

**VISCERATE**, *v. t.* [supra.] To exenterate; to embowel; to deprive of the entrails or viscera. [*Eviscerate* is generally used.]

**VISCID**, *a.* [L. *viscidus*; *viscus*, birdlime.] Glutinous; sticky; tenacious; not readily separating; as, turpentine, tar, gums, &c. are more or less *viscid*.

**VISCIDITY**, *n.* Glutinousness; tenacity; stickiness.

2. Glutinous concretion. *Floyer.*

**VISCOSITY**, *n.* Glutinousness; tenacity; viscosity; that

**VISCOUNESS**, *n.* quality of soft substances which makes them adhere so as not to be easily parted.

**VISCOUNT**, *n.* *vi'count*. [L. *vice-comes*; Fr. *vicomte*.]

1. An officer who formerly supplied the place of the count or earl; the sheriff of the county. *England.*

2. A degree or title of nobility next in rank to an earl. *Cowel. England.*

**VISCOUNTESS**, *n.* *vi'countess*. The lady of a viscount; a peeress of the fourth order. *Johnson.*

**VISCOUNTSHIP**, *n.* *vi'countship*. } The  
**VISCOUNTY**, *n.* *vi'county*. } quality  
ity and office of a viscount. *Williams.*

**VISCOUS**, *a.* [Fr. *visqueux*; from L. *viscus*, birdlime.]

Glutinous; clammy; sticky; adhesive; tenacious; as a *viscous* juice.

**VISE**, *n.* [Fr. *vis*, a screw.] An engine or instrument for gripping and holding things, closed by a screw: *used by artificers.*

**VISHNU**, *n.* In the *Hindoo* mythology, the name of one of the chief deities of the trimurti or triad. He is the second person of this unity, and a personification of the preserving powers. *Cyc. Encyc.*

**VISIBILITY**, *n.* *s* as *z*. [from *visible*; Fr. *visibilité*.]

1. The state or quality of being perceivable to the eye; as the *visibility* of minute particles, or of distant objects.

2. The state of being discoverable or apparent; conspicuousness; as the perpetual *visibility* of the church. *Stillingfleet.*

**VISIBLE**, *a.* *s* as *z*. [Fr. from L. *visibilis*.]

1. Perceivable by the eye; that can be seen: as a *visible* star; the least spot is *visible* on white paper; air agitated by heat becomes *visible*; as the air near a heated stove, or over a dry sandy plain, appears like pellucid waves.

Virtue made *visible* in outward grace. *Young.*

2. Discovered to the eye; as *visible* spirits. *Shak.*

3. Apparent; open; conspicuous. Factions at court became more *visible*. *Clarendon.*

*Visible church*, in theology, the apparent church of Christ; the whole body of professed believers in Christ, as contradistinguished from the real or *invisible* church, consisting of sanctified persons.

*Visible horizon*, the line that bounds the sight.

**VISIBleness**, *n.* State or quality of being visible; visibility.

**VISIBLY**, *adv.* In a manner perceptible to the eye. The day is *visibly* governed by the sun; the tides are *visibly* governed by the moon.

**VISION**, *n.* *s* as *z*. [Fr. from L. *visio*, from *video*, *visus*.]

1. The act of seeing external objects; actual sight.

Faith here is turned into *vision* there. *Hammond.*

2. The faculty of seeing; sight. *Vision* is far more perfect and acute in some animals than in man.

3. Something imagined to be seen, though not real; a phantom; a specter.

No dreams, but *visions* strange. *Sidney.*

4. In *Scripture*, a revelation from God; an appearance or exhibition of something supernaturally presented to the minds of the prophets, by which they were informed of future events. Such were the *visions* of Isaiah, of Amos, of Ezekiel, &c.

5. Something imaginary; the production of fancy. *Locke.*

6. Any thing which is the object of sight. *Thomson.*

**VISIONAL**, *a.* Pertaining to a vision. *Waterland.*

**VISIONARY**, *a.* [Fr. *visionnaire*.] Affected by phantoms; disposed to receive impressions on the imagination.

Or lull to rest the *visionary* maid. *Pope.*

2. Imaginary; existing in imagination only; not real; having no solid foundation; as a *visionary* prospect; a *visionary* scheme or project.

