

**MISCOUNT'**, *n.* An erroneous counting or numbering.

**MIS'CREANCE**, } *n.* [See *Misercant.*] Un-  
**MIS'CREANCY**, } belief; false faith;  
adherence to a false religion. *Obs.*

**MIS'CREANT**, *n.* [Fr. *mécraant*; Norm. *mescreant*; *mes*, wrong, and *creance*, belief, from L. *credens*, *credo*.]

1. An infidel, or one who embraces a false faith.

2. A vile wretch; an unprincipled fellow.

**MISCREA'TE**, } *a.* Formed unnaturally  
**MISCREA'TED**, } or illegitimately; de-  
formed. *Obs.*

**MISDA'TE**, *n.* A wrong date.

**MISDA'TE**, *v. i.* To date erroneously.

**MISDEE'D**, *n.* An evil deed; a wicked action.

Evils which our own *misdeeds* have wrought.

**MISDEE'M**, *v. t.* To judge erroneously; to misjudge; to mistake in judging.

**MISDEME'AN**, *v. t.* To behave ill.

**MISDEME'ANOR**, *n.* Ill behavior; evil conduct; fault; mismanagement.

2. In *law*, an offense of a less atrocious nature than a crime. Crimes and misde-  
meanors are mere synonymous terms; but  
in common usage, the word *crime* is made  
to denote offenses of a deeper and more  
atrocious dye, while small faults and omis-  
sions of less consequence are comprised  
under the gentler name of *misdeemeanors*.

**MISDESERT'**, *n.* Ill desert.

**MISDEVOTION**, *n.* False devotion; mis-  
taken piety. [Little used.]

**MISDI'ET**, *n.* Improper diet or food. [Not  
used.]

**MISDIRECT'**, *v. t.* To give a wrong direc-  
tion to; as, to *misdirect* a passenger.

2. To direct to a wrong person or place; as,  
to *misdirect* a letter.

**MISDIRECT'ED**, *pp.* Directed wrong, or  
to a wrong person or place.

**MISDIRECT'ING**, *ppr.* Directing wrong,  
or to a wrong person or place.

**MISDISPOSIT'ION**, *n.* Disposition to evil.  
[Not in use.]

**MISDISTINGUISH**, *v. t.* To make wrong  
distinctions.

**MISDÖ**, *v. t.* [See *Do*.] To do wrong; to  
do amiss; to commit a crime or fault.

**MISDÖER**, *n.* One who does wrong; one  
who commits a fault or crime.

**MISDÖING**, *ppr.* Doing wrong; commit-  
ting a fault or crime.

**MISDÖING**, *n.* A wrong done; a fault or  
crime; an offense.

**MISDOUBT**, *v. t.* *misdout'*. [See *Doubt*.]  
To suspect of deceit or danger. [An ill  
formed word and not in use.]

**MISDOUBT'**, *n.* Suspicion of crime or dan-  
ger. [Not used.]

2. Irresolution; hesitation. [Not used.]

**MISDOUBT'FUL**, *a.* Misgiving. [Not us-  
ed.]

**MISE**, *n.* *meze*. [Fr. *mis*, put, laid, *pp.* of  
*mettre*, L. *mitto*; Norm. *mise*.]

1. In *law*, an issue to be tried at the grand  
assize.

2. Expense; cost.

3. A tax or tallage; in Wales, an honora-  
ry gift of the people to a new king or  
prince of Wales; also, a tribute paid in  
the county Palatine of Chester at the  
change of the owner of the earldoms.

**MISEMPLY'**, *v. t.* To employ to no pur-  
pose, or to a bad purpose; as, to *misemploy*  
time, power, advantages, talents, &c.

**MISEMPLY'ED**, *pp.* Used to no purpose,  
or to a bad one.

**MISEMPLY'ING**, *ppr.* Using to no pur-  
pose, or to a bad one.

**MISEMPLY'MENT**, *n.* Ill employment;  
application to no purpose, or to a bad pur-  
pose.

**MISEN'TRY**, *n.* An erroneous entry or  
charge, as of an account.

**MISER**, *n.* *s* as *z*. [L. *miser*, miserable.] A  
miserable person; one wretched or af-  
flicted. *Obs.*

2. A wretch; a mean fellow. *Obs.*

3. An extremely covetous person; a sordid  
wretch; a niggard; one who in wealth  
makes himself miserable by the fear of  
poverty. [This is the only sense in which  
it is now used.]

No silver saints by dying misers given.

