

MISPROFESS', *v. t.* To make a false profession; to make pretensions to skill which is not possessed. *Donne.*

MISPRONOUNCE, *v. t.* *mispronouns'*. To pronounce erroneously; as, to *mispronounce* a word, a name, &c.

MISPRONOUNCE, *v. i.* *mispronouns'*. To speak incorrectly. *Milton.*

MISPRONUNCIATION, *n.* A wrong or improper pronunciation. *Swift.*

MISPROPORTION, *v. t.* To err in proportioning one thing to another; to join without due proportion.

MISPROUD', *a.* Vitiously proud. [*Not used.*] *Shak.*

MISQUOTA'TION, *n.* An erroneous quotation; the act of quoting wrong.

MISQUO'TE, *v. t.* To quote erroneously; to cite incorrectly.

MISQUO'TED, *pp.* Incorrectly quoted or cited.

MISQUO'TING, *ppr.* Quoting or citing erroneously.

MISRA'TE, *v. t.* To rate erroneously; to estimate falsely. *Barrow.*

MISRECITAL, *n.* An inaccurate recital.

MISRECITE, *v. t.* To recite erroneously. *Bramhall.*

MISRECITED, *pp.* Recited incorrectly.

MISRECK'ING, *ppr.* Reciting erroneously. *Swift.*

MISRECK'ONED, *pp.* Reckoned or computed erroneously.

MISRECK'ONING, *ppr.* Reckoning wrong; and as a noun, an erroneous computation.

MISRELA'TE, *v. t.* To relate falsely or inaccurately. *Boyle.*

MISRELA'TED, *pp.* Erroneously related or told.

MISRELA'TING, *ppr.* Relating or telling erroneously.

MISRELA'TION, *n.* Erroneous relation or narration. *Bramhall.*

MISREMEN'BER, *v. t.* To mistake in remembering; not to remember correctly. *Boyle.*

MISREMEN'BERED, *pp.* Inaccurately recollected.

MISREMEN'BERING, *ppr.* Remembering inaccurately.

MISREPORT, *v. t.* To report erroneously; to give an incorrect account of. *Locke.*

MISREPORT, *n.* An erroneous report; a false or incorrect account given.

MISREPORTED, *pp.* Incorrectly reported. *Denham. South.*

MISREPORTING, *ppr.* Reporting incorrectly.

MISREPRESENT', *v. t.* To represent falsely or incorrectly; to give a false or erroneous representation, either maliciously, ignorantly or carelessly. *Swift.*

MISREPRESENTATION, *n.* The act of giving a false or erroneous representation. *Swift.*

2. A false or incorrect account given, either from mistake, carelessness or malice. *Atterbury.*

MISREPRESENTED, *pp.* Falsely or erroneously represented.

MISREPRESENTER, *n.* One who gives a false or erroneous account.

MISREPRESENT'ING, *ppr.* Giving a false or erroneous representation.

[*Note.* This word is so customarily used for

an euphemism, or as a softer expression for *lie* or *falsehood*, as to convey the idea generally of intentional falsehood. This signification however is not necessarily implied.]

MISREPU'TE, *v. t.* To have in wrong estimation.

MISREPU'TED, *pp.* or *a.* Erroneously reputed. *Milton.*

MISRU'LE, *n.* Disorder; confusion; tumult from insubordination.

Enormous riot and *misrule*— *Pope.*

2. Unjust domination.

MISRU'LY, *a.* Unruly; ungovernable; turbulent. *Hall.*

MISS, *n.* [supposed by Bailey to be contracted from *mistress*. But probably it is from the Armoric *mesell*, a young lady, or contracted from Fr. *demoiselle*, Sp. *damisela*. See *Damsel*.]

1. The title of a young woman or girl; as little masters and *misses*. *Swift.*

2. A kept mistress; a prostitute retained; a concubine. *Dryden.*

MISS, *v. t.* [Sax. *missian*; D. G. *missen*; Sw. *mista*; Dan. *mister*; allied perhaps to L. *mitto*, *misi*; *omitto*, *omisi*. But this is not certain. The Welsh has the word in *methu*, to fail, to miss, to become abortive, to miscarry, to decay. See Class Md. No. 8. 12. 13. 14. 16. Hence the prefix *mis*.]

1. To fail in aim; to fail of reaching the object; not to hit; as, to *miss* the mark; to *miss* the object intended.

2. To fail of finding the right way; to err in attempting to find; as, to *miss* the way or the road.

3. To fail of obtaining. *Orgalus* feared nothing but to *miss* Parthenia. *Sidney.*

4. To learn or discover that something is wanting, or not where it was supposed to be; as, to *miss* one's snuff-box; I *missed* the first volume of *Livy*.

