



GENEALOGICAL WORD LIST

Norwegian

This list contains Norwegian words with their English translations. The words included here are those that you are likely to find in genealogical sources. If the word you are looking for is not on this list, please consult a Norwegian-English dictionary. (See the "Additional Resources" section below.)

Norwegian is a Germanic language like Swedish, Danish, and Icelandic. There are two official dialects in Norway. Prior to 1915 most Norwegian records are in a language closer to written Danish than modern Norwegian. You may also want to refer to the *Danish Genealogical Word List* (31029).

Records published after 1915, such as family and local histories, are in modern Norwegian. Most differences between modern and old Norwegian are simply a matter of spelling. Carefully study the section below on spelling. This will help you find the words in this list.

LANGUAGE CHARACTERISTICS

Variant Forms of Words

In Norwegian, as in English, the forms of some words will vary according to how they are used in a sentence. *Who—whose—whom or marry—marries—married* are examples of words in English with variant forms. The endings of a word in a document may differ from those in this list. For example:

Mann	man	Kone	wife
Mannen	the man	Kona	the wife
Menn	men	Koner	wives
Mennene	the men	Konene	the wives

Alphabetical Order

The Norwegian language has three additional letters: *Æ* (*æ*), *Ø* (*ø*), and *Å* (*å*). In most record sources prior to 1915, *Å* (*å*) is written as *Aa* (*aa*) and filed at the beginning of the alphabet. Modern Norwegian dictionaries, indexes, the locality section of the Family History Library Catalog, and this word list use the following alphabetical order:

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v
w x y z æ ø å

Spelling

Spelling rules were not standardized in earlier centuries. The following spelling variations are common.

aa	used for	å	j	used for	gj
b	used for	p	ld	used for	ll
c	used for	k	nd	used for	nn
d	used for	t	q	used for	k
e	used for	æ	u	used for	v
f	used for	v	w	used for	v
g	used for	k	x	used for	ks
i	used for	j	ch	used for	k
tj	used for	kj	hj	used for	j

Examples:

gjørtler	spelled as	giørtler
mann	spelled as	mand
kvinne	spelled as	quinde

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

This word list includes only *words most commonly found in genealogical sources*. For further help, use a Norwegian-English dictionary. Several Norwegian-English dictionaries are available at the Family History Library. These are in the Scandinavian collection. Their call numbers begin with 439.82321. Family history centers can obtain the following dictionaries on microfilm:

Scavenius, H. *Glyndalds Ordbøker; Norsk-Engelsk* [Gyldendal's Dictionaries; Norwegian-English]. Oslo: Gyldendal Norsk Forlag, 1945. (FHL film 1224705, item 4)

Scavenius, H. *Glyndalds Ordbøker; Engelsk-Norsk* [Gyldendal's Dictionaries; English-Norwegian]. Oslo: Gyldendal Norsk Forlag, 1945. (FHL film 1224705, item 3)

Additional dictionaries are listed in the subject section of the Family History Library Catalog under NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE - DICTIONARIES or in the locality section under NORWAY - LANGUAGE AND LANGUAGES.

KEY WORDS

In order to find and use specific types of Norwegian records, you will need to know some key words in Norwegian. This section lists key genealogical terms in English and the Norwegian words with the same or similar meanings.

For example, in the first column you will find the English word *marriage*. In the second column you will

find Norwegian words with meanings such as marry, marriage, wedding, wedlock, unite, legitimate, joined, and other words used in Norwegian records to indicate marriage.

