

- So talk'd the *spirited* sly snake. *Milton.*  
[*Little used.*]
2. To animate with vigor; to excite; to encourage; as, civil dissensions *spirit* the ambition of private men. *Swift.*  
It is sometimes followed by *up*; as, to *spirit up*.  
3. To kidnap. *Middleton.*  
To *spirit away*, to entice or seduce.
- SPIRITALLY**, *adv.* By means of the breath. [*Not in use.*] *Holder.*
- SPIRITED**, *pp.* Animated; encouraged; incited.
2. *a.* Animated; full of life; lively; full of spirit or fire; as a *spirited* address or oration; a *spirited* answer. It is used in composition, noting the state of the mind; as in *high-spirited*, *low-spirited*, *mean-spirited*.
- SPIRITEDLY**, *adv.* In a lively manner; with spirit; with strength; with animation.
- SPIRITEDNESS**, *n.* Life; animation.
2. Disposition or make of mind; used in compounds; as *high-spiritedness*, *low-spiritedness*, *mean-spiritedness*, *narrow-spiritedness*.
- SPIRITFUL**, *a.* Lively; full of spirit. [*Not used.*] *Ash.*
- SPIRITFULLY**, *adv.* In a lively manner. [*Not used.*]
- SPIRITFULNESS**, *n.* Liveliness; sprightliness. [*Not used.*] *Harvey.*
- SPIRITLESS**, *a.* Destitute of spirits; wanting animation; wanting cheerfulness; dejected; depressed.
2. Destitute of vigor; wanting life, courage or fire; as a *spiritless* slave.  
A man so faint, so *spiritless*,  
So dull, so dead in look— *Shak.*
3. Having no breath; extinct; dead. *Greenhill.*
- SPIRITLESSLY**, *adv.* Without spirit; without exertion. *More.*
- SPIRITLESSNESS**, *n.* Dullness; want of life or vigor.
- SPIRITOUS**, *a.* Like spirit; refined; defecated; pure.  
More refin'd, more *spiritous* and pure. *Milton.*
2. Fine; ardent; active. *Smith.*
- SPIRITOUSNESS**, *n.* A refined state; fineness and activity of parts; as the thinness and *spiritousness* of liquor. *Boyle.*
- SPIRITUAL**, *a.* [*Fr. spirituel*; *It. spirituale*; *L. spiritualis*.]
1. Consisting of spirit; not material; incorporeal; as a *spiritual* substance or being. The soul of man is *spiritual*.
2. Mental; intellectual; as *spiritual* armor. *Milton.*
3. Not gross; refined from external things; not sensual; relative to mind only; as a *spiritual* and refined religion. *Calamy.*
4. Not lay or temporal; relating to sacred things; ecclesiastical; as the *spiritual* functions of the clergy; the lords *spiritual* and temporal; a *spiritual* corporation.
5. Pertaining to spirit or to the affections; pure; holy.  
God's law is *spiritual*; it is a transcript of the divine nature, and extends its authority to the acts of the soul of man. *Brown.*
6. Pertaining to the renewed nature of man; as *spiritual* life.
7. Not fleshly; not material; as *spiritual* sacrifices. *1 Pet. ii.*
8. Pertaining to divine things; as *spiritual* songs. *Eph. v.*  
*Spiritual court*, an ecclesiastical court; a court held by a bishop or other ecclesiastic.
- SPIRITUALITY**, *n.* Essence distinct from matter; immateriality.  
If this light be not spiritual, it approacheth nearest to *spirituality*. *Rateigh.*
2. Intellectual nature; as the *spirituality* of the soul. *South.*
3. Spiritual nature; the quality which respects the spirit or affections of the heart only, and the essence of true religion; as the *spirituality* of God's law.
4. Spiritual exercises and holy affections.  
Much of our *spirituality* and comfort in public worship depend on the state of mind in which we come. *Bickersteth.*
5. That which belongs to the church, or to a person as an ecclesiastic, or to religion; as distinct from temporalities.  
During the vacancy of a see, the archbishop is guardian of the *spiritualities* thereof. *Blackstone.*
6. An ecclesiastical body. [*Not in use.*] *Shak.*
- SPIRITUALIZATION**, *n.* The act of spiritualizing. In chemistry, the operation of extracting spirit from natural bodies. *Encyc.*
- SPIRITUALIZE**, *v. i.* [*Fr. spiritualiser*, to extract spirit from mixed bodies.]
1. To refine the intellect; to purify from the feculences of the world; as, to *spiritualize* the soul. *Hammond.*
2. In chemistry, to extract spirit from natural bodies.
3. To convert to a spiritual meaning.
- SPIRITUALLY**, *adv.* Without corporeal grossness or sensuality; in a manner conformed to the spirit of true religion; with purity of spirit or heart.
