Exhibit 27

recess

NOUN

Etymology

Summary

A borrowing from Latin.

Etymon: Latin *recessus*.

< **classical Latin** *recessus* action of going back, retreat, withdrawal, seclusion, recessed formation or arrangement, receding part, depression, indentation of the sea, retired or inner part, remote part, place of withdrawal, secluded place, retreat, refuge, in **post-classical Latin** also mystery, secret (c400), resolution or decree of the Diet of the Holy Roman Empire (so called as passed by a meeting when about to dissolve) (13th cent.) < *recēdere* **recede** v.[1] + *-tus*, suffix forming verbal nouns. With the sense development compare also **Middle French**, **French** *recès* break, pause (14th cent.; from 12th cent. in **Anglo-Norman** and **Old French** in sense 'hiding place, hollow'), ebbing of the tide (c1400), departure (c1450), diminution (1545), resolution or decree of the Diet of the Holy Roman Empire or the Hanseatic League (1551), school vacation, break between school classes (1611 in Cotgrave). Compare also **Catalan** *recés* (14th cent.), **Spanish** *receso* (first half of the 16th cent.), **Portuguese** *recesso* (1561), **Italian** *recesso* (14th cent.).

Notes

In sense 1b perhaps originally after **Italian** *recesso* (compare quots. 1620 and 1676 at that sense).

Meaning & use

1.a. † An agreement; a treaty. *Obsolete.* **1516–38**

1516 Efter the forme and tenor of the recesse maid be ambaxiatouris of this realme, and procuratouris and commissionaris of Ingland thairapoun.
in T. Thomson, *Coll. Inventories Royal Wardrobe* (1815) 22

***a*1538** Mony othir batellis eftir reces of Wespasioun he straik aganis the Romanis.
A. Abell, *Roit or Quheill of Tyme* f. 22^{v}, in *Dictionary of Older Scottish Tongue* at *Reces*

1.b. A resolution or decree of the Diet of the Holy Roman Empire or the Hanseatic League. Now *historical.* **1620–**

1620 The Imperialists receiued commission from their Prince, to mediate..with the Legats, that..mention might not be made of the Recesses [Italian *recessi*] of the Diets in Germanie.
N. Brent, translation of P. Sarpi, *Historie of Councel of Trent* viii. 753

1676 At the time of publishing of the *Recesse* [Italian *Recesso*] in the Great Hall, the Emperour obliged himself to maintain sincerely all that was agreed on.
Earl of Monmouth & W. Brent, translation of G. Gualdo Priorato, *Hist. France* ix. 476

1706 The Recess [French *Recés*] was published: It contained the following Articles. [*Note* What we call an Act of Parliament in England is called a Recess in Germany.]
translation of L. E. Du Pin, *New Ecclesiastical History 16th Century* vol. II. iii. xi. 149

1779 The famous Recess of Augsburgh, which is the basis of religious peace in Germany.
History of Modern Europe vol. II. lix. 254

1853 He opposed a formal recusation to the recess of Frankfurt.
L. Duff-Gordon, translation of L. von Ranke, *Ferd. & Maxim.* ix. 82

1882 When the three colleges [of a diet] agreed, the decree, or recess as it was called, was submitted to the imperial sanction.
P. Schaff et al., *Religious Encyclopædia* vol. I. 638

1924 The plan was the basis of the Recess drafted by the Imperial Deputation at Ratisbon.
R. B. Mowat, *Diplomacy of Napoleon* 109

2005 Friedrich-August acquired some lands from the Imperial Recess in 1803.
F. C. Schneid, *Napoleon's Conquest Of Europe* xi. 133

law historical

1.c. † *Law.* In Canon Law: any one of the stages in a court case. *Obsolete. rare.* **1726**

1726 In the Imperial Chamber the Proctors have half a Florin..for every Substantial Recess, as they call it.
J. Ayliffe, *Parergon Juris Canonici Anglicani* 275

1726 The substantial Recesses are the Introduction of the Cause, the exhibiting of the Libel, [etc.].
J. Ayliffe, *Parergon Juris Canonici Anglicani* 275

ecclesiastical law

2. The action or an act of withdrawal or receding. Frequently in **access and recess**.

2.a. † Withdrawing or departure (from or to a place); an instance of this. Also in extended use. *Obsolete.* **1531–1851**

