

**Prāi'rie** (prā'ri), n. [Fr. for "meadow;" Late L. *præria*; L. *pratium*, a field.] A large natural meadow, or tract of country bare of trees.

**Prāi'rie-chick'ēn**, { n. An American grouse:  
**Prāi'rie-hēn**, } —called also *heath-hen* and *pinnated grouse*.

**Prāi'rie-dōg**, n. A species of marmot.

**Prāise** (prāz), n. [Late L. *preiare*, to prize, to esteem; O. Fr. *preiser*, to praise; *preis*, merit, value; L. *pretium*, reward, price (q. v.).] Remuneration; commendation; honor.—2, v. a. [pp. praising, praised.] To commend; to applaud; to extol; to eulogize; to celebrate.

**Prāis'er**, n. One who praises; an applauder.

**Prāise-wor'thy** (prāz'wū'r-thē), a. Worthy of praise; *laudable*; commendable.

**Prā'krit**, n. [Skr. *prakṛta*, common.—Cf. *SANSKRIT*.] A language or dialect (of which there are several) derived from the Sanskrit.

**Prānce**, v. a. [A variant of *PRANCE*.] To prance; to spring or bound, as a horse.

**Prān'di-al**, a. [L. *prandium*, a meal.] Relating to, or associated with, a feast or repast.

**Prānk**, v. a. [O. Dut. *pronck*, Dan., Sw., & Ger. *prank*, display; O. Dut. *proncken*, Ger. *prangen*, to display; Welsh *prancio*, to frolic.—Cf. *PRINK*.] [pp. pranking, pranked.] To dress showily; to prink.—2, n. A frolic; a wild flight; a trick.

**Prāse**, n. (*Mn.*) [Gr. *πάσων*, a leek.] Green quartz; a precious stone.

**Prāte**, v. n. [Dan. *prate*, to talk; Sw. & Dan. *prat*, Low Ger. & Dut. *prat*, talk.] [pp. prating, prated.] To talk carelessly; to chatter.—2, n. Tattle; idle talk; babble.

**Prāt'er**, n. One who prates; an idle talker.

**Prāt'ic**, n. [Fr. *pratique*; It. *pratica*, custom, practice.] (*Naut.*) A license for a ship to trade in port after having performed quarantine:—written also *pratique*.

**Prāt'ile** (prāt'īl), v. n. [Dim. of *PRATE*.] [pp. prattling, prattled.] To talk childishly; to chat.—2, n. Childish talk; chatter.

**Prāt'tler**, n. One who prattles; a chatterer.

**Prāv'i-ty**, n. [L. *pravitas*; *pravus*, deformed, crooked, perverse.] Corruption; depravity.

**Prāwn**, n. [L. & Sp. *perna*, a shell-fish.] A small crustacean animal.

**Prāx'is**, n. [L.; Gr. *πράξις*.—See *PRACTICE*.] Use; practice; a form.

**Prāy**, v. n. [Fr. *prier*; L. *precari*; *prex*, *precis*, a prayer.] [pp. praying, prayed.] To make petitions; to entreat.—2, v. a. To supplicate; to implore; to entreat.

**Prāy'er** (prā'er or prār), n. [Fr. *prière*, It. *preghiera*, a prayer; L. *precarium*, a thing obtained by prayer.] A petition to God; an entreaty; a petition; a request.

**Prāy'er-book** (-būk), n. A book of devotion.

**Prāy'er-fūl**, a. Using prayer; devout.

**Prāy'er-fūl-ly**, ad. In a devout manner.

**Prāy'er-lēss**, a. Neglecting prayer.

**Prē-** [L. *præ*.] A prefix to words derived from the Latin, marking priority of time or rank.

**Prēach**, v. n. [Fr. *prêcher*; L. *predicare*; *præ*, before, openly, and *dicere*, to proclaim; *dicere*, to say.] [pp. preaching, preached.] To discourse on the gospel.—2, v. a. To proclaim, as a public religious teacher; to inculcate; to teach.

**Prēach'er**, n. One who preaches.

**Prēach'er-ship**, n. The office of a preacher.

**Prēach'ing**, n. A public religious discourse.

**Prēach'ment**, n. A sermon:—in contempt.

**Prē-Ad'am-ite**, n. A person who lived before Adam.

**Prē-ad-mōn'ish**, v. a. [PRE- and *ADMONISH*.] [pp. preadmonishing, preadmonished.] To forewarn.

**Prē-ad-mō-ni'tion**, n. Previous warning.

**Prē-āmb-ble** (prē-āmb'l) [*præ-amb'l*, N. St.], n. [Fr. *préambule*, a prologue; L. *præambulus*, walking

before; *præ*, before, and *ambulare*, to walk.—See *AMBLE*.] An introduction; a preface.

**Prē-ām'bū-lā-tō-ry**, a. Going before.

**Prē-ar-rāng'e**, v. a. [PRE- and *ARRANGE*.] [pp. prearranging, prearranged.] To arrange beforehand.

**Prēb'end**, n. [Fr. *prébende*; L. *præbenda*, a stipend; *præbere*, to afford, to offer; *præbendus*, that must be afforded; *præ*, before, and *habere*, to hold.] A stipend in a cathedral church.

**Prē-bēnd'al**, a. Belonging to a prebend.

**Prēb'en-dā-ry**, n. A clergyman or stipendiary of a cathedral who has a prebend.

**Prē-cā'ri-ōūs**, a. [L. *precarius*, obtained by prayer or begging,—hence, doubtful, uncertain; *precari*, to pray (q. v.).] Uncertain because depending on another's will; doubtful; dubious.

**Prē-cā'ri-ōūs-ly**, ad. Uncertainly.

**Prē-cā'ri-ōūs-nēss**, n. Doubt; dependence.

**Prē-cā-tive**, { a. [L. *precatus*, *precatorius*.—See  
**Prē-cā-to-ry**, } *PRAY*.] Making supplication; suppliant; beseeching.

**Prē-caū'tion**, n. [L. *præcautio*.—See *CAUTION*.] A preservative caution or care.

**Prē-caū'tion-a-ry**, a. Implying precaution; preventive.

**Prē-cēd'e**, v. a. [Fr. *précéder*; L. *præcedere*; *præ*, before, and *cedere*, to go.] [pp. preceding, preceded.] To go before in order of time; to go before in place or rank.

**Prē-cē'dence**, { n. [L. *præcedentia*.] The act of  
**Prē-cē'den-cy**, } going before; superior relative rank; *priority*; foremost place or rank; superiority.

**Prē-cē'dent**, a. That precedes; preceding; going before; anterior; former.

**Prē-cē'dent**, n. [Fr. *précédent*.—See *PRECEDE*.] A thing done before that may serve as a rule; an example.

**Prē-cē'dent-ly**, ad. Beforehand; formerly.

**Prē-cē'ding**, p. a. Going before; antecedent.

**Prē-cēn'tor**, n. [L. *præcantor*; *præ*, before, and *cantare*, a singer; *cantare*, to chant (q. v.); *canere*, to sing.] A leader of a choir.

**Prē'cept** (prē'sept, S. W. P. E. F. Ja. K. Sm. C.; *præcept* or *præcept*, J.), n. [L. *præceptum*, a rule; *præcipere*, to take before, to command; *præ*, before, and *capere*, to take.] A rule authoritatively given; a mandate; a principle; a doctrine; a direction; a maxim.

**Prē-cēp'tive**, a. Containing precepts.

**Prē-cēp'tor**, n. [L. *præceptor*.—See *PRECEPT*.] A head-master, or principal of an academy, &c.; a teacher; a tutor.

**Prē'cēp-tō-ry** (prē'sēp-tūr-p, W.; *præ'sēp-tūr-p*, I. Ja. Sm.; *præ'sēp-tūr-p*, K. W. St. N.), a. Preceptive.—2, n. An establishment, as of Knights Templar.

**Prē-cēp'tress**, n. A female preceptor.

**Prē-cēs'sion** (prē'sēsh'un), n. [Late L. *præcessio*.—See *PRECEDE*.] A going before; a movement forward; an advance.

**Prē-cēs'sion-al** (prē'sēsh'un-əl), a. Of or relating to procession, as of the equinoxes.

**Prē-cinct** (prē'singkt), n. [L. *præcingere*, *præcingere*, to enclose; *præ*, before, and *cingere*, to gird.] An outward limit; a boundary; a border:—a district.

**Prē'cious** (prēsh'us), a. [L. *pretiosus*; *pretium*, price (q. v.).] Of great price; of great value; valuable; costly.

**Prē'cious-nēss** (prēsh'us-nēs), n. Worth.

**Prē'cip'ice**, n. [Fr. *prépace*; L. *precipitium*; *præcipere*, *precipitans*, headlong; *præ*, before, and *capit*, *capitis*, the head.] A headlong steep or declivity.

