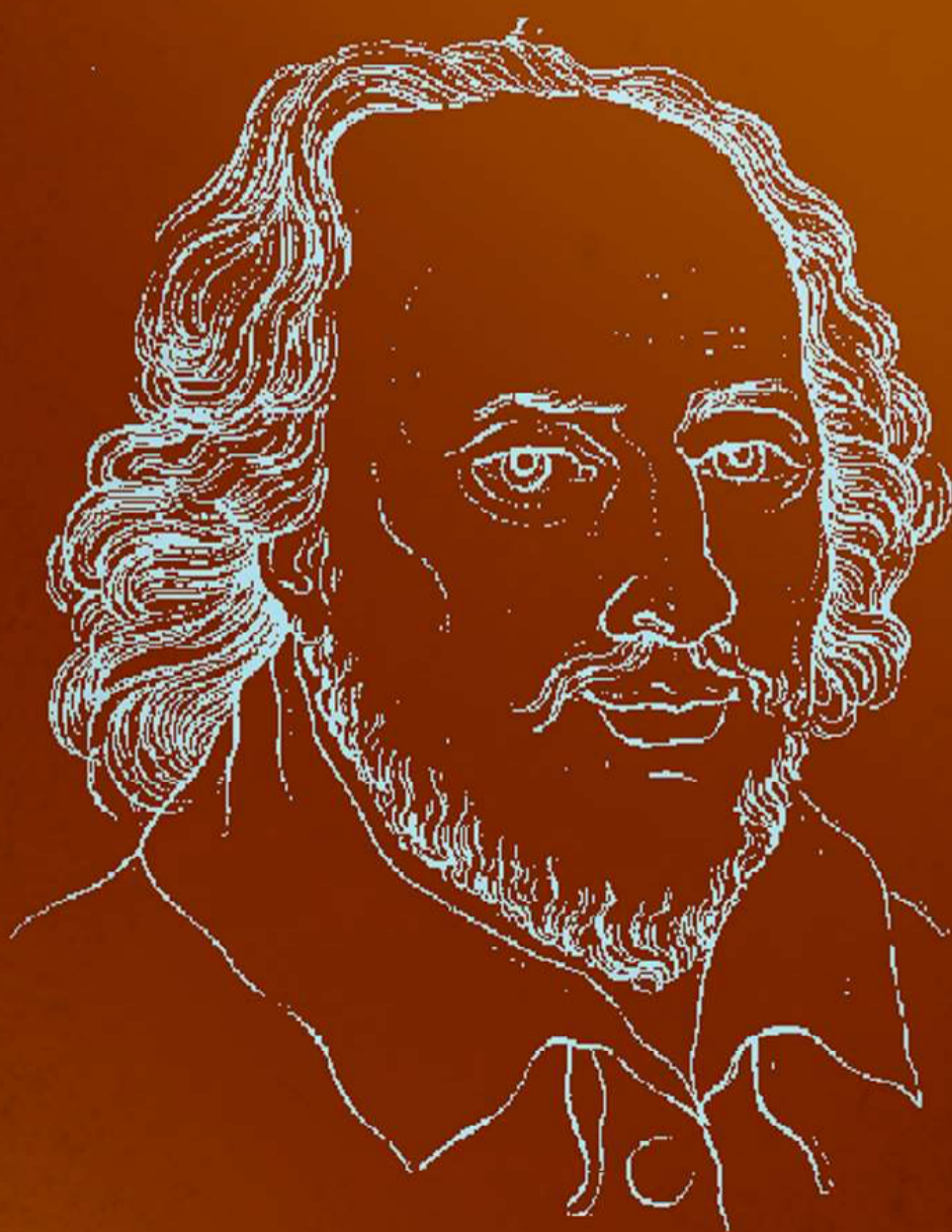


# The Collegiate Shakespearean Wordbook

(A lexicon of  
16th century terms as used  
by William Shakespeare)



Lionel D C Hartley

1974

**This page intentionally blank**

The Collegiate Shakespearean Wordbook  
*A lexicon of 16th century terms as used by  
William Shakespeare*

Lionel D C Hartley

Copyright ©1974 All rights reserved.

Published by Central London Publishing

Edition ONE

Font set: Roundjohn3

## Acknowledgements

The author wishes to acknowledge the following sources in the compilation of this wordbook:

Baret, John, *The Alvearie – Triple Dictionarie in Englishe, Latin, and French*, (1580)

Browne, Thomas, *Pseudodoxia Epidemica*, (1646)

Cawdrey, Robert, *A Table Alphabeticall*, (1604)

Mee, Arthur, *The Children's Encyclopædia*, (1908)

Johnson, Samuel, *A Dictionary of the English Language*, (1755)

**This page intentionally blank**

# Contents

Acknowledgements .....	3
A .....	6
B .....	12
C .....	18
D .....	30
E .....	35
F .....	39
G .....	45
H .....	49
I .....	52
J .....	55
K .....	57
L .....	58
M .....	63
N .....	67
O .....	69
P .....	72
Q .....	80
R .....	82
S .....	87
T .....	99
U .....	104
V .....	106
W .....	109
X .....	114
Y .....	115
Z .....	116

# A

ABATE to shorten

*Also:* To cast down

*Also:* To blunt

ABATEMENT diminution

ABHOR protest; disgust

ABIDE to sojourn

*Also:* to expiate

ABLE to uphold

ABROAD away, apart

ABROOK to brook, abide

ABSEY-BOOK a primer

ABSOLUTE positive, certain,

*Also:* complete

ABUSE to deceive

*Also:* deception

ABY to expiate a fault

ABYSM abyss

ACCITE to cite, summon

ACCUSE accusation

ACHIEVE to obtain

ACKNOWN 'to be acknown' is to  
acknowledge

ACQUITTANCE a receipt or discharge

ACTION-TAKING litigious

ACTURE action

ADDITION title, attribute

ADDRESS to prepare oneself

ADDRESSED prepared

ADVANCE to prefer, promote to honour

ADVERTISEMENT admonition

ADVERTISING attentive

ADVICE consideration, discretion

ADVISE sometimes neuter, sometimes  
reflective, to consider, reflect

ADVISED considerate

ADVOCATION pleading, advocacy

AERY the nest of a bird of prey

AFFECT to love

AFFY to affiance

*Also:* To trust

AFRONT in front

AGLET-BABY the small figure engraved  
on a jewel

A-HOLD a sea-term

AIM a guess

ALDER-LIEFEST most loved of all

ALE alehouse



ALLOW to approve

ALLOWANCE approval

AMES-ACE two aces, the lowest throw of the dice

AMORT dead, dejected

AN if

ANCHOR an anchorite, hermit

ANCIENT an ensign-bearer

ANGEL a coin, so called because it bore the image of an angel

ANSWER retaliation

ANTHROPOPHAGINIAN a cannibal

APPARENT heir-apparent

APPEAL accusation

*Also:* to accuse

APPEARED made apparent

APPLE-JOHN a kind of apple, Jonathon apple

APPOINTMENT preparation

APPREHENSION opinion

APPREHENSIVE apt to apprehend or understand

APPROBATION probation

APPROOF approbation, proof

APPROVE to prove



*Also:* To justify, make good

APPROVER one who proves or tries

ARCH chief

ARGAL a ridiculous word intended for the Latin ergo

ARGENTINE silver

ARGIER Algiers

ARGOSY originally a vessel of Ragusa or Ragosa, a Ragosine; hence any ship of burden

ARGUMENT subject

ARMIGERO a mistake for Armiger, the Latin for Esquire

AROINT found only in the imperative mood, get thee gone, be gone

A-ROW in a row

ARTICULATE to enter into articles of agreement

*Also:* to exhibit in articles

ASK to require

ASPECT regard, looks

ASPERSION sprinkling; a method of baptism, hence blessing, because before the Reformation benediction was generally accompanied by the sprinkling of holy water

ASSAY attempt

*Also:* to attempt, test, make proof of

ASSUBJUGATE to subjugate

ASSURANCE deed of assurance

ASSURED betrothed

ATOMY an atom

*Also:* Used in contempt of a small person

ATONE to put people at one, to reconcile

*Also:* to agree

ATTACH to seize, lay hold on

ATTASKED taken to task, reprehended

ATTEND to listen to

ATTENT attentive

ATTORNEY an agent

*Also:* to employ as an agent

*Also:* To perform by an agent

AUDACIOUS spirited, daring, but without any note of blame attached to it

AUGUR augury

AUTHENTIC clothed with authority

AVAUNT int. be gone, a word of abhorrence

AVE the Latin for hail; hence acclamation, a greeting

**AVERRING** confirming

**AVOID** get rid of

**AWFUL** worshipful

**AWKWARD** contrary

# B

BACKWARD the hinder part; hence, when applied to time it refers to the past

BAFFLE embarrass

BALLOW a cudgel

BALM the oil of consecration

BAN to curse

BANK to sail by the banks

BARM yeast

BARN a child

BASE a game, sometimes called Prisoners' base

BASES an embroidered mantle worn by knights on horseback, and reaching from the waist to below the knees

