

vnele þat wekit ware. 1393 *LANGL. P. Pl. C.* xiv. 69 Boþe louye and lene þe lelle and þe vnelelle. c. 1430 in *Pol., Rel., & L. Poems* (1903) 203 þou lyuest a lecherouse lif vnele. 1456 *Sik G. HAVE LAW ARMS* (S.T.S.) 30 Untrewe and unlele to thair soveraynis lordis. 1528 *LYNDESAV Dreme* 313 Sum part thair was of vnelell Launboraris. c. 1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* (S.T.S.) xxiii. 25 Hir fengeth wordis fals, . . . And als the luik vnelell Of hir bricht fair ene twane. 1848 *LYTTON Harold* 1. i. Words so unclean and foul. *Ibid.* xii. v. I hold it . . . disgrace to barter words with a knight unclean.

† **Unlean, a.** *Obs.* (UN-1 7). c. 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* 1. 96 But se thyn ayer be feir, and lond vnele.

Unleered, ppl. a. *Obs. exc. dial.* [OE. *unlæred* (UN-1 8), = ON. *unlærðr* (Icel. *unlærðr*, MSw. *olårdher*, Sw. *olård*, Da. *ulærd*). Cf. OE. *ungelæred*, MDu. *ongeleert*, etc.] Unlearned, untaught; ignorant.

c. 1200 *ORMIN* 1717 Þatt doþ us tunderstannendenn wel þatt he wass 3et unnlæredd off þatt. c. 1300 *Cursor M.* 1384 Qun herd euer man sua spell, Man vnlerd o boken lare. 1340 *HAMPOLE Pr. C.* 5947 þam þat er unlered men. 1390 *Gower Conf.* 1. 11 Suche as stode of trowthe unlered. a. 1425 *Cursor M.* 2454 (Trin.), Hidur is good þat þei drawe, . . . And here wel þat I shal sey þat he wende not vnlered away. 1552 *ABP. HAMPTON Catech.* (1884) 86 Thai that ar . . . unlerit in haly writ. 1876 *Whitly Gloss.* 206 Unlered, or Unlecar'd, unlearned.

Unlearn, v. [UN-2 3. Cf. MDu. *ont-, onleren*, older Fl. *ontleren*, MLG. and G. *enlernen*.]

1. *trans.* To discard from knowledge or memory; to give up knowledge of (something).

In very frequent use from c. 1630. c. 1450 *tr. De Imitatione* 1. xi. 12 Withstonde þyne inclination & vnlerne evel custom. 1547 *BALDWIN Mor. Philos.* (1551) N. iij. The best kynde of learnynge is to vnlerne our euyls. 1575 *VOUTROILLER Luther on Ep. Gal.* 188 It is to vs no lesse labour to vnlerne and forget the same. 1612 *BRINSLEY Lud. Lit.* (1627) 9 Those things which are hurtfull, they must be taught to vnlerne againe. 1686 *W. DE BRITAINNE Hum. Frnd.* 1. 2 The most necessary learning for mans life is to vnlerne that which is nought and vain. 1779 *Mirror* No. 12, As they have learned many foreign, so have they vnlearned some of the . . . best understood home phrases. 1813 *SHELLEY Q. Mab* iii. 6 Thou hast given A boon which I will not resign, and taught A lesson not to be vnlearned. 1856 *BYRON Holy Rom. Emp.* xviii. 363 The habits of centuries were not to be vnlearned in a few years.

b. *absol.*, or const. with inf.

1530 *PALSGR.* 768/2 It is a payne to lerne thynges, but a nian may vnlerne by goyng a huntynge. 1584 *LYVL Cambrasse* ii. ii. *Alex.* How should one learn to be content? *Ding.* Vnlearn to couet. 1631 *P. FLETCHER Piscatory Eclog.* iii. xij. How canst vnlearn by learning to forget it? 1649 *F. ROBERTS Clavis Bibl.* 351 In these I learn to shun sin, I vnlearn to blush at repentance for offences. 1799 *Monthly Rev.* XXX. 120 According to an axiom founded on daily experience, to vnlearn and forget are very difficult. 1823 *Monthly Mag.* LV. 125 It is . . . long since the Romans have vnlearned to conquer. 1868 *LOWELL Parting of the Ways* 59 That way lies Youth, and Wisdom, . . . For only by vnlearning Wisdom comes.

