

2. A woman who is the sovereign of a kingdom; a *queen-regent*; as Elizabeth, *queen* of England; Mary, *queen* of Scotland.
3. The sovereign of a swarm of bees, or the female of the hive.

A hive of bees cannot subsist without a *queen*.  
*Encyc.*

*Queen of the meadows*, meadow sweet, a plant of the genus *Spiraea*. *Lee.*

**QUEEN**, *v. i.* To play the queen; to act the part or character of a queen. *Shak.*

**QUEEN-APPLE**, *n.* A kind of apple, so called. *Mortimer.*

**QUEEN-DOWAGER**, *n.* The widow of a king.

**QUEEN-GOLD**, *n.* A royal duty or revenue belonging to every queen of England during her marriage to the king.

**QUEENING**, *n.* An apple. *Mortimer.*

**QUEENLIKE**, *a.* Resembling a queen. *Drayton.*

**QUEENLY**, *a.* Like a queen; becoming a queen; suitable to a queen.

**QUEER**, *a.* [*G. quer*, cross, oblique, traverse; *querkopf*, a queer fellow; *querlen*, to twirl. The primary sense is probably to turn.]  
Odd; singular; hence, whimsical.

**QUEERLY**, *adv.* In an odd or singular manner.

**QUEERNESS**, *n.* Oddity; singularity; particularity. [*A familiar, not an elegant word.*]

**QUEEST**, *n.* A ring dove, a species of pigeon. *Todd.*

**QUEINT**, *pret. and pp. of quench.* *Gower.*

**QUELL**, *v. t.* [*Sax. cwellan*, to kill; *Dan. quæler*, to stifle, suffocate, choke, stop, quell, gall, tease, torment, vex; *Sw. quälja*, id.; *G. quælen*. The primary sense is to stop, to press or force down, and thus cause action or motion to cease.]

1. To crush; to subdue; to cause to cease; as, to quell an insurrection or sedition.
2. To quiet; to allay; to reduce to peace; as, to quell the tumult of the soul.
3. To subdue; to reduce.

This quell'd her pride. *Dryden.*

**QUELL**, *v. i.* To die; to abate. *Spenser.*

**QUELL**, *n.* Murder. [*Not in use.*] *Shak.*

**QUELLED**, *pp.* Crushed; subdued; quieted.

**QUELLER**, *n.* One that crushes or subdues. *Shak.*

**QUELLING**, *ppr.* Crushing; subduing; reducing to peace.

**QUELQUE-CHOSE**, *n.* *keek-shous*. [*Fr. something.*]

A trifle; a kickshaw. *Donne.*

**QUEME**, *v. t.* [*Sax. cweman*.] To please. [*Obs.*] *Spenser.*

**QUENCH**, *v. t.* [*Sax. cwenean*.] To extinguish; to put out; as, to quench flame.

2. To still; to quiet; to repress; as, to quench a passion or emotion. *Shak.*

3. To allay or extinguish; as, to quench thirst.

4. To destroy. *Davies.*

5. To check; to stifle; as, to quench the Spirit. 1 Thess. v.

**QUENCH**, *v. i.* To cool; to become cool.

Do not thou think, in time

She will not quench? *Shak.*

[*Not in use.*]

**QUENCHABLE**, *a.* That may be quenched or extinguished. *Sherwood.*

**QUENCHED**, *pp.* Extinguished; allayed; repressed.

**QUENCHER**, *n.* He or that which extinguishes.

**QUENCHING**, *ppr.* Extinguishing; quieting; stifling; repressing.

**QUENCHLESS**, *a.* That cannot be quenched or repressed; inextinguishable; as *quenchless fire* or *fury*. *Shak. Crashaw.*

**QUERCITRON**, *n.* [*L. quercus*, an oak.] The bark of the yellow oak, used in dyeing. *Bancroft.*

**QUERELE**, *n.* [*L. querela*; *Fr. querelle*.] A complaint to a court. [*Not in use.* See *Audita querela*.] *Ayliffe.*

**QUERENT**, *n.* [*L. querens*, *queror*, to complain.]

The complainant; the plaintiff. [*Not in use.*]

**QUERENT**, *n.* [*L. quærens*, *quæro*, to inquire.]

An inquirer. [*Not much used.*] *Aubrey.*

**QUERIMONIOUS**, *a.* [*L. querimonia*, complaint, from *queror*.]

Complaining; querulous; apt to complain.

