

**FOR TIFIABLE**, *a.* That may be fortified. [*Little used.*]

**FORTIFICATION**, *n.* [See *Fortify*.] The act of fortifying.

2. The art or science of fortifying places to defend them against an enemy, by means of moats, ramparts, parapets and other bulwarks. *Encyc.*

3. The works erected to defend a place against attack.

4. A fortified place; a fort; a castle.

5. Additional strength.

**FORTIFIER**, *n.* One who erects works for defense. *Carew.*

2. One who strengthens, supports and upholds; that which strengthens. *Sidney.*

**FORTIFY**, *v. t.* [Fr. *fortifier*; Sp. *fortificar*; It. *fortificare*.] To surround with a wall, ditch, palisades or other works, with a view to defend against the attacks of an enemy; to strengthen and secure by forts, batteries and other works of art; as, to *fortify* a city, town or harbor.

2. To strengthen against any attack; as, to *fortify* the mind against sudden calamity.

3. To confirm; to add strength and firmness to; as, to *fortify* an opinion or resolution; to *fortify* hope or desire.

4. To furnish with strength or means of resisting force, violence or assault.

**FORTIFY**, *v. i.* To raise strong places. *Milton.*

**FORTILAGE**, *n.* A little fort; a block-house. [*Not used.*] *Spenser.*

**FORTIN**, *n.* [Fr.] A little fort; a field fort; a sconce. *Shak.*

**FORTITUDE**, *n.* [L. *fortitudo*, from *fortis*, strong.] That strength or firmness of mind or soul which enables a person to encounter danger with coolness and courage, or to bear pain or adversity without murmuring, depression or despondency. Fortitude is the basis or source of genuine courage or intrepidity in danger, of patience in suffering, of forbearance under injuries, and of magnanimity in all conditions of life. We sometimes confound the effect with the cause, and use *fortitude* as synonymous with courage or patience; but *courage* is an active virtue or vice, and *patience* is the effect of *fortitude*.

*Fortitude* is the guard and support of the other virtues. *Locke.*

**FORTLET**, *n.* A little fort.

**FORTNIGHT**, *n.* *fort'night*. [contracted from *fourteen nights*, our ancestors reckoning time by nights and winters; so also, *seven-nights*, *sennight*, a week. Non diurnum numerum, ut nos, sed noctium computant. *Tacitus*.] The space of fourteen days; two weeks.

**FORTRESS**, *n.* [Fr. *forteresse*; It. *fortezza*; from *forti*, *forte*, strong.]

1. Any fortified place; a fort; a castle; a strong hold; a place of defense or security. The English have a strong *fortress* on the rock of Gibraltar, or that rock is a *fortress*.

2. Defense; safety; security. The Lord is my rock, and my *fortress*. *Ps. xvii.*

**FORTRESS**, *v. t.* To furnish with fortresses; to guard; to fortify. *Shak.*

**FORTRESSED**, *a.* Defended by a fortress; protected; secured. *Spenser.*

**FORTUITOUS**, *a.* [L. *fortuitus*, from the root of *fers*, *forte*, *fortuna*; Fr. *fortuit*; It. *sp. fortuito*.] The primary sense is to come, to fall, to happen. See *Fare*.]

Accidental; casual; happening by chance; or coming or occurring unexpectedly, or without any known cause. We speak of *fortuitous* events, when they occur without our foreseeing or expecting them, and of a *fortuitous* concurrence of atoms, when we suppose the concurrence not to result from the design and power of a controlling agent. But an event cannot be in fact *fortuitous*. [See *Accidental* and *Casual*.]

**FORTUITOUSLY**, *adv.* Accidentally; casually; by chance.

**FORTUITOUSNESS**, *n.* The quality of being accidental; accident; chance.

**FORTUNATE**, *a.* [L. *fortunatus*. See *Fortune*.] Coming by good luck or favorable chance; bringing some unexpected good; as a *fortunate* event; a *fortunate* concurrence of circumstances; a *fortunate* ticket in a lottery.

2. Lucky; successful; receiving some unforeseen or unexpected good, or some good which was not dependent on one's own skill or efforts; as a *fortunate* adventurer in a lottery. I was most *fortunate* thus unexpectedly to meet my friend.

