

COMPANIES

rasher (rash'er) *n.* [*< ? obs. rash, to cut < OFr raser: see ras*] thin slice of bacon or, rarely, ham, for frying or broiling
of several such slices

Rasht (räsht, rasht) city in NW Iran: pop. 189,000

Rask (räsk), **Rasmus Christian** (räs'moos kräs'tyän)

Dan. philologist

Ras-mus-sen (räs'moo sen), **Knud Johan Victor** (knoo'd joh-an vik-tor) (knoo'd joh-an vik-tor) (1871-1933; Dan. arctic explorer)

ra-so-ri-al (rə sōr'ē əl) [*< L rasoria: see RASOR*]

rasus (see RAZE) + *-al* [*< L rasus: see RASOR*]

food, as a chicken; *gratin rasus* [*< L rasus: see RASOR*]

rasp (rasp, räsp) *vt.* [*< L raspere: see RASPER*]

scrape together, akin to *rasper* [*< L raspere: see RASPER*]

rub with or as with a rasp [*< L raspere: see RASPER*]

scrape upon; irritate [*< L raspere: see RASPER*]

scrape roughly; grate [*< L raspere: see RASPER*]

type of rough file with rasp [*< L raspere: see RASPER*]

wood [*< L raspere: see RASPER*]

rasp'ingly adv.

rasp-ber-ry (raz'ber'ē, -bər ē) *n., pl. rasp-ber-ries*

raspis, raspberry (prob. same word as *raspis*)

BERRY [*< L raspere: see RASPER*]

(genus *Rubus*) of the rose family, esp. the purple, or black drupelets [*< L raspere: see RASPER*]

any plant bearing rasp-berries [*< L raspere: see RASPER*]

[Slang] *rasp-ber-ry tart, fart* [*< L raspere: see RASPER*]

etc. made by expelling air forcibly between the lips

Ras-pu-tin (ras pyōt'in), **Grigori Yefimovich** (orig. surname *Vilkin*) c. 1871-1929

faith healer

raspy (ras'pē, räs'-) *adj.* rasp'ly-er, rasp'ly-est

easily irritated — rasp'ly-ness *n.*

ras-sle (ras'el) *n., vi., vt. -sled, -sling*

Ras-ta-far-ri-an (ras'tə far'ē ən, räs'tə far'ē ən)

name of HAILE SELASSIE [*< L raspere: see RASPER*]

which holds that Haile Selassie was the incarnation of Jesus

Also called **Ras-ta-far-ri-anism**

ras-ter (ras'tər) *n.* [*< L raspere: see RASPER*]

stock *< rasus*: see RAZOR

lining lines formed on a rat's tail

rat (rat) *n.* [*< ME ratte: see RATT*]

**ratto* *< ? IE base *red-: see RODE*

scrape, *rodere*, to gnaw [*< L raspere: see RASPER*]

various families (esp. *Muridae*)

than, the mouse: rats are *rodentia*

highly contagious diseases, as *typhus*

pad formerly used in certain *rasps*

hair look thicker [*< L raspere: see RASPER*]

an informer; stool pigeon [*< L raspere: see RASPER*]

deserts or betrays a cause — *rat out*

esp. with dogs [*< L raspere: see RASPER*]

etc. as rats are reputed to desert

pigeon; inform (*on*) — *rat vt.* to inform

exclamation of disgust, scorn, disapproval

suspect a trick, plot, etc.

rat-able (rät'ə bəl) *adj.* [*< L raspere: see RASPER*]

figured at a certain rate; proportionate

liable to the payment of taxes (*ratable*)

rat-a-fila (rat'ə fē'ə) *n.* [*< Fr. prob. *ratifila*: see RATAFIA*]

liqueur made from fruit or fruit juice

brandy, and often flavored with almonds

small almond macaroon: in full *ratafia*

rata-plan (rat'ə plan') *n.* [*< Fr. echoic of *rataplan*: see RATAFIA*]

drum, or a sound like this — *vt., vt. -plan'ing* to make such a sound (on)

rat-a-tat (rat'ə tat') *n.* [*< echoic*] a series of sharp, quick rattling sounds

Also **rat'-a-tat'-tat'**

ra-ta-touille (rä'tä twē') *n.* [*< Fr. *ratatouille*: see RATAFIA*]

able + *touiller*, to mix *< L tudiculare*, to stir

for crushing olives, dim. of *tudes*, ham

vegetable stew of eggplant, tomatoes, and basil or other herbs

flavored with garlic

an infectious disease that is transmitted by

n. [*< OFr *ras*: see RAS*]

reckon *< IE *rē-*, var.

the amount, degree, etc.

use (the rate of pay per

proportion **3** a price

quidity, service, etc. [*< L*

to read at a mod-

timepiece with

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vt. rat'ed,

capacity, etc. of; a

o) U.S. Navy

rated among the

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rat'ed, rat'ing [*< L*

utare, to count; *sc-*

(bal) **adj. alt. sp. of**

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akin to Ger *dachs*]

and tropical Africa

EXCHANGE RATE

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to scrape, ult. *< L rasus*: see

ra-tine (ra tēn')

see RATE'] **1 a)**

rank or class

The Year of the Rat

We are at the end of the year of the rat,
And I'm ready to move on – I'm sure of that,
The year of the rat was supposedly about change,
We had no idea it would be so deranged.

With Covid and Trump and Camp Hideaway,
We couldn't do much – there's not much to say,
I for one am not inclined to predestination,
And this zodiac stuff causes me some frustration.

We are now moving on to the year of the ox,
We need a fast start out of the blocks,
The year of the ox is good for hard work,
But that rat's still near – oh what a jerk.

Many types of rats have been reported,
Remember Jack Nicholson in *The Departed*?
"I've got this rat, this gnawing, sneaking rat"
Showing his teeth, his lips pulled back.

And then there's the real thing sneaking around,
Looking for whatever food's to be found,
An urban survivor with smarts and style,
You can be sure that ole rat's got lots of guile.

And then there's the rat at the end of his term,
With one more month to make us all squirm,
He couldn't just sign the bill right away
With him, nothing's simple or done straightaway.

If these zodiac signs actually having any meaning,

Please bring on the ox and remove the feeling
That a rat's got its teeth into my backside,
Nowhere to run, nowhere to hide.

Earth Church is open to influence from the planets,
But all's not set - you have room to expand it,
The rat may have come from the planets and stars,
But my fate is with Earth and not with Mars.

So welcome to Earth Church,
Pull yourself up a pew,
Here we pray that the ox
Will be kind to you.