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**ábacus** -i, *m.*, a small table for cruets, the credence, a table or shelf in the wall at the epistle side of the altar

**abaliénor** -ári, *dep. 1*, to be estranged, depart

**abávus** -i, *m.*, a forefather

**Abba** (Aramaic), Father

**ábbas** -átis, *m.*, an abbot

**abbátia** -ae, *f.*, an abbey, abbacy, an abbey governed by an abbot

**abbatiális** -e, *adj.*, pertaining to an abbey or an abbot

**abbatíssa** -ae, *f.*, a superior of a monastery of nuns, an abbess

**abbreviátor** -óris, *m.*, one who makes abstracts from papal bulls

**abbrévio** -are, *1*, to shorten, cut off

**abdicáció** -ónis, *f.*, a renouncing, disowning

**ábdico** -áre, *1*, to renounce, abandon, give up

**abdíco** -ere -díxi -díctum, *3*, to disapprove of

**ábdítum** -i, *n.*, a hidden place, lair, secret

**ábdítus** -a -um, *adj.*, hidden, concealed

**ábdó** -ere -didi -dítum, *3*, to conceal, hide, secrete

**abecetuórium**, *n.*, the act of tracing Greek and Latin alphabets on the floor while consecrating a church

**aberráció** -ónis, *f.*, relief from anything irksome

**abérro** -are, *1*, to go astray, wander

**abhórreo** -ére, *2*, to shrink back or away from

**abiégnus** -a -um, *adj.*, of fir

**ábies** -étis, *f.*, a fir tree

**abietárius** -ii, *m.*, a carpenter, worker in wood

**abigo** -ere -égi -áctum, *3*, to banish, drive away

**ábitus** -us, *m.*, a going away, departure

**abjécte**, *adv.*, cowardly

**abjéctio** -ónis, *f.*, an outcast

**abjicio** -ere -jéci -jéctum, *3*, to refuse, cast off, debase, degrade

**abjúdico** -are, *1*, to take away by judgment, deny on oath

**abjúngo** -ere -júnxi -júntum, *3*, to unloose, unloose

**abjuráció** -ónis, *f.*, an abjuration

**abjúro** -áre, *1*, to deny on oath

**ablácto** -áre, *1*, to wean

**ablegátio** -ónis, *f.*, a sending away

**áblego** -áre, *1*, to send away

**ábluo** -ere -lui -lútum, *3*, to wash away, cleanse

**ablútio** -ónis, *f.*, the act of washing, a washing away; the mixture of wine and water taken by the priest at Mass

**ábnego** -áre, *1*, to refuse or deny

**abnórmis** -e, *adj.*, unconventional, irregular

**abnúo** -ere -ui, *3*, to deny, refuse by a motion of the head

**abnúto** -áre, *1*, to deny repeatedly, deny by a nod of the head

**abóleo** -ére -évi -ítum, *2*, to destroy, abolish

**abolésco** -ere -évi, *3*, to decay, vanish

**abolítio** -ónis, *f.*, a removing, abolition

**abólla** -ae, *f.*, a thick woolen cloak

**abominábilis** -e, *adj.*, hateful, worthy of destruction

**abominátio** -ónis, *f.*, abomination, aversion, loathing

**abómínor** -ári, *dep. 1*, to abhor, hate, detest, loathe

**abórior** -órtus sum, *dep. 4*, to set, disappear

**abortívus** -a -um, *adj.*, prematurely born, abortive

**ábra** -ae, *f.*, a maid

**Abrahámus** -i, *m.*, Abraham. *The word is indeclinable in the Psalms.*

**abrenunciátio** -ónis, *f.*, a repudiation, renouncing

**abrenúncio** -áre, *1*, to renounce

**abrípio** -ere -rípui -réptum, *3*, to drag away, tear away

**abrogátio** -ónis, *f.*, a repealing

**ábrogó** -áre, *1*, to revoke, abrogate

**abrumpo** -ere -rúpi -rúptum, *3*, to loosen, separate, break

**abruptio** -ónis, *f.*, a tearing away

**abruptus** -a -um, *adj.*, steep, precipitous

**abscédo** -ere -cési -céssum, *3*, to retire, depart

**abscéssio** -ónis, *f.*, a going away, separation

**abscéssus** -us, *m.*, death

**abscído** -ere -cidi -císsum, *3*, to cut off

**abscíndo** -ere -scidi -scíssum, *3*, to cut off, tear away

**abscóndite**, *adv.*, secretly

**abscónditum** -i, *n.*, a hidden place or thing; *in abscondita*, in secret

**abscondo** –ere –didi –ditum, 3, to hide, conceal  
**absconsio** –ónis, *f.*, a shelter  
**absconsus** –a –um, *adj.