English	Norwegian	Norwegian	English
banns	lysninger	alltid	always
birth	fødte, født	almisse	charity
burial	begravelse, jordet	almisselem	indigent, poor
census	folketelling	altergang	Communion
child	barn	amt	county
christening	døbte, døbt	amtmann	chief county administrator
clerical district	prestegjeld	andre	others, other; next
confirmation	konfirmasjon, konfirmerede	anetavle	pedigree chart
death	døde, død	anfall	seizure, attack
engagement	forlovelse, trolovelse	anførte	entered; mentioned
father	far	ankomst	arrival
female	kvinnekjønn	anmerkning	remark, notice, note
husband	ektemann	annen, annet	second; another
index	register	annen gang	second time
male	mannkjønn	anno (<i>Latin</i>)	year
marriage	copulerede, egteviede, gift, vielse	annonser	publish, announce
military	militær	antall	number, count
mother	mor	april	April
moving in	innflytning	arbeider	laborer
moving out	utflytning	arkiv	archive
name, given	fornavn	arv	inheritance
name, surname	etternavn	arvelodd	share of inheritance
parents	foreldre	arving	heir
parish	sogn	astma	asthma
probate	skifte	at	that
vaccination	vaccinerede, vaksinert	atten	eighteen
wife	hustru	attende	eighteenth
year	år	attest	certificate

GENERAL WORDS

This general word list includes words commonly seen in genealogical sources. Numbers, months, and days of the week are listed both here and in sections that follow this list. Parentheses in the English column clarify the definition.

Norwegian	English
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AA

See *A*.

A

absolvere	to give absolution
adel	nobility
adelig	noble
adelsmann	nobleman
adoptert	adopted
adresse	address
aften	evening
alder	age
alderdomssvakhet	weakness of old age
aldri	never
alle	all

Norwegian	English
alltid	always
almisse	charity
almisselem	indigent, poor
altergang	Communion
amt	county
amtmann	chief county administrator
andre	others, other; next
anetavle	pedigree chart
anfall	seizure, attack
anførte	entered; mentioned
ankomst	arrival
anmerkning	remark, notice, note
annen, annet	second; another
annen gang	second time
anno (<i>Latin</i>)	year
annonser	publish, announce
antall	number, count
april	April
arbeider	laborer
arkiv	archive
arv	inheritance
arvelodd	share of inheritance
arving	heir
astma	asthma
at	that
atten	eighteen
attende	eighteenth
attest	certificate
august	August
av	of, at, by, from
avdeling	part, division
avdød	deceased
avgangen	departed
avgift	duty (monetary), fee
avkom	offspring, issue
avtale	agreement

B

bakbygning	back building (additional residence behind the main building)
baker	baker
bakke	hill
bannlyse	excommunicate
baptist	Baptist
bar	carried
bar barnet	held child (at baptism font)
bare	only
barn	child
barna	children
barndom	childhood
barnebarn	grandchild
barnedåp	child baptism
barnefar	child's father
barnløs	childless
barsel	birth
barselfeber	childbed fever
barselseng	birthing bed
be	pray, request

Norwegian	English	Norwegian	English
beboer	occupant, resident	bruk	farm; use
bededag	prayer day	brygger	brewer
bedrive hor	commit adultery	bryllup	wedding
befolkning	population, people	budeie	milkmaid
begge	both	by	town, city
begivenhet	event, occurrence	bygd	small country community, village
begravelse	funeral, burial	bygdebok	rural chronicles
begravet	buried	byll	abscess
behandle	handle, treat, manage	byllepest	plague (bubonic)
bemerkning	remark	bære	carry
ben	leg; bone	bøkker	cooper, barrel-maker
benekte	deny	både	both, either
benåde	pardon	båret	carried
beruset	drunk	båt	boat, ship
besetning	livestock; crew	båtbygger	shipbuilder
beskrivelse	description	båtsmann	boatswain, bosun
beslektet	related		
bestefar	grandfather		
besteforeldre	grandparents		
bestemor	grandmother		
besvangre	impregnate, get with child, make pregnant		
betale	pay	cirka	approximately
betler	beggar	communion	Communion
bevilge	grant	confirmerede	confirmed
bevis	proof	copulerede	marriage
bibliotek	library		
bind	volume (book)		
biografi	biography		
biskop	bishop	dag	day
bispedømme	diocese	dagen før	the previous day
bli	become	dagsarbeider	day laborer
blikkenslager	tinsmith	dal	valley
blind	blind	Danmark	Denmark
blod	blood	dannekvinde	gentlewoman
blodgang	dysentery	dannemand	gentleman
blodskam	incest	dansk	Danish
blodsott	abnormal loss of blood during illness	dato	date
bo	to live at	datter	daughter
bodde	lived	datterdatter	daughter's daughter
bok	book	dattersønn	daughter's son
bokhandler	bookseller	datum (<i>Latin</i>)	dat
bokholder, bokfører	bookkeeper	dele	to divide, to share
bokstav	letter; character	dem	them, they
bolig	residence, house	den	the, it, that
bonde	farmer	denne	this
bopel	residence, domicile	der	there
borger	citizen	deres	their
borgermester	mayor	derfor	therefore
borgerskap	citizenship	desember	December
bot	fine	det	it, that, the
brann	fire	difteri	diphtheria
brennevinsbrenner	distiller of spirits	din	your
brev	letter (correspondence)	disse	these
bro	bridge	diverse	various
bror	brother	dokument	document
brordatter	brother's daughter	domkirke	cathedral
brorsønn	brother's son	dommer	judge
brud	bride	dragon	dragoon, light cavalryman
brudgom	bridegroom	dreng	boy
		drengebarn	male child
		drepe	kill
		dronning	queen

