

Glossary

O

oathable, fit to take an oath
ob., abbreviation of `obolus', halfpenny
objection, charge, accusation
obligation, contract
obliged, pledged
obsequious, dutiful, dutiful in funeral rites
observant, obsequious servant
observe, humour
occasion, opportunity, pretext, cause, course of events
occulted, hidden
occupation, business, handicraft, trade
occupy, have to do with sexually
occurrent, event
oddly, unevenly
oeillade, inviting glance, ogling
o'erblow, blow away
o'ercount, outnumber
o'ercrow, triumph over
o'erdyed, dyed with a second colour
o'ereaten, left after most has been eaten
o'erflourished, decorated on the outside
o'erlook, examine, bewitch, despise
o'ermaster, possess
o'erparted, having too difficult a part
o'er-peer, rise above
o'erpost, get over easily
o'er-raught, overtook
o'er-teemed, worn out by child-bearing
o'er-watch, stay awake too long
o'erwhelm, overhang
o'erwrested, strained
offend, harm, hurt
offer, act on the offensive, venture

office, function, service
offices, parts of a house devoted to household matters
omit, neglect, disregard, lay aside
omittance, postponement
open-arse, medlar
operant, effecting, effective
operation, effect, efficacy
opinion, censure, public judgement, self-conceit, self-confidence
opposeless, irresistible
opposite, antagonist, opponent; hostile, adverse
oppress, suppress, distress
oppression, burden, distress
oppugnancy, conflict
orb, circle, sphere, sphere in which a star moves, heavenly body, earth
ordinance, what is ordained, established rule, decree, rank
ordinary, fixed-price tavern meal, 'ordinary run'
orgulous, proud
orifex, aperture
orison, prayer
ort, fragment, scrap
ostent, appearance, show
ostentation, appearance, show, spectacle
othergates, in another way
otherwhiles, at times
ouch, jewel
ounce, lynx
ouph, elf
ousel, blackbird
outbrave, to surpass in beauty or valour
outlandish, foreign
outlive, survive
outpeer, surpass
outsell, exceed in value
outward, outward appearance
overhear, hear over again
overhold, overestimate
overlook, overtop, look down on from above, read through
overpeer, rise above, look down on
over-scutched, made haggard with beating, worn out
overture, disclosure; formal opening, first indication

Ovid, Roman poet who was sent into exile
owe, own, possess