

## The Highwayman Vocabulary

ale	<b>noun</b> - a strong kind of beer. <i>He ordered a pint of <b>ale</b> from the bar.</i>	curse	<b>noun</b> – swearing or wishing for something bad to happen <i>He shouted a <b>curse</b> at his enemies.</i>
barred	<b>adjective</b> – kept closed with bars. <i>The door was <b>barred</b> with a plank of wood.</i>	dawning	<b>noun</b> – the first sight of sun in the morning <i>The birds woke up at the <b>dawning</b> of the day.</i>
bonny	<b>adjective</b> – attractive or pretty <i>She is a <b>bonny</b> girl.</i>	doe-skin	<b>noun</b> – the skin of a female deer <i>The coat was made of soft <b>doe-skin</b>.</i>
bound	<b>verb</b> – tied up or tied to something <i>They <b>bound</b> the robber to the tree with rope.</i>	gagged	<b>verb</b> - put something in the mouth to stop speech <i>He was <b>gagged</b> with a cloth to stop him speaking.</i>
brand	<b>noun</b> – a mark with made burning with hot iron <i>The cattle were marked with the <b>brand</b> of the farmer to show they belonged to him.</i>	galleon	<b>noun</b> – a large sailing ship used for war or trade <i>They sailed the seas in a <b>galleon</b> in search of new lands.</i>
brandished	<b>verb</b> – waving a weapon in a menacing way <i>The pirate <b>brandished</b> his sword at the soldiers.</i>	galloped	<b>verb</b> – riding a horse at very high speed <i>The horse and rider <b>galloped</b> across the field.</i>
breeches	<b>noun</b> – old-fashioned knee length trousers <i>He wore a lovely pair of leather <b>breeches</b> and some riding boots.</i>	gusty	<b>adjective</b> – blown by a sudden strong wind <i>It was a <b>gusty</b> October day and leaves blew from the trees.</i>
cascade	<b>noun</b> – water or liquid falling or rushing steeply <i>The <b>cascade</b> of water over the rocks was breath-taking.</i>	harry	<b>verb</b> – to harass or torment someone <i>The bullies <b>harry</b> him at lunchtime.</i>
casement	<b>noun</b> – an old-fashioned window that opens with hinges at the side <i>I opened the <b>casement</b> to let in fresh air.</i>	hilt	<b>noun</b> – the handle of a sword <i>She held on to the <b>hilt</b> of the sword.</i>
clangs	<b>verb</b> – making a loud metallic ringing sound <i>The bell <b>clangs</b> to call us for lunch.</i>	hollows	<b>noun</b> – unfilled spaces (like holes) <i>Deep <b>hollows</b> had been dug in the ground.</i>
claret	<b>adjective</b> – coloured dark red like wine <i>The team wore a <b>claret</b> and blue football strip</i>	inn	<b>noun</b> – a pub with rooms to rent <i>They stayed the night at the <b>inn</b> after their long journey.</i>
clattered	<b>verb</b> – making a loud rattling or banging noise <i>We <b>clattered</b> across the rickety wooden bridge.</i>	jeweled	<b>adjective</b> – covered in precious stones (jewels) <i>The Queen wore a <b>jeweled</b> crown.</i>
cocked hat	 <b>noun</b> – an old-fashioned three-cornered hat	landlord	<b>noun</b> – a man who owns a pub or inn <i>The <b>landlord</b> served them drinks at the bar.</i>

love-knot	<b>noun</b> – a pattern or knot which showed that two people in love were loyal to each other <i>She gave her husband a <u>love-knot</u> as a gift.</i>	sniggering	<b>adjective</b> – laughing at someone in a mean way <i>The girl was <u>sniggering</u> as she played a trick on her brother.</i>
moor	<b>noun</b> – low hills covered with heather or grasses and with few trees <i>We hiked over the moor.</i>	spurred	<b>verb</b> – using blade on boot to make a horse ride faster <i>The rider <u>spurred</u> the horse on to get home faster.</i>
musket	<b>noun</b> – an old-fashioned long-barrelled gun fired from the shoulder <i>The soldier fired his <u>musket</u> towards the enemy.</i>	stable-wicket	<b>noun</b> – the door of a horse's stable <i>The <u>stable-wicket</u> was opened to let the horse out.</i>
ostler	<b>noun</b> – a man who looks after horses <i>The <u>ostler</u> mucked out the stable and gave the horses fresh straw.</i>	strive	<b>verb</b> – try really hard or make an effort <i>The climber will <u>strive</u> to reach the top of the mountain.</i>
peaked	<b>adjective</b> – looking pale and unwell <i>The boy looked <u>peaked</u> after eating a worm!</i>	tawny	<b>adjective</b> – a warm, sandy orange-brown colour <i>The <u>tawny</u> coloured deer ran through the forest.</i>
pistol	<b>noun</b> – a small gun that can be fired with one hand <i>She shot at him with her <u>pistol</u>.</i>	torrent	<b>noun</b> – a violent stream of water <i>The duck was carried away in the torrent of the river.</i>
priming	<b>noun</b> – the explosive used to fire a musket <i>The soldiers got the <u>priming</u> ready to use in their muskets.</i>	trigger	<b>noun</b> – the part of a gun that makes it fires <i>He pulled the <u>trigger</u> and fired the gun.</i>
rapier	<b>noun</b> – a straight sword with a thin blade <i>The pirate used his rapier in the swordfight.</i>	troop	<b>noun</b> – a group of soldiers in an army <i>The <u>troop</u> marched together into battle.</i>
rein	<b>noun</b> - straps around a horse's head and neck used by the rider to guide it <i>The rider grabbed the horse's rein in a panic.</i>	velvet	<b>noun</b> – a very soft and rich fabric <i>The theatre curtains were made of red <u>velvet</u>.</i>
scarce	<b>adverb</b> – not quite enough/not a lot <i>We had <u>scarce</u> enough food to eat.</i>	whip	<b>noun</b> – a long, thin strip of leather used to make animals move faster <i>The rider used a whip on the horse to speed it up.</i>
shattered	<b>verb</b> – broken into pieces suddenly <i>The rock <u>shattered</u> the window.</i>	writhed	<b>verb</b> – twisting or struggling to get free <i>The prisoner <u>writhed</u> to get out of the handcuffs.</i>
shrieking	<b>verb</b> – a shrill and piercing scream or cry <i>The children are <u>shrieking</u> because they are scared.</i>	yard	<b>noun</b> – a paved area outside of a building <i>The hikers left their muddy boots out in the <u>yard</u>.</i>
shutters	<b>noun</b> – wooden covers on the outside of windows <i>We opened the <u>shutters</u> to let in the light.</i>		