**VISIONARY**, *n.* One whose imagination is disturbed.

2. One who forms impracticable schemes; one who is confident of success in a project which others perceive to be idle and fanciful. [*Visionist*, in a like sense, is not used.]

**VISIT**, *v. t.* *s* as *z*. [L. *visitare*; Fr. *visiter*; It. *visitare*; from L. *viso*, to go to see; W. *gwést*, *gwesta*, to visit, to go about; *gwést*, a going, a visit; *gwes*, that is going or moving. We see the sense is to go, to move to.]

1. To go or come to see; to attend. The physician *visits* his patient and prescribes. One friend *visits* another from respect or affection. Paul and Barnabas *visited* the churches they had planted, to know their state and confirm their faith. Men *visit* England, France or Italy in their travels.

2. To go or come to see for inspection, examination, correction of abuses, &c.; as, a bishop *visits* his diocese; a superintendent *visits* those persons or works which are under his care.

3. To salute with a present.

Samson *visited* his wife with a kid. *Judges* xv.

4. To go to and to use; as, to *visit* the springs.

To *visit in mercy*, in *Scriptural* language, to be propitious; to grant requests; to deliver from trouble; to support and comfort. It is thus God *visits* his people. *Gen.* xxi. *Zeek.* x. *Luke* xii.

To *visit with the rod*, to punish. *Ps.* lxxxix. To *visit in wrath*, or *visit iniquity* or *sins upon*, to chastise; to bring judgments on; to afflict. *Ex.* xx.

To *visit the fatherless and widow*, or *the sick and imprisoned*, to show them regard and pity, and relieve their wants. *Matt.* xxv. *James* i.

**VISIT**, *v. i.* To keep up the interchange of civilities and salutations; to practice going to see others. We ought not to *visit* for pleasure or ceremony on the sabbath.

**VISIT**, *n.* The act of going to see another, or of calling at his house; a waiting on; as a *visit* of civility or respect; a *visit* of ceremony; a short *visit*; a long *visit*; a pleasant *visit*.

2. The act of going to see; as a *visit* to Saratoga or to Niagara.

3. A going to see or attending on; as the *visit* of a physician.

4. The act of going to view or inspect; as the *visit* of a trustee or inspector.

**VISITABLE**, *a.* Liable or subject to be visited. All hospitals built since the reformation are *visitabile* by the king or lord chancellor.

**VISITANT**, *n.* One that goes or comes to see another; one who is a guest in the house of a friend.

When the *visitant* comes again he is no more a stranger. *South.*

**VISITATION**, *n.* [Fr. from L. *visito*.] The act of visiting.

Nothing but peace and gentle *visitation*. *Shak.*

2. Object of visit.

O flowers!

My early *visitation* and my last. *Milton.*

[*Unusual*.]

3. In *law*, the act of a superior or superintending officer, who visits a corporation, college, church or other house, to examine into the manner in which it is conducted, and see that its laws and regulations are duly observed and executed. In England, the *visitation* of the diocese belongs to the bishop; parochial *visitation* belongs peculiarly to the archdeacons. *Cyc.*

4. In *Scripture*, and in a *religious* sense, the sending of afflictions and distresses on men to punish them for their sins, or to prove them. Hence afflictions, calamities and judgments are called *visitations*.

What will ye do in the day of *visitation*? *Is.* x.

5. Communication of divine love; exhibition of divine goodness and mercy. *Hooker.*

**VISITED**, *pp.* Waited on; attended; inspected; subjected to sufferings; favored with relief or mercy.

**VISITING**, *ppr.* Going or coming to see; attending on, as a physician; inspecting officially; afflicting; showing mercy to.

2. *a.* Authorized to visit and inspect; as a *visiting* committee.

**VISITING**, *n.* The act of going to see or of attending; visitation.

**VISITOR**, *n.* [Fr. *visiteur*.] One who comes or goes to see another, as in civility or friendship.

2. A superior or person authorized to visit a corporation or any institution, for the purpose of seeing that the laws and regulations are observed, or that the duties and conditions prescribed by the founder or by law, are duly performed and executed.

The king is the *visitor* of all lay corporations. *Blackstone.*

**VISITORIAL**, *a.* [from *visitor*; written improperly *visitorial*.]

Belonging to a judicial visitor or superintendent.

An archdeacon has *visitorial* power in parishes. *Ayliffe.*