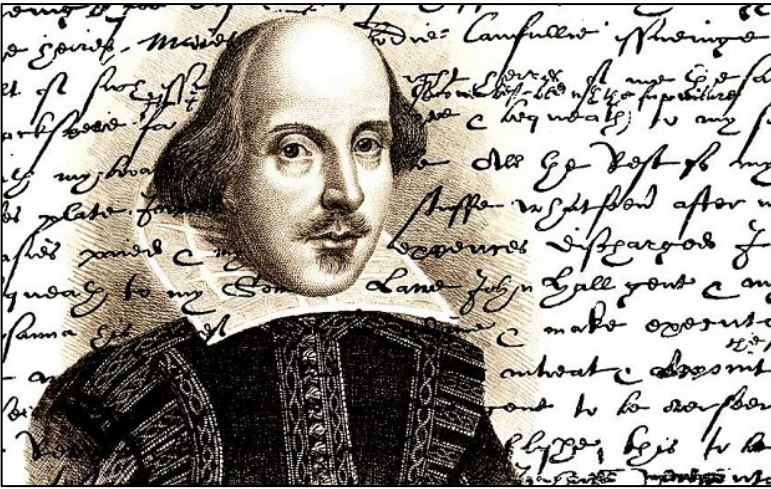


Words and Phrases Coined by Shakespeare



In addition to his being a particularly clever wordsmith, Shakespeare's word invention can be credited to the fact that the English language as a whole was in a major state of flux during the time that he was writing. Colonization and wars meant that English speakers were borrowing more and more words from other languages.

It's hard to say whether or not Shakespeare was the first to use many of these words, but in most cases he has long been believed to be the first to write them.

So before you dismiss Shakespeare as a stodgy, boring alternative to more contemporary writers, remember that you have *him* to thank for the popularization of the following words...and around 1700 in total!!

Directions:

1. Read over the phrases and words coined by The Bard, AKA, William Shakespeare.

2. Write a short love story using at least 8 of his phrases and words

- "For goodness sake" - *Henry VIII*
- "Neither here nor there" - *Othello*
- "Mum's the word" - *Henry VI, Part II*
- "Eaten out of house and home" - *Henry IV, Part II*
- "Rant" - *Hamlet*
- "Knock knock! Who's there?" - *Macbeth*
- "All's well that ends well" - *All's Well That Ends Well*
- "With bated breath" - *The Merchant of Venice*
- "A wild goose chase" - *Romeo and Juliet*
- "Assassination" - *Macbeth*
- "Too much of a good thing" - *As You Like It*
- "A heart of gold" - *Henry V*
- "Such stuff as dreams are made on" - *The Tempest*
- "Fashionable" - *Troilus and Cressida*
- "What the dickens" - *The Merry Wives of Windsor*
- "Puking" - *As You Like It*
- "Lie low" - *Much Ado About Nothing*
- "Dead as a doornail" - *Henry VI, Part II*
- "Not slept one wink" - *Cymbeline*
- "Foregone conclusion" - *Othello*
- "The world's mine oyster" - *The Merry Wives of Windsor*
- "Obscene" - *Love's Labour's Lost*
- "Bedazzled" - *The Taming of the Shrew*
- "In stitches" - *Twelfth Night*
- "Addiction" - *Othello*
- "Naked truth" - *Love's Labour's Lost*
- "Faint-hearted" - *Henry VI, Part I*
- "Send him packing" - *Henry IV*
- "Vanish into thin air" - *Othello*
- "In a pickle" - *The Tempest*
- "Swagger" - *Henry V*
- "Own flesh and blood" - *Hamlet*
- "Truth will out" - *The Merchant of Venice*
- "Zany" - *Love's Labour's Lost*
- "Give the devil his due" - *Henry IV, Part I*
- "There's method in my madness" - *Hamlet*
- "Salad days" - *Antony and Cleopatra*
- "Wear your heart on your sleeve" - *Othello*
- "Spotless reputation" - *Richard II*
- "Full circle" - *King Lear*
- "There's the rub" - *Hamlet*
- "All of a sudden" - *The Taming of the Shrew*
- "Come what, come may" - *Macbeth*

Gloomy

Definition: Somewhat dark: not bright or sunny
Origin: "To gloom" was a verb that existed before Shakespeare converted the word into an adjective in a number of his plays.
Quote: "Forced in the ruthless, vast, and gloomy woods?" - *Titus Andronicus*

