

## Of Engagement

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## Abstract

Engage is likely to attract or occupy the attention. It is quite charming. An engaging smile elopes a lover. Engaging manner enchants a tender soul. Engaging person conquers the head and heart of all. Rustic beauties of wild flowers engage the fortunate observer for long rendering him spell bound. A pious soul engages himself always in the thoughts of God. An innocent soul thinks good does better. A sacred heart is sincerely an optimist. He is the greatest, wisest and best of all since he is engaged in thinking of eternity that the best will happen by the blessings of the Almighty, the Supreme Power. The optimist opines that this mundane existence is merely an engagement. This world as if is a station and men are engaged alias waiting, like passengers who wait to avail the trains, to start for heavenly abode, their ultimate and long-cherished destination.

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## Introduction

Creative writing is based more on manifestation rather than on expression. It does not inform, rather it reveals. So, it bears no reference. The best creative writing is critical, and the best critical writing is creative. This article is an outcome of thinking about creative writing meant for a general readership. As such, I have adopted a free style methodology so that everyone can enjoy the pleasure of reading. As you might know, Francis Bacon (1561-1626), the immortal essayist, wrote many essays namely 'Of Love', 'Of Friendship', 'Of Ambition', 'Of Studies', and so on. The multiple-minded genius correctly pointed out that all the words of the dictionary can be used as themes for essays. But little has been done since his death to continue or finish his monumental task. Bacon's unique individual style of presentation ignited my imagination and encouraged me to write creative essays as a method of relieving a wide range of emotions through catharsis.

## Article

Engage means to arrange to employ somebody. It is to employ busily. It means to occupy. It fastens a pillar into wall. It implies to reserve or book. It pleads to hold fast a person's attention. It provokes thereby allures to take part in politics. It insists to hire someone. It is an obligation. It implies moral commitment. It is an art to bind someone by a contract. It is good when it is within limit. It is too bad if it crosses the boundary. Then it becomes obsession. And man suffers from mania. Thus, it is a force that either attracts or pleases or wins or charms or all occurs together.

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Engage is to give or assign as security for a debt, etc. It is to bind someone by a promise. It is to arrange for the services of someone. A lawyer is engaged. It is to arrange for use. A hotel room is engaged. It is to draw into or involve. One is engaged in conversation. He acts as an interpreter. Reading engages spare time. It is to entangle. It is to ensnare. It is to engage to do something. It is to occupy or involve oneself. It is to take part. It is to be active. It is to engage in dramatics. It is commitment to support some aim, cause, etc.

Everybody is engaged either direct or indirect way. This engagement is of two types. Man, either is engaged by some external agency or man is self engaged. The former is compulsive and the later is a spontaneous one. The compulsive engagement needs supervision. Here the person moves mechanically. His movement is regulated by external force. In case of auto engagement man is guided by internal force. As such the second one is better in its outcome.

Whatever the case may be engagement is omnipresent. When a person works it implies that he is engaged. After much labor a person takes rest. This rest is also an engagement. After taking rest the person is again gives attention to his job. Gossiping refreshes, the

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brain that became tired by untiring monotonous works. But wasting of time through idle gossip is not good engagement. It seldom pays but punishes severely since time and tidewait for none. If a person wastes time, then it can hardly be compensated. They say strike the iron when it is hot. The hot iron can be given desired shape easily. But cold iron becomes harder which can hardly be shaped rather it resists desired change.

Some people spontaneously help others. They enjoy this type of novel engagement. They propagate it. Some other helps very secretly. Even they dedicate their lives silently. They are like nameless thousands who built the pyramid. They are like martyrs who dedicated their immortal lives for the noble cause of their mother land. But they are reluctant to advertise it. They believe that secret dedication is too good. But its disclosure is too bad. Rather it is the worst of all. To help is a great virtue but its propagation is a vice.

Man experiences and observes various types of engagement throughout his life. Engagement is an arrangement to employ somebody. It is the process leading to the

employment of somebody. Companies engage secretary. Someone is engaged to conduct a series of concerts at the Albert Hall. One is engaged as an interpreter. Interpretation is an important and serious job. Wrong interpretation may give opposite result.

A whimsical person cannot pay attention. Nothing engages his attention for long. This restlessness is the hindrance towards his success; rather it is singularly liable for his downfall. A callous person fails to engage any active support for any project to be implemented. An intelligent and shrewd person order to engage the enemy immediately. Battle is an engagement as opined by an experienced general. Some retired persons are found engaged in gardening.

