

NASTINESS, *n.* Extreme filthiness; dirtiness; filth.

2. Obscenity; ribaldry. *South.*

NASTUR'TION, *n.* [L. *nasturtium*; quod nasum torqucat. *Varro.*]

A plant of the genus *Tropæolum*; Indian cresses.

N'ASTY, *a.* [origin unknown. Qu. G. *nass*, wet.]

1. Disgustingly filthy; very dirty, foul or defiled; nauseous. *Atterbury.*

2. Obscene.

NA'SUS, *n.* A fresh water fish, about nine inches in length, resembling the chub. It is found in the Danube, Rhine and other large rivers of Germany.

Dict. Nat. Hist.

NA'TAL, *a.* [L. *natalis*, from *nascor*, to be born.]

Pertaining to birth. The *natal* day is the day of birth or nativity. So we say, *natal* hour; *natal* place. *Camden. Prior.*

NATALI'TIAL, } *a.* [L. *natalitius*, from

NATALI'TIOUS, } *a.* *nascor*, to be born.]

Pertaining to one's birth or birth day, or consecrated to one's nativity. *Evelyn.*

NA'TANT, *a.* [L. *natans*, from *nato*, to swim.]

In *botany*, swimming; floating on the surface of water; as the leaf of an aquatic plant.

Lee. Martyn.

NATA'TION, *n.* [L. *natatio*, from *nato*, to swim.]

A swimming; the act of floating on the water. [*Little used.*] *Brown.*

NA'TATORY, *a.* Enabling to swim.

Brit. Crit.

NATCH, *n.* [for *notch*.] The part of an ox between the loins, near the rump.

Marshall.

NATIV'LESS, *adv.* [Sax. *natheles*; *na*, the and *less*, not the less.]

Nevertheless; not the less; notwithstanding. *Obs.* *Milton.*

NATH'MORE, *adv.* [*na*, the and *more*.] Not the more; never the more. *Obs.*

Spenser.

NA'TION, *n.* [L. *natio*, from *natus*, born; *nascor*, to be born; perhaps Heb. נָח.]

1. A body of people inhabiting the same country, or united under the same sovereign or government; as the English *nation*; the French *nation*. It often happens that many nations are subject to one government; in which case, the word *nation* usually denotes a body of people speaking the same language, or a body that has formerly been under a distinct government, but has been conquered, or incorporated with a larger nation. Thus the empire of Russia comprehends many *nations*, as did formerly the Roman and Persian empires. *Nation*, as its etymology imports, originally denoted a family or race of men descended from a common progenitor, like *tribe*, but by emigration, conquest and intermixture of men of different families, this distinction is in most countries lost.

2. A great number, by way of emphasis.

Young.

NA'TIONAL, *a.* Pertaining to a nation; as *national* customs, dress or language.

2. Public; general; common to a nation; as a *national* calamity.

3. Attached or unduly attached to one's own country. The writer manifested much *national* prejudice. He was too *national* to be impartial.

NATIONALITY, *n.* National character; also, the quality of being national, or strongly attached to one's own nation.

Boswell.

NA'TIONALIZE, *v. t.* To make national; to give to one the character and habits of a nation, or the peculiar attachments which belong to citizens of the same nation.

NA'TIONALLY, *adv.* In regard to the nation; as a whole nation.

The Jews—being *nationally* espoused to God by covenant. *South.*

NA'TIVE, *a.* [L. *nativus*, from *nascor*, *natus*, to be born.]

1. Produced by nature; original; born with the being; natural; not acquired; as *native* genius; *native* affections; a *native* talent or disposition; *native* cheerfulness; *native* simplicity.

2. Produced by nature; not factitious or artificial; as *native* ore; *native* color.

3. Conferred by birth; as *native* rights and privileges.

4. Pertaining to the place of birth; as *native* soil; *native* country; *native* graves.

Shak.

5. Original; that of which any thing is made; as man's *native* dust. *Milton.*

6. Born with; congenial. *Shak.*

NA'TIVE, *n.* One born in any place is said to be a *native* of that place, whether country, city or town.