1531 Ye write unto Us of the recesse ande departing of our and your Commissioners.
King Henry VIII in *State Papers Henry VIII* (1836) vol. IV. 576

1536 His Recesse from the Church, ye proffe not otherwise, than by the..Comon Opinion of those Parts.
in Bishop G. Burnet, *Hist. Reformation Church Eng.* (1825) vol. III. ii. 138

1538 He may haue free accesse and recesse from tyme to tyme.
T. Cromwell, *Letter* 13 July in R. B. Merriman, *Life & Letters of Thomas Cromwell* (1902) vol. II. 147

1608 They haue easie accesse and recesse to and fro to their beguiling nets.
E. Topsell, *Historie of Serpents* 266

1660 The sudden recess of the Air made the bubbles..appear..numerous.
R. Boyle, *New Experiments Physico-mechanicall* xxviii. 216

1692 Not only Petition the King,..but upon his recess from Whitehall, send him a Peremptory Petition.
T. Wagstaffe, *Vindication of King Charles* v. 58

1724 His Recess was frequent to his Laurentine and Tuscan Villas.
J. Henley et al., translation of Pliny the Younger, *Epistles & Panegyrick* vol. I. p. xx

***a*1851** With free access to and recess from the same [quarries] by the sea.
D. M. Moir, *Poetical Works* (1852) vol. II. 159 (note)

2.b. † With reference to an immaterial thing: a (temporary) withdrawal; departure; diminution; abatement. *Obsolete.* **1561–1847**

1561 In a certayne traunce or recesse of his mynde, he had powred foorth these misteries of Goddes workes.
H. Becher, translation of *Vocation & Callyng All Nations* i. iv. sig. E(ii)

?1590 As long as they liue in this world according to their own feeling, there is an accesse and recesse of the spirit.
W. Perkins, *Treat. Damnation* 281

1620 It is the defect, and recesse of the opposite facultie.
T. Granger, *Syntagma Logicum* 109

1646 Leaving her in the recesse of her Fortune.
Earl of Monmouth, translation of G. F. Biondi, *History Civil Warres of England* vol. II. vi. 60

1722 The principal Recess of this Infection..was from February to April.
D. Defoe, *Journal of Plague Year* 235

1785 The access of frost in the autumn, and its recess in the spring.
T. Jefferson, *Notes Virginia* vii. 146

1847 Painting the access and recess of his thought.
J. Martineau, *Endeavours Christian Life* vol. II. xxi. 345

2.c. With reference to a natural phenomenon, as water, the sea, the planets, etc.: the action or an act of withdrawing or receding (from a certain point). Now *rare.* **1577–**

1577 Linnes, and huge pooles, or such lowe bottomes, fedde with springes, as seeme to haue no accesse, but onelye recesse of waters.
W. Harrison, *Hist. Descr. Islande Britain* i. x. f. 29/2, in R. Holinshed, *Chronicles* vol. I

1607 Alwayes at the waters recesse, euery man could finde out his owne land by the plot.
J. Norden, *Surueyors Dialogue* i. 19

1653 The accesse or recesse of the Sun unto and from several parts of the world.

BIOFRONTERA EXHIBIT 1034
Page 3 of 12

T. Gataker, *Vindication of Annotations Jer. 10.2* 157

1695 The Sea, by this Access and Recess, shuffling the empty Shells.
J. Woodward, *Essay Natural History of Earth* 254

1728 As the earth in its recess from the sun recovers by degrees its former power.
H. Pemberton, *View of Sir Isaac Newton's Philosophy* 202

1757 As we recede from the light..the pupil is enlarged by the retiring of the iris, in proportion to our recess.
E. Burke, *Philosophical Enquiry Sublime & Beautiful* iv. §16. 144

1818 It is at present dry, in consequence of the gradual recess of the waters.
G. S. Faber, *Horæ Mosaicæ* (ed. 2) vol. I. 266

1835 These fluctuations, owing to the tangential force, occasion an alternate recess and advance of the apsides.
M. Somerville, *On Connexion of Physical Science* (ed. 2) iii. 22

