

SOL/EMNESS, *n.* The state or quality of being solemn; reverential manner; gravity; as the *solemnness* of public worship.

2. Solemnity; gravity of manner. *Wotton.*
SOLEMNITY, *n.* [Fr. *solemnité*.] A rite or ceremony annually performed with religious reverence.

Great was the cause: our old *solemnities*
From no blind zeal or fond tradition rise,
But sav'd from death, our Argives yearly
pay

These grateful honors to the god of day.

Pope.

[*Solemnities* seems here to include the sense of *anniversary*. See the fourth line. But in modern usage, that sense is rarely or never attached to the word.]

2. A religious ceremony; a ritual performance attended with religious reverence; as the *solemnity* of a funeral or of a sacrament.

3. A ceremony adapted to impress awe; as the *solemnities* of the last day.

4. Manner of acting awfully serious. With horrible *solemnity* he caused every thing to be prepared for his triumph of victory.

Sidney.

5. Gravity; steady seriousness; as the *solemnity* of the Spanish language.

Spectator.

6. Affected gravity.

Solemnity's a cover for a sot. *Young.*

SOLEMNIZA'TION, *n.* The act of solemnizing; celebration; as the *solemnization* of a marriage. *Bacon.*

SOLEMNIZE, *v. t.* [Fr. *solemniser*; It. *solennizzare*.]

1. To dignify or honor by ceremonies; to celebrate; as, to *solemnize* the birth of Christ. *Boyle.*

Their choice nobility and flow'r
Met from all parts to *solemnize* this feast.

Milton.

2. To perform with ritual ceremonies and respect, or according to legal forms; as, to *solemnize* a marriage. *Z. Swift.*

3. To perform religiously once a year. *Qu.*

Hooker.

4. To make grave, serious and reverential; as, to *solemnize* the mind for the duties of the sanctuary. [This use of the word is well authorized in the United States.]

SOLEMNLY, *adv.* With gravity and religious reverence. Let us *solemnly* address the throne of grace.

2. With official formalities and by due authority. This question of law has been *solemnly* decided in the highest court.

3. With formal state. *Shak.*

4. With formal gravity and stateliness, or with affected gravity.

—There in deaf murmurs *solemnly* are wise.

Dryden.

5. With religious seriousness; as, I *solemnly* declare myself innocent.

I do *solemnly* assure the reader—

Swift.

SO/LENNESS, *n.* [from *sole*.] Singleness; a state of being unconnected with others.

Dering.

SO/LENITE, *n.* Petrified solen, a genus of shells.

SOL/FA, *v. i.* To pronounce the notes of the gamut, ascending or descending, *ut, re, mi, fa, sol, la, and e converso*.

SOLIC/IT, *v. t.* [L. *solicito*; Fr. *soliciter*; It. *sollecitare*.] I know not whether this

word is simple or compound; probably the latter. *Qu. L. lacio.*

1. To ask with some degree of earnestness; to make petition to; to apply to for obtaining something. This word implies earnestness in seeking, but I think less earnestness than *beg, implore, entreat, and importune*, and more than *ask or request*; as when we say, a man *solicits* the minister for an office; he *solicits* his father for a favor.

Did I *solicit* thee

From darkness to promote me? *Milton.*

2. To ask for with some degree of earnestness; to seek by petition; as, to *solicit* an office; to *solicit* a favor.

3. To awake or excite to action; to summon; to invite.

That fruit *solicited* her longing eye.

Milton.

Sounds and some tangible qualities *solicit* their proper senses, and force an entrance to the mind. *Locke.*

4. To attempt; to try to obtain.

I view my crime, but kindle at the view,

Repeat old pleasures and *solicit* new.

Pope.

5. To disturb; to disquiet; a Latinism rarely used.

But anxious fears *solicit* my weak breast.

Dryden.

SOLICITA'TION, *n.* Earnest request; a seeking to obtain something from another with some degree of zeal and earnestness; sometimes perhaps, importunity. He obtained a grant by repeated *solicitations*.

2. Excitement; invitation; as the *solicitation* of the senses. *Locke.*

SOLIC/ITED, *pp.* Earnestly requested.

SOLIC/TING, *ppr.* Requesting with earnestness; asking for; attempting to obtain.

