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<h1>E</h1>	
Word	Meaning
'EN	Older English suffix: housen, primrosen. Then e.g. "'Ow are ee en." = How are you then.
EAR	Of wheelbarrow: the luggs in which the axle turns; also of a pump
EAR	Year
EAR BUSSAS	Ear bussums: tonsils.
EARTH RIDGE	Earth around the borders of a field carted out for mixing with manure
EASEMENT	Relief "They there pain killers have gived my back a nice bit a easement, shure nuff." Pain relief.
EASY	Feeble minded "Don't take no notice obm he's a bit easy."
EAT THE SUN	To bask in sunshine: a miners' expression.
EAVE	To thaw. See HEAVE. To sweat
EAVER / AYVER / HEEVERS	Darnel (Rye-grass) Frivraie.
EBBET	Newt
ECKA	Fool
ECKEMOULE	The tom-tit
ECKSHEEN	Husks of corn; usking
EDDEN	Isn't "Now listen te me, I tell 'ee it ikdden like that, 'tis like this 'ere, 'ere."
EDGE	'A good edge' Principle. Disposition
EDGE-ON	Intice "O' course faather edged en on until ee 'it maaty in the chacks. Then the sh_t 'it the fan,shure as eggs are eggs."
EGGYHOT	Beer washed in a muller with beaten spiced egg. Or Hot beer with egg & sugar. Muller = a vessel for mulling wine
EDJACK	Iggut; Idiot, foolish fellow.
EDNA	Is it not. "It'endna 'tall." Ie. It isn't at all
EE	You. "I'll give ee w'at far ikn a minit, if you dawn't behave

EEDGE / EEJ / AEEJ	Scream or screech. Cr. Uj, uja.
EENA MEENA MORA MY	Pisca, lara, bora, by. Counting out rhymes before a game. Variants: pasca, lara, bona, by, elke, belke Similar to 'eny meeny miny mo catch a ..... by his toe. ??
EEVEN/ EAVEN	Sweating, not only people but old Cornish cootage floors were often eaerth and/or slate on earth; with the chnges in weather these floors and cob walls would (sweat) eeve.
EGGLETS / AGGLETS	Haws. (Hawthorn berries)
EGGS AND BACON	Daffodil cultivar 1889.
EGGY-FLIP	
EGGY-HOT	Hot beer sugar & eggs
EKEMAULE / EKKYMOWL / EKKYJOEY	The tomtit – blue-tit. See HACKMAL.
ELEVENER	A light lunch, probably in the home. If it was at work it would be 'crib' or 'croust'.
ELIECOMPANIE	The blue tit. 'Bird by day, toad by night' (Polwhele) distorted form of half-remembered Cornish pen paly, pedn paly. Actually name of the plant Inula campama; a sweet was made of its candied root. Also extended to hard-bake, almond toffee.
ELIZABETH	Martagon lily. Hansoni-Lilium Martagon.
ELLE(I)CK	Red Gurnard.
ELLEN(S) ELLEN STONES	Roofing slate(s) clapped together, also healing stones
ELLENS	Very thin person
ELMING RAKE	?? Anyone able to help here?
ELMIN-TREE	Elm tree
ELVAN	Blue porphyry rock. Cornish roads are famously built with it.
EMMET	The ant. Archaic English.
EMMUT	Eye of the wind.
EMPRENT	Impudent
ENOW	Plenty, enough, too much
EN / ENTO	In; into
ENT (ENYIN') EMPT / ENTING DOWN	To empty, rain heavily. To pour with rain (empty) Ented down– past tense . "Ent en in 'ere boy 'til ees full up."
ENTIES	Empties. "I've cum te c'lect yer enties Mrs."
EPIPHANY	Dodder plant on furze, the 'devil's saffern'. A parasitic plant found particularly on heathers. Looks like tangled balls of string. (Cusuta epithimum)
EPPING STONE	Block of three stones usually with steps for mounting a horse
EPPS	Stable door or any door purposely split across the middle.
ERRISH	See Arrish.
ERRISH MOOS/MOWS	Arrish mows
ERVINS / HERVINS	Narcissi; probably for IRVINE's, an old variety.