1909 The Sacred Poem, with its alternate rhyming, which may be compared to the surge and recess of the waves.
F. J. Snell, *Handbook to Works Dante* 358

1958 Kepler distinguished three chief physical causes by which the heavenly bodies acted... First and most potent was the access and recess of the sun.
L. Thorndike, *History of Magic & Experimental Science* vol. VII. ii. 25

3. †

3.a. As a mass noun: seclusion, privacy; retirement. *Obsolete.* **?1532–1801**

?1532 The pleasant recesse or solytarynes of the place is the cause of sylence.
T. Paynell, translation of Erasmus, *De Contemptu Mundi* x. sig. K.ii

1661 For the prevention of such inconveniences in meditation, we choose recess and solitude.
J. Glanvill, *Vanity of Dogmatizing* xii. 110

***a*1684** Faire parks or Gardens..being onely places of Recesse & pleasure.
J. Evelyn, *Diary* anno 1645 (1955) vol. II. 401

1709 Ev'ry neighbouring Grove Sacred to soft Recess and gentle Love.
M. Prior, *Cloe Hunting* 16

1768 I had chosen..my Aunt Clifford's..there to remain in recess for some time.
Woman of Honor vol. II. 208

1801 We find a man, in recess from public duty, capable of exploring the wilds of nature.
Public Char. 1800-01 207

3.b. An act of withdrawing from society, public life, etc.; the fact of living in seclusion or retirement. Also: a period of seclusion or retirement. *Obsolete.* **a1639–1815**

***a*1639** It brake forth into certayne suddaine recesses; sometimes from the Court to Wansteed, other whiles unto Greenewitch.
H. Wotton, *Paralliel betweene Earle of Essex & Duke of Buckingham* (1641) 3

***a*1660** Famous for the debauch'd recesses of Tiberius.
J. Evelyn, *Diary* anno 1645 (1955) vol. II. 326

1700 The soft Recesses of Your Hours improve The Three fair Pledges of Your Happy Love.
J. Dryden, *To Dutchess of Ormond* in *Fables* sig. A5

1722 During my Recess at St. Jones's I receiv'd a very obliging Letter from him.
D. Defoe, *Moll Flanders* 194

1763 During his recess..he lost nothing of his..respect for the king.
Annual Register 1762 ii. 2

1815 The interesting Miss Foote passes some part of her recess from Covent-Garden Theatre with her friends and relatives in Dorset and Devonshire.
Sporting Magazine vol. 46 152

4. † In extended and *figurative* uses.

4.a. A dislike or disgust for a thing. *Obsolete.* **1567**

1567 It becommeth to haue an appitite to that which it holdeth good and pleasant, and a recesse or lothsomnesse to y^t^ which maketh against it.
J. Maplet, *Greene Forest* f. 26

BIOFRONTERA EXHIBIT 1034
Page 4 of 12

4.b. A drawing back (*from* a promise). *Obsolete.* **1601–28**

1601 Queene Marie by the way of Recesse..reuoked this Decree, and restored the Hanses to their former priuiledges.
J. Wheeler, *Treatise of Commerce* 96

1628 Some..admit of an absolute recesse from a word already passed.
O. Fellthan, *Resolves: 2nd Centurie* xlii. 125

4.c. A departure *from* some state or standard. *Obsolete.* **1605–1716**

1605 Men..haue made too untimely a departure, and too remote a recesse from particulars.
F. Bacon, *Of Aduancement of Learning* ii. sig. Gg4

1661 Recesses of the parts of mans body, from the natural state.
R. Lovell, *Πανζωαρυκτολογια, sive Panzoologicomineralogia* 430

1692 Every Sin..is a Recess from the Holiness of God.
T. Beverley, *Conciliatory Discourse upon Dr. Crisp's Sermons* 7

1716 A more retir'd recoyle and recess of their..Devotionary Calls.
M. Davies, *Athenæ Britannicæ* vol. II. 214

4.d. A falling back; decline. *Obsolete.* **1641–80**

1641 Others, that when he was in the right course of recovery, settling to moderation, would not suffer a Recease in him.
Naunton's Fragmenta Regalia sig. F^{v}