Norwegian	English	Norwegian	English
druknet	drowned	erkjenne	acknowledge
dydig	virtuous	et	a, one
dø	to die	etasje	floor, story
døbt(e)	christening	etc. (<i>Latin</i>)	et cetera; and so on
død	dead, death	etternavn	surname, last
døde	died, death	evne	intelligence
dødfødt	stillborn		
dødsfall	death		
døgn	24-hour period of time		
døpt	baptized, christened		
døtre	daughters		
døv	deaf		
døvstum	deaf and dumb		
dåp	baptism		
dåpsattest	certificate of baptism		
dåpsdag	day of baptism		
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etter	after	fabrikk	factory
etterkommer	descendant	faddere	christening witnesses, godparents
etterlatte	surviving, survivors	fallesyke	epilepsy
etterlevende	surviving	falt	fall, be killed in war
eftermiddag	afternoon	familie	family
efternavn	surname, last name	familie historie	lineage books
egen	own	far	father
egentlig	actual	farfar	paternal grandfather
egteviede	marriage	farger	dyer
eie, eje	to own	farmor	paternal grandmother
eiendom	property, real estate	farsot	pestilence, plague
ekte	legitimate, to marry	fartøy	vessel, craft
ektefelle	spouse	fattig	poor
ektemann	husband	fattigvesnet	welfare agency
ektepar	married couple	februar	February
ekteskap	marriage	felles	common, joint
ekteskapelig	marital, conjugal	fem	five
ekteviet	married	femte	fifth
eldre	older	femten	fifteen
eldst	oldest, eldest	femtende	fifteenth
elev	student	femti	fifty
eller	or, or else	femtiende	fiftieth
elleve	eleven	fengsel	prison
ellevte	eleventh	festning	fortress
elv	river, stream	fetter	cousin (male)
embete	public office	Finnland	Finland
embetsmann	public official	finsk	Finnish
emigrant	emigrant	fire	four
emigrere	emigrate	fisker	fisherman
en, et	a, one	fjell	mountain
enebarn	only child	fjerde	fourth
engelsk	English	fjorten	fourteen
England	England	fjortende	fourteenth
enhver	each	flere	several, more
enke	widow	flittig	diligent
enkemann	widower	flytte	move
enkestand	widowed	foged, fogd	bailiff, sheriff
ennu	yet, still	folio	page (double)
epilepsi	epilepsy	folk	people
er	is, are	folkemengde	population
erhverv	livelihood	folkeregister	citizen register, national register
		folketelling	census
		for	for, at, before, by
		foran	in front of
		forblødning	bled to death
		foreldre	parents
		foreldreløs	orphan
		forening	society
		forfedre	ancestors, forefathers
		forhenværende	former, previous, preceding

