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Word	Meaning
UBB'M	That's it; of it
UBB'N	Oven
UCK-SHE-BAH	Human extrement
UD	An exclamation of pain
'UDD	Husk of the oat
UDDER	Other. "I dawn't want that wan, I wang the udder wan."
UDDER / OOGLY	Cross. Poor-tempered. Wicked
UDDERN-EEL	Mastitis
UDJACK / UDJACKAPIFFY	A small moveable block of wood used by boat builders in fitting the planks of a boat; also any small gadget
UFFY	A shoe or boot repairing last. "Ee put un on the uffy an' gib'm bell tink with the 'ammer
UGLY	Bad-tempered, vindictive. "he turned proper ugly w'en I went aver to gibm a bit p' 'and."
ULLONAMINIT	Hold on a minute
UMERS	Embers
UMMICK	Large portion of bread, cake, or pasty
UMMI(E)N	Stinking, Pungent odour, Filthy appearance. "I sh'd think 'ee'd bin up te 'is waste in the dung pile, 'cause 'ee was ummin; I cud smell'n a mile off."
UMLIBUS	Corruption of Omnibus
UNBEKNOWN	Not known. Acquainted. Without me knowing. "The surprise party was all put on unbeknown to me."
UNCLE	A term used in addressing any old man...not necessarily a relative
UNDERGROUND CAPPEN	An Overseer (captain) of the work being done underground in mines (All mines had a number of 'Captains' one to cover work above ground and another below on every shift. Their duties included what w in modern parlance would call 'Health & Safety'.
UNDERHEED	Private. Underhand
UNDER-ROAST	A peculiar method of cooking meat and veg.
UNEAVE	To thaw
UNKID	Dreary.Desolute. "When mather passed on I felt so unkid, I cuddenbleeve 'ow bad a felt.
UNLUSTY	Un wieldy
UNOPEN	To open rather like 'undo' which is to unscrew something.
UNREAM	Ton skim off calded cream with a reamer
UNRIP	To rip
UNTEEL	To fire a gun or set off a trap
UNTIFLED	Frayed out – unravelled by wear
UNVAMPED	Not added to or embellished
UP	Up to, as in "She stayed up a fortnit. Also said of clothing, being equivalent to 'on'; "Shed 'ad blue up for Chapel Annikversary."
UPADRILGEY/ UPADRILZEY	Hubhub; state of excitement.
UP(A)LONG	Up the street. To the upper part of town, or even 'up-country'. "Were's Percy, did I 'ear you say? He's gone uplong te live, dunnaw where to." If one was visiting friends, who lived lower down than his home, and the time came to leave he'd be likely to say, "Time I wuz goyne uplong; if it was higher up the street or town, he'd say, "downlong." If the housen was across town he'd say, "overlong."
UPPA UPPA HOYLE	Follow here, a boys' foxhunting game term

UPPYDOWNDAP	Child's game of dappyades played with rib grass
UPPISH	Proud. Snobbish. Ned got made up to Foreman last week, he's right uppish now."
UPRISE	To church women
UPSCUD	To spill or upset
UPSOT	Upset, end result., after all is said and done . "The upshot of it was he didn't go school that day 'tall."
URCHIN	hedgehog
URGE	To retch. To be sick "I think he ate othing g' bad, he was up urgin' all night, but he cudden bring othing' up save 'is life." But next day, waat ever it twas went through en like a dose o' salts."
URN	Heron
URTS/URKS	Wortleberries billberries
USSELL	We will
USSELL	Hustle
USSEN / USS	Us
UZZLE	The 'Adam's- Apple' in the throat. Windpipe

