

resemblance; agreement; congruity with something else; followed by *to* or *with*.

A ship is constructed in *conformity* to a model, or in *conformity* with a model.

True happiness consists in *conformity* of life to the divine law.

## 2. Consistency; agreement.

Many instances prove the *conformity* of the essay with the notions of Hippocrates.

*Arbutnot.*

## 3. In theology, correspondence in manners and principles; compliance with customs.

Live not in *conformity* with the world.

*Anon.*

**CONFORTATION**, *n.* [See *Comfort*.] The act of comforting or giving strength. [*Not used.*]

*Bacon.*

**CONFOUND**, *v. t.* [Fr. *confondre*; *L. confundo*; *con* and *fundo*, to pour out; *it. confondere*; Sp. Port. *confundir*. Literally, to pour or throw together.]

1. To mingle and blend different things, so that their forms or natures cannot be distinguished; to mix in a mass or crowd, so that individuals cannot be distinguished.

2. To throw into disorder.

Let us go down, and there *confound* their language.

3. To mix or blend, so as to occasion a mistake of one thing for another.

A fluid body and a wetting liquor, because they agree in many things, are wont to be *confounded*.

*Boyle.*

Men may *confound* ideas with words.

4. To perplex; to disturb the apprehension by indistinctness of ideas or words.

Men may *confound* each other by unintelligible terms or wrong application of words.

5. To abash; to throw the mind into disorder; to cast down; to make ashamed.

Be thou *confounded* and bear thy shame.

Ezek. xvi.

Saul *confounded* the Jews at Damascus. Acts ix.

6. To perplex with terror; to terrify; to dismay; to astonish; to throw into consternation; to stupify with amazement.

So spake the Son of God; and Satan stood A while as mute, *confounded* what to say.

*Milton.*

The multitude came together and were *confounded*. Acts ii.

7. To destroy; to overthrow.

So deep a malice to *confound* the race Of mankind in one root.

*Milton.*

**CONFOUNDED**, *pp.* Mixed or blended in disorder; perplexed; abashed; dismayed; put to shame and silence; astonished.

2. *a.* Enormous; as a *confounded* tory. [*Judgar.*]

**CONFOUNDEDLY**, *adv.* Enormously; greatly; shamefully; as, he was *confoundedly* avaricious. [*A low word.*]

**CONFOUNDEDNESS**, *n.* The state of being confounded.

*Milton.*

**CONFOUNDER**, *n.* One who confounds; one who disturbs the mind, perplexes, refutes, frustrates and puts to shame or silence; one who terrifies.

**CONFOUNDING**, *pp.* Mixing and blending; putting into disorder; perplexing; disturbing the mind; abashing, and putting to shame and silence; astonishing.

**CONFRATERNITY**, *n.* [It. *confraternità*; Fr. *confraternité*; *con* and *L. fraternitas*, fraternity, from *frater*, brother.]

A brotherhood; a society or body of men.

united for some purpose or in some profession; as the *confraternity* of Jesuits.

**CONFRACTION**, *n.* [It. *confractione*, friction; *L. confrico*; *con* and *frico*, to rub. See *Friction*.]

A rubbing against; friction.

*Bacon.*

**CONFRER**, *n.* [Fr. *confrere*.] One of the same religious order.

*Weever.*

**CONFRONT**, *v. t.* [It. *confrontare*; Sp. Port. *confrontar*; Fr. *confronter*; *con* and *front*, the forehead, or front, *L. frons*.]

To stand face to face in full view; to face; to stand in front.

He spoke and then *confronts* the bull.

*Dryden.*

2. To stand in direct opposition; to oppose.

The East and West churches did both *confront* the Jews, and concur with them.

*Hooker.*

3. To set face to face; to bring into the presence of; as an accused person and a witness, in court, for examination and discovery of the truth; followed by *with*.

The witnesses are *confronted* with the accused, the accused with one another, or the witnesses with one another.

*Encyc.*

4. To set together for comparison; to compare one thing with another.

When I *confront* a medal with a verse, I only show you the same design executed by different hands.

*Addison.*

**CONFRONTATION**, *n.* The act of bringing two persons into the presence of each other for examination and discovery of truth.

