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# all, *adj.*, *pron.*, and *n.*, *adv.*, and *conj.*

**Pronunciation:** Brit. /ɔ:l/, U.S. /ɔl/, /al/

**Forms:** ...

**Frequency (in current use):**

**Etymology:** A word inherited from Germanic.

Cognate with (as adjective and pronoun) Old Frisian *al*, *ol*, (in inflected forms) *all-*, *oll-* ...

### A. *adj.* (*determiner*).

When *all* follows the noun phrase which it modifies, either immediately or separated by a copular or auxiliary verb (see senses A. 1b(c), A. 1b(c), A. 1c(c), A. 1f(b), A. 1f(c), A. 2d) it is sometimes interpreted as the pronoun in appositional or postpositional use (cf. sense B. 5): see R. Quirk et al. *Comprehensive Gram. Eng. Lang.* (1985) §5.16, §6.50, and cf. quotes. 1654, 1813 at sense B. 4a.

Those cases in which *all* is separated from the noun by a copular or auxiliary verb are often ambiguous and interpretable as showing any of adjective, pronoun, or adverb: see the discussion at sense C. 1. It is notable that in modern English the postpositional use of *all* with a subject noun phrase, whether or not it is interpretable as an adverb, follows the rules of adverbial placement, namely immediately after the subject if there is a simple main verb and otherwise immediately after the first auxiliary.

**1.** With singular noun. The whole amount, quantity, extent, or compass of; the whole of.

**a.** With nouns denoting a physical expanse: the whole of. Also in extended use, esp. with regard to geographical areas: the whole population of; every person living or present in (now somewhat *formal*).

(a) Preceding the noun without determiner or other modifying word. Usual referring to geographical areas.

eOE *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Parker) anno 886 Ælfred cyning..him all Angelcyn to cirde þæt buton deniscra monna hæftniede was.

OE ÆLFRIC *Catholic Homilies: 1st Ser.* (Royal) (1997) i. 185 Of ðam wearð eft gestaðelad eal middanearð.

OE *Laws of Æðelred II* (Nero) v. xvi. 240 Sancte Eadwerdes mæssedæg witan habbað gecoren, þæt man freolsian sceal ofer eal Englaland on xv kalendas Aprilis.

c1275 (▶ ?a1200) LA3AMON *Brut* (Calig.) (1963) l. 2894 Wenden 3e mid fehten to fellen uren leoden & beon eow seluen riche and welden al Rome?

▶ c1300 *Havelok* (Laud) (1868) l. 610 He shal hauen in his hand A [*read Al*] denemark and engeland.

▶ a1393 GOWER *Confessio Amantis* (Fairf.) vii. 862 In foure and twenty houres evene The carte with the bryhte Sonne Thei drawe, so that overronne Thei have under the cercles hihe Al Middelertre.

a1500 J. WARKWORTH *Chron.* (1839) 3 And so Kynge Edward was possessed of alle Englonde.

1543 (▶ 1464) *Chron. J. Hardyng* (1812) 231 Godiue..naked throughout all Couentree, The tolles sore and seruage agayn right To redeme hole of her femynitee.

1612 J. DAVIES *Discouerie Causes Ireland* 135 And thus was all Ireland Cantonized among tenne persons of the English Nation.

1641 EARL OF MONMOUTH tr. G. F. Biondi *Hist. Civil Warres Eng.* I. III. 116 Harfleur was the chiefest Port Town of all Normandy.

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- 1707 W. FUNNELL *Voy. round World* v. 113 The biggest and best traded City in all America.
- 1750 J. HUXHAM *Ess. Fevers* (ed. 2) ii. 20 The catarrhal Fever..spread through all Europe.
- 1817 J. FAREY *Gen. View Agric. Derbyshire* III. Pref. p. vii, The near completion of my large and minute Mineral Map of all Derbyshire.
- 1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* I. 576 At Exeter all Devonshire had been gathered together to welcome him.
- 1949 J. MOCKFORD *Golden Land* 267 The Mother City and the mountains and the clouds, and all South Africa, grow misty before my eyes.
- 1978 *Rugby World* Apr. 4/1 The Irish side had given all Wales a fright by pegging the score back to 13–13.
- 1992 *Economist* 10 Oct. (Suppl.) 3/2 The capitalist government..claims still to be the legal government of all China.

(b) Preceding a determiner, possessive, or other word modifying the noun. Also occas. (usu. *poet.*) following the noun.

- eOE *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Parker) anno 855 Þy ilcan geare gebocude Eþelwulf cyning teoþan deþ his londes ofer al his rice Go[de] to lofe.
- eOE *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Parker) anno 860 Her Eþelbald cyng forþferde..& feng Eþelbryht to allum þam rice his broþur.
- eOE *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Parker) anno 870 Þa Deniscan sige namon & þone cyning of slogon & þæt lond all geeodon.
- a1387 J. TREVISA tr. R. Higden *Polychron.* (St. John's Cambr.) (1876) VI. 283 (*MED*), For þat dede al þe cherche sownede for joye, and þe street gruced.
- 1488 (► c1478) HARY *Actis & Deidis Schir William Wallace* (Adv.) (1968–9) VIII. l. 1336 The Regioun aw.
- a1500 (► 1422) J. YONGE tr. *Secreta Secret.* (Rawl.) (1898) 136 Al the roialme thanne rumourt and lothit for that rousty Synne.
- 1569 R. GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 291 The French king should clerely geue vnto him all the Duchy of Guyan.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *As you like It* (1623) II. vii. 139 All the world's a stage.
- 1665 G. HAVERS tr. P. della Valle *Trav. E. India* 144 The Canara-Language, which is the vulgar in Ikkeri and all that State.
- 1700 in *Jrnl. Cork Hist. & Archaeol. Soc.* (1895) 514 Several dunghills are..left at times unfit in the street..to the great anuissance of all the neighbourhood.
- 1764 J. WESLEY *Jrnl.* 31 Mar. in *Extract Rev. Mr. John Wesley's Jrnl.* (1768) 59 We rode to Grimsby, once the most dead, now the most lively place in all the country.
- 1832 TENNYSON *New Year's Eve* vi, in *Poems* (new ed.) 97 And all the world is still.
- 1938 A. DE BLACAM *Black North* (1943) x. 279 That enormous building could house the Government..of all a mighty commonwealth.
- 1985 M. MONROE *Upper Room* 110 You so big and fat you take up all the room, Mama Ruby.
- 1993 J. K. HALL tr. T. Terzani *Goodnight, Mister Lenin* (1994) iv. 65 In all the Soviet Union there are more than 150 'nationalities'.

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(c) Following *the*. App. only in referring to the whole world. *arch.* and *rare* after 17th cent.

At all times much less common than sense A. 1a(b) (*all the world*) and WHOLE *adj.* 8a(a) (*the whole world*).

- c1425 ( ▶ c1300) *Chron. Robert of Gloucester* (Harl.) 367 Per nas prince in þe al worlde [c1325 *Calig.* al þe world] of so noble fame.
- 1583 J. FOXE *Actes & Monumentes* (ed. 4) II. 2027/1 That the all world might see what he coulde do in his office.
- 1659 J. GAUDEN *Ἐπεα Δακρυα* Embleme Trees sig. \*2<sup>v</sup>, One among all Churches in the all world.
- a1686 T. WATSON *Body Pract. Divinity* (1692) 487 The Jews thought, that if but two in the all World went to Heaven the one should be a Scribe and the other a Pharisee.
- 1891 *Masonic Rev.* June 304 The burden was heavy through fear of mistake, whereby the glorious record of this Grand Body, not excelled throughout the all world, might be broken.
- 2009 S. AKHTER *Faith & Philos. Islam* i. 17 The Holy prophet, has said that the all earth has been blessed and made a Mosque for Muslims.

**b.** With collective nouns (with singular concord): each and every member or example of; the entire number of.

(a) Preceding the noun without determiner or other modifying word.  
Chiefly with nouns denoting large bodies of human beings, such as *mankind*, *Christendom*, etc., and others modelled on them.

- OE ÆLFRIC *Catholic Homilies: 1st Ser.* (Royal) (1997) i. 185 Þa behet god þæt he nolde næfre eft eal mancyn mid wætere acwellan.
- a1225 ( ▶ ?OE) *MS Lamb.* in R. Morris *Old Eng. Homilies* (1868) 1st Ser. 17 He..þrouwede deð for al moncun.
- a1425 ( ▶ c1300) *Assumption of Virgin* (BL Add.) l. 425 (*MED*), I hadde reupe on al mankyne, That alle went to helle pyne.
- 1495 *Trevisa's Bartholomeus De Proprietatibus Rerum* (de Worde) i. sig. Aiv<sup>v</sup>/2, Cryst Iesus very god and man is..moost blessyd and inestymable dyuynyte or deyte for all mankynde.
- 1534 SIR T. MORE *Let.* in J. Strype *Eccl. Mem.* I. App. xlvi. 134 Sith al Christendom is one corps.
- 1570 J. FOXE *Actes & Monumentes* (rev. ed.) II. 1939/1 None that had not cleane exiled all humanitie.
- 1625 T. GODWIN *Moses & Aaron* i. v. 26 All Israel could not stand by, for the narrownesse of the place.
- 1729 C. CIBBER *Rival Queans* III. i. 23 So will thy Tongue out-scolde all Womankind.
- a1832 J. BENTHAM *Anarchical Fallacies* in *Wks.* (1843) II. 498 The anarchist..denies the validity of the law..and calls upon all mankind to rise up in a mass, and resist the execution of it.
- 1896 T. F. TOUT *Edward I* iii. 50 All Christendom was terribly moved by the assassination.
- 1924 *Palestine Weekly* 24 Oct. 362/2 The goodwill of all Arabdom.
- 1992 *Utne Reader* Mar. 91/1 The idea of original sin—that all humanity is fallen because of the first sin of Adam and Eve.

(b) Preceding a determiner, possessive, or other word modifying the

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noun.

- OE ÆLFRIC *Lives of Saints* (Julius) (1881) I. 242 Eall ure folc mid fleame ætwand buton we feowertig.  
 c1230 ( ▶ ?a1200) *Ancrene Riwe* (Corpus Cambr.) (1962) 105 Þe Vox awuried al a flocc þah he ne mahe  
 buten an frechliche swolhen.
- c1300 *11000 Virgins* (Laud) l. 147 in C. Horstmann *Early S.-Eng. Legendary* (1887) 91 And al þis  
 compaygnie I-burede weren in Coloyne in one Nonnerie.
- c1490 in C. Brown *Relig. Lyrics 15th Cent.* (1939) 206 (MED), O loode sterre..Ageyne all such pereyles  
 lette þi lyght a-dawe On all thy peple.
- c1540 ( ▶ ?a1400) *Gest Historiale Destr. Troy* (2002) f. 202<sup>v</sup>, All a company is cumbrit for a cursed  
 shrewe.
- 1632 in R. F. Williams *Birch's Court & Times Charles I* (1848) (modernized text) II. 197 Nutt the  
 pirate..with all his gang of varlets.
- 1682 DRYDEN *Medall* 19 Frogs and Toads, and all the Tadpole Train.
- 1749 J. RAY *Compl. Hist. Rebell.* 331 She got together all her Clan, and marched at their Head.
- 1821 BYRON *Don Juan: Canto IV* lxxxv. 113 As for the figuranti, they are like The rest of all that tribe.
- 1919 'K. MANSFIELD' *Let.* 4 Dec. (1993) III. 136 You're like a lamb thats left behind. When all the flock has  
 pattered away.
- 1981 J. MAY *Many-colored Land* I. i. 18 In honor of the maying, the betrothed Princess Bonne and all her  
 retinue were dressed in malachite-green silk.
- 2003 *Gay Times* Feb. 123/1 All Poland's once substantial Jewish population.

(c) Immediately following the noun or separated from the noun by a copular or an auxiliary verb (only when the noun phrase is the subject of the clause).

- 1726 SWIFT *Gulliver* I. II. i. 5 Our Ship was staunch, and our Crew all in good Health.
- 1809 tr. G. B. Guarini *Il Pastor Fido* I. iii. 32 Mankind all Should supplicate the favour of the gods In times  
 of need, and pray with hope sincere.
- 1892 'G. TRAVERS' *Mona Maclean* I. vi. 57 Humanity will all be uniformly, hideously, commonplacely  
 yellow!
- 2002 *Independent* 23 Aug. (Independent Review section) 6/1 Police jargon includes 'pinch-points'—where  
 the crowd all bunches up.

**c.** With nouns denoting a substance, quality, or attribute: the whole amount, extent, or compass of; the whole of.

(a) Preceding the noun without determiner or other modifying word.

- OE ÆLFRIC *Catholic Homilies: 2nd Ser.* (Cambr. Gg.3.28) xl. 341 He [sc. Christ] is sylf soð wisdom, and  
 eal wisdom is of him.
- OE ÆLFRIC *Old Eng. Hexateuch: Gen.* (Claud.) ix. 15 Ic beo gemyndig mines weddes wið eow, ðæt  
 heononforð ne byð flod to adylgienne eall flæsc [L. *universam carnem*].
- ▶ c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) (1850) Matt. xxviii. 18 Al power is 3ouun to me, in heuene  
 and in erthe.

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- c1450 LYDGATE *Select. Minor Poems* (1840) 11 Gramer..Cheeff ffounderessse and roote of alle connyng.  
 1579 in J. G. Nichols *Narr. Reformation* (1859) (Camden) 34 He sayd his stomache was gonne from all meate excepte it wer a warden pye.  
 1611 *Bible* (King James) 1 Pet. i. 24 All flesh is as grasse.  
 1678 R. CUDWORTH *True Intellect. Syst. Universe* i. iii. 144 Concluding that all Matter and Substance as such, hath Life and Perception.  
 1752 D. HUME *Polit. Disc.* (ed. 2) v. 83 All water, wherever it communicates, remains always at a level.  
 1856 P. E. DOVE *Logic Christian Faith* II. ii. 117 All matter is only localised and partial force.  
 1906 J. GALSWORTHY *Man of Prop.* 207 That indefinable malaise, that terrible blight which killed all sweetness.  
 1997 T. PYNCHON *Mason & Dixon* 232 All light from the outside vanishes, as something fills the Doorway.

### (b) Preceding a determiner, possessive, or other word modifying the noun.

- OE ÆLFRIC tr. Basil *Admonitio ad Filium Spiritualem* 52 Ðis is seo geendung ealles þæs wites and þæs lichaman fægernysse.  
 IOE *St. Nicholas* (Corpus Cambr.) (1997) 95 Se Godes mann wearð gefrefrod mid þæs halgan gastes gife & ealle his wræððe þærrihtes niðer alegde.  
 ?c1200 *Ormulum* (Burchfield transcript) l. 6048 All hiss lufe & all hiss lusst Iss na33ledd upp inn heoffne.  
 ?a1325 in W. Heuser *Kildare-Gedichte* (1904) 95 Of al þis ioi þer nis non end.  
 c1425 LYDGATE *Troyyes Bk.* (Augustus A.iv) i. l. 2758 Al hir sorowe was holp and remedied.  
 1521 T. MORE *Let.* 21 Sept. in H. Ellis *Orig. Lett. Eng. Hist.* 2nd Ser. (1827) I. 290 The archbishop of Saint Andrewis putteth all his possible power..to rere broilerie, warre, and revolution in the Realme.  
 1540 J. PALSGRAVE tr. G. Gnapheus *Comedye of Acolastus* sig. Qiiij, If we..bring out of (the buttery) or spence all the meate that is left.  
 1668 A. MARVELL *Let.* 28 Jan. in *Poems & Lett.* (1971) II. 256 We are, as for all other your kindnesse, obliged to you.  
 1702 R. STEELE *Funeral* II. 35 We..have nothing at all, of all this High-Flown-Fury!  
 1759 *Ann. Reg.* 1758 85/1 They..stove all the beer in the cellar.  
 1791 A. RADCLIFFE *Romance of Forest* I. ii. 54 The sun appeared in all his glory..vivifying every colour of the landscape.  
 1807 tr. in A. Wilson *App. Naval Hist. U.K.* 207 All his presence of mind, and all the coolness he may have occasion for.  
 1876 R. ROUTLEDGE *Discov. & Inventions 19th Cent.* 33 The puddler is able to collect all the metal at the end of an iron rod into a spongy mass.  
 1997 *Sunday Post* (Glasgow) 4 May 41/1 You're not giving all your attention to the road ahead, increasing the chance of being involved in an accident.  
 2005 *Period Living & Trad. Homes* Apr. 35/1 The clay roof tiles and all the wood have been reclaimed from other local buildings.

### (c) Immediately following the noun or separated from the noun by a copular or an auxiliary verb. Only when the noun phrase is the subject of the clause.

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- 1623 *Managing Tobacco Contract* in S. M. Kingsbury *Rec. Virginia Company* (1935) IV. 31 The Sumer Islandes tobacco..shall be all sould..by the candle.
- 1697 W. DAMPIER *New Voy. around World* xi. 315, I observed their Cloath to be all of..equal fineness; but 'tis stubborn when new.
- 1725 D. DEFOE *New Voy. round World* II. 161 Their first Discouragement was, the Country was all open, with very little Wood.
- 1792 W. BORROW in M. F. G.-B. Giner & M. Montgomery *Knaresborough Workhouse Daybk.* (2003) 201 You put that Money all in your pocket.
- 1844 G. P. R. JAMES *Rose d'Albret* 151/2 The cheese was all eaten up.
- 1886 G. ALLEN *For Maimie's Sake* xviii, The fine of the day will all be gone by that time.
- 1889 A. E. BARR *Feet of Clay* xii. 236 The devil's corn all goes to bran.
- 1913 W. CATHER *O Pioneers!* III. ii. 203 Her training had all been toward the end of making her proficient in what she had undertaken to do.
- 1997 *N.Y. Times* 11 Apr. c 13/5 The money all went into a giant 'honey pot'.

**d.** With abstract nouns: everything that is possible, the greatest possible.

Usu. following a preposition and immediately preceding the noun without determiner or other modifying word.

- OE tr. *Gospel of Nicodemus* (Cambr.) xvii. §1. 197 Uton we gan and cuman to heom myd eallum wurðmynte [L. *cum omni honore*].
- OE WÆRFERÐ tr. Gregory *Dialogues* (Corpus Cambr.) (1900) II. xxvi. 157 He þa sona æt þam halgan were onfeng mid eallre hrædnesse [L. *sub omni celeritate*] þære ærran hæle.
- c1405 (► c1390) CHAUCER *Nun's Priest's Tale* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 187 In alle haste com to me.
- 1443 in H. Nicolas *Proc. & Ordinances Privy Council* (1835) V. 417 (MED), Þat þe saide Viscounte..ordeine þe saide men, vitaille, & shippes to be sent over in all haste to Bourdeaulx for þe socoure & rereief of it.
- a1513 R. FABYAN *New Cronycles Eng. & Fraunce* (1516) II. f. iii<sup>v</sup>, Wherfore in all haste he sent downe gyuyng straye commaundement y<sup>t</sup> they shuld cease of y<sup>t</sup> ryot.
- 1597 SHAKESPEARE *Richard III* IV. i. 56 *Stan.* I in all hast was sent. *Duch.* And I in all vnwillingnes will go.
- 1608 R. JOHNSON *Seuen Champions* I. xv. 160 Therevpon he stepped to the Orchard doore, and with all expedition locked it.
- 1665 A. MARVELL *Let.* 2 Nov. in *Poems & Lett.* (1971) II. 41, I..beseech God to continue you in all health and well fare.
- 1728 *Stamford Mercury* 11 Jan. 12 Orders were come there for fitting out, with all Expedition, some Men of War and two Bomb Galliot.
- 1778 F. BURNEY *Evelina* III. xviii. 207 If either of you have any inclination to pull caps for the title of Miss Belmont, you must do it with all speed.
- 1858 T. CARLYLE *Hist. Friedrich II of Prussia* II. IX. vi. 460 Gazetteers, who would earn their wages..had to watch with all eagerness the movements of King August.
- 1879 *Wild Life in S.C.* 258 A weasel..makes all speed into the fern.
- 1909 *Chatterbox* 99/1 He dashes home with all speed, and in a trice plunges head-foremost down the mouth of his capacious friend.
- 1989 R. HORROX *Richard II* (1999) iii. 150 Four days later Richard ordered 2000 Welsh bills to be sent to

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him in all haste.

**e.** With a noun denoting a period of time, or an event, activity, etc., which has a finite duration: the whole duration or period of. Usu. forming a noun phrase used as the adverbial component of a clause. Freq. (usu. *colloq.*) used *hyperbolically* denoting an inordinately long or excessive period of time, esp. in ***to be (also take) all day, not to have all day***, etc.

(a) Preceding the noun without determiner or other modifying word.

- OE *Paris Psalter* (1932) lv. 9 Ic ealne dæg ecne drihten wordum weorðige.
- ?c1200 *Ormulum* (Burchfield transcript) l. 1104 He wass all daȝ Vnnclene anan till efenn.
- c1325 in G. L. Brook *Harley Lyrics* (1968) 50 For hire loue al nyht ich wake; for hire loue mournyng y make more þen eny mon.
- c1400 ( ▶ ?c1380) *Cleanness* (1920) l. 779 In longyng al nyȝt he lengeȝ.
- 1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) Judges xix. 13 Tarye at Gibeā or at Ramah allnight.
- 1581 N. WOODES *Conflict of Conscience* iv. i. sig. Fii<sup>v</sup>, Let him go Hypocrisie, stand not all day dodging.
- 1600 *First Pt. Life Sir John Oldcastle* sig. F2, Sirrha, no more adoe, come, come, giue me the mony you have, dispatch, I cannot stand all day.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *All's Well that ends Well* (1623) II. i. 90 Nay, Ile fit you, and not be all day neither.
- 1706 S. CENTLIVRE *Basset-table* v. 59 Come, come, Sir, we cann't wait all Day.
- 1719 D. DEFOE *Life Robinson Crusoe* 82 It rain'd all Night and all Day,..during which time the Ship broke in Pieces.
- 1770 I. BICKERSTAFF *'Tis Well it's no Worse* II. i. 39 *Beat.*: Lazarillo, I say, will you be all day? *Laz.*: Coming, Mrs. Beatrice, coming.
- 1775 J. NOURSE in *Jrnl. Amer. Hist.* (1925) **19** 351 Water enough for Cattle may be kept all year here for pasture grounds.
- 1846 R. C. TRENCH *Notes Miracles* Prelim. Ess. ii. 11 This speaking is diffused over all time.
- 1865 'L. CARROLL' *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* ix. 142 Drive on, old fellow! Don't be all day about it!
- 1865 DICKENS *Our Mutual Friend* I. II. xii. 271 Ain't you got nothing to do but..stand a Poll Parroting all night?
- 1894 J. B. SALMOND *My Man Sandy* (rev. ed.) 93 But a' forenicht I hard Sandy wirrin' awa' till himsel'.
- 1907 E. M. FORSTER *Longest Journey* iv. 63 He muddles all day with poetry and old dead people, and then tries to bring it into life.
- 1958 J. YAFFE *Nothing but Night* 63 You know, I haven't got all morning, I've got a business to get to.
- 1983 T. PRATCHETT *Colour of Magic* 135 It is allowable to issue a challenge by proxy... It shows intelligence. Don't take all day about it.
- 1985 *Telegraph* (Austral.) (Nexis) 1 Apr. He used his slice serve to advantage on the slippery and low bouncing centre court and returned very well all match.
- 1992 J. TORRINGTON *Swing Hammer Swing!* xxix. 260 'For any favour, do hurry along,' she commanded, 'We haven't got all day.'
- 2006 *New Woman* Dec. 190/2 Passionate Mars in your 'sex' zone all month. You'll be a total man-magnet and at the top of everyone's guest list.

(b) Preceding a determiner or other modifying word.

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- OE *Acct. Voy. Ohthere & Wulfstan* in tr. Orosius *Hist.* (Tiber.) (1980) I. i. 16 Ealle ða hwile he sceal seglian be lande.
- c1275 ( ▶ ?a1200) LA3AMON *Brut* (Calig.) (1963) l. 3192 Moni bisi kempen, þeo fihten wið þone duke al þene dæi longe.
- c1405 ( ▶ c1385) CHAUCER *Knight's Tale* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 671 And songen al the roundel lustily.
- c1425 in E. Edwards *Liber Monasterii de Hyda* (1866) 158, I wole that my men..dele hem of my good al the whyle they on lyve ben.
- 1483 CAXTON tr. J. de Voragine *Golden Legende* f. cccix<sup>v</sup>/2, For to adaunte & subdue my prowde flesshe I rose at mydnyght alle the weke long.
- 1523 LD. BERNERS tr. J. Froissart *Cronycles* I. ciii. 124 They helde the Englysshe archers well aworke all the day.
- 1597 SHAKESPEARE *Richard II* III. ii. 170 You haue but mistooke me al this while.
- 1622 BACON *Hist. Raigne Henry VII* 106 The King..kept Triumphes of Iusting and Tourney during all that Moneth.
- 1676 G. ETHEREGE *Man of Mode* I. i. 2 They're ever poaching after Whores all the Morning.
- 1720 W. R. CHETWOOD *Voy. Capt. R. Falconer* I. 64 It shak'd its Tail to and fro..all the while it felt the Water.
- 1768 J. WESLEY *Let.* 28 Mar. (1931) V. 358 Possibly some may be in the favour of God, and yet go mourning all the day long.
- 1824 L. L. CAMERON *Marten & Scholars* ii. 12 On Sunday morning he looked so clean..that nobody would have thought he had been driving a jenny-carriage all the week.
- c1860 *Chaise* in *Royal Bk. of Sports* (March's Penny Libr.) Come Jenny, don't be all the day.
- 1934 A. L. ROWSE *Diary* 5 Mar. (2003) 81 All that weekend I was in a dazed condition, not knowing what to do with myself.
- 1974 A. PIERREPOINT *Executioner* i. 24 We spent all the day at the Crystal Palace in peace and quiet.
- 2000 *Star-Ledger* (Newark, New Jersey) 17 Jan. 38/3 (heading) All this week at 8 p.m., the History Channel presents 'History's Mysteries: Conspiracy Theories'.
- 2008 C. GLEASON *When Twilight Burns* xii. 157 Now, spit it out, my lady's not got all the day to wait for ye to figger out what t'say.

(c) *spec.* Followed by *a*. Compare A *adj.* 1b(a). Now somewhat *arch.*

Replaced by *a whole* in standard English.

- ?a1160 *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Laud) (Peterborough contin.) anno 1137 Hi..brendon alle the tunes, ðat wel þu myhtes faren al a dæis fare, sculdest thu neure finden man in tune sittende.
- c1300 *St. Brendan* (Laud) 60 in C. Horstmann *Early S.-Eng. Legendary* (1887) 221 (MED), Here 3e habbez al a 3er meteles i-beo.
- a1375 *William of Palerne* (1867) l. 2215 (MED), Þei trauailed al a ni3t.
- ?a1400 ( ▶ a1338) R. MANNING *Chron.* (Petyt) (1996) I. 9230 Alle a seuenyght [a1450 *Lamb.* al a wyke] þe kyng þer lay, he spilte his tyme, sped of no pray.
- c1405 ( ▶ c1395) CHAUCER *Franklin's Tale* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 640 She wepeth, wayleth, al a day or two.
- a1425 ( ▶ a1400) *Prick of Conscience* (Galba & Harl.) (1863) l. 3010 A malady..lastand alle a yhere.
- 1523 LD. BERNERS tr. J. Froissart *Cronycles* I. liv. 75 Ther was one [assault] endured al a day.
- 1534 J. HEYWOOD *Play of Loue* sig. Aiv, Ye Stood in colde water all a day to the kne And I halfe the same

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day to myd leg in the fyer.

- 1610 G. MARKHAM *Maister-peece* lxi. 334 Rope his legge all a day with wet hay-ropes, and hee will be sound.
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* I. 449 To lament his fate In amorous dittyes all a Summers day.
- a1718 T. PARNELL *Posthumous Wks.* (1758) 273 Where Wretched Love endur'd a world of woe, For all a Winter's length of night below.
- a1763 W. SHENSTONE *Wks.* (1764) II. 282 He that lies a-bed all a summer's morning, loses the chief pleasure of the day.
- 1837 E. WEBBE *Let. in Corr. L. Hunt* (1862) 324, I must say I have found many things more pleasant than dabbling all a summer's evening in one's own lifeblood.
- 1853 M. ARNOLD *Scholar Gipsy in Poems* (new ed.) xi, Children..Have known thee watching, all an April day.
- 1903 M. DODS et al. *Expos. Bible* VI. 795/2 We might impose upon ourselves the penance of being shut up all a winter's night with a corpse.
- 1915 R. LE GALLIENNE *Lonely Dancer* 119 Each petal fleeting as a wing, All a May morning blows and blows.
- 2006 J. T. KIRBY *Mockingbird Song* 146 He and his two local guides traveled all a July day on foot.

**f.** With an anaphoric pronoun, as *it*, *this*, *that*.

(a) Preceding the pronoun (*obs.* with *it*).

- OE *Seven Sleepers* (Julius) (1994) 41 Eall hit wæs heom uncuð, ac hit wæs Gode ful cuð.
- a1225 (► ?OE) *MS Lamb.* in R. Morris *Old Eng. Homilies* (1868) 1st Ser. 49 (*MED*), Her uppon heo þencheð muchele mare þen uppon godalmihtin, þe al þis heom haueð isend.
- a1350 *Holy Cross* (Ashm.) 5 in R. Morris *Legends Holy Rood* (1871) 18 Al [h]it com of one more.
- ?a1400 (► a1338) R. MANNING *Chron.* (Petyt) (1996) II. 5163 Edenburgh..he asked quite, & his sonne Alisandere for ostage ȝeld him tite. Bot þe Kyng William alle þis ageynsaid.
- a1500 (► a1460) *Towneley Plays* (1994) I. xxx. 411 With thare hemmyd shoyne; All this must be done.
- 1533 T. MORE *Debellacyon Salem & Bizance* II. xxi. f. clxiii<sup>v</sup>, What is hys owne irrefragable reason that he layth agaynst all this?
- 1600 T. DEKKER *Shomakers Holiday* sig. D3, Wel maister, al this is from the bias, do you remember the ship.
- 1655 T. FULLER *Church-hist. Brit.* IV. 197 All this would not ingratiate this Usurper with them.
- 1741 S. RICHARDSON *Pamela* III. xxi. 123 Ads-dines, Madam, said he, what of all that!
- 1773 O. GOLDSMITH *She stoops to Conquer* v. 97 And is it to you, you graceless varlet, I owe all this.
- 1830 *Blackwood's Edinb. Mag.* **28** 247 All this is by the way.
- 1855 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* III. 323 He and he alone has done all this.
- 1924 A. D. SEDGWICK *Little French Girl* I. vii. 69 It was strange to her, as she spoke, to feel how deeply she knew all this about Giles.
- 1992 *Duluth (Minnesota) News-Tribune* 23 Aug. B6/5 They lost all that.

(b) Following the pronoun.

- OE *Dream of Rood* 58 Ic þæt eall beheold.

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- OE *Vercelli Homilies* (1992) xv. 255 Wa ðam mannum þonne þe geþeodeð hus to huse & land to lande, for þan hit eall mid fyre forbærneð & he sylf mid forwyrðeð!
- c1225 ( ▶ ?c1200) *Hali Meidhad* (Bodl. 34) (1940) 434 Heo hit al weldeð.
- c1350 ( ▶ a1333) WILLIAM OF SHOREHAM *Poems* (1902) 57 Þe fend hyt was þat schente hyt al Myd gyle and hys abette.
- a1400 ( ▶ c1303) R. MANNYNG *Handlyng Synne* (Harl.) l. 354 Ȝyf you yn swerd, oþer yn bacyn, Any chylde madyst loke þeryn..or yn cristal,—wycchecraft men clepyn hyt al [*MS* alle].
- 1568 W. DUNBAR in W. T. Ritchie *Bannatyne MS* (1928) II. 146 Keip this all secreit gentill brothir.
- 1607 T. DEKKER & J. WEBSTER *West-ward Hoe* I. sig. B<sup>v</sup>, And you will stay till to morrow you shall haue it all in new soueraignes.
- 1666 EARL OF ARLINGTON *Let.* 11 Jan. (1701) I. 53 He tells me he answered it all in his own hand; of which he hath told me the effect.
- 1719 D. DEFOE *Life Robinson Crusoe* 136 My Crop promis'd very well, when on a sudden I found I was in Danger of losing it all again.
- 1754 W. DODD *Sisters* II. vii. 190 Think of the excess of my passion for you—oh lay it all to your heart.
- 1842 J. F. COOPER *Wing-and-wing* II. i. 10 The Queen of the Fleet—our Lady Admiraless, had it all to herself.
- 1891 *Tablet* 12 Sept. 415 You will not get it all in the study-halls and in the class-halls.
- 1922 'K. MANSFIELD' *Jrnl.* 14 Oct. (1954) 334 This all sounds very strenuous and serious.
- 1992 *Independent* 14 Aug. 4/7 We took in this man and gave him a chance. He threw it all back in our faces.

## (c) Separated from the pronoun by a copular or auxiliary verb.

- c1275 ( ▶ ?a1200) LA3AMON *Brut* (Calig.) (1963) l. 4046 Hit wes al isomned and [*read at*] þere sereuunge.
- 1340 *Ayenbite* (1866) 190 He ne hedde bote þri pans, uor say[n]t germayn hit hedde al yeue to pouren.
- c1400 ( ▶ ?c1380) *Cleanness* (1920) 1545 Ay biholdand þe honde til hit hade al graven And rasped on þe ro3 wo3e runisch sauez.
- 1565 T. STAPLETON tr. Bede *Hist. Church Eng.* iv. ix. f. 122<sup>v</sup>, It might al be perboyled out by the fire of long tribulation.
- 1598 SHAKESPEARE *Henry IV, Pt. 1* III. iii. 156 Theres no roome for faith, trueth, nor honestie, in this bosome of thine. It is all fild vp with guttes and midriffe.
- 1605 J. ROSIER *True Relation Voy. George Weymouth* sig. D3<sup>v</sup>, And surely it did all resemble a stately Parke, wherein appeare some old trees with high withered tops, and other flourishing with living greene boughs.
- 1606 T. DEKKER *Seuen Deadly Sinnes London* iv. sig. E3, It is all sluttishly ouergrowne with Mosse on the out-side.
- 1652 W. BLITH *Eng. Improver Improved* xxxvi. 234 It may be..beflaked or flayed that it may all go one way.
- 1700 W. CONGREVE *Way of World* V. i. 74 If it must all come out, why let 'em know it.
- 1726 I. NEWTON *Let.* 25 June in *Corr.* (1977) VII. 349 There are now come into the Mint, 134 journey of gold and it will all be coined into money by Wednesday next.
- 1782 F. BURNEY *Cecilia* IV. VII. ii. 30 This is all vastly true; but I have no time to hear any more of it just now.
- 1813 J. AUSTEN *Pride & Prejudice* I. v. 38 It may all come to nothing.

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- 1851 E. E. STUART *Let.* 27 Dec. in R. Stuart et al. *Stuart Lett. 1819–64* (1961) I. 248 It will all eventuate most to the glory of God.
- 1872 T. WRIGHT *Grainger's Thorn* I. i. vii. 188 There was not wanting a number of the after-the-event school of prophets, who..had 'known what it would all come to', and had 'told you so'.
- 1913 D. H. LAWRENCE *Sons & Lovers* xi. 280 It would all come right if they tried.
- 1979 A. AYCKBOURN *Relatively Speaking* II. i. 54 It was all rather pathetic.
- 2009 V. COREN *For Richer for Poorer* ix. 118 It will all raise money for an important charity! Purrfect.

**g. colloq.** (chiefly *U.S.*). With a singular count noun (rarely a pronoun), preceding *the*: the only.

- 1825 T. D. LAUDER *Lochandhu* I. vi. 115 'This is all the home the poor soul has now,' said one of the men, whose appearance and accent bespoke him an Irish labourer.
- 1829 W. KINKADE *Bible Doctr.* ix. 141 It is not probable that they could understand him to mean any other covenant than the one made at Horeb, because it was all the one that existed between them and the Lord, and they knew of no other.
- 1879 *Golden Hours* Apr. 179/2 This is all the coat I have in the world, and I thank God for it.
- 1911 H. K. JOB *Blue Goose Chase* 91 That's all the car there is, except one for colored people. The rest of the train is freight cars.
- 1976 *Jet* 4 Mar. 4/2 He is all the man I'll ever need in my lifetime.
- 2009 C. ORZEL *How to teach Physics to your Dog* viii. 167 One of you is all the dog we need.

**2.** With a plural noun, a plural personal or anaphoric pronoun, or a noun phrase or collective noun with *pl.* concord. The whole number of individual components or instances of, without exception; the entire number of.

Almost never denoting two components or instances, for which *both* is normally used, but cf. *all both*, *all two* at Phrases 7b. In adverbial use often denoting two competitors in sporting contexts: see sense C. 10.

**a.**

(a) Preceding a noun or noun phrase, without determiner or possessive.

- OE tr. Pseudo-Apuleius *Herbarium* (Vitell.) (1984) clxvii. 210 Wið ealle wundela genim þas wyrte zamalentition.
- ?a1160 *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Laud) (Peterborough contin.) anno 1135 Þa þestrede þe dæi ouer al landes.
- a1250 (▶ ?c1200) *Hali Meidhad* (Titus) (1940) 36 Ha..is as in syon þe hehe tur of hevene, freo ouer alle fram alle worldliche weanen.
- c1275 (▶ ?a1216) *Owl & Nightingale* (Calig.) l. 431 (*MED*), Wanne snov lip þicke & wide An alle wizes habbeþ sorþe, þu singest from eue fort amorþe.
- a1375 *William of Palerne* (1867) l. 857 Wanne..meliors miȝt se his face, sche þout..þat leuer hire were haue welt him at wille þan of þe world be quene; so fair of alle fetures þe frek was.
- ▶ a1470 MALORY *Morte Darthur* (Winch. Coll. 13) (1990) I. 444 All people sholde be at his castell the fifth day aftir.
- a1568 R. ASCHAM *Scholemaster* (1570) II. f. 46<sup>v</sup>, Marke all aiges.
- 1598 W. PHILLIP tr. J. H. van Linschoten *Disc. Voy. E. & W. Indies* I. xxix. 54/1 In all places of India, where the Portingales inhabite.
- 1604 W. TOOKER *Of Fabrique of Church* 13 All trees are not of one growth or proceritie.

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- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Antony & Cleopatra* (1623) I. iv. 9 A man who is th' abstracts of all faults That all men follow.  
 1687 R. L'ESTRANGE *Answer Dissenter* 37 So Comprehensional a Charity, that All Christians..may go to Heaven, Hand in Hand.  
 1709 R. STEELE *Tatler* No. 57. ¶2 All Mankind are indifferently liable to adverse Strokes of Fortune.  
 1742 E. YOUNG *Complaint: Night the First* 19 All men think all men Mortal, but themselves.  
 1786 J. H. TOOKE *Επεα Πτεροεντα* ii. 57 The right use, significancy, and force of all words except the names of Ideas.  
 1830 J. LINDLEY *Introd. Nat. Syst. Bot.* Introd. p. xiv, All plants that bear flowers have spiral vessels, and are therefore Vascular.  
 1875 B. JOWETT in tr. Plato *Dialogues* (ed. 2) IV. 30 Pleasure the most fleeting of all things.  
 1907 *Illustr. London News* 4 May 672/1 Nearly all Englishmen are either Shakesperians or Miltonians... Each represents something in the make-up of England.  
 1979 'A. BLAISDELL' *No Villain need Be* iii. 49 He reflected that even detectives come in all shapes and sizes.  
 1995 *Daily Tel.* 17 Jan. 18/7 The enormous satisfaction reported by virtually all women following breast enlargement.

## (b) Preceding a personal pronoun.

Now typically an object personal pronoun, which is often used as the clause subject (although this use is nonstandard and often deprecated), prob. arising from the ellipsis of *of* in *all of them*, *all of us*, etc. (cf. sense B. 4a). With subject personal pronouns, now usually *regional* or *arch.* (cf. *all-you n.* at Compounds 4).

- OE ÆLFRIC *Lives of Saints* (Julius) (1881) I. 18 Ealle þing þe æfre wæron oððe nu synd oþþe ða þe towearde synd, ealle hi synd on godes gesihðe anwearde.  
 OE WULFSTAN *Institutes of Polity* (Junius) 138 Ealle we habbað ænne heofonlicne fæder and ane gastlice modor, seo is eċclesia genamod, þæt is Godes cyrce.  
 a1225 ( ▶ ?c1175) *Poema Morale* (Lamb.) 174 in R. Morris *Old Eng. Homilies* (1868) 1st Ser. 171 Alle hi sculen cumen þider.  
 ▶ a1382 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(1)) (1850) Isa. liii. 6 Alle wee as shep erreden [1611 *King James* Alle we like sheepe haue gone astray].  
 ▶ a1470 MALORY *Morte Darthur* (Winch. Coll. 13) (1990) III. 1196 All they were arayed in whyght velvet.  
 1496 *Rote or Myroure Consolacyon & Conforte* (de Worde) sig. Evi, All you the whiche are faythfull soules and byleue the promysse of god.  
 1546 J. BALE *First Examinacyon A. Askewe* Pref. sig. ♣iiij<sup>v</sup>, I answere them, that all they are of no soche autoryte.  
 1560 *Bible* (Geneva) Isa. xxiii. 9 To bring to contempt [1611 into contempt] all them that be glorious in the earth.  
 1605 A. MUNDAY tr. G. Affinati *Dumbe Diuine Speaker* xxv. 275 All we are brethren, trauailing from this earth to heauen.  
 1645 *Narr. State of Bristoll* in Prince Rupert *Declar.* 7 His Highnesse having made all possible preparations, consulted with all us, the Colonels of Posts, for our opinion concerning the tenableness of the Line.  
 1800 S. T. COLERIDGE tr. Schiller *Piccolomini* III. iii. 146 So will he, falling, draw down..All us, who're fix'd and mortic'd to his fortune.

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- 1809 R. ADAM *Relig. World Displayed* I. 258 All they who have performed it [sc. the hajj], are confident that they are absolved from all sin.
- 1866 A. C. SWINBURNE *Litany* in *Poems & Ballads* 17, I will scatter all them that have sinned.
- 1907 H. PYLE *Stories of Sir Launcelot* VI. iii. 301 All they who had thus come forth from the town looked with great curiosity upon the Lady Elaine and the Lady Lesolie.
- 1909 *Harper's Monthly Mag.* May 832/2 All them are dead and gone.
- 1993 *Toronto Life* July 28/3 They probably would have won awards, although not all them were strategically on-target.
- 2001 N. HORNBY *How to be Good* vii. 108 I'm like one of those American comic-book guys. Spiderman and all them.

### (c) Preceding a numeral (greater than two).

Compare the note at the head of sense A. 2.

- OE ÆLFRIC *Lives of Saints* (Julius) (1881) I. 10 Hi [sc. the Trinity] ne synd na þreo anginnu, ac hi ealle þry [c1175 *Bodl.* 343 heo alle þreo] synden an angin.
- OE ÆLFRIC *Lives of Saints* (Julius) (1881) I. 242 Hi þa ealle feowertig ætforan him stodon.
- c1325 in T. Wright *Specimens Lyric Poetry* (1842) 105 Alle thre shule ben aleyd, with huere foule crokes.
- c1400 (▶ ?a1387) LANGLAND *Piers Plowman* (Trin. Cambr. R.3.14) f. 53, To godhed goþ þre & god is alle þre.
- 1490 CAXTON tr. *Foure Sonnes of Aymon* (1885) ix. 222 Bayarde, whiche shall maye bere vs all four at a nede.
- 1558 in A. Feuillerat *Documents Office of Revels Queen Elizabeth* (1908) 17 He will..make waiste, sucke the Quene, or pynche the poore or all thre.
- 1601 P. HOLLAND tr. Pliny *Hist. World* I. XVI. xxxvii. 485 The third that is smallest of all three, is the French Willow.
- 1678 T. D'URFEY *Trick for Trick* IV. i. 39 The Sisters of St. Albans—what all five?—ha, ha, that Boy, that's my own Boy.
- 1787 *Ann. Reg. 1784–5* Chron. 183/2 They were all five in Spanish dresses..of white crape spangled with gold.
- 1869 R. BROWNING *Ring & Bk.* IV. XII. 209 All five, to-day, have suffered death.
- 1940 *Amer. Boy* Feb. 7/1 This school won all eight of its games.
- 2007 *N.Y. Times Mag.* 7 Oct. 82/1 All three immediately agreed.

### (d) Modifying an anaphoric pronoun or possessive.

- OE *Homily: De Temporibus Anticristi* (Corpus Cambr. 419) in A. S. Napier *Wulfstan* (1883) 197 He ahefð hine sylfne ofer ealle, þa ðe hæðene men cwædon, þæt godas beon sceoldan... Ofer ealle þas he hine ænne up ahefð.
- c1325 (▶ c1300) *Chron. Robert of Gloucester* (Calig. A.xi) (1887) l. 9204 Alle þes were aȝen þe kinge as veruorþ [v.r. verþuorþ] as hii couþe.
- a1400 tr. Lanfranc *Sci. Chirurgie* (Ashm.) (1894–1988) 183 Pulueris pigre, turbit electi..pulpe coloquintide..grynde all þese & sarce hem.
- c1500 (▶ ?a1475) *Assembly of Gods* (1896) l. 1583 (MED), Behynde all these was worshipfull Beede.