V

Word	Meaning
VAAKE	Anger or venom
VAATHER	Father
VACENTARY/ VASSENTARY	Subject to fits, perverse, contrary
VADDY/VAADY	Musty / Damp, mouldy, sleepy hay or wood
VADY	Refers to health. Quite well. "Hello Mr James, you've been poorly I 'ere; 'ow are ee now?" "Vady thanks, 'ow kind ov ee fer askin."
VAG ENDS	Fag ends
VALL ABROAD	To put on weight, usually referring to women. This would appear to be saying, 'fall abroad' or spread out.
VALL(E)Y	Value "I valley 'is company more than anybody else."
VALLY / VALLEY / VALLIE	Value. To care for
VALLEE	A few hours vallee; in a few hours time
VALSEN	Fresh water eels
VAMP	To add to, or top-up a cup o' tea. "Shall I vamp yer cup Mr. Williams?"
VAMPING	A tippler's trick. Tipplers who make the most of one glass of gfrog, first drink a little, then add some more spirit, then sip up again, then add some more water, then drink again and so on repeating the vamping!
VAMPING	Vamping about. Walking
VAMPING	Renewing the foot of a sock
VANG	A notion. Idea. To get. To earn; New enthusiasm; a new thing. "Tha's a new vangled idea in a?"
VAN	A kind of omnibus entered from the front
VAN	Also a short four-wheeled, enclosed horsedrawn vehicle for conveying perishable and delicate foods etc
VANNING SHOVEL	For sampling tin (mining)
VARGORD	A spar use to tighten the luff of a lugger's foresail
VARMEN/VARMUT	Vermin
VARMOT	Naughty child; a little pest
VARRIES	Varicose veins
VARYING	Sheet lightning. St Elmo's fire
VEACK/VEACH	A witlow
VEAN	Little "cheel vean' (little child)
VEAR	Barren. Unfruitful
VEAR / VEER / VAIR	A suckling pig. A young pig which is also known as a slip
VEARNS	Ferns and bracken
VEEMPING	Haxcking out mud from the track underground (adit)
VEER/VEERS	Farrow. "I gawt three sows due te veer this week." Hamilton Jenkin writes, 'Young sucking pigs were known to the Cornish as 'veers' but after six or eight weeks they were referred to as 'slips'.
VEET / VIT	Feet. Foot
VEISTES	Fists
VELLA	Whirlpool
VELLIES	Fellows (of wooden wheel) Can anyone please explain??
VELLEN	Villian
VENNIGAR ILL	Looking very bad tempered
VENNSCRAPE	Wide hoe for sraping up mud
VEOR	Great
VERMEN	Vermin
VERMUT	Vermin
VERNS	Ferns of the Bracken variety
VESKAN/VESKIN	Fingerstall Also known as Bysken & biscan
VESTRY	The smiling of sleeping infants. 'In the vestries'

