

# 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.

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|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 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.