

to the living body or corporeal existence only. The form of her *person* is elegant.

You'll find her *person* difficult to gain.

*Dryden.*

The rebels maintained the fight for a small time, and for their *persons* showed no want of courage.

*Bacon.*

4. A human being, indefinitely; one; a man. Let a *person's* attainments be never so great, he should remember he is frail and imperfect.

5. A human being represented in dialogue, fiction, or on the stage; character. A player appears in the *person* of king Lear. These tables, Cicero pronounced under the *person* of Crassus, were of more use and authority than all the books of the philosophers.

*Baker.*

6. Character of office.

How different is the same man from himself, as he sustains the *person* of a magistrate and that of a friend.

*South.*

7. In grammar, the nominative to a verb; the agent that performs or the patient that suffers any thing affirmed by a verb; as, *I* write; *he* is smitten; *she* is beloved; the *rain* descends in torrents. *I*, thou or you, he, she or it, are called the first, second and third *persons*. Hence we apply the word *person* to the termination or modified form of the verb used in connection with the persons; as the first or the third *person* of the verb; the verb is in the second *person*.

8. In law, an artificial *person*, is a corporation or body politic.

*Blackstone.*

In *person*, by one's self; with bodily presence; not by representative.

The king in *person* visits all around.

*Dryden.*

PERSON, *v. t.* To represent as a person; to make to resemble; to image. [Not in use.]

*Milton.*

PERSONABLE, *a.* Having a well formed body or person; graceful; of good appearance; as a *personable* man or woman.

*Raleigh.*

2. In law, enabled to maintain pleas in court.

*Covel.*

3. Having capacity to take any thing granted or given.

*Ploviden.*

[The two latter senses, I believe, are little used.]

PERSONAGE, *n.* [F. *personnage*.] A man or woman of distinction; as an illustrious *personage*.

2. Exterior appearance; stature; air; as a tall *personage*; a stately *personage*.

*Shak. Hayward.*

3. Character assumed.

The Venetians, naturally grave, love to give in to the follies of such seasons, when disguised in a false *personage*.

*Addison.*

4. Character represented.

Some persons must be found, already known in history, whom we may make the actors and *personages* of this fable.

*Broome.*

PERSONAL, *a.* [L. *personalis*.] Belonging to men or women, not to things; not real. Every man so termed by way of *personal* difference only.

*Hooker.*

2. Relating to an individual; affecting individuals; peculiar or proper to him or her, or to private actions or character.

The words are conditional; if thou doest well; and so *personal* to Cain.

*Locke.*

Character and success depend more on *personal* effort than on any external advantages.

*J. Hawes.*

So we speak of *personal* pride, *personal* reflections.

3. Pertaining to the corporal nature; exterior; corporal; as *personal* charms or accomplishments.

*Addison.*

4. Present in person; not acting by representative; as a *personal* interview.

The immediate and *personal* speaking of God almighty to Abraham, Job and Moses.

*White.*

*Personal estate*, in law, movables; chattels; things belonging to the person; as money, jewels, furniture, &c. as distinguished from *real estate* in land and houses.

*Personal action*, in law, a suit or action by which a man claims a debt or *personal* duty, or damages in lieu of it; or wherein he claims satisfaction in damages for an injury to his person or property; an action founded on contract or on tort or wrong; as an action on a debt or promise, or an action for a trespass, assault or defamatory words; opposed to *real actions*, or such as concern real property.

*Blackstone.*

*Personal identity*, in metaphysics, sameness of being, of which consciousness is the evidence.

*Personal verb*, in grammar, a verb conjugated in the three persons; thus entled in distinction from an impersonal verb, which has the third person only.

*Encyc.*

PERSONAL, *n.* A movable. [Not in use.]

PERSONALITY, *n.* That which constitutes an individual a distinct person, or that which constitutes individuality.

The *personality* of an intelligent being extends itself beyond present existence to what is past, only by consciousness—

*Locke.*

2. Direct application or applicability to a person; as the *personality* of a remark.

PERSONALLY, *adv.* In person; by bodily presence; not by representative or substitute; as, to be *personally* present; to deliver a letter *personally*. They *personally* declared their assent to the measure.

