

## DICTIONARY FOR SHAKESPEARE

**Afterlife (n)** life after death

**Alligator: (n)** a large, carnivorous reptile closely related to the crocodile

**Auspicious (adj)** carries bad omens

**Bandit (n.)** outlaw, criminal

**Bedazzle (v.)** confuse by dazzling

**Caked (adj.)** solidified, coagulated, clotted, hard

**Cater- cousins (n.)** good friends, people on the best of terms

**Coach-fellow(n)** friend in a group

**Duel(n)** a formal fight

**Daft (n.)** take off, throw off

**Eager (adj.)** keen, biting, fierce, angry, savage

**Fashionable: (adj)** stylish; characteristic of a particular period

**Fright(n)** sudden feeling of fear

**Gossip: (v)** to talk casually, usually about others

**Hint (n.)** opportunity, moment, chance

**Idiot (n.)** jester, clown, fool

**Jade (v.)** deceive, dupe, make a fool of

**Lackluster (adj.)** somber, solemn, grave

**kicky-wicky (n.)** girlfriend, wife

**kirtle (n.)** dress, gown

**Madcap (adj.)** reckless, impulsive, wildly behaved

**Mate (n)** close person, friend, lover

**Puppy dog: (n)** a young, domestic dog

**Pedant (n.)** teacher, schoolmaster

**Proof (n)** a fact or information that shows something is true

**Recreate (v)** to make something again

**Relic (n.)** an item from the past

**Rival (n)** an enemy, person who is competing against you

**Quest (n)** a long search for something

**Sleuth (n)** person whose job is to find something

**Star-crossed lovers (n)** unlucky couple, people in love that have difficulty being together

**swagger (v.)** to walk or behave with confidence

**Xantippe: (n)** shrewish wife of Socrates; figuratively, a bad-tempered woman

**Yunker (n.)** fashionable person

**Zany: (n)** clown's assistant; performer who mimics another's antics

## **Shakespearean Phrases:**

### **“As good luck would have it”**

This means something happened to you that was pure chance or luck.

### **“Break the ice”**

Often when you meet someone for the first time, you “break the ice” by asking them polite questions about themselves.

### **“Come what come may”**

Whatever is going to happen is going to happen. You are accepting that fact.

### **“Clothes make the man.”**

Although not always true, this phrase implies that how a person dresses tells you something about who they are as a person.

### **“Fair play”**

Follow the rules, especially in competitions or sports.

### **“A laughing stock”**

To be a laughing stock is to be considered a joke by many people.

### **“In a pickle”**

To be “in a pickle” is to be in trouble or in a situation that you cannot easily get out of.

### **“It’s Greek to me”**

When you say, “it’s Greek to me,” you are admitting that you do not know or understand something.

### **“Pound of flesh”**

When this phrase is used it is talking about a cruel or unusual punishment.

### **“Pickiness of life”**

Describes that nothing is certain in life, life is short

### **“Such stuff as dreams are made on”**

Describes when something is so good that it is just like a dream.

### **“Strike a pose”**

To put your body in a position to create an effect.

### **“The lady doth protest too much”**

If someone denies something more than once, you can say "the lady doth protest too much," meaning you think that they feel the opposite of what they are saying.

**"Too much of a good thing"**

It is said that "too much of a good thing" (i.e. money, love, food) is not necessarily good for you.

**"Vanish into thin air"**

to disappear suddenly and completely

**"Wear one's heart on one's sleeve"**

To be a hopeless romantic (or be open and honest about how you feel) is to wear one's heart on one's sleeve.

**"Wild-goose chase"**

When someone leads you on a wild chase to find them, it is commonly known as a wild-goose chase.

**"What's done is done"**

It is done, and there is no going back. You must simply deal with the consequences.