

Glossary

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Daedalus, with his son Icarus, escaped from imprisonment on home-made wings. Icarus flew too high, the sun melted the wax, and he was drowned. Daedalus escaped.

danger, harm, injury, power to harm, range (of a weapon), debt

Daphne, see apollo

dare, dazzle

date, time, term, term of life, end

daub, cover with false show; *daub it*, pretend

dear, important, energetic, dire

debile, weak

Deborah, prophetess who inspired Israel to victory

decimation, execution of every tenth man

decoct, heat

defeat, destruction; to ruin, destroy, disfigure, defraud

defeature, disfigurement

defend, forbid

defunction, death

defunctive, funereal

delightsome, delightful, delighted

demerit, merit, sin

denier, copper coin of little value

denunciation, formal declaration

deplore, tell with grief

depose, swear, examine on oath

deprave, defame

deputation, office of deputy

deracinate, uproot

derive, inherit, descend, bring down on, draw

dern, dark, drear

determinate, fix; ended, decisive, intended

determination, ending, decision, intention

determine, end, settle, decide

Deucalion, the Greek Noah

dexter, right
dey-woman, dairy-woman
Diana, goddess of hunting, the moon, and chastity
diaper, table napkin
dich, attach to
Dido, see aeneas
diffidence, distrust, suspicion
diffused, confused, disordered
dilate, relate, express at length
dildo, penis, phallus; used in ballad refrains
dime, tenth man
Dis, god of the underworld
disable, impair, disparage
disappointed, unprepared
discase, undress
discourse, reasoning, talk, conversational power, familiarity
discover, uncover, reveal, make known, recognize, spy out, reconnoitre
disease, trouble, annoyance; to disturb
disedge, dull the appetite, sate
disgracious, disliked, out of favour
dishabit, dislodge
dishonest, dishonourable, unchaste, immoral
dishonesty, dishonour, immorality
dislike, disagreement, disapproval; to displease
disliken, disguise
dismiss, forgive
dismissal, dismissal
dismount, lower, draw from sheath
dispiteous, pitiless
dispose, disposal, control, disposition, temperament, manner; to control, direct, incline, come to terms
disputable, argumentative
distain, stain, defile
distemper, ill humour, illness of mind or body, intoxication; disturb, disorder
distemperature, intemperateness of weather, illness, ailment, disturbance of mind
distinction, discrimination
distinctly, separately, individually
distract, divide, perplex, drive mad
distrain, seize

distressful, hard-earned
dive-dapper, dabchick, little grebe
division, variation, modulation, disposition
divulge, proclaim
do, copulate (with)
doctrine, lesson, learning
document, lesson
dogged, cruel
doit, coin worth half a farthing, a minute sum
dole, portion, share, grief, sorrow
domineer, feast riotously
dominical, red-printed letter in calendar marking the Sundays
doom, judgement
double, false, deceitful; wraith
doubt, suspicion, fear; to suspect, fear
dout, extinguish
dowlas, coarse linen
dowle, downy feather
doxy, beggar's wench
draff, pigwash
draught, cesspool, privy
draw, withdraw, empty, search for game, track by scent
drawer, tapster
dressing, trimming
dribbling, falling short or wide of the mark
drift, purpose, plot, shower
drollery, puppet-show, comic picture
drumble, move slowly
drybeat, beat soundly
dudgeon, hilt of a dagger
duello, duelling code
dump, mournful tune or song
dun, dark; dun horse
dup, open
durance, durability, strong and durable cloth, imprisonment