2. With respect to an individual; particularly.

She bore a mortal hatred to the house of Lancaster, and *personally* to the king.

*Bacon.*

3. With regard to numerical existence.

The converted man is *personally* the same he was before.

*Rogers.*

PERSONATE, *v. t.* To represent by a fictitious or assumed character so as to pass for the person represented.

*Bacon.*

2. To represent by action or appearance; to assume the character and act the part of another.

3. To pretend hypocritically. [Little used.]

*Swift.*

4. To counterfeit; to feign; as a *personated* devotion.

*Hammond.*

5. To resemble.

The lofty cedar *personates* thee.

*Shak.*

6. To make a representation of, as in picture.

*Obs.*

*Shak.*

7. To describe. *Obs.*

*Shak.*

8. To celebrate loudly. [L. *persono*.]

[Not used.] *Milton.*

PERSONATE, *a.* [L. *persona*, a mask.] Masked. A *personate* corol is irregular and closed by a kind of palate; or ringent, but closed between the lips by the palate.

*Smith. Linne.*

PERSONATION, *n.* The counterfeiting of the person and character of another.

*Bacon.*

PERSONATOR, *n.* One who assumes the character of another.

*B. Jonson.*

2. One that acts or performs.

*B. Jonson.*

PERSONIFICATION, *n.* [from *personify*.] The giving to an inanimate being the figure or the sentiments and language of a rational being; prosopopoeia; as, "confusion heard his voice."

*Milton.*

PERSONIFIED, *pp.* Represented with the attributes of a person.

PERSONIFY, *v. t.* [L. *persona* and *facio*.]

To give animation to inanimate objects; to ascribe to an inanimate being the sentiments, actions or language of a rational being or person, or to represent an inanimate being with the affections and actions of a person. Thus we say, the plants *thirst* for rain.

The trees *said* to the fig-tree, come thou, and reign over us. Judges ix.

PERSONIFYING, *ppr.* Giving to an inanimate being the attributes of a person.

PERSONIZE, *v. t.* To personify. [Not much used.]

*Richardson.*

PERSPECTIVE, *a.* [infra.] Pertaining to the science of optics; optical.

*Bacon.*

2. Pertaining to the art of perspective.

*Encyc.*

PERSPECTIVE, *n.* [Fr.; It. *perspettiva*; Sp. *perspectiva*; from L. *perspicio*; per and *specio*, to see.]

1. A glass through which objects are viewed.

*Temple.*

2. The art of drawing on a plane surface true resemblances or pictures of objects, as the objects appear to the eye from any distance and situation, real and imaginary; as the rules of *perspective*.

*Encyc.*

3. A representation of objects in perspective.

*Encyc.*

4. View; vista; as *perspectives* of pleasant shades.

*Dryden.*

5. A kind of painting, often seen in gardens and at the end of a gallery, designed expressly to deceive the sight by representing the continuation of an alley, a building, a landscape or the like.

*Aerial perspective*, the art of giving due diminution to the strength of light, shade and colors of objects, according to their distances and the quantity of light falling on them, and to the medium through which they are seen.

*Encyc.*

PERSPECTIVELY, *adv.* Optically; through a glass; by representation.

*Shak.*

PERSPICABLE, *a.* Discernible.

*Herbert.*

PERSPICACIOUS, *a.* [L. *perspicax*, from *perspicio*.]

1. Quick sighted; sharp of sight.

2. Of acute discernment.

*South.*

PERSPICACIOUSNESS, *n.* Acuteness of sight.

PERSPICACITY, *n.* [L. *perspicacitas*.]

1. Acuteness of sight; quickness of sight.

2. Acuteness of discernment or understanding.

PERSPICACY, *n.* Acuteness of sight or discernment.

*B. Jonson.*

PERSPICIL, *n.* [L. *per* and *speculum*, a glass.]

An optic glass. [Little used.]

*Crashaw. Glanville.*