BASTA enough

BASTARD raisin wine

BATE to flutter, as a hawk

*Also:* to except

*Also:* To abate

BAT-FOWLING catching birds with a clap-net by night

BATTLE army

BAVIN refers to a piece of waste wood,

applied contemptuously to anything or anyone worthless

BAWCOCK a fine fellow

BAWD procurer

BAY the space between the main timbers of the roof

BEARING-CLOTH a rich cloth in which children were wrapped at their christening

BEAT to flutter as a falcon, to meditate, consider earnestly

BEAVER the lower part of a helmet

BEETLE a mallet

BEING dwelling

*Also:* since, inasmuch as

BENDING stooping under a weight

BERGOMASK a rustic dance

BESHREW evil befall

BESTRAUGHT distraught, distracted

BETEEM to pour out

BETID happened

BEZONIAN a beggarly fellow

BIDING abiding-place

BIGGEN a night-cap

BILBERRY the whortleberry

BILBO a sword, from Bilboa, a town in Spain where they were manufactured

BILBOES fetters or stocks

BILL a bill-hook, a weapon

BIN been, are

BIRD-BOLT a bolt to be shot from a crossbow at birds

BIRDING part. hawking at partridges

BISSON blind

BLANK the white mark in the middle of a target; hence, metaphorically, that which is aimed at

BLENCH to start aside, flinch

BLENT blended

BLOW to inflate

BOARD to make advances to; accost

BOB a blow, metaph. a sarcasm

*Also:* to strike, metaph. to ridicule, or to obtain by teasing repartee or raillery

BODGE to botch, bungle

BOITIER VERT green box

BOLD to embolden

BOLTED sifted, refined

BOLTING-HUTCH a hutch in which meal was sifted

BOMBARD a barrel, a drunkard

BOMBAST padding

BONA-ROBA a harlot

BOND that to which one is bound

BOOK a paper of conditions

BOOT help, use

BOOT to help, to avail

BOOTLESS without boot or advantage,  
useless

BOOTS bots, a kind of worm

BORE calibre of a gun; hence, metaph.  
size, weight, importance

BOSKY covered with underwood

BOSOM wish, heart's desire

BOTS worms which infest horses

BOURN a boundary

*Also:* A brook

BRACE armour for the arm, state of  
defence

BRACH a hound bitch

BRAID deceitful

BRAVE handsome, well-dressed

*Also:* boast

BRAVERY finery

*Also:* Boastfulness

BRAWL a kind of dance



BREAST voice

BREATHE to exercise

BREATHING exercising

BREECHING liable to be whipt

BREED-BATE a breeder of debate, a fomentor of quarrels

BREESE the gadfly

BRING to attend one on a journey

BROCK a badger, a term of contempt

BROKE to act as a procurer

BROKEN having lost some teeth by age

BROKEN MUSIC the music of stringed instruments

BROKER an agent

BROTHERHOOD trading company

BROWNIST a sectary, a follower of Brown, the founder of the Independents

BRUIT noise, report, rumour

BRUIT to noise abroad

BRUSH rude assault

BUCK suds or lye for washing clothes in

BUCK-BASKET the basket in which clothes are carried to the wash

BUCKING washing

BUCK-WASHING washing in lye

BUG a bugbear, a spectre

BULLY-ROOK a bragging cheater

BURGONET a kind of helmet

BURST to break

BUSKY bushy

BUTT-SHAFT a light arrow for shooting  
at a target

BUXOM obedient

# C

CADDIS worsted galloon, so called because it resembles the caddis-worm. Galloon is a narrow lace, embroidery, braid, etc trimming for dresses

CADE a cask or barrel

CAGE a prison

CAIN-COLOUR'D red (applied to hair)

CAITIFF a captive, a slave; hence, a witch

CALCULATE prophesy

CALIVER a hand-gun

CALLET a trull

CALLING appellation

CALM qualm

CAN to know, be skillful in

CANAKIN a little can

CANARY a wine brought from the Canary Islands

CANDLE-WASTERS persons who sit up all night to drink

CANKER a caterpillar

*Also:* The dog-rose (*Rosa canina*) that has pale pink flowers

CANSTICK a candlestick

CANTLE a slice, corner

CANVAS to sift: hence, metaphorically,  
to prove

CAPABLE subject to

*Also:* Intelligent

*Also:* Capable of inheriting

*Also:* Ample, capacious

CAPITULATE make a combined force

CAPOCCHIA a simpleton

CAPRICIOUS lascivious

CAPTIOUS capacious

CARACK a large ship of burden

CARBONADO meat scotched for broiling

*Also:* to scotch for broiling

CARD the taper on which the points of  
the compass are marked under the  
mariner's needle

CARL a churl

CARLOT a churl

CASTILIANO VULGO a cant (hackneyed,  
overused) term, meaning, apparently, to  
use discreet language

CATAIAN a native of Cathay, a cant  
(hackneyed, overused) word

CATLING cat-gut

CAUTEL deceit

CAUTELOUS insidious

CEASE decease

CEASE put off, made to cease

CENSURE judgment

CENSURE to judge, criticise

CENTURY a hundred of anything,  
whether men, prayers, or anything else

CEREMONY a ceremonial vestment,  
religious rite, or anything ceremonial

CERTES certainly

CESS rate, reckoning

CHAMBER a species of great gun

CHAMBERER an effeminate man

CHANSON a song

CHARACTER a letter, handwriting

*Also:* to carve or engrave

CHARACTERY handwriting

*Also:* That which is written

CHARE a turn of work

CHARGE-HOUSE a free-school

CHARLES' WAIN the constellation called  
also Ursa Major, or the Great Bear

CHARNECO a species of sweet wine

CHEATER for escheator, an officer who

collected the fines to be paid into the Exchequer

*Also:* A decoy

CHEQUES perhaps intended for ethics

CHEER fortune, countenance

CHEVERIL kid leather

CHILDING pregnant (to soon have a child)

CHIRURGEONLY in a manner becoming a surgeon

CHRISTENDOM the state of being a Christian

CHRISTOM clothed with a chrisom, the white garment which used to be put on newly-baptized children

CHUCK chicken, a term of endearment

CINQUE PACE a kind of dance

CIPHER to decipher

CIRCUMSTANCE an argument

CITAL recital

CITE to incite

CITTERN a guitar

CLACK-DISH a beggar's dish

CLAP I' THE CLOUT to shoot an arrow into the bull's eye of the target

CLAW to flatter

CLIFF clef, the key in music

CLING to starve

CLINQUANT glittering

CLIP to embrace, enclose

CLOUT the mark in the middle of a target

COAST to advance

COBLOAF a big loaf

COCK a cockboat

*Also:* a euphemism for God

COCK-AND-PIE an oath

COCKLE tares or darnel

COCKNEY a cook

COCK-SHUT-TIME the twilight, when  
cocks and hens go to roost

COG to cheat, dissemble

COGNIZANCE badge, token

COIGN projecting corner stone

COIL tumult, turmoil

COLLECTION drawing a conclusion

COLLIED blackened. (Othello)

COLOUR pretence

COLOURABLE specious

COLT to defraud, befool

COMBINATE betrothed



COMBINE to bind

COMMODITY interest, profit

COMPACT compacted, composed

COMPARATIVE drawing comparisons

*Also:* rival

COMPARE comparison

COMPASSIONATE moving comparison

COMPETITOR one who seeks the same thing, an associate in any object

COMPLEMENT accomplishment

COMPLEXION passion

COMPOSE to agree

COMPTIBLE tractable

CON to learn by heart

*Also:* To acknowledge

CONCEIT conception, opinion, fancy

CONCUPY concubine

CONDITION temper, quality

CONDOLEMENT grief

CONDUCT escort

CONFOUND to consume, destroy

*Also:* Coriolanus;

CONSIGN to sign a common bond, to confederate

CONSORT company

*Also:* to accompany

CONSTANCY consistency

CONSTANT settled, determined

CONSTANTLY firmly

CONSTER to construe

CONTEMPTIBLE contemptuous

CONTINENT that which contains anything

*Also:* That which is contained

CONTINUE uninterrupted

CONTRACTION the marriage contract

CONTRARY to oppose

CONTRIVE to conspire

*Also:* to wear away

CONTROL to confute

CONVENT to convene, summon

*Also:* to be convenient

CONVERT to change

CONVERTITE a convert

CONVEY to manage

*Also:* To filch or make off with the belongings of others

CONVEYANCE theft, fraud

CONVICT convicted

CONVICTED overpowered, vanquished

*Also:* A doubtful word  
CONVINCE to conquer, subdue  
CONVIVE to feast together  
CONVOY escort  
CONY-CATCH to cheat  
CONY-CATCHING poaching, pilfering  
COOLING CARD used metaphorically for  
an insurmountable obstacle  
COPATAIN HAT a high-crowned hat  
COPE to reward, to give in return  
COPY theme  
CORAGIO courage!  
CORAM an ignorant mistake for Quorum  
CORANTO lively dance  
CORINTH a cant (hackneyed, overused)  
term for a brothel  
CORINTHIAN a wench  
CORKY dry like cork  
CORNUTO a cuckold  
COROLLARY a surplus  
CORPORAL corporeal, bodily  
OF THE FIELD an aide-de-camp  
CORRIVAL rival  
COSTARD the head  
COTE a cottage

*Also:* to quote, instance

*Also:* to come alongside, overtake

COT-QUEAN an effeminate man, molly-coddle

COUCHINGS crouchings

COUNTENANCE fair shew

COUNTERFEIT portrait

*Also:* A piece of base coin

COUNTERPOINT a counterpane

COUNTERVAIL to counterpoise, outweigh

COUNTRY belonging to one's country

COUNTY count, earl

COUPLEMENT union

COURT HOLY WATER flattery

COVENT a convent

COVER to lay the table for dinner

COWISH cowardly

COWL-STAFF the staff on which a vessel or other object (e.g. an animal carcase) is supported between two men

COX MY PASSION an oath, a euphemism for 'God's Passion.'

