

effect from a cause. Intemperance is often *followed* by disease or poverty, or by both.

7. To result from, as an inference or deduction. It *follows* from these facts that the accused is guilty.
8. To pursue with the eye; to keep the eyes fixed on a moving body. He *followed* on his eyes *followed* the ship, till it was beyond sight.

He *followed* with his eyes the fleeting shade.

*Dryden.*

9. To imitate : to copy ; as, to *follow* a pattern or model ; to *follow* fashion.
10. To embrace : to adopt and maintain ; to have or entertain like opinions ; to think or believe like another ; as, to *follow* the opinions and tenets of a philosophic sect ; to *follow* Plato.
11. To obey ; to observe ; to practice ; to act in conformity to. It is our duty to *follow* the commands of Christ. Good soldiers *follow* the orders of their general ; good servants *follow* the directions of their master.

12. To pursue as an object of desire ; to endeavor to obtain.

*Follow* peace with all men. *Heb. xii.*

13. To use ; to practice ; to make the chief business ; as, to *follow* the trade of a carpenter ; to *follow* the profession of law.
14. To adhere to ; to side with.
15. To adhere to ; to honor ; to worship ; to serve.

If the Lord be God, *follow* him. 1 Kings xviii.

16. To be led or guided by.
- Who to the foolish prophets, who *follow* their own spirit, and have seen nothing. *Ezek. xiii.*
17. To move on in the same course or direction ; to be guided by ; as, to *follow* a track or course.

- FOL/LOW, *v. i.* To come after another.
- The famine—shall *follow* close after you. *Jer. xlii.*

2. To attend ; to accompany. *Shak.*
3. To be posterior in time ; as *following* ages.
4. To be consequential, as effect to cause.

- From such measures, great mischiefs must *follow*.

5. To result, as an inference. The facts may be admitted, but the inference drawn from them does not *follow*.

To *follow* on, to continue pursuit or endeavor ; to persevere.

Then shall we know, if we *follow* on to know the Lord. *Hosea vi.*

- FOL/LOWED, *pp.* Pursued ; succeeded ; accompanied ; attended ; imitated ; obeyed ; observed ; practiced ; adhered to.

- FOL/LOWER, *n.* One who comes, goes or moves after another, in the same course.

2. One that takes another as his guide in doctrines, opinions or example ; one who receives the opinions, and imitates the example of another ; an adherent ; an imitator.

- That ye be not slothful, but *followers* of them who, through faith and patience, inherit the promises. *Heb. vi.*

3. One who obeys, worships and honors.
- Be ye *followers* of God, as dear children. *Eph. v.*

4. An adherent ; a disciple ; one who embraces the same system ; as a *follower* of Plato.

5. An attendant ; a companion ; an associate or a dependent. The warrior distributed the plunder among his *followers*.

No *follower*, but a friend. *Pope.*

6. One under the command of another.

*Spenser. Dryden.*

7. One of the same faction or party.

FOL/LOWING, *ppr.* Coming or going after or behind ; pursuing ; attending ; imitating ; succeeding in time ; resulting from, as an effect or an inference ; adhering to ; obeying ; observing ; using, practicing ; proceeding in the same course.

FOL/LY, *n.* [Fr. *folie*, from *fol*, *foi* ; Arm. *follez* ; It. *folia*. See *Fool*.]

1. Weakness of intellect ; imbecility of mind ; want of understanding.

A fool layeth open his *folly*. *Prov. xiii.*

2. A weak or absurd act not highly criminal ; an act which is inconsistent with the dictates of reason, or with the ordinary rules of prudence. In this sense it may be used in the singular, but is generally in the plural. Hence we speak of the *follies* of youth.

Whom *folly* pleases, or whose *follies* please.

*Pope.*

3. An absurd act which is highly sinful ; any conduct contrary to the laws of God or man ; sin ; scandalous crimes ; that which violates moral precepts and dishonors the offender. Simeon wrought *folly* in Israel. Achan wrought *folly* in Israel. *Gen. xxxiv. Josh. vii.*

4. Criminal weakness ; depravity of mind.

*Johnson.*

FO/MAHANT, *n.* A star of the first magnitude, in the constellation Aquarius.

*Encyc.*

FOMENT, *v. t.* [L. *fomento*, from *fovere*, to warm ; Fr. *foment* ; Sp. *fomentar* ; It. *fomentare*.]