2. To unteach.

1664 *POWER Exp. Philos.* Pref. 7 [The microscope] will ocularly evince and vnlearn them their opinions. 1802-18 *BENTHAM Ration, Judic. Evid.* (1827) V. 495 Legal learning . . . can never have vnlearned a man the difference between three and one and a half. 1863 *SUSAN WARNER Old Helmet* v. I must vnlearn you a little of your kindness. 1893 *Harper's Mag.* Dec. 61/2 He's jest said what I've been a-learnin' 'im. . . But he's got to be vnlearned.

Hence **Unlearning** *vbl. sb.*

1713 *STEELE Englishman* No. 7. 46 Art is only the vnlearning of what is unnatural. 1873 *E. H. THOMPSON Baron de Rendy* ii. 43 A school for the vnlearning of every Christian . . . feeling of compassion.

Unlearnability. (UN-1 12.) 1777 *H. WALPOLE Corr.* (1849) V. 473 The pleasure of correcting my awkwardness and unlearnability. **Unlearnable, a.** (UN-1 7 b.) 1846 *WORCESTER* (citing *Ed. Rev.*)

Unlearned, ppl. a. [UN-1 8. Cf. UNLEARED *ppl. a.* and OHG. *ungelirnet* (MHG. *-lernet*, *-lernet*, G. *-lernit*).]

1. Not possessed of learning; uninstructed; untaught; ignorant.

c. 1400 *MAUNDEV.* (1839) xvii. 184 How it semethe to symple men vnlearned, that [etc.]. c. 1480 *Wycliffite Bible* (1850) I. 67/2 Bothe of the lerned man and vnlered. 14. . . *Lat. & Eng. Prov.* (MS. Douce 52) fol. 27 Better is a chylde vnborne þen vnlered. 1537 in *Bury Wills* (Camden) 131 Because I am rude and vnlernd, and know not the scriptur. 1582 *N. T. (Rhem.) Luke* x. 21 *margin*, The humble vnlearned Catholike knoweth Christ better than the proud learned Heretike. 1651 *HOBBS Leviath.* ii. xxix. 169 These three opinions . . . proceeded chiefly from the tongues, and pens of vnlearned Divines. 1699 *BENTLEY Phal.* 331 Andronicus's name was prefix'd to it by a Modern and a very Unlearned Hand. 1765 *Museum Rust.* IV. 450, I will now . . . give a free translation of it for the sake of your vnlearned readers. 1854 *WHITTIER Maud Muller* 79 She wedded a man vnlearned and poor. 1875 *JOWETT Plato* (ed. 2) I. 198 But if you were not wise you were vnlearned.

b. *spec.* (See *quots.*)

1643 *BAKER Chron.* (1653) 236 Another Parliament . . . named the vnlearned Parliament, either for the vnlearnednesse of the persons, or for their malice to learned men. 1878 *STUBBS Const. Hist.* III. xx. 401 The year 1404, when Henry IV stirred up strife by excluding lawyers from his 'vnlearned parliament' [at Coventry].

2. *absol.* Those who have no learning.

c. 1500 *Babes Bk.*, etc. (1868) 23/126 In þi dysch sette not þi spone, . . . os vnlerndy don. 1549 *OLDE ERASM. Par. Ephesian* Prolog. to Rdr. Cii. To seke the edification of the playne vnlearned. 1578 *BIBLE* (Geneva) Pref. to Christian Reader, I have so done for the vnlearned sake. 1566 *STANLEY Hist. Philos.* v. 50 He useth variety of names, that

his work may not easily be understood by the vnlearned. 1712 *ADDISON Spect.* No. 457 P. 4 An Account of the Works of the Unlearned. 1746 *FRANCIS tr. Horace, Art of Poetry* 644 With all the Horrors of a desperate Muse The Learned and Unlearned he pursues. 1886 *Fortn. Rev.* Oct. 508 We must acknowledge, too, that experts know better than the vnlearned.

