

**MIGHT**, *n.* [Sax. *might*, *meht*; G. *macht*; D. Sw. Dan. *magt*; from the root of *may*, Sax. *magan*, to be able; Sans. *mahat*, strong. See *May*.]

1. Strength; force; power; primarily and chiefly, bodily strength or physical power; as, to work or strive with all one's *might*. There shall be no *might* in thy hand. Deut. xxviii.

2. Political power or great achievements.

The acts of David—with all his reign and his *might*. 1 Chron. xxix. 1 Kings xv.

3. National strength; physical power or military force.

We have no *might* against this great company that cometh against us. 2 Chron. xx.

4. Valor with bodily strength; military prowess; as men of *might*. 1 Chron. xii.

5. Ability; strength or application of means. I have prepared with all my *might* for the house of my God— 1 Chron. xxix.

6. Strength or force of purpose.

Like him was no king that turned to the Lord with all his *might*. 2 Kings xxiii.

7. Strength of affection.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy *might*. Deut. vi.

8. Strength of light; splendor; effulgence.

Let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his *might*. Judges v.

Shakespeare applies the word to an oath. "An oath of mickle *might*." This application is obsolete. We now use *strength* or *force*; as the *strength* or *force* of an oath or covenant.

With *might* and *main*, with the utmost strength or bodily exertion; a tautological phrase, as both words are from the same root, and mean the same thing.

**MIGHTILY**, *adv.* [from *mighty*.] With great power, force or strength; vigorously; as, to strive *mightily*.

2. Vehemently; with great earnestness.

Cry *mightily* to God. Jonah iii.

3. Powerfully; with great energy.

Whereto I also labor, striving according to his working, which worketh in me *mightily*. Col. i.

4. With great strength of argument.

He *mightily* convinced the Jews. Acts xviii.

5. With great or irresistible force; greatly; extensively.

So *mightily* grew the word of God and prevailed. Acts xix.

6. With strong means of defense.

Fortify thy power *mightily*. Nah. ii.

7. Greatly; to a great degree; very much.

I was *mightily* pleased with a story applicable to this piece of philosophy. Spectator.

[Admissible in colloquial and familiar language.]

**MIGHTINESS**, *n.* Power; greatness; highth of dignity.

How soon this *mightiness* meets misery! Shak.

2. A title of dignity; as their High *Mightinesses*.

**MIGHTY**, *a.* [Sax. *mihtig*.] Having great bodily strength or physical power; very strong or vigorous; as a *mighty* arm.

2. Very strong; valiant; bold; as a *mighty* man of valor. Judges vi.

3. Very powerful; having great command.

Cush begat Nimrod; he began to be a *mighty* one on the earth. Gen. x.

4. Very strong in numbers; as a *mighty* nation. Gen. xviii.

5. Very strong or great in corporeal power; very able.

Wo to them that are *mighty* to drink wine. Is. v.

6. Violent; very loud; as *mighty* thunderings. Ex. ix. Ps. lxviii.

7. Vehement; rushing with violence; as a *mighty* wind or tempest. Ex. x. Rev. vi.

8. Very great; vast; as *mighty* waters. Neh. ix.

9. Very great or strong; as *mighty* power. 2 Chron. xxvi.

10. Very forcible; efficacious; as, great is truth and *mighty*. Esdras.

11. Very great or eminent in intellect or acquirements; as the *mighty* Scaliger and Selden. Echard.

12. Great; wonderful; performed with great power; as *mighty* works. Matt. xi.

13. Very severe and distressing; as a *mighty* famine. Luke xv.

14. Very great, large or populous; as a *mighty* city. Rev. xviii.

15. Important; momentous.

I'll sing of heroes and of kings,

In *mighty* numbers *mighty* things. Cowley.

**MIGHTY**, *adv.* In a great degree; very; as *mightily* wise; *mighty* thoughtful. [Colloquial.] Prior.

**MIGNARD**, *a.* [Fr. *mignard*.] Soft; dainty; delicate; pretty. B. Jonson.

**MIGNONETTE**, *n.* [Fr.] An annual flower.

**MIG'ONET**, *n.* [Fr.] or plant of the genus *Roseda*, having the scent of raspberries. Mason.

**MIGRATE**, *v. i.* [L. *migro*.] To pass or remove from one country or from one state to another, with a view to permanent residence, or residence of some continuance. The first settlers of New England *migrated* first to Holland, and afterwards to America. Some species of fowls *migrate* in autumn to a warmer climate for a temporary residence. To change residence in the same city or state is not to *migrate*.

