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1. Extreme pain; anguish of body or mind; pang; agony; torment.

Ghastly spasm or racking torture. *Milton.*

2. Severe pain inflicted judicially, either as a punishment for a crime, or for the purpose of extorting a confession from an accused person. Torture may be and is inflicted in a variety of ways, as by water or fire, or by the boot or thumbkin. But the most usual mode is by the rack or wheel.

Paley. Cyc.

TORTURE, *v. t.* To pain to extremity; to torment.

2. To punish with torture; to put to the rack; as, to torture an accused person.

3. To vex; to harass. *Addison.*

4. To keep on the stretch, as a bow. [*Not in use.*] *Bacon.*

TORTURED, *pp.* Tormented; stretched on the wheel; harassed.

TORTURER, *n.* One who tortures; a tormenter. *Bacon.*

TORTURING, *ppr.* Tormenting; stretching on the rack; vexing.

TORTURINGLY, *adv.* So as to torture or torment. *Bacon.*

TORTUROUS, *a.* Tormenting. [*Not in use.*] *More.*

TORULOSE, *a.* In botany, swelling a little. *Martyn.*

TORUS, *n.* A mauling. [*See Tore.*]

TORVITY, *n.* [*L. torvitas*; from twisting, supra.] Sourness or severity of countenance.

TORVUS, *a.* [*L. torvus*, from the root of *torqueo*, to twist.]

Sour of aspect; stern; of a severe countenance. *Derham.*

TORVY, *n.* [said to be an Irish word, denoting a robber; perhaps from *tor*, a bush, as the Irish banditti lived in the mountains or among trees.]

The name given to an adherent to the ancient constitution of England and to the apostolical hierarchy. The tories form a party which are charged with supporting more arbitrary principles in government than the whigs, their opponents.

In America, during the revolution, those who opposed the war, and favored the claims of Great Britain, were called tories.

TORISM, *n.* The principles of the tories.

TOSE, *v. t.* *s* as *z*. To tease wool. [*Not in use or local.*]

TOSS, *v. t.* *pret.* and *pp.* *tossed* or *lost*. [*W. tosiaw*, to toss, to jerk.]

1. To throw with the hand; particularly, to throw with the palm of the hand upward, or to throw upward; as, to toss a ball.

2. To throw with violence. *Shak.*

3. To lift or throw up with a sudden or violent motion; as, to toss the head; or to toss up the head.

He *toss'd* his arm aloft. *Addison.*

4. To cause to rise and fall; as, to be tossed on the waves.

We, being exceedingly tossed with a tempest— *Acts xxvii.*

5. To move one way and the other. *Prov. xxi.*

6. To agitate; to make restless.

Calm region once,

And full of peace, now *tost* and turbulent. *Milton.*

7. To keep in play; to tumble over; as, to spend four years in *tossing* the rules of grammar. *Ascham.*

TOSS, *v. i.* To fling; to roll and tumble; to writhe; to be in violent commotion.

To *toss* and fling, and to be restless, only frets and enrages our pain. *Tillotson.*

2. To be tossed. *Shak.*

To *toss up*, is to throw a coin into the air and wager on what side it will fall.

Brampston.

TOSS, *n.* A throwing upward or with a jerk; the act of tossing; as the *toss* of a ball.

2. A throwing up of the head; a particular manner of raising the head with a jerk. It is much applied to horses, and may be applied to an affected manner of raising the head in men.

TOSS'ED, *pp.* Thrown upward suddenly or with a jerk; made to rise and fall suddenly.

TOSS'EL. [*See Tassel.*]

TOSS'ER, *n.* One who tosses.

TOSSING, *ppr.* Throwing upward with a jerk; raising suddenly; as the head.

TOSSING, *n.* The act of throwing upward; a rising and falling suddenly; a rolling and tumbling.

Dire was the *tossing*, deep the groans. *Milton.*

TOSS-POT, *n.* [*toss* and *pot*.] A toper; one habitually given to strong drink.

TOST, *pret.* and *pp.* of *toss*.

In a troubled sea of passion *tost*. *Milton.*

TOTAL, *a.* [*Fr.*; *L. totalis*, *totus*; *W. tict*.]

1. Whole; full; complete; as *total* darkness; a total departure from the evidence; a *total* loss; the *total* sum or amount.

2. Whole; not divided.

—Myself the *total* crime. *Milton.*

TOTAL, *n.* The whole; the whole sum or amount. These sums added, make the grand *total* of five millions.

