

RES/PIT, *n.* [Fr. *repit*.] Pause; temporary intermission of labor, or of any process or operation; interval of rest.

Some pause and *respit* only I require.

Denham.

2. In law, reprieve; temporary suspension of the execution of a capital offender.

Milton. Prior.

3. Delay; forbearance; prolongation of time for the payment of a debt beyond the legal time.

4. The delay of appearance at court granted to a jury, beyond the proper term.

Blackstone.

RES/PIT, *v. t.* To relieve by a pause or interval of rest.

To *respit* his day-labor with repast.

Milton.

2. To suspend the execution of a criminal beyond the time limited by the sentence; to delay for a time.

Clarendon.

3. To give delay of appearance at court; as, to *respit* a jury.

Blackstone.

RES/PITED, *pp.* Relieved from labor; allowed a temporary suspension of execution.

RES/PITING, *ppr.* Relieving from labor; suspending the execution of a capital offender.

RESPLENDENCE, } *n.* [L. *resplendens*.
RESPLENDENCY, } *resplendo*; *re* and
splendo, to shine.]

Brilliant luster; vivid brightness; splendor.

Son! thou in whom my glory I behold
In full *resplendence*, heir of all my might.

Milton.

RESPLENDENT, *a.* [supra.] Very bright; shining with brilliant luster.

With royal arras and *resplendent* gold.

Spenser.

RESPLENDENTLY, *adv.* With brilliant luster; with great brightness.

RESPLIT, *v. t.* [*re* and *split*.] To split again.

RESPOND', *v. i.* [Fr. *repondre*; It. *rispondere*; Sp. *responder*; L. *respondeo*; *re* and *spondeo*, to promise, that is, to send to. Hence *respondeo* is to send back.]

1. To answer; to reply.

A new affliction strings a new chord in the heart, which *responds* to some new note of complaint within the wide scale of human woe.

Buckminster.

2. To correspond; to suit.

To every theme *responds* thy various lay.

Broome.

3. To be answerable; to be liable to make payment; as, the defendant is held to *respond* in damages.

RESPOND', *v. t.* To answer; to satisfy by payment. The surety was held to *respond* the judgment of court. The goods attached shall be held to *respond* the judgment.

Sedgwick, Mass. Rep.

RESPOND', *n.* A short anthem interrupting the middle of a chapter, which is not to proceed till the anthem is ended.

Wheatly.

2. An answer. [Not in use.]

Ch. Relig. Appeal.

RESPONDED, *pp.* Answered; satisfied by payment.

RESPOND'ENT, *a.* Answering; that answers to demand or expectation.

—Wealth *respondent* to payment and contributions.

Bacon.

RESPOND'ENT, *n.* One that answers in a suit, particularly a chancery suit.

2. In the schools, one who maintains a thesis in reply, and whose province is to refute objections or overthrow arguments.

Watts.

RESPOND'ING, *ppr.* Answering; corresponding.

RESPONS'AL, *a.* Answerable; responsible. [Not in use.]

Heylin.

RESPONS'AL, *n.* Response; answer.

Brevint.

2. One who is responsible. [Not in use.]

Barrow.

RESPONSE, *n.* *respons'*. [L. *responsum*.]

1. An answer or reply; particularly, an oracular answer.

2. The answer of the people or congregation to the priest, in the litany and other parts of divine service.

Addison.

3. Reply to an objection in a formal disputation.

Watts.

4. In the Romish church, a kind of anthem sung after the morning lesson.

5. In a fugue, a repetition of the given subject by another part.

Busby.

RESPONSIB'ITY, *n.* [from *responsible*.]

1. The state of being accountable or answerable, as for a trust or office, or for a debt.

Burke. Paley.

It is used in the plural; as heavy *responsibilities*.

Johnson's Rep.

2. Ability to answer in payment; means of paying contracts.

RESPONS'IBLE, *a.* [from L. *responsus*, *respondeo*.]