**Prē-cip'i-tance**, { n. [L. *precipitantia*.] Rash or  
**Prē-cip'i-tant-ly**, } precipitate haste; precipitation.

**Prē-cip'i-tant**, a. [L. *precipitans*.—See *PRECIPITANT*.] Falling headlong; rash.—2, n. (*Chem.*) A substance used to precipitate another substance.

ā, ē, ī, ō, ū, ŷ, long; ä, ë, ï, ö, ũ, ŷ, short; a, e, i, o, u, x, obscure.—Färe, fär, fäst, fällt; hēir, hēr;

**Prē-cip'i-tāte**, v. a. [L. *precipitatum*, to throw headlong.—See *PRECIPICE*.] [pp. precipitating, precipitated.] To throw down; to hasten.—(*Chem.*) To throw, or cause to subside, to the bottom, as a solid substance in a liquid.—2, v. n. To fall to the bottom.

**Prē-cip'i-tāte**, a. Steep; hasty; rash.—2, n. (*Chem.*) A substance thrown down in a liquid.

**Prē-cip'i-tāte-ly**, ad. Hastily; rashly.

**Prē-cip'i-tā'tion**, n. [L. *precipitatio*.] The act of precipitating; rashness; hurry; blind haste:—sediment.

**Prē-cip'i-tōūs**, a. [Fr. *précipiteux*.] Headlong; precipitate:—steep; abounding in precipices.

**Prē-cip'i-tōūs-ly**, ad. In a precipitous manner.

**Prēcis** (prā'sē), n. [Fr.] An abstract; a summary; a memorandum.

**Prē-cis'e**, a. [Fr. *précis*, exact; L. *præcisus*, cut off, brief; *præcidere*, to cut short; *præ*, before, and *cadere*, to cut.] Exact; strict; nice; formal.

**Prē-cis'e-ly**, ad. Exactly; with precision.

**Prē-cis'e-nēss**, n. Exactness; rigid nicety.

**Prē-ci'sian** (prē-siz'h'an), n. One very exact.

**Prē-ci'sion** (prē-siz'h'un), n. [L. *præcisio*, a cutting off, abruptness.] State of being precise; strictness; exact limitation.

**Prē-clū'de**, v. a. [L. *præcludere*, *præclusum*, to shut off; *præ*, before, and *cludere*, to shut.] [pp. precluding, precluded.] To shut out by anticipation; to hinder; to prevent; to obviate.

**Prē-clū'sion** (prē-klū'zhun), n. [L. *præclusio*.—See *PRECLUDE*.] The state of being precluded:—the act of precluding; previous hindrance.

**Prē-clū'sive**, a. Hindering previous hindrance.

**Prē-cō'cious** (prē-kō'sh'us), a. [Fr. *précoc*; L. *præcocus*, premature, rare-ripe; *præ*, before, and *coquere*, *coctum*, to ripen, to cook (q. v.).] Ripe before the natural time; early ripe.

**Prē-cō'cious-nēss**, n. Precocity.

**Prē-cō'g'i-ty**, n. [Fr. *précocité*.] State of being precocious; ripeness before the natural time.

**Prē-cōg-ni'tion**, n. [L. *præcognitio*.—See *COGNITION*.] Previous knowledge.

**Prē-cōn-cēit'**, n. [PRE- and *CONCEIT*.] Opinion previously formed.

**Prē-cōn-cēive**, v. a. [PRE- and *CONCEIVE*.] [pp. preconceiving, preconceived.] To conceive beforehand.

**Prē-cōn-cēp'tion**, n. Opinion previously formed.

**Prē-cōn-cērt'**, v. a. [PRE- and *CONCERT*.] [pp. preconcerting, preconcerted.] To concert beforehand.

**Prē-cōn-cērt**, n. Previous agreement.

**Prē-cōn-ize**, v. a. [Fr. *préconiser*; L. *præco*, *præconis*, a herald, a crier.] [pp. preconizing, preconized.] To proclaim; to appoint, as to a bishopric.

**Prē-cōn'tract**, n. [PRE- and *CONTRACT*.] A previous contract.

**Prē-cū'r'sive**, a. Preceding; precursory.

**Prē-cū'r'sor**, n. [L. *præcursor*; *præ*, before, and *currere*, a runner; *currere*, *cursum*, to run.] A forerunner; a harbinger.

**Prē-cū'r'sō-ry**, a. [L. *præcursorius*.] Introductory; previous.

**Prē-dā'ceous** (prē-dā'sh'us), a. [L. *præda*, prey, booty.] Living by prey.

**Prē-dā-to-ry**, a. [L. *predatorius*; *predator*, a plunderer; *predari*, *predatus*, to prey; *præda*, booty.] Practising rapine.

**Prē-dē-cēase**, v. a. [PRE- and *DECEASE*.] [pp. predeceasing, predeceased.] To die before.—2, n. Previous decease.

**Prē-dē-sēs'sor** (prē-dē-sēs'sūr, S. W. J. E. F. K. Sm.; *præ-dē-sēs'sūr*, P. Ja. C.), n. [L. *prædecessor*; *præ*, before, and *decessor*, one who retires; *decedere*, *decessum*, to depart; *de*, from, and *cedere*, to go.] One who precedes; one going before.

**Prē-dēs-ti-nā'ri-an**, n. A believer in predestination.—2, a. Relating to predestination.

**Prē-dēs'ti-nāte**, v. a. [L. *prædestinare*, *prædestinatum*; *præ*, before, and *destinare*, to destine (q. v.).] [pp. predestinating, predestinated.] To predetermine; to foreordain; to predestine.

**Prē-dēs'ti-nāte**, a. Predestinated.

**Prē-dēs'ti-nā'tion**, n. [L. *prædestinatio*.] Act of predestinating; the doctrine that all events are predestinated by God; preordination.

**Prē-dēs'ti-nā-tor**, n. One who predestinates.

**Prē-dēs'tine**, v. a. [See *PREDESTINATE*.] [pp. predestining, predestined.] To decree beforehand:—to foreordain.

**Prē-dē-tēr'mi-nāte**, a. [PRE- and *DETERMINE*.] Determined beforehand; predetermined.

**Prē-dē-tēr'mi-nā'tion**, n. Previous decree.

**Prē-dē-tēr'mine**, v. a. [PRE- and *DETERMINE*.] [pp. predetermining, predetermined.] To determine beforehand; to predestinate; to foreordain.

**Prē-d'i-ca-bil'i-ty**, n. State of being predicable.

**Prē-d'i-ca-ble**, a. [L. *predicabilis*.] That may be affirmed.—2, n. (*Logic*.) That which may be predicated or affirmed of any thing.—The five predicables in logic are genus, species, difference, property, and accident.

**Prē-dic'a-mēt**, n. [L. *prædicamentum*, a quality, a class.—See *PREDICATE*.] A class; condition; situation:—a trying situation.—(*Logic*.) A category; a series or order.

**Prē-d'i-cānt**, a. [L. *prædicare*, *prædicantis*, to affirm.—See *PREDICATE* and *PREACH*.] Of or relating to, or consisting of, a predication; affirming:—preaching.

**Prē-d'i-cāte**, v. a. & v. n. [L. *prædicare*, *prædicatum*.] [pp. predicating, predicated.] To affirm; to declare.

**Prē-d'i-cāte**, n. [L. *prædicare*, *prædicatum*, to proclaim; *præ*, before, and *dicere*, to say; *dicere*, to affirm.] That which is affirmed or denied.

**Prē-d'i-cā'tion**, n. [L. *prædictio*.] An affirmation.

**Prē-d'i-ca-tō-ry**, a. [L. *prædicatorius*.] Affirmative; positive.

**Prē-dict'**, v. a. [L. *prædicere*, *prædictum*; *præ*, before, and *dicere*, to say.] [pp. predicting, predicted.] To foretell; to prophesy. [*Prophecy*.]

**Prē-dic'tion**, n. [L. *prædictio*.] Act of predicting; prediction.

**Prē-dic'tive**, a. [L. *prædictivus*.] Prophetic; foretelling.

**Prē-dic'tor**, n. One who predicts.

**Prē-dj-lēc'tion**, n. [L. *præ*, before, and *diligere*, *dilectum*, to choose, to love; *dj-*, apart, and *legere*, to choose.] A previous liking.

**Prē-djs-pōs'e**, v. a. [PRE- and *DISPOSE*.] [pp. predisposing, predisposed.] To adapt previously.

**Prē-djs-pō-si'tion** (-pō-zish'un), n. [PRE- and *DISPOSITION*.] Previous disposition, inclination, or adaptation.

**Prē-dōm'i-nānce**, { n. Prevalence; ascendancy;  
**Prē-dōm'i-nānc-y**, } superior influence.

**Prē-dōm'i-nānt**, a. [PRE- and *DOMINANT*.] *Prevalent*; prevailing.

**Prē-dōm'i-nānt-ly**, ad. Prevailingly.

**Prē-dōm'i-nāte**, v. n. [PRE- and *DOMINATE*.] [pp. predominating, predominated.] To prevail; to abound more than others.

