

**IRONED**, *pp.* Smoothed with an iron shackle; armed with iron.

**IRONFLINT**, *n.* Ferruginous quartz; a subspecies of quartz, opaque or translucent at the edges, with a fracture more or less conchoidal, shining and nearly vitreous. It is sometimes in very minute and perfect six-sided prisms, terminated at both extremities by six-sided pyramids. It occurs also in masses, and in small grains. Its varieties are red, yellow, and greenish. *Cleveland.*

**IRONHEARTED**, *a.* Hardhearted; unfeeling; cruel.

**IRONMOLD**, *n.* A spot on cloth made by applying rusty iron to the cloth when wet.

**IRONMONGER**, *n.* A dealer in iron wares or hardware.

**IRONSICK**, *a.* In *seamen's language*, a ship is said to be *ironsick*, when her bolts and nails are so much corroded or eaten with rust that she has become leaky. *Encyc.*

**IRONSTONE**, *n.* An ore of iron.

**IRONWOOD**, *n.* The popular name of a genus of trees called *Sideroxylon*, of several species; so called from their hardness.

**IRONWORK**, *n.* A general name of the parts or pieces of a building which consist of iron; any thing made of iron.

**IRONWORKS**, *n. plu.* The works or establishment where pig-iron is wrought into bars, &c.

**IRONWORT**, *n.* A genus of plants called *Sideritis*, of several species.

**IRONICAL**, *a.* [*Fr. ironique. See Irony.*] Expressing one thing and meaning another. An *ironical* expression is often accompanied with a manner of utterance which indicates that the speaker intends to be understood in a sense directly contrary to that which the words convey.

**IRONICALLY**, *adv.* By way of irony; by the use of irony. A commendation may be *ironically* severe.

**IRONIST**, *n.* One who deals in irony. *Pope.*

**IRONY**, *a.* [from *iron*.] Made or consisting of iron; partaking of iron; as *irony chains*; *irony* parables. *Hammond.*

2. Resembling iron; hard.

**IRONY**, *n.* [*Fr. ironie; L. ironia; Gr. ἰρωνία, from ἰρων, a disclaimer in speech.*] A mode of speech expressing a sense contrary to that which the speaker intends to convey; as, Nero was a very virtuous prince; Pope Hildebrand was remarkable for his meekness and humility. When irony is uttered, the dissimulation is generally apparent from the manner of speaking, as by a smile or an arch look, or perhaps by an affected gravity of countenance. Irony in writing may also be detected by the manner of expression.

**IROUS**, *a.* [from *ire*.] Apt to be angry. *Obs. Chaucer.*

**IRRADIANCE**, *n.* [*L. irradians, from irrado, to shine.*] See *Radio*.

**IRRA DIANCE**, *n.* [*L. irradians, from irrado, to shine.*] See *Radio*.

1. Emission of rays of light on an object.

2. Beams of light emitted; luster; splendor. *Milton.*

**IRRA DIATE**, *v. t.* [*L. irrado; in and radio, to shine.*] See *Ray*.

1. To illuminate; to brighten; to make splendid; to adorn with luster. *South.*

2. To enlighten intellectually; to illuminate; as, to *irradiate* the mind. *Milton.*

3. To animate by heat or light. *Hale.*

4. To decorate with shining ornaments. *Pope.*

**IRRA DIATE**, *v. i.* To emit rays; to shine.

**IRRA DIATE**, *a.* Adorned with shining ornaments. *Mason.*

**IRRA DIATED**, *pp.* Illuminated; enlightened; made luminous or bright; decorated with rays of light or with something shining.

**IRRA DIATING**, *pppr.* Illuminating; decorating with beams of light.

**IRRADIATION**, *n.* The act of emitting beams of light.

1. Illumination; brightness. *Hale.*

2. Intellectual light.

3. The act of emitting minute particles or effluvia from some substance. *Encyc.*

**IRRATIONAL**, *a.* [*L. irrationalis; in and ratio, from ratio.*]

1. Not rational; void of reason or understanding. Brutes are *irrational* animals.

2. Not according to the dictates of reason; contrary to reason; absurd. To pursue a course of life which destroys happiness, is *irrational*.

