

**RECIPROGATING**, *ppr.* Accusing in return; attacking anew.

**RECHEÂT**, *n.* [said to be from Old French.]

Among *hunters*, a lesson which the huntsman winds on the horn when the hounds have lost the game, to call them back from pursuing a counter scent. *Bailey. Shak.*

**RECHEÂT**, *v. t.* To blow the recheat. *Drayton.*

**RECHOOSE**, *v. t.* *rechooz'.* To choose a second time.

**RECHOSEN**, *pp.* or *a.* *recho'zn.* Re-elected; chosen again.

**RECIDIVATION**, *n.* [*L. recidivus*, from *recido*, to fall back; *re* and *cado*, to fall.]

A falling back; a backsliding. [*Not much used.*] *Hammond.*

**RECIDIVOUS**, *a.* [*L. recidivus*.] Subject to backslide. [*Little used.*]

**RECIPRO**, *n.* *res'ipy.* [*L.* imperative of *recipio*, to take.]

A medical prescription; a direction of medicines to be taken by a patient. *Encyc.*

**RECIPIENT**, *n.* [*L. recipiens, recipio*.] A receiver; the person or thing that receives; he or that to which anything is communicated. *Gloverille.*

2. The receiver of a still. *Decay of Picty.*

**RECIPROCAL**, *a.* [*L. reciprocus*; *Sp.* *It.* *reciproco*; *Fr.* *reciproque*.]

1. Acting in vicissitude or return; alternate. Corruption is *reciprocal* to generation. *Bacon.*

2. Mutual; done by each to the other; as *reciprocal* love; *reciprocal* benefits or favors; *reciprocal* duties; *reciprocal* aid.

3. Mutually interchangeable.

These two rules will render a definition *reciprocal* with the thing defined. *Watts.*

*Reciprocal terms*, in logic, those terms that have the same signification, and consequently are convertible and may be used for each other. *Encyc.*

*Reciprocal quantities*, in mathematics, are those which, multiplied together, produce unity. *Encyc.*

*Reciprocal figures*, in geometry, are those which have the antecedents and consequents of the same ratio in both figures. *Encyc.*

*Reciprocal ratio*, is the ratio between the reciprocals of two quantities; as, the reciprocal ratio of 4 to 9, is that of  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{9}$ .

**RECIPROCAL**, *n.* The reciprocal of any quantity, is unity divided by that quantity. Thus the reciprocal of 4 is  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

**RECIPROCALLY**, *adv.* Mutually; interchangeably; in such a manner that each affects the other and is equally affected by it.

These two particles do *reciprocally* affect each other with the same force. *Bentley.*

**RECIPROCALNESS**, *n.* Mutual return; alternateness. *Decay of Picty.*

**RECIPROCATE**, *v. i.* [*L. reciproco*; *Fr.* *reciproquer*.] To act interchangeably; to alternate.

One brawny smith the puffing bellows plies,  
And draws and blows *reciprocating* air. *Dryden.*

**RECIPROCATE**, *v. t.* To exchange; to interchange; to give and return mutually; as, to *reciprocate* favors.

**RECIPROCATED**, *pp.* Mutually given and returned; interchanged.

**RECIPROCATING**, *ppr.* Interchanging; each giving or doing to the other the same thing.

**RECIPROCACTION**, *n.* [*L. reciprocatio*.]

1. Interchange of acts; a mutual giving and returning; as the *reciprocaction* of kindnesses.

2. Alternation; as the *reciprocaction* of the sea in the flow and ebb of tides. *Brown.*

3. Regular return or alternation of two symptoms or diseases. *Coxe.*

**RECIPROCITY**, *n.* [*Fr. reciprocité*.] Reciprocal obligation or right; equal mutual rights or benefits to be yielded or enjoyed. The commissioners offered to negotiate a treaty on principles of *reciprocity*.

**RECUSATION**, *n.* *s* as *z*. [*L. recisto*, from *recido*, to cut off; *re* and *cado*.]

The act of cutting off. *Sherwood.*

**RECITAL**, *n.* [from *recite*.] Rehearsal; the repetition of the words of another or of a writing; as the *recital* of a deed; the *recital* of testimony. *Encyc.*

2. Narration; a telling of the particulars of an adventure or of a series of events. *Addison.*

3. Enumeration. *Prior.*

**RECITATION**, *n.* [*L. recitatio*.] Rehearsal; repetition of words. *Hammond. Temple.*

2. In colleges and schools, the rehearsal of a lesson by pupils before their instructor.

**RECITATIVE**, *a.* [*Fr. recitatif*; *It.* *recitativo*. See *Recite*.]

Reciting; rehearsing; pertaining to musical pronunciation. *Dryden.*

**RECITATIVE**, *n.* A kind of musical pronunciation, such as that in which the several parts of the liturgy are rehearsed in churches, or that of actors on the stage, when they express some action or passion, relate some event or reveal some design. *Encyc.*

In *recitative*, the composer and the performer endeavor to imitate the inflections, accent and emphasis of natural speech. *Bushy.*

[Note. The natural and proper English accent of this word is on the second syllable. The foreign accent may well be discarded.]

