

MIS'SIONARY, *a.* Pertaining to missions; as a *missionary* meeting; a *missionary* fund.

MISSIONER, *for missionary*, is not used.

MIS'SIVE, *a.* [Fr.] Such as is sent; as a letter *missive*.

2. Thrown or sent, or such as may be sent; as a *missive* weapon. *Dryden.*

MIS'SIVE, *n.* A letter sent, or a messenger. *Bacon. Shak.*

MISSPE'AK, *v. i.* [See *Speak*.] To err or mistake in speaking. *Shak.*

MISSPE'AK, *v. t.* To utter wrong. *Donne.*

MISSPELL', *v. t.* To spell wrong; to write or utter with wrong letters.

MISSPELL'ED, } *pp.* Spelled wrong, or
MISSPELT', } with wrong letters.

MISSPELL'ING, *ppr.* Spelling wrong.

MISSPELL'ING, *n.* A wrong spelling; false orthography.

MISSPEND', *v. t.* To spend amiss; to waste or consume to no purpose, or to a bad one; as, to *misspend* time or money; to *misspend* life. *Dryden. Rogers.*

2. To waste.
The genial moisture due
To apples, otherwise *misspends* itself. *Philips.*

MISSPEND'ER, *n.* One that consumes prodigally or improperly. *Norris.*

MISSPEND'ING, *pp.* Spending to no purpose, or to a bad one.

MISSPENSE, *n.* *misspens'*. A spending improperly; a wasting.

MISSPENT', *ppr.* Ill spent; expended or consumed to no purpose, or to a bad one; as *misspent* time or life.

MISSPO'KE, } *pp.* Uttered or spoken
MISSPO'KEN, } amiss.

MISSTA'TE, *v. t.* To state wrong; to make an erroneous representation of facts; as, to *misstate* a question in debate. *Sanderson.*

MISSTA'TED, *pp.* Stated erroneously.

MISSTA'TEMENT, *n.* A wrong statement; an erroneous representation, verbal or written; as a *misstatement* of facts in testimony, or of accounts in a report. *Hamilton.*

MISSTA'TING, *ppr.* Stating falsely or erroneously.

MIS'SY, *n.* The sulphate of iron, having lost the water of its crystalization, is called *sori*; more thoroughly calcined, it is yellow, and called *missy*. *Fourcroy.*

MIST, *n.* [Sax. *D. mist*; *L. mixtus, mistus*, from *miseco*, to mix.]

1. Water falling in very numerous, but fine and almost imperceptible drops.

A *mist* is a multitude of small but solid globules, which therefore descend. *Grew.*

2. That which dims or darkens, and obscures or intercepts vision.

His passion cast a *mist* before his sense. *Dryden.*

MIST, *v. t.* To cloud; to cover with vapor. *Shak.*

MIST-ENCUM'BERED, *a.* Loaded with mist. *J. Barlow.*

MISTA'KABLE, *a.* That may be misconceived or mistaken. *Brown.*

MISTA'KE, *v. t.* To take wrong; to conceive or understand erroneously; to misunderstand or misapprehend.

'Tis to *mistake* them costs the time and pain. *Pope.*

2. To take one thing or person for another.

We *mistake* the eloquence of self-apology for the animation of conscious integrity. *Buckminster.*

A man may *mistake* the love of virtue for the practice of it. *Johnson.*

MISTA'KE, *v. i.* To err in opinion or judgment.

Servants *mistake*, and sometimes occasion misunderstanding among friends. *Swift.*

MISTA'KE, *n.* An error in opinion or judgment; misconception.

Infallibility is an absolute security of the understanding from all possibility of *mistake*. *Tillotson.*

2. A slip; a fault; an error. There is a *mistake* in the account or in the date.

MISTA'KEN. In the use of this participle, there is a peculiarity which ought to be carefully noticed. When used of *persons*, it signifies to be in an error, to be wrong; as, I am *mistaken*, you are *mistaken*, he is *mistaken*. But when used of *things*, it signifies *misunderstood*, *misconceived*; as, the sense of the passage is *mistaken*, that is, not rightly understood.

MISTA'KER, *n.* One that mistakes or misunderstands.

MISTA'KING, *ppr.* Making a mistake; erring from the truth; misconceiving.

MISTA'KING, *n.* An error; a mistake. *Hall.*

MISTA'KINGLY, *adv.* Erroneously; falsely. *Boyle.*

MISTAUGHT', *pp.* Wrongly taught; as a *mistaught* youth. *L'Estrange.*

MISTE'ACH, *v. t.* [See *Teach*.] To teach wrong; to instruct erroneously. *Sanderson.*

MISTE'ACHING, *ppr.* Instructing erroneously.