ESS FAY	Yes in faith; certainly. I think the term 'in faith' was used rather like we might use; 'in truth'
ES, SURE	Agree, to be sure of something "Yes I'm sure."
ESTINNEY MARMET	(Tinny marmot: oddly dressed itinerant musician. See MOMMET.
ETTA(W)/ ETTER/EETOH	(Fetter) A 'D' shaped shackle with a removeable bolt to join two chains. (Cornish carol – 'the iron fetters yield.'
EUCHERED	Cornered – beaten. From the card game of Euchre
EUMERS / EMMERS	Dried cow dung used as fuel. Also embers. 'Rake the eumers over the fire and make a crow in the ashes.
EVE (HEAVE)	To become moist, a stone floor is said to eve before wet weather.
EVIL	Sore or boil.
EVIL	A kind of gathering

EVIL / YEEVIL	Farm fork, used extensively for spreading dung and mucking out., also three or five pronged yard fork. O.E. (There was a special type for handling sugar beet; it was slightly larger and each prong or tyne had a small ball forged onto the ends. This was to avoid piercing the sugar beat and bruising them.
EVIT / EBBAT/EVET	Newt
EVVY CAKE	Pastry cake, rolled thin with fruit peel and sugar
EWMERS	Embers
EX	Axle
EYEABLE	Presentable, pleasant to see.
EYES	Fat on broth
EZYAU	I agree with you
EZZA?	Is it., is he "Ezza shore nuf?" i.e. "Is he sure enough?"

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<b>F</b>	<i>Words beginning with 'f' may well also be pronounced with initial 'v'. Ed.</i>
<b>Word</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
FAACE	"My face is my worst limb" one is healthier than the face indicates.,
FAC	Fact
FACEY BOARD	Fascia of a building
FACKLE / FECKLE	Acute inflammation, especially of the foot, "I stubbed my toe an' ees full o' fackle."
FADDY	The Furry Day Dance. from Irish? "Long dance". Making Merry; rejoicing
FADE	To go, applied more now to the Furry Dance through the streets of Helston. The Furry is also known as the Fade(y)
FADGE/FADGY	To get on or fair, as in 'how do 'e fair?' 'How did 'e git on?' How do ee fadge. From Angl. Sax. <b>Fegan. How are you?</b>
FADGE / FADGY/FADGIE	Work it out
FADGY	Faded, soiled
FAGGIED	Devised, faggied out a plan.
FAGGOT	An amful of sicks, most probably furze sticks for burning. It comprised four tashes and was bound with thin green branches. A thousand faggots constituted the usual winter supply for substantial farmhouse
FAGGOT	In wrestling, a bargain not to win, "to sell ones back". Cp. Fr. Fagot.
FAILEN	Deteriorating in health. "ow's Mr, Mrs Jenkin?" "Failen fast I'm afraid dear; I dawn't thi twill be long nolw."
FAINAGUE / FENEAG	Entice, to obtain my improper means. Fernaiging; cheating. Cp. Reneague. "Watch ee, ee de fainague when 'ees playen cards."
FAIR-(A)-MO / FERA MO	Fair at St Ives on Saturday before Advent
FAIRINGS	Gingerbreads
FAIRMAIDS / FAIRMADES	See Fermades . A salted pilchard, freed of most of its oil by pressure and for the foreign market. Also Fumadoc

FAIRY / VAIRY	Weasel. O.Fr. vair. Cp. Furret.
FAIRY PURSE	Merrymaids' purse
FAL-DE-RALS / FAL-THA-RALS	Trifels – useless things
FALKY	Corn ready for cutting. Also barley beaten down by storm and needing a reaping hook (sickle) . Any LUSCURIANT plant.
FALL ABROAD	To become stout (personal). Cooked ingredients falling apart in a crumbly way. Also to laugh excessively. "I fell abroad laughing."
FALL HOME	Retribution "They will git their fall-home one day, mark my words."
FALLOWS / FELLOWS	Boards added to the sides of a cart. "If we put up a couple o' fallows we'll carry more cabbages per trip."
FAMP	To walk heavily, or with a firm foot
FAN / VAN	Shovel. Vanning: the art of separation of alluvial metal.
