migrigoez (màr-lgó:z) (Scott) n pl dizzyness.
misocapnic adj (Gr kapnos smoke) hating smoke, esp that of tobacco.
mizmaze (mīz-mazes) n a labyrinth; bewildermess. [maze]
molimen (mò-lé-men) n a great effort, esp any physical effort made by the body in carrying out a natural function. [L mollimen, from mollis to fold, from molis mass]

• mollimenes -tàn-men- n adj.
moon-glade n the track of moonlight on water.

morerifous (mor-if-rif-s) adj death-bringing, fatal. [L moris, mortis death, and terre to bring]

• mortiferous adj.
mouillage (moo-léj) n the making of moulds (esp of objects of interest in criminal investigation). [Fr, from Mfr moulage, from OFr mouler to model, from moule a mould, from L modulus a measure]
muckender (muck-er der) (obs) n a handkerchief; a table-napkin.

• [App from some Languedocian dialect; cf Fr mouchoir, Sp mocador]
mulligrubbs /mul-grubbz/ (irl) n pl colic; sulkliness.
mundungus (man-dung-gus) (archaic) n a rank-smelling tobacco. [Sp monjongo black pudding]
munt or thumper n a clumsy bookbinder.

N

Nandi bear (nàndì hùr) n a great fierce animal reputed to live in E Africa, perhaps the spotted hyena. [from the Nandi Forest, Kenya] naughty pack n (obs) a person, esp a woman, of loose life, a 'bad lot'.

• necessary house or place n (obs or dialect) a toilet.
nephaphism (nè-fa-plizm) n total abstinence from alcoholic drinks. [Gr nephaphos sober; nèfhein to be sober]

• nephali adj.

Newgate frill or Newgate fringe n a beard under the chin and jaw.
nippery-tippity (nip-per-i-per-i) (Scott) adj finical; mincing; fiddle-faddle.
nolition (nól-i-tion) n unwillingness; absence of willingness; a will not to do. [L nolite to be unwilling]

norsel (nor-sel) (rare) n a short piece of line for fastening fishing nets and hooks.

• (Scot) vi and vt or nor-selling, nor-selled (obs) to fit with or fit nosels. [OE rooted, root, rootle a tillet or band]

• nors eller n (obs).

nubiform (nu-bi-form) adj cloudlike. [L nubeus a cloud]
nylble or nibble (nī-bl) n half a byte. [Humorous allusion to being smaller than a bite]

O

Oblomovism (ob-lóm-o-vizm) n the inability to bring oneself to act, lazy inertia, from the character of Oblomov, the embodiment of physical and mental laziness, in the novel of the same name by the Russian author Ivan Goncharov (1859).

obtruncate (ob-trunk-ut) vt to cut or lop off the head of. [L obturarcum, to cut in pieces, mutilate, from ob-(inter) and truncare to cut off]

osdo (os-do) (obs) inter expressing surprise. [For gatso]

omoplatoscopy (ôm-pla-tos-kó-pi) n (see -scopy) divination by observing the cracks in a burning shoulder-blade.

on-ion-eyed adj (Shakesp) having the eyes full of tears.

oragous (ór-a-gus) (rare) adj stormy. [Fr orageux]

ort (or-t) (dialect) n (usu in pl) a fragment, esp one left from a meal. [Cf L fer ort refuse of fodder]

oustith (ouis-tith) n a tool for opening a locked door from the outside (also called outsiders), from Fr ousièath marmesan

outfarghief (ouv-fargh-ief) (bòid) n the right of judging and fining thieves pursued and brought back from outside one's own jurisdiction. [OE ëftargere-þetel, from ëft out, the root of ën to take, and þetel that]

• have the black ox tread on one's foot to experience sorrow or misfortune.

P

padd ing-ken (archaic sl) a thieves' or tramps' lodging-house.
paney (pá-ney) n the state of being bread. [L panis bread]
prosliant [pro-sli-ant] adj outstanding. [L, prostrans, -ents, pp of prostrare to lie prostrate on floor, past prostratus, and saltus to leap]
■ prosliency n.

pruny and prisms part of a formula for setting the lips into a pleasing shape, ’serviceable in the formation of a demeanour’ (Dickens, Little Dorrit); hence (often prisma) a somewhat prim manner of speaking, or any trivial and superficial refinement.

puffaloon [pf-af-lon] (Aust) n a type of fried cake, usu eaten hot with jam, honey or sugar (also puffaloonas, puffalonies, etc.). [Origin unknown]

pudgier [pud-ger-er] adj (obs) n a pun. [Origin unknown; Ital pudiglio is only a conjecture]

purple airway n a reserved course for a royal flight.

pyjama cricket n (IrI) cricket played in coloured clothing.

