

- He will never, I think, in the way of *waste*, attempt us again. *Shak.*
8. In *law*, spoil, destruction or injury done to houses, woods, fences, lands, &c., by a tenant for life or for years, to the prejudice of the heir, or of him in reversion or remainder. *Waste* is *voluntary*, as by pulling down buildings; or *permissive*, as by suffering them to fall for want of necessary repairs. Whatever does a lasting damage to the freehold, is a *waste*.

*Blackstone.*

**WASTED**, *pp.* Expended without necessity or use; lost through negligence; squandered.

2. Diminished; dissipated; evaporated; exhausted.

3. Desolated; ruined; destroyed.

**WASTEFUL**, *a.* Lavish; prodigal; expending property, or that which is valuable, without necessity or use; *applied to persons.*

2. Destructive to property; ruinous; as *wasteful* practices or negligence; *wasteful* expenses.

3. Desolate; unoccupied; untilled; uncultivated.

In wilderness and *wasteful* deserts stray'd.

*Spenser.*

**WASTEFULLY**, *adv.* In a lavish manner; with prodigality; in useless expenses or consumption.

Her lavish hand is *wastefully* profuse.

*Dryden.*

**WASTEFULNESS**, *n.* Lavishness; prodigality; the act or practice of expending what is valuable without necessity or use.

**WASTE-GATE**, *n.* A gate to let the water of a pond pass off when it is not wanted.

*Cyc.*

**WAS'TEL**, *n.* A particular sort of bread; fine bread or cake.

*Louth. Cyc.*

**WASTENESS**, *n.* A desolate state; solitude.

That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of *wasteness*. *Zeph. i.*

**WASTER**, *n.* One who is prodigal; one who squanders property; one who consumes extravagantly or without use.

He also that is slothful in his work, is brother to him who is a great *waster*. *Prov. xviii.*

Sconces are great *wasters* of candles.

*Swift.*

2. A kind of cudgel.

*Beaum.*

**WASTETHRIFFT**, *n.* [*waste* and *thrif*]. A spendthrift.

*Beaum.*

**WASTE-WHER**, *n.* An overfall or wier for the superfluous water of a canal.

*Cyc.*

**WASTING**, *ppr.* Lavishing prodigally; expending or consuming without use; diminishing by slow dissipation; desolating; laying waste.

*Wasting* and relentless war has made ravages, with but few and short intermissions, from the days of the tyrant Nimrod down to the Nimrod of our own age. *J. Lyman.*

2. *a.* Diminishing by dissipation or by great destruction; as a *wasting* disease.

**WASTREL**, *n.* A state of waste or common. [*Local.*]

**WASTREL**, *n.* Waste substances; any thing cast away as bad.

[*Local.*]

**WATCH**, *n.* [*Sax. wacca*, from *wæcan*, *wæcan*, to wake; *Sw. vacht* or *vakt*, watch, guard; *vachta*, to watch; *Dan. vagt*. It is from the same root as *wake*, which see.]

1. Forbearance of sleep.

2. Attendance without sleep.

All the long night their mournful *watch* they keep. *Addison.*

3. Attention; close observation. Keep *watch* of the suspicious man.

4. Guard; vigilance for keeping or protecting against danger.

He kept both *watch* and ward. *Spenser.*

5. A watchman, or watchmen; men set for a guard, either one person or more, set to espy the approach of an enemy or other danger, and to give an alarm or notice of such danger; a sentinel; a guard. He kept a *watch* at the gate. *Bacon.*

Ye have a *watch*; go your way, make it as sure as ye can. *Matt. xxvii.*

6. The place where a guard is kept.

He upbraids Iago, that he made him Brave me upon the *watch*. *Shak.*

7. Post or office of a watchman.

As I did stand my *watch* upon the hill—

*Shak.*

8. A period of the night, in which one person or one set of persons stand as sentinels; or the time from one relief of sentinels to another. This period among the Israelites, seems to have been originally four hours, but was afterwards three hours, and there were four watches during the night. Hence we read in Scripture of the morning watch, and of the second, third and fourth watch; the evening watch commencing at six o'clock, the second at nine, the third at twelve, and the fourth at three in the morning. *Ex. xiv. Matt. xiv. Luke xii.*

9. A small time piece or chronometer, to be carried in the pocket or about the person, in which the machinery is moved by a spring.

