

SHRINK'ER, *n.* One that shrinks; one that withdraws from danger.

SHRINK'ING, *ppr.* Contracting; drawing together; withdrawing from danger; declining to act from fear; causing to contract.

SHRIV'ALTY. [See *Shrivaltly*.]

SHRIVE, *v. t.* [Sax. *scrifan*, to take a confession. But the sense seems to be to enjoin or impose penance, or simply to enjoin.]

To hear or receive the confession of; to administer confession; as a priest.

He *shrives* this woman. *Obs.* *Shak.*
SHRIVEL, *v. i.* *shriv'l.* [from the root of *riuel*, Sax. *gerifted*.]

To contract; to draw or be drawn into wrinkles; to shrink and form corrugations; as, a leaf *shrivels* in the hot sun; the skin *shrivels* with age.

SHRIV'EL, *v. t.* To contract into wrinkles; to cause to shrink into corrugations. A scorching sun *shrivels* the blades of corn.

And *shrivel'd* herbs on withering stems decay. *Dryden.*

SHRIV'ELED, *pp.* Contracted into wrinkles.

SHRIV'ELING, *ppr.* Contracting into wrinkles.

SHRIVER, *n.* [from *shrive*.] A confessor. *Obs.* *Shak.*

SHRIVING, *n.* Shrift; confession taken. *Obs.* *Spenser.*

SHROUD, *n.* [Sax. *scrud*, clothing.]
1. A shelter; a cover; that which covers, conceals or protects.

Swaddled, as new born, in sable *shrouds*. *Sandys.*

2. The dress of the dead; a winding sheet. *Young.*

3. *Shroud* or *shrouds* of a ship, a range of large ropes extending from the head of a mast to the right and left sides of the ship, to support the mast; as the main *shrouds*; fore *shrouds*; mizen *shrouds*. There are also futtock *shrouds*, bowsprit *shrouds*, &c. *Mar. Dict.*

4. A branch of a tree. [*Not proper.*] *Warton.*

SHROUD, *v. t.* To cover; to shelter from danger or annoyance.

Under your beams I will me safely *shroud*. *Spenser.*

One of these trees with all its young ones, may *shroud* four hundred horsemen. *Raleigh.*

2. To dress for the grave; to cover; as a dead body.

The ancient Egyptian mummies were *shrouded* in several folds of linen besmeared with gums. *Bacon.*

3. To cover; to conceal; to hide; as, to be *shrouded* in darkness.

—Some tempest rise,
And blow out all the stars that light the skies,
To *shroud* my shame. *Dryden.*

4. To defend; to protect by hiding.
So Venus from prevailing Greeks did *shroud*
The hope of Rome, and sav'd him in a cloud. *Waller.*

5. To overwhelm; as, to be *shrouded* in despair.

6. To lop the branches of a tree. [*Unusual or improper.*] *Chambers.*

SHROUD, *v. i.* To take shelter or harbor.
If your stray attendants be yet lodg'd
Or *shroud* within these limits— *Milton.*

SHROUD'ED, *pp.* Dressed; covered; concealed; sheltered; overwhelmed.

SHROUD'ING, *ppr.* Dressing; covering; concealing; sheltering; overwhelming.

SHROUD'Y, *a.* Affording shelter. *Milton.*

SHROVE, *v. i.* To join in the festivities of Shrove-tide. [*Obs.*] *Beaum.*

SHROVE-TIDE, *n.* [from *shrove*, pret. of *shrive*, to take a confession. See *Tide* and *Tuesday*.]

Confession-time; confession-Tuesday; the Tuesday after Quinquagesima Sunday, or the day immediately preceding the first of Lent, or Ash Wednesday; on which day, all the people of England when of the Catholic religion, were obliged to confess their sins one by one to their parish priests; after which they dined on pancakes or fritters. The latter practice still continues. The bell rung on this day is called pancake-bell. *Encyc.*

SHROVING, *n.* The festivity of Shrove-tide.

SHRUB, *n.* [Sax. *scrub*, G. *schroff*, rugged; Ir. *sgrabach*, rough. See *Scrub*.]

A low dwarf tree; a woody plant of a size less than a tree; or more strictly, a plant with several permanent woody stems, dividing from the bottom, more slender and lower than in trees. *Encyc. Martyn.*
Gooseberries and currants are *shrubs*; oaks and cherries are trees. *Locke.*

SHRUB, *n.* [Ar. شرب drink, and from the same source, *sirup*. The Arabic verb signifies to drink, to imbibe, whence L. *sorbeo*. See *Sherbet* and *Absorb*.]

