

SURCREW, *n.* [*sur* and *crew*.] Additional crew or collection. [*Not in use.*] *Wotton.*

SURCULATE, *v. t.* [*L. surculo.*] To prune. [*Not in use.*]

SURCULATION, *n.* The act of pruning. [*Not in use.*] *Brown.*

SURD, *a.* [*L. surdus*, deaf.] Deaf; not having the sense of hearing. [*Not used.*]

2. Unheard. [*Not used.*]

3. Designating a quantity whose root cannot be exactly expressed in numbers.

SURD, *n.* In algebra, a quantity whose root cannot be exactly expressed in numbers. Thus 2 is a surd number, because there is no number which multiplied into itself, will exactly produce 2.

SURDITY, *n.* Deafness. [*Not used.*]

SURE, *a.* *shure.* [*Fr. sûr, seur*; *Arm. sur*; *Norm. seur, seur.* In G. *zwar* signifies indeed, to be sure, it is true; which leads me to suspect *sure* to be contracted from the root of *sever*, in *L. assevero*, and to be connected with *swear*, and perhaps with *L. verus*; *s* being the remains of a prefix.]

1. Certain; unfailling; infallible.
The testimony of the Lord is *sure*. Ps. xix.
We have also a more *sure* word of prophecy.
2 Pet. i.

2. Certainly knowing, or having full confidence.
We are *sure* that the judgment of God is according to truth— Rom. ii.
Now we are *sure* that thou knowest all things. John xvi.

3. Certain; safe; firm; permanent.
Thy kingdom shall be *sure* to thee. Dan. iv.

4. Firm; stable; steady; not liable to failure, loss or change; as a *sure* covenant.
2 Sam. xxiii. Neh. ix. Is. xxviii.
The Lord will make my lord a *sure* house. 1 Sam. xxv
So we say, to stand *sure*, to be *sure* of foot.

5. Certain of obtaining or of retaining; as, to be *sure* of game; to be *sure* of success; to be *sure* of life or health.

6. Strong; secure; not liable to be broken or disturbed.
Go your way, make it as *sure* as ye can. Math. xxvii.

7. Certain; not liable to failure. The income is *sure*.
To be sure, or be sure, certainly. Shall you go? *be sure* I shall.
To make sure, to make certain; to secure so that there can be no failure of the purpose or object.
Make sure of 'tato. Addison.
A peace cannot fail, provided we *make sure* of Spain. Temple.
Give all diligence to *make* your calling and election *sure*. 2 Pet. i.

SURE, *adv.* Certainly; without doubt; doubtless.
Sure the queen would wish him still unknown. Smith.

[But in this sense, *surely* is more generally used.]

SUREFOOTED, *a.* [*sure* and *foot*.] Not liable to stumble or fall; as a *surefooted* horse.

SURELY, *adv.* Certainly; infallibly; undoubtedly.
In the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt *surely* die. Gen. ii.
He that created something out of nothing, *surely* can raise great things out of small. South.

2. Firmly; without danger of falling.
He that walketh uprightly, walketh *surely*. Prov. x.

SURENESS, *n.* Certainty.
For more *sureness* he repeats it. [*Little used.*] *Woodward.*

SURETISHIP, *n.* [*from surely*.] The state of being surety; the obligation of a person to answer for another, and make good any debt or loss which may occur from another's delinquency.
He that hateth *suretiship* is sure. Prov. xi.

SURETY, *n.* [*Fr. sureté*.] Certainty; indubitableness.
Know of a *surety*, that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs— Gen. xv.

2. Security; safety.
Yet for the more *surety* they looked round about. Sidney.

3. Foundation of stability; support.
We our state
Hold, as you yours, while our obedience holds;
On other *surety* none. Milton.

4. Evidence; ratification; confirmation.
She call'd the saints to *surety*,
That she would never put it from her finger,
Unless she gave it to yourself. Shak.

5. Security against loss or damage; security for payment.
There remains unpaid
A hundred thousand more, in *surety* of the which
One part of Aquitain is bound to us. Shak.

