

SUPERCILIOUSNESS, *n.* Haughtiness; an overbearing temper or manner.

SUPERCONCEPTION, *n.* [*super* and *conception*.] A conception after a former conception. *Brown.*

SUPERCONSEQUENCE, *n.* [*super* and *consequence*.] Remote consequence. [*Not used.*] *Brown.*

SUPERCRESCENCE, *n.* [*L. super* and *crescens*.]

That which grows upon another growing thing. *Brown.*

SUPERCRESCENT, *a.* [*supra*.] Growing on some other growing thing. *Johnson.*

SUPEREMINENCE, } *n.* [*L. super* and
SUPEREMINENCY, } *emineo*.] Eminent

nence superior to what is common; distinguished eminence; as the *supereminence* of Cicero as an orator; the *supereminence* of Dr. Johnson as a writer, or of lord Chatham as a statesman.

SUPEREMINENT, *a.* Eminent in a superior degree; surpassing others in excellence; as a *supereminent* divine; the *supereminent* glory of Christ.

SUPEREMINENTLY, *adv.* In a superior degree of excellence; with unusual distinction.

SUPEREROGANT, *a.* Supererogatory, which see. *Stackhouse.*

SUPEREROGATE, *v. i.* [*L. super* and *erogatio, erogo*.]

To do more than duty requires. Aristotle's followers have *supererogated* in observance. [*Little used.*] *Glanville.*

SUPEREROGATION, *n.* [*supra*.] Performance of more than duty requires.

There is no such thing as works of *supererogation*. *Tillotson.*

SUPEREROGATIVE, *a.* Supererogatory. [*Not much used.*] *Stafford.*

SUPEREROGATORY, *a.* Performed to an extent not enjoined or not required by duty; as *supererogatory* services. *Howell.*

SUPERESSENTIAL, *a.* [*super* and *essential*.]

Essential above others, or above the constitution of a thing. *Pausanias, Trans.*

SUPEREXALT, *v. t.* [*super* and *exalt*.] To exalt to a superior degree. *Barrow.*

SUPEREXALTATION, *n.* [*super* and *exaltation*.] Elevation above the common degree. *Holiday.*

SUPEREXCELLENCE, *n.* [*super* and *excellence*.] Superior excellence.

SUPEREXCELLENT, *a.* Excellent in an uncommon degree; very excellent. *Decay of Picty.*

SUPEREXCRESCENCE, *n.* [*super* and *excrecence*.] Something superfluously growing. *Wiseman.*

SUPERFECUNDITY, *n.* [*super* and *fecundity*.] Superabundant fecundity or multiplication of the species. *Paley.*

SUPERFETATE, *v. t.* [*L. super* and *fetus*.] To conceive after a prior conception. *Grew.*

SUPERFETATION, *n.* A second conception after a prior one, and before the birth of the first, by which two fetuses are growing at once in the same matrix. *Howell.*

SUPERFETE, *v. i.* To superfetate. [*Little used.*] *Howell.*

SUPERFETE, *v. t.* To conceive after a former conception. [*Little used.*] *Howell.*

SUPERFICE, *n.* Superficies; surface. [*Little used.*] [See *Superficies*.]

SUPERFICIAL, *a.* [*It. superficiale*; *Sp. superficial*; *Fr. superficiel*; from *superficies*.]

1. Being on the surface; not penetrating the substance of a thing; as a *superficial* color; or a *superficial* covering.

2. Composing the surface or exterior part; as, soil constitutes the *superficial* part of the earth.

3. Shallow; contrived to cover something. *This superficial tale*

Is but a preface to her worthy praise. *Shak.*

4. Shallow; not deep or profound; reaching or comprehending only what is obvious or apparent; as a *superficial* scholar; *superficial* knowledge. *Dryden.*

SUPERFICIALITY, *n.* The quality of being superficial. [*Not much used.*] *Brown.*

SUPERFICIALLY, *adv.* On the surface only; as a substance *superficially* tinged with a color.

2. On the surface or exterior part only; without penetrating the substance or essence; as, to survey things *superficially*. *Milton.*

3. Without going deep or searching things to the bottom; slightly. He reasons *superficially*. *I have laid down superficially my present thoughts.* *Dryden.*

SUPERFICIALNESS, *n.* Shallowness; position on the surface.