COY to stroke, fondle

*Also:* to condescend with difficulty

COZEN to cheat

COZENAGE cheating

COZENER a cheater

CRACK to boast

CRACK a loud noise, clap

*Also:* A forward boy

CRACKER boaster

CRACK-HEMP a gallows-bird

CRANK a winding passage

CRANKING winding

CRANTS garlands.

*Also:* A doubtful word

CRARE a ship of burden

CRAVEN a dunghill bird

CREATE formed, compounded

CREDENT creditable

*Also:* Credible

*Also:* Credulous

CREDIT report

CRESCIVE increasing

CRESTLESS not entitled to bear arms,  
lowborn

CRISP curled, winding

CROSS a piece of money, so called  
because the coin was formerly stamped

with a cross

CROW-KEEPER one who scares crows

CROWNER a coroner

CROWNET a coronet

CRY the yelping of hounds

*Also:* A pack of hounds

*Also:* Contemptuously use to refer to a company

CRY AIM to encourage

CUE the last words of an actor's speech, which is the signal for the next actor to begin

CULLION a base fellow

CUNNING skill

*Also:* skilful

CURB to bend, truckle

CURRENTS occurrences

CURSTNESS shrewishness

CURTAIL a cur

CURTAL a docked horse

CUSTALORUM a ludicrous mistake for Custos Rotulorum

CUSTARD-COFFIN the crust of a custard-pudding

CUSTOMER a common woman

CUT a cheat ('To draw cuts' is to draw lots)

CYPRESS a kind of crape



# D

DAFF to befool

*Also:* To put off; possibly a corruption of 'doff.'

DAMN to condemn

DANGER reach, control, power

DARE to challenge

DARKLING in the dark

DARRAIGN to set in array

DAUB to disguise

DAY-WOMAN a dairy-maid

DEAR dire

*Also:* That which has to do with the affections

*Also:* Piteous

*Also:* Important

DECK to bedew. This is probably a form of the verb 'to dag,' now a provincial word

*Also:* a pack of cards

DECLINE to enumerate, as in going through the cases of a noun

DECLINED fallen

DEEM doom, judgment

DEFEAT to undo, destroy

*Also:* destruction

DEFEATURE disfigurement

DEFENCE art of fencing

DEFEND to forbid

DEFENSIBLE having the power to defend

DEFTLY dexterously

DEFY renounce

DEGREES a step

DELAY to let slip by delaying

DEMERIT merit, desert

DEMURELY solemnly

DENAY denial

DENIER the 12th part of a French sol coin

DENOTEMENT marking

*Also:* Note or manifestation

DENY to refuse

DEPART departure

*Also:* to part

DEPARTING parting, separation

DEPEND to be in service

DERIVED born, descended

DEROGATE degraded

DESCANT a variation upon a melody,  
hence, metaphorically, a comment on a  
given theme

DESIGN to draw up articles

DESPATCH to deprive, bereave

DESPERATE determined, bold

DETECT to charge, blame

DETERMINE to conclude

DICH optative mood, perhaps contracted  
for 'do it.'

DIET food regulated by the rules of  
medicine

*A/so:* to have one's food regulated  
by the rules of medicine

DIFFUSED confused

DIGRESSING transgressing, going out of  
the right way

DIGRESSION transgression

DIG-YOU-DEN give you good evening

DINT stroke

DIRECTION judgment, skill

DISABLE to disparage

DISAPPOINTED unprepared

DISCASE to undress

DISCONTENT a malcontent

DISCOURSE power of reasoning

DISDAINED disdainful

DISPONGE to squeeze out as from a sponge

DISPOSE disposal

*Also:* to conspire

DISPOSITION maintenance

DISPUTABLE disputatious

DISPUTE to argue, examine

DISSEMBLY used ridiculously for assembly

DISTASTE to corrupt

DISTEMPERED discontented

DISTRACTION a detached troop or company of soldiers

DISTRAUGHT distracted, mad

DIVERTED turned from the natural course

DIVISION a phrase or passage in a melody

DIVULGED published, spoken of

DOFF to do off, strip

*Also:* To put off with an excuse

DOLT a small Dutch coin

DOLE portion dealt

*Also:* Grief, lamentation

DON to do on, put on

DONE 'done to death,' put to death

DOTANT one who dotes, a dotard

DOUT to do out, quench

DOWLAS a kind of coarse sacking

DOWLE the swirl of a feather

DOWN-GYVED hanging down like gyves  
or fetters

DRAB a harlot

DRABBING whoring

DRAUGHT a privy

DRAWN having his sword drawn

*Also:* drunk, having taken a good  
draught

DRIBBLING weak

DRIVE to rush impetuously

DROLLERY a puppet-show

DRUMBLE to dawdle

DRY thirsty

DUDGEON a dagger

DULL soothing

DULLARD a dull person

DUMP complaint

# E

EAGER sour

*Also:* Harsh

*Also:* Biting

EAR to plough

ECHE to eke out

EISEL vinegar

ELD old age

EMBOSSSED swollen into protuberances

*Also:* Covered with foam

EMINENCE exalted station

EMPERY empire

EMULATION jealousy, mutiny

EMULOUS jealous

ENCAVE to place oneself in a cave

END 'Still an end,' continually for ever

ENGINE a machine of war

ENGROSS to make gross or fat

ENKINDLE to make keen

ENSCONCE to cover as with a fort

ENSEAMED fat, rank

ENTERTAIN encounter

*Also:* Experience

ENTERTAINMENT treatment

*Also:* A disposition to entertain a proposal

*Also:* Service

ENTREATMENTS interviews

EPHESIAN a toper, a cant (hackneyed, overused) term

EQUIPAGE attendance

EREWHILE a short time since

ESPERANCE hope, used as a war-cry

ESPIAL a scout or spy

ESTIMATION conjecture

ESTRIDGE ostridge

ETERNE eternal

EVEN coequal

EVEN to equal

EXAMINE to question

EXCREMENT that which grows outwardly from the body and has no sensation like the hair or nails

*Also:* Any outward show

EXECUTOR an executioner

EXEMPT excluded

EXERCISE a religious service



EXHALE to hale or draw out

*Also:* to draw the sword

EXHIBITION allowance, pension

EXIGENT death, ending

EXION ridiculously used for 'action.'

EXPECT expectation

EXPEDIENCE expedition, undertaking

*Also:* Haste

EXPEDIENT expeditious, swift

EXPIATE complete/ completed

EXPOSTULATE to expound, discuss

EXPOSTURE exposure

EXPRESS to reveal

EXTEND to seize

EXTENT a seizure

EXTERN outward

EXTIRP to extirpate

EXTRACTING distracting

EXTRAUGHT extracted, descended

EXTRAVAGANT foreign, wandering

EXTREMES extravagance of conduct

*Also:* Extremities

EYAS a nestling hawk

EYAS-MUSKET a nestling of the musket

or merlin, the smallest species of British hawk

EYE a glance, oeillad

*A/so:* a shade of colour, as in shot silk

EYNE eyes

# F

FACT guilt

FACTIOUS instant, importunate

FACULTY essential virtue or power

FADGE to suit

FADING a kind of ending to a song

FAIN glad

*Also:* gladly

FAIR beauty

FALL to let fall

FALLOW fawn-coloured

FALSE falsehood

FALSING deceptive

FAMILIAR a familiar spirit

FANCY-FREE untouched by love

FANG to seize in the teeth

FANTASTIC a fantastical person

FAP drunk

FAR farther

FARCED stuffed

FARDEL a burden

FARTUOUS used ridiculously and vulgarly for 'virtuous.'