3. Not skilled or versed in something.

1565 *COOPER Thesaurus* s.v. *Rudis*, Vnlearned in the Greeke tongue. c. 1600 *SHAKS. Sonn.* cxxxviii. Some vnlerd youth, Vnlearned in the worlds false subtilties. 1607 — *Timon* iv. iii. 56, I know thee well: But in thy Fortunes am vnlearn'd, and strange. 1725 *POPE Odys.* ix. 150 Unlearn'd in all th' industrious arts of toil. 1833 *TENNYSON To F. S. v. Alas!* In grief I am not all vnlearn'd. 1885 'MRS. ALEXANDER' *At Bay* viii. Unlearned in the world's lore which was so familiar to himself!

4. Characterized by want of learning; pertaining to the vnlearned class.

1526 *TINDALE 2 Tim.* ii. 23 *Folisshe* and vnlearned questions. 1589 *Margret. Epit.* D. iij b. His booke is a carnall and vnlearned booke. 1604 *HERRING Dfg. Caveat* (title-p.), That vnlearned and dangerous opinion. c. 1657 *COWLEY Ode Dr. Harvey* v. A harb'rous Wars vnlearned Rage. 1785 *BURKE Sp. Nabob Arcot* Wks. IV. 316 The vnlearned and vulgar passion of admiration. 1844 *STANLEY Arnold* (1858) II. 146 An vnlearned familiarity with the Scriptures. 1875 *WHITNEY Life Lang.* x. 187 The vnlearned speech of the lower orders.

5. Not acquired by learning. (Cf. UNLEARN'T.)

1534 *Lo. BEANERS Gold. Ek. M. Aurel.* (1546) Cv. That there should be nothing vnlearn'd of hym, he above all sciences sette his mynd to Cosmography. 1607 *MARKHAM Cavell* iii. i. 4 My first Arte were better vnlearned then for want of this latter to doe euill by misemployment. 1611 *SHAKS. Cymb.* iv. ii. 178 Tis wonder that an inuisible instinct should frame them To Royalty vnlearn'd, Honor vnought. 1644 *MILTON Educ.* 3 Mispending our prime youth, . . . in learning mere words or such things chiefly, as were better vnlearn'd.

Unlearnedly, adv. (UN-1 11; cf. *prec.*)

1532 *MORE Confut. Barnes* viii. Wks. 786/2 He shall speake very vnlearnedly. 1578 *LYTE Doddens* v. lxvi. 631 It is fondly and vnlearnedly named in English, Dittany. 1651 *BAXTER Inf. Bapt.* 239 Some . . . vnlearnedly and boldly scold about . . . unprofitable matters. 1689 *W. A. Herbert's Account Examined* 3 He very vnlearnedly clogs the Definition of a Dispensing Power. 1834 *BECKFORD Italy* II. 226 He . . . entered minutely and not vnlearnedly into the ancient jurisprudence . . . of his country.

Unlearnedness. [UN-1 12.] The condition of being vnlearned; want of learning; ignorance.

1562 *TURNER Baths* 1 b. The vnlearnednesse . . . of the Physicians. 1581 *W. CLARKE in Confer.* v. (1584) Fij. The error and vnlearnednesse of your distinction appeareth. 1643 [see UNLEARNED 1 b]. 1674 *W. ALLEN Danger Enthous.* 18 Your Leaders manifest a strange degree of Unlearnedness in the things of the Gospel, when [etc.]. 1721 *BAILEY, Illiterate-ness*, Unlearnedness.

