

# Glossary

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## W

**waft**, to convey by water, beckon, turn

**waftage**, passage by water

**wafture**, wave

**wage**, to wager, hazard, attempt, carry on war, pay

**waist**, girdle

**wake**, remain awake, be up late for revelry or on guard, wear out with lack of sleep, arouse

**walk**, tract of forest

**wall-eyed**, white-eyed, having glaring eyes

**want**, lack, miss

**wanton**, frolicsome, lawless, capricious, luxurious, luxuriant, lustful, unchaste; spoilt child, pampered darling, roguish, sportful, unruly or lustful creature

**wappered**, worn out

**ward**, guard, custody, prison-cell, defensive position in fencing; guard, protect

**warden**, kind of cooking pear

**warp**, distort, deviate

**war-proof**, war-tested, courage

**warrant**, guarantee, assure

**warrantize**, surety, authorization

**warranty**, sanction, authorization

**warren**, game enclosure

**warrener**, gamekeeper

**wassail**, drinking, revelling, feast

**waste**, spend, consume

**watch**, wakefulness, sleeplessness, watchfulness; be awake, keep from sleep, catch in the act

**watchful**, sleepless

**water**, lustre

**water-gall**, secondary rainbow

**watering**, drinking

**water-standing**, tearful

**wave**, waver  
**waxen**, increase  
**weal**, welfare, commonwealth  
**wear**, fashion; carry, possess, be fashionable, weary  
**weather**, storm  
**weed**, garment, dress  
**week**, *to be in by the*, be caught, ensnared, deeply in love  
**ween**, expect, hope  
**weet**, know  
**welkin**, sky  
**well-liking**, plump  
**well-respected**, well-considered  
**well to live**, prosperous  
**wharf**, river bank  
**wheel**, spinning wheel, tread-wheel on which a dog was harnessed to turn a roasting-spit  
**whelk**, pimple  
**where**, whereas  
**whiffler**, officer who keeps the way clear for a procession  
**while**, **whiles**, **whilst**, till  
**whipstock**, whip-handle  
**whist**, become silent  
**whiting-time**, bleaching time  
**whitster**, bleacher  
**whittle**, small clasp-knife  
**wide**, missing the mark, astray  
**widgeon**, to cheat  
**wight**, creature  
**wild**, reckless, distracted, (of sea) open  
**wilderness**, wildness of character, licentiousness  
**wildly**, without cultivation, naturally  
**wildness**, madness  
**will**, sexual desire, sexual organ (male or female)  
**wimpled**, hooded, blinkered  
**wince**, kick  
**Winchester goose**, sufferer from syphilis, prostitute  
**windgall**, soft tumour on horse's leg  
**windlass**, circuit made to intercept game, crafty device  
**wink**, sleep, close one's eyes  
**wintered**, used in winter

**wipe**, scar  
**wistly**, intently, closely  
**wit**, mental power, mind, sense, wisdom, imagination, one who has such qualities; know  
**withal**, with this, with it, as well, at the same time, with  
**without**, beyond  
**wittol**, a man aware of and tolerating his wife's adultery  
**witty**, wise, cunning  
**woman-tired**, henpecked  
**wonder**, admiration; admire, marvel  
**wondered**, performing wonders  
**wondering**, admiration  
**wood**, mad  
**woodcock**, dupe  
**woodman**, hunter  
**woolward**, wearing wool next to the skin  
**world**, *to go to the*, marry; *a woman of the*, married woman  
**worm**, serpent, snake  
**worn**, exhausted, past  
**worship**, dignity, honour, authority; to honour  
**wort**, vegetable, unfermented beer  
**worthy**, excellent, valuable, deserved, well-founded, fitting  
**wot**, know  
**wrack**, ruin, destruction  
**wreak**, vengeance, revenge  
**wrest**, tuning-key; take by force  
**wring**, wrest, force, writhe, press painfully on  
**writ**, document, writing, mandate, written command, scripture  
**writhled**, wrinkled  
**wry**, to swerve