

F	<i>Words beginning with 'f' may well also be pronounced with initial 'v'. Ed.</i>					
Word	Meaning	Source: Name/Place/Date	Industry	Derivation	Original Place of	Period of Use
F'RAL'(L) THAT	(For all – that) off all that arguing we still went for lost.	For all that "Fral that arguing' we still went an' lost."	General	92*, 94*, 94*,	NC. WP	General
FAACE	"My face is my worst limb" one is healthier than the face indicates.,		General			
FAACE LIKE A FITCHER	Long faced like a ferret or Polcat, lookin as miserable as sin					
FAATHER	Father		General		WC, EC, MC,	
FAC	Fact		General	F. Ivey		05
FACEY BOARD	Fascia of a building		General	T. Massey	St Agnes	
FACKIT	Faggot, a bundle		General		Bude OCS	
FACKLE / FECKLE	Acute inflammation, especially of the foot, "I stubbed my toe an' ees full o' fackle."		General	Cor. fakel	WC	
FADDY	The Furry Day Dance. from Irish? "Long dance". Making Merry; rejoicing		General		WC	
FADE (pronounced fadey)	To go, applied more now to the Furry Dance through the streets of Helston. The Furry is also known as the Fade(y). In this context it implies, moving on or proffessional)		General		WC	
FADGE / FADGY/FADGIE	Work it out		General		EC	
FADGE/FADGY	To get on or fair, as in 'how did 'e fair?' 'How did 'e git on?' How do ee fadge. From Angl. Sax. fegan. How are you? Typically used		General			
FADGE	To concoct usually food . "Well, gone in te see w'at I cen fadge up fer tea."		Culinary		WC	
FADGY	Faded, soiled		General	F. Ivey		
FAGGIED	Devised, faggied out a plan.		General	F. Ivey		
FAGGOT	An amful of sickes, 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		General			

FAG(G)OT	In wrestling, a bargain not to win, “to sell ones back”. Cp. Fr. Fagot.		Wrestling			
FAILEN	Deteriorating in health. “ow’s Mr, Mrs Jenkin?” “Failen fast I’m afraid dear; I dawn’t thi twill be long nolw.”		General			
FAINAGUE / FENEAG	Entice, to obtain my improper means. Fernaiging: cheating. Cp. Reneague. “Watch ee, ee de fainague when ‘ees playen cards.”		General			14
FAIR-(A)-MO / FERA MO	Fair at St Ives on Saturday before Advent		General	Cor. Fer mogh, fera mogh.	St Ives	
FAIRINGS	Gingerbreads		Culinary	F. Ivey		
FAIRMAIDS / FAIRMADES	See Fermades . A salted pilchard, freed of most of its oil by pressure and for the foreign market. Also Fumadoc	53	General		C.S.W WC	
FAIRY / VAIRY	Weasel. O.Fr. vair. Cp. Furret.		Fauna			
FAIRY PURSE	Merrymaids’ purse	53	General	Folklore	C.S.W. p.114	
FAIST	Feast. Each parish has its feast day		General	WC		
FAL-DE-RALS / FAL-THA- RALS	Trifles – useless things		General			
FALKY	Corn ready for cutting. Also barley beaten down by storm and needing a reaping hook (sickle) . Any LUSCURIANT plant.		Farming	Cor. Falgh Cor. Fats	WC	
FALL ABROAD	To become stout (personal). Cooked ingredients falling apart in a crumbly way. Also to laugh excessively. “I fell abroad laughing.”		General		WC	
FALL HOME	Retribution “They will git their fall-home one day, mark my words.”		General		WC	
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.”		Farming			
FAMP	To walk heavily, or with a firm foot		General		WC	
FAN / VAN	Shovel. Vanning: the art of separation of alluvial metal.		Mining	WC		
FANCICAL	Whimsical; fanciful		General	F. Ivey		
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.		General			
FANG	To earn, to get, to take or seize, applied as earfnings; from Angl.Sax. <i>fangan</i>		General			16
FANG	A new thing (We say ‘new fangled’ don’t we)		General			