FANCICAL	Whimsical; fanciful
FANG	An eye tooth. ?? Is this meant to be 'high'? Also a dead branch of a tree. Verb: to get, to take, to take to seize O.E. "I don't fang to your notions". A bit of clarification would help.
FANG	To earn, to get, to take or seize from Angl.Sax. <i>fangan</i>
FANG	A new thing (We say 'new fangled' don't we)
FANGINGS	Earnings, wages. "I'm gone te the office minute te git me fangings."
FANK	Take hold of
FANTIGUE / FANTEAGUE	Fanciful, dainty. "She could'n cook any fantique traade."
FANTOD	Ridiculous notion. Cp.tantad.
FANTOD	Tantrum "Dussen go in there, he's in a proper fantod."
FARDEL (LE)	Bundle, or burden. (of hay)
FARDEN	Farthing
FARENUT / VAIRNUT	An earthnut. O.E. fearh.
FARGOOD	A spar about 20ft long used as a bowline to the fore sail of fishing boats
FARIZA	Is it far, or how far is it?
FARTHING	30 acres, anciently a quarter of a knight's fee of land.
FASHION	Mental state. "I don't know what fashion I was."
FAST	Undisturbed staple or clay beneath surface. O.E. faest.
FATCHING	Fetching, fetching home, going homeward
FAUNS	Fall in wrestling.
FAUT / FAWT	Fault or mistake.
FAVOUR	Resemble, as children to parents.
FAY	"Iss fay" It is truly.
FAY / FEY	Faith

FAYTHER	My dad also used as a term of friendliness or mateyness e.g. “Alrite Fayther?” - “ow are ee me ol’ maate?” It can also get you out of trouble when you can’t remember someone’s name a bit like wossacall. You have been friendly and polite with out the other person oolen ng you can’t remember his name!
FEAK	To cheat, to feign. To cheat at play
FEAP / FEEPER	Whistle made of a quill, or a straw, reed or of elder or sycamore branchlet. Cp.
FEAPS / FEEPS	A game of pitch and toss played with five stones
FEARED	Frightened. “more feared than hurt.”
FEARNOUGHT	Strong oolen garmet.
FEASTEN	Feast; ‘Feasten Sunday’ Each or most parishes had a ‘Feast Day’ which was their Saint’s Day or Patronal Festival
FEAT ST	Adj. Feasten. Connected with patron saint, usually the Sunday and the Monday.
FEATHER(BED) (TYE)	Mattress of feathers –goose down
FEATHER-BOG	Bog, quagmire.
FEE	Freehold property. Fee simple. “Our house is fee”
FEE	Welcome to come & go as one pleases.
FEE(F)PS	Game – Pitch & Toss played with five stones
FEER MO	Fair Mo – Pig fair
FEEP	A whistle made in May from a sycamore branch
FEGARY	A prank. A feat. Also, finery.
FELLON	Whitlow, inflammation. M.E. Fellon herb: common chickweed or the mouse-ear chickweed.
FEN	Fiend, term of abuse.
FEN COCK	Water-rail.
FENEAGE	Cheat, to steal, to obtain unfair advantage, to entice
FENTON	A Spring [water]
FENTONPYTH	A Surface Well
FER	For
FERMADES / FAIRMAIDS	Pilchards barreled for export. .
FERN	Bracken, especially after cutting and stacking for bedding of animals.
FERN SUMMER	St. Luke’s Summer, a fine spell coinciding with fern cutting.
FERN WEB / FERNICOCK	Garden chafer. Beetle
FERNADDLING	Stealing. “I see ee got a new this and that down there, shudden wonder if ‘ee abm bee out fernaddling again. ‘e’ll be cot one day.”
FERNAIGUE / FERNAIGIN	Fail a promise, to revoke at cards, to go back on one’s word. Faithless, forneaguig
FERNWEB/ FERNYCOCK	Grown nettle used in fishing
FERNY FIRE	Like a fern fire: soon hot, soon cold. “‘ee’s nice nuff but ee is a bit of a ferny fire – soon hot an’ soon cold.”
FERRET ABOUT	As above, ferret is more likely than ferrick when one thinks about it. Looking for something desperately and in something of a panic.
