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EXCEPTIONAL means out of the ordinary or unusual, it may refer merely to the rarity of occurrence, or to the superiority of quality: an exceptional case; an exceptional mind. Because of the stigma of **ABNORMAL**, **EXCEPTIONAL** is today frequently substituted for it in contexts where such a euphemism may be thought to be appropriate, as a school for exceptional children (children who are abnormal in behavior, mental capacity, or the like).

irregular galaxy, Astron. a galaxy with no specific form and a relatively low mass. [1960-65]

irregularity (ir'egyul'ar-i-tee), n., pl. -ties (for 2, 3)
1. the quality or state of being irregular. 2. something irregular. 3. a breach of rules, customs, etiquette, morality, etc. 4. occasional mild constipation. [1275-1325, ME *irregularite*; OF *irregularitas*. See **IR-**, **REGULARITY**]

irregular variable, Astron. a variable star whose brightness variation is irregular. Also called **irregular variable star**. [1900-05]

irrelative (ir'eliv'ah-tiv), adj. 1. not relative; without relation (usually fol. by *to*). 2. not pertinent; irrelevant. [1630-40, IR- + **RELATIVE**] —**irrelative-ly**, adv. —**irrelative-ness**, n.

irrelevance (ir'eliv'ah-vans), n. 1. the quality or condition of being irrelevant. 2. an irrelevant thing, act, etc. [1840-60, IR- + **RELEVANCE**]

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impulse 2. lovable, esp. calling forth feelings of protective love: an irresistible puppy. 3. enticing; tempting to possess: an irresistible necktie. —**irresistible**, adj. 4. an irresistible person or thing. [1590-1600, *ML irresistibilis*. See **IR-**, **RESISTIBLE**] —**irresistibility**, **irresistible-ness**, n. —**irresistibly**, adv.

irresolvable (ir'izolv'ah-bal, ir'izel'ah-), adj. 1. incapable of being solved or clarified. 2. Archaic, a. incapable of being resolved into component parts; insoluble. b. incapable of being relieved. [1640-50, *L irresolubilis*. See **IR-**, **RESOLUBLE**] —**irresolvability**, n.

irresolute (ir'ize'ah-lu't), adj. 'not resolute; doubtful; unfirm of purpose; vacillating. [1565-75, IR- + **RESOLUTE**] —**irresolutely**, adv. —**irresolute-ness**, n.

irresolution (ir'ize'ah-lu'shan), n. lack of resolution; lack of decision or purpose; vacillation. [1585-95, **IRRESOLUTE** + **-ION**]

irresolvable (ir'izolv'ah-bal), adj. not resolvable; incapable of being resolved, analyzable, or solvable. [1650-60, IR- + **RESOLVABLE**] —**irresolvability**, **irresolvability-ness**, n.

irrespective (ir'izpek'tiv), adj. without regard to something else, esp. something specified; ignoring or discounting (usually fol. by *or*): *Irrespective of my wishes, I should go*. [1630-40, IR- + **RESPECTIVE**] —**irrespectively**, adv.

irrespirable (ir'ize'pah'ah-bal, ir'iz'pah'ah-bal), adj. not respirable; unfit for breathing. [1818-25, *L irrespirabilis*. See **IR-**, **RESPIRABLE**]

irresponsible (ir'iz'pon'sah-bal), adj. 1. said, done, or characterized by a lack of a sense of responsibility: *His refusal to work shows him to be completely irresponsible*. 2. not capable of or qualified for responsibility, as due to age, circumstances, or a mental deficiency. 3. not responsible, answerable, or accountable to higher authority: irresponsible as a monarch. —**irresponsible person**. [1640-50, IR- + **RESPONSIBLE**] —**irresponsibility**, **irresponsibility-ness**, n. —**irresponsibly**, adv. —**Syn.** 1. unreliable, undependable, thoughtless.

irresponsive (ir'iz'spon'siv), adj. not responsive; not responding, or not responding readily, as in speech, action, or feeling. [1840-60, IR- + **RESPONSIVE**] —**irresponsiveness**, n.

irretentive (ir'iz'ten'tiv), adj. not retentive; lacking power to retain, esp. mentally. [1740-60, IR- + **RETENTIVE**] —**irretentiveness**, **irretention**, n.

irretraceable (ir'iz'tre'sah-bal), adj. not retracable; unable to be retraced. [1840-50, IR- + **RETRACEABLE**] —**irretraceably**, adv.

irretrievable (ir'iz'triev'ah-bal), adj. not retrievable; irrecoverable; irreparable. [1695-1705, IR- + **RETRIEVABLE**] —**irretrievability**, **irretrievability-ness**, n. —**irretrievably**, adv.

irreverence (ir'izev'ah-ans), n. 1. the quality of being irreverent; lack of reverence or respect. 2. an irreverent act or statement. 3. the condition of not being revered, venerated, respected, etc. [1300-60; ME *L irreverentia*. See **IR-**, **REVERENCE**]

irreverent (ir'izev'ah-ant), adj. not reverent; manifesting or characterized by irreverence; deficient in veneration or respect: an irreverent reply. [1485-95; *L irreverent*, (is. of *irreverent*) disrespectful. See **IR-**, **REVERENT**] —**irreverently**, adv. —**Syn.** 1. irreverent, impious, profane.

irreversible (ir'izev'ah-bal), adj. not reversible; incapable of being changed. *His refusal is irreversible*. [1620-30, IR- + **REVERSIBLE**] —**irreversibility**, **irreversibility-ness**, n. —**irreversibly**, adv.

irrevocable (ir'izev'ah-bal), adj. not to be revoked or recalled; unable to be repealed or annulled; unalterable: an irrevocable decree. [1350-1400; ME *L irrevocabilis*. See **IR-**, **REVOCA-BLE**] —**irrevocability**, **irrevocability-ness**, n. —**irrevocably**, adv.