A liquor composed of acid and sugar, with spirit to preserve it; usually the acid of lemons.

SHRUB, *v. t.* To clear of shrubs. *Anderson.*

SHRUB'ERY, *n.* Shrubs in general.

2. A plantation of shrubs.

SHRUBBY, *a.* Full of shrubs; as a *shrubby* plain.

2. Resembling a shrub; as plants *shrubby* and curled. *Mortimer.*

3. Consisting of shrubs or brush; as *shrubby* browse. *Philips.*

4. A *shrubby* plant is perennial, with several woody stems. *Martyn.*

SHRUFF, *n.* [G. *schroff*, rugged.] Dross; recrement of metals. [*Not in use.*] *Dict.*

SHRUG, *v. t.* [This word is probably formed from the root of G. *rücken*, the back. D. *rug*, Sax. *hric* or *hryg*, the back, a ridge, W. *crug*, a heap, *crug*, a crook, L. *ruga*, a wrinkle, Eug. *rough*.]

To draw up; to contract; as, to *shrug* the shoulders. The word seems to be limited in its use to the shoulders, and to denote a particular motion which raises the shoulders and rounds the back.

SHRUG, *v. i.* To raise or draw up the shoulders, as in expressing horror or dissatisfaction.

They grin, they *shrug*,
They bow, they snarl, they scratch, they hug. *Swift.*

SHRUG, *n.* A drawing up of the shoulders; a motion usually expressing dislike.

The Spaniards talk in dialogues
Of heads and shoulders, nods and *shrugs*. *Hudibras.*

SHRUG'ING, *ppr.* Drawing up, as the shoulders.

SHRUNK, *pret.* and *pp.* of *shrink*.

SHRUNK'EN, *pp.* of *shrink*. [*Nearly obsolete.*]

SHUD'DER, *v. i.* [G. *schauern*, *schüttelein*; D. *schudden*. This word contains the same elements as the L. *quatio*.]

To quake; to tremble or shake with fear, horror or aversion; to shiver.

I love—alas! I *shudder* at the name. *Smith.*

SHUD'DER, *n.* A tremor; a shaking with fear or horror. *Shak.*

SHUD'DERING, *ppr.* Trembling or shaking with fear or horror; quaking.

SHUFF'LE, *v. t.* [D. *schaffelen*, to shove, to shovel, to shuffle; *dim.* of *shove*. See *Shove* and *Scuffle*.]

1. Properly, to shove one way and the other; to push from one to another; as, to *shuffle* money from hand to hand. *Locke.*

2. To mix by pushing or shoving; to confuse; to throw into disorder; especially, to change the relative positions of cards in the pack.

A man may *shuffle* cards or rattle dice from noon to midnight, without tracing a new idea in his mind. *Rambler.*

3. To remove or introduce by artificial confusion.

It was contrived by your enemies, and *shuffled* into the papers that were seized. *Dryden.*

To *shuffle off*, to push off; to rid one's self of. When you lay blame to a child, he will attempt to *shuffle it off*.

To *shuffle up*, to throw together in haste; to make up or form in confusion or with fraudulent disorder; as, he *shuffled up* a peace. *Howell.*

SHUFF'LE, *v. i.* To change the relative position of cards in a pack by little shoves; as, to *shuffle* and cut.

2. To change the position; to shift ground; to prevaricate; to evade fair questions; to practice shifts to elude detection.

Hiding my honor in my necessity, I am fain to *shuffle*. *Shak.*

3. To struggle; to shift.

Your life, good master,
Must *shuffle* for itself. *Shak.*

4. To move with an irregular gait; as a *shuffling* nag.

5. To shove the feet; to scrape the floor in dancing. [*Vulgar.*] *Shak.*

SHUFF'LE, *n.* A shoving, pushing or jostling; the act of mixing and throwing into confusion by change of places.

The unguided agitation and rude *shuffles* of matter. *Bentley.*

2. An evasion; a trick; an artifice. *L'Estrange.*

SHUFF'LE-BOARD, the old spelling of *shovel-board*.

SHUFF'LE-CAP, *n.* A play performed by shaking money in a hat or cap. *Arbuthnot.*

SHUFF'LED, *pp.* Moved by little shoves; mixed.

SHUFF'LER, *n.* One that shuffles or prevaricates; one that plays tricks; one that shuffles cards.

SHUFF'LING, *ppr.* Moving by little shoves one way and the other; changing the places of cards; prevaricating; evading; playing tricks.

2. *a.* Evasive; as a *shuffling* excuse.