

2. To think; to have a conception or idea. *Conceive* of things clearly and distinctly in their own natures. *Watts.*

The grievous connoisseur

Hardly conceive of me.

2. To understand; to comprehend; to have a complete idea of; as, I cannot *conceive* by what means this event has been produced.

CONCEIVED, *pp.* Formed in the womb; framed in the mind; devised; imagined; understood.

CONCEIVER, *n.* One that conceives; one that comprehends.

CONCEIVING, *ppr.* Forming a fetus in the womb; framing in the mind; imagining; devising; thinking; comprehending.

CONCEIVING, *n.* Apprehension; conception.

CONCELEBRATE, *v. t.* To celebrate together. *[Not used.] Sherwood.*

CONCENT, *n.* [*L. concentus*, from *conco*, to sing in accordance; *con* and *canto*, to sing.]

1. Concert of voices; concord of sounds; harmony; as a *concert* of notes. *Bacon.*

2. Consistency; accordance; as, in *concent* to a man's own principles. *Alberbury.*

CONCENTED, *part. a.* Made to accord. *Spenser.*

CONCENTER, *v. i.* [*Fr. concentrer*; *It. concentrare*; *Sp. and Port. concentrar*; *con* and *L. centrum*, a center; *Gr. xentron*, a goad, a sharp point, a center; *xentron*, to prick or goad. The primary sense is a point.]

To come to a point, or to meet in a common center; used of converging lines, or other things that meet in a point.

All these are like so many lines drawn from several objects, that in some way relate to him, and *concenter* in him. *Hale.*

CONCENTER, *v. t.* To draw, or direct to a common center; to bring to a point; as two or more lines or other things.

The having a part less to animate, will serve to *concenter* the spirits, and make them more active in the rest. *Decay of Piety.*

CONCENTERED, *pp.* Brought to a common center; united in a point.

CONCENTERING, *ppr.* Tending to a common center; bringing to a center.

CONCENTFUL, *a.* Harmonious. *Fotherby.*

CONCENTRATE, *v. t.* [*See Concentrate.*]

To bring to a common center, or to a closer union; to cause to approach nearer to a point, or center; to bring nearer to each other; as, to *concentrate* particles of salt by evaporating the water that holds them in solution; to *concentrate* the troops in an army; to *concentrate* rays of light into a focus.

CONCENTRATED, *pp.* Brought to a point or center; brought to a closer union; reduced to a narrow compass; collected into a closer body.

CONCENTRATING, *ppr.* Bringing to a point or to closer union; collecting into a closer body, or narrow compass.

CONCENTRATION, *n.* The act of concentrating; the act of bringing nearer together; collection into a central point; compression into a narrow space; the state of being brought to a point.

Note. The verb *concenter* is sometimes accented on the first syllable. The reason is,

with the primary accent on the first syllable, and a secondary accent on the third, the pronunciation of the participles, *concentrating*, *concentrated*, is much facilitated.

CONCENTRIC, *a.* [*It. concentrico*; *Fr. concentrique*; *L. concentricus*; *con* and *centrum*, center.]

Having a common center; as the *concentric* coats of an onion; the *concentric* orbits of the planets.

CONCENTUAL, *a.* [*from concent.*] Harmonious; accordant. *Warton.*

CONCEPTACLE, *n.* [*L. conceptaculum*, from *concepio*. *See Conceive.*]

1. That in which any thing is contained; a vessel; a receiver, or receptacle. *Woodward.*

2. In *botany*, a follicle; a pericarp on one side and having the seeds loose in it. *Martyn.*

CONCEPTIBLE, *a.* [*See Conceivable.*]

That may be conceived; conceivable; intelligible. *[Not used.] Hale.*

CONCEPTION, *n.* [*L. conceptio*, from *concepio*. *See Conceive.* *It. concezione*; *Sp. concepcion*; *Fr. conception.*]

