

# Q

Word	Meaning
QUAB	Sickly. Infirm. "Hello Mrs Pascoe, who's Mr?" "Well te tell ee the truth he's stilla bit quab, despite the medicine."
QUADDIES	Grumbles. Dawdles
QUAFF	To puff up. "I don't think that medicine is agreein' with me, look 'ow quaffed I am."
QUAFFED	Satisfied, full up
QUAIL	To fade, wither, wilt even refred to someone's general health. Old saying – "You're lookin' some quail, feelin' quail are 'ee?"
QUAILAWAY	A sty on the eyelid
QUAIT	Quiet
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QUALK/QUALKER	A hard fall. "I threw him a regular qualker" (Doubtless a wrasslin' term)
QUALLOT (THE)	The name of a triangular field on a farm in East Cornwall. (The bottom of said meadow was wet & boggy in which rushes grew) Can anyone help please?
QUAMS	Fainting fits. Stupid ideas. Female having a 'turn.' – a tizzy as per Mrs Bennett in Pride & Prejudice. Whims
QUAMS	Foolish ideas
QUARE	Joint in a lode
QUAREY	Quarry
QUARRTERS / QUARTERS	Lodgings
QUARRY	A pane of glass
QUARTER	To cry quarter = a form of submission in Cornish Wrestling
QUARTERS	Lodgings
QUAT / QUATTY	Squat. To flop down, to hide away. Children playing Hide & Seek might say, "less gone over behind the shed and quatty down, 'ee went find us there,"
QUATTY	To squat
QUEAL	Quill pen
QUEASY	Sensitive. Easily upset
QUECK STICKS	Soon done. "Is that all there is tuit? Tha's queck sticks fer sure."
QUEEDY	Berisk, sharp or shrewd
QUEEL	To wriggle. To coil or twist
QUEEL	To coil a coil of rope
QUEEN	Periwinklwe
QUEENS	Scallops
QUEER	Square beds or layers of ground (miner's term)
QUEER	Poorly, headlight, dizzy, near to fainting
QUEET	Quiet
QUELLAT / QUELLIT	A small enclosure or field. A pig's sty
QUENCHED AWAY	Died
QUEOCK	Part of a bullock's hoof
QUERB	A heap
QUERNS	Stone troughs where corn grain is crushed with a granite ball or large pebble (bulley). Querns were also used to break lore laiden rock for further processing.
QUICK STICKS	A job soon done
QUIDDLES	Foolish fancies. "Dussen't lissen te 'ee, ee's full ov quiddles."
QUIDDLIN	Semi imbecile; stupid manner

QUIGN(H)OGS/ QUIDDLES	Conceit. Ridiculous. “w’at yer tellin is a load o’ ol’ quignogs.”
QUILKIN	Frog (or toad). <i>Guilkin, Kuilkin, Quilquin, (Cornish a frog)</i> “I aren’t goyne ‘old yer ‘and thee’re’t as cold as a quilkin.”
QUILLAWAY	Stye on the eye. “Ee cud ‘ardly see where ee wuz goyn cu see ‘ad a massive quillaway on one ov ‘is eyes.”
QUILLET	A piece of ground. The only similarity found is, a set of converted farm buildings near Mevigissey by the same name.
QUILLET	White clover;
QUILLET	Small packet done up in a paper cornet
QUILTER	To beat. To thrash
QUILTER	Flurry; agitated
QUILTER COATS QUILTED COATS	Quilted petticoats
QUIM	Female animals vigena
QUINTED/QUIRTED	Over full with food, said of pigs and other animals
QUOINS	Corner stone, tied across one another to strengthen the building. Usually of large granite ashlar.
QWAY-ULL	To wither or shrivel up