Norwegian	English	Norwegian	English
forhus	house in front (usually the main house on a farm)	geografisk leksikon	gazetteer
forkjølet	to have a cold	gift	marriage, married; poison
forklaring	explanation	gikt	rheumatism
forlate	leave; forgive	gjeld	debt
forlovelse	engagement	gjenlevende	survivors
forlovere	marriage witnesses	gjennom	through
formiddag	between morning and afternoon	gjestgiver	innkeeper
formynder	guardian	gjet, gjet	goat
fornavn	first name, given name	gjeter	herdsman
forpakter	manager of estate	gjørtler	brazier, brass-smith
forrige	former	god	good
forstand	intellect, mind	gods	estate
forstoppelse	constipation, obstruction	godseier	estate owner
forsørges	is supported	gratis	free
fortelle	tell, relate	grav	grave
fortid	past	graver	gravedigger, sexton
forvalter	manager	gravlund	cemetery
foster	fetus	gravsted	burial place
fosterbarn	foster child	gren	branch
fostre	foster, to rear	grenader	infantryman
fra	from	grense	boundary, border
fraflytte	leave, move away	greve	Count (nobility)
fraværende	absent	grevinne	Countess
fredag	Friday	grunn	ground; reason
fremmed	foreign, foreigner	gruve	mine, pit
fremtid	future	gruvearbeider	miner
fru	Mrs.	grønn	green
fruentimmer	unmarried mother, female person (derogatory)	gudfar	godfather
fruktsommelig	pregnant	gudmor	godmother
frøken	Miss	gull	gold
full	full, complete; drunk	gulsot	jaundice
fullmektig	head clerk, agent	gulv	floor
fylke	county	gutt	boy
fyr	lighthouse	gå	go, walk
føderåd	support received after giving one's estate to another	gård	farm
føderådkone	woman on <i>føderåd</i>	gårdbruks	farmer
føderådmann	man on <i>føderåd</i>	gårdeier	farm owner
fødested	birthplace	gårsdagens	of yesterday
fødsel	birth	H	
fødselsattest	birth certificate	ha	to have
fødselsdag	birthday	hadde	had
født(e)	born (birth)	halshugget	decapitated
følgende	following, next	halv	half
før	before	halvbror	half brother
første	first	halvsøster	half sister
førti	forty	ham	him
førtiende	fortieth	han	he
får	sheep; receives	handelsmann	merchant, trader
G		hans	his
gammel	old	hanskemaker	glove-maker
gartner	gardener	har	has, have
garver	tanner	hattemaker	hatmaker
gate	street	havn	harbor
gave	gift, endowment	heller	rather
geistlig	ecclesiastical	helligdag	holiday
		hengt seg	hanged himself/herself
		henne	her
		her	here

Norwegian	English	Norwegian	English
Herr	Mr.	ingen	none
herred	judicial district	inn	in
Herren	the Lord	inne i	inside
hest	horse	innerst	renter; innermost
heter	is named	innflytning	moving in
historie	history	innhold	content
hittebarn	orphan, foundling	innsitter	renter
hjem	home	innsjø	lake
hjemme	at home	innvandring	immigration
hjemmedøpt	baptized at home	intet	none
hjemmehørende	residing	introduceret	introduced
hjerte	heart	Island	Icelad
hjertefeil	heart disease	islandske	Icelandic
hjul	wheel		
hjulmaker	wheelwright		
holde	hold, stop		
horeri	adultery		
hos	with, at		
hoste	cough		
hovedliste	census list		
hun	she		
hundre(de)	hundred (hundredth)		
hus	house		
husar	hussar, cavalryman		
husbonde	head of household		
husholderske	housekeeper		
husmann	cottager, tenant farmer		
husmor	housewife		
hustru	wife		
hva	what		
hvem	who		
hver	every		
hvilken	which		
hvis	if, whose		
hvit	white		
hvor	where		
hvordan	how		
hvorfor	why		
hvorvidt	whether		
høsten	in the fall		
høy	tall, high, hay		
høyre	right (side)		
håndarbeide	handwork		
håndtering	occupation		
håndverk	trade, handicraft		
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I		K	
i	in	kallet	named
idiot	idiot	kanskje	maybe, perhaps
ifølge	according to	karet	coach-builder, coach
i går, igår	yesterday	kart	map
igjen	again	katolsk	Catholic
i hjel, slå	kill	kavaleri	cavalry
ikke	not	kikhoste	whooping cough
ikke enda	not yet	kirke	church
ild	fire	kirkebok	parish register
imellom	between, among	kirkegård	cemetery, churchyard
i morgen, imorgen	tomorrow	kirkeværgje	church warden
infeksjon	infection	kiste	chest, coffin
		kjent	known
		kjønn	sex
		kjøpe	buy
		kjøpmann	merchant
		klokker	sexton, parish clerk, bellringer, deacon
		kloster	convent, monastery
		kolikk	colic
		kommune	municipality, township
		kone	wife
		konfirmasjon	confirmation
		konge	king
		kongedømme	kingdom
		kongelig	royal
		kontor	office
		kopper	smallpox; copper