Engagement is an employment or period of employment, especially in the performing arts. It is quite thought provoking that a modern artist is engaged with the art of ancient art. Simultaneously it also amazes us that some ancient artists contributed and paved the way for modern art as it appears from their successive, systematic and chronological works as well. The paradox is that artists generally are whimsical. The fact is that whims of a great artist give birth to immortal creations through evolution which is time-tested. A good politician must engage with people's real concerns. One cog-wheel engages with another. A mechanic knows that the machine starts when the two cog-wheels engage. A good student has no time to engage in gossiping. Some persons are engaged in politics. Some people are engaged in business. Some are engaged either in short or lengthy trade negotiations. A friend can't come to dinner; he is otherwise engaged. The manager is engaged with a client at the moment. He is now engaged on his first novel. A good novel engages attention and interest of the readers.

Good nature engages everyone. One can't be contacted through telephone if the concerned number is engaged. The engaged tone

or signal indicates that a telephone line is unavailable because it is busy since it is already in use. A toilet is occupied. It means it is already in use. Engaged columns mean attached to or partly set into a wall, etc. A thief steals while a person is otherwise engaged. Also, a cheater befools the target person making him busy in another engagement. In a crowded station when the passengers are engaged to get into the train hurriedly they hardly care their luggage. This callous engagement paves the way for the thief to steal their belongings.

Engagement is an agreement that two people will marry. It is a pledge specifically to bind by a promise of marriage. A sincere person is honest enough to meet his engagements. This sincerity towards commitment manifests the genuineness of a person. This is called goodwill the asset of an honest person. It may be easier to acquire goodwill but very difficult to hold it for long. They say love her who loves you. Never approach her whom you love madly. For you may be rejected badly. This hurts the romantic heart sadly. Della is engaged to John. It implies that she is agreed to marry. Here the consent of John is untold. It is one-sided decision. But marriage is a bi-partite and spontaneous issue.

Marriage is a long journey and tolerance is its only fuel. As such consent of both is a must. They are engaged. It signifies that both of them have mutually agreed to marry each other. Then they may be crowned as engaged couple.

The engagement of celebrity is announced in the news paper. Engagement ring is a ring, usually containing precious stones that a man gives to a woman when they agree to marry. One school of thought blames it as a binding and manifestation of patriarchy over female class. In some orthodox society married women use vermilion in their hair-parting. This is done to isolate them from virgins. They enjoy greater status instead of liberty as is enjoyed by virgins. But a married man cannot be identified easily. As such many times, he introduces himself as a bachelor just to enjoy polygamy. In case of honor killing lovers seldom disclose their engagement. Seldom has the fiancé given engagement ring to his fiancée.

Engagement means appointment. Appointment is an arrangement to go somewhere, meet somebody or do something at a fixed time. A busy person always has engagements having pre-assigned commitments. The orchestra survives on concert engagements. In the present jet age orchestra gets few calls. An expert is engaged to supervise the production. A tutor is engaged for an inattentive student.

Engagement implies an encounter, conflict or battle. It is to enter into conflict with the enemy. An intelligent and experienced general tries to avoid an engagement with the enemy. The tribal engages to keep the peace. Generally, the victorious soldiers do not engage the retreating enemy.

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thing in an attempt to understand. Engagement with theology offers the wise person both glamour and wisdom in the society. A continuing engagement with the problems of the inner city is an advantage for political administrator.

Engagement is the action or result of engaging parts of a machine, etc. fit or locks together. It is to interlock weapons. After engagement of the clutch the engine starts functioning. It is to interlock with or cause to come into frictional driving contact with. It is to mesh together. It engages the gears.

Engagement is to occupy or attract somebody's thoughts, interest, etc. Attention of a reader is engaged by the books on the shelf. It is to begin fighting with somebody. It is to establish contact with somebody or something in an attempt to understand them. It is to arrange beforehand to occupy a room, seat, etc. A good student engages himself with study. A sincere person is engaged with duty. He seldom hankers after beauty.

## Conclusion

A pious soul engages himself always in the thoughts of God. An innocent soul thinks good does better. A sacred heart is sincerely an optimist. He is the greatest, wisest and best of all since he is engaged in thinking of eternity that the best will happen by dint of the blessings of the Almighty, the Supreme Power. The optimist opines that this mundane existence is merely an engagement. This world as if is a station and men are engaged alias waiting, like passengers who wait to avail the trains, to start for heavenly abode, their ultimate and long-cherished destination.

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