

tation. Dissipation is *incompatible* with health, reputation and virtue.

2. Irreconcilably different or disagreeing; incongruous; as *incompatible* tempers.

3. Legally or constitutionally inconsistent; that cannot be united in the same person, without violating the law or constitution. By our constitution, the offices of a legislator and of a judge are *incompatible*, as they cannot be held at the same time by the same person.

INCOMPATIBLY, *adv.* Inconsistently; incongruously.

INCOMPETENCE, } *n.* [Fr. *incompetence*.]
INCOMPETENCY, } *n.* from *incompetent*.

1. Inability; want of sufficient intellectual powers or talents; as the *incompetency* of infants or idiots.

2. Want of natural adequate strength of body or of suitable faculties; as the *incompetency* of the eyes to discern the motions of the heavenly bodies.

3. Want of legal or constitutional qualifications; as the *incompetency* of a witness.

4. Want of adequate means.

5. Insufficiency; inadequacy; as the *incompetency* of testimony.

INCOMPETENT, *a.* [Fr. from *L. in* and *competens*, *competo*. See *Incompatible*.]

1. Wanting adequate powers of mind or suitable faculties; as an *incompetent* judge. Infancy, derangement, want of learning or dotation may render a person *incompetent* to fill an office or to transact business.

2. Wanting due strength or suitable faculties; unable.

3. Wanting the legal or constitutional qualifications. A person convicted of a crime, is an *incompetent* witness in a court of law or equity.

4. Destitute of means; unable.

5. Inadequate; insufficient; as *incompetent* testimony.

6. Unfit; improper; legally unavailable.

It is *incompetent* for the defendant to make this defense. *Mass. Rep.*

INCOMPETENTLY, *adv.* Insufficiently; inadequately; not suitably.

INCOMPLETE, *a.* [in and *complete*.] Not finished. The building is *incomplete*.

2. Imperfect; defective.

INCOMPLETELY, *adv.* Imperfectly.

INCOMPLETENESS, *n.* An unfinished state; imperfectness; defectiveness.

INCOMPLEX, *a.* [in and *complex*.] Not complex; uncompounded; simple.

INCOMPLIANCE, *n.* [in and *compliance*.]

1. Defect of compliance; refusal to comply with solicitations.

2. Untractable; unyielding temper or constitution.

Self-conceit produces peevishness and *incompliance* of humor in things lawful and indifferent. *Tillotson*.

INCOMPLIANT, *a.* [in and *compliant*.] Unyielding to request or solicitation; not disposed to comply.

INCOMPOSED, *a.* [in and *composed*.] Disordered; disturbed. [But this word is little used. Instead of it we use *discomposed*.]

INCOMPOSITE, *a.* *incomposit*. [in and *composit*.] Uncompounded; simple.

IMPOSSIBILITY, *n.* [in and *compossible*.]

The quality of not being possible but by the negation or destruction of something; inconsistency with something. [*Little used*.] *Morce. Hale.*

IMCOMPOSIBLE, *a.* [in, *con*, and *possible*.]

Not possible to be or subsist with something else. [This and the preceding word are little used, and can hardly be considered as legitimate English words.]

INCOMPREHENSIBILITY, *n.* [See the next word.]

The quality of being incomprehensible, or beyond the reach of human intellect; inconceivableness. *Campbell.*

INCOMPREHENSIBLE, *a.* [Fr. See *Comprehend*.]

1. That cannot be comprehended or understood; that is beyond the reach of human intellect; inconceivable. The nature of spiritual being is *incomprehensible* to us, or by us.

2. Not to be contained. [*Little used*.] *Hooker.*

INCOMPREHENSIBLENESS, *n.* Incomprehensibility, which see.

INCOMPREHENSIBLY, *adv.* In a manner which the human mind cannot comprehend or understand; inconceivably. *Locke.*

INCOMPREHENSION, *n.* Want of comprehension or understanding. *Bacon.*

INCOMPREHENSIVELY, *adv.* Not comprehensive; not extensive. *Watson.*

INCOMPRESSIBILITY, *n.* [See *Incompressible*.]

The quality of resisting compression, or of being incapable of reduction by force into a smaller compass.

INCOMPRESSIBLE, *a.* [in and *compressible*.]