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# R

<b>Word</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
RAASH / RASH	Hasty “Bit rash with yer werds there wadn’ ee?” Speaking before thinking
RAB / RABB / RAM	Hard gravelly ground. Stone used for rough road-making. Rubble. Granite rubble.
RABBAN	Miners term for a yellowish dry stone resembling gossan
RABBET ET	Bother. Confound it. “Odd Rubbet et.’
RABBIN	Robin
RABBLEFISH	Inferior fish
RABBLERASH	A dirty and noisy mob or group, the great unwashed.
RABBLE-ROUTE	A noisy mob
RACE	A strand of string (of onions) A row of things
RACE	A ball-bearing unit is known as a ball-race. Looking at RACE above on e can see why.
RAD	Rod, Pole or Perch a linear measurement of 16’ 6”
RADDO	Raddle for marking Rams
RADJAL/RADJAIL	A loose heap of stones such as waste from a quarry. “They have cleared yesterday’s blasted stone, there’s only the radjail left.”
RADJEL	Excavated tunnel (1877)
RAFE	To tear or rend/ a tear
RAFT/RAFTLE	Poor stuff; anything scrappy or inferior
RAFTAIN ORE	Poor ore and of no value
RAG & CHAIN PUMP	An endless chain of knots of cord, stiffened with leather at intervals which passed over a hand-turned sprocket wheel, down into open work or mine and up through a wooden pipe, through which it drew water. Forerunner of the Bastier pump
RAG / RAGGING	Wind blowing before rain. “Ragging for rain”
RAGGER	Copper mining term for people who separate inferior or worthless ore from valuable ore. (Often done by Bal Maidens
RAGGITY	Ragged
RAGLEN	A fisherman’s apron. (is this where raglan sleeves comes from?)
RAG SLATES	Odd sized slates, two adjoining edges squared
RAID-JACKET	Red Coat
RAM TIN	Conglomerate & variety of stream or pebble tin ore
RAM-CATS	Tomcats
RAMES	Bare bones. A skeleton. “There’s nawthen left ob’m more’n ‘is rames.”
RAMPANT SPAR LODE	A quartz lode
RAMPIN’ /RAMPOOSIN	Rampant
RAMPING MAZED	Raging. Raging mad
RAN	A wren
RAN-DAN / RANTAN	Gadding about. “Always on the ran-dan”

RANDIGAL	A rigmarole. Unconnected story; long rambling story
RANDYVOOSE	Confusion. Riot. Also a meeting place
RANNISH	To feel hungry. "I'm sum rannish yo, you'd think I 'and't ate nuthin fer a week"
RANNY	Wren. Also Jenny Ranny = Jenney wren.
RANTAKET	Noise; uproar
RANTAN	Gadding about – out on the 'tiles'. Having a good time.
RANTER-GO-ROUND	Old fashioned game of cards
RANTERS	Early primitive methodists
RANTERS JACE	A rambling hunt; wild goose chase
RANY	A ridge of rocks which is bare at half tide
RAP	Slat e.g. of binder canvas (See slat)
RAPS	Rasp
RARE. REAR	Early
RARE	Excellent, unusual
RARE-MOUSE	The bat
RARING TO GO	Impatient to be off
RASH	Brittle. Crisp. Rushing into things
RATLAN	Fallow
RATLAN FIELD	A fallow field
RATLIN GROUND	Fround which Has carried rootcrops previously
RATTWED	Rotten
RATTLE-CUM-SKIT	A rumpus. ' <i>Rattle-cum-skit</i> by night and sleep by day.'
RATTLE-CUM-STAVE	As above
RAUNISH	Ravenous
RAW CREAM	Cream from milk that has not been scalded
RAW FRY	A swede, potato and bacon dish
RAW HEAD	See Raw ream
RAW MILK	New unskimmed milk
RAWNISH	Hungry. Ravenous
RAYED	Red
RAYPIN' UP	A machine clogging with debris or weeds
REACE	A row (farming term)
REAM / REEM	To stretch. Engineers 'ream out' a hole if it is marginally too small for the job by using a reamwer..
REAM	Vb To stretch one's limbs
REAM. RAW REAM	The careful way that the cream is separated from the milk, by passing a large spoon or spatula neatly under the cream and lifting it off.
REAMER	A skimmer. Also a tool for expanding holes – used for drilling out holes when blasting roack/ore
RED HEADED DANE	Term of reproach
RED- ROOLERS/ ROLLERS	A delicious Cornish eating apple
REED	Unbruised stalks of corn, so called in the mass. Bedding for cattle
REEMING	To stretch and yawn simultainiously
REEN	A steep hill. "This 'ere reen is steeper than ee de look, 'tis easy sure nuff fer they gentry in their motor cars, but fer we poor beggers on our bikes 'tis a different kettle ov fish."
REESE	To beat out corn
REESE/REEZE	The falling of grain from ears of corn. Over ripe corn; shedding grain
REGRATER	One who buys and collects eggs, butter and other dairy products direct from the farm to sell on at markets
REGRATOR	An itinerant dealer in poultry. A hawker
REMLETS	Remnants "I've bin an' tore me trousers, I'll 'ave ask Mrs if she got a remlet that'll do te patch en with."
RENNE OR REN	Run. Running. "John, renne down shop minit, I abm got a drop o' milk 'ere fer teatime."