Norwegian	English	Norwegian	English
kort	short, card	lærling	apprentice
kort register	card index	løpenummer	serial number
krampe	convulsions, spasm	lørdag	Saturday
kreft	cancer	lösaktig	loose or immoral woman
krig	war	lösarbeider	day laborer
ku	cow		
kun	only		
kunngjøre	declare	M	
kunnskap	knowledge	mai	May
kusine	cousin (female)	maler	painter
kusk	coachman, teamster	mandag	Monday
kveg	cattle	mange	many
kvele	choke	mann	man, husband
kvell	evening	mannkjønn	male
kvinne	woman	mark	field
kvinnekjønn	female	mars, marts	March
kyllinger	chickens	matrikkel	land registration
kår	support received after giving one's estate to another	matros	sailor
kårkone	woman who receives <i>kår</i>	mavesyke	diarrhea, stomach ailment
kårmann	man who receives <i>kår</i>	med	with
		medhjelper	assistant, helper
		medlem	member
		med videre (<i>Latin</i>)	et cetera; and so on
		meg	me
la	let, allow	mellom	middle
lagrettemann	court member	mellombygning	middle building
land	country	men	but
landsby	village	mer	more, additional
langfredag	Good Friday	meslinger	measles
laugverge	widow's guardian/spokesman	messingsmed	brazier, brass-smith
legd	welfare; military levying district	mester	master (of a trade)
legdslem	welfare recipient	midlertidig	temporarily
leie	hire, rent	midnatt	midnight
leier	tenant	mil	metric mile (ten kilometers)
leilending	leaseholder	militær	military
lejermål	illicit and punishable intercourse	min	mine (belongs to me)
lenge	long	mindre	lesser
lensmann	sheriff	minearbeider	miner
lese	read	minste	smallest, youngest
leve	live	minutt	minute
levende	live, living	modig	courageous, brave
lignende	same, alike, similar	mor	mother
lik	corpse; alike	mord	murder
likeledes	also, as well	morfar	maternal grandfather
lille	small	morgen	morning
lite (litt)	little	mormor	maternal grandmother
liten	little, small	motta	receive
liv	life	murer	mason
los	pilot (ship)	musiker	musician
losjerende	boarder	m.v. (<i>Latin</i>)	See <i>med videre</i>
lov	law	myndig	of age
lovlig	legal	møbelsnekker	furniture-maker
lungebetendelse	pneumonia	møller	miller
luteraner	Lutheran	måned	month
lysning	post banns		
lysninger	banns		
læregutt	apprentice		
lærer	teacher (male)		
lærerinne	teacher (female)		
		N	
		nabo	neighbor
		nadverd	Communion, sacrament
		natt	night