SOLIC/ITOR, *n.* [Fr. *soliciteur*.] One who asks with earnestness; one that asks for another. *Shak.*

2. An attorney, advocate or counselor at law who is authorized to practice in the English court of chancery. In America, an advocate or counselor at law, who, like the attorney general or state's attorney, prosecutes actions for the state.

SOLIC/ITOR-GENERAL, *n.* A lawyer in Great Britain, who is employed as counsel for the queen.

SOLIC/ITOUS, *a.* [L. *solicitus*.] Careful; anxious; very desirous, as to obtain something. Men are often more *solicitous* to obtain the favor of their king or of the people, than of their Maker.

2. Careful; anxious; concerned; as respecting an unknown but interesting event; followed usually by *about* or *for*. We say, a man is *solicitous about* the fate of his petition, or *about* the result of the negotiation. He is *solicitous for* the safety of his ship.

3. Anxious; concerned; followed by *for*, as when something is to be obtained. Be not *solicitous for* the future.

SOLIC/ITOUSLY, *adv.* Anxiously; with care and concern. Errors in religion or in science are to be *soliculously* avoided. A wise prince *soliculously* promotes the prosperity of his subjects.

SOLIC/ITRESS, *n.* A female who solicits or petitions.

SOLIC/ITUDE, *n.* [L. *solicitudo*.] Carefulness; concern; anxiety; uneasiness of mind occasioned by the fear of evil or the desire of good. A man feels *solicitude* when his friend is sick. We feel *solicitude* for the success of an enterprise. With what *solicitude* should men seek to secure future happiness.

SOL/ID, *a.* [L. *solidus*; Fr. *solide*; It. *Sp. solido*; from the sense of *setting* or *pressure*, and hence allied to L. *solum*, Eng. *sill*.]

1. Hard; firm; compact; having its constituent particles so close or dense as to resist the impression or penetration of other bodies. Hence solid bodies are not penetrable, nor are the parts movable and easily displaced like those of fluids. *Solid* is opposed to *fluid* and *liquid*.

2. Not hollow; full of matter; as a *solid* globe or cone, as distinguished from a *hollow* one.

3. Having all the geometrical dimensions; cubic; as, a *solid* foot contains 1728 *solid* inches. *Arbuthnot.*

[In this sense, *cubic* is now generally used.]

4. Firm; compact; strong; as a *solid* pier; a *solid* pile; a *solid* wall. *Addison.*

5. Sound; not weakly; as a *solid* constitution of body. [Sound is more generally used.] *Watts.*

6. Real; sound; valid; true; just; not empty or fallacious. Wise men seek *solid* reasons for their opinions.

7. Grave; profound; not light, trifling or superficial.

These wanting wit, affect gravity, and go by the name of *solid* men. *Dryden.*

8. In *botany*, of a fleshy, uniform, undivided substance, as a bulb or root; not spongy or hollow within, as a stem. *Martyn.*

A *solid* foot, contains 1728 *solid* inches, weighing 1000 ounces of rain water.

Solid angle, an angle formed by three or more plain angles meeting in a point.

Solid square, in military language, is a square body of troops; a body in which the ranks and files are equal.

SOL/ID, *n.* A firm compact body. In anatomy and medical science, the bones, flesh and vessels of animal bodies are called *solids*, in distinction from the blood, chyle and other fluids.

SOL/IDATE, *v. t.* [L. *solido*.] To make solid or firm. [Little used.] *Cowley.*

SOLIDIFI/CA'TION, *n.* The act of making solid.

SOLID/IFIED, *pp.* Made solid.

SOLID/IFY, *v. t.* [L. *solidus*, solid, and *facio*, to make.]

To make solid or compact. *Kirwan.*

SOLID/IFYING, *ppr.* Making solid.

SOLID/ITY, *n.* [Fr. *solidité*; L. *soliditas*.] 1. Firmness; hardness; density; compactness; that quality of bodies which resists impression and penetration; opposed to *fluidity*.

That which hinders the approach of two bodies moving one towards another, I call *solidity*. *Locke.*

2. Fullness of matter; opposed to *hollowness*.
3. Moral firmness; soundness; strength; validity; truth; certainty; as opposed to *weakness* or *fallaciousness*; as the *solidity*