2 **apace**quickly, speedily, at a great rate

3 **methinks** it seems to me

4 **linger**  delay, put off, keep waiting

5 **stepdame, step-dame**stepmother

6 **wither out**cause to dwindle, make less

6 **revenue**  income, yield, profit

13 **pert**lively, brisk, sprightly

15 **companion**  rogue, rascal, fellow

15 **pomp**  pageant, ceremony, procession

19 **triumph**  public festivity, pageant, display of celebration, tournament

32 **fantasy**  ardent desire, amorous fancy

33 **gaud**gaudy toy, showy plaything, trinket

33 **conceit**  trinket, fancy article, bauble

34 **knack**trifle, knick-knack, ornament

35 **prevailment**prevailing action, power, influence

45 **immediately**directly, instantly, without delay

48 **compos'd**  made up, produced, fashioned

54 **kind**  respect, regard, particular

54 **wanting**  lack, need, be without

54 **voice**  support, approval, good word

59 **power**  force, strength, might

60 **concern**  befit, suit with, accord with

63 **befall , past forms befallen, befell** happen to, come to

68 **blood**  passion, feeling, strong emotion (especially sexual)

69 **know**  acknowledge, remember, think of

71 **aye**always, ever, for eternity

70 **livery**  uniform, costume, special clothing

71 **mew’d**cooped up, confined, shut up

73 **cold**  chaste, modest, lacking sensual passion

74 **blood**  passion, feeling, strong emotion (specially sexual)

80 **patent**  privilege, right, title

84 **sealing day**day for confirming a contract, wedding-day

90 **aye**always, ever, for eternity

92 **crazed**flawed, unsound, impaired

92 **title**  legal right, claim, entitlement

98 **estate**endow, settle upon, bestow (up)on

99 **deriv’d**descended, in lineage

100 **possess’d**  propertied, affluent, provided for

102 **vantage**  advantageous position, place of vantage, superiority

106 **avouch**  declare, assert, affirm

106 **to his** **head**to one's face, frankly, openly

110 **spotted**  stained, blemished

114 **lose**  lose sight of, forget

117 **arm**  prepare, get ready

120 **extenuate**mitigate, lessen, tone down

123 **go along**come along, come with me

126 **nearly**closely, particularly, especially

126 **concerns**  be important to, be the concern of

130 **belike**probably, presumably, perhaps, so it seems

130 **want**  lack, shortage, dearth

131 **beteem, beteene**allow, permit, let, grant

132 **aught**nothing

135 **blood**  nobility, breeding, gentility, good parentage

137 **misgraffed**badly grafted, ill-matched, unsuited

139 **stood upon**  depended on, relied upon, hinged on

141 **sympathy**  accord, agreement, harmony

143 **momentany**momentary, transitory, fleeting

145 **collied**  blackened, darkened, murky

146 **spleen**  1) impulse, caprice, whim; 2) temper, spirit, passion (the spleen was the part of the body seen as the source of both gloomy and mirthful emotions)

146 **unfolds**  display, reveal, show

149 **quick**  living, vital, full of life

150 **cross’d**  prevented, thwarted, forestalled

155 **fancy**  love, amorousness, infatuation

156 **persuasion**  conviction, principle, opinion

161 **gentle**  soft, tender, kind

167 **morn**morning, dawn

171 **simplicity**  innocence, harmlessness, guilelessness

176 **false**  disloyal, faithless, inconstant, unfaithful

180 **fair**  fair face, beauty

183 **lodestar**guiding star, beacon

184 **tuneable**tuneful, musical, melodious

186 **favour**  facial appearance, countenance, features, looks

190 **bated**  excepted, omitted, left out of consideration

210 **visage**  face, countenance

210 **glass**  mirror, looking-glass

211 **bladed**many-bladed, abounding in shoots

212 **still**  constantly, always, continually

215 **faint**  pale, lightly coloured

215 **wont**be accustomed, used to, be in the habit of

219 **stranger**foreigner, alien, outsider

219 **companies**  companions, associates, comrades

222 **starve**  withhold from, diet, be sparing with

223 **morrow**morning

232 **base**  poor, wretched, of low quality

232 **quantity**  equal amount, same proportion

234 **transpose**change, alter, transform

237 **figure**  symbolize, represent, portray

237 **unheedy**unheedful, headstrong, reckless

239 **oft**often

240 **waggish**playful, mischievous, impish

240 **forswear** swear falsely, perjure oneself, break one's word

242 **eyne** eyes

245 **dissolv’d**  melt, liquefy

248 **intelligence**  information, news, communication

3 **scrip**  script, text

6 **interlude** short play, theatrical performance staged to fill an intermission

23 **condole**  lament, grieve, express great sorrow

24 **humour**  fancy, whim, inclination, caprice

25 **Ercles**  the Greek hero Heracles (in Roman, Hercules) who completed Twelve Labors and was renowned for his feats of strength

25 **rarely**  splendidly, beautifully, excellently

25 **tear a cat in** rant and bluster or swagger

28 **shivering**shattering, splintering

31 **car**carriage, cart, chariot (often of the sun god)

37 **condoling**moving, affecting, poignant

48 **monstrous**exceedingly, wonderfully, extraordinarily

64 **study**  preparation, learning, memorizing of a part

65 **do**  perform, play one's part, act

65 **extempore** spontaneously, involuntarily, without thinking

70 **fright** frighten, scare, terrify

76 **aggravate**  intensify; malapropism for ‘moderate’

