

THE SOURCES OF ENGLISH VOCABULARY

Modern English is a Germanic language, with a vocabulary much enlarged with loan-words from many other languages.

The following section contains a sample of words that are reflexes from Old English

The list includes cognate words in ON for comparison. For words of Latin derivation brought over from the Continent in early OE, see the lists of Latin loan-words below.

Long vowels are marked with a macron, eg ā æ ē ī ō ū

Abbreviations

MnE Modern English
ME Middle English
OE Old English
ON Old Norse
OF Old French
AF Anglo-French
ONF Old Northern French
F French
L Latin
Gk Greek

G German
LG Low German
MLG Middle Low German
It Italian
Sp Spanish
Pg Portuguese
Du Dutch
MDu Middle Dutch

fr from
cf compare, refer to
(Latin *confer*)

MnE words derived from Old English

about	onbūtan
acre	æcer ON akr
adder	næddre ON naðra
afford	geforþian
after	æfter ON apr
afternoon	æfter + nōn
all	all/eall ON allr
also	ealswa
and	and ON and
answer (n)	andswaru
ant	æmete ON ami
any	ænig
apple	æppel ON epli
arm	earm m ON armr
ash (tree)	æsc ON askr
ash(es)	æsce ON aska
ask	āscian ON æskja
at	æt ON at
aught	awiht/aht
axe	æx ON ox
babe	ME (?imit of "ba ba")
back	bæc ON bak
badge	ME (?)
bald	ME balled (?)
bare	bær ON berr
bark (v)	beorcan ON berkja
barn	bern/beren
bat (stick)	batt
bath (n)	bæþ ON bað
bathe	baþian ON baða
be	bēon
bead	bēd (prayer)
beam	bēam (tree)
bean	bēan f ON baun
bear (v)	beran ON bera
bear (n)	bera ON bjorn
beard	beard
bed	bed(d) ON beðr
bee	bēo ON by
beechn	bēce
before	beforan
begin	beginnan
believe	belyfan fr gefelfan
bell	belle
bellow	bellan ON belja
bench	benc ON benkr
beneath	beneoþan
berth	probably fr bear (v)
beside	be sidan
best	betst fr betost
better	betera ON betri
between	betweonum

bid	biddan (ask) ON biðja
also	beodan (command) ON bjōða
bide	bidan ON biða
bier	bær
bill (axe)	bil
bind	bindan ON binda
birch	birce ON biork
bird	brid ON burdr
bit (n)	bita ON biti (morsel)
bit (n)	bite ON bit
bite	bitan ON bita
bitter	biter ON bitr
black	blæc
bladder	blædre/blæddre ON blædra
blast (n)	blæst ON blastr
bleach	blæcan ON bleikja
bleed/bled	bfedan/bfedde ON blæða
blind	blind ON blindr
bliss	bliþs/bliss
blithe	bliþe ON bliðr
blood	blōd ON bloð
blossom	blōstm ON blōmstr
blush	blyscan
boar	bār
board	bord ON borð
boat	bat ON beit
boil (n)	byle
bold	bald ON ballr
bone	bān ON bein
book(s)	bōc/bec ON bōk
born	boren (past participle of beran)
borough	burg/burh ON borg
borrow	borgian
bosom	bosm
both	baþ ON baðir
bough	bōg/bōh ON bōgr
bought	boht (past participle of buy)
bow (for shooting)	boga ON bogi
bowl	bolla ON bolli
brass	bræs
bread	bread ON brauð
breadth	brædu ON breidd
break (v)	brecan
breast	brēost ON brjōst
breath	bræþ
breathe	bræþ
bride	bryd ON brūdr

