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frenzical

or controls its motion, as the fold under the tongue; also spelled *fracnum*.

2. a characteristic ridge upon some insects.

fren'zi-cál, a. frenzied. [Obs.]

fren'zied, a. wildly excited; frantic.

fren'zied-ly, adv. madly; distractedly.

fren'zy, n.; pl. **fren'zies,** [ME. *fyensy*, *fyenesy*; OFr. *fyenesie*; L. *phrenesis*, Gr. *phrenitis*, madness, inflammation of the brain, from *phrên*, mind.] wild excitement; frantic outburst; brief delirium that is almost insanity.

fren'zy, a. passionate; madly excited. [Obs.]

fren'zy, v.t.; frenzied, *pl. pp.;* frenzying, *ppr.* to fill with frenzy; to make frantic.

fré'on, n. [fluorine, and refrigerant, and -on as in *neon*, etc.] a colorless gas, CCl₂F₂, used especially as a refrigerant; a trade-mark (*Freon*).

fré'quence, n. [Fr. *fréquence*; L. *frequency*, a throng, crowd, from *frequens* (-entis), crowded.]

1. a crowd; a throng; a concourse; an assembly. [Obs.]

2. same as *frequency*.

fré'quen-cy, n.; pl. **fré'quen-cies,** 1. originally, (a) the condition of being crowded; (b) a crowd.

2. the fact of occurring often or repeatedly; frequent occurrence.

3. the number of times any action or occurrence is repeated in a given period.

4. in mathematics and statistics, (a) the ratio of the number of actual occurrences to the number of possible occurrences in a given period; (b) the ratio of the number of individuals occurring in a specific class to the total number of individuals under survey.

5. in physics, (a) the number of vibrations or cycles per unit of time; (b) the number of cycles per second of an alternating electric current.

fré'quen-cy mod-ū-lā'tion, 1. the changing of the frequency of the transmitting radio wave in accordance with the sound being broadcast.

2. broadcasting that uses this, characterized by freedom from static and more faithful reproduction of sound.

Distinguished from *amplitude modulation*.

fré'quent, a. [Fr. *fréquent*, from L. *frequens* (-entis), crowded, repeated.]

1. often seen or done; happening at short intervals; often repeated or occurring; as, we made *frequent* visits to the hospital.

2. accustomed often to practice anything; as, he was *frequent* and loud in his declamations against the revolution.

3. full; crowded; thronged. [Obs.]

4. told often; of common report. [Obs.]

5. constant; habitual.

Syn.—many, repeated, numerous, recurrent, general, continual, usual, common, recurring.

fré'quent, v.t.; frequented, *pl. pp.;* frequenting, *ppr.* [Fr. *fréquenter*, from L. *frequentare*, to fill, crowd, visit often, from *frequens*, crowded, frequent, repeated.] to visit often; to be at or in habitually; as, they *frequent* the theater.

He *frequented* the court of Augustus.

—Dryden.

fré'quent'ā-ble, a. accessible.

fré'quent'ā-ge, n. the practice of frequenting. [Rare.]

fré'quen-tā'tion, n. the act or practice of frequenting.

fré'quent'ā-tive, a. [LL. *frequentativus*, frequentative, from *frequentare*, to do or make use of frequently.] in grammar, denoting the frequent repetition of an action; as, a *frequentative* verb.

fré'quent'ā-tive, n. a verb which denotes the frequent occurrence or repetition of an action.

fré'quent'ēr, n. one who frequents; a constant visitor.

fré'quent-ly, adv. often; many times; at short intervals; commonly.

fré'quent-ness, n. the quality of being frequent or often repeated.

frère (frâr), n. [Fr.] 1. a brother. 2. a friar.

fres'cade, n. [OFr. *frescade*, *fresquade*, from It. *fresco*, fresh, cool.] a cool walk; a shady place.

fres'cō, n.; pl. **fres'cōes, fres'cōs,** [It. *fresco*, fresh, cool, as noun, coolness, freshness, from O.H.G. *frisc*, fresh.]