**CONFRONTED**, *pp.* Set face to face, or in opposition; brought into the presence of.

**CONFRONTING**, *pp.* Setting or standing face to face, or in opposition, or in presence of.

**CONFUSE**, *v. t.* *s.* *a.* *z.* [*L. confusus*; Fr. *confus*; from *L. confundo*. See *Confound*.]

1. To mix or blend things, so that they cannot be distinguished.

Stunning sounds and voices all *confused*.

*Milton.*

Every battle of the warrior is with *confused* noise.

2. To disorder; as, a sudden alarm *confused* the troops; a careless bookkeeper has *confused* the accounts.

3. To perplex; to render indistinct; as, the clamor *confused* his ideas.

4. To throw the mind into disorder; to cast down or abash; to cause to blush; to agitate by surprise, or shame; to disconcert.

A sarcastic remark *confused* the gentleman and he could not proceed in his argument.

*Confused* and sadly she at length replied.

*Pope.*

**CONFUSED**, *pp.* Mixed; blended, so that the things or persons mixed cannot be distinguished.

Some cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was *confused*. Acts xiv.

2. Perplexed by disorder, or want of system; as a *confused* account.

3. Abashed; put to the blush or to shame; agitated; disconcerted.

**CONFUSEDLY**, *adv.* In a mixed mass; without order or separation; indistinctly; not clearly; tumultuously; with agitation of mind; without regularity or system.

**CONFUSEDNESS**, *n.* A state of being confused; want of order, distinction or clearness.

The cause of the *confusedness* of our notions is want of attention.

*Norris.*

**CONFUSION**, *n.* In a general sense, a mixture of several things promiscuously; hence, disorder; irregularity; as the *confusion* of tongues at Babel.

2. Tumult; want of order in society.

The whole city was filled with *confusion*.

Acts xix.

God is not the author of *confusion*. 1 Cor. xiv.

3. A blending or confounding; indistinct combination; opposed to distinctness or perspicuity; as a *confusion* of ideas.

4. Abashment; shame.

O Lord, let me never be put to *confusion*. Ps. lxxi.

We lie in shame and our *confusion* covereth us. Jer. xiii.

5. Astonishment; agitation; perturbation; distraction of mind.

*Confusion* dwelt in every face. *Spectator*

6. Overthrow; defeat; ruin.

The makers of idols shall go to *confusion* together. Is. xlv.

7. A shameful blending of natures, a shocking crime. Levit. xviii. 23. xx. 12.

**CONFUTABLE**, *a.* [See *Confute*.] That may be confuted, disproved or overthrown; that may be shown to be false, defective or invalid; as, an argument or a course of reasoning is *confutable*.

**CONFUTANT**, *n.* One who confutes or undertakes to confute.

*Milton.*

**CONFUTATION**, *n.* The act of confuting, disproving, or proving to be false, or invalid; refutation; overthrow; as, of arguments, opinions, reasoning, theory, or error.

**CONFUTE**, *v. t.* [*L. confuto*; *con* and *it. futo*; Sp. *confutar*; *It. confutare*. Class. B.]

1. To disprove; to prove to be false, defective or invalid; to overthrow; as, to *confute* arguments, reasoning, theory, error.

2. To prove to be wrong; to convict of error, by argument or proof; as, to *confute* an advocate at the bar; to *confute* a writer.

**CONFUTED**, *pp.* Disproved; proved to be false, defective, or unsound; overthrown by argument, fact or proof.

**CONFUTER**, *n.* One who disproves, or confutes.

*Morton.*

**CONFUTING**, *pp.* Disproving; proving to be false, defective or invalid; overthrowing by argument or proof.

**CONGE**, *n.* *con'gee*. [Fr. *congé*, leave, permission, discharge, contracted from *conged*; verb, *congedier*, to dismiss; *It. congedo*, leave, permission; *congedare*, to give leave; Arm. *concea*. The verb is a compound of *con* and *ged*; W. *gadaw*, to quit, to leave, to permit; *gad*, leave. *Gadaw* is the Celtic form of the *L. cedo*. *Conged* is therefore *concedo*.]

1. Leave; farewell; parting ceremony.

*Spenser.*

2. The act of respect performed at the parting of friends. Hence, the customary act of civility, on other occasions; a bow or a courtesy.

The captain salutes you with *conge* profound.

*Swift.*

**CONGE**, *v. i.* To take leave with the customary civilities; to bow or courtesy.

The preterite *conged* is tolerable in En-