

the misfortune of want of judgment; but he cannot be the latter without both that and an ill temper. *Pope.*

FORMERLY, *adv.* In time past, either in time immediately preceding, or at any indefinite distance; of old; heretofore. *We formerly imported slaves from Africa. Nations formerly made slaves of prisoners taken in war.*

FORMFUL, *a.* Ready to form; creative; imaginative. *Thomson.*

FORMIATE, *n.* [from *L. formica*, an ant.] A neutral salt, composed of the formic acid and a base.

FORMIC, *a.* [*L. formica*, an ant.] Pertaining to ants; as the formic acid, the acid of ants.

FORMICATION, *n.* [*L. formicatio*, from *formico*, or *formica*, an ant.]

A sensation of the body resembling that made by the creeping of ants on the skin.

FORMIDABLE, *a.* [*L. formidabilis*, from *formido*, fear.]

Exciting fear or apprehension; impressing dread; adapted to excite fear and deter from approach, encounter or undertaking. It expresses less than terrible, terrific, tremendous, horrible, and frightful.

They seemed to fear the formidable sight.

I swell my preface into a volume, and make it formidable, when you see so many pages behind. *Dryden.*

FORMIDABLENESS, *n.* The quality of being formidable, or adapted to excite dread.

FORMIDABLY, *adv.* In a manner to impress fear.

FORMLESS, *a.* [from *form*.] Shapeless; without a determinate form; wanting regularity of shape. *Shak.*

FORMULA, *n.* [*L.*] A prescribed form; a

FORMULE, *n.* rule or model.

3. In *medicine*, a prescription.

3. In *church affairs*, a confession of faith. *Encyc.*

4. In *mathematics*, a general expression for resolving certain cases or problems. *Cyc.*

FORMULARY, *n.* [*Fr. formulaire*, from *L. formula*.]

A book containing stated and prescribed forms, as of oaths, declarations, prayers and the like; a book of precedents. *Encyc.*

2. Prescribed form.

FORMULARY, *a.* Stated; prescribed; ritual. *Johnson.*

FORNICATE, *v. a.* [*L. fornicatus*, from *FORNICATED*, *n.* fornic, an arch.]

Arched; vaulted like an oven or furnace. *Encyc.*

FORNICATE, *v. i.* [*L. fornicor*, from *fornix*, a brothel.]

To commit lewdness, as an unmarried man or woman, or as a married man with an unmarried woman.

he a brahmen fornicate with a Nair woman, he shall not thereby lose his cast. *As. Researches.*

FORNICATION, *n.* [*L. fornicatio*.] The incontinence or lewdness of unmarried persons, male or female; also, the criminal conversation of a married man with an unmarried woman.

Laws of Connecticut.

2. Adultery. *Matt. v.*

3. Incest. *1 Cor. v.*

4. Idolatry; a forsaking of the true God, and worshipping of idols. *2 Chron. xxi. Rev. xix.*

5. An arching; the forming of a vault.

FORNICATOR, *n.* An unmarried person, male or female, who has criminal conversation with the other sex; also, a married man who has sexual commerce with an unmarried woman. [See *Adultery*.]

A lewd person.

3. An idolater.

FORNICATRESS, *n.* An unmarried female guilty of lewdness. *Shak.*

FORPASS, *v. i.* To go by; to pass unnoticed. *Obs. Spenser.*

FORPINE, *v. i.* To pine or waste away. *Obs. Spenser.*

FORRA'Y, *v. t.* To ravage. *Obs. Spenser.* [*Qu. forage*.]

FORRA'Y, *n.* The act of ravaging. *Obs.*

FORSAKE, *v. t.* pret. *forsook*; pp. *forsaken*. [*Sax. forsacan, forsacan*; for, a negative, and *secan*, to seek. See *Seek*. *Sw. forsaka*, *Dan. forsager*, *G. versagen*, *D. verzaaken*, to deny, to renounce. See *Seck* and *Say*.]

1. To quit or leave entirely; to desert; to abandon; to depart from. Friends and flatterers forsake us in adversity.

2. To abandon; to renounce; to reject. *Forsake the foolish, and live. Prov. ix.*

If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments. *Ps. lxxxix.*

Coarse from anger, and forsake wrath. *Ps. xxxvii.*

3. To leave; to withdraw from; to fail. In anger, the color forsakes the cheeks.

In severe trials, let not fortitude forsake you.

