

**TU/TRIX**, *n.* A female guardian. *Smollett.*  
**TUT/SAN**, *n.* A plant, park-leaves, of the genus *Hypericum*. *Lee.*

**TUT/TI**, *n.* [*L. toti.*] In Italian music, a direction for all to play in full concert.

**TUT/TY**, *n.* [*It. tuzia*; *Low L. tutia.*] An argillaceous ore of zink, found in Persia, formed on cylindric molds into tubular pieces, like the bark of a tree. It is said to be made of a glutinous, argillaceous earth, like clay, which is put into pots, moistened and baked. *Cyc.*

**TUZ**, *n.* [*Qu. touse.*] A lock or tuft of hair. [*Not in use.*] *Dryden.*

**TWAIN**, *a.* or *n.* [*Sax. twegen*; *Sw. twenne*; *Dan. tvende*, for *tvengende*. Whether *two* is contracted from *tweg*, is not apparent, but we see in the Danish *tvende*, the first syllable of twenty; *twen*-tig, two tens.] *Two.*

When old winter splits the rocks in *twain*.

*Dryden.*

[*Nearly obsolete in common discourse, but used in poetry and burlesque.*]

**TWAIT**, *n.* A fish.

2. In old writers, wood grubbed up and converted into arable land. [*Local.*] *Cyc.*

**TWANG**, *v. i.* [*D. dwang*, *Dan. tvang*, *Sw. tvång*, *G. zwang*, force, compulsion; *G. zwängen*, *zwingen*, *D. dwingen*, *Sw. tvinga*, *Dan. tvinger*, to constrain.]

To sound with a quick sharp noise; to make the sound of a string which is stretched and suddenly pulled; as the *twanging* bows. *Philips.*

**TWANG**, *v. t.* To make to sound, as by pulling a tense string and letting it go suddenly. *Shak.*

Sound the tough horn, and *twang* the quivering string. *Pope.*

**TWANG**, *n.* A sharp quick sound; as the *twang* of a bowstring; a *twang* of the nose. *Butler.*

2. An affected modulation of the voice; a kind of nasal sound.

He has a *twang* in his discourse.

*Arbutnot.*

**TWANG/LE**, *v. i.* To twang. *Shak.*

**TWANG/ING**, *ppr.* Making a sharp sound. 2. *a.* Contemptibly noisy. *Shak.*

**TWANK**, a corruption of *twang*. *Addison.*

**TWAS**, a contraction of *it was*.

**TWAT/TLE**, *v. i.* [*G. schwatzen*, with a different prefix. See *Twitter*.]

To prate; to talk much and idly; to gabble; to chatter; as a *twatting* gossip.

*L'Estrange.*

**TWAT/TLE**, *v. t.* To pet; to make much of. [*Local.*] *Grose.*

**TWAT/TLING**, *ppr.* or *a.* Prating; gabbling; chattering.

**TWAT/TLING**, *n.* The act of prating; idle talk.

**TWAY**, for *twain*, two. [*Not in use.*] *Spenser.*

**TWA/Y-BLADE**, } *n.* [*tway* and *blade*.] A

**TWY-BLADE**, } *n.* plant of the genus *Ophris*; a polypetalous flower, consisting of six dissimilar leaves, of which the five upper ones are so disposed as to represent, in some measure, a helmet, the under one being headed and shaped like a man.

*Lee. Miller.*

**TWEAG**, } *v. t.* [*Sax. twiccan*, to twitch;

**TWEAK**, } *G. zwicken*; *D. zwikken*.

It is radically the same word as *twitch*, and of the same signification.]

To twitch; to pinch and pull with a sudden jerk; as, to *twear* or *tweak* the nose. *Shak. Swift.*

**TWEAG**, *n.* Distress; a pinching condition. [*Not in use.*] *Arbutnot.*

**TWEE/DLE**, *v. t.* To handle lightly; used of awkward fiddling. *Qu. Addison.*

**TWEE/L**, *v. t.* To weave with multiplied leases in the harness, by increasing the number of threads in each split of the reed, and the number of treddles, &c. *Cyc.*

**TWEE/ZER-CASE**, *n.* A case for carrying tweezers.

**TWEE/ZERS**, *n.* [This seems to be formed on the root of *rise*, an instrument for pinching.] Nippers; small pinchers used to pluck out hairs.

**TWELFTH**, *a.* [*Sax. twelfta*; *Sw. tolfte*; *Dan. tolvte*; *D. twaalfte*; *G. zwölfte*.]

The second after the tenth; the ordinal of twelve.

**TWELFTH-TIDE**, *n.* [*twelfth* and *tide*.] The twelfth day after christmas. *Tusser.*

**TWELVE**, *a.* *twelv.* [*Sax. twelf*; *D. twaalf*; *G. zwölf*; *Sw. tolf*; *Dan. tolv*. *Qu. two* left after ten.]

The sum of two and ten; twice six; a dozen. *Twelve* men compose a petty jury.

**TWELVEMONTH**, *n.* *twelv'month.* [*twelve* and *month*.]

A year, which consists of twelve calendar months.

