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

- wane—diminishes, decreases
- nimble—quickly, sprightly
- vexation—annoyance
- fling—pretending
- flinch—stole, matched away secretly
- beech—beg
- abjure—solemnly forebear, forsake
- liviery—costume, habit
- sovereignty—power
- eye—forever
- rarity—self-denial, strict self-discipline
- re—soften, yield
- scrouge—declaim
- schooling—instruction
- extenuate—allow exceptions
- enthralled—enjoyed
- 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

- scrip—script
- stage—dramatic entertainment
- extant—existing, alive
- act—improvised, off the cuff

Act II

Scene I

- date—small valley
- felt—fierce
- beguile—charm
- mirability—meritment, high spirit
- larry—linger, remain, stay
- dissension—discord, strife
- amend—heal, repair
- embarked—got on board a ship
- trifles—unimportant things of little value
- perforce—maybe
- promontory—rocky crag or overhanging
- ducet—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—envious

Scene III

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

sooth—truth
Act III
Scene I

not a whit—not at all

*enamored—in love with

*purge—cleanse, purify

apricots

*lamenting—mourning

Scene II

thicker, small wood

russel-pasted—red-headed

thou—jackdaws (a kind of bird)

*sewer—separate

*apparel—clothing

*delfast—plan

Antipodes—places on the opposite side of the earth

*ensue—follow

disparagement—criticize unfavorably

*recompense—reward

*contrived—schemed

*derision—mockery

*celestial—heavenly

*chaste—chaste

vixen—ill-tempered woman

*flout—insect

*pray—bitch

*negligence—carelessness

recreant—disloyal coward

*detest—hate

knabish—tricky

Act IV
Scene I

*amiable—friendly, congenial

Monsieur—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

fatted—grilled

*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
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