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**Abashed**, abased, lowered

**Abate**, depress, calm

**Abought**, paid for

**Abraid**, started, 9 32

**Accompted**, counted

**Accorded**, agreed

**Accordment**, agreement

**Acquit**, repay

**Actually**, actively

**Adoubted**, afraid

**Advision**, vision

**Afeard**, afraid

**Afterdeal**, disadvantage

**Againsay**, retract

**Aknown**, known

**Aligement**, alleviation

**Allegeance**, alleviation

**Allow**, approve, 7 5

**Almeries**, chests

**Alther**, gen. pl., of all

**Amounted**, mounted

**Anealed**, anointed

**Anguishly**, in pain

**Anon**, at once

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**Apair**, weaken  
**Apparelled**, fitted up  
**Appeach**, impeach  
**Appealed**, challenged, accused  
**Appertices**, displays  
**Araged**, enraged; confused  
**Araised**, raised  
**Arase**, obliterate  
**Areared**, reared  
**Armyvestal**, martial  
**Array**, plight, state of affairs  
**Arrayed**, situated  
**Arson**, saddle-bow  
**Askance**, casually  
**Assoiled**, absolved  
**Assotted**, infatuated  
**Assummon**, summon  
**Astonied**, amazed, stunned  
**At**, of, by  
**At-after**, after  
**Attaint**, overcome  
**Aumbries**, chests  
**Avail (at)**, at an advantage  
**Avaled**, lowered  
**Avaunt**, boast  
**Aventred**, couched  
**Avised**, be advised, take thought

**Avision**, vision  
**Avoid**, quit  
**Avoided**, got clear of  
**Avow**, vow  
**Await of (in)**, in watch for  
**Awayward**, away  
**Awke**, sideways  
  
**Bachelors**, probationers for knighthood  
**Bain**, bath  
**Barbican**, gate-tower  
**Barget**, little ship  
**Battle**, division of an army  
**Bawdy**, dirty  
**Beams**, trumpets  
**Be-closed**, enclosed  
**Become**, pp., befallen, gone to  
**Bedashed**, splashed  
**Behests**, promises  
**Behight**, promised  
**Beholden (beholding) to**, obliged to  
**Behote**, promised  
**Benome**, deprived, taken away  
**Besants**, gold coins  
**Beseek**, beseech  
**Beseen**, appointed, arrayed  
**Beskift**, shove off

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**Bested**, beset  
**Betaken**, entrusted  
**Betaught**, entrusted, recommended  
**Betid**, happened  
**Betook**, committed, entrusted  
**Bevered**, quivered  
**Board**, sb., deck  
**Bobounce**, boasting, pride  
**Boishe**, bush, branch of a tree  
**Boistous**, rough  
**Bole**, trunk of a tree  
**Boot**, remedy  
**Borrow out**, redeem  
**Borrows**, pledges  
**Bote**, remedy  
**Bound**, ready  
**Bourded**, jested  
**Bourder**, jester  
**Braced**, embraced  
**Brachet**, little hound  
**Braide**, quick movement  
**Brast**, burst, break  
**Breaths**, breathing holes  
**Brief**, shorten  
**Brim**, fierce, furious  
**Brised**, broke  
**Broached**, pierced

**Broaches**, spits  
**Bur**, hand-guard of a spear  
**Burble**, bubble  
**Burbling**, bubbling  
**Burgenetts**, buds, blossoms  
**Bushment**, ambush  
**By and by**, immediately  
**Bywaryed**, expended, bestowed  
  
**Canel bone**, collar bone  
**Cankered**, inveterate  
**Cantel**, slice, strip  
**Careful**, sorrowful, full of troubles  
**Cast (of bread)**, loaves baked at the same time  
**Cast**, ref: v., propose  
**Cedle**, schedule, note  
**Cere**, wax over, embalm; cerel  
**Certes**, certainly  
**Chafe**, heat, decompose; chafed, heated  
**Chaflet**, platform, scaffold  
**Champaign**, open country  
**Chariot (Fr charette)**, cart  
**Cheer**, countenance, entertainment  
**Chierte**, dearness  
**Chrism**, anointing oil  
**Clatter**, talk confusedly  
**Cleight**, clutched

