

# Glossary

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**sable**, black

**sack**, white wine

**sackbut**, trumpet resembling a trombone

**sad**, steadfast, grave, serious, dismal

**sadly**, gravely, seriously

**sadness**, seriousness

**safe**, make safe

**safety**, custody, safeguard

**sain**, said

**salamander**, lizard-like animal supposed to live in fire

**sale-work**, ready-made goods not of the highest quality

**sallet**, light helmet, something mixed or savoury

**salt**, lecherous

**salute**, touch, affect

**sample**, example

**sanctimony**, holiness, sanctity

**sanctuarize**, give sanctuary to

**sand-blind**, half-blind

**sanguine**, red

**sans**, without

**sapient**, wise

**sarcenet**, fine soft silk material

**sauce**, over-charge, rebuke

**saucy**, insolent, presumptuous, wanton

**savagery**, wild growth

**savour**, smell, perfume, style, character

**saw**, saying, maxim, proverb

**say**, finely woven cloth, taste, saying

**scab**, rascal, scurvy fellow

**scald**, scabby, mean

**scale**, weigh

**scandalize**, disgrace

**scantling**,specimen, sample

**scantly**, slightly  
**scape**, escapade, transgression; escape  
**scarf**, officer's sash, sling, streamer; blindfold, deck with streamers  
**scathe**, harm; to injure  
**schedule**, document  
**school**, university, instruction, learning; reprimand, discipline  
**science**, knowledge  
**scion**, shoot, slip for grafting  
**sconce**, head, small fort or earthwork  
**scope**, object, aim, purpose, theme, liberty  
**score**, notch cut in stock or tally in keeping accounts, account; to notch  
**scorn**, taunt, insult, object of contempt  
**scotch**, cut, gash  
**scour**, hasten  
**scrimmer**, fencer  
**scrip**, small bag, piece of paper with writing on  
**scrippage**, contents of scrip  
**scripture**, writing  
**scrubbed**, stunted  
**scruple**, tiny part, doubt, difficulty  
**scurril**, coarsely abusive  
**scut**, deer's tail  
**scutcheon**, shield with coat of arms; tablet showing armorial bearings of a dead man  
**seam**, fat, grease  
**sectary**, dissenter, one who pursues a particular study  
**secure**, free from care, confident, unsuspecting; make confident or overconfident  
**securely**, confidently, without suspicion  
**security**, confidence, overconfidence  
**seed**, mature, run to seed  
**seedness**, sowing  
**seeing**, appearance  
**seel**, make blind, close (a person's eyes)  
**seely**, foolish, innocent, harmless  
**seen**, skilled  
**seld**, seldom  
**self**, one's own, same  
**semblable**, similar, like, equal  
**semblative**, like, resembling

