

**BULL-FACED**, *a.* Having a large face.

*Dryden.*

**BULL-FEAST**, *n.* [See *Bull-fight*.]

**BULL-FIGHT**, *n.* [*bull and fight*.] A combat with a bull; an amusement among the Spaniards and Portuguese. A horseman, called a *torador* or *picador* attacks a bull in a circus or inclosed arena, in presence of multitudes of spectators, irritating him with a spear, till the bull rushes upon the horseman, and perhaps dismounts the rider. After the bull has been tormented a long time, the horseman leaves him, and some persons on foot attack him and plunge darts into his neck; and at a signal given by the president, the barbarous sport is ended by the dagger of a *matador*.

*Encyc.*

**BULL-FINCH**, *n.* [*bull and finch*.] A bird of the Sparrow kind, whose breast, cheeks and throat are of a crimson color; the *rubicilla*.

*Dict. of Nat. Hist.*

**BULL-FLY**, or **BULL-BEE**, *n.* An insect.

*Philips.*

**BULL-FROG**, *n.* [*bull and frog*.] The *raun ocellata*, a large species of frog, found in North America, of a dusky brown color, mixed with a yellowish green, and spotted with black. These frogs live in stagnant water, and utter a loud croaking sound, from which they probably received their name.

**BULL-HEAD**, *n.* [*bull and head*.] A genus of fishes, the *Cottus*, with a head broader than the body, whence the name. This fish is called by some the *Miller's thumb*.

*Encyc.*

2. A stupid fellow; a lubber.

*Johnson.*

3. A small black water vermin.

*Philips.*

**BULL-TROUT**, *n.* [*bull and trout*.] A large species of trout, called also *sea-trout*, thicker than the common sort, and weighing about three pounds. Its back has a bluish green gloss, and there are several black spots on the sides.

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**BULL-WEED**, *n.* Knap weed.

*Johnson.*

**BULL-WÖRT**, *n.* Bishopweed.

*Johnson.*

**BULLACE**, *n.* The *bully-tree*, or *Chrysophyllum*, a plant of two species, natives of the West Indies.

*Encyc.*

2. The wild plum, a species of *Praunus*.

*Fam. of Plants.*

**BULLANTIC**, *a.* [*from bull*.] Designating certain ornamental capital letters, used in Apostolic bulls. It is used also as a noun.

*Encyc.*

**BULLIARY**, *n.* A collection of Papistical bulls.

*South.*

**BULL-LATE**, *a.* [*L. bullatus*.] Having elevations, like blisters; as a *bullate leaf*.

*Martyn.*

**BULLEET**, *n.* [*Fr. boulet*, dim. of *boule*, a ball. See *Ball*.]

A ball of iron or lead, called also *shot*, used to load guns for killing man or beast. Balls for cannon are made of iron; musket-balls are made of lead.

**BULLETIN**, *n.* [*Fr. bulletin*, a ballot, a packet, a certificate; *Sp. boletín*, a ticket or warrant; *boleta*, a ticket, a *billet*; *Port. boleto*; *It. bulletta*, *bulletino*; properly, a roll.]

A French word denoting

1. An official report from an officer to his commander or superior.

2. An official report of a physician respecting the king's health.

3. A little note given by a banking company.

4. It is sometimes given for a notice, or public announcement; as a *bibliographical bulletin*.

**BULLION**, *n.* [*Fr. billon*, base coin.] Uncoinced gold or silver in the mass. The precious metals are called *bullion*, when smelted and not perfectly refined, or when refined, but in bars, ingots, or in any form uncoined, as in plate.

*Encyc.*

**BULLISH**, *a.* Partaking of the nature of a bull or blunder.

*Milton.*

**BULLIST**, *n.* A writer of papal bulls.

*Harmar.*

**BULLITE**, *n.* A petrified shell, or the fossil remains of shells, of the genus *Bulla*.

*Jamison.*

**BULLITION**, *n.* [*L. bullio*, to boil. See *Boil*.]

The act or state of boiling. Superseded by *ebullition*.

*Bacon.*

**BULLOCK**, *n.* [*Sax. bulluca*; *G. buloch*.] An ox, or castrated bull. In America, it is applied to a full grown ox.

**BULLY**, *n.* [*Sw. böla*, to bellow; *buller*, a tumult; *Dan. bullen*, swelled, puffed up; or more directly from *Sax. bulgian*, to bellow.]

A noisy, blustering, overbearing fellow, more distinguished for insolence and empty menaces, than for courage, and disposed to provoke quarrels.

*Addison.*

**BULLY**, *v. t.* To insult and overbear with noise and blustering menaces.

*King.*

**BULLY**, *v. i.* To be noisy and quarrelsome.

*Johnson.*

**BULRUSH**, *n.* [*bolc*, or *ball*, and *rush*.]

A large kind of rush, growing in wet land or water, and without knots, says *Johnson*, but *Dryden* calls it, the knotty *bulrush*. It is not a technical word.

