

numeration. To pardon the guilty is a *favor*; to punish them is an act of justice.

4. *Leuit.*; mildness or mitigation of punishment.

I could not discover the *leuit* and *favor* of this sentence.

5. Leave; good will; a yielding or concession to another; a pardon.

But, with your *favor*, I will treat it here.

*Dryden.*

6. The object of kind regard; the person or thing favored.

All these his wondrous works, but chiefly man

His chief delight and *favor*.

*Milton.*

7. A gift or present; something bestowed as an evidence of good will; a token of love; a knot of ribbons; something worn as a token of affection.

*Bacon. Spectator. Shak.*

8. A feature; countenance. [*Not used.*]

*Shak.*

9. Advantage; convenience afforded for success. The enemy approached under *favor* of the night.

10. Partiality; bias. A challenge to the *favor*, in law, is the challenge of a juror on account of some supposed partiality, by reason of favor or malice, interest or connection.

*FAVOR*, *v. t.* To regard with kindness; to support; to aid or have the disposition to aid; or to wish success to; to be propitious to; to countenance; to befriend; to encourage. To *favor* the cause of a party, may be merely to wish success to it, or it may signify to give it aid, by counsel, or by active exertions. Sometimes men professedly *favor* one party and secretly *favor* another.

The lords *favor* thee not. 1 Sam. xxix.

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy on Zion; for the time to *favor* her, yea, the set time is come. Ps. cii.

O happy youth! and *favor* of the skies.

*Pope.*

2. To afford advantages for success; to facilitate. A weak place in the fort *favor*ed the entrance of the enemy; the darkness of the night *favor*ed his approach. A fair wind *favor*s a voyage.

3. To resemble in features. The child *favor*s his father.

4. To ease; to spare. A man in walking *favor*s a lame leg.

*FAVORABLE*, *a.* [*L. favorabilis*; *Fr. favorable*; *Sp. id.*; *It. favorevole*, or *favorevole*.]

1. Kind; propitious; friendly; affectionate. Lend *favorable* ear to our request. *Shak.* Lord, thou hast been *favorable* to thy land. Ps. lxxv.

2. Palliative; tender; averse to censure. None can have the *favorable* thought That to obey a tyrant's will they fought.

*Dryden.*

3. Conducive to; contributing to; tending to promote. A salubrious climate and plenty of food are *favorable* to population.

4. Convenient; advantageous; affording means to facilitate, or affording facilities. The low price of labor and provisions is *favorable* to the success of manufactures. The army was drawn up on *favorable* ground. The ship took a station *favorable* for attack.

The place was *favorable* for making levies of men.

*Clarendon.*

5. Beautiful; well favored. *Obs. Spenser.* *FAVORABLENESS*, *n.* Kindness; kind disposition or regard.

2. Convenience; suitability; that state which affords advantages for success; conduciveness for crops; the *favorableness* of the times for the cultivation of the sciences.

*FAVORABLY*, *adv.* Kindly; with friendly dispositions; with regard or affection; with an inclination to favor; as, to judge or think *favorably* of a measure; to think *favorably* of those we love.

*FAVORED*, *pp.* Countenanced; supported; aided; supplied with advantages; eased; spared.

2. *a.* Regarded with kindness; as a *favor*ed friend.

3. With well or ill prefixed, featured.

*Well-favored* is well-looking, having a good countenance or appearance, fleshy, plump, handsome.

*Ill-favored*, is ill-looking, having an ugly appearance, lean. See Gen. xxxix. xli. &c.

*Well-favoredly*, with a good appearance. [*Little used.*]

*Ill-favoredly*, with a bad appearance. [*Little used.*]

*FAVOREDNESS*, *n.* Appearance. *Dent.*

*FAVORER*, *n.* One who favors; one who regards with kindness or friendship; a well-wisher; one who assists or promotes success or prosperity. *Hooker. Shak.*

*FAVORING*, *ppr.* Regarding with friendly dispositions; countenancing; wishing well to; contributing to success; facilitating.

*FAVORITE*, *n.* [*Fr. favori*, *favorite*; *It. favorito*.]

A person or thing regarded with peculiar favor, preference and affection; one greatly beloved. Select *favorites* from among the discrete and the virtuous. Princes are often misled, and sometimes ruined by *favorites*. Gaveston and the Spensers, the *favorites* of Edward II, fell a sacrifice to public indignation.