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**Cleped**, called  
**Clipping**, embracing  
**Cog**, small boat  
**Cognisance**, badge, mark of distinction  
**Coif**, head-piece  
**Comfort**, strengthen, help  
**Cominal**, common  
**Complished**, complete  
**Con**, know, be able; **con thanlt**, be grateful  
**Conserve**, preserve  
**Conversant**, abiding in  
**Cording**, agreement  
**Coronal**, circlet  
**Cost**, side  
**Costed**, kept up with  
**Couched**, lay  
**Courage**, encourage  
**Courtelage**, courtyard  
**Covert**, sheltered  
**Covetise**, covetousness  
**Covin**, deceit  
**Cream**, oil  
**Credence**, faith  
**Croup**, crupper  
**Curteist**, most courteous  
  
**Daffish**, foolish

**Danger (in)**, under obligation to, in the power of  
**Dawed**, v tr., revived; intr. dawned  
**Deadly**, mortal, human  
**Deal**, part, portion  
**Debate**, quarrel, strife  
**Debonair**, courteous  
**Deceivable**, deceitful  
**Defaded**, faded  
**Default**, fault  
**Defend**, forbid; defended; forbidden  
**Defoiled**, trodden down, fouled, deflowered  
**Degree (win the)**, rank, superiority  
**Delibered**, determined  
**Deliverly**, adroitly  
**Departed**, divided  
**Departition**, departure  
**Dere**, harm  
**Describe**, describe  
**Despoiled**, stripped  
**Detrenched**, cut to pieces  
**Devised**, looked carefully at  
**Devoir**, duty, service  
**Did off**, doffed  
**Dight**, prepared  
**Dindled**, trembled  
**Disadventure**, misfortune  
**Discover**, reveal

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**Disherited**, disinherited

**Disparpled**, scattered

**Dispenses**, expenses

**Disperplyd**, scattered

**Dispoiled**, stripped

**Distained**, sullied, dishonoured

**Disworship**, shame

**Dole**, gift of alms

**Dole**, sorrow

**Domineth**, dominates, rules

**Don**, gift

**Doted**, foolish

**Doubted**, redoubtable

**Draughts**, privities, secret interviews, recesses

**Drenched**, drowned

**Dress**, make ready

**Dressed up**, raised

**Dretched**, troubled in sleep

**Dretching**, being troubled in sleep

**Dromounds**, war vessels

**Dure**, endure, last; dured; during

**Duresse**, bondage, hardship

**Dwined**, dwindled

**Eased**, entePtained

**Eft**, after, again

**Eftures**, passages

**Embattled**, ranged for battle

**Embushed**, concealed in the woods

**Eme**, uncle

**Empoison**, poison

**Emprised**, undertook

**Enchafe**, heat; **enchafed**, heated

**Enchieve**, achieve

**Endlong**, alongside of

**Enewed**, painted

**Enforce**, constrain

**Engine**, device

**Enow**, enough

**Enquest**, enterprise

**Ensured**, assured

**Entermete**, intermeddle

**Errant**, wandering

**Estates**, ranks

**Even hand**, at an equality

**Evenlong**, along

**Everych**, each, every one

**Faiter**, vagabond

**Fare**, sb., ado, commotion

**Faren**, pp., treated

**Faute**, lack; **fauted**, lacked

**Fealty**, oath of fidelity

**Fear**, frighten

## Thomas Malory

**Feute**, trace, track  
**Feuter**, set in rest, couch  
**Feutred**, set in socket  
**Fiaunce**, affiance, promise  
**Flang**, flung,,; rushed  
**Flatling**, prostrate  
**Fleet**, float  
**Flemed**, put to flight  
**Flittered**, fluttered  
**Foiled**, defeated, shamed  
**Foined**, thrust  
**Foining**, thrusting  
**Foins**, thrusts  
**Foot-hot**, hastily  
**For-bled**, spent with bleeding  
**Force (no)**, no concern  
**Fordeal**, advantage  
**Fordo**, destroy; fordid  
**Forecast**, preconcerted plot  
**For-fared**, worsted  
**Forfend**, forbid  
**Forfoughten**, weary with fighting  
**Forhewn**, hewn to pieces  
**Forjousted**, tired with jousting  
**Forthinketh**, repents  
**Fortuned**, happened  
**Forward**, vanguard