1. coolness; shade; a cool, refreshing state of the air. [Obs.]

2. the art or technique of painting with water colors on wet plaster.

3. a picture or design painted by the above method.

fres'cō, v.t.; frescoed, *pl. pp.;* frescoing, *ppr.* to paint in fresco.

fresh, a.; comp. **freshier;** superl. **freshest,** [ME. *fresh*, *frisch*, from AS. *fersc*, fresh; D. *versch*; O.H.G. *frisc*; Ice. *ferskr*; Sw. *frisk*; Dan. *frisk*.]

1. brisk; strong; said of the wind.

2. having the color and appearance of youth; lively; as, a *fresh* complexion.

3. new; recently grown or produced; as, *fresh* vegetables; newly laid; as, *fresh* eggs.

4. recently made or obtained; as, a *fresh* supply of goods from the factory.

5. not impaired by time; not forgotten or obliterated; as, the ideas are *fresh* in my recollection.

6. not salt; said of water.

7. recently drawn; pure and cool; not warm or vapid; as, a glass of *fresh* water.

8. original, spontaneous, and stimulating; as, the conversation was *fresh* and delightful.

9. not tired; vigorous; lively; having new vigor; as, he rose *fresh* for the combat.

10. new; that has lately come or arrived; not known before; as, *fresh* news; *fresh* dispatches.

11. sweet; in a good state; not spoiled, rotten, or stale; as, *fresh* milk.

12. not salted, preserved, pickled, etc.; as, *fresh* meat.

13. unpracticed; inexperienced; not before employed; as, a *fresh* hand on board ship.

14. not worn, soiled, faded, etc.; vivid; bright; clean; as, *fresh* linen.

15. additional; further; as, he made a *fresh* start.

16. designating or of a cow that has newly come into the state of a milker, as after having borne a calf.

fresh out of; having just sold or used up. [Slang.]

Syn.—brisk, strong, vigorous, lively, unimpaired, unfaded, florid, ruddy, new, novel, recent, rare, unpracticed, unaccustomed, unused, inexperienced.

fresh, a. [from G. *frech*, bold, impudent.]

1. bold; saucy; impertinent; impudent. [Slang.]

2. drunk; tipsy. [Slang.]

fresh, n. 1. a fresher; a stream in overflow.

2. a spring of fresh water flowing into a river or into the ocean.

3. the mingling of fresh water with turbid or with salt water, especially the mingling of the waters of a river or brook with the salt water of a bay or estuary.

4. a freshman. [College Slang.]

fresh'en, v.t.; freshened, *pl. pp.;* freshening, *ppr.* 1. to make fresh; to separate from saline particles; as, to *freshen* water, fish, or meat.

2. to refresh; to revive.

3. in nautical usage, to apply new service to (a cable); as, to *freshen* the hawse.

to *freshen* ballast; to readjust ballast.

to *freshen* the hawse; to pay out or take in a little of the cable of a vessel at anchor, so as to expose another part of it to the fraying action at the hawse hole.

to *freshen* the way; to increase the speed, as of a ship in motion.

fresh'en, v.i. 1. to grow or become fresh.

2. to have a calf; said of a cow.

3. to come into milk.

fresh'et, n. 1. a flood or overflowing of a river, on account of heavy rains or melted snow.

2. a stream or rush of fresh water flowing into the sea.

fresh'-look'ing, a. appearing fresh.

fresh'ly, adv. 1. in a fresh manner.

2. recently; just now; newly.

fresh'mān, n.; pl. **fresh'men,** 1. a novice; a beginner.

2. a student of the first year in a college or high school.

3. a person in his first year at any enterprise; as, Senator Smith is a *freshman* in Congress.

fresh'mān, a. of or for first-year students; as, the *freshman* curriculum.

Lord! how the seniors knocked about the *freshman* class of one! —Holmes.

fresh'mān-ship, n. the state of a freshman.

fresh'ness, n. the condition or quality of being fresh, in any sense of the word.

fresh'-new, a. unpracticed. [Obs.]

fresh'-wā'tēr, a. 1. accustomed to sail on fresh water only; as, a *fresh-water* sailor.

