

2. Possessive of nouns. Singular nouns take apostrophe, *s* (*man's*, *James's*); plurals, if they do not end in *s*, form the possessive by the same rule (*men's*, *geese's*), but, if they end in *s*, take an apostrophe only (*boys's*).

3. Comparative and superlative of adjectives and adverbs. In monosyllables and some disyllables (e.g. those in *-y*) add *-er* and *-est* (*bolder*), *-e* wds dropping the *-e* (*bravest*), and disyllables in *-y* having *-ier* and *-iest* (*happier*, *luckiest*); in other cases prefix *more* and *most* (*more beautiful*, *most splendid*). Monosyllables double a final single consonant (except *x* and *w*) if preceded by a single vowel (*grimmer*). This may be stated in the dictionary.

4. Third person singular present of verbs. Sibilants and *-o* wds add *-es* (*pushes*, *goes*); *-y* wds change *-y* into *-ies* (*cries*); other verbs add *-s* (*sings*).

5. Past and p.p. of verbs. *-e* wds add *-d* (*moved*); *-y* wds change *-y* into *-ied* (*relied*); other verbs add *-ed* (*trusted*, *vetoed*); if the final consonant is doubled, it is stated in the dictionary, thus: **glut**, v.t. (*-tt-*); **revel**, v.i. & t. (*-ll-*).

6. Participle of verbs. All verbs add *-ing* (*fishing*), *-e* wds dropping the *-e* (*dancing*); monosyllables double a final single consonant (except *x*) if preceded by a single vowel (*grabbing*).

7. Archaic 2nd and 3rd singular of verbs. The forms in *-(e)st* and *-(e)th*, being archaic, need only be mentioned, without rules; *-(e)st* is 2nd sing. present and past, *-(e)th* is 3rd sing. present; examples are *playest*, *dost*, *hear'st*, *madest*, *wouldst*, *saieth*, *goeth*.

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE DICTIONARY

(For list of general abbreviations see Appendix I)

a., aa., adjective(s)
abbr./eviation etc.
abl./ative
abs./olute(ly)
acc., according, accusative
act./ive
adj./ective etc.
adv./erb etc.
advv., adverbs
aeron./autics etc.
aesthet./ics etc.
AF, Anglo-French
Afr./ica(n)
AL, Anglo-Latin
alch./emy etc.
alg./ebra etc.
allus./ive etc.
alt./eration etc.
alw./ays
Amer./ica(n)
AN, Anglo-Norman
anal./ogy etc.
anat./omy etc.
Anglo-Ind./ian
anon./ymous etc.
ant./iquities
anthrop./ology etc.
ap./pendix
app./arently
Arab./ic
Aram./aic
arbitr./ary
arch./aic
archaeol./ogy etc.
archit./ecture etc.
arith./metic etc.

Ass./yrian
assim./ilated etc.
assoc./iated etc.
astrol./ogy etc.
astron./omy etc.
attrib./utive etc.
augment./ative etc.
Austral./ia(n)

b./orn
back form./ation
bef./ore
bibl./ical etc.
bibliog./raphy etc.
bill./iards
biog./raphy etc.
biol./ogy etc.
Boh./emian
bot./any etc.
Braz./il(ian)
Bret./on
Brit./ish
Bulg./aria(n)
Burm./ese
Byz./antine

c./entury
c./irca
cc., centuries
Celt./ic
cf., compare
chem./istry etc.
Chin./ese
chronol./ogy etc.
cinemat./ography etc.
cl./assical
cogn./ate

collect./ive(ly)
colloq./uial etc.
com./mon
comb./ination etc.
commerc./ial etc.
comp., compar./ative
compd., compound
compl./ement
compp., compounds
com./mon -Teut./onic
con./ics
conch./ology etc.
confus./ion
conj., conjunction,
conjugation
conn./ect etc.
constr./uction etc.
contempt./uous etc.
contr./action etc.
cop./ulative
Copt./ic
Corn./ish
corr./ection etc.
correl./ative etc.
corresp./onding etc.
corrupt./ion
cp., compare
crick./et
cryst./allography
cu., cub., cubic
Cym./ric

d./ied
Da./nish
dat./ive
demonstr./ative
dent./istry

deriv./ative etc.
derog./atory etc.
dial./ect etc.
dict./ionary
diff./erent
different./iate etc.
dim./inutive etc.
dimm., diminutives
diplom./acy
dir./ect etc.
dissim./ilate etc.
dist./inct etc.
distrib./utive etc.
diaryl./abic etc.
Dor./ic
Du./tch
dynam./ics etc.