**Forwounded**, sorely wounded  
**Free**, noble  
**Froward**, away from  
  
**Gad**, wedge or spike of iron  
**Gainest**, readiest  
**Gar**, cause  
**Gart**, compelled  
**Gentily**, like a gentleman  
**Gerfalcon**, a fine hawk  
**Germane**, closely allied  
**Gest**, deed, story  
**Gisarm**, halberd, battle-axe  
**Glaive**, sword  
**Glastring**, barking  
**Glatissant**, barking, yelping  
**Gobbets**, lumps  
**Graithed**, made ready  
**Gree**, degree, superiority  
**Greed**, pp., pleased, content  
**Grescs**, steps  
**Grimly**, ugly  
**Grovelling**, on his face  
**Guerdonless**, without reward  
**Guise**, fashion  
  
**Habergeon**, hauberk with leggings attached

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**Hair**, a hair-shirt  
**Hale and how**, a sailor's cry  
**Halp**, helped  
**Halsed**, embraced  
**Halsing**, embracing  
**Handfast**, betrothed  
**Handsel**, earnest-money  
**Hangers**, testicles  
**Harbingers**, messengers sent to prepare lodgings  
**Harness**, armour  
**Hart of greese**, fat deer  
**Hauberk**, coat of mail  
**Haut**, high, noble  
**Hauteyn**, haughty  
**Heavy**, sad  
**Hete**, command  
**Hide**, skin  
**Hied**, hurried  
**High (on)**, aloud  
**Higher hand**, the uppermost  
**Hight**, called  
**Hilled**, covered, concealed  
**Holden**, held  
**Holp**, helped  
**Holts**, woods  
**Hough-bone**, back part of kneejoint  
**Houselled**, to be given the Eucharist

**Hoved**, hovered, waited about  
**Hurled**, dashed, staggered; hurling  
**Hurtle**, dash  
**Incontinent**, forthwith  
**Ind**, dark blue  
**Infellowship**, join in fellowship  
**In like**, alike  
**Intermit**, interpose  
**Japer**, jester  
**Japes**, jests  
**Jesseraunt**, a short cuirass  
**Keep**, sb., care  
**Keep**, s., care, reck  
**Kemps**, champions  
**Kind**, nature  
**Kindly**, natural  
**Knights parters**, marshals  
Know, acknowledge  
**Knowledging**, acknowledgment, confession  
**Lain**, conceal  
**Langering**, sauntering  
**Lapped**, took in her lap  
**Large**, generous

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**Largeness**, liberality  
**Laton**, latten, brass  
**Laund**, waste plain  
**Layne**, conceal  
**Lazar-cot**, leper-house  
**Learn**, teach  
**Lears**, cheeks  
**Leaved**, leafy  
**Lecher**, fornicator  
**Leech**, physician  
**Leman**, lover  
**Let**, caused to  
**Let**, hinder  
**Lewdest**, most ignorant  
**Licours**, lecherous  
**Lief**, dear  
**Liefer**, more gladly  
**Lieve**, believe  
**Limb-meal**, limb from limb  
**List**, desire, pleasure  
**Lithe**, joint  
**Longing unto**, belonging to  
**Long on (upon)**, because of  
**Loos**, praise  
**Lotless**, without a share  
**Loveday**, day for settling disputes  
**Loving**, praising

**Lunes**, leashes, strings  
**Lusk**, lubber  
**Lusts**, inclinations  
**Maims**, wounds  
**Makeless**, matchless  
**Makers**, authors, poets  
**Mas**, ease, discomfort  
**Mal engine**, evil design  
**Mal-fortune**, ill-luck, mishap  
**Marches**, borders  
**Mass-penny**, offering at mass for the dead  
**Matche old**, machicolated, with holes for defence  
**Maugre**, sb., despite  
**Measle**, disease  
**Medled**, mingled  
**Medley**, melee, general encounter  
**Meiny**, retinue  
**Mickle**, much  
**Minever**, ermine  
**Mischieved**, hurt  
**Mischievous**, painful  
**Miscorr fort**, discomfort  
**Miscreature**, unbeliever  
**Missay**, revile; missaid  
**Mo**, more  
**More and less**, rich and poor

