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02.02.21.05.04 (adj.) ill-humoured
distempere c1374 • melancholian 1390 • solein 1399-1597 • glooming c1440- • gining 1447-1824 (Scots) • tetric 1529-1772; 1901 • tetric 1533-1811 • distemperate 1548-1658 • morose 1565- • sullen 1573/80- • melancholy 1575/6-1604 • stunt 1581; 1674- (dial) • gloomy 1590- • moody 1593- • distempered 1595-1762 • dark 1596- • clum/clumme 1599 • humorous 1600-1693; 1842 • musty 1620-1760 (also dial) • muddy 1638-1736 • grum 1640- • humoursome/humorsome 1656- • fusty 1668 • purdy 1668-1672 (rare); 1825 (Dict. dial) • ill-humoured 1687; 1876- • mumpish 1721 (Dict.); 1846- • tetricous 1727 • sunkan 1728-1798 • sumphish 1728- (Scots & northern dial) • stunkard 1737- (Scots) • sulky 1744- • farouche 1765- • sombre 1767- • glumpy 1780- • like a bear with a sore head 1785- • sombrous 1792 • glumpish 1800- (chiefly dial) • tiffy 1810-1883 • splenitive 1815 • stuffy 1825- (US colloq.) • troglodytish 1866 • glummy 1884 • humpy 1889- • liverish 1896- (colloq.) • scowly 1951- 01 in an ill-humour in a jeer 1579/80 • in the suds 1611-1840 (dial) • sullen-sick 1614-1650 • in the pouts 1615- • out of sorts 1621- • cross 1639- • off the hooks 1662-1824 • upon a peevish pin 1694 • huff 1714-1727/38 • sulking 1778 • sore-headed 1844 • sore-head 1862 • baity 1921- (slang) • batey 1946- 02 characterized/caused by splenetic 1661-1707 • splenetic 1693- • splenitive 1829-1839

02.02.21.05.04 (adv.) ill-humouredly
distemperately 1483; 1653 • thrafly 1578 (Scots) • darkly 1594-1837 • moodily 1611 (Dict.); 1833- • mustily 1620-1675 (rare) • distemperedly 1639; 1832 • sullenly 1650- • morosely 1654- • sullen 1718-1810 • grumly 1727- • ill-humouredly 1795-1859 • sulkily 1796- • sumphishly 1802 • glumpily 1864- • biliously 1865 • farouchely 1931- • frumpily 1934- (Dict.)

02.02.21.05.04 (vi.) Be ill-humoured
piss upon a nettle 1592-1700; 1828 (dial) • sit on brood 1602 • mump c1610; 1825- • sell souse 1611 • sullen 1652 • frump 1693 • mug c1730-1861 (slang & dial) • sunk 1737 • sulk 1781- • get up/out of bed (on) the wrong side 1801- • strum 1804(2) (Scots Dict.) • boody 1857-1877 (rare) • sumph 1867- (Scots) • grump 1875 • hump the back 1889 • sull 1903- (US) • pull the moody 1986 (slang); 1989 (slang) 01 become ill-humoured take the fling(s) 1568-1719 (Scots) • take the strum(s) 1788- (Scots) • tout 1825 (Scots) • take the stunt 1837- (dial) • stunt 1877/89- (dial) 02 reflect moodily mood 1796

02.02.21.05.04 (vt.) Make ill-humoured
hump 1840- • sullen 1894

02.02.21.05.04.01 (n.) Expression of ill-humour
01 frowning/scowling lowering/lowering 1250- • glooming 1400-1645 • glumming 1450-1575 • frowning 1400- • glouting 1460-1763 • brow-bending 1542 • scowling 1575- 01.01 a frown/scowl/lour/lower 1400-1814 • scowl 1500/20- • frown 1605- • glout 1641-1748 (rare) • dirty look 1928- 01.02 one who frowns/scowls frowner 1630- • scowler 1858- 02 pouting pouting 1556- • pout-mouthing 1807 • bouderie 1854 02.01 a pout pout 1591- • moue 1850- 02.02 one who pouts pouter 1809-