irrigable (ir'iz-gah-bal), adj. capable of being irrigated. [1835-45; **IRRIGATE** + **-ABLE**] —**irrigability**, n.

irrigate (ir'iz-gat'), v.t., -gat-ed, -gat-ing. 1. to supply (land) with water by artificial means, as by diverting streams, flooding, or spraying. 2. Med. to supply or wash (an orifice, wound, etc.) with a spray or a flow of some liquid. 3. to moisten; wet. [1605-15; *L irrigatus*, ptp. of *irrigare* to wet, flood, nourish with water, equiv. to *ir-* (IR-) + *riga-* (is. of *rigare* to provide with water, soak) + *-tus* ptp. suffix] —**irrigator**, n.

irrigation (ir'iz-ga'shan), n. 1. the artificial application of water to land to assist in the production of crops. 2. Med. the flushing or washing out of anything with water or other liquid. 3. the state of being irrigated. [1605-15; *L irrigatio*, (is. of *irrigatio*). See **IRRIGATE**, **-ION**] —**irrigation-ist**, adj.

irrigative (ir'iz-gat'iv), adj. serving for or pertaining to irrigation. [1860-65; **IRRIGATE** + **-IVE**]

irriguous (ir'iz-gyoo-as), adj. Archaic, well-watered, as land. [1645-55, *L irriguus*, equiv. to *irrigare* to wet (see **IRRIGATE**) + *-uus* verbal adj. suffix]

irritability (ir'iz-tah-bil'i-tee), n., pl. -ties. 1. the quality or state of being irritable. 2. Physiol., Biol. the ability to be excited to a characteristic action or function by the application of some stimulus. *Protoplasts display irritability by responding to heat*. [1745-55; *L irritabilitas*. See **IRRITABLE**, **-ITY**]

irritable (ir'iz-tah-bal), adj. 1. easily irritated or annoyed; easily excited to indignation or anger. 2.

behavior and irritability describes the ability to respond sharply in interruption. Also called irritability.

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irritant (ir'iz-tah-ant), n. 1. a substance that stimulates a response. 2. a substance that causes irritation. 3. a substance that causes irritation. 4. a substance that causes irritation. 5. a substance that causes irritation. 6. a substance that causes irritation. 7. a substance that causes irritation. 8. a substance that causes irritation. 9. a substance that causes irritation. 10. a substance that causes irritation. 11. a substance that causes irritation. 12. a substance that causes irritation. 13. a substance that causes irritation. 14. a substance that causes irritation. 15. a substance that causes irritation. 16. a substance that causes irritation. 17. a substance that causes irritation. 18. a substance that causes irritation. 19. a substance that causes irritation. 20. a substance that causes irritation. 21. a substance that causes irritation. 22. a substance that causes irritation. 23. a substance that causes irritation. 24. a substance that causes irritation. 25. a substance 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Thesaurus

Main Entry: **ir·re·li·gious**

Pronunciation: -'ri-ə-jəs

Function: *adjective*

Date: 15th century

1 : neglectful of religion : lacking religious emotions, doctrines, or practices irreligious that they exploit popular religion for professional purposes -- G. B. Shaw >

2 : indicating lack of religion

- **ir·re·li·gious·ly** *adverb*

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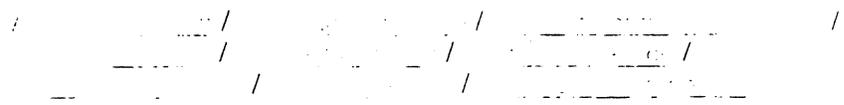
- * generally or often considered vulgar
- || usage restricted; consult a dictionary for more information

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Dictionary Pronunciation Key

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| • \&\ as a and u in abut | • \e\ as e in bet | • \o\ as aw in law |
| • \& as e in kitten | • \E\ as ea in easy | • \oi\ as oy in boy |
| • \&r\ as ur and er in further | • \g\ as g in go | • \th\ as th in thin |
| • \a\ as a in ash | • \i\ as i in hit | • \th\ as th in the |
| • \A\ as a in ace | • \I\ as i in ice | • \ü\ as oo in loot |
| • \ä\ as o in mop | • \j\ as j in job | • \u\ as oo in foot |
| • \au\ as ou in out | • \[ng]\ as ng in sing | • \y\ as y in yet |
| • \ch\ as ch in chin | • \O\ as o in go | • \zh\ as si in vision |

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irreligious

Part of speech: **adjective**
Syllables: **ir-re-li-gious**
Pronunciation: **I RE LI - ES**
Definition: **1. not practicing or believing in any religion; not motivated by religious considerations or precepts.**
Definition: **2. marked by an absence of, or indifference or hostility toward, religion or religious considerations.**
Synonyms: **skeptical (1; 3), cynical (1), freethinking {freethinker}, godless, faithless (3), infidel, , agnostic (adj)**
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irrigate
Irrigation of a barley field
in Wyoming

who is not a member of a regular military force. —irregu-
larly adv.
ir-regu-lar-i-ty (ir'eg'ya-lar-i-tee) n. *pl.* -ties. 1. The
quality or state of being irregular. 2. Something irregular. *found*
the firm's books riddled with irregularities. 3. Constipation.
ir-re-lat-i-ve (ir'el-ah-tiv) adj. 1. Having no correlative rela-
tionship; unconnected. 2. Irrelevant. —ir-re-lat-i-ve-ly adv.
ir-re-l-ev-ance (ir'el-ah-vans) n. 1. The quality or state of be-
ing unrelated to the matter at hand. 2. Something unrelated to
the matter at hand.
ir-re-l-ev-ant (ir'el-ah-vants) adj. Unrelated to the matter at
hand. —ir-re-l-ev-ant-ly adv.

