

Romeo and Juliet

Vocabulary

Prologue and Act I Vocab

Prologue (p. 1037)

- dignity
- mutiny
- piteous
- toil

Act I

- wield (p. 1041)
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- trifling (p. 1062)
- chaste (p. 1046)
- scorn (p. 1059)

Prologue Vocabulary

All on p. 1037

- **Dignity** – worthiness, rank, standing
- **Mutiny** – rebellion against authority, uprising
- **Piteous** – heartbreaking, pathetic
- **Toil** – laborious effort, hard work

Act I Vocabulary

- **wield** (p. 1041) – to handle effectively (especially a weapon)
- **augmenting** (p. 1042) – increasing, adding to
- **transgression** (p. 1044) – violation of a law, wrongdoing
- **heretic** (p. 1049) – one who dissents from a belief (like religion)
- **ambling** (p. 1053) – walking or strolling leisurely
- **knave** (p. 1058) – person with low status, scoundrel
- **trifling** (p. 1062) ²⁸ – of small value, insignificant, unimportant
- **chaste** (p. 1046) – virtuous, innocent (like a virgin)
- **scorn** (p. 1059) – to mock, to ridicule, to show contempt

Act II Vocab

- **idolatry** (p. 1070) – obsession, blind adoration
- **beseech** (p. 1071) – to beg eagerly for
- **rancor** (p. 1076) – hatred, bitterness
- **commend** (p. 1082) – to praise as worthy,
recommend
- **loathsome** (p. 1086) – disgusting, offensive,
revolting

Act III Vocab

- **appertaining** (p. 1090) – pertaining or relating to
- **effeminate** (p. 1092) – having feminine qualities, having characteristics of softness
- **martial** (p. 1093) – having warlike qualities
- **scorn** (p. 1093) – open contempt of something
- **garish** (p. 1096) – excessively bright, glaring, showy
- **lamentation** (p. 1098) – act of expressing grief
- **sojourn** (p. 1103) – live temporarily, stay for a time in a place
- **jocund** (p. 1106) – merry, cheerful

Act IV Vocabulary

- **inundation** (p. 1114) – flood or overflow of something
- **slander** (p. 1116) – false or malicious statement
- **pensive** (p. 1116) – dreamily thoughtful
- **prosperous** (p. 1118) – having financial success; successful
- **behooveful** (p. 1120) – necessary; advantageous
- **lamentable** (p. 1125) – regrettable; unfortunate
- **beguiled** (p. 1130) – tricked, deceived, misled