*FAVORITE*, *a.* Regarded with particular kindness, affection, esteem or preference; as a *favorite* walk; a *favorite* author; a *favorite* child.

*FAVORITISM*, *n.* The act or practice of favoring, or giving a preference to one over another.

2. The disposition to favor, aid and promote the interest of a favorite, or of one person or family, or of one class of men, to the neglect of others having equal claims.

It has been suggested that the proceeds of the foreign bills—were calculated merely to indulge a spirit of *favoritism* to the bank of the United States. *Hamilton.*

Which consideration imposes such a necessity on the crown, as hath, in a great measure, subdued the influence of *favoritism*. *Foley.*

3. Exercise of power by favorites. *Burke.*

*FAVORLESS*, *a.* Unfavored; not regarded with favor; having no patronage or countenance.

2. Not favoring; unpropitious. *Spenser.* *FAVORITE*, *n.* [*L. farus*, a honey-comb.]

A genus of fossil zoophytes.

*FAWN*, *n.* [*Fr. faon*, *fawn*. Qu. W. *fynu*, to produce.]

A young deer; a buck or doe of the first year. *Bacon. Pope.*

*FAWN*, *v. i.* [*Fr. faonner*.] To bring forth a fawn.

*FAWN*, *n. i.* [*Sax. fegenian*. See *Fain*.]

1. To court favor, or show attachment to, by flirking about one; as, a dog *fauns* on his master.

2. To soothe; to flatter meanly; to blaudish; to court servilely; to cringe and bow to gain favor; as, a *fauning* favorite or minion.

My love, forbear to *faun* upon their frowns. *Shak.*

*FAWN*, *n.* A servile cringe or bow; mean flattery.

*FAWNER*, *n.* One who *fauns*; one who cringes and flatters meanly.

*FAWNING*, *ppr.* Courting servilely; flattering by cringe and meanness; bringing forth a fawn.

*FAWNING*, *n.* Gross flattery. *Shak.*

*FAWNINGLY*, *adv.* In a cringing servile way; with mean flattery.

*FAWED*, *a.* [*Sax. feaz*, hair.] Hairy. [*Not in use.*]

*FAY*, *n.* [*Fr. fee*.] A fairy; an elf. *Milton. Pope.*

*FAY*, *v. i.* [*Sax. fagan*; *Sw. foga*; *D. voegen*. See *Fudge*.]

To fit; to suit; to unite closely with. [This is a contraction of the Teutonic word, and the same as *judge*, which see. It is not an elegant word.]

*FEAGUE*, *v. t. feeg*. [*G. fegen*.] To beat or whip. [*Not in use.*]

*FEAL*, *a.* [*Feil*.] [*Infra.*]

*FEALTY*, *n.* [*Fr. feal*, trusty, contracted from *L. fidelis*; *It. fedeltà*; *Fr. fidelité*; *Sp. fe*, faith, contracted from *fides*; hence, *fiel*, faithful; *fidded*, fidelity.]

*Fidelity* to a lord; faithful adherence of a tenant or vassal to the superior of whom he holds his lands; loyalty. Under the feudal system of tenures, every vassal or tenant was bound to be true and faithful to his lord, and to defend him against all his enemies. This obligation was called his *fidelity* or *fealty*, and an oath of *fealty* was required to be taken by all tenants to their landlords. The tenant was called a *liege* man; the land, a *liege* fee; and the superior, *liege* lord. [See *Liège*.]

*FEAR*, *n.* [See the Verb.] A painful emotion or passion excited by an expectation of evil, or the apprehension of impending danger. *Fear* expresses less apprehension than *dread*, and dread less than *terror* and *fright*. The force of this passion, beginning with the most moderate degree, may be thus expressed, *fear*, *dread*, *terror*, *fright*. *Fear* is accompanied with a desire to avoid or ward off the expected evil. *Fear* is an uneasiness of mind, upon the thought of future evil likely to befall us. *Watts.*

*Fear* is the passion of our nature which excites us to provide for our security, on the approach of evil. *Rogers.*

2. Anxiety; solicitude.

The principal fear was for the holy temple. *Maccabees.*

3. The cause of fear.

Thy angel becomes a *fear*.

*Shak.*

4. The object of fear.

Except the God of Abraham, and the *fear* of Isaac, had been with me. Gen. xxxi.