SYNONYMS: irrelevant, extraneous, immaterial, impertinent.
The central meaning shared by these adjectives is not pertinent
to the subject under consideration: an *irrelevant comment*; a
question *extraneous to the discussion*; an objection that is *imma-
terial after the fact*; mentioned several *impertinent facts before*
finally coming to the point.
ANTONYM: relevant

ir-re-lig-ion (ir'el-ih-yan) n. Hostility or indifference to relig-
ion.

ir-re-lig-i-ous (ir'el-ih-yas) adj. Hostile or indifferent to relig-
ion; ungodly. —ir-re-lig-i-ous-ly adv. —ir-re-lig-i-ous-ness n.

ir-re-me-a-ble (ir'el-me-ah-uhl) adj. Archaic. Affording no
possibility of return. [Latin *irremediabilis* (ir- not; see IN-1) +
remere to return (re-; re- + *mere*, to go; see MEI-1 in Appen-
dix)]

ir-re-me-di-a-ble (ir'el-me-dih-ah-uhl) adj. Impossible to
remedy, correct, or repair; incurable or irreparable. *irremediable*
errors in judgment. —ir-re-me-di-ah-ly adv.

ir-re-mis-si-ble (ir'el-mis-sih-uhl) adj. Not remissible; unpar-
donable. *irremissible sins*. —ir-re-mis-si-bil-i-ty n. —ir-re-
mis-si-bly adv.

ir-re-mov-a-ble (ir'el-muhv-ah-uhl) adj. Impossible to re-
move. *irremovable boulders*; *irremovable obstacles*. —ir-re-
mov-ah-ly n. —ir-re-mov-ah-ly adv.

ir-re-pa-ra-ble (ir'el-pah-rah-uhl) adj. Impossible to repair,
rectify, or amend. *irreparable harm*; *irreparable damages*. [Mid-
dle English, from Old French, from Latin *irreparabilis* (ir- not;
see IN-1) + *reparabilis*, repairable. See REPARABLE.] —ir-re-pah-
rah-ly n. —ir-re-pah-rah-ly adv.

ir-re-peal-a-ble (ir'el-peh-ah-uhl) adj. Impossible to repeal.
irrepealable laws.

ir-re-plac-e-a-ble (ir'el-plah-sah-uhl) adj. Impossible to re-
place. *irreplaceable antiques*. —ir-re-plac-eh-ah-ly n. —ir-re-
plac-eh-ah-ly adv.

ir-re-press-i-ble (ir'el-pres-ah-uhl) adj. Difficult or impos-
sible to control or restrain. *irrepressible laughter*. —ir-re-pres-ah-
ly n. —ir-re-pres-ah-ly adv.

ir-re-proch-a-ble (ir'el-proch-ah-uhl) adj. Perfect or
blameless in every respect; faultless. *irreproachable conduct*.
—ir-re-proch-ah-ly n. —ir-re-proch-ah-ly adv.

ir-re-sis-ti-ble (ir'el-zis-tih-uhl) adj. 1. Impossible to resist;
irresistible impulse to sneeze. 2. Having an overpowering ap-
pear; *irresistible beauty*. —ir-re-sis-tih-ly n. —ir-re-sis-tih-
ly adv.

ir-re-sol-u-ble (ir'el-zohv-ah-uhl) adj. Impossible to resolve;
irresoluble conflicts. [Latin *irresolubilis* (ir- not; see IN-1) +
resolvere, resolve, to untie; see RESOLVE.]

ir-reso-lute (ir'el-resh-oh-lut) adj. 1. Unsure of how to act or
proceed; undecided. 2. Lacking in resolution; indecisive. —ir-
res-oh-lut-ly adv. —ir-res-oh-lute-ness, ir-res-oh-lution n.

ir-re-solv-a-ble (ir'el-zohv-ah-uhl) adj. 1. Irresoluble. 2. Im-
possible to separate into component parts; irreducible.

ir-re-spec-tive (ir'el-spek-tiv) adj. Archaic. Characterized
by disregard; heedless. —ir-re-spec-tive-ly adv.

ir-respec-tive of prep. Without consideration of; regardless of.
ir-res-pi-ra-ble (ir'el-res-pah-rah-uhl, ir'el-spir-ah-uhl) adj. Not fit for
breathing; not respirable.

ir-re-spon-si-ble (ir'el-spon-sah-uhl) adj. 1. Marked by a
lack of responsibility; *irresponsible accusations*. 2. Lacking a
sense of responsibility; unreliable or untrustworthy. 3. Law. Not
mentally or financially fit to assume responsibility. 4. Not liable
to be called to account by a higher authority. —irresponsible n.
1. One who has no sense of responsibility. 2. Law. One who is
mentally or financially unfit to assume responsibility for one's
actions. 3. One who is unlikely to be called to account by a higher
authority. —ir-re-spon-si-bil-i-ty, ir-re-spon-si-ble-ness n.
—ir-re-spon-si-ble-ly adv.

ir-re-spon-sive (ir'el-spon-siv) adj. 1. Not responsive, as to
treatment or stimuli. 2. Not responding or answering readily.
—ir-re-spon-sive-ly adv. —ir-re-spon-sive-ness n.

ir-re-triev-a-ble (ir'el-treh-vah-uhl) adj. Difficult or impos-
sible to retrieve or recover. *When the diamond fell into the lake, it*
was virtually irretreivable. —ir-re-treh-vah-ly n. —ir-re-
treh-vah-ly adv.

ir-re-ver-ence (ir'el-veh-ah-ns) n. 1. Lack of reverence or due
respect.

ir-re-ver-ent (ir'el-veh-ah-ns) adj. 1. Lacking or exhibiting a
lack of reverence or respectfulness. 2. Critical of what is generally
accepted or respected. *Irreverent humor*. —ir-re-ver-ent-ly adv.

