

endeavors to change its state, either of motion or rest. Action and reaction are equal. *Newton. Arbuthnot.*

2. Any action in resisting other action or power.

READ, *n.* [Sax. *rad.* See the Verb.]
1. Counsel. [Obs.] *Sternhold.*

2. Saying; sentence. *Obs.*

READ, *v. t.* The preterite and pp. *read*, is pronounced *red*. [Sax. *rad*, *rad*, *red*, speech, discourse, counsel, advice, knowledge, benefit, *reason*; *radan*, *redan*, to read, to decree, to appoint, to command, to rule or govern, to conjecture, to give or take counsel; *aradan*, to read, to tell, to narrate; *geradan*, to read, to consult; *gerad*, mode, condition or state, reason, ratio or account, knowledge, instruction or learning, and as an adjective or participle, knowing, instructed, *ready*, suited; *gerad beon*, to be *ready*, to accord or agree; *geradod*, excited, quick. These significations unite this word with *ready*, which see. *G. rede*, speech, talk, account; *reden*, to speak; *D. rede*, speech; *reden*, reason; *Dan. rede*, account, and *ready*; *G. bereden*, to *berate*; *rath*, advice, counsel, a council or senate; *rathen*, to advise, to conjecture or guess, to solve a *riddle*; *D. raad*, counsel, advice; *raaden*, to counsel; *Sw. råd*, *Dan. raad*, counsel; *råda*, *raader*, to counsel, to instruct; *W. rhaiith*, straight, right, that is, set right, decision, verdict; *rheilheg*, rhetoric, from *rhaiith*; *Dan. ret*, law, justice, right, *reason*; *Sw. rått*, *rätta*, id.; *Ir. radh*, a saying; *radham*, to say, tell, relate; *W. adrauez*, to tell or rehearse; *Gr. πρῶ*, for *πεῖω*, to say or tell, to flow; *πρῶπ*, a speaker, a *rhetorician*; *Goth. rod-yan*, to speak. The primary sense of *read* is to speak, to utter, that is, to push, drive or advance. This is also the primary sense of *ready*, that is, prompt or advancing, quick. The Sax. *gerad*, *ready*, accords also in elements with the *W. rhåd*, *L. gratia*, the primary sense of which is prompt to favor, advancing towards, free. The elements of these words are the same as those of *ride* and *L. gradior*, &c. The sense of *reason* is secondary, that which is uttered, said or set forth; hence counsel also. The *Sw. råtta*, *Dan. ret*, if not contracted words, are from the same root. See *Ready*. Class Rd. No. 1. 3. 5. 9. 26.]

1. To utter or pronounce written or printed words, letters or characters in the proper order; to repeat the names or utter the sounds customarily annexed to words, letters or characters; as, to *read* a written or printed discourse; to *read* the letters of an alphabet; to *read* figures; to *read* the notes of music, or to *read* music.
2. To inspect and understand words or characters; to peruse silently; as, to *read* a paper or letter without uttering the words; to *read* to one's self.
3. To discover or understand by characters, marks or features; as, to *read* a man's thoughts in his countenance.

To *read* the interior structure of the globe. *Journ. of Science.*

An armed corsé did lie,
In whose dead face he *read* great magnanimity. *Spenser.*

4. To learn by observation.

Those about her
From her shall *read* the perfect ways of honor. *Shak.*

5. To know fully.

Who isn't can *read* a woman? *Shak.*

6. To suppose; to guess. *Obs.* *Spenser.*

7. To advise. *Obs.* *Spenser.*

READ, *v. i.* To perform the act of reading.
So they *read* in the book of the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense. *Neh. viii.*

2. To be studious; to practice much reading.

It is sure that Fleury *reads*. *Taylor.*

3. To learn by reading.

I have *read* of an eastern king who put a judge to death for an iniquitous sentence. *Swift.*

4. To tell; to declare. [Not in use.] *Spenser.*

READ, *pp. red.* Uttered; pronounced, as written words in the proper order; as, the letter was *read* to the family.

2. Silently perused.

READ, *a. red.* Instructed or knowing by reading; versed in books; learned. *Will. read* is the phrase commonly used. as *well read* in history; *well read* in the classics.

A poet *well read* in Longinus— *Addison.*

RE/ADABLE, *a.* That may be read; fit to be read. *Hurd.*

READEP/TION, *n.* [from *L. re* and *adeptus*, obtained.]

A regaining; recovery of something lost. [Not much used.] *Bacon.*

RE/ADER, *n.* One that reads; any person who pronounces written words; particularly, one whose office is to read prayers in a church.