FANGINGS	Earnings, wages. "I'm gone te the office minute te git me fangings."		General			
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."		General			
FARDEL (LE)	Bundle, or burden. (of hay)		General	Cor fardel.		
FARDEN	Farthing		General	F. Ivey		
FARENUT / VAIRNUT	An earthnut. O.E. fearh.		Flora			
FARGOOD	A spar about 20ft long used as a bowline to the fore sail of fishing boats		Fishing		WC	
FARIZA	Is it far, or how far is it?		General			
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.			Cor. Fauns.		
FAUT / FAWT	Fault or mistake.			Cor. Fowt		
FAVOUR	Resemble, as children to parents.					
FAY	"Iss fay" It is truly.			Cor. Us fay.		
FAY / FEY	Faith		General	F. Ivey		19
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!	PP	General	Throughout Cornwall		
FEAK	To cheat, to feign. To cheat at play			Cor. Fukya		
FEAP / FEEPER	Whistle made of a quill, or a straw, reed or of elder or sycamore branchlet. Cp.		General	Cor. Whyp, whyban.		
FEAPS / FEEPS	A game of pitch and toss played with five stones		General			
FEARED	Frightened. "more feared than hurt."		General			

FEARNOUGHT	Strong woolen garment.	53	General		C.S.W.	
FEASTEN	Feast; 'Feasten Sunday' Each or most parishes had a 'Feast Day' which was their Saint's Day or Patronal Festival		General;	F. Ivey		
FEAST	Adj. Feasten. Connected with patron saint, usually the Sunday and the Monday.		General			
FEATHER(BED) (TYE)	Mattress of feathers –goose down		General			
FEATHER-BOG	Bog, quagmire.		General			
FEE	Freehold property. Fee simple. "Our house is fee"		General			
FEE	Welcome to come & go as one pleases.		General			
FEE(F)PS	Game – Pitch & Toss played with five stones		Recreation			
FEEP	A whistle made in May from a sycamore branch		General		WC	
FEER MO	Fair Mo – Pig fair		General			
FEGARY	A prank. A feat. Also, finery.		General			
FELLON	Whitlow, inflammation in cattle. M.E. Fellon herb: common chickweed or the mouse-ear chickweed.		General/Flora		Bude OCS	
FEN	Fiend, term of abuse.		General			
FEN COCK	Water-rail.		General			
FENEAGE	Cheat, to steal, to obtain unfair advantage, to entice		General	F. Ivey		
FENTON	A Spring [water]	20	General		WC	21
FENTONPYTH	A Surface Well	20	General	WC		
FER	For		General	F. Ivey	WC	
FERMADES / FAIRMAIDS	Pilchards barreled for export. .	20, 53	Fishing/Marine	WC	WC	
FERN	Bracken, especially after cutting and stacking for bedding of animals.		General			
FERN SUMMER	St. Luke's Summer, a fine spell coinciding with fern cutting.		General			
FERN WEB / FERNICOCK	Garden chafer. Beetle		General			
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."		General			
FERNAIGUE / FERNAIGIN	Fail a promise, to revoke at cards, to go back on one's word. Faithless, forneaguig		General			
FERNWEB/ FERNYCOCK	Grown nettle used in fishing		General		WC	
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."		General			
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.		General			
FERRICK ABOUT	To search, fuss about, used derogatively.		General			
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.		Tradition			

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?"	Barrie Yelland, Paul Phillips	General	Camborne/ Redruth & Leedstown		
FESCUE	A pin or point		General	F. Ivey		
FESCUE / VESTER	Pointer for teaching of reading. A feather stripped of its vane.		General			
FETCH	Reach, to get to. "fetch home". Also a bit like, 'caan't call en 'ome' i.e. I can't fetch en to mind.'		General			17
FETCH UP	To be sick – to vomit		General			
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.		General			
FETCHING FIRE	Being in a hurry.		General			
FETTER LOCK	Shackle for a horse turned out to grass. FIDDEN: stiffness. Also used on osses that had a tendency to jump hedges.		General			
FEW	Little, a little broth, a few broth. "'ave a drop o' soup will ee?" "Ess, but only a few."		General	F. Ivey		
FIANT	Hero		General			
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 broadcat the seed evenly.		Agriculture		WC	
FIDDLER'S MONEY	Money saved in small amounts in change. Probably saved from work done out of core.		General			
FIDDLERS' GREEN	The sailor's paradise of grog, dancing etc.		General			
FIDGERED	Puzzled about something		General			
FIG(S)	Raisin(s). "Stone they few figs far me minute, I'm goyne make a bit o' hevvy cake."		Culinary	W.I. Book		
FIGGITYDICK	Pudding containing currants. Some one who doesn't keep still		General		Bude OCS	
FIGGY DICKY /DIORY	Flour, butter and sliced apple.		Culinary			
FIGGY DOUGH	Plum Pudding pronounced DUFF		Culinary	WC		
FIGGY DUFF	Dough, suet and raisins baked in a pasty shape.		Culinary			
FIGGY HOBBIN	As below		Culinary			
FIGGY PUDDIN	Plum pudding; raisons being known a figs.		Culinary			
FIGHT	Variant of <i>fete</i> in <i>tay-fight</i> "Where's the bun fight to?"		General			
FIGHTABLE	Pugnacious		General			
FILLAN	Insufficient, as "Junket is no fillan". "That was nice nuff, but wandn no fillan in en was err yo?"		General			
FILLTH	To fill, fullness. Belly ful		General			
FIND ONESELF	To know onself. "I shouldn't find myself dressed up like		General			22

