

COMPLEXURE, *n.* The involution or complication of one thing with others.

COMPLIABLE, *a.* [See *Comply*.] That can bend or yield. *Milton.*

COMPLIANCE, *n.* [See *Comply*.] The act of complying; a yielding, as to a request, wish, desire, demand or proposal; concession; submission.

Let the king meet *compliance* in your looks.
A free and ready yielding to his wishes. *Rouce.*

2. A disposition to yield to others.

He was a man of few words and great *compliance*. *Cleveland.*

3. Obedience; followed by *with*; as *compliance with a command*, or precept.

4. Performance; execution; as *a compliance with the conditions of a contract*.

COMPLIANT, *a.* Yielding, bending; as *the compliant boughs*. [See *Pliant*, which is generally used.] *Milton.*

2. Yielding to request or desire; civil; obliging.

COMPLIANTLY, *adv.* In a yielding manner.

COMPLICACY, *n.* A state of being complex or intricate. *Milford.*

COMPLICATE, *v. t.* [*L. complico*; *con* and *plico*, to fold, weave or knit. See *Complice*.]

1. Literally, to interweave; to fold and twist together. Hence, to make complex; to involve; to entangle; to unite or connect mutually or intimately, as different things or parts; followed by *with*.
Our offense against God hath been *complicated* with injury to men. *Tillotson.*

So we say, a *complicated* disease; a *complicated* affair.

Commotion in the parts may *complicate* and dispose them after the manner requisite to make them stick. *Boyle.*

2. To make intricate.

COMPLICATE, *a.* Complex; composed of two or more parts united.

Though the particular actions of war are *complicated* in fact, yet they are separate and distinct in right. *Bacon.*

2. In *botany*, folded together, as the valves of the glume or chaff in some grasses. *Martyn.*

COMPLICATED, *pp.* Interwoven; entangled; involved; intricate; composed of two or more things or parts united.

COMPLICATELY, *adv.* In a complex manner.

COMPLICATENESS, *n.* The state of being complicated; involution; intricacy; perplexity. *Hale.*

COMPLICATING, *ppr.* Interweaving; infolding; uniting.

COMPLICATION, *n.* The act of interweaving, or involving two or more things or parts; the state of being interwoven, involved or intimately blended.

The notions of a confused knowledge are always full of perplexity and *complications*. *Watkins.*

2. The integral consisting of many things involved or interwoven, or mutually united.

By admitting a *complication* of ideas—the mind is bewildered. *Watts.*

COMPLICE, *n.* [It. *complice*; Fr. Port. *Sp. id.*; *L. complico*, *complicitum*, *complices*. See *Complicate* and *Complex*.]

One who is united with another in the commission of a crime, or in an ill design; an

associate or confederate in some unlawful act or design; an *accomplice*. The latter is now used. [See *Accomplice*.] *Shak. Clarendon.*

COMPLIED, *pret. of comply*.

COMPLIER, *n.* One who complies, yields, or obeys; a person of ready compliance; a man of an easy, yielding temper. *Swift.*

COMPLIMENT, *n.* [Fr. *id.*; It. *complimento*; Sp. *complimento*, completion, perfection, compliment; Port. *comprimeto*, length, fulfillment, compliment, obliging words, from the verb *comprir*, to fulfil, to perform; Sp. *complir*; It. *compiere*; L. *compleo*. See *Complete*.]

1. An expression of civility, respect or regard; as, to send, or make one's *compliments* to an absent friend. In this application, the plural is always used.

He observed few *compliments* in matter of arms. *Sidney.*

2. A present or favor bestowed. My friend made me a *compliment* of Homer's liad.

COMPLIMENT, *v. t.* To praise; to flatter by expressions of approbation, esteem or respect.

Monarchs—
Should *compliment* their foes, and shun their friends. *Prior.*

She *compliments* Menelaus very handsomely. *Pope.*

2. To congratulate; as, to *compliment* a prince on the birth of a son.

3. To bestow a present; to manifest kindness or regard for, by a present or other favor.

He *complimented* us with tickets for the exhibition.

