

containing excuse or apology; apologetic; as an *excusatory* plea.

EXCUSE, *v. t.* s. as *z.* [L. *excuso*; *ex* and *causo*, to blame. See *Cause*.]

1. To pardon; to free from the imputation of fault or blame; to acquit of guilt. We *excuse* a person in our own minds, when we acquit him of guilt or blame; or we *excuse* him by a declaration of that acquittal.

2. To pardon, as a fault; to forgive entirely, or to admit to be little censurable, and to overlook. We *excuse* a fault, which admits of apology or extenuation; and we *excuse* irregular conduct, when extraordinary circumstances appear to justify it.

3. To free from an obligation or duty. I pray thee have me *excused*. Luke xiv.

4. To remit; not to exact; as, to *excuse* a forfeiture. Johnson.

5. To pardon; to admit an apology for. *Excuse* some courtly strains. Pope.

6. To throw off an imputation by apology. Think you that we *excuse* ourselves to you?

2 Cor. xii.

7. To justify; to vindicate. Their thoughts accusing or else *excusing* one another. Rom. ii.

EXCUSE, *n.* A plea offered in extenuation of a fault or irregular deportment; apology. Every man has an *excuse* to offer for his neglect of duty; the debtor makes *excuses* for delay of payment.

2. The act of excusing or apologizing.

3. That which excuses; that which extenuates or justifies a fault. His inability to comply with the request must be his *excuse*.

EXCUSELESS, *a.* Having no excuse; that for which no excuse or apology can be offered. [Little used.]

EXCUSER, *n.* s. as *z.* One who offers excuses or pleads for another.

2. One who excuses or forgives another.

EXCUSING, *ppr.* s. as *z.* Acquitting of guilt or fault; forgiving; overlooking.

EXCUSS, *v. t.* [L. *excussus*.] To shake off; also, to seize and detain by law. [Not used.]

EXCUSION, *n.* A seizing by law. [Not used.]

EX-DIRECTOR, *n.* One who has been a director, but is displaced.

EXECRABLE, *a.* [L. *execrabilis*. See *Execrate*.]

Deserving to be cursed; very hateful; detestable; abominable; as an *execrable* wretch.

EXECRABLY, *adv.* Cursedly; detestably.

EXECRATE, *v. t.* [L. *execro*, from *ex* and *sacer*, the primary sense of which is to separate. See *Sacerd*.]

Literally, to curse; to denounce evil against, or to imprecate evil on; hence, to detest; utterly; to abhor; to abominate. Temple.

EXECRATION, *n.* The act of cursing; a curse pronounced; imprecation of evil; utter detestation expressed. Milton.

Cause, gentle queen, these *execrations*. Shak.

EXECRATORY, *n.* A formula of execration. L. Addison.

EXECUT, *v. t.* [L. *execo*, for *execuco*.] To cut off or out; to cut away. [Little used.] Harvey.

EXECUTION, *n.* A cutting off or out. [Little used.]

EXECUTE, *v. t.* [Fr. *executer*; It. *eseguire*; Sp. *executar*; L. *exequor*, for *exsequor*; *ex* and *sequor*, to follow. See *Seek*.]

1. Literally, to follow out or through. Hence, to perform; to do; to effect; to carry into complete effect; to complete; to finish. We *execute* a purpose, a plan, design or scheme; we *execute* a work undertaken, that is, we pursue it to the end.

2. To perform; to inflict; as, to *execute* judgment or vengeance. Scripture.

3. To carry into effect; as, to *execute* law or justice.

4. To carry into effect the law, or the judgment or sentence on a person; to inflict capital punishment on; to put to death; as, to *execute* a traitor.

5. To kill. Shak.

6. To complete, as a legal instrument; to perform what is required to give validity to a writing, as by signing and sealing; as, to *execute* a deed or lease.

EXECUTE, *v. i.* To perform the proper office; to produce an effect.

EXECUTED, *pp.* Done; performed; accomplished; carried into effect; put to death.

EXECUTER, *n.* One who performs or carries into effect. [See *Executor*.]