FAST assuredly, unalterably

FAT dull

FAVOUR countenance

*Also:* Complexion

*Also:* Quality

FEAR the object of fear

*Also:* to affright

FEARFUL subject to fear, timorous

FEAT dexterous

*Also:* to make fine

FEATER comp. degree. more neatly

FEATLY nimbly, daintily

FEATURE beauty

FEDERARY confederate

FEEDER agent, servant

FEE-GRIEF a grief held, as it were, in fee-simple, or the peculiar property of him who possesses it

FEHEMENTLY used ridiculously for 'vehemently.'

FELL the hide

FENCE art or skill in defence

FESTER to rankle, grow virulent

FESTINATELY quickly

FET fetched

FICO a fig

FIELDDED in the field of battle

FIG to insult

FIGHTS clothes hung round a ship to conceal the men from the enemy

FILE a list or catalogue

*Also:* to defile

*Also:* To smooth or polish

*Also:* To make even

FILL-HORSE shaft-horse

FILLS the shafts

FILTH a whore

FINE end

*Also:* to make fine or specious

FINELESS endless

FIRAGO ridiculously used for 'Virago.'

FIRE-DRAKE Will o' the Wisp

FIRE-NEW with the glitter of novelty on, like newlyforged metal

FIRK to chastise

FIT a canto or division of a song

*Also:* A trick or habit

FITCHEW a polecat

FIVES a disease incident to horses

FLAP-DRAGON raisins in burning brandy

FLAT certain

FLATNESS lowness, depth

FLAW a gust of wind

*Also:* sudden emotion, or the cause of it

*Also:* to make a flaw in, to break

FLECKED spotted, streaked

FLEET to float

*Also:* To pass away

*Also:* to pass the time

FLEETING inconstant

FLESHMENT the act of fleshing the sword, hence the first feat of arms

FLIGHT a particular mode of practising archery

FLOTE wave, sea

FLOURISH an ornament

*Also:* to ornament, disguise with ornament

FLUSH fresh, full of vigour

FOIL defeat, disadvantage

FOIN to fence, fight

FOISON plenty

FOND foolish, foolishly affectionate

FOOT-CLOTH a saddle-cloth hanging

down to the ground

FOR for that, because

FORBID accursed, outlawed

FORBADE forbidden

FORCE to stuff, for 'farce.'

FORCED falsely attributed

FORDO to kill, destroy

*Also:* To weary

FOREIGN obliged to live abroad

FORFEND to forbid

FORGETIVE inventive

FORKED horned

FORMAL regular, retaining its proper and essential characteristic

FORSLOW to delay

FORSPEAK to speak against

FORTHRIGHT a straight path; forthrights and meanders, straight paths and crooked ones

FOSSET-SELLER one who sells the pipes inserted into a vessel to give vent to the liquor, and stopped by a spigot

FOX a sword; a cant (hackneyed, overused) word

FRAMPOLD peevish, unquiet

FRANK the feeding place of swine

FRANKED confined

FRANKLIN a freeholder, a small squire

FRAUGHT freighted

FRAUGHTAGE freight

FRAUGHTING to fraught. loading or constituting the cargo of a ship

FRESH a spring of fresh water

FRET the stop of a guitar

*Also:* to wear away

*Also:* To variegate

FRIEND to befriend

FRIPPERY an old-clothes shop

FROM prep. contrary to

FRONT to affront, oppose

FRONTIER opposition

FRONTLET that which is worn on the forehead

FRUSH to break or bruise

FRUSTRATE frustrated

FULFILL to fill full

FULL complete

FULLAM a loaded die

FULSOME lustful

FURNISHED equipped



# G

GABERDINE a loose outer coat, or smock frock

GAD a pointed instrument, a goad (“Upon the gad”: with impetuous haste, upon the spur of the moment

GAIT going, steps

GALLIARD a kind of dance

GALLIMAUFRY a ridiculous medley

GALLOW to scare

GAMESTER a frolicsome person

*Also:* A loose woman

GARISH gaudy, staring

GAUDY festive

GAZE an object of wonder

GEAR matter of business of any kind

GECK a fool

GENERAL the generality, common people

GENERATIONS children

GENEROSITY noble birth

GENEROUS noble

GENTILITY good manners

GENTLE gentlefolk

*Also:* noble

*Also:* to ennoble

GENTRY complaisance, conduct  
becoming gentlefolk

GERMAN akin

*Also:* Appropriate

GEST period

GIB a he-cat

GIFTS talents, endowment

GIGLOT a wanton girl

GILT money

*Also:* State of wealth

GING gang

GIRD to gibe

GIRD a sarcasm or gibe

GLEEK to scoff

*Also:* a scoff

GLOSE to comment; hence, to be  
garrulous

GLUT to swallow

GOOD-DEED indeed

GOOD-DEN good-evening, contracted  
from 'Good-even.'

GOOD-JER a corruption of the French

*goujere*; the venereal disease

GORBELLIED corpulent

GOURD a species of game of chance

GOUT a drop

GOVERNMENT discretion

GRACIOUS abounding in grace Divine

GRAINED engrained

GRAMERCY int. grand mercy, much thanks

GRANGE the farmstead attached to a monastery, a solitary farm-house

GRATILLITY used ridiculously for 'gratuity.'

GRATULATE to congratulate

GRAVE to bury

GREASILY grossly

GREEK a bawd

GREEN immature, fresh, unused

GREENLY foolishly

GREET to weep

GRIZE a step

GROSSLY palpably

GROWING accruing

GUARD decoration

*Also:* to decorate

GUARDAGE guardianship

GUINEA HEN the pintado, a cant  
(hackneyed, overused) term

GULES red, a term in heraldry

GULF the throat

GUST taste, relish

GYVE to fetter

# H

HACK to become common

HAGGARD a wild or unreclaimed hawk

HAG-SEED the offspring (seed) of a hag

HAIR course, order, grain

HALIDOM holiness, sanctification,  
Christian fellowship; used as an oath,  
and analogous to 'By my faith.' (*quod  
vide*)

HALL an open space to dance in

HALLOWMAS All Hallows' Day

HAP chance, fortune

HAPPILY accidentally

HANDSAW perhaps a corruption of  
Heronshaw; a hern

HARDIMENT defiance, brave deeds

HARRY to annoy, harass

HAUGHT haughty

HAUNT company

HAVING property, fortune

HAVIOUR behavior

HAY a term in fencing

HEADY violent, headlong

HEAT of 'to heat,' heated

HEFT a heaving

*Also:* furnished with a handle:  
hence, metaphorically, finished off,  
delicately formed

HELM to steer, manage

HENCE henceforward

HENCHMAN a page or attendant

HENT to seize, take

HERMIT a beadsman, one bound to pray  
for another

HEST command

HIGH used in composition with adjectives  
to heighten or emphasize their  
signification, as, highfantastical

HIGHT called

HILD held

HILDING a paltry fellow

HINT suggestion

HIREN a prostitute (a pun on the word  
'iron.')

HIT to agree

HOISE to hoist, heave up on high

HOIST hoisted

HOLP to help; helped

HOME to the utmost

HONEST chaste

HONESTY chastity

HONEY-STALKS the red clover

HOODMAN-BLIND the game now called  
blindman's-buff

HORN-MAD probably, 'harn-mad,' that is,  
brain-mad

HOROLOGE a clock

HOT-HOUSE a brothel

HUGGER-MUGGER secrecy

HULL to drift on the sea like a wrecked  
ship

HUMOROUS fitful, or, perhaps, hurried

HUNT-COUNTER to follow the scent the  
wrong way

HURLY noise, confusion

HURTLING noise, confusion

HUSBANDRY frugality

*Also:* Management

HUSWIFE a jilt

# I

I' FECKS a blasphemous euphemism for 'in faith'

IGNOMY ignominy

IMAGE representation

IMMEDIACY close connexion

IMMOMENT unimportant

IMP to graft. to splice a falcon's broken feathers

*Also:* a scion, a child

IMPAWN to stake, compromise

IMPEACH to bring into question

*Also:* impeachment

IMPEACHMENT cause of censure, hindrance

IMPERCEIVERANT duff of perception

IMPETICOS to pocket

IMPORTANCE importunity

*Also:* importunate

IMPORTING significant

IMPOSE imposition, meaning command or task imposed upon anyone

IMPOSITIONS command



IMPRESSE a device with a motto

IMPRESS to compel to serve

INCAPABLE unconscious

INCENSED incited, egged on

INCH-MEAL by inch-meal, by portions of inches

INCLINING compliant

*Also:* inclination

INCLUDE conclude

INCONY fine, delicate

INCORRECT ill-regulated

IND India

INDENT to compound or bargain

INDEX a preface

INDIFFERENT ordinary

INDIGEST disordered

INDUCTION introduction, beginning

INDURANCE delay

INFINITE infinite power

INGRAFT to engraff, engrafted

INHABITABLE uninhabitable

INHERIT to possess

INKHORN-MATE a contemptuous term for an ecclesiastic or a man of learning

INKLE a kind of narrow fillet or tape

INLAND civilized, well-educated

INLY inward

*Also:* inwardly

INQUISITION enquiry

INSANE that which causes insanity

INSCONCE to arm, fortify

INSTANCE example

*Also:* Information

*Also:* Reason, proof

INTEND to pretend

INTENDING regarding

INTENDMENT intention

INTENTIVELY attentively

INTERMISSION pause, delay

INTRINSE intricate

INTRINSICATE intricate

INVENTION imagination

INWARD an intimate friend

*Also:* intimate

INWARDNESS intimacy

IRREGULOUS lawless, licentious

ITERATION reiteration

# J

JACK a mean fellow

JACK-A-LENT a puppet thrown at in Lent  
(the period of 40 weekdays from Ash  
Wednesday to Holy Saturday)