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- ?1521 A. BARCLAY *Bk. Codrus & Mynalcas* sig. B<sup>v</sup>, If thou haue all these, thou mayst grathly carpe.
- 1581 W. BLANDIE *Castle* f. 26<sup>v</sup>, All these are through long triall and experience ripe, most fitt to doe their country seruice.
- 1663 E. WATERHOUSE *Fortescutus Illustratus* xxxii. 416 Pellican sayes, the Ramification of his testicles is purposely expressed to set forth his invincible strength above all creature's.
- 1671 MILTON *Paradise Regain'd* II. 376 All these are Spirits of Air, and Woods, and Springs.
- 1702 *Clarendon's Hist. Rebellion* I. IV. 285 All those..who were sent for, appeared punctually at the hour that was assigned them.
- 1778 *Town & Country Mag.* Aug. 430/1 Granting the English to be..a copious, nervous, and sometimes a soft and beautiful language, yet it is too often the very reverse of all these.
- 1846 A. H. A. HERVEY *Ocean & Desert* I. xv. 186 Each man's trunk or portmanteau was put down;..and the weight of each article, carefully noted. All mine were correct.
- 1886 *Good Housek.* 20 Feb. 246/1 All these are desirable, and should be sought after and prized.
- 1929 A. HUXLEY *Let.* 9 May (1969) 311 Now..I can write a letter. It will be a poor return for all yours, because I am not one of nature's letter-writers.
- 1961 M. COSTIN & D. PHIPPS *Racing & Sports Car Chassis Design* v. 43 All these, plus the single transverse torsion bar and the telescopic dampers, pick up on the rear bulkhead of the monocoque.
- 2001 *Times* 22 Oct. (Sports Daily section) s8/1 It was the classic game of two halves..as London Irish scored all their points in the first half and Gloucester all theirs in the second.

### b. Preceding a determiner, possessive, or other word modifying the noun.

- OE ÆLFRIC *Catholic Homilies: 1st Ser.* (Royal) (1997) i. 180 Þa wearð he & ealle [a1225 *Vesp. A.xxii halle*] his geferan forcupran & wyrsan þonne ænig oðer gesceaft.
- OE *West Saxon Gospels: Matt.* (Corpus Cambr.) xxvi. 35 Gelice þam cwædon ealle ða oþre leorningnihtas.
- c1275 (▶ ?a1200) LA3AMON *Brut* (Calig.) (1963) 5093 Lucas þe king..lond þer-to leide & sette þer-on Godes frið & freoden alle þe chirchen.
- ?a1300 *Iacob & Iosep* (Bodl.) (1916) l. 418 (*MED*), Alle þese ten breþren turneþ hem a3ein Mid reuþfule wepe & mid dreri drem.
- c1390 (▶ a1376) LANGLAND *Piers Plowman* (Vernon) (1867) A. Prol. l. 55 (*MED*), I Font þere Freres, all þe Foure Ordres.
- a1450 *St. Katherine* (Richardson 44) (1884) 13 He..loueth hir chastite a monge alle þe virgyns in erthe.
- c1500 (▶ ?a1475) *Assembly of Gods* (1896) l. 706 (*MED*), All these pety capteyns folowyd by & by..Idolatre, enchauntours, with false renegates.
- 1587 SIR P. SIDNEY & A. GOLDING tr. P. de Mornay *Trewnesse Christian Relig.* xxxiii. 623 We would impute al those interruptions and chaunges, to the nature of nature it self.
- 1655 T. STANLEY *Hist. Philos.* I. III. 91 He form'd a Law, which all the old men follow'd.
- 1671 *Philos. Trans. 1670* (Royal Soc.) 5 2100 All mine being of a late Hatch, and none of them yet turned into *Nympha's* (which is the word of Art for the *Aurelia* of a Bee).
- a1706 EARL OF DORSET in Earl of Rochester et al. *Wks.* (1718) 61 To all you Ladies now on Land..with a Fa, la, la, la, la.
- 1741 *Gentleman's Mag.* Apr. 214/2 My ballad..is of a sprightly most whimsical rattle, Who excels all us women in mirth, and in tattle.
- 1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* I. 171 They had watched all his motions, and lectured him on all his

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youthful follies.

- 1886 W. J. TUCKER *Life E. Europe* 198 The numberless Jewish equipages with all those insolent-looking Hebrew women of the Leopoldstadt.
- 1913 *Southern Planter* Mar. 358/1 Keep enclosed all your chicks not poisoned.
- 1960 *Woman's Illustr.* 16 July 51 When you have discovered all seven answers, list them neatly on a postcard.
- 2002 D. HEMANS *River Woman* 33 All them criminals they have down here lock up in jail doing nothin' but just eatin' food and gettin' fat.
- 2006 *Prediction* June 35/2 All the cards, apart from one, are from the suits of Pentacles and Cups.

### c. Immediately following the noun or pronoun.

#### (a) With a noun.

Now usu. where the noun is the subject of the verb; otherwise only in occasional, typically poetic, use.

- eOE *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Parker) anno 878 He gerad to Ecgbryhtes stane., & him to coman þær ongen Sumorsæte alle & Wilsætan.
- a1400 ( ▶ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Gött.) 11781 If he no war god of might, vr goddes alle had standen up right.
- a1522 G. DOUGLAS tr. Virgil *Æneid* (1959) VIII. x. l. 18 Duke Tharcon and the Tuscanys maste and lest Not fer from thens..Thar palþeonys all had plantyt.
- c1595 COUNTESS OF PEMBROKE *Psalme* cxvi. 39 in *Coll. Wks.* (1998) II. 187 Thy people all beholding: Who deere their deaths dost weigh.
- 1610 H. BROUGHTON *Reuelation Holy Apocalyps* (new ed.) xiii. 179 Scholars all should haue a voice in Bishopps proceedings.
- 1642 *Second Famous Victorie* 4 By the prevailing power of God, and the stratagems of their hand-Granadoes, the Rebels all were fired in the Castle.
- 1718 N. ROWE tr. Lucan *Pharsalia* v. 1029 If some rushing Storm the Journey cross, The wingy Leaders all are at a loss.
- 1782 W. COWPER *John Gilpin* 114 The dogs did bark, the children screamed, Up flew the windows all.
- 1815 W. BURNEY *Falconer's Dict. Marine* *To cheer*, to salute a ship en passant, by the people all coming upon deck and huzzaing three times, called three cheers.
- 1868 *Putnam's Mag.* Feb. 149/1 Her servants all were in livery, from the big-breasted butler down to the ebon page.
- 1915 F. H. BURNETT *Lost Prince* vi. 60 The Squad all began to jabber at once.
- 1928 *Oxf. Poetry* 39 The others all Were giggling blond bathingbelles.
- 2002 *Eastern Eye* 26 July 18/1 The panellists all head to the Green Room for refreshments and mutual back slapping.

#### (b) With a pronoun. Cf. WE-ALL *pron.*, YOU-ALL *pron.*

- OE *Vercelli Homilies* (1992) xi. 225 Se God us to ðam gefultumige þe ofer us ealle liofað & rixað.
- OE *ÆLFRIC Catholic Homilies: 1st Ser.* (Royal) (1997) vii. 239 He bið heononforþ undeadlic swa swa we ealle beoð æfter þam gemænelicum æriste.
- OE *St. Euphrosyne* (Julius) in W. W. Skeat *Ælfric's Lives of Saints* (1900) II. 338 Singað ge ealle..on anre

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cyrcean, and fæstað ge ealle gelice [L. *omnes in ecclesia vestra psallitis, et æqualiter jejunatis?*]

- a1225 ( ▶ ?OE) *MS Lamb.* in R. Morris *Old Eng. Homilies* (1868) 1st Ser. 125 (*MED*), Ure drihten and ure alesend iunne us allen þet we swa on þisse liue maȝen his hest and his biboden halden.
- c1250 in C. Brown *Eng. Lyrics 13th Cent.* (1932) 25 (*MED*), He bringet us alle in-to is blis superni; he hauet i-dut þe foule put inferni.
- a1300 ( ▶ ?c1175) *Poema Morale* (McClellan) l. 311 in *Anglia* (1907) **30** 236 (*MED*), Go we alle in þilke paþ, & he us wule bringe..biuore þe heuenkinge.
- ▶ c1300 *Havelok* (Laud) (1868) l. 2587 (*MED*), Yif he regne þus-gate longe, He Moun us alle ouer-gange.
- c1480 ( ▶ a1400) *St. Machor* l. 1186 in W. M. Metcalfe *Legends Saints Sc. Dial.* (1896) II. 34 Lowe we all god, my breþir dere, þat has ws send a gud gestenere.
- 1546 J. HEYWOOD *Dialogue* II. ix. sig. Lii, Euery man for hym selfe, and god for vs all.
- 1557 T. MORE *Hist. Edward V* (1641) 15 The place that they al preach of.
- 1611 *Troublesome Raigne Iohn* (new ed.) I. sig. E4, We all are vndone, And brought to discredence.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Merry Wives of Windsor* (1623) II. ii. 60 The best Courtier of them all could neuer haue brought her to such a Canarie.
- 1688 A. BEHN *Oroonoko* 99 They all, with one Accord, assur'd him, they cou'd not suffer enough, when it was for his Repose and Safety.
- 1709 *London Gaz.* No. 4521/2 We all bore down to secure what Merchant ships we could.
- 1798 S. T. COLERIDGE *Anc. Marinere* IV, in Wordsworth & S. T. Coleridge *Lyrical Ballads* 22 And they all dead did lie!
- 1815 'J. MATHERS' *Hist. Mr. John Decastro & Brother Bat* II. xi. 237 Not a man of them all will come within an acre's length of you.
- 1828 *London Med. & Surg. Jرنل.* **1** 632/1 There are men, we all know, who would kill, but not butcher.
- 1884 'M. TWAIN' *Adventures Huckleberry Finn* xxii. 192 They all come riding in..looking just like a gang of real sure-enough queens.
- 1924 R. KIPLING *Debts & Credits* (1926) 166 'E 'ad us all screened in over in a cuttin' on a little spur-line.
- 1995 *Daily Mail* 16 Dec. 5/1 This, they all agreed, was a red letter day in Euroland.

#### d. Separated from the noun or pronoun by a copular verb or an auxiliary.

Also occas. (*poet.*) following the predicate or complement of the verb.

Unlike corresponding use with a singular noun or pronoun, not normally ambiguous with adverbial use (see discussion at sense C. 1). Sometimes overlapping in form, however, with adverbial use; cf., e.g., quot. 1797 and sense C. 3.

- OE *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Tiber. B.iv) anno 1050 Heom com þa strang wind to, swa þæt hi wæron ealle forfarene buton feower.
- IOE *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Laud) anno 1085 Hi wæron ealle þæs cynges clerecas.
- c1300 *Life & Martyrdom Thomas Becket* (Harl. 2277) (1845) l. 1081 (*MED*), Tho other men were alle aslepe..He ros him up and bihuld on than ymage anheȝ.
- c1325 ( ▶ c1300) *Chron. Robert of Gloucester* (Calig. A.xi) (1887) l. 527 Þe geans were alle aslawe þat þer ne bileuede na mo.
- c1380 *Sir Ferumbras* (1879) l. 2026 Þay in-to hure chambre come..Wan þay weren alle yn y-paste..Florippe het schitte þe dore.
- ?1473 CAXTON tr. R. Le Fèvre *Recuyell Hist. Troye* (1894) I. lf. 50<sup>v</sup>, They of the counceyll were all of the oppynyon that Iupiter shold goo in to Crete.

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- 1542 T. BECON *Newe Pathway vnto Praier* lv. sig. T.ijj, Let vs praye for..the inhabitantes of this Realme of Englund, that they maye all beare a faythfull harte bothe towarde God and oure kynge.
- ?1562 *Thersytes* sig. C.iiii, Seeinge we be mortall all Let not our wroth be immortall.
- 1616 T. ADAMS *Divine Herball* i. 16 They were all lifting at a feather, and could not stirre it.
- 1675 P. BELLON *Mock-duellist* v. iv. 59 Though distinct Couples, we can all agree.
- 1696 T. BROOKHOUSE *Temple Opened* 8 The whole Race of Mankind are All concluded under Death.
- 1719 D. DEFOE *Life Robinson Crusoe* 55 If we had kept on board, we had been all safe.
- 1738 SWIFT *Treat. Polite Conversat.* II. 182 My lord, we must all die.
- 1768 *Ann. Reg. 1767* 26/2 You ought all, gentlemen, to consider the melancholy circumstances which you have drawn upon us.
- 1797 A. RADCLIFFE *Italian* III. ix. 320 The colours were all too fresh and garish for the meek dejection of her eye.
- 1820 KEATS *Eve of St. Agnes* in *Lamia & Other Poems* 88 They are all here to-night.
- 1890 M. OLIPHANT *Kirsteen* III. iii. 42 The windows were all closed and curtained shutting out the lingering light of day.
- 1918 F. A. SWINNERTON *Shops & Houses* I. xiii. 198 Ach! They're all alike. All these Hughes girls.
- 1962 T. G. HIEBERT *Abbrev. Basic Med. Physiol.* (ed. 4) II. ix. 168 [The] combination stimulates further production of antibodies with this structure, even after the antigens have all been destroyed.
- 1994 *Rolling Stone* 16 June 32/1 The heart, soul and breathtaking guitar technique were all Clapton's.
- 2002 *Times* 13 Mar. (T2 section) 28/2 The rescue team are all volunteers.

**3.** Designating each and every member of a set, or example of a distinct category or type, without exception; every; (now freq. in somewhat weakened use) many or most of the specified category. Now *Sc.* and *Caribbean* except when modifying nouns denoting category or type, as *kind, manner, sort*, etc. (see also Phrases 4a).

In modern regional (esp. Scottish) use freq. in pronominal and adverbial compounds: see *AWBODY* *pron.*, *ALGATE adv.*, *ALL-THING pron.* and *adv.*

- OE *Blickling Homilies* 115 Ða he [sc. the world] ærest gesceapen wæs, Ða wæs he ealre fægernesse full.
- OE *ÆLFRIC Old Eng. Hexateuch: Gen.* (Claud.) vii. 8 Eac swylce Ða nytenu of eallum cynne & eallum fugoleynne comon to Noe in to Ðam arce.
- c1175 (► OE) *ÆLFRIC Homily* (Bodl. 343) in S. Irvine *Old Eng. Homilies* (1993) 68 Heo sona wurdon hale fram al untrumnesse for his scæde repunge.
- 1340 *Ayenbite* (1866) 17 To huam alle triacle went in to venym.
- a1375 *William of Palerne* (1867) l. 1605 (*MED*), Plente of alle purueaunce.
- a1398 J. TREVISA tr. Bartholomaeus Anglicus *De Proprietatibus Rerum* (BL Add. 27944) (1975) II. XVII. cii. 994 [Mirra] helpeþ aþeins alle cause rewmatyk [*MS* flewmatyk; L. *omnes causas reumaticas*].
- c1480 (► a1400) *St. Machor* l. 344 in W. M. Metcalfe *Legends Saints Sc. Dial.* (1896) II. 10 Of alman but offens.
- 1533 J. GAU tr. C. Pedersen *Richt Vay* sig. Ciii, He luffis thayme notht as hime self in al maner.
- 1556 W. LAUDER *Compend. Tractate Dewtie of Kyngis* sig. A4<sup>v</sup>, 3our..dewtie..That 3e aucht tyll all Creature.
- 1558 Q. KENNEDY *Compendius Tractiue* in *Misc. Wodrow Soc.* (1844) I. 174 Lat all Christiane man haue refuge to the juge.

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- 1658 R. BRATHWAIT *Honest Ghost* 171 Observations of all sort.
- 1768 *N.Y. Gaz.* 4 July 3/2 (*adv.*) Jams and Hearth Pieces of all Kind.
- 1886 W. NEWTON *Secrets Tramp Life Revealed* 8 Posh..money of all kind.
- 1898 W. J. KNOWLES in *Eng. Dial. Dict.* I. 38/2 [Ulster] Is that generally believed?—It is, by a' man.
- 1943 L. LENSKI *Bayou Suzette* xi. Plenty animal come too—deer, muskrat, coon, opossum,..all kind.
- 1973 M. P. JONES *Pan Beat* 125 They were there already, all man jack with a paint brush, painting hell out of the front wall.
- 1994 I. J. BOODHOO *Between Two Seasons* 29 Man, everybody left every kind of work: teachin', clerkin', burnin' coals. All man goin' for dollars.
- 2010 M. WARSHAW *Hist. Surfing* ii. 76/1 Trophies and championships—the staff of life to sportsmen of all kind.

**4.** Any whatever. In early use usu. following *without* (in Old English †*bout*). Now usu. following *beyond* (as *beyond all question*, *beyond all doubt*, etc.), or modifying a noun which is the object of a verb expressing exclusion, as *deny*, *disclaim*, *renounce*, etc. Cf. ALWISE *adv.*

[With *without all* compare classical Latin *sine omni*.]

- eOE tr. Bede *Eccl. Hist.* (Tanner) IV. xxv. 348 Ða frægn he hwæper heo ealle smolt mod & buton eallum incan bliðe [L. *placidum erga se animum et sine querela controuersiae ac rancoris*] to him hæfdon.
- c1325 (► c1300) *Chron. Robert of Gloucester* (Calig.) 746 He ansuerede..þat he ne kepte bote hire [sc. Cordelia] one wiþ oute alle oþer þinge.
- a1382 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(1)) (1850) Jer. xxii. 28 Whether [is he] a vessel withoute al voluptuouste [L. *absque omni voluptate*]?
- 1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) Heb. vii. B, Now is it so without all naysayenge that the lesse receaueth blessynge of y<sup>c</sup> better.
- 1565 in J. H. BURTON *Reg. Privy Council Scotl.* (1877) 1st Ser. I. 370 A thing sa far beyond all measour that [etc.].
- 1577 R. HOLINSHED *Hist. Scotl.* 51/1 in *Chron.* I Certaine garrisons of Romaine souldiers..whom they slewe downe right without al mercie.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Macbeth* (1623) III. ii. 13 Things without all remedie, Should be without regard.
- 1652 M. NEDHAM tr. J. Selden *Of Dominion of Sea* 75 The Carthaginians enjoyed the command of the Sea without all Controversie.
- 1710 G. BERKELEY *Treat. Princ. Human Knowl.* §10 An undoubted truth, which they can demonstrate beyond all exception.
- 1768 W. BLACKSTONE *Comm. Laws Eng.* III. 249 Upon this the bishop and the clerk usually disclaim all title.
- 1806 T. S. SURR *Winter in London* III. i. 39 'This is Francis's writing beyond all question,' said the signora.
- 1847 H. W. LONGFELLOW *Evangeline* I. iii. 10 Without all guile or Suspicion..was he.
- 1855 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* III. 382 He disclaimed all intention of attacking the memory of Lord Russell.
- 1907 *Yale Law Jrnl.* **16** 176 Thus it was that the duke was passed over as a candidate until he should renounce all intention upon Hanover.
- 1958 'C. FREMLIN' *Hours before Dawn* i. 7 Soon he would be yelling beyond all hope of control.

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1992 *N.Y. Times* 16 Aug. IV. 3/2 Republican eagerness to disclaim all responsibility for growing inequality.

2009 'R. KEELAND' tr. S. Larsson *Girl who played with Fire* xviii. 303 It proved beyond all doubt that Salander had done a *hostile takeover*—her term—of his computer.

**5.** Preceding (or occas. in early use following) a plural possessive adjective: of or belonging to every one of the people indicated; of all of us, them, etc. See also *ALTHER* *adj.* Cf. *ALLERS* *adj.*

A parallel construction with the genitive of a personal pronoun and the inflected form of *all* existed in Old English, and this sense prob. arose in Middle English as an alternative to the surviving uses of the earlier construction (with the adjectival genitive reanalysed as a separate adjective): see *ALTHER* *adj.*

Usually with the noun modified in the singular, but in later, now typically colloquial use, also with the noun pluralized; cf. *BOTH* *adj.* 4. In use with a singular noun, now somewhat *arch.*

?a1325 in W. Heuser *Kildare-Gedichte* (1904) 109 Maid bere heuen King þat is al ure creatoure.

a1400 ( ▶ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) l. 9709 Wit-vten vr al [a1400 *Gött.* all vre] comun a-sent.

1459 *Rolls of Parl.: Henry VI* (Electronic ed.) Parl. Nov. 1459 §32. m. 11, Youre said oratour shall daily pray to preserve and kepe youre highnes..long to reigne and endure to his pleaser, and oure all comfort.

▶ a1470 MALORY *Morte Darthur* (Winch. Coll. 13) (1990) II. 1083 You..ar all oure ledar and all oure worship.

1548 T. CRANMER *Catechismus* (new ed.) f. clxviii, A most assured trust in God (who is all oure father) that we shall lacke nothinge.

1643 W. SLATYER *Compl. Christian* IV. v. 547 Of all our Father we aske all our bread.

1682 J. BUNYAN *Holy War* 40 It should be all our wisdoms and care, to nip the head of all such rumors as shall tend to trouble our people.

1865 M. OLIPHANT *Agnes* III. xv. 226 It's all our duties to save the master.

1874 A. C. SWINBURNE *Bothwell* II. i, Mine and all their free and sovereign king.

1979 D. MITCHELL *Souls of Lambs* i. 2 Nature, who is all our mother, is not easily predicted.

1986 W. W. KATZ *Sun God, Moon Witch* 150 She is your mother, Thorny! She is all our mothers! And in the end she abandons us all.

2006 P. L. GAUS *Prayer for Night* xxix. 186 It's all our faults, Andy. Yours, mine, everyone's.

## **B.** *pron.* and *n.*

### **I.** As a pronoun.

See also senses A. 1f, A. 2c, and A. 2d, examples of which are sometimes interpreted as appositional or postpositional uses of the pronoun.

#### **1.**

**a.** As the antecedent to a relative clause introduced by *that*, *what* (now *nonstandard*), or zero relative pronoun: every one of the things or people specified; all the parts or elements of the specified thing; everything or everyone. Usu. with *sing.* concord except when referring to people.

In Old English with the simple demonstrative in relative function (of which Old English *þæt* is an inflected form; cf. discussion at *THAT* *pron.*<sup>2</sup>), with relative particle (see *THE* *pron.*<sup>1</sup>), or with a combination of the two.

eOE *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Parker) anno 827 Þy ilcan geare geeode Ecgbryht cyning Miercna rice & al þæt

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be supan Humbre wæs.

eOE *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Parker) anno 874 He gearo wære mid him selfum & on allum þam þe him læstan woldon to þæs heres þearfe.

OE *Stowe Psalter* cxv. 12 *Quid retribuam domino pro omnibus que retribuit mihi* : hwæt ic selle drihtne for eallum hwæt he sealde me [OE *Royal* eallum ðe he sealde me].

IOE *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Laud) anno 1104 Ealle þe hit gesawon wundredon.

?c1200 *Ormulum* (Burchfield transcript) l. 5531, Þe feorþe 3ife off hali3 gast iss strennþe..to þannkenn innwarrdli3 drihhtin all þatt he senndeþþ.

?a1300 *Fox & Wolf* l. 224 in G. H. McKnight *Middle Eng. Humorous Tales* (1913) 34 (MED), Al þat þou hauest her bifore I-do, In þohut, in speche..In euche oþeres kunnes quede, Ich þe for3eue.

a1400 ( ▶ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) l. 11722 Þai fell in suun al þat þar war.

a1500 ( ▶ a1460) *Towneley Plays* (1994) I. xiv. 172 Lord, it is sothe all that we say.

1531 TYNDALE *Expos. Fyrste Epist. St. Jhon* 15 All that lyue in ignoraunce are called darknesse.

1587 SIR P. SIDNEY & A. GOLDING tr. P. de Mornay *Trewnesse Christian Relig.* i. 9 Yee Rivers, and all that euer is.

a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Timon of Athens* (1623) IV. ii. 35 To haue his pompe, and all what state compounds.

1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* IX. 569 To tell thee all What thou commandst.

1702 *Clarendon's Hist. Rebellion* I. II. 124 Three of the Commissioners..were all inspir'd by the Scots, and liked well all that they pretended to desire.

1790 E. BURKE *Refl. Revol. in France* 44 To derive all we possess as an inheritance from our forefathers.

a1834 S. T. COLERIDGE *Lit. Remains* (1836) I. 136 Is there some one humorific point common to all that can be called humourous?

1850 TENNYSON *In Memoriam* xxiii. 40 And all we met was fair and good, And all was good that Time could bring.

1884 M. S. BELL *China* II. iii. 133 All that we spoke to were civil and respectful.

1925 O. R. COHEN *Bigger & Blacker* iii. 78 An' that's all what you says?

1953 *Trans. Philol. Soc.* 84 All that we have..are certain asterisked allophones.

2006 F. CHALK *It's your Time you're Wasting* (2009) 30, I cannot hear all that they are shouting.

**b.** With limiting sense: the full extent or amount; the only thing; the most.

In later use also *ironically*: absolutely not the thing; the last thing (cf.

*that's*) *all one needs* at NEED *v.*<sup>2</sup> Phrases 3).

1605 A. MUNDAY in tr. G. Affinati *Dumbe Diuine Speaker* Ep. Ded. sig. A2, And if the world giue me good words, tis all I aske of it.

1690 J. LOCKE *Ess. Humane Understanding* I. iv. 30 This is all could be inferr'd from the Notion of a God.

1826 T. WILSON *Pitman's Pay* 1, in *Newcastle Mag.* Oct. 465 For she gets a' her heart can wish In strang-lyced tea and singin' hinnies.

1859 *Harper's Mag.* May 849/2 A little portmanteau, a spyglass, a passport, a note-book, and perhaps a *buffet de poche*, are all we need.

1879 M. E. BRADDON *Cloven Foot* xxxviii, That's a kind of thing we never tell. We got the straight tip; that's all you need know.

1915 V. WOOLF *Voy. Out* xv. 235 All I ask is to be left alone to moulder away in solitude.

1928 R. LANGER tr. S. Zweig *Ben Jonson's Volpone* I. i. 30 *Mosca*. I'll go with you. *Corvino*. That's all I

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need, you good-for-nothing!

- 1953 J. STRACHEY tr. Freud *Interpr. Dreams* in *Compl. Wks.* V. 528 All that we can ever get rid of are purposive ideas that are *known* to us.
- 1985 J. ADAMS *Good Intentions* x. 82 That's all you need, messing around with some cokehead's woman.
- 2007 J. BAGGINI *Welcome to Everytown* iv. 114 All she was saying was that she was grateful to have the option to do something else.

**2.****a. With *sing.* concord. Everything; all necessary, relevant, or important things; the whole scene or situation.**

Freq. following a preposition in adverbial phrases with the implication 'everything else, everything to the contrary', as *above*, *after*, *before*, *beyond*, *for*, *mid all*: see the first element. See also *OVERALL adv.*, *WITHAL adv.*

In Old English it is not always possible to distinguish *eall* (neuter singular) from the homographic neuter plural form.

- eOE tr. Bede *Eccl. Hist.* (Tanner) I. xvi. 80 Eall bið clæne clænum [L. *omnia munda mundis*]: þæm besmitenum & ungeleafsumum noht bið clæne.
- eOE tr. Bede *Eccl. Hist.* (Tanner) II. xii. 142 Se mon wæs þurh eall [L. *per omnia*] se cristenesta & se gelæredesta.
- OE ÆLFRIC *Lives of Saints* (Julius) (1881) I. 18 God is æghwær eall.
- OE ÆLFRIC *Lives of Saints* (Julius) (1900) II. 130 Man ahrærde cyrcan on his rice geond eall.
- ?c1200 *Ormulum* (Burchfield transcript) 19887 All iss sett i cristess dom Ðatt æfre iss don onn erþe.
- a1250 *Wohunge ure Lauerd* in R. Morris *Old Eng. Homilies* (1868) 1st Ser. 271 (*MED*), Al is tin, mi sweting, and al þu wilt ʒiue me ʒif i þe riht luuie.
- c1330 (▷ ?c1300) *Bevis of Hampton* (Auch.) l. 2269 (*MED*), Al is pes þar ichaue went, Saue in þe lond of Dabilent.
- c1400 GOWER *Eng. Wks.* (1901) II. 489 Here fame abit, bot al is vanite.
- ▷ a1470 MALORY *Morte Darthur* (Winch. Coll. 13) (1990) I. 388 But in God is all.
- 1533 J. HEYWOOD *Play of Wether* sig. Cii<sup>v</sup>, For spryngyng and plumpyng..come yet muste ye haue water or all is forlorne.
- 1589 J. LYLly *Pappe with Hatchet* sig. B4, Alls as it is taken; marie the diuell take al.
- 1646 H. LAWRENCE *Of Communion & Warre with Angels* 125 Love hath given all in grosse, and therefore can reteyne nothing in retayle.
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* I. 106 What though the field be lost? All is not lost.
- 1713 J. ADDISON *Cato* II. i, Something whispers me All is not right.
- 1785 G. CRABBE *News-paper* 15 Something to all men, and to some men all.
- 1814 *Intrigues of Day* I. i, in *New Brit. Theatre* I. 76 That may soon be washed away. Only a little milk of roses, or violet soap, and all will be well.
- 1855 *Harper's Mag.* July 279/2 The Captain, as usual, was looking around to see that every body was 'tucked in' and all was right.
- 1931 V. WOOLF *Waves* 34 All here is false; all is meretricious.
- 1986 S. PENMAN *Here be Dragons* I. xxv. 349 It is a fair system,..fairer for younger sons than Norman primogeniture, which gives all to the eldest son.
- 2005 Z. SMITH *On Beauty* 233 All was good with the world.

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**b.** In predicative use: the full extent of the matter or question; the sum total of what there is to be said about something. Usu. in *that's all*. See also *is all* at BE *v.* Phrases 2h.

- ▶ a1470 MALORY *Morte Darthur* (Winch. Coll. 13) (1990) II. 842 Thys ys all: I muste pray you to leane me youre hole armoure, for ye se that I am unarmed.
- 1616 B. JONSON *Epicoene* II. iii. 49 in *Wks.* I Meere Essaists! a few loose sentences, and that's all.
- 1647 R. STAPYLTON tr. Juvenal *Sixteen Satyrs* 186 He, at the sight of supper, wont to fall A yawning, gapes and gapes, and that is all.
- 1739 LD. CHESTERFIELD *Lett.* (1932) (modernized text) II. 398 He [*sc.* an ignorant man] can just be said to live, and that is all.
- 1774 L. CARTER *Diary* (1965) II. 915 What has this author done in this contest? Shot his bolt and that is all.
- 1836 F. MARRYAT *Snarleygow* xxiv, in *Metropolitan* Nov. 231 Look out for squalls, that's all.
- 1836 DICKENS *Sketches by Boz* 2nd Ser. 122 Now this was bad enough, occurring as it did three times a week on the average, but this was not all.
- 1897 R. KIPLING *Captains Courageous* x. 221 I'm not stuck on myself any just now—that's all.
- 1927 C. PORTER *Compl. Lyrics* (1983) 98 It's sex appeal, it's sex appeal, it's sex appeal, that's all.
- 1990 A. L. KENNEDY *Night Geom. & Garscadden Trains* 94 She'd known she was getting on a wee bit and splashed out, that was all.
- 2009 D. NICHOLLS *One Day* (2010) vi. 124 It's just a silly, late-night programme, that's all. It's post-pub.

**c.** In predicative use: the sum total of a person's needs or desires; the entirety of what matters. Freq. with *to*. *colloq.* in later use. Cf. EVERYTHING *pron.* 1b.

- 1609 B. JONSON *Case is Altered* I. v. sig. C1<sup>v</sup>, No is your presence nothing, I shall want that, and wanting that, want all For that is all to me.
- 1721 E. YOUNG *Revenge* II. i. 20 What costs you Nothing, yet is All to him.
- 1852 *United Presbyterian Mag.* Aug. 356 He finds his happiness in his very vices, and since temporal happiness is all, he concludes that he may as well have it in vice as in what this reformer would call virtue.
- 1898 *University Mag. & Free Rev.* June 257 When Ellen Terry is playful, one realises that the play is all to her—her shallow emotion is absorbed in the enjoyment of it.
- 1922 E. A. GUEST *All that Matters* 7 'All That Matters' is dedicated to my wife who is all to me.
- 1973 *Holland (Mich.) Evening Sentinel* 10 Aug. 5/6 Jesus is all to me.
- 2004 M. NATHAN *Waitress* (2005) 368 In a world where speed has overtaken sense, where money is all and where feeding one's soul has become the last priority.

**3.** With *pl.* concord. All people; everybody, everyone.

- OE *West Saxon Gospels: Mark* (Corpus Cambr.) xiii. 37 Soðlice þæt ic eow secge eallum [c1200 *Hatton* eallen, OE *Lindisf.* allum], ic hit secge, waciað.
- OE *Paris Psalter* (1932) lii. 3 Ða of heofenum beseah halig drihten ofer manna bearn, hwæðer his mihta ða

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andgyt ænig ealra hæfde.

- ?c1225 ( ▶ ?a1200) *Ancrene Riwe* (Cleo. C.vi) (1972) 47 Þes þe god seolf seide bi þis deorewurðe saze king & prophete icured of alle.
- ▶ c1300 *Havelok* (Laud) (1868) 427 (MED), Haue he þe malisun to-day Of alle þat eure speken may!
- ▶ c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) (1850) Eph. iv. 6 O God and fadir of alle, the which is aboue alle men, and by alle thingis, and in vs alle.
- c1475 *Gregory's Chron.* in J. Gairdner *Hist. Coll. Citizen London* (1876) 230 Docter Ive..radde many fulle nobylle lessonys to preve that Cryste was lorde of alle.
- 1488 ( ▶ c1478) HARY *Actis & Deidis Schir William Wallace* (Adv.) (1968–9) VIII. l. 1339 Gret Iulius that tribut gat off aw, His wyynyng was in Scotland bot full smaw.
- 1545 T. RAYNALD in tr. E. Roesslin *Byrth of Mankynde* Prol. sig. B.viii<sup>v</sup>, The beneuolencie and wyllyng fauour of all.
- 1597 SHAKESPEARE *Richard II* III. ii. 156 Some poisoned by their wiues, some sleeping kild, All murdered.
- 1611 *Bible* (King James) 1 Tim. iv. 15 That thy profiting may appeare to all.
- 1684 J. BUNYAN *Pilgrim's Progress 2nd Pt.* II. 4 He..receiveth of the smiles and favours of him that is Judg of all.
- 1711 J. ADDISON *Spectator* No. 122. ¶2 Beloved and esteemed by all about him.
- 1721 E. WARD *Merry Trav.* (1729) I. 29 Here all are welcome to repair Their aching Limbs or damag'd Ware.
- 1764 O. GOLDSMITH *Traveller* 5 Nature, a mother kind alike to all.
- 1812 S. RANDALL *Miser* iv. 40 All must die!!
- 1889 *Harper's Mag.* Aug. 383/2 Where no one is pushed to the wall, or reduced to a seat and to silence, where all may move about at will.
- 1922 J. JOYCE *Ulysses* II. 326 Bye bye all, says Martin.
- 1996 *National Geographic* Feb. 104 (caption) Wide acceptance is given to all.

#### 4. With of.

A comparable partitive use with the genitive is found in Old English, but there is no continuity with the present use, which probably arose by association with *none of*, *some of*, etc.

**a.** With a plural or collective noun or pronoun: each and every one; every individual; all the members, examples, or instances.

- [OE ÆLFRIC *Homily* (Corpus Cambr. 188) in J. C. Pope *Homilies of Ælfric* (1967) I. 279 Eac þæra gedwolmanna..ealle heo oferswiðde mid soðum geleafan.]
- a1375 *William of Palerne* (1867) l. 370 (MED), He so grette alle of his compers þat he knew.
- ▶ a1382 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Bodl. 959) (1961) Lev. xi. 21 Alle of foulis þat goop on foure feet shal been abhomyneable to 3ow.
- c1475 ( ▶ 1392) *Surg. Treat.* in *MS Wellcome 564* f. 119, Take summe or alle of þe colde herbis bifore rehersed of ech an handful.
- a1500 ( ▶ ?a1475) *Guy of Warwick* (Cambr. Ff.2.38) l. 1132 We hym all abowte sett; We slewe all of hys men, But hymselfe skapyd then.
- 1587 SIR P. SIDNEY & A. GOLDING tr. P. de Mornay *Trewnesse Christian Relig.* v. 55 Albeit that of the things which are in this world, some vnderstand, and some vnderstand not;..all of them are appoynted to some certeyne end.
- 1628 *World Encompassed by Sir F. Drake* 8 All of these trees were euen laden with fruit.

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- 1654 J. BRAMHALL *Just Vindic. Church of Eng.* vii. 188 How their Kings..have all of them, in all ages, affronted and curbed the Roman Court.
- 1711 J. ADDISON *Spectator* No. 93. ¶1 We all of us complain of the Shortness of Time.
- 1778 J. COOK *Jrnl.* 8 Oct. (1967) III. I. 459 Some of them wear boots and all of them a kind of oval snouted Cap made of wood.
- 1813 J. AUSTEN *Pride & Prejudice* I. vii. 62 As it happens, they are all of them very clever.
- 1892 G. SAINTSBURY in *Macmillan's Mag.* June 107 Telegrams, postcards, correspondence-cards, letter-cards,—all of these things the truly good and wise detest.
- 1903 T. B. ALDRICH *Ponkapog Papers* (1904) 169 All of Herrick's geese were swans.
- 1983 *N.Y. Times* 19 June x. 26/6 Virtually all of the fares have contractual riders of one sort or another.
- 2011 *N.Y. Times Mag.* 9 Jan. 43/2 Eight or 10 loops were going on his laptop's screen all at once, all of them on mute until he clicked them on.

**b.** With an expression of quantity: fully. Now freq. *ironically*: no more than.

- 1614 J. COOKE *Greenes Tu Quoque* sig. E2, Yes this is the first game, but by the crosse of this siluer heere's all of fiue pounds.
- 1771 J. SHEBBEARE *Authentic Narr. Oppress. Islanders Jersey* II. 137 That such it was, can be proved by all of twenty-two thousand persons, who are arrived to the age of giving a legal testimony.
- 1829 R. C. SANDS *Writings* (1834) II. 57 Miss Cross, who was all of six feet high.
- 1883 'M. TWAIN' *Life on Mississippi* xviii. 220 It must have been all of fifteen minutes..of dull, homesick silence.
- 1944 'G. GRAHAM' *Earth & High Heaven* I. iii. 65 He was all of thirty-three, solitary and unsure of himself.
- 1992 *London Rev. Bks.* 26 Mar. 3/1 He should later claim to have learnt this extremely difficult concerto on all of three hours' practice a day.
- 2004 S. QUIGLEY *Run for Home* (2005) 5 All of two miles he'd managed, two friggin' miles.
- 2010 *Daily Tel.* 5 Apr. 26/3 It took him all of 14 years.

**c.** With a singular noun or pronoun: the entire amount, every part, the whole.

- [OE ÆLFRIC *Homily* (Vitell. C.v) in J. C. Pope *Homilies of Ælfric* (1968) II. 567 Ða ferde he geond eall þære foresædan scire.]
- 1651 T. HOBBS *Philos. Rudim.* iv. §14. 69 As the law of nature is all of it Divine, so the Law of Christ by conversion..is all of it also..the doctrine of Nature.
- 1686 R. PLOT *Nat. Hist. Staffs.* iv. 168 It being all of it good weatherstone, but not enduring the fire.
- 1718 J. QUINCY *Pharmacopœia Officinalis* 7 Of Turpentine, Gums, and all of that Tribe.
- 1808 A. WILSON *Amer. Ornithol.* I. 133 The House Wren inhabits the whole of the United States, in all of which it is migratory.
- 1858 E. H. SEARS *Athanasia* x. 81 The Sadducees held that all of human existence was bounded between birth and death.
- 1932 J. H. FREDERICK *Devel. Amer. Commerce* vii. 77 There were insufficient American vessels to handle all of the traffic.

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1999 M. PENDERGRAST *Uncommon Grounds* IV. xvii. 351 All of it was gone, along with his house, *beneficio*, and personal possessions.

**5.** Each and every one of the things specified or implied in the context; every individual or example of the specified kind or group. Cf. sense B. 4a.

- 1670 R. T. *Opinion Witchcraft Vindicated* 4 Neither may we easily suppose..that of so great a number, all should be so ready witted, as to give their answers at a venture, and yet with so much cunning.
- 1770 J. WESLEY *Let.* 12 Apr. (1931) V. 188 If two or three letters have miscarried, all will not; so I am determined to write again.
- 1843 'R. CARLTON' *New Purchase* II. l. 171 So nut-shelly had all books and subjects become, that all could be even cracked and devoured in infant schools!
- 1882 *Cent. Mag.* June 202/1 Even among first-rate tenors not all can easily compass this beautiful air.
- 1904 L. STEFFENS *Shame of Cities* 68 They did these things that they planned—all and more.
- 1967 D. BAXTER *Will Somebody please say Something?* I. 33 She had ten dolls, all made in the images of ten different men.
- 2006 T. ANDERSON *Riding Magic Carpet* (2008) vi. 202 Most modern ships are fitted to the Canal's specifications, known in the industry as 'Panamax dimensions', but not all can pass.

**II.** As a noun.

**6.** Usu. with possessive.

**a.** Everything that one possesses or in which one has a stake or interest; a person's entire possessions, property, or interest. Now freq. in extended use: one's full efforts or concern, esp. in **to give (it) one's all**. Usu. with possessive adjective.

- 1340 *Ayenbite* (1866) 116 (*MED*), Þet is a grace þet bedeawep þe herte..and makeþ his al become grene and berþ yno3 frut of guode workes.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Cymbeline* (1623) v. iv. 17 If of my Freedome 'tis the maine part, take No stricter render of me, then my All.
- 1628 O. FELLTHAM *Resolves: 2nd Cent.* xxxi. sig. O2<sup>v</sup>, Hee shall not command the All of an honest man.
- 1681 H. NEVILLE *Plato Redivivus* 235 Those matters..which concern our All.
- 1707 J. ADDISON *Present State War* 242 Our All is at stake.
- 1722 W. WOLLASTON *Relig. of Nature* viii. 157 When two persons throw their all into one stock as joint-traders for life.
- 1794 E. BURKE *Corr.* (1844) IV. 221 We are, as I think, fighting for our all.
- 1846 R. C. TRENCH *Notes Miracles* iii. 139 It was their all, and therefore, though it might be a few poor boats and nets, it was much.
- 1878 R. B. SMITH *Carthage* 259 They had ventured their all, or nearly their all, on this one throw.
- 1917 S. AUMONIER *Just Outside* xxv. 306 What more profitable beginning could be made than..to look pity between the eyes and give it your all because it needs it?
- 1973 R. ALLEN *Sorts* vii. 45 She didn't enjoy the prospect of..having her every whim subjected to the 'commune' necessity of sharing their all.
- 1989 N. CAVE *And Ass saw Angel* I. x. 62 Whereupon he proceeded to extravasate them mercilessly for

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their all.1992 *Watertown* (N.Y.) *Daily Times* 28 Feb. 17/2 I'm just going to give it my all.2009 *Daily Tel.* 10 June 19/3 After giving our all for half a century or more, we entered what we call 'The blessed state of Emeritude'.

**b.** Modified by *little*, somewhat *depreciatively*. One's meagre possessions or effort. Also in extended use.

1599 S. DANIEL *Musophilus* in *Poet. Ess.* sig. Aiiii<sup>v</sup>, Short-breath'd mortalitie would yet extend That span of life..That all this little All, might not descend Into the darke.1603 J. DAVIES *Microcosmos* 29 Myne active Loue, My little All doth..imploy For thee.1631 F. QUARLES *Hist. Samson* 71 That little all Was left, was all corrupt.1738 JOHNSON *London* 189 [You] leave your little all to flames a prey.1744 J. WESLEY in J. Wesley & C. Wesley *Coll. Psalms & Hymns* (new ed.) i. 421 My little All I give to Thee.1755 JOHNSON *Let.* 7 Feb. (1992) I. 95 No Man is well pleased to have his all neglected, be it ever so little.1797 *Anti-Jacobin* 27 Nov. 15/2 Or roguish Lawyer made you lose your little All in a law-suit.1833 W. HAMILTON in *Edinb. Rev.* Apr. 198 The Compend of Aldrich..has furnished for above a century the little all of logic taught..by the University of Bradwardin and Scotus.1862 C. S. CALVERLEY *Verses & Transl.* (ed. 2) 64, I..Place 'neath my head the *havre-sac* Which I have stowed my little all in.1912 *National Rotarian* Aug. 21 We are ambitious and wish to do our little all!2008 *Caribbean Rev. Bks.* May 14/2 The island speaker has a too-late impulse to give his little all..to the emigrant.

**c.** In *pl.* One's possessions. Usu. in ***to pack up one's alls***. Now *regional* and *rare*.

A comparable use is found in Old English (in the inflected form *ealle*) only in an isolated attestation in an interlinear gloss rendering Latin *omnia* (neuter plural): see quot. OE.

[In *to pack up one's alls* probably a punning alteration of *to pack up one's awls* (see AWL n. 2c).]

[OE tr. Defensor *Liber Scintillarum* (1969) xi. 113 *Sunt quidam qui facilius omnia sua pauperibus dei distribuunt quam ut ipsi pauperes dei fiant* : synd sume þa eþelicur ealle hyra þearfum godes todælað þænne þæt hi þearfan godes gewyrþan.]

1683 *Old New True Blew Protestant-plot* (single sheet) Now Oats for Pegs, may pack up his All's, And there inform his Master.1749 H. FIELDING *Tom Jones* I. II. iii. 67 She..ordered Jenny immediately to pack up her Alls, and be gone.1763 I. BICKERSTAFF *Love in Village* 44 So pack up your alls, and be trudging away.1809 B. H. MALKIN tr. A. R. Le Sage *Adventures Gil Blas* I. II. vii. 292, I should be a great fool, to pack up my alls when the prize was falling into my hands.1830 A. ROYALL *Southern Tour* I. 153, I shall not go without you, so pack up your alls and be ready.1889 E. PEACOCK *Gloss. Words Manley & Corringham, Lincs.* (ed. 2) Alls, goods and chattels, especially workmen's tools. 'Pack up your alls and slot off' is a common form of dismissal, used by masters to workmen.1910 J. PRIOR *Fortuna Chance* xxxvii. 438 His widow..gave her an hour to pack up her alls, and sent her off

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in the post-chaise in which she herself had arrived.