bridge	brycg ON bryggja
bring	bringan
broad	brad ON breiðr
brood (n)	brōd
brook (n)	brōc
broom	brōm
broth	broþ ON broð
brother	broþor ON broðir
brought	broht fr bringan
brow	bru
brown	brūn ON brūnn
buck (n)	bucc ON bukr
bud	(?)
build	byldan (encourage)
bullock	bulluc ON boli (bull)
burden	byrþen
burn	byrnan
burst	byrstan ON bresta
bury	byrigean ON byrgja
bush	bysc ON buski & OF bosc
business	bisignis
busy	bysig/bisig
butter	butere
buxom	bōcsum/būhsum (obedient, pliant)
buy	bycgan ON byggja
buzz (v)	ME (imitative)
calf	cealf
can (v)	cunnan/can (to be able to, know) ON kunna
candle	candel
care (n)	caru ON kor
carve	ceorfan
cat	catte
chaff	ceaf
chalk	cealc
char	fr chare fr cerr a turn fr cierran to turn
cheap	ceap ON kaup
chicken	cicen ON kyk-lingr
chide	čidan
chilblains	ciele (cold) + blegen (blain, ulcer)
child	cild
children	cildru
chin	cinn ON kinn
choose	čeosan ON kīosa
chore	fr char fr chare fr cerr (a turn)
church	cir(i)ce/cyrce ON kirkja
churl	ceorl
churn (n)	cyren ON kirna

clasp	?
claw	clawu
clay	clæg
clean (<i>adj</i>)	clæne
cleave	cleofan ON kljūfa
climb	climban
cloth	clap ON klāði
clothes	clāpas <i>fr</i> clāp
cloud	clūd (<i>rock</i>)
clout (<i>n</i>)	clūt ON klūtr
clutch	clycan
coal	col ON kol
coarse	ME course <i>fr</i> ?
cock	coc ON kokr
cold	cald/ceald ON kaldr
colt	colt
comb	camb ON kambr
come	cuman ON koma
cool	cōl ON kol
core	?
corn	corn ON korn
could	cūpe <i>fr</i> cunnan
cow	cū ON kyr
crab	crabba ON krabbi
craft	cræft ON kraptr
crave	crafan
creep/crept	creopan/crepte ON krjūpa
crib	cribb
cripple	crypel
crop (<i>n</i>)	cropp ON kroppr
croup	crōp
crowd (<i>v</i>)	crūdan
crutch	crycc ON krykkja
cudgel	cycgel
cup	cuppe
curd	ME crudde <i>fr</i> ?
curse (<i>n</i>)	curs
curse (<i>v</i>)	cursian
cut	ME cutte/kitte/kette ?fr cyttan
dairy	ME deirie <i>fr</i> deie (<i>maidservant</i>) + -ery, <i>fr</i> dæge (<i>bread-maker</i>) ON deigja (=dairy- maid)
daisy	dages ēage (<i>day's eye</i>)
dale	dæl ON dalr
dare	durrān
dark	deorc
darling	deorling (<i>favourite</i>)
dash (<i>v</i>)	ME ? <i>imitative</i> .
daughter	dohtor ON dōttir
day	dæg ON dagr
dead	dead ON dauðr
deaf	deaf ON daufr

deal (<i>n</i>)	dæl (<i>part</i>)
deal (<i>v</i>)	dælan ON deila
dear	deore ON dýrr
death	deap ON dauðr
deed	dæd/ded ON dad
deem	dēman ON doema
deep/depth	dēop ON djūpr ME dep + -th
deer	dēor (<i>animal</i>) ON dýr
delve	delfan
dew	dēaw ON dogg
dig	?
dim	dim ON dimmr
din	dyne ON dynr
dint	dynt ON dyntr
dip (<i>v</i>)	dyppan
dish	disc ON tiskr
ditch	dic ON diki
dizzy	dysig (<i>foolish</i>)
do	dōn
dock (<i>plant</i>)	docce
dodge (<i>v</i>)	fr ? (1568)
doe	dā
dog	dogga
doll	fr Dorothy (1560)
done	(gē)dōn <i>fr</i> dōn
doom	dom ON domr
door	duru
dough	dāh ON deig
down (<i>adv</i>)	dūne
down(s)	dūn
drake	draca
draw (<i>v</i>)	dragan ON draga
dream	dream ON draumr
dreary	dreorig (<i>blood-stained</i>)
drink/ drank	drincan/dranc ON drekka
drive	dripan ON drifa
drown	drūnian ON drukna
drunk	druncen <i>fr</i> drincan
duck (bird)	duce
dull	dol (<i>stupid</i>)
dumb	dumb ON dumbr
dun (<i>adj</i>)	dun
dung	dung
durst	dorste <i>fr</i> durran
dust	dust ON dust
dusty	dystig
dye (<i>v</i>)	dēagian
ear	ēare ON eyra
earl	eorl ON jarl
early	ārlice
earn	earnian
earnest	eornost
earth	eorþe ON jorð
east	east ON aust

