

**MOUNT/BANKERY**, *n.* Quackery; boastful and vain pretenses. *Hammond.*

**MOUNT/ED**, *pp.* Raised; seated on horseback; placed on a carriage; covered or embellished; furnished with guns.

**MOUNT/ENAUANCE**, *n.* Amount in space. [*Not used.*] *Spenser.*

**MOUNT/ER**, *n.* One that mounts or ascends. *Swift.*

**MOUNT/ING**, *ppr.* Rising; soaring; placing on horseback; ascending an eminence; embellishing.

**MOUNT/INGLY**, *adv.* By rising or ascending.

**MOUNT/Y**, *n.* The rise of a hawk. *Sidney.*

**MOURN**, *v. i.* [*Sax. murnan, myrnan; L. mareo*; allied perhaps to *G. D. murren*, to *murmur*; *Fr. morne*, sad, sullen. See *Murmur*, and the root of *amarus*, bitter. Class Mr. No. 7.]

1. To express grief or sorrow; to grieve; to be sorrowful. Mourning may be expressed by weeping or audible sounds, or by sighs, or inward silent grief. Abraham came to *mourn* for Sarah and to weep. Gen. 23.

Blessed are they that *mourn*, for they shall be comforted. Matt. v.

2. To wear the customary habit of sorrow. We *mourn* in black. *Shak.*  
Grieve for an hour perhaps, then *mourn* a year. *Pope.*

**MOURN**, *v. l.* To grieve for; to lament. But there is an ellipsis of *for*, the verb not being transitive. When we say, we *mourn* a friend or a child, the real sense and complete phrase is, we *mourn* for a friend, or *mourn* for the loss of a friend. "He *mourn'd* his rival's ill success," that is, he *mourned* for his rival's ill success.

2. To utter in a sorrowful manner. *Addison.*

The love lorn nightingale  
Nightly to thee her sad song *mourneth* well. *Milton.*

**MOURNE**, *n. mörn.* [*Fr. morne.*] The round end of a staff; the part of a lance to which the steel is fixed, or the ferrel. [*Not used.*] *Sidney. Johnson.*

**MOURNER**, *n.* One that mourns or is grieved at any loss or misfortune.

2. One that follows a funeral in the habit of mourning. *L'Estrange.*

3. Something used at funerals. The *mourner* eugh and builder oak were there. *Dryden.*

**MOURNFUL**, *a.* Intended to express sorrow, or exhibiting the appearance of grief; as a *mournful* bell; *mournful* music. *Shak. Dryden.*

No funeral rites nor man in *mournful* weeds. *Shak.*

2. Causing sorrow; sad; calamitous; as a *mournful* death. *Shak.*

3. Sorrowful; feeling grief. The *mournful* fair—  
Shall visit her distinguished urn. *Prior.*

**MOURNFULLY**, *adv.* In a manner expressive of sorrow; with sorrow. Mal. iii.

**MOURNFULNESS**, *n.* Sorrow; grief; state of mourning.

2. Appearance or expression of grief.

**MOURNING**, *ppr.* Grieving; lamenting; sorrowing; wearing the appearance of sorrow.

**MOURNING**, *n.* The act of sorrowing or expressing grief; lamentation; sorrow.

2. The dress or customary habit worn by mourners.

And ev'n the pavements were with *mourning* hid. *Dryden.*

**MOURNING-DOVE**, *n.* A species of dove found in the U. States, the *Columba Caroliniensis*.

**MOURNINGLY**, *adv.* With the appearance of sorrow. *Shak.*

**MOUSE**, *n. plu. mice.* [*Sax. Sw. mus; D. muis; G. maus; Dan. mus, muus; L. mus; Gr. μῦς; Russ. mishe.* The *L. mus* forms *muris* in the genitive, and the root is not obvious.]

1. A small animal of the genus *Mus*, inhabiting houses. The name is also applied to many other species of the genus, as the *field mouse*, *meadow mouse*, *rock mouse*, &c.

2. Among *seamen*, a knob formed on a rope by spun yarn or parcelling. *Mar. Dict.*

**MOUSE**, *v. i. mouz.* To catch mice. *Shak.*

**MOUSE**, *v. t. mouz.* To tear, as a cat devours a mouse.

To *mouse* a hook, with *seamen*, is to fasten a small line across the upper part to prevent unhooking. *Mar. Dict.*

**MOUSE-EAR**, *n. mous'-ear.* A plant of the genus *Hieracium*; also, a plant of the genus *Myosotis*, called likewise *mouse-ear scorpion grass*. The *mouse-ear chickweed* is of the genus *Cerastium*. *Lee. Encyc.*