**BULTEL**, *n.* [See *Bolt*.] A bolter or bolting cloth; also, bran. [*Not used*.]

**BULWARK**, *n.* [*Sw. bolvärk*; *D. bolwerk*; *Ger. bullwerk*; *Dan. bolværk*; from *D. bol*, plump and a ball, *Sw. bula*, *W. bul*, a protuberance, and *work*, a projecting or outwork. *Fr. boulevard*; *Sp. and Port. buluarte*; *It. baluardo*.]

1. In fortification, a bastion, or a rampart; a mound of earth round a place, capable of resisting cannon shot, and formed with bastions, curtains, &c.

*Encyc.*

2. A fortification; also, any means of defense; as, a navy is the *bulwark* of a nation.

3. That which secures against an enemy or external annoyance; a screen or shelter; means of protection and safety.

Salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. *Is. xvi.*

**BULWARK**, *v. t.* To fortify with a rampart; to secure by a fortification; to protect.

*Addison.*

**BUM**, *n.* The buttocks; the part on which we sit.

*Johnson.*

**BUM**, *v. i.* To make a noise.

*Martson.*

**BUMBALIFF**, *n.* [A corruption of *bound bailiff*.]

In England, an under-bailiff; a subordinate civil officer, appointed to serve writs, and to make arrests and executions, and bound

with sureties for a faithful discharge of his trust. [*A vulgar word*.]

*Blackstone.*

**BUMBARD**, *n.* [See *Bombard*.]

**BUMBAST**, *n.* [A different orthography of *bombast*, which see.]

1. A cloth made by sewing one stuff upon another; patchwork.

*Grege.*

2. Linen stuffed with cotton; stuffing; wadding.

*Shak.*

**BUMBLE BEE**, *n.* [*L. bombus*, a buzzing.] A large bee, sometimes called *humble bee*; so named from its sound.

**BUMBOAT**, *n.* A small boat, for carrying provisions to a ship at a distance from shore.

*Mar. Dict.*

**BUMKIN**, *n.* [See *Bumpkin*.] A short boom projecting from each bow of a ship, to extend the clue of the foresail to windward.

2. A small out-rigger over the stern of a boat, to extend the mizen.

*Mar. Dict.*

**BUMP**, *n.* [*W. pumpe*, a round mass; *pump*, to bump; allied to *L. bombus*, and *Eng. pomp*, from swelling, thrusting out.]

1. A swelling or protuberance.

*Dryden.*

2. A thump; a heavy blow.

**BUMP**, *v. i.* To make a loud, heavy or hollow noise, as the bittern. It is also written *boom*. [*W. bump*.]

*Dryden.*

**BUMP**, *v. t.* To strike as with or against any thing large or solid, as to *bump* the head against a wall; to thump.

**BUMPER**, *n.* A cup or glass filled to the brim, or till the liquor runs over.

*Dryden.*

**BUMPKIN**, *n.* [*bump*, large, swelling, and *kin*, *Sax. cyn*, kind, genus.]

An awkward heavy rustic; a clown, or country lout.

*Locke.*

**BUMPKINLY**, *a.* Clownish. [*Not used*.]

*Richardson.*

**BUNCH**, *n.* [*W. pieng*; *Dan. bunke*, *lynke*, a heap or heaped measure.]

1. A protuberance; a bunch; a knob or lump; as the bunch on a camel's back.

*Isaiah.*

2. A cluster; a number of the same kind growing together; as a bunch of grapes.

*Dryden.*

3. A number of things tied together; as a bunch of keys; a bunch of rods.

*Locke.*

4. A collection of things; a knot; as a bunch of hair; a bunch of trees.

*Spenser.*

**BUNCH**, *v. i.* To swell out in a protuberance; to be protuberant or round.

*Woodward.*

**BUNCH**, *v. t.* To form or tie in a bunch or bunches.

**BUNCH-BACKED**, *a.* [*bunch and back*.] Having a bunch on the back; crooked.

*Shak.*

**BUNCHINESS**, *n.* The quality of being bunchy, or growing in bunches.

*Johnson.*

**BUNCHY**, *a.* Growing in bunches; like a bunch; having tufts.

*Grege.*

**BUNDLE**, *n.* [*Sax. byndel*; *D. bundel*; *G. bund*, *bundel*; *Sw. bindel* and *bunt*.] This word is formed from the root of *bind*, *band*, *bond*.]

1. A number of things put together.

2. A roll; any thing bound or rolled into a convenient form for conveyance; as a *bundle of lace*; a *bundle of hay*.

*Spectator.*