

SINCERITY, *n.* [Fr. *sincérité*; L. *sinceritas*.]

1. Honesty of mind or intention; freedom from simulation or hypocrisy. We may question a man's prudence, when we cannot question his *sincerity*.

2. Freedom from hypocrisy, disguise or false pretense; as the *sincerity* of a declaration or of love.

SIN/CIPUT, *n.* [L.] The fore part of the head from the forehead to the coronal suture.

SIN/DON, *n.* [L. fine linen.] A wrapper. [Not in use.]

SINE, *n.* [L. *sinus*.] In geometry, the right sine of an arch or arc, is a line drawn from one end of that arch, perpendicular to the radius drawn through the other end, and is always equal to half the chord of double the arch.

SINECURE, *n.* [L. *sine*, without, and *cura*, cure, care.]

An office which has revenue without employment; in church affairs, a benefice without cure of souls. [This is the original and proper sense of the word.]

Sine die, [L. without day.] An adjournment *sine die* is an adjournment without fixing the time of resuming business. When a defendant is suffered to go *sine die*, he is dismissed the court.

SIN/EPITE, *n.* [L. *sinape*, mustard.] Something resembling mustard seed.

SIN/EW, *n.* [Sax. *sinu*, *sinw*, *sinwe*; G. *sehne*; D. *zenuw*; Sw. *sena*; Dan. *sene* or *scene*. The primary sense is stretched, strained, whence the sense of strong; G. *sehnen*, to long; Ir. *sinnim*, to strain.]

1. In anatomy, a tendon; that which unites a muscle to a bone.

2. In the plural, strength; or rather that which supplies strength. Money is the *sinews* of war.

3. Muscle; nerve.

SIN/EW, *v. t.* To knit as by sinews.

SIN/EWED, *a.* Furnished with sinews; as a strong-sinewed youth.

2. Strong; firm; vigorous.

When he sees
Ourselves well *sinewed* to our defense.

SIN/EWLESS, *a.* Having no strength or vigor.

SIN/EW-SHRUNK, *a.* Gaunt-bellied; having the sinews under the belly shrunk by excess of fatigue, as a horse.

SIN/EWY, *a.* Consisting of a sinew or nerve.

The *sinewy* thread my brain lets fall.

2. Nervous; strong; well braced with sinews; vigorous; firm; as the *sinewy* Ajax.

The northern people are large, fair complexioned, strong, *sinewy* and courageous.

SIN/FUL, *a.* [from *sin*.] Tainted with sin; wicked; iniquitous; criminal; unholy; as *sinful* men.

Ah, *sinful* nation, a people laden with iniquity!

2. Containing sin, or consisting in sin; contrary to the laws of God; as *sinful* actions; *sinful* thoughts; *sinful* words.

SIN/FULLY, *adv.* In a manner which the laws of God do not permit; wickedly; iniquitously; criminally.

SIN/FULNESS, *n.* The quality of being sinful or contrary to the divine will; wickedness; iniquity; criminality; as the *sinfulness* of an action; the *sinfulness* of thoughts or purposes.

2. Wickedness; corruption; depravity; as the *sinfulness* of men or of the human race.

SING, *v. i.* pret. *sung*, *sang*; pp. *sung*. [Sax. *singan*, *syngan*; Goth. *siggwan*; G. *singen*; D. *zingen*; Sw. *siunga*; Dan. *synger*. It would seem from the Gothic that *n* is casual, and the elements *Sg*. If so, it coincides with *say* and *seek*, all signifying to strain, urge, press or drive.]

1. To utter sounds with various inflections or melodious modulations of voice, as fancy may dictate, or according to the notes of a song or tune.

The noise of them that *sing* do I hear.

2. To utter sweet or melodious sounds, as birds. It is remarkable that the female of no species of birds ever *sings*.

And *singing* birds in silver cages hung.

3. To make a small shrill sound; as, the air *sings* in passing through a crevice.

O'er his head the flying spear
Sung innocent, and spent its force in air.

4. To tell or relate something in numbers or verse.

Of human hope by cross event destroy'd.

SING, *v. t.* To utter with musical modulations of voice.

And they *sing* the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb.

2. To celebrate in song; to give praises to in verse.

The last, the happiest British king,
Whom thou shalt paint or I shall *sing*.

3. To relate or rehearse in numbers, verse or poetry.

Arms and the man I *sing*.
While stretch'd at ease you *sing* your happy loves.

SINGE, *v. t.* *sinj*. [Sax. *sangan*; G. *sen-gen*; D. *zengen*.]

To burn slightly or superficially; to burn the surface of a thing, as the nap of cloth, or the hair of the skin; as, to *singe* off the beard.

Thus riding on his curls, he seem'd to pass
A rolling fire along, and *singe* the grass.

SINGE, *n.* A burning of the surface; a slight burn.

SING/ED, *pp.* Burnt superficially.

SING/EING, *ppr.* Burning the surface.

SING/ER, *n.* [from *sing*.] One that sings.

2. One versed in music, or one whose occupation is to sing; as a chorus of *singers*.

3. A bird that sings.

SING/ING, *ppr.* Uttering melodious or musical notes; making a shrill sound; celebrating in song; reciting in verse.

SING/ING, *n.* The act of uttering sounds with musical inflections; musical articu-

lation; the utterance of melodious notes. Cant. ii.

SING/ING-BOOK, *n.* A music book, as it ought to be called; a book containing tunes.

SING/INGLY, *adv.* With sounds like singing; with a kind of tune.

SING/ING-MAN, *n.* [singing and man.] A man who sings, or is employed to sing; as in cathedrals.

SING/ING-MASTER, *n.* A music master; one that teaches vocal music.

SING/ING-WOMAN, *n.* A woman employed to sing.

SIN/GLE, *a.* [L. *singulus*; probably from a root that signifies to separate.]

1. Separate; one; only; individual; consisting of one only; as a *single* star; a *single* city; a *single* act.

2. Particular; individual.

No *single* man is born with a right of controlling the opinions of all the rest.

3. Uncompounded.

Simple ideas are opposed to complex, and *single* to compound.

4. Alone; having no companion or assistant.

Who *single* hast maintain'd
Against revolted multitudes the cause of truth.

5. Unmarried; as a *single* man; a *single* woman.

6. Not double; not complicated; as a *single* thread; a *single* strand of a rope.

7. Performed with one person or antagonist on a side, or with one person only opposed to another; as a *single* fight; a *single* combat.

8. Pure; simple; incorrupt; unbiassed; having clear vision of divine truth.

9. Small; weak; silly.

In botany, a single flower is when there is only one on a stem, and in common usage, one not double.

SIN/GLE, *v. t.* To select, as an individual person or thing from among a number; to choose one from others.

—A dog who can *single* out his master in the dark.

2. To sequester; to withdraw; to retire; as an agent *singling* itself from comforts.

3. To take alone; as men commendable when *singled* from society.

4. To separate.

SIN/GLED, *pp.* Selected from among a number.

SIN/GLENESS, *n.* The state of being one only or separate from all others; the opposite of doubleness, complication or multiplicity.

2. Simplicity; sincerity; purity of mind or purpose; freedom from duplicity; as *singleness* of belief; *singleness* of heart.

SIN/GLY, *adv.* Individually; particularly; as, to make men *singly* and personally good.

2. Only; by himself.

Look thee, 'tis so, thou *singly* honest man.

3. Without partners, companions or associates; as, to attack another *singly*.

At ombre *singly* to decide their doom.

4. Honestly; sincerely.