**Prē-dōm'i-nā'tion**, n. Superior influence.

**Prē-ēm'i-nēnce**, n. [L. *præeminentia*.—See *PRE-EMINENT*.] State of being preëminent; higher rank; superiority; *priority*.

**Prē-ēm'i-nēt**, a. [L. *præeminens*, pres. part. of *præeminere*, to excel; *præ*, before, and *eminere*, to jut out.—See *EMINENT*.] Excellent above others.

**Prē-ēm'i-nēt-ly**, ad. With preëminence.

**Prē-ēmp't**, v. a. [See *PREEMPTION*.] The use of this verb is nearly peculiar to the United States. [pp. preëmpting, preëmpted.] To exercise the right of preëmption with respect to; to buy before others.

**Prē-ēmp'tion** (prē-ēmp'tshun), n. [L. *præ*, before, and *emptio*, a purchase; *emere*, *emptum*, to buy.] Act of buying first:—right of buying before others.

mien, sîr; môve, nôr, sôn; bâll, bûr, râle, ùse.—Ç, ç, è, è, soft; ð, ð, è, è, hard; ş as z; ʒ as gz; thîs



**Prēn**, n. [A.-S. *preon*, Dan. *preen*, a bodkin; Dut. *prien*, a spike; Ger. *pfrien*, an awl.] A forked instrument of clothiers.—2, v. a. [pp. preening, preened.] To clean as with a preen.  
**Prē-en-gāgē**, v. a. [PRE- and ENGAGE.] [pp. preengaging, preengaged.] To engage beforehand.  
**Prē-en-gāgē-ment**, n. A previous engagement.  
**Prē-es-tāb'lish**, v. a. [PRE- and ESTABLISH.] [pp. preestablishing, preestablished.] To establish beforehand.  
**Prē-es-tāb'lish-ment**, n. Settlement beforehand; a previous establishment.  
**Prē-ex-ist'**, v. n. [PRE- and EXIST.] [pp. preexisting, preexisted.] To exist beforehand.  
**Prē-ex-ist-ence**, n. Previous existence.  
**Prē-ex-ist-ent**, a. Existing beforehand.  
**Prē-fācē**, n. [Fr. *préfacer*; It. *prefazio*, *prefazione*; L. *præfatio* or *præfatum*; *præfari*, to say before; *præ*, before, and *fari*, *fatum*, to speak.] Introduction; proem; prelude.—2, v. a. [pp. prefacing, prefaced.] To introduce by something.  
**Prē-fā-to-ry**, a. Introductory; introducing.  
**Prē-fect**, n. [Fr. *préfet*; L. *præfectus*,—literally, one set before; *præ*, before, and *facere*, *factum*, to make.] A Roman military or civil officer:—a commander; a mayor.  
**Prē-fec-tūre** [prē'fēk-tūr, E. J. Sm. C. W. b.], n. [L. *præfectura*.] The office of a prefect.  
**Prē-fēr'**, v. a. [L. *præferre*; *præ*, before, and *ferre*, to carry.] [pp. preferring, preferred.] To regard more than something else; to choose:—to advance; to present; to raise.  
**Prē-fēr-a-ble**, a. [Fr. *préférable*.] That is to be preferred; deserving preference; eligible.  
**Prē-fēr-a-ble**, ad. In preference.  
**Prē-fēr-ence**, n. [Fr. *préférence*.] The act of preferring; choice; first choice.  
**Prē-fēr-ment**, n. Advancement; promotion.  
**Prē-fig-ū-rā-tion**, n. The act of prefiguring.  
**Prē-fig-ū-rā-tive**, a. Foreshowing by figures.  
**Prē-fig-ūre** (prē'fig-yūr), v. a. [Late L. *præfigurare*.—See FIGURE.] [pp. prefiguring, prefigured.] To exhibit by antecedent representation; to foreshow.  
**Prē-fix'**, v. a. [L. *præfixere*, *præfixum*; *præ*, before, and *figere*, to fix (q. v.).] [pp. prefixing, prefixed.] To appoint; to put before.  
**Prē-fix**, n. A particle placed before a word.  
**Prē-gnān-cy**, n. The state of being pregnant:—fruitfulness:—inventive power.  
**Prē-gnānt**, a. [L. *pregnans*, *pregnantis*,—strictly, the present participle from obsolete *pregnare*; *præ*, before, and obsolete *gnare*, to bear; whence *natus* (*gnatus*), born.] Being with young; fruitful:—full of significance.  
**Prē-gnānt-ly**, ad. Fruitfully; fully.  
**Prē-hēn'sile**, a. [Fr. *préhensile*; L. *prehendere*, *prehensum*, to seize; *præ* (*præ*), before, and obsolete *hendere*, to get.] Adapted to seize.  
**Prē-hēn'sion**, n. [L. *prehensio*.] The act of taking hold.  
**Prē-his-tō'ric**, a. [PRE- and HISTORIC.] [pp. pre-his-tō'ric, v. a.] [pp. pre-his-tō'ric, v. a.] [pp. pre-judging, prejudged.] To determine beforehand.  
**Prē-jū-dic-ment**, n. Previous judgment.  
**Prē-jū-dic-ate**, v. a. & v. n. [L. *præjudicare*, *præjudicatum*; *præ*, before, and *judicare*, to judge.] [pp. prejudicating, prejudicated.] To prejudge.  
**Prē-jū-dic-ation**, n. The act of prejudging.  
**Prē-jū-dic-ā-tion**, n. [Fr. *préjudice*; L. *præjudicium*; *præ*, before, and *judicium*, a judgment.—See JUDICIAL and JUDGE.] Previous and unfavorable bias or judgment; prepossession:—damage; injury.—2, v. a. [pp. prejudicing, prejudiced.] To fill with prejudice.  
**Prē-jū-dic-ed** (prē'jū-dist), p. a. Influenced by prejudice; biased; uncandid; unfair.  
**Prē-jū-dic-ial** (prē'jū-dish'ial), a. Mischievous; hurtful; injurious; detrimental.  
**Prē-lā-cy**, n. The dignity of a prelate.

ā, ē, ī, ō, ū, ŷ, long; ä, ē, ī, ō, ū, ŷ, short; ç, é, ï, ö, ü, x, obscure.—Färe, fār, fāst, fāll; hēir, hēr;

**Prē-lāte**, n. [L. *prælatus*; *præferre*, *prælatum*, to set above or before.—See PREFER.] A bishop; a high ecclesiastic.  
**Prē-lāte-ship**, n. The dignity or office of a prelate.  
**Prē-lāt'ic**, a. Relating to prelates or prelacy; episcopal.  
**Prē-lāt'i-cal**, a. [ure.]  
**Prē-lā-tist**, n. An advocate for prelacy. [ure.]  
**Prē-lēc'tion**, n. [L. *prælectio*.] A reading; a lecture.  
**Prē-lēc'tor**, n. [L. *præ*, before, and *lector*, a reader; *legere*, *lectum*, to read.] A reader; a lecturer. [A previous taste.]  
**Prē-li-bā'tion**, n. [L. *prælibatio*.—See LIBATION.]  
**Prē-lim'i-nā-ry**, a. [Fr. *préliminaire*; L. *præ*, before, and *limen*, *liminis*, a threshold.] Previous; introductory.—2, n. A preparatory step, act, or measure; that which precedes.  
**Prē-lū-de**, n. [Late L. *præludium*; L. *præludere*, to play before; *præ*, before, and *ludere*, to play.] An introductory flight or flourish of music before a full concert:—something introductory.  
**Prē-lū-de**, or **Prē-lū-de**, v. n. & v. a. [L. *præludere*, to play before; *ludere*, a play.] [pp. preluding, preluded.] To be previous; to introduce, as by a prelude.  
**Prē-mā-tūre**, a. [L. *præmaturus*; *præ*, before, and *maturus*, mature (q. v.).] Ripe too soon; existing, said, or done, too soon; too early; unseasonable.  
**Prē-mā-tūre-ly**, ad. Too early; too soon.  
**Prē-mā-tūre-ness**, n. State of being premature; precocity.  
**Prē-mā-tū-rī-ty**, n. [L. *præmeditari*, *præmeditatus*, to meditate.] [pp. premeditating, premeditated.] To contrive beforehand.—2, v. n. To think beforehand.  
**Prē-méd'i-tāt-ed**, p. a. Preconcerted; designed.  
**Prē-méd'i-tāt-e-ly**, ad. With meditation.  
**Prē-méd-i-tā-tion**, n. [L. *præmeditatio*.] The act of premeditating.  
**Prē-mi-er**, or **Prē-mi-er** [prēm'yer, S. J. E.], n. [Fr. *premier*, first; L. *primarius*, chief, primary (q. v.).] The prime minister of England.—2, a. First in rank.  
**Prē-mi-er-ship**, n. The office of premier.  
**Prē-mi-se**, v. a. [L. *præmittere*, *præmissum*; *præ*, before, and *mittere*, to send.] [pp. promising, promised.] To explain previously.—2, v. n. To make previous propositions.  
**Prēm'ise**, n.; pl. **Prēm'is-es**. [L. *præmissum*, sent before, stated already.] (*Logic*.) A thing promised.—pl. The first two propositions of a syllogism.—(*Law*.) Houses, tenements, and lands:—statements before made.  
**Prēm'iss**, n. The same as **PREMISE**.  
**Prē-mi-um**, n. [L. *præmium*, a profit; *præ*, before, and *emere*, to gain, to buy.] A bounty; recompense; a reward.  
**Prē-mō-ni'tion** (-nish'ūn), n. [L. *præmonitio*.—See MONITION.] Previous warning.  
**Prē-mō-ni'to-ry**, a. [L. *præmonitorius*.] Previously warning.  
**Prē-n'tice**, n. Apprentice. See APPRENTICE.  
**Prē-ōc-cū-pān-cy**, n. Previous possession.  
**Prē-ōc-cū-pā-tion**, n. [L. *præoccupatio*.] Prior occupation.  
**Prē-ōc-cū-py**, v. a. [L. *præoccupare*.—See OCCUPY.] [pp. preoccupying, preoccupied.] To occupy previously:—to engage beforehand.  
**Prē-ōr-dāin'**, v. a. [L. *præordinare*.—See ORDAIN.] [pp. preordaining, preordained.] To ordain beforehand.  
**Prē-ōr-di-nā-tion**, n. The act of preordaining.  
**Prē-pā-rā-tion**, n. [L. *præparatio*.] The act of preparing; state of being prepared; readiness; qualification. [That which prepares.]  
**Prē-pā-rā-tive**, a. Tending to prepare.—2, n. **Prē-pā-rā-to-ry**, a. Introductory; previous.  
**Prē-pā-re**, v. a. [L. *præparare*; *præ*, before, and *parare*, to get ready.] [pp. preparing, prepared.] To make ready; to fit; to qualify; to form; to provide.—2, v. n. To take previous measures.