JACK GUARDANT a jack in office

JADE to whip, to treat with contempt

JAR the ticking of a clock

*Also:* to tick as a clock

JAUNCE to prance

JEST to tilt in a tournament

JET to strut

JOURNAL daily

JOVIAL appertaining to Jove

JUDICIOUS critical

JUMP to agree

*Also:* to hazard

JUMP hazard

*Also:* exactly, nicely

JUSTICER a judge, magistrate

JUT to encroach

JUTTY a projection

*Also:* to jut out beyond

# JUVENAL youth, young man

# K

KAM crooked

KEECH a lump of tallow

KEEL to skin

KEEP to restrain

KERN the rude foot soldiers of the Irish

KIBE a chilblain or pernio (Inflammation of the hands and feet caused by exposure to cold and moisture)

KILN-HOLE the ash-hole under a kiln

KIND nature

KINDLE to bring forth young; used only of beasts

KINDLESS unnatural

KINDLY natural

KIRTLE a gown

KNAVE a boy

*Also:* A serving-man

KNOT a figure in garden beds

KNOW to acknowledge

# L

LABRAS lips

LAG the lowest of the people

LAG late, behindhand

LAKIN ladykin

*Also:* little lady

*Also:* an endearing term applied to the Virgin Mary in the oath, 'By our lakin.'

LAND-DAMN perhaps to extirpate;  
possibly to kill by stopping the flow of  
urine

LAPSED taken, apprehended

LARGE licentious, free

LARGESS a present

LASS-LORN deserted by a mistress

LATCH to smear

*Also:* To catch

LATED belated

LATTEN made of brass

LAUND lawn

LAY wager

LEAGUE besieging army

LEASING lying

LEATHER-COATS a kind of apple

LEECH a physician

LEER countenance, complexion

LEET a manor court

LEGE to allege

LEGERITY lightness

LEIGER an ambassador resident abroad

LEMAN a lover or mistress

LENTEN meagre

*Also:* That which may be eaten in  
Lent

L'ENVOY the farewell or moral at the end  
of a tale or poem

LET to hinder

*Also:* to binder

*Also:* hindrance

LETHE death

LEVEL to aim

*Also:* that which is aimed at

LEWD ignorant, foolish

LEWDLY wickedly

LEWDSTERS lewd persons

LIBERAL licentious

LIBERTY libertinism

LICENCE licentiousness

LIEF dear

LIFTER a thief

LIGHT O' LOVE The name of a tune

LIGHTLY easily, generally

LIKE to please

*Also:* to liken, compare

*Also:* likely

LIKELIHOOD promise, appearance

LIKING condition

LIMBECK an alembick, a still

LIMBO or Limbo patrum, the place where good men under the Old Testament were believed to be imprisoned till released by Christ after his crucifixion

LIME bird-lime

*Also:* to entangle as with bird-lime

*Also:* To smear with bird-lime

*Also:* To mix lime with beer or other liquor

LINE to cover on the inside

*Also:* To strengthen by inner works

LINSTOCK a shaft with a match at the end of it used by gunners to ignight the fuse or wick when firing a cannon

LIST a margin, hence a bound or enclosure



LITHER lazy

LITTLE miniature

LIVELIHOOD appearance of life

LIVERY a law phrase, signifying the act of delivering a freehold into the possession of the heir or purchaser

LIVING lively, convincing

LOACH a fish so called

LOB a looby

LOCKRAM a sort of coarse linen

LODE-STAR the leading-star, pole-star

LONGLY longingly

LOON a low contemptible fellow

LOT a prize in a lottery

LOTTERY that which falls to a man by lot

LOUT a clown

*A/so:* to treat one as a lout, with contempt

LOZEL a spendthrift

LUBBER a leopard

LUCE n. the pike or jack, a fresh-water fish

LUMPISH duff, dejected

LUNES fits of lunacy

LURCH to defeat, to win

*Also:* to shift, to play tricks

LURE a object stuffed to resemble a bird with which the falconer allures a hawk

LUSH juicy, luxuriant

LUSTIG lusty, cheerful

LUXURIOUS lascivious

LUXURY lust

LYM a limer or slow hound

# M

MADE having his fortune made

MAGNIFICO the chief magistrate at Venice

MAGGOT-PIES magpies, pies which feeds on maggots

MAIL covered as with a coat of mail

MAKE to do up, bar

*Also:* To do

MALKIN a familiar name for Mary; hence a servant wench

MAMMERING hesitating

MAMMETS a woman's breasts

*Also:* A doll

MAN to tame a hawk

MANAGE management

MANDRAGORA or Mandrake a plant of soporiferous quality, supposed to resemble a man

MANKIND having a masculine nature

MARCHES frontiers, borders

MARHPANE a kind of sweet biscuit

MARGENT margin

MARRY TRAP an oath

MARTLEMAS the Feast of St. Martin,  
which occurs on the 11th of Nov. when  
the fine weather generally ends; hence  
applied to an old man

MATCH an appointment

MATE to confound, dismay

MEACOCK tame, cowardly

MEAN instrument used to promote an  
end

*Also:* the tenor part in a harmony

*Also:* opportunity, power

MEASURE reach

*Also:* A stately dance

MEDAL a portrait in a locket

MEDICINE a physician

MEED reward, hire

*Also:* Merit

MEINY retinue

MELL to mix, to meddle

MERCATANTE a foreign trader

MERELY simply, absolutely

MESS a company of four

METAPHYSICAL supernatural

MEW UP to confine

MICHER a truant

MICKLE much

MINCE to do any thing affectedly

MINCING affected

MISCREATE illegitimate

MISDOUBT to suspect

MISERY avarice

MISPRISION mistake

MISSIVE messenger

MISTEMPERED angry

MISTHINK to think ill of

MISTRESS the jack in bowling

MOBLED muffled

MODERN commonplace

MODULE a model, image

MOE and more; frequently occurring

MOIETY a portion

MOME a stupid person

MOOD anger

MOON-CALF a nick-name applied to Caliban

MOONISH inconstant

MOP nod

MORISCO a Moor

MORRIS-PIKE Moorish-pike

MORT death, applied to animals of the chase

MORT-DU-VINAIGRE a ridiculous oath

MORTAL fatal, deadly

*Also:* Murderous

MORTIFIED ascetic

MOSE a doubtful word, applied to some disease in a horse

MOTION sollicitation

*Also:* Emotion

*Also:* a puppet

MOTIVE one who moves

*Also:* That which moves

MOTLEY of the many-coloured coat of a fool, or a fool

MOTLEY-MINDED foolish

MOUSE-HUNT a weasel

MOW to make grimaces

MOY a coin, probably a moidore

MUCH int. significant of contempt

*Also:* used ironically

MURE a wall

MUST a scramble

MUTINE to mutiny

*Also:* a mutineer

# N

NAPKIN a handkerchief

NATURAL an idiot

NAYWARD towards denial

NAYWORD a catch-word, by-word

NEB the beak

NEPHEW a grandson

NETHER-STOCKS stockings

NEXT nearest

NICE foolish

NICK score or reckoning

*Also:* to brand with folly

NIGHTED black as night

NIGHT-RULE nightly solemnity

NINE MEN'S MORRIS a place set apart for a Moorish dance by nine men

NINNY a fool, jester

NOBILITY nobleness

NOBLE a coin, worth 6s. 8d

NODDY a dolt

NONCE for the nonce, corrupted from 'for then once,' for the occasion

NOOK-SHOTTEN indented with bays

and creeks

NOURISH a nurse

NOVUM a game at dice



# O

O a circle

OAR to row as with oars

OBSEQUIIOUS behaving as becomes one who attends funeral to win favor from influential people by flattery

OBSEQUIOUSLY funereally

OBSTACLE ridiculously used for 'obstinate.'

OCCUPATION persons occupied in business

OCCURENT an incident

OD'S BODY | 'Od's in these; a euphemism or 'God's body'

OD'S HEARTLINGS a euphemism or 'God's Heart'

OD'S PITTIKINS a euphemism or 'God's pity or compassion'

OD'S PLESSED WILL a euphemism or 'God's will.'

