

Might and night spellings in the Oxford English Dictionary

OE **mieht**, OE (*Anglian*)–eME **meht**, OE–15 **miht**, OE–15 **myht**, eME **micchte**, eME **michte**, eME **mihht** (*Ormulum*), eME **mihhte** (*Ormulum*), eME **mist**, eME **miste**, eME **miththe**, eME **mitte**, eME **mykte**, ME **michte**, ME **mighste**, ME **mizhte**, ME **migt**, ME **mizt**, ME **migte**, ME **mizte**, ME **mizth**, ME **mihit**, ME **mihte**, ME **miizt**, ME **mit**, ME **mite**, ME **mith**, ME **mithe**, ME **mipte**, ME **myzht**, ME **myzhte**, ME **myzte**, ME **mygth**, ME **myzth**, ME **myztte**, ME **myhte**, ME **myhth**, ME **myhtte**, ME **myt**, ME **myte**, ME **myth**, ME **mythe**, ME **mytth**, ME **mytte**, ME–15 **mighthe**, ME–15 **myght**, ME–15 **myghte**, ME–15 **myzt**, ME– **might**, IME **mightest** (plural: see below), IME **myghtist** (plural: see below), 15 **migth**; *Sc.* pre-17 **mycht**, pre-17 **mychte**, pre-17 **myght**, pre-17 **myth**, pre-17 17– **nicht**, pre-17 17– **might**.

OE **necht** (*rare*), OE **necest** (probably transmission error), OE **neht** (*Anglian*), OE **neth** (probably transmission error), OE–eME **nieht**, OE–ME **niht**, OE (*rare*)–ME **nihtt**, OE–ME **nyht**, eME **nicht**, eME **nicst**, eME **nict**, eME **nig**, eME **nih**, eME **nihht** (*Ormulum*), eME **nijzt**, eME **nikte**, eME **nist**, eME **nipt**, eME 16 **nigt**, eME (16– chiefly regional and nonstandard) **nite**, ME **myght** (transmission error), ME **myzt** (transmission error), ME **neght**, ME **neghte**, ME **neyzt**, ME **neyzte**, ME **neyzth**, ME **neyth**, ME **nhyht**, ME **nichz**, ME **nichte**, ME **nizht**, ME **nizst**, ME **nizt**, ME **nizte**, ME **nizth**, ME **niztt**, ME **nihte**, ME **nithe**, ME **noy3th** (transmission error), ME **nycht**, ME **nyz**, ME **nygh**, ME **nyzht**, ME **nyghth**, ME **nyghtt**, ME **nyzt**, ME **nyzte**, ME **nygthe**, ME **nyzthe**, ME **nyztht**, ME **nygtt**, ME **nyztt**, ME **nyhet** (perhaps transmission error), ME **nyhte**, ME **nyhyt** (perhaps transmission error), ME **nyt**, ME **nyt3**, ME **nyth**, ME **nythe**, ME **nyught**, ME–15 **nith**, ME–15 **nyzth**, ME–15 **nygth**, ME–15 **nyte**, ME–16 (17– *arch.*) **nyghte**, ME–16 (19– *arch.*) **nyght**, ME–17 (18– *arch.*) **nighthe**, ME– **night**, 15 **nygt**; *Eng. regional (north.)* 17– **neeght**, 18– **neet**; *Sc.* pre-17 **naycht**, pre-17 **neighte**, pre-17 **nethht**, pre-17 **nette**, pre-17 **neycht**, pre-17 **nich**, pre-17 **nichttt**, pre-17 **nych**, pre-17 **nychte**, pre-17 **nyght**, pre-17 **nynt** (transmission error), pre-17 **nyt**, pre-17 **nytcht**, pre-17 **nyte**, pre-17 **nytht**, pre-17 17– **nicht**, pre-17 17– **night**, pre-17 18– **necht**, pre-17 18– **neicht**, pre-17 18– **nycht**, pre-17 19– **neight**; also *Irish English* 18 **neeght** (*Wexford*), 18 **nieght** (*Wexford*), 18 **nyeght** (*Wexford*), 19– **nich'** (*north.*), 19– **nicht** (*north.*).

Abbreviations

15 etc. 15th century, etc.

arch. archaic

e early

Eng. England

l late

ME Middle English

north. northern

OE Old English

Sc. Scotland