02.02.21.05.04.01 (adj.) Distorted by ill-humour
thrawn 1513- (Scots) 01 frowning/scowling felon c1374; 1567 • frowning c1386- • lowering/lowering 1400- • glumming 1526-1573/80 • glum 1547- • scowling 1552- • black-browed 1590- • frowned 1598 • dark 1599- • glouting 1641-1749 • black 1709; 1832-1840 • frownful 1771 • brow-bent 1796 • frowny 1861 • afrown 1878 02 pouting pouting 1563- • pouching 1680 • pouty 1863- (US)

02.02.21.05.04.01 (adv.) In manner expressing ill-humour
01 frowningly/scowlingly frowningly 1556- • scowlingly 1755- 02 poutingly poutingly 1632-

02.02.21.05.04.01 (vi.) Express ill-humour
01 frown/scowl/lour/lower c1290- • gloom 1300- • scowl 1340- • glout 1400; 1611- (now rare) • frown 1430- • glum 1460-1598; 1876 (obs. exc. dial) • lump 1577-1594; 1847 (dial) • knit one's brows 1593-1715 • glower 1775- 01.01 be expressed by a scowl scowl 1719-1824 (also Rhetoric) 02 pout pout c1325- 03 hunch sulkily hunch 1873

02.02.21.05.04.01 (vt.) Express ill-humour
01 frown/scowl at scowl at/on/upon 1340- 01.01 give scowling look to gloom 1576 01.02 express by frowning/scowling lour 1746 • scowl 1757 • frown 1775- 01.03 drive/force with frown/scowl scowl 1667 • frown away/back/down/off/from/into 1678- 01.04 outdo in frowning outfrown 1605; 1807 02 pout (the lips) pouch 1647-1754 02.01 utter with a pout pout 1877-

02.02.21.05.05 (n.) Ill-naturedness
pweora OE • dourness c1375- (chiefly Scots & northern English) • cursedness c1386-1633 1870 • crabbedness 1413- • curishness 1542- • spleen 1594- • doggedness 1611- • incompliance 1694-1845 • crustiness 1727 (Dict.); 1822- • thrawnness 1825- (Scots) • grumpiness 1835- • ungeniality 1859 • disgrace 1861 • cussedness 1866- (US slang & colloq.) • cantankerousness 1881- • nabalism 1886 • ugliness 1889 (dial) • stoppiness 1969- (colloq.) 01 ill-natured person crab 1580- • hunks 1602- • crab-staff 1603 • cross-piece 1614-1694 • snarler 1634- • vixen 1700-1731/8 • cross-patch 1700 (Dict. colloq.); 1775- (colloq.) • frump 1817- • patch 1830- (dial) • catamaran 1833- (colloq.) • crab-stick 1841; 1877 (dial) • hunkster 1847 • grump 1900- (colloq.) • wampus 1912- (US slang)