78 **sucking**unweaned, suckling

78 **proper**  good-looking, handsome, comely

86 **discharge**  play, perform, execute

87 **orange-tawny**dull yellowish brown

87 **purple-in-grain**dyed bright red

88 **French-crown-colour**light yellow coloured (as the French crown coin)

90 **crowns**  heads

93 **con**  learn by heart, commit to memory

97 **device**  plan, scheme, intention

98 **draw**  draw up, draft, frame

98 **bill**  inventory, list, catalogue

98 **properties**  stage props

99 **wants**  requires, demands, needs

101 **obscenely**malapropism for ‘seemly’

103 **hold**  keep, maintain, observe

4 **park**hunting ground

4 **pale**  fenced land, park, enclosure

7 **sphere**  celestial globe in which a heavenly body was thought to move, orbit

9 **dew**bedew, moisten, water

9 **orbs**  fairy rings, circles

10 **pensioner**gentleman of the royal bodyguard

12 **favours**  mark of favour, gift, token (often a love-token)

16 **lob**clown, country lout, yokel

17 **anon**  soon, shortly, presently

19 **fell**  cruel, fierce, savage

20 **passing**very, exceedingly, extremely

23 **changeling** child taken by fairies, stolen child

25 **trace**  range over, pass through, traverse

26 **perforce**  forcibly, by force, violently

26 **withhold**  detain, keep in possession

29 **sheen**brightness, shining, radiance

30 **square**  quarrel, fall out, disagree

32 **making**physical appearance, bodily form, build

33 **shrewd**  wily, cunning, mischievous

35 **frights** frighten, scare, terrify

35 **villagery**villages

36 **quern**hand-mill for grinding corn

37 **bootless**fruitlessly, uselessly, unsuccessfully, in vain

38 **barm**froth on the top of fermenting ale

45 **beguile**  cheat, deceive, trick

46 **filly**female

47 **gossip**  old woman, gossiping woman

48 **crab**crab-apple, sour apple

49 **bob**  knock, bump, bang

50 **dewlap** folds of loose skin hanging about the neck

51 **aunt**  old woman, gossip

51 **saddest** most serious, grave, or solemn

55 **quire**  company, group, assembly (play on a printing term)

56 **waxen**increase, grow

56 **neeze**sneeze

57 **wasted**  passed, spent

60 **bill**  badly, adversely, unfavourably

62 **forsworn** abandoned, renounced, rejected

63 **Tarry**  stay, remain, linger

63 **wanton**  wilful creature, obstinate individual

66 **Corin** a conventional pastoral name for a shepherd

68 **Phillida** a conventional pastoral name for a shepherdess

69 **step**  limit, distance, reach

70 **forsooth**in truth, certainly, truly, indeed

71 **buskin’d**wearing high hunting boots or buskins

75 **glance at**  pick on, snipe at, cast aspersions on

78 **Perigenia** a young woman who hid from Theseus after he killed her father, Sinis, a robber. For more on Theseus’s exploits see [Plutarch](http://classics.mit.edu/Plutarch/theseus.html).

78 **ravished** carried off,raped, forced sexually

79 **Aegle** A nymph loved by Thesus, the woman for whom he abandoned Ariadne. For more on Theseus’s exploits see [Plutarch](http://classics.mit.edu/Plutarch/theseus.html).

80 **Ariadne** she helped Theseus find his way out of the labrynth. Then he abandoned her. For more on Theseus’s exploits see [Plutarch](http://classics.mit.edu/Plutarch/theseus.html).

80 **Antiopa** Amazon warrior seduced by Thesus who then, you guessed it, abandoned her. For more on Theseus’s exploits see [Plutarch](http://classics.mit.edu/Plutarch/theseus.html).

82 **spring**  first moment, dawn, break

83 **mead**meadow

84 **paved**with a paved base, pebbled

84 **rushy** edged with rushes

85 **beached**having a beach, shingly, sandy

85 **margent**  margin, edge, border

87 **sport**  recreation, amusement, entertainment

88 **piping** whistling

90 **contagious**  pestilential, harmful, noxious

91 **pelting**paltry, petty, worthless, insignificant

91 **proud**  swollen, high, in flood

92 **overborn**  overwhelmed, overcame, overpowered

92 **continent**  bank, embankment, course

97 **murrion**infected with plague (a murrain), diseased

98 **morris, nine men's**area marked out in squares for playing nine men's morris (a type of open-air game using nine ‘men’ on each side)

99 **quaint**  intricate, elaborate

99 **maze**  arrangement of paths, network of tracks

99 **wanton**  luxuriant, flourishing, lush, profuse in growth

99 **green**  greenery, grass, vegetation

100 **undistinguishable** unrecognizable, undetectable, impossible to pick out

101 **want**  lack, need, be without

102 **carol**  song of joy

103 **governess**ruler, mistress

104 **washes**makes damp, moistens, wets

105 **rheumatic**  with symptoms of rheum (watery discharge), as in a cold

106 **distemperature**  disordered condition, inclement state of weather

107 **hoary-headed** white haired

109 **Hiems**a personification ofwinter

110 **chaplet**garland, wreath

112 **childing**fertile, fruitful, teeming

112 **change**  exchange, trade

113 **wonted**accustomed, usual, customary

113 **livery**  uniform, costume, special clothing

113 **mazed**bewildered, confused, perplexed

114 **increase**  produce, growth, yield, crop

115 **progeny** the decendants of a person, offspring

116 **debate**quarrel, wrangling, strife

117 **original**point of origin, cause, source

120 **changeling** a fairy child left in place of a human child (or vice versa)

