

Romeo and Juliet Vocabulary

soliloquy (n) when a character speaks his/her thoughts aloud, other characters cannot hear

monologue (n) a long speech by one actor in a play or film

aside (n) an actor's remark/comment that is addressed to the audience and the other character cannot hear

iambic pentameter (n) the type of verse Shakespeare used, consisting of 10 syllables

conjure (v) to charge, entreat, charm, bewitch; to call upon or command a spirit using a spell.

nuptial (n) relating to marriage or weddings

envious (adj) full of jealousy for another's possessions; jealous

rancor (n) hate; bitterness; resentment

peril (n) exposure to injury, great risk, danger

perverse (adj) determined not to do what is expected, contrary

procure (v) to obtain or to get through great effort

woe (n) great sorrow; troubles

chide (v) to scold; to find fault

sorrow (n) sadness; deep distress caused by loss or disappointment

alliance (n) a union between countries; a relationship

distemper (v) to put out of temper; to disturb; to sicken

intercession (n) the act of pleading or asking something for another person

perjury (n) the act of swearing falsely; a lie

herald (n) a messenger; (v) to announce

prodigious (adj) impressively large; huge

haunt (v) to frequent; to attend regularly; to be disturbingly present in the mind

loathe (v) to feel hatred or disgust for

thither (adv) over there; towards that place

thee (n) you

thou (n) you

nay (adv) no

aye (adv) yes