

Dialect Alphabet

A is '**ansome** you know w'at I'm tellin,
Faace all washed an' scenty smellin.

B is for **backsy-fore** - tha's the wrong way round
Like a picture of a 'oss with 'is 'ead on the ground.

C stands fer **chacks** tha's yer cheeks an' all that,
Some folks' is thin while others are all fat!

D is fer **dishwasher** – no not the kitchen machine,
But the pied wagtail all pinkly an' clean.

E is fer **edden** – tha's isn't ayse it is
Whether 'e is er isn't don't get in a tiz.

F stands fer **fitty** and all done to a tee as they say,
'err sittin' by the fire at the end of the day.

G says **gaggled** like when covered in mudd, and
Like children de git when stirrin' choc'late pud.

H oh! Tha's fer **hedgyboar** the dear li'l chap
 Who runs in the gard'n and loves milk to lap.

I is like when yer really **in a stank**,
 Up te yer shoulders an' caan't reach the bank.

J has to be **Jannard**, tha's the pretty li'le starling
 Some people hate them others call them darling.

K looks promisin' 'cause **keenly** comes to mind,
 When things are keenly success is close behind.

L stands fer **lappy**, tha's drink of course,
 Some drink a little others like a horse.

M 'as got te be fer **maids** you take them out courtin',
 They love te ge dancin' and gen'lly cavortin'.

N reminds me of people that are outright **neary**,
 Tight with their money that they love so dearly.

O tha's fer w'ats was knawn as **Old Mans' Bucks**
 Where they streammed fer tin 'n loaded en in trucks.

P's got te be fer **proper job**, you knaw what I mane,
A good job well done and tidied up nice an' clean.

Q this 'as got te be fer **quail** – like feelin ill
An'd ever 'opin somebody' got the right pill.

R is fer **ran-tan** like when yer out on the gad,
Havin' a good time and feelin rather glad.

S has got te be fer dear old **saffron caake**,
Gold in colour like mawther used te make.

T's fer **tongue pie**, we've all 'ad some o' that!
Mawther's tongue flyin' an' we feelin rather flat.

U stands fer **ugly** like wan with a bad temper, when
Things are all athwart; why caan't I remember?

V gawt te be fer **vexed**, when yer very angry about evr'ything
An' wishin fer anawther day te see what that might bring.

W is fer **wish't**, you knaw, proper poorly,
Not quite dead but my gosh feelin' very nearly.

X Di'lect 'ab'n got no **X's** if you knaw what I mean,
X So maakin of it up an X is merely a' 'as-been'.

Y de remind me of **yap**, tha's somebody with a lot 'o tounge,
Y Whose mouth you'd love to fill with the biggest ever bung!

Z must be for **zawn** or it may be **fer zactly**,
Z No not just near nuff, it must be perzactly.