FERRICK ABOUT	To search, fuss about, used derogatively.
FERRY	Is a processional dance also known as a FADDY associated with Helston but early records show that they were popular and widespread across Cornwall.
FERT/FURT	Anus, said of someone as an ‘old fertface.’ i.e. someone who is commonly known as an ‘asshole’. Also a ‘cuss’ word muttered under one’s breath havng spilled a cup of tea or similar, “Oh! Fert.’ i.e. ‘Oh backside.’ A mild swear word. Mother used to say, “Was a matter with ee, yer ace is screwed up like a chield’s fert?”
FESCUE	A pin or point
FESCUE / VESTER	Pointer for teaching of reading. A feather stripped of its vane.
FETCH	Reach, to get to. “fetch home”. Also a bit like, ‘caan’t call en ‘ome’ i.e. I can’t call him to mind.’
FETCH UP	To be sick – to vomit
FETCH(ED) UP	Finish up. “Goyne up watch cricket fer a’ ‘our are ee? “Es as soon as I’ve fetched up.”

	i.e. caught up – finished my jobs.
FETCHING FIRE	Being in a hurry.
FETTER LOCK	Shackle for a horse turned out to grass. FIDDEN: stiffness. Also used on osses that had a tendency to jump hedges.
FEW	Little, a little broth, a few broth. “‘ave a drop o’ soup will ee?” “Ess, but only a few.”
FIANT	Hero
FIDDLE	A devise for sowing seed or corn evenly by hand. It had a seed receptacle and something akin to a violin bow which the operator pushed and pulled, this turned a sprocket which broadcast the seed evenly.
FIDDLER’S MONEY	Money saved in small amounts in change. Probably saved from work done out of core.
FIDDLERS’ GREEN	The sailor’s paradise of grog, dancing etc.
FIG(S)	Raisin(s). “Stone they few figs far me minute, I’m goyne make a bit o’ hevvy cake.”
FIGGY DICKY /DIORY	Flour, butter and sliced apple.
FIGGY DOUGH	Plum Pudding pronounced DUFF
FIGGY DUFF	Dough, suet and raisins baked as a pasty.
FIGGY HOBBIN	As below
FIGGY PUDDIN	Plum pudding; raisons being known a figs.
FIGHT	Variant of <i>fete</i> in <i>tay-fight</i> “Where’s the bun fight to?”
FIGHTABLE	Pugnacious
FILLAN	Insufficient, as “Junket is no fillan”. “That was nice nuff, but wandn no fillan in en was err yo?”
FILLTH	To fill, fullness. Belly ful
FIND ONESELF	To know onself. “I shouldn’t find myself dressed up like that.” “I wouldn’t be seen dressed up like that. “
FIND WANTIN	To miss; to feel the need of; not coming up to expectation
FINE	Veery; exceedingly. “I’m sorry fer bargin in.” “I’m fine AND Glad to see bouy.”
FINEAGLE	Make up (an excuse)
FINE-AND	Intensivein ‘ <i>fine and</i> poorly. i.e real poorly, or proper poorly
FINGER’S DEPTH	depth of hole for blasting. “Three more fingers to bore”. Measured by the operator placing his finger against the borer in the hole.
FINGER-RAY	Skate or Ray cut into fingers
FINING AWAY	Weather changing from good to bad
FIRE	As fire: vexed, jealous, drunk, mad. “Like fire flames” very red.
FIRE – PRONG	Fork use to arrange furze fuel
FIRE HOOK	An iron piece with hooked end used to set a turf or a furze fire. In an open hearth situation it took the plac of the poker.
FIRE PIN	Section of log used as fuel. St. Neot.
FIRE TAIL	Redstart.
FIRE PAN	Fire shovel
FIRK	To tease roughly by hand. (O.E.)
FIRMS	Forms or benches as sat on in early Chapels, Sunday Schools etc.
FIRST ALONG	At first, in the beginning. “First along when I knew him…”
FISH JOUSTER	see Jowster.
FISLAK	Fidgety child. Cor. Fyslak.
FISTES	Fists
FIT /	To prepare meat for cooking, prepare a meal. “When shall I fit the dinner?” (meat = any kind of food not just animal flesh.)
