

Vocabulary from the Play

This is not a comprehensive vocabulary list, since it is assumed that students will be reading the play in an edition with notes. Words are listed by act and scene in the order of their appearance. Words preceded by an asterisk (*) are general vocabulary words that may appear in Testing on the Play: Developing Vocabulary.

Act I

Scene i

- *waned—diminishes, decreases
 - *nimble—agile, sprightly
 - *vexation—annoyance
 - *feigning—pretending
 - flied—stole, snatched away secretly
 - beseech—beg
 - abjure—solemnly forswear, forsake
 - livery—costume, habit
 - *sovereignty—power
 - aye—forever
 - *austerity—self-denial, strict self-discipline
 - *recede—soften, yield
 - avouch—declare
 - schooling—instruction
 - extenuate—allow exceptions
 - enthralled—enslaved
 - *edict—decree
 - dowager—a noble widow with a title
 - leagues—a unit of distance, equal to about three miles
 - Cupid—mythical god of love
 - Trojan—Trojan
 - *visage—face, countenance
 - *vile—evil, disgusting
- ### Scene ii
- script—script
 - lude—dramatic entertainment
 - ant-durable
 - extempore—improvised, off the cuff

discretion—choice

*entreat—beg

Act II

Scene i

- *dale—small valley
- fell—fierce
- *beguile—charm
- *mirth—merriment, high spirits
- *tarry—linger, remain, stay
- *dissension—discord, strife
- *amend—heal, repair
- embarked—got on board a ship
- *trifles—unimportant things of little value
- perchance—maybe
- *promontory—rocky erag or outcropping
- dulcet—sweet
- *dote—to be excessively fond of
- *entice—tempt, allure
- Apollo—handsome god of music and harmony, associated with the sun in classical myth
- Daphne—a mortal woman pursued by Apollo in myth
- *valor—courage
- *disdainful—scornful

Scene ii

- *sentinel—guard
- troth—faithfulness, loyalty
- *dank—chilly and damp
- *scorn—contempt, disdain
- sooth—truth

*surfeit—excess
*quake—shake, tremble

Act III

Scene i

not a whit—not at all
*enamored—in love with
*purge—cleanse, purify
apricocks—apricots
*lamenting—mourning

Scene ii

brake—thicket, small wood
russet-pated—red-headed
choughs—jackdaws (a kind of bird)
*sever—separate
*apparel—clothing
*devise—plan
Antipodes—places on the opposite side of the earth
*ensue—follow
*disparage—criticize unfavorably
*recompense—reward
*contrived—schemed
*derision—mockery
*celestial—heavenly
chide—scolded
vixen—ill-tempered woman

*flout—insult
*fray—battle
*negligence—carelessness
*recrunt—disloyal coward
*detest—hate
knavish—tricky

Act IV

Scene i

*amiable—friendly, congenial
Mounseur—garbled form of Monsieur, French for "Mr." or "sir"
signior—Italian for "Mr." or "sir"
*amity—friendship

Act V

Scene i

*fables—stories
*tedious—boring
*toiled—strained
conned—learned by heart
*premeditated—carefully prepared in advance
*audacious—bold
mote—tiny bit
videlicet—Latin for "that is," "namely"
adieu—French for "farewell"
fortnight—period of two weeks
ditty—song

Word	Definition	Synonym	Antonym
Wanes			
Nimble			
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