Norwegian	English	Norwegian	English
navn	name	pagina (<i>Latin</i>)	page
nedbrent	burned down	pantebok	mortgage record
nei	no	parsell	plot of land, allotment
neste	next, neighbor	parykkmaker	wigmaker
neste år	next year	penger	money
nevø	nephew	pensjon	pension
ni	nine	pensjonist	retired person
niende	ninth	person	person
niese	niece	pest	plague
nitten	nineteen	pike (pige)	girl, maid
nittende	nineteenth	pikebarn	female child
nitti	ninety	pikenavn	maiden name, girl's name
nittiende	ninetieth	pinse	Pentecost
noen	some, any	pleiebarn	foster child
nord	north	pleiedatter	foster daughter
november	November	pleiefar	foster father
nu, nå	now	pleieforeldre	foster parents
nulevende	living	pleiemor	foster mother
null	zero	pleiesønn	foster son
nummer	number	pottemaker	potter
ny	new	preke	preach
nyfødt	newborn	prest	minister, priest
nylig	lately	prestegjeld	clerical district
nyttår	new year	prestekontor	parish office
nær	near, close	prins	prince
næringsvei	livelihood, trade	prinsesse	princess
nå, nu	now	på	on, at, upon
når	when, if; reach	påske	Easter
O			
odel	birthright or alodial ownership	register	index, register
ofte	often	regjering	government
og	and	regning	bill
oktober	October	regnskap	account
oldebarn	great-grandchild	reise	travel
oldefar	great-grandfather	religion	religion
oldeforeldre	great-grandparents	repslager	rope-maker
oldemor	great-grandmother	rett	court, right
om	if, about	rettferdig	just, righteous
omegn	neighboring places	ridder	knight
omtrent	about, almost, nearly	rik	wealthy
omvendelse	conversion	riktig	correct
onkel	uncle	rundt	around
onsdag	Wednesday	rytter	cavalryman
opp	up	rådmann	councilman
oppe	above, upstairs		
oppfostre	foster, to rear		
oppholdsted	residence		
opptegnelse	record		
ordbok	dictionary		
ordfører	mayor		
oss	us		
o.s.v. (<i>Latin</i>)	See <i>med videre</i>		
over	over		
overlevende	survivors		
overtredelse	transgression		
R			
		register	index, register
		regjering	government
		regning	bill
		regnskap	account
		reise	travel
		religion	religion
		repslager	rope-maker
		rett	court, right
		rettferdig	just, righteous
		ridder	knight
		rik	wealthy
		riktig	correct
		rundt	around
		rytter	cavalryman
		rådmann	councilman
S			
		sa	said, stated
		sabbat	Sabbath
		salig	deceased; holy, blessed
		salmaker	saddler
		samfunn	society
		samleie	intercourse
		samme	same
		samme dag	the same day
		sammen	together