02.02.21.05.05 (adj.) Ill-natured
thwart 1250- • crouse 1300 (3) (Scots & northern English) • stour/stoor 1303- (obs. exc. Scots) • wraw c1386-1440 • elvish c1386-1601 • crabbed 1400/50- • cursed/curst c1400-1836; 1879/81 (dial) • dogged c1400- • wrawful c1440 • thrawn c1450- (Scots) • curish c1460- • dour c1470- (chiefly Scots & northern English) • apismart 1501-1513 (Scots) • terne 1508-1638 (Scots) • bilious 1561-1662; 1866- • incommodious 1563/87; 1783 • crusty c1570- • mischievous-stomached 1577 • thrawn-mowit 1578 (Scots) • wearish 1586 • shrewish 1596; 1816- • rubarbative 1600-1631 • ill-tempered 1601- • crabbish 1606 • cur-like 1627-1742 • terned 1638 (Scots) • cross 1639- • splenial 1641 • frumpish 1647- • wry 1649 • ugly 1687- • thrawn-gabbit 1719 (Scots) • frumpy 1746- • unhappy 1756 (Scots) • cantankerous 1772- (colloq.) • crabby 1776- • grumpy 1778 • cankerous 1786- (Scots) • grumpish 1797- • ornery/ornary 1816- (now chiefly US dial & colloq.) • snarlsh 1819- • cranky 1821- • stunty 1825- (dial) • ill-natured 1825/80- (Scots) • nattery/natty 1825- • caochymical 1836-1837 (joc.) • as cross as two sticks 1842-1855 • grumph 1846 • three-cornered c1850- • knappy 1855 (Dict.) • carnaptious 1858- (Scots & Irish dial) • snotty 1870- (dial & slang) • sniffy 1871- (dial & colloq.) • bad-tempered 1879- • cussed 1882 • snorty 1893 (slang & colloq.) • grouchy 1895- (orig. US) • thrawn-faced 1897 (Scots) • thraw-gabbit 1900 (Scots & northern English dial) • scratchy 1925- • tight 1950 (US slang & dial) • stropy 1951- (colloq.) • snitty 1978- (slang, orig. & chiefly US) 01 characterized by ill nature crabbed 1362-1632 • crabbish c1485-1592 • wry 1599- 02 expressing ill nature crabbed 1603-1641

02.02.21.05.05 (adv.) Ill-naturedly
crabbedly 1420-1561 • cursedly 1430-1650 • thrawnly 1513 (Scots); 1899- (Scots) • curishly 1519- • shrewishly 1602- • scurvily 1607-1647 • doggedly 1683- • crustily 1730/6 (Dict.); 1749- • ungenially 1858- • crankily 1864- • ill-naturedly 1865- • cantankerously 1868- • dourly 1871- (chiefly Scots & northern English) • grumpily 1882-

02.02.21.05.05 (vt.) Render ill-natured
crab 1662

02.02.21.05.05.01 (n.) Ill nature in woman/ shrewishness
shrewishness 1590- • termagancy 1709- • vixenishness 1820- 01 shrew scold c1325- • fury c1374- (transf.) • virago c1386- • shrew 1400- • scolder 1423-1595 • common scold 1467- • wild cat 1573/80- • callet 1575-1611 • vixen 1575- • shrew 1581-1659 • Long Meg of Westminster 1582-1611 • cotquean 1592-1633 • scratpout 1593 • butter-whore 1593; 1764 • Xantippe 1596- • scoldster c1600 • butter-quean 1650 • termagant 1659- • tartar 1663- • fish-woman 1698; 1855 • cross-patch 1700 (cont. Dict.); 1775- (colloq.) • brimstone 1751-1828 • fish-fag 1786- • rantipole 1790 • skellat 1810 (Scots) • skimmington 1813 • targer 1822- (Scots) • skellat-bell 1827 (Scots) • catamaran 1833- (colloq.) • nagster 1873 • yenta/yente 1923-

02.02.21.05.05.01 (adj.) Shrewish
shrew 1297-1638 • shrewd 1387-1661 • shrode 1500-1596 • shrewish 1565- • cotquean-like 1581(2) • virago 1598-

scolding 1600- • vixen 1660; 1842 • termagant 1667/8- • vixenly 1677 • rudas 1802- (Scots) • termagantish 1823 • vixenish 1828- 01 characteristic of vixen 1700-1850 • vixenish 1838- • viragoish 1887-

02.02.21.05.05.01 (adv.) Shrewishly
scoldingly 1548- • termagantly 1707- • vixenishly 1845- • vixenly 1850- • shrewishly 1855-

02.02.21.05.05.01 (vi.) Behave like shrew
play the vixen 1596-1597

02.02.21.05.05.01 (vt.) Behave like shrew
01 nag/scold (a person) be on at 1941- (colloq.)

