**Behave** (be-hāv’), *v.t*. to conduct, comport, or acquit: v.i. to act; conduct one’s self in a proper manner.

**behavior** (bē-hāv’yẽr), *n*. manner of behaving, whether good or bad; conduct; deportment; manners.

**behead** (be-had’), *v.t.* to cut off the head of.

**beheld** (bē-held’), *p.t*.&p.p. of behold.

**behemoth** (bē-hē’moth), *n.* an animal described in Job xl. 15–24, and probably intended for the hippopotamus. [Hebrew.]

**behest** (be-hest’), *n*. a command; precept.

**behind** (be-hīnd’), *prep.* at the back of; in the rear of; remaining after; inferior to: *adv*. at the back; in the rear; toward the back; out of sight; past in point of time.

**behindhand** (be-hīnd’hand), *adv.* or *adj.* in a state of backwardness; late; in arrear.

**behold** (be-hōld’), *v.t.* [*p.t.*&*p.p.* beheld, *p.pr*. beholding], to fix the eyes upon; have in sight; look at; observe with care: *v.i.* to look; direct or fix the mind.

**beholden** (be-hōl’dn), *p. adj.* indebted; obliged; bound in gratitude.

**behoof** (be-hōōf’), *n.* advantage; interest; profit; use; behalf.

**behoove** or **behove** (be-hōōv’), *v.t.* to be meet, necessary, or fit for.

**beige** (bāzh), *adj.* having its natural color, as a fabric of undyed wool.

**being** *p.pr.* of be

**being** (bē’ing), *n.* existence, as opposed to non- existence; that which exists in any form, whether actual or ideal.

**bejewel** (be-jū’el), *v.t.* [*p.t.*&*p.p.*–ed, *p.pr.*-ing], to ornament or furnish with jewels.

**bekko-ware** (bek’ō-wār), *n.* an ancient kind of Japanese pottery in imitation of tortoise-shell.

**belabor** (bē–lā’bẽr), *v.t.* to beat soundly.

**belate** (bē–lāt’), *v.t*. to make late, or retard.

**belated** (bē–lā’ted), *p.adj.* delayed; too late; overtaken by darkness; benighted.

**belay** (be-lā’), *v.t.* make fast, as a rope, by winding round a pin, cleat, &c.

**belaying-pin** (be-lā’ing-pin), n. a stout pin of wood or metal used to faster a rope by keeping it from running out.

**belch** (belch), *v.t.* to eject with force or violence: *v. i.* to eject wind from the stomach: *n*. the act of ejecting wind forcibly.

**beldam** (bel’dam) or **beldame** (bel’-dam), *n.* a grandmother; an ugly old woman.

**beleaguer** (bē–lē’gẽr), *v.t.* to besiege; surround with an army so as to preclude escape; blockade.

**belemnite** (bel’em-nīt), *n.* the fossil internal bone, or shell, of an extinct family of cuttle-fish.

**belfry** (bel’fri), *n.* a bell tower; that part of a steeple or tower in which a bell is hung.

**Belgravian** (bel-grā’vi-an), *adj.* belonging to Belgravia, a fashionable quarter of London: hence, aristocratic; fashionable: *n.* an inhabitant of Balgravia; member of the upper classes.

**belie** (bē-lī’), *v.t.* to calumniate; slander by lies; give the lie to, show to the false.

**believability** (be-lē-va-bil’i-ti), *n.* credibility; credence; believableness.

**believable** (be-lē’va-bl), *adj.* capable of being accepted as truth; credible’

**believe** (be-lēv’), *v.t*. to place credence in and accept as true, upon the ground of authority, testimony, or logical inference apart from personal knowledge; place confidence in; expect or hope; *v.i.* to have faith; be more or less firmly persuaded of the truth of anything; think or support.

**believer** (be-lē’vẽr), *n.* one who accepts as truth something not actually demonstrated; one who adheres to a religious faith; a professor of Christianity.

**belike** (be-līk’), *adv.* probably.

**belittle** (be-lit’l), *v.t.* to lower or depreciate; run down by speaking slightingly of.