Easter	ēastre
eat	etan ON eta
eaves	efes/yfes ON ups
ebb (<i>n</i>)	ebba
edge	ecg ON egg
erie	ME eri <i>fr</i> earg (<i>timid</i>)
egg	æg > ME ei (<i>obsolete</i>)
eight	e(a)hta ON atta
elm	elm ON almr
empty	æmtig
end (<i>n</i>)	ende ON endi
England	Engla land
English	englisc
enough	genog ON gnōgr
errand	ærend
even (<i>n</i>)	æfen
even (<i>adj</i>)	efen ON jafn
even (<i>adv</i>)	efne
ever	āfre
evil	yfel
ewe	eowu (sheep) ON ær
eye	eage ON auga
fair (<i>adj</i>)	fæger ON fagr
fall (<i>v</i>)	feallan ON falla
false	fals (<i>fraud</i>) & OF fals
far	feorr ON fjarri
fast (<i>v</i>)	fæstan ON fasta
fast (<i>adj</i>)	fæst ON fastr
fasten	fæstnian
fat	fætt
father	fæder ON fāðir
fathom	fæþm (<i>outstretched arms</i>)
fear	fær (<i>danger</i>) ON far (<i>misfortune</i>)
feather	feþer ON fjoðr
feed (<i>v</i>)	fedan ON foeða
feel	felan
feet	fet <i>fr</i> fot
fell (<i>v</i>)	fellan ON fella
fellow	feolaga <i>fr</i> ON felagi
fetch	feccan
few	feawe ON far
field	feld
fiend	feond ON fjandi
fight (<i>v</i>)	feohtan
fill (<i>v</i>)	fyllan ON fylla
find	findan ON finna
finger	finger ON fingr
fire (<i>n</i>)	fýr
first	fyrst ON fyrstr
fish	fisc ON fiskr
five/fifth	fif/fifta
flap	? (<i>probably imitative</i>)
flask	flaxe/flasce
flea	flea ON flō

fledged	flycge
flee/fled	fleon/fledde ON fflyja
fleece	fleos
flicth	flicce ON flikki
flock (of sheep)	flocc ON flokkr
flood (n)	flood ON floð
floor	fior ON fior
foal	fola
foam	fam
foe	fah
fog	?
folk	folc ON folk
follow	folgian/fylgan ON fylgja
food	foda
foot	fot ON foþr
for	for
ford	ford
forty	fēowertig
forward	forweard/forþweard
fought	fohten fr feohtan
foul	ful ON full
four	fēower ON fīor
fowl	fugol ON fugl (<i>bird</i>)
fox	fox
freeze	fēosan ON frjōsa
fresh	fersc
friend	frend ON frāndi
frog	frogga
from	fram/from ON fra
frost	frost ON frost
full	ful ON fullr
furrow	furh
further	furþor
furze	fyr
gate ²	gæt/geat ON gat
geese	ges fr gos
ghost	gāst
giddy	gidig (<i>insane</i>)
gift	gift
girdle	gyrdel ON gyrðill
girl	ME gurle /gerle/ girle fr ? (<i>child; "knaave-girl"</i> <i>boy</i>)
glad	glæd
glass	glæs
glide	glidan
go	gan
goat	gat ON geit
god	god ON god
gold	gold ON gull
gone	(ge)gān
good	gōd ON gōðr
goose	gos