## 7. With a determiner, esp. *the*. Cf. *all of all n.* at Phrases 22.

### a. The universe, the macrocosm; the whole of nature or existence.

- 1598 J. BASTARD in E. Farr *Sel. Poetry Reign Elizabeth* (1845) II. 316 Man is the little world (so we him call), The world the little god, God the Great All.
- 1612 G. WITHER *Prince Henries Obseq.* in *Juvenilia* (1633) 298 Living in any corner of this All.
- 1623 W. DRUMMOND *Flowres of Sion* 11 Come see that King which all this All commands.
- 1729 B. MANDEVILLE *Fable Bees* II. i. 21 The whole, the beautiful All, must be the Workmanship of one great Architect of Power and Wisdom stupendious.
- 1848 P. J. BAILEY *Festus* (ed. 3) 329 The atom and the all Commune and know each other.
- 1850 T. CARLYLE *Latter-day Pamphlets* VI. 27 No pin's point can you mark within the wide circle of the All where God's Laws are not.
- 1912 A. BESANT *Spiritual Life* iv. 75 Into Brahman such a Soul enters and gains its liberation,..having reached what the Hindu calls Moksha, in perfect unity with the One and with the All.
- 2006 *N.Y. Rev. Bks.* 19 Oct. 69/2 As his motto Holderlin adopted the Greek phrase *en kai pan*, one and all: life is a harmonious unity, our goal must be to merge with the All.

### b. With *of*. The whole being or existence of something; the entirety, the totality; (also) a whole, a totality.

- 1619 A. GORGES tr. Bacon *Wisedome Ancients* 22 Pan..represents and lays open the All of things or Nature.
- 1674 N. FAIRFAX *Treat. Bulk & Selvedge* 145 The laws of motion, in the round All of bodies.
- a1761 W. LAW *Comfort Weary Pilgrim* (1809) 86 This pure love introduces the creature into the all of God.
- 1843 T. CARLYLE *Past & Present* II. xvii. 172 An All of rotten Formulas.
- 1918 *Christian Sci. Jrnl.* 18 Aug. 251/2 The all of mortal belief comprises much more than appears on the surface.
- 1990 A. DUFF *Once were Warriors* (1995) xiv. 165 But Grace wasn't the all of it.

### C. *adv.*

#### 1. As part of a predicate, the complement of a verb, or a phrase used in apposition.

App. arising from the separation of the adjective from the subject by a main verb, so that it was taken to modify the predicate rather than the subject. This use remains very often syntactically ambiguous with the adjective. In cases where the subject of the verb is plural, the use is typically understood as the adjective (see sense A. 2d), but not, for example, when the subject refers to only two persons or things. Cases where the subject is singular are frequently interpretable adverbially, although particular cases may be understood as unambiguously adjectival. In cases where the subject refers to a complex entity which might be understood as plural (i.e., as the aggregate of its parts or elements), interpretation as or overlap with the adjective is more likely (cf. sense A. 1b(c), A. 1c(c)). Since a personal subject is less likely to be understood as a composite or aggregate in this way than is a physical object or abstract entity, use with respect to the latter is more often ambiguous (see senses C. 1a(a), C. 1b(b)).

When the copular verb has an auxiliary, *all* is typically placed between the auxiliary and the verb rather than before the predicate, and this proximity to the subject sometimes suggests an adjectival interpretation. In cases where the subject is a singular noun, *all* is rarely, if ever, found in this position other than in predicative constructions; with singular pronouns it is found with verbs other than copular ones, typically when the pronoun refers generally to a complex entity, and is usually unambiguously adjectival in these wider cases (see sense A. 1f(c)).

#### a. With a past participle, adjective, or (later also) adjectival phrase: wholly, completely,

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entirely; altogether, quite; fully; (later also in somewhat weakened use) to a strikingly large extent; very much.

(a) With a physical object or abstract entity as the subject of the verb. In later use freq. with *it* or a demonstrative pronoun used to refer generally to a situation, state of affairs, etc.

Freq. overlapping with adjectival use: see note at the head of sense C. 1, and cf. sense A. 1f(c).

OE *Genesis B* 756 Hit is nu Adame eall forgolden.

OE *Seven Sleepers* (Julius) (1994) 50 Ne we nellað þe ameldian, ac hit eall stille lætan.

IOE KING ÆLFRED tr. Boethius *De Consol. Philos.* (Bodl.) (2009) I. xxvii. 299 Þeah se leasa wena..tiohhie þæt se anweald sie þæt hehste good, ac hit bið eall oðer.

?c1200 *Ormulum* (Burchfield transcript) l. 9579 Issraæleþeod. tatt wass. All wesste. & all forrwoorrpenn.

a1250 ( ▶ ?c1200) *Hali Meidhad* (Titus) (1940) 308 Ah al is meidenes song unilich þeose.

c1275 ( ▶ ?a1200) LA3AMON *Brut* (Calig.) (1963) l. 3881 Þe tur wes al 3aru.

▶ a1382 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(1)) (1850) Prov. xii. 3 The roote of ri3twis men shal not ben al moued.

▶ a1387 J. TREVISA tr. R. Higden *Polychron.* (St. John's Cambr.) (1865) I. 5 Art, sciens and lawe al were i-falle,..but þe mercy of God had i-ordyned vs of lettres in remedie of vnparfi3tnesse of mankynde.

a1475 J. SHIRLEY *Death James* in *Miscellanea Scotica* (1818) II. 26 (MED), Withe hookid ynstrumentes of yryne, fuyre hote all red glowyng, thay pynchid and twynched his theghis.

1548 W. TURNER *Names of Herbes* sig. B.iiij<sup>v</sup>, It [sc. Asparagus] maye be called in englishe pricky Sperage, because it is all full of pryckes.

1611 *Bible* (King James) Nahum iii. 1 Woe to the bloody City, it is all full of lyes and robbie.

1648 R. HERRICK *Hesperides* sig. L8, Lips she has, all Rubie red.

1671 in M. P. Brown *Suppl. Dict. Decisions Court of Session* (1826) II. 704 When first shown it was most white and tight, the next time it was all sullied, rankled, and torn.

1729 R. BARFORD *Virgin Queen* III. i. 33 Her dim Eyes rolling round, Now clos'd in Death, her faded Lips all white!

1737 H. BAKER tr. Virgil in *Medulla Poetarum Romanorum* II. 239 His Eyes are all inflam'd.

1857 T. HUGHES *Tom Brown's School Days* II. iii. 274 His long skinny arms all covered with anchors and arrows and letters.

1883 *Cent. Mag.* Feb. 586/1 Her feet are all banged up.

1921 M. E. STONE *Fifty Years Journalist* vii. 355 To me it seemed all wrong.

1960 *Guardian* 8 Nov. 1/6 The two men, shaved and rested and all duded up.

2003 W. J. MANN *Where Boys Are* (2004) 155 'Jeff,' he whispers, his face all red and shiny from the cold.

(b) With a person, animal, or something personified as the subject of the verb. Freq. with *alone*.

IOE *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Tiber. B.iv) anno ?1130 For þet he wes all forsworn.

a1225 ( ▶ ?OE) *MS Trin. Cambr.* in R. Morris *Old Eng. Homilies* (1873) 2nd Ser. 191 Þurch onde com deað in to þe worelde al umbegonge.

c1275 ( ▶ ?a1200) LA3AMON *Brut* (Calig.) (1978) l. 10609 Al wæs þe king abol3en swa bið þe wilde bar.

?a1400 ( ▶ a1338) R. MANNYNG *Chron.* (Petyt) (1996) II. 280 Þe kyng was alle affraied.

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- c1450 ( ▶ ?c1425) *St. Christina in Anglia* (1885) 8 122 (MED), Þey, alle-astonyed, sawe the womman byfore hem in verrey body.
- 1484 CAXTON tr. G. de la Tour-Landry *Bk. Knight of Tower* (1971) xxx. 53 The lady wente oute of her wytte, and was al demonyak.
- 1490 CAXTON tr. *Eneydos* xv. 52 The duke Eneas and Dydo fleyng the wedrynge, shalle rendre himself bothe togydre alle alone.
- 1534 J. FEWTERER tr. U. Pinder *Myrroure Christes Passion* i. iv. f. xi<sup>v</sup>, The sonne of god theternall, and onely sonne of god, very god and man, all good, all myghty, all wyse, the kynge of glorie.
- 1590 SPENSER *Faerie Queene* III. III. sig. Ee, The doubtfull Mayd..Was all abasht, and her pure yuory Into a cleare Carnation suddeine dyde.
- 1595 SPENSER *Amoretti* lxxxii. sig. F2, I..shall all be spent, In setting your immortall prayes forth.
- 1602 SHAKESPEARE *Merry Wives of Windsor* IV. v. 105 Her husband hath beaten her that she is all Blacke and blew.
- 1662 R. MATHEWS *Unlearned Alchymist* §75. 97 When through impatience he had got some violent astringer..he was all torn in his Limbs.
- 1684 J. BUNYAN *Pilgrim's Progress 2nd Pt.* II. 76, I was a Dreamed that I sat all alone.
- 1713 J. ADDISON *Cato* IV. iii. 48 He was all made up of Love and Charms.
- 1757 S. FOOTE *Author* I. 14, I cou'd have made as good a Speech upon any Subject, in Italian, French, German,—but I am all unhing'd! all.
- 1791 W. COWPER tr. Homer *Odyssey in Iliad & Odyssey* II. IX. 217 Some aspiring mountain-crag..standing all alone.
- 1812 S. H. BURNEY *Traits of Nature* I. vi. 97 Will you make little Missy not stand here, and get all wet and cold?
- 1814 BYRON *Corsair* III. xv. 85, I am not all deserted on the main.
- 1847 J. HALLIDAY *Rustic Bard* 343, I felt all sad, surrounded By scenes of early joy.
- 1880 R. BROWNING *Clive* 28 All-agog to have me trespass.
- 1923 *Glasgow Herald* 10 May 9 He was all confused when taken to the presence of Her Majesty by a camerlengo.
- 1935 D. THOMAS *Let.* 14 Aug. in P. Ferris *Coll. Lett. Dylan Thomas* (1987) 197 I'm writing by candlelight all alone in a cottage facing the Atlantic.
- 1983 *N.Y. Times* 14 Sept. D22/5 John Emmerling..was all abubble with new-business news yesterday.
- 2010 A. R. HAWKINS *Year Money grew on Trees* vii. 111 And look at you, you're all filthy!

**b.** With a noun used predicatively: consisting entirely of, or wholly or prominently characterized by what is denoted by the noun; entirely, completely, altogether.

(a) With a noun phrase as the subject of the verb.

*to be all ears, eyes, mouth, smiles, etc.:* see the nouns.

- OE ÆLFRIC *Catholic Homilies: 1st Ser.* (Royal) (1997) vii. 237 He [sc. se ælmihtiga scyppend] ne forestihte nænne to yfelnysse, for þan ðe he sylf is eall godnyss.
- a1225 ( ▶ c1200) *Vices & Virtues* 35 (MED), Þanne cumþ ðe hali gast ðe is all fier barnende.
- ▶ a1438 *Bk. Margery Kempe* I. 42 Þe Holy Gost meuyth neuyr a þing a-geyn charite..for he is al charite.
- 1485 *Croniclis of Englonde* (St. Albans) III. sig. fiiij, He wos all a tyrend.
- 1577 H. I. tr. H. Bullinger *50 Godlie Serm.* II. IV. iii. sig. Ccc.vii/1, He is all eye, because he seeth all things. All hand, because he worketh all things. All foote because he is present euery where.

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- 1577 B. GOUGE tr. C. Heresbach *Foure Bks. Husbandry* II. f. 102, The Elme..(as it is al hart) it maketh good tyMBER.
- 1617 T. MIDDLETON & W. ROWLEY *Faire Quarrell* II. sig. C4<sup>v</sup>, The Colonel soone inrag'd, (As hee's all touch-wood).
- 1678 S. BUTLER *Hudibras: Third Pt.* III. ii. 192 Force, enough to fly; And beat a Tuscan running Horse, Whose Jocky-Rider is all Spurs.
- 1687 A. LOVELL tr. J. de Thévenot *Trav. into Levant* I. 72 They..ram down a sizable Bullet with the Scowring-stick, which is all Iron.
- 1688 R. HOLME *Acad. Armory* III. xx. 247/1 The Third, is called a Padle or Mundle, it is like an old spade without its Iron shooe, all wood.
- 1702 J. VANBRUGH *False Friend* 1, She's all Divinity.
- 1775 W. MARSHALL *Minutes Agric.* 23 July (1778) I have given him the rips, instead of the best team, and he is all submission.
- 1785 J. TRUSLER *Mod. Times* III. 157 He draws back when they are addressing him, as if contamination was in their breath, and is all gooseskin at a low bred man.
- 1813 J. AUSTEN *Pride & Prejudice* I. vi. 58 'Miss Elizabeth Bennet!' repeated Miss Bingley. 'I am all astonishment. How long has she been such a favourite?'
- 1827 B. DISRAELI *Vivian Grey* V. VII. viii. 93 His Royal Highness was all smiles, and his Consort all diamonds.
- 1850 T. T. LYNCH *Memorials Theophilus Trinal* xi. 224 Another is all frivolity.
- 1851 *Catal. Great Exhib.* 569 Dutch fabric carpets, all wool, and..warp made from silk noils.
- 1861 *Gospel Herald* **30** 235/1 Young converts..are apt to think that the Christian's path is all sunshine to their glorious home above.
- 1928 *Daily Express* 8 May 11/2 The modern woman is all eyes, mouth, and a neat silhouette of hair.
- 1974 *Guardian* 23 Mar. 14/4, I was..enchanted by the dining car, all wood panelling and twiddly bits.
- 1992 B. SEWALL *Habit of Lifetime* vi. 75 We were all ineptitude and incapacity.
- 2001 A. HAWES *Extra Virgin* (2002) 115 His office is all leather Chesterfields, mahogany desks, and carved cigar boxes.
- 2003 R. LACEY *Street Bible* 46 He's all charm now, but what if he's bluffing?

(b) With *it* or a demonstrative pronoun as the subject of the verb, esp. used to refer generally to a situation, state of affairs, etc.

Freq. overlapping with adjectival and pronominal use: see note at the head of sense C. 1, and cf. sense A. 1f(c).

*all the go*, *all the rage*: see GO *n.*<sup>1</sup> 3c, RAGE *n.* 5g.

- a1225 ( ▶ c1200) *Vices & Virtues* 27 (MED), Wið-uten ðe læche ðe locedð after mannes ikynde, þe newe oðer elde, and ðe wrihte his timber to keruen after ðare mone, ðe is ikyndelich þing; elles hit is al zedwoll.
- 1340 *Ayenbite* (1866) 143 Him hit þingþ þet hit is al wynd and metinge and lyezyng.
- a1400 tr. Lanfranc *Sci. Chirurgie* (Ashm.) (1894–1988) 270 But if it be in children..it is al traueile in idil.
- a1500 ( ▶ ?a1400) *Tale King Edward & Shepherd* (Cambr.) (1930) l. 229 Hit is alle þe Kyngus waren; Ther is nouþer knyzt ne sqwayne þat dar do sich a dede, Any conyng here to sla.
- 1588 HUNSDON in *Border Papers* (1894) I. 305 But it is all dissemblacion, and that wee shall find if wee trust to them.

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- 1641 R. BAILLIE *Parallel Liturgje with Masse-bk.* Pref. sig. A2<sup>v</sup>, This is all the labour of his hypocritical emissary.
- 1703 M. CHUDLEIGH *Poems Several Occasions* 3 The past was all a Dream.
- 1725 W. BROOME in Pope et al. tr. Homer *Odyssey* I. II. Observ. 104 Eustathius..quotes Herodotus, as affirming that she [sc. Penelope] had a son, named Pan, by Hermes; but the Bishop declares it is all a scandal.
- 1788 J. ATKINSON *Match for Widow* 52 This is all Cherokee to me—I don't understand a word of your simile.
- 1814 J. AUSTEN *Mansfield Park* III. xv. 282 It might be all a lie, he acknowledged.
- 1936 N. COWARD *Astonished Heart* iii, It was all a trick—I planned it.
- 1952 A. WILSON *Hemlock & After* (1957) 32 Bernie had said it was all balls.
- 1989 J. SULLIVAN *Only Fools & Horses* (2000) II. Ser. 6 Episode 5. 109/2 No, no, it's all a load of old tosh. Only a simpleton would believe in it.

**c. colloq.** Modifying a complement of *to go*: absolutely, completely, intensely; *spec.* characteristically, archetypally. Cf. *all of a* at Phrases 20.

- 1881 *Leeds Loiners' Comic Olmenac* 24, I went all wimley-wamley e me head.
- 1922 M. A. VON ARNIM *Enchanted April* 111 She'll leave off being ossified, and go all soft and able to stretch, and we shall get quite—why, I shouldn't be surprised if we get quite fond of her.
- 1932 S. GIBBONS *Cold Comfort Farm* v. 71 She will..go all arty-and-crafty.
- 1935 *Punch* 16 Oct. 448/2 If Mr. Morley does go all Rider Haggard for a few pages towards the end of the book the circumstance is scarcely to be deplored.
- 1947 M. GILBERT *Close Quarters* iii. 50, 'I have questioned Canon Beech-Thompson,' replied Pollock shortly. 'And got an imperial raspberry?' said Halliday... 'I suppose he went all Crockford at once.'
- 1991 F. KANGA *Heaven on Wheels* (1992) vii. 91 So I went all English and said, 'I wouldn't dream of bothering you; please carry on.'
- 2001 *Touch* Dec. 107/2 It's [his] voice that makes me go all silly.

**d. colloq.** (orig. *U.S.*). Modifying a complement of *to be* (also *to go*) which expresses or describes reported speech or action, as an intensifier or filler. Also with *like*. Cf. BE *v.* 21, *to be like* at LIKE *adj., adv., conj., and prep.* Phrases 7.

- 1982 D. M. ALFORD *Not Just Words* Fall 1982–3 6 S/he's all, [with hands on hips and falsetto voice] 'Why don't you ever do what you're told!'
- 1983 *United Press Internat. Newswire* (Nexis) 12 May Some men are all like—'We're all powerful, women are just meek and humble.'
- 1996 V. WALTERS *Rude Girls* ix. 160 Then she begged him to dance and she was all pushing herself on him and then taking him into corners and whispering things in his ear.
- 2003 in E. Langer *Hundred Little Hitlers* xxxix. 282 He was all 'You snitch, you,' and he's all saying 'Tom told me you snitched up there.'
- 2010 J. DEVILLERS & J. ROY *Take Two* v. 47 Out of the corner of my eye I saw my twin's mouth drop open and her face went all like, *What are you doing?*

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**2. Modifying adverbs, adverbial phrases, verbs, and attributive adjectives:**  
wholly, completely, entirely; altogether, quite. Now freq. with *by oneself*,  
*on one's own*.

- OE WULFSTAN *Baptism* (Hatton 113) (1957) 179 Ðonne þis gedon bið eal fulllice wel swa to ðære cristnunge  
gebyreð, þonne is..to efstanne wið fontbæðes.
- ?c1200 *Ormulum* (Burchfield transcript) l. 15214 All þuss wass iohaness fulluhht.
- 1340 *Ayenbite* (1866) 89 Nou ich þe habbe al uolliche ysseawed þet ich leue.
- ▶ a1393 GOWER *Confessio Amantis* (Fairf.) l. l. 2069 (*MED*), Thus was it spoken to and fro..Al prively  
behinde his bak.
- ?1410 T. HOCCKLEVE *Ballad to Somer* l. 7 in *Minor Poems* (1892) l. 64 It is no wit..Vse the rule foorth as we  
been Inne; But al an othir rule to begynne.
- a1425 (▶ ?a1400) CHAUCER *Romaunt Rose* (Hunterian) (1891) l. 286 That she ne myght al abate his pris.
- 1488 (▶ c1478) HARY *Actis & Deidis Schir William Wallace* (Adv.) (1968–9) v. l. 342 He thoct that it was  
all in fyr.
- 1489 (▶ a1380) J. BARBOUR *Bruce* (Adv.) l. 392 All othir contenance had he.
- a1500 (▶ c1425) ANDREW OF WYNTOUN *Oryg. Cron. Scotl.* (Nero) vi. 169 Hir childe il al suddandly  
Trawalit hir sa angrely.
- 1533 T. MORE *Answer Poysened Bk.* l. xiii. f. 1<sup>v</sup>, His exposycyon flytteth all fro the poynte.
- 1541 T. ELYOT *Image of Gouvernance* xi. f. 20<sup>v</sup>, But it succeeded all other wise.
- 1582 R. STANYHURST tr. Virgil *First Foure Bookes Æneis* l. 11 Doubtlesse thee gods al greatlye doe tender  
Thy state, neere Tyrian citty so lucklye to iumble.
- 1601 P. HOLLAND tr. Pliny *Hist. World* II. XI. 337 None have their eyes all of one color.
- 1693 tr. J. Le Clerc *Mem. Count Teckely* l. 57 They endeavour all anew to put those..in a state uncapable.
- 1707 C. CIBBER *School-boy* l. 21 He..has prickled my Face till my Eyes are all of a Water.
- 1793 R. SOUTHEY *Triumph of Woman* 63, in *Wks.* II. 7 All hopelessly our years of sorrow flow.
- 1839 P. J. BAILEY *Festus* 36 Gazing o'er thee I all Forget the bounds of being.
- 1857 J. W. CARLYLE *Lett.* II. 308 Mr. C. dines all by himself at present, I merely looking on.
- 1889 *Harper's Mag.* Aug. 415/2 The deception I had all innocently practised.
- 1951 N. PEVSNER *Middlesex* (Buildings of Eng.) 38 So the church lies now all on its own.
- 1990 M. MARTIN *Keys of this Blood* l. v. 144 Technically, it was—perhaps all unconsciously—an act of  
misfeasance in high office.
- 2004 T. WOLFE *I am Charlotte Simmons* ix. 185 Nike all by itself had a \$200 billion advertising budget.

**3. With adverbs of degree, esp. *too*: altogether, quite.**

- OE *Royal Charter: Æðelred II to Christ Church, Canterbury* (Sawyer 914) in J. M. Kemble *Codex  
Diplomaticus* (1845) III. 349 Ic ðisne ðeodscype undergyte ðurh manna yfelnysses and  
unrihtwisnysses eall to wide fordonne, and forhergudne.
- a1225 (▶ ?c1175) *Poema Morale* (Trin. Cambr.) 328 in R. Morris *Old Eng. Homilies* (1873) 2nd Ser. 230  
(*MED*), Of þesse riche we þencheð to ofte, of þare alto selde.
- c1300 *St. Thomas Becket* (Laud) l. 232 in C. Horstmann *Early S.-Eng. Legendary* (1887) 113 (*MED*),  
Swuche prelatu al-to fewe beoth nouþe In office i-do!

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- a1400 in F. J. Furnivall *Polit., Relig., & Love Poems* (1903) 250 (*MED*), Wonne..þin teth ratilet..and þi prote ruteletz, Al to late..þen is te wayn atte yate.
- c1450 ( ▶ c1380) CHAUCER *House of Fame* (Fairf. 16) (1878) l. 288 Dido..That loued alto sone a gest.
- a1500 ( ▶ c1410) *Dives & Pauper* (Hunterian) (1976) l. 165 Þer ben al to many þat knowyn þese..and practysyn newe 3er be 3er.
- 1587 R. HOLINSHED et al. *Hist. Scotl.* (new ed.) 314/1 in *Holinshed's Chron.* (new ed.) II The King..did send fourth (but all too late) Andrew Wood.
- 1600 SHAKESPEARE *Henry IV, Pt. 2* v. ii. 24 Our argument Is all too heawy to admit much talke.
- 1697 DRYDEN *Ded. Æneis* in tr. Virgil *Wks.* sig. fi<sup>v</sup>, Mr. Cowley had found out, that no kind of Staff is proper for an Heroick Poem; as being all too lyrical.
- 1706 M. PRIOR *Ode to Queen* iv, Me all too mean for such a Task I weet.
- 1797 A. RADCLIFFE *Italian* III. ix. 320 The colours were all too fresh and garish for the meek dejection of her eye.
- 1805 R. SOUTHEY *Madoc* II. xvii. 350 Give me the boy..he travels all too slow.
- 1834 T. CARLYLE *Sartor Resartus* III. xii, in *Fraser's Mag.* Aug. 193/2 Thy all-too Irish mirth and madness.
- 1840 T. P. THOMPSON *Exercises* (1842) V. 191 War is all soon enough when it cannot be helped.
- 1921 J. JOYCE *Lett.* (1957) 160 The last word (human all-too-human) is left to Penelope.
- 1987 N. SPINRAD *Little Heroes* 30 In high school he became all too painfully aware of his nerdishness in the form of his ability to get laid.
- 2004 H. KENNEDY *Just Law* (2005) v. 130 The short-comings of British constitutional arrangements were becoming all too clear.

#### 4. Giving emphasis to a prefix to a verb: completely, utterly, quite. See also *all-to* at Phrases 14.

##### †a. With verbs formed with TO- prefix<sup>2</sup>. *Obs.*

- OE ÆLFRIC *Homily* (Vitell. C.v) in J. C. Pope *Homilies of Ælfric* (1968) II. 577 He eapelite tobræc þa isenan racenteaga, & þa fotcopsas eall tocwysde [OE *Cambr. Gg.3.28* ealle tocwysde].
- OE WÆRFERÐ tr. Gregory *Dialogues* (Corpus Cambr.) (1900) III. xvi. 213 He sceolde beon eall tosliten for þam clifstanum.
- a1225 ( ▶ ?a1200) *MS Trin. Cambr.* in R. Morris *Old Eng. Homilies* (1873) 2nd Ser. 113 (*MED*), Ure helende brac þo þe irene herre and alto shiurede þe giaten.
- c1330 ( ▶ ?a1300) *Arthur & Merlin* (Auch.) (1973) l. 4843 Þat he tok he al torof.  
▶ c1449 R. PECOCK *Repressor* (1860) 484 That her ordre schulde be alto broke.
- c1450 ( ▶ ?a1400) *Sege Melayne* l. 262 Riche hawberkes were all to-rent.
- 1483 CAXTON tr. J. de Voragine *Golden Legende* f. ccxxxvj/1, They..were alle to cutte with the stones.
- ?1534 *Remors of Conscyence* (de Worde) (new ed.) sig. B.iv, With thy tongue thou me all to terest.
- 1549 T. CHALONER tr. Erasmus *Praise of Folie* sig. Diiij<sup>v</sup>, Beyng all to laught to scorne.
- 1587 A. FLEMING et al. *Holinshed's Chron.* (new ed.) III. Contin. 1991/1 Which the Scots in times past haue all to broken.
- 1611 *Bible* (King James) Judges ix. 53 And a certaine woman cast a piece of a milstone vpon Abimelechs head, and all to brake his scull.
- a1688 J. BUNYAN *Acceptable Sacrifice* in *Wks.* (1853) I. 698 This was it, that all to-brake his heart.

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**b.** With verbs formed with BE- *prefix*.

Now much more commonly found modifying the past participles of established verbs formed with the prefix, as *begrimed*, *bespattered*, *besmired*, etc.; in this use indistinguishable from sense C. 1.

- OE *ÆLFRIC Lives of Saints* (Julius) (1881) I. 468 Seo ealde cyrce wæs eall behangen mid criccum, and mid creopera sceamelum, fram ende oð oþerne on ægðrum wage.
- ?c1200 *Ormulum* (Burchfield transcript) l. 2832 Himm wass hiss spæche..Þurh drihhtin all biræfedd.
- c1275 (► ?a1200) LAZAMON *Brut* (Calig.) (1978) l. 11146 Arðures men weoren mid wepnen al bi-þehte.
- a1375 *William of Palerne* (1867) l. 661 (MED), Al bi-weped for wo.
- c1405 (► c1387–95) CHAUCER *Canterbury Tales Prol.* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 76 Al bismotered with his haubergeoun.
- a1492 CAXTON tr. *Vitae Patrum* (1495) I. xxxv. f. xxx/1, Saynt Anthonye..wepete and alle bywette his face wyth teeres.
- a1500 (► ?c1450) *Merlin* (1899) x. 165 His swerde, all be-soyled with blode of men and of horse.
- 1565 A. GOLDING tr. Ovid *Fyrst Fower Bks. Metamorphosis* II. f. 12<sup>v</sup>, All beevenymd was her toong.
- 1600 S. ROWLANDS *Letting of Humors Blood* xxiii. 29 Drinke with his dart hath all bestabbed mee.
- 1660 T. HALL *Funebria Floræ* Verses sig. G2, In bowers of May-sprigs gaily built With Flowers and Garlands all bedilt.
- 1760 L. STERNE *Life Tristram Shandy* II. iii. 19 The souls of connoisseurs themselves, by long friction and incumbition, have the happiness, at length, to get all be-virtu'd.
- 1797 W. TAYLOR in *Monthly Mag.* 4 134 Lordlings all begarter'd and bestarr'd.
- 1810 W. COMBE *Schoolmaster's Tour* in *Poet. Mag.* Nov. 3 The cot, that's all bewhiten'd o'er.
- 1882 S. M. HECKFORD *Lady Trader in Transvaal* 302 Fine-looking Kaffirs, all be-cat-tailed.
- 1999 *New Yorker* 20 Sept. 76/2 Her upper body is all besuited business.

**5.** With a preposition referring to a point of space, esp. *to*: entirely, completely. In later use only in *fig.* and extended use, typically in phrases denoting utter destruction or ruin, as ***all to naught***, ***all to pot*** (see POT n.<sup>1</sup> Phrases 3), etc. Cf. *all to nothing* at NOTHING *pron.*, *n.*, *adv.*, and *int.* Phrases 11a.

† ***to call all to naught***: to vilify (*obs.*).

In quot. eOE the form *ealle* could show either the neuter instrumental singular, used as adverb, or the feminine nominative plural, as predicative adjective agreeing with the (implicit) subject and the verb. Likewise, in quotes. OE<sup>1</sup>, OE<sup>2</sup> the forms *eall*, *eal* could show, respectively, feminine and neuter singular forms of the predicative adjective agreeing with the singular subject. See discussion in etymology.

- eOE *Metres of Boethius* (2009) xxix. 87 Gif he swa gestæððig ne staðolade ealla gesceafta..., æghwilt hiora ealle to nauhte weorðan sceoldon wraðe toslopena [lOE *Bodl.* to nauhte wurdon ealle gesceafta].
- OE *ÆLFRIC Homily* (Trin. Cambr. B.15.34) in B. Assmann *Angelsächsische Homilien u. Heiligenleben* (1889) 74 Ge beoð geunrotsode, ac eower unrotnys bið witodlice awænd eow eall to blisse.
- OE WULFSTAN *Institutes of Polity* (Corpus Cambr. 201) 58 And arære man unlaga ahwar on lande oððe unsida ahwar to swiðe, þæt cymð þare þeode eal to unþearfe.
- a1225 (► ?OE) *MS Lamb.* in R. Morris *Old Eng. Homilies* (1868) 1st Ser. 35 (MED), Þu forwurðest..al to nohte.

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- ?c1225 ( ▶ ?a1200) *Ancrene Riwe* (Cleo. C.vi) (1972) 278 [He] tuki ham alto wunder.
- c1300 *Life & Martyrdom Thomas Becket* (Harl. 2277) (1845) l. 22 The Princes douzter..that hire hurte al upe him caste.
- ▶ a1470 MALORY *Morte Darthur* (Winch. Coll. 13) (1990) III. 1212 They thus overryde oure londis, they shall by proces brynge us all to nought.
- 1559 *Certayne Sermon*. (new ed.) in J. Griffiths *Two Bks. Homilies* (1859) I. 134 David, when Semei did call him all to naught, did not chide again.
- 1594 SHAKESPEARE *Venus & Adonis* (new ed.) sig. G<sup>v</sup>, It was not she that cald him all to nought.
- a1617 P. BAYNE *Comm. Ephes.* (1658) 102 Hee..doth give his son all to death.
- 1626 BACON *Sylua Syluarum* §540 The sap is not so frank as to rise all to the boughs.
- 1739 M. DELANY *Autobiogr. & Corr.* (1861) II. 37 [The Duchess of Portland]..calls herself all to nought for having been so long in her debt.
- 1828 J. K. PAULDING *New Mirror for Travellers* 174 The citizen geese will call us all to nought, and choose other wise geese in our stead.
- 1866 'O. OPTIC' *Yankee Middy* xviii. 214 Dat schooner down dar got a big gun; blow de steamer all to squash.
- 1912 *Baily's Mag.* Dec. 445/2 If it be your drive that has gone all to the dogs, you call upon god.
- 1982 P. LARKIN *Let.* 30 Nov. in *Sel. Lett.* (1992) 684 The electrical system is all to cock and the whole thing is likely to go up in flames at any moment.
- 1999 P. JACKSON *Retake Please!* xi. 99 The electric gear was all to hell and the steering all to buggery.

## 6. With prepositions and adverbs denoting movement or extension in space or time.

### a. With prepositions: all the way; fully.

- eOE *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Parker) anno 904 Ða for Eadweard cyning æfter..& oferhergade eall hira land betwuh dicum & Wusan, eall oð ða fennas norð.
- lOE *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Laud) (Peterborough contin.) anno 1123 Ða ferde se kyng þenen to Portesmuðe & læi þære eall ofer Pentecostewuce.
- c1300 *St. Wulstan* (Laud) 224 in C. Horstmann *Early S.-Eng. Legendary* (1887) 77 (MED), Ðat holie bodi..al along þe rewe þoru; þe queor he gan i-wiende.
- ▶ a1470 MALORY *Morte Darthur* (Winch. Coll. 13) (1990) I. 197 His breste and his brayre [*perh. read* brayle] was bloode, and [hit] rayled all over the see.
- 1569 SPENSER tr. J. du Bellay *Sonets* in T. Roest tr. J. Van der Noot *Theatre Worldlings* sig. C.v<sup>v</sup>, He shed a water, whose outgushing streame Ran flowing all along the creekie shoare.
- 1610 G. MARKHAM *Maister-peece* I. ciii. 205 Feele all downe the strunte of his taile with your hand.
- 1676 J. BEAUMONT *Let.* 7 Apr. in H. Oldenburg *Corr.* (1986) XII. 243 From ye sharpe toppe there grows thinne flatt cells,..one close to ye other, all round ye stone.
- 1697 W. DAMPIER *New Voy. around World* xiv. 392 The Fruit grows in Clusters, all about the body of the Tree.
- 1712 E. COOKE *Voy. S. Sea* 150 All along the Banks grow abundance of Mangroves and Sarzaparilla.
- 1795 LD. NELSON in *Dispatches & Lett.* (1845) II. 11 The wind all round the compass.
- 1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* II. 455 All down the Rhine, from Carlsruhe to Cologne.
- 1875 T. W. HIGGINSON *Young Folks' Hist. U.S.* xxvi. 264 This made a great excitement all over the country.
- 1943 *National Geographic Mag.* Dec. 645/2 This boundary, between cold and warm air, extending almost all around the world, is known as the 'polar front'.

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- 1968 'B. DYLAN' *All Along Watchtower* (song) in *Lyrics 1962–85* (1987) 252 All along the watchtower, princes kept the view.
- 1990 *New Eng. Living* Aug. 15/1 All across the Northeast, beer enthusiasts are opening micro-breweries and pubs.

**b.** With adverbs of place or position: in all directions, in every part; throughout the whole area or period. Cf. ALL ALONG *adv.*, ALL OUT *adv.*, *n.*, and *adj.*, ALL OVER *adv.* and *prep.*, ALL ROUND *adv.*, *adj.*, *prep.*, and *n.*, *all up* at UP *adv.*<sup>2</sup> 12e, (also) ALONE *adj.*, *adv.*, and *n.*, ALTOGETHER *adj.*, *n.*, and *adv.*

- OE *Homily: De Sancto Iohanne* (Corpus Cambr. 198) in *Englische Studien* (1885) **8** 478 Fugas manige, eall embuton efne ferdon ufene and neopone and on ælce healfe.
- c1300 *Life & Martyrdom Thomas Becket* (Harl. 2277) (1845) l. 2141 And crope ek as emeten alaboute.
- ▶ a1387 J. TREVISA tr. R. Higden *Polychron.* (St. John's Cambr.) (1869) II. 13 Britayne is al aboute eyȝte and [fourty] siȝe seuentȝ þowsand paas.
- 1487 (▶ a1380) J. BARBOUR *Bruce* (St. John's Cambr.) XII. 354 That, as ane hyrcheoune, all his rout Gert set out speris all about.
- c1540 *Pilgrim's Tale* 175 in F. Thynne *Animaduersions* (1875) App. I. 82 With a blak fryng hemyd al about.
- 1595 SPENSER *Epithalamion* in *Amoretti & Epithalamion* viii. sig. G7<sup>v</sup>, The people standing all about..doe thereto applaud.
- 1609 J. DAVIES *Holy Roode* sig. D2<sup>v</sup>, As Thornes did his Head, consuulnerate: So, Rods all round did Him excoriate.
- 1688 R. HOLME *Acad. Armory* (1905) III. xviii. 135/1 A screwed barrell, is when the bore is of six or eight squares, or thrids, all throughout.
- 1725 POPE tr. Homer *Odyssey* II. VII. 145 Th' allotted space of ground, Fenc'd with a green enclosure all around.
- 1799 W. HUNTER *Narr. Journey from Agra* in *Asiatick Res.* **6** 75 All around is a wide verandah, containing ranges of cells.
- 1804 *Naval Chron.* **12** 307, I fell foul of a..woman's tea-table, at the corner of a street, and had like to have thrown the..tea-things all about.
- 1882 *Nature* 26 Jan. 291/2 There is a strong inflow of the air along the surface of the ground all round.
- 1915 W. S. MAUGHAM *Of Human Bondage* xxviii. 122 He sat with his feet like ice, his fingers numb and heavy, and all around was the sickly odour of pomatum.
- 1992 *Amer. Film* Jan. 48/3 All throughout, cinematographer Alfredo Mayo's saturated colors..leap from shadows.
- 2001 T. WINTON *Dirt Music* (2003) 224 A carton of Victoria Bitter has burst and cans lie all about.

## 7.

**a.** Preceding *the* (THE *adv.*<sup>1</sup> 1a) and a comparative adjective or adverb to form an adverbial phrase, as **all the better**, **all the more**, etc., emphasizing the extent or degree of the change or effect described.

In Old English ALLES *adv.* is more common in this sense; cf. variant reading in quot. OE.

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- OE WÆRFERÐ tr. Gregory *Dialogues* (Corpus Cambr.) (1900) II. iii. 109 Þær æt nehstan byð unnyt gewinn..on þam yflan mannum, & eac ealle þe swyþor [OE *Otho* ealles þe swiðor], gif on neawiste genihtsumiað þa wisan.
- c1450 (▶ ?a1370) *Wynnere & Wastoure* (1990) l. 297 (MED), When Cristes peple hath parte hym payes alle the better Then here ben hodorde and hidde and happede in cofers.
- ?1492 R. DE VINEIS tr. *Lyf St. Katherin of Seinis* (de Worde) I. iv. sig. biiij/1, For thys blessyd ymagynacyon she serued hem alle the more gladdely, soo that they were alle a meruaylled therof.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *As you like It* (1623) I. ii. 92 All the better: we shalbe the more Marketable.
- a1732 T. BOSTON *View this & Other World* (1775) v. 259 He..could not miss to catch scathe if all the better care was not taken to prevent it.
- 1775 JOHNSON *Journey W. Islands* 182 By choosing an advantageous exposition, they can raise all the more hardy esculent plants.
- 1840 DICKENS *Master Humphrey's Clock* I. 10 A man of his state and fortune could all the better afford to recognise an old friend.
- 1870 TENNYSON *Golden Supper* in *Holy Grail* 180 He was all the more resolved to go.
- 1924 *N.Y. Herald-Tribune* 28 Oct. 19/2 Professional baseball might be all the better if the athletes would..make a few of the 'old college trys'.
- 1968 *Listener* 13 June 774/1 There was a rock band that whooped it up all the louder, to drown the inevitable news.
- 1999 *Independent on Sunday* 31 Oct. I. 25/1 The failure to articulate the Irish perspective is all the more surprising given the number of prominent Irish-Australians in the republican camp.

**b.** *U.S. regional* and *nonstandard*. With comparative or (occas.) positive adjective or adverb as complement: as — as.

- 1869 *Lippincott's Monthly Mag.* Mar. 315/1 'Further', in an improper connection, for 'as far as'—'This is all the further the lesson goes.'
- 1891 *Amer. Notes & Queries* 19 Dec. 75/2 That's all the high (or higher) he can jump.
- 1910 *San Antonio (Texas) Light & Gaz.* 19 Jan. I have been trying to get out for ten minutes and this is all the far I have got.
- 1922 A. E. POLK *Better Speech* i. 18 This is as fast as we can go. *Not* This is all the faster we can go.
- 1934 *Boys' Life* May 9/2 That's all the further Streak gets.
- 2003 P. BERG *And then he kissed Me* i. 17 Two hours. That's all the longer I'll give you because that's all the longer I can put up with those heathens of yours.

**8.** Exactly, expressly, just. Often passing into mere intensive or emphatic use.

**a.** Modifying adverbs, adverbial phrases, and conjunctions. Now *arch*. except with *because*. Cf. ALSO *adv.* 1a, 2.

- OE *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Tiber. B.iv) anno 1013 Þa he æl þus [IOE *Laud* eall þus] gefaren hæfde, wende þa norþweard to his scypum.
- OE *Confessionale Pseudo-Egberti* (Junius) 172 We ræddon on ðam Penitentiale þæt man sceolde don dædbote for heafodlicum gyltum gear..on hlafe and on wætere, and be ðam læssan gyltum wucan oððe monað eall be gelican.

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- OE WÆRFERÐ tr. Gregory *Dialogues* (Corpus Cambr.) (1900) iv. lvii. 345 He forðferde, & eall he wæs swa bebyrged, swa ic ær sæde.
- ?c1200 *Ormulum* (Burchfield transcript) l. 16704 & all all swa se moysæs Hof upp þe neddre i wesste [etc.].
- c1300 *St. Christopher* (Laud) l. 63 in C. Horstmann *Early S.-Eng. Legendary* (1887) 272 He tolde him clanliche al-hou it was.
- c1450 ( ▶ ?a1400) *Wars Alexander* (Ashm.) l. 121 (*MED*), Pan..he..Clede him all as a clerke & his croune shauys.
- 1485 *Malory's Morte Darthur* (Caxton) i. vi. sig. aiiii<sup>v</sup>, Ector told hym all how he was bitaken hym..And by whoos commandement.
- 1579 W. FULKE *Heskins Parl. Repealed* in *D. Heskins Ouerthrowne* 195 Al bicause he would not acknowledge the presence of Christ.
- 1633 P. FLETCHER *Purple Island* v. lxxviii. 63 All so who strives..To bring his dead soul to the joyfull skie.
- 1720 J. GAY *Sweet William's Farewell to Black-ey'd Susan* in *Poems* II. 405 All in the Downs the fleet was moored.
- 1808 SCOTT *Marmion* l. xi, He..Gave them a chain of twelve marks' weight All as he lighted down.
- 1897 A. LANG in *Longman's Mag.* Oct. 503, I remember Mr. Fry returning a simple ball as a yet simpler catch to bowler in his first over, all because he tried to hook it.
- 1920 N. MUNRO in *Northern Numbers* 35, I heard a maiden sing, All in the lee-lone Sabbath morn.
- 2004 *Media Week* 4 May 41/1 And all because none of you can afford to live any closer to the office than Suffolk.

**b.** Preceding *to* or *for to* and an infinitive. Now *regional* and *nonstandard*, esp. in the words of ballads or folk songs.

- c1300 *Life & Martyrdom Thomas Becket* (Harl. 2277) (1845) l. 99 Gilbert..3eode and tolde everechdel, red alto afonge.
- a1400 ( ▶ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) l. 25435 (*MED*), Adam rap him in a res Thoru an apul þat eue him ches Vs all for to spill.
- c1475 *Babees Bk.* (Harl. 5086) (2002) l. 7 For yt ys nouhte ywys conveyent,..Alle forto holde that vnto yow ys brouhte, And as wrecches on other vouchesauf nouhte.
- ?a1525 ( ▶ ?a1475) *Play Sacrament* l. 478 Now am I bold with batayle hym to bleyke, þe mydle part alle for to prene..In þe myddys yt shalbe sene.
- a1617 S. HIERON *Penance for Sinne* in *Wks.* (1620) II. 249 The Spirit of God came..all to shew how these men were inabled of God.
- 1730 C. COFFEY *Female Parson* l. iii. 16 Six score and forty Cows, Sheep were slaughter'd, And all for to make us a Feast in one Day.
- a1838 *Bushes & Briers* (single sheet) Through bushes and through briers, I lately took my way, All for to hear the small birds sing, And the lambs to skip and play.
- 1848 N. FLETCHER *Let.* 9 Aug. in *Phi Gamma Delta* (1908) **31** 227, I walked out in the country 'all for to see my lady love'.
- 1884 *New Irish Emigrant* (song) in *Universal Irish Song Bk.* 167 My heart is breaking all for to leave you.
- 1939 E. ST. V. MILLAY *Huntsman, what Quarry* 3 A lady came from over the sea, All for to say good-day to me.
- 1996 M. HARDING *Hubert Murray's Widow* 1, in *New Plays from Abbey Theatre, 1993-1995* 17 I'm a

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simple-minded eegid that threw up a wonderful destiny in the fight for freedom, all for to spend a couple of years broadening me mind in New York.

