

**MINUTELY**, *adv.* [from *minute*.] Every minute; with very little time intervening. As if it were *minutely* proclaimed in thunder from heaven. *Hammond.*

**MINUTENESS**, *n.* Extreme smallness, fineness or slenderness; as the *minuteness* of the particles of air or of a fluid; the *minuteness* of the filaments of cotton; the *minuteness* of details in narration.

2. Attention to small things; critical exactness; as the *minuteness* of observation or distinction.

**MINUTE-WATCH**, *n.* A watch that distinguishes minutes of time, or on which minutes are marked. *Boyle.*

**MINUTIAE**, *n.* [L.] The smaller particulars.

**MINX**, *n.* [Qu. *minnoe*.] A pert, wanton girl. *Shak.*

2. A she-puppy.

**MINY**, *a.* [from *mine*.] Abounding with mines.

2. Subterraneous. *Thomson.*

**MIRABLE**, *a.* Wonderful. [Not in use.] *Shak.*

**MIRACLE**, *n.* [Fr. from L. *miraculum*, from *miror*, to wonder; Arn. *mirer*, to hold. See *Marvel*.]

1. Literally, a wonder or wonderful thing; but appropriately,

2. In *theology*, an event or effect contrary to the established constitution and course of things, or a deviation from the known laws of nature; a supernatural event. *Miracles* can be wrought only by Almighty power, as when Christ healed lepers, saying, "I will, be thou clean," or calmed the tempest, "Peace, be still."

They considered not the *miracle* of the loaves. Mark vi.

A man approved of God by *miracles* and signs. Acts ii.

3. Anciently, a spectacle or dramatic representation exhibiting the lives of the saints. *Chaucer.*

**MIRACLE**, *v. t.* To make wonderful. [Not used.] *Shak.*

**MIRACLE-MONGER**, *n.* An impostor who pretends to work miracles. *Hallywell.*

**MIRACULOUS**, *a.* Performed supernaturally, or by a power beyond the ordinary agency of natural laws; effected by the direct agency of Almighty power, and not by natural causes; as the *miraculous* healing of the sick or raising the dead by Christ.

2. Supernatural; furnished supernaturally, or competent to perform miracles; as the *miraculous* powers of the Apostles. *Miraculous*, applied to the extraordinary powers of the Apostles, may mean conferred by supernatural agency, or competent to work miracles. I believe it is generally used in the latter sense.

3. In a less definite sense, wonderful; extraordinary.

**MIRACULOUSLY**, *adv.* By miracle; supernaturally.

Aeneas, wounded as he was, could not have engaged him in single combat, unless his hurt had been *miraculously* healed. *Dryden.*

2. Wonderfully; by extraordinary means.

**MIRACULOUSNESS**, *n.* The state of being effected by miracle or by supernatural agency.

**MIRADOR**, *n.* [Sp. from L. *miror*.] A balcony or gallery commanding an extensive view. *Dryden.*

**MIRE**, *n.* [See Class Mr. No. 16.] Deep mud; earth so wet and soft as to yield to the feet and to wheels.

**MIRE**, *v. t.* To plunge and fix in mire; to set or stall in mud. We say, a horse, an ox or a carriage is *mired*, when it has sunk deep into mud and its progress is stopped.

2. To soil or daub with mud or foul matter. *Shak.*

**MIRE**, *v. i.* To sink in mud, or to sink so deep as to be unable to move forward.

**MIRE**, *n.* An ant. [See *Pismire*.]

**MIRE-CROW**, *n.* The sea-crow or pewit gull, of the genus *Larus*.

**MIRINESS**, *n.* [from *miry*.] The state of consisting of deep mud.

**MIRK**, *a.* [Sax. *mirce*.] Dark. *Obs.* [See *Murky*.]

**MIRKSOME**, *a.* Dark; obscure. [See *Murky*.]

**MIRKSOMENESS**, *n.* Obscurity. [See *Murky*.]

**MIRROR**, *n.* [Fr. *miroir*; Sp. *mirar*, Corn. *miras*, to look; L. *miror*, to admire.]

1. A looking glass; any glass or polished substance that forms images by the reflection of rays of light.

In the clear mirror of thy ruling star

I saw, alas! some dread event depend. *Pope.*

2. A pattern; an exemplar; that on which men ought to fix their eyes; that which gives a true representation, or in which a true image may be seen.

O goddess, heavenly bright,

Mirror of grace and majesty divine. *Spenser.*

**MIRROR-STONE**, *n.* A bright stone. *Obs.*

**MIRTH**, *n.* *merth*. [Sax. *mirht*, *myrht*;

*mirig*, merry; Ar. *مَرَح* to be very

brisk or joyful. Class Mr. No. 10.] Social merriment; hilarity; high excitement of pleasurable feelings in company; noisy gaiety; jollity. *Mirth* differs from joy and cheerfulness, as always implying noise.