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**Motes**, notes on a horn

**Mount-lance**, amount of, extent

**Much**, great

**Naked**, unarmed

**Namely**, especially

**Ne**, nor

**Near-hand**, nearly; near

**Needly**, needs, on your own compulsion

**Nesh**, soft, tender

**Nigh-hand**, nearly

**Nil**, will not

**Nilt**, will not

**Nis**, ne is, is not

**Nist**, ne wist, knew not

**Noblesse**, nobleness

**Nobley**, nobility, splendour

**Noised**, reported

**Nold**, would not

**Noseling**, on his nose

**Not for then**, nevertheless

**Notoyrly**, notoriously, Pref

**Noyous**, hurtful

**Obeissance**, obedience

**Or**, before

**Orgule**, haughtiness

**Orgulist**, haughtiest

**Orgulite**, pride, arrogance

**Orgulous**, proud

**Other**, or

**Ouches**, jewels

**Ought**, owned

**Outcept**, except

**Outher**, or

**Out-taken**, except

**Over-evening**, last night

**Overget**, overtake

**Overhyllled**, covered

**Over-led**, domineered over

**Overlong**, the length of

**Overslip**, s., pass

**Overthwart**, adj., cross

**Overthwart**, sb., mischance

**Overthwart and endlong**, by the breadth and length

**Painture**, painting

**Paitrelles**, breastplate of a horse

**Paltocks**, short coats

**Parage**, descent

**Pareil**, like

**Passing**, surpassingly

**Paynim**, pagan

**Pensel**, pennon

**Perclos**, partition  
**Perdy**, par Dieu  
**Perigot**, falcon  
**Perish**, destroy  
**Peron**, tombstone  
**Pight**, pitched  
**Pike**, steal away  
**Piked**, stole  
**Pillers**, plunderers  
**Pilling**, plundering  
**Pleasaunce**, pleasure  
**Plenour**, complete  
**Plump**, sb., cluster  
**Pointling**, aiming  
**Pont**, bridge  
**Port**, gate  
**Posseded**, possessed  
**Potestate**, governor  
**Precessours**, predecessors  
**Press**, throng  
**Pretendeth**, belongs to  
**Pricker**, hard rider  
**Pricking**, spurring  
**Prise**, capture  
  
**Puissance**, power  
**Purfle**, trimming

**Purfled**, embroidered  
**Purvey**, provide  
  
**Quarrels**, arrowheads  
**Questing**, barking  
**Quick**, alive  
**Quit**, repaid; acquitted, behaved  
  
**Raced (rased)**, tore  
**Rack (of bulls)**, herd  
**Raines**, a town in Brittany famous for its cloth  
**Ramping**, raging  
**Range**, rank, station  
**Ransacked**, searched  
**Rashed**, fell headlong  
**Rashing**, rushing  
**Rasing**, rushing  
**Raundon**, impetuosity  
**Rear**, raise  
**Rechate**, note of recall  
**Recomforted**, comforted, cheered  
**Recounter**, rencontre, encounter, No  
**Recover**, rescue  
**Rede**, advise; sb., counsel  
**Redounded**, glanced back  
**Religion**, religious order  
**Reneye**, deny

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**Report**, refer  
**Resemblaunt**; semblance  
**Retrayed**, drew back  
**Rightwise**, rightly  
**Rivage**, shore  
**Romed**, roared  
**Roted**, practised  
**Rove**, cleft  
**Rownsepyk**, a branch

**Sacring**, consecrating  
**Sad**, serious  
**Sadly**, heartily, earnestly  
**Salle**, room  
**Samite**, silk stuff with gold or silver threads  
**Sangreal**, Holy Grail  
**Sarps**, girdles  
**Saw**, proverb  
**Scathes**, harms, hurts  
**Icripture**, writing  
**Search**, probe wounds  
**Selar**, canopy  
**Semblable**, like  
**Semblant**, semblance  
**Sendal**, fine cloth  
**Sennight**, week  
**Servage**, slavery

**Sewer**, officer who set on dishes and tasted them  
**Shaft-mon**, handbreadth  
**Shaw**, thicket  
**Sheef**, thrust  
**Sheer-Thursday**, Thursday in Holy Week  
**Shend**, harm  
**Shenship**, disgrace  
**Shent**, undone, blamed  
**Shour**, attack  
**Shrew**, rascal  
**Shrewd**, knavish  
**Sib**, akin to  
**Sideling**, sideways  
**Siege**, seat  
**Signified**, likened  
**Siker**, sure  
**Sikerness**, assurance  
**Sith**, since  
**Sithen**, afterwards, since  
**Skift**, changed  
**Slade**, valley  
**Slake**, glen  
**Soil (to go to)**, hunting term for taking the water  
**Sonds**, messages  
**Sort**, company  
**Sperd**, bolted  
**Spere**, ask, inquire