1. To apply warm lotions to ; to bathe with warm medicated liquors, or with flannel dipped in warm water.
2. To cherish with heat ; to encourage growth. [Not usual.] *Milton.*
3. To encourage ; to abet ; to cherish and promote by excitements ; in a bad sense ; as, to *foment* ill humors.

*Locke.*

So we say, to *foment* troubles or disturbances ; to *foment* intestine broils.

FOMENTA/TION, *n.* The act of applying warm liquors to a part of the body, by means of flannels dipped in hot water or medicated decoctions, for the purpose of easing pain, by relaxing the skin, or of discussing tumors.

*Encyc. Quincy.*

2. The lotion applied, or to be applied to a diseased part.

*Arbuthnot.*

3. Excitation ; instigation ; encouragement.

*Wolton.*

FOMENT/ED, *pp.* Bathed with warm lotions ; encouraged.

FOMENTER, *n.* One who foments ; one who encourages or instigates ; as a *foment*-er of sedition.

FOMENT/ING, *ppr.* Applying warm lotions.

2. Encouraging ; abetting ; promoting.

FON, *n.* [Chaucer, *fonne*, a fool ; Ice. *faane*. A fool ; an idiot. *Obs.*

*Spenser.*

FOND, *a.* [Chaucer, *fonne*, a fool ; Scot. *fon*, to play the fool ; *fone*, to fondle, to toy ; Ir. *fonn*, to fondle.]

delight, desire, a longing. Qu. Ar. *افنى*

which signifies to diminish, to impair mental powers, to make foolish, to be destitute

of reason ; and *فنى* is to fail. These

are the most probable affinities I have been able to find.]

1. Foolish ; silly ; weak ; indiscreet ; imprudent.

Grant I may never prove so *fond*

To trust man on his oath or bond. *Shak.*

*Fond* thoughts may fall into some idle brain. *Davies.*

2. Foolishly tender and loving ; doting ; weakly indulgent ; as a *fond* mother or wife.

*Addison.*

3. Much pleased ; loving ardently ; delighted with. A child is *fond* of play ; a gentleman is *fond* of his sports, or of his country seat. In present usage, *fond* does not always imply weakness or folly.

4. Relishing highly. The epicure is *fond* of high-seasoned food. Multitudes of men are too *fond* of strong drink.

5. Trifling ; valued by folly. [Little used.] *Shak.*

FOND, *v. t.* To treat with great indulgence or tenderness ; to caress ; to coddle.

The Syrian hugs and *fonds* thee on her breast.

*Dryden.*

*Fond* is thus used by the poets only. We now use *fondle*.

FOND, *v. i.* To be fond of ; to be in love with ; to dote on. [Little used.] *Shak.*

FOND/LE, *v. t.* To treat with tenderness ; to caress ; as, a nurse *fondles* a child.

FOND/LED, *pp.* Treated with affection ; caressed.

FOND/LER, *n.* One who fondles.

FOND/LING, *ppr.* Caressing ; treating with tenderness.

FOND/LING, *n.* A person or thing fondled or caressed. *L'Estrange.*

FOND/LY, *adv.* Foolishly ; weakly ; imprudently ; with indiscreet affection.

*Fondly* we think we merit honor then,

When we but praise ourselves in other men. *Pope.*

2. With great or extreme affection. We *fondly* embrace those who are dear to us.

FOND/NESS, *n.* Foolishness ; weakness ; want of sense or judgment. *Obs.*

*Spenser.*

2. Foolish tenderness.

3. Tender passion ; warm affection.

Her *fondness* for a certain earl

Began when I was but a girl. *Swift.*

4. Strong inclination or propensity ; as a *fondness* for vice or sin. *Hammond.*

5. Strong appetite or relish ; as *fondness* for ardent spirit, or for a particular kind of food.

[It is now used chiefly in the three latter senses.]

FONT, *n.* [Fr. *font* ; Sp. *fuente* ; It. *fonte* ; L. *font* ; W. *ffynnon*, a fountain, and *ffynfawr*, to produce, to abound ; allied to L. *fund*, to pour out.]

A large basin or stone vessel in which water is contained for baptizing children or other persons in the church.

FONT, *n.* [Fr. *font*, from *fondre*, to melt or