

This fierce demeanor and his insolence,
The patience of a God could not support.

Dryden.

3. To bear; to endure; as, to *support* fatigues or hardships; to *support* violent exertions. The eye will not *support* the light of the sun's disk.
 4. To sustain; to keep from fainting or sinking; as, to *support* the courage or spirits.
 5. To sustain; to act or represent well; as, to *support* the character of king Lear; to *support* the part assigned.
 6. To bear; to supply funds for or the means of continuing; as, to *support* the annual expenses of government.
 7. To sustain; to carry on; as, to *support* a war or a contest; to *support* an argument or debate.
 8. To maintain with provisions and the necessary means of living; as, to *support* a family; to *support* a son in college; to *support* the ministers of the gospel.
 9. To maintain; to sustain; to keep from failing; as, to *support* life; to *support* the strength by nourishment.
 10. To sustain without change or dissolution; as, clay *supports* an intense heat.
 11. To bear; to keep from sinking; as, water *supports* ships and other bodies; air *supports* a balloon.
 12. To bear without being exhausted; to be able to pay; as, to *support* taxes or contributions.
 13. To sustain; to maintain; as, to *support* a good character.
 14. To maintain; to verify; to make good; to substantiate. The testimony is not sufficient to *support* the charges; the evidence will not *support* the statements or allegations; the impeachment is well *supported* by evidence.
 15. To uphold by aid or countenance; as, to *support* a friend or a party.
 16. To vindicate; to maintain; to defend successfully; as, to be able to *support* one's own cause.
- SUPPORT, n.** The act or operation of upholding or sustaining.
2. That which upholds, sustains or keeps from falling, as a prop, a pillar, a foundation of any kind.
 3. That which maintains life; as, food is the *support* of life, of the body, of strength. Oxygen or vital air has been supposed to be the *support* of respiration and of heat in the blood.
 4. Maintenance; subsistence; as an income sufficient for the *support* of a family; or revenue for the *support* of the army and navy.
 5. Maintenance; an upholding; continuance in any state, or preservation from falling, sinking or failing; as taxes necessary for the *support* of public credit; a revenue for the *support* of government.
 6. In general, the maintenance or sustaining of any thing without suffering it to fail, decline or languish; as the *support* of health, spirits, strength or courage; the *support* of reputation, credit, &c.
 7. That which upholds or relieves; aid; help; succor; assistance.
- SUPPORTABLE, a.** [Fr.] That may be upheld or sustained.

2. That may be borne or endured; as, the pain is *supportable*, or not *supportable*. Patience renders evils *supportable*.
 3. Tolerable; that may be borne without resistance or punishment; as, such insults are not *supportable*.
 4. That can be maintained; as, the cause or opinion is *supportable*.
- SUPPORTABLENESS, n.** The state of being tolerable. *Hammond.*
- SUPPORTANCE, n.** Maintenance; support. [Not in use.]
- SUPPORTATION, n.** Maintenance; support. [Not in use.]
- SUPPORTED, pp.** Borne; endured; upheld; maintained; subsisted; sustained; carried on.
- SUPPORTER, n.** One that supports or maintains.
2. That which supports or upholds; a prop, a pillar, &c.
The sockets and *supporters* of flowers are figured. *Bacon.*
 3. A sustainer; a comforter.
The saints have a companion and *supporter* in all their miseries. *South.*
 4. A maintainer; a defender.
Worthy *supporters* of such a reigning impiety. *South.*
 5. One who maintains or helps to carry on; as the *supporters* of a war.
 6. An advocate; a defender; a vindicator; as the *supporters* of religion, morality, justice, &c.
 7. An adherent; one who takes part; as the *supporter* of a party or faction.
 8. In ship-building, a knee placed under the cat-head.
 9. *Supporters*, in heraldry, are figures of beasts that appear to support the arms. *Johnson.*
- SUPPORTFUL, a.** Abounding with support. [Not used.]
- SUPPORTING, ppr.** Bearing; enduring; upholding; sustaining; maintaining; subsisting; vindicating.
- SUPPORTLESS, a.** Having no support. *Battle of Frogs and Mice.*
- SUPPORTMENT, n.** Support. [Not in use.] *Wotton.*
- SUPPOSABLE, a.** [from *suppose*.] That may be supposed; that may be imagined to exist. That is not a *supposable* case.
- SUPPOSAL, n.** [from *suppose*.] Position without proof; the imagining of something to exist; supposition.
- Interest, with a Jew, never proceeds but upon *supposals* at least, of a firm and sufficient bottom. *Obs.* *South.*
- SUPPOSE, v. t.** *suppo'ze*. [Fr. *supposer*; L. *suppositus, suppono*; It. *supporre*; Sp. *suponer*; sub and *pono*, to put.]
1. To lay down or state as a proposition or fact that may exist or be true, though not known or believed to be true or to exist; or to imagine or admit to exist, for the sake of argument or illustration. Let us *suppose* the earth to be the center of the system, what would be the consequence?
When we have as great assurance that a thing is, as we could possibly, *supposing* it were, we ought not to doubt of its existence. *Tillotson.*
 2. To imagine; to believe; to receive as true.