†**9.** With reference to a horse's gait: in a regular rhythm, without deviation or interruption. Cf. *ALTOGETHER adv.* 3. *Obs.*

- 1658 *Mercurius Politicus* No. 398\*. 237 A Flea-bitten Grey almost white, near 17. hands high, Crop Eard, slit in the Nostrils, and a crack in the near Foot before, Trots all.
- 1705 *London Gaz.* No. 4155/4 Trots and gallops all.
- 1705 *London Gaz.* No. 4159/4 Stolen..a black Gelding..trots all, except forced, and then paces a little.
- 1705 *London Gaz.* No. 4178/4 Paces all.
- 1782 in B. Franklin *Papers* (2003) XXXVII. 196 (*adv.*) A stocky well set Horse..trots all.

**10.** In competitive sports and games, used after a number or other score, e.g. *love all*, *one all*, to indicate that both sides have scored that number of points, goals, etc.: each, apiece. Cf. *all square* at *SQUARE adj.* 7c.

- 1742 E. HOYLE *Short Treat. Game Whist* xi. 25 Suppose the Game to be Nine all.
- 41769 E. HOYLE *Games* (1778) 203 In Case it should be six Games all, two successive Games must still be won on one Side to conclude the Set.
- 1837 T. BACON *First Impressions Hindostan* I. 252 In the fourth 20, they were even; 67 all.
- 1883 *Nat. Hist. Jrnl. & School Reporter* 7 155 Up to within ten minutes when time was called the score was one goal all.
- 1898 EARL OF SUFFOLK et al. *Encycl. Sport* II. 242/1 The marker's..duty is to call the game..from the start at 'love all'.
- 1929 M. C. WORK *Compl. Contract Bridge* p. xv, Any advice given for bidding, raising, etc., applies when the score is 'love-all'.
- 1992 *Tennis* Apr. 33/2 At 5-all in the third set, 40-all, Johnstone laid down a chase the line.
- 2004 A. BUZO *Legends Baggy Green* ii. 8 The upshot was that the 1962–63 Ashes series went to the fifth and final test in Sydney one-all.

### D. conj.

Preceding a verb in the subjunctive mood and the subject of the verb in inverted order: although, even though. Usually, and now only, in formations which are analogous to *albeit* (*ALBEIT conj.*), as *all be he*, *all be they*, etc. Cf. *Phrases* 13, *Phrases* 12, *ALBE conj.* *rare* after mid 17th cent.

- c1225 ( ▶ ?c1200) *Hali Meidhad* (Bodl. 34) (1940) l. 632 [Pride] bihalt eche wununge alle hire modres, al beon ha meidnes.
- ?c1225 ( ▶ ?a1200) *Ancrene Riwe* (Cleo. C.vi) (1972) 124 Al were [he] þurch Miracle iboren..3et for al þis ne durste he wune bi mong monne.
- c1405 ( ▶ c1387–95) CHAUCER *Canterbury Tales Prol.* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 734 Al speke he neuer so rudeliche and large.

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- c1430 ( ▶ c1370) CHAUCER *A.B.C.* (Cambr. Gg.4.27) (1878) l. 45 Al haue I ben a beste in wit & dede ȝit ladi þou me close in with þyn owene grace.
- c1450 ( ▶ c1380) CHAUCER *House of Fame* (Fairf. 16) (1878) l. 1820 Al be ther in me no Iustice Me lyst not doo hyt nowe.
- 1532 T. MORE *Confut. Tyndale* in *Wks.* (1557) 385/2 All were he neuer so olde eare he were baptysed.
- 1597 BP. J. HALL *Virgidemiarum: 1st 3 Bks.* III. i. 51 All could he further then Earths center go.
- 1610 J. HEALEY tr. J. L. Vives in tr. St. Augustine *Citie of God* XI. x. 418 All were hee a bungler, and had no skill.
- 1659 T. FULLER *Appeal Iniured Innocence* II. 94 From whence came Smith, al be he Knight or Squire, But from the Smith that forgeth at the fire.
- 1876 R. T. FISHER *Rakings over Many Seasons* 4 All be they worthless, yet will I..rake things up.
- 1999 K. COMER *Landscapes New West* p. x, With our two (all be they beautiful) boys.

## PHRASES

†**P1. in all thing:** in every way; in all things. Cf. ALL-THING *pron.* and *adv.*

*Obs.*

- [eOE tr. Bede *Eccl. Hist.* (Tanner) III. ii. 158 Ond he se cyning his monungum..lustlice in eallum þingum [L. *in omnibus*] hyrsum wæs.]
- ?c1225 ( ▶ ?a1200) *Ancrene Riwe* (Cleo. C.vi) (1972) 311 Twa wimmen..beon obedient to hare dame in alle þing.
- c1330 ( ▶ ?a1300) *Sir Tristrem* (1886) l. 3202 (*MED*), Marke, in al þing Brengwain þanked he.
- ▶ a1393 GOWER *Confessio Amantis* (Fairf.) I. l. 2024 A King Wys and honeste in alle thing.
- c1475 ( ▶ ?c1400) *Apol. Lollard Doctr.* (1842) 6 (*MED*), Many popis han synnyd..þerfor þei are not to be folowid sympli in al þing.
- c1480 ( ▶ a1400) *St. Clement* l. 628 in W. M. Metcalfe *Legends Saints Sc. Dial.* (1896) I. 391 Clement..employsit wele in godis service In althing, at al dewise.
- c1550 in J. G. Dalryell *Scottish Poems 16th Cent.* (1801) II. 130 Hee is fair, sober and bening, Sweet, meek, and gentle in all thing.
- a1568 R. ASCHAM *Scholemaster* (1570) I. f. 21, Good order in all thyng.

**P2. all one.** In predicative use. Cf. ALONE *adj.*, *adv.*, and *n.*

**a.** One and the same; all the same thing. Cf. *all a case* at CASE *n.*<sup>1</sup> Phrases 12, *all of a piece* at PIECE *n.* Phrases 8b.

- OE BYRHTEFERÐ *Enchiridion* (Ashm.) (1995) II. i. 62 Gyf hyt byð embolismaris oððe embolismus (þæt ys eall an).
- IOE KING ÆLFRED tr. Boethius *De Consol. Philos.* (Bodl.) (2009) I. xxxiii. 315 Swiðe wunderlic is þæt gecynd þines godes forþam ðe hit is eall an, þu & þin godnes.
- ?c1200 *Ormulum* (Burchfield transcript) l. 3090 Þatt wass inoh all an wiþþ þatt Þatt godess enngell se ȝde.
- ▶ a1398 J. TREVISA tr. Bartholomaeus Anglicus *De Proprietatibus Rerum* (BL Add. 27944) (1975) I. XII. iv. 609 It semep þat alietus and a litil sparhawk is al one, þat is iclepid muskete in frensche, or ellis hit

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hiȝte þe sparhauk.

- a1450 ( ▶ a1425) J. MIRK *Instr. Parish Priests* (Claud.) (1974) 372 Vsure and okere þat beth al on.
- 1546 *Wycklyffes Wycket* sig. A.iii, It is..all one to denye Christes wordes for Heresy and Christe for an heretyke.
- 1636 *King & Queenes Entertainement Richmond* 24 If you aske me how he comes, I answeare after the French Post-coach, or Post-horse, though he come a foot 'tis all one.
- 1691 J. RAY *Acct. Errors in Coll. Eng. Words* 154 As for the vulgar and illiterate it is all one to them.
- 1719 D. DEFOE *Farther Adventures Robinson Crusoe* 62 It was all one, he could not sleep.
- 1768 W. BLACKSTONE *Comm. Laws Eng. IV. 20* What persons are, or are not, capable of committing crimes; or, which is all one, who are exempted from the censures of the law.
- 1815 SCOTT *Guy Mannering* II. 273 It's a' ane to Dandie.
- 1881 W. BESANT & J. RICE *Chaplain of Fleet* II. iii. 51 A well-dressed woman and a draggletail are all one to them.
- 1930 C. WILLIAMS *War in Heaven* iii. 35, I gather it's all one to you whether we take it or leave it?
- 1981 S. MCAUGHTRY *Belfast Stories* I. 11 Interviews could come and interviews could go: it was all one to the punters.

†**b.** In a single body or group; all together; united. *Obs.*

- c1275 ( ▶ ?a1200) LAȜAMON *Brut* (Calig.) (1978) l. 14512 Þa weoren heo al an.
- c1425 LYDGATE *Troyyes Bk.* (Augustus A.iv) II. 6019 Calchas..to Achilles he went... After sone þei [were] confederat, Swor to-gidre be bonde & assuraunce To ben al on.
- 1462 T. HOWES in *Paston Lett. & Papers* (2004) II. 273 God graunt we may overcome them; and so we shuld, I dought not, if we were alle oon.

**P3. of all:** out of everyone or everything (previously specified or implied). See also *OF prep.* 56.

**a.** As an intensive modifier of a superlative adjective. Cf. *ALDER- prefix* 1b.

- [OE *Judgement Day* II 297 Heo let þurh þa scenan scinendan ricu, geblletsodost ealra, þæs breman fæder..rice rædwitan.]
- c1225 ( ▶ ?c1200) *St. Juliana* (Bodl.) l. 526 (*MED*), He, kempene king, haueð to dei ouercumen helles bule belial, baldest of alle.
- c1300 *Vision St. Paul* (Laud) in *Archiv f. das Studium der Neueren Sprachen* (1874) 52 35 (*MED*), Seue dawes aren þat men callez þe sonenday is best of alle.
- ▶ a1393 GOWER *Confessio Amantis* (Fairf.) VI. l. 1206 (*MED*), He which goth the pass Defyed best of alle was.
- ?a1425 tr. Guy de Chauliac *Grande Chirurgie* (N.Y. Acad. Med.) f. 1<sup>v</sup>, First of al was Ipocras, which, as it is radde in introductorio medicine, ouercome alle.
- a1500 ( ▶ a1460) *Towneley Plays* (1994) I. xvi. 186 Hayll, the worthyest of all! To the must I bow.
- 1549 H. LATIMER *2nd Serm. before Kynges Maiestie* 4th Serm. sig. Mvii<sup>v</sup>, He by vnrepentaunce fel from euyll to worse, and from worse, to worste of al.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Julius Caesar* (1623) III. ii. 181 Through this, the wel-beloued Brutus stabb'd..This was the most vnkindest cut of all.

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- 1674 J. WALLIS *Let.* 14 Feb. in H. Oldenburg *Corr.* (1975) X. 478 Considering ye Annual as, by much, the most praedominant of all.
- 1749 T. SMOLLETT tr. A. R. Le Sage *Gil Blas* I. III. i. 181 The best joke of all was, I did not know my master's name.
- 1816 J. AUSTEN *Emma* I. xi, Hardly any degree of personal compliment could have made her regardless of that greatest fault of all.
- 1900 H. L. KEELER *Our Native Trees* 356 Lateral lobes are obovate,..the middle ones usually the largest of all.
- 1943 *N.Y. Times* 24 Jan. X. 16/3, I cannot leave the subject of squash without mentioning what we consider the best flavored of all.
- 2004 H. STRACHAN *Make a Skuff, Man!* x. 99 Van Wuurwapen's evidence on the use of this vehicle was the most puzzling of all.

**b.** Used as an intensive modifier of a superlative adverb to form adverbial phrases, as **best of all**, **first of all**, **most of all**, etc. Cf. ALDER- *prefix* 1a.

- [OE *Paris Psalter* (1932) cviii. 28 Him si abrogdēn swa of brechrægle hiora sylfra sceamu swyþust ealra.]
- ▶ a1393 GOWER *Confessio Amantis* (Fairf.) II. l. 775 Wherof thei merveile everychon, Bot Elda wondreth most of alle.
- a1522 G. DOUGLAS tr. Virgil *Aeneid* (1957) II. iii. 147 And, first of all, the mannakillis and hard bandis Chargit he lows of this ilk mannis handis.
- 1654 S. FOSTER *Elliptical Horologigraphy* 187 This I shall adde as a Corollary to that which hath last of all been delivered in general for all Plains and Indexes.
- 1711 J. ADDISON *Spectator* No. 135. ¶4 First of all by its abounding in Monosyllables.
- 1792 E. BURKE *Corr.* (1844) III. 391 My party principles..must lead me to detest the French revolution, in the act, in the spirit, in the consequences, and most of all, in the example.
- 1848 J. C. HARE & A. W. HARE *Guesses at Truth* (ed. 2) 2nd Ser. 4 One may develope an idea..But one cannot add to it, least of all in another age.
- 1858 T. CARLYLE *Hist. Friedrich II of Prussia* I. IV. iii. 407 'Genius'..means transcendent capacity of taking trouble, first of all.
- 1933 D. THOMAS *Let.* 15 Apr. (1987) 115 The composition of my own letter and—best of all—the having of yours, has become the greatest event of the week.
- 1966 E. PALMER *Plains of Camdeboo* viii. 141 Of all our vanished creatures we mourn these quaggas most of all.
- 2011 *Independent* 27 July (Viewspaper section) 7/3 No one else, Mr Clegg least of all, has the integrity and public trust to revive a moribund political force.

†**c.** With ellipsis of the superlative: most of all; above all. *Obs.*

- a1593 MARLOWE *Edward II* (1594) sig. H3, Vilde wretch, and why hast thou of all vnkinde, Borne armes against thy brother?
- 1605 L. ANDREWES *Serm.* (1841) II. 158 From each part;—but of all, from the last part.
- 1649 R. LOVELACE *Lucasta* 30 She Whom thou of all ador'st.

**P4.** With a noun denoting category or type, and usu. *of*: many different types, or every

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different type, of the specified category.

**a.** With a singular noun, as **all kind (of), all manner (of), all sort of,** etc. Cf. ALKIN *adj.*

- c1300 *St. Barnabas* (Laud) l. 82 in C. Horstmann *Early S.-Eng. Legendary* (1887) 29 (MED), Alle manere turmenz huy him duden.
- a1375 *William of Palerne* (1867) l. 3474 Wiþ clipping & kessing & alle kinde dedus.
- ?a1425 ( ▶ c1400) *Mandeville's Trav.* (Titus C.xvi) (1919) 140 Spices & all manere of marchandises.
- a1500 ( ▶ 1422) J. YONGE tr. *Secreta Secret.* (Lamb.) 193 The ije caus is that matremony ys to be comend is the oldennysse of hit..of oldennys hit passith all manner of orderis in erth.
- 1548 N. UDALL et al. tr. Erasmus *Paraphr. Neue Test.* I. Pref. 14 Void of almaner parcialitie of affection.
- 1583 in J. D. Marwick *Extracts Rec. Burgh Edinb.* (1882) IV. 277 Yorkschyre clayth, cairsayes, and all sort of schrynking clayth.
- 1609 SHAKESPEARE *Louers Complaint* in *Sonnets* sig. K3<sup>v</sup>, All kinde of arguments.
- c1680 W. BEVERIDGE *Serm.* (1729) II. 21 Avoid all manner of evil.
- 1711 R. STEELE *Spectator* No. 32. ¶2, I shall be quite out of all manner of Shape.
- 1799 J. DUNCAN *Libertine & Infidel led to Refl.* (new ed.) v. 332 The germination of all manner wickedness and depravity continues still to shoot forth.
- 1817 J. MILL *Hist. Brit. India* II. v. iv. 437 Orders which might be construed all manner of ways.
- 1878 TROLLOPE *Is he Popenjoy?* I. xiii. 174, I hate all kind of strictness and duty and self-denying.
- 1922 J. JOYCE *Ulysses* II. 137 Our galleys,..laden with all manner merchandise furrow the waters of the known globe.
- 1979 J. B. SIDGWICK *Amateur Astronomer's Handbk.* (ed. 4) xxi. 387 This affects all type of cell.
- 2002 *Eastern Eye* 26 July (Classifieds section), Helping and guiding people of all nations with all kind of social and psychological problems.

**b.** With a plural noun, as **all kinds of, all sorts of,** etc.

- ▶ a1398 J. TREVISA tr. Bartholomaeus Anglicus *De Proprietatibus Rerum* (BL Add. 27944) (1975) I. vi. vi. 302 In alle kyndes of bestis þe femel is more febil þan þe male.
- 1477 CAXTON tr. R. Le Fèvre *Hist. Jason* (1913) 127 She was all expert in alle maners of enchantemens & of sorceries.
- a1500 ( ▶ ?c1425) *Speculum Sacerdotale* 125 Alle kyndes of presoynes, of peynes of jayles and of jebbet.
- ?1520 A. BARCLAY tr. Sallust *Cron. Warre agaynst Iugurth* xxx. f. xli<sup>v</sup>, Iugurth..anone prepared the greatest army that he coude of all sortes of people.
- 1529 J. FRITH *Pistle Christen Reader* sig. lv<sup>v</sup>, Doth not the pope..Curse, excommunicate, & rebuke with all kindes of checkes the hyghest kinges and ruelars when he liste?
- 1603 J. FLORIO tr. Montaigne *Ess.* II. xxxvi. 431 All..have made vse of..his Bookes, as of a Seminarie, a Spring-garden or Store-house of all kinds of sufficiency and learning.
- 1677 A. YARRANTON *England's Improvem.* 185 The Wyer must be..drawn and made sizeable and fit to make all sortes of Pins.
- 1713 *Boston News-Let.* 30 Mar. 2/2 To be sold by Mr. Zabdiel Boylston, at his Apothecaries Shop in Dock-Square, Boston, viz... All sortes of Snuff, Brazil, Barcelona, Spanish, Perfum'd, or Plain.
- 1799 J. B. BORDLEY *Ess. & Notes Husb.* xvi. 211 It is a rule applicable to all sortes of livestock.

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- 1849 *Southern Lit. Messenger* **15** 626/1 Toryism, feudalism, medievalism, all manners of retrogradism and rottenness in opinion.
- 1900 G. PATTEN *Rockspur Nine* v. 50 Man after man came up to bat against him, but he sent in all kinds of curves, shoots, drops, and rises.
- 1976 I. MURDOCH *Henry & Cato* l. 18 There are all kinds of growing up and getting educated which are not academic kinds.
- 2011 *Independent* 18 Aug. (Viewspaper section) 7/1 There are all sorts of interesting ways to humiliate yourself publicly on Facebook.

**P5.** In phrases with *and* and an adjective designating an individual or distinct part.**a. all and some.** See also *all and summyng(g)* at SUMMYN(G *n.*

[Not (as sometimes suggested) an alteration of either I-SAME *adv.* or INSAME *adv.*, as shown by the phonology of examples such as the following (showing INSAME *adv.*) from the same text as quot. a1450:

a1450 ( ▶ ?a1300) *Richard Coer de Lyon* (Caius) (1810) l. 4386 Among the toun folk was no game; To counsayl they gaderyd hem insame.

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**(a)** One and all; every one.

- c1325 in G. L. Brook *Harley Lyrics* (1968) 42 (MED), *Pis oþer [read oþes] swore alle ant some..þat so nes hit nout ryht.*
- c1405 ( ▶ c1385) CHAUCER *Knight's Tale* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 1329 *Thise lordes alle and some Been on the Sondag to the Citee come.*
- a1450 ( ▶ ?a1300) *Richard Coer de Lyon* (Caius) (1810) l. 5846 *They that wolde nought Crystene become, Richard leet slen hem alle and some.*
- a1475 *Friar & Boy* (Brogyntyn) in J. O. Halliwell *Early Eng. Misc.* (1855) 51 *The boy pypyd throw3 the town; The bestes hym foloyd alle and some.*
- ?a1525 ( ▶ ?a1475) *Play Sacrament* l. 402 *Whyle they were all togethere and sum..Comedite Corpus meum.*
- a1550 ( ▶ 1471) G. RIPLEY *Compend of Alchemy* (Bodl. e Mus.) f. 43<sup>v</sup>, *Tese be our menstrualles all and some.*
- 1600 P. HOLLAND tr. Livy *Rom. Hist.* XXVII. xiii. 637 e, *To endeavour and strain themselves, both all and some [L. *singulis universisque*].*
- 1682 N. TATE & DRYDEN *2nd Pt. Absalom & Achitophel* 14 *Now stop your noses Readers, all and some.*
- 1849 *Dublin Univ. Mag.* July 103 *We [were]..Enjoined perpetually, all and some, Sub prohibitione superum.*
- 1870 W. MORRIS *Earthly Paradise* II. III. 478 *Two hours after midnight all and some Into the hall to wait his word should come.*
- 1919 J. L. LOWES *Convent. & Revolt in Poetry* iii. 103 *The balade could cry peccavi to these stern indictments all and some.*
- 2010 D. MEIER *Season Second Chances* 223 *Did you just leave my bag here for all and some to take?*

† **(b)** The sum total, the whole, everything. Also as an adverbial phrase: fully, entirely; in every respect. *Obs.* (*rare* after 16th cent.).

c1330 *Otuel* (Auch.) l. 231 (MED), *Tel me nou, alle & some, In what message artou come?*

a1400 ( ▶ c1303) R. MANNYNG *Handlyng Synne* (Harl.) l. 169 (MED), *Þe tale ys wrytyn, al and sum, In a boke of 'Vitas Patrum'.*

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- c1405 ( ▶ c1395) CHAUCER *Wife of Bath's Tale* (Ellesmere) (1872) Prol. l. 91 This is al and som [*v.rr.* sum, some, somme].
- c1485 ( ▶ ?a1400) *Child Bristow* l. 338 in C. Horstmann *Altengl. Legenden* (1881) 2nd Ser. 319 By that the fourteenyght was come, His gold was gon, al & some.
- a1542 T. WYATT *Coll. Poems* (1969) cvi. 103 Hens fourth, my Poynz, this shalbe all and some.
- 1568 V. SKINNER tr. R. González de Montes *Discouery Inquisition of Spayne* Pref. sig. B.i<sup>v</sup>, Herein resteth all and some concerning these matters.
- 1753 *True Briton* 23 May 425 Where a Legacy is given him, that implies he shall have no more, otherwise he would have all and some.
- 1891 W. MORRIS *Poems by Way* (1892) 100 The lord that owneth all and some Would send his men to fetch us home.

**b.** orig. *Sc.* ***all and sundry***.**(a)** In adjectival use: every one of, all. Formerly also occas. † ***all sundry***.

In quot. OE probably showing the compound adjective *eallsyndrig* entirely separate, used as a noun.

- [OE (Northumbrian) *Lindisf. Gospels: Luke* ii. 3 *Et ibant omnes ut profiterentur singuli in suam ciuitatem* : & gaað alle þæt foreondetande weron ða syndrigo *uel* æl syndrio in his ceastra.]
- 1389 in W. Fraser *Mem. Family Wemyss* (1888) II. 24 Til there thyngys al and syndry lelily and fermly to be fulfyllt and yhemmyt.
- 1480 in J. Stuart & G. Burnett *Exchequer Rolls Scotl.* (1886) IX. 120 (*note*), All and sendri oure liegis and subditis.
- 1552 ABP. J. HAMILTON *Catech.* Pref. (*heading*) Till all & sindry Personis.
- 1562 A. SCOTT *Poems* (1896) i. 95 To ceis all sindrye sectis of hereiseis.
- 1597 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 303/2 Togidder with all and sindrie the teindscheves.
- 1621 *First & Second Bk. Discipline* (Church of Scotl.) 2 Inhibition shall be made to all and sundry persons, now Serving in the Ministry, who hath not entered into their charges by the order..appointed.
- 1682 *London Gaz.* No. 1682/1 To have forfault..all and sundry his Lands, Heretages, Liffrents, and Rents.
- 1707 J. SPOTISWOOD *Introd. Knowl. Stile Writs Scotl.* 157 With all and sundry other Commodities, Liberties, Privileges, Easements, and righteous Pertinents whatsoever.
- 1816 SCOTT *Old Mortality* vii, in *Tales of my Landlord* 1st Ser. IV. 137 All and sundry his moveable goods and gear..inbrought to his Majesty's use.
- 1926 *Melody Maker* Aug. 35 One arranged..in such a manner that it can be played by all and sundry combinations.
- 1990 N. PAYNE *Grenadian Childhood* 40 His dog Nero chased all and sundry intruders with such vigour that people were always scattering..at terrific speeds.

**(b)** In pronominal use: every single one, one and all; everybody of all classes. Formerly also occas. † ***all and sundries***.

[Compare post-classical Latin *omnes et singuli* (see *all and singular* at Phrases 5f).]

- 1428 in C. Innes *Liber Sancte Marie de Melros* (1837) 519 Till all & syndry to quham þe knowlage of þir presentz lettris sall to cum.
- 1442 in *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 63/2 Till al and sindri that thir presentez lettrez sall here or see.

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- 1550 J. KNOX *Let. Mary Dowagire* 4 Apr. (1556) sig. f.vi, Ye should haue power to appli..the merites of Christes passion, to all & sondry, who tolde or numbred money to you for y<sup>t</sup> purpose.
- 1665 *Acts Sederunt 1661-81* 7 in J. Dalrymple *Decisions Lords of Council & Session* (1683) In time coming, no Charges, nor Letters of Horning shall be direct Generally, against all and sundrie.
- 1783 W. GORDON tr. Livy *Rom. Hist.* IV. ii. 310 Sedition never failed to procure honour and respect to all and sundries, its authors and abettors.
- 1818 SCOTT *Heart of Mid-Lothian* xiv\*, in *Tales of my Landlord* 2nd Ser. IV. 366 Join wi' Rob Roy..and revenge Donacha's death on all and sundry.
- 1835 N. HAWTHORNE *Rill from Town Pump* in *Twice-told Tales* (1837) 202, I cry aloud to all and sundry, in my plainest accents.
- 1901 *Scotsman* 13 Mar. 12/2 The city must advertise for estimates from all and sundry.
- 1967 F. HARDY *Billy Borker yarns Again* 135 Some half-shrewd mug, usually a barber, would set himself up to advise all and sundry.
- 2005 *Cycling Plus* Apr. 24/3 There was no way I would leave my road bike outside for all and sundry to dismantle!

**c.** *one and all*: see ONE *adj.*, *n.*, and *pron.* Phrases 3b.

**d.** *all and each*: see EACH *adj.* and *pron.* Additions.

**e.** *all and every*: see EVERY *adj.* and *pron.* 7b.

### **f.** *all and singular*.

[Compare post-classical Latin *omnes et singuli* (5th cent. in Augustine).]

**(a)** In adjectival use: every one of, all. In later use chiefly in the context of the law of property.

- 1472 in H. Littlehales *Medieval Rec. London City Church* (1905) 17 To..fulfille all & singuler my..willes & ordenaunces herevnder wreten.
- 1535–6 *Act 27 Hen. VIII* c. 42 §1 The tenthe of all and singuler dignyties.
- 1549 *Forme & Maner consecratyng Archebishops* sig. C.iiij<sup>v</sup>, All and synguler actes & Statutes.
- 1583 in A. Feuillerat *Documents Office of Revels Queen Elizabeth* (1908) 360–1 Summa Totallis of..all & singuler the paimentes.
- 1622 R. SANDERSON *Two Serm. Boston* I. 48 All and singuler the 39. Articles.
- 1696 tr. G. Croese *Gen. Hist. Quakers* I. 95 Judging, Condemning, Sadding, and Cursing of all and singular Persons, who did not agree with them in their matters.
- 1739 in *Colonial Rec. Pennsylvania* (1851) IV. 346 Inviolably observed in all and singular the parts thereof.
- 1781 *Articles of Confederation U.S.* §13 Each and every of the said Articles., and all and singular the matters..therein contained.
- 1838 W. BELL *Dict. Law Scotl.* 558 All and singular the felonies,..and all and singular other the premises.
- 1838 W. BELL *Dict. Law Scotl.* 558 The truth..of all and singular articles and circumstances.
- 1910 C. A. HAWKINS *Legal Counselor & Form Bk.* (rev. ed.) 48/1 Grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer and set

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over, unto the said party of the second part..heirs and assigns forever, all and singular lands, tenements, real estate [etc.].

1971 *Express (Port-of-Spain)* 16 Dec. 19 All and singular those two pieces or parcels of land.

**(b)** In pronominal use: every single one, one and all; everybody. Now *rare*.

1669 KING CHARLES II *Let.* in E. Ashmole *Hist. Inst. Order Garter* (1672) viii. 244 To all and singular to whom these presents shall come Greeting.

1767 W. DODD *Poems* 163 To all and singular each one, To whom these presents shall be known.

1843 'G. ELIOT' in J. W. Cross *George Eliot's Life* (1885) I. 123 To say to all and singular, 'Swallow my opinions and you shall be whole'.

1875 W. STUBBS *Constit. Hist.* II. xiv. 152 The common concordant and unanimous consent of all and singular.

1900 *Academy* 24 Nov. 495/1 There passed four or five unhappy-looking demonstrators, whose sashes of green and gold proclaimed to all and singular that they were Free Foresters or Ancient Druids.

1925 N. WILKINSON (*title*) To all and singular.

**g. all and odd:** every single one, one and all; everybody.

1556 W. LAUDER *Compend. Tractate Dewtie of Kyngis* sig. B, Cause 3our prechours, all and od Trewlie sett furth, the wourd of God.

**P6.** In pleonastic or emphatic combination with *whole* or (*Sc.*) *hale*. Cf. ALL WHOLE *adj.* and *adv.*

**a.** With *all* preceding and *whole* following a determiner or (formerly) possessive, esp. as *all the whole*. Also occas. with *whole* following the modified noun.

a1375 *William of Palerne* (1867) l. 184 (*MED*), & al his hole meyne.

► a1398 J. TREVISA tr. Bartholomaeus Anglicus *De Proprietatibus Rerum* (BL Add. 27944) (1975) II. XIX. cxxvii. 1369 Al þe hole worlde haþ a round schap.

1448 in S. A. Moore *Lett. & Papers J. Shillingford* (1871) I. 63 (*MED*), The Mayer and all the hole Communalte of Excetre recommaunded tham unto his gode and gracious lordship.

c1450 (► 1369) CHAUCER *Bk. Duchess* (Fairf. 16) (1871) l. 554, I wol do alle my power hool.

1530 R. WHITFORD *Werke for Housholders* (new ed.) sig. A ij, Our owne consyence..shall clerely confesse al our hole lyfe, and euery wryncl & parte therof.

1561 T. NORTON tr. J. Calvin *Inst. Christian Relig.* I. xi. 26 b, The fountaine of al this whole mischiefe is an vnorderly counterfaying.

1579 W. FULKE *Heskins Parl. Repealed* in *D. Heskins Ouerthrowne* 154 All the whole vpper house is manifestly contrarie vnto it.

1641 *Plymouth Col. Rec.* (1855) I. 169 The Court hath graunted vnto Willm Thomas..all that whole neck of vpland.

1693 J. EVELYN tr. J. de La Quintinie *Compl. Gard'ner* I. III. 77 As for the Fruits that are for the spending both during the End of Autumn, and all the whole Winter.

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- 1766 *Compl. Farmer at Surveying*, Then may you measure all the whole chains by your regulated chain.
- a1771 T. GRAY tr. Dante in *Wks.* (1884) I. 159 All that whole Day, or the succeeding Night.
- 1844 A. W. KINGLAKE *Eothen* xvii. 272 All the whole earth that I could reach with my utmost sight, and keenest listening was still.
- 1911 W. S. CHURCHILL *Let.* 29 June in W. S. Churchill & C. S. Churchill *Speaking for Themselves* (1999) iii. 50 Of course all the whole route I was cheered and in places booed vigorously.
- 1984 A. COPLAND & V. PERLIS *Copland: 1900–1942* xv. 339 All this whole section sounds like warmed-over Scriabin.
- 1991 P. O'BRIAN *Nutmeg of Consol.* (1993) x. 313 In all the whole class of..mammalia.

**b. all and whole (also hale).** Cf. Phrases 5.

**(a)** orig. and chiefly *Sc.* As an adjectival phrase: the whole of. Chiefly, and now only, *Sc. Law*.

- 1438 in R. W. Cochran-Patrick *Charters Friars Preachers Ayr* (1881) 48 Al and hale the ta halfe of the tenement.
- 1493 in W. Fraser *Lennox* (1874) II. 149 All and hall the lafe of the Iandis.
- 1563 L. HUMPHREY *Nobles or of Nobilitye* Ep. Ded. sig. A.ii<sup>v</sup>, To whose becke, worde, and prouidence, all and whole this wondrous facte (howesoeuer greate) must freelye and wholly be imputed.
- 1566 in J. R. N. Macphail *Papers Sir William Fraser* (1924) 225 Quhare the said maister Thomas hes lyt..all and haill the aughtene parte of landis.
- 1611 in C. C. Harvey *Cal. Writs Yester House* (1930) 300 All and whole that salmon fishing and tugnet.
- 1641 in *Rec. Parl. Scotl. to 1707* (2007) 1641/8/284 The charter and infeftment granted..to Thomas Forbes..of all and whole the lands, fortalice and manor place of Abbotshall of Ellon.
- 1696 *Famous Tryal between T. Neale & Lady Ivy* 7 To have and to hold all and whole the said Wharf.
- 1713 in R. Renwick *Extracts Rec. Burgh Glasgow* (1908) IV. 511 All and haill the milners service.
- 1773 *Edinb. Evening Courant* 18 Jan. All and whole these two Husband Lands and Half a Husband Land in Newton.
- 1803 in C. D. Bentinck *Dornoch Cathedral & Parish* (1926) 303 Heretable State and Sasine real, actual and Corporal possession to the said Capt. William Falconer of all and whole the foresaid House and Garden.
- 1896 in *Session Cases* (1948) 95 We as trustees foresaid dispone to the said company and their assignees heritably and irredeemably All and Whole the subject.
- a1912 in *Scots Law Times* (1913) I. 62/2 All and Whole my whole heritable and moveable Estate.
- 2010 *Session Cases* 733 The Pursuers validly exercised their Option to purchase all and whole that area of ground known as Dalgig Plantation.

**(b)** As a pronominal phrase: everything; the whole of. Formerly also occas. used adverbially: †entirely, wholly (*obs.*). Now *rare* (*Sc.* in later use).

- 1565 B. GOOGE tr. 'M. Palingenius' *Zodiake of Life* (new ed.) VII. sig. W.iiii, He is all and whole, the rest but part.
- 1601 P. HOLLAND tr. Pliny *Hist. World* I. XIII. xxv. 402 The lower sort of these trees the floud covereth all and whole.
- 1696 G. KEITH *Exact Narr. Proc. Turners-Hall* 26 Neither W. Burnet, nor no Baptist, place the all and whole

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of our Justification on Christ's outward Sufferings.

a1752 R. ERSKINE *Script. Songs* (1754) III. xxi. 139 Their righteousness Is all and whole of me.

1938 *Scotsman* 23 Mar. 17/2, I wish all and whole to be given to Montrose Town Council to improve the town in whatever way they think best.

## P7.

**a. *all both***: both. In later use *U.S.* (in African-American usage).

Now chiefly in the areas of South Carolina where Gullah is spoken.

a1375 *William of Palerne* (1867) l. 851 (*MED*), Gon þan to þat gome a god pas al boþe.

a1450 *St. Edith* (Faust.) (1883) l. 3567 Þey weron as bleynd alle bothe y-wys As euer was ony stok or stone.

1533 J. HEYWOOD *Play of Wether* sig. Civ<sup>v</sup>, Ye passe them all both in your owne conceyt and myne.

1571 T. FORTESCUE tr. P. Mexia *Foreste* 129 Yet would he retain with hym still Silan and Sasilas, all both Lacedemonians.

1927 E. C. L. ADAMS *Congaree Sketches* v. 10 He sho' is wase' up a lot of hell fire on all both un 'em.

1967 in *Dict. Amer. Regional Eng.* (1985) I. at *all both*, If you hurt a snake so he can't go, a green snake or doctor snake will be there shortly to help him and all both of them gone.

**b.** Chiefly *U.S.* (esp. in African-American usage) and *Caribbean*. ***all two***:

both. Also with further addition of *both*, as *all two both*, *both all two* (cf.

Phrases 7a).

[Probably reflecting a variety of different foreign-language models: compare French *tous les deux*, German *alle beide*. With African-American and Caribbean usage compare also similar constructions in several West African languages, e.g. Yoruba *mẹ̀jẹ̀jẹ̀* (< an extended form with the sense 'all together' of *ma-*, prefix forming certain numerals + *ẹ̀jì*, -*ẹ̀jì* two), Twi *abien nyinaa* (< *abien* pair, two (not human) + *nyinaa* all, entire).]

1755 J. SHEBBEARE *Lydia* I. x. 120 He left all two of them alone till the Child was grown up.

1838 C. GILMAN *Recoll. Southern Matron* xiv. 94 Sister Nelly begin for sing till Maus Ben and him fell asleep, all two.

1888 C. C. JONES *Negro Myths from Georgia Coast* vii. 17 Buh Wolf an Buh Rabbit all two bin a spark at um an a cote um.

1904 *Penny Cuts* 19 Nov. Miss Janie Zingar is a ooman way cud feed oll two ah dem.

1925 G. STRATTON-PORTER *Keeper of Bees* 239 Both all two of 'em make me sick!

1938 M. K. RAWLINGS *Yearling* xxix. 381 I'll tear down all two of you. Now git down and pick up ever' one o' them peas and wash 'em off.

1953 G. LAMMING *In Castle of my Skin* iii. 51 But there it wus, all two both lost.

1975 T. CALLENDER *It so Happen* 9 Well, I know this is going to be fight grandmother, a fight to watch, 'cause all two of them is giants at stick-licking.

1998 J. DEAVER *Coffin Dancer* 266 All two of you go back a ways?

**P8. *at all***. Also (usu. *Irish English* and *Caribbean*) reduplicated.

In *Caribbean* and *U.S. regional* use, also written *atall*, *a-tall*, etc.

**a.** In affirmative use: in every way; altogether, wholly; (later also) only,

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solely. Now *U.S. regional* and *Irish English*.

In later, regional use esp. after a superlative; cf. *of all* at Phrases 3.

a1375 *William of Palerne* (1867) l. 283, I þe coniuere & comande att alle.

c1450 (▷ ?a1422) LYDGATE *Life Our Lady* (Durh.) (1961) v. l. 272 Myrre declareth vnto us at all Of his manhode that he was mortell.

a1522 G. DOUGLAS in tr. Virgil *Æneid* (1957) l. Prol. 31 My waverand wyt, my cunnyng febill at all.

a1555 H. LATIMER *27 Serm.* (1562) II. f. 133, They were carelesse at all, they thought all things were cocksure.

1898 G. M. HOPKINS in *Eng. Dial. Dict.* I. 86/2 [Ireland] It's the greatest fun at all.

1906 *Watson's Mag.* May 418/1, I think it the best time at all.

1916 *Dial. Notes* 4 302 He is the greatest man at all.

1976 in *Dict. Amer. Regional Eng.* (1985) I. 103/2 Use one statement at all.

**b.** In negative or conditional use: in any way; to any degree; in the least; whatsoever.

1476 B. BURGH tr. *Cato's Distichs* (Caxton) l. Ayenst woordy folk ay ful of wynde Stryve not at al It may not the profite.

1515 *Everyman* sig. C3, Game lyketh me not at all.

1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) Jer. vi. 14 Sayenge: peace, peace, when there is no peace at all.

1611 *Bible* (King James) 1 Sam. xx. 6 If thy father at all misse me.

1664 H. OLDENBURG *Let.* 25 Aug. in R. Boyle *Corr.* (2001) II. 301 He affirms, that the Earthdamp is a vapor not at all visible, though this kind be the most dangerous and destructive.

1701 N. GREW *Cosmol. Sacra* IV. v. §38 Snowy, or whatever else he [sc. Spinoza] means by Glacial Air, or Clouds, may serve to darken the Day, but not at all to prolong it.

1762 S. FOOTE *Orators* (1780) II. 57 I'll wager you three thirteens to a rap, that it is no such matter at all, at all.

1771 T. SMOLLETT *Humphry Clinker* II. 219, I am not at all surprised that these Scots make their way in every quarter of the globe.

1831 S. LOVER *Paddy the Piper* in *Leg. & Stor. Irel.* 156, I cut a brave long wattle, that I might dhrive the man..without bein' near her at all at all.

1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* II. 557 If he refuses to govern us at all, we are not bound to remain..without a government.

1897 A. BARRASS *Pitman's Social Neet* 18 Me mother's ne nusence at a'.

1924 J. GALSWORTHY *White Monkey* l. viii, There are rules of the game which must be observed, if society is to function at all.

1954 *Harder Coll.* in *Dict. Amer. Regional Eng.* (1985) I. 102/2 Them chillern ain't a'tall good.

1971 J. UPDIKE *Rabbit Redux* l. 50 You're nice to put up with us at all.

1975 *Rev. in Amer. Hist.* 3 320, I have no problem at all with that.

1996 R. ALLSOPP *Dict. Caribbean Eng. Usage* 23/2 [Guyana] If you bother me at all at all today, you go nowhere.

2006 *Wall St. Jrnl.* (Central ed.) 17 Mar. w9/6 He's not much of an actor and can't dance at all.

**c.** In interrogative use.

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**(a)** Modifying the verb: in any way, to any extent; under any circumstances, for any reason; in the least.

- 1566 T. BECON *New Postil* II. f. 125<sup>v</sup>, For what power can it haue on you at all?
- 1600 B. JONSON *Every Man out of his Humor* v. i. sig. Oij<sup>v</sup>, But shall I not vse Tabacco at all?
- 1683 C. WASE tr. Cicero *Five Days Deb. Tusculum* v. xxxii. 325 What great need hath he for Money, or rather why should he at all regard it?
- 1730 *Let. to Sir W. Strickland relating to Coal Trade* 28 How rare a thing was it to hear of any body who stood to talk about the Price before-hand at all?
- 1782 W. COWPER *John Gilpin* 167 Say why bareheaded you are come, Or why you come at all?
- 1810 I. HARBY *Gordian Knot* IV. iii. 67 If, with no thought of meeting Madalena,—You entered the convent,—why, to what end, Did you go there at all?
- 1870 E. MONEY *Cultiv. & Manuf. Tea* (1878) xxiv. 108 Why wither at all?
- 1912 *Outlook* 19 Oct. 356/1 How do they even manage to 'hold down' the job of writing about the Olympic Games at all?
- 2008 *Esquire* Sept. 150/1 Why should people care about football at all?

**(b)** Freq. *Irish English* and *Caribbean*. Modifying the question: in any event, indeed; 'may I ask?', 'would you say?'. Cf. ANYWAY *adv.* 2b.

- 1842 S. LOVER *Handy Andy* xxii, And what was it at all? an upset, was it?
- 1894 H. CAINE *Manxman* 56 Is the woman mad at all?
- 1895 J. BARLOW *Strangers at Lisconnel* 262 And what at all have you got there?
- 1914 J. JOYCE *Dubliners* 154 'Is he a priest at all?' 'Mmmyes, I believe so.'
- 1964 I. KHAN *Obeah Man* 37 What happen to you at all?
- 1992 P. MCCABE *Butcher Boy* (1993) 104 How is he at all at all? Oh he's the best, I said, never better.
- 2002 J. MERCURIO *Bodies* (2003) 201 The niece says, 'Can we see him at all?'

**P9.** *all's well that ends well*: see WELL *adj.* and *n.*<sup>3</sup> Phrases 2.

**P10.** *to be all things to all men* and variants: to please everyone, typically by fitting in with their needs or expectations.

Before the 19th cent. usually with reference or allusion to 1 Corinthians 9:22.

- c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) (1850) 1 Cor. ix. 22 To alle men I am maad alle thingis.
- a1500 tr. Thomas à Kempis *De Imitatione Christi* (Trin. Dublin) (1893) 112 Poule studied to plese all men in oure lorde, & was made all þinges to all men.
- 1611 *Bible* (King James) 1 Cor. ix. 22 To the weake became I as weake, That I might gain the weake. I am made all things to all men, that I might by all meanes save some.
- 1683 E. HOOKER in J. Pordage *Theologia Mystica* Pref. Epist. 59 To become all things to all men, with the Doctor of the Gentiles, that Omniformist.
- 1763 C. CHURCHILL *Prophecy of Famine* 11 If they, directed by Paul's holy pen, Become discreetly all things

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to all men, That all men may become all things to them, Envy may hate, but justice can't condemn.

- 1784 J. WESLEY *Let.* 28 June (1931) VII. 224 Accommodableness is only the art of becoming all things to all men without wounding our own conscience.
- 1873 J. A. SYMONDS *Stud. Greek Poets* iii. 89 Theognis bids his friend (Cyrnus) be as much as possible all things to all men.
- 1907 E. CHARTERIS in D. Elcho *Short Acct. Affairs Scotl.* 29 Grant..was all things to all men, a Jacobite to Jacobites, a Georgite to Georgites, and an agreeable companion to every one.
- 1940 P. G. WODEHOUSE *Quick Service* ix. 86, I pointed out to him that it is of the essence of a barmaid's duties that she be all things to all men.
- 1999 L. NORFOLK in A. Holgate & H. Wilson-Fletcher *Test of Time* 125 Our increasing geographical homogeneity makes it easier for a book to be all things to all men.