**IRRATIONALITY**, *n.* Want of reason or the powers of understanding.

**IRRATIONALLY**, *adv.* Without reason; in a manner contrary to reason; absurdly.

**IRRECLAIMABLE**, *a.* [*in and reclaimable.*]

1. Not to be reclaimed; that cannot be recalled from error or vice; that cannot be brought to reform. *Addison.*

2. That cannot be tamed.

**IRRECLAIMABLY**, *adv.* So as not to admit of reformation.

**IRRECONCILABLE**, *a.* [*in and reconcilable.*]

1. Not to be recalled to amity, or a state of friendship and kindness; retaining enmity that cannot be appeased or subdued; as an *irreconcilable* enemy or faction.

2. That cannot be appeased or subdued; as *irreconcilable* enmity or hatred.

3. That cannot be made to agree or be consistent; incongruous; incompatible; as *irreconcilable* absurdities. It is followed by *with* or *to*. A man's conduct may be *irreconcilable* to or with his avowed principles.

**IRRECONCILABLENESS**, *n.* The quality of being irreconcilable; incongruity; incompatibility.

**IRRECONCILABLY**, *adv.* In a manner that precludes reconciliation. Men may be *irreconcilably* opposed to each other.

**IRRECONCILE**, *v. t.* To prevent from being reconciled. [*Ill.*] *Ep. Taylor.*

**IRRECONCILED**, *a.* [*in and reconciled.*]

1. Not reconciled.

2. Not atoned for. *Shak.*

**IRRECONCILEMENT**, *n.* Want of reconciliation; disagreement.

**IRRECONCILIATION**, *n.* Want of reconciliation.

**IRRECOVERABLE**, *a.* [*in and recoverable.*]

1. Not to be recovered or repaired; as an *irrecoverable* loss.

2. That cannot be regained. Time past is *irrecoverable*. *Rogers.*

3. That cannot be obtained by demand or suit; as a debt. *Franklin.*

4. Not to be remedied; as *irrecoverable* misery. *Tillotson.*

**IRRECOVERABLENESS**, *n.* The state of being irrecoverable. *Downe.*

**IRRECOVERABLY**, *adv.* Beyond recovery; beyond the possibility of being regained, repaired or remedied. Happiness may be *irrecoverably* lost.

2. Beyond the possibility of being reclaimed. A profligate may be *irrecoverably* abandoned to vice.

**IRRECOVERABLE**, *a.* [*L. in and recupero, to recover.*] Irrecoverable. [*Not used.*]

**IRRECOVERABLY**, *adv.* Irrecoverably. [*Not used.*]

**IRREDEEMABLE**, *a.* [*in and redeemable.*]

1. That cannot be redeemed.

2. Not subject to be paid at the pleasure of government; as *irredeemable* debts; *irredeemable* certificates or stock. *Hamilton. Smollett.*

**IRREDEEMABLENESS**, *n.* The quality of being not redeemable.

**IRREDUCIBLE**, *a.* [*in and reducible.*] Not to be reduced; that cannot be brought back to a former state.

2. That cannot be reduced or changed to a different state; as corpuscles of air *irreducible* into water. *Boyle.*

**IRREDUCIBLENESS**, *n.* The quality of being irreducible.

**IRREFRAGABLE**, *a.* [*in and refragable, L. refrago; re and the root of frango, to break.*]

That cannot be refuted or overthrown; incontestable; undeniable; as an *irrefragable* argument; *irrefragable* reason or evidence. *Alberbury. Swift.*

**IRREFRAGABLENESS**, *n.* The quality of being irrefragable.

**IRREFRAGABLY**, *adv.* With force or strength that cannot be overthrown; with certainty beyond refutation. We say, the point in debate was *irrefragably* proved.

**IRREFUTABLE**, *a.* [*Low L. irrefutabilis. See Refute.*]

That cannot be refuted or disproved. *Ep. Hall.*

**IRREFUTABLY**, *adv.* Beyond the possibility of refutation. *Romeyn.*

**IRREGENERACY**, *n.* Unregeneracy. *J. M. Mason.*

**IRREGULAR**, *a.* [*Fr. irregulier; L. irregularis; in and regularis, regula. See Regular.*]

1. Not regular; not according to common form or rules; as an *irregular* building or fortification.

2. Not according to established principles or customs; deviating from usage; as the *irregular* proceedings of a legislative body.

3. Not conformable to nature or the usual operation of natural laws; as an *irregular* action of the heart and arteries.

4. Not according to the rules of art; immethodical; as *irregular* verse; an *irregular* discourse.

5. Not in conformity to laws, human or divine; deviating from the rules of moral rectitude; vicious; as *irregular* conduct or propensities.