*, hidden, secret  
**absens** –éntis, *adj.*, absent  
**abséntia** –ae, *f.*, absence  
**absida** –ae, *f.*, an apse, apsis  
**absidiále** –is, *n.*, a smaller apse flanking a larger one  
**absidióla** –ae, *f.*, a smaller apse flanking a larger one  
**absimilis** –e, *adj.*, unlike, dissimilar  
**absinthium** –ii, *n.*, absynth, wormwood  
**absis** –idis, *f.*, an apse  
**absisto** –ere –stiti –stitum, 3, to be exiled, cease, depart, withdraw  
**absit**, far be it! God forbid!  
**absolúte** *adv.*, completely, absolutely  
**absolútio** –ónis, *f.*, absolution, the sacramental remission of sin; the short prayer before the lessons in Matins  
**absólvo** –ere –sólvi –solútum, 3, to absolve, pardon, release  
**absórbeo** –ére –ui, 2, to swallow, gulp down, absorb  
**abstémius** –a –um, *adj.*, temperate, abstaining from wine  
**abstérgeo** –ére –térsti –térsum, 2, to blot out, wipe away  
**abstinens** –éntis, *adj.*, temperate, abstinent  
**abstinéntia** –ae, *f.*, abstinence, moderation, an abstaining from certain foods  
**abstíneo** –ére –ui –téntum, 2, to abstain, hold back, keep away from  
**abstráctio** –ónis, *f.*, removal, detachment  
**abstraho** –ere –tráxi –tráctum, 3, to drag away, to bring forth  
**abstrúdo** –ere –úsi –úsum, 3, to hide, conceal  
**absum** –esse –fui, to be absent  
**absúmo** –ere –súmpsi –súmptum, 3, to consume, take away  
**absúrde**, *adv.*, absurdly  
**absurdítas** –átis, *f.*, absurdity, incongruity  
**absýnthium** –ii, *n.*, wormwood  
**abúndans** –ántis, *adj.*, abundant, rich, overflowing, abounding in  
**abundánter**, *adv.*, abundantly, fully  
**abundántia** –ae, *f.*, abundance, plenty, prosperity  
**abundántius**, *adv.*, more frequently  
**abúnde**, *adv.*, abundantly  
**abúndo** –áre, 1, to abound, have abundance of, be rich, overflow

**abúsio** –ónis, *f.*, scorn, contempt  
**abútor** –úti –úsus sum, *dep.* 3, to use, destroy  
**abýssus** –i, *f.*, an abyss, depths, the deep  
**académia** –ae, *f.*, an academy, college  
**académicus** –a –um, *adj.*, academic  
**acathólicus** –a –um, *adj.*, non-Catholic  
**accédit**, *impers.*, it is added  
**accédo** –ere –cési –céssum, 3, to approach, draw nigh, come near, accede, approve  
**accelerátio** –ónis, *f.*, hastening  
**accélero** –áre, 1, to hasten  
**accéndo** –ere –di –cénsum, 3, to inflame, kindle, set on fire  
**accénseo** –ere –ui –cénsum, 2, to reckon in addition, add to  
**accensíbilis** –e, *adj.*, burning  
**accéntus** –us, *m.*, an accent; the parts sung by the celebrant at Mass  
**acceptábilis** –e, *adj.*, pleasing, acceptable  
**accéptio** –ónis, *f.*, respect, distinction  
**accépto** –áre, 1, to accept, receive with pleasure  
**accéptus** –a –um, *adj.*, acceptable, worthy, agreeable  
**accérso** –ere –sívi –sítum, 3, to summon, call  
**accéssus** –us, *m.*, an approach, access  
**accidens** –éntis, *n.*, accident  
**accidéntia** –órum, *n.*, appearance, accidents  
**accído** –ere –cidi, 3, to happen, arrive, fall upon  
**accingo** –ere –cínxi –cínctum, 3, to equip, gird  
**accio** –íre –ívi or –ii –ítum, 4, to summon, call to, procure, take  
**accípío** –ere –cépi –céptum, 3, to accept, receive, take  
**accípiter** –tris, *m.*, a hawk  
**acclamátio** –ónis, *f.*, an exclamation, a ceremonial greeting  
**acclámo** –áre, 1, to cry out at  
**acclínis** –e, *adj.*, leaning, bowing  
**acclíno** –áre, 1, to lean on  
**acclívis** –e, *adj.*, inclined upward  
**áccola** –ae, *c.*, a sojourner  
**áccolo** –ere –ui, 3, to dwell by or near  
**accómodo** –áre, 1, to accommodate, adjust, put on, fit, incline  
**accrédo** –ere –crédidi –créditum, 3, to believe  
**accrésco** –ere –crévi –crétum, 3, to grow  
**accúbítus** –us, *m.*, prostration, repose  
**accubo** –áre, 1, to lie down