ir-re-vers-i-ble (ir'el-veh-ah-ns) adj. Impossible to reverse;
an irreversible momentum toward revolution. —ir-re-veh-ah-
ly n. —ir-re-vers-i-ble-ness n. —ir-re-vers-i-ble-ly adv.

ir-rev-o-ca-ble (ir'el-veh-ah-ns) adj. Impossible to retract;
hevoke an irrevocable decision. —ir-re-veh-ah-ly n. —ir-re-
veh-ah-ly adv.

ir-ri-ga-ble (ir'el-gah-uhl) adj. That can be irrigated; *irriga-
ble*.

ir-ri-gate (ir'el-gat) v. -gated, -gating, -gates. —ir-ri-
gate. To supply (dry land) with water by means of ditches, pipes, or
streams; water artificially. 2. To wash out a body cavity (wound)
with water or a medicated fluid. 3. To make fertile or vital as if
by watering. —ir-ri-gate. To supply land with water arti-
ficially. [Latin *irrigare*, irrigate, (ir- see IN-1) + *rigare*,
water.] —ir-ri-gation n. —ir-ri-gation-ah-ly adv. —ir-ri-gator n.

ir-ri-ta-bil-i-ty (ir'el-tah-bil-i-tee) n. *pl.* -ties. 1. The qual-
ity or state of being irritable; restlessness or petulance. 2. Pathology.
Abnormal or excessive sensitivity of a body organ or part to a
stimulus. 3. Physiology. The capacity to respond to stimuli.

ir-ri-ta-ble (ir'el-tah-uhl) adj. 1. Easily irritated or annoyed.
2. Pathology. Abnormally sensitive to a stimulus. 3. Physiology.
Capable of responding to stimuli. [French *irritable*, from Latin
irritabilis, from *irritare*, to irritate.] —ir-ri-tah-ly n. —ir-ri-tah-
ly adv.

ir-ri-tant (ir'el-tah-nt) adj. Causing irritation, especially physical
irritation. —irritant n. A source of irritation. [Dance *irritant* is
common; see irritant. French, from Latin *irritans*, irritant; present
participle of *irritare*, to irritate.]

ir-ri-tate (ir'el-tayt) v. -tated, -tating, -tates. —ir-ri-tate. To
rouse to impatience or anger; annoy. *a loud bassy voice that ir-
ritates listeners*. See SYNONYMS at annoy. 2. To chafe or irritate.
—ir-ri-tate. To be a cause of impatience or anger. [Latin *irritare*,
irritate.] —ir-ri-tat-eh-ly adv. —ir-ri-tat-eh-ly adv.

ir-ri-ta-tion (ir'el-tay-shahn) n. 1. The act of irritating &
the condition of being irritated. *irritation harked the horse out
irritation at the delay*. 2. A source of irritation. 3. Pathology. A
condition of inflammation, soreness, or irritability of a body or-
gan or part.

ir-ri-ta-tive (ir'el-tay-tiv) adj. Involving irritation.

ir-ro-ta-tion-al (ir'el-toh-shahn-uhl) adj. Not rotating or ac-
companied by rotation.

ir-rupt (ir'rupt) v. -rupted, -rupting, -rupts. 1. To
break or burst in. 2. Ecology. To increase rapidly and interrupt
in number. *In the absence of predators, the island's rodent pop-
ulation irrupted*. [Latin *irrumperere*, irrupt-, irrump-, irrumpere,
to break; see RUP- in Appendix.] —ir-rupt-ly adv.

ir-rupt-ive (ir'rupt-iv) adj. 1. Irrupting or tending to erupt.
2. Geology. Intrusive.

IRS abbr. Internal Revenue Service

Ir-tysh (ir'tish) n. A river of northwest China, eastern
Kazakhstan, and central Russia flowing about 4,314 to
2,650 mi) generally northwest to the Ob River.

Ir-vine (ir'veen) n. A city of southern California southeast of San
Ana. A branch of the University of California (opened 1891)
here. Population, 62,134.

Ir-ving (ir'ving) n. A town of northeast Texas, an industrial sub-
urb of Dallas. Population, 109,943.

Irving, Sir Henry, 1838-1905. British Shakespearean actor
whose productions won him the first knighthood awarded to a
member of his profession (1895).

Irving, John, Born 1942. American writer. His dandy humorous
novels include *The World According to Garp* (1978).

Irving, Washington, 1783-1859. American writer remembered
for the stories "Rip Van Winkle" and "The Legend of Sleepy
Hollow," contained in *The Sketch Book* (1819-1820).

Ir-ving-ton (ir'ving-ton) n. A town of northeast New Jersey
residential and industrial suburb of Newark. It was settled in 1812
as Camptown and renamed in 1852 in honor of Washington Irving.
Population, 61,493.

is (iz) v. Third person singular present indicative of *be*. [Old
English, from Old English. See *es-* in Appendix.]

is, or Is abbr. Island.

Is abbr. Bible. Isaiah.

is- pref. Variant of *iso-*.

Isa abbr. Bible. Isaiah.

Isaac (i'zak). In the Old Testament, the son of Abraham who
was offered as a sacrifice to God. The sacrifice was prevented at
the last moment by divine intervention.

Is-a-bel-la I (i'zah-bel-ah) n. Known as "Isabella the Catholic,"
1451-1504. Queen of Castile (1474-1504). Her marriage in 1469
to Ferdinand V of Castile and Leon (later Ferdinand II of Aragon)
marked the beginning of a unified Spanish state. *Isabella* ap-
proved the voyages of Christopher Columbus.

Isa-iah (i-zay-ah, i-zay-ah) n. Bible. 1. A Hebrew prophet of the
eighth century B.C. 2. Abbr. *Isa.*, *Is.* See table at Bible.



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1. Not religious: hostile to or without regard for religion; ungodly; godless. a. Of persons: their actions, etc.

