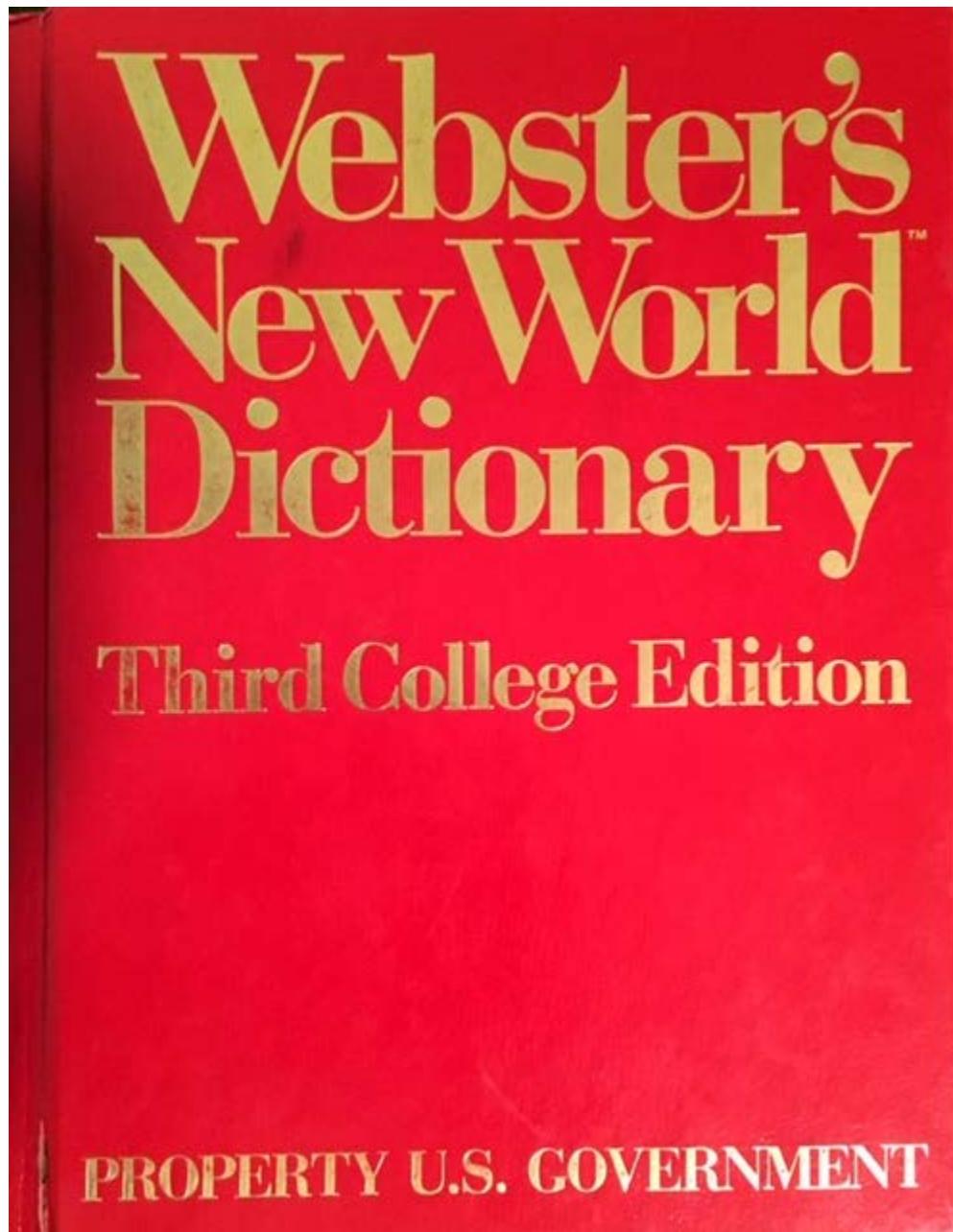


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energy level a state in which the energy of a physical system is well defined by quantum mechanics
en-er-gize (*en'ər gīz*; *for adj.*) *v.* **-vated, -vat-ing** [*< L. *energēre*, pp. of *energiere* < *energēs*, nervous, weak < *e-*, out + *nerveus*, NERVOUS*] to deprive of strength, force, vigor, etc.; weaken physically, mentally, or morally; de vitalize; debilitate —*adj.* energized, weakened —*SYN.* UNNERVE, WEAKEN —*en-er-giza-tion n.* —*en-*er-gy *n.*

