

Glossary

G

gaberdine, loose-fitting coat or cloak

gage, pledge; to stake, bind, engage

gain-giving, misgiving

Galen, famous physician of second century

gall, resentment, bitterness; to rub sore, chafe, graze, wound, harass, scoff

galliard, lively dance

gallias, large, heavy ship

galloglasses, heavily-armed foot-soldiers of Ireland or the Western Isles

gallow, frighten

gallows, gallows-bird, one born (or deserving) to be hanged

gamut, musical scale

garboil, disturbance, quarrel

Gargantua, large-mouthed giant in Rabelais

garland, royal crown, glory

garnish, dress; to adorn, equip

gaskins, breeches

gaud, plaything, showy ornament; to ornament

gear, stuff, talk, matter, business

geck, dupe

gender, kind, sort, offspring

generosity, high birth

generous, high-born

genius, spirit, good or bad angel, embodied spirit

gentle, of noble birth; to ennoble

gentry, rank by birth, good breeding, courtesy

George, jewel bearing figure of the saint, part of insignia of Order of the Garter

germen, seed

gest, deed, time allotted to stage of journey

gesture, bearing

ghasted, frightened

ghastness, terror

ghostly, spiritual

gig, whipping-top
giglet, wanton
gimmaled, jointed, hinged
ging, gang
gird, gibe; taunt, besiege
glance (*at*), hint at, cast a slight on
glass, mirror, sand-glass
glaze, stare
gleek, gibe; to gibe, jest
glib, castrate
glut, swallow
go, walk
go to! expression of disapproval, protest, or disbelief
goatish, lustful
good, financially sound, rich
good-brother, brother-in-law
goodman, husband, yeoman, master
goose, smoothing iron
goose of Winchester, prostitute
gorbellied, fat-bellied
gore, to defile, wound
gorge, what has been swallowed
gorget, piece of armour for the throat
Gorgon, woman whose look turned the beholder to stone
gossip, god-father or -mother, sponsor; make merry
gourd, kind of false dice
gout, drop
government, control, self-command, evenness of temper
grained, ingrained, showing grain of the wood, lined, forked
gramercy, thank you
grange, outlying farmhouse
gratify, thank, reward, pay, do honour to
gratulate, pleasing; greet, express joy at
greasily, obscenely
grece, step, stair, degree
gree, agree
groat, fourpenny piece
groundlings, those who stood in the cheapest part of the theatre
grow, be or become due
guard, caution, border, trimming; to ornament

guidon, pennant

guiled, treacherous

guinea-hen, prostitute

guise, custom, habit

gules, red (heraldry)

gull, unfledged bird, dupe, fool, trick; to cheat

gummed, stiffened with gum

gust, taste, relish

Guy, Guy of Warwick, slayer of the giant Colbrand

gyve, fetter