1659 This standard in a well-founded Monarchy, must bar recess; and in a well-founded Commonwealth must bar increase.
J. Harrington, *Art of Law-giving* iii. iv. 95

***a*1680** Such was my two last Sicknesses, Deaths prelude, and a long recess Of Health.
J. Harrington, *Horae Consecratae* (1682) 395

5. Temporary suspension of work or activity.

5.a. † An interruption, an interlude; delay; respite. *Obsolete.* **1603–1728**

1603 That..you make a Recesse and Suspention of your Negotiation untill you shall have further Warrant..from our said Soveraigne Lord.
in T. Rymer & R. Sanderson, *Fœdera* (1715) vol. XVI. 494/1

1622 After the protraction and recesse of a yeeres time, Victoryna consenteth to Sypontus to be his wife.
J. Reynolds, *Triumphs Gods Revenge: 2nd Bk.* vi. 4

1622 On both sides they made rather a kind of Recesse, then a Breach of Treaty, and concluded vpon a Truce for some moneths following.
F. Bacon, *Historie of Raigne of Henry VII* 177

1706 The small Recess the weary Land obtain'd; So little Breath to rising Freedom gave.
D. Defoe, *Jure Divino* x. 17

1728 They have kept their Ground, against all vain Attempts to dislodge them; only allowing for some small Recesses for breathing Time.
J. Ralph, *Touch-stone* 12

5.b. A period of time in which the proceedings of a parliament, court, or other official body are suspended or adjourned. Also (now chiefly *North American*): a break between school classes, typically used for loosely organized recreational activities. **1620–**

1620 They [*sc.* the Commons] humblie desire to knowe the tyme of the recesse of this parliam^{t}, and of the accesse againe.
Orig. Jrnls. House of Lords 22 March vol. 9 84

***a*1671** In this recess of action, we had several treaties about prisoners.
T. Fairfax, *Short Mem.* (1699) 22

1706 It will be convenient to make a Recess in some short Time.
Royal Speech 16 February in *London Gazette* No. 4202/1

1797 Every recess of the school they passed at Mushroom-place.
A. M. Bennett, *Beggar Girl* vol. II. iv. 70

1847 After the Easter recess, Sir George Lynn, who was lately elected member for Millcote, will have to go up to town and take his seat.
C. Brontë, *Jane Eyre* vol. II. ii. 35

BIOFRONTERA EXHIBIT 1034
Page 5 of 12

1861 In the recess, as it was called, or interval of suspended studies in the middle of the forenoon.
O. W. Holmes, *Elsie Venner* xxvi. 305

1881 We are in a Parliamentary recess, but the leaders of the Tories do not appear to have had any recess at all.
W. E. Gladstone in *Times* 8 October 6/3

1913 I had a very good vacation, or do you call it Ree-cess?, as one (female) American asked me.
A. Huxley, *Letter* 3 February (1969) 47

1954 It was just as well the House would soon rise for the summer recess.
D. Du Maurier, *Mary Anne* 301

1975 I watched him carefully as he won game after game at recess one day.
Weekend Magazine (Montreal) 1 November 22/1

2007 The excitement of a child released for recess.
New Scientist 1 September 50/1

education | parliament | North American English

5.c. † Without article: relaxation, leisure. *Obsolete.* **1644–1781**

1644 Having intentionally consecrated all the issues of my recesse and leisure to certaine select Friends.
J. Bulwer, *Chirologia* Epistle Ded. sig. A3^{v}

1659 Applying my self further, at times of recess.
J. Shirley, *Honoria & Mammon* To Reader sig. A3

1711 A Love of moderate Recess and Rest from Action.
Lord Shaftesbury, *Characteristicks* vol. II. iv. 159

1781 His hours of leisure and recess employs In drawing pictures of forbidden joys.
W. Cowper, *Retirem.* 215

6. Any one of the most remote or innermost parts or corners of a thing; a hidden place.

6.a. In *plural*. With reference to the soul, heart, brain, etc. **1605–**

1605 Momus..seeing in the frame of mans heart, such Angles and recesses, founde fault there was not a windowe to looke into them.
F. Bacon, *Of Aduancement of Learning* ii. sig. Bbb1

