

**Us Scots love to talk about the weather. It's almost like a hobby.**

Although 'dreich' will forever be the nation's favourite here are some of our other fabulous Scottish weather-related words.

Bonus points if you know or have used more than five of them in the last year!

**Snell**

So bitterly cold it feels as though the air is piercing your skin with lots of tiny needles.

**Flaggie**

A very large snowflake.

**Dreich**

Covering a wide variety of weather conditions in one simple and expressive word, including bleak, miserable, grey, dreary, gloomy, depressing etc

**Dreep**

Steady but light rainfall.

**Blenter**

A gusty wind great for kite flying.

**Grulie**

Unsettled weather. The kind that refuses to commit.

**Leesome**

A lovely fair day. Rare but bonnie.

**Pirl**

A soft breeze.

### **Fret**

A super chilly and damp mist that comes in off the sea.

### **Mochie**

When everything feels a bit clammy and oppressive. That feeling you get on those odd, damp, humid days the midges love.

### **Drookit**

Totally and utterly soaked. When you're so sodden from being caught in the rain, you could literally wring out your socks.

### **Jeelit**

Brr! To feel 'fair jeelit' is to feel as cold as ice.

### **Sump**

When the rain comes down like a waterfall without warning - a sudden very heavy burst of rainfall. You can also use the word 'Plype'.

### **Gloaming**

That lovely time at dusk when the light is all moody and full of blues and purples. Gloaming dates back to the fifteenth-century in an old Scots text which records: 'the glomyng of the nycht'.

### **Greetie**

Coming from the Scots word 'greet', which means to cry tears, 'greetie' means showery rain.

### **Haar**

The beautifully haunting mist that comes in off the North Sea on the east coast, especially noted around Aberdeenshire.

### **Plowetery**

Probably the messiest weather there is, when it's all a bit rainy, grey and miserable outside. It's fun to say though.

### **Oorlich**

A word not used nearly enough which includes a hearty mix of damp, nippy, cold and chilly weather all in one go. A bit like weather soup.

### **Smirr**

A kind of lazy rain. The rain that doesn't drench you but manages to soak you slowly nonetheless through sheer persistence.

### **Feefle**

A magical, happy kind of snow shower with swirling snowflakes in the air. The kind that makes you want to dance to Frozen songs.

### **Flindrikin**

A baby snow shower. Aww.

### **Spitters**

Small icy droplets or snowflakes that are blown in on the wind.

### **Unbrak**

The beginning of a thaw. That magic moment as the ice begins to melt.

### **Simmer cowl**

A heat haze. Nice and shimmery.

### **Thunder-plump**

A sudden thunderstorm accompanied by thunder and lightning.

### **Gandiegow**

A squall. A sudden violent gust of wind usually bringing rain or sleet.

**Dubbs**

Scottish puddles.

**Wreaths**

Snow drifts. Massive deposits of snow created by wind that shapes them into a mound.