

*tusk*, tarnish; *tuskuu*, to tarnish, to become dull or obscure. *Qu. Gr. bævæ.*

1. Tending to darkness, or moderately dark.
2. Tending to a dark or black color; *Milton*, moderately black.
- DUSK, *n.* A tending to darkness; incipient or imperfect obscurity; a middle degree between light and darkness; twilight; as the *dusk* of the evening.
2. Tendency to a black color; darkness of color.

Whose *dusk* set off the whiteness of the skin. *Dryden*.

DUSK, *v. t.* To make dusky. [*Little used.*]

DUSK, *v. i.* To begin to lose light or whiteness; to grow dark. [*Little used.*]

DUSKILY, *adv.* With partial darkness; with a tendency to blackness or darkness. *Sherwood*.

DUSKINESS, *n.* Incipient or partial darkness; a slight or moderate degree of darkness or blackness.

DUSKISH, *a.* Moderately dusky; partially obscure; slightly dark or black; as *duskish smoke*. *Spenser*.

*Duskish tincture. Wotton.*

DUSKISHLY, *adv.* Cloudily; darkly. *Bacon*.

DUSKISHNESS, *n.* Duskiness; approach to darkness. *More*.

DUSKY, *a.* Partially dark or obscure; not luminous; as a *dusky valley*. *Dryden*.

*A dusky torch. Shak.*

2. Tending to blackness in color; partially black; dark-colored; not bright; as a *dusky brown*. *Bacon*.

*Dusky clouds. Dryden.*

3. Gloomy; sad. *This dusky scene of horror. Bentley.*

4. Intellectually clouded; as a *dusky sprite*. *Pope*.

DUST, *n.* [*Sax. dust, dyst; Scot. dust; Teut. doest, dust, dust, fine flour.*]

1. Fine dry particles of earth or other matter, so attenuated that it may be raised and wafted by the wind; powder; as clouds of *dust* and seas of *blood*.

2. Fine dry particles of earth; fine earth. *The peacock warneth her eggs in the dust. Job xxxix.*

3. Earth; unorganized earthy matter. *Dust thou art, and to dust shalt thou return. Gen. iii.*

4. The grave. *For now shall I sleep in the dust. Job vii.*

5. A low condition. *God raiseth the poor out of the dust. 1 Sam. ii.*

DUST, *v. t.* To free from dust; to brush, wipe or sweep away dust; as, to *dust* a table or a floor.

2. To sprinkle with dust. *Spent.*

3. To levigate. *DUST-BRUSH, n.* A brush for cleaning rooms and furniture.

DUSTER, *n.* An utensil to clear from dust; also, a sieve.

DUSTINESS, *n.* The state of being dusty.

DUST-MAN, *n.* One whose employment is to carry away dirt and filth. *Gay*.

DUSTY, *a.* Filled, covered or sprinkled with dust; clouded with dust. *Dryden*.

2. Like dust; of the color of dust; as a *dusky white*; a *dusky red*.

DUTCH, *n.* The people of Holland; also, their language.

DUTCH, *a.* Pertaining to Holland, or to its inhabitants.

DUTEOUS, *a.* [*from duty.*] Performing that which is due, or that which law, justice or propriety requires; obedient; respectful to those who have natural or legal authority to require service or duty; as a *dutious child* or subject.

2. Obedient; obsequious; in a good or bad sense.

*Dutious to the vices of thy mistress. Shak.*

3. Enjoined by duty, or by the relation of one to another; as *dutious ties*. [*Little used.*] *Shak.*

DUTIFUL, *a.* [*See Duty.*] Subject to the imposition of duty or customs; as *dutiful goods*. *Supreme Court, U. S.*

DUTIED, *a.* Subjected to duties or customs. *Ames*.

DUTIFUL, *a.* Performing the duties or obligations required by law, justice or propriety; obedient; submissive to natural or legal superiors; respectful; as a *dutiful son* or daughter; a *dutiful ward* or servant; a *dutiful subject*.

2. Expressive of respect or a sense of duty; respectful; reverential; required by duty; as *dutiful reverence*; *dutiful attentions*.

DUTIFULLY, *adv.* In a dutiful manner; with a regard to duty; obediently; submissively; reverently; respectfully. *Swift*.

DUTIFULNESS, *n.* Obedience; submission to just authority; habitual performance of duty; as *dutifulness* to parents. *Dryden*.