FITTY / FITTIE	Cleeveer, Proper, Becoming. “See’in’ as yer charging sa much, I want a proper fitty job doin’ to en.”
FITCH / FICHET / FITCHER	Polecat .Fr. “Wild as a fitchet/fitcher” also ‘fitchey’ would describe a ferret with brown ‘points’ as opposed to a pure white
FITCHERED	Mining; a drill stuck or blocked. “Now the darn drill is fitchered in the awl an’ I caan’t git en out.”
FITCHERED	Frustrated; stopped short; Baulked; used originally of some set-back in mining.
FITTY	Becoming, proper, correct. “He gave a fitty answer” “Walk fitty maid, thee’rt like a crab going to Scilly.”
FIVE FINGER	Starfish. .
FIVE POINTED STAR	A sign cut on the dressel to keep out witchcraft. Dressel = threshold.

FLAAD/BLAAD/ VLAAD	Said of an animal puffed out with flatulence through over eating or eating fermentable plant material.
FLABBERSOME	Loose, untidy
FLAG	Flagstone
FLAGERY	A frolic, fun or spree
FLAIR	Stench. .
FLAM	Nonsense, pretext.
FLAM NEW	Brand new. "Farmer Giles'ave bin an bott a flam new oss cart; that cost en a trifle."
FLAMBEAU	Paraffin flare
FLAMBO	Signal flare. "I see the flambo's gone off must be truble out te say somewhere.
FLAMBUSTED(ERD)	Amazed, excited, agitated
FLANG	Two pointed pick.
FLAP	Flash of lightning; also a squall. FLASH.
FLARRICKING	Flirting
FLASHER	A bird; the Red-Backed Shrike.
FLASKET	Two handled wicker basket; clothes or linen basket. O.Fr. flasquet.
FLASKET	As above, but used to bail out fish
FLAT HANDED	Wrestling term.
FLAW	Gust of wind. Also colic in cattle.
FLAWS	Intermittent showers
FLAYGERRY	Frolic, a spree. .
FLEA	An instrument for bleeding cattle.
FLEA RIB	The spare rib. "I'll 'ave a rack o' flea ribs please."
FLECKETTS	Flashes, sudden changes in colour
FLECKTT	Squally weather, wind or rain
FLEDGED AND FLIED	Grown up and departed, of young birds leaving the nest or children leaving home. (Not particularly Cornish I feel)
FLEECHY	Of dough, failure of barm, apt to run in baking. Fleechy dough: made of wheat that has germinated, "running to atal on the shiver" in baking. Using flour that has germinated. Cp. W. fflwch.
FLEET	To gutter as a candle, to waste its grease. Also, the slope of a roof or drain, floor etc in fact anything with a slight downward run in it. "It's fleeten the wrong waythe waater wil never run t'wrds the drain like that."
FLENKAN	A cross cut that cuts off a lode, (a vein) of ore
FLERK	A turn of bad weather. "We are in fer a proper flerk t'night by the look o' the sky."
FLERY-GO-LURGY	Fever of laziness?
FLESH-MEAT	Butchers' Meat but not pork.
FLESHY-DIDDLE	Pastry with pieces of meat stuck on top and baked
FLETTERS	Rgas, strips, 'Torn in fletters
FLIBBERS	Small thred like fragments caused by fraying. FLICKETS: flushes, blushes, Cp. FLOSHES. ??? Help needed
FLIES, FLIERS	Hands of a clock.
FLIG	Gaudy articles of clothing
FLIG, FLIGGISH	Contemptuous term for a child.
FLINDERS	Small particles 'Grind to flinders.'
FLINK	A slight blow. To wave about such as a handkerchief. Also irritating ehavior; "She's in one of her flinks again." FLIP: a slap. Also, a little door in a fringle.
FLINK	To shake with a 'snap' like shaking crumbs from a table cloth or excess water from a cloth or garment. Its what you door after washing your hands before drying them on the towel. Flick
FLIP	Of the finger. To jerk the finger and thumb
FLIP JACK	A rude fireplace. ?? All suggestions welcome
FLISK(SH)	A tooth comb, a horse comb for grooming. "Best gibb'm won moore rub with the flisk afore we put en in the shaw ring."