10. At sea, the space of time during which one set or division of the crew remain on deck to perform the necessary duties. This is different in different nations. *Cyc.*

To be on the *watch*, to be looking steadily for some event.

**WATCH**, *v. i.* [*Sax. wacian*, *wacan*; *Sw. vicka*, *upvicka*; *Dan. vækker*; *G. wachen*; *Russ. vetchayu.*]

1. To be awake; to be or continue without sleep.

I have two nights *watch'd* with you. *Shak.*

2. To be attentive; to look with attention or steadiness. *Watch* and see when the man passes.

3. To look with expectation.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that *watch* for the morning. *Ps. cxxx.*

4. To keep guard; to act as sentinel; to look for danger.

He gave signal to the minister that *watch'd*. *Milton.*

5. To be attentive; to be vigilant in preparation for an event or trial, the time of whose arrival is uncertain.

*Watch* therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. *Matt. xxiv.*

6. To be insidiously attentive; as, to *watch* for an opportunity to injure another.

7. To attend on the sick during the night; as, to *watch* with a man in a fever.

To *watch over*, to be cautiously observant of; to inspect, superintend and guard from error and danger. It is our duty constantly to *watch over* our own conduct and that of our children.

**WATCH**, *v. t.* To guard; to have in keeping.

Flaming ministers *watch* and tend their charge. *Milton.*

2. To observe in ambush; to lie in wait for.

Saul also sent messengers to David's house to *watch* him, and to slay him. *1 Sam. xix.*

3. To tend; to guard.

Paris *watched* the flocks in the groves of Ida. *Broonac.*

4. To observe in order to detect or prevent, or for some particular purpose; as, to *watch* a suspected person; to *watch* the progress of a bill in the legislature.

**WATCH'ED**, *pp.* Guarded; observed with steady vigilance.

**WATCH'ER**, *n.* One who sits up or continues awake; particularly, one who attends upon the sick during the night.

2. A diligent observer; as an attentive *watcher* of the works of nature. [*Not in use.*] *More.*

**WATCH'ET**, *a.* [*Sax. wæced*, weak.] Pale or light blue.

Who stares in Germany at *watchet* eyes?

[*Not in use.*]

*Dryden.*

**WATCH'FUL**, *a.* Vigilant; attentive; careful to observe; observant; cautious. It has of before the thing to be regulated, as to be *watchful* of one's behavior; and *against*, before the thing to be avoided, as to be *watchful* against the growth of vicious habits. *Locke. Law.*

**WATCH'FULLY**, *adv.* Vigilantly; heedfully; with careful observation of the approach of evil, or attention to duty.

*Boyle.*

**WATCH'FULNESS**, *n.* Vigilance; heedfulness; heed; suspicious attention; careful and diligent observation for the purpose of preventing or escaping danger, or of avoiding mistakes and misconduct.

2. Wakefulness; indisposition or inability to sleep.

*Watchfulness*—often precedes too great sleepiness. *Arbutnot.*

**WATCH-GLASS**, *n.* [*watch* and *glass*.] In ships, a half hour glass, used to measure the time of a watch on deck.

2. A concavo-convex glass for covering the face or dial of a watch.

**WATCH'-HOUSE**, *n.* [*watch* and *house*.] A house in which a watch or guard is placed. *Gay.*

**WATCH'ING**, *ppr.* Being awake; guarding; attending the sick; carefully observing.

**WATCH'ING**, *n.* Wakefulness; inability to sleep. *Wiseman.*

**WATCH'-LIGHT**, *n.* [*watch* and *light*.] A candle with a rush wick. *Addison.*

**WATCH-MAKER**, *n.* [*watch* and *maker*.] One whose occupation is to make and repair watches.

**WATCH-MAN**, *n.* [*watch* and *man*.] A sentinel; a guard. *Swift.*

**WATCH-TOWER**, *n.* [*watch* and *tower*.] A tower on which a sentinel is placed to watch for enemies or the approach of danger. *Bacon.*

**WATCH-WÖRD**, *n.* [*watch* and *word*.] The word given to sentinels, and to such as have occasion to visit the guards, used as a signal by which a friend is known from an enemy, or a person who has a right to pass the watch, from one who has not.