Enescu (*ən'eskōō*; Georges (olek) 1881-1955: Romanian violinist, composer, & conductor

en face (*ən fās'*; *in-*) *v.* **-faced, -fac-ing** [Brit.] to write or print on the face of (a document, check, etc.)

en fa-milie (*ən fā'mēlē'* [*Fr.*]) 1 with one's family; at home 2 in an informal way

en-fant terribilis (*ən fānt' tērē'bēlēz'* [*Fr.*]) 1 an unmanageable, mischievous child 2 anyone constantly vexing, startling, or embarrassing others, as, in the arts, by outraging conventional opinion or expectations

en-fieble (*ən'fēbl*; *in-*) *v.* **-fe-bled, -fe-bling** [ME *enfeblēn* < OFr *enfeblir*] to make feeble —*en-fe-bil-ment n.*

en-feoff (*ən'fēf*; *-fēf'* *v.*) **v.** [ME *enfeff* (Anglo-Fr *enfeoffer*) < OFr *enfeffer*: see *en-* & *feoff*] *Laws* to invest with an estate held in fee —*en-feoff-ment n.*

en-fet-tet (*ən fet' tēt*) *v.* to bind in or as in fetters

en-field (*ən'fēld*) borough of Greater London, England, pop. 263,000

en-flame (*ən'flām*) to set alight; inflame —*en-flam-ation n.* 1 *fire*, from either side, directed along the length of a column or line of troops 2 a disposition or placement of troops that makes them vulnerable to such fire —*v.* **-flamed, -flam-ing** to direct such gunfire at

en-fla-ge (*ən'flājē*; *Fr. ən flāzh'*) *n.* [Fr. *ən -*, in + *flauer*, FLOWER] a process of extracting perfume by having fats absorb the exhalations of certain flowers

en-fold (*ən'fōld*, *in-*) *v.* 1 to wrap in folds; wrap up; envelop 2 to enclose; enthrall

en-force (*ən'fōrs*, *in-*) *v.* **-forced, -forc-ing** [ME *enforsen* < OFr *enforsier* < Fr *enforcer*] 1 to give force to; impose by force; see *en-* & *force* 2 to bring about or impose by force; to enforce one's will on a child 3 to compel observance of a law, etc. —*en-force-able adj.* —*en-force-ment n.* —*en-forcer n.*

en-fran-chise (*ən'frānsēz*, *in-*) *v.* **-chised, -chis-ing** [ME *enfranchisen* < OFr *enfranchiser*, stem of *franchise*, to set free; franchisee < *en-*, in + *franchis*, to set free + *franc*; see *FRANC*] 1 to free from slavery, bondage, legal obligation, etc. 2 to grant a franchise to; specify, to admit to citizenship, esp. to the right to vote —*en-fran-chise-ment* (-frānsēmēnt) *n.*

en-gage 1 engine 2 engineer 3 engineering 4 engraved

ENG [*< electronic* acronym] gathering [the use of small TV cameras, video tape recorders, and transmission equipment in covering news events]

Eng-land 2 England

Eng-dine (*ən'gē dīn*) valley of the upper Inn River, E Switzerland, about 100 mi. (160 km.) long

en-gage (*ən'gāj*, *in-*) *v.* **-gaged, -gag-ing** [ME *engagen* < OFr *engager*; see *en-* & *gag*] 1 *orig.*, to give or assign as security for a debt, etc. 2 to bind (oneself) by a promise; pledge; specify (now only in the passive); to bind by a promise of marriage; betroth [he is engaged to Anne] 3 to arrange for the services of; hire; employ [he engaged a lawyer] 4 to arrange for the use of; reserve [to engage a hotel room] 5 to draw into; involve [to engage him in conversation] 6 to attract and hold (the attention, etc.) 7 to employ or keep busy; occupy [reading engages his spare time] 8 to enter into conflict with (the enemy) 9 a) to interlock with or cause to come into frictional driving contact with b) mesh together [engage the gears] 10 [Obs.] to entangle; ensnare —*v.* 1 to pledge oneself; promise; undertake; agree [to engage to do something] 2 to occupy or involve oneself; take part; be active [to engage in dramatics] 3 to enter into conflict 4 to interlock; mesh

en-gage (*ən gāž*) *adj.* [*Fr.*] committed to supporting some aim, cause, etc.