**RECITATIVELY**, *adv.* In the manner of recitative.

**RECITE**, *v. t.* [*L. recito*; *re* and *cito*, to call or name.]

1. To rehearse; to repeat the words of another or of a writing; as, to *recite* the words of an author or of a deed or covenant.

2. In *writing*, to copy; as, the words of a deed are *recited* in the pleading.

3. To tell over; to relate; to narrate; as, to *recite* past events; to *recite* the particulars of a voyage.

4. To rehearse, as a lessor to an instructor.

5. To enumerate.

**RECITE**, *v. i.* To rehearse a lesson. The class will *recite* at eleven o'clock. *American Seminaries.*

**RECITE**, for *recital*. [*Not in use.*]

**RECITED**, *pp.* Rehearsed; told; repeated; narrated.

**RECITER**, *n.* One that recites or rehearses; a narrator.

**RECITING**, *ppr.* Rehearsing; telling; repeating; narrating.

**RECK**, *v. i.* [*Sax. recan, reccan*, to say, to tell, to narrate, to *reckon*, to care, to rule or govern, *L. rego*. The primary sense is to strain. *Care* is a straining of the mind. See *Rack* and *Reckon*.]

To care; to mind; to rate at much; as we say, to *reckon* much of; followed by *of*. *Obs.*

Thou's but a lazy loorde,  
And *recks* much of thy swinke. *Spenser.*  
I *reck* as little what beideth me,  
As much I wish all good befortune you. *Shak.*

Of night or loneliness it *recks* me not. *Milton.*

**RECK**, *v. t.* To heed; to regard; to care for.

This son of mine not *recking* danger. *Sidney.*

[This verb is obsolete unless in poetry. We observe the primary sense and application in the phrase, "it *recks* me not," that is, it does not strain or distress me; it does not *rack* my mind. To *reck* danger is a derivative form of expression, and a deviation from the proper sense of the verb.]

**RECKLESS**, *a.* Careless; heedless; mindless.

I made the king as *reckless*, as them diligent. *Sidney.*

**RECKLESSNESS**, *n.* Heedlessness; carelessness; negligence. *Sidney.*

[These words, formerly disused, have been recently revived.]

**RECKON**, *v. t.* *rek'n.* [*Sax. recan, reccan*, to tell, to relate, to *reck* or care, to rule, to *reckon*; *D. rekenen*, to count or compute; *G. rechnen*, to count, to reckon, to esteem, and *recken*, to stretch, to strain, to *rack*; *Sw. räkna*, to count, to tell; *Dan. regner*, to *reckon*, to count, to rain. The Saxon word signifies not only to tell or count, but to *reck* or care, and to rule or govern; and the latter signification proves it to be the *L. rego, rectus*, whence *regnum, regno*, *Eng.* to reign, and hence *Sax. recht, riht*, *Eng. right, G. recht*, &c. The primary sense of the root is to strain, and *right* is strained, stretched to a straight line; hence we see that these words all coincide with *reach, stretch* and *rack*, and we say, we are *racked* with care. It is probable that *wreck* and *wretched* are from the same root. Class Rg. No. 18. 21.]

1. To count; to number; that is, to tell the particulars.

The priest shall *reckon* to him the money, according to the years that remain, even to the year of jubilee, and it shall be abated. *Lev. xxvii.*

I *reckoned* above two hundred and fifty on the outside of the church. *Addison.*

2. To esteem; to account; to repute. *Rom. viii.*

For him I *reckon* not in high estate. *Milton.*

3. To repute; to set in the number or rank of.

He was *reckoned* among the transgressors. *Luke xxi.*

1. To assign in an account. *Rom. iv.*

5. To compute; to calculate. *Addison.*

**RECK ON**, *v. i.* To reason with one's self and conclude from arguments.

I *reckoned* till morning, that as a lion, so will he break all my bones. *Is. xxxviii.*

2. To charge to account; with *on*.