

-philiac /filiæk/ suffix [in nouns] *technical* someone who feels sexually attracted in a way that is not approved of: *a necrophiliac*

phi-lip-pic /fɪˈlɪpɪk/ *n* [C] *literary* a strong angry speech publicly attacking someone

phil-is-tine /ˈfɪlɪstain \$ -sti:n/ *n* [C] someone who does not like or understand art, literature, music etc: *When it comes to art, the man's a philistine.*
—**philistine** *adj* —**philistinism** *n* [U]

phi-lol-o-gy /fɪˈlɒlədʒi \$ -lə:-/ *n* [U] *old-fashioned* the study of words and of the way words and languages develop
—**philologist** *n* [C] —**philological** /ˌfɪləˈlɒdʒɪkəl \$ -lə:-/ *adj* → **LINGUISTICS**

phi-los-o-pher /fɪˈlɒsəfə \$ -lə:-səfə/ *n* [C] **1** someone who studies and develops ideas about the nature and meaning of existence, truth, good and evil etc: *Plato, Aristotle, and other Greek philosophers* **2** someone who thinks deeply about the world, life etc

philosopher's stone *n* [singular] an imaginary substance that was thought in the past to have the power to change any other metal into gold

phil-o-soph-i-cal /ˌfɪləˈsɒfɪkəl \$ -sə:-/ also **phil-o-soph-ic** /-sɒfɪk \$ -sə:-/ *adj* **1** relating to philosophy: *the philosophical problem of whether there is free will* | *a philosophical argument* **2** calmly accepting a difficult or unpleasant situation which cannot be changed: [+about] *Some old people are philosophical about death.* | *He was by nature a philosophical person.*
—**philosophically** /-kli/ *adv*

phi-los-o-phize also **-ise** *BrE* /fɪˈlɒsəfaɪz \$ -lə:-/ *v* [I] to talk about serious subjects in detail or for a long time

phi-los-o-phy ^{W3} /fɪˈlɒsəfi \$ -lə:-/ *n* plural **philosophies**

1 [U] the study of the nature and meaning of existence, truth, good and evil, etc: *Emma studies philosophy at university.* | [+of] *the philosophy of science*

2 [C] the views of a particular philosopher or group of philosophers: [+of] *the philosophy of Aristotle*

3 [C] the attitude or set of ideas that guides the behaviour of a person or organization: *The company explained their management philosophy.* | *The idea that you should treat others as you would like them to treat you is a fine philosophy of life.* → **NATURAL PHILOSOPHY**

phil-tre also **philter** *AmE* /ˈfɪltə \$ -ər/ *n* [C] *literary* a magic drink that makes someone fall in love

phish-ing /ˈfɪʃɪŋ/ *n* [U] the criminal activity of sending emails or having a website that is intended to trick someone into giving away information such as their bank account number or their computer **PASSWORD**. This information is then used to get money or goods.

phle-bi-tis /flɪˈbaɪtɪs/ *n* [U] *medical* a condition in which there is swelling and roughness on the inside surface of a **VEIN** (=tube that carries blood through your body)

phlegm /flem/ *n* [U] **1** the thick yellowish substance produced in your nose and throat, especially when you have a cold; **2** unusual calmness in worrying, frightening, or exciting situations

phleg-mat-ic /ˌflegˈmætɪk/ *adj* calm and not easily excited or worried: *The taxi driver, a phlegmatic man in middle age, showed no surprise at this request.*
—**phlegmatically** /-kli/ *adv*

phlox /flɒks \$ flɑ:ks/ *n* [C,U] **1** a tall garden plant with pink, purple, or white flowers **2** *AmE* a low, spreading plant with pink or white flowers

-phobe /fəʊb \$ fəʊb/ suffix [in nouns] someone who dislikes or hates something: *a xenophobe* (=someone who hates foreigners) | *a technophobe* (=someone who dislikes and fears modern technology such as computers)

pho-bi-a /ˈfəʊbiə \$ 'fəʊ-/ *n* [C,U] a strong unreasonable fear of something: [+about] *Owen has a phobia about snakes.* | *Some children suffer from school phobia.* —**phobic** *adj*

-phobia /fəʊbiə \$ fəʊ-/ suffix [in nouns] **1** *technical* a strong unreasonable dislike or fear of something, which may be part of a mental illness: *claustrophobia* (=fear of being in a small enclosed space) | *aquaphobia* (=fear of water) **2** a dislike or hatred of something: *Anglophobia* (=a dislike of English or British things)

-phobic /fəʊbɪk \$ fəʊ-/ suffix *technical* **1** [in nouns] someone who has a strong unreasonable fear of something: *He's a claustrophobic* (=he fears small enclosed places). **2** [in adjectives] suffering from or connected with a strong unreasonable fear of something: *I'm a bit agoraphobic* (=I am afraid of crowds and open places).

phoe-nix /ˈfi:niks/ *n* [C] **1** a magic bird that is born from a fire, according to ancient stories **2** **rise like a phoenix from the ashes** to become successful again after seeming to have failed completely

phon- /fɒn, fəʊn, fɒn \$ fəʊn, fəʊn, fəʊn/ prefix another form of the prefix **PHONO-**

phone¹ ^{S1} ^{W2} /fəʊn \$ fəʊn/ *n* [C]
1 a telephone

answer the phone
come to the phone
phone number
the phone rings
the phone goes dead (=you can no longer hear the person you were speaking to on the telephone)
phone conversation
by phone/over the phone (=using the telephone)
on the phone (=speaking on the telephone)
off the phone (=no longer using the telephone)
phone company
mobile phone/mobile BrE
cellphone/cellular phone especially AmE

Louise got up to answer the phone. | *She's too busy to come to the phone right now. Can you call back later?* | *What's your phone number?* | *The phone rang. It was Pam.* | *Before he could answer, the phone went dead.* | *a secret tape of Diana's phone conversations* | *Much of his work is done by phone.* | *Who was that on the phone?* | *I wish Amy would get off the phone.* → **CELLPHONE** → **MOBILE PHONE** → **PAY PHONE**

2 the part of a telephone into which you speak; **3** receiver: *She picked up the phone and dialled.* | *Jean put the phone down* (=after she had finished her conversation) and burst out laughing. | *He put the phone down on me* (=before I had finished speaking).

phone² ^{S1} also **phone up** *v* [I,T]
to speak to someone by telephone; **3** **telephone**: *I'll phone you this evening.* | *Why didn't they phone the police?* | *For information phone 8279-3772.* | *Stevie phoned to say that he was going to be late.* | *I kept phoning her up, asking to meet her.* | *Tell him to phone back* (=telephone again at a later time) *tomorrow.*
△ You do not 'phone to' someone or 'phone to' a number. **Phone** is followed immediately by a noun: *She phoned her friend Judy.* | *Just phone 01279-623772 and I'll come and get you.* → see box at **CALL**¹

phone in *phr v*

1 to telephone the place where you work, especially in order to report something: *I'll phone in and let them know.* | **phone sth** ⇨ in *I'll phone the report in tomorrow morning.* | *She phoned in sick* (=telephoned to say that she was ill and could not come to work).

2 to telephone a radio or television show to give your opinion or ask a question: *There's still time to phone in before the end of the programme.* → **PHONE-IN**

-phone /fəʊn \$ fəʊn/ suffix **1** [in nouns] an instrument or machine relating to sound or hearing, especially a musical instrument: *earphones* (=for listening to a radio etc) | *a saxophone* **2** [in nouns] *technical* someone who speaks a particular language: *a Francophone* (=someone who speaks French) **3** [in adjectives]