gorse	gorst
grass	græs ON gras
grave (n)	græf-hūs (<i>græf cave</i>)
great	great
green	grēne ON groenn
greet	grētan
grew	greow fr grōwan
grey/gray	græg ON grar
grim	grim ON grimmr
grind	grindan
grope	grāpian
ground (n)	grund
grove	grāf
grow	growan ON grōa
guilt	gylt
haft	hæft ON hepti
hail (n)	hægl
hair	hār
hale ¹ (<i>robust</i>)	hāl (<i>fr Northern</i> <i>form</i>) (<i>cf whole</i>)
half	healf ON halfr
halter	hælfter
ham	ham ON hom
hammer	hamor
hand	hand/hond ON hond
handle	handle
hare	hara
hart	heort ON hjlrr
harvest	hærfest (<i>autumn</i>)
have	habban ON hafa
hawk	heafoc ON haukr
haws	haga
hay	hæg/hieg/hig
hazel	hæsel
he	hē
head	heafod ON haufuð
heal	hēlan ON heila
health	hælp (<i>cf hale</i>)
heap (n)	hēap (<i>troop</i>)
hear	hýran/hieran ON heyra
heard	hýrde/hierde
heart	heorte ON hjarta
hearth	heorþ
heat	hætu
heath	hæþ ON heiðr
heaven	heofon ON himinn
heavy	hefig
hedge	hecge/hegge
heed	hedan
heel	hēla/hāla ON hæl
height	hēhþu
hell	hel ON hel
helm	helm ON hjalmr
help	helpan ON hjalpa

hemp	henep/hænep ON hampr
hen	henn
here	her ON her
herring	hæring
hide (n)	hýd
hide/hid	hýdan/hýdde
high	heah ON har
hill	hyll
him	him (<i>dative of hē</i>)
hip	hype
hire (n)	hýr
his	his
hither	hider ON heðra
hive	hýf
hoar	har ON harr
hog	hogg/hocg
hold	healdan/haldan ON halda
hole	hol ON hol
holiday	hāligdæg (<i>Sunday</i>)
holy	halig ON heilagr
holly	hole(g)n
home	hām ON heimr
honey	hunig ON hunang
hood	hōd
hoof	hōf
hook	hōc
hop (v)	hoppian
hope (v)	hopian
horn	horn ON horn
horse	hors ON hross
hot	hāt
hound	hund
house	hūs ON hūs
how	hū
hue	hiew
hundred	hundred / hundteontig
hunger	hungor ON hungr
hungry	hungrig
hunt	huntian
hurdle	hyrdel
ice	is ON iss
in (prep)	in(n) ON inn
in (adv)	inne ON inni
inn	inn (<i>fr in (adv)</i>)
iron	iren/iseren ON isarn
is	is
island	igland (<i>cf isle</i>)
ivy	ifig n
keen	cēne ON koenn
keep/kept	cēpan/cēpte
kernel	cyrnel
key	cæg
kin	cynn ON kyn
kind (species)	cynde (<i>birth, origin</i>)

king	cyning/cyng
kiss	cyssan
kith	cýpþ
knave	cnafa (<i>boy, servant</i>)
knead	cnedan ON knoða
knee	cnēo ON knē
kneel	cnēowlian
knell	cnyll
knight	cniht (<i>boy</i>)
knit	cnyttan (<i>tie</i>)
knot	cnotta
know/knew	cnāwan/cnēow ON knā
knowledge	ME knaulege <i>fr</i> know + -læcan
ladder	hlæder/hlæddre
lady	hlæfdige <i>fr</i> hlaf (<i>loaf</i>) + dig- (<i>knead</i>) (<i>cf</i> dough) <i>bread-kneader</i>
lame	lama
land	land ON land
lane	lana
last	latost
late (<i>adj</i>)	læt ON latr
lather	leapōr ON lauðr
laugh	hlehhān ON hlæja
lead/led	lædan/lædde ON leiða
lead (<i>metal</i>)	læad
leaf	læaf ON laufs
lean (<i>adj</i>)	hlæne
leap	hleapan ON hlaupa
least	læst
leather	leþer ON leðr
leave (<i>v</i>)	læfan ON leifa
left (<i>band</i>)	lyft (<i>weak</i>)
lend	lānan
let	lætan ON lāta
lewd	læwede (<i>layman</i>)
liar	leogere
lid	hlid ON hlið
lief	læof (<i>dear, pleasant</i>) ON ljūfr
life	lif ON lif
light	leoht/liht
like (<i>v</i>)	lician ON lika
limb	lim
lime	lim (<i>plaster</i>)
lip	lippa
listen	hlystan
live (<i>v</i>)	libban ON lifa
liver	lifer ON lifr
load (<i>n</i>)	lād
loaf	hlaf ON hleifr
loam	lām

