

DOUBLE, *n.* Twice as much; twice the number, sum, value, quantity or length.

If the thief be found, let him pay *double*. Ex. xxi.

2. A turn in running to escape pursuers. *Blackmore.*

3. A trick; a shift; an artifice to deceive. *Addison.*

DOUBLED, *pp.* Folded; increased by adding an equal quantity, sum or value; repeated; turned or passed round.

DOUBLENESS, *n.* The state of being doubled. *Shak.*

2. Duplicity.

DOUBLER, *n.* He that doubles.

2. An instrument for augmenting a very small quantity of electricity, so as to render it manifest by sparks or the electrometer. *Cyc.*

DOUBLET, *n.* [Fr. *doublet*; Fr. *doublet*.]

1. The inner garment of a man; a waistcoat or vest. *Grev.*

2. Two; a pair.

3. Among lapidaries, a counterfeit stone composed of two pieces of crystal, with a color between them, so that they have the same appearance as if the whole substance of the crystal were colored. *Encyc.*

DOUBLETS, *n.* A game on dice within tables.

2. The same number on both dice. *Encyc.*

3. A double meaning. *Mason.*

DOUBLING, *pp.* Making twice the sum, number or quantity; repeating; passing round; turning to escape.

DOUBLING, *n.* The act of making double; also, a fold; a plait; also, an artifice; a shift.

DOUBLOON, *n.* [Fr. *doublon*; Sp. *doblón*; It. *doblone*.]

A Spanish and Portuguese coin, being double the value of the pistole. *Encyc.*

DOUBLY, *adv.* In twice the quantity; to twice the degree; as *doubly* wise or good; to be *doubly* sensible of an obligation. *Dryden.*

DOUBT, *v. i.* *dout*. [Fr. *douter*; L. *dubito*; It. *dubitare*; Sp. *dudar*; Arm. *douli*. According to Ainsworth, this is composed of *duo* and *bito*, to go. It is evidently from the root of *dubius*, and of *two*; but the manner of formation is not clear. So D. *twiefelen*, to doubt, G. *zweifeln*, Sw. *twifla*, D. *twieler*, are from *two*.]

1. To waver or fluctuate in opinion; to hesitate; to be in suspense; to be in uncertainty, respecting the truth or fact; to be undecided.

Even in matters divine, concerning some things, we may lawfully *doubt* and suspend our judgment. *Hooker.*

So we say, I *doubt* whether it is proper; I *doubt* whether I shall go; sometimes with *of*, as we *doubt of* a fact.

2. To fear; to be apprehensive; to suspect. I *doubt* there's deep resentment in his mind. *Otway.*

DOUBT, *v. t.* *dout*. To question, or hold questionable; to withhold assent from; to hesitate to believe; as, I have heard the story, but I *doubt* the truth of it.

2. To fear; to suspect.

If they turn not back perverse;

But that I *doubt*. *Milton.*

3. To distrust; to withhold confidence from; as, to *doubt* our ability to execute an office.

To admire superior sense, and *doubt* their own.

Pope.

4. To fill with fear. *Obs.* *Beaumont.*

DOUBT, *n.* *dout*. A fluctuation of mind respecting truth or propriety, arising from defect of knowledge or evidence; uncertainty of mind; suspense; unsettled state of opinion; as, to have *doubts* respecting the theory of the tides.

Joseph is without *doubt* rent in pieces. Gen. xxxvii.

2. Uncertainty of condition. Thy life shall hang in *doubt* before thee. Deut. xxviii.

3. Suspicion; fear; apprehension. I stand in *doubt* of you. Gal. iv.

4. Difficulty objected. To every *doubt* your answer is the same. *Blackmore.*

5. Dread; horror and danger. *Obs.*

DOUBTABLE, *a.* That may be doubted. *Sherwood.*

DOUBTED, *pp.* Scrupled; questioned; not certain or settled.

DOUBTER, *n.* One who doubts; one whose opinion is unsettled; one who scruples.

DOUBTFUL, *a.* Dubious; not settled in opinion; undetermined; wavering; hesitating; applied to persons; as, we are *doubtful* of a fact, or of the propriety of a measure.

2. Dubious; ambiguous; not clear in its meaning; as a *doubtful* expression.

3. Admitting of doubt; not obvious, clear or certain; questionable; not decided; as a *doubtful* case; a *doubtful* proposition; it is *doubtful* what will be the event of the war.