	that.” “I wouldn’t be seen dressed up like that. “					
FIND WANTIN	To miss; to feel the need of; not coming up to expectation		General			
FINE	Veery; exceedingly. “I’m sorry fer bargin in.” “I’m fine AND Glad to see bouy.”		Greeting			
FINEAGLE	Make up (an excuse)		General			
FINE-AND	Intensivein ‘ <i>fine and</i> poorly. i.e real poorly, or proper poorly		General			
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.		Mining/ Quarrying		WC	
FINGER-RAY	Skate or Ray cut into fingers		Maritime			
FINING AWAY	Weather changing from good to bad		General	F. Ivey		
FIRE	As fire: vexed, jealous, drunk, mad. “Like fire flames” very red.		General			
FIRE – PRONG	Fork use to arrange furze fuel		General			
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.		General			
FIRE PIN	Section of log used as fuel. St. Neot.		General			
FIRE TAIL	Redstart.		Fauna			
FIRE PAN	Fire shovel		General	F. Ivey		
FIRK	To tease roughly by hand. (O.E.)		General			
FIRMS	Forms or benches as sat on in early Chapels, Sunday Schools etc.		General	Hamilton Jenkin		
FIRST ALONG	At first, in the beginning. “First along when I knew him...”		General			
FISH JOUSTER	see Jowster.		General			
FISLAK	Fidgety child. Cor. Fyslak.		General			
FISTES	Fists		General	F. Ivey		
FIT /	To prepare meat for cooking, prepare a meal. “When shall I fit the dinner?” (meat = any kind of food not just animal flesh.)		General			
FITCH / FICHET / FITCHER/FITCHY	Polecat .Fr. “Wild as a fitchet/fitcher” also ‘fitchey’ would describe a ferret with brown ‘points’ as opposed to a pure white also described a weasel-like	20	Common	F.E. Leese (Looe)	WC NC Bude OCS	21
FITCHERED	Mining; a drill stuck or blocked. “Now the darn drill is fitchered in the awl an’ I an’t git en out.”		Mining	WC		
FITCHERED	Frustrated; stopped short; Baulked; used originally of some set-back in mining.		Mining		WC	
FITTY	Becoming, proper, correct. “He gave a fitty answer” “Walk fitty maid, thee’rt like a crab going to Scilly.”		General			
FITTY / FITTIE	Cleveer, Proper, Becoming. “See’in’ as yer charging sa much, I want a proper fitty job doin’ to en.”		General	PP	WC	
FIVE FINGER	Starfish. .		Marine	Cor. Pympbys		
FIVE POINTED STAR	A sign cut on the dressel to keep out witchcraft. Dressel		Folklore			