loathe	lāpian
lock ¹	loc (<i>bolt</i>)
lock ²	locc (<i>hair</i>)
loft	loft (<i>air, sky</i>)
lop	loppian
long	lang/long ON langr
look	lōcian
lord	hlāford <i>fr</i> hlaf- weard (<i>bread-guardian</i>)
lore	lār
lose	losian (<i>perish, destroy</i>) & forleosan (<i>lose, destroy</i>)
loud	hlūd
louse/lice	lūs/lýs
love (<i>n</i>)	lufu
lung	lungen ON lunga
mad	gemæded
man/men	mann/menn ON maðr
mane	manu ON mēn
many	manig
mare	mere/miere (<i>cf</i> mearh <i>horse</i>)
mast	mæst
mattock	mattoc
may (<i>v</i>)	mæg ON mā (<i>to be able</i>)
me	me ON mik
mead ¹ (<i>drink</i>)	medu ON mjōðr
mead ² (<i>field</i>)	mæd
meadow	mædwe (<i>fr</i> mæd)
meal ¹ (<i>flour</i>)	melu ON mjol
meal ² (<i>to eat</i>)	mæl (<i>time, occasion</i>) ON māl
meat	mete (<i>food</i>) ON matr
meed	mēd
meet/met	mētan/mette ON moeta
melt	meltan ON melta
mere (<i>lake</i>)	mere ON marr (<i>sea, lake</i>)
merry	myrig
middle	middel
might (<i>n</i>)	miht
might (<i>v</i>)	meahte/mihte (<i>past tense of magan</i>)
mighty	mihtig
milk (<i>n</i>)	meoloc/milc ON mjōlk
milk (<i>v</i>)	milcian
mind (<i>n</i>)	ME mynd <i>fr</i> gemynd
mine (<i>pn</i>)	mīn
mist	mist
mole ¹ (<i>spot</i>)	māl (<i>mark, stain</i>)

monk	munuc ON munkr
mood	mōd (<i>mind, thought</i>) ON mōðr
moon	mōna ON mani
moor (<i>n</i>)	mōr
more	māra ON meiri
morn	morgen
morning	ME mor(we)ning (<i>morwen fr</i> morgen + -ing)
morrow	ME morwe <i>fr</i> morgen
moss	mos (<i>moor, marsh</i>)
most	māst ON mestr
moth	moppe ON motti
mouse/mice	mūs/mýs ON mūs
mouth	mūþ ON muðr
mow	māwan
much	ME muche /moche/ meche/miche <i>fr</i> muchel /mochel/ mechel/michel <i>fr</i> micel/mycel/ ON mikill
murder (<i>n</i>)	morþor & OF murdre
must	mōste (<i>past tense of mot to be allowed</i>)
nail (<i>n</i>)	nægel ON nagl
naked	nacod
name	nama ON nafn/namn
nasty	?
naught	nāwiht <i>fr</i> nā + wiht
naughty	ME naughty (<i>originally h naught</i>) <i>fr</i> naught + -yfr (<i>naught</i>)
neck	hnecca ON knakki
needle	nædl ON nal
nest	nest
net	nett ON net
new	nīwe
newt	ME newt an ewt <i>fr</i> evet(e) <i>fr</i> efete
night	niht ON natt
no	nān/nōn
none	nān
nor	nother <i>fr</i> nawþer <i>fr</i> nāhwæþer
north	norþ
nose	nosu
nought	nōwiht
now	nū ON nū
oak	āc ON eik
oar	ār ON ar
oast	ast
oath	ap ON eiðr
oats	ate

