

**VA/IVODE**, *n.* [Slav.] A prince of the Dacian provinces; sometimes written *vaivode*, for this is the pronunciation.

**VAL'ANCE**, *n.* [Qu. Fr. *avalant*, falling; Norm. *valaunt*, descending.]

The fringes of drapery hanging round the tester and head of a bed. *Swift.*

**VAL'ANCE**, *v. l.* To decorate with hanging fringes. *Shak.*

**VALE**, *n.* [Fr. *val*; It. *vallé*; L. *vallis*. Qu. W. *gwael*, low, and Eng. to *fall*, Fr. *avaler*.]

1. A tract of low ground or of land between hills; a valley. [*Vale* is used in poetry, and *valley* in prose and common discourse.]

In those fair *vales*, by nature form'd to please. *Harte.*

2. A little trough or canal; as a pump *vale* to carry off the water from a ship's pump.

3. *Vales*, money given to servants. [*avails*.] [Not used in America.]

**VALEDIC'TION**, *n.* [L. *valedico*; *vale*, farewell, and *dico*, to say.] A farewell; a bidding farewell.

**VALEDIC'TORY**, *a.* Bidding farewell; as a *valedictory* oration.

**VALEDIC'TORY**, *n.* An oration or address spoken at commencement, in American colleges, by a member of the class which receive the degree of bachelor of arts, and take their leave of college and of each other.

**VAL'ENTINE**, *n.* A sweetheart or choice made on Valentine's day. *Wotton.*

2. A letter sent by one young person to another on Valentine's day. *Burton.*

**VALE'RIAN**, *n.* A plant of the genus *Valeriana*, of many species.

**VAL'ET**, *n.* [Fr.; formerly written *vadlet*, *valect*, *vallct*, &c.]

1. A waiting servant; a servant who attends on a gentleman's person.

2. In the *manège*, a kind of goad or stick armed with a point of iron. *Cyc.*

**VALETUDINA'RIAN**, } *a.* [L. *valetudina-*

**VALETU'DINARY**, } *rius*, from *va-*

*letudo*, from *valco*, to be well.]

Sickly; weak; infirm; seeking to recover health.

**VALETUDINA'RIAN**, } *n.* A person of a

**VALETU'DINARY**, } weak, infirm or

sickly constitution; one who is seeking to recover health.

*Valetudinarians* must live where they can command and seeld. *Swift.*

**VAL'IANCE**, *n.* *val'yance*. Bravery; valor. [Not in use.] *Spenser.*

**VALIANT**, *a.* *val'yant*. [Fr. *vaillant*, from *valoir*, L. *valco*, to be strong.]

1. Primarily, strong; vigorous in body; as a *valiant* fencer. *Wotton.*

2. Brave; courageous; intrepid in danger; heroic; as a *valiant* soldier.

Be thou *valiant* for me, and fight the Lord's battles. 1 Sam. xviii.

3. Performed with valor; bravely conducted; heroic; as a *valiant* action or achievement; a *valiant* combat. *Nelson.*

**VALIANTLY**, *adv.* Stoutly; vigorously; with personal strength.

2. Courageously; bravely; heroically.

**VALIANTNESS**, *n.* Stoutness; strength.

2. Most generally, valor; bravery; intrepidity in danger.

Achimetes, having won the top of the walls, by the *valiantness* of the defendants was forced to retire. *Knolles.*

**VAL'ID**, *a.* [Fr. *valide*; L. *validus*, from *valco*, to be strong. The primary sense of the root is to strain or stretch.]

1. Having sufficient strength or force; founded in truth; sound; just; good; that can be supported; not weak or defective; as a *valid* reason; a *valid* argument; a *valid* objection.

2. Having legal strength or force; efficacious; executed with the proper formalities; that cannot be rightfully overthrown or set aside; supportable by law or right; as a *valid* deed; a *valid* covenant; a *valid* instrument of any kind; a *valid* claim or title; a *valid* marriage.

3. Strong; powerful; in a literal sense; as *valid* arms. [Not in use.]

**VALID'ITY**, *n.* [Fr. *validité*; from *valid*.]

1. Strength or force to convince; justness; soundness; as the *validity* of an argument or proof; the *validity* of an objection.

2. Legal strength or force; that quality of a thing which renders it supportable in law or equity; as the *validity* of a will; the *validity* of a grant; the *validity* of a claim or of a title. Certain forms and solemnities are usually requisite to give *validity* to contracts and conveyances of rights.