121 **henchman**squire, page of honour

123 **votaress**woman under vow, votary, devotee of a religious order

125 **gossip’d**  talk together

127 **marking**  noting, paying attention to, taking notice of

127 **traders**trading ships, merchant vessels

127 **flood**  sea, deep, waves, rushing water

129 **wanton**  sexually hot, passionate, sportive

131 **squire**  lad, fellow, youngster

136 **rear up** raise

139 **perchance**  perhaps, maybe

140 **round**  circle dance, ring

142 **shun** avoid, ignore, or reject

142 **spare**  avoid, shun, keep away from

145 **chide** quarrel, wrangle, fight

145 **downright**  outright, totally, utterly

147 **injury**  insult, affront, slight

148 **gentle**  courteous, friendly, kind

149 **promontory** headland, a high point of land that just out into a body of water

151 **dulcet**sweet, mild, pleasant, agreeable

151 **breath**  voice, song, sound

152 **rude**  stormy, turbulent, harsh

153 **spheres**  celestial globes in which a heavenly body was thought to move, orbit

154 **sea-maid**mermaid, sea-nymph

157 **Cupid** the god of desire, erotic love, attraction and affection

158 **certain**  sure, unerring, accurate

158 **vestal**woman vowed to chastity, virgin, priestess

159 **love-shaft**love-causing arrow

163 **votaress**woman under vow, votary, devotee of a religious order

165 **mark’d**  noted, paid attention to

165 **bolt**  an arrow, generally the short and thick arrow for a crossbow

168 **‘love-in-idleness’** the pansy, or hearsease

174 **leviathan**sea-monster, whale

175 **girdle** belt

182 **soul**  driving force, animating principle

183 **sight**  eye

185 **render up** give

195 **adamant**legendary substance of great hardness and magnetism

199 **fair**  kindly, encouragingly, courteously

205 **spurn**  kick, strike, stamp on, dash

213 **sick**  full of loathing, full of repugnance

214 **impeach**  discredit, disparage, call into question

218 **ill**  bad, adverse, unfavourable

220 **virtue**  quality, accomplishment, ability

224 **respect**  regard, admiration, favour, opinion

227 **brake**  bush, thicket

231 **Daphne** a naiad (or water spirit) who was pursued by the God Apollo. To avoid his pursuit, she was changed into a laurel tree.

231 **hold**  keep, maintain, observe

232 **griffin**fabulous beast, part lion part eagle

232 **hind**  female deer

233 **bootless**useless, worthless, fruitless, unavailing

235 **stay**  wait (for), await

239 **fie** used to express disgust or outrage

245 **nymph** semi-divine creatures imagined as beautiful maidens who inhabited woods

249 **blow**  blossom, bloom, flower

250 **oxlips** hybrid between a primrose and a cowslip (a yellow flower)

251 **woodbine**  honeysuckle

252 **sweet**  perfumed, scented, fragrant

252 **eglantine** sweetbriar, a sweetly scented rose

255 **throws**  throw off, cast, discard

255 **enamell’d**brightly coloured, multi-coloured, kaleidoscopic

256 **weed**  garment, piece of clothing

258 **fantasies**  imaginings, delusions, hallucinations

261 **anoint** smear or rub with oil

262 **espies** sees

266 **fond**  infatuated, doting, passionate

267 **cock** rooster

3 **canker** grub that destroys plant buds and leaves, cankerworm, parasite

4 **reremice**bats

4 **leathern**  leather-like

7 **quaint**  pretty, attractive, lovely

8 **office**  task, service, duty, responsibility

9 **double**  forked, divided

13 **Philomel** in Greek mythology, Philomela was changed into a nightingale after she was raped by her brother-in-law