**Seneca**, Roman tragic dramatist

**sennight**, week

**sense**, physical feeling, sensuality, sexual desire, mental apprehension, mind, opinion

**senseless**, without feeling or perception, free from sensual sin

**sensible**, perceptible, tangible, substantial, having sensation, sensitive, endowed with feeling

**sensibly**, having sensation, feelingly

**sentence**, sententious saying, maxim

**septrion**, north

**sequel**, series

**sequent**, succeeding, following

**sequester**, separation; to separate

**sequestration**, separation, seclusion

**sere**, dry, withered

**serpigo**, a skin disease

**servanted**, subject

**service**, what is placed on the table for a meal

**several**, distinct, different, individual, respective, various

**severally**, separately, at different entrances or exits

**sewer**, attendant in charge of service at a meal

**shadow**, shade; to hide, shelter

**shame**, to be ashamed

**shard**, piece of broken pottery, patch of cow-dung

**shark**, gather hastily together

**shearman**, one who shears woollen cloth

**sheaved**, made of straw

**sheep-biter**, sneaking rascal

**sheep-biting**, sneaking

**shent**, blamed, rebuked, reproved

**shift**, expedient, resource, trick; *for (a) shift*, to serve a turn; *make (a) shift*, contrive, manage

**ship-tire**, kind of head-dress

**shive**, slice

**shoal**, shallow, sand-bar

**shock**, to meet with force

**shog**, go, shift

**shotten**, that has spawned, lean

**shoulder-shotten**, having a dislocated shoulder

**shove-groat**, shovel-board

**shrewd**, wicked, mischievous, bad-tempered, dangerous, evil, difficult  
**shrewdly**, sharply, grievously, intensely, very much  
**shrieve**, sheriff  
**shrift**, confession and absolution, penance  
**shrill-gorged**, shrill-throated  
**shrive**, to hear confession and absolve  
**shroud**, protection, sailropes; shelter, hide  
**shuffle**, use trickery, smuggle, shift  
**siege**, seat, rank, turd  
**sight**, visor  
**sightless**, unseen, unsightly  
**simple**, medicinal herb, single ingredient in a compound  
**simpleness**, innocence, simplicity, foolishness  
**simplicity**, ignorance, silliness  
**simular**, pretended, plausible; counterfeiter  
**sinfully**, with sins unatoned for  
**single**, slight, trivial, sincere, simple  
**singularity**, eccentricity, own person  
**sinister**, left (hand), unfavourable, unjust  
**sink**, cause to fall, ruin; sewer, drain  
**Sinon**, a Greek who by guile persuaded the Trojans to take the Grecians' wooden horse into Troy  
**sirrah**, form of address used mainly to inferiors  
**sith, sithence**, since  
**size**, allowance  
**skill**, judgement, reason, ability; to make a difference, matter  
**skillless**, ignorant  
**skimble-skamble**, confused, rubbishy  
**skipper**, flighty youth  
**skirr**, fly, scour  
**slab**, half-solid  
**slander**, ill-repute, disgrace, discredit; bring into disgrace, reproach  
**slanderous**, shameful, disgraceful  
**slave**, enslave, make subservient to oneself  
**sleave**, floss-silk, silk untwisted into fine threads  
**sleeve-hand**, cuff  
**sleided**, (of silk) floss, untwisted into fine threads  
**sliding**, slip  
**slipper**, shifty  
**slippery**, unstable, fickle

**slipshod**, in slippers  
**slobbery**, sloppy, slovenly  
**slops**, wide breeches  
**slovenly**, nasty, disgusting  
**slubber**, sully, hurry over  
**smatch**, taste  
**smatter**, chatter  
**smock**, woman's undergarment, woman  
**smooth**, flatter, gloss over  
**smother**, suffocating smoke  
**smug**, trim, spruce  
**sneap**, snub, pinch with cold  
**snuff**, resentment  
**sob**, opportunity for a horse to recover his wind, respite  
**sod**, steeped, boiled  
**soiled**, fed with fresh-cut green fodder  
**soilure**, sully, defilement  
**sole**, unique, mere, alone  
**solely**, alone, entirely  
**solemnity**, ceremony, festivity  
**solicit**, urging, entreaty; move, stir, bring something about  
**sometime**, at some time, sometimes, once, formerly  
**sonance**, sounding, signal  
**sonties**, saints  
**sooth**, truth, flattery  
**soothe**, humour, flatter  
**soother**, flatterer  
**sop**, bread or wafer dipped in wine, etc  
**sophister**, one using false arguments  
**sore**, buck, deer, in its fourth year  
**sorel**, buck, deer, in its third year  
**sort**, lot, rank, company, group, way, state; allot, ordain, come about, turn out, be suitable, correspond, adapt, fit, classify, choose, contrive, go in company  
**sortance**, agreement, suitability  
**sound**, utter, proclaim, keep sound  
**souse**, swoop on, pickle  
**span-counter**, game in which counters are thrown to lie within a hand's span  
**spavin**, disease of horses consisting of swelling of joints, producing

lameness

**specialty**, special characteristic, possession, special contract under seal

**spectacles**, organs of sight

**speculation**, watcher, power of seeing, sight, looking on

**speculative**, seeing

**speed**, fortune, outcome, protection, assistance; to fare (well or ill), turn out, be successful, assist, favour

**speeding**, successful, fruitful; lot, outcome, success

**spend**, consume, exhaust

**sphere**, orbit of a planet, one of the concentric globes supposed to revolve round the earth with a harmonious sound

**spherical**, planetary

**spial**, spy

**spigot**, peg in faucet of a barrel

**spill**, destroy

**spilth**, spilling

**spin**, spurt

**spinner**, spider

**spinster**, spinner

**spital**, hospital

**spleen**, bodily organ regarded as the seat of emotions

**spoil**, plundering, prey, ruin; plunder, seize, destroy

**spot**, stain, disgrace, embroidered pattern

**spring**, fountain, source, shoot of a plant

**springe**, snare for birds

**springhalt**, disease of horse characterized by twitching and lameness

**spurn**, kick, insult, blow; to kick, oppose scornfully

**square**, fair, just; carpenter's set-square, measure, rule; body of troops in square formation, square of material in bosom of a dress; to regulate, quarrel (among), be at variance

**squarer**, quarreller

**squash**, unripe peapod

**squiny**, look askint

**staff**, shaft of lance, lance, stanza

**stagger**, hesitate, waver

**staggers**, giddiness

**stain**, tinge, to eclipse, dim, be obscured

**stair-work**, furtive love-making

**stale**, decoy, bait, prostitute, laughing-stock, urine (of horses)

**stall**, install, keep, dwell, bring (a hunted animal) to a stand

**stamp**, stamping tool, coin, medal, distinguishing mark, imprint; to impress, mark with an impression, give approval to

**stanch**, satisfy

**stanchless**, insatiable

**stand**, place where one stands in ambush or in hiding; confront, oppose, stand firm; *stand at a guard with*, be fully protected against; *stand on, upon*, insist on, persist in, depend on, rely on, concern, be the duty or interest of; *stand to*, have an erection, support, maintain, be firm in, persist in; *stand to it*, maintain a cause, take a stand

**standard**, standard-bearer

**staniel**, kestrel

**stare**, (of hair) stand on end

**start**, sudden invasion, sudden flight, impulse; to startle, rush

**starting-hole**, refuge, loop-hole

**starve**, die, die of cold, kill or benumb with cold

**state**, condition, condition of health or prosperity, rank, dignity, chair of state, throne, nobles, ruling body, government