1591 F. NORTON Calvin's Inst. ii. 112 In all ages that irreligious affectation of religion... hath shewed us yet doth we learn itself. 1603 GULDING Lazarus 108 It seldom or ever chaunceth, that any man is so irreligious that he durst abide any thing that is so taken. 1649 D. PELL... 1671 MILTON... 1713 BLACKBURN... 1757 JOHNSON... 1768 HAWKSWORTH... 1804 T. HARRAL...

b. Transf. Of things: Showing a want of religion; at variance with religious principles.

1796 T. BROWN... 1846 O. W. STED... 1851 H. ROBERTS... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

2. Believing in, practising, or pertaining to a false religion. Obs.

1775-85 ASP. SANDYS... 1848 SHAKS... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

Irreligiously (ir'ridzshli), adv. [f. prec. + -ly.] In an irreligious manner; in a way contrary to religion; † in accordance with a false religion (obs.).

1777 H. BULLINGER... 1830 KIDSON... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

Irreligiosity (ir'ridzshnes), [f. as prec. + -ness.] The quality of being irreligious; ungodliness; † adherence to a false religion (obs.).

1777 NORTHWOODS... 1843 LIGHTFOOT... 1849 LOCKE... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

† Irrelishable, a. Obs. rare-1. [Ir-2.] Not relishable, unpalatable.

1668 DAY... 1881 J. J. MORE...

Irreluctant, a. rare. [Ir-2.] Not reluctant; willing.

1657-83 EVELYN... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

† Irremarkable, a. Obs. rare-1. Also 7 irr. [Ir-2.] Cf. F. irremarquable (Cotgr.). Not remarkable; having no mark by which it may be distinguished; unremarkable.

1635 CAPT. FOX... 1715-20 POPP... 1767 JOHNSON... 1768 HAWKSWORTH... 1804 SWINBURNE...

Irremovable (ir'em'vabl, ir'em'vābl), a. [ad. L. irremovabilis, f. ir- (Ir-2) + removere to go back, return, f. re- back + movere to go, pass; to go back. In OF. irremovable (Godef.). Cf. permeable.] Admitting of no return; from, by, or through which there is no return. Now only poet.

1594 J. SANDFORD... 1611 CORYAT... 1677 DAVEN... 1715-20 POPP... 1767 JOHNSON... 1768 HAWKSWORTH... 1804 SWINBURNE...

Hence Irremovably adv., without possibility of return.

1804 T. HARRAL... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

Irremediableness (ir'em'diābl'nes), a. [ad. L. irremediabilis, f. ir- (Ir-2) + remediabilis REMEDIABLE: cf. F. irremédiable (1474 in Hatz.-Darm.).] Not remediable; that does not admit of remedy, cure,

of a man does mingle it with the juice of the said hemlocke, with mighty enforce the poison thereof, and make it irremediable. 1606 IRE. TAYLOR... 1713 LAYTON... 1735 JOHNSON... 1804 KANAK... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

Hence Irremediableness, the quality of being irremediable.

1614 DONNE... 1796 MALIBUS... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

Irremediably (ir'em'diābl'ly), adv. [f. prec. + -ly.] In an irremediable manner or degree; so as not to admit of remedy, cure, or correction.

1644 DONNE... 1755 YOUNG... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

Irremediless, a. Obs. Used erroneously for REMEDILESS.

1660 W. WATSON... 1670 STRA... 1695 EVELYN... 1695 HOOKER... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

Irremedious, a. Obs. rare-1. [f. Ir-2 + L. remediatus KENNY + -ous.] Without remedy. Hence † Irremediously adv.

1649 HENSLY... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

Irrememberable, a. rare. [Ir-2.] That cannot be remembered. 1830 W. TAYLOR... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

Irremissible (ir'em'isibl), a. Also 6 irr. 7-9 error. irremissable. [a. F. irremissible (1234 in Hatz.-Darm.), ad. L. irremissibilis, f. ir- (Ir-2) + remissibilis REMISSIBLE.] Not remissible; for or of which there is no remission.

a. That cannot be forgiven; unpardonable.

1423 PILGR. SUND... 1543 HILTON... 1596 HALE... 1677 H. WATKINS... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

b. That cannot be remitted as an obligation or duty; unalterably obligatory or binding.

1631 R. BREVINT... 1728 MOSCAN... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

Hence Irremissibility, Irremissibleness, the quality or condition of being irremissible; unpardonableness.

1629-35 H. HALL... 1728 MOSCAN... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

Irremissibly, adv. [f. prec. + -ly.] In an irremissible way; without possibility of remission or pardon.

1498 CANTON... 1650 HOWELL... 1737 WATKINS... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

† Irremission. Obs. rare-1. [Ir-2.] The

Irremissive, a. rare. [Ir-2] by being without remission; unre- 1817 COCKERB... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

Irremittable, a. [Ir-2] capable of being remitted; 1857 HOLLISMAN... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

Irremovable (ir'em'vabl), a. [Ir-2] immovable; 6-10 -moveable. [Ir-2]

1. Not removable; incapable of or displaced; not subject to removal. 1598 J. DICKINSON... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

1857 J. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

b. Incapable of being displaced; permanent.

1648 MILTON... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

2. Incapable of being moved; flexible. [Ir-2] and fig. Obs.

1597 A. M. G... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

B. 16. One who cannot be removed is permanent.

1648 LEWIS... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

Hence Irremovability, Irremovability of being irremovable.

1610 DONNE... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

Irremovably, adv. [f. prec. + -ly.] In an irremovable manner; immovability of, or liability to, removal.

1606 EVELYN... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

Irremoval, rare-1. [Ir-2.] Removal.

1847 IN CHAM... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

† Irremoved, a. Obs. rare. removed, unmoved.

1628 PEACOCK... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

Irremunerable, a. rare. cannot be remunerated, rewarded.