1643 How they may get themselves a name and riches,..the most retired thoughts and recesses of the soule are about these things.
J. Caryl, *Exposition 3 First Chapters Iob* 419

1694 Sorrow..must force, and make its way into the very inmost Corners, and Recesses of the Soul.
R. South, *12 Sermons* vol. II. 409

1715 The Thoughts that roll Deep in the close Recesses of my Soul.
A. Pope, translation of Homer, *Iliad* vol. I. i. 711

1799 My brother had avoided letting me see into the recesses of his soul.
J. Fiévée, *Suzette's Dowry* 9

1814 The fear, That in my heart's recesses deep had lain.
H. F. Cary, translation of Dante, *Vision* vol. I. i. 18

1840 The question lies..in the recesses of psychology.
J. S. Mill, *Diss. & Discourse* (1875) vol. I. 408

1904 He withdrew His sensibilities from the surface; and concentrated them in the inmost recesses of his soul, foreseeing, forescheming.
F. Rolfe, *Hadrian VII* iii. 87

1979 Most of the traits we most deplore in others have their place within the recesses of our own psyches.
A. Storr, *Art of Psychotherapy* vii. 59

1990 He, the individual man, was able to reveal the universal man lurking in the dark recesses of his own soul.
A. Stevens, *On Jung* i. 5

2004 The band's sound..jackhammered an impression in the dark recesses of your consciousness.
Time Out New York 2 December 117/4

6.b. With reference to a building, natural feature, etc. Frequently in *plural*. Also *figurative*. **1616–**

1616 *Recesse*, a bye-place.

BIOFRONTERA EXHIBIT 1034

J. Bullokar, *English Expositor*

1673 Gentlemens houses..having more in the recess than they promise in the front.
J. Ray, *Observations Journey Low-countries* 224

1697 Within a Mountain's hollow Womb, there lies A large Recess, conceal'd from Human Eyes.
J. Dryden, translation of Virgil, *Georgics* iv, in translation of Virgil, *Works* 140

1755 Over this Recess, so pleasingly horrid..arose an open and airy *Belvidere*.
J. Hervey, *Theron & Aspasio* vol. II. ix. 3

1797 To carry torches into every recess of the ruin.
A. Radcliffe, *Italian* vol. I. vi. 143

1801 A pursuit..only requisite in the gloomy recesses of the cloister.
J. Strutt, *Glig-gamena Angel-ðeod* Introduction 4

1871 The little village..lies..deep in the recesses of the Pennine chain.
L. Stephen, *Playground of Europe* ii. 88

1921 In the recesses of the palace her mysterious figure was at once invisible and omnipresent.
L. Strachey, *Queen Victoria* iii. 55

1931 We look back into the past and see art and religion emerging hand in hand from the dim recesses of pre-history.
H. Read, *Meaning of Art* ii. 44

1987 Since the Ice Age that same fascination has lured man into the innermost recesses of the earth.
R. Berthoud, *Life of Henry Moore* vii. 132

2002 She would have had to have reached into the deepest recesses of my closet.
T. D. Hidier, *Born Confused* iv. 27

7.a. A remote and secluded spot, a secret or private place. Now *rare*. **1611–**

1611 Wee haue hitherto liued in libertie, whereas none beside vs are free; vs hitherto this Corner and secret recesse hath defended.
J. Speed, *History of Great Britaine* vi. xiv. 214/1

1667 This flourie Plat, the sweet recess of Eve.
J. Milton, *Paradise Lost* ix. 456

1698 Airy and cool Choultries, private Recesses for their Women.
J. Fryer, *New Account of East-India & Persia* 199

1724 Do not you think that I have just Reason to frequent, to inhabit, to love this Recess?
J. Henley et al., translation of Pliny the Younger, *Epistles & Panegyrick* vol. I. ii. xvii. 97

1784 A woman..who had been housekeeper at Lord Winterbottom's recess.
R. Bage, *Barham Downs* vol. II. 250

1831 The last retreat, and recess, of his every-day waning grandeur.
C. Lamb, *Ellistoniana* in *Englishman's Magazine* August