**station**, way of standing, attitude

**statist**, statesman

**statute**, bond, mortgage

**statute-cap**, woollen cap ordered in 1571 to be worn on Sundays and holy days by all below a certain rank

**stay**, obstacle; detain, stand, stand firm, wait (for), attend on

**stead**, to be of use to, help

**stell**, to fix, portray

**stern**, rudder

**stew**, brothel, stewpan

**stick**, stab, be fastened or fixed, hesitate

**stickler-like**, like an umpire

**stigmatic**, deformed person

**stigmatical**, deformed

**still**, always, continually

**stillitory**, apparatus for distillation

**stilly**, softly

**sting**, sexual desire

**stint**, stop

**stithy**, forge

**stoccado**, thrust with a rapier

**stock**, block of wood, person without feeling, stocking, dowry; set in the stocks

**stockfish**, dried cod or other fish, beaten before cooking  
**stockish**, blockish, unfeeling  
**stomach**, appetite, inclination, temper, courage, pride, anger; resent  
**stomacher**, ornamental front over which the bodice was laced  
**stone**, mirror, thunderbolt, testicle; turn to stone  
**stone-bow**, cross-bow used for shooting stones  
**stoop**, (of a bird of prey) swoop  
**stop**, hole in a wind-instrument, stopped to produce a difference in pitch, fingering of musical chords, fret of a lute; staunch, heal  
**store**, breeding, increase; to populate  
**stout**, bold, strong, proud  
**stoutness**, stubborn pride  
**stover**, fodder for cattle  
**strain**, race, character, kind, class, tune; clasp, force, constrain, urge  
**strait**, narrow, tight-fitting, strict, niggardly; narrow place, difficulty  
**strange**, foreign, new, not knowing, unfriendly, cold, shy  
**strange-achieved**, gained at a distance and for others  
**strange-disposed**, of unusual character  
**strangely**, coldly, without greeting, as a stranger, to an extraordinary degree, in an unusual way  
**strangeness**, behaving as a stranger, aloofness, reserve  
**strappado**, torture in which victim was hoisted up by his arms, which were tied behind his back, then let down halfway with a jerk  
**stratagem**, deed of violence  
**straw**, *wisp of straw*, mark of disgrace for a scolding woman  
**stray**, body of stragglers; lead astray  
**strength**, authority, legal power, body of troops  
**strewment**, strewing of flowers  
**stricture**, strictness  
**strike**, to lower (sail), blast, destroy, tap (a cask)  
**strossers**, trousers  
**stubborn**, inflexible, stiff, rude, harsh, ruthless  
**stuff**, semen  
**style**, title  
**subduement**, conquest  
**subjection**, duty as, or of, a subject  
**submission**, confession of error  
**subscribe**, sign, write down, assent, acknowledge, admit, submit, yield up, answer  
**subscription**, submission



**subtractor**, slanderer  
**subtle**, thin, fine, cunning, treacherous, tricky  
**subtlety**, illusion  
**success**, outcome, result, good or bad fortune, succession  
**successfully**, likely to succeed  
**succession**, following on, successors, success  
**successive**, hereditary, descending by succession  
**successively**, by inheritance  
**sufferance**, suffering, damage, patient endurance  
**suffice**, content, satisfy  
**sufficient**, able, able to meet liabilities, solvent  
**suggest**, tempt, prompt to evil, insinuate to  
**suggestion**, prompting to evil, temptation  
**sumless**, incalculable  
**summoner**, officer who summoned offenders to an ecclesiastical court  
**sumpter**, driver of pack-horse, pack-horse  
**superflux**, superabundance, surplus  
**supernal**, heavenly  
**superscript**, **superscription**, address or direction on letter  
**superstitious**, idolatrously devoted  
**supervise**, perusal; look over  
**suppliance**, pastime  
**supply**, help, reinforcements  
**supposal**, opinion  
**suppose**, supposition, expectation; believe, imagine, guess  
**supposition**, doubt  
**surcease**, cessation; cease  
**sure**, safe, beyond power of doing harm, reliable, united  
**surety**, confidence of safety, certainty, stability, warrant  
**sur-reined**, overridden  
**suspect**, suspicion  
**suspire**, breathe, draw breath  
**sutler**, one who sells provisions to soldiers  
**swagger**, rant, bluster, quarrel  
**swaggerer**, blusterer, quarreller  
**swart**, dark, swarthy  
**swasher**, blustering ruffian  
**swashing**, swaggering, slashing  
**sway**, direction, control, sovereignty; to rule, move  
**swayed**, curved in

**swear**, *swear out*, forswear

**sweat**, sweating sickness, sweating cure; take a sweating cure

**sweet**, scented; scent

**sweeting**, sweet variety of apple, term of endearment

**swim**, float

**swinge**, thrash

**swinge-buckler**, roisterer

**sworder**, cut-throat, gladiator

**'Swounds**, by God's wounds (a strong oath)

**sympathize**, to be similarly affected, agree (with), match