

Meanings are standard definitions chosen by the team. Angela checks them before the bus goes live.

Old and literary words

Each card shows a word and how it is labelled: archaic, literary, poetic or old-fashioned.

Under it are its meaning and Angela's sentence.

Then you see the piece, the stop and the mood.

Try it: Use this word in a sentence of your own.

a-shiver (poetic)

Shivering; shaking slightly with cold.

The little a- at the front is an old poetic form, as in a-shiver and a-top.

"Sunset blew its finest raspberry at the Earth, for below was winter snow, ice and a-shiver."

Winter sunset page (the season book), second description

Not yet on the bus

Angela's original, pasted 22 October 2026

Meaning written by Quinn.

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