20 **spinner**spider, cranefly, daddy-longlegs

22 **offence**  damage, injury, harm

25 **aloof**a short distance away, to one side

25 **sentinel** guard

28 **languish** lose or lack vitality; grow weak or feeble

29 **ounce**lynx

30 **Pard**panther, leopard

35 **troth**  truth, good faith

41 **troth** pledge of love or faith

45 **conference**  conversation, talk, discourse

52 **prettily**cleverly, ingeniously; or charmingly

53 **beshrew**  curse, devil take, evil befall

55 **gentle**  soft, tender, kind

58 **becomes**  be fitting, befit, be appropriate to

64 **press’d** i.e. closed in sleep

67 **approve**  prove, confirm, corroborate, substantiate

70 **weeds** garments, dress, clothes

78 **owe**  own, possess, have

85 **darkling**in the dark, in darkness

87 **chase**  pursuit, sequence, hunt

87 **fond**  foolish, stupid, mad

88 **grace**  success, favourable outcome, fortune

97 **dissembling**deceitful, hypocritical, false

97 **glass**  mirror, looking-glass

98 **compare**vie, rival, compete

98 **sphery**star-like, heavenly, celestial

98 **eyne** eyes

103 **art**  magic, enchantment, trickery

109 **content**  satisfied, calm, easy in mind

113 **will**  desire, wish, liking, inclination

116 **ripe**ripen, mature

117 **point**  summit, apex, highest point

117 **skill**  discernment, discrimination, capacity to perceive

118 **touching**  achieving, accomplishing, attaining

120 **o’erlook**  look over, peruse, read through

127 **flout** to treat with contemptuous disregard

128 **troth** truth

128 **good sooth** indeed

130 **perforce**  of necessity, with no choice in the matter

131 **gentleness**  nobility, good breeding, courtesy

131 **true**  honourable, virtuous, sincere

142 **address**  direct, apply, turn

142 **powers** faculties, functions, abilities

148 **methought**it seemed to me

149 **prey**  preying, violence, devouring

153 **of all loves** for love’s sake

154 **nigh** nearby

2 **pat**  punctual, timely

2 **marvellous**very, extremely, exceedingly

2 **convenient**fitting, suitable, appropriate

4 **brake**  bush, thicket

4 **tiring-house**dressing-room, theatrical green room

7 **bully** fine fellow, good friend (a warm form of address)

8 **Pyramus and Thisbe**  a pair of star-crossed lovers from Ovid’s *Metamorphosis*

12 **Byrlakin** by our ladykin (the virgin Mary)

12 **parlous**  perilous, dangerous, hazardous

19 **assurance**  security, certainty, confidence

26 **afeard**afraid, frightened, scared

37 **defect**  malapropism for ‘effect’

41 **pity**bad thing, sad fate, calamity

52 **casement**  moveable section of a window, light

56 **disfigure**a malaprop for figure, or respresent

57 **present** represent

64 **loam** a mixture (as for plastering) composed chiefly of moistened clay

64 **rough cast** alime and gravel mixture used for plastering walls

64 **cranny** a small break or slit

71 **brake**  bush, thicket

73 **hempen**  in clothing made of hemp, rustically attired

73 **homespun**wearer of home-made clothing, rustic, yokel

74 **cradle**  place of repose, resting place

75 **toward**impending, forthcoming, in preparation

90 **brisky**brisk, lively, sprightly

90 **eke** also, moreover, too

90 **juvenal**youth, young man

101 **round**  circle dance, ring

102 **brake**  bush, thicket

103 **sometime**  sometimes, now and then

104 **fire**  will o' the wisp

107 **knavery**  roguish trick, rouguery, trickery

109 **afeard**afraid, frightened, scared

114 **translated**  transformed, changed, altered

115 **knavery**  roguish trick, rouguery, trickery

115 **fright** frighten, scare, terrify

119 **ousel**blackbird

121 **throstle**thrush

122 **quill**musical pipe, voice, note

126 **plainsong**lacking in ornament, melodically simple

127 **mark**  note, pay attention to, take notice of

129 **set**  rate, stake, gamble

129 **wit**  intelligence, wisdom, good sense, mental ability

131 **gentle**  soft, tender, kind

135 **virtue**  quality, accomplishment, ability

137 **methinks**it seems to me

141 **gleek**make a pointed joke, jest, gibe

143 **wit**  intelligence, wisdom, good sense, mental ability

147 **rate**  worth, value, merit

148 **still**  constantly, always, continually

150 **attend**  serve, follow, wait on

153 **grossness**  material nature, bodily form

158 **gambol** to skip about

159 **apricock**apricot

159 **dewberries**species of blackberry

161 **Humble-bees** bumblebees

162 **Night-tapers** candles

162 **crop** cut

175 **desire**  request, wish, ask for

179 **commend**  convey greetings, present kind regards

180 **Peascod** pea pod (a traditional remedy for lovesickness)

184 **patience** endurance

188 **desire**  request, wish, ask for

191 **methinks**it seems to me

193 **enforced**  violated, assaulted, ravished

5 **night-rule**night-time activity, nocturnal diversion

7 **close**  private, secluded, sequestered

9 **patches**fools, clowns

9 **rude**  1) ignorant, unlearned, uneducated; 2) uncivilized, uncultivated, unrefined

9 **mechanicals**manual workers, craftsmen

13 **thick-skin**brutishly built, dullard, blockhead

13 **barren**  stupid, empty-headed, dull

13 **sort**  pack, crowd, gang

14 **sport**  recreation, amusement, entertainment

15 **scene**  stage, performing area

15 **brake**  bush, thicket

17 **nole**noddle, head

18 **anon**  soon, shortly, presently

19 **mimic**burlesque actor, performer, thespian

21 **russet-pated**with grey head

21 **chough**  jackdaw – a small grey-headed crow (a possible play of chuff, or rustic)

21 **sort**  pack, crowd, gang

23 **sever** scatter

29 **apparel**clothes, clothing, dress

29 **catch**  seize, get hold of, capture

30 **yielder**one who gives up, conceder

32 **translated**  transformed, changed, altered

36 **latch’d**  fastened, secureed

43 **rebuke**repress, put down, check

44 **breath**  utterance, speech, voice

45 **chide** scold, rebuke, reprove

53 **whole**  unbroken, sound, intact

54 **centre**  centre of the Earth, axis

57 **dead**  deadly, death-dealing, murderous

60 **clear**  serene, cheerful, unclouded

61 **Venus** Venus is the evening star and goddess of love

61 **sphere**  celestial globe in which a heavenly body was thought to move, orbit