With genial joy to warm the soul,

Bright Helen mixed a *mirth*-inspiring bowl. *Pope.*

I will cause to cease the voice of *mirth* from Judah and Jerusalem. Jer. vii.

**MIRTHFUL**, *a.* Merry; jovial; festive.

The feast was served, the bowl was crown'd,  
To the king's pleasure went the *mirthful* round. *Prior.*

**MIRTHFULLY**, *adv.* In a jovial manner.

**MIRTHLESS**, *a.* Without mirth or hilarity.

**MIRY**, *a.* [from *mire*.] Abounding with

deep mud; full of mire; as a *miry* road; a *miry* lane. *Gay.*

2. Consisting of mire. *Shak.*

**MIS**, a prefix, denotes error, or erroneous, wrong, from the verb *miss*, to err, to go wrong, Goth. *missa*; Sax. *mis*, from *missian*, to err, to deviate or wander; D. *mis*, *missen*; G. *miss*, *missen*; Dan. *mis*, *mister*; Sw. *mis*, *mista*; W. *meth*, a failing, a miss; Fr. *mes*, or *me*, in composition; It. *mis*.

**MISACCEPTATION**, *n.* The act of taking or understanding in a wrong sense.

**MISADVENTURE**, *n.* Mischance; misfortune; ill luck; an unlucky accident.

2. In law, homicide by misadventure, is when a man, doing a lawful act, without any intention of injury, unfortunately kills another. This is called *excusable homicide*. *Blackstone.*

**MISADVENTURED**, *a.* Unfortunate. *Shak.*

**MISADVISED**, *a.* [See *Advise*.] Ill advised; ill directed. *Johnson.*

**MISAFFFECT**, *v. t.* To dislike.

**MISAFFFECTED**, *a.* Ill disposed.

**MISAFFIRM**, *v. t.* To affirm incorrectly.

**MISAIMED**, *a.* Not rightly aimed or directed. *Spenser.*

**MISALLEGE**, *v. t.* *misallej*. To state erroneously.

**MISALLEGATION**, *n.* Erroneous statement.

**MISALLIANCE**, *n.* Improper association.

**MISALLIED**, *a.* Ill allied or associated. *Burke.*

**MISANTHROPE**, } *n.* [Gr. *μισανθρωπος*;

**MISANTHROPIST**, } *μισω*, to hate, and *ανθρωπος*, man.] A hater of mankind. *Swift.*

**MISANTHROPIC**, } *a.* Hating or hav-

**MISANTHROPICAL**, } ing a dislike to mankind. *Walsh.*

**MISANTHROPY**, *n.* Hatred or dislike to mankind; opposed to *philanthropy*.

**MISAPPLICATION**, *n.* A wrong application; an application to a wrong person or purpose.

**MISAPPLIED**, *ppr.* Applied to a wrong person or purpose.

**MISAPPLY**, *v. t.* To apply to a wrong person or purpose; as to *misapply* a name or title; to *misapply* our talents or exertions; to *misapply* public money.

**MISAPPLYING**, *ppr.* Applying to a wrong person or purpose.

**MISAPPREHEND**, *v. t.* To misunderstand; to take in a wrong sense. *Locke.*

**MISAPPREHENDED**, *pp.* Not rightly understood.

**MISAPPREHENDING**, *ppr.* Misunderstanding.

**MISAPPREHENSION**, *n.* A mistaking or mistake; wrong apprehension of one's meaning or of a fact.

**MISASCRIBE**, *v. t.* To ascribe falsely or erroneously. *Boyle.*

**MISASSIGN**, *v. t.* [See *Assign*.] To assign erroneously. *Boyle.*

**MISATTEND**, *v. t.* To disregard. *Milton.*

**MISBECOME**, *v. t.* *misbecum*. [See *Become*.] Not to become; to suit ill; not to befit.

Thy father will not act what *misbecomes* him.

*Addison.*

**MISBECOMING**, *ppr.* or *a.* Unseemly; unsuitable; improper; indecorous.

**MISBECOMINGNESS**, *n.* Unbecomingness; unsuitableness. *Boyle.*

**MISBEGOT**, } *ppr.* or *a.* Unlawfully

**MISBEGOTTEN**, } or irregularly begotten. *Shak. Dryden.*

**MISBEHAVE**, *v. i.* To behave ill; to conduct one's self improperly.

**MISBEHAVED**, *a.* Guilty of ill behavior; ill bred; rude. *Shak.*

**MISBEHAVIOR**, *n.* *misbeha'vior*. Ill conduct; improper, rude or uncivil behavior. *Addison.*

**MISBELIEF**, *n.* Erroneous belief; false religion. *Massinger.*