

Romeo & Juliet Vocabulary

Act One, Scene One

1. **Choler** – to be irritated
2. **Valiant** – to be brave, courageous
3. **Kinsmen** – a relative specifically a male relative.
4. **Profaners** – characterized by irreverence or contempt for God or sacred principles or things; irreligious
5. **Pernicious** – causing harm or ruin
6. **Adversary** – person, group, or force that opposes or attacks; opponent; enemy; foe
7. **Fray** – a fight, battle, or skirmish.
8. **Augmenting** – to make larger; enlarge in size, number, strength, or extent; increase.
9. **Portentous** – of momentous or ominous significance
10. **Shrift** – confession
11. **Transgression** – an act of violating the law
12. **Assailing** – attacking someone physically or emotionally
13. **Posterity** – future generations

Act One, Scene Two

1. **Anguish** – excruciating or acute distress, suffering, or pain.
2. **Languish** – to be depressed
3. **Unattainted** – unprejudiced, without judgment
4. **Heretics** – a professed believer who maintains religious opinions contrary to those accepted by his or her church or rejects doctrines prescribed by that church.

Act One, Scene Three

1. **Fortnight** – two weeks; 14 nights and days
2. **Perilous** – hazardous

Act One, Scene Four

1. **Hoodwink'd** – to be deceived
2. **Boisterous** – rowdy or rough
3. **Visage** – face; appearance
4. **Inconstant** – fickle, ever-changing; can't make up mind

Act One, Scene Five

1. **Shift** – change position; move from one place to another
2. **Rapier** – sword
3. **Solemnity** – formal status or setting; impressive
4. **Disparagement** – an act of finding critical, at fault
5. **Saucy** – rude; jaunty
6. **Gall** – having a lot of nerve; audacity
7. **Virtuous** – having excellent morals; righteous
8. **Prodigious** – extraordinary, marvelous