1643 COCKERB... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

† Irremunerated, a. Obs. Not remunerated; unremunerated.

1648 L. HENSLY... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

Irrenderable, a. rare. [Ir-2] of being rendered or expressed in 1851 J. D. LONG... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

Irrenewable, a. rare. [Ir-2] able; that cannot be renewed.

1688 HARPER... 1851 W. H. WATSON... 1853 T. HARRAL... 1857 J. H. WATSON...

† Irrenitible, a. Obs. rare. [f. L. renitit to struggle against, resist.] Not to be struggled against or with.

Apparently the word renitit here, the

stances printed irrenitible.

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 an, call up spirits, summoning
 mysteriously, secretly,
 anely, cabalistically, esoterically,
 ritually, supernaturally,
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 prophetically,
 consciously, subconsciously
 weirdly (Inf), ghoulishly,
 gically, theurgically, rationally
 view, viewpoint, angle,
 attitude, stance; impression,
 tion, thought, idea, opinion,
 position, theory, thesis,
 icture, supposition, surmise,
 elief, climate of opinion,
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 159; Certainty 840
 ence, assurance, reliance,
 credulity, credulousness,
 sion of disbelief; expectation,
 ge, word of honor
 piety, religious belief, r
 ed, credo, dogma, canon
 ith, declaration of faith
 sm; manifesto, doctrine,
 ology
 usibility, trustworthiness
 ster, faithful, conformist

conformist: trusting person, innocent, naïf; lamb to the slaughter, sucker (Inf)

ADJECTIVES

1 **believing**, assured, confident, convinced, sure, certain, positive, opinionated, dogmatic; faithful, conformist, orthodox, converted, born-again; trusting, trustful, unhesitating, unquestioning, undoubting, unsuspecting, credulous; gullible, innocent, naïve, green, wet behind the ears
 ▶ Religion 81; Naivete 821; Certainty 840

1 **believable**, credible, creditable, tenable, plausible, reasonable, realistic, possible, probable, likely, convincing, persuasive, impressive, commanding, reliable, trustworthy
 ▶ Possibility 836; Probability 838

1 **believed**, undisputed, unquestioned, authoritative, accredited, doctrinal, creedal, received, accepted, maintained; putative, supposed, alleged, hypothetical

VERBS

1 **believe**, have faith in, put one's faith in, have no doubts about, credit, accept, be led to believe, take someone's word for, accept on faith, take on trust, trust, swallow; confide in, rely on, depend on, count on, bank on, swear by, take for granted, rest assured, know, maintain, hold, declare, affirm, profess, confess; (Inf): fall for, buy, swallow or fall for hook, line, and sinker
 ▶ Affirmation 189; Knowledge 348

10 **be of the opinion**, opine, presume, assume, surmise, guess, suppose, think, suspect, understand, be under the impression, get it into one's head, have in mind, have the opinion, imagine, fancy, regard, consider, deem, esteem
 ▶ Thought 317; Supposition 359

11 **make someone believe**, assure, convince, persuade, influence, convert, win over, evangelize, proselytize, propagandize, spread the word, indoctrinate, brainwash, deceive, dupe, take in
 ▶ Religion 81; Deception 193; Influence 512

ADVERBS

12 **believingly**, confidently, positively, dogmatically, trustfully, unhesitatingly, unsuspectingly, faithfully, credulously, gullibly, naïvely

13 **believably**, credibly, plausibly, reasonably, convincingly, persuasively, supposedly, allegedly, hypothetically

88 Disbelief

NOUNS

1 **disbelief**, doubt, doubtfulness, dubiousness, dubiety, uncertainty, hesitancy, hesitation, distrust, mistrust,

misgiving, qualm, scruple, reservation, skepticism, scorn, suspiciousness, suspicion; disagreement, dissent, demur, demurral
 ▶ Dissent 347; Derision 369; Disagreement 463; Uncertainty 841

2 **unbelievability**, incredibility, impossibility, improbability, implausibility, untenability
 ▶ Impossibility 837; Improbability 839

3 **incredulity**, amazement, bewilderment, bafflement, perplexity, nonbelief, discredit, rejection, denial
 ▶ Negation 190; Surprise 292

4 **unbelief**, agnosticism, atheism, irreligion, loss of faith; infidelity, paganism, heathenism, misbelief
 ▶ Religion 81

5 **disbeliever**, unbeliever, nonbeliever, heretic, pagan, heathen, infidel, agnostic, atheist; doubter, doubting Thomas, apostate, dissenter, dissident, nonconformist, skeptic, mocker, detractor, irreligious, secularist, rationalist, freethinker, materialist
 ▶ Religion 81; Freedom 829

ADJECTIVES

6 **disbelieving**, unbelieving, incredulous, skeptical, scornful, doubtful, doubting, dubious, demurring; uncertain, hesitant, distrustful, mistrustful, suspicious, dissenting; agnostic, atheistic, irreligious, faithless, unfaithful; pagan, heathen, misbelieving
 ▶ Religion 81; Dissent 347; Uncertainty 841

7 **disbelieved**, unbelieved, discredited, exploded, unbelievable, incredible, beyond belief, impossible, improbable, implausible, untenable, hard to believe, far-fetched, unreliable, suspect, suspected, suspicious, so-called, self-styled, questionable, disputable
 ▶ Ridiculousness 368; Impossibility 837; Improbability 839

VERBS

8 **disbelieve**, refuse to believe, dissent, disagree, scorn, ridicule, mock, scoff at, deny, negate; challenge, dispute, discredit, question, doubt, have doubts about, hesitate, waver, half-believe, have reservations, distrust, mistrust, suspect, smell a rat, take with a pinch or grain of salt, apostatize, lapse
 ▶ Negation 190; Question 333; Dissent 347; Derision 369

