

I mourn in my complaint and make a noise.
Ps. lxx.

The Jews laid many and grievous complaints against Paul. Acts xxv.

I find no cause of complaint. Hooker.
2. The cause or subject of complaint, or murmuring.

The poverty of the clergy hath been the complaint of all who wish well to the church.

Swift.
3. The cause of complaint, or of pain and uneasiness in the body; a malady; a disease; usually applied to disorders not violent; as a complaint in the bowels or breast.

4. Accusation; a charge against an offender, made by a private person or informer to a justice of the peace or other proper officer, alleging that the offender has violated the law, and claiming the penalty due to the prosecutor. It differs from an information, which is the prosecution of an offender by the Attorney or Solicitor General; and from a presentment and indictment, which are the accusation of a Grand Jury.

5. Representation of injuries, in a general sense; and appropriately, in a writ of Audita Querela.

COMPLAISANCE, *n.* *com'plaisance.* [Fr. *complaisance*, from *complaisant*, the participle of *complaire*; *con* or *com* and *plaire*, to please, whence *plaisant*, pleasing, *plaisir*, pleasure, *L. placco, placere*, the infinitive changed into *plaire*; *It. compiacenza*, from *compiacere, piacere*; *Sp. complacencia, complacer*. This is the same word as *compliance*; the latter we have from the Latin orthography. This word affords an example of a change of a palatal letter in the Latin into a sibilant in French, *c* into *s*.]

1. A pleasing deportment; courtesy; that manner of address and behaviour in social intercourse which gives pleasure; civility; obliging condescension; kind and affable reception and treatment of guests; exterior acts of civility; as, the gentleman received us with *complaisance*.

2. Condescension; obliging compliance with the wishes or humors of others.
In complaisance poor Cupid mourned.

3. Desire of pleasing; disposition to oblige; the principle for the act. Prior.

Your *complaisance* will not permit your guests to be incommoded. Anon.

COMPLAISANT, *a.* *com'plaisant.* Pleasing in manners; courteous; obliging; desirous to please; as a *complaisant* gentleman.

2. Civil; courteous; polite; as *complaisant* deportment or treatment.

COMPLAISANTLY, *adv.* *com'plaisantly.* In a pleasing manner; with civility; with an obliging, affable address or deportment. Pope.

COMPLAISANTNESS, *n.* Civility; *complaisance*. [Little used.]

COMPLANATE, *v. t.* [*L. complano*; *con* and *plano*, plain.]
See *Plane* and *Plain*.]

To make level; to reduce to an even surface. Derham.

COMPLEMENT, *n.* [*L. complementum*, from *compleo*, to fill; *con* and *pleo*, to fill. Literally, a filling.]

1. Fullness; completion; whence, perfection.

They as they feasted had their fill.
For a full complement of all their ill.

Hub. Tales.

2. Full quantity or number; the quantity or number limited; as, a company has its complement of men; a ship has its complement of stores.

3. That which is added, not as necessary, but as ornamental; something adventitious to the main thing; ceremony. [See *Compliment*.]

Garnished and decked in modest complement. Shuk.

4. In geometry, what remains of the quadrant of a circle, or of ninety degrees, after any arch has been taken from it. Thus if the arch taken is thirty degrees, its complement is sixty. Bailey. Johnson.

5. In astronomy, the distance of a star from the zenith. Johnson.

6. Arithmetic complement of a logarithm, is what the logarithm wants of 10,000,000. Chambers.

7. In fortification, the complement of the curtain is that part in the interior side which makes the demigorge.

COMPLEMENTAL, *a.* Filling; supplying a deficiency; completing.

COMPLEMENTARY, *n.* One skilled in complements. [Vid. *in* *use*.] B. Jonson.

COMPLETE, *a.* [*L. completus*, from *compleo*; *con* and *pleo*, to fill; to fill; *It. compiere*. The Greek has *τελειω*, to approach, to fill, contracted from *τελειωω*, the primary sense of which is, to thrust or drive; and if the Latin *pleo* is from the Greek, which is probable, then the original orthography was *pleto*, *completo*; in which case, *τελειω*, *τελειωω*, *pleo*, is the same word as the English *fill*. The Greek *τελειω* is said to be a derivative. Literally, filled; full.]