Unlearn't, ppl. a. [UN-1 8 b.] = UNLEARNED 5. 1879 *FARRAR St. Paul* 1. v. i. 97 The inference that the gift of vnlearn't languages was designed to help the Apostles in their future preaching.

Unleashed, ppl. a. [UN-1 8.] a. Not held or let on lease. b. Not having a lease.

1716 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5467/3 Lands unleashed. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Apr. 143 Landlords . . . compelling their unleashed tenantry to sell below market-price. 1906 *Daily Chron.* 30 Aug. 3/3 The proceeds derived from ordinary Crown lands unsold or unleashed.

Unleash, v. [UN-2 4 b.] *trans.* To free from a leash; to set free in order to pursue or attack. Chiefly fig.

1671 *PHILLIPS* (ed. 3), To unleash, . . . to let go the dogs after the Game. 1821 *SHELLEY Hellas* 357 Like beasts When earthquake is unleashed. 1854 *J. S. C. ABBOTT Napoleon* (1855) I. xxvi. 418 The bloodhounds of war were unleashed and England had unleashed them. 1868 *Geo. ELIOT Sp. Gipsy* 48 With power to check all rage until it turned To ordered force, unleashed on chosen prey.

Unleash, a. *rare* (UN-1 7). c. 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* 1. 487 Another craft vnleash is: Fro floor to floor to change hit ofte, his fest is. † **Unleash't, obs. var. unlest** UNLESS *adv.* 1574 *J. DEE in Lett. Lit. Men* (Camden) 34 Unleash't your honor had putte your helping hand. 1601 *YARRINGTON Two Lament. Trag.* iii. ii. in *Bullen O. Pl.* IV, I nam'd not God, unlest there were with an othe.

Unleave, v. [UN-2 4; cf. UNLEAF *v.*] *trans.* To strip of leaves. Hence **Unleaving** *vbl. sb.*

1589 *PUTTENHAM Eng. Poesie* iii. xxv. (Arb.) 309 The good gardiner . . . vnleaves his boughes to let in the sunne. 1598 *SILVESTER Du Bartas* ii. i. iv. *Handie-crafts* 136 Sometimes they do the far-spread Gourd vnleave. 1611 *COTGR., Effeuillement*, an vnleaving. 1648 *HEXHAM II. Ontbladeren*, to vnleave, or, to Take away the Leaves.

Unleaved, ppl. a. 1 [Cf. *prec.*] Stripped of leaves.

1598 *SILVESTER Du Bartas* ii. i. i. *Eden* 122 Amorous Myrtles and immortal Bays Never vn-leav'd. 1610 *G. FLETCHER Christ's Vitt.* ii. lix. Ode 25 See, see the flowers . . . How they all vnleaved die. 1644 *HEYWOOD Gnaik.* iv. 171 Behold how this lettuce now vnleaved looketh. 1870 *ROSSETTI Poems, Ho. Life* v. Nor quite vnleaved [is] our songless grove.

Unleaved, ppl. a. 2 [UN-1 8.] Not furnished with leaves.

1501 *DOUGLAS Fal. Hou.* i. iii, Muskane treis . . . Combust, barrant, vnblomit and vnleifit. 1770 *LANGHORE Plutarch* iii. 38 Unleav'd, unhonour'd e'en with bark, See this sad tree, the gibbet of Alcæus!

Unleaved, ppl. a. (UN-1 8.)