VETHER TIE	Feather tie used over a mattress
VEXED	Annoyed, teasey
VICTOR NUTS	Hazel Nuts
VIDDLER	Small hook used by fisherman and anglers to dig for lance
VIESTES	fists
VIDGER	'Drier than a vidger
VINID	Green. Mould. Mouly.
VINNY	Roan colour.
VINNY	Off colour. Off taste. Going bad. Sour
VISEY-VASEY-VUM OR VISCY-VAZY-VUMFREE	Also Pedn-a-meen (heads & tails) played by any number. Hide a small item and blindfold a person. When the bandage is removed the hiders chant, 'Visey-vasey-vum' A search is made and when the item is found the game resumes in the same way.
VICTOR NUTS	Hazel Nuts
VICTORY	Conversion, salvation
VILET	Violet
VINNID	Mouldy, esp cheese
VIRIN'	Firewood
VISGY / VISGEY	A sort of pickaxe' Originally, a combination of a heavy mattock and a small axe at right angles to it.
VISIT WITH	To call on
VISION BLIND	Unable to see or supernatural
VISNAN/VIDNAN	Sand lance or sand eel
VITTIE	See fittie. Proper job. Good food.
VITTLE / VITTY	(see 'Fittie') proper. Correct "You've dun a proper vitty job with that , tis looken 'ansome."
VITTLES	Food
VIZGY	Tool incorporating Axe & Mattock
VLAYS	Fleas
VLEX	To flex (when rabbits are mating)
VLICKER UP	To blush
VOGGET	To hop on one leg
VOIDER	Baby's clothes basket; small fine wicker basket
VOLDRY VOIDRY	A work or clothes. A voider
VOOCH	To drag together in sewing
VO-OKES	Folks
VOOR/ VOORE/VO-URR	A furrow made by a plough or banker
VOOT/VIT	Foot, feet
VOR	Name for a root
VOR	The freshly turned space left when ploughing the latest furrow. Before 'bankers this was a means of planting potatoes . They were ploughed in and ploughed out at harvest time.
VORE HEAP	A wrestling grip
VOREPARE'T	To renew knees of cordouroy breeches
VORINGS	Open plough furrows left on finishing casting cut.
VOWER	Four
VOYER/VORRAD	The headland round a field. A field would be ploughed up and down or across, leaving considerable land near the hedge where the horses or oxen stood at the end of the pass. This would later be ploughed as one continuous voyer right around the field and until all the land is ploughed
VREEZE	To Freeze
VROG	Frog
VUGG	Holes in mineral vein in which valuable specimens are found
VUMFRA	A blow or heavy slap
VURDEN	Farthing

VUT	Foot
VU-UL	Full
VUZZ	Furs(z)e
VUZZ	Fuss

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W

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WAANT/WENT/ SHAANT	Won't. Will not "I dawn't care 'ow many time ee de ask, I ant, tell ee." "I shannt te;ll no more, you'll feel my belt ac ross yer backside next time".
WAANT	Mole
WAAS	Was
WACK	Allowance. Wealth. Money. (Plenty of Wack). Rather like plenty o' clout, which might lean also towards influence.
WAD / WOD	Handful of hay (or staw) indeed a handful of almost anything
WADDLE	A sloppy mess
WADDLE	Medicine, usually spoken of as 'Old Waddle'
WADDY	Fishermen's term for the wind puffy
WADGEL	A grey gull
WADNA?	Was it not?
WAERNING	Warning
WAIST	Ways
WAITER	A tea tray
WALKING PAY	Someone who is said to be walking a good deal. Originally an allowance paid by a sick club to a member too ill to work but not too ill to walk. "I've seen 'ee out twice this morinin' you must be on walkin' pay."
WALLAGE	A bundle
WALVIN	Wallowing or walking aimlessly
WAMBLING	Stomach rumbling. Feeling sick etc
WAN / WAUN	One
WANCE	Once. "I've told ee wance, shaan't tell ee no more".
WANG	To hang about in a tiresome manner
WAN OV (EE)WE	One of you – one of us, indicating another Cornish person.
WANT(S)	Mole(s)
WANT-HILL / WANT-PILE	A mole hill (Written in a tenancy of a small holding was a clause that required of the tenant to 'spread all want-hills.'
WAPS	The Gadfly. Also Wasps. To get the wap, said of cattle was to be frightened by the warble fly; and it nwas also said of a person who got unnecessarily excited.
WARM	To smack or tan a child
WARMING STONE	Name given to a kind of stone which when heated was noted for it's retention of heat for a considerable time.
WARN (WART)	To Warrant
WARNY	<i>I warny</i> = I dare say
WARRA	A Pulley
WARSAIL	Wassail
WARTHA	Higher. E.g. 'Gregwartha' is a farm at the highest part of Four Lanes
WASH ONE'S FEET	To paddle about ankle deep in the sea
WASH-TRAY	Wooden box for washing clothes
WASSACUM/ WASSANAME	What-do-ee-call-um? What's his name again?
WASSAIL	The wassail bowl is still in use in many parts of Cornwall at Christmas time. It's history would take up too much space. It relates to ensuring that next year's apple crop will be an abundant one.
WASSON?	What's going on? What's doing? A typical male greeting as he enters an already gathered group of mates.
W'AT AREE UP TO EN	What are you doing. "How are rthings in your world?" "How are things going?" Reply, "Tell ee w'at yo, not a lot."
WATCHA-EER	A form of greeting – " 'Ow are 'ee?' or 'All right are 'ee?'
WAT-EE-MA-CALL	Something difficult to apply a name to
WAT-EE-MA-CALL(IT)	Something difficult to recall, can't think of a name, difficult to put a name to. Bit like 'Caan't call'n 'ome.'