02.02.21.05.05.02 (n.) Sourness/bitterness of temper
teartnes OE • gall c1200- • bitterness 1382- • sourness 1482- • tartness 1548- • acerbity 1572- • fell 1590 • verjuice 1598- • vinegar 1601- • acrimony 1618- • asperity 1664- • thorniness 1674- • acidity 1711- • vitriol 1769- • souredness 1858 • acidity 1859- 01 becoming sour souring 1874- 02 sour-tempered person sourcock 1723 (Scots) • sourling 1784 • lemon 1863- • vinegar-cruet 1873 • sourball/sour-ball 1900- (US) • sourpus/sour-puss 1937- (slang, orig. US) 02.01 woman pickle 1950; 1970 03 sourness/bitterness of speech scarpnes OE • tartness 1548- • acrimony 1618- • subacidity 1833- • acidity 1859- 03.01 quality subacid 1838-1840 04 sour/bitter thought/feeling rankle 1795; 1913- 05 excessive bitterness over-bitterness 1626

02.02.21.05.05.02 (adj.) Sour/bitter
biterlic OE • pwh OE • pweorh OE • torn OE • bitter 1225 • sour 1225- • envenomed 1375- • envenomous 1420-1475 • gallish 1595; 1769 • vinegar 1596- • verjuice 1598- • vinegar-tart 1599-1608 • crabbed 1599- • soury 1647 • embittered 1655- • acrious 1682-1694 • sourish 1688- • subacid 1765- • acrimonious 1775- • acrid 1781- • verjuiced 1836 • vinaigrous 1837 • acidulent 1837- • soured 1848- • vinegary 1848- • acerbic 1865- • acidulous 1865- • snake-headed 1920- (slang) • sour-pussed 1952 01 of speech/speaker stip OE • stiplic OE • bitter c1175- • stinging 1529- • tart 1601- • tart-tongued 1602 • acerb 1873 02 rendered/made sour sour 1340- 03 expressing/implying sour c1440- 03.01 excessively over-bitter 1600; 1927

02.02.21.05.05.02 (adv.) Sourly/bitterly
sare OE • tartly <teartlice OE • sour 1500/20- • sourly 1533- • crabbedly 1580 • tartishly 1823 • acrimoniously 1829- • acridly 1837- • sourishly 1846 • acidulously 1889; 1986 • vinegarishly 1890- 01 excessively over-bitterly 1340-1586

02.02.21.05.05.02 (vi.) Become sour
sour 1748- 01 behave/speak sourly/bitterly come the acid 1925- (slang) 02 turn into a sour feeling sour 1400- 03 cause sour/bitter feelings rankle 1735-

02.02.21.05.05.02 (vt.) Make sour/bitter
atter c1400 • begall 1598 • sour 1599- • embitter 1634- 01 invest with sour expression sour 1592-1593

02.02.22 (n.) Love
freondraeden OE • freondscipe OE • lufsumnes OE • mæglufu OE • myne OE • sibgeornes OE • siblufu OE • gewilnung OE • loveder <luftraeden OE • 1560 (also Scots) • love <lufu OE • charity 1225-1841 • loveness 1240 • loving 1375- • dilection 1388-1683 • cherishness c1420 • fair 1423 • affixedness 1668 01 as an abstract principle love <lufu OE • 02 great love/devotion æþpanca OE • elnung OE • heahlufu OE • lufu OE • mægensibb OE • zeal c1400-1685 • devotion 1530- • addiction 1641- • addictedness 1660- 02.01 exhibition of profound regard and love adoration 1601; 1859- • adoremnt 1646 03 one who loves lufiend OE • loving 1300-1375 • lover c1300- • patriot (of) 1631-1641 (erron.) • amorist 1635-1660 (rare) 03.01 devotee prostitute 1624-1634 • devote 1630-1720 • devotist 1641-1675 • votary 1647 • worshipper 1647- • devotee 1657/83- • devotionary 1671 • devoté 1729; 1824 04 sweet love nectar love 1649 05 platonic love platonic(s) 1800- 05.01 practice of platonicism 1678-1741 • platonism 1782- 05.02 making love platonic platonization 1843 05.03 platonic lover platonic 1658-1757 • platonist 1756; 1895 05.03.01 female platonne 1709 06 cold/conventional love winter-love

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