

Glossary

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quail, prostitute; to fail, faint, overpower
quaint, skilful, clever, dainty, fine, beautiful, elaborate
qualification, calm and controlled condition
qualify, moderate, mitigate, appease, control, dilute
quality, accomplishment, rank, profession, party, side, manner, cause
quarry, heap of slaughtered game
quarter, part, watch, relations with and conduct towards another
quat, pimple
quatch, word of unknown meaning
quean, hussy, whore
queasy, hazardous, squeamish
quell, slaughter
quest, jury, inquest, search party
questant, seeker
questionable, inviting question
questrist, seeker
quick, flowing, fresh, impatient
quiddity, subtlety, equivocation
quietus, clearing of accounts
quintain, object or figure to practise tilting at
quirk, quibble, clever expression, peculiarity of behaviour, fit, start
quit, set free, rid, acquit, acquit oneself of, revenge, repay, requite
quittal, requital
quittance, discharge from debt, requital; requite
quoif, close-fitting cap
quondam, former
quote, give marginal references to, set down in writing, note, observe, regard
quoth, said
quotidian, (of an intermittent fever) returning every day