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**Spered**, asked  
**Sperhawk**, sparrowhawk  
**Sprent**, sprinkled  
**Stale**, station  
**Stark**, thoroughly  
**Stead**, place  
**Stert**, started, rose quickly  
**Steven**, appointment; steven ser. appointment made  
**Steven**, voice  
**Stigh**, path  
**Stilly**, silently  
**Stint**, fixed revenue  
**Stonied**, astonished; became confused  
**Stour**, battle  
**Strain**, race, descent  
**Strait**, narrow  
**Straked**, blew a horn  
**Sue**, pursue  
**Sued**, pursued  
**Surcingles**, saddle girths  
**Swang**, swung  
**Sweven**, dream  
**Swough**, sound of wind  
  
**Talent**, desire  
**Tallages**, taxes  
**Tallies**, taxes

**Tamed**, crushed  
**Tatches**, qualities  
**Tene**, sorrow  
**Term**, period of time  
**Thilk**, that same  
**Tho**, then  
**Thrang**, pushed  
**Thrulled**, pushed  
**Till**, to  
**To-brast**, burst  
**To-fore**, before  
**To-morn**, to-morrow  
**Took**, gave  
**To-rove**, broke up  
**To-shivered**, broken to pieces  
**Traced**, advanced and retreated  
**Trains**, devices, wiles  
**Trasing**, pressing forward  
**Travers (met at)**, came across  
**Traverse**, slantwise  
**Traversed**, moved sideways  
**Tray**, grief  
**Treatise**, treaty  
**Tree**, timber  
**Trenchant**, cutting, sharp  
**Tres** :, hunting term  
**Truage**, tribute

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**Trussed**, packed

**Ubbie**, wafer, Host

**Umbecast**, cast about

**Umberere**, the part of the helmet which shaded the eyes

**Umbre**, shade

**Unavised**, thoughtlessly

**Uncouth**, strange

**Underne**, 9-12 A.M

**Ungoodly**, rudely

**Unhappy**, unlucky

**Unhilled**, uncovered

**Unr the**, scarcely

**Unsicker**, unstable

**Unwimpled**, uncovered

**Unwrast**, untwisted, unbound

**Upright**, flat on the back

**Up-so-down**, upside down

**Ure**, usage

**Utas**, octave of a festival

**Utterance**, uttermost

**Varlet**, servant

**Venery**, hunting

**Ven ails**, breathing holes

**Villain**, man of low birth

**Visors**, the perforated parts of helmets

**Voided**, slipped away from

**Wagging**, shaking

**Waited**, watched

**Waits**, watches

**Wallop**, gallop

**Wanhope**, despair

**Wap**, ripple

**Ware**, aware

**Warison**, reward

**Warn**, forbid, refuse

**Weeds**, garments

**Weltered**, rolled about

**Wend**, thought

**Wer-wolf**, a man turned into a wolf by magic

**Where**, whereas

**Wide-where**, over wide space

**Wield**, possess, have power over

**Wield himself**, come to himself

**Wight**, brave, strong

**Wightly**, swiftly

**Wildsome**, desolate

**Wimpled**, with the head covered

**Win**, make way

**Wite**, v., blame

**Within-forth**, on the inside

**Without-forth**, on the outside

**Wittiest**, cleverest  
**Wittily**, cleverly  
**Witting**, knowledge  
**Wold or nold**, would or would not  
**Wonder**, adj., wondrous  
**Wonder**, adv., wondrously  
**Wonderly**, wonderfully  
**Wood**, mad  
**Woodness**, madness  
**Wood shaw**, thicket of the wood  
**Worship**, honour  
**Worshipped**, cause to be honoured  
**Worts**, roots  
**Wot**, know  
**Wrack**, destruction  
**Wroken**, wreaked  
**Wrothe**, twisted  
**Yede**, ran  
**Yelden**, yielded  
**Yerde**, stick, stem  
**Yode**, went  
**Yolden**, yielded  
**Y-wis**, certainly

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