

Sample Dictionary Created Using datagidx

adze (US **adz**) **noun** a tool similar to an axe, with an arched blade at right angles to the handle.

– ORIGIN Old English.

æolian harp /ee-oh-li-uhn/ **noun** a stringed instrument that produces musical sounds when a current of air passes through it.

– ORIGIN from *Æolus*, the Greek god of the winds.

astern **adverb** behind or towards the rear of a ship.

astute **adjective** good at making accurate judgements; shrewd.

– DERIVATIVES **astutely** **adverb** **astuteness** **noun**.

– ORIGIN Latin *astutus*.

asunder **adverb** literary apart.

– ORIGIN Old English.

athwart /uh-thwart/ **preposition & adverb** from side to side of something; across.

– ORIGIN from an old sense of **THWART**, meaning ‘across’.

atrium /ay-tri-uhm/ (pl. **atria** /ay-tri-uh/ or **atriums**) **noun** **1** a central hall rising through several storeys and having a glazed roof. **2** an open area in the centre of an ancient Roman house. **3** each of the two cavities of the heart.

– DERIVATIVES **atrial** **adjective**.

– ORIGIN Latin.

attorney /uh-ter-ni/ (pl. **attorneys**) **noun** **1** a person appointed to act for another in legal matters. **2** chiefly US a lawyer.

– ORIGIN Old French *atorner* ‘assign’.

aubretia /aw-bree-shuh/ (also **aubrietia**) **noun** a trailing plant with purple, pink, or white flowers.

– ORIGIN named after the French botanist Claude *Aubriet*.

audacious /aw-day-shuhss/ **adjective**

1 willing to take daring risks.

2 showing lack of respect; rude or impudent.

– DERIVATIVES **audaciously** **adverb**
audaciousness **noun** **audacity** **noun**.

– ORIGIN Latin *audax* ‘bold’.

austerity /oss-te-ri-ti/ (pl. **austerities**) **noun** **1** strictness or severity of appearance or manner. **2** difficult economic conditions resulting from a cut in public spending.

cactus (pl. **cacti** or **cactuses**) **noun** a succulent plant with thick fleshy stems bearing spikes but no leaves.

This is an example document illustrating the use of the datagidx package. The examples here are taken from the Compact Oxford English Dictionary.

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| thunderclap noun a crash of thunder. | rower in a boat. |
| thwart /thwort/ verb 1 prevent someone from accomplishing something. | – ORIGIN from Old Norse, ‘transverse’. |
| 2 prevent something from succeeding. | tic noun a recurring spasm of the muscles, most often in the face. |
| • noun a crosspiece forming a seat for a | – ORIGIN Italian <i>ticchio</i> . |