

# Glossary

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## V

**vail**, gratuity, tip, setting (of the sun); lower, let fall, do homage

**vain**, foolish, silly, unreal

**valanced**, fringed with hair

**validity**, strength, value

**value**, estimate, be worth

**valued**, denoting the value

**vantage**, advantage, gain, superiority, vantage-ground, opportunity

**varletry**, rabble

**vastidity**, immensity

**vaulty**, arched, hollow

**vaunt**, beginning

**vaunt-courier**, herald, harbinger

**vengeance**, harm, injury

**vent**, emission, utterance, outlet for energy; let out, emit, utter, make known

**ventage**, aperture, finger-hole

**ventricle**, cavity of the brain

**Venus**, goddess of love and beauty; wife of Vulcan, the smith-god, but more often associated with her lover Mars

**verge**, compass, circle

**vexation**, agitation, torment, grief

**via**, away

**vice**, character in a morality play representing a vice, jester, buffoon, gripping tool; to screw

**vicegerent**, deputy, representative

**vicious**, blameworthy, blemished

**vie**, add one to another

**villein**, peasant, servant

**vinewed'st**, most mouldy

**violent**, to rage, storm

**virginalling**, fingering as on the virginals±±a keyed musical instrument

**virtue**, courage, merit, accomplishment, power, efficacy, essence, essential characteristic

**virtuous**, powerful, beneficial

**visitor**, one who visits to offer spiritual comfort

**voice**, speech, words, common talk, rumour, report, expressed opinion, judgement, vote, approval, authority to be heard; to acclaim, vote

**voiding lobby**, anteroom

**voluntary**, volunteer

**votaress**, woman who has taken a vow

**votarist, votary** one who has taken a vow

**vouch**, assertion, testimony; affirm, guarantee, bear witness

**Vulcan**, the smith-god, whose wife, Venus, was unfaithful

**vulgar**, of the common people, commonly known, common, public, mean; common people, vernacular