**Prē-pāred'** (prē-pārd'), p. a. Having preparation; qualified; equipped; ready.  
**Prē-pāy'**, v. a. [PRE- and PAY.] [pp. prepaying, prepaid.] To pay beforehand.  
**Prē-pāy-ment**, n. Payment beforehand.  
**Prē-pēns'e**, a. [PRE- and FR. *penser*, to think; L. *pensare*, to ponder; frequentative of *pendere*, *pensum*, to weigh.] Preconceived; premeditated.  
**Prē-pōll'ence**, n. [L. *præpollentia*.] Prevalence; superiority of force or influence.  
**Prē-pōll'ent**, a. [L. *præpollens*, *præpollentis*, to have the superiority; *præ*, before, and *pollere*, to be powerful: akin to *potis*, able.] Having a prevailing or superior influence.  
**Prē-pōn'dér-ance**, n. Superiority of weight.  
**Prē-pōn'dér-ant**, a. [L. *præponderans*.] Outweighing; preponderating.  
**Prē-pōn'dér-āte**, v. a. & v. n. [L. *præponderare*, *præponderatum*, to outweigh; *præ*, before, and *ponderare*, to weigh; *pondus*, *ponderis*, weight.—Cf. *pendere*, to weigh.] [pp. preponderating, preponderated.] To exceed in weight or influence; to outweigh; to prevail.  
**Prē-pō-si'tion** (prē-pō-zish'ūn), n. [L. *præpositio*; *præ*, before, and *positio*, a putting, a position (q. v.).] (*Gram.*) A particle connecting words with each other, and governing a case of nouns or pronouns.  
**Prē-pō-si'tion-al**, a. Relating to prepositions.  
**Prē-pō-si'tive**, a. [L. *præpositivus*.] Placed before; prefixed.—2, n. A prefix to a word.  
**Prē-pos-sess'**, v. a. [PRE- and POSSESS.] [pp. prepossessing, prepossessed.] To possess beforehand; to preoccupy; to bias or influence beforehand:—to impress favorably:—to prejudice.  
**Prē-pos-sess-ed** (-zest), p. a. Preoccupied.  
**Prē-pos-sess-ing**, p. a. Preoccupying; tending to invite or gain favor.  
**Prē-pos-sés'sion** (prē-pōz-zesh'ūn), n. The act of prepossessing; preoccupation:—preconceived opinion; prejudice in one's favor, or the reverse; bias.  
**Prē-pōs'ter-ous**, a. [L. *præposterus*, inverted, hind side before; *præ*, before, and *posterus*, after.] Distorted; perverted; inverted; absurd; wrong.  
**Prē-pōs'ter-ous-ly**, ad. Absurdly; foolishly.  
**Prē-pōs'ter-ous-ness**, n. Absurdity; folly.  
**Prē-pō'ten-cy**, n. [L. *præpotentia*.—See POTENCY.] Superior power.  
**Prē-pō'tent**, a. [L. *præpotens*.—See POTENT.] Having superior power; prepotent.  
**Prē-pūce**, n. [Fr.; L. *præputium*.] The foreskin.  
**Prē-rēq'ui-site** (prē-rēk'wē-zit), n. [PRE- and REQUISITE.] Something previously required or necessary.—2, a. Previously required.  
**Prē-rōg'a-tive**, n. [L. *prærogativa*, a preference; *prærogativus*, one who is asked his opinion first; *præ*, before, and *rogare*, *rogatum*, to ask.] A peculiar privilege; the right or preeminence of a king.—2, a. Having special privileges.  
**Prēs'āgē**, n. [L. *præsigium*.] Something that foreshows; a prognostic; an omen; a token; an indication.  
**Prēs-āgē'**, v. a. [L. *præsigere*, to perceive before; *præ*, before, and *sigere*, to perceive quickly.—Cf. *sagis*, predicting.] [pp. presaging, presaged.] To forebode; to foreshow. [foreboding.]  
**Prēs-āg-ing**, p. or a. Foreseeing; foretelling.  
**Prēs-by-tē'ri-ā**, n. [Gr. *πρεσβυς*, old, and *ωψ*, *ωπος*, the eye.] Old sight; far-sightedness.  
**Prēs-by-tē'ri-ā**, n. Long-sighted; far-sighted.  
**Prēs-by-tēr** [prēs', I. St. N.], n. [Gr. *πρεσβύτερος*, older, an elder; *πρεσβυς*, old.] An elder:—a priest:—a member of a presbytery.  
**Prēs-by-tē'r-i-ān** [prēs', I. St. N.], n. One who holds to church government by presbyteries or by clerical and lay presbyters.—2, a. Relating to Presbyterianism; governed by presbyters.  
**Prēs-by-tē'r-i-ān-ism**, n. Ecclesiastical government conducted by presbyters.  
**Prēs-by-tēr-y** [prēs'by-tēr-ē, S. W. J. F. Ja. H. K.