Neither *missed* we any thing—. Nothing was *missed* of all that pertained to him. 1 Sam. xxv.

5. To be without; as, we cannot *miss* him. *Obs.* *Shak.*

6. To omit; to pass by; to go without; to fail to have; as, to *miss* a meal of victuals.

She would never *miss* one day
A walk so fine, a sight so gay. *Prior.*

7. To perceive the want of.
What by me thou hast lost, thou least shalt *miss*. *Milton.*

He who has a firm sincere friend, may want all the rest without *missing* them. *South.*

8. To fail of seeing or finding.

MISS, *v. i.* To fail to hit; to fly wide; to deviate from the true direction.

Flying bullets now,
To execute his rage, appear too slow;
They *miss*, or sweep but common souls
away. *Waller.*

2. Not to succeed; to fail.
Men observe when things hit, and not when they *miss*— *Bacon.*

3. To fail; to miscarry, as by accident.
The invention all admired, and each, how he
To be the inventor *missed*. *Milton.*

4. To fail to obtain, learn or find; with *of*.
On the least reflection, we cannot *miss* *of*
them. *Atterbury.*

5. To fail; to mistake. *Spenser.*

MISS, *n.* Loss; want.

There will be no great *miss* of those which
are lost. *Locke.*

2. Mistake; error.

He did without any great *miss* in the hardest
points of grammar. [*Little used.*] *Ascham.*

3. Harm from mistake. *Obs.* *Spenser.*

MIS/SAL, *n.* [It. *messale*; Fr. *missel*. See *Mass*.]

The Romish mass-book. *Stillington.*

MISSA'Y, *v. t.* To say wrong; to slander. [*Little used.*] *Spenser.*

MISSA'Y, *v. i.* To speak ill. *Spenser.*

MISSA'YING, *n.* Wrong expression. *Milton.*

MISSEE'M, *v. i.* To make a false appearance. *Spenser.*

2. To misbecome. *Obs.* *Spenser.*

MIS/SEL, *n.* A species of thrush.

MIS/SEL-BIRD, *n.* The mistletoe. [*Not used.*] *Barret.*

MISSEM'BLANCE, *n.* False resemblance. *Spelman.*

MISSERVE, *v. t.* *misserv'*. To serve unfaithfully. *Arbutnot.*

MISSHA'PE, *v. t.* [See *Shape*.] To shape ill; to give an ill form to; to deform.

And horribly *misshapes* with ugly sights.
A *misshaped* figure. *Pope.*

MISSHA'PED, *n.* Ill formed; deformed.

MISSHA'PEN, *pp.* ed; ugly.

MISSHA'PING, *ppr.* Giving an ill shape to.

MIS/SILE, *a.* [L. *missilis*, from *missus*, sent; *mitto*, to send.]

Thrown or sent, or that may be thrown. A *missile* weapon is one that is thrown by the hand, or from an engine in war, in distinction from such as are held or retained in the hand, or fixed. An arrow, a dart, a javelin, a stone, a bullet, a bomb, are *missile* weapons.

MISS'ING, *ppr.* [from *miss*.] Failing to hit, to reach or to find; discovering to be wanting.

2. *a.* Lost; absent from the place where it was expected to be found; wanting. My horse is *missing*; my pen or my book is *missing*.

For a time caught up to God, as once
Moses was in the mount, and *missing* long. *Milton.*

MIS'SION, *n.* [L. *missio*, from *mitto*, to send.]

1. A sending or being sent, usually the latter; a being sent or delegated by authority, with certain powers for transacting business; commission; as sent on a foreign *mission*.

How to begin, how to accomplish best
His end of being on earth, and *mission* high. *Milton.*

2. Persons sent; any number of persons appointed by authority to perform any service; particularly, the persons sent to propagate religion, or evangelize the heathen. The societies for propagating the gospel have *missions* in almost every country. Last week a *mission* sailed for the Sandwich isles. We have domestic *missions* and foreign *missions*.

3. Dismission; discharge from service; a Roman use of the word; in *English*, obsolete. *Bacon.*

4. Faction; party. [*Not in use.*] *Shak.*

MIS'SIONARY, *n.* [Fr. *missionnaire*.] One sent to propagate religion. Christian *missionaries* are called *missionaries* of the cross.