**MOUSE-HOLE**, *n. mous'-hole.* A hole where mice enter or pass; a very small hole or entrance.

He can creep in at a *mouse-hole*. *Stillingfleet.*

**MOUSE-HUNT**, *n. mous'-hunt.* A hunting for mice.

2. A mouser; one that hunts mice. *Shak.*

**MOUSER**, *n. mouz'er.* One that catches mice. The cat is a good *mouser*.

**MOUSE-TAIL**, *n. mous'-tail.* A plant of the genus *Myosurus*.

**MOUSE-TRAP**, *n. mous'-trap.* A trap for catching mice. *Prior.*

**MOUTH**, *n.* [*Sax. muth.* As this word does not occur in the other Teutonic dialects, and as *n* is sometimes casually introduced into words before dentals, it is not improbable that the Goth. *munths*, *G. Dan. mund*, *Sw. mun*, and *D. mond*, may be the same word. The Saxon *muth* coincides in elements with *molto*, *Gr. μῦθος*.]

1. The aperture in the head of an animal, between the lips, by which he utters his voice and receives food. In a more general sense, the mouth consists of the lips, the gums, the insides of the cheeks, the palate, the salival glands, the uvula and tonsils. *Encyc.*

2. The opening of a vessel by which it is filled or emptied; as the *mouth* of a jar or pitcher.

3. The part or channel of a river by which its waters are discharged into the ocean or into a lake. The Mississippi and the Nile discharge their waters by several *mouths*.

4. The opening of a piece of ordnance at the end, by which the charge issues.

5. The aperture of a vessel in animal bodies, by which fluids or other matter is received or discharged; as the *mouth* of the lacteals.

6. The opening or entrance of a cave, pit, well or den. *Dan. viii.*

7. The instrument of speaking; as, the story is in every body's *mouth*. *South. Locke.*

8. A principal speaker; one that utters the common opinion.

Every coffee house has some statesman belonging to it, who is the *mouth* of the street where he lives. *Addison.*

9. Cry; voice.

The fearful dogs divide,  
All spend their *mouth* aloft, but none abide. *Dryden.*

10. In Scripture, words uttered. *Job xix. Is. xlix. Ps. lxxiii.*

11. Desires; necessities. *Ps. ciii.*

12. Freedom and boldness of speech; force of argument. *Luke xxi.*

13. Boasting; vaunting. *Judges ix.*

14. Testimony. *Deut. xvii.*

15. Reproaches; calumnies. *Job v.*

To *make* a *mouth*, } to distort the mouth;  
To *make* *mouths*, } to make a wry face:  
hence, to deride or treat with scorn. *Shak. Addison.*

2. To pout; to treat disdainfully.

Down in the *mouth*, dejected; mortified. *L'Estrange.*

To *have* *God's law* in the *mouth*, to converse much on it and delight in it. *Ex. xiii.*

To *draw near* to *God* with the *mouth*, to make an external appearance of devotion and worship, while there is no regard to him in the heart. *Is. xxix.*

A *froward* *mouth*, contradictions and disobedience. *Prov. iv.*

A *smooth* *mouth*, soft and flattering language. *Prov. v.*

To *stop* the *mouth*, to silence or to be silent; to put to shame; to confound. *Rom. iii.*

To *lay the hand* on the *mouth*, to be struck silent with shame. *Mic. vii.*

To *set the* *mouth* against the heavens, to speak arrogantly and blasphemously. *Ps. lxxiii.*

**MOUTH**, *v. t.* To utter with a voice affectedly big or swelling; as, to *mouth* words or language.

Twit'ch'd by the sleeve, he *mouths* it more and more. *Dryden.*

2. To take into the mouth; to seize with the mouth. *Dryden.*

3. To chew; to grind, as food; to eat; to devour. *Shak.*

4. To form by the mouth, as a bear her cub. [*Not used.*] *Brown.*

5. To reproach; to insult. *Blair.*

**MOUTH**, *v. i.* To speak with a full, round, or loud, affected voice; to vociferate; to rant; as a *mouth*ing actor. *Dryden.*

I'll bellow out for Rome and for my country,  
And *mouth* at Cesar, till I shake the senate. *Addison.*

**MOUTH/ED**, *pp.* Uttered with a full, swelling, affected voice.

2. Taken into the mouth; chewed.

3. *a.* Furnished with a mouth; used chiefly in composition; as *well-mouthed*; *foul-mouthed*, contumelious, reproachful or obscene; *mealy-mouthed*, bashful, reserved in speaking the plain truth; *hard-mouthed*, as a horse, not obedient to the bit, difficult to be restrained or governed by the bridle.

4. Borne down or overpowered by clamor.

**MOUTH/FRIEND**, *n.* One who professes friendship without entertaining it; a pretended friend. *Shak.*