

# Glossary

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**maculate**, stained, impure

**maculation**, stain, impurity

**mainly**, with force, greatly, perfectly

**majority**, pre-eminence

**make**, mate, husband or wife

**making**, form, appearance

**malapert**, saucy

**malkin**, servant wench, slut

**mammer**, hesitate

**mammoth**, tear to bits

**manège**, art of horsemanship

**mandrake**, poisonous plant believed to shriek when pulled up

**mankind**, resembling a man, violent, ferocious

**manner**, stolen goods found on a thief

**mansionry**, dwelling-place

**map**, picture, embodiment

**mappery**, map-making

**marches**, border country next to Scotland or Wales

**marry**, (as an exclamation) by (the Virgin) Mary

**Mars**, god of war and patron of soldiers

**mate**, rival, checkmate, destroy, stupefy

**material**, important, forming the substance, full of sense

**maugre**, in spite of

**maund**, basket

**mazzard**, head

**meacock**, coward, weakling

**meal**, spot, stain

**mean**, something between or intervening, middle, medium position, tenor, alto; to lament

**measurable**, suitable

**measure**, a stately dance; tune; to measure

**mechanic**, labourer

**mechanical**, mean, vulgar; labourer

**Medea**, escaping with Jason she tore to pieces her brother Absyrtus, scattering his limbs in her father's path to delay him; restored the youth of Jason's father, Aeson  
**medicinal**, healing, medicinal  
**medlar**, fruit eaten soft and pulpy; prostitute  
**meed**, reward, gift, merit  
**meiny**, company of retainers, multitude  
**mell**, to meddle  
**memorize**, make memorable  
**memory**, memorial, memento, remembrance  
**Mercury**, messenger of the gods  
**mere**, sure, absolute, unqualified, only  
**merely**, simply, entirely  
**merit**, reward  
**mess**, dish, portion, group originally of four persons eating together, set of four  
**metaphysical**, supernatural  
**mete**, measure, aim  
**metheglin**, spiced mead  
**methinks**, it seems to me  
**method**, table of contents  
**mucher**, truant  
**mickle**, great  
**microcosm**, little world, man considered as epitome of the universe  
**milch**, in milk, tearful  
**mince**, to extenuate, moderate, affect  
**mineral**, mine  
**Minerva**, goddess of wisdom  
**minimus**, creature of tiniest size  
**minion**, favourite, darling, harlot, saucy creature  
**Minotaur**, devouring monster dwelling in labyrinth of Crete  
**mirable**, wonderful  
**mirror**, model, pattern  
**mischief**, misfortune, injury, disease  
**misdread**, fear of evil  
**miser**, miserable wretch  
**misgoverned**, unruly  
**misgovernment**, misconduct  
**misgrafted**, badly matched  
**misprision**, contempt, mistake, misunderstanding

**misproud**, arrogant  
**missive**, messenger  
**mistake**, take, undertake or deliver wrongly, misjudge, blunder, feel  
misgiving about  
**misthink**, think evil of  
**mistress**, the jack at bowls  
**mobled**, muffled  
**mockery**, imitation, futile action  
**model**, architect's plan, mould, copy  
**modern**, everyday, commonplace  
**modest**, moderate, satisfactory, becoming  
**modestly**, without exaggeration  
**modesty**, moderation, avoidance of exaggeration  
**moiety**, half, share, small part  
**moldwarp**, mole  
**mome**, blockhead  
**moment**, cause  
**monster**, make a monster of, show as monstrous  
**monument**, sepulchre, effigy, portent  
**monumental**, memorial, commemorating  
**mood**, anger, outward appearance, mode  
**mooncalf**, misshapen creature  
**moonish**, changeable  
**mop**, grimace  
**mope**, move blindly and stupidly, be bewildered  
**moralize**, interpret, explain  
**mort**, note on a horn at the death of the deer  
**mortified**, dead to the world, deadened, destroyed  
**mortifying**, mortal  
**mose in the chine**, suffer from glanders  
**mot**, motto  
**mother**, hysteria  
**motion**, motive, puppet show, puppet; to propose  
**motive**, cause, instigator, instrument, moving limb or organ  
**mould**, earth  
**mouse**, tear, bite  
**mouse-hunt**, woman-chaser  
**mow**, grimace  
**mulled**, thick, heavy  
**mummy**, dead flesh, medicinal or magical preparation from this

**muniments**, furnishings

**mure**, wall

**murrain**, plague

**muse**, wonder

**muset**, gap

**muss**, scramble

**mutine**, mutineer; rebel

**mutiny**, strife, quarrel

**mutual**, common, intimate

**mutually**, in return, together

**mystery**, trade, profession, skill