

Compassing and imagining the death of the king are synonymous terms; *compass* signifying the purpose or design of the mind or will, and not, as in common speech, the carrying such design to effect. *Blackstone.*

COMPASSED, *pp.* Embraced; surrounded; inclosed; obtained; imagined.

COMPASSING, *ppr.* Embracing; going round; inclosing; obtaining; accomplishing; imagining; intending.

2. In *ship-building*, incurvated; arched.

COMPASSION, *n.* [It. *compassione*; Sp. *compasion*; Fr. *compassion*; Low L. *compassio*, *compati*; con and *pator*, *passus*, to suffer. See *Patience*.]

1. A suffering with another; painful sympathy; a sensation of sorrow excited by the distress or misfortunes of another; pity; commiseration. Compassion is a mixed passion, compounded of love and sorrow; at least some portion of love generally attends the pain or regret, or is excited by it. Extreme distress of an enemy even changes enmity into at least temporary affection.

He, being full of *compassion*, forgave their iniquity. Ps. lxxviii.

His father had *compassion*, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. Luke xv.

COMPASSION, *v. t.* To pity. [Not used.] *Shak.*

COMPASSIONABLE, *a.* Deserving of pity. [Little used.] *Bacon.*

COMPASSIONATE, *a.* Having a temper or disposition to pity; inclined to show mercy; merciful; having a heart that is tender, and easily moved by the distresses, sufferings, wants and infirmities of others.

There never was a heart truly great and generous, that was not also tender and *compassionate*. *South.*

COMPASSIONATE, *v. t.* To pity; to commiserate; to have compassion for.

Compassionates my pains and pities me. *Addison.*

COMPASSIONATELY, *adv.* With compassion; mercifully. *Clarendon.*

COMPASSIONATENESS, *n.* The quality of being compassionate.

COMPATERNITY, *n.* [con and *paternity*.] The relation of a godfather to the person for whom he answers. *Darwin.*

COMPATIBILITY, *n.* [See *Compatible*.] Consistency; the quality or power of coexisting with something else; suitability; as a *compatibility* of tempers.

COMPATIBLE, *a.* [Fr. *compatible*; Sp. *id.*; Port. *compatível*; from the L. *compato*, to sue or seek for the same thing, to agree; con and *peto*, to seek.]

1. Consistent; that may exist with; suitable; not incongruous; agreeable; followed by *with*; sometimes by *to*, but less properly.

The poets have joined qualities which by nature are the most *compatible*. *Broome.*

The office of a legislator and of a judge are deemed not *compatible*.

To pardon offenders is not always *compatible* with public safety.

COMPATIBLENESS, *n.* Consistency; fitness; agreement; the same as *compatibility*, which is generally used.

COMPATIBLY, *adv.* Fitly; suitably; consistently.

COMPATIENT, *a.* [L. *con* and *pator*.] Suffering together. [Little used.] *Buck.*

COMPATRIOT, *n.* [It. *compatriotta*; Sp. *compatriota*; con or com and *patriot*.] A fellow patriot; one of the same country.

COMPATRIOT, *a.* Of the same country. *Akenside.*

COMPFEER, *n.* [L. *compar*; con and *par*, equal. See *Peer*.]

An equal; a companion; an associate; a mate. *Philips.*

COMPFEER, *v. t.* To equal; to match; to be equal with. *Shak.*

COMPEL, *v. t.* [L. *compello*, *compellere*; con and *pello*, to drive; Sp. *compeler*; Port. *compellir*. See *Peal* and *Appeal*.]

1. To drive or urge with force, or irresistibly; to constrain; to oblige; to necessitate, either by physical or moral force.

Thou shalt not *compel* him to serve as a bond servant. Levit. 25.

And they *compel* one Simon—to bear his cross. Mark xv.

Go out into the highways and hedges, and *compel* them to come in, that my house may be filled. Luke xiv.

Circumstances *compel* us to practice economy.