Q

quatter [kwat-er] n a pimple (now dialect); an insignificant person. [Shakesp.
■ quitter n.}

R

rack abones n (US) a very thin person or animal. Ralph [rhal] or raf] n the imp of mischief in a printing house. [Personal name, from OE Rudwulf

raptanthite [rap-ent-it] (archaic) n a wild, reckless person (also adj and vi). [Pers rant]

rebecca-eureka [ri-bek-ya-er-ka] n a secondary-radary system in which the interrogating installation is in an aircraft and the fixed beacon responder on the ground.

redivivus [red-e-viv-us] or red-de-viv-us (formal or literary) adj resuscitated; come to life again. [L, from red- again, and vivus alive, from vivere to be alive]

refccollate [ri-fek-ka-lait] vi to refresh, cherish. [L, from recollare, -aturn to cherish, from focus a hearth]
■ reccionion n.

remember your courtesy (obs) remember to put your hat on, which you have taken off in courtesy.

reeromous or rearmouse [ri-em-ous] n (pl rare mice or rear mice) a bat. [OE freenna, appear from frean to move, and ma a mouse]

retre [ri-tre/'] n slightly damaged paper. [Perh Fr retret, retreat; see retreat]

rhyme to death to kill by incantations (as rats were supposed to be killed in Ireland); to pester with rhymes.

rinthereout (ri-tha-roo) (Scot) n and adj (a) vapid; (a) vapid. [tarn therein]

cry roast-meat (archac) to publish one’s good luck foolishly.

rosclid [ro-slid] adj dry dewy. [L, nécudson, from rós dew]

rubber chicken circuit n (esp N Am sl) a lecture tour, round of political campaigning, etc characterized by the provision of bland, unappetizing food to the participants.

Rupert’s drop (rou-parts drop n a tailed bulb formed by dropping molten glass in water, bursting when the tail is broken, reputedly discovered by Prince Rupert (1619-82).

S

sakeî [sa-ka] n a Japanese miniature landscape of bonsai trees, etc., growing on rocks or stones; the art of cultivating such landscapes. [Jap sai cultivation, and kes scenery]

saltigrade [sal-tig-ri-d] adj progressing by leaps. • n a jumping spider (vi). [L, saltus, a leap, and gradus to go]

sand-cho-pedro [sand-she-ped-ro] n a card game in which the nine of trumps is called sancho and the five is called pedro.

sauage-tree n a tropical tree (Kigelia africana) with bell-shaped flowers and sausage-shaped fruits.

schwärmer i (schwarz’-ri) n sentimental enthusiasm, wild devotion, fanaticism. [Ger, swarveing]
■ schwärmerisch -isch adj.

scriba clous adj (archac) given to writing.

scruto (skroo-to) (theatre) n (pl scrutos) a kind of stage trapdoor. [Origin obscure]

see-baptist (si-bap-tist) n a person who baptizes himself or herself. [L, se himself]

seek-no-further or n a reddish winter apple.

sensibilia [sen-sib-li-a] n pl whatever may be perceived by the senses. [L, greater pl of sensibilia]
strepent (strep[ent]) (rare) adj. noisy. [L. strepere to make a noise; intransitive strettaceous. 

- strep erous adj. loud; harsh-sounding. 

- strep tant adj. loud; noisy; clamorous. 

- strepit ion n. strep-itous adj. 

stumpy (stump[py]) (dialect) adj. thick-set, stout.

substantial (sub-sta-bal) (rare) adj. sudden; hasty; hastily made. 

-substantive (sub-stan-tiv) m. substantive

- sug (sug) (commercial jargon) vi. and vt. to attempt to sell a product while purporting to be engaged in market research. [Appar acronymic for selling under the guise]

- sugging n. 

sumpsumus (sum-psumus) n. a correct expression used in place of one that is popularly used but is strictly incorrect. [L. sumpsumus, see mumpsimus]

supercherie (super-cherie) n. deception; a hoax; fraud. [Fr]

surucuccu (sur-ou-sou-kou) n. a native 5 American name for the bushmaster snake. [Tupi surucuru]

swin die-sheet n. (facetious) an expense account.

