

**FRONT**, *v. i.* To stand foremost. *Shak.*

2. To have the face or front towards any point of compass.

**FRONTAL**, *n.* [*L. frontale*; *Fr. frontal*; from *L. frons*.]

1. In *medicine*, a medicament or preparation to be applied to the forehead. *Quincy.*

2. In *architecture*, a little pediment or front-piece, over a small door or window. *Encyc.*

3. In *Jewish ceremonies*, a frontlet or brow-band, consisting of four pieces of vellum, laid on leather, and tied round the forehead in the synagogue; each piece containing some text of scripture. *Encyc.*

**FRONT BOX**, *n.* The box in a playhouse before the rest. *Pope.*

**FRONTED**, *a.* Formed with a front. *Milton.*

**FRONTIER**, *n.* [*Fr. frontiere*; *It. frontiera*; *Sp. frontera*.]

The marches; the border, confine, or extreme part of a country, bordering on another country; that is, the part furthest advanced, or the part that fronts an enemy, or which an invading enemy meets in front, or which fronts another country.

**FRONTIER**, *a.* Lying on the exterior part; bordering; continuous; as a *frontier town*.

**FRONTIERED**, *a.* Guarded on the frontiers. *Spenser.*

**FRONTINAC'**, *n.* A species of French *FRONTINAC'*, *n.* wine, named from the place in Languedoc where it is produced.

**FRONTISPIECE**, *n.* [*L. frontispicium*; *frons* and *specio*, to view.]

1. In *architecture*, the principal face of a building; the face that directly presents itself to the eye.

2. An ornamental figure or engraving fronting the first page of a book, or at the beginning.

**FRONTLESS**, *a.* Wanting shame or modesty; not diffident; as *frontless vice*; *frontless flattery*. *Dryden. Pope.*

**FRONTLET**, *n.* [*from front*.] A frontal or browband; a fillet or band worn on the forehead. *Deut. vi.*

**FRONTROOM**, *n.* A room or apartment in the forepart of a house. *Moxon.*

**FROP PISH**, *a.* Peevish; froward. [*Not in use.*] *Clarendon.*

**FRORE**, *a.* [*G. frore, gefroren*; *D. vroom, bevrooren*.] Frozen. [*Not in use.*] *Milton.*

**FRORE**, *a.* Frozen. *Spenser.*

**FRORY**, *a.* Frozen. *Spenser.*

2. Covered with a froth resembling hoarfrost. [*Not in use.*] *Fairfax.*

**FROST**, *n. fræust*. [*Sax. G. Sw. and Dan. frost*; *D. vorst*; from *freeze, froze*. *Quincy. fluid. mraz, mroz, id.*]

1. A fluid congealed by cold into ice or crystals; as *hoar-frost*, which is dew or vapor congealed.

He scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes. *Ps. cxvii.*

2. The act of freezing; congelation of fluids.

The third day comes a frost, a killing frost. *Shak.*

3. In *physiology*, that state or temperature of the air which occasions freezing or the congelation of water. *Encyc.*

4. The appearance of plants sparkling with icy crystals. *Pope.*

**FROST**, *v. t.* In *cooking*, to cover or sprinkle with a composition of sugar, resembling hoar-frost; as, to *frost cake*.

2. To cover with any thing resembling hoarfrost.

**FROST BITTEN**, *a.* Nipped, withered or affected by frost.

**FROSTED**, *pp.* Covered with a composition like white frost.

2. *a.* Having hair changed to a gray or white color, as if covered with hoarfrost; as a head *frosted* by age.

**FROSTILY**, *adv.* With frost or excessive cold.

2. Without warmth of affection; coldly.

**FROSTINESS**, *n.* The state or quality of being frosty; freezing cold.

**FROSTING**, *pp.* Covering with something resembling hoarfrost.

**FROSTING**, *n.* The composition resembling hoarfrost, used to cover cake, &c.

**FROSTLESS**, *a.* Free from frost; as a *frostless winter*. *Swift.*

**FROST NAIL**, *n.* A nail driven into a horse-shoe, to prevent the horse from slipping on ice. In some of the United States, the ends of the shoe are pointed for this purpose, and these points are called *calks*.

**FROSTWORK**, *n.* Work resembling hoarfrost on shrubs. *Blackmore.*

**FROSTY**, *a.* Producing frost; having power to congeal water; as *a frosty night*; *frosty weather*.

2. Containing frost; as, the grass is *frosty*.

3. Chill in affection; without warmth of affection or courage. *Johnson.*

4. Resembling hoarfrost; white; gray-haired; as *a frosty head*. *Shak.*

**FROTH**, *n. froth*. [*Gr. apox*; *Sw. fradga*. It is allied perhaps to *G. brausen*, to roar, fret, froth; *Ir. brúthim*, to boil; *W. bryddin*, to heat.)