E, English
ecll./esiasical etc.
EFris., East Frisian
Egyptol./ogy
E. Ind., East Indian
electr./icity etc.
ellipt./ical etc.
embryol./ogy
engin./eering etc.
Engl., England, English
entom./ology etc.
erron./eous(ly)
euchat./ology etc.
esp./ecial(ly)
eth./ics etc.
ethnol./ogy etc.
etym./ology etc.
euphem./ism etc.
Eur./ope(an)
ex./ample
exagg./eration etc.
exc./ept
exch./ange
excl., exclamation etc., ex-
clusive etc.
excll., exclamations
expl./ain etc.
expr./essing etc.
exx., examples

F, French
f./rom
facet./ious etc.
fam./iliar etc.
fem./inine etc.
fenc./ing
fig./urative etc.
Fl./emish
foll./owing (word)
footb./all
form./ation
fortif./ication
Fr./ench
Frank./ish
freq./uent(ly)
frequent./ative(ly)
Fris./ian
ft, foot, feet
fut./ure

G, German
Gael./ic
gal./lon(s)
gen., general etc., genitive
geog./raphy etc.
geol./ogy etc.
geom./etry etc.
Gk, Greek
Gmc, Germanic
Goth./ic
gr., gram./mar etc.
gym./nastics etc.

Heb./rew
her./aldry etc.
Hind., Hindi, Hindustani
hist./orical etc., history
hort./iculture etc.
Hung./arian, -ary
hydrost./atics etc.

i., intransitive
Icel./andic
illit./erate etc.
imit./ative etc.
imper., imperat./ive
imperf./ect
impers./onal
improp./er(ly)
incept./ive
incl./uding, -usive
Ind./ia(n)
ind., indicative, indirect
indecl./inable
inf./initive
infl./uence etc.
instr./umental (case)
int./erjection
interrog./ative(ly)
intr./ansitive
Ir./ish
iron./ical(ly)
irreg./ular(ly)
It., Ital./ian
ital./ics

Jam./aica(n)
Jap./an(ese)
Jav./anese
Jew./ish
joc./ose, -ular(ly)

L, Latin
lang./uage
Lat./in
lexicog./raphy etc.
LG, Low German
lit./eral(ly)
Lith./uania(n)
LL, late Latin
log./ic etc.

M, middle (with languages)
magn./etism etc.
manuf./acture etc.
masc./uline
math./ematics etc.
MDu., middle Dutch
ME, middle English (1200-
1500)
mech./anics etc.
med./icine etc.
med.L, medieval Latin
metaph./or etc.
metaphys./ics etc.
metath./esis etc.
meteor./ology etc.
meton./ymy
Mex./ican
MHG, middle High German
mil./itary etc.
min./eralogy etc.
MLG, middle Low German
mod./ern
monosyl./abic etc.
morphol./ogy etc.
MSw., middle Swedish
mus./ic etc.
myth./ology etc.

n./oun
N. Amer., North American
nat. hist., natural history

nat. phil., natural philo-
sophy
naut./ical etc.
nav./al etc.
neg./ative(ly)
neut./er
NFris., North Frisian
nn., nouns
nom./inative
Norm./an
north./ern
Norw./egian, -ay
N.T., New Testament
num./eral

O, old (with languages)
obj./ect etc.
obl./ique
obs./olete
obsc./ure etc.
obsolesc./ent
obstet./rics etc.
occas./ional(ly)
ODa., old Danish
OE, old English
OF, old French
OFris., old Frisian
OHG, old High German
OIr., old Irish
OLG, old Low German
ON, old Norse
ONF, old northern French
onomat./opoic etc.
opp., (as) opposed (to)
OPr., old Provençal
opt., optative, optics etc.
ord./inary
orig./in(al)(ly)
ornith./ology etc.
OS, old Saxon
OSl(av), old Slavonic
OSp., old Spanish
O.T., Old Testament

p./age
paint./ing
Pal./estine
palaeog./raphy etc.
paleont./ology etc.
parenth./etic etc.
Parl./iament(ary)
part., (present) participle
partic./ipial
pass./ive(ly)
path./ology etc.
pedant./ic(ally)
perf./ect (tense)
perh./aps
Pers./ia(n)
pers./on(al)
pert./aining
Peruv./ian
Pg., Portuguese
pharm./acy etc.
philol./ogy etc.
philos./ophy etc.
Phoen./icia(n)
phon., phonet./ics etc.
phonol./ogy etc.
photog./raphy etc.
phr./ase
phren./ology etc.
phrr., phrases
phys./ics etc.
physiol./ogy etc.
pl./ural
plup./erfect
poet./ical etc.
Pol./ish, -and