

2. To happen ill to. [*Not in use.*] *Shak.*
BESHUT, *v. t.* To shut up. [*Not used.*] *Chaucer.*

BESIDE, *prep.* [*be and side*, by the side.]

1. At the side of a person or thing; near; as, sit down *beside* me, or *beside* the stream.

2. Over and above; distinct from.

Beside all this, between us and you, there is a great gulf fixed. *Luke xvi.*

3. On one side; out of the regular course or order; not according to, but not contrary.

It is *beside* my present business to engage upon this speculation. *Locke.*

4. Out of; in a state deviating from; as, to put one *beside* his patience. Hence,

5. With the reciprocal pronoun, *beside one's self* is out of the wits or senses; out of the order of reason, or of rational beings.

Paul, thou art *beside* thyself. *Acts xxvi.*

BESIDES, *prep.* Over and above; separate or distinct from.

And there was a famine in the land, *besides* the first famine. *Gen. xxi.*

Note. This word, though radically the same as *beside*, and a corruption of it, ought not to be confounded with it, for it is never used in the senses explained under *beside*, except in the second.

BESIDE, *adv.* Moreover; more than; *BESIDES*, that; over and above;

distinct from; not included in the number, or in what has been mentioned.

Besides, you know not what is the fate of your friend.

The men said to Lot, hast thou here any *besides*? *Gen. xix.*

To sit famine, as much an empty shade, An Eugene living, as a Cesar dead. *Pope.*

These sentences may be considered as elliptical.

BESIDERY, *n.* A species of pear. *Johnson.*

BESIEGE, *v. t.* [*be and siege*; *Fr. sieger*, and *assiéger*, to besiege. See *Siege*.]

1. To lay siege to; to beleague; to beset, or surround with armed forces, for the purpose of compelling to surrender, either by famine or by violent attacks; as, to *besiege* a castle or city.

2. To beset; to throng round.

BESIEGED, *pp.* Surrounded or beset with hostile troops.

BESIEGER, *n.* One who lays siege, or is employed in a siege.

BESIEGING, *pp.* Laying siege; surrounding with armed forces.

BESIEGING, *a.* Surrounding in a hostile manner; employed in a siege; as, a *besieging* army.

BESIT, *v. t.* [*be and sit*.] To suit; to beset; [*Mit used.*] *Spenser.*

BESLAVE, *v. t.* To subjugate; to enslave. [*Not used.*] *Bp. Hall.*

BESLIME, *v. t.* To daub with slime; to soil. [*Not used.*] *B. Jonson.*

BESLUBBER, *v. t.* [*be and slubber*, slubber.] To soil or smear with spittle, or any thing running from the mouth or nose. [*Fulgur.*]

BESMEAR, *v. t.* [*be and smear*.] To bedaub; to overspread with any viscous, glutinous matter, or with any soft substance that adheres. Hence, to foul; to soil.

BESMEARED, *pp.* Bedaubed; overspread with any thing soft, viscous, or adhesive; soiled.

BESMEARER, *n.* One that besmears.

BESMEARING, *pp.* Bedaubing; soiling; **BESMIRCH**, *v. t.* [*be and smirch*.] To soil;

to foul; to discolor. [*Little used.*] *Shak.*

BESMOKE, *v. t.* [*be and smoke*.] To foul with smoke; to harden or dry in smoke. [*Little used.*]

BESMOKED, *pp.* Fouled or soiled with smoke; dried in smoke.

BESMUT, *v. t.* [*be and smut*.] To blacken with smut; to foul with soot.

BESMUTTED, *pp.* Blackened with smut or soot.

BESNOW, *v. t.* [*be and snow*. Sax. *besnien*, participle.] To scatter like snow. [*Little used.*] *Gower.*

BESNOWED, *a.* or *pp.* [*be and snow*.] Covered or sprinkled with snow, or with white blossoms. *Hunbury.*

BESNUFF, *v. t.* To befoul with snuff.

BESNUFFED, *pp.* Foul with snuff.

BESOM, *n.* *s* as *z*. [Sax. *besm*, a brush or broom; *besman*, twigs. Orosius, 2. 3. Ger. *besen*; D. *bezem*; Arm. *bezo*, birch. The *besom* was a little bundle of twigs used for sweeping.]

A broom; a brush of twigs for sweeping.

I will sweep it with the *besom* of destruction, saith the Lord of Hosts. *Is. xiv.*

BESOM, *v. t.* To sweep, as with a besom.

