

SOME NEW -GRY WORDS

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Previous issues of Word Ways have made much of words ending in the three letters -GRY. The subject has occurred several times over the years, but the fullest lists of -GRY words appeared in the November 1989 and February 1990 articles by George Scheetz and Murray Pearce, respectively. The exact number of -GRY words therein is unclear, but it's probably at least eighty. Uncertainty arises depending on whether "gry" and "Gry" are counted as one or two words, and so on.

Oxford English Dictionary words ending in -GRY were specifically covered in a November 1992 Word Ways article. In this article, I exhibit words that were overlooked in the earlier one. In particular, using the CD-ROM version of the OED I have located all words ending in -GRY, including variant spellings which appear only in illustrative quotations, author's names, etymologies, etc. In a nutshell, my new findings are:

- AFFECT-HUNGRY see sado-masochism [1935 "all sadomasochists are affect-hungry individuals"]
- AGRY see snappily [E. Agry author of 1981 citation]
- AIR-HUNGRY see Tel Avivian [1983 "No fewer than 10 construction companies are vying to provide land- and air-hungry Tel Avivians with a variety of lodgings"]
- BADAGRY see Dahoman [1877 "The Dahomans have at several times penetrated along the beach toward the east as far as Badagry"]
- BOROUGHMONGERY see boroughmonger ["Worse even than base boroughmongry"]
- COTTAGRY see cottagery [1697 "The lord..of this mannour..had also a capon of every husbandry, and a hen of a whole cottagry.."]
- CROFTANGRY see way [1827 "Pref., Mr. Croftangry is in the way of doing a foolish thing"]
- DIAMOND-HUNGRY see Lorelei [1910 "Instead of being motoring bacchanalians and diamond-hungry loreleis they are businesslike folk"]
- DOGGE-HUNGRY see canine [1613 "Canine, dogge-hungry"]
- EUER-ANGRY see ever [1610 "Thy grones Did..penetrate the breasts Of euer-angry Beares"]
- FENEGRY variant 18th-century spelling of fenugreek
- GIRL-HUNGRY see girl [1925 "He, at once girl-hungry and girl-shy, held himself nervously aloof"]
- GONAGRY see gonagra [1656 "By its adhibition to the feet the Gonagry and Podagry are cured"]
- HOUND-HUNGRY see hound [listing of compound words]
- HOUNGRY see minx [1542 "When I am houngruy I am a litle mynx full of playe, and when my bealy is full, a mastife"]

- HUND-HUNGRY see hound [1825-80 "Hund-hungry, ravenous as a dog"]
- HWNGRY see quart [a1400 "þis drinke xal..makyn hym hwngry for to ete
As a qwert man al maner mete"]
- JOB-HUNGRY see gadget [1946 "Job-hungry GI's and gadget happy
housewives make shining targets for swindlers"]
- LEDDERHUNGRY see leather [1478-79 "Sol. pro corrio de ledderhungry"]
- LIFE-HUNGRY see music [1950 "A gang of music-hungry, life-hungry
white kids"]
- LOSENGRY see losengery [1422 "Ouer-myche to Preyse is suspecte of
losengry"]
- MANAGRY, MANNAGRY, MENAGRY see managery [1705 "they blest the
Managry of those supplies"]
- MUSIC-HUNGRY see life-hungry entry
- POWER-HUNGRY see power [1960 "The power-hungry countries of the
world are determined to remedy their situation"]
- PROFIT-HUNGRY see profit [1939 "The profit-hungry Celanese
Corporation of America..is creating a public resentment"]
- RED-ANGRY see sanguineous [1686 "He may give an account also of a
Red-angry Sun, Sol Rutilus, in Kepler, which others call Sanguineous"]
- SELFE-ANGRY see self- [1593 "And knocks his bare brest with
self-angry hands"]
- SENSATION-HUNGRY see sensation [1951 "She was sorry to disappoint
the expectations of sensation-hungry journalists"]
- SEX-ANGRY see sex [1923 "You can reason with a sex-angry woman till
you are black in the face"]
- SIGHT-HUNGRY see sight [1880 "There the close of the exercises found
them, patient and sight-hungry as at the beginning"]
- TH'ANGRY see shot-free [1591 "What shot-free Corslet..'Gainst th'angry
Aspick could assure them safety?"]
- TINGRY see parquet [P.F. Tingry author of 1816 citation]
- VNGRY see wretch [c1540 "Goo naked vngry and bare foot.., as wrecch
in werlde þou wende"]
- WAR-HUNGRY see war [1962 "The Western caricature of the mad-dog
war-hungry Chinese"]