69 **Durst** would you, did you dare

70 **brave**  noble, worthy, excellent

70 **touch**  act, action, deed

71 **worm**  serpent, snake

71 **adder** venemous viper, poisonous snake

72 **double**  forked, divided

74 **spend**  expend, express, give vent to

74 **passion**  fit of anger, feeling of rage

74 **mispris’d**mistaken, misguided, erroneous

74 **mood**  anger, fury, frenzy, fit of temper

76 **aught**all, anything

84 **heaviness**  sleepiness

84 **heavier** harder to bear, sleepier

87 **tender**  offer, offering

90 **misprision**  mistake, error, misunderstanding, misconception

90 **perforce**  of necessity, with no choice in the matter

91 **false**  sham, spurious, not genuine, artificial

91 **turn’d**  changed, transformed, altered

92 **troth** a pledge,oath, faith in love

96 **fancy-sick**love-sick, infatuated, pining

96 **cheer**  face, look, expression

98 **illusion**deception, delusion, deceit

101 **the Tartar** someone from the Taurus mountains, in southern Turkey

104 **apple**pupil, centre

105 **espy** spy, see

107 **Venus of the sky** Venus is the evening star and goddess of love

109 **remedy** relief, resolution

113 **fee**  payment, reward, recompense

114 **fond**  foolish, trifling, frivolous

114 **pageant**show, scene, spectacle, tableau

119 **sport**  recreation, amusement, entertainment

121 **befall** happen, occur, take place, turn out

121 **prepost’rously**out of the normal course of events, unnaturally, perversely

123 **derision** the use of ridicule or scorn to show contempt

124 **look when**whenever, as soon as

127 **badge** outward sign (as worn on servant’s uniforms)

128 **advance**  display, present, promote

130 **give her ov’r**  desert, leave, or abandon her

133 **tale**  false rumour, story, tittle-tattle

138 **eyne** eyes

139 **ripe**  red and full like ripe fruit

141 **high Taurus** a mountain range in Turkey

144 **princess**paragon, sovereign form, ideal

144 **seal**  pledge, promise, token, sign

145 **bent**  determined, intent, resolved

146 **set against**be hostile to, make an attack on

146 **courtesy** courteous service, polite behaviour, good manners

147 **injury**  insult, affront, slight

152 **gentle**  well-born, honourable, noble

153 **superpraise** praise excessively

153 **parts**  qualities, attributes, gifts, accomplishments (generally of mind or body)

154 **trim**  fine, excellent, smart

158 **conjure up**bring about as if by magic, cause to appear

159 **sort**  class, level, social rank

160 **extort**  torture, abuse, wring

161 **sport**  recreation, amusement, entertainment

166 **bequeath** assign, make over

171 **guest-wise**in the manner of a guest, as a visitor

171 **sojourn’d**  traveled, journeyed

174 **Disparage** speak slightingly about

175 **abide**suffer for, pay for, atone for

176 **yonder** over there (generally a place within sight)

178 **apprehension**  perception, auditory reception

180 **recompense** to give something to by way of compensation

186 **bide** remain

187 **engild**gild, brighten, illuminate

188 **yon** those over there

188 **oes**  circles, orbs, spheres, stars

193 **conjoin’d** joined together

194 **fashion**  arrange, contrive, manage

194 **false**  unfair, unjust, double-crossing

194 **sport**  recreation, amusement, entertainment

194 **spite**  annoyance, vexation, irritation

197 **bait**  harass, persecute, torment

200 **Hasty-footed** quick

203 **artificial**  showing creative artistry, artistically skilful

206 **warbling** singing

206 **in one key**  in total harmony

208 **incorporate**united in one body, combined in one entity

213 **coat**  coat-of-arms

213 **first**  first tincture in a blazon

213 **crest**  heraldic device placed above the shield and helmet in a coat-of-arms

215 **rent**rend, tear, pull to pieces

218 **chide** scold, rebuke, reprove

225 **spurn**  kick, strike, stamp on, dash

226 **nymph** semi-divine creatures imagined as beautiful maidens who inhabited woods

230 **forsooth**in truth, certainly, truly, indeed

231 **setting on**  encourage, urge, incite

237 **persever**  persevere, persist, keep at it

237 **counterfeit**  pretend, feign, make believe

237 **sad**  serious, grave, solemn

239 **hold up**  continue, keep going, carry on

240 **sport**  recreation, amusement, entertainment

240 **carried**  carried out, managed, conducted

240 **chronicled**  entered into a chronicle, recorded in history

242 **argument**  subject, point, theme, target

245 **gentle**  soft, tender, kind

253 **false**  wrong, mistaken

256 **whereto** to what end

258 **take on**  behave, act; or: rage, rant

260 **hang off**leave hold, stop clinging

260 **burr**  clinger, person difficult to shake off

263 **tawny** dark complexioned

263 **Tartar** someone from the Taurus mountains, in southern Turkey

264 **potion**  poison, deadly drink

265 **sooth** truly

266 **bond**  1) deed, contract, pledge; 2) a physical tie, restraint, constraint

274 **erewhile**a short time ago, a while before

275 **since**  ago

282 **juggler**  trickster, deceiver, fraud

282 **canker-blossom**worm that destroys the blossom (of love)

288 **counterfeit**  impostor, pretender, sham

290 **compare**comparison, simile, analogy

293 **forsooth**in truth, certainly, truly, indeed

296 **painted maypole** a tall wooden pole around which a maypole dance takes place.