O'ERPARTED having too important a part to act

OFFERING challenging

OFFICE benefit, kindness

*Also:* use, function

OLD a cant (hackneyed, overused) term for great, as we say fine, or pretty

ONCE some time

ONEYER a banker.

*Also:* a doubtful word

OPE open

*Also:* to open

OPEN plain

*Also:* Public

*Also:* to give tongue as a hound

OPERANT active

OPPOSITE adversary

OPPOSITION combat

OR before

ORDER measures

ORDINANCE rank, order

ORT leaving, refuse

OSTENT show, appearance

OSTENTATION show, appearance

OUNCE a beast of prey of the tiger kind

OUSEL COCK the blackbird

OUT all out, fully, completely

OUTLOOK to face down

OUTWARD not in the secret of affairs

*A/so:* outside

OWE to own

# P

PACK to practise unlawful confederacy

*Also:* a number of people  
confederated

PADDOCK a toad

PAID punished

PALABRAS words, a cant (hackneyed, overused) term, from the Spanish

PALE to enclose

PALL to wrap as with a pall

PALMY victorious

PARD the leopard

PARLE talk

PARLOUS perilous

*Also:* keen, shrewd

PARTED endowed, gifted

PARTIZAN a pike

PASH the face

PASH to strike violently, to bruise, crush

PASS to practise

*Also:* To surpass expectation

PASSANT a term of heraldry, applied to animals represented on the shield as

passing by at a trot

PASSING surpassingly, exceedingly

PASSION to have feelings

PASSIONATE to suffer

PASSY-MEASURE a kind of dance

PASTRY the room where pastry was made

PATCH a mean fellow

PATCHED dressed in motley

PATCHERY trickery

PATH to walk

PATHETICAL affected, hypocritical

PATIENT to make patient, to compose

PATTERN to give an example of

*Also:* Afford a pattern for

PAUCA VERBA few words

PAUCAS few, a cant (hackneyed, overused) word

PAVIN a dance

PAX a small image of Christ

PAY to despatch

PEAT a term of endearment for a child

PEDASCULE a pedant, schoolmaster

PEER to peep out

PEIZE to balance, weigh down

PELTING paltry

PERDU lost

PERDURABLE durable

PERDY a euphemism for Par Dieu

PERFECT certain

*Also:* to inform perfectly

PERIAPTS charms worn round the neck

PERJURE a perjured person

PERSEVER to persevere

PERSPECTIVE a telescope, or some sort of optical glass

PEW-FELLOW a comrade

PHEEZE to comb, fleece, curry

PIA-MATER the membrane covering the brain, the brain itself

PICK to pitch, throw

PICKED chosen, selected

PICKERS (and stealers), the fingers, used ridiculously

PICKING insignificant

PICKT-HATCH a place noted for brothels. (Merry Wives of Windsor)

PIED motley-coated, wearing the motley coat of a jester

PLIGHT pitched

PILL to pillage

PIN a malady of the eye

*Also:* The centre of a target

PINFOLD a pound, a place to confine lost cattle

PIONED digged

PLACKET a petticoat-front

PLAIN SONG a simple air

PLANCHED made of boards

PLANTATION colonizing, planting a colony

PLAUSIVE plausible

PLEACHED interwoven

POINT a lace furnished with a tag by which the breeches were held up

POISE balance

*Also:* Doubt

POMANDER a perfumed ball

POMEWATER a kind of apple

POOR-JOHN a herring

PORT pomp, state

PORT a gate

PORTABLE bearable

PORTANCE conduct, behavior

POSSESS to inform

POTCH to push violently

POTENT a potentate

POUNCET-BOX a box for holding perfumes

POWER forces, army

PRACTISE wicked stratagem

PRANK to dress up

PRECEPT a justice's summons

PRECIOUSLY in business of great importance

PREGNANCY fertility of invention

PREGNANT fertile of invention

*Also:* Ready

*Also:* Obvious

PRENOMINATE to name beforehand, to prophesy

PREORDINANCE old-established law

PRESENCE the presence-chamber

*Also:* High bearing

PREST ready

PRETENCE design

PRETEND to portend

*Also:* To intend

PREVENT to go before, to anticipate

PRICK the mark denoting the hour on a



dial

*Also:* to incite

*Also:* To choose by pricking a hole with a pin opposite the name

PRICKSONG music sung in parts by note

PRICKET a stag of two years

PRIDE heat

PRIG to steal

PRIME rank, lecherous

PRIMER more-important

PRIMERO a game at cards

PRINCIPALITY that which holds the highest place

PRINCOX a coxcomb

PRIZER a prize-fighter

PROCURE to bring

PREFACE interj. much good may it do you

PROFANE outspoken

PROGRESS a royal ceremonial journey

PROJECT to shape or contrive

PROMPTURE suggestion

PRONE ready, willing

PROOF strength of manhood

PROPAGATE to advance, to forward

PROPAGATION obtaining

PROPER-FALSE natural falsehood

PROPERTIED endowed with the properties of

PROPERTIES scenes, dresses, &c. used in a theatre

PROPERTY to take possession of

PROPOSE to suppose, for the sake of argument

*Also:* To converse

*Also:* conversation

PROROGUE to defer

PROVAND provender

PROVISION forecast

PUCELLE a virgin, the name given to Joan of Arc

PUDENCY modesty

PUGGING thieving

PUN to pound

PURCHASE to acquire, win

PURCHASE gain, winnings

PUT to compel

PUTTER-ON an instigator

PUTTER-OUT one who lends money at interest

PUTTING-ON instigation

PUTTOCK a kite

# Q

QUAIL to faint, be languid, be afraid to  
cause to quail

QUAINT curiously beautiful

QUAKE to cause to quake or tremble

QUALIFY to moderate

*Also:* those of the same nature

*Also:* Rank or condition

QUARREL a suit, cause

QUARRY game, a heap of game

QUARTER the post allotted to a soldier

QUAT a pimple; used in contempt of a  
person

QUEASY squeamish, unsettled

QUELL murder

QUENCH to grow cool

QUERN a hand-mill

QUEST enquiry, search, inquest, jury

QUICK so far gone in pregnancy that the  
child is alive

QUICKEN to come to life

QUINTAIN a post for tilting at

QUIP sharp jest, a taunt

QUIRE to sing in concert

QUIT to requite, respond

*A/so:* past tense of the verb to quit,  
quitted

QUITTANCE requital

QUIVER active

QUOTE to note

# R

RABBIT-SUCKER a weasel

RACE breed; inherited nature

RACK wreck

*Also:* to enhance the price of anything

To drive as clouds

RAG a term of contempt applied to persons

RAKE to cover

RAPT transported with emotion

RAPTURE a fit

RASCAL a lean deer

RASH quick, violent

RATE opinion, judgment

*Also:* to assign, to value

*Also:* To scold

RATOLORUM a ludicrous mistake for Rotulorum

RAUGHT past tense of reach

RAVIN ravenous

*Also:* to devour

RAWLY inadequately

RAWNESS unprovided state  
RAYED arrayed, served  
RAZED slashed  
REBATE to deprive of keenness  
REBECK a three-stringed fiddle  
RECEIPT money received  
RECEIVING capacity  
RECORD to sing  
RECORDER a flute  
RECURE to cure, recover  
RED-LATTICE suitable to an ale-house,  
because ale-houses had commonly red  
lattices  
RED-PLAGUE erysipelas  
REDUCE to bring back  
REECHY smoky, dirty  
REFER to reserve to  
REGIMENT government  
REGREET a salutation  
REGREET to salute  
REGUERDON requital  
RELATIVE applicable  
REMEMBER to remind  
REMORSE pity  
REMORSEFUL full of pity,

compassionate

REMOTION removal

REMOVED sequestered, remote

RENDER to describe you

*Also:* account

RENEGE to renounce, to deny

REPAIR to renovate, comfort

REPEAL to reverse the sentence of exile.  
(Two Gentlemen of Verona)

REPROOF confutation

REPUGN to resist

REQUIEM mass for the dead, so called  
because it begins with the words,  
*Requiem eternam dona eis, Domine*