	= threshold.					
FLAAD/BLAAD/ VLAAD	Said of an animal puffed out with flatulence through over eating or eating fermentable plant material.		Agricultur		WC	
FLABBERSOME	Loose, untidy		General	F. Ivey		
FLAG	Flagstone		General	WC		
FLAGERY	A frolic, fun or spree		General	F.Ivey		
FLAIR	Stench. .		General	Cor. Fler		
FLAM	Nonsense, pretext.		General			
FLAM NEW	Quite new, 'as good as new.' "Farmer Giles'ave bin an bott a flam new oss cart; that cost en a trifle."		General	Cor. Noweth flam, as W Et B		
FLAMBEAU	Paraffin flare		General			
FLAMBO	Signal flare. "I see the flambo's gone off must be truble out te say somewhere.		Marine			
FLAMBUSTED(ERD)	Amazed, excited, agitated		General		WC	
FLANG	Two pointed pick.		General			
FLAP	Flash of lightning; also a squall. FLASH.		General			
FLARRICKING	Flirting	17,	Common		M.C.,	1984
FLASHER	A bird; the Red-Backed Shrike.		Fauna			
FLASKET	Two handled wicker basket; clothes or linen basket. Large enough usually to contain a long line of washing. O.Fr. flasquet.		General		Bude OCS	
FLASKET	As above, but used to bail out fish		Fishing	P.A. Flamank		
FLAT HANDED	Wrestling term.		Wrestling			23
FLAW	Gust of wind. Also colic in cattle.		General			
FLAWS	Intermittent showers		Weather			
FLAYED	Chaffed legs in frosty weather		Medical		Bude OCS	
FLAYGERRY	Frolic, a spree. .		General	Cor.? Fleghyk gwary		
FLEA	An instrument for bleeding cattle.		Farming			
FLEA RIB	The spare rib. "I'll 'ave a rack o' flea ribs please."		General			
FLECKETTS	Flashes, sudden changes in colour		General	F. Ivey		
FLECKTT	Squally weather, wind or rain		Weather	F. Ivey		
FLEDGED AND FLIED	Grown up and departed, of young birds leaving the nest or children leaving home. (Not particularly Cornish I feel)		General			
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.		General		WC	
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."	53	General		See C.S.W.	
FLENKAN	A cross cut that cuts off a lode, (a vein) of ore		Mining		WC	

FLERK	A turn of bad weather. "We are in fer a proper flerk t'night by the look o' the sky."		General			
FLERY-GO-LURGY	Fever of laziness?		General	St. Just.		
FLESH-MEAT	Butchers' Meat but not pork.		General		WC	
FLESHY-DIDDLE	Pastry with pieces of meat stuck on top and baked		Culinary	F. Ivey		
FLETTERS	Rags, strips, 'Torn in fletters.'		General	F. Ivey	St Aust & Pentewen OCS's	
FLEWERS	Flowers		Flora		WC	
FLIBBERIN'/FLEBBERIN'	Fussing around		General			
FLIBBERS	Small thred like fragments caused by fraying. FLICKETS: flushes, blushes, Cp. FLOSHES. ??? Help needed		General			20
FLIBBITYGIBBIT	Faithless person		Religion		Bude OCS	
FLICKET	Dither "He de always flicket 'bout everythine 'e de do."		Behaviour		Bude OCS	
FLIES, FLIERS	Hands of a clock. In reference to time's best known activity!! . Also the fly-front of gents trousers		General		WC Camborne	Til 1953
FLIG	Gaudy articles of clothing		General	F. Ivey	WC	
FLIG, FLIGGISH	Contemptuous term for a child.		General			
FLINDERS	Small particles 'Grind to flinders.'		General	F. Ivey		
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.		General			
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	PP	General	WC		
FLIP	Of the finger. To jerk the finger and thumb		General	F. Ivey		
FLIP JACK	A rude fireplace. ?? All suggestions welcome		General	??	WC	
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."		General			
FLOCKETS	A peculiar sensation as of fluid passing over the surface of the body		General		WC	
FLOODS OF DAVA	Ages ago.		General		See O.C.I., 4, p.28.	
FLOOKAN / FLEUKAN	Clay filled vein or soft ground interrupting a lode in mining by separating one lode from another.		Mining	Cor. Fluken.	WC	
FLOOPER	Under petticoat.		General			
FLOOR	Of a meadow. "a good floor of grass"		Farming		WC	
FLOOR	Of tin: stratum of ore as it lies in alluvial deposit, as in stream works, also horizontal formations of ore. Cp. Bunney. (Botallack).		Mining		WC	
FLOOR	Paved ground on which ore is deposited for dressing or for sale		Mining	F. Ivey	WC	