-synagmatic (syn-ag-mat-ik) adj. mutually or reciprocally obligatory. [Gr synagmatikos, from synallagma a covenant, from syn together, and allagama exchange]

synizesis (syn-eze-sis) n. the union into one syllable of two vowels without forming a recognized diphthong (phonetic); contraction of chroninons towards one side in karyokinesy (cytology). [Gr synizesis a collapse, from syn with, together, and hizein to sit down]

T taghaim (tagairm) n. (in the Scottish Highlands) divination; esp inspiration sought by lying in a bullock's hide behind a waterfall. [Gaelic]

tailmen n p[il] loaded dice. 

tarand (tar-and) n. a northern beast believed to change colour like the chameleon; a reindeer. [Gr tarandos] a reinder or (prob) elk

tatpurusha (tat-purusha) n. a class of compound words in which the first element modifies the second by standing next to it in various types of relationship, eg possession, as in goat-skin, location, as in field-house, as the object of an action, as in gamer-player, and as agent, as in man-made; a compound of this class. [Sansk tatpurusa, literally, his servant]

-telescith (te-le-sithik, ter-sithik) n. a poem or block of words in which the final letters of each line spell a name or word. [Gr telos end, and stichos row]

tenebrific (ten-e-bri-fik) adj. producing darkness. [L. tenebrarum darkness, and e-er to make]

-ter-u-ter (ter-ter-er) n. the Cayenne lapwing, [lim of its cry]

therbig (tharbig) n. a unit of work into which an industrial operation may be divided. [Reversal spelling of the name of its inventor, FB Calheth (1868–1924), US engineer]

-thing hood n. the state or fact of being a thing; substantiality, 

tun derplump a heavy fall of rain in a thunderstorm.

tick ly-bend ers n pl thin ice that bends underfoot; a game played on it.

tipsy key n a watchkey in which the head is released if an attempt is made to turn it backward.

-tiyre-tu tiv, tiv-irool, -sil n a member of a 17c fraternity of aristocratic hooligans. [Opening words of Virgil's first eclogue, Tyree, Tiyres, thou (lying under the spreading beech), conjured to indicate the class that had beech trees and leisure to lie under them]

-to-lol tol-le-s (tol-le-s) adj. pretty good. tolerant.

- tol-lol-ish adj. tolerable.

tosticated (to-sti-kated) (dialect) adj. also (tox)modicated; fuddled; perplexed. [A corruption of intoxicated, associated with toss]

-toscta tion n. perplexity.

-tralicious or tralitious (tral-o-lishen) adj. transmitted; traditional; handed on, second-hand. [L. trallevius, from trallevium. serving as supine to trallevium; see transfer]

-travesty role n. (theatre) a role intended to be taken by a performer of the opposite sex to that of the character.

-triaksoctahedron (triak-sok-ta-hedron) n. a solid figure like an octahedron with a three-faced pyramid on each face. [Gr triaks three times]

-troll my-dame (troll-mi-dam) or troll my-dames (-dames) (Shakespeare) n. an old game like bagatelle, in which bullets were trolled into a little arcade (also) trou madame (-du-mid). [Fr tromadame, from trou hole. associated with troll].
trou-de-loup \troo-de-loh\; (hist) n [pl trou-de-loups \troo-de-lohps\] a pit with a vertical stalk in the middle, used as a defence against cavalry. [Fr, wall-hole]

tuftafetta \tyuf-tay-fay-tuh\ or tuftafetta \tyuf-tay-fay-tuh\ (archaic) n a taffeta with tufted pile. • adj of or wearing tuftafety; richly dressed. —Also (obs) ventripotent tuftafeta.
	


turbacnicous \turb-ak-ni-koh\ ( Walter Scott) adj (of the smell of whisky) peaty. [An erroneous form from L turba turber, peat. • n a spinning-top, a swirl]

two-pot Screamer n (Aust) a person who gets drunk on a comparatively small amount of alcohol.