RESOLVE to satisfy

*Also:* To dissolve

RESPECT consideration

RESPECTIVE respectful, thoughtful

*Also:* corresponding

RESPECTIVELY respectfully

RETIRE retreat

*Also:* to draw back

REVOLT a rebel

RIB to enclose as within ribs

RID to destroy



RIFT to split

*Also:* a split

RIGGISH wanton

RIGOL a circle

RIPE drunk

RIVAGE the shore

RIVAL a partner

RIVALITY equal rank

RIVE to fire

ROAD the high road, applied to a common woman

ROISTING roistering, violent

ROMAGE unusual stir

RONVON a term of contempt applied to a woman

ROOD the crucifix

ROOK a cheater

ROPERY roguery

ROPE-TRICKS tricks such as are played by a rope-dancer

ROUND to whisper

*Also:* to become great with child

*Also:* to finish off

ROUND a diadem

*Also:* unceremonious

ROUNDEL a dance or song

ROUNDURE an enclosure

ROUSE carousal

ROYNISH mangy

RUBIOUS ruddy

RUDDOCK the redbreast

RUSH to push

RUSHLING rustling

# S

SACRIFICIAL reverent, as words used in religious worship

SAD serious

SADLY seriously

SADNESS seriousness

SAFE to make safe

SAG to hang down

SALT lascivious

*Also:* taste

SANDED marked with yellow spots

SANS without

SAUCY lascivious

SAW a moral saying

SAY silken

*Also:* assay, taste, relish

SCAFFOLDAGE the gallery of a theatre

SCALD scurvy, scabby

SCALE to weigh in scales

SCALL a scab, a word of reproach

SCAMBLE to scramble

SCAN to examine subtly

SCANT to cut short, to spare

*Also:* scanty, short

*Also:* scarcely

SCANTLING a small portion

SCAPE to escape

*Also:* a sally; a venture off the beaten path or a military action in which besieged troops burst forth from their position or a witty remark

SCATHE injury

SCATHE to injure

SCATHFUL destructive

SCONCE the head

SCOTCH to bruise or cut slightly

SCURVY scabby; metaphorically: mean

SEAL to set one's seal to a deed; hence, to confirm

SEAM fat

SEAMY showing the seam or sewing

SEAR scorched, withered

*Also:* to stigmatise

SEARCH to probe; hence, to apply a healing remedy

SEATED fixed, confirmed

SECT a slip or scion

*Also:* A political party

SECURELY inconsiderately

SEEL to close

SEELING closing, blinding

SEEMING seemly, becomingly

*Also:* outward manner and appearance

SEEN versed, instructed

SELD seldom

SELF-BOUNTY native goodness

SEMBLABLY alike

SENIORY seniority

SENNET a flourish of trumpets

SEPULCHRE to bury

SEQUESTRATION separation

SERE dry

SERGEANT a bailiff

SERPIGO a cutaneous disease

SERVICEABLE 'serviceable vows,' vows that you will do

*Also:* her service, or be her servant

SETEBOS the name of a fiend

SETTER one who watches travellers to give information to thieves

SEVERAL land which is not common but appropriated

SHAME to be ashamed

*Also:* modesty

SHARDS shreds, broken fragments of pottery

*Also:* the wing cases of beetles; hence 'sharded,' and 'shard-borne,'

SHEEN brilliancy

SHEER pure

*Also:* Unmixed

SHENT rebuked, blamed

*Also:* Hurt

SHERIFF'S-POST a post at the door of a sheriff, to which royal proclamations were fixed

SHIVE slice

SHOT the reckoning at an ale-house

SHOUGHS shaggy dogs

SHOVEL-BOARDS game played by sliding metal pieces along a board at a mark

SHREWD mischievous

SHRIFT confession

*Also:* Absolution

SHRIVE to confess

SHRIVING-TIME time for confession

SHROUD to enshroud oneself, cover

oneself up

SIDE-SLEEVES loose hanging sleeves

SIEGE seat

*Also:* Stool

*Also:* Rank

SIGHT an aperture in a helmet

SIGHTLESS invisible

*Also:* Unsightly

SIGN to give an omen

SILLY simple, rustic

SIMULAR counterfeit, feigned

SINGLE feeble

SIR a title applied to a bachelor of arts at the

*Also:* Universities

SITH since

SITHENCE since

SIZES allowances

SKAINS-MATES scapegraces

SKILL to be of importance

SKILLESS ignorant

SKIMBLE-SKAMBLE rambling, disjointed

SKINKER a drawer of liquor

SKIRR to scour

SLACK slacken

SLAVE to turn to slavish uses

SLEAVE floss-silk

SLEDDED sledged

SLEIDED untwisted, raw, applied to silk  
(Gower)

SLEIGHTS artifices

SLIPPER slippery

SLIPS a kind of noose, or leash

*Also:* A piece of base money

SLIVER to slice

*Also:* a slice

SLOPS loose breeches

SLUBBER to slur over

SMIRCHED smeared, soiled

SMOOTH to flatter

SMOOTHED flattered, fawned upon

SNEAP taunt, sarcasm

SNEAPED pinched

SNECK-UP go hang!

SNUFF anger ('To take in snuff' is to take  
offence)

SOFTLY gently

SOIL spot, taint

SOLICIT solicitation



SOLIDARES small coins

SOLVE solution

SOMETIMES formerly

SOOTH truth

*Also:* Conciliation

SOOTH true

SOREL a buck of the third year

SORRIEST most sorrowful

SORRY sorrowful, dismal

SORT a company

*Also:* Rank, condition

*Also:* Lot

*Also:* 'In a sort,' in a manner

*Also:* to choose

*Also:* to suit

*Also:* To consort

SOT fool

SOUL-FEARING soul-terrifying

SOWL to lug, drag

SOWTER name of a dog

SPECIALLY a special contract

SPED settled, done for

SPEED fortune

SPERR to bolt, fasten

SPILL to destroy

SPILETH spilling

SPLEEN violent haste

*Also:* Used of the lightning flash

SPRAG quick

SPRING shoot, bud

*Also:* Beginning

SPRINGHALT stringhalt, a disease of horses

SPRITED haunted

SPURS roots of trees

SQUARE to quarrel

SQUARE the front part of a woman's dress, stomacher

SQUARE equitable

SQUARER quarreller

SQUASH an unripe peascod

SQUIER a square or rule

SQUINY to squint

STAGGERS a disease in horses, attended with giddiness: hence any bewildering distress

STAIN to disfigure

STALE a decoy

*Also:* A gull

*Also:* A prostitute

STALE to make stale, deprive anything of its freshness

STAND UPON to be incumbent on

STANIEL an inferior kind of hawk

STARK stiff

STARKLY stiffly

STATE a canopied chair

STATION attitude

*Also:* Act of standing

STATIST a statesman

STATUE image, picture

STATUTE security, obligation

STATUTE-CAPS woollen caps worn by citizens

STAY a cheque

STEAD to profit

STEELED set or fixed

STERNAGE steerage, course

STICKLER an arbitrator in combats

STIGMATIC a deformed person

STIGMATICAL deformed

STILL constant

*Also:* constantly

STILLY softly

STINT to stop

STITHY a smith's forge

*Also:* to forge

STOCK a stocking

STOMACH courage, stubbornness

*Also:* Appetite, inclination

STONE-BOW a cross-bow for throwing stones

STOUP a cup

STOUT strong, healthy

STOVER fodder

STRACHY A word of doubtful meaning

STRAIGHT immediately

STRAIN lineage

*Also:* Disposition

STRAITED straitened

STRANGE foreign

*Also:* Coy, reserved

*Also:* Marvellous

STRANGENESS coyness, reserve

STRANGER foreigner

STRAPPADO a kind of punishment

STRICTURE strictness

STROSSERS trousers

STUCK a thrust of a sword

STUCK IN corruption of stoccata

STUFF baggage

*Also:* Material, substance

STUFFED filled, stored

STY to lodge as in a sty

SUBSCRIBE to yield

*Also:* to succumb

SUCCESS issue, consequence

Succession

SUCCESSIVE succeeding

SUCCESSIVELY in succession

SUDDEN hasty, rash

SUDDENLY hastily

SUFFERANCE suffering

SUGGEST to tempt, entice

SUGGESTION temptation, enticement

SUITED dressed

SULLEN doleful, melancholy

SUMPTER a horse that carries provisions on a journey

SUPPOSE a trick, imposition

SUPPOSED counterfeit

SURCEASE to cease

*Also:* cessation, end

SURPRISE to capture by surprise

SUR-REIN'D over-worked

SUSPECT suspicion

SUSPIRE to breathe

SWABBER a sweeper of the deck of a ship

SWARTH black

*Also:* quantity of grass cut down by one sweep of the scythe

SWASHERS swaggerers

SWASHING dashing, smashing

SWATH The same as 'swarth.' (*quod vide*)

SWATHLING swaddling

SWAY to move on

SWEAR to adjure

SWIFT ready, quick

SWINGE-BUCKLERS bullies

# T

TABLE a tablet, note-book

TABLE-BOOK note-book

TABLES the game of backgammon

*Also:* A note-book

TAG the rabble

TAINT tainted

TAINTURE defilement

TAKE to infect, blast, bewitch

TAKE IN to conquer

TAKE OUT to copy

TAKE UP to borrow money, or buy on credit

*Also:* To make up a quarrel

TAKING infection, malignant influence

TAKING UP buying on credit

TALE counting, reckoning

TALL strong, valiant

TALLOW-CATCH a lump of tallow

TANG twang, sound

*Also:* to sound

TANLINGS things tanned by the sun

TARRE to excite, urge on

TARRIANCE delay

TARTAR Tartarus

TASK to tax

*Also:* Challenge

TASKING challenging

TASTE to try

TAWDRY-LACE a rustic necklace

TAXATION satire, sarcasm

TAXING satire

TEEN grief

TELL to count

TEMPER to mix

TEMPERANCE temperature

TEMPERED mixed

TEND to attend to

TENDER to hold, to esteem

*Also:* To have consideration for

TENT to probe as a wound

*Also:* a probe for searching a wound

TERCEL the male of the goshawk

TERMAGANT a ranting character in old plays

TESTED pure, assayed

THICK rapidly



THICK-PLEACHED thickly intertwined

THIRD-BOROUGH a constable

THOUGHT anxiety, grief (So 'to take thought' is to give way to grief)