**P11.****a. in all.**

**(a)** In total, in sum, all together.

- c1380 *Sir Ferumbras* (1879) l. 4387, V. hundred kny3tis in al þay wore.
- a1387 J. TREVISA tr. R. Higden *Polychron.* (St. John's Cambr.) (1871) III. 363 He lived in alle þre and sixti 3ere.
- 1442 in R. Willis & J. W. Clark *Archit. Hist. Univ. Cambr.* (1886) I. 387, xvj Skaynys of grete packethrede..at ob a pec; in al viij d.
- 1560 J. DAUS tr. J. Sleidane *Commentaries* f. cccxiii<sup>v</sup>, Ther be in al .ii. sacrifices of christ.
- 1611 *Bible* (King James) 1 Chron. ii. 6 Fiue of them in all.
- 1674 C. COTTON *Compl. Gamester* xi. 116 If either side are at eight Groats he hath the benefit of calling Can-ye, if he hath two Honours in his hand, and if the other answers one, the Game is up, which is nine in all.
- 1743 *Sel. Trans. Soc. Improvers Knowl. Agric. Scotl.* 32 The Infield is divided into three Shots or Parts, much about eighteen Acres in all.
- 1774 O. GOLDSMITH *Hist. Earth* III. 137 The fawns continue to follow the deer eight or nine months in all.
- 1837 T. CARLYLE *French Revol.* II. vi. i. 370 There will not have arrived, at the set day, Three thousand of them in all.
- 1897 *Epicure* Nov. 400/2 Each section, however, was served by a cuisine comprising in its personnel: three chefs, five helpers, two ice-makers—forty men in all.
- 1901 *N.Y. Times* 27 Aug. 3/1 Capt. Sycamore kept the crew busy setting jib topsails. Five in all were set.
- 1993 R. RAO *On Ganga Ghat* ix. 93 His much-holed mattress of sorts, and his tattered blankets three in all.

**(b)** In the whole (as opposed to the part).

- 1423 in J. B. Paul *Registrum Magni Sigilli Scotorum* (1882) II. 31/2 Nothir in al na in part.
- 1512 in M. Livingstone *Reg. Secreti Sigilli Regum Scotorum* (1908) I. 365/2 The landis..in all or part.
- 1639 R. GENTILIS tr. P. Sarpi *Hist. Inquisition* 64 It is received either in part, or in all, or in part, or in all laid aside.
- 1795 *Ship Owner's Man.* (ed. 7) 45 The master, or owner, who undertakes to let out to freight the ship or vessel in all, or in part.

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- 1853 *Rep. Cases Supreme Court Texas 1852* 8 326 This judgment could not be the ground, in all nor in part, of the plaintiff's right of action.
- 2010 L. ATHENS *Building Emerald City* iii. 43 The innovation may be rejected in all or in part.

**b. all in all.**

**(a)** All things in all respects; all things altogether in one; everything.

- c1475 *Wisdom* (Folg.) l. 754 (*MED*), Cum sleepers, Rekleshedde and Idyllnes, All in all, Surfet and Gredynes.
- 1494 tr. *W. Hilton's Scala Perfectionis* (de Worde) ii. iv. sig. i.v<sup>v</sup>, Thenne shall Ihesu bothe god and man be all in all.
- 1539 *Bible* (Great) 1 Cor. xv. 28 That God maye be all in all. [So 1611; Wyclif, alle thingis in alle thingis, Tindale, all in all thinges.]
- 1593 T. NASHE *Christs Teares* f. 10<sup>v</sup>, Without any care, fore-cast, or plotting on thy part..I shall bee to thee all in all.
- 1614 R. CAREW *Excellencie Eng. Tongue* in *W. Camden Remaines* (rev. ed.) 44 Will you haue all in all for Prose and verse?
- 1658 tr. J. Ussher *Ann. World* 309 Every man cast in his mind, that Eumenes would be all in all.
- 1718 M. PRIOR *Alma* I, in *Poems Several Occasions* (new ed.) 320 The Mind,..Throughout the Body squat or tall Is, *bonâ fide*, All in All.
- 1767 J. FORDYCE *Serm. Young Women* I. i. 27 Mirth and diversion are all in all.
- 1824 T. CAMPBELL *Lines on receiving Seal* in *Theodoric* 77 The all-in-all of life—Content!
- 1832 TENNYSON *New Year's Eve* vi, in *Poems* (new ed.) 97 Their Flemish go-between And all-in-all.
- 1922 *Q. Jrn. University North Dakota* 12 177 Value, distinction, artistry, quality, do not count, while mere quantitative production is made the all in all.
- 1998 B. J. NELSON *Keepers* 197 She knew at a certain level I had excluded her, that she'd never been my all-in-all.

**(b)** As an adverbial phrase: when everything is considered; in summation, in total; on the whole. Also occas.: entirely, absolutely.

- 1826 T. FLINT *Francis Berrian* II. i. 5 He was, all in all, singular in character, and as singular in fortune.
- 1859 TENNYSON *Vivien* in *Idylls of King* 114 And trust me not at all or all in all.
- 1938 R. W. LAWSON tr. G. von Hevesy & F. A. Paneth *Man. Radioactivity* (ed. 2) xxv. i. 265 All in all, the correct application of the method..entails the careful selection of well-preserved minerals.
- 1948 *Life* 23 Aug. 107 Many others who, all in all, have won 17 Pulitzer prizes.
- 1954 N. TOMALIN in *Granta* 6 Nov. 23/2 All in all the most amazing thing about the show is the preponderance of lavatory jokes.
- 1989 *Baby* Winter 55/1 All-in-all, it was a pretty inelegant way of capturing action on film.
- 2001 *Observer Food Monthly* July 53/1 The empenadas were made the night before and took about four hours all in all.

**c. when all comes to all** and variants: when all is said and done; when everything has been looked at or cleared up. Formerly also † **(let) all go to**

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**all:** let what happens pass; let events take their course (*obs.*).

- 1519 W. HORMAN *Vulgaria* xi. f. 123, Whan it cometh all to all.
- a1529 J. SKELTON *Magnyfycence* (?1530) sig. Eiiii, For your sake what so euer befall I set not a flye and all go to all.
- 1579 T. NORTH tr. Plutarch *Liues* 179 When all came to all, nothing was done.
- 1607 T. MIDDLETON *Michaelmas Terme* III. sig. E2<sup>v</sup>, Is she but your vnderput Maister Lethe? *Leth.* No more of my credit..when all comes to al tis but a plaine Pung.
- 1668 S. PEPYS *Diary* 19 Aug. (1976) IX. 283 When all came to all, a fit of jealousy about Tom.
- 1690 J. CLARK *Serm. Kirk of Auldhamstocks* 6 Let all go to all, let Gods Honour still be minded.
- 1733 *London Mag.* June 277/2 When all comes to all, it is no more than a second Part of the Putney-Bridge Plot.
- 1794 *Kentish Reg.* Sept. 344/1 Bishops and parsons., when all comes to all, are the sole object of his malice.
- 1832 *Tait's Edinb. Mag.* Aug. 596 Do they ken who, when all comes to all, is master o' the house?
- 1862 *Illustr. Dublin Jrnl.* 8 Mar. 431/2 Don't you stir until the worst comes; and when all goes to all, you can make for the coal-hole.
- 1919 'L. MALET' *Deadham Hard* vi. 270 When all came to all, this was hardly good enough.
- 2007 M. FRAZER *Play of Lords* ii. 16 When all came to all, what mattered was the same as what always mattered.

**P12.** In phrasal conjunctions with the subjunctive of *to be* and *it* as subject (in inverted order). Cf. sense D. Now only in ALBEIT *conj.*

**a.** *all be it:* see ALBEIT *conj.*

†**b.** *all be it so:* = ALBEIT *conj.* 1. Also (in past tense) **all were it so** (cf. Phrases 12c). *Obs.*

- ▶ a1393 GOWER *Confessio Amantis* (Fairf.) IV. l. 2920 (*MED*), Many a swevene hath be certein, Al be it so that som men sein [etc.].
- ▶ a1393 GOWER *Confessio Amantis* (Fairf.) VII. l. 5062 (*MED*), Of thilke wickednesse Which was unto hire bodi wroght, Al were it so sche myhte it noght, Nevere afterward the world ne schal Reproeven hire.
- ?c1400 (▶ c1380) CHAUCER tr. Boethius *De Consol. Philos.* (BL Add. 10340) (1868) v. pr. vi. l. 5090 Al be it so þat 3e seen and byholden þat oon and þat oper to-gidre.
- c1405 (▶ c1395) CHAUCER *Merchant's Tale* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 381 Ther was a mayden..Which þ<sup>t</sup> of beautee hadde greet renoun Al were it so she were of smal degree.
- c1450 (▶ 1410) J. WALTON tr. Boethius *De Consol. Philos.* (Linc. Cathedral 103) 89 Now vnderstond: all were it so..þat goodes whiche þat fortune haþ bestowen [etc.].
- 1529 T. MORE *Dyaloge Dyuers Maters* III. v. f. lxxvii<sup>v</sup>/1, I trowe we be agreed both, y<sup>t</sup> al were it so y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> man had ben fautlesse in dede [etc.].

†**c.** *all were it.*

Used as a past tense equivalent of *all be it* before the grammaticalization of the phrase as *albeit* was complete.

**(a)** Even though it were; although it were. Cf. ALBEIT *conj.* 2. Also (*Sc.*) **all**

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**was it. Obs.**

- c1405 ( ▶ c1390) CHAUCER *Pardoner's Tale* (Hengwrt) (2003) Prol. l. 121, I wol haue moneye..Al were it yeuen of the pouerest page Or of the pouereste widwe in a village.
- a1425 ( ▶ ?a1400) CHAUCER *Romaunt Rose* (Hunterian) (1891) l. 6099 For what word that hem prikke or biteth In that word noon of hem deliteth Al were it gospel.
- 1479 CAXTON *Earl Rivers' Cordyal* III. iii, Al were it neuer so delicious, it coude not lye in his power continually to endure hit.
- 1560 D. COLE *Let. in J. Jewel & D. Cole True Copies Lett.* sig. G.i, We broughte more then ye were able to answeare, all were it not Scriptures, nor doctours, nor Councelles.
- 1567 T. STAPLETON *Counterblast* III. xxix. f. 334<sup>v</sup>, Al were it true, that they wrote in the faouere of Lewys the .4. then Emperour, yet were you neuer the nerer of your purpose by one iote.
- c1580 tr. *Bk. Alexander the Great* II. 4167 All was it maugre thairis baith.

**(b)** Though it were true that; although. Freq. with *that*. Cf. ALBEIT *conj.* 1.**Obs.**

- c1405 ( ▶ c1395) CHAUCER *Wife of Bath's Tale* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 1145 Al were it that myne Auncestres weren rude Yet may the hye god..Graunte me grace to lyuen vertuously.
- c1450 *Pilgrimage Lyfe Manhode* (Cambr.) (1869) 16 He clepede grace dieu with an haunteyn vois, al were it she was not fer.
- 1580 J. STOW *Chron. of Eng.* 810 Al were it that hys owne conscience well shewed him that they talked no good, yet [etc.].

**P13.** As an emphatic modifier of conjunctions. Earliest, and now only, in ALTHOUGH *conj.*†**a. all if**(also **if all**): even given the possibility that, even though, although. **Obs.**

- a1400 ( ▶ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Fairf. 14) l. 1991 (*MED*), Al if na rayne on erþ felle.
- a1425 ( ▶ a1400) *Prick of Conscience* (Galba & Harl.) (1863) l. 3045 Þe saul, al-if it haf na body.
- ?a1425 ( ▶ c1400) *Mandeville's Trav.* (Titus C.xvi) (1919) 8 ʒif all it be so þat men seyn þat this croune is of thornes.
- 1446 in L. Morsbach *Mittelengl. Originalurkunden* (1923) 37 (*MED*), The said john meuerell said he was neuer holdon to hym, all yff they were Cosyns, ffor his lyuelod.
- c1475 *Antichrist & Disciples* in J. H. Todd 3 *Treat.* (1851) p. cxlv, Þat þise bischops kunnen hem boþe [sc. the old law and the new] betokeneþ her mytres; if al þei kepen neiþer, but oonly þe popis.
- ?1520 A. BARCLAY tr. Sallust *Cron. Warre agaynst Iugurth* Prol. f. iiiii<sup>v</sup>, All if he haue power so to do.
- c1530 A. BARCLAY *Egloges* II. sig. Kij, All yf I woulde it were but shame.

†**b. though all**: even though, although. **Obs.**

- ?a1400 ( ▶ a1338) R. MANNYNG *Chron.* (Petyt) II. 37 (*MED*), Þof alle Edgar þe gate, Estrild þi moder ware.
- ▶ c1443 R. PECOCK *Reule of Crysten Religiou* (1987) 495 Þouʒ al þer be difference in accidentals.

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- 1551 J. BALE *Actes Eng. Votaryes: 2nd Pt.* II. f. cxvi<sup>v</sup>, Thus maye these. iij. bokes be knowne dyuerse..though all they procede out of one only argument of Englysh votaryes.

†**P14. all-to:** (modifying a verb, esp. a past participle) completely, utterly, quite. Cf. sense C. 4. *Obs.*

Originally arising from the use of *all* to emphasize the verb prefix *to-* (see sense C. 4a), with the use extended to a range of verbs to which the meaning of the prefix would not be strictly applicable. Over time the prefix came to be analysed as being attached to *all* rather than to the verb and the resulting combination commonly used as an emphatic modifier of verbs formed with the prefix *be-* (cf. sense C. 4b), as *all-to-bedeck*, *all-to-befool*, *all-to-bespangle*.

- c1440 (▷ ?a1400) *Morte Arthure* l. 2235 Thane þe Romayns releuyde, þat are ware rebuykkyde, And all torattys oure men with their riste horses.
- a1535 T. MORE *Dialoge of Comfort* (1553) III. xi. sig. P.ii, She fell in hand with him..& al to rated him.
- 1538 H. LATIMER *Let. 25 June in Serm. & Remains* (1845) (modernized text) II. 397 We be fallen into the dirt, and be all-to dirtied, even up to the ears.
- 1551–76 E. GRINDAL *Remains* (1843) (modernized text) 48 To kneel and crouch down and all-to be-god him.
- 1589 R. GREENE *Menaphon* sig. H2<sup>v</sup>, Her cheekes all to be blubbered with her iealous teares.
- 1611 R. COTGRAVE *Dict. French & Eng. Tongues Papilloteux*, All-to-bespangled..set thicke with spangles.
- 1637 MILTON *Comus* 14 Her wings..Were all to ruffl'd, and sometimes impair'd.
- 1647 J. CLEVELAND *Char. London Diurnall* 3, I wonder my Lord..is not once more all-to-be-traytor'd.
- 1682 N. O. tr. N. Boileau-Despréaux *Lutrin* I. 314 Him too the bounteous Dean All-to-be-Blesses.
- 1684 J. BUNYAN *Pilgrim's Progress 2nd Pt.* II. 48 She all-to-be-fooled me.

**P15.****a. and all.**

(a) And everything else; and all connected or additional things.

*boots, the devil, one, warts and all:* see the first element.

- ?c1450 in G. Müller *Aus Mittelengl. Medizintexten* (1929) 125 (*MED*), Take 3onge swalowys owte of þe neste and putte hem, fediris and all, in-to þe potte.
- c1535 TYNDALE in *Wks.* (1849) II. 11 He will save Devils and all.
- a1554 J. CROKE tr. *Thirteen Psalms* (1844) li. 18 The walles, and all, shalbe made newe.
- 1653 H. MORE *Antidote against Atheisme* III. x. 130 Down came John, Pipe and all.
- 1681 *Arraignm., Tryal & Condemnation S. Colledge* 29 *Jeff.* Who were the All? *Dugdale.* King and Clergy-men and all.
- 1702 J. SAVAGE *Compl. Hist. Germany* I. 479 He fell Horse and all into the Ditch.
- 1774 O. GOLDSMITH *Hist. Earth* VII. 328 After furrowing up the sand, it hides itself under it, horns and all.
- 1828 SCOTT *Fair Maid of Perth* v, in *Chron. Canongate* 2nd Ser. I. 133 With smithy, bellows, tongs, anvil, and all.
- 1892 H. E. WRIGHT *Handy Bk. Brewers* i. 20 The copper is 'turned out' or 'struck', the boiling wort, hops and all, rushing out through an opened valve.
- 1933 D. L. SAYERS *Murder must Advertise* x. 182 My dear! and got up regardless..fish-net stockings and all.
- 1989 T. PARKER *Place called Bird* xvi. 186 House moving is just what it says, moving people's houses for them: the whole house, contents and all.

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2004 *Sunday Times Trav.* Feb. 39/1, I clocked the room prices. How reasonable, I mused—fluffy robes, giant beds and all.

**(b)** *colloq.* and *regional* (chiefly *Sc.*). Used at the end of a sentence, clause, etc., for emphasis: ‘also’, ‘too’, ‘as well’. Also used adverbially: ‘really’, ‘truly’, ‘indeed’.

Often written elliptically or as one word, as *an a*, *an aw*, *anaw*, *an all*, *anall*, *enal*, etc.

- ?1750 *Tom-tit* 8/2 Was not she very well off, That was Woo'd and Married and a.
- 1810 A. CUNNINGHAM et al. *Remains Nithsdale & Galloway Song* 108 The red, red rose is dawning and a'.
- 1864 TENNYSON *Northern Farmer: Old Style* xi, I..runn'd plow thruff it an' all.
- 1887 T. DARLINGTON *Folk-speech S. Cheshire* ‘Th' Tories binna gotten in, bin they?’ ‘They bin, an aw.’
- 1899 *Angler's Rec.* Oct. 21/1 Mr Gallon shouted... ‘At him, good dogs!’ And they did an' all.
- 1945 M. JAMES *Cherokee Strip* 4 You know what a claim-jumper a cowbird is—laying its eggs in other birds' nests and all.
- 1952 T. ARMSTRONG *Adam Brunskill* ii. 55 I've enjoyed myself an' all.
- 1977 *Sniffin' Glue* Apr. 11/1 Yeah, I thought that enal.
- 2010 J. MCGREGOR *Even Dogs* (2011) ii. 20 A pigeon..settled on the edge of the bin... You can fuck off an all, Sammy said.

**b. *and all that***: and all the rest of it; and that sort of thing; et cetera.

- 1672 DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM *Rehearsal* II. 16 His spirits exhale with the heat of his passion, and all that, and swop falls asleep.
- 1702 D. DEFOE *New Test.* in *Coll. Scarce & Valuable Tracts* (1751) III. 14 They did it to Purpose, carried all before them, subdued Monarchy, cut of their King's Head, and all that.
- 1792 J. COBB *Pirates* III. 25 No smirking and squeezing, ‘nown dear’, and all that.
- 1857 A. HELPS *Friends in Council* 1st Ser. I. 122 ‘Region of subtle sympathies,’ and all that.
- 1904 H. O. STURGIS *Belchamber* iii. 33, I like riding, and the *manège*, and all that.
- 1990 *N.Y. Times Mag.* 5 Aug. 30 Peace, love, and all that.
- 2004 H. STRACHAN *Make a Skyf, Man!* xvi. 176 Ginsberg is not going to give me secret encoded messages and all that.

**P16.** *once for all*, *once and for all*: see ONCE *adv.*, *conj.*, *adj.*, and *n.*

Phrases 3.

**P17.** *for good and all*: see *for good and all* at GOOD *adj.*, *n.*, *adv.*, and *int.*

Phrases 3a(b).

**P18.**

**a. *all at once***.

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**(a)** With everything happening in one go or simultaneously; at one and the same time; all together.

- ?1499 J. SKELTON *Bowge of Courte* (de Worde) sig. Bv<sup>v</sup>, Thenne I astonyed of that sodeyne fraye Sterte all at ones.
- 1531 G. JOYE tr. *Prophete Isaye* xxvii. sig. G.ij, Who then maye so move me to be so grete an enmye to hyr that..I wolde set hyr a fyer all at once with thornes & bryers?
- 1582 *Bible* (Rheims) 1 Cor. xiv. 23 (*note*) Singing Psalmes,..one in this language, and another in that, all at once like a blacke saunts, and one often not vnderstood of another.
- 1588 W. KEMPE *Educ. Children* sig. F2<sup>v</sup>, A sillable of eight letters, being too hard for a childe to learne all at once, he may learne letter by letter.
- a1617 P. BAYNE *Comm. Ephes.* (1643) i. 334 Not all at once, but by ounces, as we say.
- 1662 R. MATHEWS *Unlearned Alchymist* §82. 109 She..popt it into her mouth, and swallowed it all at once.
- 1706 *Phillips's New World of Words* (ed. 6) at *Orgues*, Several Musket-Barrels set in a row within one wooden Stock, to be discharged either all at once, or separately.
- 1759 JOHNSON *Idler* 21 Apr. 121 She must not rid herself of them all at once.
- 1827 J. FAREY *Treat. Steam Engine* 358 By releasing the catches..the expansion-valve,..the exhausting-valve..and injection-valve..are opened all at once.
- 1894 A. B. GOMME *Trad. Games* I. 66 You throw down the cubes all at once, then toss the ball.
- 1930 *Lancet* 27 Sept. 686/2 The recently prepared solution is warmed to body heat and may be quite safely injected all at once provided it is injected slowly.
- 1995 *Daily Mirror* 23 Feb. 6/4 Transfer of other powers to the new Assembly likely to be phased in rather than introduced all at once.

**(b)** Suddenly; all of a sudden.

- 1809 B. H. MALKIN tr. A. R. Le Sage *Adventures Gil Blas* IV. x. vi. 77 He assumed the start of a man who all at once hits upon a circumstance which had hitherto escaped his recollection.
- 1816 J. WILSON *City of Plague* II. iii. 108 All at once the hurricano ceased.
- 1883 *Harper's Mag.* June 131/2 All at once something seemed to sift away from before my eyes.
- 1906 U. SINCLAIR *Jungle* vii. 91 At last he fell to pieces, all at once and in a heap.
- 1945 I. GERSHWIN *All At Once* (song) in R. Kimball *Compl. Lyrics I. Gershwin* (1993) 317/1 All at once, My lucky star was flowing; All at once, I knew I'd met my Once-for-All.
- 2000 M. KNEALE *Eng. Passengers* (2001) v. 125 All at once the captain strode back on to the platform looking fierce.

**b.**

**all-at-onceness** *n.* the fact of happening all at once; the experiencing of a number of things at the same time, or (esp. through electronic media) of events while or immediately after they occur; simultaneity, immediacy.

- 1913 P. H. WICKSTEED *Dante & Aquinas* ix. 263 It is in this eternal life of all-at-onceness..that Dante and Aquinas alike find heaven.

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- 1967 *Spectator* 6 Oct. 394/3 One of the many tiresome aspects of the Marshall McLuhan cult is the assumption that ‘all-at-onceness’ occurs when real events are televised live.
- 1991 M. HEIM *Erotic Ontology of Cyberspace* in M. Benedikt *Cyberspace* (1993) 69 The temporal simultaneity, the all-at-once-ness of God's knowledge.
- 2003 C. LIENHARDT et al. in M. Gandy & A. Zumla *Return of White Plague* xi. 203 The ‘all-at-onceness’ of social context can make it difficult to grasp in applied research.

**P19. *all yours*:** (a) wholly devoted, dedicated, or attentive to you, and you alone; chiefly in *I'm all yours*; (b) ready or available for you (used esp. when the speaker has finished with the person or thing in question); chiefly in *it's all yours*; (c) (as *int.*) ‘your turn’; ‘go ahead’; ‘over to you!’

- 1509 H. WATSON tr. S. Brant *Shyppe of Fooles* (de Worde) xlvi. sig. M.i. Yf there is ony thyng that I can do for you I am all yours bothe body & godes.
- 1605 G. CHAPMAN et al. *Eastward Hoe* i. i. Sir, I am all yours..to Your wisdom I wholly dispose my selfe.
- 1661 R. FLECKNOE *Erminia* v. xii. 95 *Cy*. I shall alwayes claim a friends part in her. *Cle*. She is all yours Madam.
- 1702 W. BURNABY *Modish Husband* v. 61 A little Air, my dear, will recover me, and then I'll be all yours.
- 1851 *Internat. Mag.* Sept. 204/2 ‘I ask your friendship.’ ‘It is all yours,’ said the Count.
- 1895 *Atlantic Monthly* May 588/2 Now listen, Robert, while I tell you something; and I beg you not to be angry—oh, do not be angry, for I am all yours.
- 1959 H. PINTER *Birthday Party* II. 34 *Goldberg*: Now, Mrs Boles, it's all yours. *Meg*.: I don't know what to say.
- 1972 A. ROSS *London Assignment* 17 ‘Go ahead, old boy,’ he said plummily, ‘He's all yours.’
- 1983 M. MAGORIAN *Goodnight Mister Tom* (BNC) 136 Tom climbed down the ladder. ‘All yours,’ he said.
- 2002 E. WOUFF *Mud Puppy* xiv. 129 Dad checks his watch. ‘Right then. I just need to catch the library before it closes, then I'm all yours,’ he says.

**P20. *all of a*.** Cf. *all of a sudden* at SUDDEN *n.* 1a.

**a.** With reference to physical condition or appearance: entirely covered in; consisting wholly of; completely characterized by. Now *colloq.*

In early use sometimes with *all* in other positions typical of its use as an adjective (or, by ellipsis, pronoun); cf., e.g., quot. 1668 and sense A. 2b.

- 1555 R. EDEN tr. Peter Martyr of Angleria *Decades of Newe Worlde* f. 16<sup>v</sup>, There was no rocke or hyll that coude be seene, but the same was all of a smoke [L. *Nulla erat specularis rupes ex qua fumus non egrederetur*].
- 1602 R. SHELFORD *Lectures* (new ed.) 92 Before their eyes all was of a smoake and burning fire.
- 1610 P. HOLLAND tr. W. Camden *Brit.* I. 66 Whiles Commodus was Emperour, Britannie, was all of a Garboile.
- 1653 H. COGAN tr. F. M. Pinto *Voy. & Adventures* v. 12 The masts and sail yards were all of a flame.
- 1668 DUCHESS OF NEWCASTLE *Descr. New World* (new ed.) 143 When the Tide came in, all their Houses were of a Fire, which did so rarifie the Water, that the Tide was soon turn'd into Vapour.
- 1697 W. DAMPIER *New Voy. around World* xv. 414 The Sea seemed all of a Fire about us.

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- 1707 *Boston News-let.* 20 Oct. 2/2 The House was all of a smoke, and a very strong smell of Brimstone.
- 1719 D. DEFOE *Farther Adventures Robinson Crusoe* 232 The House, which was by this Time all of a light Flame, fell in upon them, and they were smother'd or burnt together.
- 1747 H. GLASSE *Art of Cookery* xvi. 147 Mill the Cream till it is all of a thick Froth.
- 1766 O. GOLDSMITH *Vicar of Wakefield* I. ix. 83 She observed, that..she was all of a muck of sweat.
- 1827 B. DISRAELI *Vivian Grey* IV. VI. i. 10 The poor man, Sir, was all of an ague.
- 1830 F. MARRYAT *King's Own* II. vi. 90 The master..finds one day that his sextant case is all of a smudge.
- 1884 *S. W. Linc. Gloss.* (at cited word), The corn had grown that length, and was all of a cot.
- 1915 W. S. MAUGHAM *Of Human Bondage* civ. 547 The sweat stood in heavy beads on her painted face. 'Look at me,' she said. 'I'm all of a perspiration.'
- 1938 *Sun* (Baltimore) 8 June 8/8 Later in the season they [sc. crabs] drop off almost altogether until late July,..when they seem to come back all of a rush.
- 1980 J. AIKEN *Weeping Ash* 85 She is all of a sweat, it will do her good to walk her for a mile, till she dries off.

**b. colloq.** With nouns denoting a personal, usually temporary, condition of agitation, confusion, or nervous excitement or anticipation: entirely overtaken by; completely succumbing to.

*all of a dither, doodah, mizmaze, quiver, tremble*, etc.: see the nouns.

- 1744 M. COLLYER *Lett. Felicia to Charlotte* x. 110, I am sure I am all of a flame now, added she..O Madam, cried Lucius, with a design to make her change the subject, that modest blush becomes you incomparably.
- 1769 H. BROOKE *Fool of Quality* IV. xvii. 11, I am all of a tremble.
- 1802 G. COLMAN *Poor Gentleman* I. i. 5 If I ben't all of a twitter to see my old John Harrowby again!
- 1848 J. R. LOWELL *Biglow Papers* 1st Ser. iv. 57 In the Tower Victory sets, all of a fluster.
- 1895 *Cassell's Family Mag.* Apr. 336/2, I can't wittle a bit o' stick but mai hed is all of a muzz.
- 1898 S. J. WEYMAN *Castle Inn* v. 42 Oh Lord, I have such a head this morning!.. I am all of a twitter.
- 1918 *Chambers's Jrnl.* May 299/1, I feel all of a doo-dah, all of a wonk.
- 1922 J. JOYCE *Ulysses* II. 387 Bless me, I'm all of a wibblywobbly.
- 1996 J. TROLLOPE *Next of Kin* xv. 193 Velma's just been in, all of a tizz.
- 2001 C. GLAZEBROOK *Madolescents* 302 He's got me all of a wag, narmean?

**P21. colloq. all for:** strongly in favour of, fully on the side of. Cf. FOR *prep.*

7a.

- 1594 T. NASHE *Terrors of Night* sig. Eijj, The diuell..hath left forme and is all for matter.
- 1608 G. MARKHAM & L. MACHIN *Dumbe Knight* IV. sig. G3, The Queene is all for reuelles, her light heart..Bestowes it self vpon delightfulnessse.
- 1659 D. PELL *Πελαγος* Ep. Ded. sig. a3<sup>v</sup>, The Age wee live in is all for novelties, and high-strained Jigs of Musick.
- 1700 DRYDEN *Chaucer's Cock & Fox in Fables* 249 The wight..Who true to Love, was all for Recreation, And minded not the Work of Propagation.
- 1791 J. BOSWELL *Life Johnson* anno 1775 I. 467 Mrs. Thrale was all for..according to the vulgar phrase,

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making the best of a bad bargain.

- 1819 BYRON *Don Juan: Canto I* iv. 5 The Prince is all for the land-service, Forgetting Duncan, Nelson, Howe, and Jervis.
- 1864 TROLLOPE *Can you forgive Her?* I. xix. 150, I am all for Mr. Cheesacre..I can't abide anything that's poor.
- 1919 C. DAWSON *Test of Scarlet* v. 49 In watching him they will feel a thrill of excitement; they, too, will become 'all for it'.
- 1934 D. L. SAYERS *Nine Tailors* II. ii. 105 I'm all for a treasure-hunt.
- 1945 J. B. PRIESTLEY *Three Men in New Suits* iii. 38 'You've got to..see that the country's run properly.' 'I'm all for that,' said Herbert.
- 2004 K. GREGORY *Winning Clients in Wired World* ii. 32 I'm all for delegating; but abdicating is a different story.

**P22.**

**all of all** *n.* (freq. with capital initial, with *the*, †*thou*) God, viewed as the macrocosm, encompassing all of existence. Also in extended use. Cf. sense B. 7a.

- 1598 J. MARSTON *Metamorph. Pigmaliions Image* To Good Opinion sig. A3, Sole Regent of Affection, perpetuall Ruler of Iudgement,..the All of all.
- 1652 E. BENLOWES *Theophila* VIII. li. 115 In God, the All of All, we see.
- 1866 E. E. SALISBURY tr. Sulaiman *First Ripe Fruit* in *Jrnl. Amer. Oriental Soc.* 8 282 Thy face is my Kiblah, towards which, from every quarter, I direct my prayer, O thou all of all.
- 1914 A. H. STROH & F. SEWALL tr. E. Swedenborg *Wisdom & Love of God* i. 84 From Him are all things, because He is All of All.
- 1993 N. W. SMITH *Greek & Interbehavioral Psychol.* (rev. ed.) iii. 78 He is the source of all living beings, all the gods, all the universe, the All of all.

**P23. all but.** Cf. ALL-BUT *n.*

**a.** As an adverbial phrase: almost, very nearly, well-nigh.

- 1590 SPENSER *Faerie Queene* III. I. sig. Cc3<sup>v</sup>, All were faire knights, and goodly well beseene, But to faire Britomart they all but shadowes beene.
- 1598 J. BASTARD in E. Farr *Sel. Poetry Reign Elizabeth* (1845) II. 306 Man..All but resembleth God, all but his glasse, All but the picture of his maiestie.
- 1612 BACON *Ess.* (new ed.) 235 Walled Towns,..Masse of treasure, Number in Armies.., are all but a Sheep in a Lions skin, except the..disposition of the people be militarie.
- a1678 A. MARVELL *Poems in Wks.* (1776) III. 412 Society is all but rude To this delicious solitude.
- 1772 'JUNIUS' *Let.* 21 Jan. (1772) II. 313 He is no longer that all-but-convicted felon..who by law is notailable at all.
- 1795 J. WOODFORDE *Diary* 11 Apr. (1929) IV. 189 Mr. Thorne..dressed my Ancle, pronouncing it to be now all but well.
- 1810 M. L. WEEMS *Let.* in *Ford's M. L. Weems: Wks & Ways* (1929) III. 14 Doctor Fendall..sold 60 doll[ar]s all but.

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- 1878 R. B. SMITH *Carthage* 203 The best and all-but-sufficing answer.
- 1941 G. DE PONCINS & L. GALANTIÈRE *Kabloona* (1942) I. iv. 101 You were assailed by a warm stink that all but strangled you.
- 1996 *High Country News* 15 Apr. 5/1 The purpose was..to scour out backwater areas critical to wildlife habitat, especially that of the all but extinct humpback chub.

### b. As an adjectival phrase: almost complete or entire.

- 1816 J. K. TUCKEY *Narr. Exped. River Zaire* (1818) i. 18 Negro washerwomen, whose state of all but nudity.
- 1834 T. CARLYLE *Sartor Resartus* II. ii. 33/2 The all but omnipotence of early culture.
- 1881 W. S. GILBERT *Patience* II. 31 *Col.* (apologetically). I'm afraid we're not quite right. *Ang.* Not supremely, perhaps, but, oh so all-but! Oh, Saphir, are they not quite too all-but?
- 1920 'W. S. PALMER' *Christianity & Christ* 43 Until the great all-but-men brought forth true men.
- 1935 W. EMPSON *Poems* 3 Our all-but freedom.
- 1999 S. M. NOVICK in J. R. Bradley *Henry James & Homo-erotic Desire* i. 13 The subordinate halves of these couples are often financially dependent on their all-but-spouses.

### P24. **all for one and one for all (also one for all and all for one)**

[compare post-classical Latin *unus pro omnibus, omnes pro uno* (1575 or earlier)]: used to express unity and loyalty amongst group members, esp. in defence of a common cause.

In later use particularly associated with the musketeers in Alexandre Dumas père's novel *Les Trois Mousquetaires* (1844); cf. quot. 1846.

- 1594 SHAKESPEARE *Lucrece* sig. B4<sup>v</sup>, In this ayme there is such thwarting strife, That one for all, or all for one we gage.
- 1607 J. NORDEN *Surueyors Dialogue* I. 34 All for one, and one for all, should seke, examine and declare the vttermost truth of euerything.
- 1798 tr. F. Kratter *Natalia & Menzikof* III. x. 129 Blood and life, one for all, and all for one!
- 1831 *Amer. Ann. Educ. & Instr.* 1 242 The welfare and misfortune of each teacher became the welfare or misfortune of the whole, in the spirit of that beautiful maxim; 'All for one and one for all'.
- 1846 W. BARROW tr. A. Dumas *Three Musketeers* ix. 34/1 All for one, and one for all [Fr. *tous pour un, un pour tous*]; that's our maxim, I believe?
- 1921 *McClure's Mag.* Aug. 14/1 We'll give a fine exhibition of a happy family, one for all and all for one!
- 1958 *Jet* 16 Oct. 17 In our squadron we're all for one and one for all.
- 2010 G. OBAMA & D. LEWIS *Homeland* xvi. 202 All for one and one for all. No one fucks with the Huruma brothers and gets away with it.

### P25.

**a. all or nothing:** everything or nothing, when presented as the only available or permitted choices or possible outcomes. Cf. ALL-OR-NOTHING *adj.* 2.

- 1614 E. GRIMSTON tr. P. Matthieu *Hist. Lewis XI* VII. 226 Hee would not haue been satisfied with halfe

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Europe. All or nothing.

- 1649 S. RICHARDSON *Divine Consol.* 87 To be saved by Christ, and to be saved by works, are contrary, the one excludes the other, Christ will be all, or nothing.
- 1703 *Life William III* (new ed.) 39 His natural fury and Ambition spurred him to gain all or nothing, which did not end well with him.
- 1793 B. VAUGHAN *Lett. Concert Princes* Pref. p. xxii. Liberty will no longer seek to build its temple upon the sands of democracy; nor ambition pursue that deep game, of all or nothing.
- 1862 R. W. EMERSON *Jrnl.* Jan. (1914) IX. 361 My estimate of my own mental means and resources is all or nothing; in happy hours, life..infinitely rich, and sterile at others.
- 1891 A. D. WALLER *Introd. Human Physiol.* iii. 90 'All or nothing' is the motto of the heart's contraction under these circumstances.
- 1922 *Encycl. Brit.* XXXII. 104/2 In the case of the heart muscle, this fact has long been known and was given the name of the 'law of all-or-nothing'... This law has now been shown to hold for voluntary muscle and for nerve.
- 1950 B. WOOTTON *Test. Social Sci.* iii. 49 Questions which (like nearly all the significant issues in life) cannot but be matters of more or less are constantly answered in terms of yes or no, all or nothing.
- 1996 *Beverly Press* 4 July 17 Why is it all-or-nothing?

**b. all or none:** = *all or nothing* at Phrases 25a. In early use chiefly with reference to God or Christ. Cf. ALL-OR-NONE *adj.*, *dictum of all and none n.* at DICTUM *n.* 3a.

- 1656 J. BEADLE *Jrnl. Thankful Christian* iv. 77 Christ will admit of no corrivals, he will be all or none.
- a1714 M. HENRY *Expos. Hist. Old & New Test.* (1806) V. 218/1 God will be all or none.
- 1856 T. H. BENTON *Thirty Years' View* II. 672/2 They turn upon the principle of all or none!
- 1889 J. LE CONTE *Evol. & its Relation to Relig. Thought* III. vi. 317 Mind is either all or none; so also mechanics is all or none.
- 1912 E. H. STARLING *Princ. Human Physiol.* v. 230 The rule of 'all or none'..was first enunciated for heart muscle.
- 1934 *Theosophist* Jan. 374 My remark..was based upon the rule of 'all or none'.
- 2003 E. D. SCHLENKER in S. R. Williams & E. D. Schlenker *Essent. Nutrition & Diet Therapy* (ed. 8) v. 98/1 If one [*sc.* amino acid] is missing, the protein is not formed—the law of 'all or none'.

**P26.**

**a. all very well:** fine or acceptable as far as it goes or up to a point (with the implication that the thing under discussion may be considered unsatisfactory when viewed in a different context or from another perspective). Freq. used in criticizing or rejecting a remark, observation, etc.

Sometimes, e.g. in quot. 1898, with the sense of approbation further attenuated by the addition of *in his* (*her, their, etc.*) *way*; cf. WAY *n.*<sup>1</sup> and *int.*<sup>1</sup> Phrases 6c(b).

- 1702 *Plain Man's Relig.* 12 Now this is all very well..but alack! We see it turned to no account.
- 1779 J. WARNER in J. H. Jesse *G. Selwyn & his Contemp.* (1844) IV. 283 It is all very well, sir; I know what

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you will say—that you [etc.].

- 1836 DICKENS *Sketches by Boz* 1st Ser. I. 16 As to the curate, he was all very well; but..the curate wasn't a novelty, and the other clergyman was.
- 1837 C. F. PARTINGTON *Brit. Cycl. Nat. Hist.* III. 746/2 As a curiosity the black swan is all very well..but it has none of the beauty and grace of the white swan.
- 1853 C. BRONTË *Villette* II. xx. 67 This would have been all very well, if he had not added to such kindly and unobtrusive evidence a certain wilfulness in discharging what he called debts.
- 1898 'H. S. MERRIMAN' *Roden's Corner* xxvii. 288 Mr. Cornish is all very well in his way. But we're not fools.
- 1961 *Ess. & Stud.* 21 It is all very well to scoff at H. G. Wells because much of his writing betrays a perky mediocrity.
- 1985 *New Yorker* 19 Aug. 27/2 One has heard of holiday romances, which are all very well, but really, in one's own home!
- 2010 *Church Times* 29 Oct. 24/5 Debating was all very well 20 months ago; now it is time for action.

**b. all very fine (and large):** = *all very well* at Phrases 26a. Also *attrib.* designating the feeling that something is fine only up to a point. Cf. FINE *adj.* 5c.

In use with *large*, now somewhat *arch*.

- 1819 J. POOLE *Short Reign & Merry One* II. iii. 49 That may be all very fine; but don't think I'm to be done out of my estate.
- 1861 T. A. TROLLOPE *La Beata* I. iv. 74 It is all very fine, but one must live.
- 1887 *Referee* 7 Aug. 2/4 How many people passed the turnstiles at the Alexandra Palace I am not in a position to say, but that the attendance was all very fine and large is beyond dispute.
- 1953 C. DAY LEWIS *Ital. Visit* iii. 34 Terribly apt to ask what Our all-very-fine sensations were in aid of.
- 2003 M. AMIS *Yellow Dog* 160 That's all very fine and large. Because the wound's in you, my son.
- 2003 *Daily Tel.* 17 Mar. 15/4 This is all very fine, except that even, [his] best friends could not, hand on heart, argue that his performance has been much cop.

**P27. Five (also Four) Alls:** the five (or occasionally four) social groups or classes into which society can be notionally divided, from the monarchy to the poor countryman; an image or representation of these, esp. on an inn sign (see quot. 1788). Hence: (the name given to) any of various public houses having this sign.

- 1718 *England's Witty & Ingenious Jester* (ed. 17) I. 28 What do you mean by these five Alls?.. I will tell you: The first All is, the Country hath sent All, the City hath lent All, the Court hath spent All; so if we don't mend All, it will be the worse for All.
- 1764 *Gazetteer & London Daily Advertiser* 13 Apr. Let them with Chearfulness repair to the Four-Alls..near Tower-Hill.
- 1788 F. GROSE *Classical Dict. Vulgar Tongue* (ed. 2) at *Alls*, The five alls is a country sign, representing five human figures, each having a motto under him. The first is a king in his regalia; his motto, I govern all: the second a bishop in pontificals; motto, I pray for all: third, a lawyer in his gown; motto, I plead for all: fourth, a soldier in his regimentals, fully accoutred; fifth, a poor countryman with his scythe and

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rake; motto, I pay for all.

- 1846 'LORD CHIEF BARON' *Swell's Night Guide* (new ed.) 109/1 The Five Alls is a country sign representing five human figures, 1st., a king with a regalia, motto 'I govern all'; 2nd., a bishop in pontificals, motto 'I pray for all'; 3rd., a lawyer, motto 'I plead for all'; 4th., a soldier, motto 'I fight for all'; 5th., a poor countryman with his scythe and rake, 'I pay for all'.
- 1878 *Birmingham Weekly Post* 2 Feb. An inn in Marlborough has the sign 'The Five Alls.' They are—a king, with the motto, 'I govern all;' a bishop, with 'I pray for all;' a lawyer, 'I plead for all;' a soldier, 'I fight for all;' a labourer, 'I pay for all.'
- 1969 E. R. DELDERFIELD *Introd. Inn Signs* 1. 34 George VI appears on the *Five Alls* sign, Cheltenham (Glos), as does our present queen on a similar sign of the *Four Alls*, Ovington (Yorks).
- 2010 D. COCKRILL *Parallels* 56 The elderly couple at the *Five Alls* were friendly with my parents and the place itself used to fascinate me.

**P28.** *all the same*: see SAME *adv.* 2, SAME *adj.* 8.

**P29.** *all boys (or lads, etc.) together*: applied to a situation or group in which only boys or men are present; freq. *attrib.*, denoting a spirit of male camaraderie, solidarity, and cooperation; cf. (*all*) *girls together* at GIRL *n.* Phrases 2e.

- 1833 J. D. HOPKINS *Addr. Members of Cumberland Bar* 53 The boy stopped, and..began to make his excuses. Run on, you rogue, said Mr. Parsons, never mind me—we are all boys together now.
- 1931 M. ALLINGHAM *Look to Lady* xxvi. 270 All boys together. What delightful neighbours we are.
- 1962 R. JEFFRIES *Exhibit No. Thirteen* vii. 70 A matey all-boys-together laugh.
- 1992 *Today* (BNC) The muck-and-bullets, all lads together wartime analogy that continues to dominate our sporting thinking.
- 2004 N. PUWAR *Space Invaders* v. 85 As men move between various male spaces..an 'all boys together' atmosphere is forged.

**P30.** *U.S. regional* (chiefly north-east.). **to be all day with (also for) (someone)**: to be all over or finished for (someone); to be a hopeless situation (now rare).

- 1836 *Knickerbocker* Aug. 205 Marlinspike now swore that it was all day with him; and as it was no use to veer or haul any longer, he might as well content himself.
- 1889 C. A. J. FARRAR *Up North Branch* ix. 127 Some drift stuff had lodged a little way below where we were, and I knew if they went among that it was all day for me.
- 1912 *Youth's Compan.* 9 May 249/3 She'll hold the rail if any is to be found; if not, it's all day for me and her.
- 1931 *Boys' Life* July 6/1 Them keys look pretty much all alike, an' once you lose your bearin's it's all day with you.

**P31.** *regional* (chiefly U.S.). **all to once**: = *all at once* at Phrases 18a.

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- 1837 J. T. IRVING *Hawk Chief* II. x. 121 I've got a *carackter* for shooting; and I don't want to lose it, all to once.
- 1896 S. BARING-GOULD *Dartmoor Idylls* vii. 178 All to once her'll smell a snitch o' sage and ingins.
- 1921 *Overland Monthly* May 10/1 'Do you like the lines? Do they begin too pathetic all to once?' asked the bard.
- 1950 *Boston Sunday Globe* 19 Nov. 18 A/6 Seems likely it would be easier takin' her time than tryin' to do it all to once.
- 2011 T. F. PLATT *Pig Iron Trucker* viii. 102 We'd like to see a clean sweep of Rose, Maxine, Jo, Wynona, and Dosia, getting the business [sc. pregnancy] on the road all to once, you see.