en-gaged (*ən'gāž*, *in-*) *adj.* 1 pledged; esp., pledged in marriage; betrothed [an engaged couple] 2 not at leisure; occupied; employed; busy 3 involved in combat; as, troops 4 voluntarily committed or personally involved (cf. *engaged*) 4 attached to or partly set into a wall, etc. [engaged columns] 5 in gear; interlocked; meshed

en-gage-ment (*ən'gāžmēnt*, *in-*) *n.* 1 an engaging or being engaged; specif., a) a person's pledge; b) a person of marriage; betrothal c) an arrangement to go somewhere, do something, meet someone, etc.; appointment d) employment or period of employment, esp. in the performing arts v) a conflict; battle f) [usually pl.] financial obligations, commitments g) state of being in gear 2 something that engages

en-gag-ing (*ən'gāžiŋ*, *in-*) *adj.* attractive; pleasant; winning; charming —*en-gag-ing-ness n.*

en-garde (*ən'gārd*) [*Fr.*] *Fencing* on guard; the opening position from which one may either attack or defend

en-gar-land (*ən'gārlānd*) *v.* [Old Poet.] to deck or adorn with or as with a garland

En-gels (*ən'gēls*; Ger. *ən'gēls*), Fried-rich (*frēd'rīkh*) 1820-95; Ger. socialist leader & writer, in England after 1850; close associate of Karl Marx

Engels (*ən'gēls*) city in S^E European R.S.F.R.R., in the basin opposite Saratov; pop. 177,000

en-gen-der (*ən'jēndər*, *in-*) *v.* [ME *engendren* < OFr *engendrer*, to beget; 2 to bring into being; bring about; cause; produce; engendered lower, c. 1000] to be produced; originate

en-gin-eer (*ən'jēnēr*) *n.* [ME *engin*, native talent, later sometimes *engineer* < OFr *ingenier* < L *ingenius*, natural ability, genius, base of *ingeniare*, to beget; see *GIGEON*] 1 any machine or instrument of war; engine 2 engineer 3 a specialist in applying motion to some other machine; 2 a railroad locomotive; 3 an instrument or machine; apparatus [engines of warfare were torture] 4 river engineer 5 [Archaic] any person or device skilled in some branch of engineering; 6 [Now Rare] a person who makes engines 2 a person who operates or supervises the operation of engines or technical equipment [a locomotive engineer; railroad engineer] 3 a specialist in planning and directing operations in a technical field 4 a skillful or clever manager 5 *M&S* a business, military engineering unit trained in the construction of roads, bridges, roads, airfields, etc. —*v.* 1 to plan, construct, manage, etc. 2 to plan and direct; manage; manage 3 to measure, action, size, theory, etc. —*en-gin-eer-ing* (*ən'jēnērēng*) *n.* 1 a) the science concerned with fitting scientific knowledge to practical uses, divided into fifteen branches, as civil, electrical, mechanical, and chemical engineers b) the planning, designing, construction, or management of works, as roads, bridges, buildings, etc. 2 the act of managing; managing

en-gin-er-hous a building in which engines, as for ships, run

en-gin-eer-y (*ən'jēnērē*) *n.* [Now Rare] engines or machinery; technology; instruments of war

en-gird (*ən'gērd*) *v.* **-girt, -gird-ed, -gird-ing** [Antic.] to enclose; gird; also *en-girdle* 1 **-gird-ed, -gird-ing** *n.* 1 division of the United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland, occupying most of the southern half of the island of Great Britain; 50,251 sq. mi. (130,357 sq. km.); pop. 46,302,000; cap. Liverpool 2 *England & Wales*, considered an administrative unit of the United Kingdom

en-gin-er-ing (*ən'jēnērēng*) [*Ital.*] *n.* [Rare] ENGINEERING (sense 1)