1. Spume; foam; the bubbles caused in liquors by fermentation or agitation. *Bacon. Milton.*

2. Any empty, senseless show of wit or eloquence. *Johnson.*

3. Light, unsubstantial matter. *Tusser.*

**FROTH**, *v. t.* To cause to foam. *Beaum.*

**FROTH**, *v. i.* To foam; to throw up spume; to throw out foam or bubbles. *Beer froths* in fermentation. The sea *froths* when violently agitated. A horse *froths* at the mouth when heated.

**FROTHILY**, *adv.* With foam or spume.

2. In an empty trifling manner.

**FROTHINESS**, *n.* The state of being frothy; emptiness; senseless matter.

**FROTHY**, *a.* Full of foam or froth, or consisting of froth or light bubbles. *Bacon.*

2. Soft; not firm or solid.

3. Vain; light; empty; unsubstantial; as a vain *frothy* speaker; a *frothy* harangue.

**FROUNCE**, *n.* A distemper of hawks, in which white spittle gathers about the bill. [*See the Verb.*] *Skinner.*

**FROUNCE**, *v. t.* [*Sp. fruncir*, to plait or gather the edge of cloth into plaits, to frizzle, to wrinkle; *Fr. fronce*, to gather, to knit, to contract; *Arn. frongza*. *See Froten.*]

To curl or frizzle the hair about the face. Not tricked and *frowned* as she was wont. *Milton.*

**FROUNCE**, *n.* A wrinkle, plait or curl; an ornament of dress. *Beaum.*

**FROUNCED**, *pp.* Curled; frizzled.

**FROUNCELESS**, *a.* Having no plait or wrinkle. *Chaucer.*

**FROUNCE**, *pp.* Curling; crisping.

**FROUZY**, *a.* Fetid; musty; rank; dim; cloudy. *Swift.*

**FROW**, *n.* [*G. frau*; *D. vrouw*; *Dan. frau*.] A woman. [*Not used.*] *Beaum.*

**FROWARD**, *a.* [*Sax. framweard*; from *fra* and *weard*, *L. versus*; turned or looking from.]

Perverse, that is, turning from, with aversion or reluctance; not willing to yield or comply with what is required; unyielding; ungovernable; refractory; disobedient; peevish; as a *froward child*.

They are a very *froward* generation, children in whom is no faith. *Deut. xxxii.*

**FROWARDLY**, *adv.* Perversely; in a peevish manner.

**FROWARDNESS**, *n.* Perverseness; reluctance to yield or comply; disobedience; peevishness. *South.*

**FROWER**, *n.* A sharp edged tool to cleave laths. *Tusser.*

**FROWN**, *v. i.* [*Fr. frogner*, properly to knit the brows. *Frogner*, the primitive word, is not used. It is allied perhaps to *frounce*, from the root *Rn.*]

1. To express displeasure by contracting the brow, and looking grim or surly; to look stern; followed by *on* or *at*; as, to *frown on* a profligate man, or to *frown at* his vices.

Heroes in animated marble *frown*. *Pope.*

2. To manifest displeasure in any manner. When providence *frowns* on our labors, let us be humble and submissive.

3. To lower; to look threatening.

**FROWN**, *v. t.* To repel by expressing displeasure; to rebuke. *Frown* the impudent fellow into silence.

**FROWN**, *n.* A wrinkled look, particularly expressing dislike; a sour, severe or stern look, expressive of displeasure.

His front yet threatens and his *frowns* command. *Prior.*

2. Any expression of displeasure; as the *frowns* of providence; the *frowns* of fortune.

**FROWNING**, *pp.* Knitting the brow in anger or displeasure; expressing displeasure by a surly, stern or angry look; lowering; threatening.

**FROWNGLY**, *adv.* Sternly; with a look of displeasure.

**FROWY**, *a.* [*The same as frouzy*; perhaps a contracted word.] Musty; rancid; rank; as *frowy butter*.

**FROZEN**, *pp.* of *freeze*. Congealed by cold.

2. Cold; frosty; chill; as the *frozen* climates of the north.

3. Chill or cold in affection. *Sidney.*

4. Void of natural heat or vigor. *Pope.*

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**FRUBISH**, for *furish*, is not used.

**FRUCTED**, *a.* [*L. fructus*, fruit.] In *heraldry*, bearing fruit.

**FRUCTESCENCE**, *n.* [*from L. fructus*, fruit. *See Frail.*]

In *botany*, the precise time when the fruit of