

stands *on* the floor ; the house rests *on* its foundation ; we lie *on* a bed, or stand *on* the earth.

2. Coming or falling to the surface of any thing ; as, rain falls *on* the earth.

Whoever shall fall *on* this stone, shall be broken. Matt. xxi.

3. Performing or acting by contact with the surface, upper part or outside of any thing ; as, to play *on* a harp, a violin, or a drum.

4. Noting addition ; as heaps *on* heaps ; mischief *on* mischief ; loss *on* loss.

5. At or near. When we say, a vessel is *on* shore, we mean that she is aground ; but when we say, a fleet or a ship is *on* the American coast, or an isle is situated *on* the coast of England, we mean only that it is near the coast. So we say, *on* each side stands an armed man, that is, at or near each side.

So we say, Philadelphia is situated *on* the Delaware ; Middlebury is *on* the Otter Creek ; Guilford stands *on* the Sound ; that is, near the river or Sound, instead of *on* the bank, side or shore.

6. It denotes resting for support ; as, to depend *on*, to rely *on* ; hence, the ground of any thing ; as, he will covenant *on* certain considerations or conditions ; the considerations being the support of the covenant.

7. At or in the time of ; as, *on* the sabbath we abstain from labor. We usually say, *at* the hour, *on* or *in* the day, *in* or *on* the week, month or year.

8. At the time of, with some reference to cause or motive. *On* public occasions, the officers appear in full dress or uniform.

9. It is put before the object of some passion, with the sense of *towards* or *for*. Have pity or compassion *on* him.

10. At the peril of, or for the safety of. Hence, *on* thy life. Dryden.

11. Denoting a pledge or engagement, or put before the thing pledged. He affirmed or promised *on* his word, or *on* his honor.

12. Noting imprecation or invocation, or coming to, falling or resting on. *On* us be all the blame.

His blood be *on* us, and *on* our children. Matt. xxvii.

13. In consequence of, or immediately after. *On* the ratification of the treaty, the armies were disbanded.

14. Noting part, distinction or opposition ; as *on* one side and *on* the other. *On* our part, expect punctuality.

On the way, on the road, denote proceeding, traveling, journeying, or making progress.

On the alert, in a state of vigilance or activity.

On high, in an elevated place ; sublimely.

On fire, in a state of burning or inflammation, and metaphorically, in a rage or passion.

On a sudden, suddenly.

On the wing, in flight ; flying ; metaphorically, departing.

On it, on't, is used for *of it*. I heard nothing *on't*. The gamster has a poor trade *on't*. [This use is now vulgar.]

Upon is used in the same sense with *on*, often with elegance, and frequently without necessity or advantage.

ON, adv. Forward, in progression ; as, move *on* ; go *on*.

2. Forward, in succession. From father to son, from the son to the grandson, and so *on*.

3. In continuance ; without interruption or ceasing ; as, sleep *on*, take your ease ; say *on* ; sing *on* ; write *on*.

4. Adhering ; not off ; as in the phrase, "he is neither *on* nor *off*," that is, he is not steady ; he is irresolute.

5. Attached to the body ; as, his clothes are not *on*.

To put on, to attach to the body, as clothes or arms.

On, when it expresses contact with the surface of a thing, is opposed to *under*, *off*, or *within*, and when it expresses contact with the side of a thing, is opposed to *off*.

On is sometimes used as an exclamation, or rather as a command to move or proceed, some verb being understood ; as, cheerly *on*, courageous friends ; that is, *go on*, *move on*.

ON'AGER, n. [L.] The wild ass.

ONANISM, n. [from *Onan*, in Scripture.] The crime of self-pollution.

ONCE, adv. *uans.* [from *one*. So *D. eens*, from *een*, and *G. einst*, from *ein*, *one*.]

1. One time.

Trees that bear mast are fruitful but *once* in two years. Bacon.

2. One time, though no more. The mind *once* tainted with vice, is prone to grow worse and worse.

3. At one former time ; formerly.

My soul had *once* some foolish fondness for thee, Addison.

4. At the same point of time ; not gradually.

At *once* the winds arise, Dryden.

At once, at the same time ; as, they all moved *at once* ; hence, when it refers to two or more, the sense is *together*, as *one*.