1. The act of conceiving; the first formation of the embryo or fetus of an animal.

I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception. *Gen. iii.*

2. The state of being conceived.

Joy had the like conception in our eyes. *Shak.*

3. In *pneumatology*, apprehension of any thing by the mind; the act of conceiving in the mind; that mental act or combination of acts by which an idea or notion is formed of an absent object of perception, or of a sensation formerly felt. When we see an object with our eyes open, we have a *perception* of it; when the same object is presented to the mind with the eyes shut, in idea only or in memory, we have a *conception* of it. *Kaims. Stewart. Encyc.*

4. Conception may be sometimes used for the power of conceiving ideas, as when we say, a thing is not within our *conception*. Some writers have defined conception as a distinct faculty of the mind; but it is considered by others as memory, and perhaps with propriety.

5. Purpose conceived; conception with reference to the performance of an act. *Shak.*

6. Apprehension; knowledge. *And as it beasts conceived what reason were, And that conception should distinctly show.* *Davies.*

7. Conceit; affected sentiment, or thought. He is too full of *conceptions*, points of epigram, and witticisms. *Dryden.*

CONCEPTIOUS, *a.* Apt to conceive; fruitful; pregnant. *[Not now used.] Shak.*

CONCEPTIVE, *a.* Capable of conceiving. *[Little used.] Brown.*

CONCERN, *v. t.* [*Fr. concernere*; *It. concernere*; *Sp. concernir*; to concern, to regard, to belong to; *L. Latin, concerno*; *con* and *cerno*, to separate, sift, divide; to see. If this is the true origin, as I suppose, the primary sense is, to reach or extend to, or to look to, as we use *regard*.]

1. To relate or belong to. *Preaching the kingdom of God and teaching*

those things which *concern* the Lord Jesus Christ. *Acts xxviii.*

2. To relate or belong to, in an emphatical manner; to affect the interest of; to be of importance to.

Our wars with France have *concerned* us more than tender interests, and *concerned* us more than those with any other nation. *Addison.*

It much *concerns* us to secure the favor and protection of God. *Anon.*

3. To interest or affect the passions; to take an interest in; to engage by feeling or sentiment.

A good prince *concerns* himself in the happiness of his subjects.

A kind parent *concerns* himself in the virtuous education of his children.

They think themselves out of the reach of Providence, and no longer *concerned* to solicit his favor. *Rogers.*

4. To disturb; to make uneasy. *[Little used.] Derham.*

5. To intermeddle.

We need not *concern* ourselves with the affairs of our neighbors.

CONCERN, *n.* That which relates or belongs to one; business; affair; a very general term, expressing whatever occupies the time and attention, or affects the interests of a person.

Intermeddle not in the private *concerns* of a family. Religion is the main *concern* of a rational being. We have no *concern* in the private quarrels of our neighbors. The industrious and prudent occupy their time with their own *concerns*.

2. Interest; importance; moment; that which affects the welfare or happiness.

To live in peace, is a matter of no small *concern* to a nation.

Mysterious secrets of a high *concern*, And weighty truths, solid convincing sense, Explained by unaffected eloquence. *Roscommon.*

3. Affection; regard; careful regard; solicitude; anxiety.

Why all this *concern* for the poor things of this life? O Marcia, let me hope thy kind concerns, And gentle wishes, follow me to battle. *Addison.*

An impenitent man feels no *concern* for his soul. *Anon.*

4. Persons connected in business; or their affairs in general; as a debt due to the whole *concern*; a loss affecting the whole *concern*. *Mercantile Usage.*

CONCERNED, *pp. or a.* Interested; engaged; having a connection with that which may affect the interest, welfare or happiness.

All men are *concerned* in the propagation of truth.

We are *concerned* in the virtuous education of our children.

2. Interested in business; having connection in business; as, A is *concerned* with B in the East India trade. Of an advocate or counselor we say, he is *concerned* in the cause of A against B.

3. Regarding with care; solicitous; anxious; as, we are *concerned* for the fate of our fleet.

CONCERNEDLY, *adv.* With affection or interest. *Clarendon.*

CONCERNING, *ppr.* Pertaining to; regarding; having relation to.

The Lord hath spoken good *concerning* Israel. *Numb. x.*