

# ***The Moors Glossary***

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<b>Pg #</b>	<b>Word</b>	<b>Definition</b>
10	Bilious	Affected or associated with nausea or vomiting.
60	Chronicler	A person who writes accounts of important historical events.
22	Ephemeral	Lasting for a very short time.
N/A	Gawk	To look at something or someone in a rude or stupid way; stare openly or stupidly.
18	Gorse	A genus of flowering plants. The genus comprises about 20 species of thorny evergreen shrubs. Native to western Europe.
50	Gruel	A thin liquid food of some type of cereal, such as ground oats, wheat, rye, or rice, heated or boiled in milk or water; a thinner version of porridge that is often drunk instead of eaten. Associated with the feeling of sick and recently weaned children.
28	Heather	A low evergreen shrub of the heath family, widespread in western Europe, Asia, North America, and Greenland. Chief vegetation on many wastelands in Europe.
N/A	Mastiff	A breed of a large working dog used as a guard and fighting dog in England.
N/A	Moor-Hen	A medium sized water bird that is a member of the rail family.
N/A	Moors	A tract of open country that may be either dry with heather and associated with vegetation or wet with acid peat vegetation. In the British Isles, “moorland” is often used to describe uncultivated hilly lands.
50	Mortared	Past tense of mortar, to attack or bombard with shells fired from a mortar. Mortars are muzzle-loaded cannons that are typically used as an indirect fire weapon for close fire support.
34	Parson	A member of the clergy, especially as a Protestant one.
18	Parsonage	A church house provided for a member of the clergy.
78	Plaintive	Sounding sad and mournful.
17	Savage	Fierce, violent, or uncontrolled (of an animal or force of nature).
8	Scullery	A small kitchen or room at the back of the house used for washing dishes and other dirty household work.

26	Second Sitting Room	A second more information living space, often for relaxation or hobbies.
69	Solarium	A room fitted with extensive areas of glass to admit sunlight, used especially for sunbathing or therapeutic exposure to light.
31	Syphilitic	Referring to someone with syphilis. Syphilis is a sexually transmitted bacterial infection caused by <i>Treponema pallidum</i> .
9	Typhus	A bacterial infection that causes fever, headache, muscle ache, and rashes. It is spread by fleas or lice.