COMPLIMENT, *v. i.* To pass compliments; to use ceremony, or ceremonious language.

I make the interlocutors upon occasion *compliment* with each other. *Boyle.*

COMPLIMENTAL, *a.* Expressive of civility or respect; implying compliments.

Languages—grow rich and abundant in *complimental* phrases, and such froth. *Wotton.*

COMPLIMENTALLY, *adv.* In the nature of a compliment; by way of civility, or ceremony.

COMPLIMENTER, *n.* One who compliments; one given to compliments; a flatterer. *Johnson.*

COMPLINE, *n.* {Fr. *comple*; It. *compieta*; *COMPLIN*, *n.* {from L. *compleo*, *compendo*, *completus*.}

The last division of the Romish breviary; the last prayer at night, to be recited after sun-set; so called because it closes the service of the day.

Johnson. Encyc. Taylor.

COMPLISH, for *accomplish*, is not now used. *Spenser.*

COM-LOT, *n.* [con or com and plot.] A plotting together; a joint plot; a plot; a confederacy in some evil design; a conspiracy.

I know their *complot* is to have my life. *Shak.*

COMLOT, *v. t.* To plot together; to conspire; to form a plot; to join in a secret design, generally criminal.

We find them *complotting* together, and contriving a new scene of miseries to the Trojans. *Pope.*

COMLOTMENT, *n.* A plotting together; conspiracy. *King.*

COMPLOTTED, *pp.* Plotted together; contrived.

COMPLOTTED, *n.* One joined in a plot; a conspirator.

COMPLOTTING, *ppr.* Plotting together; conspiring; contriving an evil design or crime.

COMPLY, *v. i.* *pret. complied.* [The Italian *compiacere*, to humor, to comply, is the Latin *complaceo*, Fr. *complaire*. The Sp. *complir* is from *compleo*, for it is rendered, to discharge one's duty, to provide or supply, to reach one's birth day, to fulfil one's promise, to be fit or convenient, to suffice. The Portuguese changes *l* into *r*; *comprir*, to fulfil, to perform; hence, *comprimeto*, a complement, and a *compliment*. *Comply* seems to be from the Spanish *complir*, or L. *compleo*; formed like *supply*, from *suppleo*. It is followed by *with*.]

1. To *comply with*, to fulfil; to perfect or carry into effect; to complete; to perform or execute; as, to *comply with* a promise, with an award, with a command, with an order. So to *comply with* one's expectations or wishes, is to fulfil them, or complete them.

2. To yield to; to be obsequious; to accord; to suit; followed by *with*; as, to *comply with* a man's humor.

The truth of things will not *comply* with our conceits. *Tillotson.*

COMPLYING *with*, *ppr.* Fulfilling; performing; yielding to.

COMPOSE. { In *heraldry*, a bordure **COMPOSED**, { *compo*ne is that formed or composed of a row of angular parts or checkers of two colors.

COMPOSEMENT, *a.* [*L. componens*, *compono*; *con* and *pono*, to place.]

Literally, setting or placing together; hence, composing; constituting; forming a compound; as the *composent* parts of a plant or fossil substance; the *composent* parts of a society.

COMPORT, *v. i.* [It. *comportare*; Fr. *comporter*; Sp. Port. *comportar*; *con* and *L. porto*, to bear. See *Bear*. It is followed by *with*.]

To *comport with*, literally, to bear to or with; to carry together. Hence, to agree with; to suit; to accord; as, to consider how far our charity may *comport with* our prudence. His behavior does not *comport with* his station.

COMPORT, *v. t.* With the reciprocal pronoun, to behave; to conduct.

It is curious to observe how lord Somers—*comported himself* on that occasion. *Burke.* [Little used.]

2. To bear; to endure; as in French, Spanish and Italian. [Not used.] *Daniel.*

COMPORT, *n.* Behavior; conduct; manner of acting.

I knew them well, and marked their rude *comport*. *Dryden.*

This word is rarely or never used, but may be admissible in poetry. We now use *deportment*. The accent, since Shakespeare's time, has been transferred to the first syllable.

COMPORTABLE, *a.* Suitable; consistent.