RESCAN / RUSKIN	A small stack or rick; or stick of reed. "I'll 'ave keep that rescan dry, it'll be lovely fer thatchen by an' by.
RESURRECTION DAY	Easter Sunday
RETCH / RETCHING	To be sick, vomiting.
RETURNING CHARGES	The cost of dressing, preparing and carrying black tin to the smelter.
REVERA	Reference to the Cornish Reveria, Paddington to Penzance train
RHYMSTERS	Not particularly dialect but I wanted to document it somewhere. Almost every village had a rhymester who would when something strange or amusing happened would note it for posterity by writing a ditty or doggerel
RICKS	Corn or hay stacks
RIDERS	Circus
RIDGER	An animail (usually a pig) improperly castrated
RID-LEG CHAWK	A chough. Choff
RIFFLE(D)	Roofs damaged by a storm. Unslated. Uncovered. Holes made in a roof by a storm where slates have either peeled off or slipped down. (As a temporary measure to this unfortunate situation, people would cut tobs of earth and place them over the damaged area.)
RIG	A frolic. A noise. "We 'ad rigs last night, ev'ry body cummed dressed up grand."
RIG-A-ROW-STEW	Ragout (highly seasoned stew of meat or fish, with or without vegetables)
RIGGLE / RIDDLE	To clear or stir up the fire. To sue the poker to dislodge clinker. "Riddle out the grate."
RIGHT? / ALL RIGHT?	A Redruth greeting, doubtless meaning; 'is everything alright?'
RIGHT AS RAIN	Honky-dory. Ev'rything 's goyne on grand
RIGHTEN	An ember
RILL	Sloping part of a pile of road-stone, when ready to be measured, that the earnings of the breaker may be estimated
RIN	To run especially grain in a hopper
RINGLE	A ringlet. "The lil' maid de look lovely with akk 'er ringles."
RINKER	Wool hat
RINNIN' IRO'	A tool for stripping bark
RIN WORD	To break an agreement. (To run on your word??)
RISBANK	A bank or mound
RISE IN THE BACK	Working upwards towards surface, in mining.
RISH	Rush. "The ol' millpond is full o' rishes this year, never seen se many."
RISH MOOT	The root of a rush plant. (Mott being known as the stub end of most plants)
RISK	Rind, or bark
RISM / RISSOM	(pronounced rizm), a small portion
ROADLING ROODLING	Wandering in the mind. Delirious. "Poor ol' faather is nearly done I bleeve, 'is mind is roadlin' baraave these days."
<b>ROANISH</b>	<b>Some 'ROANISH' ??????Help</b>
ROAR	To weep loudly
ROARING METHODY	Zealous Methodist
ROBIN'S ALRIGHT	A game of forfeits by the fire, whirling a fire stick. It is passed from one to he other and the one holding it when the fire goes out pays the forfeit. (Hope the cottage isn't thatched!)
ROD SHAFT	The engine shaft in a mine, where the rods of the pumping gear were operating.
RODE	Skill or aptitude
RODELESS	Without skill or aptitude
RODELING	Hesitating; uncertain
RODEX	State of good repair
ROKER	A cheat
ROMANCED	Flew into a rage
ROMANCIN'	Playing heedlessly
RONG IZ A	Wrong is he?
RONK	Rancid or putrid smell. "Twas some wronk out in the cart 'ouse, an' w'en I looked under a sheet o' galvanise there was a gaate licker dead rat, full o' magguts."
ROODGER	Anything big of its kind

ROODLIN'	Delirious. Wandering
ROODYER	A neutered male sheep or goat
ROOGE / ROUGING	To push or lift with difficulty
ROOTIES	Turnips
ROOTS	Usually applied to turnips or mangolds. "We de grauw a bit o' corn but mainly roots." (We would say today, root crops)
ROOTY/BAKER	Swede Turnip (see roots above.)
ROPE	Said of bread which in the summer would sometimes be rendered nauseous to taste and smell. Is this where the present day 'ropey' has originated?
ROPE YARN	Thatching cord
ROPER'S NEWS	Old news. 'Ropers News – Hang the Crier.'
ROPY	Referring to flour that has lost its freshness and has been injured by the damp. Also applied to bread made from such flour.
ROPY	To feel under the weather – mildly unwell
RORY-TORY	Conspicuously smart or gay. Tawdry, gaudy.
ROSSUM ROSIN	Resin
ROUAN	A Good Cider Apple from the Lizard area.
ROUCH/ROCHE	Rough
ROUGING	Lifting with great effort, also violent behaviour.
ROUN	Round. Around
ROUND ISLAND / LAND (GONE)	To die. To fade away. To wear out. No longer useful. "I've 'ad they boots fer years; they're gone round land at last."
ROUND/ROUNDAYO	Ancient circle of stones or earth
ROUNDERS	Slices of bread. Also a ball game
ROUNDERS	Dizzy
ROUP	To drink or gulp down liquid in a noisy manner
ROUSE. ROWSSE	A rattling noise. A bang
ROUSER	Large. Something big, a bit like loustier
ROUST-ABOUT	A rough tomboy. "She de love te roust-about with the boys."
ROUSY VOUNDER	Scoundrel
ROUTING OUT	Cleaning out, spring clean, clearing out drawers & cupboards. "bin routin' out this shed all day; I found stuff I never 'nawed I 'ad!"
ROVING	Raving (mad) "She's gon' rovin' mad an' all fer nawthen."
ROVING PAIN	An acute pain. In agonies of pain
ROW	Rough. Refuse from an Ore Stamping Mill. A bond or strip
ROW	A Wrasse
ROW CAST	Compost made from lime and pebbles
ROW TIN	Large grained, rough tin.
ROWL	Roll
<b>ROWS</b>	<b>Refuse from ore or black tin which has been separated from the rows. (I don't quite understand rthis help please</b>
ROW TOR	Rough Tor (Place name)
RUB	Rob
RUBBAGE / SCROFF	Rubbish / Refuse. "I went out te bring in the bin but the rubble men abm come yet."
RUBBING POST	A stone post in a field for cattle to rub against.
RUCKLE / TRUCKLE	To roll / Push / Trundle. "I see Freddie's gone rucklin' downlong with 'is donkey an' cart to git drop waater down plump."
RUCKLE	To screw or crease up clothing badly. "That bouy is gone up Chapel with 'is suit all ruckled up brave. In fact yoyu wudden think 'it 'ad seen a iron in its lifetime. I de blame 'is mawher I do."
RUCTIONS	A terrific row / Discord
RUD / RID	Red "ave ee noticed how the soil up te Debbm is that ol' ruddy colour. They ab'm got