2. To pass or remove from one region or district to another for a temporary residence; as, the Tartars *migrate* for the sake of finding pasturage.

**MIGRATING**, *ppr.* Removing from one state to another for a permanent residence. The people of the eastern states are continually *migrating* to the western states.

**MIGRATION**, *n.* [L. *migratio*.] The act of removing from one kingdom or state to another, for the purpose of permanent residence, or a residence of some continuance.

2. Change of place; removal; as the *migration* of the center of gravity. Woodward.

**MIGRATORY**, *a.* Removing or accustomed to remove from one state or country to another for permanent residence.

2. Roving; wandering; occasionally removing for pasturage; as the *migratory* Tartars.

3. Passing from one climate to another; as fowls.

**MILCH**, *a.* [Sax. *melec*. See *Milk*.] Giving milk; as a *milch* cow. It is now applied only to beasts.

**MILD**, *a.* [Sax. *mild*; G. D. Sw. Dan. *id.*; Russ. *melayu*, to pity. The primary sense

is soft or smooth, L. *mollis*, Eng. *mellow*, W. *mall*; allied perhaps to *melt*. Class Ml. No. 9. 16. 18.]

1. Soft; gently and pleasantly affecting the senses; not violent; as a *mild* air; a *mild* sun; a *mild* temperature; a *mild* light.

The rosy morn resigns her light

And *milder* glory to the noon. Walter.

And with a *milder* gleam refreshed the sight.

Addison.

2. Not acrid, pungent, corrosive or drastic; operating gently; not acrimonious; demulcent; mollifying; lenitive; assuasive; as a *mild* liquor; a *mild* cataplasm; a *mild* cathartic or emetic.

3. Tender and gentle in temper or disposition; kind; compassionate; merciful; clement; indulgent; not severe or cruel.

It teaches us to adore him as a *mild* and merciful Being. Rogers.

4. Not fierce, rough or angry; as *mild* words.

5. Placid; not fierce; not stern; not frowning; as a *mild* look or aspect.

6. Not sharp, tart, sour or bitter; moderately sweet or pleasant to the taste; as *mild* fruit.

7. Calm; tranquil. When passion subsides the temper becomes *mild*.

8. Moderate; not violent or intense; as a *mild* heat.

**MILDEW**, *n.* [Sax. *mildeaw*; L. *melligo*, from *mel*, honey; G. *mehlthau*, as if from *mehl*, meal.]

1. Honey dew; a thick, clammy, sweet juice, found on the leaves of plants, which is said to injure the plants by corroding them, or otherwise preventing them from coming to perfection. Hill. Encyc.

2. Spots on cloth or paper caused by moisture.

**MILDEW**, *v. t.* To taint with mildew.

Shak.

**MILDEWED**, *pp.* Tainted or injured by mildew.

**MILDEWING**, *ppr.* Tainting with mildew.

**MILDLY**, *adv.* Softly; gently; tenderly; not roughly or violently; moderately; as, to speak *mildly*; to burn *mildly*; to operate *mildly*.

**MILDNESS**, *n.* Softness; gentleness; as the *mildness* of words or speech; *mildness* of voice.

2. Tenderness; mercy; clemency; as *mildness* of temper.

3. Gentleness of operation; as the *mildness* of a medicine.

4. Softness; the quality that affects the senses pleasantly; as the *mildness* of fruit or of liquors.

5. Temperateness; moderate state; as the *mildness* of weather.

**MILD-SPIRITED**, *a.* Having a mild temper. Arbuthnot.

**MILE**, *n.* [L. *mille passus*, a thousand paces; *passus* being dropped in common usage, the word became a noun; Sax. Sw. *mil*; Dan. *mil*; G. *meile*; D. *myl*; Fr. *mille*; Sp. *milla*; Port. *milha*; It. *miglio*.]

A measure of length or distance, containing eight furlongs, 320 rods, poles or perches, 1760 yards, 5280 feet, or 80 chains. The Roman mile was a thousand paces, equal to 1600 yards English measure.

**MILEAGE**, *n.* Fees paid for travel by the mile.