4. In scripture, God forsakes his people, when he withdraws his aid, or the light of his countenance. *Brown.*

FORSAKER, *n.* One that forsakes or deserts.

FORSAKEN, *pp.* Deserted; left; abandoned.

FORSAKING, *ppr.* Leaving or deserting.

FORSAKING, *n.* The act of deserting; dereliction.

FORSA'Y, *v. t.* To forbid; to renounce. *Obs. Spenser.*

FORSACK, *v. t.* To delay. *Obs. Spenser.*

FORSOOTH, *adv.* [*Sax. forsothe*; for and *soth*, true.]

In truth; in fact; certainly; very well. A fit man, forsooth, to govern a realm. *Hayward.*

It is generally used in an ironical or contemptuous sense.

FORSTER, *n.* A forester. *Obs. Chaucer.*

FORSWEAR, *v. t.* pret. *forswore*; pp. *forsworn*. [*Sax. forswearian*; *Dan. forsværen*; *Sw. försvåra*; *G. verschwören*, *D. afzweeren*. See *Swear* and *Answer*.]

1. To reject or renounce upon oath. *Shak.*

2. To deny upon oath. Like innocence, and as serenely bold As truth, how loudly he forswears thy gold. *Dryden.*

To forswear one's self, is to swear falsely to perjure one's self.

Thou shalt not forswear thyself. *Matt. v.*

FORSWEAR, *v. i.* To swear falsely; to commit perjury. *Shak.*

FORSWEARER, *n.* One who rejects on oath; one who is perjured; one that swears a false oath.

FORSWEARING, *ppr.* Denying on oath; swearing falsely.

FORSWONK, *a.* [*Sax. swincan*, to labor.] Overlashed. *Obs. Spenser.*

FORSWORE, *pret.* of *forswear*.

FORSWORN, *pp.* of *forswear*. Renounced on oath; perjured.

FORSWORNNESS, *n.* The state of being forsworn.

FORT, *n.* [*Fr. fort*; *It. Port. forte*; *Sp. fuerte, furza*; *L. fortis*, strong.]

1. A fortified place; usually, a small fortified place; a place surrounded with a ditch, rampart, and parapet, or with palisades, stockades, or other means of defense; also, any building or place fortified for security against an enemy; a castle.

2. A strong side, opposed to weak side or foible.

FORTE, *adv.* [*Ital.*] A direction to sing with strength of voice.

FORTED, *a.* Furnished with forts; guarded by forts. *Shak.*

FORTIL, *adv.* [*Sax. forth*; *G. fort*; *D. voort*; from *fore*, *for*, *faran*, to go, to advance.]

1. Forward; onward in time; in advance; as from that day forth; from that time forth.

2. Forward in place or order; as one, two, three, and so forth.

3. Out; abroad; noting progression or advance from a state of confinement; as, the plants in spring put forth leaves.

When winter past, and summer scarce begun, Invites them forth to labor in the sun. *Dryden.*

4. Out; away; beyond the boundary of a place; as, send him forth of France. [*Lille used*.]

5. Out into public view, or public character. Your country calls you forth into its service.

6. Thoroughly; from beginning to end. *Obs. Shak.*

7. On to the end. *Obs.*

FORTH, *prep.* Out of. From forth the streets of Pomfret. *Shak.*

Some forth their cabins peep. *Donne.*

FORTH-COMING, *a.* [*See Came*.] Ready to appear; making appearance. Let the prisoner be forth-coming.

FORTHINK, *v. t.* To repent of. [*Not in use*.] *Spenser.*

FORTH-IS-SUING, *a.* [*See Issue*.] Issuing; coming out; coming forward as from a covert. *Pope.*

FORTHRIGHT, *adv.* [*See Right*.] Straight forward; in a straight direction. *Obs. Sidney.*

FORTHRIGHT, *n.* A straight path. *Obs. Shak.*

FORTHWARD, *adv.* Forward. *Bp. Fisher.*

FORTHWITH, *adv.* [*forth* and *with*.] Immediately; without delay; directly.

Immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales; and he received his sight forthwith. *Acts ix.*

FORTHY, *adv.* [*Sax. forthi*.] Therefore. [*Not used*.] *Spenser.*

FORTIETH, *a.* [*See Forty*.] The fourth tenth; noting the number next after the thirty ninth.