

- minister. Hence in friendship, trusty; confidential. *Shak.*
13. Having an appearance of concealment; implying art, craft or wariness; as a *close* aspect. *Shak.*
14. Intent; fixed; attentive; pressing upon the object; as, to give *close* attention. Keep your mind or thoughts *close* to the business or subject. *Locke.*
15. Full to the point; home; pressing; as a *close* argument; bring the argument *close* to the question. *Dryden.*
16. Pressing; earnest; warm; as a *close* debate. *Locke.*
17. Confined; secluded from communication; as a *close* prisoner.
18. Covetous; penurious; not liberal; as a *close* man. *Locke.*
19. Applied to the weather or air, *close*, in popular language, denotes warm and damp, cloudy or foggy, or warm and relaxing, occasioning a sense of lassitude and depression. Perhaps originally, confined air.
20. Strictly adhering to the original; as a *close* translation.
21. In *heraldry*, drawn in a coat of arms with the wings *close*, and in a standing posture. *Bailey.*
- CLOSE, *adv.* Closely; nearly; densely; secretly; pressingly. Behind her death *Milton.*
- CLOSE-BANDED, *a.* Being in close order; closely united. *Milton.*
- CLOSE-BODIED, *a.* Fitting the body exactly; setting close; as a garment. *Ayliffe.*
- CLOSE-COMPACTED, *a.* Being in compact order; compact. *Addison.*
- CLOSE-COUCHEE, *a.* Quite concealed. *Milton.*
- CLOSE-CURTAINED, *a.* Inclosed or surrounded with curtains. *Milton.*
- CLOSE-FISTED, *a.* Covetous; niggardly. *Berkeley.*
- CLOSE-HANDED, *a.* Covetous; penurious. *Hale.*
- CLOSE-HANDEDNESS, *n.* Covetousness. *Holyday.*
- CLOSE-HAULED, *a.* In seamanship, having the tacks or lower corners of the sails drawn close to the side to windward, and the sheets hauled close aft, in sailing near the wind. *Encyc.*
- CLOSE-PENT, *a.* Shut close. *Dryden.*
- CLOSE-QUARTERS, *n.* Strong barriers of wood used in a ship for defense when the ship is boarded. *Mar. Dict.*
- CLOSE-STOOL, *n.* A chamber utensil for the convenience of the sick and infirm.
- CLOSE-TONGUED, *a.* Keeping silence; cautious in speaking. *Shak.*
- CLOSED, *pp. s* as *z.* Shut; made fast; ended; concluded.
- CLOSELY, *adv.* In a close, compact manner; with the parts united, or pressed together, so as to leave no vent; as a crucible *closely* luted.
2. Nearly; with little space intervening applied to space or time; as, to follow *closely* at one's heels; one event follows *closely* upon another.
3. Continually; attentively; with the mind or thoughts fixed; with near inspection; as, to look or attend *closely*.
4. Secretly; slyly. [*Not much used.*] *Carew.*
5. With near affection, attachment or interest; intimately; as, men *closely* connected in friendship; nations *closely* allied by treaty.
6. Strictly; within close limits; without communication abroad; as a prisoner *closely* confined.
7. With strict adherence to the original; as, to translate *closely*.
- CLOSE-SENESS, *n.* The state of being shut, pressed together, or united. Hence according to the nature of the thing to which the word is applied.
2. Compactness; solidity; as the *close*ness of texture in wood or fossils. *Beacon.*
3. Narrowness; straitness; as of a place.
4. Tightness in building, or in apartments; firmness of texture in cloth, &c.
5. Want of ventilation; applied to a close room, or to the air confined in it. *Swift.*
6. Confinement or retirement of a person; recluseness; solitude. *Shak.*
7. Reserve in intercourse; secrecy; privacy; caution. *Beacon.*
8. Covetousness; penuriousness. *Addison.*
9. Connection; near union; intimacy, whether of friendship, or of interest; as the *close*ness of friendship, or of alliance.
10. Pressure; urgency; variously applied; as the *close*ness of an agreement, or of debate; the *close*ness of a question or inquiry.
11. Adherence to an original; as the *close*ness of a version.
- CLOSER, *n. s* as *z.* A finisher; one who concludes.
- CLOSER, *a. comp. of close.* More close.
- CLOSEST, *a. superl. of close.* Most close. In these words, *s* has its proper sound.
- CLOSET, *n. s* as *z.* A small room or apartment for retirement; any room for privacy. When thou prayest, enter into thy *closet*. *Mat. vi.*
2. An apartment for curiosities or valuable things. *Dryden.*
3. A small close apartment or recess in the side of a room for repositing utensils and furniture.
- CLOSET, *v. t. s* as *z.* To shut up in a closet; to conceal; to take into a private apartment for consultation. *Herbert. Swift.*
- CLOSE-ETED, *pp. s* as *z.* Shut up in a closet; concealed.
- CLOSE-ETING, *pp. s* as *z.* Shutting up in a private room; concealing.
- CLOSE-ET-SIN, *n. cloz'et-sin.* Sin committed in privacy. *Bp. Hall.*
- CLOSH, *n.* A disease in the feet of cattle, called also the *founder*. *Bailey.*
- CLO-SING, *pp. s* as *z.* Shutting; coalescing; agreeing; ending.
- CLO-SING, *a. s* as *z.* That ends or concludes; as a *closing* word or letter.
- CLO-SING, *n. s* as *z.* End; period; conclusion.
- CLO-SURE, *n. cloz'hur.* The act of shutting; a closing. *Boyle.*
2. That which closes, or shuts; that by which separate parts are fastened or made to adhere. *Pope.*
3. Inclosure; that which confines. *Shak.*
4. Conclusion. *Shak.*
- CLOT, *n.* [*See Clod.*] A concretion, particularly of soft or fluid matter, which con-