Sm.; prēs'be-tēr-ē, P. E. R. I. St. W. L. N.], n. [Gr. *πρεσβυτέριον*, a body of elders.] A body of clerical and lay presbyters:—an ecclesiastical body of pastors and ruling elders.  
**Prēs-ci-ence** (prēs'shē-ens) [prēs'hens, S. K.; prēs'hens, P.], n. [L. *præscientia*, foreknowledge.—See SCIENCE.] Foreknowledge; foresight.  
**Prēs-ci-ent** (prēs'shē-ent), a. [L. *præsciens*, pres. part. of *præscire*, to know before.] Foreknowing.  
**Prēs-scrib'e**, v. a. [L. *præscribere*, *præscriptum*; *præ*, before, and *scribere*, to write.] [pp. prescribing, prescribed.] To set down; to order; to appoint; to dictate:—to direct medically.—2, v. n. To give directions or rules.  
**Prēs-scrib'er**, n. One who prescribes.  
**Prēs-script**, a. [L. *præscriptus*.—See PRESCRIBE.] Directed; prescribed.—2, n. A direction; a decree; a precept.  
**Prēs-scrip-tion**, n. [L. *præscriptio*.—See PRESCRIBE.] A custom long continued till it has the force of law:—a recipe. [by custom.]  
**Prēs-scrip-tive**, a. [L. *præscriptivus*.] Established  
**Prēs'sence**, n. [L. *præsentia*.] State of being present:—port; air; demeanor:—readiness at need.  
**Prēs'sent**, a. [L. *præsens*, *præsentis*; *præ*, before, and (*sum*) *esse*, to be; *pres*, part. *ens*, obsolete *sens*, being.] Not absent; near; at hand; now existing.—2, n. The present time:—something given; a gift; a donation; benefaction.—(*Law*.) pl. Writings.  
**Prēs'sent'**, v. a. [L. *præsentare*, to give,—literally, to cause to be present.] [pp. presenting, presented.] To exhibit:—to offer:—to give; to favor with gifts:—to introduce.  
**Prēs'sent-a-ble**, a. That may be presented:—fit to be seen or presented.  
**Prēs-en-tā-tion**, n. Act of presenting; exhibition; display:—the giving of a benefice.  
**Prēs-en-tēe**, n. One presented to a benefice.  
**Prēs-ent'er**, n. One who presents.  
**Prēs-ent'i-ment**, n. [L. *præsentivus*, to feel before.—See SENTIMENT.] A foreboding or previous impression.  
**Prēs-ent-ly**, ad. Immediately; soon.  
**Prēs-ent-ment**, n. [See PRESENT.] The act of presenting; presentation.—(*Law*.) Notice or accusation, relating to some offence, &c., by a grand jury.  
**Prēs-erv'a-ble**, a. That may be preserved.  
**Prēs-er-vā-tion**, n. [Fr. *préservation*.] The act of preserving.  
**Prēs-er-vā-tive**, n. [Fr. *préservatif*.] That which preserves.—2, a. Tending to preserve.  
**Prēs-er-vā-to-ry**, n. A preservative:—a conservatory.—2, a. Tending to preserve.  
**Prēs-er-ve**, v. a. [Fr. *préserver*; L. *præ*, beforehand, and *servare*, to keep.] [pp. preserving, preserved.] To defend from any evil; to save; to keep:—to season, as fruit.—2, n. Fruit preserved in sugar:—a shelter or park for game.  
**Prēs-er-ve'r**, n. One who preserves.  
**Prēs-ide**, v. n. [L. *presidere*; *præ*, before, and *sedere*, to sit (q. v.).] [pp. presiding, presided.] To act as president; to direct.  
**Prēs'i-dēn-cy**, n. The office of president:—the term of the office:—superintendence:—a province under a president.  
**Prēs'i-dēt** [prēs', St. I.], n. [L. *presidens*, pres. part. of *presidere*, to preside.] One who presides; a chief officer of a college, society, corporation, or state:—the chief magistrate of a republic.  
**Prēs'i-dēn'tial** (-shāl), a. Relating to a president.  
**Prēs-s**, v. a. [Fr. *presser*; L. *pressare*, frequentative of *premere*, *pressum*, to press.] [pp. pressing, pressed.] To squeeze; to compress:—to constrain; to distress; to urge:—[O. E. *prest*, ready money, advance pay; It. *prestare*, to lend, to advance, as pay; L. *prestare*, to furnish, to provide, to become surety for; *præ*, before, and *stare*, to stand. In its present form and meaning *press* is, however, a mere extension of the

mien, sir; môve, nôr, sôn; báll, bür, rúle, úse.—ç, é, ï, ö, ü, ŷ, soft; ç, é, ï, ö, ü, ŷ, hard; ç as z; ç as gz; this.



ordinary word *press*; but historically it represents the obsolete *prest* to force into some service; to impress.—2, *v. n.* To urge; to encroach; to crowd.—3, *n.* An instrument for pressing;—the instrument or the art of printing;—books and papers printed; the literature of a country;—a crowd; a throng;—violent tendency;—a case for clothes.

**Préss-gäng, n.** A detachment from a ship's crew, that forces men into naval service.

**Préssing, p. a.** That presses; urgent.

**Préssing-ly, ad.** With force; closely.

**Préss-man, n.** A printer who works at the press.

**Préss-üre (présh'ür), n.** [L. *pressura*.—See *Press*.] The act of pressing; force; gravitation; weight;—impression; stamp;—urgency;—oppression; grievance.

**Prés-ti-dig-i-tá-tion, n.** [It. *presto*, Fr. *preste*, *prêt*, nimble, quick, and *Digit* (*q. v.*), a finger; extended, by means of an erroneous idea of its meaning, from *prestigation*.—See *PRESTO*.] The art of legerdemain.

**Prés-ti-dig-i-tá-tor, n.** [Fr. *prestidigitateur*.] One skilled in prestidigitation; a juggler.

**Prés-tige, or Prés-tige, n.** [Fr. *prestige*, fascination, a spell; L. *prestigium*, deception, jugglery; *prestingere*, to darken, to deceive; *præ*, before, and *stingere*, to extinguish (*q. v.*).] Illusion;—charm; fascination; stimulus; that which gives influence, advantage, or ascendancy.

**Prés-tig-i-á-tion, n.** [L. *prestigiare*, *prestigiatum*, to deceive by jugglers' tricks; *prestigium*, jugglers' tricks.—See *PRESTIGE*.] Jugglery; prestidigitation.

**Prés-tig-i-á-tor, n.** [L. *prestigator*.] A juggler.

**Prés-to, ad.** [It.; Fr. *preste*, quick; *prêt*, ready; L. *prestat*, at hand; *presto* (*ad.*), at hand: akin to *præ*, before.—Cf. *prestatore*, to stand before.] Quick; gayly.

**Pré-sum-a-ble, a.** That may be presumed.

**Pré-sum-a-bly, ad.** As may fairly be assumed.

**Pré-súme, v. n.** [L. *presumere*, *presumptum*, to take for granted; *præ*, before, and *sumere*, to assume (*q. v.*), to take; *sub*, under, and *emere*, to take.] [*pp.* presuming, presumed.] To take beforehand; to suppose; to think; to take for granted;—to be forward, confident, or arrogant; to venture.—2, *v. a.* To take for granted; to suppose.

**Pré-súmp-ing, p. a.** Arrogant; presumptive.

**Pré-súmp-tion (pré-zúm'shun), n.** [L. *presumptio*.—See *PRESUME*.] The act of presuming; supposition; confidence; arrogance.

**Pré-súmp-tive, a.** [See *PRESUME*.] Probable; supposed.—*Presumptive* heir is the present heir at law, distinguished from the heir *apparent*.

**Pré-súmp-tive-ly, ad.** By previous supposition.

**Pré-súmp-tú-ous (pré-zúm'tyú-ús), a.** [L. *presumptuosus*.] Arrogant; presuming; confident; adventurous.

**Pré-súmp-tú-ous-ly, ad.** Arrogantly.

**Pré-súmp-tú-ous-ness, n.** Vain confidence.

**Pré-sup-pó-sal, n.** Previous supposition.

**Pré-sup-pó-se, v. a.** [*PRE*- and *SUPPOSE*.] [*pp.* presupposing, presupposed.] To suppose beforehand.

**Pré-sup-pó-si-tion, n.** [*PRE*- and *SUPPOSITION*.] Previous supposition;—the act of presupposing; something presupposed.

**Pré-ténce, n.** [Late L. *pretentus*.—See *PRETEND*.] The act of pretending or alleging what is not real; false or deceptive show or reason; a *pretect*; an assumption.—*False pretences* (*Law*), false representations made with a design to obtain money or goods.

**Pré-ténd, v. a.** [L. *pretendere*, *pretensum*, to pretend, to spread out before; *præ*, before, and *tendere*, to stretch.—See *TEND*.] [*pp.* pretending, pretended.] To hold out an appearance of; to simulate; to claim falsely; to feign.—2, *v. n.* To hold out an appearance.

**Pré-ténd'er, n.** One who pretends.

**Pré-ténd-ing, p. a.** Making pretensions. [tence.

**Pré-tén'sion, n.** [Fr. *pretention*.] A claim;—a pretension;—the instrument or the art of printing;—books and papers printed; the literature of a country;—a crowd; a throng;—violent tendency;—a case for clothes.

**Pré-ter, n.** [L. *præter*, beyond.] A particle which, prefixed to words of Latin origin, signifies *beside, by, or beyond*.

**Pré-ter-ite, or Pré-ter-ite, a.** [L. *præterite*, *præteritum*, to go by; *præter*, beyond, and *ire*, to go.] (*Gram.*) Past; noting the past tense of a verb;—written also *preterit*.—2, *n.* The past tense.

**Pré-ter-mis'sion, n.** [L. *prætermisio*.] The act of pretermittitig.

**Pré-ter-mit', v. a.** [L. *prætermittere*, *prætermisum*; *præter*, beyond, and *mittere*, to send, to let go.] [*pp.* pretermittitig, pretermitted.] To pass by; to omit.

**Pré-ter-nát'ú-ral, a.** [L. *præter*, beyond, and *NATURAL*.] Beyond what is natural; abnormal; unnatural; supernatural.

**Pré-ter-nát'ú-ral-ly, ad.** Supernaturally.

**Pré-ter-plú-per-fect, a.** [L. *præter*, beyond, plus, more, and *perfectum*, perfect (*q. v.*).] (*Gram.*) Past before some other past time; pluperfect.

