

often *obliged* to conform to established customs, rites or ceremonies. To be *obliged* to yield to fashion is often the worst species of tyranny.

5. To do a favor to; to lay under obligation of gratitude; as, to *oblige* one with a loan of money.

6. To do a favor to; to please; to gratify. *Oblige* us with your company at dinner.

7. To indebted.

To those hills we are *obliged* for all our metals. *Bentley.*

**OBLIGED**, *pp.* Bound in duty or in law; compelled; constrained; favored; indebted.

**OBLIGEE**, *n.* The person to whom another is bound, or the person to whom a bond is given. *Blackstone.*

**OBLIGATION**, *n.* Obligation. [*Little used.*] *Milton. Dryden.*

**OBLIGER**, *n.* One that obliges.

**OBLIGING**, *ppr.* Binding in law or conscience; compelling; constraining.

2. Doing a favor to.

No man can long be the enemy of one whom he is in the habit of *obliging*. *H. Humphrey.*

**OBLIGING**, *a.* [*Fr. obligeant.*] Having the disposition to do favors, or actually conferring them; as an *obliging* man; a man of an *obliging* disposition; hence, civil; complaisant; kind.

Mons. Strozzi has many curiosities, and is very *obliging* to a stranger that desires the sight of them. *Addison.*

**OBLIGINGLY**, *adv.* With civility; kindly; complaisantly. *Addison. Swift.*

**OBLIGINGNESS**, *n.* Obligation. [*Little used.*] *Hammond.*

2. Civility; complaisance; disposition to exercise kindness. *Walton.*

**OBLIGOR**, *n.* The person who binds himself or gives his bond to another.

**OBLIQUATION**, *n.* [*L. obliquus*, from *obliquus*, oblique.]

1. Declination from a straight line or course; a turning to one side; as the *obliquation* of the eyes. *Newton.*

2. Deviation from moral rectitude.

**OBLIQUE**, *a.* [*L. obliquus*; *Fr. oblique*.] *a. obli'ke.*

1. Deviating from a right line; not direct; not perpendicular; not parallel; aslant.

It has a direction *oblique* to that of the former motion. *Cheyne.*

An *oblique* angle is either acute or obtuse; any angle except a right one.

An *oblique* line is one that, falling on another, makes *oblique* angles with it.

*Oblique* planes, in dialing, are those which decline from the zenith, or incline towards the horizon.

*Oblique* sailing, is when a ship sails upon some rhomb between the four cardinal points, making an *oblique* angle with the meridian. *Encyc.*

2. Indirect; by a side glance; as an *oblique* hint. *Shak.*

3. In grammar, an *oblique* case is any case except the nominative.

**OBLIQUELY**, *adv.* In a line deviating from a right line; not directly; not perpendicularly.

Declining from the noon of day.  
The sun *obliquely* shoots his burning ray. *Popc.*

2. Indirectly; by a side glance; by an allusion; not in the direct or plain meaning.

His discourse tends *obliquely* to the detracting from others. *Addison.*

**OBLIQUENESS**, *n.* Obliquity.

**OBLIQUITY**, *n.* [*L. obliquitas*; *Fr. obliquité*.]

1. Deviation from a right line; deviation from parallelism or perpendicularity; as the *obliquity* of the ecliptic to the equator.

2. Deviation from moral rectitude.

To disobey God or oppose his will in any thing imports a moral *obliquity*. *South.*

3. Irregularity; deviation from ordinary rules.

**OBLITERATE**, *v. t.* [*L. oblittero*; *ob* and *littera*, letter.]

1. To efface; to erase or blot out any thing written; or to efface any thing engraved. A writing may be *obliterated* by erasure, by blotting, or by the slow operation of time or natural causes.

2. To efface; to wear out; to destroy by time or other means; as, to *obliterate* ideas or impressions; to *obliterate* the monuments of antiquity; to *obliterate* reproach. *Hale. Locke.*

3. To reduce to a very low or imperceptible state.

The torpor of the vascular system and *obliterated* pulse. *Med. Repos.*

**OBLITERATED**, *pp.* Effaced; erased; worn out; destroyed.

**OBLITERATING**, *ppr.* Effacing; wearing out; destroying.

**OBLITERATION**, *n.* The act of effacing; effacement; a blotting out or wearing out; extinction. *Hale.*

**OBLIVION**, *n.* [*L. oblivio*.] Forgetfulness; cessation of remembrance.

Among our crimes *oblivion* may be set. *Dryden.*

2. A forgetting of offenses, or remission of punishment. An act of *oblivion* is an amnesty, or general pardon of crimes and offenses, granted by a sovereign, by which punishment is remitted.

