

## Chaucer Cheat Sheet

### >>>A<<<

adoun: down  
 agast(e): afraid; frighten  
 agayn(s): against, toward  
 ago, ago(o)n: gone; ago  
 al: all  
 al, al be that: although  
 alderbest: best of all  
 als, also: as, also  
 an: an; on  
 anon: at once  
 artow: art thou, thou art  
 arwe: arrow  
 as: as, as if, like  
 atte: at, at the  
 aventure: chance  
 axe: ask  
 ay: always

### >>>B<<<

been: are  
 benedicite: bless us!  
 bet: better  
 beth: are; (imperative) be  
 bitwixen: between  
 blake: black  
 blyve: quickly, soon  
 brenne: burn  
 breste, brast: burst  
 bresting: bursting  
 but, but if: unless

### >>>C<<<

can, kan: know, be able  
 canstow: can you, you can  
 cas: happening, chance  
 certes: surely, certainly  
 certeyn: certainly, sure(ly)  
 chees, chese(n): choose, chose  
 chosen  
 cheere, chiere: facial expression  
 clepe(n): call  
 clerk: scholar  
 conne: learn, can  
 conseil: secret, advice  
 coude: could  
 coy: quiet

### >>>D<<<

deel: bit

delit: delight, pleasure  
 deme: judge, suppose  
 devyse: tell (of), describe  
 deye: die  
 dorste: dare, dared  
 dout: doubt  
 dout, out of: beyond doubt  
 drede: doubt; dread, fear

### >>>E<<<

ech: each  
 echo(o)n: each one  
 eek, eke: also  
 elles, ellis: else  
 entente: intent, attention  
 er, or: before; formerly  
 ese: pleasure  
 everich: every; every one

### >>>F<<<

fay, fey: faith  
 fere, feere: companion  
 fele, feele: many  
 ferre: farther  
 fil: fell, happened  
 flour: flower; flour  
 for: for; because  
 forthy: therefore  
 foryve: forgive  
 free: generous, gracious, liberal  
 fro: from

### >>>G<<<

game: fun  
 gan, gonne: began  
 go(on): go  
 goost: soul, spirit  
 gyse: guise, manner, way; plan

### >>>H<<<

han: have  
 hastow: have you, you have  
 clepe(n): call  
 hem: them  
 hem lost (or liste): they wanted  
 hende: ready at hand, convenient,  
 handy; pleasant, courteous  
 hente: take, seize, get  
 here: her  
 hewe: hue, color  
 hight: named, called

him lest (list): he wants  
 hir(e): her, their

### >>>I<<<

ich: I  
 ilke: same

### >>>J<<<

jape(s): trick(s); joke(s)

### >>>K<<<

kan: know; know how to; can  
 keep(e), kepe: heed  
 konne: learn; know how to; can  
 konnyng: skill, knowledge  
 koude: knew; knew how to; could  
 kynde: nature

### >>>L<<<

lasse: less  
 lese: lose  
 lest(e): please, pleases,  
 pleased (impersonal);  
 hem (him) leste, liste;  
 they (he) wanted  
 lete: leave, forsake, abandon  
 lette: forbear, desist, hinder  
 le(e)ve: dear  
 ligger: to lie  
 like, liketh: it please(s)  
 list(e): it pleased, it pleases  
 lite: little  
 lith: lies  
 lust: pleasure, desire  
 lusty: lusty; joyous;  
 pleasant; vigorous

### >>>M<<<

maad: made  
 maistow, maystow: may you, you  
 may  
 make: mate, husband, make  
 maner(e): kind of, manner  
 maugre: in spite of  
 mede: reward  
 met(te): dream  
 mo: more  
 mooste: most; greatest  
 moot(e) (n): may, must, ought to;  
 so (also, ever)  
 moot I: as I hope to

morewe: morrow, morning  
 mowe: may  
 muche(l): much, many (a)

### >>>N<<<

nam: am not  
 namely: especially, specifically  
 namo, namoore: no more  
 nas: was not  
 nat: not  
 natheles: nevertheless  
 ne: not, nor  
 nere: were not  
 niste: did not know  
 noght: nought, nothing; not  
 nolde: would not  
 nones, nonys: occasion  
 noon: none, no  
 noot: know not  
 nyce: foolish  
 nys: is not  
 nyste: knew not

### >>>O<<<

o, oo, on, oon, that oon: one  
 of: of; off  
 ones, onis: once  
 outrely: utterly, entirely

### >>>P<<<

pace: go, proceed  
 pardee: (lit. "by God"), a common  
 oath: certainly  
 parfit: perfect  
 pleyne: complain, lament; full  
 povre: poor  
 prime, pryme: 9 A.M.  
 pryvely, prively: secretly

### >>>Q<<<

quit(te), quyte: requite, repay  
 quod: said

### >>>R<<<

rathe: early, soon  
 rede: advise; interpret; read  
 reed: counsel; (verb) advise  
 rekke(th): heed(s), care(s)  
 right: (adverb): just, quite  
 routhe: pity

### >>>S<<<

saugh, say, seigh: saw  
 seistow: you say  
 seith: says  
 seke: seek  
 sely: innocent, simple  
 sentence: moaning, opinion,  
 sentiments, subject matter  
 seyde: said  
 seye: say  
 shaltow: you shall  
 shape, shoope (reflexive): plan,  
 planned  
 shrewe: scoundrel, wretch  
 sikerly: certainly, sruely, truly  
 sith: since; then  
 slawe, yslawe: slain  
 sola(a)s: pleasure, entertainment  
 somdel: somewhat  
 somtyme: once, sometimes  
 so(o)re: bitterly, sorely  
 sooth, soothfastnesse, sothe: truth  
 so(o)the, soothly: truly  
 spedde him: hastened  
 squier: squire  
 stente, stynte: cease, stop, restrain  
 sperte: started  
 steven: voice  
 suffice: permit, endure  
 sweven, e, -es, -ys: dream(s)  
 swich: sauch  
 swynk, swynken: work  
 syke: sick  
 syn: since

### >>>T<<<

task: taketh: take  
 than(ne): then; than  
 thee(n): prosper; so moot I  
 thee: as I hope to prosper  
 ther, ther as: where  
 thilke: this, that, at that  
 tho: those; then  
 thoght: thought; anxiety  
 thoughte (impersonal): it seemed  
 thurgh: through  
 thynketh (impersonal): it seems  
 til: until, to  
 to: to, too  
 trewe: true  
 trowe: believe

tweye: two

### >>>U<<<

unnethe(s): scarecely

### >>>V<<<

verray: true, veritable  
 vileynye: rudeness, shameful  
 speech or deed

### >>>W<<<

war: aware; be (beth) war(e),  
 a ware yow: beware, take heed  
 wende, -en, -eth: go, pass  
 wene, -eth: think, thinks  
 werre: war  
 what: what; why  
 sola(a)s: pleasure, entertainment  
 wher as: where  
 which that: which, who  
 whylom: once, once upon a time,  
 formerly  
 wight: person, thing  
 wist, wiste: known, knew  
 wol: will  
 wood: crazy, demented, wild  
 woodnesse: madness  
 woot, woost: know, knows,  
 knowest;  
 wostow: you know, do you know  
 worthy: distinguished, well to do;  
 in good social standing  
 wroghte: made, did, worked  
 wydwe: widow

### >>>Y<<<

yaf: gave  
 ycleped: named  
 ydo: done  
 ye(n): eye(s)  
 yeve, -en, -est, -eth: give, given  
 yifte: gift  
 ynogh: enough  
 ysene: seen  
 yvel(e): evil, evilly  
 ywis: surely, certainly