3. Value. [Not in use.] *Shak.*

**VAL'IDLY**, *adv.* In a valid manner; in such a manner or degree as to make firm or to convince.

**VAL'IDNESS**, *n.* Validity, which see.

**VALISE**, *n.* [Fr.] A horseman's case or portmanteau.

**VALLAN'CY**, *n.* [from *valance*.] A large wig that shades the face. *Dryden.*

**VALLA'TION**, *n.* [L. *vallatus*, from *vallum*, a wall.] A rampart or entrenchment. *Warton.*

**VAL'LEY**, *n.* plu. *valleys*. [Fr. *vallée*; L. *vallis*. See *Valc*.]

1. A hollow or low tract of land between hills or mountains.

2. A low extended plain, usually alluvial, penetrated or washed by a river. The *valley* of the Connecticut is remarkable for its fertility and beauty.

Ye mountains, sink; ye *valleys*, rise; Prepare the Lord his way. *Watts.*

3. In *building*, a gutter over the sleepers in the roof of a building. *Cyc.*

**VAL'LUM**, *n.* [L.] A trench or wall. *Warton.*

**VAL'OR**, *n.* [L. *valor*; Fr. *valeur*; from L. *valco*, to be strong, to be worth.]

Strength of mind in regard to danger; that quality which enables a man to encounter danger with firmness; personal bravery; courage; intrepidity; prowess.

When *valor* preys on reason, It eats the sword it fights with. *Shak.*

For contemplation he and *valor* form'd. *Milton.*

*Ad valorem*, in commerce, according to the value; as an *ad valorem* duty.

**VAL'OROUS**, *a.* Brave; courageous; stout; intrepid; as a *valorous* knight.

**VAL'OROUSLY**, *adv.* In a brave manner; heroically.

**VAL'UABLE**, *a.* [Fr. *valable*; from *value*.]

1. Having value or worth; having some

good qualities which are useful and esteemed; precious; as a *valuable* horse; *valuable* land; a *valuable* house.

2. Worthly; estimable; deserving esteem; as a *valuable* friend; a *valuable* companion.

**VALUA'TION**, *n.* [from *value*.] The act of estimating the value or worth; the act of setting a price; as the just *valuation* of civil and religious privileges.

2. Apprizeement; as a *valuation* of lands for the purpose of taxation.

3. Value set upon a thing; estimated worth. So slight a *valuation*. *Shak.*

**VALUA'TOR**, *n.* One who sets a value; an apprizer.

**VALUE**, *n.* *val'u*. [Fr. *valoir*, *valu*; from L. *valor*, from *valco*, to be worth; It. *valore*; Sp. *valor*.]

1. Worth; that property or those properties of a thing which render it useful or estimable; or the degree of that property or of such properties. The *real* value of a thing is its utility, its power or capacity of procuring or producing good. Hence the *real* or *intrinsic* value of iron, is far greater than that of gold. But there is, in many things, an *estimated* value, depending on opinion or fashion, such as the *value* of precious stones. The *value* of land depends on its fertility, or on its vicinity to a market, or on both.

2. Price; the rate of worth set upon a commodity, or the amount for which a thing is sold. We say, the *value* of a thing is what it will bring in market.

3. Worth; applied to persons.

Ye are all physicians of no *value*. Job xiii.

Ye are of more *value* than many sparrows. Matt. x.

4. High rate.

Cesar is well acquainted with your virtue, And therefore sets this *value* on your life. *Addison.*

5. Importance; efficacy in producing effects; as considerations of no *value*.

—Before events shall have decided on the *value* of the measures. *Marshall.*

6. Import; precise signification; as the *value* of a word or phrase. *Milford.*

**VALUE**, *v. t.* *val'u*. To estimate the worth of; to rate at a certain price; to appraise; as, to *value* lands or goods.

2. To rate at a high price; to have in high esteem; as a *valued* poem or picture. A man is apt to *value* his own performances at too high a rate; he is even disposed to *value* himself for his humility.

3. To esteem; to hold in respect and estimation; as, to *value* one for his works or virtues.

4. To take account of.

The mind doth *value* every moment. *Bacon.*

5. To reckon or estimate with respect to number or power.

The queen is *valu'd* thirty thousand strong. *Shak.*

6. To consider with respect to importance.

The king must take it ill, So slightly *valu'd* in his messenger. *Shak.*

Neither of them *valued* their promises according to the rules of honor or integrity. *Clarendon.*

7. To raise to estimation.

Some *value* themselves to their country by jealousies to the crown. [Not in use.] *Temple.*