THRASONICAL boastful

THREE-MAN BEETLE a wooden mallet worked by three men

THREE-MAN SONG-MEN singers of glees in three parts

THREE-PILE three-piled velvet

THRENE lament

THROE to put in agonies

THRUM the tufted end of a thread in weaving

TICKLE ticklish

TIGHT nimble, active

TIGHTLY briskly, promptly

TIKE a cur

TILLY-VALLY int. an exclamation of contempt

TILTH tillage

TIMELESS untimely

TINCT stain, dye

TIRE attire, head-dress

TIRE to tear as a bird of prey (hence, metaphorically, to feed)

TIRE to attire, dress

TANG twang, sound

TOD to yield a tod of wool

TOKENS plague spots

TOLL to exact toll

*Also:* To pay toll

TOO TOO excessively

TOPLESS supreme, without superior

TOUCH touchstone for testing gold

*Also:* Trait

*Also:* An acute feeling

TOUCHED pricked

TOWARD nearly ready

TOWARDS nearly ready

TOYS trifles, foolish tricks

TRADE beaten path

TRANSLATED transformed

TRASH to cheque, as a huntsman his hounds

TRAVAIL labour, toil

TRAY-TRIP an old game played with dice

TREACHERS traitors

TREATIES entreaties

TRENCHED carved

TRICK technically, a copy of a coat of arms; hence, any peculiarity which distinguishes voice or feature

*Also:* to dress up

TRICKED blazoned

TRICKING ornament

TRICKSY elegantly quaint

TRIPLE third

TROJAN a cant (hackneyed, overused) word for a thief

TROLL-MY-DAMES the name of a game; also called pigeon-holes

TROTH-PLIGHT betrothed

TROW to trust, think

TRUE honest

TRUNDLE-TAIL a long-tailed dog

TUCKET-SONANCE a flourish on the trumpet

TUN-DISH a funnel

TURN to modulate

TWANGLING twanging

TWIGGEN made of twigs, wicker

TWILLED Retained by woven branches

TWINK a twinkling

TWIRE to peep, twinkle

# U

UNAVOIDED unavoidable

UNBATED unblunted

UNBOLT to disclose

UNBOLTED unsifted, unrefined

UNBREATHED unpractised

UNCAPE to throw off the hounds

UNCHARGED undefended, applied to the gates of a city

UNCLEW to unravel, undo

UNCOINED unalloyed, unfeigned

UNDERGO to undertake

UNDERTAKER one who takes up (undertakes) another's quarrel

UNDER-WROUGHT undermined

UNEATH hardly

UNEXPRESSIVE inexpressible

UNFAIR to deprive of beauty

UNHAPPILY censoriously

UNHAPPY mischievous

UNIMPROVED unreproved

UNION a pearl

UNJUST dishonest

UNKIND unnatural  
UNLIVED bereft of life  
UNOWED unowned  
UNPREGNANT stupid  
UNPROPER common to all  
UNQUESTIONABLE not inquisitive  
UNREADY undressed  
UNRESPECTIVE inconsiderate  
UNSISTING unresting  
UNSTANCHED incontinent  
UNTEMPERING unsoftening  
UNTENTED unsearchable  
UNTRADED unused, uncommon  
UNTRIMMED spoiled of grace or ornament  
UNTRUE untruth  
UNVALUED invaluable  
UPSPRING REELS a boisterous dance  
URCHIN the hedge-hog, echidna (spiny ant-eater)  
USANCE usury  
USE interest  
UTTER to expel, put forth  
UTTERANCE extremity

# V

VADE to fade

VAIL to lower

VAILING lowering

VAINNESS vanity

VALIDITY value

VANTAGE advantage

VANTBRACE armour for the front of the arm

VARLET a servant, valet

VAST properly a waste-place, metaphorically, the dead of night

*Also:* A gulf

VASTIDITY immensity

VASTLY like a waste

VASTY vast, waste

VAUNT the van, that which precedes

VAUNT-COURIERS forerunners

VAWARD the van, vanguard, advanced guard (reconnaissance) of an army (hence, metaphorically, the first of anything)

VEGETIVES herbs

VELURE velvet

VELVET-GUARDS literally, velvet trimmings; applied metaphorically to the citizens who wore them

VENUE a bout in fencing, metaphorically applied to repartee and sallies of wit

VENEY a bout at fencing

VENGE to avenge

VENTAGES holes in a flute or flageolet

VERBAL wordy

VERY true, real

VIA int. off with you!

VICE to screw

*Also:* the buffoon in the old morality plays

VIE to challenge; a term at cards

*Also:* To play as for a wager

VIEWLESS invisible

VILLAIN a lowborn man

VIOL-DE-GAMBOYS a bass viol (violin da gamba)

VIRGINALLING playing as on the virginals, a kind of a spinet

VIRTUE the essential excellence

*Also:* valour

VIRTUOUS excellent

*Also:* Endowed with virtues

VOLUBLE fickle

VOLUNTARY volunteer

VOTARIST votary, one who has taken a  
vow

VULGAR the common people

*Also:* common

VULGARLY publicly



# W

WAFT to wave, beckon

*Also:* To turn

WAFTAGE passage

WAGE to reward as with wages

WAILFUL lamentable

WAIST the middle of a ship

WARD guard

*Also:* Prison

WARDEN a large pear used for baking

WARDER truncheon

WARN to summon

WASSAIL a drinking bout

*Also:* Festivity

WAT a familiar word for a hare

WATCH a watch light

*Also:* to tame by keeping constantly awake

WATER-WORK painting in distemper

WAX to grow

WAXEN perhaps, to hiccough

WEALTH weal, advantage

WEAR fashion

WEATHER-FEND to defend from the weather

WEB AND THE PIN or PIN AND WEB a cataract in the eye

WEE small, tiny

*Also:* to think

WEED garment

WEET to wit, know

WEIGH OUT to outweigh

WELKIN the sky

*Also:* sky-blue

WELL-LIKING in good condition

WELL SAID int. well done!

WEND to go

WHELKS weals

WHEN an exclamation of impatience

WHEN AS when

WHERE whereas

*Also:* a place

WHIFFLER an officer who clears the way in processions

WHILE-ERE a little while ago

WHILES until

WHIST hushed, silent

WHITE the centre of an archery butt

WHITELY pale-faced. A doubtful word  
WHITING-TIME bleaching time  
WHITSTER bleacher  
WHITTLE a clasp knife  
WHOOOP to cry out with astonishment  
WICKED noisome, baneful  
WIDOW to give a jointure to  
WIDOWHOOD widow's jointure  
WIGHT person  
WILD weald  
WILDERNESS wildness  
WIMPLED veiled, hooded  
WINDOW-BARS lattice-work across a  
woman's stomacher  
WINTER-GROUND to protect (a plant)  
from frost  
WIS in the compound 'I wis,' certainly  
WISH to commend  
WISTLY wistfully  
WIT knowledge, wisdom  
WITHOUT beyond  
WITS five, the five senses  
WITTOL a contented cuckold  
WITTY intelligent  
WONDERED marvellously gifted

WOOD mad

WOODCOCK a simpleton

WOODMAN a forester, huntsman

*Also:* A cant (hackneyed, overused)  
term for a wench

WOOLWARD shirtless

WORD to flatter or put off with words

*Also:* To repeat the words of a song

WORLD 'To go to the world' is to get  
married. So 'a woman of the world' is a  
married woman

WORM a serpent

WORSER worse

WORSHIP to honour

WORTH wealth, fortune

WORTS cabbages

WOT to know

WOUND twisted about

WREAK vengeance

*Also:* to avenge

WREAKFUL revengeful, avenging

WREST an instrument used for tuning a  
harp

WRIT gospel, truth

WRITHLED shrivelled

WROTH calamity, misfortune

WRUNG twisted, strained

WRY to swerve

# X

XANTHIPPE Socrate's scolding wife

# Y

YARE ready, being understood

YARELY readily

YAW out of control

Y-CLAD clad

YEARN to grieve, vex

YELLOWNESS jealousy

YELLOWWS a disease of horses

YEOMAN a sheriff's officer

YIELD to reward

*Also:* To report

YOND and yonder

YOUNKER tyro

# Z

ZANY a clown, gull

ZOONS an expletive (God's Wounds)