**MISERABLE**, *a.* *s* or *z*. [Fr. *miserable*,  
from L. *miser*, *miserabilis*.]

1. Very unhappy from grief, pain, calamity,  
poverty, apprehension of evil, or other  
cause. It however expresses somewhat  
less than *wretched*.

What hopes delude thee, *miserable* man?

2. Very poor; worthless.

*Miserable* comforters are ye all.

3. Causing unhappiness or misery.

What's more *miserable* than discontent?

4. Very poor or mean; as a *miserable* hut;  
*miserable* clothing.

5. Very poor or barren; as a *miserable* soil.

6. Very low or despicable; as a *miserable*  
person.

**MISERABLENESS**, *n.* State of misery;  
poorness.

**MIS'ERABLY**, *adv.* Unhappily; calami-  
tously.

The fifth was *miserably* stabbed to death.

2. Very poorly or meanly; wretchedly. They  
were *miserably* entertained.

3. In misery or unhappiness.

**MISERLY**, *a.* [See *Miser*.] Very covetous;  
sordid; niggardly; parsimonious.

**MIS'ERY**, *n.* *s* as *z*. [L. *miseria*; Fr. *mi-  
sère*.]

1. Great unhappiness; extreme pain of body  
or mind. A man suffers *misery* from the  
gout, or from great afflictions, distress, ca-  
lamity, and other evils. *Misery* expresses  
somewhat less than *wretchedness*.

*Misery* is as really the fruit of vice reigning  
in the heart, as tares are the produce of tares  
sown in the field.

2. Calamity; misfortune; natural evils which  
are the cause of misery.

And mourn the *miseries* of human life.

3. Covetousness. [Not used.]

**MISES'TIMATE**, *v. t.* To estimate errone-  
ously.

**MISFALL'**, *v. t.* To befall, as ill luck; to  
happen to unluckily.

**MISFA'RE**, *n.* Ill fare; misfortune.

**MISFASH'ION**, *v. t.* To form wrong.

**MISFE'ASANCE**, *n.* *misfe'zance*. [Fr. *mes*  
and *faisance*, from *faire*, to do.] In *law*, a  
trespass; a wrong done.

**MISFORM'**, *v. t.* To make of an ill form; to  
put in an ill shape.

**MISFOR'TUNE**, *n.* Ill fortune; ill luck;  
calamity; an evil or cross accident; as loss  
of property at sea or by fire.

Consider why the change was wrought,  
You'll find it his *misfortune*, not his fault.

**MISFOR'TUNED**, *a.* Unfortunate.

**MISGIVE**, *v. t.* *misgiv'*. [See *Give*.] To fill  
with doubt; to deprive of confidence; to  
fail; usually applied to the heart.

So doth my heart *misgive* me.

2. To give or grant amiss. [Not in use.]

**MISGIV'ING**, *ppr.* Filling with doubt or  
distrust; failing.

**MISGIV'ING**, *n.* A failing of confidence;  
doubt; distrust.

Doubts, suspicions and *misgivings*.

**MISGOTTEN**, *a.* Unjustly obtained.

**MISGOVERN**, *v. t.* To govern ill; to ad-  
minister unfaithfully.

Solyman charged him bitterly that he had  
*misgoverned* the state.

**MISGOVERNANCE**, *n.* Ill government;  
disorder; irregularity.

**MISGOVERN'ED**, *pp.* Ill governed; badly  
administered.

2. Rude; unrestrained; as rude, *misgovern-  
ed* hands.

**MISGOVERNMENT**, *n.* Ill administration  
of public affairs.

2. Ill management in private affairs.

3. Irregularity; disorder.

**MISGRAFF**, *v. t.* To graft amiss.

**MISGROUND'**, *v. t.* To found erroneously.

**MISGUIDANCE**, *n.* Wrong direction;  
guidance into error.

**MISGUIDE**, *v. t.* To lead or guide into er-  
ror; to direct ill; as, to *misguide* the un-  
derstanding or mind.

**MISGUID'ED**, *pp.* Led astray by evil coun-  
sel or wrong direction; as a *misguided*  
prince.

**MISGUID'ING**, *ppr.* Giving wrong direc-  
tion to; leading into error.

**MIS'GUM**, } *n.* An anguilliform fish about  
**MIS'GURN**, } the size of a common eel.

**MISHAP'**, *n.* Ill chance; evil accident; ill  
luck; misfortune.

Secure from worldly chances and *misshops*.

**MISHAP'PEN**, *v. i.* To happen ill.

**MISHE'AR**, *v. t.* To mistake in hearing.

**MISH'NA**, *n.* A collection or digest of Jew-  
ish traditions and explanations of Scrip-  
ture.