

parcels, and for sewing sails to their bolt-ropes, &c. Twine of a stronger kind is used for nets.

2. A twist; a convolution; as Typhon's snaky *twine*. *Milton.*

3. Embrace; act of winding round. *Philips.*

**TWINED**, *pp.* Twisted; wound round.

**TWINGE**, *v. t. twinj.* [Sw. *twinga*, D. *dingen*, Dan. *tinger*, G. *zingen*, to constrain; but the sense is primarily to *twitch*. See *Twang*, *Tweak*, *Twitch*.]

1. To affect with a sharp sudden pain; to torment with pinching or sharp pains.

The gnat *twinged* the lion till he made him tear himself, and so he mastered him. *L'Estrange.*

2. To pinch; to tweak; to pull with a jerk; as, to *twinge* one by the ears and nose. *Hudibras.*

**TWINGE**, *v. i. twinj.* To have a sudden, sharp, local pain, like a twitch; to suffer a keen spasmodic or shooting pain; as, the side *twinges*. [This is the sense in which this word is generally used within the limits of my acquaintance.]

**TWINGE**, *n. twinj.* A sudden sharp pain; a darting local pain of momentary continuance; as a *twinge* in the arm or side.

2. A sharp rebuke of conscience.

3. A pinch; a tweak; as a *twinge* of the ear. *L'Estrange.*

**TWING'ING**, *ppr.* Suffering a sharp local pain of short continuance; pinching with a sudden pull.

**TWING'ING**, *n.* The act of pinching with a sudden twitch; a sudden, sharp, local pain.

**TWINGING**, *ppr.* Twisting; winding round; uniting closely to; embracing.

2. In *botany*, ascending spirally around a branch, stem or prop. *Martyn.*

**TWINK**. [See *Twinkle*.]

**TWIN'KLE**, *v. i.* [Sax. *twincian*; most probably formed from *twink*, with the prefix *eth*, *ed*, or *oth*, like *twik*.]

1. To sparkle; to flash at intervals; to shine with a tremulous intermitted light, or with a broken quivering light. The fixed stars *twinkle*; the planets do not.

These stars do not *twinkle*, when viewed through telescopes that have large apertures. *Newton.*

2. To open and shut the eye by turns; as the *twinkling* owl. *L'Estrange.*

3. To play irregularly; as, her eyes will *twinkle*. *Donne.*

**TWIN'KLE**, *n.* A sparkling; a shining

**TWIN'KLING**, *n.* with intermitted light; as the *twinkling* of the stars.

2. A motion of the eye. *Dryden.*

3. A moment; an instant; the time of a wink.

In a moment, in the *twinkling* of an eye, at the last trump—the dead shall be raised incorruptible. 1 Cor. xv.

**TWIN'KLING**, *ppr.* Sparkling.

**TWIN'LING**, *n.* [from *twijn*.] A twin lamb. *Tusser.*

**TWIN'NED**, *a.* [from *twijn*.] Produced at one birth, like twins; united. *Milton.*

**TWIN'NER**, *n.* [from *twijn*.] A breeder of twins. *Tusser.*

**TWIN'TER**, *n.* [two and winter.] A beast two winters old. [Local.] *Grose.*

**TWIRE**, *v. i.* To take short flights; to flutter; to quiver; to twitter. [Not in use.] *Chaucer. Beaumont.*

**TWIRL**, *v. t. twirl.* [D. *dwarlen*; G. *querlen*; formed on *whirl*. The German coincides with our vulgar *quirl*.]

To move or turn round with rapidity; to whirl round.

See ruddy maids,  
Some taught with dextrous hand to *twirl* the wheel— *Dodsley.*

**TWIRL**, *v. i.* To revolve with velocity; to be whirled round.

**TWIRL**, *n.* A rapid circular motion; quick rotation.

2. Twist; convolution. *Woodward.*

**TWIRLED**, *pp.* Whirled round.

**TWIRLING**, *ppr.* Turning with velocity; whirling.

**TWIST**, *v. t.* [Sax. *getwistan*; D. *twisten*, to dispute, Sw. *twista*; Dan. *twister*, to dispute, to litigate; G. *zwist*, a dispute. In all the dialects except ours, this word is used figuratively, but it is remarkably expressive and well applied.]

1. To unite by winding one thread, strand or other flexible substance round another; to form by convolution, or winding separate things round each other; as, to *twist* yarn or thread. So we say, to double and *twist*.

2. To form into a thread from many fine filaments; as, to *twist* wool or cotton.

3. To contort; to writhe; as, to *twist* a thing into a serpentine form. *Pope.*

4. To breathe; to wind; to encircle.

—Pillars of smoke *twisted* about with wreaths of flame. *Burnet.*

5. To form; to weave; as, to *twist* a story. *Shak.*

6. To unite by intertexture of parts; as, to *twist* bays with ivy. *Waller.*

7. To unite; to enter by winding; to insinuate; as, avarice *twists* itself into all human concerns.

8. To pervert; as, to *twist* a passage in an author.

9. To turn from a straight line.

**TWIST**, *v. i.* To be contorted or united by winding round each other. Some strands will *twist* more easily than others.

