

1. Swelling; protuberant; convex. The moon is *gibbous* between the quarters and the full moon; the enlightened part being then convex.

The bones will rise, and make a *gibbous* member.

2. Hunched; hump-backed; crook-backed.

Brown.
GIBBOUSLY, *adv.* In a gibbous or protuberant form. *Eaton.*

GIBBOUSNESS, *n.* Protuberance; a round prominence; convexity. [This word is preferable to *gibbosity*.]

GIBBSITE, *n.* A mineral found at Richmond, in Massachusetts, and named in honor of George Gibbs, Esq. It occurs in irregular stalactical masses, which present an aggregation of elongated, tubercular branches, parallel and united. Its structure is fibrous, the fibers radiating from an axis. Its colors are a dirty white, greenish white and grayish. *Cleveland.*

GIBCAT, *n.* A he-cat, or an old worn-out cat. *Shak.*

GIBE, *v. i.* [Sax. *gabban*; Fr. *gaber*; It. *gabbare*. See *Gabble*. The sense is probably to throw or cast at, or make mouths. But see Class Gh. No. 67. 79.]

To cast reproaches and sneering expressions; to rail at; to utter taunting, sarcastic words; to flout; to floor; to scoff.

Fleeer and *gibe*, and laugh and flout. *Swift.*

GIBE, *v. t.* To reproach with contemptuous words; to deride; to scoff at; to treat with sarcastic reflections; to taunt.

Draw the beasts as I describe them,
From their features, while I *gibe* them. *Swift.*

GIBE, *n.* An expression of censure mingled with contempt; a scoff; a railing; an expression of sarcastic scorn.

Mark the fleers, the *gibes*, and the notable scorns,

That dwell in every region of his face. *Shak.*

GIBELINE, *n.* The Gibelines were a faction in Italy, that opposed another faction called *Guelphs*, in the 13th century. *J. Adams.*

GIBER, *n.* One who utters reproachful, censorious and contemptuous expressions, or who casts cutting, sarcastic reflections; one who derides; a scoffer. *B. Jonson.*

GIBING, *ppr.* Uttering reproachful, contemptuous and censorious words; scoffing.

GIBINGLY, *adv.* With censorious, sarcastic and contemptuous expressions; scornfully. *Shak.*

GIBLETS, *n.* [Qu. Fr. *gibier*, game, or Goth. *gibla*, a wing. See *Gip*.]

The entrails of a goose or other fowl, as the heart, liver, gizzard, &c.; a considerable article in cookery; as, to boil or stew *giblets*. It is used only in the plural, except in composition; as, a *giblet-pie*.

GIBSTAFF, *n.* A staff to gauge water or to push a boat; formerly, a staff used in fighting boats on the stage. *Diet.*

GIDDILY, *adv.* [See *Giddy*.] With the head seemingly to turn or reel.

2. Inconstantly; unsteadily; with various turnings; as, to roam about *giddily*. *Donne.*

3. Carelessly; heedlessly; negligently. *Shak.*

GIDDINESS, *n.* The state of being giddy or vertiginous; vertigo; a sensation of reeling or whirling, when the body loses the power of preserving its balance or a steady attitude, or when objects at rest appear to reel, tremble or whirl; a swimming of the head.

2. Inconstancy; unsteadiness; mutability. *Bacon.*

3. Frolick; wantonness; levity. *Donne. South.*

GIDDY, *a.* [Sax. *gidig*. Class Gd.] Vertiginous; reeling; whirling; having in the head a sensation of a circular motion or swimming; or having lost the power of preserving the balance of the body, and therefore wavering and inclined to fall, as in the case of some diseases and of drunkenness. In walking on timber aloft, or looking down a precipice, we are apt to be *giddy*.

2. That renders giddy; that induces giddiness; as a *giddy* height; a *giddy* precipice. *Prior.*

3. Rotary; whirling; running round with celerity.

The *giddy* motion of the whirling mill. *Pope.*

4. Inconstant; unstable; changeable. You are as *giddy* and volatile as ever. *Swift.*

5. Heedless; thoughtless; wild; roving. *Rowe.*

6. Tottering; unfixd. As we have paced along
Upon the *giddy* footing of the hatches. *Shak.*

7. Intoxicated; elated to thoughtlessness; rendered wild by excitement or joy.

Art thou not *giddy* with the fashion too? *Shak.*

GIDDY, *v. i.* To turn quick. *Chapman.*

GIDDY, *v. t.* To make reeling or unsteady. *Farinford.*

GIDDY-BRAINED, *a.* Careless; thoughtless; unsteady. *Olney.*

GIDDY-HEAD, *n.* A person without thought or judgment. *Donne.*

GIDDY-HEADED, *a.* Heedless; unsteady; volatile; incautious. *Cleveland.*

GIDDY-PACED, *a.* Moving irregularly. *Shak.*

GIE, *a*, contraction of guide. [Not in use.] *Chaucer.*

GIER-EAGLE, *n.* [Qu. D. *gier*, a vulture.] A fowl of the eagle kind, mentioned in Leviticus ii.

