

1. To move, pass or go forward from one place to another; *applied to persons or things*. A man *proceeds* on his journey; a ship *proceeds* on her voyage.

This word thus used implies that the motion, journey or voyage had been previously commenced, and to *proceed* is then to *renew* or *continue* the motion or progress.

2. To pass from one point, stage or topic to another. The preacher *proceeds* from one division of his subject, and the advocate from one argument, to another.

3. To issue or come as from a source or fountain. Light *proceeds* from the sun; vice *proceeds* from a depraved heart; virtuous affections *proceed* from God.

4. To come from a person or place. Christ says, "I *proceeded* forth and came from God." John viii.

5. To prosecute any design.

He that *proceeds* on other principles in his inquiry into any sciences, posts himself in a party. *Locke.*

6. To be transacted or carried on.

He will, after his sour fashion, tell you, What hath *proceeded* worthy note to-day. *Shak.*  
[Not now in use.]

7. To make progress; to advance. *Milton.*

8. To begin and carry on a series of actions or measures. The attorney was at a loss in what manner to *proceed* against the offender. In this sense, the word is often followed by *against*.

9. To transact; to act; to carry on methodically.

From them I will not hide  
My judgments, how with mankind I *proceed*. *Milton.*

10. To have a course.

This rule only *proceeds* and takes place, when a person cannot of common law condemn another by his sentence. *Ayliffe.*

11. To issue; to be produced or propagated.

From my loins thou shalt *proceed*. *Milton.*

12. To be produced by an effectual cause. All created things *proceed* from God. *Milton.*

**PROCEED/ER**, *n.* One who goes forward, or who makes a progress. *Bacon.*

**PROCEED/DING**, *ppr.* Moving forward; passing on; issuing; transacting; carrying on.

**PROCEED/DING**, *n.* Process or movement from one thing to another; a measure or step taken in business; transaction; in the plural, a course of measures or conduct; course of dealing with others. We speak of a legal or an illegal *proceeding*, a cautious *proceeding*, a violent *proceeding*. In the plural, the *proceedings* of the legislature have been wise and salutary. It is our duty to acquiesce cheerfully in all God's *proceedings* towards us.

2. In *law*, the course of steps or measures in the prosecution of an action is denominated *proceedings*. [See *Process*.]

**PROCEED/DS**, *n. plu.* Issue; rent; produce; as the *proceeds* of an estate.

2. In *commerce*, the sum, amount or value of goods sold or converted into money. The consignee was directed to sell the cargo and vest the *proceeds* in coffee. The *proceeds* of the goods sold amounted to little more than the prime cost and charges.

**PROCELEUSMATIC**, *a.* [Gr. *προceleυσματικός*; *προ* and *celeύσμα*, inaudate, incitement.]

Inciting; animating; encouraging. This epithet is given to a metrical foot in poetry, consisting of four short syllables. *Johnson.*

**PROCEPTION**, *n.* Preoccupation. [Ill formed and not in use.] *K. Charles.*

**PROCERITY**, *n.* [L. *proceritas*, from *procerus*, tall.] Tallness; height of stature. [Little used.] *Addison.*

**PROCESS**, *n.* [Fr. *procès*; L. *processus*, from *procedo*. See *Proceed*.]

1. A proceeding or moving forward; progressive course; tendency; as the *process* of man's desire. *Hooker.*

2. Proceedings; gradual progress; course; as the *process* of a war. *Dryden.*

3. Operations; experiment; series of actions or experiments; as a chemical *process*.

4. Series of motions or changes in growth, decay, &c. in physical bodies; as the *process* of vegetation or of mineralization; the *process* of decomposition.

5. Course; continual flux or passage; as the *process* of time. *Milton. Boyle.*

6. Methodical management; series of measures or proceedings.

The *process* of the great day—is described by our Savior. *Nelson.*

7. In *law*, the whole course of proceedings, in a cause, real or personal, civil or criminal, from the original writ to the end of the suit. Original *process* is the means taken to compel the defendant to appear in court. Mesne *process* is that which issues, pending the suit, upon some collateral or interlocutory matter. Final *process* is the process of execution. *Blackstone.*

8. In *anatomy*, any protuberance, eminence or projecting part of a bone. *Encyc. Core.*

**PROCESSION**, *n.* [Fr. from L. *processio*. See *Proceed*.]

1. The act of proceeding or issuing. *Pearson.*

2. A train of persons walking, or riding on horseback or in vehicles, in a formal march, or moving with ceremonious solemnity; as a *procession* of clergy and people in the Romish church; a triumphal *procession*; a funeral *procession*.