TOTALITY, *n.* [*Fr. totalité*.] The whole sum; whole quantity or amount.

TOTALLY, *adv.* Wholly; entirely; fully; completely; as, to be *totally* exhausted; all hope *totally* failed; he was *totally* absorbed in thought.

TOTALNESS, *n.* Entireness.

TOTE, *v. t.* To carry or convey. [*A word used in slaveholding countries; said to have been introduced by the blacks.*]

TOTTER, *v. i.* [*This may be allied to titler.*]

1. To shake so as to threaten a fall; to vacillate; as, an old man *totters* with age; a child *totters* when he begins to walk.

2. To shake; to reel; to lean.

As a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a *tottering* fence. *Ps. lvii.*

Troy nods from high, and *totters* to her fall. *Dryden.*

TOTTERING, *ppr.* Shaking, as threatening a fall; vacillating; reeling; inclining.

TOTTERY, *a.* Shaking; trembling or vacillating as if about to fall; unsteady. [*Not in use.*] [Spenser wrote *tottle*, as the common people of New England still pronounce it.]

TOUCAN, *n.* A fowl of the genus *Ramphastos*; also, a constellation of nine small stars. *Cyc.*

TOUCH, *v. t.* *tuch*. [*Fr. toucher*; *Arm. touicha*, *touchan* or *touchéin*; *Goth. tekan*, *atlekan*; *G. ticken*; *D. tikken*; *Sp. Port. tocar*; *It. toccare*; *Gr. θίγω*; *L. tango*, originally *tango*, [our vulgar *tag*;] *pret. tetigi*, *pp. tactus*. The sense is to thrust or strike. Class *Dg.* It appears by the laws of Numa Pompilius, that in his days this

word was written without *n*. "*Pellex aram Junonis ne tagito.*"

1. To come in contact with; to hit or strike against.

He *touched* the hollow of his thigh. *Gen. xxxii. Matt. ix.*

Esther drew near, and *touched* the top of the scepter. *Esth. v.*

2. To perceive by the sense of feeling. Nothing but body can be *touch'd* or *touch*. *Creech.*

3. To come to; to reach; to attain to. The god vindictive doom'd them never more. Ah men unblest'd! to *touch* that natal shore. *Pope.*

4. To try, as gold with a stone. Wherein I mean to *touch* your love indeed— *Shak.*

5. To relate to; to concern. The quarrel *toucheth* none but thee alone. *Shak.*

[*This sense is now nearly obsolete.*]

6. To handle slightly. *Brown.*

7. To meddle with. I have not *touched* the books.

8. To affect. What of sweet Hath *touch'd* my sense, flat seems to this. *Milton.*

9. To move; to soften; to melt. The tender sire was *touch'd* with what he said. *Addison.*

10. To mark or delineate slightly. The lines, though *touch'd* but faintly— *Pope.*

11. To infect; as men *touched* with pestilent diseases. [*Little used.*] *Bacon.*

12. To make an impression on. Its face must be—so hard that the file will not *touch* it. *Moxon.*

13. To strike, as an instrument of music; to play on. They *touch'd* their golden harps. *Milton.*

14. To influence by impulse; to impel forcibly. No decree of mine, To *touch* with lightest moment of impulse His free will. *Milton.*

15. To treat slightly. In his discourse, he barely *touched* upon the subject deemed the most interesting.

16. To afflict or distress. *Gen. xxvi.*

To *touch up*, to repair; or to improve by slight touches or emendations. *Addison.*

To *touch the wind*, in seamen's language, is to keep the ship as near the wind as possible.

TOUCH, *v. i.* *tuch*. To be in contact with; to be in a state of junction, so that no space is between. Two spheres *touch* only at points. *Johnson.*

2. To fasten on; to take effect on. Strong waters will *touch* upon gold, that will not *touch* silver. *Bacon.*

3. To treat of slightly in discourse. *Addison.*

To *touch at*, to come or go to, without stay. The ship *touched* at Lisbon.

The next day we *touched* at Sidon. *Acts xxvii.*

To *touch on* or *upon*, to mention slightly. If the antiquaries have *touched* upon it, they have immediately quitted it. *Addison.*

2. In the sense of *touch at*. [*Little used.*]

TOUCH, *n.* *tuch*. Contact; the hitting of two bodies; the junction of two bodies at the surface, so that there is no space between them. The mimosa shrinks at the slightest *touch*.

2. The sense of feeling; one of the five senses. We say, a thing is cold or warm to the *touch*; silk is soft to the *touch*.