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.' Similarly, if one throws out a container of water in such a way that it hits the floor or ground in a flat mass, rather than poured, it is said to be flopped.		General		WC	19
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. This may not be exclusively Cornish!		General		WC	
FLOP	To upset water or other liquid; when it hits the ground and splats, you would be said to have flopped the water.		General	F. Ivey		
FLOP JACK	Old fashioned mine.		Mining			
FLOPPER(VAN)	An Under garment like a petticoat		Drapery			
FLOPPY-DOP	Foxglove		Flora		Bude OCS	
FLORA IN DISTRESS	A woman with disheveled hair. From an old play		General			
FLORAN	Fine meal tin stuff, flour tin. Cp. Welsh.		General	Cor. Floren.	WC	
FLOSH	To flush, wash. "flosch the courtlage" (yard). To swill. "I'd best flosch out the milk bottles 'fore put them out fer the milkman." To spread water over an area with a bucket.		General			
FLOSH STAMPS	Stamps that wash the tin stuff over an adjustable ledge instead of through a grate or grating.		Mining			
FLOTE ORE	Seaweed. O.E. float ware.		General			
FLOUGE	To deluge with water.		General			
FLOUNCE	To shake or jerk one's body, particularly in the act o showing off.		Behaviour		WC	
FLOURY	Mealy, Floury potatoes are those that break down almost to a mush when boiled.		General	F. Ivey		
FLOURY MILK	Porridge made of flour, milk and sometimes spices.		Culinary			
FOUSED	Faxded also generally creased out of shape, bedraggled		General		Bude OCS WC	
FLUE	Light dressing of dung over a field. O.E. to spread out.		Farming			
FLUMMEX	Bewildered, confused		General		WC	
FLURRY	To be in a hurry		General			
FLURRY-GO-NIBBLE	Diarrhoea		Health		WC	18
FLUSHET	A freshnet or flush; a dam in a stream (flood-let). A flood gate		General			
FLUTE AN ARROW	Term of affection addressed to a child.		General	Cor. Flogh tenderra or flogh an wharra	O.C. VII 480.	
FLY BY NIGHT / FLYING MARE	Restless person. One who is street wise to the extent of being cunning. Not to be trusted.		General	F. Ivey		
FO'CER	A broth that was served to take the edge off the appetite.	Hamilton Jenkin	Culinary			
FOACER	Lump of plain pudding or of broth to dampen appetite,		Culinary			

	before a main meal. "Will'ee have a foacer, me son".					
FOACER	A large basin		Household		WC	
FOAL, FAULD	Afterbirth of a calf.		Farming			
FOATHY/FORTHY	Bold or forward. Mother used to call it 'preedy'		General		WC	
FOGANS	A kind of cake. I think something like heavy cake.					
FOGO / FUGGOE / OGO / VUG	A cave in a cliff. In place names VUGGA, Vugh an flounder.		General	Cor. Fugo, fug, fougo, ogo. Ancient underground cave.	WC	
FOGOU/FOGON	An ancient subterranean stone lined and roofed passage found with Iron Age villages. Some deem it to be a mere escape hole others say it was a food store		General	F. Ivey	WC	
FOLLEN VOLLAN	A foam flake. W. molwyn. Also a sheet of paper. "as weak as a vollan"		General	Cor. Folen.		
FOLLIER/FOLLYER	Follower, tender to seine nets		Fishing	St Ives		
FOO(T)CH / FOO(T)CHED	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, implying, cheating. 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 they didn't like doing the task.		General		O.C.I. 3, p.39 and C.S.W.	
FOOCH(Y)	To shove. To shuffle around and not do a lot!" A state of disorder or confusion.		General		St Aust & Pentewen OCS's	15
FOORRIGHT	Fortnight		General	F. Ivey		
FOORTH AND BACK	Shuffling, vacillating, to and fro.		General			
FOOTCH	Make an effort even if inefficient. Cp. Fadge.		General		O.C.I., 3.	
FOOTLINE OF A NET	Weighted bottom line to keep the net vertical under water.		Fishing		C.S.W.	
FOOTWAY	Shaft by which miners went down to work		Mining		WC	
FOOTY	Mincing, affected manner.		General			
FOR / DURING	"Once for the day."		General			
FORAY	A little pleasure outing. North Hill. "We went on a foray yestday, down te Helferd Passage."		General			
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.'		General			
FORE AN AFT	Clergyman		General			
FORE DOOR	Front door. (Also to go out through the door)		General		WC	
FORE HEAP	Illegal rugby tackle		Sport			
FORE HEAP / FORE HIP	A throw in Wrestling.		Wrestling			
FORE NOW	Before now, previous to now		General	WC		