GIESECKITE, *n.* A mineral of a rhomboidal form and compact texture, of a gray or brown color, and nearly as hard as calcareous spar. *Cleveland.*

GIF, *v. t.* [from Sax. *gifan*.] The old but true spelling of *if*.

GIFT, *n.* [from *give*.] A present; any thing given or bestowed; any thing, the property of which is voluntarily transferred by one person to another without compensation; a donation. It is applicable to any thing movable or immovable.

2. The act of giving or conferring. *Milton.*

3. The right or power of giving or bestowing. The prince has the *gift* of many lucrative offices.

4. An offering or oblation. *Matt. v.*

5. A reward. Let thy *gifts* be to thyself. *Dan. v.*

6. A bribe; any thing given to corrupt the judgment.

Neither take a *gift*; for a *gift* doth blind the eyes of the wise. *Deut. xv.*

7. Power; faculty; some quality or endowment conferred by the author of our nature; as the *gift* of wit; the *gift* of ridicule. *Addison.*

GIFT, *v. t.* To endow with any power or faculty.

GIFTED, *ppr. or a.* Endowed by nature with any power or faculty; furnished with any particular talent.

GIFTEDNESS, *n.* The state of being gifted. *Echard.*

GIFTING, *ppr.* Endowing with any power or faculty.

GIG, *v. t.* [L. *gigno*.] To engender. [Not in use.] *Dryden.*

2. To fish with a gig or fishgig.

GIG, *n.* [It. *giga*, a jig; Fr. *gigue*, a jig, a romp; Sw. *giga*, a jews-harp; Ice. *gigia*, a fiddle.]

1. Any little thing that is whirled round in play. *Locke.*

2. A light carriage with one pair of wheels. drawn by one horse; a chair or chaise.

3. A fiddle.

4. A dard or harpoon. [See *Fishgig*.]

5. A ship's boat.

6. A wanton girl.

GIGANTEAN, *a.* [L. *giganteus*. See *Giant*.] Like a giant; mighty. *More.*

GIGANTIC, *a.* [L. *giganticus*.] Of extraordinary size; very large; huge; like a giant. A man of *gigantic* stature.

2. Enormous; very great or mighty; as *gigantic* deeds; *gigantic* wickedness.

Gigantical and *gigantine*, for *gigantic*, rarely or never used.

GIGANTOLOGY, *n.* [Gr. *γίγας*, a giant, and *logos*, discourse.] An account or description of giants.

GIGGLE, *n.* [Sax. *geagl*; Scot. *geek*.] A kind of laugh, with short catches of the voice or breath.

GIGGLE, *v. i.* [D. *gichgelen*; Sax. *geagl*, a laugh or sneer, and *gagol*, sportive, wanton; It. *ghignare*, to sipper; *ghignazzare*, to laugh or grin. In Ir. *gigim* is to tickle; Gr. *γίγλαστος*.]

To laugh with short catches of the breath or voice; to laugh in a silly, puerile manner; to titter; to grin with childish levity or mirth. *Garrick.*

GIGGLER, *n.* One that giggles or titters.

GIGLET, *n.* [Sax. *geagl*, wanton; Fr. *giguer*, to romp, to frisk. See *Gig*.] A wanton; a lascivious girl. *Shak.*

GIGLOT, *a.* Giddy; light; inconstant; wanton. *Shak.*

GIGLOT, *n.* [Fr.] The hip-joint; also, a sleeve. [Not English.]

GILBERTINE, *n.* One of a religious order, so named from Gilbert, lord of Sempringham, in Lincolnshire, England.

GILBERTINE, *a.* Belonging to the monastic order, mentioned above. *Weerer.*

GILD, *v. t.* pret. and pp. *gilded* or *gilt*. [Sax. *gildan*, *gyldan*, *gyldan*, to pay a debt, to *gild*, and *gild*, tribute, tax, toll; D. and G. *geld*, money; Dan. *gield*, a debt; Sw. *geld*. To *gild* is to cover with gold; G. *vergulden*; D. *vergulden*; Dan. *forgylder*; Sw. *forgylla*; from *gold*, or its root, Dan.