WATCHCHA-ME-CALL-IT	
WATER MEN	Men who stand in the sea and fill baskets with fish from the Tuck Boats. These were carried to the cellars where they are lightly sprinkled with salt by young children!
WATTER PANG	Regurgitation
WATTERY	Faint and Hungry
WATTY	Hare
WAUNCE	Once "I shall awnly tell ee waunce, the next time yoyu'll feel my strap (belt) across yer ass."
WAUNE EYE UP	Bullock's chack. (One can only presume this refers to the way a butcher would display half a bullocks head on a platter. This would have been rendered and used as braun.
WAUNDER	Wonder. Perplexed
WAY	Reason. Why "Way? Wass a matter wi ee?"
WAZYGOOSE	A contrivance for frightening birds. A whizabout.
WIDE ABROAD	Split open or something like a door or window wide open.
WE	Us
WED'N	With it. With him/her. "I seed 'er gittin' on the bus wed-n."
WEDDER	Weather. "It's fine wedder today"
WEDDER	Whether. "I dun naw wedder te go er stay 'ome."
WEELEYS/WEELEYS	Crab or lobster pots
WEEN	To chirp or cry plaintively. To take away from the mother (pigs, calves etc)
WEES	Small gentry. People of great pretentions and few qualifictions
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WEE-WAR	Lopsided
WEE-WAS	Lop sided or crooked. One might say 'bit if or but.'
WEETH	A field
WEETHAM	A small field
WEE-WOW/WAR	Wobbling about. Unsteady, lopsided.
WEGGAS	Bindweed
WEGGAS	The bindweed
WELGER	Big one
WELLE'ER	Just now
WELL-NEAR	Almost. Nearly
WELS NEST	Mare's nest
WENSDEE	Wednesday
WENT (WIN'T)	Won't or will not. "I'm goyne up street minite, but went be long
WERED	Wore
WERRAKING	Swinging something clumsily
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WERRATTING	Annoying, teasing, worrying
WERRATTING	Annouing. Teasing. Worrying
WERRY	Weary. Also 'very'
WERZETOOEN (YO)?	Where is it now?
WES	Was
WES	Was
WESLEY	Westleyan Chapel. 'I'm goyn Wesley night fer a bit a change.' Ie. I'm going to chapel.'
WEST'EN	Will not. "I west'en do it no matter 'ow much you pay me."
WEST-OME	Way home
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WET UP	To mix a large weekly bake.
WETH/ WETH-EN	With. With him (them)
WETH-EN	With them