1. Liable to account; accountable; answerable; as for a trust reposed, or for a debt. We are all *responsible* for the talents entrusted to us by our Creator. A guardian is *responsible* for the faithful discharge of his duty to his ward. The surety is *responsible* for the debt of his principal.

2. Able to discharge an obligation; or having estate adequate to the payment of a debt. In taking bail, the officer will ascertain whether the proposed surety is a *responsible* man.

RESPONS'IBLENESS, *n.* State of being liable to answer, repay or account; responsibility.

2. Ability to make payment of an obligation or demand.

RESPON'SION, *n.* [L. *responsio*.] The act of answering. [Not used.]

RESPONS'IVE, *a.* Answering; making reply.

2. Correspondent; suited to something else.

The vocal lay *responsive* to the stings.

Pope.

RESPONS'ORY, *a.* Containing answer.

RESPONS'ORY, *n.* A response; the answer of the people to the priest in the alternate speaking, in church service.

REST, *n.* [Sax. *rest*, *rast*, quiet or a lying down; Dan. G. Sw. *rast*; D. *rust*. The German has also *ruhe*, Sw. *ro*, Dan. *roe*, rest, repose. In W. *araws*, and *arosi*, signify to stay, stop, wait. This Teutonic word cannot be the L. *resto*, if the latter is a compound of *re* and *sto*; but is an original word of the Class Rd, Rs. See the Verb.]

1. Cessation of motion or action of any kind, and applicable to any body or being; as *rest* from labor; *rest* from mental exer-

tion; *rest* of body or mind. A body is at *rest*, when it ceases to move; the mind is at *rest*, when it ceases to be disturbed or agitated; the sea is never at *rest*. Hence,

2. Quiet; repose; a state free from motion or disturbance; a state of reconciliation to God.

Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find *rest* to your souls.

Matt. xi.

3. Sleep; as, retire to *rest*.

4. Peace; national quiet.

The land had *rest* eighty years. *Judg. iii.*

Deut. xii.

5. The final sleep, death.

Dryden.

6. A place of quiet; permanent habitation. Ye are not as yet come to the *rest*, and to the inheritance which the Lord your God giveth you. *Deut. xii.*

7. Any place of repose. In dust, our final *rest*, and native home.

Milton.

8. That on which any thing leans or lies for support. I Kings vi. Their vizors clos'd, their lances in the *rest*.

Dryden.

9. In poetry, a short pause of the voice in reading; a cesura.

10. In philosophy, the continuance of a body in the same place.

11. Final hope. Sea fights have been final to the war; but this is, when princes set up their *rest* upon the battle.

Bacon.

12. Cessation from tillage. *Lev. xxv.*

13. The gospel church or new covenant state in which the people of God enjoy repose, and Christ shall be glorified. *Is. xi.*

14. In music, a pause; an interval during which the voice is intermitted; also, the mark of such intermission.

REST, *n.* [Fr. *reste*, from *rester*, to remain, L. *resto*.]

1. That which is left, or which remains after the separation of a part, either in fact or in contemplation; remainder.

Religion gives part of its reward in hand, the present comfort of having done our duty, and for the *rest*, it offers us the best security that heaven can give.

Tillotson.

2. Others; those not included in a proposition or description. [In this sense, *rest* is a noun, but with a singular termination expressing plurality.]

Plato and the *rest* of the philosophers—

Stillfleet.

Arm'd like the *rest*, the Trojan prince appears.

Dryden.

The election hath obtained it and the *rest* were blinded. *Rom. xi.*

REST, *v. i.* [Sax. *restan*, *hrestan*, to pause, to cease, to be quiet; D. *rusten*; G. *ras-ten*; Sw. *rasta*. See Class Rd. No. 81. 82.]

1. To cease from action or motion of any kind; to stop; a word applicable to any body or being, and to any kind of motion.

2. To cease from labor, work or performance.

God *rested* on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. *Gen. ii.*

So the people *rested* on the seventh day. *Ex. xvi.*

3. To be quiet or still; to be undisturbed. There *rest*, if any rest can harbor there.

Milton.

4. To cease from war; to be at peace. And the land *rested* from war. *Josh. xi.*