4. Of uncertain issue. We have sustained one day in *doubtful* fight. *Milton.*

5. Not secure; suspicious; as, we cast a *doubtful* eye. *Hooker.*

6. Not confident; not without fear; indicating doubt. With *doubtful* feet, and wavering resolution. *Milton.*

7. Not certain or defined; as a *doubtful* law. *Milton.*

DOUBTFULLY, *adv.* In a doubtful manner; doubtfully. *Spenser.*

2. With doubt; irresolutely.

3. Ambiguously; with uncertainty of meaning.

Nor did the goddess *doubtfully* declare. *Dryden.*

4. In a state of dread. *Obs.* *Spenser.*

DOUBTFULNESS, *n.* A state of doubt or uncertainty of mind; dubiousness; suspense; instability of opinion. *Watts.*

2. Ambiguity; uncertainty of meaning. *Locke.*

3. Uncertainty of event or issue; uncertainty of condition. *Johnson.*

DOUBTING, *pp.* Wavering in mind; calling in question; hesitating.

DOUBTINGLY, *adv.* In a doubting manner; doubtfully; without confidence.

DOUBLELESS, *a.* Free from fear of danger; secure. *Obs.*

Pretty child, sleep *doubleless* and secure. *Shak.*

DOUBLELESS, *adv.* Without doubt or question; unquestionably.

The histories of Christ by the evangelists are *doubleless* authentic.

DOUBTLESSLY, *adv.* Unquestionably. *Beaumont.*

DOUCED, *n.* [from Fr. *douce*.] A musical instrument. [Not in use.] *Chaucer.*

DOUCET, *n.* [Fr.] A custard. [Not in use.]

DOUCEUR, *n.* [Fr. from *doux*, sweet, L. *dulcis*.] A present or gift; a bribe.

DOUCINE, *n.* [Fr.] A molding concave above and convex below, serving as a cymatorium to a delicate cornice; a gula. *Encyc.*

DOUCKER, *n.* [See *Duck*.] A fowl that dips or dives in water. *Ray.*

DOUGH, *n.* *do*. [Sax. *dah*; D. *deeg*; Sw. *deg*; Dan. *dej*; G. *teig*. Probably a soft mass, and perhaps allied to *thick*. See Class Dg. No. 8. 17. 21. 22. 36.]

Paste of bread; a mass composed of flour or meal moistened and kneaded, but not baked.

My *cake* is *dough*, that is, my undertaking has not come to maturity. *Shak.*

DOUGH-BAKED, *a.* Unfinished; not hardened to perfection; soft. *Donne.*

DOUGH-KNEADED, *a.* Soft; like dough. *Milton.*

DOUGH-NUT, *n.* [dough and nut.] A small roundish cake, made of flour, eggs and sugar, moistened with milk and boiled in lard.

DOUGHTINESS, *n.* *doutliness*. [See *Doughty*.] Valor; bravery.

DOUGHTY, *a.* *doutly*. [Sax. *dahlig*, brave, noble; Dan. *dygtig*, able, fit; Sax. *dugan*, to be able or strong, to be good; D. *deugen*; G. *taugen*; Sw. *duga*; Dan. *duer*; hence Sax. *dugoth*, valor, strength or virtue; Ir. *deagh*, *digh*, good; allied probably to L. *deco*. See *Decent*.]

Brave; valiant; eminent; noble; illustrious; as a *doughty* hero.

It is now seldom used except in irony or burlesque. *Pope.*

DOUGHY, *a.* *doy*. Like dough; soft; yielding to pressure; pale. *Shak.*

DOUSE, *v. t.* [This word seems to accord with *douse*, or rather with the Gr. *δουω*, *deus*.]

1. To thrust or plunge into water. In *seamen's language*, to strike or lower in haste; to slacken suddenly. *Douse* the top-sail. *Mar. Dict.*

DOUSE, *v. i.* To fall suddenly into water. *Hudibras.*

DOUT, *v. t.* [Qn. *do out*.] To put out; to extinguish. *Shak.*

DOUTER, *n.* An extinguisher for candles.

DOUZEAVE, *n.* *doo'zee*. [Fr. *douze*, twelve.] In music, a scale of twelve degrees. *J. M. Fisher.*

DOVE, *n.* [Sax. *duwa*; Goth. *dubo*; D. *duif*; G. *taube*; Dan. *due*; Sw. *dufva*; Ice. *dufa*; Gypsey, *tovadi*; Hindoo, *tubbler*; Scot. dove; probably from cooing, Heb.

דבב to murmur, or Ar. هذف hatafa, to coo, as a dove.]

1. The *quas*, or domestic pigeon, a species of Columba. Its color is a deep bluish ash color; the breast is dashed with a fine changeable green and purple; the sides of the neck, with a copper color. In a wild state, it builds its nest in holes of rocks or in hollow trees, but it is easily domesticated.