EXECUTING, *ppr.* Doing; performing; finishing; accomplishing; inflicting; carrying into effect.

EXECUTION, *n.* Performance; the act of completing or accomplishing.

The excellence of the subject contributed much to the happiness of the *execution*. Dryden.

2. In *law*, the carrying into effect a sentence or judgment of court; the last act of the law in completing the process by which justice is to be done, by which the possession of land or debt, damages or cost, is obtained, or by which judicial punishment is inflicted.

3. The instrument, warrant or official order, by which an officer is empowered to carry a judgment into effect. An *execution* issues from the clerk of a court, and is levied by a sheriff, his deputy or a constable, on the estate, goods or body of the debtor.

4. The act of signing and sealing a legal instrument, or giving it the forms required to render it a valid act; as the *execution* of a deed.

5. The last act of the law in the punishment of criminals; capital punishment; death inflicted according to the forms of law.

6. Effect; something done or accomplished. Every shot did *execution*.

7. Destruction; slaughter. Shak.

It is used after *do*, to *do* execution; never after *make*.

8. Performance, as in music or other art.

EXECUTIONER, *n.* One who executes; one who carries into effect a judgment of death; one who inflicts a capital punishment in pursuance of a legal warrant. It is chiefly used in this sense.

2. He that kills; he that murders. Shak.

3. The instrument by which any thing is performed. Crashaw.

EXECUTIVE, *a.* *egzeutive*. Having the quality of executing or performing; as ex-

ecutive power or authority; an *executive* officer. Hence, in government, *executive* is used in distinction from *legislative* and *judicial*. The body that deliberates and enacts laws, is *legislative*; the body that judges, or applies the laws to particular cases, is *judicial*; the body or person who carries the laws into effect, or superintends the enforcement of them, is *executive*.

It is of the nature of war to increase the *executive*, at the expense of the legislative authority. Federalist, Hamilton.

EXECUTIVE, *n.* The officer, whether king, president or other chief magistrate, who superintends the execution of the laws; the person who administers the government; *executive* power or authority in government.

Men most desirous of places in the executive gift, will not expect to be gratified, except by their support of the *executive*. J. Quincy.

EXECUTOR, *n.* The person appointed by a testator to execute his will, or to see it carried into effect.

EXECUTORIAL, *a.* Pertaining to an executor; *executive*. Blackstone.

EXECUTORSHIP, *n.* The office of an executor.

EXECUTORY, *a.* Performing official duties. Burke.

2. In *law*, to be executed or carried into effect in future; to take effect on a future contingency; as an *executory* devise or remainder. Blackstone.

EXECUTRESS, *n.* A female executor; a **EXECUTRIX**, *n.* A woman appointed by a testator to execute his will. [The latter word is generally used.]

EXEGETIC, *n.* [Gr. *ἐξηγησις*, from *ἐξηγέωμαι*, to explain, from *ἐξ* and *ηγέωμαι*, to lead.]

1. Exposition; explanation; interpretation.

2. A discourse intended to explain or illustrate a subject. Encyc.

EXEGETICAL, *a.* Explanatory; tending to unfold or illustrate; expository. Walker.

EXEGETICALLY, *adv.* By way of explanation.

EXEMPLAR, *n.* *egzemplar*. [L. See *Ex-ample*.]

1. A model, original or pattern, to be copied or imitated.

2. The idea or image of a thing, formed in the mind of an artist, by which he conducts his work; the ideal model which he attempts to imitate. Encyc.

EXEMPLARILY, *adv.* In a manner to deserve imitation; in a worthy or excellent manner.

She is *exemplarily* loyal. Howell.

2. In a manner that may warn others, by way of terror; in such a manner that others may be cautioned to avoid an evil; or in a manner intended to warn others.

Some he punished *exemplarily* in this world. Hakewell.

EXEMPLARINESS, *n.* The state or quality of being a pattern for imitation.

EXEMPLARY, *a.* [from *exemplar*.] Serving for a pattern or model for imitation; worthy of imitation. The christian should be *exemplary* in his life, as well as correct in his doctrines.

2. Such as may serve for a warning to others; such as may deter from crimes or vi-