ether Apresyan (En-Ru) 1. хим. простой эфир ether anaesthesia /narcosis/ - мед. эфирный наркоз ether addict - эфироман 2. разг. эфир, радио overthe ether - по радио ether wave - радиоволна 3. поэт. небо, небесное пространство, высь 4. физ. эфир (гипотетическая среда) Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed. ether *NAmE* ['i□θə]r^{*} noun uncountable ether [ether ethers] BrE ['i 0 0 0] 1. a clear liquid made from alcohol, used in industry as a [†]solvent and, in the past, in medicine to make people unconscious before an operation 2. the ether (old use or literary) the upper part of the sky · Her words disappeared into the ether. 3. the ether the air, when it is thought of as the place in which radio or electronic communication takes place Word Origin: late Middle English: from Old French, or via Latin from Greek aither 'upper air', from the base of aithein 'burn, shine'. Originally the word denoted a substance believed to occupy space beyond the sphere of the moon. Sense 1 arose in the mid 18th cent. Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En) ether e ther /'i □θə\$ -ər/ BrE AmE noun [Date: 1300-1400, Language: Latin; Origin: aether, from Greek aither, from aithein 'to catch fire] 1. [uncountable] a clear liquid used in the past as an ¹anaesthetic to make people sleep before an operation 2. the ether

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- a) the space through which radio waves or computer signals travel:
 - voices coming through the ether
- b) (also aether British English) literary the upper part of the sky

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