- Spiritually minded*, under the influence of the Holy Spirit or of holy principles; having the affections refined and elevated above sensual objects, and placed on God and his law. *Rom. viii.*
- Spiritually discerned*, known, not by carnal reason, but by the peculiar illumination of the Holy Spirit. *1 Cor. ii.*
- SPIRITUOUS**, *a.* [*Fr. spiritueux*.] Containing spirit; consisting of refined spirit; ardent; as *spirituous* liquors. [This might well be written *spiritous*.]
2. Having the quality of spirit; fine; pure; active; as the *spirituous* part of a plant. *Arbuthnot.*
3. Lively; gay; vivid; airy. [*Not in use.*] *Wotton.*
- SPIRITUOUSNESS**, *n.* The quality of being spirituous; ardor; heat; stimulating quality; as the *spirituousness* of liquors.
2. Life; tenacity; activity.
- SPIRT**. [*See Spurt*, the more correct orthography.]
- SPIRY**, *a.* [*from spire*.] Of a spiral form; wreathed; curled; as the *spiry* volumes of a serpent. *Dryden.*
2. Having the form of a pyramid; pyramidal; as *spiry* turrets. *Pope.*
- SPISS**, *a.* [*L. spissus*.] Thick; close; dense. [*Not in use.*]
- SPISSTITUDE**, *n.* [*supra.*] Thickness of soft substances; the denseness or compactness which belongs to substances not perfectly liquid nor perfectly solid; as the *spissitude* of coagulated blood or of any coagulum.
- SPIT**, *n.* [*Sax. spitu*; *D. spit*; *G. spiess*; *Sw. spitt*; *Dan. spid*; *It. spiedo*; *Ice. spiet*, a spear. It belongs to Class Bd, and is from thrusting, shooting.]
1. An iron prong or bar pointed, on which meat is roasted.
2. Such a depth of earth as is pierced by the spade at once. [*D. spit*, a spade.] *Mortimer.*
3. A small point of land running into the sea, or a long narrow shoal extending from the shore into the sea; as a *spit* of sand.
- SPIT**, *v. t.* [*from the noun*.] To thrust a spit through; to put upon a spit; as, to *spit* a loin of veal.
2. To thrust through; to pierce. *Dryden.*
- SPIT**, *v. t.* pret. and *pp. spit*. *Spit* is obsolete. [*Sax. spittan*; *Sw. spotta*; *Dan. spytler*; *G. spützen*. The sense is to throw or drive. Class Bd.]
1. To eject from the mouth; to thrust out, as saliva or other matter from the mouth.
2. To eject or throw out with violence.
- SPIT**, *v. i.* To throw out saliva from the mouth. It is a dirty trick to *spit* on the floor or carpet.
- SPITT**, *n.* [*Dan. spyt*.] What is ejected from the mouth; saliva.
- SPITTAL**, } corrupted from *hospital*.  
**SPITTEL**, } *n.* "Rob not the *spital*," or charitable foundation. *Johnson.*  
[*Fulgar* and *not in use.*]
- SPITCH/COCK**, *v. t.* To split an eel lengthwise and broil it. *King.*
- SPITCH/COCK**, *n.* An eel split and broiled. *Decker.*
- SPITE**, *n.* [*D. spyt*, spite, vexation; *Ir. spid*. The *Fr.* has *depit*, *Norm. despite*. The *It. dispetto*, and *Sp. despecho*, seem to be from the *L. despectus*; but *spite* seems to be from a different root.]
- Hatred; rancor; malice; malignity; malevolence. *Johnson.*
- Spite*, however, is not always synonymous with these words. It often denotes a less deliberate and fixed hatred than malice and malignity, and is often a sudden fit of ill will excited by temporary vexation. It is the effect of extreme irritation, and is accompanied with a desire of revenge, or at least a desire to vex the object of ill will.
- Be gone, ye critics, and restrain your *spite*; *Codrus* writes on, and will for ever write. *Pope.*
- In *spite of*, in opposition to all efforts; in defiance or contempt of. Sometimes *spite of* is used without *in*, but not elegantly. It is often used without expressing any malignity of meaning.
- Whom God made use of to speak a word in season, and saved me *in spite of* the world, the devil and myself. *South.*
- In *spite of* all applications, the patient grew worse every day. *Arbuthnot.*
- To owe one a *spite*, to entertain a temporary hatred for something.
- SPITE**, *v. t.* To be angry or vexed at.
2. To mischief; to vex; to treat maliciously; to thwart. *Shak.*