FLOCKETS	A peculiar sensation as of fluid passing over the surface of the body
FLOODS OF DAVA	Ages ago.
FLOOKAN / FLEUKAN	Clay filled vein or soft ground interrupting a lode in mining by separating one lode from another.

FLOOPER	Under petticoat.
FLOOR	Of a meadow. "a good floor of grass"
FLOOR	Of tin: stratum of ore as it lies in alluvial deposit, as in stream works, also horizontal formations of ore. Cp. Bunney. (Botallack).
FLOOR	Paved ground on which ore is deposited for dressing or for sale
FLOP	To drop clumsily, to be flouted. When the sea is rough but not broken, fishermen say, 'ees a bra lump in un.' That's when the waves en-mass onto the lower sea. It falls with a 'flop.'
FLOP	Total failure, said of a planned event that scarcely anyone attended. "What a flop that was." Or even a well advertised event to which hardly anyone turn up.
FLOP	To upset water or other liquid; when it hits the ground and splats, you would be said to have flopped the water.
FLOP JACK	Old fashioned mine.
FLOPPER(VAN)	An Under petticoat
FLORA IN DISTRESS	A woman with disheveled hair. From an old play
FLORAN	Fine meal tin stuff, flour tin. Cp. Welsh.
FLOSH	To flush, wash. "floshe the courtlage" (yard). To swill. "I'd best floshe out the milk bottles 'fore put them out fer the milkman." To spread water over an area with a bucket.
FLOSH STAMPS	Stamps that wash the tin stuff over an adjustable ledge instead of through a grate or grating.
FLOTE ORE	Seaweed. O.E. float ware.
FLOUGE	To deluge with water.
FLOURY	Mealy, Floury potatoes are those that break down almost to a mush when boiled.
FLOURY MILK	Porridge made of flour, milk and sometimes spices.
FLUE	Light dressing of dung over a field. O.E. to spread out.
FLUSHET	A freshnet or flush; a dam in a stream (flood-let). A flood gate
FLUTE AN ARROW	Term of affection addressed to a child.
FLURRY-GO-NIBBLE	Diarrhoea
FLY BY NIGHT / FLYING MARE	Restless person. One who is street wise to the extent of being cunning. Not to be trusted.
FO'CER	A broth that was served to take the edge off the appetite.
FOACER	Lump of plain pudding or of broth to dampen appetite, before a main meal. "Will'ee have a foacer, me son".
FOACER	A large basin
FOAL, FAULD	Afterbirth of a calf.
FOATHY/FORTHY	Bold or forward. Mother used to call it 'preedy'
FOGANS	A kind of cake
FOGO / FUGGOE / OGO / VUG	A cave in a cliff. In place names VUGGA, Vugh an flounder.
FOGOU/FOGON	An ancient subterranean stone lined and roofed passage found with Iron Age villages. Some deem irt to be a mere escape hole others Say it was a food store
FOLLEN VOLLAN	A foam flake. W. molwyn. Also a sheet of paper. "as weak as a vollan"
FOLLIER/FOLLYER	Follower, tender to seine nets
FOOCH / FOOCHED	Variants, fulch, fudge, fadge. To make do, a makeshift 2/ to row a boat stern first. 3/ in game of marbles to throw with the arm instead of fingers, jerking the hand forward. 4/ to pretend to be working. 5/tea ready to drink or dough raised Workers might foch away an hour rather than get on with the job in hand especially if the didn't like doing the task.
FOOCHY	To shove. To shuffle around and not do a lot!"
FOORRIGHT	Fortnight
FOORTH AND BACK	Shuffling, vacillating, to and fro.
FOOTCH	Make an effort even if inefficient. Cp. Fadge.
FOOTLINE OF A NET	Weighted bottom line to keep the net vertical under water.
FOOTWAY	Shaft by which miners went down to work
FOOTY	Mincing, affected manner.
FOR / DURING	"Once for the day."
FORAY	A little pleasure outing. North Hill. "We went on a foray yestday, down te Helferd



	Passage.”