Norwegian	English	Norwegian	English
sammested	in the same place	soldat	soldier
samtlige	all	sorenskriver	magistrate, probate judge
samtykke	consent	sort	black
sau	sheep	spebarn	infant, baby
seg	oneself	spillemann	musician, fiddler
seks	six	stabbur	storehouse on pillars
seksten	sixteen	stamtabl	descendancy chart
sekstende	sixteenth	stand	social position
seksti	sixty	stebarn	stepchild
sekstiende	sixtieth	stebor	stepbrother
selv	self	sted	place
selveier	owner, freeholder	stedatter	stepdaughter
selvmord	suicide	stefar	stepfather
senere	later	steinhogger	stonecutter
seng	bed	stemor	stepmother
sengeliggende	bedridden	stesønn	stepson
separeret	separated	stilling	status, position, office
september	September	stor	large
side	page, side	straff	punishment
sidehus	side house	straks	right away, immediately
siden	since, later	stum	mute (can't speak)
sin, sitt, sine	his/hers/its	summa (<i>Latin</i>)	totals
sinnsvak	insane, retarded	summarisk	statistical, summary
sinnsyk	mentally ill	svak	weak
siste	last, latter	svakhet	weakness
siste olje	last rites	svart	black
sjette	sixth	svenn	journeyman
sju (syu)	seven	svensk	Swedish
sjuende (syvende)	seventh	Sverige	Sweden
sjø	sea, lake	svigerdatter	daughter-in-law
sjømann	sailor, seaman	svigerfar	father-in-law
skal	shall, must	svigerinne	sister-in-law
skarlagensfeber	scarlet fever	svigermor	mother-in-law
skatt	tax	svigersonn	son-in-law
skibsfører	ship's captain	svoger	brother-in-law
skifte	probate	svulst	tumor
skifteprotokoll	probate record book	syd	south
skifteretten	probate court	sydlig	southern
skilsmisse	divorce	syerske	seamstress
skilt	divorced	syk	sick
skiløper	infantry soldier on skis; skier	sykdom	disease
skjedde	happened	sypike	seamstress
skjøte	deed (property)	sytten	seventeen
skog	forest	sytende	seventeenth
skole	school	sytti	seventy
skomaker	shoemaker	syttiende	seventieth
skredder	tailor	syv	(sju) seven
skriver	scribe	syvende (sjuende)	seventh
skulle	should	sølv	silver
slag	strike, blow, stroke	søndag	Sunday
slakter	butcher	sønn	son
slekt	relatives, family, lineage	sønnedatter	son's daughter
slektninger	relatives	sønnesøn	son's son
slektforskning	genealogy	sør	south
slektshistorie	family history, lineage books	søsken	siblings
slektsvåpen	coat of arms	søster	sister
slå ihjel	kill	søstersønn	sister's son
smed	smith	så	saw (see); so, if so; sow (seed)
snart	soon	sådan	such
snekker	cabinetmaker, carpenter	således	thus, in this or that
sogn	parish		

Norwegian	English	Norwegian	English
T			
tak	roof	trossamfunn	religion
takk	thank you	tuberkulose	consumption, tuberculosis
takksigelse	thanksgiving	tukthus	prison
tall	number, count	tusen(de)	thousand(th)
tambur	drummer (soldier)	tvangsarbeide	hard labor, compulsory labor
tante	aunt	tvilling	twin
testamente	last will	tyfus	typhoid fever
ti	ten	tysk	German
tid	time	Tyskland	Germany
tidlig	early	tyv	thief
tidsperiode	period of time	tyve (tjue)	twenty
tidsskrift	periodical	tyvende (tyvende)	twentieth
tiende	tenth, tithing	tæring	tuberculosis
tigger	beggar	tømmermann	carpenter, framer; ship's carpenter
til	to, until, for	tønne	barrel
tillatelse	dispensation, permission		
time	hour		
tippoldefar	great-great-grandfather	Udøpt	unbaptized
tippoldemor	great-great-grandmother	uekte	illegitimate
tirsdag	Tuesday	ugift	unmarried
tittel	title	uke	week
tjene	serve, work	ukjent	unknown, foreign
tjenesteste	service	ulovlig	illegal
tjenestedreng	servant, employee, male	ulykke	accident
tjenestepige	servant, employee, female	umoralsk	immoral
tjue (tyve)	twenty	umyndig	under legal age
tjueannen	twenty-second	under	under, below
tjueeen	twenty-one	underholde	support
tjuefem	twenty-five	underskrevne	the undersigned
tjuefire	twenty-four	underskrift	signature
tjuefjerde	twenty-fourth	undertegnet	signed
tjueførste	twenty-first	ung	young
tjuende (tyvende)	twentieth	ungkarl	bachelor
tjueni(ende)	twenty-nine (twenty-ninth)	unntatt	except
tjueseks	twenty-six	uskyldig	innocent
tjuesjette	twenty-sixth	ussel	miserable; poor
tjuesju(ende)	twenty-seven(th)	usømmelig	indecent
tjuetemte	twenty-fifth	utdrag	extract
tjueto	twenty-two	uten	without
tjuetre(dje)	twenty-three (twenty-third)	utenfor	outside of
tjueåtte(nde)	twenty-eight (twenty-eighth)	utfattog	destitute, penniless
to	two	utflytning	moving out
tohundre	two hundred	utføre	perform, do
tollbetjent	customs officer	utgi	publish
tolv	twelve	uti	at, in
tolvte	twelfth	utlagt	named as, alleged
torsdag	Thursday	utlandet	foreign country
tre	three	utukt	lechery, fornication
trederte (trettiende)	thirtieth	utvandre	emigrate
tredje	third	utvandrer	emigrant
tredve (tretti)	thirty	utvandring	emigration
tretten(de)	thirteen(thirteenth)		
trettien(de)	thirty-one (thirty-first)	V	
trettiførste	thirty-first	vaccinerede	vaccination
trolovelse	engagement	vaksinert	vaccination, vaccinated
trolovet	engaged	vanfør	crippled, disabled
trosbekjennelse	creed	vanskapt	deformed, handicapped

