

Shakespeare Insult Generator

Shakespeare loved to employ insults and curses in his plays. Now, be creative and combine the words from the columns below and exchange Shakespearean insults and curses with a partner. Make sure to clarify the pronunciation of the expressions – and have fun!

Thou ...

adjective	compound	noun
bootless	wasp-stung	whoremonger
lumpish	puppy-headed	bum-baily
puny	lily-livered	flap-dragon
saucy	bat-fowling	hugger-mugger
spongy	clay-brained	malt-worm
viperous	onion-eyed	bubble
tottering	cream-faced	shrimp
weedy	fell-lurking	promise-breaker
lascivious	swag-bellied	fragment
fusty	toad-spotted	barnacle
fishified	unwash'd	boar-pig
decayed	cony-catching	maggot-pie
languageless	milk-livered	ticklebrain
shallow	lack-brained	horse-drench
beslubbering	beef-witted	measle
impertinent	beetle-headed	nut-hook
twangling	skimble-skamble	wagtail
frothy	burly-boned	shoulder-clapper
mammering	foul-spoken	puttock
spleeny	malmsey-nosed	clack-dish
juggling	fen-sucked	toad
giddy	long-tongued	time-pleaser
wimpled	fly-bitten	bug
pribbling	boil-brained	boil
bawdy	nimble-footed	fancy-monger
wretched	hare-brained	popinjay
spleeny	guts-gripping	clotpole
unmuzzled	flap-mouthed	coxcomb
odiferous	super-serviceable	drone
scurvy	marble-hearted	lubber
malicious	plume-plucked	whoreson
execrable	folly-fallen	fibbertigibbet

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