	that there nice rich brown that we 'have got."
RUD(D)OCK	The Robin – Redbreast. "We de git quite a few rudocks feeden on the ishins when we're thrashin' corn."
RUDDICK	The wooden beam across a cart which acts as a hinge on which it is tilted or tipped
RUDGE	The Partridge
RUDLY	To blush
RUGGY	Rugged. Rubbly
RULL/RULLY/RULLY	To roll corn into sheaves ready for the handbinders
RULLING HOOK	Hook for putting corn into sheaves
RUMBELOW	The refrain to the Furry-day song is 'Halantow Rumbelow" A nonsense word
RUMBUSTIOUS	Noisy. Cantankerous. "Uncle John is gone awful rumbustious laatley, dunnaw w'as matter wi'dn."
RUMMAGE	Confusion. A disorder. "What a rummage the room is in."
RUMMAGIN'	Cow riding another i.e. 'in season.'
RUMMET	Dandruff. "I shall 'ave te change my shampoo, I got sum rummet in my 'air."
RUNNER	Fall of earth in a quarry
RUNNER	Endless roller towel behind the door
RUNNER	A long strip of carpet covering the larger portion of a hall or similar
RUMPARD	Small and puny
RUMPED-UP	Drawn together with cold. Also "rumped up" 'Scrumped up'
RUMPY	Uneven or coarse (said of yarn or thread). Often said of a feather tye. "Slept up aunties las night, the bed was sum rumpy."
RUN	A landslip. Landslide "T'was some weather last night, there's quite a run in the cliffs out to Gravesend." (May also be said where a path is being laid that needs a slight slope to take surface water away. Also any loose gravelly or shaley ground that has a tendency to run til it finds its own level.
RUN WORD	To go back on one's word. "'ee's always runnin' his word, can't bleeve anything 'e de say."
RUNK/RANK	Growing coarsely as of grass
RUNKY	Hoarse or wheezy breathing
RUNNER	Round towel placed on a roller, usually fixed behind the kitchen door. "Tis time te change that runner, 'ee's hummin stinkin."
RUNNERS	Fibrous roots of plants and weeds, particularly striol grass and convulvulous
RUNNING-WOUND	A wound from which matter is continually discharging.
RUSET	To move uneasily
RUSH LIGHTS	Candles formed by dipping the pith from rushes into tallow
RUSK/RISK	Rind or bark
RUSKING-COMB	A large-toothed comb
RUSSEL'S WAGON	Huge wagon that took nearly a fortnight to get to London from Cornwall. Passengers made their wills before leaving.
RUSTRING COMB	A dressing comb – a flinking comb
RUSTY	Rancid; chiefly said of bacon.
RUTTLIN	Rattling. The sound of phlegm rattling in the bronchial tubes. "I knew twas your wagon

	without looken, I cud tell by the way ee was ruttlin down long.”
RUTTLIN	The sound of phlym rattling in the bronchial tubes
RUX	Grains of gold (miners’ term)
RUXLER	Someone who fidgets on a seat. “I went pictures an’ sat next te a right ruxler, he dun nawthen but figet all the way thru the picture. I nearly gib’m one ‘cross the chacks.”

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