

# Glossary

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**laager**, camp

**label**, slip of paper, strip of paper or parchment by which a seal is attached;  
to add as a codicil

**laboured**, worn out, highly finished

**laboursome**, elaborate

**lace**, to ornament

**lag**, last, late

**lampass**, disease of the horse in which flesh swells behind front teeth

**land-damn**, damn in this world

**lank**, become thin

**lantern**, window-turret

**lard**, fatten, garnish

**large**, generous, lavish, free, improper

**latch**, strike, catch, receive, bewitch

**laund**, glade

**lavolt**, **lavorla**, high-leaping dance

**lay**, wager

**lazar**, leper, sick beggar

**leading**, command, direction, generalship

**leaguer**, camp

**Leander**, lover of Hero of Sestos, he swam the Hellespont nightly to visit  
her in her tower, and was drowned in a storm

**learn**, teach

**leasing**, lying

**leather-coat**, russet apple

**lecture**, lesson, instruction

**leer**, appearance, complexion

**leese**, lose

**leet**, court held by lord of the manor

**leman**, sweetheart, lover

**lengthen**, delay, postpone

**lenity**, gentleness

**leno**, pimp, pander

**lenten**, meagre  
**let**, hindrance; to hinder, forbear, cause  
**Lethe**, river in Hades; to drink its waters gave forgetfulness  
**level**, aim, line of fire, range; to aim, guess  
**liable**, subject, suitable  
**liberal**, accomplished, humane, abundant, free in speech, unrestrained, gross  
**lie**, to lodge, stay, be still, in prison or in defensive posture  
**lief**, dear  
**liege**, sovereign lord  
**light**, frivolous, unchaste, swift, easy, merry, trivial, delirious  
**like**, please, be in good condition  
**liking**, bodily condition  
**limbeck**, distilling vessel  
**limber**, flexible  
**lime**, cement, catch with birdlime  
**limit**, prescribed time, time of rest after childbearing, region; to appoint  
**limitation**, allotted time  
**line**, rank, Equator, cord for taking measurements; copulate with  
**linger**, prolong, defer  
**link**, torch, lamp-black  
**linsey-woolsey**, woven material of wool and flax, hence medley, nonsense  
**linstock**, forked stick holding a gunner's match  
**list**, limit, bound, barriers enclosing tilting ground, desire; to please, choose  
**lither**, yielding  
**livelihood**, liveliness, animation  
**liver**, supposedly the seat of love and strong emotion  
**lob**, bumpkin  
**lockram**, linen cloth  
**lodge**, flatten, beat down  
**loggats**, game of aiming small logs at a fixed stake  
**long**, belong  
**loose**, unattached, negligent; moment of arrow's discharge, last moment  
**lose**, to ruin, forget  
**lover**, friend, mistress  
**luce**, pike as heraldic device  
**luggage**, baggage of an army  
**lune**, fit of temper, of frenzy  
**lurch**, lurk, rob  
**lure**, dummy bird for recalling hawk

**lust**, pleasure, desire

**lustihood**, vigour

**lusty**, merry, lustful

**luxurious**, lustful, lecherous

**luxury**, lust