**P32.** In various formations modelled on *damn all* (see DAMN ALL *n.*), in which *damn* is replaced with other swear words, oaths, and expletives, or occas. with a euphemism: nothing at all. Also as *adj.*: absolutely no, not any.

*bugger, eff-, fuck-, naff-, sod all*: see the first element.

- 1842 *Sporting Mag.* June 97 Dang all about twittering!
- 1939 J. MULGAN *Man Alone* iii. 31 There's — all grows up here.
- 1948 P. LARKIN *Let.* 9 Sept. in *Sel. Lett.* (1992) 150, I have had cock-all holiday so far & find myself getting edgy & nervy.
- 1984 G. SEYMOUR *In Honour Bound* x.139 'You don't have a lot of chance to talk.' 'Here? I've shit all chance to talk.'
- 1988 R. HILLIS in G. Ursell *Sky High* 90 She can't see shit-all without her glasses.
- 1998 A. CAMPBELL *Diary* 11 Sept. in *Blair Years* (2007) 323 [He] was smart but knew jack all about the economy.
- 2003 P. KAY et al. *Peter Kay's Phoenix Nights: Scripts* Ser. 1 Episode 3. 193/1 Well, someone's got to do your job: you've done piss all, that's what you've done!

**P33.** orig. *U.S. for all of*: as far as (a person) is concerned; as regards the interest or opinion of (a person). Cf. FOR *prep.* 26b and sense B. 4.

- 1848 J. E. JONES *Young Abolitionists* 39 Stalk still I'd stand, and they might do their own work for all of me.
- 1854 M. J. HOLMES *Tempest & Sunshine* xix. 124 No;—he may have her and go to the old boy for all of Josh.
- 1911 H. S. HARRISON *Queed* xvii. 209 Thus they parted, almost precipitately, and, for all of him, might never have met again in this world.
- 1951 G. HEYER *Quiet Gentleman* iv. 60, I told him to his head his lady might go hang for all of me!
- 2010 K. KOJA *Under the Poppy* 171 It can't be soon enough for all of me.

**P34.** *to be (not) all there*: see THERE *adv.* 12b.

**P35.** *all told*: see TELL *v.* Phrases 11.

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**P36. *all on*:** (in fox hunting) an exclamation used to signal that all the dogs are present or accounted for.

- 1892 E. P. ELMHIRST *Fox-hound, Forest & Prairie* 280 Foxes have no manners; foxhounds no courtesy—and neither one nor the other have the grace to wait till ‘All On’ announces the muster roll.
- 1936 D. W. E. BROCK *ABC of Fox-hunting* 231 The whipper-in who, on counting the Pack finds that every hound is present, reports to his huntsman: ‘All on, sir!’
- 1980 DUKE OF BEAUFORT *Fox-Hunting* App. 207 A pack is said to be ‘all on’ when all the hounds are there.
- 2006 H. J. ROBARDS *Foxhunting* (2011) ii. 36 As he passes the whipper-in, he hears, ‘All on, sir.’

**P37. (*and*) *that's all she wrote*:** see WRITE *v.* Additions.

**P38. colloq. (orig. U.S.). *all-singing, all-dancing*** (also ***all singing and dancing***): (esp. of a device) possessing or equipped with a large number and variety of appealing or impressive features, functions, etc. (occas. implying that their usefulness or effectiveness is exaggerated).

From the use of the phrase in the billing given to stage or film musical productions: see quotes. 1929, 1953.

- [1929 *Lima (Ohio) News* 5 Apr. 28/6 (advt.) You'll hear and see the first all singing—all dancing—all talking Broadway jazz revue.
- 1953 M. RENAULT *Charioteer v.* 106 The film of the evening was all singing, all dancing, and in technicolour.]
- 1968 *Flying* Sept. 54/2 [The plane] came equipped with the all-singing, all-dancing Piper Altimate III autopilot.
- 1978 *Science* 14 July 136/3 ‘It [*sc.* a tank] was an all singing, all dancing, thing... but far..too complicated for any crew to handle,’ said one NATO observer.
- 1995 *Independent* 24 Apr. 16/7 ‘Multimedia software’—that all-singing all-dancing program whose aim is to excite and entertain.
- 2007 K. WHARTON *How to Have Baby on Ebay* II. 55 An all-singing all-dancing model [of child car seat] which may only last a few months.

**P39. *to be all that*:** see THAT *pron.*<sup>1</sup>, *adj.*, and *adv.* Additions.

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## SPECIAL USES

Not all the items listed in this section correspond to special uses found for a typical adjective. In those covered at Special uses 2 and Special uses 3, *all* resembles a combining form: see the note at the head of the Compounds section.

The earliest combinations of the adjective are *all-might* (cf. Special uses 2) and a number of adverbs (e.g. *ALGATE adv.*, *ALWAY adv.*, *ALWAYS adv.*), formed in Old and early Middle English. Thereafter formations are very rare until the end of the 16th cent. and only become common once *all* has begun to combine in a syntactically freer manner.

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In contrast to compounds of the noun and adverb, special uses of the adjective often have the stress on *all* from Old English (e.g. *ALWAY adv.*) to the present day (e.g. *ALLSORTS n.*).

**S1.** In parasynthetic adjectives, as ***all-hued***, ***all-shaped***, ***all-sized***, etc.

See also *ALL-AGED adj.*, *ALL-COLOURED adj.* 1, *ALL-SIDED adj.* Freq. *poet.*

Typically with the stress on the first syllable.

- 1600 B. JONSON *Every Man out of his Humor* v. i. sig. Oij<sup>v</sup>, Come on Signior, now prepare to Court this All-witted Ladie.
- 1630 J. TAYLOR *Wks.* II. 61/2 All-shaped Proteus.
- a1774 A. TUCKER *Light of Nature Pursued* (1777) III. III. 396 Persons of all sized apprehensions.
- 1850 P. J. BAILEY *Angel World* 9 The bowery coverture of woods, Ancient and dense, laced with all-tinted flowers.
- 1882 E. DOYLE *Cagliostro* v. 124 Tossing her green arms from her all-hued eyes.
- 1907 *Freethinker* 15 Sept. 581/1 An all-shaped triangle, an all-hued tint, A solid surface, an unfeatured face.
- 1996 P. S. WHITE in D. A. Falk et al. *Restoring Diversity* iii. 54 (*table*) Populations not all-sized or all-aged at any spatial scale at one point in time.

**S2.** With abstract nouns, with the sense ‘universal, absolute’, esp. denoting attributes of God, as ***all-love***, ***all-presence***, ***all-wisdom***, etc. Cf.

*ALL-MIGHT n.*, *ALL-POWER n.*

- 1685 C. COTTON tr. Montaigne *Ess.* II. xxx. 607 From his all Wisdom nothing but good, common, and regular proceeds.
- 1827 *Edinb. Rev.* **46** 320 Here it has assumed...a sort of all-wisdom.
- 1877 F. H. HEDGE *Ways of Spirit* (1878) x. 283 The more profound our consciousness of God and the sense of his all-presence.
- 1928 E. BLUNDEN *Japanese Garland* 37 Blind eyes and feeling hands, that take me for all-surety and all-love.
- 1949 *Eng. Stud.* **2** 53 God in his all-experience might choose to know suffering in his own person.
- 1983 P. DE MAN *Rhetoric of Romanticism* (1984) 26 This mingling signifies the all-presence, the parousia, of quietude.
- 2005 A. BANCROFT tr. C. Marmion *Christ* I. 14 His All-Wisdom shows Him His own essence as the supreme norm of all activity.

**S3.** In adjectives with the sense ‘representative of or relating to the whole of a specified country, state, area, etc., as distinguished from any particular part’. Cf. *PAN-* *comb. form* 2a.

**a.** With the name of the country, state, area, etc., as ***all-England***, ***all-India***, etc.

- 1837 *New Sporting Mag.* Oct. 256 The All England eleven were picked by Mr. Aislable.
- 1878 (*title*) Laws of Lawn-Tennis, as adopted by The Marylebone Cricket Club, and The All England Croquet and Lawn-Tennis Club.
- 1898 *Missionary Rev. of World* Feb. 154/1 In the latter part of October an All-India Epworth League

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Convention was held at Calcutta.

- 1904 *Independent* (U.S.) 27 Oct. 951/1 The selection of 'All-America' teams seems to have become a mania.
- 1906 *Dublin Rev.* Oct. 332 We are forced onwards to the necessity of an all-world State if we would escape an all-world anarchy.
- 1928 *Manch. Guardian Weekly* 28 Sept. 242/3 The all-India leaders.
- 1937 *Ann. Reg.* 1936 II. 133 The All-Africa Convention.
- 1952 C. P. BLACKER *Eugenics: Galton & After* viii. 160 In 1926..there took place..the first All-Union [*i.e.* the U.S.S.R.] census of population.
- 1990 *Planet 82* Aug. 100 The all-Wales approach to economic planning..lent credibility to these demands.
- 2008 R. L. HARDGRAVE & S. E. KOCHANNEK *India* (ed. 7) iii. 108 They also fear that local candidates may fail in an all-India competition.

**b.** With an adjective derived from the name of the country, state, area, etc., as ***all-European, all-Russian***. See also Compounds 2d and compare note at the head of the Compounds.

Recorded earliest in ALL-AMERICAN *adj.*

- 1888 *Outing* Nov. 166/2 The All-American team..is composed of men picked from the ranks of the representative ball teams of America.
- 1898 R. C. LONG tr. K. P. Pobyedonostseff *Refl. Russ. Statesman* 49 It is terrible to think of our condition if destiny had sent us the fatal gift—an All-Russian Parliament!
- 1920 B. RUSSELL *Pract. & Theory Bolshevism* v. 76 The All-Russian Soviet, which is constitutionally the supreme body.
- 1939 *Jrnl. Mod. Hist.* **11** 124 He is skeptical of the success of an all-Indian army and feels that there are large areas in India where it would be difficult to raise a soldier worth his pay and rations.
- 1953 W. LEVI *Mod. China's Foreign Policy* 353 At the All-Asian Conference in Delhi..this rivalry became clear.
- 1957 *Economist* 28 Sept. 1003/1 The process..would close when the promised elections set up an all-Korean government.
- 1992 R. FRITSCH-BOURNAZEL *Europe & German Unification* ii. 52 An all-European institution to guarantee human rights.
- 2001 P. P. READ *Alice in Exile* (2002) IV. i. 308 Lenin has founded a Bolshevik Okhrana, called the All-Russian Extraordinary Commission for Struggle against Counter-Revolution and Sabotage.

**S4.** In adjectives with the sense 'concerning or including all the people, things, etc., expressed by the second element'.

**a.** With the second element a noun in *sing.*

Recorded earliest in ALL-PURPOSE *adj.*

- 1867 *6th Ann. Session of Indiana State Hort. Soc.* 56 Dr. A. Furnas... Considers Wilson's Albany the all *purpose* berry.
- 1933 *Jrnl. Royal Aeronaut. Soc.* **37** 2 In Europe our aerodromes, being surfaced with excellent turf, are available for landing in every direction. In other words, they are 'all way' fields and the envy of the Americans.
- 1937 *Discovery* Feb. 44/2 An alternative [television] set incorporating an 8-valve all-wave sound receiver.

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- 1955 W. W. DENLINGER *Compl. Boston* I. 159 The dog..was many times Best Dog in Show at all-breed shows.  
 1996 *Sunday Tel.* 4 Feb. (Review section) 3/2 Their class was all-ability and they came from every social background.

**b.** With the second element a noun in *pl.*

- 1909 *Westm. Gaz.* 8 Nov. 7/1 The National All-Grades Movement of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants.  
 1960 *Official Rep. Legislative Council Deb.* (Colony & Protectorate Kenya) **86** 622 The setting up of an all-races Upper House.  
 1960 *Billboard* 4 July 19/5 An all-types total of 300,000,000.  
 1999 K. I. MACDONALD & G. M. MACDONALD in P. Parsloe *Risk Assessm. in Social Care & Social Work* i. 38 When we opt for an 'all outcomes' definition of risk the complexity escalates.

**S5.**

**all-access** *adj.* designating something which allows or permits full rather than limited access; *spec.* designating a pass, badge, etc., which allows the bearer unrestricted access to all areas of a venue.

- 1956 *Constr. Methods & Equipm.* May 2/1 (*advt.*) Three piers for an all access bridge to the intake structure were also formed.  
 1984 M. BEGO *On Road with Michael!* viii. 94 On Sunday night I watched it from the floor, or orchestra, level, thanks to my all-access press badge.  
 2003 *PC Mag.* 5 Aug. 139/3 RealOne Rhapsody 2.1 offers two monthly payment plans: a \$4.95 radio-only plan and a \$9.95 all-access plan.  
 2005 M. M. FRISBY *Wifebeater* xvii. 116, I was given a red all-access wristband and sent on my way.

**all-court** *adj.* [Compare COURT *n.*<sup>1</sup> 4.] orig. and chiefly *Lawn Tennis* (in racket sports) designating a style of play in which the player plays both from the baseline and at the net; (also) designating a player using this type of game.

- 1919 *Times* 5 Sept. 5/3 An exponent of the all-court game.  
 1927 *Observer* 5 June 21 His main weakness is a preference for the base-line rather than the all-court game.  
 1996 *Age* (Melbourne) (Nexis) 27 Jan. 35 He's a very, very talented player, an all-court player and quite capable of beating all of us.  
 2003 O. SHINE *Lang. Tennis* 6 [He] plays an all-court game with a powerful single-handed backhand.

**all nations** *n. slang* (now *rare*) a mixture of alcoholic drinks (esp. spirits), collected from the remnants left in various containers, vessels, etc.; also more fully **drink of all nations**; cf. ALLSORTS *n.* 2.

It is uncertain whether quot. 1939 belongs at this sense.

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- 1785 F. GROSE *Classical Dict. Vulgar Tongue All Nations*, a composition of all the different spirits sold in a dram shop, collected in a vessel, into which the drainings of the bottles and quartern pots are emptied.
- 1866 *Times* 28 Aug. 7/5 They give him a drink called 'all nations', and after that they will knock any one down.
- 1884 A. C. J. GUSTAFSON *Found. Death* iv. 50 At present ['curious old brown sherry' is] termed by publicans the *drink of all nations*, and not limited to wines by any means.
- [1939 J. JOYCE *Finnegans Wake* I. 11 All spoiled goods go into her nabsack: curtrages and rattlin buttins, nappy spattees and flasks of all nations.]
- 1993 D. LAMBDIN *Gun Ketch* v. ii. 171 Had but the one packet ship, and a used-goods chandlery... Inn, chandlery, an 'all-nations' dram shop... Sold slop goods and shoddy not fit for anyone but slaves and the idle poor...Condemned salt meats, weevily flour, gin, rum and ratafia brandy.

**All Ordinaries** *n.* *Austral. Stock Market* an index of the relative price of Australian shares based on the current arithmetic average of an agreed list of 245 ordinary shares quoted on the Australian Stock Exchange; freq. *attrib.*, esp. in **All Ordinaries Index**.

- [1959 *Financial Times* 24 Nov. 3/5 (*heading*) All Ordinary Industrial Index... [*Note*] The new Sydney Industrial index given above covers all Ordinary shares and gives a more complete picture of the market than the index given previously.]
- 1964 *Econ. Rec.* **40** 304 Nearly 300 stocks were used, representing All Ordinaries, and sub-divided into 15 Groups and 50 Leaders.
- 1968 *Economist* 15 June 75/1 In the five years from the end of 1962 to the end of 1967..the all-ordinaries index rose by 62%.
- 2006 *Weekend Austral. (Brisbane)* 10 June 40/3 Thursday's awful shakedown on the bourse..pushed the All Ordinaries to within an inch of a technical correction.

**All Ords** *n.* [shortened < *All Ordinaries n.* (although first attested earlier)] *Austral. Stock Market colloq.* = *All Ordinaries n.*

- 1958 *Sydney Morning Herald* 16 Dec. 19/4 (*table*) Share Price Index. Bantes, etc. Other finance. Pastoral. Retailers, etc. Base metal. All ords. Industrials.
- 1985 *Austral. Business* 4 Sept. 28/3 Fund manager Ray Greenshield believes the all ords technically is at a mature stage of a bull market.
- 2000 *Canberra Sunday Times* 11 June 75/1 The all ords closed up 19.8 points at 3146.5, gaining 5.6 points over the week.

**all-parties** *adj.* = *all-party adj.*

- 1909 *Centralia (Washington) Daily Chron.* 24 Feb. 4 The formation of an all parties cabinet in Belgrade.
- 1928 *Manch. Guardian Weekly* 23 Nov. 401/3 The all-parties Constitution.
- 1991 *Christian Sci. Monitor* 21 Oct. 2/2 The tenuous middle ground between Israel's insistence on bilateral negotiations and Arab demands for an all-parties peace conference under UN auspices.

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**all-party** *adj.* involving or relating to all political parties; (also more generally) involving all the parties who have an interest in a matter.

- 1908 P. MACKAYE *Mater* 1. 36 You never heard of the all-party mascot?
- 1935 *El Paso (Texas) Herald* 18 Dec. 1/3 The Olson supra-party organization is known as the All-Party Union.
- 1970 *Times* 4 May 8/2 Mr. Douglas Jay..leads his all-party group of anti-Marketeters.
- 1998 *Victorian Soc. Jrnl.* 1997 58/1 The VS was invited to an all-party meeting to discuss the future of this church.
- 2007 *Guardian* 19 Oct. 24/1 The all-party foreign affairs committee is to examine long-standing suspicions that the agency [etc.].

**all risks** *adj.* (*attrib.*) designating a type of comprehensive insurance policy.

- 1885 *Assoc. Average Adjusters Rep. Gen. Meeting* 94 The rights which an assured now possesses against an all risks policy.
- 1911 *Law Times Rep.* **105** 413/2 The insurance is to be a complete insurance against all risks..an insurance which would be known as an all risks insurance.
- 1962 D. TENCH *Law for Consumers* vi. 74 It is a mistake to imagine that a comprehensive policy covers the consumer against every conceivable happening... Even an 'All Risks' policy does not cover you against all risks.
- 1998 *Which?* Aug. 53/3 If you want to insure items that you take outside your home—a camera or bicycle, for example—you'll need extra cover. This is called personal possessions or 'all risks' cover.

**all-season** *adj.* that may be grown, used, done, etc., in all seasons of the year; suitable for or available in all seasons.

- 1889 *Rep. Lect. & Discuss. Agric. Topics* 190 in *5th Ann. Rep. State Board Agric.* (1890) (State Rhode Island & Providence Plantations) Q. Why is it the regular seedsman puts down both All Season and Summer varieties? A. So that he can sell more cabbage seed, I suppose.
- 1956 *People* 13 May 13/1 (*advt.*) The entirely new, all-season, all-weather oil.
- 1960 *Burnett Bros. Seed Ann.* (N.Y.) 56/2 Oakleaf (Summer Triumph). An all season variety of fine texture and sweet flavor.
- 1979 *United States 1980/81* (Penguin Travel Guides) 652 Open all year, this world-famous resort offers a variety of all-season sports.
- 1992 *Country Homes & Interiors* Apr. (Home Values) 32 Drifter Duette and Snuggledown Triple Options are both all-seasons duvets.
- 2008 *Wall St. Jrnl.* 17 July D10/1 He wanted to find the lightest possible couture-quality crepe to create all-season clothes for working women.

**all-sky** *adj.* *Astron.* covering the entire sky (either both hemispheres or

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just the visible hemisphere).

- 1955 *Tellus* 7 510/2 An all-sky camera is doubtless an ideal tool for the study of auroral forms and their changes.
- 1989 *Nature* 13 July 111/2 The lack of all-sky visibility.
- 1992 S. P. MARAN *Astron. & Astrophysics Encycl.* 314/1 The first all-sky map of the sky at thermal infrared wavelengths.
- 2006 G. BASALLA *Civilized Life in Universe* ix. 170 The NASA project initially included an all-sky survey for incoming signals.

**all-sky camera** *n.* *Astron.* a camera, typically with a wide-angle lens, capable of photographing all or most of the visible hemisphere of the sky in one exposure.

- 1955 [see *all-sky adj.*].
- 1973 C. SAGAN *Cosmic Connection* (1975) vii. 50 (*caption*) Composite photograph by all-sky cameras of our Milky Way Galaxy.
- 1996 *Q. Jrnal. Royal Astron. Soc.* 37 614 P.N. Smith..presented details of a sensitive new all-sky camera combining fast 'telecentric' optics and state-of-the-art intensifier technology.
- 2009 S. B. MENDE et al. in J. L. Birch & V. Angelopoulos *THEMIS Mission* 363 These bins on the final image matrix are mapped to the appropriate pixels in the all-sky camera image.

† **all-slavery** *adj.* *Obs.* that opposes the abolition of slavery; cf. *pro-slavery adj.* at PRO- *prefix*<sup>1</sup> 2b(a)(i).

- 1833 T. P. THOMPSON in *Westm. Rev.* Oct. 329 The 'all slavery' party in England,—who wherever two or three were gathered together to oppress, were there in the midst of them.

**all-wheel** *adj.* *Motoring* of the driving or braking system of a motor vehicle: operating on all the wheels; cf. *FOUR-WHEEL adj.* 2.

- 1909 *Commerc. Vehicle* Sept. 243/2 Properly pegged wheels combined with an all-wheel drive..should give greater adhesive power.
- 1916 *Automotive Industries* 30 Nov. 930/2 Two-wheel brakes..will give all the retardation that it is safe to use. This is not, of course, the only reason why all-wheel brakes have not been adopted generally.
- 1966 *Listener* 15 Sept. 388/3 The cost of all-wheel-control..would be quite prohibitive.
- 2008 *N.Y. Times* (National ed.) 3 Aug. (Sports section) 11/1 The Turbo X is the first true Saab..with all-wheel drive.

**all-year** *adj.* (also **all-year round**) that is or does something (usually indicated by the following noun) all year round; that operates, occurs, exists, etc., all the year.

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- 1877 *Jrnl. Hort. & Pract. Gardening* 22 Mar. 224/2 An 'all-year-round layer' is as common as a never-sleeping servant. It is against nature for a fowl to lay all the year round.
- 1965 *Motor* 17 July 5/3 As an all-year motorist I have..been 'hit' by the arrival of summer.
- 1991 *Hair's How* No. 34. 809/1 With an all-year-round tan Miss Australia doesn't need foundation.
- 2005 L. HOLFORD-STREVEVS *Hist. Time* i. 16 An all-year BST, renamed 'British Standard Time', was enacted in 1968.

## COMPOUNDS

Adjectival compounds of the adverb are widely attested in Old English, e.g. *all-bright adj.* at Compounds 1a(b), *all-green adj.* at Compounds 1a(b), *ALL-HOLY adj.*, *ALMIGHTY adj.*, *ALL-WHITE adj.*, but formations in Middle English are very rare. From the middle of the 16th cent. formations are found again and by the 17th cent. have become almost unlimited in number, esp. where the second element is a present participle (*ALL-WIELDING adj.* is an earlier, Old English formation of this type). In compounds of this type, it is frequently impossible strictly to separate examples where *all* is adverbial, modifying a participial adjective, and those which are objective compounds, where *all* is the pronoun (e.g. *all-destroying adj.*, *all-enveloping adj.*, etc.). Over the 18th and esp. 19th and 20th centuries, the range of compounds formed with *all* grew, often resulting in further syntactic ambiguities involving not only the pronoun and adverb, but also the adjective. For example, *all-defiance* (app. an ad hoc formation of Thomas Carlyle's: see *all-defiance n.* at *ALL-DEFIANT adj.* Derivatives) could be interpreted as a special use of the adjective (cf. Special uses 2), an objective compound of the pronoun (cf. Compounds 3a), or as a derivative of the compound of the adverb, *all-defiant* (cf. Compounds 1e(a)). The combining uses of *all* hence replicate the ambiguities found in the simple uses (see note at sense C. 1) with the result that the syntactic behaviour of *all-* is more characteristic of, and in some cases better viewed as, that of a combining form.

The stress of the compounds falls typically in the second element (compare the variation found in special uses of the adjective: see the note at the head of the Special uses section).

[Found in Old English as first element in a large number of adjectives, such as (in sense Compounds 1) *eallbeorht* (see *all-bright adj.* at Compounds 1a(b)), *eallgears* (compare *YARE adj.*), *eallgelēaflīc* (compare *YLEVE n.*, *-LY suffix*<sup>1</sup>), *eallgrēne* *all-green adj.* at Compounds 1a(b), *eallhālig* *ALL-HOLY adj.*, *eallhwīt* *ALL-WHITE adj.*, *eallīsig* (compare *ICY adj.*), *eallmihtig* *ALMIGHTY adj.*, *eallnacod* *all-naked adj.* at Compounds 1a(b), *eallnūwe* *all-new adj.* at Compounds 4, *ealltæwe* entirely sound, true (compare *TAW v.*<sup>1</sup>), and (in sense Compounds 2) *eallgylden* (compare *GILDEN adj.*), *eallīren* (compare *IRON adj.*), *eallseolcen* *all-silken* at Compounds 2a(a). Compare also (with sense of the first element shading into objective use of the pronoun) (weak) *eallwealda* omnipotent (see *ALL-WIELDING adj.*) and combinations with present participles, as *eallbyrnende* (compare *BURNING adj.*), *eallwealdende* *ALL-WIELDING adj.* (see Compounds 1b).

Of these probably only *ALL-HOLY adj.*, *ALMIGHTY adj.*, and *ALL-WIELDING adj.* survived into Middle English, while others (e.g. *ALL-GOOD adj.*) were re-formed in early modern English. Apparently Middle English formations are *ALL-WITTY adj.*, *all-worthy adj.* at Compounds 1a(b), while formations such as *ALL-WISE adj.* and *all-merciful adj.* at Compounds 1a(b), *all-just adj.* at Compounds 4 date to the early modern period. Since c1600, the number of these has been enormously extended, *all-* having become a possible prefix, in poetry at least, to almost any adjective denoting a quality (see Compounds 1a).]

**C1.** Adverbially, with the sense 'wholly, completely; altogether, quite'. Cf. sense C. 2.

**a.** With adjectives. In later use freq. with the more general intensive sense 'very'.

**(a)** In occasional formations, as ***all-able, all-divine, all-eloquent, all-evil, all-full, all-lovely, all-peaceful, all-praiseworthy, all-prolific, all-pure, all-rapacious, all-serious, all-substantial, all-surfy, all-true, all-vast, all-victorious***, etc.

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- eOE *Metres of Boethius* (2009) xxiv. 19 Meahtest ðe full recen on ðæm rodere ufan siððan weorðan, and ðonne..æt ðæm ælcealdan anum steorran..ðone Saturnus sundbuende hatað.; he is se cealda eallisig tungl [LOE *Bodl.* se is eallisig].
- OE *ÆLFRIC Homily* (Vitell. C.v) in J. C. Pope *Homilies of Ælfric* (1968) II. 778 Swylce [getruman] ridendra manna mid swyþe reþum anginne., mid eallswærtum lichaman [L. *nigros et terribiles*].
- 1340 *Ayenbite* (1866) 191 Þet gernier wes an haste aluol.
- 1594 T. BOWES tr. P. de la Primaudaye *French Acad.* II. 565 God, who is aliust [Fr. *tout iuste*], almighty, and algood.
- 1600 C. TOURNEUR *Transformed Metamorph.* sig. B3<sup>v</sup>, Where shall I finde a safe all-peacefull seat.
- 1626 G. SANDYS tr. Ovid *Metamorphosis* VIII. 166 One who did despise All-able Gods.
- a1649 W. DRUMMOND *Poems* (1656) 201 Earths all-thorny soyle.
- a1649 W. DRUMMOND *Poems* (1656) 204 Of the first World an all-substantial Man.
- 1654 J. DURY *Earnest Plea for Gospel-Communion* 22 He is the onely true God alone; in Being infinite,..all-knowing, all-wise, all-free, all-just, all-holy, all-mighty, all-perfect, all-happy, all-good, all-true, all-faithful, and full of mercy and compassion.
- 1742 E. YOUNG *Complaint* II. 270 As all-rapacious usurers conceal Their doomsday-book from all-consuming heirs.
- 1792 T. TAYLOR tr. *Hymns Orpheus* 158 Sprung from the head of Jove, of splendid mien, Purger of evils, all-victorious queen.
- 1842 H. E. MANNING *Serm.* xx. 303 Christ..was all-pure.
- 1845 P. J. BAILEY *Festus* (ed. 2) 215 Command of mind alone, and of the world Unbodied and all-lovely.
- a1889 G. M. HOPKINS *Poems* (1967) 179 Thundering all-surfy seas.
- 1907 H. JAMES *Amer. Scene* xiv. 424 The all-gregarious and generalized life suffices to every need.
- 1946 C. BEATON *Diary* 15 Mar. in *Self Portrait with Friends* (1979) xvi. 176 In her all-grey greys she looked like a Mantegna.
- 1994 *Microsoft Developer Network News* July 2/2 A new breed of holier-than-thou, no-frills, all-serious yuppos who think humor and high-tech computing do not go hand in hand?

## (b)

**all-beauteous** *adj.*

- 1618 J. VICARS *Prospectiue Glasse to looke into Heauen* sig. D2, All the Saints of this blest race, Shall see th' all-beautious, Light-bright shining face Of that Arch-Essence of eternitie.
- 1785 T. DWIGHT *Conquest of Canaan* II. 29 Flowers all-beauteous.
- 1851 T. A. BUCKLEY tr. Homer *Iliad* III. 60 She beheld the all-beauteous neck of the goddess.
- 2009 tr. M.-F. P. Sauka in S. DeCapua *Malawi in Pictures* (ed. 2) 69 Wood and forest, plains so broad and fair, All-beauteous Malawi.

**all-bountiful** *adj.*

- 1670 J. EACHARD *Grounds Contempt of Clergy* 16 To complement, and invite inferiour Peoples Children to the University, and there pretend to make such an all-bountiful provision for them.
- 1740 S. RICHARDSON *Pamela* II. 388 The All-good, the All-bountiful, the All-mighty, the All-merciful God.

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2006 M. BOWEN in J. Zajda *Society & Environment* iv. 50 This marks a decided break from the dominant world view that saw man (or at least some men) mastering an all-bountiful nature.

## all-bright *adj.*

OE *Christ & Satan* 520 Engla drihten..gefatian het englas eallbeorhte andleofan gingran.

1613 S. HUTTON tr. J. M. de Franchis *Of Most Auspicious Marriage* II. xxv. 29 The Sun and stars lightning this worlds huge ball, Are all but shadows of his all-bright feature.

1795 W. BLAKE *Bk. of Los* iv, in *Poetry* (1965) 93 He..survey'd the all-bright mass.

1899 N. ORLOFF tr. *Gen. Menaion* xi. 111 The rivers golden-streamed, the all-bright lamps, the champions of the Trinity.

2010 S. NAYLOR *Wedding Flowers* 104 Bright roses and blooms are not recommended, even with an all-bright bouquet.

## all-central *adj.*

1848 P. J. BAILEY *Festus* (ed. 3) 328 Round heaven's secret and all-central sun.

1994 R. J. FALEY *Footpr. on Mountain* 111 The more that any human ingredient is exalted in the Christian experience, the less apparent is the all-central power of the cross.

## all-complete *adj.*

1606 *Returne Knight of Poste from Hell* sig. F, A King of all compleat perfection.

1999 T. E. PRESSMAN *Radical Joy* 40 There is..only the experience of ongoing Fulfillment, ever-present and all-complete.

## all-essential *adj.*

1651 J. ELLISTONE tr. J. Böhme *Signatura Rerum* xiv. 168 Now we will shew you, what the Creatures Life and Dominion is in this All essential Being.

1861 W. GRESLEY *Sophron & Neologus* 140 It is of that all-essential and vital character.

1989 *Sport* Dec. 64/3 Sean Higgins will be all-essential.

## all-generous *adj.*

1645 W. BROWNE tr. M. Le Roy *Hist. Poleyander* (1647) I. iii. 70 Your all-generous soule granted me secretly a favour, which was not permitted to be asked you.

1781 B. DI DOMINICETI *Med. Anecd.* 518 Could attacks like these be refuted?.. All-generous as he was, my friend suffered them to operate upon his easy mind.

1859 C. KINGSLEY *Good News of God* xiii. 135 He is the Spirit of the all-generous Father and of the all-generous Son, and has given, and gives now.

1909 F. M. CRAWFORD *Stradella* xii. 209 Neither of them had expected such rare beauty; and with the added

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illusion of the gold-shot veil and the all-generous sunshine, it was nothing less than transcendent.

2002 *San Francisco Chron.* (Nexis) 15 May D3 Nor is the state all-generous when money is less a factor.

**all-glorious** *adj.*

1599 R. LINCHE *Fontaine Anc. Fiction* sig. Gii<sup>v</sup>, Three of them beautified his all glorious and far-shining forehead.

a1656 BP. J. HALL *Invisible World* (1659) II. ii. 96 The blisse-making presence of the All-glorious God.

1932 T. E. LAWRENCE tr. Homer *Odyssey* (new ed.) xiii. 182 Yet was Odysseus ever turning his head toward the all-glorious sun.

**all-gracious** *adj.*

1594 J. SYLVESTER tr. O. de La Noue *Profit Imprisonm.* sig. D4, He is omnipotent, All gracious, and all good, most iust, and perfit wise.

1994 R. E. BROWN *Once-and-coming Spirit at Pentecost* iii. 58 They have their own struggle with light and darkness, and their salvation is entrusted to the all-gracious God whose ultimate goal is salvific.

**all-green** *adj.* [compare Old Icelandic *algrænn*]

OE *Andreas* (1932) 798 Sceoldon hie þam folce gecyðan hwa æt frumsceaftē furðum teode eorðan eallgrene ond upheofon.

1764 G. EDWARDS *Gleanings Nat. Hist.* III. 326/1 (*table*) The round-crested Duck, the greater Dobchick, and the all-green Humming-bird.

1875 *Nature* 25 Nov. 77/2 Two All-green Tanagers (*Chlorophonia viridis*).

1992 *When Sat. Comes* Apr. 30/4 Can it be only coincidence that Liverpool's fall from football ascendancy has coincided with their adoption of that charming all-green away strip?

**all-merciful** *adj.*

1585 ABP. E. SANDYS *Serm.* xiv. 259 Three persons & one almightie & almerciful God.

1702 *Devout Communicant's Compan.* 73 This is entirely thy own all-merciful Act.

2010 *Ebony* Feb. 65/2 There are many names for Allah. They include All-Merciful, the Almighty, Jehovah, Alloheim, All-Knower and the Provider.

**all-naked** *adj.*

OE *Genesis A* (1931) 871 Ic eom eall eallnacod.

1638 W. DAVENANT *Madagascar* 68 Sir, whom I now love more, than did the good Saint Martin, that all-naked-Flesh-and-blood.

1850 *Cuba & Cubans* v. 144, I see the half-naked women—the all-naked children.

2003 A. GREENWALD *Nothing feels Good* II. vii. 92 Instead of showing up for school in your tidy-whities, you

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end up at an all-naked party in your Levi's.

## **all-righteous** *adj.*

- OE ÆLFRIC *Catholic Homilies: 2nd Ser.* (Cambr. Gg.3.28) xvii. 171 Ðu [sc. St Jacob] eart eal rihtwis , and nanum ne onbihst.
- 1543 T. BECON *New Yeares Gifte* sig. M.v<sup>v</sup>, I am the God almyghty, omnisufficient, all good, all holy, all righteous, all wyse, all liberal, al plenteous, all mercyfull.
- 1661 G. RUST *Let. Resol. Origen* 75 In the compute and judgment of that all-righteous minde.
- 1726 W. BROOME in Pope et al. tr. Homer *Odyssey* V. xxiii. 303 Such future scenes th' all-righteous pow'rs display.
- 1867 *N. Brit. Rev.* Sept. 23/2 If we can regard the abstract moral law of ethical science as absorbed into the All-righteous, All-loving Personal Will which Christianity reveals.
- 2004 K. WRIGHT *Hell Jesus never Intended* iii. 66 The objective of Jesus' birth, life,..death, and resurrection is to draw us back to God rather than to pay off a wrathful ruler or an all-righteous judge.

## **all-various** *adj.*

- 1660 H. MORE *Explan. Grand Myst. Godliness* III. i. 58 All-various Godhead, Bacchus, glorious Jove, Or whate're else thou 'rt styl'd, my vows approve.
- 1794 T. TAYLOR tr. Pausanias *Descr. Greece* I. 304 He employed all-various purifications.
- 1889 *Bibliotheca Platonica* 1 113 The writings of both Homer and Plato demand an all-various examination.
- 1986 *National Assembly Official Rep.* (Republic of Kenya) 70 565 It is not possible to encourage the young people of this country unless we give them some skills..in the all various aspects of our lives in this country.

## **all-worthy** *adj.*

- c1475 *Antichrist & Disciples* in J. H. Todd 3 *Treat.* (1851) p. cxxxvii, Chef bischop & kynges son alworþiest.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Cymbeline* (1623) III. v. 95 *Pis.* Oh my all-worthy lord. *Clo.* All-worthy villaine, Discouer where thy Mistris is at once.
- 1849 J. C. HARE *Par. Serm.* (1849) II. 112 The one living, eternal, all-worthy Sacrifice.
- 1997 T. J. CSORDAS *Lang., Charisma, & Creativity* vi. 196 The ultimate form of prayer to an all-worthy God.

**(c)** With adjectives in *-ent* and *-ive*, deriving from Latin adjectives and participles and typically paralleled by an adjective formed with an English present participle, as *all-pervasive* and *all-pervading*, *all-sufficient* and *all-sufficing*, etc. (see Compounds 1b).

## **all-comprehensive** *adj.*

- 1650 D. HOTHAM in tr. C. Hotham *Introd. Teutonick Philos.* To Author sig. A5<sup>v</sup>, So all-comprehensive and omniscient is every present age of all truth, dividing it from falshood to a haire in their grave Councils.
- 1684 T. BURNET *Theory of Earth* II. 320 That great all-comprehensive thought.
- 2005 M. HIRIYANNA *Essent. Indian Philos.* (new ed.) i. 28 According to others like Bhartṛprapañca, it is a

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condition in which only the sense of diversity as ultimate disappears and an all-comprehensive reality is experienced.

**all-efficient** *adj.*

- 1628 J. FLETCHER *Hist. Perfect-Cursed-Blessed Man* 5 A Spirit all-sufficient; All-knowing; all-procuring; all-efficient; Vp-holding all things by his Word and Will.
- 1836 T. G. FESSENDEN *Terrible Tractoration* (U.S. ed. 3) i. 19 Our all-efficient *verbum sat* Will *presto* raise almighty mobs, Inured to cruel dirty jobs.
- 1991 *Guardian* (Nexis) 20 Aug. The myth of an all-efficient secret organisation was fostered to encourage widespread fear.

† **all-miscreative** *adj. Obs.*

- 1820 SHELLEY *Prometheus Unbound* i. i. 41 The all-miscreative brain of Jove.
- 1891 R. L. O'MALLEY *Wyoming & Indian Melodies* 116 Thou blindly wouldst ascend To that all-miscreative tyrant, Jove.

**all-perceptive** *adj.*

- 1823 S. W. MORTON *My Mind & its Thoughts* 258 Is then that mind, whose all-perceptive eye, Seem'd an imparted light of Deity.
- 1971 R. MAANDELL *Nazi Olympics* (1987) ii. 55 It seems as though the viewer is given an all-perceptive, grandly manipulable, invisible spot that he can move at will forward or back in space.

† **all-perficient** *adj. Obs.*

- a1631 J. DONNE *Ess. Divinity* (1651) 178 So God is also all-perficient: that is, all, and all parts of every work are his intirely.

**all-persuasive** *adj.*

- 1737 J. THURSTON *Poems Several Occasions* 37 Let me not be by Titles led, Or yield to all persuasive Red.
- 1998 *N.Y. Post* (Nexis) 28 Nov. 19 If there is a single, unavoidable contribution that the Age of Clinton has made to American jurisprudence, it is an all-persuasive cynicism.

**all-potent** *adj.*

- 1578 J. ROLLAND *Seuin Seages* 32 The Principall ay, is remanent, That is our Father all Potent.
- 2007 *N.Y. Observer* (Nexis) 31 Jan. By virtue of their mercantile and financial standing in this country they are exercising an all potent and powerful influence.

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**all-prepotent** *adj.*

- 1660 R. COKE *Elements Power & Subjection* 75 in *Justice Vindicated* The good will and pleasure of the All-prepotent God.
- 1913 D. S. LAMSON *Hist. Town of Weston, Mass.* xiii. 180 For more details as to the protests of the Baptists against paying money to support the all-prepotent Puritan, or First Parish, church in the town, see Chapter VII.

**all-prevalent** *adj.*

- 1711 LD. SHAFTESBURY *Characteristicks* II. v. 365 That all-prevalent wisdom which you have establish'd.
- 1981 A. MACLEAN *River of Death* ix. 161 The air was damp and fetid, a miasmatic smell all-prevalent.

**all-provident** *adj.*

- 1619 I. C. *Euer-burning Lamps of Pietie* li. 130 O All prouident and carefull Creator, which hast giuen charge and influence to the heauenly Powers.
- 1630 W. DRUMMOND *Cypresse Groue* in *Flowres of Sion* (rev. ed.) 79 The wise and all prouident Creator.
- 1995 J. RUSSELL *Hamlet & Narcissus* ii. 67 The mother will continue to exist in the child's emotional field..as an all-provident purveyor of gratification and support.

**all-sufficient** *adj.*

- 1577 H. I. tr. H. Bullinger *50 Godlie Serm.* II. sig. Cccv/1, I will in deede fulfill my promise, and shewe my selfe to be..an all-sufficient or Almightye GOD.
- 1790 E. BURKE *Refl. Revol. in France* 287 Your all-sufficient legislators..have forgot one thing that seems essential.
- 1879 J. A. FROUDE *Cæsar* ii. 17 Moral habits are all-sufficient while they last.
- 2000 P. GIFFORD in A. Hastings et al. *Oxf. Compan. Christian Thought* 256/1 The high view of scripture as all-sufficient and uniquely constitutive of doctrine also has an impeccable pedigree.

**b.** With present participles (virtually unlimited in number). Sometimes overlapping with the objective use of the pronoun (cf. Compounds 3).

Recorded earliest in Old English in *all-burning* at Compounds 1b(a) and *ALL-WIELDING* *adj.*, but app. otherwise unattested until the 16th cent., remaining uncommon until a marked increase in use occurred in Elizabethan poetry.

**(a)** In occasional formations (freq. *poet.*), as ***all-acting, all-appointing, all-burning, all-confounding, all-defying, all-dimming, all-ending, all-filling, all-living, all-maintaining, all-ordering, all-relieving, all-searching, all-space-filling, all-telling, all-triumphing, all-upholding, all-working***, etc.

OE ÆLFRIC *Catholic Homilies: 2nd Ser.* (Cambr. Gg.3.28) x. 84 Cuðberhtus..eallbyrnende hus ana ahredde wið fyres dare mid halgum benum.

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- OE ÆLFRIC *Old Eng. Hexateuch: Gen.* (Claud.) xix. 24 God sende to þam burgum ealbyrnendne renscur mid swefle gemencged.
- 1560 A. L. tr. J. Calvin *Serm. Songe Ezechias* sig. Aa.4<sup>v</sup>, Thou with allpearing eye beheldest me, Without regard that sinned in thy sight.
- 1597 SHAKESPEARE *Richard III* III. i. 78 To all posterity, Euen to the generall all-ending day.
- 1598 SHAKESPEARE *Love's Labour's Lost* II. i. 21 All telling fame Doth noyse abroad.
- 1599 J. MARSTON *Scourge of Villanie* III. ii. 232 Close his eyes with thy all-dimming hand.
- 1612 M. DRAYTON *Poly-olbion* v. 76 What all-appointing Heauen will.
- 1623 W. DRUMMOND *Flowres of Sion* 34 All-acting Vertues of those flaming towres.
- a1649 W. DRUMMOND *Poems* (1656) 129 Thy all-upholding Might her Malice reins.
- 1650 W. BEECH *View of Englands Present Distempers* 122 Not a hair will fall from our heads, without the All-ordering providence.
- 1694 R. SOUTH *12 Serm.* II. 133 His Infinite, All-searching Knowledge, which looks through and through the most secret of our Thoughts.
- 1768 A. TUCKER *Light of Nature Pursued* II. III. 505 The all-space-filling Mundane soul.
- 1827 J. KEBLE *Christian Year* II. lxxx. 116 An all-defying, dauntless look.
- 1865 J. BRIGHT *Speeches Amer. Question* 175 Christian morality, ever widening and all-blessing in its influence.
- 1900 S. J. WEYMAN *Story Francis Cludde* (new ed.) ii. 18 His face, which seemed the paler and grimmer, the more saturnine and all-mastering.
- 1914 *Mother Earth* Mar. 14 There rises up an all-silencing rebuke.
- 1922 J. MASEFIELD *Dream* 25, I do not know what power led me on Save the all-living joy of what came next.
- 2002 *Burlington Mag.* Apr. 255/3 One had the Babel-like sense of industrious workers busily..going about their work on this all-dominating object.

## (b)

**all-absorbing** *adj.*

- a1777 F. FAWKES tr. Apollonius Rhodius *Argonautics* (1780) IV. 251 Safe from Charybdis' gulf the vessel guide; Safe from loud Scylla's all-absorbing tide.
- 1834 J. S. MILL in *Monthly Repos.* 8 387 The universal and all-absorbing struggle to be or to appear rich.
- 1848 A. BRONTË *Tenant of Wildfell Hall* II. xviii. 365, I cannot live here, and be for ever silent on the all-absorbing subject of my thoughts and wishes.
- 1903 L. F. ANDERSON *Anglo-Saxon Scop* 36 Personal valour and prowess on the field of battle, courage., hardihood., these were the all-absorbing topics of conversation in the mead-hall.
- 2002 *Times* 6 Mar. (T2 section) 6/4 The VIP is lulled into a sense of intimacy by the journalist's all-absorbing interest.

