

**VISIVE**, *a.* [from *L. visus*.] Pertaining to the power of seeing; formed in the act of seeing. [*Not in use.*] *Brown.*

**VISNE**, *n. vœn.* [Norm. from *L. vicina*.] Neighborhood. [See *Vœne*.]

**VISNOMY**, *n.* [a barbarous contraction of *physiognomy*.] Face; countenance. [*Not in use.*] *Spenser.*

**VISOR**, *n. s* as *z*. [Fr. *visière*; It. *visiera*; from *L. visus, video*; written also *visard, visar, vizard*.]

1. A head piece or mask used to disfigure and disguise.

My weaker government since, makes you pull off the visor. *Sidney.*

Swarms of knaves the visor quite disgrace.

*Young.*

2. A perforated part of a helmet. *Sidney.*

**VISORED**, *a.* Wearing a visor; masked; disguised. *Milton.*

**VIS/TA**, *n.* [It. *sight*; from *L. visus, video*.]

A view or prospect through an avenue, as between rows of trees; hence, the trees or other things that form the avenue.

The finish'd garden to the view

Its vistas opens and its alleys green.

*Thomson.*

**VIS/UAL**, *a. s* as *z*. [Fr. *visuel*; It. *visuale*; from *L. visus*.]

Pertaining to sight; used in sight; serving as the instrument of seeing; as the *visual* nerve. *Bacon. Milton.*

The air,

No where so clear, sharpen'd his *visual* ray.

*Milton.*

*Visual point*, in *perspective*, a point in the horizontal line, in which all the ocular rays unite. *Cyc.*

*Visual rays*, lines of light, imagined to come from the object to the eye. *Cyc.*

**VIT/AL**, *a.* [*L. vitalis*, from *vita*, life. This must be a contraction of *victa*, for *vivo* forms *vixi, victus*; Gr. *βίος*, from *βίωω*, contracted.]

1. Pertaining to life, either animal or vegetable; as *vital* energies; *vital* powers.

2. Contributing to life; necessary to life; as *vital* air; *vital* blood.

3. Containing life.

Spirits that live throughout,

*Vital* in every part—

And *vital* virtue infus'd, and *vital* warmth.

*Milton.*

4. Being the seat of life; being that on which life depends.

The dart flew on, and pierc'd a *vital* part.

*Pope.*

5. Very necessary; highly important; essential. Religion is a business of *vital* concern. Peace is of *vital* importance to our country.

6. So disposed as to live.

Pythagoras and Hippocrates affirm the birth of the seventh month to be *vital*. *Brown.*

[*Little used.*]

*Vital air*, pure air or oxygen gas, which is essential to animal life.

**VIT/ALITY**, *n.* [from *vital*.] Power of subsisting in life; the principle of animation, or of life; as the *vitality* of vegetable seeds or of eggs. *Ray.*

2. The act of living; animation.

**VIT/ALIZE**, *v. t.* To give life.

*Trans. Pausanias.*

**VIT/ALLY**, *adv.* In such a manner as to give life.

The organic structure of human bodies, by

which they are fitted to live and move, and to be *vitality* informed by the soul, is the workmanship of a most wise and beneficent maker. *Bentley.*

2. Essentially; as *vitality* important.

**VIT/TALS**, *n. plu.* Parts of animal bodies essential to life, such as the viscera. *Prior.*

2. The part essential to life, or to a sound state. Corruption of manners preys upon the *vitals* of a state.

**VIT/ELLARY**, *n.* [*L. vitellus*, the yolk of an egg.]

The place where the yolk of an egg swims in the white. [*Little used.*] *Brown.*

**VIT/ULATE**, *v. t.* [*L. vitio*. See *Vice* and *Viciate*.]

1. To injure the substance or qualities of a thing, so as to impair or spoil its use and value. Thus we say, luxury *vitiates* the humors of the body; evil examples *vitate* the morals of youth; language is *vitated* by foreign idioms.

This undistinguishing complaisance will *vitate* the taste of readers. *Garth.*

2. To render defective; to destroy; as the validity or binding force of an instrument or transaction. Any undue influence exerted on a jury *vitiates* their verdict. Fraud *vitiates* a contract.

**VIT/LATED**, *pp.* Depraved; rendered impure; rendered defective and void.

**VIT/ATING**, *ppr.* Depraving; rendering of no validity.

**VIT/ATION**, *n.* The act of vitiating; depravation; corruption; as the *vitation* of the blood. *Harvey.*

2. A rendering invalid; as the *vitation* of a contract.

**VIT/LITIGATE**, *v. i.* [*L. vitiosus* and *litigo*.] To contend in law litigiously or cavilously. [*Not in use.*]

**VIT/LITIGATION**, *n.* Cavilous litigation. [*Not in use.*] *Hudibras.*

*Vitious, vitiously, viciousness.* [See *Vicious* and its derivatives.]