1530 *TINDALE Exod.* xii. 17 See that ye kepe you to vnleaved [sic] bread. 1594 *HOOKE Eccl. Politie* iv. § 10 The vse of vnleaved bread in that sacrament. 1611 *BIBLE Exod.* xii. 39 They baked vnleaved cakes of the dough. — *Lev.* ii. 4 Vnleaved wafers. 1702 *L'ESTRANGE*

Josephus iii. vi. 64 Twelve Loaves of Unleavened Bread. 1737 *CHALLONER Cath. Chr. Instr.* (1753) 59 Unleavened Bread is an Emblem or Symbol of Sincerity and Truth. 1822-7 *Good Study Med.* (1829) I. 212 Toasted bread, and unleavened biscuits. 1867 *LADY HERRAERT Cradle* L. vii. 191 Soft unleavened cakes and some excellent coffee, . . . completed our repast.

absol. c. 1550 *CHEKE Matt.* xxvi. 17 Ye first dai of ye vnleavened cake ye discipils to Jesus.

fig. 1611 *BIBLE 1 Cor.* v. 7 Purge out therefore the olde leauen, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are vnleavened. 1814 *BYRON Lara* ii. iv, Now rose the vnleaven'd hatred of his heart. 1829 *LYTTON Disowned* xiv, He is . . . giving the very goods . . . to that . . . starving stripling! No, Warner, no! even this mass is not unleavened.

Unlectured, ppl. a. [UN-1 8.] Not lectured to or upon.

1593 *G. HARVEY Pierce's Super.* 190 [He] is a prowd man, if he contemne expert artisans, . . . howsoever vnlectured in Schooles, or vnlectured in bookes. 1743 *YOUNG Nat. Th.* v. 513 Hast thou ever . . . study'd the philosophy of tears? (A science, yet, vnlectur'd in our schools!)

Unled, ppl. a. [UN-1 8 b. Cf. ON. *uleiddr*.]

1. Not led; uncondacted, unguided.

1615 *G. SANDYS Trav.* 66, I hane seene but few go away vnled from the Embassadors table. 1693 *DYDEN Ovid's Met.* xiii. *Acis & Gal.* 52 Here on the midst he sat; his Flocks, vnled, Their Shepherd follow'd. 1758 *Monthly Rev.* 503 Already reckoning captives yet vnled. 1817 *JEFFERSON Writ.* (1830) IV. 305 'The people [were] not only vnled by their leaders, but in opposition to them. 1859 *TENNYSON Geraint & Enid* 577 His gentle charger following him vnled.

2. *dial.* Of a crop: Not carried in.

1569 *Richmond Wills* (Surtees) 219 Tathe ledd and vnledd.

3. *Sc.* Not carried out or prosecuted.

1586 in *Bk. Univ. Kirk Scott.* (1839) 298 We hold the said proces and sentence as vnled, undecyid or pronouncit.

† **Unlede, sb.** 1 *Obs.* [UN-1 4 b + LEDE *sb.*] A foreign or hostile people.

c. 1205 *LAY. 4982* Heo comen to his neode to driuen vt þa vnleoden. a. 1300 *Cursor M.* 7641 Wit þat vnled [vrr. vnlede, folke] son dauid mete, And wightli wan o þam his dete.

† **Unlede, a.** and *sb.* 2 *Forms:* 1 unlæde, 3 vnlede (-lede), oun-, 4 onlede; 7 vnleed, -lead, 9 vnlete. [OE. *unlæde* (UN-1 7), = Goth. *unlêds* (or *unlêþs*) poor.]

1. *adj.* Unhappy, miserable; wicked, evil; dreadful.

a. 1250 *Owl & Night.* 976 Solde each mon wonie & grede, Ríht such bi weren unlede. c. 1275 *Sinners Beware* 72 in *O.E. Misc.* 74 To donne he beop swete. Py vs is eþ-gete Helle þat is vnlede. c. 1315 *SHOREHAM* 1. 588 Ounde and wrebe and coueytyng, Sleupe and lestes on-lede. a. 1400 *St. Alexius* (Trin.) 333 Ofte hy him bete and hurste, Po vnlede fode.