**all-accepting** *adj.*

- 1839 *New Monthly Mag.* Feb. 173 Do we wish for a type—a concentration of the enthusiasm in belief—the all-accepting faith—the questionless devotion of a woman's heart?
- 1866 G. M. HOPKINS *Poems* (1967) 171 My all-accepting fixèd eye.

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- 1939 R. CAMPBELL *Flowering Rifle* II. 66 The former all-accepting soar above To triumph over death and die for love.
- 2010 *New Yorker* 29 Mar. 102/2 Mammy melodramas—stories that showcase stereotypically all-accepting, sexless, selfless black women.

**all-attracting** *adj.*

- 1652 R. FANSHAWE tr. Horace in *Sel. Parts Horace* sig. I5, On whom the All-attracting Gold Could with its Tenters ne'r take hold.
- 1753 S. RICHARDSON *Hist. Sir Charles Grandison* I. ii. 9, I mention'd her Neck—Here I dare not trust myself —Inimitable creature! All-attracting loveliness!
- 1866 C. H. SPURGEON *Morning by Morning* 69 The superlative beauty of Jesus is all-attracting.
- 1915 D. H. CONNER tr. P. Berger *William Blake* x. 151 She [sc. Enion] is the generative power in physical life, as distinguished from Vala, who is its all-attracting beauty.
- 2011 *Christian Sci. Monitor* (Nexis) 9 June We can anchor ourselves in God's infinite, balanced, all-attracting center through prayer.

**all-bearing** *adj.*

- 1602 J. MARSTON *Hist. Antonio & Mellida* III. sig. E1<sup>v</sup>, O thou all bearing earth, Which men doe gape for, till thou cramst their mouths, And choakst their throts with dust.
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* v. 338 Whatever Earth all-bearing Mother yeilds In India East or West.
- 1745 E. YOUNG *Complaint: Night the Eighth* 57 All-bearing, All-attempting, till he falls.
- 1991 tr. H. U. von Balthasar *Realm of Metaphysics in Mod. Age* v. 283 The 'Fourth Day', when every form of kingdom and art is dissolved into the glory of the all-bearing sea.

**all-beholding** *adj.*

- 1586 SIR P. SIDNEY *Arcadia* (1590) f. 347, O Phoebus with good cause thy face thou hidest, Rather then haue thy all-beholding eye Fould with this sight.
- 1630 W. DRUMMOND *Cypresse Groue* in *Flowres of Sion* (rev. ed.) 48 See..all beholding King.
- 1819 WORDSWORTH *Malham Cove* 8 No mightier work had gained the plausive smile Of all-beholding Phoebus!
- 1870 W. C. BRYANT tr. Homer *Iliad* I. III. 94 O all-beholding and all-hearing Sun!
- 1998 M. S. BHAT *Vedic Tantrism* (new ed.) ii. 31 Its broad contents are: bright rays bear Surya up aloft so that all may look on him and the constellations pass away before the all-beholding sun.

† **all-canning** *adj.* [apparently < ALL *adv.* + CAN *v.*<sup>1</sup> (compare discussion of form history at that entry) + -ING *suffix*<sup>2</sup>] *Obs.*

- 1598 J. MARSTON *Certaine Satyres* in *Metamorph. Pigmaliions Image* 27 You all-canning wits.
- 1599 J. MARSTON *Scourge of Villanie* II. v. 195 O brawny strength is an all-canning charme.

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**all-cheering** *adj.*

- 1583 M. M. S. tr. B. de las Casas *Spanish Colonie* sig. h3, They founde there good entertaynement, meate, lodging, all cheering, and refreshing.
- 1599 SHAKESPEARE *Romeo & Juliet* I. i. 131 The alcheering Sunne.
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* III. 583 They [*sc.* the Constellations]..towards his all-cheering Lamp Turn swift their various motions.
- 1787 R. BURNS *Poems* (new ed.) 83 All-cheering Plenty, with her flowing horn.
- 2002 *Times* (Nexis) 26 Jan. In The Corrections, Aslan is an all-cheering Prozac-style drug.

**all-commanding** *adj.*

- 1596 R. LINCHE *Dom Diego* in *Diella* sig. D8, Thus lay Diego tossing in his bed, bound to the will of all commaunding beauty.
- 1603 T. DEKKER et al. *Patient Grissill* 16 When all-commanding love your hearts subdue.
- 1825 R. SOUTHEY *Tale of Paraguay* IV. xix, in *Wks.* VII. 83 And in their hearts, albe the work was rude, It raised the thought of all-commanding might.
- 2006 *Advertiser* (Adelaide) (Nexis) 7 Oct. w22 The allegorical fable continues, dispensing its theme of the need for unity, self-sacrifice and responsibility..but with an all-commanding queen.

**all-compelling** *adj.*

- 1720 POPE tr. Homer *Iliad* V. xix. 159 Know, angry Jove, and all-compelling Fate, With fell Erynnis, urg'd my Wrath that Day.
- ?1742 'J. LOVE' *Cricket* III. 24 Jove, and all-compelling Fate, In their high Will determin'd Kent should beat.
- 1911 E. GOLDMAN *Marriage & Love* 12 How can such an all-compelling force [*sc.* love] be synonymous with that poor little State and Church-begotten weed, marriage?
- 2005 *Wyoming Tribune-Eagle* (Nexis) 21 May B6 The design of an inscrutable wisdom and the work of an all-compelling will have directed and controlled the fortunes of humanity.

**all-composing** *adj.*

- 1646 R. CRASHAW *Sospetto d'Herode* lxii, in *Steps to Temple* 71 The sweet peace of all-composing Night.
- 1725 W. BROOME in Pope et al. tr. Homer *Odyssey* II. vi. 131 But Pallas now address To break the bands of all-composing rest.
- 1911 H. FRANK *Doom of Dogma* (ed. 3) xv. 334 The all-composing and sustaining power which builds the worlds of space and guides them in their rhythmic motions.

**all-comprehending** *adj.*

- 1606 N. BAXTER *Sir Philip Sydneys Ourania* sig. C2, All comprehending Pan was then no where.
- 1905 *Mind* 14 266 A universal activity..forms an all-comprehending *Lebensraum* in which the manifold may

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meet and enter into relation.

2000 *Daily Mail* (Nexis) 16 Feb. 12 The dog pays attention as you speak and then reassures you with an all-comprehending wag of his tail.

**all-conquering** *adj.*

1594 S. DANIEL *Cleopatra* II. in *Delia* (new ed.) sig. I7<sup>v</sup>, All Egipt yeelds to my all-conquering hand, And all theyr treasure and themselues resigne.

1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* x. 591 Second of Satan sprung, all conquering Death.

1883 P. SCHAFF et al. *Relig. Encycl.* II. 1369 An all-conquering conviction of divine vocation and empowerment.

1996 *Ice Hockey News Rev.* 28 Sept. 4 The 'Miracle on Ice' of 1980, when the USA defeated the all-conquering USSR to win Olympic gold at Lake Placid.

**all-concerning** *adj.*

1700 C. MATHER *Everlasting Gospel* i. 4 Now, to set this All-concerning Truth, in a fair View before you all.

1825 S. T. COLERIDGE *Aids Refl.* 341 This great all-concerning verity.

1984 A. METCALFE *In their Own Right* ix. 233 If government stability was a local issue in this campaign, unemployment was the all-concerning national issue.

**all-consuming** *adj.*

1598 H. PETOWE *2nd Pt. Hero & Leander* sig. Ciii, Raine vengeance downe in all consuming showers.

1654 T. FULLER *Comment on Ruth* 166 in *2 Serm.* The *Boulimee* of all-consuming Time.

1742 E. YOUNG *Complaint: Night the Second* 20 As all-rapacious Usurers conceal Their Doomsday book, from all-consuming Heirs.

1880 *Harper's Mag.* June 76 Every little winged form that scarcely bends the twig has its all-consuming passion.

1948 A. C. KINSEY et al. *Sexual Behavior Human Male* v. 158 A sudden release which produces local spasms or more extensive or all-consuming convulsions.

2006 *Esquire* Sept. 76/2 Organic spelt, a low-gluten, high-protein wheat, became his all-consuming preoccupation.

**all-containing** *adj.*

1602 W. WARNER *Albions Eng.* (rev. ed.) XIII. lxxix. 327 Vouchsafe by glorifying Thee, Loue, Feare, and Holinesse, Thee, All-containing Selfe-contain'd, we spiritually possesse.

1848 J. R. LOWELL *Oak* 42 in *Poet. Wks.* (1873) 76/2 Lord! all thy works are lessons,—each contains Some emblem of man's all-containing soul.

1892 W. B. YEATS *Countess Kathleen* Pref. 8 No dramatic method elastic and all-containing enough.

2005 *Building Design* (Nexis) 11 Feb. 24 We were told the uniqueness of an all-containing city centre building, Beijing's Central Chinese Television (CCTV) was only possible in present-day China.

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**all-creating** *adj.*

- 1599 T. MOFFETT *Silkewormes* 31 Eu'n next morne the All-creating Sire Had sent abroad, I know not I, what word.
- 1623 W. DRUMMOND *Flowres of Sion* 29 Vncreatde Beautie all-creating Loue.
- a1711 T. KEN *Hymnarium* 47 in *Wks.* (1721) II O Self-originated Might, Thou All-creating Infinite.
- 1999 *Herald* (Glasgow) (Nexis) 18 Sept. 5 Man's need to assuage his innate insecurities with devotion to an all-creating Higher Power.

**all-deciding** *adj.*

- 1778 T. FRANCKLIN tr. Sophocles *Trachinæ* II. v, in tr. Sophocles *Tragedies* II. 273 Whilst Venus, to her vot'ries near, Wav'd o'er their heads the all-deciding wand.
- 1808 M. SAVORY *Poet. Tales* 60 The all-deciding key was in his hand; The op'ning box obey'd his first command.
- 2003 *N.Y. Post* (Nexis) 26 Feb. 25 A high-risk, hell-bent-for-leather dash across the Pacific, in hopes of engaging the Japanese fleet in an all-deciding engagement.

**all-destroying** *adj.*

- 1604 T. DEKKER *Newes from Graues-end* sig. E4<sup>v</sup>, Acts we one day may rehearse In marble numbers, that shall stand About Tymes all-destroying hand.
- ?1790 T. MAY *Poems on Var. Subj.* 139 Hence clocks denoting times incessant course, Ballistic torments' all-destroying force.
- 1932 W. B. YEATS *Words for Music* 14 All-destroying sword-blade, still Carried by the wandering fool.
- 2009 *Hills Gaz.* (Perth, Austral.) (Nexis) 1 Oct. 1 If you had an all-destroying monster of a fire coming towards you and access roads or your cul-de-sac blocked off, a bunker might be a good thing.

**all-devouring** *adj.*

- 1592 A. FRAUNCE *3rd Pt. Countesse of Pembrokes Yuychurch* f. 27<sup>v</sup>, The all-deuowring earth, eating and consuming all earthly bodies.
- 1599 J. MARSTON *Scourge of Villanie* I. iii. 180 A die, a drab, and filthy broking knaues Are..all deuouring graues.
- 2001 *N.Y. Rev. Bks.* 5 July 40/1 The Construction State has become an all-devouring monster, a Godzilla of development.

**all-disposing** *adj.*

- 1597 M. DRAYTON *Englands Heroicall Epist.* f. 40, It so long hath beene fore-told by Fate; And by the all-disposing doome of heauen, Before our births, vnto one bed were giuen.
- 1607 S. HIERON *Old-man & New-man* in *Wks.* (1620) I. 427 It hath pleased the all-disposing God to

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remooou you.

- 1995 M. J. COLACURCIO *Province of Piety* Concl. 490 This single brief quote..is but the projection of an all-disposing narrator.

**all-enduring** *adj.*

- 1605 S. DANIEL *Philotas* I. in *Certaine Small Poems* sig. B3<sup>v</sup>, Patience that base property, And silly guift of th' all induring Ass.
- 1935 *New Statesman* 8 June 857/1 The old *noli-me-tangere* John Bull has disappeared, and his place has been taken by the all-enduring Little Man.
- 1996 C. HIGSON *Getting Rid of Mr Kitchen* x. 112 The short Indian waiter stood patiently nearby..with an all-enduring smile on his dark features.

**all-engulfing** *adj.*

- 1829 R. SOUTHEY *Scotland* in *Poet. Wks.* 720/1 The all-engulfing stream of years.
- 1914 M. A. VON ARNIM *Pastor's Wife* i. 7 His all-engulfing mass of correspondence.
- 2000 *N.Y. Times* 31 Dec. IV. 4/2 An all-engulfing atmosphere of information.

**all-enlightening** *adj.*

- 1605 J. SYLVESTER tr. G. de S. Du Bartas *Deuine Weekes & Wks.* II. ii. 483 Th' Eternall Trine-One, spreading euen the Tent Of th' All-enlightning glorious Firmament.
- 2002 P. MALTBY *Visionary Moment* 29 Within the terms of the novel's postmodern epistemology, the cry cannot be uttered because an all-enlightening 'Word' is judged to be inconceivable.

**all-enveloping** *adj.*

- 1787 C. TAYLOR *Surv. Nature* I. 162 Apprehension of all-enveloping darkness.
- 1897 W. JAMES *Will to Believe* 238 The vague Asiatic profession of belief in an all-enveloping fate.
- 1940 L. MACNEICE *Last Ditch* 9 Night came down upon the bogland With all-enveloping wings.
- 2002 *National Geographic* Feb. 112/2 Meanwhile, the government was encouraging women to shed the all-enveloping *chadri*.

**all-excelling** *adj.*

- 1598 J. MARSTON *Metamorph. Pigmaliions Image* ii. 1 Vnlesse my Mistres all-excelling face, Which giues to beautie, beauties onely grace.
- 1696 J. LEAD *Tree of Faith* 38 The Seventh [quality of the Tree of Faith] is an All-excelling Goodness.
- 1747 S. RICHARDSON *Clarissa* I. xv. 88 What a sweet revenge will she take,..if she can procure her rival and all-excelling sister to be married to the man that sister hates.
- 1859 *Punch* 9 July 11/1 The dress most fit for Volunteers is one that should be fashioned on the model which

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the Horse Guards has, in its all-excelling wisdom, invented for the 'regulars'.

- 1905 'E. BRAMAH' *Mirror of Kong Ho* vi. 98 The agreeable person said that the pleasure he derived from meeting me was all-excelling.
- 2005 D. MADER tr. C. van der Kooi *As in Mirror* ii. 46 For Calvin, the realisation of an all-excelling majesty of God is not theory.

### **all-explaining** *adj.*

- 1817 S. T. COLERIDGE *Let.* 28 July (1959) IV. 758 The constituents and explainers of the all-explaining fluids.
- 1961 T. WOODS *Poetry & Philos.* v. 75 In so far as it [*sc.* the utilitarian system] claims to be comprehensive and all-explaining.
- 1987 *Los Angeles Times* 25 Jan. (Bk. Review section) 8/2, I find it hard to believe in an 'all-knowing God' or an 'all-explaining, ultimate' scientific system, and thus cannot accept this excuse.
- 2003 S. CHOI *Amer. Woman* (2004) 283 Radicalism, Jenny thought sometimes, was like Catholicism, with its..strict liturgy, its all-explaining view of the world, its absolute Satan.

### **all-governing** *adj.*

- 1613 S. JOURDAN *Plain Descr. Bermudas* Ep. Ded. sig. A2, Amongst the sensible signes, and euident demonstrations of Gods all-gouerning prouidence, this is not the least.
- a1649 W. DRUMMOND *Poems* (1656) 188 The greatest gift that..The all-governing pow'rs to man can give.
- 1850 DICKENS *David Copperfield* lxi. 604 What were supposed to be the main advantages of this all-governing and universally over-riding system?
- 2000 E. H. BOONE *Stories in Red & Black* 81/1 Geography is the all-governing factor, for all the events have to be adjusted to fit visually in the space left available by the features of the map.

### **all-healing** *adj.*

- 1606 B. BARNES *Foure Bks. Offices* III. 139 God; the blessed and all-healing fountaine of whose knowledge he with ineffable grace and diuine beneficence openeth to them all that are studious of righteousnesse.
- 1612 J. SELDEN in M. Drayton *Poly-olbion* ix. Illustr. 152 The Druids inuocation was to one All-healing or All-sauing power.
- 1660 J. EVELYN *Late News from Bruxels* 6 A seasonable and all-healing mercy.
- 1991 A. R. HUTCHENS *Indian Herbalogy N. Amer.* 138 Trading was done in wheat, honey..and 'Pannag', or the all-healing Ginseng.

### **all-hearing** *adj.*

- 1595 W. S. *Lamentable Trag. Locrine* v. iii. sig. I3, Enter the clouds vnto the throne of Ioue, And beare my praiers to his all hearing eares.
- 1870 W. C. BRYANT tr. Homer *Iliad* I. III. 94 O all-beholding and all-hearing Sun!
- 2003 D. LYVER & G. SWAINSON *Basics Video Production* (ed. 2) 12 The Director doesn't operate anything, but must have an all-seeing eye, an all-hearing ear, an anticipation of everything before it happens, and

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the ability to make clear decisions instantly.

## **all-heeding** *adj.*

- 1830 N. HAWTHORNE in *N.Y. Mirror* 23 Oct. 133/2 On the verge of the harbour, formed by its extremity, is a town; and over it am I, a watchman, all-heeding and unheeded.
- 1941 H. WEYL tr. J. Ortega y Gasset *Toward Philos. of Hist.* iii. 103 It is an all-heeding circumspection.

## **all-including** *adj.*

- 1592 A. FRAUNCE *3rd Pt. Countesse of Pembrokes Yuychurch* f. 32, Things began to come to light..in the darkesome bottome of that all-including Chaos.
- 1848 L. HUNT *Jar of Honey* vii. 92 The all-including genius of Shakspeare.
- 1999 J. ASSMAN in K. van der Toorn et al. *Dict. Deities & Demons in Bible* (rev. ed.) 457 Isis-Hathor becomes an all-including deity.

## **all-involving** *adj.*

- 1716 POPE tr. Homer *Iliad* II. v. 367 One vast Burst of all-involving Fate Full o'er your Tow'rs shall fall.
- 1925 *Amer. Mercury* Dec. 478/2 The disaster was ruinous, all-involving, complete.
- 2001 J. NOGGLE *Skeptical Sublime* vii. 207 The poem's modernity consists in its portrayal of an all-involving skeptical alienation.

## **all-loving** *adj.*

- ?1567 M. PARKER *Whole Psalter* xxxviii. 101 Commit thy way: thy state and stay, to Gods (most strong) all louyng grace.
- a1788 J. WESLEY & C. WESLEY *Hymns & Sacred Poems* (1868) I. II. 298 Our all-loving Saviour Hath pacified God, And paid for His favour The price of His blood.
- 1847 R. W. EMERSON *Poems* 22 The all-loving Nature Will smile in a factory.
- 2002 C. NEWLAND *Snakeskin* ix. 112 This boyfriend of hers..ruined her dad's all-loving media persona.

## **all-prevailing** *adj.*

- 1599 R. LINCHE *Fountaine Anc. Fiction* sig. Aaij, Only this sence they haue, for e're to hold Their high-pil'd heapes of all-preuailing gold.
- 1813 SHELLEY *Queen Mab* II. 21 All-prevailing wisdom..o'erbounds Those obstacles, of which an earthly soul Fears to attempt the conquest.
- 2011 *Western Morning News (Plymouth)* (Nexis) 22 Feb. 24 An all-prevailing virtue.

## **all-protecting** *adj.*

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- 1617 J. VICARS tr. F. Herring *Mischeefes Myserie* 34 Thus the Lord in's all protecting grace..Ordain'd, that one of that most trayterous race, Did meet the Lord Mounteagles Seruing-man.
- 1768 A. TUCKER *Light of Nature Pursued* II. III. 301 Offspring of all-protecting Jove.
- 1869 *Spectator* 1 May 532 The impartial, impassive, all-protecting State.
- 1998 J. MCCABE *Stickleback* 177 A man with an all-protecting, reflecting sunglass aura of confidence.

**all-providing** *adj.*

- 1604 T. WINTER tr. G. de S. Du Bartas *Third Dayes Creation* 16 Vpon their backs they [*sc.* fruits] beare Ywritten faire Gods all-prouiding care.
- 1930 'R. CROMPTON' *William's Happy Days* vi. 129 Lounging at his ease—the gracious, generous all-providing male.
- 2005 *Independent* 27 Sept. 50/4 Packed lunches from their all-providing employer.

**all-quickening** *adj. poet. (now rare)*

- 1604 M. DRAYTON *Owle* sig. B, Time the Sunne by his all-quickning power, Giues life and birth to euery plant and flower.
- 1650 H. VAUGHAN *Silex Scintillans* sig. A3, Some drops of thy all-quickning bloud.
- 1781 W. COWPER *Charity* 396 The soul, whose sight all-quickening grace renews, Takes the resemblance of the good she views.
- 1919 C. H. MELTZER tr. G. Hauptmann *Sunken Bell* III. 69 How, in a moment, has the grace of God, With but a puff of His all-quickening breath, Helped you to spring from your sick-bed to life!

**all-reaching** *adj.*

- 1615 J. SYLVESTER tr. P. Matthieu *Memorials of Mortalitie in 2nd Session Parl. Vertues Reall* 149 When All the World fear'd Rome's All-reaching Arms, One vertuous Cato did all Rome dismay.
- 1674 N. FAIRFAX *Treat. Bulk & Selvedge* 99 Motion, which is an all-reaching affection or belonger to each bit of the world.
- 2011 X. CHEN in L. A. Jensen *Bridging Cultural & Developmental Approaches to Psychol.* v. 92 Hinde..has argued that different levels of social experiences are embedded within an all-reaching cultural system.

**all-ruling** *adj.*

- 1592 A. FRAUNCE *3rd Pt. Countesse of Pembrokes Yuychurch* f. 13, In his right hand he holdeth an all-ruling scepter, in his left, a sin-correcting lightning.
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* I. 212 The will And high permission of all-ruling Heaven.
- 1768 J. BOSWELL *Acct. Corsica* (ed. 2) iii. 164 Looking up to an all-ruling Providence.
- 1854 A. BROWN *Philos. Physics* p. x, Called into action by the all-ruling will.
- 2000 *Birmingham Evening Mail* (Nexis) 11 Sept. 14 Councillors will have the option to vote on transforming Sandwell authority's system into one with an all-ruling mayor.

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**all-satisfying** *adj.*

- 1629 W. JEFFRAY *Picture of Patience* 20 Perfection, which is the All-satisfying object of mans boundlesse desire.
- 1855 *Harper's Mag.* June 102/2 One infinite and unapproachable Wisdom—one all-satisfying and all-perfect Love.
- 1907 W. JAMES *Meaning of Truth* (1909) vi. 157 We get nearer and nearer to realities, we approximate more and more to the all-satisfying limit.
- 2000 L. OSBORNE in D. Hedrick & B. Reynolds *Shakespeare without Class* vi. 137 The female reader, seeking an all-satisfying maternal relationship in the naive heroine's relationship with the dominant male.

**all-seeing** *adj.*

- 1562 T. STERNHOLD et al. *Whole Bk. Psalmes* cxxxix. 354 From sight of thy all seeyng sprite, Lorde whether shall I goo?
- 1606 J. SYLVESTER tr. G. de S. Du Bartas *Deuine Weekes & Wks.* (new ed.) II. iii. 126 Spiall of Nature, O All-seeing Sunne.
- 1610 G. FLETCHER *Christs Victorie* 8 He heau'ns al-seeing eye, He earths great Prophet.
- 1710 S. PALMER *Moral Ess. Prov.* 376 Our conduct is in view of an all-seeing eye.
- 2009 *Art Q.* Summer 57/1 For the Russian peasant, the tsar was all-seeing and divine.

**all-shaking** *adj. poet.*

- 1608 SHAKESPEARE *King Lear* ix. 6 All shaking thunder.
- a1868 C. HARPUR *Poet. Wks.* (1984) 150 The dread, all-shaking tempest-tramps of Thor.
- 2007 J. KAVENNA *Inglorious* 223 She darted around a puddle, brushed a hedge, heard the all-shaking thunder burst around the valley again.

**all-subduing** *adj.*

- 1595 S. DANIEL *First Fowre Bks. Ciuile Warres* III. cxxx. sig. S2<sup>v</sup>, This all-subduing powre here staid His faultring tongue.
- 1740 *On Resurrection* 6 in F. Peck *New Mem. Life & Wks. John Milton* sig. 2N2<sup>v</sup>, Thy all subduing arm Hath burst the mighty prison hold of Death, And op'd the golden portals of bright heav'n To all believers!
- 1845 L. S. COSTELLO *Falls, Lakes & Mountains N. Wales* v. 101 Sheathing his all-subduing sword.
- 1992 E. HENRY *Orpheus with his Lute* ii. 28 A failure to believe in personal love as an all-subduing absolute.

**all-sufficing** *adj.*

- 1560 *Medit. Penitent Sinner* sig. X.ii<sup>v</sup>, in A. L. tr. J. Calvin *Serm. Songe Ezechias* From troubled sprite I send confused crye, To craue the crummes of all sufficing grace.
- 1623 W. DRUMMOND *Cypresse Groue* in *Floures of Sion* 66 That all-sufficient and all-suffizing Happinesse.

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1993 D. WORSTER *Wealth of Nature* xvi. 211 This new world-view of materialism armed itself with an all-sufficing, elegant, self-reliant mode of thought called rationalism.

## **all-surpassing** *adj.*

1585 J. NORDEN *Sinfull Mans Solace* f. 160, He hath fraught ye same againe, with all surpassing ioye.

1741 S. RICHARDSON *Pamela* III. xx. 115 The all-surpassing Pleasure that fills the worthy Breast.

2010 *N.Y. Times* (Nexis) 19 Nov. A1 Quick and definitive decision making, crystal-clear goal setting and an all-surpassing attention to the bottom line.

## **all-surrounding** *adj.*

1652 E. BENLOWES *Theophila* VII. xl. 100 One Word did th' All-surrounding Skie-roof frame, With all its Starrie sparkling Flame!

1871 W. WHITMAN *Democratic Vistas* 58 America demands a Poetry that is bold, modern, and all-surrounding and kosmical, as she is herself.

2004 G. WOODWARD *I'll go to Bed at Noon* i. 16 The all-surrounding wall of mourners? In the end she had to close her eyes.

## **all-sustaining** *adj.*

a1627 J. BEAUMONT *Bosworth-field* (1629) 69 Doth God withdraw his all-sustaining might, And works no more with his faire creature light.

1837 *Maine Monthly Mag.* June 552 God's all-sustaining power.

2002 *Dallas Morning News* (Nexis) 23 Feb. 1 A, They are combining their message of faith in an all-sustaining God with one of self-empowerment and self-help.

## **all-transcending** *adj.*

1652 E. BENLOWES *Theophila* VII. xiii. 97 O, Thou all-splendent, all transcending Throne! Compact of High'st Dominion!

2010 *New Straits Times* (Malaysia) (Nexis) 8 Sept. 16 Today, you don't have an all-transcending goal to keep everyone together.

## **all-understanding** *adj.*

1670 J. EACHARD *Grounds Contempt of Clergy* 41 The all-wise Patron, or all-understanding Justice of the Peace.

2010 R. A. HINDE *Why Gods Persist* (new ed.) vi. 97 Many religious people find it deeply satisfying to mull over recent happenings in supposed communion with an all-understanding being.

## **c.** With past participles.

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**(a)** As ***all-accomplished, all-admired, all-appalled, all-honoured, all-licensed, all-praised, all-seen, all-shunned***, etc. Sometimes passing into an instrumental sense 'by all'.

Recorded earliest in *all-written adj.* at Compounds 4.

Potentially overlapping with Special uses 1 in cases where the second element might be formed on a homographic noun, as ***all-starred, all-watched***.

- ?c1200 *Ormulum* (Burchfield transcript) 4151 Æfre he beop An allfullfremedd hellpe Till alle þa þatt cwemmdenn himm.
- a1225 ( ▶ c1200) *Vices & Virtues* 145 (*MED*), Swa þu dedest ðe al-fo[r]gelte þieue þe heng on þire swiþere.  
▶ a1382 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Bodl. 959) (1959) Exod. xxxv. 15 The auter of þe all brennt sacrifice, & þe brasen gredyrne of it.
- 1598 SHAKESPEARE *Henry IV, Pt. 1* III. ii. 140 This gallant Hotspur, this all praised knight.
- 1608 SHAKESPEARE *King Lear* iv. 195 This, your all-licenc'd foole.
- c1612 J. SYLVESTER *Lacrymæ Lacrymarum* in *Poems* (1633) 1149 O, All-admired, Benign and Bountious! O All-desired (right) Panaretos!
- ?1614 W. DRUMMOND *Sonnet: O Wofull life!* in *Poems* False Delights..My all-appalled Minde so doe affraye.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Henry V* (1623) IV. o. 38 The wearie, and all-watched night.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Antony & Cleopatra* (1623) II. vi. 16 All-honor'd, honest Romaine Brutus.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Timon of Athens* (1623) IV. ii. 14 His disease of all shunn'd pouerty.
- 1756 W. TOLDERVY *Hist. Two Orphans* IV. xxxiii. 184 Where the modest, and all-accomplished landlady, Mrs. Rogers, was..invited to sit down.
- 1865 G. M. HOPKINS *Poems* (1967) 146 And I must have the centre in my heart To spread the compass on the all-starr'd sky.
- 1917 D. H. LAWRENCE *Look! We have come Through!* 101 There, sure in sinless being, All-seen, and then all-seeing..We might have lain.
- 1986 F. GUILLOU & C. GRAY in *Home Owner Man*. (ed. 2) v. 785 Lampholders used in bathrooms must be of the all-insulated type, and must be fitted with a protective skirt.

**(b)**

**all-dreaded** *adj.*

- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Cymbeline* (1623) IV. ii. 272 Th'all-dreaded Thunderstone.
- 1923 D. A. MACKENZIE *Myths China & Japan* xv. 296 The unceasing conflict against the all-dreaded enemy of mankind, the God of Death.

**all-enlightened** *adj.*

- 1725 POPE tr. Homer *Odyssey* III. XIII. 484 Oh all-enlighten'd mind! Inform him.
- 1841 *Bentley's Misc.* 9 313 The Chinese..always represent their country as an all-enlightened land.
- 1987 C. HUMPHREYS *Wisdom of Buddhism* (1990) 16 The peace of heart which comes to those who follow in the footsteps of that mighty mind, the All-Enlightened One, the All-Compassionate One.

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**all-worshipped** *adj.*

- 1637 MILTON *Comus* 25 In her owne loyns She hutch't th'all worshipt ore, and precious gems To store her children with.
- 1847 R. W. EMERSON *Musketaquid* in *Wks.* (1883) III. 167 As when the all-worshipped moon attracts the eye, The river, hill, stems, foliage are obscure.
- 2009 W. STINSON *Between Grief & Nothing* 173 These young beauties..waiting for a desperate American man to..provide them with..the all worshipped green card.

**d.** With adverbs, esp. where derived from the adjectives in Compounds 1a and Compounds 1b, as ***all-conqueringly***, ***all-embracingly***, ***all-sufficiently***, etc. See also ALL ALONG *adv.*, ALL OUT *adv.*, *all up* at UP *adv.*<sup>2</sup> 12e, ALL-WHOLLY *adv.*

[With Old English *ealltæwlice* completely, perfectly, in quot. eOE compare *ealltæwe* entirely sound, true (see etymological note at the head of the Compounds section). Old English *ealltela* entirely happily, in quot. OE, has sometimes alternatively been interpreted as showing a collocation of *eall* ALL *adv.* and *tela* prosperously, happily, well (compare Old English *til* good: see TILL *prep.*, *conj.*, and *adv.*), rather than a compound.]

eOE *Prose Charm: Against Elf-Sickness* (Royal 12 D.xvii) in G. Storms *Anglo-Saxon Magic* (1948) 226 Gif hit biþ wæpnedman..and se andwlita biþ geolwe blac, þone mon þu meht gelacnian æltæwlice, gif he ne biþ þæron to lange.

OE *Genesis A* (1931) 1904 Unc gemæne ne sceal elles awiht, nymþe ealltela lufu langsumu.

- 1649 F. ROBERTS *Clavis Bibliorum* (ed. 2) 308 How..all-sufficiently able God is, in performing of his Promises.
- 1769 *London Mag.* Nov. 587/1 A gleam of hope all-graciously disclose.
- 1889 *Harper's Mag.* July 217/2 Life..was all so cosmopolitan and all-embracingly sympathetic.
- 1903 'M. TWAIN' *My Début as Literary Person* 175 Then all-sorrowfully he made his last dispositions.
- 1919 *Outing* Mar. 300/1 He never lost an opportunity to demonstrate the fighting efficiency of this equipment which was mainly and all-sufficiently tail—and such a facile tail!
- 1934 P. HAMILTON *Plains of Cement* xxi. 169 Wondering what it was, breathing in the air, which made it so overpoweringly, all-permeatingly Sunday.
- 2005 *Mail & Guardian* (Johannesburg) 4 Feb. (Friday Suppl.) 6 It's an all-conqueringly funny and blasting energised family comedy.

**e.** With nouns.

**(a)** With nouns derived from Latin, on the model of adjectives at Compounds 1b(b).

In some examples overlapping with special uses of the adjective with abstract nouns: cf. Special uses 2. Nouns relating to the adjectives in *-ive* at Compounds 1b(b) are more usually formed with English suffixes, e.g. *all-comprehensiveness*, *all-persuasiveness* (see Compounds 1e(c)).

**all-efficiency** *n.*

- 1654 J. NORTON *Orthodox Evangelist* v. 114 The All-efficiency of the first cause.
- 1839 *Evangelical Reg.* Mar. 103 The all-efficiency of His justice and truth.

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1992 K. K. CHAUDHURI tr. A. Bhattacharya *Lore of Mahabharata* i. 4 We are overwhelmed by the all-efficiency of a dramatist of the first order.

**all-potency** *n.*

1642 H. MORE *Ψυχωδία Platonica* sig. F8, What thing not done by his all-potencie?

1986 B. HUYGHE in M. L. Foster & R. A. Rubinstein *Peace & War* iii. 43 Those who give the orders can indulge in fantasies of destruction and all-potency.

† **all-prevalency** *n.* *Obs. rare*

1826 E. IRVING *Babylon* II. VII. 235 The doctrine of Christ, and the all-prevalency of his kingdom.

**all-sufficiency** *n.* *now rare*

a1711 T. KEN *Hymnarium* 48 in *Wks.* (1721) II Thou boundless All-sufficiency art.

a1797 H. WALPOLE *Mem. George II* (1847) III. i. 16 The Duke of Bedford..reflected on Pitt's all-sufficiency.

1913 J. EDGERTON *Brook by Way* 189 Be to them their all-sufficiency, Is the burden of our prayer!

**all-sufficiency** *n.*

1581 W. CHARKE *Replie to Censure* sig. Aiii, The alsufficiencie and entier vertue of Christs sacrifice offered vp once for euer.

1619 J. SEMPILL *Sacrilege Sacredly Handled* vii. 79 Hee vseth Tithing, as a chiefe argument to confirme them in the Al-sufficiencie and Eternitie of Christs Priest-hood.

1706 J. HUSSEY *Glory Christ Unveil'd* xx. 404 The All-sufficiency lay in the Responsibleness of the Person.

1865 E. B. PUSEY *Eirenicon* 108 The all-sufficiency of the Intercession of our Divine Redeemer.

2001 A. PEACOCKE in R. T. Pennock *Intelligent Design Creationism & its Critics* xix. 474 At one end of the spectrum authors like Richard Dawkins argue cogently for the all-sufficiency of natural selection in explaining the course of biological evolution.

**(b)** In derivatives of the adjectives in Compounds 1b, as ***all-absorbingness, all-prevailingness, all-seeingness***, etc.

1654 E. JOHNSON *Hist. New-Eng.* 56 The honour of his All-seeingness.

1678 E. PHILLIPS *New World of Words* (ed. 4) App., *Omnipercipience*, an all-perceivingness.

1830 *Fraser's Mag.* Mar. 231/2 The all-lovingness of God.

1865 S. NEIL *Epoch Men* 52 The successful all-prevailingness of its schemes.

1945 *Scrutiny* **13** 131 The all-absorbingness of the purpose.

1969 R. A. NISBET *Social Change & Hist.* iii. 108 Belief in, dedication to, and a sense of the all-sufficingness of scientific and philosophical knowledge.

2006 V. KOPERSKI in R. Bieringer *Corinthian Corr.* 377 Paul speaks unambiguously of the

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all-surpassingness of 'the knowledge of Christ Jesus'.

**(c)** In derivatives of adjectives in Compounds 1a, as ***all-comprehensiveness, all-fullness, all-persuasiveness, all-wiseness***, etc. See also ALMIGHTINESS *n*.

- IOE KING ÆLFRED tr. St. Augustine *Soliloquies* (Vitell.) (1922) II. 59 Ne getweoge ic nawuht be Godes æcnesse and be hys ælmihtihnesse.
- c1449 R. PECOCK *Repressor* (1860) 313 Ech preest which schulde folewe thilk ensaumpling thoruȝ the al fulnes and likenes of it.
- 1656 H. JEANES *Treat. Fulnesse of Christ* 382 in *Mixture Scholasticall Divinity* That all-fulnesse which dwelleth in Christ.
- 1817 J. BENTHAM *Papers Codification & Public Instr.* IV. Suppl. v. 100/1 *Completeness*, or say *all-comprehensiveness*, in respect of its extent.
- 1824 R. SOUTHEY *Sir Thomas More* (1831) I. 52 It would be disparaging his own all-wiseness.
- 1889 *Chautauquan* Feb. 288/2 Such pervading all-persuasiveness.
- 1927 A. HUXLEY *Proper Stud.* 13 Helvétius's doctrine of the all-effectiveness of nurture.
- 1981 C. COSMAN tr. J.-P. Sartre *Family Idiot* I. vi. 237 The Creator..has made him incapable of loving his all-bountifulness.

**(d)** In parasynthetic nouns formed from the adverb, a predicative adjective it commonly intensifies, and the suffix *-ness*.

### **all-alikeness** *n*.

- 1876 T. P. KIRKMAN *Philos. without Assumptions* xiii. 292 Evolution is a change from a nohowish untalkaboutable all-alikeness, to a somehowish..not-all-alikeness.
- 1921 D. H. LAWRENCE *Sea & Sardinia* v. 164 Save us from proletarian homogeneity and khaki all-alikeness.

### **all-aloneness** *n*.

- 1864 J. BROWN *Jeems* 19 Its calm, restful summit, the hush of silence there, the all-alone-ness of the place and hour.
- 1924 *Glasgow Herald* 17 July 9 London's vastness..[is] yet capable of baffling him and impressing him with a feeling of strangeness and 'all-alone-ness'.
- 2005 R. DASS *Paths to God* (paperback ed.) ix. 194 There begins to be a flickering recognition of that 'all aloneness'.

### **all-wrongness** *n*.

- 1860 J. RUSKIN *Mod. Painters* V. 194 He must be able to bear the all-wrongness.
- 1989 B. J. BROTHERS in E. M. Stern *Psychotherapy & Self-contained Patient* 237 Left in the Emptiness, the all-wrongness—the travesty and injustice is all contained within that small body/soul/mind.

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**f.** With transitive verbs, typically as back-formations from adjectives formed with present participles (see Compounds 1b), as ***all-encompass***.  
*rare*.

- 1845 P. J. BAILEY *Festus* (ed. 2) 131 Whether the sun all-light thee, or the moon.  
1858 *Institute* **3** 311 Thine arms did all-encompass me.  
1874 *Med. Press & Circular* 25 Mar. 253/2 There are not many things which do all-pervade the body.  
1902 *Gentleman's Mag.* Nov. 514 The cramped space of some mountain hotel that he all-pervades.  
1993 *Washington Post* 9 May A18/3 He would stand in a corner and 'all-encompass them'..and just totally take over the conversation.

**C2.** Adverbially, with the sense 'entirely, exclusively'.

**a.** With the sense 'made entirely of the specified material or substance'.

**(a)** With adjectives denoting the material substance, as ***all-leathern***, ***all-silken***, ***all-wooden***, ***all-woollen***, etc.

- eOE KING ÆLFRED tr. Gregory *Pastoral Care* (Hatton) (1871) xxii. 169 Wyr̅c feower hringas ælgyldene [L. *aureos*], & ahoh hie suide fæste on ða feower hyrn̅an ðære earce.  
OE *Antwerp Gloss.* (1955) 148 *Scetra*, ealleþern scyldas [L. *scutum loreum sine ligno*].  
OE *Aldhelm Glosses* (Brussels 1650) in L. Goossens *Old Eng. Glosses of MS Brussels, Royal Libr. 1650* (1974) 348 *Oloscericis* [*vestibus*] : ealseolcenum uel sydenum.  
1866 W. SMITH *Rambles about Morley* ii. 60 The difference between the all-woollen and the mixed fabric of a similar kind.  
1893 J. B. JOHNSON et al. *Theory & Pract. Mod. Framed Struct.* i. 6 This is probably the most scientific design for an all-wooden bridge ever invented.  
1958 *House & Garden* Apr. 7/3 (*advt.*) Stockwell [carpet]... All-woollen pile. Mitin-processed; guaranteed mothproof for life.  
1993 *Canad. Forest Industries* Mar. 19/3 The all-wooden crib is built from pressure treated 8-by-8 jack pine.

**(b)** With nouns denoting the material or substance, used *attrib.* as adjectives, as ***all-aluminium***, ***all-carbon***, ***all-metal***, ***all-silk***, ***all-steel***, ***all-wool***, etc.

- 1838 *Brit. Farmer's Mag.* July 218 The more wealthy brides have all silk gowns laid by for great occasions.  
1859 *Harper's Mag.* Feb. 344/2 They were dressed very neatly; the girls in fawn-colored all-wool mousselines.  
1882 *Daily News* 4 Mar. The demand is most apparent in all-wool dress goods.  
1913 *Sat. Evening Post* 22 Feb. 41/1 (*advt.*) Novo Trench Pump Outfits. On skids or all-steel trucks.  
1933 *Discovery* Oct. 325/2 An all-aluminium train was exhibited for the first time at the Chicago World's Fair this year.  
1951 J. CORNISH *Provincials* 128 'Hiccups gone,' Matt growled at the modernistic all-glass doors of the

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Queen Mary Club.

- 1977 *Bon Appétit* May 52/1 The best for-the-home buys are *flokati*, all-wool rugs with thick, loose pile.
- 1991 *Sci. News* 14 Dec. 391/1 Several research groups report that they have inserted up to four metal atoms into these cage-like, all-carbon molecules, paving the way for a new class of fullerene materials.
- 1999 C. MENDELSON *Home Comforts* lvii. 680/1 Resin-treated all-cotton sheets have varying degrees of resistance to wrinkling.
- 2009 *New Yorker* 31 Aug. 50/2 In 1963, the French tennis player and fashion icon René Lacoste created the first successful all-metal racquet.

**b.** With the sense ‘making use of or featuring only the specified type’. See also ALL-STAR *adj.*

- 1929 *Punch's Almanack 1930* 4 Nov. p. xxxv, The All-Mains set draws its power from the house electrical supply.
- 1941 G. STAPLEDON in H. J. Massingham *Eng. & Farmer* vii. 148 To the holders of these all-grass farms I would address myself.
- 1960 *N.Y. Times* 17 May 75/5 Radio station KFAX went on the air today as an ‘all news’ station..devoting its programing entirely to current events, background material and editorials.
- 1973 C. S. BARNARD & J. S. NIX *Farm Planning & Control* ii. 40 The introduction of a sheep flock on an all-arable farm should..increase the value of those by-products.
- 1983 *Listener* 27 Jan. 5/2 Radio 1 was created as a placebo for those millions of listeners who, by tuning into the pirate stations, were voting in favour of all-pop programming.
- 2008 *Sci. Amer.* (U.K. ed.) Oct. 22/2 Variants of plug-in hybrids and all-battery cars have been promised by major auto producers.
- 2011 *East Bay Express (Calif.)* (Nexis) 18 May The Bay Area is fortunate to have one of the few remaining all-jazz stations in the country at 91.1 FM.

**c.** With nouns in adjectives designating a route, journey, etc., made wholly or exclusively by a particular mode of transport.

**all-rail** *adj.*

- 1860 *Rep. Stock & Bond Holders Sandunsky Dayton & Cincinatti Rail Road Company* 7 The contract for opening the Delaware route, constituting it the all-rail route to and from the East.
- 1879 *Lumberman's Gaz.* 3 Dec. The first all-rail shipment of lumber.
- 1918 E. R. JOHNSON & G. G. HUEBNER *Princ. Ocean Transportation* III. xx. 309 The granting of in-transit privileges on all-rail routes.
- 2001 *Age* (Melbourne) 12 July 9 This was cheaper and quicker than all rail options.

**all-sea** *adj.*

- 1878 J. L. TAIT *Six Months Explor. Texas* 2 Where money is an object and also time, the all sea route will of course be selected.
- 1890 *Rev. of Reviews* Nov. 443/2 Parliament having sanctioned the principle of a cheap ‘all-sea service’ *via* the Straits of Gibraltar, it follows that an ‘all-sea’ letter can only be charged 1½d.

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2001 L. N. SHAFFER in M. Adas *Agric. & Pastoral Societies in Anc. & Classical Hist.* ix. 311 Indian traders and shippers and Malay sailors were also responsible for opening up an all-sea route to China.

