

Help, from the Saxon *helpan*, to do good to; that is, to do that aid in getting what is useful and essential.

"He that wrestles with us strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skill. Our antagonist is our helper."—*Burke*.

Chastise, from *castigo*, to make pure, to correct by punishment.

"Heaven is not always angry when he strikes;
But most chastises those whom most he likes."—*Pomfret*.

Example, from *exemplum*, the thing framed according to a likeness. Pattern, from Dutch *patroon*, that which is to be copied, imitated, or followed.

"I do not give you to posterity as a pattern to imitate, but as an example to deter."—*Junius*.

Count, from *computor*, forming into an account, to add up the different parts, to know the quantity.

"Count that day lost whose low descending sun
Views from thy hand no worthy action done."

Substantial, from *substantia*, the act of standing under; that is, real, evident, standing by its own power.

"We'll shine in more substantial honours,
And, to be noble, we'll be good."—*Percy*.

Fit, from *fit*, it is made, made for the purpose.

"But whether on the scaffold high
Or in the battle's van,
The fittest place where man can die
Is where he dies for man."—*Barry*.

Acquire, from *acquiro*, to seek; that is, to seek or try to get what we want.

"A genius is never to be acquired, but is the gift of nature."—*Gay*.

Attain, from *attineo*, to hold; that is, to get what we try for and hold it fast, and is a finished action.

"Inquiries after happiness and rules for attaining it are not so necessary and useful to mankind as the arts of consolation and

supporting one's self under affliction."—*Shepherd*.

Flourish, from *floreo*, I flower; that is, full and complete as a flower in bloom. Precedence, from *pre* and *cedo*, the state of going before; that is, to take place or be done before something else intended or expected. Precedent means that going before which is a guide to follow.

"Mastering the lawless science of our law,
The codeless myriad of precedent,
That wilderness of single instances."—*Tennyson*.

Explicit, from *explicitus*, unfolded or laid open; that is, to remove every difficulty out of the way, so that a thing is clear, open, and needs no explanation.

"Since the revolution, the bounds of prerogative and liberty have been better defined, the principles of government more thoroughly examined and understood, and the rights of the subject more explicitly guarded by legal provisions than in any other period of the English history."—*Blackstone*.

Occasion, from *occasio*, that which falls in the way so as to produce some change. Opportunity, from *opportunus*, the thing that happens fit for the purpose. We do things as the occasion requires or as the opportunity offers. Concert, from *concerto*, to debate together. Contrive, from *controver*, to find out by putting together. Manage, from *manus* and *ago*, to lead by the hand. Measures are concerted; schemes are contrived; affairs are managed.

"Modern statesmen are concerting schemes and engaged in the depths of politics at the time when their forefathers were laid down quietly to rest, and had nothing in their heads but dreams."—*Steele*.

"When Cæsar was one of the masters of the mint he placed the figure of an elephant upon the reverse of the public money, the word Cæsar signifying an elephant in the Renick language. This was artfully contrived by Cæsar, because it was not lawful for a private man to stamp his own figure upon the coin of the commonwealth."—*Addison*.