2. *sb.* A vile or detestable person or thing.

c. 1315 *SHOREHAM* iv. 235 Þe ferste pryns hys prede, Þat ledeþ þane flok, Þat of alle opere onlede. Hys rote and eke stok. 1677 *NICOLSON in Trans. Royal Soc. Lit.* (1870) IX. 321 Unlead, outlaw. 1691 *RAY N. C. Words* 138 Unleed or Unleaded, . . . any crawling venomous creature; as a Toad, etc. It's sometimes ascribed to Man, and there it denotes a sly wicked fellow, . . . the very pest of Society. 1829 *BROCKETT N. C. Gloss.* (ed. 2) 315 Unleates, displacers or destroyers of the farmer's produce.

† **Unleef, a.** *Obs.* [UN-1 7.] Not permissible or allowable; illicit.

c. 1374 *CHAUCER Boeth.* v. pr. iii. (1868) 154 Þe whiche þinge to trowen on god I deme it felonie and vnleueful. c. 1386 — *Parv.* T. P. 593 The wounde shal nat departe from his hous whil he vseth swich vnleueful [vrr. vnleueful, vnleueful] sweryng. 1449 [see next]. c. 1491 *CHAST. Goddess Chyld.* 25 Her rest was full short by cause it was . . . unleueful. 1529 *MORE Dialogue* i. Wks. 157/2 The thynges nowe forbeiden vs, and therefore to vs vnleueful. 1547 *BOORCK Brev. Health* xxvii. 16 b, Desyre to eate rawe and unleueful thynges, as women with chylde doth. 1567 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 524 That pretendit and unleueful marriage.

Hence † **Unleeffulness.** *Obs.*

1384 *WYCLIF Wisd.* xiv. 8 The mautmet . . . is cursid, . . . and he that made it, for he forsothe wropte vnleeffulness. c. 1449 *PECOCK Repr.* ii. i. 136 Ech such doable thing . . . is in it self neither leueful neither vnleueful, in eny of the ij. now seid maners of prope taking leuefulness and vnleuefulness. c. 1475 *Cath. Angl.* 212/2 (A.), To do vnleuefulness, illicbrare.

† **Unleeffully, adv.** *Obs.* [UN-1 11; cf. *prec.*] Illicitly; improperly.

c. 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* x. (Matthew) 384 How dar þu þane . . . fra þi lorde tak hyre to be, vnleuefully to wedyte be? 1386 *Rolls of Parlt.* III. 226/1 Any . . . wronge suggestion, by which owre lige Lord haly ybe vnleuefulness enfourmed. c. 1400 *Apol. Loll.* 110 Al bi power of bischopis name þat þei chaleng vnleuefully to hem wip out be kirk. 1456 *Sia G. HAVE LAW ARMS* (S.T.S.) 288 He suld nocht . . . vnleuefully tretre him.

† **Unleeped, ppl. a.** *Sc. Obs.* [UN-1 8 + *leep* to boil slightly.] Uncooked, raw.

a. 1568 in *Bannatyne MS.* (Hunter Cl.) 385/4 Ane grit gyre carling. . . That leuit vpon christiane menis flesche and rewth heidis vnlepit.

† **Unleasable, a.** *Obs.* [UN-1 7 b.] Incapable of being lost. 1547 *TAPP COMM. Matt.* vii. 26 Saving grace is unleasable, though it may be impaired in the degrees.

† **Unleese, v.** *Obs. rare.* [OE. *un-, enllesan* (= MHG. *enllesan*, MG. *enllesin*, MLG. *enllosen*, G. *enlössen*); see UN-2 9 and LEESE *v.* 2.] *trans.* To unfasten, undo, open.

1377 *LANGL. P. Pl. B.* Prol. 213 Seriauntz . . . nougt for loue of owre lord vnlese here lippes onis.

Unleesome, a. *Sc.* [UN-1 7.] = UNLEEFUL *a.*

c. 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* x. (Matthew) 10 Lewy, þat as a tollare þare wes sette, vnlesseme wyngynge for to get. 1500-20 *DUNBAR Poems* xvii. 16 Thir merchantis takis vnlessum win. 1552 *LYNDESAV Monarchie* 5704 And sum, for thare