

ing; examining.

ex-plōre', *v.t.*; explored, *pt.*, *pp.*; exploring, *ppr.*
[L. *explorare*, to search out, investigate; *ex*, out, and *plorare*, to cry out, wail.]

1. To hunt for; to seek after; to search carefully for. [Obs.]

2. To investigate or make a thorough search of, either to find some special thing or to make general discoveries; specifically, to travel or range over (a country or region), to ascertain the features, conditions, or state of; as, Stanley *explored* equatorial Africa; to *explore* a wound to find the bullet causing it; to *explore* science.

Syn.—Examine, pry into, search, seek, scrutinize.

ex-plōre'ment, *n.* The act of exploring; search; trial. [Rare.]

ex-plōr'ēr, *n.* One who or that which explores; specifically, (a) one who travels in regions little known, in order to investigate conditions and make geographical discoveries; (b) an instrument for exploring a wound, etc.

ex-plōr'ing, *a.* Engaged in or intended for exploration; as, an *exploring* party.

ex-plō'sion, *n.* [L. *explosio* (-onis), a driving off by clapping, from *explodere*, to drive off by clapping; *ex*, out, off, and *plaudere*, to clap, applaud.]

1. The act of exploding; a sudden, forcible expansion of a substance, as gunpowder or an elastic fluid, usually accompanied by a loud sound; as, an *explosion* of dynamite; an *explosion* of fire-damp.

2. A sudden bursting or flying to pieces as a result of internal pressure; as, the *explosion* of a boiler.

3. A sudden and violent outburst of emotion; as, an *explosion* of anger.

ex-plō'sive, *a.* Driving or bursting out with violence and noise; liable to explode; causing