**Pré-téxt, or Pré-téxt, n.** [L. *prætextum*; *præ*, before, and *texere*, *textum*, to weave.] A false allegation, pretension, or show; a pretence; excuse; ostensible reason.

**Pré-tor, n.** [L. *prætor*,—literally, a leader; *præ*, before, and *ire*, *itum*, to go.] A high officer in ancient Rome; a commander; a judge.

**Pré-to-ri-an, a.** Relating to a pretor; judicial.

**Pré-to-ri-ship, n.** The office of pretor.

**Pré-ti-ly (prít'ti-ly), ad.** Neatly; pleasingly.

**Pré-ti-ness (prít'ti-ness), n.** State of being pretty; neatness.

**Pré-ty (prít'ty), a.** [A-S. *prætig*, deceitful, trickish; *prætt*, deceit; Welsh *prith*, an act; Icel. *prætt*, a trick; Late L. *præctica*, a performance.—See *PRACTICE*.] Moderately beautiful; handsome; neat; trim; fair; fine; pleasing.—2, *ad.* In some degree.

**Prét-zel, n.** [Ger. *brezel*, a bracelet (*q. v.*).] A salted wheat cake, twisted into a form somewhat resembling that of a bracelet;—written also *brezel*.

**Pré-váil, v. n.** [L. *prevailere*, to have great power; *præ*, before, and *valere*, to be strong.] [*pp.* prevailing, prevailed.] To be prevalent; to succeed.

**Pré-váil-ing, a.** Predominant; prevalent.

**Pré-vá-lence, n.** [Late L. *prevælentia*.] Superiority; influence;—wide extension.

**Prév-a-lént, a.** [L. *prevaleans*, pres. part. of *prevallere*, to prevail (*q. v.*).] Predominant; prevailing.

**Prév-a-lént-ly, ad.** Powerfully; forcibly.

**Pré-vár'i-cá-te, v. n.** [L. *prævaricare*, *prævaricatus*, to shuffle, to evade,—properly, to walk with the legs astride; *varicus*, straddling; *varus*, knock-kneed.] [*pp.* prevaricating, prevaricated.] To evade the truth; to quibble; to equivocate; to shuffle; to cavil.

**Pré-vár-i-cá-tion, n.** [L. *prævaricatio*.] The act of prevaricating; a quibble; a shuffle; a cavil.

**Pré-vár'i-cá-tor, n.** [L. *prævaricator*.] One who prevaricates.

**Pré-vé-ni-ént, a.** [L. *preveniens*, going before; a present participle.—See *PREVENT*.] Preceding; preventive.

**Pré-vént, v. a.** [L. *prevēnīre*, *prevēntum*, to go before; *præ*, before, and *venire*, to go.] [*pp.* preventing, prevented.] To precede;—to hinder; to obviate; to obstruct; to preclude.

**Pré-vént-a-ble, a.** That may be prevented.

**Pré-vént'er, n.** One who hinders.

**Pré-vén'tion, n.** [L. *prevēntio*, anticipation.] Hindrance; obstruction.

**Pré-vént'ive, a.** Preservative; hindering.—2, *n.* A preservative; an antidote.

**Pré-vi-ous, a.** [L. *præviūs*, going before; *præ*, before, and *via*, a way (*q. v.*).] Being before; antecedent; prior.

ā, ē, ī, ō, ū, ŷ, long; ä, ë, ï, ö, ŷ, short; æ, e, i, o, u, x, obscure.—Färe, fâr, fâst, fäll; hêir, hêr;

**Pré-vi-ous-ly, ad.** Beforehand; antecedently.

**Pré-vi'sion (pré-vizh'ün), n.** [Fr. *prevision*.—See *PRE*- and *VISION*.] Act of foreseeing; foresight.

**Prey (prâ), n.** [Fr. *proie*; O. Fr. *proie*; L. *preeda*, booty.] Rapine; plunder; ravage.—2, *v. n.* [*pp.* preying, preyed.] To plunder; to rob; to devour; to waste.

**Price, n.** [Fr. *prix*; O. Fr. *preis*; L. *pretium*.] Value; estimation; reward; cost.

**Price-our'rent, n.** A list of articles of merchandise with their prices stated. [value.

**Price-less, a.** Invaluable; without price;—of no price.

**Prick, v. a.** [Dan. *prick*, a dot; Sw. *prick*, a point; *pricka*, to point; Welsh *pric*, a stick; Irish *pricadh*, a goad; *pricoa*, a sting.] [*pp.* pricking, pricked.] To pierce; to spur; to goad; to incite; to erect; to mark;—to make acid.—2, *v. n.* [Cf. *PRIC* and *PRINK*.] To dress for show; to prink.—3, *n.* A point; a spur; a puncture; a goad.

**Prick'er, n.** Any thing that pricks; a prick.

**Prick'et, n.** [From the *pricks*, or points, of the antlers.] A buck in his second year.

**Prick'ing, n.** Sensation of being pricked.

**Prick'le, n.** [A diminutive of *Prick*; Dut. *prickel*.] A small, sharp point; a prickler.

**Prick'li-ness, n.** Fullness of sharp points.

**Prick'ly, a.** Full of sharp points.

**Prick'ly-ash, n.** An aromatic prickly shrub.

**Prick'ly-peär, n.** A plant, a sort of cactus.

**Pride, n.** [A-S. *pyrte*, from *pruð*, proud (*q. v.*).] Inordinate self-esteem; haughtiness; insolent exultation; loftiness; vanity; conceit; that of which one is proud.—2, *v. a.* [*pp.* priding, prided.] To make proud; to rate high.

**Priest (prést), n.** [A-S. *preost*; L. *presbyter* (*q. v.*).] One who officiates in sacred offices; a *clergyman*; an ecclesiastic.

**Priest'craft, n.** Religious fraud or artifice; craft or fraud of priests.

**Priest'ess, n.** A female priest.

**Priest'hood (prést'hüd), n.** [A-S. *preosthad*.] The office and character of a priest; the order of priests.

**Priest'li-ness, n.** The manner of a priest.

**Priest'ly, a.** Like a priest; sacerdotal.

**Prig, n.** [Akin to *PRICK*, *PRINK*; O. Dut. *prijken*, to make a show.] A pert, conceited little fellow.

**Prig'gish, a.** Conceited; vain; pert.

**Prig, n.** [O. E. *prime*, to prune.] A plant or shrub, privet.—2, *a.* [O. Fr. *prims*, *prime*, *prim*, smooth, sharp, delicate; probably a form of *PRIME*, first.—See *PRIMP*.—Cf. also O. E. *prime*, to trim, to prune.] Formal; precise; affectedly nice.—3, *v. a.* [*pp.* priming, primed.] To deck up precisely; to prink.

**Prí-ma-cy, n.** [Fr. *primatie*.] The office or dignity of a primate.

**Prí-ma-dón'na, n.** [It. for "first lady."] The principal female singer in an opera.

**Prí-mal, a.** Primary; original.

**Prí-má-ri-ly, ad.** Originally; at first.

**Prí-má-ry, a.** [L. *primarius*.—See *PRIME*.] First; original; principal.

**Prí-má-te, n.** [L. *primas*, *primatis*; *primus*, first.] The chief prelate in a church; an archbishop.

**Prime, n.** [L. *primus*, first: akin to *PRIOR* and to *præ*, before.] The dawn;—the first part; height; best part;—the spring of life; spring.—2, *a.* Early; primal;—principal; first;—first-rate.—3, *v. a.* [Probably from Fr. *prime*, the first position in fencing.] [*pp.* priming, primed.] To put powder in the pan of a gun;—to lay the ground for painting.—4, *v. n.* To serve for the charge of a gun.

**Prime'ly, ad.** Originally; primarily; well.

**Prím'er (prí'mér, í), n.** [Fr. *primaire*, L. *primarius*, primary.] A small book for children;—a printing-type; long primer; great primer.

**Prím'er, n.** A device for firing explosives.

**Prí-mé-val, a.** [L. *primævus*; *primus*, first, and *ævum*, age.] Original; first; primitive.

**Prím'ing, n.** Powder for the pan of a gun;—the first coat in painting.

**Prím'i-tive, a.** [L. *primitiuus*.—See *PRIME*.] Original; first; primary.—2, *n.* A primitive or original word.

**Prím'i-tive-ly, ad.** Originally; at first.

**Prím'ness, n.** Affected niceness or formality.

**Prím-ogén'i-türe, n.** [Fr. *primogéniture*; L. *primogenitus*, first-born; *primus*, first, and *gignere*, *gignitum*, to beget.] Seniority by birth.

**Prím-ör'di-ál, a.** [L. *primordiális*; *primordium*, origin; *primus*, first, and *ordinari*, to begin.] Original; first in order;—relating to, associated with, or characterized by the beginnings of life.—2, *n.* Origin; first principle.