Not to be compressed; not capable of being reduced by force into a smaller compass; resisting compression. Water is not wholly *incompressible*.

INCONCEALABLE, *a.* [in and *concealable*.]

Not concealable; not to be hid or kept secret. *Brown.*

INCONCEIVABLE, *a.* [in and *conceivable*.] Fr. *Inconceivable*.]

1. That cannot be conceived by the mind; inconceivable. It is *inconceivable* to us, how the will acts in producing muscular motion.

2. That cannot be understood.

INCONCEIVABLENESS, *n.* The quality of being inconceivable; incomprehensibility.

INCONCEIVABLY, *adv.* In a manner beyond comprehension, or beyond the reach of human intellect. *South.*

INCONCEPTIBLE, *a.* Inconceivable. [*Little used*.] *Hale.*

INCONCINNITY, *n.* [L. *inconcinna*.] Unsuitableness; want of proportion. *Morce.*

INCONCLUSIVE, *a.* [L. in and *concludens*, *concludo*, to conclude.]

Not inferring a conclusion or consequence. [*Little used*.] *Ayliffe.*

INCONCLUDING, *a.* Inferring no consequence. *Pearson.*

INCONCLUSIVE, *a.* [in and *conclusive*.]

Not producing a conclusion; not closing, concluding or settling a point in debate or

a doubtful question. An argument or evidence is *inconclusive*, when it does not exhibit the truth of a disputed case in such a manner as to satisfy the mind, and put an end to debate or doubt.

INCONCLUSIVELY, *adv.* Without such evidence as to determine the understanding in regard to truth or falsehood.

INCONCLUSIVENESS, *n.* Want of such evidence as to satisfy the mind of truth or falsehood, and put an end to debate.

INCONCOCTED, *a.* Inconcocted.

INCONCOCTED, *a.* [in and *concoct*.] Not fully digested; not matured; unripened. *Bacon.*

INCONCOCTION, *n.* [in and *concoction*.] The state of being indigested; unripeness; immaturity. *Bacon.*

INCONCURRING, *a.* [in and *concurring*, from *concur*.] Not concurring; not agreeing. *Brown.*

INCONCUSABLE, *a.* That cannot be shaken. *Reynolds.*

INCONDENSABILITY, *n.* [See *Incondensable*.] The quality of being not condensable.

INCONDENSABLE, *a.* [in and *condensable*.]

1. Not capable of condensation; that cannot be made more dense or compact. *Black.*

2. Not to be converted from a state of vapor to a fluid.

INCONDITE, *a.* [L. *inconditus*; *in* and *condo*, to build.]

Rude; unpolished; irregular. [*Little used*.] *Philips.*

INCONDITIONAL, *a.* [in and *conditional*.] Without any condition, exception or limitation; absolute. [Not now used. See *Unconditional*.] *Brown.*

INCONDITIONATE, *a.* [in and *conditional*.]

Not limited or restrained by conditions; absolute. [Not now used.] *Boyle.*

INCONFIRMED, *adj.* *unconfirmed*, is not in use.

INCONFORMITY, *n.* [in and *conformity*.]

Want of conformity; inconpliance with the practice of others, or with the requisitions of law, rule or custom; non-conformity. [The latter word is more commonly used, especially to express dissent in religion.]

INCONFUSED, *a.* *s* as *z*. Not confused; distinct. *Bacon.*

INCONFUSION, *n.* Distinctness. *Bacon.*

INCONGENIAL, *a.* [in and *congenial*.]

Not congenial; not of a like nature; unsuitable.

INCONGENIALITY, *n.* Unlikeness of nature; unsuitableness.

INCONGRUENCE, *n.* [in and *congruence*.]

Want of congruence, adaptation or agreement; unsuitableness. [*Little used*. We now use *incongruity*.] *Boyle.*

INCONGRUENT, *a.* Unsuitable; inconsistent. *Elyot.*

INCONGRUITY, *n.* [in and *congruity*.]

1. Want of congruity; impropriety; inconsistency; absurdity; unsuitableness of one thing to another. The levity of youth in a grave divine, is deemed an *incongruity* between manners and profession.

2. Disagreement of parts; want of symmetry. *Donne.*