of	af ON af
offer	offrian ON offra
often	oft ON oft
old	ald
on	on/an ON ā
one	ON ān ON einn
open	open ON opinn
or	<i>reduced form of oþer</i>
orchard	ortgeard > orceard
ore	ār (<i>brass, copper</i>) ON eir
other	oþer ON annarr
ought	āhte <i>past tense of āgan</i> (<i>to owe</i>)
our	ūre ON vārr
out	ūt ON üt
over	ofer ON yfir
owe	āgan ON eigan
owl	ūle ON uġla
own (<i>adj</i>)	āgen/āgen ON eiginn
ox	oxa
path	pæþ
pear	pere
pen ²	penn (<i>enclosure</i>)
pillow	pyle
pith	piþa
play (<i>v</i>)	plegan
plight (<i>pledge</i>)	pliht
pluck	ploccian ON plokka
plum	plūma ON ploma
pond	pund (<i>pound, enclosure</i>)
pool	pōl
pope	pāpa (<i>fr Latin</i> <i>fr Greek father</i>)
port	port
pretty	prættig (<i>cunning</i>)
pride	pryde
priest	preost ON prestr
proud	prūd ON prūðr
pull	pullian
purse	purs
put	potian
quake	cwacian
quaver (<i>v</i>)	?cwafian
queen	cwēn ON kvæn
quell	cwellan (<i>kill</i>)
quench	cwencan
quern	cweorn ON kvern
rafter	ræfter
rain (<i>n</i>)	regen/ren
ram	ramm
rather	hraþor <i>comparative of</i> hrabe (<i>quickly</i>)
raven	hræfen ON hrafn
reach	ræcan

read	rædan (<i>advise, consider</i>) ON raða
reap	ripan/reopan
rear (<i>v</i>)	ræran ON reisa
red	read ON rauðr
reed	hreod
reek (<i>v</i>)	rēocan ON rjūka
reel (<i>n</i>)	hreol
rest	restan/ræstan
rib	ribb ON rif
ride	rīdan ON rīða
ridge	hrycg
right (<i>adj</i>)	riht ON rētrr
rime ² (<i>frost</i>)	hrim ON hrim
rind	rind
ring (<i>n</i>)	hring ON hringr
ripe	rīpe
rise	rīsan ON rīsa
roar	rarian
r (<i>deer</i>)	rā ON rā
roof/roofs/r	hrōf/hrofas ON hrōf
root	rot ON rot
room	rūm
rope	rāp ON reip
rough	rūh
run/ran	rinnan/rann ON rinna
rune	OE/ON rūn (<i>mystery,</i> <i>secret</i>)
rush ¹ (<i>plant</i>)	rysce
sack (<i>n</i>)	sacc
sad	sæd (<i>weary</i>)
saddle	sadol
sail (<i>n</i>)	segel ON segl
salt	salt ON salt
saw1 (<i>n</i>)	saga ON sog
say	secgan ON segja
school	scōl
scythe	sīþe
sea	sā ON sær
see	sēon ON sēa
seed	sæd ON sæð
seek/sought	secan/sōhte ON soekja
seethe	seþan ON sjōða
self	seolf/self/silf ON sjalfr
sell	sellan (<i>give</i>) ON selja
send	sendan
seven	seofon
sew	seowan/siwian ON sýja
shadow	sceadwe <i>fr</i> sceadu (<i>shade</i>)
shaft	scæft/sceaft ON skapt

shake	sceacan/scacan
shall	sceal <i>fr</i> sculan (<i>to have</i> <i>to</i>) ON skal
share (<i>n</i>)	scearu (<i>cutting, division</i>)
sharp	scearp ON skarpr
sheaf	sceaf
shear (<i>v</i>)	sceran ON skera
sheath	sceap
sheep	sceap
shell	scell ON skell
shepherd	sceaphierde
shield	sciold/sceld ON skjoldr
shilling	scilling ON skillingr
shine	sċinan ON sċina
ship	scip ON skip
shoal (<i>water</i>)	sceald
sh (<i>n</i>)	sċoh ON skōr
shoe/shod	scogan/scōd ON skūa
shoot	sċeotan ON sċjōta
short	sceort (<i>cf shirt & skirt</i>)
shoulder	sculdor
shove	sċufan ON sċufa
shovel	sceofl/scofl
shower	scur ON skūr
shrink	scrincan
shroud	scrūd (<i>dress, garment</i>) ON skruð
shut	scyttan (<i>discharge a</i> <i>debt</i>)
shuttle	scytel (<i>dart</i>)
sick	seoc ON sjukr
side	sīde ON sīða
sieve	sife
sight	sihþ
silly	sælig (<i>happy, blessed</i>)
silver	seolfor ON silfr
sin	synn
sing	singan
sink (<i>v</i>)	sincan ON sökka
sister	sweostor ON systir
sit	sittan ON sitja
slay	slean ON slā
sleep/slept	slæpan/slepte
sleeve	slefe
slide	sliðan
smite	smitan (<i>smear</i>)
smith	smiþ
smithy	smiþþe
smoke (<i>n</i>)	smoca
snare (<i>n</i>)	sneare
snow (<i>n</i>)	snaw
so	swā ON svā
soap	sāpe

