

Romeo and Juliet

Vocabulary Review

Prologue Words

- dignity
- mutiny
- piteous
- toil

dignity

- worthiness, rank, standing

mutiny

- rebellion against authority,
uprising

piteous

- heartbreaking, pathetic

toil

- laborious effort, hard work

Act I Words

- wield
- augmenting
- transgression
- heretic
- ambling
- knave
- trifling
- chaste
- scorn

wield

- to handle effectively
(especially a weapon)

augmenting

- increasing, adding to

transgression

- violation of a law,
wrongdoing

heretic

- one who dissents from a belief (like religion)

ambling

- walking or strolling leisurely

knave

- person with low status,
scoundrel

trifling

- of small value, insignificant, unimportant

chaste

- virtuous, innocent (like a virgin)

scorn (as a verb)

- to mock, to ridicule, to show contempt

Act II Words

- Idolatry
- Beseech
- Rancor
- Commend
- Loathsome

idolatry

- obsession, blind adoration

beseech

- to beg eagerly for

rancor

- hatred, bitterness

commend

- to praise as worthy,
recommend

loathsome

- disgusting, offensive,
revolting

Act III Words

- appertaining
- effeminate
- martial
- scorn (noun)
- garish
- lamentation
- sojourn
- jocund

appertaining

- pertaining or relating to

effeminate

- having feminine qualities, having characteristics of softness

martial

- having warlike qualities

scorn (as a noun)

- open contempt of something

garish

- excessively bright, glaring, showy

lamentation

- act of expressing grief

sojourn

- live temporarily, stay for a time in a place

jocund

- merry, cheerful

Act IV Words

- Inundation
- Slander
- Pensive
- Prosperous
- Behooveful
- Lamentable
- beguiled

inundation

- flood or overflow of something

slander

- a false or malicious statement

pensive

- dreamily thoughtful

prosperous

- having financial success;
successful

behooveful

- necessary; advantageous

lamentable

- regrettable; unfortunate

beguiled

- tricked, deceived, misled

Act V Words

- presage
- detestable
- haughty
- peruse
- amorous
- thwarted
- ambiguities

presage

- to make a prediction; to foreshadow

detestable

- hateful, abominable

haughty

- snobbish, scornfully arrogant

peruse

- examine in detail, read over carefully

amorous

- showing or expressing love

thwarted

- prevented, stopped, hindered

ambiguities

- doubtfulness or uncertainty of meaning or intention