1921 His cousin June—and coming straight to his recess!
J. Galsworthy, *To Let* 15

7.b. † A hidden part, a secret. *Obsolete. rare.* **1646–49**

1646 To cast out Devills (by a knowne Recesse of the blacke Art) through him that is the Prince.
J. Gregory, *Notes & Observations Scriptvre* ii. 6

1649 Magnifying the recesses of his Counsell and Wisdome and Predestination.
Bishop J. Taylor, *Great Exemplar* iv. 52

8.a. A receding part or indentation in the line of some natural feature or object, such as a rock, coastline, mountain range, etc. Now *rare*. **1651–**

1651 The Sun, the great eye of the world, prying into the recesses of rocks, and the hollownesse of valleys.
Bishop J. Taylor, *XXVIII Sermons* v. 52

1697 Within a long Recess there lies a Bay [Latin *est in secessu longo locus*].
J. Dryden, translation of Virgil, *Æneis* i, in translation of Virgil, *Works* 208

1781 His dwelling a recess in some rude rock.
W. Cowper, *Truth* 79

1837 The recesses between the hills are mostly filled with gentlemen's seats.
J. R. McCulloch, *Statistical Account of British Empire* vol. I. i. ii. 255

1853 The cavernous recess of its cliffs.
E. K. Kane, *U.S. Grinnell Expedition* xxiv. 193

1902 Brought from all the recesses of the coast.
J. Conrad, *Heart of Darkness* in *Youth* i. 75

1952 It ends in a natural wedge-shaped recess of the rock, partly covered with stones.
J. J. Simons, *Jerusalem in Old Testament* 178

8.b. *Anatomy* and *Zoology*. A depression, cavity, pocket, or indentation. Frequently with distinguishing word, typically indicating the location of the recess. **1666–**

1666 He..found the recesses of the Gills so form'd, that the water..being let out by these dores, cannot by them re-enter.
Philosophical Transactions 1665–6 (Royal Society) vol. 1 177

1684 As the Tongue is very versatile, it takes in with delight the Savours from every corner or recess of the Mouth.
S. Pordage, translation of T. Willis, *Two Discourse conc. Soul of Brutes* in *Pract. Physick* (revised edition) 63

1714 The seat of an Apoplexy is without doubt in the more inward recess of the Brain, to wit, the *Corpus Callosum*.
Treat. Dis. Head, Brain & Nerves (ed. 2) viii. 46

1757 It is partly thought to proceed from a Gland seated in a Recess of the Orbit of the Os Frontis.
C. N. Jenty, *Course Anatomico-physiol. Lectures* vol. III. v. 91

1802 The concave recess of the bone formed by the extuberances on each side.
W. Paley, *Natural Theology* viii. 126

1887 The little pocket which lies behind this (duodeno-jejunal recess).
A. H. Buck, *Reference Handbook of Medical Science* vol. V. 606

1949 More than once a stony-hard mass in this deep recess beneath the clavicle has proved to be..an ecchondroma.
H. Bailey, *Demonstrations of Physical Signs in Clinical Surgery* (ed. 11) xiv. 149

1989 Most notable is a deep recess between the head of the femur and the greater trochanter.
Journal of Paleontology vol. 63 370/2

2001 The mite..tends to seek out natural recesses such as between the fingers, armpits, the groin or in skin creases.
N. Jones, *Rough Guide to Travel Health* ii. 336

animals | anatomy

8.c. *spec.* A space set back in a wall; a niche or alcove. **1678–**

1678 *Alcove*, a recess within a chamber for the setting of a Bed out of the way.
E. Phillips, *New World of Words* (new edition)

1742 Whether..the Recesses or Panels in the Wall be curiously painted, or only plaister'd.
Defoe's Tour Great Britain (ed. 3) vol. II. 122

1774 It shall also be lawful to cut perpendicular Recesses into any Party-wall.
Act 14 George III c. 78 §28

1826 The recesses within them [*sc.* oriel windows] were raised a step or two from the wall.
W. Scott, *Woodstock* vol. I. iii. 87

1841 They sat down in one of the recesses on the bridge, to rest.
C. Dickens, *Barnaby Rudge* xlviii. 211

1875 The gallery was evidently used as a..sitting room. There was a spinnet in a recess.
Mrs. Ritchie, *Miss Angel* x. 90

1914 Deep recesses half way up the walls contain various provender in barrels and sacks.
J. M. Barrie, *Admirable Crichton* iii. 125

1947 He came out of the shower and into another little recess screened by a curtain which he used as a dressing-room.
M. Lowry, *Under Volcano* vii. 221

2006 The Host..was placed in the Easter sepulchre, usually a recess to the north of the high altar.
Church Times 13 April 32/2

8.d. † A cesspool. *Obsolete. rare.* **1764–**

1764 I..have in my yard, what you usually see in most farmers yards, two recesses or pools, as reservoirs of dung and water.