300 **curst**  bad-tempered, quarrelsome, shrewish, cross

301 **shrewishness** anger,crankiness, bad nature

302 **right**  typical, true, classic

304 **something**  somewhat, rather

308 **councils** secrets

310 **stealth**  stealing away, furtive journey, clandestine act

312 **chid**  brusquely command, drive away with harsh words

313 **spurn**  kick, strike, stamp on, dash

317 **fond**  foolish, trifling, frivolous

323 **keen**  sharp, cutting, severe

323 **shrewd**  shrewish, bad-tempered, difficult

324 **vixen** a shrewish, ill-tempered woman

329 **minimus**tiniest of creatures, insignificant being

329 **knot-grass**species of creeping weed

330 **bead**  tiny thing, smallest of objects

335 **abide**suffer for, pay for, atone for

339 **coil**turmoil, disturbance, fuss

339 **‘long of** belongs to, is because of

341 **curst**  bad-tempered, quarrelsome, shrewish, cross

345 **still**  constantly, always, continually

346 **knaveries**  roguish trick, rouguery, trickery

346 **shadow**  spirit, phantom, spectre, ghost

352 **sort**  turn out, fall out, come about

353 **jangling** fighting, squabling

353 **sport**  subject of sport

355 **Hie**hasten, hurry, speed

356 **welkin**sky, firmament, heavens

356 **anon**  soon, shortly, presently

356 **Acheron** one of the four rivers of Hades, or the underworld

357 **testy** cranky, irritable

360 **sometime**  sometimes, now and then

361 **wrong**  insult, offence, slight

362 **rail**rant, rave, be abusive

364 **brows**  forehead

365 **batty**bat-like

367 **virtuous**  potent, powerful, efficacious

369 **wonted**accustomed, usual, customary

372 **wend** proceed, go

373 **date**  duration, period of existence

376 **charmed**  bewitched, enchanted, placed under a spell

380 **harbinger**forerunner, herald, precursor

383 **crossway**cross-road

387 **aye**always, ever, for eternity

387 **consort**accompany, attend, go with

388 **sort**  class, level, social rank

389 **oft**often

389 **sport**  sexual recreation, intercourse, amorous dalliance

403 **straight**straightaway, immediately, at once

409 **recreant**  coward, faint-hearted individual

413 **still**  constantly, always, continually

413 **dares**  challenges, confronts, defies

420 **spite**  annoyance, vexation, irritation

422 **abide**  endure, undergo, face

422 **wot**  learn, know, be told

424 **stand**  stand still, stop, cease moving

426 **buy**pay for, suffer the consequences of

432 **Abate**  shorten, lessen, reduce

439 **curst**  bad-tempered, quarrelsome, shrewish, cross

439 **sad**  dismal, morose, sullen

462 **ill**  badly, adversely, unfavourably

2 **amiable**  beloved, desirable, lovable

2 **coy**  caress, stroke, pet

4 **gentle**  soft, tender, kind

16 **loath** unwilling to do something contrary to one's ways of thinking

19 **neaf**fist, clenched hand

20 **courtesy** courteous service, polite behaviour, good manners

22 **Cavalery**cavalier, courtly gentleman

24 **methinks**it seems to me

24 **marvellous**very, extremely, exceedingly

29 **tongs**type of simple metal musical instrument

29 **bones**  pieces of bone used as a musical instrument

31 **peck**  heap, quantity, measure (a quarter of a bushel)

32 **bottle**  bundle, (of hay)

38 **exposition**malapropism for disposition ( inclination)

41 **woodbine**  bindweed, convolvulus (morning glory)