**d.** With adjectives derived from the names of countries, states, areas, etc. See also Special uses 3b.

**(a)** With the sense 'consisting entirely of persons or things from one area or country; done or made by, or belonging to, one particular area or country'. Cf. ALL-AMERICAN *adj.* 3.

1881 *Deb. Senate (Canada)* 8 Feb. 229/1 The abandonment of the all-Canadian route.

1937 G. FRANKAU *More of Us* xii. 125 Was this The ruleress of the waves, R.N., all-British, Who stopped to plant the Cytherean Kiss?

1960 *Farmer & Stockbreeder* 8 Mar. 47 (*adv.*) These quality built all-British harvesting machines.

1990 *Sci. Amer.* Jan. (Italy Suppl.) 25/1 Its best known product is Adriamycin (Doxorubicin), an all-Italian discovery that today is the most widely sold drug for cancer chemotherapy throughout the world.

**(b)** With the sense 'idealistically or quintessentially characteristic of a specified country, place, etc.'.

Recorded earliest in, and subsequent use usually modelled on, ALL-AMERICAN *adj.* 4.

1919 *Packages* Jan. 60/3 Miss Kenyon has painted what many of her admirers will say is her masterpiece. In its appealing ideality she has typified the all-American girl.

1972 *Bulletin (Sydney)* 22 July 54/1 The traditional, standard all-Australian hotel whose primary function has been to serve beer.

2007 D. PORTER & D. PRINCE *Caribbean for Dummies* (ed. 4) xiii. 323 A mixture of an English pub and an all-Jamaican jerk pork pit.

2009 T. F. PAWLICK *War in Country* 32 There was the all-Canadian game of hockey.

**e.**

**(a)** With adjectives denoting an aspect of the identity of a person or thing, with the sense 'consisting or composed entirely of or intended exclusively for persons or things of the type specified', as **all-Catholic**, **all-gay**, **all-Whig**, etc. Cf. ALL-COLOURED *adj.* 2, ALL-WHITE *adj.* 2, *all-red adj.* at Compounds 4.

1898 J. R. JOY *Twenty Cent. Eng. Hist.* xiv. 271 In 1693 he made up an all-Whig cabinet.

1938 *Life* 7 Feb. 17/3 (*caption*) *Spirit of Youth* was the first all-Negro movie ever shown in Washington.

1941 *Christian Cent.* 19 Nov. 1430/1 A pastoral letter..urging the election of an all-Catholic school board in Cleveland.

1963 *Realist* Sept. 16/2 But would it be possible to have an all-gay staff? I mean are there gay janitors, for example?

1979 *Feminist Rev.* 2 41 An all-woman show would invite speculations as to gender-determined characteristics shared by the women exhibitors.

1991 *ABA Jrnl.* May 76/1 An all-conservative panel might well not even perceive the merit in the claims of

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the poor and the weak.

2006 R. J. DONIA *Sarajevo* ii. 41 The People's Assembly met for the first time on June 5. Originally it was an all-Muslim body.

**(b)****all-female** *adj.*

1885 W. G. RITCH *Illustr. New Mexico* (ed. 5) 57, I have seen..nothing attempting to set forth the *difference* in profits between starting with an all female herd or with a mixed lot of cattle.

1976 *National Observer* (U.S.) 21 Feb. 4/2 Complaints about the all-female shoeshine parlors in Salt Lake City may diminish.

1991 *Daily Tel.* 5 Jan. 15/5 It already has the world's first exclusively non-white, all female, non-smoking, homosexual power structure.

2010 *Vanity Fair* (N.Y.) Mar. 52/1 Walt Disney hired an all-female battalion of white-gloved inkers and painters.

**all-Jewish** *adj.*

1906 *Outlook* 8 Dec. 893/2 The All-Jewish Labour League..is indeed a formidable organization.

1917 *Reform Advocate* 17 Nov. 358/3 It requires some courage to undertake to manage an all-Jewish Regiment.

1949 *Billboard* 5 Feb. 44/3 Davis is operating now with an all-Jewish show policy.

2004 *Jewish Chron.* 26 Mar. 43/1 I've been lucky enough to be part of an all-Jewish all-women's discussion group for about 12 years now.

**all-male** *adj.*

1885 J. C. RIDPATH *Cycl. Universal Hist.* II. VI. 518/2 The claims..were united by this marriage with the claims of the fifth son through an all-male line.

1959 H. GARDNER *So what else is New?* 130 [She] looked so hurt in her skin-tight dress the all-male jury awarded her \$5,500.

1988 P. MANUEL *Pop. Musics Non-Western World* (1990) iii. 109 A night-long competition with other groups in the all-male hostels.

2005 *Daily Tel.* 21 Oct. 3/6 It is an all-male world, by ancient tradition.

**C3. Objective compounds of the pronoun.**

Adjectival compounds of this type, typically formed with present participles, are common, but overlap with and are not clearly distinguishable from compounds formed using the adverb: see Compounds 1b.

**a.** With nouns, with the sense 'of all, universal', as ***all-monarch***, ***all-parent***, ***all-soul***, etc. Cf. ALL-FATHER *n.* See also sense A. 5.

1605 J. SYLVESTER tr. G. de S. Du Bartas *Deuine Weekes & Wks.* i. iii. 76 Th' All-Monarch's bounteous Maiestie.

1822 T. TAYLOR tr. Apuleius *Metamorphosis* 184 The all-powerful and all-parent Syrian goddess.

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- 1879 W. D. WHITNEY *Sanskrit Gram.* Introd. 20 The emancipation of the soul, and its unification with the All-soul.
- 1923 D. A. MACKENZIE *Myths China & Japan* xiii. 243 It likewise brought luck, being an object that radiated the influence of the All-Mother.
- 1988 B. LEWIS *Polit. Lang. Islam* (1991) iii. 46 An Islamic equivalent of the Hellenistic and Hellenistic-Christian idea of the pan-basileus, the 'all-king'.

### **b.** With agent nouns, typically where modelled on adjectives formed with present participles (see Compounds 1b).

Attested earlier (in Old English) with agent nouns in formations other than with -ER suffix<sup>1</sup>, as Old English *eallwealda* the ruler of all, the Almighty, and Old English *eallwealdend* (early Middle English *alwealdend*), in the same sense (see ALL-WIELDING *adj.*).

### † **all-commander** *n.* *Obs.*

- 1600 S. ROWLANDS *Letting of Humors Blood* sig. D, The All-commaunder saith, Thou shalt not lie.
- 1621 R. BURTON *Anat. Melancholy* III. II. I. i. 535 That mischieuous all commander of the earth.
- 1880 P. GREG *Across Zodiac* II. xxviii. 232 What is youth or sex or beauty in the All-Commander's sight?

### **all-creator** *n.*

- 1605 J. SYLVESTER tr. G. de S. Du Bartas *Deuine Weekes & Wks.* II. i. 378 The Arches starrie seeld, Where th' All-Creator hath disposed well The Sunne and Moone.
- 1707 J. DUNTON *Athenian Sport* lxxvii. 355 To the making of this All-Theater, Nothing but Nothing had the All-Creator.
- 2011 B. LITFIN *Gift* II. vii. 178, I knew Deu is the All-Creator and that he has high demands for his followers.

### **all-destroyer** *n.*

- 1739 'R. BULL' tr. F. Dedekind *Grobianus* II. v. 135 With Pranks like these they pass away their Prime, And thus destroy that All-destroyer Time.
- 1832 T. CARLYLE *Misc. Ess.* (1847) III. 19 The all-destroyer Time.
- 1890 W. JAMES *Princ. Psychol.* I. x. 362 These declarations on Kant's part of the utter barrenness of the consciousness of the pure self, and of the consequent impossibility of any deductive or 'rational' psychology, are what, more than anything else, earned for him the title of the 'all-destroyer'.
- 2011 P. BEITCHMAN *Theatre of Naturalism* vii. 47 The worst fears and prophecies of the (early) Marx about 'the world turned upside down' of money, the all destroyer, all-leveller.

### **all-disposer** *n.*

- 1618 S. DANIEL *Coll. Hist. Eng.* 126 Louys..was more likely to haue established himselfe, and made a Conquest of this Kingdome..had not the All-disposer otherwise diuerted it.
- 1791 *Conjuror's Mag.* Nov. 121/2 It was the will of the all disposer of things to set the sympathetic property aside for that time.
- 1870 W. C. BRYANT tr. Homer *Iliad* II. XIII. 13 Saturn's son, The all-disposer.
- 1985 J. MILLER *Vision of Cosmic Order in Vedas* v. 105 The all-disposer of justice to whom the sinner turns

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in repentance.

**all-encompasser** *n.* *rare*

- 1870 H. MACMILLAN *Bible Teachings* i. 26 The invisible shrine of the All-encompasser,—the All-sustainer.  
 1990 L. DOBREZ *Parnassus Mad Ward* iii. 79 The poetic all-encompasser.

**all-giver** *n.*

- 1603 J. DAVIES *Microcosmos* 99 Thus Ioy, and Hope, were by th'all Giver giv'n As sweete Conductors to his sweetest Sweete.  
 1637 MILTON *Comus* 25 Th'all-giver would be unthank't, would be unprais'd.  
 a1770 C. TALBOT *Essays* (1772) I. 144 It teaches us to look upon our Friends, as Blessings indulged to us, by the All-Giver.  
 1850 E. B. BROWNING tr. Æschylus *Prometheus Bound* (rev. ed.) in *Poems* (new ed.) I. 163 Zeus, the all-giver.  
 2008 W. SHULLENBERGER *Lady in Labyrinth* v. 182 The sexual destiny preferred and proffered by the All-Giver of the Reformation is chaste companionate marriage.

**all-knower** *n.*

- 1614 J. SYLVESTER tr. G. de S. Du Bartas *Little Bartas* in tr. J. Bertaut *Parl. Vertues Royal* 227 O! Thou All-knower! Nothing more hath thrust Proud Man from Thee, then This Ambitious lust.  
 1825 C. LAMB in E. V. Lucas *Bernard Barton* (1893) vi. 100 The All-knower..knows before what we will do.  
 1902 W. JAMES *Varieties Relig. Experience* vi. 138 Only by an All-knower can we finally be judged.  
 2010 *Ebony* Feb. 65/2 There are many names for Allah. They include All-Merciful, the Almighty, Jehovah, Alloheim, All-Knower and the Provider.

**all-maker** *n.*

- 1609 T. DEKKER *Foure Birds Noahs Arke* 1, O God all-maker, keeper, & guider; Inurement of thy rare-seen, vnused, and seld-heard-of goodnesse..breeds now this boldnesse.  
 1613 R. ZOUCHE *Dove* sig. B, To this All-makers prayses sing.  
 2010 M. E. SNODGRASS *Encycl. Lit. Empire* 52/1 The narrative [sc. the Rig Veda] legitimizes numerous myths of creation, including a cosmic conflict and a divine separation of earth from heaven by the All-Maker.

**all-seer** *n.*

- 1597 SHAKESPEARE *Richard III* v. i. 20 That high al-seer, that I dallied with.  
 1775 MRS. THRALE *Jrnl.* 6 Nov. in H. Guppy & M. Tyson *French Jrnls. Mrs. Thrale & Dr. Johnson* (1932) 157 A Sin against the Allseer who knows our Hearts ought to be avoided.

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1997 *Record* (Bergen County, New Jersey) (Nexis) 12 Dec. L9 Even people as saturated with wisdom as the all-seers at the Fed have to admit when they are wrong.

## **all-sustainer** *n.*

1823 F. L. GOWER tr. Goethe *Faust* 205 The All-creator, The All-sustainer, Does he not uphold Thyself, and me, and all?

1870 H. MACMILLAN *Bible Teachings* i. 26 The invisible shrine of the All-encompasser,—the All-sustainer.

2002 J. CASHFORD *Moon* vi. 145 After 700 years she [sc. the Mother Goddess in the Kalevala] still cannot give birth and she calls to Ukko, the All-Sustainer, to help her.

**c.** With verbs (compare parallel formations with the verb as the first element and *all* as the second). See also ALLHEAL *n.*

**all-cure** *n.* a remedy which cures all ailments; a panacea; freq. *attrib.*; cf.

CURE-ALL *n.* a.

1867 'T. LACKLAND' *Homespun* 105 For childish low spirits or moodiness she was an all-cure.

1909 *Weston Gaz.* 19 Feb. 2/3 The bare effrontery of the all-cure patented quack medicine.

2004 Z. FABRIS *Last Diary Session* 35 Chow garlic, it's the all cure all fix remedy even on rainy days.

† **all-hold** *n.* *Obs.* that which holds everything or everyone; cf. much later

HOLD-ALL *n.*

1493 *Dives & Pauper* (Pynson) I. xxxiv. sig. eii/2, Setting of mete or drynk by nighte on the benche, to fede Al holde, or gobelyn.

1887 J. V. BLAKE *Poems* 44 Heart, O heart! Thou wilt part From the All-hold on thee, and lose thy way, Never, never.

## **C4.**

**all-acoustic** *adj.* entirely acoustic; *spec.* designating a musical group, performance, or recording that uses only acoustic instruments instead of electric ones; cf. UNPLUGGED *adj.* 2b.

1947 H. F. OLSON *Elements of Acoustical Engin.* (ed. 2) xii. 497 The results of the all-acoustic frequency range preference are at variance with similar tests employing reproduced sound as described.

1969 *Chicago Tribune* 9 July II. 22/7 The Pentangle, an all-acoustic folk-revival quintet from England.

2011 T. HARRISON *Music of 1980s* ii. 50 Tesla was the first rock group to release an all-acoustic album, titled *Five Man Acoustical Jam*, a few years before any alternative artist did an unplugged album.

**all-action** *adj.* (of a narrative, production, etc.) full of action, energy, or exciting events.

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- 1906 *Publishers' Weekly* 26 May 1443 (*advt.*) An all action sea tale of the first-class.
- 1989 *Q* Dec. 165/3 Jerry Lee's all-action show was a consistent money-spinner.
- 2005 *Guardian* 10 Sept. (Guide) 81/3 This all-action four-part drama series concerning London's Helicopter Emergency Medical Service..takes to the skies.

† **all-armed** *adj. literary Obs.* fully equipped and ready for battle; fully armed; cf. ALARMED *adj.*<sup>1</sup> 1.

- 1630 M. DRAYTON *David & Goliath* in *Muses Elizium* 204 How this vnarmed Youth himselfe would beare Against th' all-armed Giant (which they feare).
- 1842 TENNYSON *Sir Galahad* vii, in *Poems* (new ed.) II. 178 All-arm'd I ride, whate'er betide, Until I find the holy Grail.
- 1889 W. MORRIS *Tale House of Wolfings* xxx. 191 Through it came all-armed warriors bearing another bier.

**all-big-gun** *adj. Navy now hist.* (of a battleship) having a main armament consisting entirely of big guns of one calibre; cf. DREADNOUGHT *n.* 1b.

- 1906 *Daily Chron.* 15 Oct. 5/5 The all-big-gun battleship was first conceived in Italy, and both the United States and Japan designed such vessels before we did.
- 1947 *Life* 17 Nov. 87/2 (*caption*) This 17,900-ton watchdog for Britain's wide-flung empire [*sc.* the 'Dreadnought'] was the first all big-gun battleship. She had 10 12-inchers.
- 1995 J. GOLDRICK in J. R. Hill *Oxf. Hist. Royal Navy* x. 283 Fisher took the fast armoured cruiser a step further when he conceived the idea of marrying to it an all-big-gun armament.

**all-boys** *adj.* (also **all-boy**, **all-boys'**) (esp. of a school) attended by or consisting of only boys.

- 1910 G. C. STRACHAN *Equal Pay for Equal Work* iii. 53 It is true that it has not appointed a woman as principal of an all-boys' school.
- 1971 *Jet* 24 June 18 (*caption*) Teaching her general science class in the all-boy Hamilton Technical School in Victoria, Australia.
- 2012 *Newmarket Jrnl.* (Nexis) 10 May Playing against all-boys teams, they lost to the North and Eastern, but caused a shock when Ford's equaliser shared the spoils with the South.

**all-cargo** that carries only cargo and no passengers; of or relating to such transport; cf. ALL-FREIGHT *adj.*

- 1942 *Washington Post* 1 Nov. III. 7/4 The outlook for the all-cargo plane program improved.
- 1961 *Aeroplane* **100** 761/2 Since the passenger carriers..'top-off' with cargo, it..seems fair and reasonable to permit the all-cargo carriers to carry cargo and to 'top-off' with passengers.
- 1994 *Flight Internat.* (Nexis) 16 Nov. The two airlines appear to have co-ordinated the hand-over of

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all-cargo routes from Ladeco.

2003 *Airline Business* (Nexis) 1 July 86 The parcel companies demonstrated that a massive all-cargo operation could be profitable.

**all-digital** *adj.* using or composed of only digital technology, systems, graphics, etc.

1954 *Automatic Control* Oct. 30/1 Electronic Counter... Frequency division is all-digital, using 11 special plug-in decade scalars. No frequency adjustments required.

1994 *InfoWorld* 28 Nov. 32/2 Video-production software with all-digital editing for Windows.

2012 S. PRINCE *Digital Visual Effects in Cinema* iii. 115 A subsequent transformation scene in the film..is all-digital, executed without prosthetic makeup.

**all-electric** *adj.* using only electric power.

1903 *Galveston (Texas) Daily News* 29 Nov. 5/4 It is to be an all-electric plant.

1924 S. R. ROGET *Dict. Electr. Terms* 4/2 All-electric Signalling, automatic or other railway signalling in which the signals are actuated as well as controlled electrically.

1960 W. H. AUDEN *Homage to Clio* 25 This all-electric room Where ghosts would feel uneasy.

2010 *New Yorker* 22 Mar. 52/3 In 2011, Ford plans to sell an all-electric version of the Focus.

**all-electronic** *adj.* using or composed of only electronic devices, components, or communication.

1938 *Times* 7 June 20/2 The American engineers, like their English colleagues, have discarded the older mechanical television systems and use what may be called an all-electronic system.

1949 *Radio Corp. Amer. Rev.* **10** 523 The all-electronic color television system described is a fully compatible system.

1990 *FineScale Modeler* Feb. 13/2 The cockpit represents the all-electronic look of the original.

2003 *Philadelphia Inquirer* 30 May C 8/2 The International Securities Exchange, an all-electronic trading system.

**all-expense** *adj.* (of a holiday or trip) (a) *U.S.* that has a fixed single charge which covers all costs (*rare*); (b) that has all the expenses covered by a donor, a company or organization, etc.; = *all-expenses-paid adj.*

1904 *Post-Standard* (Syracuse, N.Y.) 4 Apr. 8/2 A personally conducted all-expense tour taking in Albuquerque, Grand Canyon..and Denver.

1930 *Science* 19 Sept. 290/2 There will be a nine-day, all-expense tour to Mexico..for association members and their families.

1952 *N.Y. Herald Tribune* 14 Apr. 6 (*adv.*) Unique, new, all-expense fishing 'package' trips.

1977 *Newsweek* (Nexis) 31 Jan. 54, I resent the innuendo that it is improper to go to Taiwan.., but that it is perfectly all right to go on an all-expense trip to the People's Republic of China.

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2000 *Bath Chron.* (Electronic ed.) 24 Oct. The winner will receive an all expense trip to London.

**all-expense-paid** *adj.* (orig. and chiefly *U.S.*) = *all-expenses-paid adj.*

1913 *Atlanta Constit.* 28 Jan. 10/3 All expense paid trip of six days.

1976 *New Yorker* 5 Jan. 20/3 The winner of a Hudson Valley Railroad society fund-raising raffle..won an all-expense-paid Amtrak trip to Montreal.

2000 *Arizona Republic* (Electronic ed.) 20 Dec. Regional winners are eligible to compete for the national award, which is \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to the awards ceremony.

**all-expenses** *adj.* (of a holiday or trip) that has all the expenses covered;  
= *all-expenses-paid adj.*

1935 *Salt Lake Tribune* 5 Jan. 25/8 All expenses tour March 20 to June 1.

1988 S. GRAY *Time of our Darkness* xv. 223 Convent girls..entered the Listermint Sloosh Competition for an all-expenses holiday for two in Gay Paree.

2000 *Evening Times* (Glasgow) (Electronic ed.) 2 Sept. She won an all expenses trip to Disneyworld.

**all-expenses-paid** *adj.* (of a holiday or trip) that has all the expenses paid by the donor, a company or organization, etc.; *esp.* provided completely free as a gift or competition prize; (also used adverbially) with all the costs covered.

1907 *Sunset Mag.* Nov. 3/2 The San Francisco school officials were summoned to Washington and had a pleasant visit of the all-expenses-paid variety.

1939 *Public Opinion Q.* 3 701/1 The usual prize..is an all-expenses-paid trip to the World's Fair.

1968 *Guardian* 15 June 8/2 Would he like to go to London, all expenses paid?..Of course he would.

1976 *N.Y. Times* 29 Feb. v. 4/3 The grand prize..was a one-week, all-expenses-paid trip to the Soviet Union.

2006 *Chess* Dec. 13/1 The Appeals Committee... has been a junket for FIDE Officials for years and comes with a nice stipend and all expenses paid.

**all-fair** *adj.* (and *n.*) surpassingly or sublimely beautiful; (also occas. as *n.*) that which is surpassingly or sublimely beautiful.

1592 W. WYRLEY *Capitall de Buz in True Vse Armorie* 123 The four and twentieth day In pleasants month of all faire Vernas pride, To Chocherell ward we light into the way.

1781 C. LOFFT *Eudisia* v. 113 The order, the all fair design, Which guards our Earth and her companion spheres.

1847 R. W. EMERSON *Poems* 15 This monument of my despair Build I to the All-Good, All-Fair.

1851 T. A. BUCKLEY tr. Homer *Iliad* v. 91 His step-mother, all-fair Eëribæa.

1997 J. SAWARD *Beauty of Holiness & Holiness of Beauty* i. 54 The Father sent His eternal Son, His radiant Image to take flesh from the all-fair Virgin of Nazareth.

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**all-fire** *adj.* †(a) *poet.* fiery (*obs.*); (b) *Metall.* designating a form of fire assay for gold in which scorification is repeated a number of times (now *hist.*).

- 1876 G. M. HOPKINS *Wreck of Deutschland* xxiii, in *Poems* (1967) 59 To bathe in his fall-gold mercies, to breathe in his all-fire glances.
- 1895 *Chem. News & Jrnl. Industr. Sci.* 16 Aug. 76/1 The rest of the process is conducted as for gold. In the West, the 'all-fire' method of assay is employed almost exclusively.
- 1919 *Engin. & Mining Jrnl.* 22 Feb. 359/1 Much difficulty was formerly encountered in obtaining concordant results for silver and gold in the assay of the same sample of copper-anode residues by the all-fire method.

**all-girl** *adj.* (also **all-girls**, **all-girls'**) (esp. of a school or pop group) attended by or consisting of only girls or (young) women.

- 1886 *N.Y. Tribune* 29 Aug. 12/1 The young lady guests have been trying to induce her to play tennis, promising her an 'all girls game' if she would do so.
- 1910 G. C. STRACHAN *Equal Pay for Equal Work* 231 A principal or an assistant to principal of an all girls' school.
- 1970 *Billboard* 8 Aug. 22/3 The Sek's Generation, an all-girl group, signed with Goliath Records.
- 2012 *Frederick (Maryland) News-Post* (Nexis) 30 Mar. Scott also serves as president of an all-girl high school organization called Women Excelling Beyond.

**all-gone** *adj.* *N. Amer. colloq.* used to describe a sudden feeling of queasiness or weakness (cf. **ALL IN** *adv.* 1b).

- 1848 *Daily Sentinel & Gaz.* (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) 31 Mar. (*adv.*) A sinking or all-gone feeling at the stomach.
- 1922 *Leatherneck* 4 Nov. 3/2 When Marabelle smiled it gave a lot of guys that 'all gone' feeling that no bottle of Hood's Sarsparilla could cure.
- 2006 K. MCLAREN *Race for Real Sailors* v. 79 Observers aboard the steamer *Lady Laurier* felt the Nova Scotian had been caught napping and began to experience that unpleasant 'all gone' sensation.

† **all-heart** *n.* *Obs.* the elm tree.

- 1567 J. MAPLET *Greene Forest* f. 41<sup>v</sup>, The Elme..is called of some All heart.
- 1688 R. HOLME *Acad. Armory* II. 52/1 The Elme Tree is of some called All-Heart.

**all-independent** *adj.* (a) fully or wholly independent; (b) designating a type of vehicle suspension in which each wheel is supported independently; cf. *independent suspension* at **INDEPENDENT** *adj.* 3b.

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- 1845 J. SHAKESPEAR *Introd. Hindustani Lang.* 532 May the all-independent creator increase his life.
- 1936 *Observer* 5 Apr. 26/4 The most interesting part of the chassis is the all-independent suspension.
- 2008 G. ROBSON *Inside BMW Factories* vii. 80/2 Suspension would be all-independent (with that characteristic semi-trailing layout at the rear).
- 2009 E. WALTON in J. A. Conger *Boardroom Realities* xii. 360 It is unclear..whether an all-independent director board does a better job on corporate governance or overall firm performance.

**all-instrumental** *adj.* (of music) composed for or performed on one or more instruments, with no vocal element.

- 1928 *Oakland (Calif.) Tribune* 4 Mar. 6 s/2 Tonight's dinner concert by the trio, which is to be an all-instrumental program.
- 1976 *Jrnl. Amer. Folklore* **89** 509 We are fortunate to have an all-instrumental album by fiddler Lyman Enloe, ably accompanied by the Bluegrass Association.
- 2012 A. S. BERISH *Lonesome Roads & Streets of Dreams* ii. 91 The Barnet band recorded an all-instrumental version of Osborne and Rodgers's 'Pompton Turnpike'.

**all-just** *adj.* (and *n.*) (esp. as an attribute of God) completely and incorruptibly just; (also occas. as *n.*) God, as characterized by this attribute.

- 1594 T. BOWES tr. P. de la Primaudaye *French Acad.* II. 574 He must bee all-good, al-iust, and almighty.
- a1634 R. CHAPMAN *Hallelu-jah* (1635) 167 See the all-just God, justly punishing Vladislaus a Christian King of Poland and Hungarie.
- 1796 R. SOUTHEY *Joan of Arc* VI. 68 For Heaven all-just Hath seen our sufferings and decreed their end.
- 1843 D. SHEA & A. TROYER tr. *Dabistan* III. ix. 37 Zeal, love, and knowledge of the All-Just.
- 1993 B. WILLIAMS in D. Statman *Moral Luck* ix. 254 She says that even an atheist who does not believe in an all-just, omniscient, judge 'can ask what such a judge would do'.

**all-league** *adj.* *Sport* (orig. and chiefly *N. Amer.*) designating a team consisting of the players considered to be the best in their positions in a particular league; (also) designating a player selected for such a team; cf. **ALL-STAR** *adj.* 2, *all-Pro* *adj.* and *n.*

- 1898 *San Francisco Chron.* 12 Nov. 7/5 Plans are already being talked of for forming an all-league baseball team, which is to contain the pick of the league's best players.
- 1953 *Jet* 12 Mar. 52 Young Franklin was also named to the all-league team selected to play as the Colorado Springs Sky Hawks in the national peewee hockey tournament at St. Paul, Minn.
- 2004 R. TIMBERG *State of Grace* vi. 52 In 1959 he led the Chiefs to the Pop Warner Junior League championship game and was named All-League quarterback.

**all-mine** *adj.* now *hist.* (of pig iron) smelted from ore only, with no admixture of foundry waste or scrap.

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- 1852 *Liverpool Mercury* 22 Oct. 4/6 Hot-blast pigs, all mine, sold at £4.
- 1884 W. H. GREENWOOD *Steel & Iron* iv. 56 Cinder-pig in contradistinction to all mine pig—i.e., pig smelted entirely from ore or mine.
- 1907 A. MCWILLIAM & P. LONGMUIR *Gen. Foundry Pract.* xxvi. 217 The phosphorus in Staffordshire All Mine pig (that is all ore, no admixture of puddler's cinder in the iron producing part of the burden) is about 0.6 per cent.
- 1996 R. B. GORDON *Amer. Iron 1607–1900* vi. 170 British engineers, suspicious of cinder iron, began to specify all-mine iron when they wanted a quality product.

**all-movable** *adj.* *Aeronaut.* = *all-moving* *adj.*

- 1943 *Wartime Rep. No. 496* (National Advisory Committee Aeronaut.) 1 An all-moveable tail surface of the type used on gliders..permits a close degree of balance.
- 1974 H. ASHLEY *Engin. Anal. Flight Vehicles* i. 4 At high speeds, rolling moment may be exerted simply by differential rotation of two all-movable stabilizers.
- 2007 A. F. MOLLAND & S. R. TURNOCK *Marine Rudders & Control Surfaces* ii. 17 Aerofoil sections tend to be used for hydroplanes which will be all-movable or with a fixed skeg of 20–30° of chord.

**all-moving** *adj.* *Aeronaut.* designating a control surface of an aircraft which is moved as a single structure (such as a fin or a rudder).

- 1950 *Brit. Patent 639,596* 1/2 The disadvantageous conditions at low speed have been found to disappear when the conventional type of flapped control surface towards the wing tip is replaced by the all-moving wing tip.
- 1983 *Aviation Week & Space Technol.* 6 June 16 ACX has a cranked delta wing and is fitted with an all-moving canard mounted forward of and above the wing.
- 2001 *RCM & E* (Radio Control Models & Electronics) Mar. 77/1 The all-moving rudder..uses strip hinges for security.

**all-natural** *adj.* wholly natural; *spec.* (of food) containing no artificial colourings, flavourings, or preservatives.

- 1843 *Brit. Mag.* Aug. 152 To destroy, as far as may be, the all-natural tradition.
- 1942 *Billboard* 4 Apr. 70/2 It's a hard choice for companies which pride themselves on the all-natural contents of their products.
- 2004 *Canad. Living* Oct. 26/2 Visitors will remember the dazzling tastes: Scoops of all-natural Slickers Ice Cream in vibrant local flavours, sparkling cider, lamb sausage, poutine, squeaky Cheddar curds.

**all-new** *adj.* completely new; (in later use) having or comprising entirely new features, attributes, or elements; *esp.* designating an innovative product, or an updated version of an existing one.

- OE ÆLFRIC *Old Test. Summary: Judges* (Laud) xvi. 11 in S. J. Crawford *Old Eng. Version of Heptateuch*

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- (1922) 413 He wearð eft gebunden mid eallniwum rapum & he þa tobræc swa swa þa oðre.
- 10E *Recipe* (Faust. A.x) in T. O. Cockayne *Leechdoms, Wortcunning, & Starcraft* (1866) III. 292 Eallniwne croccan, sy asett on eorþan oþ brerd, & þas wyrta sy..gedon innan þam croccan.
- [a1300 ( ▶ a1250) *Physiologus* (1991) l. 50 He..Falleð in ðat welle grund, Ðer he wurðeð [*MS* wurdeð] heil & sund & cumeð ut al newe.
- c1400 ( ▶ ?a1300) *Kyng Alisaunder* (Laud) l. 7164 Þere was ostel lyuerynge, Of al newe byggeynge.]
- a1732 T. BOSTON *View Cou. Grace* (1734) 186 The Man is not only a spiritually living Creature, but an all-new Creature, sanctified wholly..after the Image of God.
- 1873 *Folio* Mar. 69/1 Every few days they promise an 'all new' programme, and the public gets it, and the management gets a full house.
- 1919 *Monotype* Apr. 60/1 The all-new type forms require from 25 to 50 per cent less make-ready.
- 1960 *Farmer & Stockbreeder* 15 Mar. 103 This all-new British-built baler offers performance and reliability unmatched by any machine in its class.
- 1992 J. STERN & M. STERN *Encycl. Pop Culture* 361/1 He hired an all-new staff.
- 2010 *N.Y. Times Mag.* 10 Oct. 5 (*adv.*) We gave the all-new Regal an interior full of advanced technology... including a 6-speed automatic transmission.

**all-organic** *adj.* entirely organic; *spec.* (of a method of farming or gardening) using no chemical fertilizers, pesticides, etc.; = ORGANIC *adj.* 8b.

- 1917 *Covina* (Calif.) *Argus* 16 Feb. (*adv.*) Not only can you get the units of plant food required at very low prices but they come in an all organic and vegetable product, having a permanently good upbuilding effect on your land.
- 1962 *New Scientist* 15 Nov. 402/1 Dr Hopkins describes the all-organic method [of farming] being investigated at Haughley as cumbersome and costly.
- 1995 M. SCHWARTZ *Brazing* vi. 317 After the acid treatment, the aluminium is rinsed in distilled water. It is then immersed in an all-organic solvent miscible with water, such as acetone, to remove all water from the surfaces.
- 2012 E. L. MYERS *North Carolina Craft Beer & Breweries* 94 His farm is all-organic, which poses its own problems. Hops are susceptible to common garden pests and mildew.

**all-perfect** *adj.* (and *n.*) (esp. as an attribute of God) completely and flawlessly perfect; (also as *n.*) God, as characterized by this attribute (now *rare*).

- a1618 J. SYLVESTER tr. G. de S. Du Bartas *Bethulians Rescue* III. 134 in *All Small Workes* (1620) Strive not with th'All-Perfect; but depend On God alone.
- a1618 J. SYLVESTER tr. *Iob Triumphant* IV. 97 in *All Small Workes* (1620) Wondrous works of the All-perfect Knower.
- 1768 A. TUCKER *Light of Nature Pursued* II. III. 30 We judge of the All-perfect by ourselves.
- 1839 H. HALLAM *Introd. Lit. Europe* IV. iii. 229 The soul is united to an all-perfect Being.
- 1869 L. M. ALCOTT *Little Women* II. xi. 157 She took to writing sensation stories—for..even all-perfect America read rubbish.
- 1999 M. D. WILSON *Ideas & Mechanism* xxvii. 412 Leibniz holds..that there can be no contradiction in the

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notion of an all-perfect being.

**all-Pro** *adj.* and *n.* *Amer. Football* (*a*) *adj.* designating, relating to, or consisting of the professional players considered to be the best in their positions, usually as determined by a vote of sportswriters, esp. designating a (notional) team made of up such players; (*b*) *n.* an all-Pro player.

- 1922 *Washington Post* 12 Oct. 12/6 Copley, captain and tackle, named on both the 1920 and 1921 all-pro elevens.
- 1968 J. KRAMER & D. SCHAAP *Instant Replay* iii. 30 Some of our all-Pros last year look like hell.
- 1976 D. KLEIN *Game of their Lives* 38, I never picked myself for the all-Pro team; other people did that.
- 1979 *Internat. Herald Tribune* 29 May 23/2 Dick Vermell, the coach of the Philadelphia Eagles,... is convinced his protege will become an all-pro.
- 1982 *Sports Illustr.* 18 Oct. 45/1 He was in his late 30s then and had been an all-Pro center half a dozen times.
- 2006 *Indianapolis Star* (State ed.) 24 Feb. D2/4 Hutchinson, an All-Pro left guard for Seattle.

**all-rag** *adj.* (of paper, card, etc.) made entirely from rag; cf. RAG *n.*<sup>2</sup> 5.

- 1868 *Rep. Special Commissioner of Revenue in Executive Documents U.S. House of Representatives* (40th Congress, 2nd Sess.) IX. No. 81. 27 Paper. Printing, all rag, per lb.
- 1963 *ALA Bull.* **57** 848/1 The Library of Congress selected an all-rag book paper made by one of the oldest and most respected paper manufacturers in the country.
- 2010 L. RANKIN *Encaustic Art* iii. 70 For best results, use a thicker paper, such as heavy watercolor or printmaking paper or white, all-rag, museum matboard.

**all-red** *adj.* now *hist.* designating a telegraph line, a route of trade or travel, etc., lying entirely within British territory; cf. RED *n.* 1d.

- 1894 *N.Z. Parl. Deb.* **86** 696/1 The 'all-red line' was the line for us.
- 1898 J. G. WARD in *N.Z. Parl. Deb.* **101** 344/2 What further steps have been taken to have an 'all red' cable laid across the Pacific?
- 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 11 Sept. 5/2 An 'all-red line' from Great Britain through Canada to Australia.
- 1985 K. M. WILSON *Policy of Entente* i. 10 An empire..that would break at right-angles the all-red route from the Cape to Cairo.

† **all-sayer** *n.* *Obs. rare* a person who speaks constantly and hypocritically about faith and righteousness; cf. PHARISEE *n.* 2.

- 1624 I. BARGRAVE *Serm. against Selfe Policy* 21 Our Saviour..found some all-sayers and no-doers, so others that would outdoe all faith.

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**all-slimed** *adj.* *Mining* (now *rare*) (of gold ore) pulverized and converted to mud (cf. SLIME *n.* 4a).

- 1908 R. S. G. STOKES *Mines & Minerals Brit. Empire* xviii. 175 The finally reduced or 'all-slimed' pulp (90 to 95 per cent. of which is minus 150 mesh) passes to the settlers and then to the agitation vats.
- 1934 *Brit. S. Afr. Ann. 1934-35* 103/2 Two or three-stage grinding..reduces all the ore to an all-slimed product.

**all-sliming** *n.* *Mining* (chiefly *attrib.*) (in gold extraction) the process of pulverizing the ore entirely and converting it to mud (cf. SLIMING *n.* 2).

- 1905 *Mining Mag.* **12** 175/1 Automatic agitation of the whole pulp in cyanide solution, in specially designed plant requiring no inter-pumping, making thereby practically an all-sliming process.
- 1920 A. H. FAY *Gloss. Mining & Mineral Industry* 26/2 All-sliming, crushing all the ore in a mill to so fine a state of subdivision that only a small percentage will fail to pass through a 200-mesh screen.
- 1955 *Times* 20 May 19/1 The reduction plant has been converted to operate on an all-sliming basis, and it is expected that this modification will result in small improvements in reduction costs and gold residue values.
- 2006 J. O. MARSDEN & C. I. HOUSE *Chem. Gold Extraction* (ed. 2) i. 9 By 1946, 53 large plants were operating on the Witwatersrand, of which 29 practiced all-sliming and 24 operated sand and slime plants.

**all-state** *adj.* *U.S. Sport* selected (usually by nomination or vote) to represent one's state in a match or competition; cf. ALL-STAR *adj.* 2, ALL-AMERICAN *adj.* 1.

- 1901 *Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Sunday Republican* 8 Dec. 1/1 The Iowan also pick an all-state team.
- 1943 H. W. MALLOCH *Fellows All* 99 Christesen is a University 'blue' and State and all-State champion athlete and footballer.
- 1992 N. RYAN & J. JENKINS *Miracle Man* iv. 55, I always hit third or fourth in the lineup,..but it was my pitching that set me apart. I was 20-4 as a senior and was All-State.
- 2005 M. M. FRISBY *Wifebeater* xv. 95, He was an all-state running back with potential to play Division One ball until he dropped out of school to pursue his music.

**all stater** *n.* *U.S. Sport* (chiefly in *pl.*) a member of an all-state team; an all-state player or sportsperson.

- 1923 *Salt Lake Tribune* 7 Nov. 12/5 (*heading*) Callies to play two tough games..Will meet..All-Staters November 17.
- 1969 *Daily Progress* (Charlottesville, Va.) 6 Aug. A6/1 The former Lane high All-Stater was used as a replacement for either of the Browns' starting offensive guards.
- 1991 *Athlon's Eastern Football Ann.* 158/3 The other all-staters were center Adam Gussen (6-4, 275).., tight end Alcides Catanho (6-5, 210)..and defensive tackle Dave Sanders (6-2, 275).

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2003 *Chicago Tribune* (Midwest ed.) 13 June IV. 13/5 Two-way pitching and position-playing standouts include first-team All-Staters Ryan Campbell..at third base and Brian Shust..in the outfield.

**all-suite** *adj.* orig. *U.S.* (*a*) *adj.* designating a hotel or hotel-style accommodation where, as well as a bedroom and bathroom, a separate living room, cooking facilities, etc., are provided; (*b*) *n.* this type of hotel or accommodation.

1980 *Washington Post* 27 Oct. (Washington Business section) 1/1 Guest Quarters Inc. wants to give its customers all the comforts of home—and more so—at its growing chain of all-suite hotels.

1985 *Forbes* 6 May 83/2 The all-suites devote less space to restaurants and ballrooms.

1990 *Sunday Express Mag.* 7 Jan. 43/2 The all-suite hotel is a good idea—and it's something fairly new in Britain... It provides the service of a four-star hotel.

2011 *Sunday Times* (Nexis) 7 Aug. (Travel section) 23 The five-star, all-suite resort has two golf courses, a new kids' club and a 3,200 sq metre spa.

**all-talk** *adj.* entirely focused on talking; (originally) that discusses rather than acts; (now usually, of a radio station) featuring exclusively programmes based around conversation, interviews, and other spoken material, rather than music.

1863 W. PHILLIPS *Speeches* iii. 50 The all-talk party.

1982 *Economist* 25 Sept. 36 Britain's first all talk station.

1994 *Washington Post Mag.* 3 July 23/1 Americans..spout off on the nation's 900 all-talk radio stations.

**all-through** *adj.* (*a*) designating a journey by train, etc., which is completed without requiring passengers to change transport (cf. THROUGH *adj.* 1b); (*b*) *Brit.*, (of a school) admitting pupils throughout the period of secondary education (typically from the ages of 11 to 18) without the need for a separate sixth-form college or similar institution.

1912 M. C. FRASER *Further Reminisc.* i. 10 After an all-through journey from Rome, our train crawled into the Gare de Lyons.

1965 S. MACLURE *Comprehensive Planning* 5 The article..describes a comprehensive scheme on classic lines—'all through' comprehensive schools taking pupils from the age of 11 to 19.

1973 *Times* 26 Nov. 3/8 In theory the all-through 11 to 18 comprehensive will remain the normal type of school.

2003 T. G. K. BRYCE & W. M. HUMES *Sc. Educ.* (ed. 2) iv. 37 Some 95% of Scottish pupils receive their secondary education in all-through comprehensive schools.

**all-ticket** *adj.* designating or relating to an event (esp. a sporting event) to which admission is only by tickets bought in advance.

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- 1935 *Times* 4 May 5/3 The match..is not an all-ticket affair.
- 1976 *Glasgow Herald* 26 Nov. 28/2 The match has been limited to a 10,000 all-ticket crowd.
- 2001 *Western Daily Press* (Bristol) (Electronic ed.) 27 Mar. The Pirates are reminding fans that next Tuesday's Bristol derby at the Memorial Stadium is all ticket.

**all-volunteer** *adj.* consisting wholly of volunteers; run entirely by volunteers.

- 1922 F. D. WATSON *Charity Organization Movement in U.S.* iii. 90 This swing from an all-volunteer service to a non-volunteer service was fraught with equally serious consequences.
- 1972 *Foreign Affairs* **50** 440 The all-volunteer armed force faces a dilemma in the next steps of its redeployment.
- 2012 J. A. JANCE *Left for Dead* xxxviii. 198 Annie Davis—who was head volunteer in the all-volunteer town library—jumped into the conversation.

**all-welded** *adj.* having all the joins welded (as opposed to riveted or fastened together in some other way).

- 1908 *Iron Trade Rev.* 5 Mar. 474/3 All-welded steel cylinder work will be done.
- 1936 *Economist* 18 Jan. 150/2 The first all-welded spiral guide-frames gasholder to be built in this country is now in course of erection at Newhaven.
- 2004 *Shooting Sports* Oct. 78/3 All are made of 2mm steel plate and have an all-welded construction.

**all-wing** *n.* and *adj.* (*a*) *n.* an aeroplane in which the entire structure forms a single wing (without a fuselage or empennage); (*b*) *adj.* designating such an aeroplane.

The adjectival use is much more common.

- 1919 *Pop. Sci. Monthly* June 78/1 The first airplanes were 'all wings'... Today, the body—the fuselage—is the most essential part of the whole design, since the genius of Nieuport has shown that the time-honored belief that an airplane's wing surface increases only as the square and its weight as the cube of the linear dimensions holds true only for the antiquated 'all-wing' type.
- 1931 *Flight* 25 Sept. 970a/1 The ideal all-wing type of airplane would incorporate only wing formation, utilising all power output for lifting purposes.
- 1949 *Boys' Life* Aug. 5 Sleekest new ship in the air is the test proven Northrop jet-powered all-wing plane.
- 1998 D. FORD *Glen Edwards* 177 The B-2 is an all-wing.
- 2002 M. J. ABZUG & E. E. LARRABEE *Airplane Stability & Control* (ed. 2) xvi. 251 Another NASA design research contract..is for a flying model of a 400-foot-span all-wing supersonic transport.

† **all-written** *adj.* [after post-classical Latin *holographus* HOLOGRAPH *adj.*] *Obs. rare* (of a deed or document) entirely written by the person in whose name it appears; = HOLOGRAPH *adj.*

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eOE *Cleopatra Gloss.* in W. G. Stryker *Lat.-Old Eng. Gloss. in MS Cotton Cleopatra A.III* (Ph.D. diss., Stanford Univ.) (1951) 348 *Olagraphum testamentum est, eallwritene yrfebec.*

**all-you** *n. regional (W. Indian)* (in *sing.* or *pl.*) you, all of you; you and people of your kind; cf. YOU-ALL *pron.*

- 1942 L. BENNETT *Jamaica Dial. Verses* 11 Gwan, all yuh should'n walk a day, You clothes fava black-out.  
 1960 W. HARRIS *Palace of Peacock* iv. 39 They done know all-you rise bodily from the grave.  
 1995 M. COLLINS *Colour of Forgetting* 75 Woy! Mamag good eh! All-you don't hear Mamag quote scripture? She quote the Bible flush, you know! All-you don't hear?  
 2008 *Gleaner (Kingston, Jamaica)* 28 Aug. A4/2 All yuh know fi do is eat.

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