soft	s̄ofte (<i>agreeable</i>)
some	sum
son	sunu ON sunr
song	sang ON songr
soon	s̄ona
soot	s̄ot
sore	s̄ar ON s̄ar
sorrow	sorh/sorg ON sorg
sought	s̄ohte <i>fr</i> secan
soul	sawol
south	sūþ (<i>adv</i>)
southern	sūþerne
spade	spade
speak	sprecan <i>became</i> specan
spear	speru ON spjor
speech	spæc
speed (<i>v</i>)	spedan
spew	spīwan
spider	spīþra
spill	spillan (<i>kill</i>) ON spilla
spin	spinnan ON spinna
spoon	spōn (<i>a chip of wood</i>) ON spann
spring (<i>v</i>)	springan ON springa
spur	spora ON spori
staff/staves	stæf/stafas ON staff
stag	stagga
stand	standan ON standa
star	steorra ON stjarna
starve	steorfan (<i>die</i>)
steal	stelan ON stela
steam	stēam
steep	stēap
steer (<i>v</i>)	stieran ON styra
steer (<i>n</i>)	stēor ON stjōrr
step (<i>n</i>)	stæpe/stepe
step (<i>v</i>)	stæppan/steppan
stiff	stīf ON stīfr
sting (<i>n</i>)	sting ON stinga
stink (<i>v</i>)	stincan
stir	styrrian
stitch	stice
stone	stān ON steinn
stool	stōl (<i>throne</i>)
stop (<i>stay</i>)	-stoppian
stork	storc ON storkr
storm	storm ON stormr
straw	strēaw
stream	strēam ON straumr
street	stræt
stride (<i>v</i>)	strīdan
strike (<i>v</i>)	strīcan
stroke (<i>n</i>)	ME strok <i>fr</i> strac

strong	strang ON strangr
such	swylc/swilc/swelc
suck	sūcan
summer	sumor ON sumar
sun	sunne/sunna
swan	swan ON swanr
swarm	swearm
swear	swerian ON sverja
sweat	ME swete <i>alteration of</i> swote <i>fr</i> swāt, <i>cf</i> swete (<i>v</i>) <i>fr</i> swætan
sweet	swete ON soetr
swift	swift
swim/swam	swimman/swamm
swine	swīn ON swīn
swing	swingan
sword	sweord ON sverð
tag	?
take	tacan <i>fr</i> ON taka
tail	tægl
tale	talu ON tala
talk	ME talcen/talkien <i>fr</i> tale <i>or</i> tell
tap	tæppa (<i>n</i>) tæppian (<i>v</i>)
tape	tæppa/tæppe
taper	tapor
teach	tācan & lāran
team	tēam (<i>offspring</i>)
teeth	tēþ <i>fr</i> tōþ
tell	tellan ON telja
thank	þancian
that	þæt
thatch	<i>noun fr</i> þæc, <i>verb fr</i> þeccan ON ðekja
thaw	þawian
theft	þēoft ON ðyft
there	þær/þer ON ðar
these	þas
thine	þīn ON ðinn
thief	þeof ON ðjofr
thing	þing ON ðing
think	þencan ON ðekja
third	þriidda ON ðriði
this	þis, <i>neuter of</i> þes
thither	þider
thorn	þorn ON ðorn
thou	þū ON ðū
thousand	þūsend
thread (<i>n</i>)	þræd ON ðrædra
threat	þreat (<i>crowd</i>)
three	þreo
thresh	þrescan/þerscan ON ðreskja
throat	þrote
through	þurh
throw	þrawan

