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### Doubting

Doubting, or a desire of being informed by others, to which may **be** opposed the general **name** for those returns which others make to **such** forms of speech.

- QUESTION, Ask, Interrogate, demand, examine, expostulate, Inquisition.
- ANSWER, Responsal, Reply, Rejoinder, Return.

### Knowing or acknowledging, whether

Positive; saying a thing to **be** so, or not to **be** so.

- AFFIRMATION, Assert, averr, avouch, profess, Asseveration, Position.
- NEGATION, Deny, renounce, refuse, Recusant, disavow, gainsay, repulse, say nay.

Conditional; allowing a thing to **be** so for the present, that we may thereby the better judge of the consequences from it, or owning the truth asserted by another.

- SUPPOSITION, Admit, premise, presuppose, Condition, Proviso, Hypothesis, put case.
- CONCESSION, Grant, yield, allow, acknowledge, admit, agree.

## Concomitantly; as the Acts or parts of it.

### More general

Saying something against what another affirms, or saying what is most contrary to it.

- OPPOSITION, Gainsay, thwart.
- CONTRADICTION.

Arguing against another, to which is opposed, The shewing **an** insufficiency in **such** arguments.

- OBJECTION, Impugn, Cavil.
- SOLUTION, Solve, Answer, Resolve, Subterfuge, Evasion, Casuist.

### More special; relating to

Our own arguments or opinions, by shewing the truth of them, or seconding **such** proof, by further

evidence.

- PROBATION, Prove, demonstrate, evince, Evidence, verifie, Reason, Presumption.
- CONFIRMATION, Stablish, establish, ratifie.

Our adversaries arguments, by shewing the weakness of them, or turn|ing the **force** of them against himself.

- CONFUTATION, Refell, refute, disprove, reason against.
- RETORTION, Invert, recriminate.

## Subsequently,; whether

Reall; by rendring **an** adversary unable to defend his own opinion, or making **him** to submit to ours.

- POSING, Puzzle, nonplus, baffle, confound, gravel, run down.
- CONVICTION, Satisfie, evince.

Verbal; acknowledging the truth of our opinion, or renouncing the error of his own.

- CONFESSION, Acknowledge, own, yield, grant, profess, cry mercy.
- RECANTATION, Renounce, retract, recal, revoke, unsay, bite in.

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