BIOFRONTERA EXHIBIT 1034
Page 8 of 12

Museum Rusticum vol. 2 73

8.e. Any small depression or indentation. **1839–**

1839 Leaves..divided more or less deeply into lobes, which leave void spaces between them, which we call recesses (*sinus*).
J. Lindley, *Introduction to Botany* (ed. 3) i. ii. 135

1861 When a lyrate leaf has but one deep recess on each side,..it is termed *panduriform* or fiddle-shaped.
R. Bentley, *Manual of Botany* i. iii. 161

1902 The cutting edges..on either side of the pin produce the required recess as the drill is fed down.
P. Marshall, *Metal Working Tools* 49

1983 The recess to accommodate the beam at the head of a standard column..is extended.
J. S. Foster, *Structure & Fabric* (revised edition) vol. I. iii. 160/2

2006 Plain tiles are small flat tiles, with..a slight camber and a recess at the back.
Build It May 79/1

8.f. *Criminals' slang.* Usually in *plural*. The room containing communal lavatories in a prison. **1950–**

1950 *Recess*, the lavatory and urinal, which are generally situated in a recess (two cells knocked into one).
P. Tempest, *Lag's Lexicon* 177

1974 Locked in their cells at 5.30., with one opening later to go to the recesses (lavatories) and to have a hot drink.
Observer 10 February (Colour Supplement) 17/1

1988 The recess is the area in the prison where inmates empty their slopbuckets.
Independent 15 October (Magazine) 28/2

2000 Sutcliffe was in the recess slopping his piss pot out when Jock gave it to him with a coffee jar.
C. Bronson, *Legends* iii. 103

colloquial and slang

8.g. Short for **recess printing** *n.* Now *rare*. **1958–**

1958 Produced by recess and photogravure, by Post Printing Office, Prague, in sheets of fifty for the four lower values.
American Philatelist vol. 71 68

1971 This different-size stamp, printed by recess, interrupted the unity of the set.
D. Potter, *British Elizabethan Stamps* iii. 36

printing and typography

Pronunciation

BRITISH ENGLISH	U.S. ENGLISH
/rɪˈsɛs/ ruh-SESS	/ˈriˌsɛs/ REE-sess
/ˈriːsɛs/ REE-sess	/rəˈsɛs/ ruh-SESS
	/riˈsɛs/ ree-SESS

Pronunciation keys ▾

Forms

Variant forms

1500s–1600s	**recesse**
1600s	**recease**
1600s–	**recess**
1900s–	**reecess** (*irregular*)

