

**INTERPERATENESS**, *n.* Want of moderation; excessive degree of indulgence; as the *interperateness* of appetite or passion.

2. Immoderate degree of any quality in the weather, as in cold, heat or storms.

**INTERPERATURE**, *n.* Excess of some quality.

**INTERPESTIVE**, *a.* [L. *interpestivus*.] Untimely. [Not used.] Burton.

**INTERPESTIVELY**, *adv.* Unseasonably. [Not used.]

**INTERPESTIVITY**, *n.* Untimeliness. [Not used.]

**INTERABLE**, *a.* [in and tenable.] That cannot be held or maintained; that is not defensible; as an *interable* opinion; an *interable* fortress. Warburton.

[Unatable, though not more proper, is more generally used.]

**INTEND**, *v. t.* [L. *intendo*; in and tendo, to stretch or strain, from *teneo*, Gr. *τενω*, to stretch.]

1. To stretch; to strain; to extend; to distend.

By this the lungs are *intended* or *remitted*. Hale.

[This *literal sense* is now uncommon.]  
2. To mean; to design; to purpose, that is, to stretch or set forward in mind. [This is now the usual sense.]

For they *intended* evil against thee. Ps. xxi.

3. To regard; to fix the mind on; to attend; to take care of.  
Having no children, she did with singular care and tenderness *intend* the education of Philip. Bacon.

[This use of the word is now obsolete. We now use *tend* and *superintend* or *regard*.]

4. To enforce; to make intense. Brown.

**INTENDANT**, *n.* [Fr. from *L. intendere*.]

1. One who has the charge, oversight, direction or management of some public business; as an *intendant* of marine; an *intendant* of finance: a word much used in France, and sometimes in England and America, but we generally use in lieu of it *superintendent*.

2. In Charleston, S. Carolina, the mayor or chief municipal officer of the city.

**INTENDED**, *pp.* Designed; purposed; as, the insult was *intended*.

2. Stretched; made intense. [Little used.]

**INTENDER**, *pp.* One who intends.

**INTENDING**, *n.* Attention; understanding; consideration. Obs.

**INTENDING**, *pp.* Meaning; designing; purposing.

2. Stretching; distending. [Little used.]

**INTENDMENT**, *n.* [Fr. *entendement*, with a sense somewhat different.]

Intention; design; in *law*, the true meaning of a person or of a law, or of any legal instrument. In the construction of statutes or of contracts, the *intendment* of the same is, if possible, to be ascertained, that is, the true meaning or intention of the legislator or contracting party.

**INTERERATE**, *v. t.* [L. *in* and *tener*, to tend.] To make tender; to soften.

Autumn vigor gives.

Equal, *intererating*, milky grain. Philips.

**INTERERATED**, *pp.* Made tender or soft.

**INTERERATING**, *pp.* Making tender.

**INTERERATION**, *n.* The act of making soft or tender. Bacon.

[*Intererate* and its derivatives are little used.]

**INTENSE**, *a.* *intens'*. [L. *intensus*, from *intendo*, to stretch.]

1. Literally, strained, stretched; hence, very close, strict, as when the mind is fixed or bent on a particular subject; as, *intense* study or application; *intense* thought.

2. Raised to a high degree; violent; vehement; as *intense* heat.

3. Very severe or keen; as *intense* cold.

4. Vehement; ardent; as *intense* phrases in language.

5. Extreme in degree.

The doctrine of the atonement supposes that the sins of men were so laid on Christ, that his sufferings were inconceivably *intense* and overwhelming. S. E. Dwight.

6. Kept on the stretch; anxiously attentive; opposed to *remiss*. Milton.

**INTENSELY**, *adv.* *intensely*. To an extreme degree; vehemently; as a furnace *intensely* heated; weather *intensely* cold.

2. Attentively; earnestly. Spenser.

**INTENSENESS**, *n.* *intens'ness*. The state of being strained or stretched; intensity; as the *intense*ness of a cord.

2. The state of being raised or concentrated to a great degree; extreme violence; as the *intense*ness of heat or cold.

3. Extreme closeness; as the *intense*ness of study or thought.

**INTENSION**, *n.* [L. *intensio*.] A straining, stretching or bending; the state of being strained; as the *intension* of a musical string.