English (*ən'glēsh*; also *nglēsh*) *adj.* [ME < OFr *Engle*, It. *anglo*; see ANGLES & -ISH] 1 of England; its people, their country, etc. 2 of their language —*n.* 1 the language of the people of England, the official language of the Commonwealth of Nations & U.S., Liberia, etc. 2 the English language of a specific place; see AMERICAN ENGLISH, BRITISH ENGLISH, OLD ENGLISH, MIDDLE ENGLISH, MODERN ENGLISH 3 a characteristic way of saying things; Englishness 4 the equivalent in the English language; English translation 5 a school course or class in the English language or its literature 6 [Archaic] *Englisc* 7 *Englisc* or *Englisc* any language spoken or written to be held as he or she is on one side 7 [Archaic] a size of printing type, 14 points 8 to translate into English 2 to apply the principles of English punctuation, spelling, etc. to; Anglicize [a foreign word] 4 *Englisc* a-1: Billiards, Bouling, etc. to give English to (a ball) —*n.* the people of England

English bulldog BILLION (sense 1)

English Channel MILLION (sense 1)

English Channel 1 of the Atlantic, between S England & W France; 21-150 mi. (34-240 km.) wide; c. 250 mi. (400 km.) long

English cocker spaniel any of a breed of small spaniel, smaller and the progenitor of the cocker spaniel

English daisy a small perennial plant (*Bellis perennis*) of the composite family, having single stalked heads with white-ray flowers

English horn a double-reed woodwind instrument similar to a oboe but larger and a fifth lower in pitch

English ivy (*ən'glēvē*) *n.* 1 *Hedera helix* (see HEDERA & -IVY) 2 *Botany* *Botany* 3 an attachment to the British ways and things

English ivy RV (*ən'glēvē*) *n.* 1 *Botany* *Botany* 2 *Botany* *Botany* 3 *Botany* *Botany* 4 *Botany* *Botany* 5 *Botany* *Botany* 6 *Botany* *Botany* 7 *Botany* *Botany* 8 *Botany* *Botany* 9 *Botany* *Botany* 10 *Botany* *Botany* 11 *Botany* *Botany* 12 *Botany* *Botany* 13 *Botany* *Botany* 14 *Botany* *Botany* 15 *Botany* *Botany* 16 *Botany* *Botany* 17 *Botany* *Botany* 18 *Botany* *Botany* 19 *Botany* *Botany* 20 *Botany* *Botany* 21 *Botany* *Botany* 22 *Botany* *Botany* 23 *Botany* *Botany* 24 *Botany* *Botany* 25 *Botany* *Botany* 26 *Botany* *Botany* 27 *Botany* *Botany* 28 *Botany* *Botany* 29 *Botany* *Botany* 30 *Botany* *Botany* 31 *Botany* *Botany* 32 *Botany* *Botany* 33 *Botany* *Botany* 34 *Botany* *Botany* 35 *Botany* *Botany* 36 *Botany* *Botany* 37 *Botany* *Botany* 38 *Botany* *Botany* 39 *Botany* *Botany* 40 *Botany* *Botany* 41 *Botany* *Botany* 42 *Botany* *Botany* 43 *Botany* *Botany* 44 *Botany* *Botany* 45 *Botany* *Botany* 46 *Botany* *Botany* 47 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en-gage (en gāj', in-) **vt.** **-gaged', -gag'ing** [ME *engagen* < OFr *engagier*: see EN-¹ & GAGE¹] **1** orig., to give or assign as security for a debt, etc. **2** to bind (oneself) by a promise; pledge; specif. (now only in the passive), to bind by a promise of marriage; betroth /he is *engaged* to Ann/ **3** to arrange for the services of; hire; employ /to *engage* a lawyer/ **4** to arrange for the use of; reserve /to *engage* a hotel room/ **5** to draw into; involve /to *engage* him in conversation/ **6** to attract and hold (the attention, etc.) **7** to employ or keep busy; occupy /reading *engages* his spare time/ **8** to enter into conflict with (the enemy) **9** *a*) to interlock with or cause to come into frictional driving contact with *b*) mesh together /*engage* the gears/ **10** [Obs.] to entangle; ensnare —**vi.** **1** to pledge oneself; promise; undertake; agree /to *engage* to do something/ **2** to occupy or involve oneself; take part; be active /to *engage* in dramatics/ **3** to enter into conflict **4** to interlock; mesh

en-gagé (än gä zhā') **adj.** [Fr] committed to supporting some aim,