

A hunner key Doric words

- These North East Scots/Doric words, phrases, and grammatical features can be enlarged, printed, and placed in windows or other locations round the school. Learners can work in threes to find and record as many as possible.
- Learners can use the Doric Dictionary (<http://www.doricdictionary.com/>), online Dictionary of the Scots Language (<http://www.dsl.ac.uk/>) or the following vocabulary sheets to find definitions. (Words generally need to be heard or said at least seven times before they will enter the learners' vocabulary.)

Verbs (action words) in Doric	Verbs (action words) in English
bide	stay, live
birl	spin around
blad	spoil
brak	break
claik	gossip, tittle-tattle
canna	can't
clap	pet
cowp	turn over, upside down
dae	do
dird	beat or thump
ding	strike <i>or</i> knock/fall heavily (of snow)
doot	believe/ doubt
fleg	frighten, startle
footer	fiddle with
gaan	going
greet	weep, cry
haud	hold
hiv	have
ken	know
mak	make
mine on	remember
pleep	whine or complain
skraich	screech
swadge	relax after eating
tak	take

Prepositions in Doric	Prepositions in English
afore	before
ahin	behind
atween	between
eftir	after
fae	from
oot	out
ower	over
tae/till/ti	to

Adjectives (describing words) in Doric	Adjectives (describing words) in English
auld	old
daft	foolish, stupid
fantoosh	fancy, elaborate
feart	afraid
gyte	crazy
ill-trickit	mischievous
mad	angry
muckle	big
peelie-wally	sickly, not well
reid	red
shilpit	feeble
stoorie	dusty
thrawn	stubborn, determined, headstrong
unca/unco	strange, unfamiliar
wee	small

Nouns (naming words) in Doric	Nouns (naming words) in English
ba	ball
bairn	child
trock	goods of no value, trash, rubbish
bosie	bosom, hug
byre	cowshed
clapshot	potatoes and turnips mashed together
cloot	cloth
clyse	clothes
cog	wooden tub
craitur	creature/person
the day	today
freen	friend
gapus	idiot
gloamin	dusk
gluff	fright; inhalation of air
guff	smell
gushel	clumsy person
gutter	mud
hoose	house
heid	head
lass(ie),lassock	girl
loon	lad, boy
Merry Dancers	the Northern Lights
the morn	tomorrow
tatties	potatoes
kye	cattle
neeps	turnips
quine	girl
sharn	cow dung (sticking to something)
sooth, Doon Sooth	southern Scotland or England and Wales

strae	straw
toon	town; farmstead; the Toon – Aberdeen
watter	water
wife, wifie	woman, married or not
yowe	ewe

Pronouns (short words that replace nouns) in Doric	Pronouns (short words that replace nouns) in English
hit	it
ma	my
thon	that
faa	who
fit	what, which
wir	our
ye	you

Numbers in Doric	Numbers in English
ae or een	one
twa	two
siven	seven
hunner	hundred

Adverbs in Doric	Adverbs in English
doon	down
gey	very, somewhat, rather
noo	now
canny-like	carefully, cautiously

Exclamations/ Greetings	
Michty! Michty me!	exclamation of surprise
Fit like? Nae bad ava!	How are you? Not bad at all!

Some features of Doric grammar and speech
Negative forms of verbs are created by adding 'na' at end – 'canna', 'mustna' etc.
Present participles end in 'in' – never 'ing' : 'scramblin', 'pretendin', 'surfin the internet'.
Doric/Scots uses older, short vowel sounds in words like 'hoose', 'moose' and 'coo' (like Norwegian) instead of 'house', 'mouse' and 'cow' (like English).
In Doric, the plural of 'year' is 'year', not 'years'. E.g. 'siven year ago'.
In Doric, many questions words which begin with "w" in English begin with "f" – 'fit?'. 'fan?', 'fa?'.