WETHER	Castrated Lamb
WETTLE / WEDDLE	Baby's innermost garment
WEXEEN	Waxed end of yarn for sewing leather
WHACCA	Sweetness, Sweetmeats
WHACKS	Lots, quantities. Someone may be said to have, 'whacks of money.'
WHAN	When
WHAP	To knock or hit. "If ee dawn't be'ave, whap go to en."
WHAT-EE-ME-CALL	Can't think of the name
WHAZE	To swing one's arms when walking
WHEAL	Cornish for work, hence a mine working. Gwel, a field is sometimes corrupted into Wheal
WHEAL-EASY	Applied to employment where work is dodged
WHEEL-BARRA (BERRER)	Wheel-barrow
WHEEL BOG	The name of a mine, mines were constantly called Wheel, Wheal, or Huel. (<i>Cornish, Huel = a mine,</i>)
WHEP	A metal device shaped like an over sized coathanger, with a hook central, facing backwards and a hook on each arm facing forwards. These were attached to the implement and traces respectively as a means of pulling agricultural equipment like harrow, scufflers, etc.
WHER	Where
WHERRIES	Wherries were traditionally a river boat used for carrying passengers & cargo and were often heavily armed. They were usually Gaf-rigged.
WHICH AND WHICH	One of two. (achoice)
WHIDDLE	A tale – nonsense (Whims and fancies)
WHIDDLE	To fidget about
WHIDDLE	To have a whiddle is to have a pee!
WHIDDY-MAN / WIDDY-WOMAN	Widower. Widow
WHIFF / WHIFFING	Fishing with lines trailing behind a boat
WHIFFLE-HEAD	Empty-headed
WHILK/WILK	A sty on the eye. A ridgy lump or tumour
WHILLIGOG	A whirlygig
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W(H)INNARD	The redwing bird. "Ee wuz scrumped up like whinnard on a snow covered moor."
WHIMBLY-WAMBLY	Feeling sick and giddy
WHIP AN' GO	A near miss or close shave
WHIPSIDERRY	Machine for raising ore
WHIP UP	To raise, hoist; to stitch a hole in a rough fashion
WHIRL	The hip joint
WHIRL-BONE	The round head of the hip joint
WHISHT	Thin. Sickly. Wan-looking. Sad. Lonely
WHISTERCUFF	A box around the ears. A blow
WHITE WITCH	A fortune teller. A quack. A poor tempered person.
WHITEAR	The gristle in meat
WHITE WITCH	Someone supposedly able to cure toothe ache, stop nose bleeds, and cure all ill-whisht people
WHITNECK / WHITNICK	Weasle. "Shut up! Thee'rt screechin' like a whinick."
WHITS	Calcined tin ore after the arsnic was extracted
WHITSUL	Drink made from sour milk, cheese, curds and such like as came from a cow or ewe.
WHITTLE	A small shoulder blanket
WHIZ	To throw quickly. A blow If thesee dawn't stop I'll whiz go to ee." Or, "I'll whiz 'e 'round the ear." To hit
WHIZZ	Fussy person; an unmanageable person
WHIZABOUT	A whirlygig. We used to have hand-held whizabouts when I was a boy. We'd fasten coloured tape around the propeller bit and it would make patterns especially when