**TWIST**, *n.* A cord, thread or any thing flexible, formed by winding strands or separate things round each other.

1. A cord; a string; a single cord.

2. A contortion; a writhe. *Addison.*

3. A little roll of tobacco.

4. Manner of twisting. *Arbuthnot.*

5. A twig. [Not in use.]

**TWIST'ED**, *pp.* Formed by winding threads or strands round each other.

**TWIST'ER**, *n.* One that twists.

2. The instrument of twisting. *Mullis.*

**TWIST'ING**, *ppr.* Winding different strands or threads round each other; forming into a thread by twisting.

**TWIT**, *v. t.* [Sax. *othwitan*, *edwitan*, *atwitan*, to reproach, to upbraid; a compound of *ad*, *ath*, or *oth*, and *witan*. The latter verb signifies to know, Eng. to *wit*, and also to impute, to ascribe, to prescribe or appoint, also to reproach; and with *ge*, a different prefix, *geuitan*, to depart. The original verb then signifies to set, send or throw. We have in this word decisive evidence that the first letter *t*, is a prefix. the remains of *ath* or *oth*, a word that

probably coincides with the *L. ad*, to; and hence we may fairly infer that the other words in which *t* precedes *w*, are also compound. That some of them are so, appears evident from other circumstances.]

To reproach; to upbraid; as for some previous act. He *twitted* his friend of falsehood.

With this these scoffers *twitted* the christians. *Tillotson.*

*Æsop* minds men of their errors, without *twitting* them for what is amiss. *L'Estrange.*

**TWITCH**, *v. t.* [Sax. *teiccian*. See *Tieang*.]

To pull with a sudden jerk; to pluck with a short, quick motion; to snatch; as, to *twitch* one by the sleeve; to *twitch* a thing out of another's hand; to *twitch* off clusters of grapes.

**TWITCH**, *n.* A pull with a jerk; a short, sudden, quick pull; as a *twitch* by the sleeve.

2. A short spasmodic contraction of the fibers or muscles; as a *twitch* in the side; convulsive *twitches*. *Sharp.*

**TWITCH'ED**, *pp.* Pulled with a jerk.

**TWITCH'ER**, *n.* One that twitches.

**TWITCH-GRASS**, *n.* Couch grass; a species of grass which it is difficult to exterminate. But *qu.* is not this word a corruption of *quitch-grass*, or *quich-grass*?

**TWITCH'ING**, *ppr.* Pulling with a jerk; suffering short spasmodic contractions.

**TWIT'TED**, *pp.* Upbraided.

**TWIT'TER**, *v. t.* [D. *kwetteren*; Dan. *quidrer*; Sw. *kwittra*.]

1. To make a succession of small, tremulous, intermitted noises; as, the swallow *twitters*. *Dryden.*

2. To make the sound of a half suppressed laugh.

**TWIT'TER**, *n.* [from *twit*.] One who twits or reproaches.

**TWIT'TER**, *n.* A small intermitted noise, as in half suppressed laughter; or the sound of a swallow.

**TWIT'TERING**, *ppr.* Uttering a succession of small interrupted sounds, as in a half suppressed laugh, or as a swallow.

**TWIT'TING**, *ppr.* Upbraiding; reproaching.

**TWIT'TINGLY**, *adv.* With upbraiding.

*Junius*

**TWIT'TLE-TWATTLE**, *n.* Tattle; gabble. [Vulgar.] *L'Estrange.*

**TWINT**, a contraction of *btwixt*, used in poetry.

**TWŌ**, *a.* [Sax. *twca*; Goth. *twai*, *twos*; D. *twē*; G. *zwei*; Sw. *två*; Ir. Gaelic, *du* or *do*; Russ. *two*, *two*; Slav. *два*; Sans. *dui*, *dvaja*; Gipsy, *duj*; Hindoo, Ch. Pers. *du*; L. *duo*; Gr. *duo*; It. *due*; Sp. *dos*; Port. *dous*; Fr. *deux*.]

1. One and one. Two similar horses used together, are called a span, or a pair.

2. *Two* is used in composition; as in *two-legged*. Man is a *two-legged* animal.

**TWŌ-CAP'ULED**, *a.* Bicapsular.

**TWŌ-CEL'LED**, *a.* Bilocular.

**TWŌ-CLEFT**, *a.* Bifid.

**TWŌ-EDGED**, *a.* Having two edges, or edges on both sides; as a *two-edged* sword.

**TWŌ-FLOWERED**, *a.* Bearing two flowers at the end, as a peduncle.