2. By way of distinction, one that reads much; one studious in books.

RE/ADERSHIP, *n.* [See *Read*.] The office of reading prayers in a church. *Swift.*

READILY, *adv. red'ily.* [See *Ready*.] Quickly; promptly; easily. I *readily* perceive the distinction you make.

2. Cheerfully; without delay or objection; without reluctance. He *readily* granted my request.

READINESS, *n. red'iness.* [from *ready*.]

1. Quickness; promptness; promptitude; facility; freedom from hinderance or obstruction; as *readiness* of speech; *readiness* of thought; *readiness* of mind in suggesting an answer; *readiness* of reply.
2. Promptitude; cheerfulness; willingness; alacrity; freedom from reluctance; as, to grant a request or assistance with *readiness*.

They received the word with all *readiness* of mind. *Acts xvii.*

3. A state of preparation; fitness of condition. The troops are in *readiness*.

RE/ADING, *ppr.* Pronouncing or perusing written or printed words or characters of a book or writing.

2. Discovering by marks; understanding.

READING, *n.* The act of reading; perusal.

2. Study of books; as a man of extensive *reading*.

3. A lecture or prelection.

4. Public recital.

The Jews had their weekly *readings* of the law. *Hooker.*

5. In *criticism*, the manner of reading the manuscripts of ancient authors, where the

words or letters are obscure. No small part of the business of critics is to settle the true *reading*, or real words used by the author; and the various *readings* of different critics are often perplexing.

6. A commentary or gloss on a law, text or passage. *Encyc.*

7. In *legislation*, the formal recital of a bill by the proper officer, before the house which is to consider it. In Congress and in the state legislatures, a bill must usually have three several *readings* on different days, before it can be passed into a law.

READJOURN', *v. t.* [re and *adjourn*.] To adjourn a second time.

2. To cite or summon again. [Not used.] *Cotgrave.*

READJUST', *v. t.* [re and *adjust*.] To settle again; to put in order again what had been decomposed. *Fielding.*

READJUSTED, *pp.* Adjusted again; re-settled.

READJUST'ING, *ppr.* Adjusting again.

READJUSTMENT, *n.* A second adjustment.

READMISSION, *n.* [re and *admission*.]

The act of admitting again what had been excluded; as the *readmission* of fresh air into an exhausted receiver; the *readmission* of a student into a seminary. *Arbuthnot.*

READMIT', *v. t.* [re and *admit*.] To admit again.

Whose ear is ever open and his eye

Gracious to *readmit* the suppliant. *Milton.*

READMIT'TANCE, *n.* A second admittance; allowance to enter again.

READOPT', *v. t.* [re and *adopt*.] To adopt again. *Young.*

READORN', *v. t.* To adorn anew; to decorate a second time. *Blackmore.*

READVERT'ENCY, *n.* [re and *advertency*.] The act of reviewing. *Norris.*

READY, *a. red'y.* [Sax. *rad*, *hrad*, *hrad*, quick, brisk, prompt, ready; *gerad*, prepared, ready, prudent, learned; *hradian*, *gehradian*, to hasten, to accelerate; *geradian*, to make ready; *D. reeden*, to prepare; *reed*, pret. of *ryden*, to ride; *reede*, a road; *bercid*, ready; *berciden*, to prepare; *gerced*, ready; *G. bercit*, id.; *berciten*, to prepare, and to ride; *reede*, a road; *Dan. rede*, ready; *reder*, to make the bed, to rid; *rede*, an account; Sax. *rad*, from the root of *read*; *bereder*, to prepare; *ridder*, *berider*, to ride; *Sw. reda*, to make ready, to clear or disentangle, Eng. to rid; *redo*, ready; *rida*, to ride; *bereda*, to prepare; *Ir. reidh*, ready; *reidhim*, to prepare, to agree; *Gr. padio*, easy; *W. rhedu*, to run. The primary sense is to go, move, or advance forward, and it seems to be clear that *ready*, *ride*, *read*, *riddle*, are all of one family, and probably from the root of *L. gradior*. See *Read* and *Red*. Class Rd. No. 23.]

1. Quick; prompt; not hesitating; as *ready* wit; a *ready* consent.

2. Quick to receive or comprehend; not slow or dull; as a *ready* apprehension.

3. Quick in action or execution; dextrous; as an artist *ready* in his business; a *ready* writer. *Ps. xlv.*

4. Prompt; not delayed; present in hand. He makes *ready* payment; he pays *ready* money for every thing he buys.