9 **cause disbelief**, cast doubt, call into question, discredit, raise suspicions, amaze, stagger
 ▶ Surprise 292; Question 333

ADVERBS

10 **disbelievingly**, unbelievingly, incredulously, skeptically, doubtfully, dubiously, uncertainly, hesitantly, distrustfully, mistrustfully, suspiciously

11 **unbelievably**, incredibly, implausibly, unreliably, questionably, disputably

448 Wickedness

NOUNS

- 1 **wickedness**, badness, unrighteousness, sin, sinfulness, evilness, wrong; wicked or bad behavior, evildoing, wrongdoing; wicked or bad ways, bad character, sinful or immoral or evil ways; rankness, foulness, nefariousness, shamefulness, flagitiousness, infamousness; villainousness, fiendishness, delinquency, criminality, villainy, knavery, roguery; malevolence, enormity, atrociousness, heinousness, viciousness, cruelty, inhumanity; notoriety, notoriousness, scandalousness, infamy, flagrancy
 ▶ *Malevolence 306; Wrong 430; Evil 446*
- 2 **depravity**, unvirtuousness, impurity, corruption, vitiation, loss of innocence; vice, obscenity, indecency, lust, vulgarity, carnality, debauchery, vileness, baseness; degradation, perversion, degeneration, degeneracy; disrepute, fallen nature, recidivism, backsliding, deterioration; profligacy, turpitude, moral turpitude, shamelessness; immorality, amorality, amoralism, no morals, loose morals, moral weakness, weakness of the flesh; weak point, laxity, lack of principle
 ▶ *Disrepute 371; Immorality 432; Deterioration 808*
- 3 **Iniquity**, wicked deed, peccability, transgression, trespass, improbity, dishonesty; flaw, fatal flaw, failing, frailty, infirmity, fault, defect, demerit; sin, venial sin, original sin, capital sin, carnal sin, mortal sin, deadly sin; seven deadly sins; pride, covetousness or avarice, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, sloth
 ▶ *Religion 81; Desire 288; Pride 297; Envy 314; Immorality 432; Weakness 517*
- 4 **impiety**, ungodliness, godlessness, blasphemy, sacrilege, desecration, profaneness, profanity, idolatry, devilry, devil worship, Satanism, diabolism, witchcraft, sorcery
 ▶ *Occultism 86; Evil 446*
- 5 **villain**, blackguard, criminal, lawbreaker, crook, malefactor, outlaw, desperado, culprit, offender, roughneck, hooligan, hoodlum; felon, cheat, thief, robber, tough, mugger; rapist, child abuser, pedophile; drug peddler or dealer, racketeer, gangster, mobster, mafioso; killer, murderer, hired killer, assassin, hatchet man, terrorist, bomber, suicide bomber; wrongdoer, evildoer, transgressor, sinner, black sheep; traitor, betrayer, quisling, Judas, snake, snake in the grass, swine, swindler; pimp, nasty type, thug, bully, brute, savage, sadist, ogre; scum, scum of the earth, dregs of society; criminal world, underworld, gangland, organized crime, syndicate, Mafia, the Mob, Cosa Nostra, Black Hand; [Inf]: the rackets, hood, con man, hit man
 ▶ *Malevolence 306; Immorality 432; Evil 446*
- 6 **miscreant**, renegade, recreant, troublemaker, good-for-nothing, ne'er-do-well; scamp, rake, knave, rogue,

rascal, scoundrel, rascalion, reprobate, wastrel, degenerate, lecher, pervert; ugly customer, egg, baddie or baddy, bad lot, lowlife; [Inf]: bad ten apple, bastard, rat, skunk, polecat, bitch, wrong un, son of a bitch or S.O.B., bad news, rotter [Brit]

- 7 **wicked act**, criminal act, criminal offense, punishable offense, hanging offense, guilty act, foul play; unlawful act, lawbreaking, misdemeanor, shoplifting, delinquency, juvenile delinquency; crime, white-collar crime, felony, drug peddling or dealing, racketeering, robbery, rape, assault, assault and battery, assault with a deadly weapon; murder, assassination, terrorism, bombing, capital crime, deadly crime, career of crime
 ▶ *Killing 30; Substance Abuse 121; Guilt 450*
- 8 **wicked place**, sewer, gutter, pit, sink, sink of corruption, sinkhole, hole; den, den of iniquity or vice, fleshpot, brothel, bordello, house of prostitution, bathhouse [Inf], drug house, opium den, gambling den, road to hell, hell, hellhole
 ▶ *Substance Abuse 121; Immorality 432*

ADJECTIVES

- 9 **wicked**, bad, unrighteous, sinful, sinning, evil; behaving badly, evildoing, wrong, wrongdoing; rank, foul, arrant, nefarious, disreputable, disgraced, shameful, flagitious, infamous; fiendish, delinquent, criminal, villainous, knavish, roguish; malevolent, atrocious, heinous, vicious, cruel, inhuman; notorious, scandalous, flagrant
- 10 **depraved**, unvirtuous, virtueless, scarlet, impure, unchaste, corrupt, debased; rotten, rotten to the core, steeped in vice, obscene, indecent, lustful, vulgar, carnal, debauched, vile, base; degrading, degraded, perverting, perverted, perverse, degenerate, degenerating, degenerative, profligate; disreputed, fallen, recidivistic, recidivous, slipping, sliding, backsliding, deteriorating, deteriorated; shameless; without moral, immoral, amoral, morally weak, lax, unprincipled
 ▶ *Immorality 432*
- 11 **impious**, irreligious, ungodly, godless, godforsaken, blasphemous, sacrilegious, desecrating, profane, devilish, Satanic, diabolic; flawed, failing, frail, infirm, faulted, defected; proud, covetous, avaricious, lustful, angry, gluttonous, envious, shiftless, lazy
 ▶ *Evil 446*
- 12 **villainous**, illegal, unlawful, lawbreaking, outlaw, desperate, offensive; culpable, accusable, blameworthy, guilty; felonious, cheating, thieving, abusive; murderous, terrorist; traitorous, Judas-like, snakelike, recalcant; troublesome, scampish, rascally, lowdown [Inf], crooked, stinking, rotten