	fastened to the handlebars of yer bike!
WHOLE GROUND	Ground not previously worked for mineral
WIDDEN	Small pig. Smallest of the brood (runt) Quite often given to one of the children of the family to bring on for themselves.
WIDDLE(S)	To wiggle. To squirm. To wag. To jerk
WIDDLES	Legends, superstitions. "Dawn't lissen te they stories, they're nothing more than ol' women's widdles." 'Old wives tales'. Whims or fanciful thoughts.
WIDDY-WADDYING	Paddling
WIDDY WIDDY WAY	'Is a very pretty game te play, once, twice, three times, an' all run away!' Also Withy, withy way.
WIDDY-WOMAN/MAN	Widow / Widower
WIFF	A cape
WIFFLE-HEADED	Thoughtless
WILDFIRE	Quick to spread or quick to gert around. "Bad news de spread like wildfire."
WILD-NAGERIE	Wild managerie
WILKEY	A small toad
WILL	Well
WILLEN	A beetle
WILLING LIAR	One who tells a pre-meditated or unecessay lie
WILLY-WHIRLY	Dizzey, in a whirl, light headed
WILT	Will you? Doubtless from Will thou
WILT	Will you
WILVER	Same a baaker, i.e. a pot under which bread is buried in burning embers and baked
WIMWAM	A whim, a fancy or a fad. In nswer to the question, "Wh\at 'ave 'ee gawt there?" the evasive answer is, "A imwam fer a goose's bridle. New te me; but I've 'eard of a wigwam fer weenies!
WIMMICK	To cheat or beggar
WINDARLY	Sick. Faint
WINDER	Window
WINDING / WINDY	Winnowing. To winnow
WINDLE	A windlass – windle of the pump
WINDLE	A windlass
WINDT/WINT	A whirling wheel machine for twisting rope
WINDSPUR	The roof at the gable of a house A raised wind course on a gable
WINDY	Afraid, coward
WINDY	Winnowing
WING	Furze. Gorse
WINGARLY	To feel faint or sick
WINGERLY	Oozing, shining as with tainted meat
WINK	A beer shop
WINK	A macine for making straw ropes
WINKY	To make straw ropes
WINKY-EYE	Game played by hitting rotten eggs while blindfolded. Participants are blindfolded and issued with a stick. They then proceed to try to break the egg!!
WINNARD	A bird that looks woebegone in cold/wet weather, often referring to the Fieldfare or Redwing
WINNARD	The Redwing 'as whisht as a winnard.' Referrrin to the fact that redwings only arrive in Cornwall when the weather is so bad that there is little food available, and like most birds have the ability to fluff up their feathers into a ball to help conserve body temperature.
WINNER	Winnard. Kind of small bird
WINNICK	The cheat; take in; deceive; swindle, to over-reach
WINSPUR	A raised wind course on a gable
WINZE	A communication between two levels in a mine
WIPPERSNAPPER	Young mischievious boy
WIPPEN-TREE	Whipple tree for attachinghorse towing trains

WISHT	Melancholy. Sad. Look ill. Poorly, Ssickly, Weak
WISNT	Worried
WISS	Worse
WITHALL / WITHIAL	A wren
WITHY	Bendy rushes or willows. The willows were used to make crabpots.
WOAN'T	Will not, "Faather said, 'Don't tell nobody w'at I said' so I woan't."
WOB	Idle gossip
WOD	A blow
WODD	Wodd or bundle of straw
WODDLE	Weak liquid
WOG	To walk with rolling motion
WOLL	Wall
WOGMIRE	Marsh. Quagmire
WOLLAS	Lower. Below
WONDERS/GWENDERS	Frost bites. Stinging sensation caused by cold in the finger.
WOOD TIN	Tin ore strongly resembling wood
WORM	weakling
WOR-WOP	Smack. Clout
WOR-WOP	Smak; clout; "I'll give ee a wor-wop right across yer face if I 'ave any more cheek fom you me lad".
WOSS ON?/ WASS UN?	What's doing?
WOT-NOT	A corner china stand
WOUNDE	Wound
WRAPPER	A hessian apron, seems rather like the W.C. Towzer
WRASSLING/ WRASSLUN	Cornish wrestling. At Porthleven (Breagside) there's an area known as the Wrasslin' Fields.
WRASTLING	Wrestling
WRIDDLE OR WRIGGLE	A metal wire mesh sieve (adj) To clear out spent embers (vb)
WRINKLE/ WRINK	The periwinkle
WRINKLE	A receptacle for burnt tin
WROTH	A fish known as 'Connor' or Sea Carp
WUGG	Command for a horse to turn right
WUDDEN(N'T)	Would not. Wouldn't
WURDERS	'Hoarders' or Keeping apples
WUST	Worse "It de look wust then tis."
WUSTA?UST-AW WUD-AW	Will you? "Wust-a pop up shop fer us, I'm desperate fer a ownce o' yeast te make sum plumb cake.
WUTH	Worth
WUTS	Oats
WU-ULL	Wool

X

XZACTLY	Emphasising agreement with someone, you'd say "Zxactly" "You're dead right pard."
XZACTLY	Spot on. Something that is perfectly correct
XZOTTIC	Exotic. "Bin down Bird Paradise 'ave ee? They got load ov they zxottic birds down there flyin' 'round."

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