2. Slight knowledge; shallowness of observation or learning; show without substance.

SUPERFICIALS, *n.* [*L. from super*, upon, and *facies, face*.]

The surface; the exterior part of a thing. A superficies consists of length and breadth; as the *superficies* of a plate or of a sphere. Superficies is rectilinear, curvilinear, plane, convex or concave.

SUPERFINE, *a.* [*super* and *fine*.] Very fine or most fine; surpassing others in fineness; as *superfine* cloth. The word is chiefly used of cloth, but sometimes of liquors; as *superfine* wine or cider; and of other things, as *superfine* wire; *superfine* flour.

SUPERFLUENCE, *n.* [*L. super* and *fluo*, to flow.] Superfluity; more than is necessary. [*Little used.*] *Hammond.*

SUPERFLUITANCE, *n.* [*L. super* and *fluio*, to float.]

The act of floating above or on the surface. [*Little used.*] *Brown.*

SUPERFLUITANT, *a.* Floating above or on the surface. [*Little used.*] *Brown.*

SUPERFLUITY, *n.* [*Fr. superfluité*; *It. superfluità*; *L. superfluitas*; *super* and *fluo*, to flow.]

1. Superabundance; a greater quantity than is wanted; as a *superfluity* of water or provisions.

2. Something that is beyond what is wanted; something rendered unnecessary by its abundance. Among the *superfluities* of life we seldom number the abundance of money.

SUPERFLUOUS, *a.* [*L. superfluous*, overflowing; *super* and *fluo*, to flow.]

1. More than is wanted; rendered unnecessary by superabundance; as a *superfluous* supply of corn.

2. More than sufficient; unnecessary; useless; as a composition abounding with *superfluous* words. *Superfluous* epithets rather enfeeble than strengthen description.

If what has been said will not convince, it would be *superfluous* to say more.

Superfluous interval, in music, is one that exceeds a true diatonic interval by a semitone minor. *Cyc.*

Superfluous polygamy, (*Polygamia superflua*), a kind of inflorescence or compound flower, in which the florets of the disk are hermaphrodite and fertile, and those of the ray, though female or pistiferous only, are also fertile; designating the second order of the class *Syngenesia* of Linne.

Superfluous sound or tone, is one which contains a semitone minor more than a tone. *Cyc.*

SUPERFLUOUSLY, *adv.* With excess; in a degree beyond what is necessary.

SUPERFLUOUSNESS, *n.* The state of being superfluous or beyond what is wanted.

SUPERFLUX, *n.* [*L. super* and *fluxus*.] That which is more than is wanted. [*Little used.*] *Shak.*

SUPERFOLIATION, *n.* [*super* and *foliation*.] Excess of foliation. [*Not used.*] *Brown.*

SUPERHUMAN, *a.* [*super* and *human*.] Above or beyond what is human; divine.

SUPERIMPOSE, *v. t.* *superimpo'ze*. [*super* and *impose*.]

To lay or impose on something else; as a stratum of earth *superimposed* on a different stratum. *Kirwan.*

SUPERIMPOSED, *pp.* Laid or imposed on something. *Humboldt.*

SUPERIMPOSING, *ppr.* Laying on something else.

SUPERIMPOSITION, *n.* The act of laying or the state of being placed on something else. *Kirwan.*

SUPERIMPREGNATION, *n.* [*super* and *impregnation*.]

The act of impregnating upon a prior impregnation; impregnation when previously impregnated. *Coze.*

SUPERINCUMBENT, *a.* [*super* and *incumbent*.] Lying or resting on something else.

SUPERINDUCE, *v. t.* [*super* and *induce*.]

To bring in or upon as an addition to something; as, to *superinduce* a virtue or quality upon a person not before possessing it.

Long custom of sinning *superinduces* upon the soul new and absurd desires. *South.*

SUPERINDUCED, *pp.* Induced or brought upon something.

SUPERINDUCING, *ppr.* Inducing on something else.

SUPERINDUCTION, *n.* The act of super-inducing.

The *superinduction* of ill habits quickly defaces the first rude draught of virtue. *South.*

SUPERINJECTION, *n.* [*super* and *injection*.]

An injection succeeding another. *Dict.*