

Common Scots Words

A. Read the text one time for a general understanding, then read it a second time and try to match the words below to their definitions.

On a **dreich** day, I decided to **gang** for a walk along the **burn outwith** the city. As I walked, I saw a **wee beastie** running across the path. It was **totie** and **sleekit**, and I couldn't help but smile at its cuteness. Suddenly, a man appeared, **haverin'** to himself loudly about something that had happened to him earlier that day, and he spoiled my peaceful walk; I think one of his colleagues at work had **clyped** on him for something he had done. I was **scunnered** and wished the **glaikit nyaff** would **weesht** for a moment, but I knew there was **nae** chance I could make him shut up. After a long time, he finally went away.

The sky cleared and further along the **burn**, I saw a **braw** view of the city skyline during the **gloamin'** hour. It was **eeksie-peeksie** to the beauty of the countryside. I decided to stop for a **piece** and tried to unwrap it, but I couldn't get it out as the wrapper was in a **fankle**. Finally, I managed to get my **piece** out and I ate it as I continued to **gang** along the **burn**. As I walked, I thought of the woman at the café who had served me my **braw piece**. She's not afraid to speak her mind and is always so confident – she can be a real **bizzum** sometimes. I **ken** that she would have sorted out that **nyaff** easily.

As I finished my **piece**, I realised I had a **shoogley** tooth, "Oh no, I'll have to **gang** to see a dentist about this" I thought to myself. By the end of my trek, I was **wabbit**, but it was worth it for the peace I found along the **burn**. Sometimes it's good to disconnect from every day life and enjoy the **muckle** world around us.

A. dreich	S. shoogley	11. Sly, cunning or sneaky
B. gang	T. wabbit	12. A tangle or knot
C. burn	U. muckle	13. Loose or wobbly
D. wee	V. outwith	14. To be quiet or hush
E. beastie	w. Clype	15. Big or great
F. totie	x. Gloamin'	16. Equal in beauty or excellence
G. sleekit	Y. nae	17. To know
H. haverin'	1. Talking nonsense or babbling	18. A small stream or creek
I. scunnered	2. having an attitude, confident, confrontational, a bit cheeky	19. Tired or exhausted
J. glaikit	3. Small in size	20. Beautiful or wonderful
K. nyaff	4. An animal or creature	21. An annoying/unpleasant person
L. weesht	5. Fed up or annoyed	22. no, not
M. braw	6. Foolish or stupid	23. to inform on someone for doing something wrong
N. eeksie-peeksie	7. To go or walk	24. the time just before the sun goes down
O. piece	8. A sandwich or snack	25. outside of
P. fankle	9. Dull, gloomy weather	
Q. bizzum	10. Very small or tiny	
R. ken		

*Please note, the words in this reading are commonly used in Scotland, but many Scots words are only used locally in regions or cities in Scotland.