**VITREO-ELEC/TRIC**, *a.* Containing or exhibiting positive electricity, or that which is excited by rubbing glass. *Ure.*

**VITREOUS**, *a.* [*L. vitreus*, from *vitrum*, glass or wood; W. *gwydyr*, glass, a greenish blue color.] Pertaining to glass.

2. Consisting of glass; as a *vitreous* substance.

3. Resembling glass; as the *vitreous* humor of the eye, so called from its resembling melted glass. [See *Humor*.]

**VITREOUSNESS**, *n.* The quality or state of being vitreous; resemblance of glass.

**VITRESCENCE**, *n.* [from *L. vitrum*, glass.] Glassiness; or the quality of being capable of conversion into glass; susceptibility of being formed into glass. *Kirwan.*

**VITRESCENT**, *a.* Capable of being formed into glass; tending to become glass.

**VITRESCIBLE**, *a.* That can be vitrified. *Encyc.*

**VITRIFICATION**, *n.* [See *Vitrify*.] The act, process or operation of converting into glass by heat; as the *vitrification* of sand, flint and pebbles with alkaline salts.

**VITRIFIABLE**, *a.* [from *vitrify*.] Capable of being converted into glass by heat and fusion. Flint and alkaline salts are *vitrifiable*.

**VITRIFICABLE**, for *vitrifiable*. [*Not used.*]

**VITRIFICATE**, for *vitrify*. [*Not used.*]

*Bacon.*

**VITRIFICATION**, for *vitrification*. [See *Vitrification*, which is generally used.]

**VITRIFIED**, *pp.* Converted into glass.

**VITRIFORM**, *a.* [*L. vitrum*, glass, and *form*.]

Having the form or resemblance of glass.

*Fourcroy.*

**VITRIFY**, *v. t.* [*L. vitrum*, glass, and *facio*, to make.]

To convert into glass by fusion or the action of heat; as, to *vitrify* sand and alkaline salts.

**VITRIFY**, *v. i.* To become glass; to be converted into glass.

Chimists make vessels of animal substances calcined, which will not *vitrify* in the fire.

*Arbuthnot.*

**VITRIOL**, *n.* [Fr. *vitriol*; It. *vitriuolo*; Sp. *vitriolo*; from *L. vitrum*, glass; perhaps from its color.]

1. In *mineralogy*, native vitriol is a substance of a grayish or yellowish white color, apple green, or sky blue, and when decomposed, covered with an ochery crust. It occurs in masses, disseminated, stalactical, or capillary. Externally, it is dull and rough; internally, it is more or less shining, with a vitreous silky structure. It is called by manufacturers *copperas*, a name derived from the flower or efflorescence of copper. This substance is seen only in cabinets.

2. In *chemistry*, a combination of the acid of sulphur with any metallic substance; but chiefly *green vitriol*, or sulphate of iron; *blue vitriol*, or sulphate of copper, and *white vitriol*, or sulphate of zinc.

*Cyc. Fourcroy.*

All metals may be converted into *vitriols*, by dissolving them with acid spirits, and suffering them to stand and crystallize.

**VITRIOLATE**, *v. t.* To convert, as sulphur in any compound, into sulphuric acid, formerly called *vitriolic acid*. Thus the sulphuret of iron *vitriolated*, becomes sulphate of iron, or green vitriol.

**VITRIOLATED**, *pp.* Converted into sulphuric acid or vitriol.

**VITRIOLATING**, *ppr.* Turning into sulphuric acid or vitriol.

**VITRIOLATION**, *n.* The act or process of converting into sulphuric acid or vitriol.

**VITRIOL/IC**, *a.* Pertaining to vitriol; having the qualities of vitriol, or obtained from vitriol.

*Vitriolic acid*, in modern chemistry is denominated *sulphuric acid*, the base of it being sulphur; sulphur completely saturated with oxygen.

**VITRIOLIZABLE**, *a.* Capable of being converted into sulphuric acid.

**VITRIOLIZATION**. [See *Vitriolation*.]

**VITRIOLIZE**. [See *Vitriolate*.]

**VITRIOLIZED**. [See *Vitriolated*.]

**VITRIOLIZING**. [See *Vitriolating*.]

**VITULINE**, *a.* [*L. vitulinus*.] Belonging to a calf, or to veal.

**VITUPERABLE**, *a.* [See *Vituperate*.] Blameworthy; censurable. [*Not used.*]

**VITUPERATE**, *v. t.* [*L. vitupero*.] To blame; to censure. [*Little used.*]