Norwegian	English
var	was, were
vattersot	dropsy
ved	at, by
vedkommende	person concerned
ved siden av	next to
velstand	prosperity
venn	friend
venstre	left (side)
verge	guardian
verneplikt	military duty
vertshus	inn
vest	west
vever	weaver
vielse	marriage, wedding
vielsesattest	marriage certificate
viet	married
vitne	witness
vitnesbyrd	testimony
vogn	carriage, wagon, vehicle
vognmann	coachman
voldta	rape
værdig	worthy
være	be
vår	our
våren	in the spring

Y

yngre	younger
yngst	youngest
yrke	profession

Æ

ærbödig	respectful
ære	honor
ærlig	honest
ættegransking	genealogy

Ø

øde	desolate, waste
ødelegge	destroy
ødemark	wasteland, wilderness
ønske	wish, desire, want
øre	ear
øst	east
øvre	upper
øy	island
øye, øie	eye

Å

ånd	spirit
åndsvak	mentally deficient
år	year
århundre	century
årlig	annual, yearly
årsak	cause, reason
åsted	where event took place (place of event)

Norwegian	English
åtte	eight
åttende	eighth
åtti	eighty
åttiede	eightieth

NUMBERS

In Norwegian genealogical sources, numbers are occasionally written out. This is especially common with dates. The following list gives the cardinal (1, 2, 3) and the ordinal (1st, 2nd, 3rd) versions of each number.

Cardinal	Ordinal
0 null	
1 en, et	1st første
2 to	2nd annen
3 tre	3rd tredje
4 fire	4th fjerde
5 fem	5th femte
6 seks	6th sjette
7 sju (syv)	7th sjuende (syvende)
8 åtte	8th åttende
9 ni	9th niende
10 ti	10th tiende
11 elleve	11th elevte
12 tolv	12th tolvte
13 tretten	13th trettende
14 fjorten	14th fjortende
15 femten	15th femtende
16 sekste	16th sekstende
17 sytten	17th syttende
18 atten	18th attende
19 nitten	19th nittende
20 tjue (tyve)	20th tjuende (tyvende)
21 tjueen	21st tjueførste
22 tjueto	22nd tjueannen
23 tjuetr	23rd tjuetredje
24 tjuefire	24th tjuefjerde
25 tjuefem	25th tjuetemte
26 tjueseks	26th tjuesjette
27 tjuesju	27th tjuesjuende
28 tjueått	28th tjueåttende
29 tjueni	29th tjueniende
30 tretti (tredve)	30th trettende (tredevte)
31 trettien	31st trettiførste
40 førti	40th førtiende
50 femti	50th femtiende
60 seksti	60th sekstiende
70 sytti	70th syttiende
80 åtti	80th åttiede
90 nitti	90th nittiente
100 hundre	100th hundrede
200 tohundre	200th tohundrede
1000 tusen	1000th tusende

DATES AND TIME

Use the terms in this section and the “Numbers” section on the previous page to interpret dates.

Months

English	Norwegian
January	januar
February	februar
March	mars, marts
April	april
May	mai
June	juni
July	juli
August	august
September	september
October	oktober
November	november
December	desember

Days of the Week

English	Norwegian
Sunday	søndag
Monday	mandag
Tuesday	tirsdag
Wednesday	onsdag
Thursday	torsdag
Friday	fredag
Saturday	lørdag

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