MISTELL', *v. t.* [See *Tell*.] To tell erroneously.

MISTEMPER, *v. t.* To temper ill; to disorder. *Shak.*

MISTEMPERED, *pp.* Tempered ill.

MIST'ER, *n.* [The pronunciation of this word is probably from the Welsh, German or Dutch dialect. See *Master*.]

The common title of address to gentlemen, and to men of all classes. In writing, it is expressed by the abbreviation *Mr*.

MIST'ER, *v. t.* To occasion loss. [Sw. *mis-ta*.] [Not in use.]

MISTERM', *v. t.* To term or denominate erroneously. *Shak.*

MISTERM'ED, *pp.* Wrongly denominated.

MISTERM'ING, *ppr.* Denominating erroneously.

MIST'FUL, *a.* Clouded with mist.

MISTHINK', *v. i.* [See *Think*.] To think wrong. [Little used.] *Shak.*

MISTHOUGHT', *pp.* of *misthink*. Thought wrong of.

Adam, *misthought* of her to thee so dear. *Milton.*

MISTI'ME, *v. t.* To time wrong; not to adapt to the time.

MISTI'ME, *v. i.* To neglect the proper time.

MISTI'MED, *pp.* Ill timed; done at a wrong time.

MISTI'MING, *ppr.* Ill timing; doing unseasonably.

MIST'INESS, *n.* [See *Mist*.] A state of being misty; a state of thick rain in very small drops. *Bacon.*

MIST'ION, *n.* [*L. mistus, mixtus*. See *Mix*.]

1. A state of being mixed.

2. Mixture; a mingling. *Boyle.*

MISTIT'LE, *v. t.* To call by a wrong title or name. *Warburton.*

MISTIT'LED, *pp.* Wrongly named.

MISTLE, *v. i.* *mis't*. [from *mist*.] To fall in very fine drops, as rain. [See *Missle*.]

MISTLETOE, } *n.* *mis'tlo*. [Sax. *mistelta*;
MISLETOE, } Dan. *mistel*, the same shrub, and birdlime; *G. id.*]

A plant or shrub that grows on trees. It is of the genus *Viseum*. The berry contains a glutinous substance, and the shrub is said to be propagated by birds. This plant was held in great veneration by the Druids. *Bacon. Miller. Encyc.*

MIST'LIKE, *a.* Resembling mist. *Shak.*

MISTOLD, *pp.* Erroneously told. [See *Tell*.]

MISTOOK', *pret.* of *mistake*.

MISTRA'IN, *v. t.* To train or educate amiss. *Spenser.*

MISTRANSLA'TE, *v. t.* To translate erroneously. *Macknight.*

MISTRANSLA'TED, *pp.* Erroneously rendered into another language.

MISTRANSLA'TING, *ppr.* Translating incorrectly.

MISTRANSLA'TION, *n.* An erroneous translation or version.

MISTRESS, *n.* [Fr. *maitresse*; It. *maestra*, *maestressa*; Sp. *maestra*; *L. magistra*; *L. maigh* is *treas*. See *Master*.]

1. A woman who governs; correlative to servant, slave, or subject.

My *mistress* here lies murdered in her bed. *Shak.*

2. The female head of a family.

3. That which governs; a sovereign. Rome was *mistress* of the world.

4. One that commands, or has possession and sovereignty. The queen is *mistress* of the Indies.

5. A female who is well skilled in any thing; as, she is *mistress* of arithmetic.

6. A woman teacher; an instructress of a school. *Swift.*

7. A woman beloved and courted. *Clarendon.*

8. A woman in keeping for lewd purposes.

9. A term of contemptuous address. *Shak.*

MIST'RESS, *v. t.* To wait upon a mistress; to be courting. *Donne.*

MISTRESS-SHIP, *n.* Female rule or dominion. *Hall.*

MISTRUST', *n.* [Dan. *mistrøst*. See *Trust*.] Want of confidence or trust; suspicion. *Milton.*

MISTRUST', *v. t.* [Dan. *mistroer*; Sw. *miss-tro*. See *Trust*.]

To suspect; to doubt; to regard with jealousy or suspicion.

Fate her own book *mistrusted* at the sight. *Cowley.*

MISTRUST'ED, *pp.* Suspected.

MISTRUST'FUL, *a.* Suspicious; doubting; wanting confidence in. *Waller.*

MISTRUST'FULNESS, *n.* Suspicion; doubt. *Sidney.*