I shall laugh at this a *twelvemonth* hence.

*Shak.*

**TWELVEPENCE**, *n.* *twelv'pence.* [*twelve* and *pence*.] A shilling.

**TWELVEPENNY**, *a.* *twelv'penny.* Sold for a shilling; worth a shilling; as a *twelve-penny* gallery. *Dryden.*

**TWELVESCORE**, *a.* *twelv'score.* [*twelve* and *score*.] Twelve times twenty; two hundred and forty. *Dryden.*

**TWENT/ETH**, *a.* [*Sax. twentigtha*, *twentigtha*. See *Twenty*.] The ordinal of twenty; as the *twentieth* year. *Dryden.*

**TWENT/Y**, *a.* [*Sax. twenti*, *twentig*; composed of *twend*, *twenne*, *twæn*, two, and *Goth. tig*, ten, *Gr. δεκα*, *L. decem*, *W. deg.* See *Twain*.]

1. Twice ten; as *twenty* men; *twenty* years.

2. Proverbially, an indefinite number.

Maximilian, upon *twenty* respects, could not have been the man. *Bacon.*

**TW/BIL**, *n.* [*two* and *bil*.] A kind of mattock, and a halbert.

**TWICE**, *adv.* [*from two*.] Two times. He *twice* essay'd to cast his son in gold. *Dryden.*

2. Doubly; as *twice* the sum. He is *twice* as fortunate as his neighbor.

3. *Twice* is used in composition; as in *twice*-told, *twice*-born, *twice*-planted, *twice*-conquered.

**TWIDLE**, for *tweedle*. [See *Tweedle*.]

**TW/FALLOW**, *v. t.* [*twi*, two, and *fallow*.] To plow a second time land that is fallowed.

**TW/FALLOWED**, *pp.* Plowed twice, as summer fallow.

**TW/FALLOWING**, *ppr.* Plowing a second time.

**TW/FALLOWING**, *n.* The operation of plowing a second time, as fallow land, in preparing it for seed.

**TW/FOLD**, *a.* Twofold. *Obs. Spenser.*

**TWIG**, *n.* [*Sax. twig*; *D. twyg*; *G. zweig*. *Qu. L. vigeo*, with a prefix.]

A small shoot or branch of a tree or other plant, of no definite length or size.

The Britons had boats made of willow *twigs*, covered on the outside with hides. *Raleigh.*

**TWIG/GEN**, *a.* Made of twigs; wicker. *Grose.*

**TWIG/GY**, *a.* Full of twigs; abounding with shoots. *Evelyn.*

**TW/LIGHT**, *n.* [*Sax. twcon-leoht*, doubtful light, from *twcon*, *twogan*, to doubt, from *twegen*, two.]

1. The faint light which is reflected upon the earth after sunset and before sunrise; crepuscular light. In latitudes remote from the equator, the *twilight* is of much longer duration than at and near the equator.

2. Dubious or uncertain view; as the *twilight* of probability. *Locke.*

**TW/LIGHT**, *a.* Obscure; imperfectly illuminated; shaded.

O'er the *twilight* groves and dusky caves.

*Pope.*

2. Seen or done by twilight. *Milton.*

**TWILL**, *v. t.* To weave in ribs or ridges; to quill. [See *Quill*.]

**TWILT**, *n.* A quilt. [*Local.*] *Grose.*

**TWIN**, *n.* [*Sax. twinan*, to twine; from *two*.]

1. One of two young produced at a birth by an animal that ordinarily brings but one; used mostly in the plural, *twins*; applied to the young of beasts, as well as to human beings.

2. A sign of the zodiac; Gemini. *Thomson.*

3. One very much resembling another.

**TWIN**, *a.* Noting one of two born at a birth; as a *twin* brother or sister.

2. Very much resembling.

3. In *botany*, swelling out into two protuberances, as an anther or germ. *Martyn.*

**TWIN**, *v. i.* To be born at the same birth. *Shak.*

2. To bring two at once. *Tusser.*

3. To be paired; to be suited. [*This verb is little used.*] *Sandys.*

**TWIN**, *v. t.* To separate into two parts. *Chaucer.*

**TWIN-BORN**, *a.* [*twin* and *born*.] Born at the same birth.

**TWINE**, *v. t.* [*Sax. twinan*; *D. twynen*; *Sw. twinna*; *Dan. trinder*; from *two*.]

1. To twist; to wind, as one thread or cord around another, or as any flexible substance around another body; as fine *twined* linen. *Ex. xxxix.*

2. To unite closely; to cling to; to embrace.

3. To gird; to wrap closely about.

Let wreaths of triumph now my temples *twine*. *Pope.*

**TWINE**, *v. i.* To unite closely, or by interposition of parts.

Friends now fast sworn, who *twine* in love— *Shak.*

2. To wind; to bend; to make turns. As rivers, though they bend and *twine*— *Swift.*

3. To turn round; as, her spindles *twine*. *Chapman.*

**TWINE**, *n.* A strong thread composed of two or three smaller threads or strands twisted together; used for binding small