thrush	þryscu
thumb	þūma
thunder	þunor ON ðorr
Thursday	þuresdæg <i>fr</i> þunresdæg
thus	þus
tide (<i>time</i>)	tid ON tīð
till (<i>prep</i>)	til ON til (<i>cf</i> until)
time	tīma ON tīmi
tin	tin ON tin
to	tō
toad	tadi(g)e/tadde/tada
toe	tā ON tā
tongue	tunge ON tunga
tooth	tōþ ON tonn
top	topp ON toppr
tough	tōh
tow (<i>v</i>)	togian ON toga
town	tūn (<i>enclosure</i>) ON tūn
toy	<i>fr</i> ? (1500) (<i>jest</i>)
tread	tredan
tree	trēow ON tre
trough	trog ON trog
truth	trēowþ (<i>loyalty</i>)
Tuesday	tīwesdæg
turd	tord
turf	turf ON torf
two	twa ON tvær
under	under ON undir
up	up/uppe/uppe ON uppi
us	ūs
utter (<i>adj</i>)	ūtera/ūttra
vat	ME (S & W dialect) vat <i>fr</i> fat <i>fr</i> fæt ON fat
vixen	fyxen
wain	wāgn ON vagn
walk	wealcan (<i>roll, toss</i>) ON valka (<i>drag about</i>)
ware	waru ON vara
warm	wearm ON vermr
warn	warnian
was	wæs
wasp	wæfs/wæps/wæsp
watch (<i>v</i>)	wæccan/wacian (<i>be</i> <i>awake, keep watch</i>)
water	wæter
wave (<i>v</i>)	wafian
way	weg ON vegr
wean	wenian
weapon	wæpen ON vapn
wear	werian ON verja
weary	werig
weather	weder ON wēr
weave	wefan ON vefa
wedge	wecg ON vegg
weed	weod (<i>n</i>) weodian (<i>v</i>)

week	wice ON vika
weep	wepan ON <i>ǣpa</i>
weigh	wegan ON vega
weird	wyrd (<i>destiny</i>) ON <i>urðr</i>
west	west ON <i>vestr</i>
what	hwæt ON <i>hvat</i>
wheat	hwæte
wheel	hweol
whelp	hwelp ON <i>hvelpr</i>
where	hwær ON <i>hvar</i>
whet	hwettan ON <i>hvetja</i>
they	hwæg
which	hwilc ON <i>hwīlikr</i>
while	hwīl ON <i>hvila</i>
whine	hwinan (<i>whizzing of an arrow</i>)
whistle	hwistlian ON <i>hvisla</i> (<i>whisper</i>)
white	hwīt ON <i>hwītr</i>
Whitsun	Hwīta Sunnandæg
who	hwā
whole	hāl (<i>healthy</i>) ON <i>heill</i>

why	hwī/hwī
wife/wives	wif /wifas (<i>woman/women</i>)
wight	wiht ON <i>vættr</i>
will (v)	willan ON <i>vilja</i>
win/won	winnan/wunnen (<i>strive</i>) ON <i>vinna</i>
wind (n)	wind ON <i>vindr</i>
wine	wīn ON <i>vin</i>
winter	winter ON <i>vetr</i>
wipe	wipian
wisdom	wisdom ON <i>visdomr</i>
wise	wīs ON <i>wīss</i>
wish (v)	wīscan ON <i>oeskja</i>
without	wiþutan
woe	wa
wolf	wulf ON <i>ulfr</i>
woman	wifmonn/wifmann
womb	wamb (<i>stomach</i>) ON <i>vomb</i>
wonder (n)	wundor ON <i>undr</i>
wood	wudu ON <i>viðr</i>
wool	wull ON <i>ull</i>

word	word ON <i>orð</i>
work (n)	weorc ON <i>verk</i>
world	weorold ON <i>verold</i>
worm	wyrm (<i>serpent, dragon</i>) ON <i>ormr</i>
worth	weorþ ON <i>verðr</i>
wright	wryhta/wyrhta
wring	wringan
write	writan ON <i>rita</i> (<i>carve, incise, write</i>)
writhe	wriþan ON <i>rīða</i>
yard	geard ON <i>garðr</i> (<i>enclosure</i>) (<i>cf</i> <i>garth</i>)
yawn	ginian/geonian
year	gēar ON <i>ār</i>
yell	giellan ON <i>gjalla</i>
yellow	geolu
yet	giet
you	eow
young	geong ON <i>ungr</i>
your	ēower