Scottish

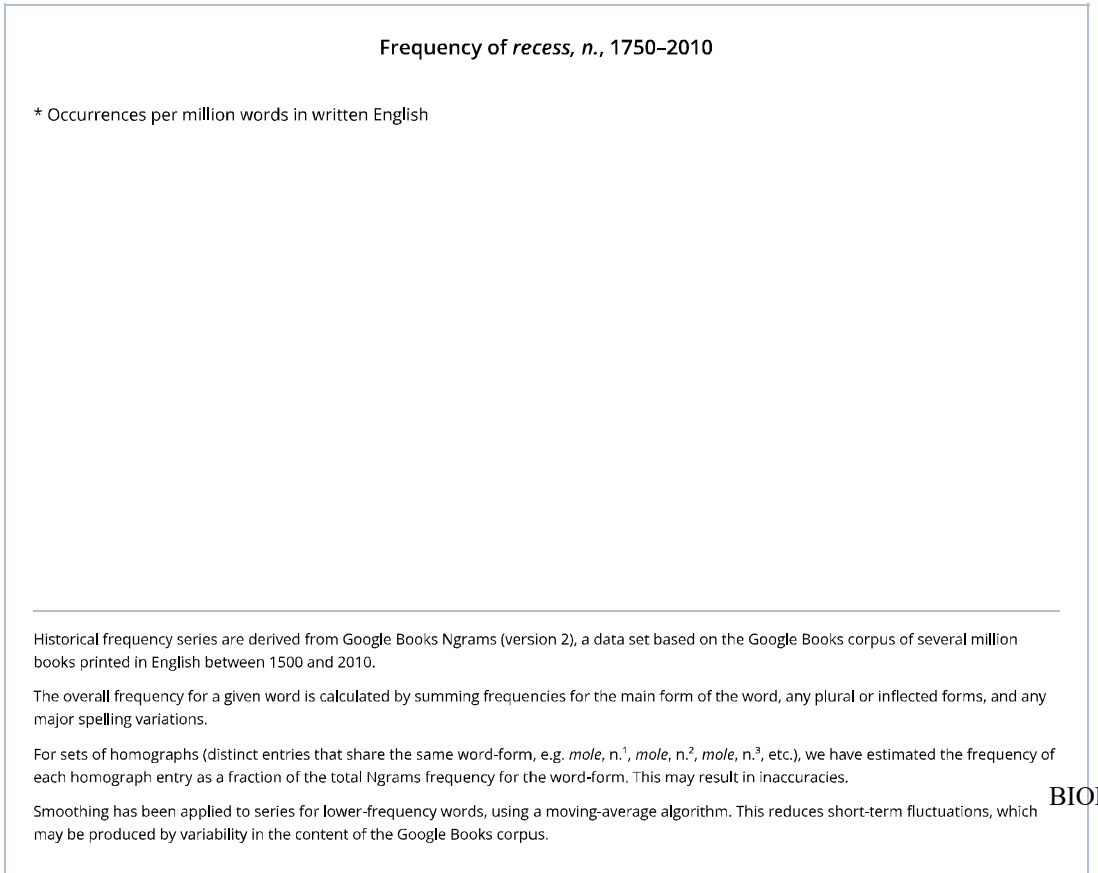
pre-1700	**reces**, **recesse**
1700s–	**recess**

Frequency

recess typically occurs about four times per million words in modern written English.

recess is in frequency band 5, which contains words occurring between 1 and 10 times per million words in modern written English. More about OED's frequency bands

Frequency data is computed programmatically, and should be regarded as an estimate.



Frequency of *recess, n.*, 2017–2023

* Occurrences per million words in written English

Modern frequency series are derived from a corpus of 20 billion words, covering the period from 2017 to the present. The corpus is mainly compiled from online news sources, and covers all major varieties of World English.

Smoothing has been applied to series for lower-frequency words, using a moving-average algorithm. This reduces short-term fluctuations, which may be produced by variability in the content of the corpus.

Compounds & derived words

Sort by Date (oldest first)

recessful, adj. 1646
Hidden, secluded. Cf. recess, n. 7b.

non-recess, n. 1659

school recess, n. 1740–
(Originally) a school holiday; (later also) (chiefly North American) a break between school classes, typically used for loosely organized...

recess, v.² 1743–
transitive. To set (a part of a wall, or other structure) in a recess. Frequently with in(to). Occasionally used reflexively.

window recess, n. 1789–
The recess formed in a room by a bay window; cf. window bay, n.

recess printing, n. 1887–
A method of printing in which the design is cut into the printing surface; line engraving.

recess-print, v. 1919–
transitive (usually as past participle) to print (a stamp) using the recess printing method.

About OED
Historical Thesaurus
Editorial policy
Updates
Institutional account management

How to use the OED
Purchasing
Help with access
World Englishes
Contribute

Accessibility
Contact us
Upcoming events
Case studies
Media enquiries

Oxford University Press
Oxford Languages
Oxford Academic
Oxford Dictionary of National Biography

Oxford University Press is a department of the University of Oxford. It furthers the University's objective of excellence in research, scholarship, and education by publishing worldwide

OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS

Cookie policy Privacy policy Legal notice Copyright © 2024 Oxford University Press