2. Increase of power or energy of any quality; opposed to *remission*.

**INTENSIFY**, *n.* [Fr. *intensité*.] The state of being strained or stretched; *intensity*, as of a musical chord.

2. The state of being raised to a great degree; extreme violence; as the *intensity* of heat.

3. Extreme closeness; as *intensity* of application.

4. Excess; extreme degree; as the *intensity* of guilt. Burke.

**INTENSIVE**, *a.* Stretched, or admitting of extension.

2. Intuit; unremitted; assiduous; as *intensive* circumspection. Walton.

3. Serving to give force or emphasis; as an *intensive* particle or preposition.

**INTENSIVELY**, *adv.* By increase of degree; in a manner to give force.

Bramhall.

**INTENT**, *a.* [L. *intensus*, from *intendo*. See *Intend*.]

Literally, having the mind strained or bent on an object; hence, fixed closely; sedulously applied; eager in pursuit of an object; anxiously diligent; formerly with *to*, but now with *on*; as *intent* on business or pleasure; *intent* on the acquisition of science.

Be *intent* and solicitous to take up the meaning of the speaker. Watts.

**INTENT**, *n.* Literally, the stretching of the mind towards an object; hence, a design; a purpose; intention; meaning; drift; aim; applied to persons or things.

The principal *intent* of Scripture is to deliver the laws of duties supernatural. Hooker.

I ask therefore, for what *intent* ye have sent for me? Acts x.

To all intents, in all senses; whatever may be designed.

He was miserable to all intents and purposes. L'Estrange.

**INTENTION**, *n.* [Fr. from *L. intentio*. See *Intend*.]

1. Primarily, a stretching or bending of the mind towards an object; hence, uncommon exertion of the intellectual faculties; closeness of application; fixedness of attention; earnestness.

*Intention* is when the mind, with great earnestness and of choice, fixes its view on any idea, considers it on every side, and will not be called off by the ordinary solicitation of other ideas. Locke.

2. Design; purpose; the fixed direction of the mind to a particular object, or a determination to act in a particular manner. It is my *intention* to proceed to Paris.

3. End or aim; the object to be accomplished.

In chirocal distempers, the principal *intention* is to restore the tone of the solid parts. Arbuthnot.

4. The state of being strained. [See *Intension*.]

**INTENTIONAL**, *a.* *Intended*; designed; done with design or purpose. The act was *intentional*, not accidental.

**INTENTIONALLY**, *adv.* By design; of purpose; not casually.

**INTENTIONED**, in composition; as *well-intentioned*, having good designs, honest in purpose; *ill-intentioned*, having ill designs. Milner. Ch. Obs.

**INTENTIVE**, *a.* Attentive; having the mind closely applied. Bacon.

[This word is nearly superseded by *attentive*.]

**INTENTIVELY**, *adv.* Closely; with close application. Bp. Hall.

**INTENTIVENESS**, *n.* Closeness of attention or application of mind.

W. Mountague.

**INTENT'LY**, *adv.* With close attention or application; with eagerness or earnestness; as the mind *intently* directed to an object; the eyes *intently* fixed; the man is *intently* employed in the study of geology.

**INTENT'NESS**, *n.* The state of being intent; close application; constant employment of the mind. Swift.

**INTER**, a Latin preposition, signifying among or between; used as a prefix.

**INTER**, *v. t.* [Fr. *enterrer*; en and terre, L. terra, the earth; Sp. *enterrar*; L. *interro*.]

1. To bury; to deposit and cover in the earth; as, to *inter* a dead animal body.

2. To cover with earth.

But it is used almost exclusively to denote the depositing and covering of dead animal bodies.

**INTERACT**, *n.* [inter and act.] Intermediate employment or time; a short piece between others. Chesterfield.

**INTERAMNIAN**, *a.* [L. *inter* and *amnis*, river.] Situated between rivers. Bryant.

**INTERIMMATE**, *v. t.* To animate mutually. [Little used.] Donne.