

Glossary of Cape Dutch and Kafir Terms.

- Baaken—Landmark.
Banket—The conglomerate reef peculiar to the Witwatersrand.
Bewaarpiaatzen—Areas granted for the conservation of water, or for depositing the residue of ores.
Berg—Mountain, as Tafelberg (table mountain), Drakensberg (Dragon's mountain), etc.
Besluit—Resolution, order-in-council.
Boer—Farmer; applied by the English to the Dutch of the country districts.
Bosch—Thicket or bush.
Burg—Town.
Burger—Voter, elector. Applied by the Dutch to their own citizens as distinguished from aliens.
Commandeer—To call out for military service.
Commando—A military force. The word conveys no meaning as to numbers. A commando may consist of a hundred men, or a thousand or more.
Donga—Ravine.
Dorp—Village.
Drift—Ford.
Droogeveld—Dry pasture country.
Duin or Dune—Sandhill.
Fontein—Fountain or spring, as Bloemfontein (fountain of flowers).
Heuvel—Height, or hill.
Hoek—Corner, or secluded valley.
Hoogte—Height; Hoogteveld, the high ground.
Inspan—To harness up. Outspan or uitspan, to unharness or untether.
Karoo—Desert land covered with scrubby plants.
Klip—Rock.
Kloof—Mountain pass, or gully.
Kop—(Literally a head), hence an isolated hill.
Kopjie—Little hill.
Kraal—Collection of native huts; also a cattle enclosure.
Krantz—Cliff.
Laagte—Low land or valley, as Elandslaagte (Eland valley).
Nachtmaal—(Literally night meal), the quarterly communion service.
Nek—Neck, applied to a depression between two mountains.
Raad—An assembly; the legislature.