

- Judah was put to *the worse* before Israel. 2 Kings xiv.
2. Something less good. Think not *the worse* of him for his enterprise.
- WÖRSE**, *adv.* In a manner more evil or bad.
- We will deal *worse* with thee than with them. Gen. xix.
- WÖRSE**, to put to disadvantage, is not in use. [See *Worst*.] Milton.
- WÖRSEN**, *v. t.* To worse. [Not in use.] Milton.
- WÖRSER**, is a vulgar word, and not used in good writing or speaking.
- WÖRSHIP**, *n.* [Sax. *weorthscype*; *worth* and *ship*; the state of worth or worthiness. See *Worth*.]
1. Excellence of character; dignity; worth; worthiness.
- Elfin born of noble state,
And muckle *worship* in his native land. Spenser.
- In this sense, the word is nearly or quite obsolete; but hence,
2. A title of honor, used in addresses to certain magistrates and others of respectable character.
- My father desires your *worship's* company. Shak.
3. A term of ironical respect. Pope.
4. Chiefly and eminently, the act of paying divine honors to the Supreme Being; or the reverence and homage paid to him in religious exercises, consisting in adoration, confession, prayer, thanksgiving and the like.
- The *worship* of God is an eminent part of religion. Tillotson.
- Prayer is a chief part of religious *worship*. Ibm.
5. The homage paid to idols or false gods by pagans; as the *worship* of Isis.
6. Honor; respect; civil deference.
- Then shalt thou have *worship* in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. Luke xiv.
7. Idolatry of lovers; obsequious or submissive respect. Shak.
- WÖRSHIP**, *v. t.* To adore; to pay divine honors to; to reverence with supreme respect and veneration.
- Thou shalt *worship* no other God. Ex. xxxiv.
- Adore and *worship* God supreme. Milton.
2. To respect; to honor; to treat with civil reverence.
- Nor *worship'd* with a waxen epitaph. Shak.
3. To honor with extravagant love and extreme submission; as a lover.
- With bended knees I daily *worship* her. Carew.
- WÖRSHIP**, *v. i.* To perform acts of adoration.
2. To perform religious service.
- Our fathers *worshipped* in this mountain. John iv.
- WÖRSHIPED**, *pp.* Adored; treated with divine honors; treated with civil respect.
- WÖRSHIPER**, *n.* One who worships; one who pays divine honors to any being; one who adores. South.
- WÖRSHIPFUL**, *a.* Claiming respect; worthy of honor from its character or dignity.
- This is *worshipful* society. Shak.
2. A term of respect, sometimes ironically.
- WÖRSHIPFULLY**, *adv.* Respectfully. Shak.
- WÖRSHIPPING**, *ppr.* Adoring; paying divine honors to; treating with supreme

- reverence; treating with extreme submission.
- WÖRST**, *a.* [superl. of *worse*, which see.]
1. Most bad; most evil; in a moral sense; as the *worst* man; the *worst* sinner.
2. Most severe or dangerous; most difficult to heal; as the *worst* disease.
3. Most afflictive, pernicious or calamitous; as the *worst* evil that can befall a state or an individual.
- WÖRST**, *n.* The most evil state; in a moral sense.
2. The most severe or aggravated state; the highth; as, the disease is at the *worst*.
3. The most calamitous state. Be armed against the *worst*.
- WÖRST**, *v. t.* To get the advantage over in contest; to defeat; to overthrow. It is madness to contend, when we are sure to be *worsted*.
- WÖRSTED**, *pp.* Defeated; overthrown.
- WÖRSTED**, *n.* **WÖSTED**. [The origin of this word is uncertain. It is usually supposed to take its name from a town in England or in Flanders: but in Norman, *worstet* is mentioned; as *lit de worstet*, a bed of *worsted*.]
- Yarn spun from combed wool; a particular kind of woolen yarn.
- WÖRSTED**, *a.* Consisting of *worsted*; made of *worsted* yarn; as *worsted* stockings.
- WÖRT**, *n.* [Sax. *wyrt*; G. *wurz*; Sw. *ort*; Dan. *urt*; Fr. *vert*, *verd*; from the root of *L. vireo*, to grow; *viridis*, green.]
1. A plant; an herb; now used chiefly or wholly in compounds; as in *mugwort*, *liverwort*, *splencwort*.
2. A plant of the cabbage kind.
3. New beer unfermented, or in the act of fermentation; the sweet infusion of malt. Bacon. Cyc.
- WÖRTH**, a termination, signifies a farm or court; as in *Wordsworth*.
- WÖRTH**, *v. i.* [Sax. *weorthan*, to be.] This verb is now used only in the phrases, *wo worth the day*, *wo worth the man*, &c., in which the verb is in the imperative mode, and the noun in the dative; *wo be to the day*.
- WÖRTH**, *n.* [Sax. *weorth*, *wurth*, *wyrth*; G. *wurth*; D. *waarde*; Sw. *vård*; Dan. *vård*; W. *gwerth*; L. *virtus*, from the root of *vireo*. The primary sense is strength.]
1. Value; that quality of a thing which renders it useful, or which will produce an equivalent good in some other thing. The *worth* of a day's labor may be estimated in money, or in wheat. The *worth* of labor is settled between the hirer and the hired. The *worth* of commodities is usually the price they will bring in market; but *price* is not always *worth*.
2. Value of mental qualities; excellence; virtue; usefulness; as a man or magistrate of great *worth*.
- As one but she, who in that court did dwell,
Could know such *worth*, or *worth* describe so well. Waller.
- All *worth* consists in doing good, and in the disposition by which it is done. Dwight.
3. Importance; valuable qualities; *applied to things*; as, these things have since lost their *worth*.
- WÖRTH**, *a.* Equal in value to. Silver is scarce *worth* the labor of digging and re-