**Prím-p, v. n. & v. a.** [A form of *PRINK*.] [*pp.* primping, primped.] To prink.

**Prím-rose, n.** [L. *prima*, first, and *rosa*, rose.—Cf. Late L. *primula*, a primrose; Fr. *primerole*, a primrose. The Fr. *primerole* is a hollyhock.—Cf. It. *primavera*, early spring,—also, a primrose.] A perennial plant and its flower.

**Prince, n.** [Fr. *prince*; L. *princeps*, *principis*, a chief, a great person; *primus*, first, and the root of *capere*, to take.] A sovereign; a ruler; a sovereign of a principality; a chief;—a king's son.

**Prínce-dom, n.** The rank or state of a prince.

**Prínce-li-ness, n.** State of being princely.

**Prínce-ly, a.** Becoming a prince; grand.

**Prínce's-feath'er, n.** A plant and its flower.

**Prín-cess, n.** [Fr. *princesse*; It. *principessa*.] A sovereign or royal lady;—the daughter of a sovereign;—the wife of a prince.

**Prín-ci-pal, a.** [L. *principalis*, chief; *princeps*, a prince (*q. v.*).] Chief; capital; essential;—*primary*; first; supreme;—important.—2, *n.* A head; a chief;—the first officer in a seminary;—a leader; one primarily engaged;—a sum placed out at interest.

**Prín-ci-pál'i-ty, n.** The state, rank, office, or domain of a prince;—a sovereignty.

**Prín-ci-pal-ly, ad.** Chiefly; above all.

**Prín-cíp-i-a, n. pl.** [L.] First principles.

**Prín-ci-ple, n.** [Fr. *principe*; L. *principium*, a beginning; *primus*, first, and *capere*, to take. The *l* in this word is intrusive.] An element; constituent part;—cause;—fundamental truth; a doctrine;—ground of action; motive; tenet;—character.—2, *v. a.* [*pp.* principing, principled.] To establish in principles.

**Prínk, v. a. & v. n.** [Akin to *PRANK*, *PRIMP*, *PRICK*, *PRIM*, and *PRIG*, and possibly to *TRIM*, *TRICK*, *TRINKET*, and *TRIG*.] [*pp.* prinking, prinked.] To dress for show.

**Prínk, v. a.** [A shortened form of *IMPRINT*.] [*pp.* printing, printed.] To mark; to stamp; to impress.—2, *v. n.* To practise the art of typography.—3, *n.* A mark made by impression;—an engraving;—a stamp;—an impression made by types;—any thing printed; a newspaper.

**Prín't'er, n.** One who prints books, &c.

**Prín't-ing, n.** The business of a printer.

**Prín't-ing-préss, n.** A press for printing.

**Prín't-séll'er, n.** One who sells engravings.

**Prí'or, a.** [L. *prior*, sooner, earlier,—also, a father.—See *PRIME*.] Former; antecedent; anterior;—preceding.—2, *n.* The head of a priory of monks.

**Prí'or-éss, n.** The superior of a priory of nuns.

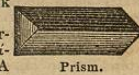
**Prí-ör'i-ty, n.** [Fr. *priorité*; Late L. *prioritas*.] State of being prior or first.

**Prí'or-ship, n.** The state or office of a prior.

**Prí'or-y, n.** A convent in rank inferior to an abbey.

**Prísm, n.** [Gr. *πρίσμα*,—literally, something sawn; *πρίσειν*, for *πρίειν*, to saw.] A geometrical solid figure whose two ends are triangles, equal, parallel, and straight, and whose sides are parallelograms.

**Prís-mát'ic, a.** Relating to or like a prism.—*Prismatic colors*, the seven primary colors, into



mien, sir; móve, nör, sön; búll, búr, rúle, úse.—ç, ç, ç, soft; ç, ç, ç, hard; ç as z; ç as gz; this.







**Pro-fuse'**, a. [L. *profusus*; *profundere*, *profusum*, to pour out; *pro-*, forth, and *fundere*, to pour.] Liberal to excess; lavish; prodigal; overabounding; extravagant.

**Pro-fuse'ly**, ad. Lavishly; prodigally.

**Pro-fuse'ness**, n. Lavishness; profusion.

**Pro-fu'sion** (pro-fu'zhun), n. [L. *profusio*.—See PROFUSE.] Prodigality; extravagance; profuse-ness; abundance; excess.

**Prog**, n. [O. E. *prog*, to go begging.—Cf. Sw. *pracka*, Dan. *prække*, Ger. *prachern*, to beg; also L. *procare*, to beg. *Prog* seems originally to have meant food procured by beggary.—Cf. also PROWL.] Victuals; provision of any kind. [Low and colloq.]

**Pro-gen'i-tor**, n. [L.; *pro-*, forth, and *genitor*, a parent; *gignere*, *genitum*, to beget.] A forefather; an ancestor.

**Prog'e-ny**, n. [Fr. *progenie*; L. *progenies*.—See PROGENITOR.] Offspring; descendants; race.

**Prog'na-thism**, n. The state of being prognathous; projection of the lower jaw.

**Prog-na'thous**, a. [Gr. *πρό*, before, forward, and *νάθος*, the jaw.] Having projecting jaws.

**Prog-nō'sis**, n. [Gr.—See PROGNOSTIC.] (Med.) The art of foretelling the event of a disease; a judgment regarding the future course and event of any illness.

**Prog-nō'stic**, a. [Gr. *προγνωστικός*, foretelling; *προγνωσκάν*, a token; *πρό*, before, and *γνώαι*, to know (q. v.).] Foretelling; indicating.—2, n. A sign; a token; an omen.

**Prog-nō'stic-ate**, v. a. [pp. prognosticating, prognosticated.] To show beforehand by signs; to foretell; to foreshow.

**Prog-nō's-ti-cā'tion**, n. Act of foretelling.

**Prog-nō's-ti-cā'tor**, n. One who foretells.

**Pro-gram**, n. [Fr.; Gr. *πρόγραμμα*, a written notice; *πρό*, before, and *γράμμα*, a writing; *γράφειν*, to write.] A bill or plan exhibiting an outline of an entertainment or public performance; a program.

**Pro-gress** (pro-gres, Ja. K.), n. [Fr. *progrès*; L. *progressus*.] Motion forward; course; advancement; progression; proficiency.

**Pro-gress'**, v. n. [L. *progressi*, *progressus*, to advance; *pro-*, forward, and *gradi*, to go.] [pp. progressing, progressed.] To proceed; to go forward; to advance; to make progress.

**Pro-gres'sion** (pro-gresh'un), n. [L. *progressio*.] Regular or gradual advance; *progress*; course.

**Pro-gres'sive**, a. Making progress; advancing.

**Pro-gres'sive-ly**, ad. By regular course.

**Pro-gres'sive-ness**, n. State of advancing.

**Pro-hib'it**, v. a. [L. *prohibere*, *prohibitum*; *pro-*, before, and *habere*, to have, to hold.] [pp. prohibiting, prohibited.] To forbid; to interdict; to hinder; to prevent; to preclude.

**Pro-hi-bit'ion** (pro-he-bish'un), n. [L. *prohibitio*.] Act of prohibiting; interdiction; an interdict.

**Pro-hi-bit'ion-ist**, n. One who favors the prohibition of the sale of alcoholic drinks.

**Pro-hib'i-tive**, a. Same as PROHIBITORY.

**Pro-hib'i-to-ry**, a. [L. *prohibitorius*.] Implying prohibition; forbidding; prohibiting.

**Pro-ject'**, v. a. [L. *proicere*, *projectum*, to throw out; *pro-*, forth, and *jacere*, to hurl.] [pp. projecting, projected.] To scheme; to form; to contrive; to plan.—2, v. n. To jut out; to shoot forward.

**Pro-ject** (pro-jekt, I.), n. [Fr. *projet*; L. *projectum*, that which projects.] A scheme; a design.

**Pro-jectile**, n. A body projected.—2, a. Impelling forward;—impelled forward.

**Pro-ject'ion**, n. [L. *projectio*.] Act of projecting; a prominence;—that which is projected; a plan; a delineation; method of delineation.

**Pro-ject'or**, n. One who projects.

**Projet** (pro-zhá'), n. [Fr.] A project; a plan; a draft for a proposed treaty or convention.

ā, ē, ī, ō, ū, ŷ, long; ä, ë, ï, ö, ů, ŷ, short; ç, é, ê, ò, ù, z, obscure.—Färe, fär, fäst, fäll; hëir, hër;

**Prom'is-ing**, p. a. Giving good promise.

**Prom'is-se-ry**, a. Containing a promise.

**Prom'on-to-ry**, n. [L. *promontorium* or *promunturium*; perhaps from *pro-*, forth, and *mons*, a mountain; or *pro-*, forward, and *minari*, to jut.] High land jutting into the sea; headland.