42 **entwist**clasp with a twist, entwine, wreathe around

43 **enrings**forms a ring round, encircles, surrounds

43 **barky**bark-covered

46 **dotage**  doting, infatuation, excessive affection

48 **favours**  marks of favour, gifts, tokens

50 **rounded**  encircled, surrounded

51 **coronet**  garland, wreath, circlet of flowers, etc

52 **sometime**  formerly, at one time, once

53 **wont**be accustomed, used to, be in the habit of

53 **orient**  lustrous, brilliant, bright

54 **floweret**small flower

58 **changeling** child taken by fairies, stolen child

59 **straight**straightaway, immediately, at once

64 **swain**  rustic, yokel, fellow

66 **repair**  come, go, make one's way

67 **accidents**  occurrences, events, happenings

68 **fierce**  wild, lively, violent

68 **vexation**  agitation, disturbance, turmoil

70 **wont**be accustomed, used to, be in the habit of

72 **Dian** Diana, the Roman goddess of chastity

76 **methought**it seemed to me

77 **visage**  face, countenance

82 **charmeth**  produces, causes as by magic

86 **amity** friendly relations between nations or warring factions

87 **solemnly**ceremoniously, with ritual celebration

88 **triumphantly**as in a festive pageant, with great celebration

92 **attend**  listen to, pay attention to

92 **mark**  note, pay attention to, take notice of

94 **sad**  serious, grave, solemn

96 **compass**  go around, orbit, make a circuit of

97 **wandering**  having its own motion, as in a planet or star

103 **observation**  observance, rite, customary practice

104 **vaward**  foremost part, front line, vanguard

106 **uncouple**release pairs of hunting dogs for the chase

107 **dispatch** hurry up, be quick

109 **mark**  note, pay attention to, take notice of

111 **Herclues**

111 **Cadmus**

112 **Crete**

112 **bay'd**  brought to bay, driven to a last stand

113 **Sparta**

114 **chiding**  barking, brawling, angry noise

116 **mutual**  common, general, omnipresent

118 **kind**  breed, lineage, stock, family

119 **flewed**with large cheek folds (or flews), chapped

119 **sanded**sandy-coloured

121 **dew-lapped**with folds of loose skin around the throat

123 **cry**  company, pack (as of dogs)

123 **tuneable**tuneful, musical, melodious

124 **cheer’d**encouraged, urged on, galvanized

126 **nymphs**beauties, damsels

132 **intent**intention, purpose, aim

133 **grace**  honour, favour, recognition, respect

133 **solemnity**  celebration, jubilation, festivity

138 **morrow**morning

138 **Saint Valentine**

139 **woodbirds**

142 **gentle**  peaceful, calm, free from violence

143 **jealousy**  suspicion, mistrust, apprehension

149 **bethink** think about, consider, reflect

156 **defeat**  frustrate, bring to nought

160 **purpose**  intention, aim, plan

161 **hither**

162 **fancy**  love, amorousness, infatuation

163 **wot**  learn, know, be told

166 **remembrance**  recollection

166 **idle**  useless, barren, worthless

166 **gaud**gaudy toy, showy plaything, trinket

168 **virtue**  essence, heart, soul

177 **anon**  soon, shortly, presently

178 **overbear**  overrule, overcome, put down

181 **something**  somewhat, rather

184 **solemnity**  celebration, jubilation, festivity

186 **undistinguishable** unrecognizable, undetectable, impossible to pick out

188 **methinks**it seems to me

188 **parted**  divided, unfocused, indistinct

204 **wit**  intelligence, wisdom, good sense, mental ability

205 **go about**  endeavour, set to work, start trying

204 **methought**it seemed to me

208 **patched**wearing a patchwork costume, multi-coloured

208 **fool**  professional clown, jester

212 **conceive**  understand, comprehend, follow

217 **gracious** delightful, lovely, charming

217 **Peradventure**perhaps, maybe, very likely

3 **transported**carried off, taken away

7 **discharge**  play, perform, execute

9 **wit**  intelligence, wisdom, good sense, mental ability

11 **person**  fine figure, personality

12 **paramour**  malapropism for ‘paragon’

13 **paramour**

14 **naught, nought**  wickedness, immorality, sinfulness

17 **sport**  recreation, amusement, entertainment

17 **made**  with success assured, with fortune made

19 **bully** fine fellow, good friend  (a warm form of address)

20 **'scaped** escaped, avoided

25 **heart**  (plural) grand-hearted lads, fine companions

28 **discourse**  relate, talk about, recount

30 **right**  just, precisely

33 **apparel**clothes, clothing, dress

34 **presently**  immediately, instantly, at once

36 **prefered**  recommended, chosen

40 **utter**  emit, exhale, discharge

2 **antique**  old-fashioned, old-world, antiquated

3 **toys**  foolish stories, old wives' tales

5 **shaping**imaginative, inventive, creative

5 **fantasies**  imaginings, delusions, hallucinations

5 **apprehend**  imagine, conceive, invent

8 **compact**  made up, composed

11 **brow**  appearance, aspect, countenance

14 **body forth**make available to the mind, give mental shape to

19 **apprehend**  imagine, conceive, invent

20 **comprehend**  take in, include, incorporate

25 **fancy**  imagination, creativity, inventiveness

25 **witnesseth**  bear witness to, attest, testify to

26 **constancy**  consistency, agreement, uniformity

27 **admirable**wondrous, marvellous, extraordinary

29 **gentle**  well-born, honourable, noble

34 **after-supper**period of time immediately after dessert

39 **abridgement**  pastime, short entertainment, means of shortening the time

42 **brief**  summary, short account

42 **sports**  recreations, amusements, entertainments

42 **ripe**  ready, fully prepared

45 **eunuch**

47 **Hercules** who completed Twelve Labors and was renowned for his feats of strength

48 **Bacchanals**  devotees of Bacchus

50 **device**  show, performance, production

54 **critical**censorious, judgemental, faultfinding

55 **sorting**  be fitting, be appropriate

56**-**7 **Pyramus and Thisbe**  a pair of star-crossed lovers from Ovid’s *Metamorphosis*

65 **apt** fitted or qualified

74 **toil’d**exhausted, tired out, fatigued

74 **unbreath’d**unpractised, inexperienced, inexpert

79 **sport**  recreation, amusement, entertainment

79 **intents**intentions, purposes, aims

80 **conn’d**  learned by heart, committed to memory

80 **pain**effort, endeavour, exertion, labour

83 **simpleness**  unpretentiousness, unaffected behaviour, unassuming simplicity