6. In law, one that is bound with and for another; one who enters into a bond or recognition to answer for another's appearance in court, or for his payment of a debt or for the performance of some act, and who, in case of the principal debtor's failure, is compellable to pay the debt or damages; a bondsman; a bail.
He that is *surety* for a stranger, shall smart for it. Prov. xi.
Thy servant became *surety* for the lad to my father. Gen. xlii.

7. In Scripture, Christ is called "the *surety* of a better testament." Heb. vii. 22. He undertook to make atonement for the sins of men, and thus prepare the way to deliver them from the punishment to which they had rendered themselves liable.

8. A hostage.

SURF, *n.* The swell of the sea which breaks upon the shore, or upon sand banks or rocks. *Mar. Dict.*

2. In agriculture, the bottom or conduit of a drain. [*Local.*]

SURFACE, *n.* [*F. sur*, upon, and *face*.] The exterior part of any thing that has length and breadth; one of the limits that terminates a solid; the superficies; outside; as the *surface* of the earth; the *surface* of the sea; the *surface* of a diamond; the *surface* of the body; the *surface* of a cylinder; an even or an uneven *surface*; a smooth or rough *surface*; a spherical *surface*. *Newton. Pope.*

SURFEIT, *v. t.* *surfit*. [*Fr. sur*, over, and *faire, fit*, to do, *L. facio*.]

1. To feed with meat or drink, so as to oppress the stomach and derange the functions of the system; to overfeed and produce sickness or uneasiness.

2. To cloy; to fill to satiety and disgust. He *surfeits* us with his eulogies.

SURFEIT, *v. i.* To be fed till the system is oppressed and sickness or uneasiness ensues.
They are as sick that *surfeit* with too much, as they that starve with nothing. Shak.

SURFEIT, *n.* Fullness and oppression of the system, occasioned by excessive eating and drinking. He has not recovered from a *surfeit*.

2. Excess in eating and drinking.
Now comes the sick hour that his *surfeit* made. Shak.

SURFEITED, *pp.* Sarcharged and oppressed with eating and drinking to excess; cloyed.

SURFEITER, *n.* One who riots; a glutton. Shak.

SURFEITING, *ppr.* Oppressing the system by excessive eating and drinking; cloying; loading or filling to disgust.

SURFEITING, *n.* The act of feeding to excess; gluttony. Luke xxi.

SURFEIT-WATER, *n.* [*surfeit* and *water*.] Water for the cure of surfeits. Locke.

SURGE, *n.* [*L. surgo*, to rise; Sans. *surgo*, lighth.]

1. A large wave or billow; a great rolling swell of water. [*It is not applied to small waves, and is chiefly used in poetry and eloquence.*]
He flies aloft, and with impetuous roar,
Pursues the foaming *surges* to the shore. Dryden

2. In ship-building, the tapered part in front of the whelps, between the chocks of a capstan, on which the messenger may sarge. Cye.

SURGE, *v. t.* To let go a portion of a rope suddenly. *Surge* the messenger. *Mar. Dict.*

SURGE, *v. i.* To swell; to rise high and roll; as waves.
The *surging* waters like a mountain rise. Spenser.

2. To slip back; as, the eable *surges*.

SURGELESS, *a.* *surjless*. Free from surges; smooth; calm.

SURGEON, *n.* *surjen*. [contracted from *chirurgion*.]
One whose profession or occupation is to cure diseases or injuries of the body by manual operation. In a more general sense, one whose occupation is to cure external diseases, whether by manual operation, or by medicines externally or internally.

SURGERY, *n.* Properly, the act of healing by manual operation; or that branch of medical science which treats of manual operations for the healing of diseases or injuries of the body. In a more general sense, the act of healing external diseases by manual operation or by medicines; or that branch of medical science which has for its principal object the cure of external injuries. Cooper.

SURGICAL, *a.* Pertaining to surgeons or surgery; done by means of surgery.

SURGING, *ppr.* Swelling and rolling, as billows.
Surging waves against a solid rock. Milton.

SURGY, *a.* Rising in surges or billows; full of surges; as the *surgy* main. Pope.

SURICATE, *n.* An animal like the ichneumon; the four toed weasel. *Dick.*