

- Asphyxia*—Death from strangulation of the lungs, from want of air.
- Asthenopia*—Weakness of the sight or vision.
- Assimilate*—To make like another; assimilation of food in the nutrition of the body.
- Astragalus*—The largest bone of the hock-joint, lying below the os calcis.
- Astringent*—That which causes contraction of the bowels or vital structures. Astringents are medicines which suppress discharges, as from the bowels, blood, mucus.
- Attenuate*—To draw out, to make thin, reduce in size.
- Atrophy*—Wasting of a part, as the muscles.
- Augment*—To increase.
- Auricle*—The external part of the ear; also parts of the heart, one on each side resembling ears.
- Balk*—To refuse to pull, or to refuse to go forward at command.
- Base*—The lower part, as the base of the brain; the foundation.
- Beneath*—Under a certain part.
- Biliary*—Belonging to or pertaining to bile. Biliary duct, a canal containing bile.
- Boot*—Buffer, a leather band, worn to prevent one foot cutting the other in traveling.
- Bougie*—An instrument for opening the urethra, or urinary, or other passages.
- Bounded*—Parts lying about another: surrounded by.
- Breeding-in-and-in*—Breeding to close relations, in the same subfamily, as the produce of the same sire but of different dams, or of the same sire and dam.
- Calcareous*—Containing lime, lime like.
- Calculus*—Any hard, solid concretion found in any part of the body, as stone in the bladder, gall stones, etc.
- Calefacient*—Anything producing warmth.
- Callous*—Induration; a hard deposit; excess of bony matter.
- Cancer*—A hard, unequal, ulcerating tumor, which usually proves fatal.
- Canker*—Eroding ulcers of the mouth; virulent, corroding ulcers. Any sore which eats or corrodes.
- Cannon-bone*—The shank, or bone below the knee or hock. The metacarpal or metatarsal bone of the horse.
- Capillary*—Hair-like; applied to the minute ramifications of the blood vessels.
- Capsicum*—Cayenne pepper. The small, long red pepper.
- Capsular Ligaments*—Ligaments surrounding the joints.
- Capsule*—A membranous bag or sac.