FORCE PUT	Be under compulsion. A last resort. “We took en te court as a force put.” Perhaps ‘as a force that was put upon me.’
FORE AN AFT	Clergyman
FORE DOOR	Front door. (Also to go out through the door)
FORE(VORE) ENDS	Headlands of a field. When ploughing a field with horses particularly, when the horses head reaches the hedge, the plough is still some distance back. That is the Vore End.
FORGARVY	A trick
FORE HEAP	Illegal rugby tackle
FORE HEAP / FORE HIP	A throw in Wrestling.
FORE NOW	Before now, previous to now
FOREIGN LARD	Imported lard, not home-grown.
FOREIGNER	A freebie job done in worktime for someone else
FOREIGNER	Anyone from out of the district
FORENDALL	Blind alley, pudding-bag lane, cul de sac
FORK	Mining. To pump dry “going into fork” when the air begins to be pumped.
FORKLE	Iron hook to hold a boat lantern.
FORMAL DADS	Said of someone who is pushy
FORREL	A book cover. M.E. A binding without boards.
FORRELS	Book covers
FORSOOTH	In truth, or in fact – often used to imply contempt or doubt.
FORTHY	Bold, forward. “Bit forthy aren’t ‘ee, bargin into our conversation like that?”
FORTHY / FOORTHY	Pert, precocious, forward, bold. “Watch this little madam comin downlong, she’s brab’m forthy I tell ee.” If it relates to a child they’re said to be ‘preedy’ Older folk used to say to forthy children, “You’ve go too much of what the cat liked his backside (ass) with, my son!”
FORTY COCKS	Of a crumpled hat “knocked into 40 cocks.”
FOSSICK	To extract news from a person, to ferret out, to probe. “After I dun a bit o’ fossicking I found our t zackly what the truble was.” Investigating
FOUCH	A slow coach. “‘ee’s a proper ol’ fouch, taken all day te do nawthin.”
FOUCHED	Makeshift “I hardly ‘ad nuff rtimber so I’ve fouched en up fer now.”
FOUCHING ALONG	Not doing too well
FOUCHY	Always in a muddle
FOUR LEGGED CRIPPLE	Newt or a lizard.
FOUSED / FOWST / FOWSLED	Soiled, untidy, crumpled. “I shud thank you slept in they rousers last night, the way they’re all focused up; see the state o’ them bit.”
FOWSTY	Soiled with mildew, damp or similar and smells of damp. “This plaace is smellin brab’m fowsty, mind you ‘e ‘ave bin shut up fer aver a year.”
FOXES OF THE SEA	Mullet.
FOXING	Deceiving. “W’atch en, ‘es foxin’ you.”
FOXY	Uncertain weather. A lul in a storm Also colour of china clay caused by Iron Oxide.
FRAAME	A frame of posts and rails into which oxen were tied ready for cueing. (Cueing = having metal U-shaped plates fastened to their hooves for working.”
FRADGE / FRADJAN /FRADGEON	Dirty, evil smelling.
FRAIL / FRAAYLE / FRALE	Handbag of sacking or Hessian. Also a straw basket. I recollect that a traditional carpenter’s tool bag was also called a frail. It was made of a soft canvas type material.
F’RAL(L) THAT	“F’ral that arguff aw thatill yeening westill (Fonalln’ that)”
FRAME	A sloping wooden table used in dressing ore
FRANGO	Kind of shark.
FRANGE	To spread out like a fan. They all went out looken fer a lil lost chield so they franged out across the moor.”
FRAPE	To wrap tightly. “I ‘ear next door’s baby is dead, I think they fraped en se tite they suffocated en.”
FRAPE	To blow as of a trumpet
FRAT	Noisy argument. “For all your frat you didn’ win the day did ee?”

FRAYGUS	An untidy person. St. Ives “Even in school ‘e was a fraygus, ‘is desk was always in larrups.”
FREATH	A hurdle of interwoven furze
FREATH OUT / FREATHY	To unravel. To mend a gap in a hedge. M. E. frith. Cp. Cor. Frudha. To fray out
FREATH(E)	To weave. “They de freath their Alpaca wool down te Engoyse Farm. It de make nice garments tha’s fer sure.”