Him all his train  
Follow'd in bright *procession*. *Milton.*

**PROCESSIONAL**, *a.* Pertaining to a procession; consisting in a procession. *Saurin, Trans.*

**PROCESSIONAL**, *n.* A book relating to processions of the Romish church. *Gregory.*

**PROCESSIONARY**, *a.* Consisting in procession; as *processionary* service. *Hooker.*

**PROCHÉIN**, *a.* *pro'shen*. [Fr. *prochain*; L. *proximus*.]

Next; nearest; used in the law phrase, *prochein amy*, the next friend, any person who undertakes to assist an infant or minor in prosecuting his rights. *Blackstone.*

**PROCHRONISM**, *n.* [Gr. *προχρονισμός*, to precede in time; *προ*, before, and *χρονος*, time.]

An antedating; the dating of an event before the time it happened; hence, an error in chronology. *Gregory.*

**PROCIDENCE**, *n.* [L. *procidencia*; *procido*, to fall down.]

A falling down; a prolapsus; as of the intestinum rectum. *Core. Parr.*

**PROCIDUOUS**, *a.* That falls from its place. *Jones.*

**PROCINCT'**, *n.* [L. *procinctus*; *procingo*, to prepare, that is, to gird.]

Complete preparation for action. [Little used.] *Milton.*

**PROCLAIM**, *v. t.* [L. *proclamo*; *pro* and *clamo*, to cry out. See *Claim*.]

1. To promulgate; to announce; to publish; as, to *proclaim* a fast; to *proclaim* a feast. Lev. xxiii. 1 Kings xxi.

He hath sent me to *proclaim* liberty to the captives. Is. lxi.

2. To denounce; to give official notice of. *Heralds* were formerly employed to *proclaim* war.

3. To declare with honor; as, to *proclaim* the name of the Lord, that is, to declare his perfections. Ex. xxxiii.

4. To utter openly; to make public. Some profligate wretches openly *proclaim* their atheism.

Most men will *proclaim* every one his own goodness. Prov. xx.

5. To outlaw by public denunciation. I heard myself *proclaimed*. *Shak.*

**PROCLAIMED**, *pp.* Published officially; promulgated; made publicly known.

**PROCLAIMER**, *n.* One who publishes by authority; one that announces or makes publicly known. *Milton.*

**PROCLAIMING**, *ppr.* Publishing officially; denouncing; promulgating; making publicly known.

**PROCLAMATION**, *n.* [Fr. from L. *proclamatio*, from *proclamo*.]

1. Publication by authority; official notice given to the public.

King Asa made a *proclamation* throughout all Judah. 1 Kings xv.

2. In England, a declaration of the king's will, openly published.

*Proclamations* are a branch of the king's prerogative, and are binding on the subject. *Encyc.*

3. The declaration of any supreme magistrate publicly made known; as the *proclamation* of the governor appointing a day of thanksgiving.

4. The paper containing an official notice to a people. The sheriff receives and distributes the governor's *proclamations*. *New England.*

**PROCLIVE**, *a.* Proclivous. [Not used.]

**PROCLIVITY**, *n.* [L. *proclivitas*, *proclivis*; *pro* and *clivus*, a cliff.]

1. Inclination; propensity; proneness; tendency.

The sensitive appetite may engender a *proclivity* to steal, but not a necessity to steal. *Bp. Hall.*

2. Readiness; facility of learning.

He had such a dextrous *proclivity*, that his teachers were fain to restrain his forwardness. *Wotton.*

**PROCLIVOUS**, *a.* [L. *proclivus*, *proclivis*, supra.]

Inclined; tending by nature. *Dict.*

**PROCONSUL**, *n.* [L. *pro*, for, and *consul*.] A Roman magistrate sent to govern a