**Prom-ote'**, v. a. [L. *promovere*, *promotum*; *pro-*, forward, and *movere*, to move (q. v.).] [pp. promoting, promoted.] To forward; to advance; to exalt; to prefer;—to raise in rank or office.

**Prom-ot'er**, n. One who promotes.

**Prom-ot'ion**, n. [L. *promotio*.] Advancement; preferment.

**Prom-ot'ive**, a. Tending to promote; helpful.

**Prompt** (promt), a. [Fr.; L. *promere*, *promptum*, to bring forward; *pro-*, forward, and *emere*, to take.] Quick; ready; acute; not dilatory.—2, v. a. [pp. prompting, prompted.] To assist; to incite; to suggest.

**Prompt'er** (promt'er), n. One who prompts; one who assists an actor or speaker when at a loss to recall the words of his part. [quickness.]

**Prompt'i-tude**, n. [L. *promptitudo*.] Readiness; promptness.

**Prompt'ly** (promt'le), ad. Readily; quickly.

**Prompt'ness** (promt'nes), n. Readiness.

**Prom-ulg-ate**, v. a. [L. *promulgare*, *promulgatum*, to publish.] [pp. promulgating, promulgated.] To publish; to make known; to teach publicly; to proclaim. [tion; exhibition.]

**Prom-ulg-ation**, n. [L. *promulgatio*.] Publication.

**Prom-ulg-ator** (or prom-ül-gä'tur), n. One who promulgates or makes publicly known.

**Prom-ül-g'e**, v. a. [See PROMULGATE.] [pp. promulgating, promulgated.] To promulgate.

**Prom-ül-g'er**, n. A publisher; a promulgator.

**Prom-nā'tion**, n. [L. *pronare*, *pronatum*, to bend forward.] The position of the hand with the palm down;—the motion which leads to that position.

**Prone**, a. [L. *pronus*.—Cf. Gr. *πρῶν*, headlong; Skr. *pravana*, inclined.] Lying with the face downward; not supine;—bending downward;—inclined;—with the palm downward.

**Prone'ness**, n. State of being prone;—inclination.

**Prong**, n. [Cf. Low Ger. *prange*, a stake; Local E. *sprong*, a prong; perhaps related to SPRING.] The tine of a fork, &c.; a fork. [lope.]

**Prong'-horn**, n. An American antelope.

**Pro-nom'i-nal**, a. [L. *pronominalis*.] Relating to a pronoun.

**Pro-noun**, n. [Pro, for, and Noun; L. *pronomem*.] (Gram.) A word used instead of a noun, to avoid the too frequent repetition of the same word.

**Pro-nounce'**, v. a. [Fr. *prononcer*; L. *pronuntiare*; *pro-*, forth, and *nuntiare*, to tell.] [pp. pronouncing, pronounced.] To speak; to articulate; to declare;—to utter rhetorically.

**Pro-nounce'a-ble**, a. [L. *pronuntiabilis*.] That may be pronounced. [decided; unequivocal.]

**Pro-nounced'** (pron-ünst'), a. Strongly marked; pronounced.

**Pro-nounce'ment**, n. An announcement; a formal utterance. [nunciation.]

**Pro-nounc'ing**, a. Indicating or teaching.

**Pro-nun-ci-a-men'to**, n. [Sp. *pronunciamento*.] A proclamation; a declaration.

**Pro-nun-ci-ation** (pron-nun-she-ä'shun) (pron-nun-she-ä'shun, W. J. F. Ja.; pron-nun-se-ä'shun, I. H. St. P. K. Sn. C.), n. [L. *pronuntiatio*.] The act of pronouncing; utterance; delivery.

**Pro-nun-ci-a-tive**, a. Uttering confidently.

**Pro-s'e**, n. [Fr. *preuve*; L. *proba*; *probare*, to prove (q. v.).] That by which something is proved; evidence; test; trial;—impenetrability;—a trial-sheet of print to be corrected.—2, a. Of such quality or character as to stand the proof; able to resist; impenetrable.

**Pro-s'e-shëet**, n. The first impression of a printed sheet, for correction; a proof.



Prong-horn.

**Pröp**, v. a. [Gael. *prop*, Irish *propa*, a prop; O. Dut. *proppen*, to prop.—Cf. Ger. *pfropfen*, a cutting, a scion, a stopper; *pfropfen*, to plug up.] [pp. propping, propped.] To support; to sustain; to keep up.—2, n. That which sustains or on which any thing rests; a support; a stay.

**Pröp-a-ga-ble**, a. That may be propagated.

**Pröp-a-gän'da**, n. [L.] An association at Rome having the charge of missions, called *Congregatio de Propaganda Fide*, "Society for Propagating the Faith."

**Pröp-a-gän'dism**, n. Proselytism.

**Pröp-a-gän'dist**, n. A missionary; a proselyter.

**Pröp-a-gäte**, v. a. [L. *propagare*, *propagatum*, to layer, as a plant,—hence, to propagate; *propago*, a slip, a cutting: probably akin to PROP.] [pp. propagating, propagated.] To extend; to increase; to generate; to disseminate; to diffuse.—2, v. n. To have offspring.

**Pröp-a-gä'tion**, n. [L. *propagatio*.] Generation; extension; dissemination.

**Pröp-a-gä'tive**, a. That propagates or is propagated;—tending to propagate.

**Pröp-a-gä'tor**, n. One who propagates.

**Pröp-ell'**, v. a. [L. *propellere*, *propulsus*; *pro-*, forward, and *pellere*, to drive.] [pp. propelling, propelled.] To drive or urge forward.

**Pröp-ell'er**, n. He who or that which propels;—an instrument, called the *screen*, for the propulsion of vessels.—a steam vessel provided with such an instrument. [PENNSYLV.]

**Pröp-en'sion**, n. [L. *propensio*.] Same as PRO-PEN-SI-TY.

**Pröp-en'si-ty**, n. [L. *propendere*, *propensus*, to hang forward, to incline to; *pro-*, forward, and *pendere*, to hang.] Tendency; inclination.

**Pröp'er**, a. [Fr. *propre*; L. *proprius*, one's own.] Peculiar; one's own;—natural; fit; suitable; appropriate; just; right;—peculiar to the individual; as, a *proper* name.

**Pröp'er-ly**, ad. In a proper manner; fitly.

**Pröp'er-ty**, n. [Fr. *propriété*; *propre*, one's own; L. *proprietas*, ownership.—See PROPER.] A peculiar quality;—ownership;—a possession; what one possesses; goods.

**Pröp'h-e-cy**, n. [L. *prophetia*; Gr. *προφητεία*.—See PROPHET.] The act of prophesying or foretelling future events; a prediction.

**Pröp'h-e-si-er**, n. One who prophesies.

**Pröp'h-e-sy**, v. a. [From PROPHESY.] [pp. prophesying, prophesied.] To predict; to foretell.—2, v. n. To utter prophecies.

**Pröp'h-et**, n. [Gr. *προφήτης*; *πρό*, before, publicly, and root of *φημί*, I speak.] One who prophesies.

**Pröp'h-et-ess**, n. A female prophet.

**Pröp'h-ët'ic**, a. [Gr. *προφητικός*.] Relating to a prophet or to prophecy; foretelling.

**Pröp'h-ët'ic-al-ly**, ad. By prophecy.

**Pröp'h-y-läc'tic**, n. [Gr. *προφύλακτικός*; *πρό*, before, and *φύλασσειν*, to guard.] A preventive medicine.—2, a. Preventing disease; preventive.

**Pröp-i-qui-ty**, n. [L. *propinquitus*; *propinquus*, near; *prope*, near.] Nearness; kindred.

**Pröp'i-ti-a-ble** (pro-pish'e-a-bl), a. Placable.

**Pröp'i-ti-ate** (pro-pish'e-ät), v. a. [L. *propitiare*, *propitium*, to render propitious (q. v.).] [pp. propitiating, propitiated.] To make propitious; to conciliate; to appease.

**Pröp-i-ti-ä'tion** (pro-pish-e-ä'shun), n. [L. *propitiatio*.] The act of propitiating.

**Pröp'i-ti-ä'tor** (pro-pish'e-ä-tur), n. [L.] One who propitiates; an appeaser.

**Pröp'i-ti-a-to-ry** (pro-pish'e-a-tö-re), a. [L. *propitiatorius*.] Tending to make propitious; conciliatory.—2, n. [L. *propitiatorium*.] The mercy-seat; the covering of the ark in the Jewish temple.

**Pröp'i-tious** (pro-pish'us), a. [L. *propitius*.] Disposed to be merciful; favorable; kind; benign; auspicious.

**Pröp'i-tious-ly**, ad. Favorably.

mien, sir; möve, mör, sön; häll,bür, rüle, üse.—G, g, ç, soft; ç, ç, ç, hard; ç as z; ç as gz; this