1. Having no deficiency; perfect.

And ye are complete in him who is the head of all principality and power. Col. ii.

2. Finished; ended; concluded; as, the edifice is complete.

This course of vanity almost complete. Prior.

In strict propriety, this word admits of no comparison; for that which is complete, cannot be more or less so. But as the word, like many others, is used with some indefiniteness of signification, it is customary to qualify it with *more*, *most*, *less* and *least*. More complete, most complete, less complete, are common expressions.

3. In botany, a complete flower is one furnished with a calyx and corolla. Vaillant. Or having all the parts of a flower. Martyn.

COMPLETE, *v. t.* To finish; to end; to perfect; as, to complete a bridge, or an edifice; to complete an education.

2. To fill; to accomplish; as, to complete hopes or desires.

3. To fulfill; to accomplish; to perform; as, the prophecy of Daniel is completed.

COMPLETED, *pp.* Finished; ended; perfected; fulfilled; accomplished.

COMPLETELY, *adv.* Fully; perfectly; entirely. Swift.

COMPLEMENT, *n.* The act of completing; a finishing. Dryden.

COMPLETENESS, *n.* The state of being complete; perfection. Watts.

COMPLETING, *pp.* Finishing; perfecting; accomplishing.

COMPLETION, *n.* Fulfilment; accomplishment.

There was a full entire harmony and consent in the divine predictions, receiving their completion in Christ. South.

2. Act of completing; state of being complete; utmost extent; perfect state; as, the gentleman went to the university for the completion of his education or studies.

The completion of a bad character is to hate a good man. Anon.

COMPLETIVE, *a.* Filling; making complete. Harris.

COMPLETORY, *a.* Fulfilling; accomplishing. Barrow.

COMPLETORY, *n.* The evening service; the complin of the Romish church. Hooper.

COMPLEX, *a.* [*L. complexus*, complex, embracing, from *compleo*, to embrace; *con* and *pleto*, to weave, or twist; *Gr. τελεω*; *L. plico*; *W. plygu*; *Arm. plegu*; *Fr. plier*; *It. piegare*; *Sp. plegar*; *D. ploojen*, to fold, bend, or double.]

1. Composed of two or more parts or things; composite; not simple; including two or more particulars connected; as a complex being; a complex idea; a complex term.

Ideas made up of several simple ones, I call complex; such as beauty, gratitude, a man, the universe. Locke.

2. Involved; difficult; as a complex subject.

COMPLEX, *n.* Assemblage; collection; complication. [Little used.]

This parable of the wedding supper comprehends in it the whole complex of all the blessings and privileges of the gospel. South.

COMPLEXEDNESS, *n.* Complication. Involvement of parts in one integral; compounded state; as the *complexedness* of moral ideas. Locke.

COMPLEXION, *n.* *complex ion.* Involvement; a complex state. [Little used.] Watts.

2. The color of the skin, particularly of the face; the color of the external parts of a body or thing; as a fair complexion; a dark complexion; the complexion of the sky.

3. The temperament, habitude, or natural disposition of the body; the peculiar cast of the constitution, which gives it a particular physical character; a medical term, but used to denote character, or description; as, men of this or that complexion.

'Tis ill, though different your complexions are, The family of heaven for men should war. Dryden.

COMPLEXIONAL, *a.* Depending on or pertaining to complexion; as *complexional* effluences; *complexional* prejudices.

COMPLEXIONALLY, *adv.* By complexion. Brown.

COMPLEXIONARY, *a.* Pertaining to the complexion, or to the care of it. Taylor.

COMPLEXIONED, *a.* Having a certain temperament or state. Addison.

COMPLEXITY, *n.* The state of being complex; complexness. Burke.

COMPLEXLY, *adv.* In a complex manner; not simply.

COMPLEXNESS, *n.* The state of being complex or involved. Smith.