



Write Your Own Dictionary

Did you know it took Noah Webster 26 years to write the dictionary? Of course in his day, there were no typewriters or computers. He had to write it all by hand, with a quill pen! See if you can read his handwritten definitions. Then, make up definitions for the words found below. Who knows, maybe you could write your own dictionary!

Name _____ Date _____

Ex. **Rabbit** - A brownish-gray animal with a white fluffy tail that hops.

Farm - _____

Book - _____

Cat - _____

House - _____

Apple - _____

Chicken - _____

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In ~~the~~ ~~word~~ ~~ברכה~~ brachmah, is a ~~pool~~ or reservoir of water. We see how the two senses of bending & extension are connected in almost every way.

Among workmen in timber, ^{an angular} a wooden stay, in form of the knee bent, to support shelves, scaffolds & the like.

2 The chest of a mortar-carrage, made of strong planks. Engl.

Brachmish. a [D. brach, ^{overflowed, fr. from breath or βραχμα, to water.} salt. ~~It is a salt of a certain quality of~~
~~salt, this name is derived from~~ Perhaps applied to land on which salt water has flowed.]

Salt, or salt in a moderate degree; it is applied to any water ~~is~~ ~~not~~ partially saturated with salt. Bacon

Brachmish n. The quality of being brachmish; saltiness in a small degree. Cheyne.

Brachmish. a brachmish. [not used]

~~Bractea~~ Bractea, bracte. n. [Lat. Aims worth writing, bractea, or bractea.] ~~The first is from the root of breath, to expand, & the last from the root of bread.~~

In botany, a floral leaf, one of the seven fulcrums or props of plants. It differs from other leaves in shape & color; is situated generally on the peduncle, so near the corol, as easily to be mistaken for the calyx. Martyn

In the Asiatic Meparchus. 4. 354 This word is anglicized & written bract.

4 Brag. vi. [W. bragiau, to swell; to shoot up, to brag; brag, a sprouting; malt; bragu, to malt. It coincides with Son. brager, to crush, fr. βραχμα; Eng. to brag, & many other words. signifying to breath or shoot forth.]

4 Brag. n. & game at cards. Chesterfield.

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- 4 Any individual of a family depending in a collateral line; any dependant from a common parent or stock.
- 5 Branches of a bridle, two pieces of ~~iron~~ bent iron which bear the bit, the cross chains & the curb. Encyc.
- 6 In ~~gothic~~ architecture, the branches of ogives are the arches of gothic vaults, traversing from one angle to another diagonally, & forming a cross between the other arches, which make the sides of the square, of which the arches are diagonals. Harris
7. A warrant or commission given to a pilot. Laws of Massachusetts
 or A chandaliar. — — — — — Ash

- Branch v. To shoot ^{or} spread in branches; as a plant; or as horns. to ramify;
2. To divide in to separate parts, or subdivisions; as a mountain; a stream; or a moral subject; to ramify.
- 3 To speak differently; to make many distinctions in or divisions in a discourse; to
- 4 To have horns shooting out Milton

- Branch v.t. To divide as into branches; to make subordinate divisions. Mason
- 2 To adorn with ~~the~~ needle work, representing branches, flowers, or twigs. Frederic

branched pp. Divided or spread into branches; separated into subordinate parts; adorned with branches; furnished with branches.

- Brancher n. One that shoots forth branches
- 2 A young hawk ~~that~~ when he begins to leave the nest, & take to the branches.

branchery n. The ramifications or ramified vessels dispersed through the pulpy part of fruit. Encyc. Ash.

branchings n. Fulcup of branches. Johnson

branching pp. Shooting in branches; dividing into several subordinate parts.

branching n. Loaded with branches coming out without order. Northon.