

**HEADBRAND**, *n. hed'band*. A fillet; a band for the head; also, the band at each end of a book. *Is. iii.*

**HEADBOROUGH**, *n. hed'burro*. In England, formerly, the chief of a frank-pledge, tithing or decannary, consisting of ten families; called in some counties, *borsholder*, that is, *borough's elder*, and sometimes *tithing man*. *Blackstone.*

**HEAD-DRESS**, *n. hed'dress*. The dress of the head; the covering or ornaments of a woman's head. *Pope. Addison.*

2. The crest, or tuft of feathers on a fowl's head. *Addison.*

**HEADED**, *pp. hed'ed*. Led; directed; furnished with a head; having a top. This is used in composition, as *clear-headed*, *long-headed*, *thick-headed*, &c.

**HEADER**, *n. hed'er*. One who heads nails or pins.

2. One who leads a mob or party.

3. The first brick in the angle of a wall. *Moran.*

**HEADFAST**, *n. hed'fast*. A rope at the head of a ship to fasten it to a wharf or other fixed object. *Mar. Dict.*

**HEADFIRST**, *adv. hed'first*. With the head foremost.

**HEADGARGLE**, *n. hed'gargle*. A disease of cattle. *Mortimer.*

**HEADGEAR**, *n. hed'gear*. The dress of a woman's head. *Burton.*

**HEADINESS**, *n. hed'iness*. [See *Heady*.] Rashness; precipitation; a disposition to rush forward without due deliberation or prudence. *Spenser.*

2. Stubbornness; obstinacy.

**HEADING**, *n. hed'ing*. Timber for the heads of casks.

**HEADLAND**, *n. hed'land*. A cape; a promontory; a point of land projecting from the shore into the sea, or other expanse of water.

2. A ridge or strip of unplowed land at the ends of furrows, or near a fence.

**HEADLESS**, *a. hed'less*. Having no head; beheaded; as a *headless* body, neck or carcass. *Dryden. Spenser.*

2. Destitute of a chief or leader. *Raleigh.*

3. Destitute of understanding or prudence; rash; obstinate. *Spenser.*

**HEADLONG**, *adv. hed'long*. With the head foremost; as, to fall *headlong*. *Dryden.*

2. Rashly; precipitately; without deliberation.

—He hurries *headlong* to his fate. *Dryden.*

3. Hastily; without delay or respite.

**HEADLONG**, *a. hed'long*. Steep; precipitous. *Milton.*

2. Rash; precipitate; as *headlong* folly.

**HEADMAN**, *n. hed'man*. A chief; a leader.

**HEADMOLD-SHOT**, *n.* A disease in children, in which the sutures of the skull, usually the coronal, ride, that is, when their edges shoot over one another, and are so close-locked as to compress the brain; of ten occasioning convulsions and death. *Encyc.*

**HEADMONEY**, *n. hed'munny*. A capitation-tax. *Milton.*

**HEADMOST**, *a. hed'most*. Most advanced; most forward; first in a line or order of progression; as the *headmost* ship in a fleet.

**HEAD-PAN**, *n. hed'pan*. The brain-pan. [Not in use.]

**HEAD-PIECE**, *n. hed'pece*. Armor for the head; a helmet; a morion.

2. Understanding; force of mind. [Not common.] *Sidney. Dryden. Prideaux.*

**HEADQUARTERS**, *n. plu.* The quarters or place of residence of the commander-in-chief of an army.

2. The residence of any chief, or place from which orders are issued.

**HEAD-ROPE**, *n. hed'rope*. That part of a bolt-rope which terminates any sail on the upper edge, and to which it is sewed.

**HEAD-SAIL**, *n. hed'sail*. The head-sails of a ship are the sails which are extended on the fore-mast and bowsprit, as the fore-sail, foretop-sail, jib, &c. *Mar. Dict.*

**HEAD-SEA**, *n. hed'sea*. Waves that meet the head of a ship or roll against her course. *Mar. Dict.*

**HEADSHAKE**, *n. hed'shake*. A significant shake of the head. *Shak.*

**HEADSHIP**, *n. hed'ship*. Authority; chief place. *Hales.*

**HEADSMAN**, *n. hed'sman*. One that cuts off heads; an executioner. [Unusual.] *Dryden.*

**HEADSPRING**, *n. hed'spring*. Fountain; source; origin.

**HEADSTALL**, *n. hed'stall*. That part of a bridle which encompasses the head.

**HEADSTONE**, *n. hed'stone*. The principal stone in a foundation; the chief or corner stone. *Psalms.*

2. The stone at the head of a grave.

**HEADSTRONG**, *a. hed'strong*. Violent; obstinate; ungovernable; resolute to run his own way; bent on pursuing his own will; not easily restrained.