Rolls back all Greece, and *besoms* wide the plain. *Barlow.*

BESORT, *v. t.* [*be and sort*.] To suit; to fit; to become. *Shak.*

BESORT, *n.* Company; attendance; train. *Shak.*

BESOT, *v. t.* [*be and sot*.] To make sottish; to inebriate; to stupify; to make dull or senseless. *Milton.*

2. To make to date.

BESOTTED, *pp.* Made sottish or stupid. *Beaumont.*

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BESOTTEDLY, *adv.* In a foolish manner. *Milton.*

BESOTTEDNESS, *n.* Stupidity; arrant folly; inebriation. *Milton.*

BESOTTING, *pp.* Inebriating; making sottish or foolish.

BESOUGHT, *besaut*, *pp.* of *beseech*. Entreated; implored; sought by entreaty.

BESPANGLE, *v. t.* [*be and spangle*.] To adorn with spangles; to dot or sprinkle with something brilliant; as, the heavens *bespangled* with stars.

BESPANGLED, *pp.* Adorned with spangles or something shining.

BESPANGLING, *pp.* Adorning with spangles or glittering objects.

BESPATTER, *v. t.* [*be and spatter*.] To soil by spattering; to sprinkle with water, or with dirt and water.

2. To asperse with calumny or reproach. *Swift.*

BESPATTERED, *pp.* Spattered over; soiled with dirt and water; aspersed; calumniated.

BESPATTERING, *pp.* Spattering with water; soiling with dirt and water; aspersing.

BESPAWL, *v. t.* [*be and spawl*.] To soil or make foul with spittle. *Milton.*

BESPEAK, *v. t.* pret. *bespoke*; *pp.* *bespoke*, *bespoken*, *be and speak*.]

1. To speak for beforehand; to order or en-

gage against a future time; as, to *bespeak* a seat in a public coach.

My lady is *bespoke*. *Shak.*

2. To forebode; to foretell.

They started fears, and *bespoke* dangers, to scare the allies. *Swift.*

3. To speak to; to address. This sense is mostly poetical.

He thus *bespoke* the queen. *Dryden.*

4. To betoken; to show; to indicate by external marks or appearances; as, his manners *bespeak* him a gentleman.

BESPEAKER, *n.* One who bespeaks.

BESPEAKING, *pp.* Speaking for or ordering beforehand; foreboding; addressing; showing; indicating.

BESPEAKING, *n.* A previous speaking or discourse, by way of apology, or to engage favor. *Dryden.*

BESPECKLE, *v. t.* [*be and speckle*.] To mark with speckles or spots. *Milton.*

BESPEICE, *v. t.* [*be and spice*.] To season with spices. *Shak.*

BESPIRT, *v. t.* To spurt out, or over; to **BESPERT**, *v. t.* To throw out in a stream or streams. [*Not used.*] *Milton.*

BESPIRIT, *v. t.* pret. *bespit*; *pp.* *bespit*, *bespitten*, [*be and spit*.] To daub or soil with spittle. *Johnson.*

BESPOKE, *pret.* and *pp.* of *bespeak*.

BESPOT, *v. t.* [*be and spot*.] To mark with spots. *Mortimer.*

BESPOTTED, *pp.* Marked with spots.

BESOTTING, *pp.* Marking with spots.

BESPREAD, *v. t.* [*be and spread*.] pret. and *pp.* *bespread*, [*be and spread*.] To spread over; to cover over; as, to *bespread* with flowers.

BESPRINKLE, *v. t.* [*be and sprinkle*.] To sprinkle over; to scatter over; as, to *besprinkle* with dust.

BESPRINKLED, *pp.* Sprinkled over.

BESPRINKLER, *n.* One that sprinkles over.

BESPRINKLING, *pp.* Sprinkling over.

BEST, *a.* superlative. [Sax. *best*, contracted from *betest*, from *bet*, more, or better; *betre* is also used; *betan*, to amend, or restore, correct, heal; *bote*, reparation, compensation; Eng. *boot*, to boot; Goth. *botjan*, to profit, aid, assist; Eng. *but*; G. *buss*, good, better, best, *beste*, best; D. *beter*, best; Dan. *beste*; Sw. *bäst*. This word has no connection in origin with good. See *Better*.]

Literally, most advanced. Hence,

1. Most good; having good qualities in the highest degree; applied indifferently to physical or moral subjects; as, the *best* man; the *best* road; the *best* cloth; the *best* abilities. This, like most, and other attributes, is often used without its noun, when the noun is obvious; as, men are all sinners; the *best* of them fail in the performance of duty.

2. Most advanced; most accurate; as the *best* scholar.

3. Most correct or complete; as the *best* view of a landscape, or of a subject.

4. The *best*. This phrase is elliptical, and may be variously interpreted; as, the utmost power; the strongest endeavor; the most, the highest perfection; as, let a man do his *best*; let him do a thing to the *best* of his power.

5. At *best*, in the best manner; in the utmost