

Thou knowest my down-sitting and my up-sitting. Ps. cxxviii.

DOWN/TROD, } a. Trodden down;
DOWN/TRODDEN, } trampled down. *Shak.*

DOWNWARD, } *[Sax. *downward*.]*
DOWNWARDS, } *adv. [See Ward.]*

1. From a higher place to a lower; in a descending course, whether directly toward the center of the earth, or not; as, to tend *downward*; to move or roll *downwards*; to look *downward*; to take road *downwards*.
2. In a course or direction from a head, spring, origin or source. Water flows *downward* toward the sea; we sailed *downward* on the stream.
3. In a course of lineal descent from an ancestor, considered as a head; as, to trace successive generations *downward* from Adam or Abraham.
4. In the course of falling or descending from elevation or distinction.

DOWNWARD, *a.* Moving or extending from a higher to a lower place, as on a slope or declivity, or in the open air; tending towards the earth or its center; as a *downward* course; he took his way with *downward* force. *Dryden.*

2. Declivous; bending; as the *downward* heaven. *Dryden.*
3. Descending from a head, origin or source.
4. Tending to a lower condition or state; depressed; dejected; as *downward* thoughts. *Sidney.*

DOWNWEED, *n.* Cottonweed, a downy plant. *Barrel.*

- DOWNY, *a.* [See *Down*.] Covered with down or nap; as a *downy* feather; *downy* wings.
2. Covered with pubescence or soft hairs, as a plant.
3. Made of down or soft feathers; as a *downy* pillow.
4. Soft, calm, soothing; as *downy* sleep.
5. Resembling down.

DOWRY, *n.* [See *Dower*.] This word differs not from *dower*. It is the same word differently written, and the distinction made between them is arbitrary.]

1. The money, goods or estate which a woman brings to her husband in marriage; the portion given with a wife. *Shak. Dryden.*

2. The reward paid for a wife. *Cowley.*
3. A gift; a fortune given. *Johnson.*

DOWNSE, *v. t.* [Sw. *daska*.] To strike on the face. [Not in use.] *Bailey.*

DOWST, *n.* A stroke. [Not in use.] *Beaumont.*

DOXOLOGICAL, *a.* Pertaining to doxology; giving praise to God. *Howell.*

DOXOLOGY, *n.* [Gr. *δόξα* *doxa*; *doxa*, praise, glory, and *λογία*, to speak.]

In *Christian worship*, a hymn in praise of the Almighty; a particular form of giving glory to God.

DOXY, *n.* [Qu. Sw. *dock*, a baby, doll or plaything.] A prostitute. *Shak.*

DOZE, *v. i.* [Dan. *døse*, to stifle, suppress or quiet; to make heavy, sleepy or drowsy; *dysser*, to lull to sleep. The Saxon has *dixes*, dull, stupid, foolish, *D. dwaes*. The Saxon *dygis* is rendered foolish or dizzy. See *Dote*, and Class Ds. No. 1. 3.]

1. To slumber; to sleep lightly.

If he happened to *dose* a little, the jolly coxier waked him. *L'Esperance.*

2. To live in a state of drowsiness; to be dull or half asleep; as, to *dose* away the time; to *dose* over a work. *Dryden. Pope.*
DOZE, *v. t.* To make dull; to stupefy. Dryden uses the participle *dozed*, "*Dozed* with his fumes;" but the transitive verb is seldom or never used.

DOZEN, *a.* *duz'n.* [Fr. *douzaine*; Arm. *dozzen*; from Fr. *doize*, twelve; Norm. Fr. *dudzime*, a dozen; Sp. *dose*, twelve; *docena*, a dozen; Port. *duzia*, dozen; It. *dozzina*, id.; D. *dozyn*; G. *duzend*, or *dutzend*; Sw. *duzzin*; Dan. *dusin*. Qu. *two* and *ten*, G. *zehn*. The composition of the word is not obvious.]

Twelve in number, applied to things of the same kind, but rarely or never to that number in the abstract. We say, a *dozen* men; a *dozen* pair of gloves. It is a word much used in common discourse and in light compositions; rarely in the grave or elevated style.

DOZEN, *n.* The number twelve of things of a like kind; as a *dozen* of eggs; twelve *dozen* of gloves; a *dozen* of wine.

DOZER, *n.* One that dozes or slumbers.

DOZINESS, *n.* [from *dozy*.] Drowsiness; heaviness; inclination to sleep. *Locke.*

DOZING, *ppr.* Slumbering.

DOZING, *n.* A slumbering; sluggishness. *Chestfield.*

DOZY, *a.* [See *Doze*.] Drowsy; heavy; inclined to sleep; sleepy; sluggish; as a *dozy* head. *Dryden.*

DRA, *n.* [Sax. *drabbe*, lees, dregs; D. *drabe*, dregs. This seems to be the Dan. *draabe*, a *drap*.]

1. A strumpet; a prostitute. *Shak. Pope.*
2. A low, sluttish woman. [This seems to be the sense in which it is generally used in New England.]
3. A kind of wooden box, used in salt works for holding the salt when taken out of the boiling pans. Its bottom is shelving or inclining that the water may drain off. *Encyc.*

DRA, *n.* [Fr. *drap*, cloth; It. *drappo*; Sp. *trapa*, and without the prefix *t*, *ropa*, cloth, Port. *ropa*, whence *robe*. From the French we have *draper*, *drapery*, as the Spanish have *ropage*, for *drapery*. This word seems allied to the L. *trabea*.] A kind of thick woolen cloth.

DRA, *a.* Being of a dun color, like the cloth so called.

DRA, *v. i.* To associate with strumpets. *Beaumont.*

DRA, *ppr.* Keeping company with lewd women.

DRA, *n.* An associating with strumpets. *Beaumont.*

DRA, *v. t.* To draggle; to make dirty by drawing in mud and water; to wet and befoul; as, to *drabble* a gown or cloak. *N. England.*

In Scottish, this word signifies to dirty by slabbering, as if it were allied to *dribble*, *drivel*, from the root of *drip*, which coincides with *drap*.

DRA, *v. t.* To fish for barbel with a long line and rod. *Encyc.*

DRA, *n.* Drawing in mud or water; watering; angling for barbel.

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barbels with a rod and a long line passed through a piece of lead. *Encyc.*

DRA, *n.* In *seaman's language*, a small additional sail, sometimes laced to the bottom of a bonnet on a square sail, in sloops and schooners. It is the same to a bonnet, as a bonnet is to a course. *Encyc. Mar. Dict.*

DRA, *n.* [L. from Gr. *δραγμα*; Fr. *dracme*; It. *dramma*, by contraction, Eng. *drum*.]

1. A Grecian coin, of the value of seven pence, three farthings, sterling, or nearly fourteen cents.
2. The eighth part of an ounce, or sixty grains, or three scruples; a weight used by apothecaries, but usually written *drum*.

DRA, *n.* [See *Dragon*.] In *astronomy*, a constellation of the northern hemisphere, containing, according to Flamsteed, eighty stars.

DRA, *n.* A luminous exhalation from marshy grounds. *Encyc.*

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