85 **wretchedness**humble people, the poor, the lowly

85 **o’er charged**  overburdened, overtaxed, overwrought

87 **gentle**  soft, tender, kind

90 **sport**  recreation, amusement, entertainment

91 **respect**  regard, admiration, favour, opinion

92 **takes**  takes in, comprehends, understands

93 **clerk**  scholar, sage, man of learning

94 **period**  rhetorical pause, sentence ending, termination

100 **pick’d**  extracted, made out, detected

101 **duty**  reverence, due respect, proper attitude

104 **simplicity**  sincerity, unpretentiousness, artlessness

105 **capacity**intelligence, understanding, capability

106 **address’d**  prepared, made ready, poised to act

112 **despite** malice, ill-will

113 **contest** likely a malaprop for content

114 **intent**intention, purpose, aim

117 **like**  likely, probable / probably

118 **points**  trifles, trivialities, minor matters

118 **stand upon**  make an issue of, insist upon, bother about

119 **rid**  managed, conducted, controled

120 **stop**  1) in managing a horse: pulling-up, sudden checking of a career; 2) full-stop, period, full point

123 **government**  control, charge, management

126 **gentles**  ladies and gentlemen, gentlefolk

126 **perchance**  perhaps, maybe

131 **sunder**  separate, split up, part

132 **content**  contented, patient, accepting, undisturbed

137 **Ninus** the founder of Nineveh, the ancient capital of Assyria

138 **hight** is called

141 **fall**  drop, descend, let fall

143 **anon**  soon, shortly, presently

143 **tall**  good, fine, capable

146 **bravely**  showily, with great display, with a fine flourish

146 **broach’d**  pierced, impaled

147 **tarrying**  staying, remaining, lingering

150 **at large** at length, in full, thoroughly

150 **discourse**  relate, talk about, recount

157 **crannied**cracked, split, holed

162 **sinister**  left

165 **wittiest**  most intelligent, most ingenious, most sensible

165 **partition**  wall, dividing structure; also: section of a learned book

165 **discourse**  talk, chat, converse

168 **hue** color

175 **eyne** eyes

180 **sensible**  sensitive, responsive, capable of feeling

180 **again**  in return, back

185 **pat**  precisely, just, exactly

194 **Limander** malaprop for Leander, lover of Hero in Greek mythology. He would swim across the Hellespont each night to be with her.

194 **still**  constantly, always, continually

195 **Helen** malaprop for faithful lover Hero, but referencing Helen of Troy who was notoriously unfaithful

195 **Fates** three mythological goddesses who controlled the destinies of men

204 **mural**wall

205 **willful** willing

216 **perchance**  perhaps, maybe

219 **fell**  cruel, fierce, savage

219 **dam** mother

222 **gentle**  courteous, friendly, kind

224 **fox … discretion** according to proverbs: the lion had valor, the fox had cunning (or discression), and the goose had stupidity

230 **discretion** judgement, prudence

241 **in snuff**in need of snuffing out; also: in a rage

266 **mark**  note, pay attention to, take notice of

267 **dole**  grief, sorrow, sadness

275 **thrum**unwoven end of a warp-thread on a loom

276 **quail**  overpower, destroy, make an end

276 **quell**  kill, destroy, slay

277 **passion**  passionate outburst, emotional passage

279 **beshrew** curse, devil take, evil befall

282 **dame**  lady, mistress, woman of rank

283 **cheer**  face, look, expression

296 **ace**one (the lowest score on a dice)

297 **nothing**  a state of nothingness, oblivion, extinction

298 **surgeon**doctor, physician

303 **passion**  passionate outburst, emotional passage

306 **mote**speck of dust, tiny particle, trifle

307 **warrant**  protect, preserve, keep safe

310 **means**  laments, mourns, makes complaint

331 **imbrue** pierce, stab, stain with blood

339 **Bergomask** a rustic dance named after the people of Bergamo, Italy

341 **excuse**  explain, give reasons for

345 **hanged … garter** a variant of the poverbial phrase “He may go hang himself in his own garters”

347 **discharge**  play, perform, execute

349 **told**  counted out, numbered, itemized

351 **morn**morning, dawn

351 **outsleep**sleep in

352 **overwatched**stayed up late, remained awake

353 **palpable-gross**obviously clumsy, plainly ignorant

354 **heavy**  slow-moving, sluggish, laggard

354 **gait**  manner of walking, bearing, movement

356 **nightly**  of the night, active at night

358 **behowl**howl at, bay, cry out to

359 **heavy**  weary, exhausted, worn out

360 **foredone**exhausted, tired out, worn out

361 **wasted**  spent, consumed, burnt-out

364 **remembrance**  memory, bringing to mind, recollection

373 **frolic**frolicsome, merry, frisky

381 **ditty**  song

383 **rehearse**  pronounce, speak, utter

391 **issue**  children, offspring, family, descendant

398 **mark**  birthmark, discolouration, blemish

398 **prodigious**  ominous, portentous, promising evil

401 **consecrate**consecrated, blessed, sanctified

402 **gait**  proceedings, course, doings, steps

403 **several**  separate, different, distinct

413 **weak**  of little worth, wanting, deficient

415 **Gentles**  ladies and gentlemen, gentlefolk

415 **reprehend**  reprove, censure, rebuke

419 **'scape**escape, avoid