Now let the *headstrong* boy my will control. *Dryden.*

2. Directed by ungovernable will or proceeding from obstinacy; as a *headstrong* course. *Dryden.*

**HEAD-STRONGNESS**, *n.* Obstinacy. [Not in use.] *Gayton.*

**HEADTIRE**, *n. hed'tire*. Dress or attire for the head. 1 Esdras iii.

**HEADWAY**, *n. hed'way*. The motion of an advancing ship. A ship makes *headway*, when she advances, as from a state of rest.

**HEAD-WIND**, *n. hed'wind*. A wind that blows in a direction opposite to the ship's course.

**HEAD-WORK-MAN**, *n.* The chief workman of a party; a foreman in a manufactory. *Swift.*

**HEADY**, *a. hed'y*. [See *Head*.] Rash; hasty; precipitate; violent; disposed to rush forward in an enterprise without thought or deliberation; hurried on by will or passion; ungovernable.

All the talent required, is to be *heady*, to be violent on one side or the other. *Temple.*

2. Apt to affect the head; inflaming; intoxicating; strong; as spirituous liquors. Champagne is a *heady* wine.

3. Violent; impetuous; as a *heady* current. [Not usual.] *Shak.*

**HEAL**, *v. t.* [Sax. *hatan*, *helan*, *gehelan*, to heal, and to cneal, L. *ceto*; Goth. *halan*, to heal; G. *heilen*; D. *heelen*; Sw.

*hela*; Dan. *heeler*; from *hal*, *heil*, *heal*, *hol*, whole, sound, allied to *hold* and *holy*. Heb. בלל, Ch. בלל, to be whole or entire, *all*. The primary sense of the root is to press, strain, extend; hence, to *hold*, to shut, to enclose, conceal, to embrace the whole. To *heal* is to make *whole*, *hale*, sound, and to *conceal* is to hold, or keep close.]

1. To cure of a disease or wound and restore to soundness, or to that state of body in which the natural functions are regularly performed; as, to *heal* the sick.

Speak, and my servant shall be *healed*. *Matt. viii.*

2. To cure; to remove or subdue; as, to *heal* a disease.

3. To cause to cicatrize; as, to *heal* a sore or wound.

4. To restore to soundness; as, to *heal* a wounded limb.

5. To restore purity to; to remove feculence or foreign matter.

Thus saith the Lord, I have *healed* these waters. 2 Kings ii.

6. To remove, as differences or dissension; to reconcile, as parties at variance; as, to *heal* a breach or difference.

7. In Scripture, to forgive; to cure moral disease and restore corruption.

I will *heal* their backsliding. *Hos. xiv.*

8. To purify from corruptions, redress grievances and restore to prosperity. *Jer. xiv.*

9. To cover, as a roof with tiles, slate, lead, &c. [Sax. *helan*.] *Encyc.*

**HEAL**, *v. i.* To grow sound; to return to a sound state; as, the limb *heals*, or the wound *heals*; sometimes with *up* or *over*; it will *heal up* or *over*.

**HEALABLE**, *a.* That may be healed. *Sherwood.*

**HEALED**, *pp.* Restored to a sound state.

**HEALER**, *n.* He or that which cures, or restores to soundness.

**HEALING**, *ppr.* Curing; restoring to a sound state.

2. *a.* Tending to cure; mild; mollifying.

**HEALING**, *n.* The act of curing.

2. The act of covering. *Obs.*

**HEALTH**, *n. helth*. [from *heal*.] That state of an animal or living body, in which the parts are sound, well organized and disposed, and in which they all perform freely their natural functions. In this state the animal feels no pain. This word is applied also to plants.

Though *health* may be enjoyed without gratitude, it cannot be sported with without loss, or regained by courage. *Buckminster.*

2. Sound state of the mind; natural vigor of faculties. *Bacon.*

3. Sound state of the mind, in a moral sense; purity; goodness.

There is no *health* in us. *Common Prayer.*

4. Salvation or divine favor, or grace which cheers God's people. *Ps. xlii.*

5. Wish of health and happiness; used in drinking. Come, love and *health* to all; an elliptical phrase, for, I wish *health* to you.

**HEALTHFUL**, *a. helth'ful*. Being in a sound state, as a living or organized being; having the parts or organs entire, and their functions in a free, active and undisturbed operation; free from disease. We speak of a *healthful* body, a *healthful* person, a *healthful* plant.