- fining. In one country, a day's labor is *worth* a dollar; in another, the same labor is not *worth* fifty cents. It is *worth* while to consider a subject well before we come to a decision.
- If your arguments produce no conviction, they are *worth* nothing to me. Beattie.
2. Deserving of; in a good or bad sense, but chiefly in a good sense. The castle is *worth* defending.
- To reign is *worth* ambition, though it hell. Milton.
- This is life indeed, life *worth* preserving. Addison.
3. Equal in possessions to; having estate to the value of. Most men are estimated by their neighbors to be *worth* more than they are. A man *worth* a hundred thousand dollars in the United States, is called rich; but not so in London or Paris.
- Worthiest* of blood, an expression in law, denoting the preference of sons to daughters in the descent of estates.
- WÖRTHILY**, *adv.* In a manner suited to; as, to walk *worthily* of our extraction. [Bad.] Ray.
2. Deservedly; according to merit.
- You *worthily* succeed not only to the honors of your ancestors, but also to their virtues. Dryden.
3. Justly; not without cause.
- I affirm that some may very *worthily* deserve to be hated. South.
- WÖRTHINESS**, *n.* Desert; merit.
- The prayers which our Savior made, were for his own *worthiness* accepted. Hooker.
2. Excellence; dignity; virtue.
- Who is sure he hath a soul, unless
It see and judge and follow *worthiness*? Donne.
3. Worth; quality or state of deserving. Sidney.
- WÖRTHLESS**, *a.* Having no value; as a *worthless* garment; a *worthless* ship.
2. Having no value of character or no virtue; as a *worthless* man or woman.
3. Having no dignity or excellence; as a *worthless* magistrate.
- WÖRTHLESSNESS**, *n.* Want of value; want of useful qualities; as the *worthlessness* of an old garment or of barren land.
2. Want of excellence or dignity; as the *worthlessness* of a person.
- WÖRTHY**, *a.* [G. *wurdig*; D. *waardig*; Sw. *vårdig*.]
1. Deserving; such as merits; having worth or excellence; equivalent; with *of*, before the thing deserved. She has married a man *worthy* of her.
- Thou art *worthy* of the sway. Shak.
- I am not *worthy* of the least of all the mercies— Gen. xxxii.
2. Possessing worth or excellence of qualities; virtuous; estimable; as a *worthy* citizen; a *worthy* magistrate.
- Happier thou may'st be, *worthier* canst not be. Milton.
- This *worthy* mind should *worthy* things embrace. Davies.
3. Suitable; having qualities suited to; either in a good or bad sense; equal in value; as flowers *worthy* of paradise.
4. Suitable to any thing bad.
- The merciless Macdonald,
Worthy to be a rebel. Shak.
5. Deserving of ill; as things *worthy* of stripes. Luke xii.