This bath all its force *at once*, on the first impression. Atterbury.

Once is used as a noun, when preceded by *this* or *that* ; as *this once*, *that once*.

ONCE, n. ons. [Fr.] A quadruped of the genus *Felis*, less than the panther, of a whitish gray color. It is found in Africa and Asia, is easily tamed and is employed like a dog in hunting. Encyc.

ONE, a. un. [Sax. *on*, *æn* ; D. *een* ; G. *ein* ; Sw. *en* ; Dan. *en* or *een* ; Ice. *einn* ; W. *un* or *yn* ; L. *unus* ; Gr. *ev* ; It. *Sp. uno* ; Port. *hum* ; Fr. *un* ; Arm. *unan* ; Ir. *an*, *aon*.]

1. Single in number ; individual ; as *one* man ; *one* book. There is *one* sun only in our system of planets.

2. Indefinitely, some or any. You will *one* day repent of your folly. But in this phrase, *one day* is equivalent to *some future time*.

3. It follows *any*.

When *any one* heareth the word of the kingdom. Matt. xiii.

4. Different ; diverse ; opposed to *another*. It is *one* thing to promise, and *another* to fulfill.

5. It is used with *another*, to denote mutual-ity or reciprocation. Be kind and assist *one another*.

6. It is used with *another*, to denote average or mean proportion. The coins *one* with *another*, weigh seven penny weight each.

7. One of two ; opposed to *other*.

Ask from *one* side of heaven to the *other*. Deut. iv.

8. Single by union ; undivided ; the same. The church is therefore *one*, though the members may be many. Pearson.

9. Single in kind ; the same. *One* plague was on you all and on your lords.

1 Sam. iv.

One day, on a certain or particular day, referring to time past.

One day when Phœbe fair
With all her hand was following the chase. Spenser.

2. Referring to future time ; at a future time, indefinitely. [See *One*, No. 2.]

At one, in union ; in agreement or concord. The king resolved to keep Ferdinand and Philip *at one* with themselves. Bacon.

In one, in union ; in one united body.

One, like many other adjectives, is used without a noun, and is to be considered as a substitute for some noun understood. Let the men depart *one* by *one* ; count them *one* by *one* ; every *one* has his peculiar habits ; we learn of *one* another, that is, we learn, *one* of us learns of another.

In this use, as a substitute, *one* may be plural ; as the great *ones* of the earth ; they came with their little *ones*.

It also denotes union, a united body.

Ye are all *one* in Christ Jesus. Gal. iii.

One o'clock, one hour of the clock, that is, as signified or represented by the clock.

One is used indefinitely for any person ; as, *one* sees ; *one* knows ; after the French manner, *on voit*. Our ancestors used *man* in this manner ; *man* sees ; *man* knows ; " *man* brohte," *man* brought, that is, they brought. Saxon.

This word we have received from the Latin through the Italian and French. The same word from our Saxon ancestors we write *an*.

ONE-BERRY, n. *unw'-berry*. A plant of the genus *Paris* ; true love. Fam. of Plants.

ONE-EYED, a. *unw'-eyed*. Having one eye only. Dryden.

ONEIROCRITIC, n. [Gr. *oneirokritikos* ; *oneiron*, a dream, and *kritikos*, discerning.] An interpreter of dreams ; one who judges what is signified by dreams.

Warburton. Addison.

ONEIROCRITIC, n. The art of interpreting dreams. Warburton.

ONEIROCRITIC, ONEIROCRITICAL, ONEIROCRITIC, } Having the power of interpreting dreams, or pretending to judge of future events signified by dreams.

My *oneirocritical* correspondent.

Addison.

ONEIROM'ANCY, n. [Gr. *oneiron*, a dream, and *mania*, divination.] Divination by dreams. Spenser.

ONEMENT, n. *unw'ment*. State of being one. [Not in use.] Bp. Hall.

ONENESS, n. *unw'ness*. [from *one*.] Singleness in number ; individuality ; unity ; the quality of being one.

Our God is one, or rather very *oneness*.

Hooker.

ON'ERARY, a. [L. *onerarius*, from *onus*, a load ; *oncro*, to load.]