2. Offspring. [*Not in use.*] *Shak.*

NA'TIVELY, *adv.* By birth; naturally; originally. *Taylor. Lightfoot.*

NA'TIVENESS, *n.* State of being produced by nature. *Johnson.*

NATIVITY, *n.* Birth; the coming into life or the world. The feast of Christmas is observed in memory of Christ's *nativity*.

2. Time, place and manner of birth; as, to calculate one's *nativity*.

3. State or place of being produced.

These, in their dark *nativity*, the deep Shall yield us pregnant with infernal flame. *Milton.*

NAT'KA, *n.* A bird, a species of shrike. *Pennant.*

NA'TROLITE, *n.* A variety of mesotype or zeolite, so called by Klaproth on account of the great quantity of soda it contains.

Dict. Nat. Hist.

NA'TRON, *n.* Native carbonate of soda, or mineral alkali. [*See Niter.*]

NAT'URAL, *a.* [Fr. *naturel*; L. *naturalis*, from *natura*, nature, from *nascor*, to be born or produced.]

1. Pertaining to nature; produced or effected by nature, or by the laws of growth, formation or motion impressed on bodies or beings by divine power. Thus we speak of the *natural* growth of animals or plants; the *natural* motion of a gravitating body; *natural* strength or disposition; the *natural* heat of the body; *natural* color; *natural* beauty. In this sense, *natural* is opposed to *artificial* or *acquired*.

2. According to the stated course of things. Poverty and shame are the *natural* consequences of certain vices.

3. Not forced; not far fetched; such as is dictated by nature. The gestures of the orator are *natural*.

4. According to the life; as a *natural* representation of the face.

5. Consonant to nature.

Fire and warmth go together, and so seem to carry with them as *natural* an evidence as self-evident truths themselves. *Locke.*

6. Derived from nature, as opposed to *habitual*. The love of pleasure is *natural*; the love of study is usually *habitual* or *acquired*.

7. Discoverable by reason; not revealed; as *natural* religion.

8. Produced or coming in the ordinary course of things, or the progress of animals and vegetables; as a *natural* death; opposed to *violent* or *premature*.

9. Tender; affectionate by nature. *Shak.*

10. Unaffected; unassumed; according to truth and reality.

What can be more *natural* than the circumstances of the behavior of those women who had lost their husbands on this fatal day? *Addison.*

11. Illegitimate; born out of wedlock; as a *natural* son.

12. Native; vernacular; as one's *natural* language. *Swift.*

13. Derived from the study of the works of nature; as *natural* knowledge. *Addison.*

14. A *natural* note, in music, is that which is according to the usual order of the scale; opposed to *flat* and *sharp* notes, which are called *artificial*.

Natural history, in its most extensive sense, is the description of whatever is created, or of the whole universe, including the heavens and the earth, and all the productions of the earth. But more generally, *natural history* is limited to a description of the earth and its productions, including zoology, botany, geology, mineralogy, meteorology, &c.

Natural philosophy, the science of material natural bodies, of their properties, powers and motions. It is distinguished from intellectual and moral philosophy, which respect the mind or understanding of man and the qualities of actions. *Natural philosophy* comprehends mechanics, hydrostatics, optics, astronomy, chemistry, magnetism, electricity, galvanism, &c.

NAT'URAL, *n.* An idiot; one born without the usual powers of reason or understanding. This is probably elliptical for *natural fool*.

2. A native; an original inhabitant. [*Not in use.*] *Raleigh.*

3. Gift of nature; natural quality. [*Not in use.*] *B. Jonson. Wotton.*

NAT'URALISM, *n.* Mere state of nature. *Larington.*

NATURALIST, *n.* One that studies natural history and philosophy or physics; one that is versed in natural history or philosophy. It is more generally applied to one that is versed in *natural history*.

NATURALIZATION, *n.* [*See Naturalize.*] The act of investing an alien with the rights and privileges of a native subject or citizen. *Naturalization* in Great Britain is only by act of parliament. In the United States, it is by act of Congress, vesting certain tribunals with the power.