culture, etc

pro-choice *adj* (of an organization, pressure group, etc) supporting the right of a woman to have an abortion. Compare *pro-life*

prochronism (ˈprəʊkronɪzəm) *n* an error in dating that places an event earlier than it actually occurred. Compare *parachronism* [c17 from PRO- + Greek *khronos* time + -ISM, by analogy with ANACHRONISM]

proclaim (ˈprɒkleɪm) *vb* (tr) 1 (may take a clause as object) to announce publicly 2 (may take a clause as object) to show or indicate plainly 3 to praise or extol [c14 from Latin *prōclāmāre* to shout aloud] > *proclaimer* *n* > *proclamation* (ˌprɒkləˈmeɪʃən) *n* > *proclamatory* (ˌprɒˈklæmətəri, -tri) *adj*

proclitic (ˌprəʊˈklɪtɪk) *adj* 1 a relating to or denoting a monosyllabic word or form having no stress or accent and pronounced as a prefix of the following word, as in English 't for it in 'twas b (in classical Greek) relating to or denoting a word that throws its accent onto the following word > *n* 2 a proclitic word or form > Compare *enclitic* [c19 from New Latin *procliticus*, from Greek *proklitēin* to lean forwards; formed on the model of ENCLITIC]

proclivity (ˌprɒˈklɪvɪtɪ) *n*, *pl* -ties a tendency or inclination [c16 from Latin *prōclivitas*, from *prōclivis* steep, from PRO- + *clivus* a slope]

Procnē (ˈprɒkni) *n* *Greek myth* a princess of Athens, who punished her husband for raping her sister Philomela by feeding him the flesh of their son. She was changed at her death into a swallow. See *Philomela*

pro-Communist *adj* 1 in favour of or supporting Communist policies and ideologies etc > *n* 2 a person who is pro-Communist

proconsul (ˌprəʊˈkɒnsʊl) *n* 1 an administrator or governor of a colony, occupied territory, or other dependency 2 (in ancient Rome) the governor of a senatorial province [c14 from Latin, from *prō* consule (someone acting) for the consul. See PRO-³, CONSUL] > *proconsular* (ˌprəʊˈkɒnsjələ) *adj* > *proconsulate* or *proconsulship* *n*

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