2. raw; unskilled; inexperienced; as, *fresh-water* soldiers.

3. in or of the hinterland; inland.

4. somewhat provincial, obscure, etc.; as, a *fresh-water* colloquialism.

fretted

5. pertaining to, produced by, or living in water that is fresh, or not salt; as, *fresh-water* geological deposits, *fresh-water* fish.

fres'wā-ter, n. in logic, one of the valid modes.

fret, n. a strait. [Obs.]

fret, v.t.; fretted, *pl. pp.;* fretting, *ppr.* [ME. *fyreten*; AS. *fyretan*, contr. of *foretan*, to eat up, devour; for-, and *etan*, to eat.]

1. to wear away by gnawing, rubbing, chafing, corroding, rusting, etc.; also, to make or form by wearing away.

2. to gnaw; to eat away; as, a worm *frets* the planks of a ship.

3. to agitate; to disturb; to make rough; to cause to ripple; as, to *fret* the surface of water.

4. to tease; to irritate; to vex; to make angry.

Fret not thyself because of evildoers. —Ps. xxxvii. 1.

5. to devour. [Obs.]

Syn.—chafe, gall, vex, anger, gnaw, corrode, rub, agitate, disturb.

fret, v.i. 1. to gnaw (*into, on, or upon*).

2. to be worn away; to be corroded, worn, frayed, etc.; as, any substance will in time *fret* away by friction.

3. to be agitated; to become rough or disturbed.

4. to be vexed; to be chafed or irritated; to be annoyed or querulous; to worry.

He *frets*, he fumes, he stares, he stamps the ground.

fret, n. 1. the agitation of the surface of a fluid, as when boiling, fermenting, etc.

2. a wearing away.

3. a worn place.

4. irritation; annoyance; worry.

5. in mining, the washed side of a river bank, showing outcroppings by means of which miners are able to locate veins of ore.

6. a cutaneous eruption, as tetter; a chafing, as in the folds of the skin of fat children.

fret, v.t.; fretted, *pl. pp.;* fretting, *ppr.* [OFr. *fretter*, *freter*, to cross, interlace, from *frete*, an iron band, ferrule, from LL. *ferrata*, an iron grating.] to ornament with a fret or fretwork.

fret, n. [OFr. *frete*, an iron band, ferrule, from LL. *ferrata*, an iron grating, iron railing, from L. *ferrum*, iron.]



GRECIAN FRETS

1. an ornamental net or network, especially one formerly worn by women as a headdress.

2. an ornamental pattern of small, straight bars intersecting or joining one another at right angles to form a regular design, as for a border.

3. in architecture, an ornamental pattern of this kind in relief; fretwork.

4. in heraldry, a transverse cross interlaced with a hollow, diamond-shaped figure.

fret, n. [Fr., a band, a ring, from OFr. *freter*, to make fast.]

1. any of several narrow, lateral ridges fastened across the finger board of a banjo, guitar, mandolin, etc. to regulate the fingering.

2. a caul of gold or silver wire worn by ladies in the middle ages.

fret, v.t. to furnish with frets.

fret'ful, a. disposed to fret; ill-humored; peevish; angry; in a state of vexation; as, a *fretful* temper.

Syn.—peevish, cross, captious.—*Peevish* marks the inward spirit, and *fretful* the outward act, while both imply a complaining impatience. *Crossness* is peevishness mingled with vexation or anger.

fret'ful-ly, adv. peevishly; angrily.

fret'ful-ness, n. peevishness; ill-humor; disposition to fret and complain.

fret saw, a saw with a long, narrow, fine-toothed blade, for cutting thin wooden boards or metal plates into patterns.

frette, n. [Fr., a hoop.] a hoop of steel or wrought iron for strengthening the outside of a cannon or gun.

fret'ted, (past tense and past participle of *fret* (to ornament).) a. decorated with frets.

fret'ted, (past tense and past participle of *fret* (to vex).) a. 1. away; chafed.

2. worried; anxious; discontented.