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.		Agriculture	WC		
FOREIGN LARD	Imported lard, not home-grown.		General			
FOREIGNER	A freebie job done in worktime for someone else	Ted Gundry	General		Camborne	
FOREIGNER	Anyone from out of the district		General	Countywide		
FOREIGNER	Something that doesn't fit in or is different to the rest. i.e. You have a 'useful box' of nails, in which you ind a screw. The screw would be deemed a foreigner.		General	WC		
FORENDALL	Blind alley, pudding-bag lane, cul de sac		General	Cor. Furth hens-dall	O.C. V p.339.	
FORGARVY	A trick		General		WC	
FORK	Mining. To pump dry "going into fork" when the air begins to be pumped.		Mining	F. Ivey	WC	
FORKLE	Iron hook to hold a boat lantern.		Marine		C.S.W. p.79 Cor forkel.	23
FORMAL DADS	Said of someone who is pushy	Barbara Peters	General		St Teath	
FORREL	A book cover. M.E. A binding without boards.		General			
FORRELS	Book covers		General			
FORSOOTH	In truth, or in fact – often used to imply contempt or doubt.	Hamilton Jenkin	General			
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!" "Bit forthy aren't 'ee, bargin inta our conversation like that?"		General			
FORTY COCKS	Of a crumpled hat "knocked into 40 cocks."		General			
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		General		WC	
FOUCH	A slow coach. " 'ee's a proper ol' fouch, taken all day te do nawthin."		General			
FOUCHED	Makeshift "I hardly 'ad nuff rtimber so I've fouched en up fer now."					
FOUCHING ALONG	Not doing too well		General		WC	
FOUCHY	Always in a muddle		General		WC	
FOUR LEGGED CRIPPLE	Newt or a lizard.		Fauna			
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."		General			
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."		General		WC	

FOXES OF THE SEA	Mullet.		Fishing			
FOXING	Deceiving. "W'atch en, 'es foxin' you."		General	F. Ivey		
FOXY	Uncertain weather. A lul in a storm Also colour of china clay caused by Iron Oxide.		General		C.S.W.	17
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.)		Agriculture			
FRADGE / FRADJAN /FRADGEON	Dirty, evil smelling.		General			
FRAIL / FRAAYLE / FRALE/ FRALL	Handbag of sacking or Hessian (Morton Nance.) 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 with two stout handles. When placed on the ground, the the bag would collapse showing the tradesman all his tools at a glance.		General	Trro Fowey	Mrs A. Merrifield via Tom Ansell	1890
FRAME	A sloping wooden table used in dressing ore		Mining		WC MC	
FRANGE	To spread out like a fan. They all went out looken fer a lil lost chield so they franged out across the moor."		General		WC	
FRANGO	Kind of shark.		Marine		C.S.W.	
FRAPE	To wrap tightly. "I 'ear next door's baby is dead, I think they fraped en se tite they suffocated en." Or to whip		General		See C.S.W. p.79. Bude OCS	
FRAPE	To blow as of a trumpet		General		WC	
FRAT	Noisy argument. "For all your frat you didn' win the day did ee?"		General			
FRAYGUS	An untidy person. St. Ives "Even in school 'e was a fraygus, 'is desk was always in larrups."		General			
FRAY-O	A soft woven rush basket (See frail) above		General		Bude OCS	
FREATH	A hurdle of interwoven furze		General	F. Ivey		
FREATH OUT / FREATHY	To unravel. To mend a gap in a hedge. M. E. frith. Cp. Cor. Frudha. To fray out		Farming			
FREATH(E)	To weave. "They de freath their Alpaca wool down te Engoyse Farm. It de make nice garments tha's fer sure."		General			
FREE TRADERS	Smugglers. (Perhaps they didn't like to use the word, smuggling, 'free trading would seem a much more respectable pastime!)		General			
FREEZERS (in phr)	To play freezers. To steal marbles		General		WC	
FREEZIN LIKE A BAR-IRE	Freezing cold. Refers to a crow or other metal bar. They are hot in th sun and mighty cold in low temperatures.	Harry Glasson	Meteorology			
FRENCH FURZE	Common furze. "I'm goyne up te the croft fer a burn o' French Furze fer the fire - tis wash day marra.		General		See O.C. III p.455, 50	18
FRENCH NUTS	Walnuts		General			
FRENCH WHEAT	Buckwheat.		Farming			
FRIDAY IN TIDE / FRIDAY IN LIDO	A miners' holiday, the first Friday in March. Perran. Now there's a luxury!		Mining			
FRIDEE	Friday		Gweneral	Harry Glasson	WC	