V

ultracrepitate \ul-try-krip-tayt\ vt to criticize beyond the sphere of one’s knowledge. [From the painter Aplle’s answer to the cobbler who went on from criticizing the sandals in a picture to finding fault with the leg, ne situr ultra crepidam, the cobbler must not go beyond the sandal].

ultracrepida rian n and adj.

underfong \un-der-fung\ (Spenser) vt to overcome, entrap; to undertake. [OE underfængan, pap of underfæn to receive, take or steal].

ustation \uhs-tay-shun\ n pl appearances of elves or goblins.

ustulation \uhs-tuh-la-shun\ n burning; roasting.

V

vagitus \vag-ee-tus\ n a cry or wail, esp of a baby. [L vagire to cry]

velvet fiddle \vayl-vet-fid\ ler n a swimming crab with velvet pyle

velveteen \vel-veh-tin\ ( facetious) adj with great capacity or appetite for food. [After Rabelais, from L venter belly, and potins powerful, from posse to be able]

victorine \vihk-toh-reen\ n a fur tippet with long ends; a variety of peach.

[Woman’s name]

vagilitation \vag-uh-li-tay-shun\ (rare) n vesinaous wrangling. [Formed from L vultatitio, -atim to quarrel disgracefully, from vitium a blemish, and litigare to quarrel].

vilitate \vilih-tayt\ vt (rare)

vril \vril\ n electric fluid represented as the common origin of the forces in matter, in ECL Bulwer-Lytton’s The Coming Race, 1871.

W

wagger-pagger \wag-ar-peg-ar\ or wagger-pagger-bagger \wag-ar-bag-ar\ (inf, esp facetious) n a wastepaper basket.

wamble \wom-bl\ dialect vt (of the intestines or stomach) to give the feeling of working or rolling; to quake; to twist or wriggle; to move unsteadily. • n a rolling in the stomach; a feeling of nausea; an unsteady, rolling or staggering movement. [Perh two or more verbs; cf Dan vamle to feel sick, connected with L vomere to vomit; also Norw varma, varma to stagger].

wam bility \wom-bil-uh-tee\ n. wam bility bland n and adj. wam bly bland adj affected with, or causing, sickness; unsteady.

wam ble-bropped adj sick at stomach.

waribashi \wa-ri-bah-see\ n a pair of chopsticks in the form of a single silver of wood ready scored for splitting into two. [Jap]

wasserman \wos-er-man\ (obs) n a sea monster shaped like a man. [Ceri Wassermann, from Waser water, and Mann man]

wavenon \wuh-vuh-nun\ (rare) n goods floating on the sea after a shipwreck. [Poss by analogy from Anglo-Fr flotsam flotsam]

weather gleam n (diaplectic) a bright aspect of the sky at the horizon.

whangam \whang-uhm\ (Golderneth) n an imaginary animal.

 whiskerando \whisk-er-an-doh\ n pl whiskerando dos a whiskered person, in allusion to Don Ferolo Whiskerandos in Sheridan’s Critic.

 whiskerando doed adj having whiskers.

wigs on the green a tray.

wishton wish \wits-uhn-wish\ n the n American prairie-dog; the whippoorwill (Fenemore Cooper). [Native American]

wobbly egg n (sl) a sleeping tablet that gives a feeling of euphoria when taken with alcohol.

wobbit \wuh-bib\, also woo but- pl, oobit or oobit \uh-bit\ n (us) a sea monster shaped like a man.

woody wobbit a hairy caterpillar, esp one of a tiger moth; applied derogatively to a person, often implying smallness and shabbiness. [ME wolidde, woobite; proz from sel wood, with unexplained second element]

X

xyster \ziz-tur\ n a surgeon’s instrument for scraping bones. [Gr xystér an engraving tool]

Y

ymerh \yuhr-uh-muh\ n unit of reciprocal inductance. [Henry, the unit of inductance, spelled backwards]

yump \yump\ (inf) vt in rally-driving, to leave the ground (in one’s vehicle) when going over a ridge or crest. • n an instance of this. [Norw jump jump (as pronounced)]

Z

zelatrix \zel-uh-triks\, zelatrice \zel-uh-tris\ or zelator \sel-uh-tor\ n a nun whose duty is to keep watch on the behaviour of the younger nuns in the convent, or on that of the mother superior. [It zelatrice and zelatrix, Fr zelatrice, from L zelæs, from Gr zelæs zeal, from zeez to boil]

zoozoo \soo-soo\ dialect n the wood pigeon. [From the sound made by it]

• For other sounds see detailed chart of pronunciation