

Anglo-Saxon Vocab 2
British Literature – Douglas

1. **avenge** (ə venj') *vt.*, to take vengeance for or on behalf of someone else. *The angry soldiers sought to avenge the death of their comrade.*
2. **Billowing** (bi' lɒ wɪŋ), *adj.*, rising and rolling in waves or surges. *The billowing sails made a wavelike motion in the wind.*
3. **bog** (bɒ_) *n.*, wet, spongy ground. *It is a dangerous to ride a horse across a bog because its hoof might get caught in the mulch and it might break a leg.*
4. **bolt** (bo lt) *vt.*, swallow (food) hurriedly; gulp down. *Our dog never seems to chew his dinner but just greedily bolts whatever we feed him.*
5. **brood** (broo d) *n.*, offspring, or a family of offspring, of animals. *The mother hen sat on her nest until she hatched her brood.*
6. **cower** (cou' ər) *vi.*, shrink and tremble, as from fear or cold. *When we brought our new kitten home, it was terrified and ran under the bed to cower.*
7. **Hale** - \ 'hal\ *adjective*, retaining exceptional health and vigor. *Thomas had cancer as a child, but now he's a hale adult who lives life to the fullest.*
8. **heaving** (he ' vɪŋ) *vt.*, to cause to swell or rise; to rise and fall rhythmically. *When my little brother saw the heaving ocean, he was terrified by the rolling waves.*
9. **hoary** (ho ' r e), *adj.*, gray or white with age; extremely old; ancient. *When they found the frostbite victim, her skin was so hoary it made her look as if she were a very old woman.*
10. **infamous** (in' fə məs) *adj.*, having a very bad reputation; notorious; in disgrace or dishonor. *Jesse James was an infamous outlaw of the nineteenth century in the American West.*
11. **lamenting** (lə ment'ɪŋ), *vt.*, to mourn aloud; wail; to express sorrow, mourning, or regret, often in a demonstrative way. *My brother moaned and cursed, lamenting in grief when my parents took his video game privileges away.*
12. **moor** (moo_r) *n.*, tract of open, rolling wasteland, usually covered with heather and often marshy. *The vast moor attracted birds, which hunted for fish in the remote marshy area.*
13. **purge** (pəɪj) *vt.*, cleanse or rid of impurities, foreign matter, or undesirable elements. *Roland bought some bottom-dwelling fish to purge his aquarium of algae.*
14. **pyre** (p_ r'), *n.*, a combustible heap for burning a dead body as a funeral rite. *The flames from the pyre were so bright that people from miles away knew when the emperor's funeral had begun.*
15. **quill** (kwɪl) *n.*, stiff feather of a bird. *Veruca made a pen from the quill she found on the beach.*
16. **relish** (re' lɪʃ) *vt.*, enjoy; like. *Renee relished Sunday afternoons because she had time to do whatever she wanted—read a novel, skate in the park, or get together with friends.*
17. **spoil** (spɔɪl) *n.*, arms, money, or goods taken from a defeated foe; plunder. *The victors of a war often take spoils from the defeated.*
18. **sully** (sul'e) *vt.*, soil or stain. *The waiter replaced the sullied table linens with clean ones before seating the next diners.*
19. **tribute** (tri' byoo-t) *n.*, regular payment of money or goods made by one ruler or nation to another as acknowledgment of servitude, for protection from invasion, etc. *Ancient Egypt became a wealthy nation in part because of the tributes of gold and products it demanded from nations it conquered.*
20. **Wretched** (\ 're ched\) *adjective*, very unhappy, very bad or unpleasant. *We'd looked forward to camping, but because of the cold rain the trip was wretched.*