FRIES	Fried stones of a castrated lamb		Culinary		Bude OCS	
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’ frighted me te death.		General			
FRIGHTENED	Surprised “I shouldn’t be frightened if...” “I should not be surprised or astonished if ....”		General			
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.”		General			
FRIVOLOUS	Liable to break. Delicate, fragile		General			
FRIZZY	Fussy. “She’s sum frizzy lately since she bin goyne out with that there new chap.”		General	F. Ivey		
FROAL / F’RALL	For all that. Notwithstanding		General	F. Ivey		
FROASE	A tide-race, current. Cp. W. ffrawd. “There’s a brave ol’ froase there between rthey off islns, se be careful.”		Marine	Cor. Fros & fraus, fraws.	C.S.W.	
FROCK	A man’s blouse.		General			
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.”		General			
FUDGE	see Footch He ‘ave been fudgen about all marnin, better fit ‘e waws doin’ omething’ fitty.”		General			
FUDGEY	Fudgey faced, i.e. full-faced, fat faced.		General	F. Ivey		
FUGGAN	A large bun. A ‘Plum’ bun. Heavy (evvy) baked piece of dough		Culinary	F. Ivey		
FUGGAN see HOGGAN	Miners’ dinner-cake. Dough baked with meat in the middle. . (Flat cake, sweet or savoury.)		Culinary	Cor. Whyogen	WC	17
FUGO / FOGOU	Ancient underground passage, perhaps a store or a refuge		Gene ral			
FULLISH (as a wagon ‘oss)	Foolish	PP	General	WC		
FULLSOME	Rich food. “That tatte cake was some fulsome.”		Culiknary	WC		
FUMADE/Fair maids	Cured pilchards, barred ready for export.		Fishing			
FUN	A rope. A fillet (headdress) Cor. Ton, funen. Also a rush used to make sheep spans. Cp. VINNY, VIDNY.		Farming			
FUNK	Stink, especially copper fumes from calciner. O.Fr. funkier.		General			
FUNK	Multi tangled knots in a length of string or rope, particulary a fishing line. “You got a bra ol’ funk there bouy, want a ‘and do ‘e?”	PP	General Porthleven			
FUNKEYIN’	A cheating move in marbles, by sliding the hand forward while in the act of ‘firing’ yer marble, also known as minchin’.					
FUNNEN	Making fun/mischief. “Don’t git teasy, I wus awnly funnen with ‘ee.”		General			
FUNNY	Strange. “Funny in it? = strange isn’t it?”		General			

FUNNY BUT WHISHT	Comical if it were not also sad.		General			
FUR	For		General	F. Ivey		
FURNIGGO	Deception or Quick-fix		General		Bude OCS	
FURR	Wheat, to pull ears of		General			
FURRIN (ER)	Foreign. Foreigner, someone not immediately local		General	F. Ivey		
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.		Medical		WC	
FURRY DAY	Helston Flora Day		Tradition		WC	
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.		Flora			
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?"		General			19
FURZE HOOK	A device used to withdraw faggots of furze from the 'ookener.	Hamilton Jenkin	General			
FURZE KITE / FUZZ KITE	The ring-tailed kite? Or rough-legged buzzard.		Fauna			
FURZEYMOORE	Root of the furze bush		Flora	F. Ivey		
FUST	First. "My dog was fust out the trap."		General	F. Ivey		
FUSTAN(IAN)	A coarse material such as was used for aprons		General	F. Ivey		
FUSY / VUSY / VAZY	(Adjective) good.		General	Cor. a vas or fusy.	Mousehole?	
FUZZEY PIG	Hedgehog		Fauna		MC	07