**QUERIMONIOUSLY**, *adv.* With complaint; querulously.

**QUERIMONIOUSNESS**, *n.* Disposition to complain; a complaining temper.

**QUERIST**, *n.* [from *L. quæro*, to inquire.] One who inquires or asks questions. *Swift.*

**QUERK**. [*See Quirk.*]

**QUERKENED**, *a.* Choked. [*Illegitimate and obsolete.*]

**QUERL**, *v. t.* [*G. querlen*.] To twirl; to turn or wind round; to coil; as, to querl a cord, thread or rope. [This is a legitimate English word, in common use in New England. It may be a dialectical variation of *whirl*, *Dan. heivrler*, and *twirl*.]

**QUERN**, *n.* [*Sax. cweyrn*, *cweorn*; *Goth. quairn*; *D. kweern*; *Dan. qvern*; *Sw. qvarn*. *Qu. W. cweyrn*, a quick motion, a whirl.]

A hand-mill for grinding grain; a mill, the stone of which was turned by hand, used before the invention of windmills and watermills. *Shak.*

**QUERPO**, *n.* [*Sp. cuerpo*, the body, *L. corpus*; *Sp. en cuerpo de canisa*, half dressed, having on a shirt only.]

A waistcoat or garment close to the body. *Dryden.*

**QUERQUEDULE**, *n.* [*L. querquedula*.] An aquatic fowl, a species of teal of the genus *Anas*. *Encyc.*

**QUERRY**, *n.* A groom. [*See Equerry.*]

**QUERULOUS**, *a.* [*L. querulus*, from *queror*, to complain. See *Quarrel*.]

1. Complaining, or habitually complaining; disposed to murmur; as a *querulous* man or people. *Hooker.*

2. Expressing complaint; as a *querulous* tone of voice.

**QUERULOUSLY**, *adv.* In a complaining manner. *Young.*

**QUERULOUSNESS**, *n.* Disposition to complain, or the habit or practice of murmuring.

**QUERY**, *n.* [from *L. quære*, imperative of *quæro*; perhaps *Ch. Heb. בקר* to seek, to

search, to inquire; *בקר* id.; *Ar. قَرى*

karau, to follow, to seek. Class Gr. No. 51. 53. 55. The sense is to press on, to follow, to urge.]

A question; an inquiry to be answered or resolved.

I will conclude by proposing some queries. *Newton.*

**QUERY**, *v. i.* To ask a question or questions.

Three Cambridge sophs

Each prompt to query, answer and debate.

**QUERY**, *v. t.* To seek; to inquire; as, query the sum or amount; query the motive or the fact.

2. To examine by questions. *Gayton.*

3. To doubt of.

**QUEST**, *n.* [*Fr. quête*, for *queste*; *L. quæro*, *questus*. As the letter *r* is rarely changed into *s*, perhaps the *L. quæsi*, *questus*, may be from the root of *quæso*, *W. crisiau*, to seek, to endeavor, *cais*, effort. See Class Gr. No. 35.]

1. The act of seeking; search; as, to rove in quest of game; to go in quest of a lost child; in quest of property, &c.

2. Inquest; a jury. [*Not used.*] *Shak.*

3. Searchers, collectively. [*Not used.*] *Shak.*

1. Inquiry; examination. [*Not used.*] *Shak.*

5. Request; desire; solicitation.

Gad not abroad at every quest and call

Of an untrain'd hope or passion. *Herbert.*

**QUEST**, *v. i.* To go in search. [*Not used.*]

**QUEST**, *v. t.* To search or seek for. *Herbert.*

**QUESTANT**, *n.* [*supra.*] A seeker. [*Not used.*] *Shak.*

**QUESTION**, *n.* *ques'chun*. [*Fr. Sp. question*; *L. quæstio*. See *Quest*.]

1. The act of asking; an interrogatory; as, to examine by question and answer.

2. That which is asked; something proposed which is to be solved by answer. What is the question?

3. Inquiry; disquisition; discussion.

It is to be put to question, whether it is lawful for christian princes to make an invasive war,

simply for the propagation of the faith. *Bacon.*

4. Dispute or subject of debate.

There arose a question between some of

John's disciples and the Jews, about purifying John iii.

5. Doubt; controversy; dispute. The story is true beyond all question.

This does not bring their truth in question. *Locke.*

6. Trial; examination; judicial trial or inquiry.

Of the hope and the resurrection of the dead

I am called in question. Acts xxiii. xxiv.

7. Examination by torture. *Blackstone. Ayliffe.*

8. Endeavor; effort; act of seeking. [*Not in use.*] *Shak.*

9. In logic, a proposition stated by way of interrogation.

In question, in debate; in the course of examination or discussion; as, the matter or point in question.

**QUESTION**, *v. i.* To ask a question or questions; to inquire by interrogatory or proposition to be answered.

He that questioneth much, shall learn much.

*Bacon.*