

**KNIGHT-ERRANDRY**, *n.* The practice of wandering in quest of adventures; the manners of wandering knights.

**KNIGHT-HEADS**, *n.* In ships, bollard timbers, two pieces of timber rising just within the stem, one on each side of the bowsprit to secure its inner end; also, two strong frames of timber which inclose and support the ends of the windlass.

**KNIGHTHOOD**, *n.* The character or dignity of a knight.

2. A military order, honor, or degree of ancient nobility, conferred as a reward of valor or merit. It is of four kinds, military, regular, honorary, and social.

**KNIGHTLINESS**, *n.* Duties of a knight.

**KNIGHTLY**, *a.* Pertaining to a knight; becoming a knight; as a *knightly* combat.

**KNIGHT-MARSHAL**, *n.* An officer in the household of the British king, who has cognizance of transgressions within the king's household and verge, and of contracts made there.

**KNIGHT-SERVICE**, *n.* In English feudal law, a tenure of lands held by knights on condition of performing military service, every possessor of a *knight's fee*, or estate originally of twenty pounds annual value, being obliged to attend the king in his wars.

**KNIT**, *v. t. nit.* pret. and pp. *knit* or *knitted*. [Sax. *cnyllan*; Sw. *knäta*; Dan. *knjtte*; probably L. *nodo*, whence *nodus*, Eng. *knol*.]

1. To unite, as threads by needles; to connect in a kind of net-work; as, to *knit* a stocking.

2. To unite closely; as, let our hearts be *knit* together in love.

3. To join or cause to grow together. Nature cannot *knit* the bones, while the parts are under a discharge.

1. To tie; to fasten.

And he saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending to him, as it were a great sheet *knit* at the four corners. Acts x.

5. To draw together; to contract; as, to *knit* the brows.

**KNIT**, *v. i. nit.* To unite or interweave by needles.

2. To unite closely; to grow together. Broken bones will in time *knit* and become sound.

**KNIT**, *n. nit.* Union by knitting; texture. [Little used.]

**KNIT-TABLE**, *a. nit/table.* That may be knit.

**KNIT-TER**, *n. nit/ter.* One that knits.

**KNITTING**, *ppr. nit/ting.* Uniting by needles; forming texture; uniting in growth.

**KNITTING**, *n.* Junction.

**KNITTING-NEEDLE**, *n. nit/ting-needle.*

A long needle usually made of wire, used for knitting threads into stockings, garters, &c.

**KNIT-TLE**, *n. nit/l.* [from *knit*.] A string that gathers or draws together a purse.

2. A small line used in ships to sling hammocks.

**KNOB**, *n. nob.* [Sax. *cnoþ*; G. *knopf*; D. *knop*; Sw. *knopp*; Dan. *knop*, *knub*, *knap*;

W. *cnoþ*, *cneþa*. The word signifies a button, a top, a bunch.]

A hard protuberance; a hard swelling or rising; a bunch; as a *knob* in the flesh or on a bone.

**KNOB-BED**, *a. nob/bed.* Containing knobs; full of knobs.

**KNOB-BINESS**, *n. nob/biness.* [from *knobby*.]

The quality of having knobs, or of being full of protuberances.

**KNOB-BY**, *a. nob/by.* Full of knobs or hard protuberances; hard.

**KNOCK**, *v. i. nok.* [Sax. *cnuccian*; W. *cno-ciaw*; Sw. *knacka*.]

1. To strike or beat with something thick or heavy; as, to *knock* with a club or with the fist; to *knock* at the door. We never use this word to express beating with a small stick or whip.

2. To drive or be driven against; to strike against; to clash; as when one heavy body *knocks* against another.

To *knock under*, to yield; to submit; to acknowledge to be conquered; an expression borrowed from the practice of *knocking under the table*, when conquered.

**KNOCK**, *v. t. nok.* To strike; to drive against; as, to *knock* the head against a post.

2. To strike a door for admittance; to rap. To *knock down*, to strike down; to fell; to prostrate by a blow or by blows; as, to *knock down* an ox.

To *knock out*, to force out by a blow or by blows; as, to *knock out* the brains.

To *knock up*, to arouse by knocking. In popular use, to beat out; to fatigue till unable to do more.