3. Successful; happy; prosperous; receiving or enjoying some good in consequence of efforts, but where the event was uncertain, and not absolutely in one's power. The brave man is usually *fortunate*. We say, a *fortunate* competitor for a fair lady, or for a crown.

**FORTUNATELY**, *adv.* Luckily; successfully; happily; by good fortune, or favorable chance or issue.

**FORTUNATENESS**, *n.* Good luck; success; happiness. *Sidney.*

**FORTUNE**, *n.* [Fr. from L. *fortuna*; Sp. and It. *fortuna*; Arm. *fortun*; from the root of Sax. *faran*, to go, or L. *fero* or *porto*. So in D. *gebeuren*, to happen, to fall, from the root of *beare*; *gebeurenis*, an event. We find the same word in *opportunitas*, [ob-*portunus*], seasonable. The primary sense is an event, that which comes or befalls. So Fr. *heureux*, from *heure*, hour, that is, time, season, and L. *tempestivus*. See *Hour* and *Time*. The Russ. *pora*, time, season, is of this family, and *fortune* is closely allied to it.]

1. Properly, chance; accident; luck; the arrival of something in a sudden or unexpected manner. Hence the heathens deified chance, and consecrated temples and altars to the goddess. Hence the modern use of the word, for a power supposed to distribute the lots of life, according to her own humor.

Though *fortune's* malice overthrow my state. *Shak.*

2. The good or ill that befalls man. In you the *fortune* of Great Britain lies. *Dryden.*

3. Success, good or bad; event. Our equal crimes shall equal *fortune* give. *Dryden.*

4. The chance of life; means of living; wealth. His father dying, he was driven to London to seek his *fortune*. *Swift.*

5. Estate; possessions; as a gentleman of small *fortune*.

6. A large estate; great wealth. This is often the sense of the word standing alone or unqualified; as a gentleman or lady of *fortune*. To the ladies we say, beware of *fortune*-hunters.

7. The portion of a man or woman; generally of a woman.

8. Futurity; future state or events; destiny. The young are anxious to have their *fortunes* told. You who men's *fortunes* in their faces read. *Cowley.*

**FORTUNE**, *v. t.* To make fortunate. [*Not used.*] *Chaucer.*

2. To dispose fortunately or not; also, to press. *Obs.* *Dryden.*

**FORTUNE**, *v. i.* To befall; to fall out; to happen; to come casually to pass. It *fortuned* the same night that a christian serving a Turk in the camp, secretly gave the watchmen warning. *Knolles.*

**FORTUNEBOOK**, *n.* A book to be consulted to discover future events. *Crashawe.*

**FORTUNED**, *a.* Supplied by fortune. *Shak.*

**FORTUNE-HUNTER**, *n.* A man who seeks to marry a woman with a large portion, with a view to enrich himself. *Addison.*

**FORTUNELESS**, *a.* Luckless; also, destitute of a fortune or portion.

**FORTUNETELL**, *v. t.* To tell or pretend to tell the future events of one's life; to reveal futurity. *Shak.*

**FORTUNETELLER**, *n.* One who tells or pretends to foretell the events of one's life; an impostor who deceives people by pretending to a knowledge of future events.

**FORTUNETELLING**, *ppr.* Telling the future events of one's life.

**FORTUNETELLING**, *n.* The act or practice of foretelling the future fortune or events of one's life, which is a punishable crime.

**FORTUNIZE**, *v. t.* To regulate the fortune of. [*Not in use.*] *Spenser.*

**FORTY**, *a.* [Sax. *fourtig*; *fourer*, four, and *tig*, ten. See *Four*.] 1. Four times ten.

2. An indefinite number; a colloquial use. A, B and C, and *forty* more. *Swift.*

**FORUM**, *n.* [L. See *Fair*.] In Rome, a public place, where causes were judicially tried, and orations delivered to the people; also, a market place. Hence,

2. A tribunal; a court; any assembly empowered to hear and decide causes; also, jurisdiction.

**FORWARDER**, *v. i.* To wander away; to rove wildly. [*Not used.*] *Spenser.*

**FORWARD**, *adv.* [Sax. *forward*; *for*, *fore*, and *ward*, turned, L. *versus*; directed to the forepart. *Forwards* is also used, but it is a corruption.] Toward a part or place before or in front; onward; progressively; opposed to backward. Go *forward*; move *forward*. He ran backward and *forward*.