

**DREDGE**, *v. t.* To take, catch or gather with a dredge. *Carew.*

**DREDGE**, *v. t.* [This seems to be connected with the *Fr. drague*, grains, *dragée*, sugar plums, small shot, meslin.] To sprinkle flour on roast meat.

**DREDGE**, *n.* One who fishes with a dredge; also, an utensil for scattering flour on meat while roasting.

**DREDGING-BOX**, *n.* A box used for dredging meat.

**DREDGING-MACHINE**, *n.* An engine used to take up mud or gravel from the bottom of rivers, docks, &c. *Cyc.*

**DREE**, *v. t.* [*Sax. dreah.*] To suffer. [*Not used.*]

**DREG-GINESS**, *n.* [from *dreggy*.] Fullness of dregs or lees; foulness; feculence.

**DREG-GISH**, *a.* Full of dregs; foul with lees; feculent. *Harvey.*

**DREG-GY**, *a.* [See *Dregs*.] Containing dregs or lees; consisting of dregs; foul; muddy; feculent. *Boyle.*

**DREGS**, *n. plu.* [*Sw. drägg*; *Dan. drag*; *Gr. ῥεῦς, ῥεῦμα*.] That which is drained or thrown off, or that which subsides. See *Class Rep. No. 8. 28. 58.*

1. The sediment of liquors; lees; grounds; feculence; any foreign matter of liquors that subsides to the bottom of a vessel.

2. Waste or worthless matter; dross; sweepings; refuse. Hence, the most vile and despicable part of men; as the *dregs* of society.

*Dreg*, in the singular, is found in Spenser, but is not now used.

**DREIN**. [See *Drain*.]

**DRENCH**, *v. t.* [*Sax. drencean*, to drench, to soak, to inebriate, and *drencean*, to drink; to give drink; *drenc*, drench, and drink; *D. drenken*; *G. tränken*, to water, to soak; *Sw. dränckia*, to plunge, to soak; *Scot. drouk*; *W. troci*. *Drench*, *drink*, *drown*, and probably *drag*, are from the same root. See *Drink* and *Drag*.]

1. To wet thoroughly; to soak; to fill or cover with water or other liquid; as garments *drenched* in rain or in the sea; the flood has *drenched* the earth; swords *drenched* in blood.

2. To saturate with drink. *Shak.*

3. To purge violently. *Mortimer.*

**DRENCH**, *n.* A draught; a swill; also, a portion of medicine to purge a beast, particularly a horse. Hence, a violent dose of physic to be forced down the throat.

**DRENCHED**, *pp.* Soaked; thoroughly wet; purged with a dose.

**DRENCHER**, *n.* One who wets or steeps; one who gives a drench to a beast.

**DRENCING**, *pp.* Wetting thoroughly; soaking; purging.

**DRENT**, *pp.* Drenched. [*Not in use.*]

*Spenser.*

**DRESS**, *v. t.* pret. and pp. *dressed* or *drast*. [*Fr. dresser*, to make straight, to set up, to erect; *Arm. drecza*, *dreczén*; *It. rizzare*, to erect, to make straight; *dirizzare*, to direct, to address; *Sp. enderezar*, *Port. enderegar*, to direct; *Norm. adreces*, to redress.] The primary sense is, to make straight, to strain or stretch to straightness. The *It. rizzare* is supposed to be formed from *rillo*, straight, upright, *L. erectus*, *rectus*, from *erigo*, *rego*.]

1. To make straight or a straight line; to adjust to a right line. We have the primary sense in the military phrase, *dress* your ranks. Hence the sense, to put in order.

2. To adjust; to put in good order; as, to dress the beds of a garden. Sometimes, to till or cultivate. *Gen. ii. Deut. xviii.*

3. To put in good order, as a wounded limb; to cleanse a wound, and to apply medicaments. The surgeon *dresses* the limb or the wound.

4. To prepare, in a general sense; to put in the condition desired; to make suitable or fit; as, to *dress* meat; to *dress* leather or cloth; to *dress* a lamp: but we, in the latter case, generally use *trim*. To *dress* hemp or flax, is to break and clean it.

5. To curry, rub and comb; as, to *dress* a horse: or to break or tame and prepare for service, as used by Dryden; but this is unusual.

6. To put the body in order, or in a suitable condition; to put on clothes; as, he *dressed* himself for breakfast.

7. To put on rich garments; to adorn; to deck; to embellish; as, the lady *dressed* herself for a ball.

To *dress up*, is to clothe pompously or elegantly; as, to *dress up* with tinsel.

The sense of *dress* depends on its application. To *dress* the body, to *dress* meat, and to *dress* leather, are very different senses, but all uniting in the sense of preparing or fitting for use.

**DRESS**, *v. i.* To arrange in a line; as, look to the right and *dress*.

2. To pay particular regard to dress or raiment. *Bransford.*

**DRESS**, *n.* That which is used as the covering or ornament of the body; clothes; garments; habit; as, the *dress* of a lady is modest and becoming; a gaudy *dress* is evidence of a false taste.

2. A suit of clothes; as, the lady has purchased an elegant *dress*.

3. Splendid clothes; habit of ceremony; as a full *dress*.

4. Skill in adjusting dress, or the practice of wearing elegant clothing; as men of *dress*. *Pope.*

**DRESSED**, *pp.* Adjusted; made straight; put in order; prepared; trimmed; tilled; clothed; adorned; attired.

**DRESSER**, *n.* One who dresses; one who is employed in putting on clothes and adorning another; one who is employed in preparing, trimming or adjusting any thing.

2. [*Fr. dressoir*.] A side-board; a table or bench on which meat and other things are dressed or prepared for use.

**DRESSING**, *pp.* Adjusting to a line; putting in order; preparing; clothing; embellishing; cultivating.

**DRESSING**, *n.* Raiment; attire. *B. Jonson.*

2. That which is used as an application to a wound or sore.

3. That which is used in preparing land for a crop; manure spread over land. When it remains on the surface, it is called a *top-dressing*.

4. In popular language, correction; a flogging, or beating.

**DRESSING-ROOM**, *n.* An apartment appropriated for dressing the person.

**DRESS-MAKER**, *n.* A maker of gowns, or similar garments; a mantuamaker.

**DRESS'Y**, *a.* Showy in dress; wearing rich or showy dresses.

**DREST**, *pp.* of *dress*.

**DREUL**, *v. i.* [*Qu. drivel*, or *Ar. 35*] to slaver.]

To *enul* saliva; to suffer saliva to issue and flow down from the mouth.

**DRIE**, *v. t.* [*Qu. from dribble*, but the word is not elegant, nor much used.] To crop or cut off; to defalcate. *Dryden.*

**DRIE**, *n.* A drop. [*Not used.*]

**DRIE**, *v. i.* [*A diminutive from drip*, and properly *dribble*.]

1. To fall in drops or small drops, or in a quick succession of drops; as, water *dribbles* from the eaves.

2. To slaver as a child or an idiot.

3. To fall weakly and slowly; as the *dribbling* drop of love. *Shak.*

**DRIE**, *v. t.* To throw down in drops. *Swift.*

**DRIE**, *v. t.* [*W. rhib*.] A small piece or part; a small sum; odd money in a sum; as, the money was paid in *dribbles*.

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