cretes into a mass or lump; as a *clot* of blood. *Clod* and *clot* appear to be radically the same word; but we usually apply *clod* to a hard mass of earth, and *clot* to a mass of softer substances, or fluids concentered.

CLOT, *v. i.* To concreate; to coagulate, as soft or fluid matter into a thick, inspissated mass; as, milk or blood *clots*.

2. To form into clots or clods; to adhere; as, *clotted* glebe. *Philips.*

CLOT-BIRD, *n.* The common *canthare* or English orotolan.

CLOT-BUR, *n.* [*G. klette.*] Burdock.

CLOTH, *n. cloeth.* [*Sax. clath; D. klead, cloth, and kleden, to clothe; G. kleid, kleiden; Sw. klade, klöda; Dan. klade, klæder.* The plural is *regular, cloths*; but when it signifies garments, it is written *clothes*.]

1. A manufacture or stuff of wool or hair, or of cotton, flax, hemp or other vegetable filaments, formed by weaving or intertexture of threads, and used for garments or other covering and for various other purposes; as *woolen cloth, linen cloth, cotton cloth, hair cloth*.

2. The covering of a table; usually called a *tablecloth*. *Pope.*

3. The canvas on which pictures are drawn. *Dryden.*

4. A texture or covering put to a particular use; as a *cloth* of state. *Hayward.*

5. Dress; raiment. [*See Clothes.*] I'll never distrust my God for *cloth* and bread. *Quarles.*

6. The covering of a bed. [*Not used.*] *Prior.*

CLOTHE, *v. t. pret. and pp. clothed, or clad.* [*See Cloth.*]

1. To put on garments; to invest the body with raiment; to cover with dress, for concealing nakedness and defending the body from cold or injuries. The Lord God made coats of skin and *clothed* them. *Gen. iii.*

2. To cover with something ornamental. Embroidered purple *clothes* the golden beds. *Pope.*

But *clothe*, without the aid of other words, seldom signifies to adorn. In this example from Pope, it signifies merely to cover.

3. To furnish with raiment; to provide with clothes; as, a master is to feed and *clothe* his apprentice.

4. To put on; to invest; to cover, as with a garment; as, to *clothe* thoughts with words. I will *clothe* thy priests with salvation. *Ps. cxxii.*

Drowsiness shall *clothe* a man with rage. *Prov. xxiii.*

Let them be *clothed* with shame. *Ps. xxxv.*

5. To invest; to surround; to encompass. The Lord is *clothed* with majesty. *Ps. xciii.*

Thou art *clothed* with honor and majesty. *Ps. civ.*

6. To invest; to give to by commission; as, to *clothe* with power or authority.

7. To cover or spread over; as, the earth is *clothed* with verdure.

CLOTHE, *v. i.* To wear clothes. *Shak.*

CLOTHED, *pp.* Covered with garments; dressed; invested; furnished with clothing.

CLOTHERS, *n. plu. of cloth*; pronounced *cloze*. Garments for the human body;