VERBS

- 13 **be wicked**, act wickedly, be bad, stray, stray from the path of righteousness, sin, commit sin, wrong, do wrong, fall from grace; have one's fobles, have one's

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break side; transgress, trespass, offend, cheat, thief, betray, swindle, rob, rape, abuse, brutalize, savage; murder, assassinate, terrorize; shock, scoff at virtue, blaspheme, profane; corrupt, become corrupt; go to the bad, fall into evil ways, shame oneself, disgrace oneself, ruin one's name; lapse, relapse, backslide, deviate from the path of virtue, stray from the straight and narrow, go to the dogs [Inf]

deprave, make wicked, corrupt, distort, vitiate; lust; seduce, debauch, degrade, pervert, degenerate; set a bad example, mislead, lead astray, teach wickedness, tempt, diabolize; demoralize, shame, dehumanize

ADVERBS

- 1 **wickedly**, badly, unrighteously, sinfully, evilly, with evil intentions, wrongly; foully, arrantly, nefariously, disgracefully, shamefully, flagitiously, infamously; villainously, fiendishly, delinquently, criminally, knavishly; malevolently, atrociously, heinously, viciously, cruelly, inhumanly; notoriously, scandalously, flagrantly
- 2 **unvirtuously**, impurely, corruptly, obscenely, in an obscene manner, indecently, lustfully, vulgarly, carnally, vilely, basely; degradingly, to one's discredit, perversely, degeneratively; disreputably, recidivately; shamelessly, immorally, amorally, without morals; iniquitously, dishonestly, unscrupulously
- 3 **impiously**, ungodly, irreligiously, blasphemously, sacrilegiously, profanely, devilishly, diabolically, satanically
- 4 **villainously**, criminally, illegally, unlawfully, culpably, offensively, with offense, feloniously, guiltily, murderously

449 Innocence

No, it is not only our fate but our business to lose innocence, and once we have lost that, it is futile to attempt a picnic in Eden. — ELIZABETH BOWEN

NOUNS

- 1 **Innocence**, virtue, goodness; morality, uprightness, probity; purity, virginity, chastity; purity of heart, saintliness, state of grace, perfection; immaculacy, cleanliness, cleanliness, spotlessness, stainlessness, whiteness; playfulness, harmlessness, inoffensiveness
 - ▷ *Cleanliness 111; Modesty 403; Virtue 447*
- 2 **Incorruption**, incorruptibility, uncorruptedness, sinlessness; freedom from sin, guiltlessness, inculpability, clear conscience, clean hands, faultlessness, impeccability; blamelessness, freedom from blame, irreproachability, nothing to confess, nothing to declare; innocent intentions, pure motives
 - ▷ *Cleanliness 111; Morality 431*
- 3 **legal innocence**, verdict of innocence, finding of in-

nocence; acquittal, exoneration, exculpation, absolution

▷ *Law 53; Litigation 54*

- 4 **naivete**, ingenuousness, guilelessness, artlessness; unsophistication, inexperience, immaturity; callowness, greenness, unworldliness; naturalness, simplicity, credulousness; childhood, days of innocence, golden age, salad days
 - ▷ *Youth 26; Ignorance 349; Naivete 821*
- 5 **Innocent person**, innocent party, innocent; beginner, ingenue, virgin, newcomer, greenhorn, tenderfoot; infant, child, babe, newborn babe, babe in the woods or wood; good person, saint, lamb, dove, angel; goody two shoes, goody-goody

ADJECTIVES

- 6 **Innocent**, virtuous, good, upright; pure, virginal, chaste; pure of heart, saintly, perfect, angelic; immaculate, unblemished, untainted; stainless, spotless, unspotted; unsullied, undefiled, unsoiled; clean, pristine, white; prelapsarian, untouched by evil, unerring, innocent as a lamb, lamblike, innocent as a dove, dove-like, gentle; inoffensive, harmless, innocuous, safe; playful, holier than thou, goody-goody
- 7 **Incorrupt**, incorruptible, sinless, free from sin; guiltless, inculpable, faultless, impeccable; blameless, unblamable, unblameworthy; irreprehensible, reproachless, irreproachable, above suspicion; not guilty, cleared, in the clear; with clean hands, clean-handed; uncorrupt, uncorruptible, uncorrupted
- 8 **declared innocent**, found innocent, found not guilty; cleared, acquitted, exonerated, exculpated, absolved
- 9 **naive**, ingenuous, guileless, artless; unsophisticated, credulous; inexperienced, immature, callow, green; unworldly, natural, simple; knowing no wrong, knowing no better; prelapsarian, childlike; innocent as a child, innocent as a newborn babe

VERBS

- 10 **be innocent**, have no guilt, stand above suspicion, wrong no one; have clean hands, have a clear conscience, have nothing to be ashamed of, have nothing to hide, have nothing to declare, have nothing to confess; live in a state of grace, not fall from grace; mean no harm, have the best intentions, save one's conscience
- 11 **declare innocent**, find innocent, find not guilty; clear, acquit, exonerate, exculpate, absolve
- 12 **be naive**, have no guile, lack sophistication, lack experience, lack maturity; know no wrong, know no better; have the innocence of a child, be childlike

ADVERBS

- 13 **Innocently**, in all innocence, with clean hands, with a clear conscience, with an easy conscience; virtuously, uprightly, purely, with pure intentions; virginally, chastely; perfectly, to perfection, in a perfect way, angelically; immaculately, spotlessly, unerringly;