2. Reverence; respect. *Taylor*.

DUTY, *n.* [*from due, Fr. dû.*] That which a person owes to another; that which a person is bound, by any natural, moral or legal obligation, to pay, do or perform.

Obedience to princes, magistrates and the laws is the *duty* of every citizen and subject; obedience, respect and kindness to parents are *duties* of children; fidelity to friends is a *duty*; reverence, obedience and prayer to God are indispensable *duties*; the government and religious instruction of children are *duties* of parents which they cannot neglect without guilt.

2. Forbearance of that which is forbid by morality, law, justice or propriety. It is our *duty* to refrain from lewdness, intemperance, profaneness and injustice.

3. Obedience; submission.

4. Act of reverence or respect.

5. They both did *duty* to their lady. *Spenser*.

6. The business of a soldier or marine on guard; as, the company is on *duty*. It is applied also to other services or labor.

7. The business of war; military service; as, the regiment did *duty* in Flanders.

8. Tax, toll, impost, or customs; excise; any sum of money required by government to be paid on the importation, exportation, or consumption of goods. An impost on land or other real estate, and on the stock of farmers, is not called a *duty*, but a *direct tax*. *U. States*.

DUTUMVIR, *n.* [*L. duo, two and vir, man.*] One of two Roman officers or magistrates united in the same public functions.

DUUMVIRAL, *a.* Pertaining to the duumvirs or duumvirate of Rome.

DUUMVIRATE, *n.* The union of two men in the same office; or the office, dignity or

government of two men thus associated; as in ancient Rome.

DWALE, *n.* In heraldry, a sable or black color.

2. The deadly nightshade, a plant or a sleepy potion. *Chaucer*.

DWARF, *n.* [*Sax. dwærg, dwærg; D. dwærg; Sw. id.; Dan. dwærg.*]

1. A general name for an animal or plant which is much below the ordinary size of the species or kind. A man that never grows beyond two or three feet in height, is a *dwarf*. This word when used alone usually refers to the human species, but sometimes to other animals. When it is applied to plants, it is more generally used in composition; as a *dwarf-tree*; *dwarf-elder*.

2. An attendant on a lady or knight in romances. *Spenser*.

DWARF, *v. t.* To hinder from growing to the natural size; to lessen; to make or keep small. *Addison*.

DWARFISH, *a.* Like a dwarf; below the common stature or size; very small; low; petty; despicable; as a *dwarfish animal*; a *dwarfish shrub*. *Dryden*.

DWARFISHLY, *adv.* Like a dwarf.

DWARFISHNESS, *n.* Smallness of stature; littleness of size.

DWAUL, *v. i.* [*Sax. dwælian, dwælian, to wander.*] To be delicious. *Obs. Junius*.

DWELL, *v. i.* pret. *dwelled*, usually contracted into *dwelt*. [*Dan. dwæler, to stay, wait, loiter, delay; Sw. dwala, a trance; dwallas, to delay, abide, remain or linger.*]

*Teut. dwalla; Ice. dwelia; Scot. dwel, dwell. Qu. W. attal, dal, to hold, stop, stay, and Ir. tuilim, to sleep.* This word coincides nearly with *dally*, in its primitive signification, and may be of the same family.

Its radical sense is probably to *draw out in time*; hence, to hold, rest, remain. We see like senses united in many words, as in *tenceo, tēpo, continue*. See *Dally* and *Class D. No. 3. 5. 6. 21.*

1. To abide as a permanent resident, or to inhabit for a time; to live in a place; to have a habitation for some time or permanence.

God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall *dwell* in the tents of Shem. *Gen. ix.*

*Dwell* imports a residence of some continuance. We use *abide* for the resting of a night or an hour; but we never say, he *dwell* in a place a day or a night. *Dwell* may signify a residence for life or for a much shorter period, but not for a day.

In scripture, it denotes a residence of seven days during the feast of tabernacles.

Ye shall *dwell* in booths seven days. *Lev. xxiii.*

The word was made flesh, and *dwelt* among us. *John i.*

2. To be in any state or condition; to continue. *Shak.*

3. To continue; to be fixed in attention; to hang upon with fondness. *The attentive queen*

*Dwell* on his accents. *Smith*.

They stand at a distance, *dwelling* on his looks and language, fixed in amazement. *Buckminster*.

4. To continue long; as, to *dwell* on a subject, in speaking, debate or writing; to *dwell* on a note in music.