To *knock off*, to force off by beating. At auctions, to assign to a bidder by a blow on the counter.

To *knock on the head*, to kill by a blow or by blows.

**KNOCK**, *n. nok.* A blow; a stroke with something thick or heavy.

2. A stroke on a door, intended as a request for admittance; a rap.

**KNOCK-ER**, *n. nok'er.* One that knocks.

2. An instrument or kind of hammer, fastened to a door to be used in seeking for admittance.

**KNOCK-ING**, *ppr. nok/ing.* Beating; striking.

**KNOCK-ING**, *n. nok/ing.* A beating; a rap.

**KNOLL**, *v. t. noll.* [Sax. *cnyllan*, to beat or strike. See *Knell*.]

To ring a bell, usually for a funeral.

**KNOLL**, *v. i. noll.* To sound, as a bell.

[This word, I believe, is not used in America.]

**KNOLL**, *n. noll.* [Sax. *cnoell*; Sw. *knoll*, *knöl*; W. *cnol*.]

The top or crown of a hill; but more generally, a little round hill or mound; a small elevation of earth.

**KNOP**, *n. nop.* [a different spelling of *knop* or *nob*.]

A knob; a tufted top; a bud; a bunch; a button.

**KNOP-PED**, *a. nop/ped.* Having knops or knobs; fastened as with buttons.

**KNOT**, *n. not.* [Sax. *cnotta*; G. *knuten*; D. *knol*; Sw. *knota*; Dan. *knude*; L. *nodus*; probably connected with *knit*, but perhaps from *swelling* or *gathering*.]

1. The complication of threads made by knitting; a tie; union of cords by interweaving; as a *knot* difficult to be untied.

2. Any figure, the lines of which frequently intersect each other; as a *knot* in gardening.

In beds and curious *knots*.

3. A bond of association or union; as the nuptial *knot*.

4. The part of a tree where a branch shoots.

5. The protuberant joint of a plant.

6. A cluster; a collection; a group; as a *knot* of ladies; a *knot* of figures in painting.

7. Difficulty; intricacy; something not easily solved.

8. Any intrigue or difficult perplexity of affairs.

9. A bird of the genus *Tringa*.

10. An epanlet.

11. In seamen's language, a division of the logline, which answers to half a minute, as a mile does to an hour, or it is the hundred and twentieth part of a mile. Hence, when a ship goes eight miles an hour, she is said to go eight *knots*.

**KNOT**, *v. t. not.* To complicate or tie in a knot or knots; to form a knot.

2. To entangle; to perplex.

3. To unite closely.

**KNOT**, *v. i. not.* To form knots or joints, as in plants.

2. To knit knots for fringe.

**KNOT-BERRY**, *n. not/berry.* A plant of the genus *Rubus*.

**KNOT-GRASS**, *n. not/grass.* The name of several species of plants, so denominated from the joints of the stem. The common *knotgrass* is the *Polygonum aviculare*.

**KNOT-LESS**, *a. not/less.* Free from knots; without knots.

**KNOT-TED**, *a. not/ted.* Full of knots; having knots; as the *knotted* oak.

2. Having intersecting figures.

**KNOT-TINESS**, *n. not/tiness.* [from *knottly*.]

1. Fullness of knots; the quality of having many knots or swellings.

2. Difficulty of solution; intricacy.

**KNOT-TY**, *a. not/ty.* Full of knots; having many knots; as *knotty* timber.

2. Hard; rugged; as a *knotty* head.

3. Difficult; intricate; perplexed; as a *knotty* question or point.

**KNOUT**, *n. noul.* A punishment in Russia, inflicted with a whip.

**KNOW**, *v. t. no.* pret. *knew*; pp. *known*.

[Sax. *cneawan*; Russ. *znayu*, with a prefix. This is probably from the same original as the L. *nosco*, *cognosco*, Gr. *γινωσκω*, although much varied in orthography. *Nosco* makes *novi*, which, with *g* or *c* prefixed, *gnovi* or *cnovi*, would coincide with *know*, *knew*. So L. *cresco*, *crevi*, coincides with *grow*, *grew*. The radical sense of *knowing* is generally to take, receive, or hold.]

1. To perceive with certainty; to understand clearly; to have a clear and certain perception of truth, fact, or anything that actually exists. To *know* a thing pre-