**OBLIVIOUS**, *a.* [*L. obliviosus*.] Causing forgetfulness. *Shak.*

The *oblivious* calm of indifference. *J. M. Mason.*

Behold the wonders of th' *oblivious* lake. *Pope.*

2. Forgetful. *Cavendish.*

**OBLICULATOR**, *n.* A gainsayer. [*Not in use.*] *Bull.*

**OBLONG**, *a.* [*Fr. from L. oblongus*.] Longer than broad. *Harris.*

**OBLONG**, *n.* A figure or solid which is longer than it is broad.

**OBLONGISH**, *a.* Somewhat oblong.

**OBLONGLY**, *a.* In an oblong form. *Cheyne.*

**OBLONGNESS**, *n.* The state of being longer than broad.

**OBLONG-OVATE**, *a.* In botany, between oblong and ovate, but inclined to the latter. *Martyn.*

**OBLIQUEUOUS**, *a.* [*See Obloquy*.] Containing obloquy; reproachful. [*Little used.*] *Naunton.*

**OBLIQUEUOUS**, *n.* [*L. obloquor*; *ob* and *loquor*, to speak.]

1. Censorious speech; reproachful language; language that casts contempt on men or their actions.

Shall names that made your city the glory of the earth, be mentioned with *obloquy* and detraction? *Addison.*

2. Cause of reproach; disgrace. [*Not used.*] *Shak.*

**OBLUCTATION**, *n.* [*L. obluco*; *ob* and *luco*, to struggle.]

A struggling or striving against; resistance. [*Little used.*] *Fotherby.*

**OBMUTESCENCE**, *n.* [*L. obmutesco*, to be silent.]

1. Loss of speech; silence. *Brown.*

2. A keeping silence. *Paley.*

**OBNOXIOUS**, *a.* [*L. obnoxius*; *ob* and *noxius*, hurtful, from *noceo*.]

1. Subject; answerable.

The writings of lawyers, which are tied and *obnoxious* to their particular laws. *Bacon.*

2. Liable; subject to cognizance or punishment.

We know ourselves *obnoxious* to God's severe justice. *Calamy.*

3. Liable; exposed; as friendship *obnoxious* to jealousies. *Hayward.*

4. Reprehensible; censurable; not approved; as *obnoxious* authors. *Fell.*

5. Odious; hateful; offensive; with to; as, the minister was *obnoxious* to the whigs.

**OBNOXIOUSLY**, *adv.* In a state of subjection or liability.

2. Reprehensibly; odiously; offensively.

**OBNOXIOUSNESS**, *n.* Subjection or liability to punishment. *Hall.*

2. Odiousness; offensiveness. The *obnoxiousness* of the law rendered the legislature unpopular.

**OBNUBILATE**, *v. t.* [*L. obnubilo*; *ob* and *nubilo*; *nubes*, mist, cloud.]

To cloud; to obscure. *Burton.*

**OBNUBILATION**, *n.* The act or operation of making dark or obscure. *Beddoes. Waterhouse.*

**OB'OLE**, *n.* [*L. obolus*.] In pharmacy, the weight of ten grains or half a scruple. *Encyc.*

**OB'OLUS**, *n.* [*L. from Gr. obolos*.] A small silver coin of Athens, the sixth part of a drachma, about two cents in value, or a penny farthing sterling.

**OBOVATE**, *a.* In botany, inversely ovate; having the narrow end downward; as an *obovate* leaf. *Martyn.*

**OBREPITION**, *n.* [*L. obrepo*; *ob* and *repo*, to creep.]

The act of creeping on with secrecy or by surprise. *Cudworth.*

**OBREPTIVIOUS**, *a.* [*supra*.] Done or obtained by surprise; with secrecy or by concealment of the truth. *Encyc.*

**OBSCENE**, *a.* [*Fr. from L. obscenus*.] Offensive to chastity and delicacy; impure; expressing or presenting to the mind or view something which delicacy, purity and decency forbid to be exposed; as *obscene* language; *obscene* pictures.

2. Foul; filthy; offensive; disgusting. A girdle foul with grease binds his *obscene* attire. *Dryden.*

3. Inauspicious; ill omened.

At the cheerful light,  
The groaning ghosts and birds *obscene* take flight. *Dryden.*

**OBSCENELY**, *adv.* In a manner offensive to chastity or purity; impurely; unchastely. *Milton.*