Laughable

Definition: Bad in a way that seems foolish or silly
Origin: Derived from the verb "laugh."
Quote: "Though Nestor swear the jest be laughable." - *The Merchant of Venice*

Majestic

Definition: Large and impressively beautiful
Origin: From "majesty," which appeared in the 1300s, meaning "greatness." "Majestical" was first used in the 1570s.
Quote: "This is a most majestic vision" - *The Tempest*

Lonely

Definition: Sad from being apart from other people
Origin: "Alone" was first shortened to "lone" in the 1400s.
Quote: "Believe't not lightly – though I go alone / Like to a lonely dragon that his fen -*Coriolanus*

Radiance

Definition: A quality of brightness and happiness that can be seen on a person's face
Origin: Derived from the Latin "radiantem," meaning "beaming."
Quote: "For by the sacred radiance of the sun" - *King Lear*

Hurry

Definition: Move or act with haste; rush
Origin: Likely derived from the verb "hurry"
Quote: "Lives, honors, lands, and all hurry to loss." - *Henry VI Part 1*

Generous

Definition: Freely giving or sharing money and other valuable things
Origin: From the Latin "generosus," meaning "of noble birth."
Quote: "Free me so far in your most generous thoughts / That I have shot mine arrow o'er the house / And hurt my brother." - *Hamlet*

Frugal

Definition: Careful about spending money or using things when you do not need to
Origin: From the Latin "frugi," meaning "useful, proper, worthy, honest."
Quote: "Chid I for that at frugal Nature's frame?" - *Much Ado About Nothing*

Critical

Definition: Expressing criticism or disapproval
Origin: From the Latin "criticus," which referred specifically to a literary critic.
Quote: "For I am nothing if not critical" - *Othello*

Courtship

Definition: The activities that occur when people are developing a romantic relationship that could lead to marriage or the period of time when such activities occur
Origin: "Court" was first used to mean "woo" in the 1570s; prior, it was used to mean "king's court, princely residence," derived from the French "cort."
Quote: "To courtship and such fair ostents of love" - *The Merchant of Venice*

Zany

Definition: Amusingly unconventional and idiosyncratic
Origin: Derived from the Italian "zani," which came from "Zanni," a version of the name "Giovanni."
Quote: "Some carry-tale, some please-man, some slight zany" - *Love's Labour's Lost*

Undress

Definition: To take your clothes off
Origin: "Dress" comes from the Old French "dresser," meaning "prepare, arrange, straighten, put right."
Shakespeare was the first to add the prefix "un-."
Quote: "Madam, undress you and come now to bed." - *The Taming of the Shrew*

Rant

Definition: To talk loudly and in a way that shows anger: to complain in a way that is unreasonable
Origin: Derived from the Dutch "randten," meaning "talk foolishly."
Quote: "I'll rant as well as thou." - *Hamlet*

THINGS WE SAY TODAY WHICH WE OWE TO SHAKESPEARE

"KNOCK KNOCK! WHO'S THERE?" "HEART OF GOLD"
"SET YOUR TEETH ON EDGE"
"FAINT HEARTED" "SO-SO" "GOOD RIDDANCE"
"FIGHT FIRE" "SEEN BETTER DAYS"
"WITH FIRE" "TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING"
"SEND HIM PACKING"
"WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE"
"NOT SLEPT ONE WINK" "COME WHAT MAY"
"THE GAME IS UP" "FOR GOODNESS' SAKE"
"WHAT'S DONE IS DONE" "FULL CIRCLE"
"BATED BREATH" "GREEN EYED MONSTER"
"VANISH INTO THIN AIR" "BE ALL / END ALL"
"OUT OF THE JAWS OF DEATH" "DEAD AS A DOORNAIL"
"IN A FAIR / FOUL" "BRAVE" "MAKES YOUR HAIR NEW"
"PICKLE" "PLAY / PLAY WORLD" "STAND ON END"
"NAKED TRUTH" "BREADED" "THE WORLD IS WILD"
"BREAK THE ICE" "LIE HIS LAST" "MY OYSTER" "GOOSE"
"OFF WITH HIS HEAD" "LOW" "LOVE IS BLIND" "CHASE"
"HEART OF HEARTS" "A SORRY SIGHT" "A PIECE OF WORK"



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INVENTED THE WORD