FREE TRADERS	Smugglers. (Perhaps they didn’t like to use the word, smuggling, ‘free trading would seem a much more respectable pastime!)
FREEZERS (in phr)	To play freezers. To steal marbles
FRENCH FURZE	Common furze. “I’m goyne up te the croft fer a burn o’ French Furze fer the fire – tis wash day marra.
FRENCH NUTS	Walnuts
FRENCH WHEAT	Buckwheat.
FRIDAY IN TIDE / FRIDAY IN LIDO	A miners’ holiday, the first Friday in March. Perran. Now there’s a luxury!
FRIGHTED	Afraid, affrighted, frightened, astonished “The evenin’ was as still as a clock when all od a sudden steer poked is ‘ead through the ‘edge an’ frightened me te death.
FRIGHTENED	Surprised “I shouldn’t be frightened if...” “I should not be surprised or astonished if . . .”
FRINGLE	A fire-ingle. A raised hearth having a draught hole beneath, set either side of the Slab in the kitchen for fuel other than coal for heating a large quantity of water. “Gone put the kittle on the fringle minute en het up drop watter I want boil up they few whites.”
FRIVOLOUS	Liable to break. Delicate, fragile
FRIZZY	Fussy. “She’s sum frizzy lately since she bin goyne out with that there new chap.”
FROAL / F’RALL	For all that. Notwithstanding
FROASE	A tide-race, current. Cp. W. ffrawd. “There’s a brave ol’ froase there between rthey off islnds, se be careful.”
FROCK	A man’s blouse.
FROZE	Row, disturbance. Cp. W. ffrawd. Anxiety “There was some froze up town last night, I cud ‘ear the allergen an’ shouten a mile off.”
FUDGE	see Footch He ‘ave been fudgen about all marnin, better fit ‘e waws doin’ omething’ fitty.”
FUDGEY	Fudgey faced, i.e. full-faced, fat faced.
FUGGAN	A large bun. A ‘Plum’ bun. Heavy (evvy) baked piece of dough
FUGGAN see HOGGAN	Miners’ dinner-cake. Dough baked with meat in the middle. . (Flat cake, sweet or savoury.)
FUGO / FOGOOU	Ancient underground passage, perhaps a store or a refuge
FULLISH	Foolish
FULLSOME	Rich food. “That tatte cake was some fulsome.”
FUMADE/Fair maids	Cured pilchards, barred ready for export.
FUN	A rope. A fillet (headdress) Cor. Ton, funen. Also a rush used to make sheep spans. Cp. VINNY, VIDNY.
FUNK	Stink, especially copper fumes from calciner. O.Fr. funkier.
FUNK	Multi knots in a length of string or rope, particularly a fishing line. “You got a bra ol’ funk there bouy, want a ‘and do ‘e?”
FUNNEN	Making fun/mischief. “Don’t git teasy, I wus awnly funnen with ‘ee.”
FUNNY BUT WHISHT	Comical if it were not also sad.
FUR	For
FURRIN (ER)	Foreign. Foreigner, someone not immediately local
FURRY DAY	Helston Flora Day
FURR	Wheat, to pull ears of
FURRY CLOTH	Oval piece of red cloth placed over the frontanelle, which is the anatomical feature of the infant skull, comprising any soft membranous gaps between the cranial bones that make up the calvaria. This cloth was placed on the baby’s head before the cap.
FURS(Z)E	Furze. When furz(s)e was stacked in the ‘ookener they were so placed that the ‘cut end’ were to the back leaving the ‘blossom’ end to the front. Furze burned quickly was was complimented by burning turf with it.
FURZE CUFF	A leather cylinder with a stick across the bottom as hand-hold to protect the furze-cutter’s left forearm. “‘owse, yer arm so scratched up, didn’ ee take yer furze cuff with ee?”

FURZE HOOK	A device used to withdraw faggots of furze from the 'ookener.
FURZE KITE / FUZZ KITE	The ring-tailed kite? Or rough-legged buzzard.
FURZEYMOORE	Root of the furze bush
FUST	First. "My dog was fust out the trap."
FUSTAN(IAN)	A coarse material such as was used for aprons
FUSY / VUSY / VAZY	(Adjective) good.

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