Let not my lord *suppose* that they have slain all the young men, the king's sons; for Annon only is dead. 2 Sam. xiii.

3. To imagine; to think.

I *suppose*,

If our proposals once again were heard—

Milton.

4. To require to exist or be true. The existence of things *supposes* the existence of a cause of the things.

One falsehood *supposes* another, and renders all you say suspected. *Female Quixote.*

5. To put one thing by fraud in the place of another. [Not in use.]

SUPPOSE, n. Supposition; position without proof.

—Fit to be trusted on a bare *suppose*.

That he is honest. [Not in use.] *Dryden.*

SUPPOSED, pp. Laid down or imagined as true; imagined; believed; received as true.

SUPPOSER, n. One who supposes.

Shak.

SUPPOSING, ppr. Laying down or imagining to exist or be true; stating as a case that may be; imagining; receiving as true.

SUPPOSITION, n. The act of laying down, imagining or admitting as true or existing, what is known not to be true, or what is not proved.

2. The position of something known not to be true or not proved; hypothesis.

This is only an infallibility upon *supposition* that if a thing be true, it is impossible to be false. *Tillotson.*

3. Imagination; belief without full evidence.

SUPPOSITIOUS, a. [L. *suppositivus*, from *suppositus, suppono*.]

Put by trick in the place or character belonging to another; not genuine; as a *supposititious* child; a *supposititious* writing. *Addison.*

SUPPOSITIOUSNESS, n. The state of being supposititious.

SUPPOSITIVE, a. Supposed; including or implying supposition. *Chillingworth.*

SUPPOSITIVE, n. [supra.] A word denoting or implying supposition. *Harris.*

SUPPOSITIVELY, adv. With, by or upon supposition. *Hammond.*

SUPPOSITORY, n. [Fr. *suppositoire*.] In medicine, a long cylindrical body introduced into the rectum to procure stools when clysters cannot be administered.

Parr.

SUPPRESS, v. t. [L. *suppressus, supprimo*; sub and *premo*, to press.]

1. To overpower and crush; to subdue; to destroy; as, to *suppress* a rebellion; to *suppress* a mutiny or riot; to *suppress* opposition.

Every rebellion when it is *suppressed*, makes the subject weaker, and the government stronger. *Davies.*

2. To keep in; to restrain from utterance or vent; as, to *suppress* the voice; to *suppress* sighs.

3. To retain without disclosure; to conceal; not to tell or reveal; as, to *suppress* evidence.

She *suppresses* the name, and this keeps him in a pleasing suspense. *Brown.*

4. To retain without communication or making public; as, to *suppress* a letter; to *suppress* a manuscript.