2. To force; to take by force, or violence; to seize.

The subjects' grief Comes through commissions, which *compel* from each

A sixth part of his substance. *Shak.* [This sense is harsh, and not very common.] *Johnson.*

2. To drive together; to gather; to unite in a crowd or company. A Latinism, compellere gregem.

In one troop *compelled*. *Dryden.*

4. To seize; to overpower; to hold.

And easy sleep their weary limbs *compelled*. [Unusual.] *Dryden.*

5. To call forth, L. *compellare*. *Obs.* *Spenser.*

COMPELLABLE, *a.* That may be driven, forced or constrained.

COMPELLABLY, *adv.* By compulsion.

COMPELLATION, *n.* [L. *compellatio*; *compello*, *compellare*, the same word as the preceding, applied to the voice; to send or drive out the voice.] Style or manner of address; the word of salutation.

The *compellation* of the Kings of France is by sire. *Temple.*

COMPELLED, *pp.* Forced; constrained; obliged.

COMPELLER, *n.* One who compels or constrains.

COMPELLING, *ppr.* Driving by force; constraining; obliging.

COMPEND, { *n.* [L. *compendium*.] In

COMPENDIUM, { *literature*, an abridgment; a summary; an epitome; a brief compilation or composition, containing the principal heads, or general principles, of a larger work or system.

COMPENDIOUS, *a.* Short; contracted. [Little used.]

COMPENDIATE, *v. t.* To sum or collect together. [Not used.]

COMPENDIOUS, *a.* Short; summary; abridged; comprehensive; containing the substance or general principles of a subject or work in a narrow compass; as a *compendious* system of chemistry; a *compendious* grammar.

2. Short; direct; near; not circuitous; as a *compendious* way to acquire science.

COMPENDIOUSLY, *adv.* In a short or brief manner; summarily; in brief; in epitome.

The substance of christian belief is *compendiously* expressed in a few articles. *Anon.*

COMPENDIOUSNESS, *n.* Shortness; brevity; comprehension in a narrow compass. *Bentley.*

COMPENSABLE, *a.* [See *Compensate*.] That may be compensated. [Little used.]

COMPENSATE, *v. t.* [L. *compenso*; con and *penso*, to prize or value, from *pendo*, to weigh, to value. See *Pendent*.]

1. To give equal value to; to recompense; to give an equivalent for services, or an amount lost or bestowed; to return or bestow that which makes good a loss, or is estimated a sufficient remuneration; as, to *compensate* a laborer for his work, or a merchant for his losses.

2. To be equivalent in value or effect to; to counterbalance; to make amends for.

The length of the night and the dew do *compensate* the heat of the day. *Bacon.*

The pleasures of sin never *compensate* the sinner for the miseries he suffers, even in this life. *Anon.*

COMPENSATE, *v. i.* To make amends; to supply an equivalent; followed by *for*. Nothing can *compensate* for the loss of reputation.

This word is generally accented on the second syllable, most unfortunately, as every ear will determine by the feebleness of the last syllables in the participles, *compensated*, *compensating*.

Each seeming want *compensated* of course. *Pope.*

With the primary accent on the first syllable and the secondary accent on the third, this defect and the difficulty of uttering distinctly the last syllables are remedied.

COMPENSATED, *pp.* Recompensed; supplied with an equivalent in amount or effect; rewarded.

COMPENSATING, *ppr.* Giving an equivalent; recompensing; remunerating.

COMPENSATION, *n.* That which is given or received as an equivalent for services, debt, want, loss, or suffering; amends; remuneration; recompense.

All other debts may *compensation* find. *Dryden.*

The pleasures of life are no *compensation* for the loss of divine favor and protection.

2. In *law*, a set-off; the payment of a debt by a credit of equal amount.

COMPENSATIVE, *a.* Making amends or compensation.

COMPENSATORY, *a.* Serving for compensation; making amends.

COMPENSE, *v. t.* To recompense, is found in *Bacon*; but is not now in use.

COMPETE, *v. i.* [L. *competo*; con and *peto*.]

1. To seek, or strive for the same thing as another; to carry on competition or rivalry.

Our manufacturers *compete* with the English in making cotton cloths.

2. To strive or claim to be equal.

The sages of antiquity will not dare to *compete* with the inspired authors.

COMPETENCE, { *n.* [L. *competens*, *competere*.] *Miller.*

COMPETENCY, { *n.* *to*, to be meet or fit; con and *peto*, to seek; properly, to press,