

April 23 Is Shakespeare's Birthday!



Have you heard of William Shakespeare? _____

He is the most famous author in the English language.

Shakespeare was born in April 23rd, 1564. He wrote about 39 plays and 154 poems, called sonnets.

Which of these plays have you heard of:

- Romeo and Juliet
- Hamlet
- A Midsummer Night's Dream
- King Lear
- The Merchant of Venice
- Much Ado About Nothing

Have you ever been in a play?

Was it fun?

But one of the most important things Shakespeare did was to invent many new words that are now a part of the English language. Shakespeare added about 1,700 words. Imagine how much English changed during this one person's lifetime!

Here are some of the words he invented. See if you can use any of them in a sentence:

admirable	amazement	countless	critic
gloomy	majestic	misplaced	suspicious

On the back, color in the picture of William Shakespeare.

Shakespeare Character Word Search

Q	M	S	A	K	C	I	D	E	N	E	B
W	I	D	B	I	A	N	C	A	J	Y	U
E	R	P	Z	N	A	G	E	R	U	H	J
R	A	O	X	G	C	H	A	M	L	E	T
E	N	R	M	L	V	F	R	E	I	B	Y
C	D	T	A	E	B	F	T	W	E	V	B
I	A	I	C	A	O	U	O	Q	T	A	A
R	F	A	B	R	P	D	L	A	A	L	L
T	A	D	E	F	H	C	L	R	G	O	T
A	L	T	T	G	E	A	E	I	D	I	F
E	S	I	H	H	L	M	H	E	S	V	G
B	T	T	K	J	I	N	T	L	M	L	K
T	A	A	R	T	A	P	O	E	L	C	J
Y	F	N	L	M	E	R	C	U	T	I	O
U	F	I	P	O	R	E	P	S	O	R	P
I	O	A	N	O	M	E	D	S	E	D	H

CLEOPATRA

HAMLET

OPHELIA

OTHELLO

TITANIA

PORTIA

BENEDICK

BEATRICE

MERCUTIO

MACDUFF

PROSPERO

REGAN

DESDEMONA

TYBALT

IAGO

VIOLA

Shakespeare Comedy Word Jumble



AS YOU LIKE IT, ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL, TWELFTH NIGHT, TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA, MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING, A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, MERCHANT OF VENICE, TAMING OF THE SHREW

SAMENEDUMDGMIRITSHRAM _____

ETHIWHLNFGTT _____

MCORCAHTNFEVENIE _____

LALHWELTTNASDLWEESL _____

MIGTATSHNHROEFWE _____

CHADAOUMUTNOBTNIGH _____

OTEWMTLNEORFEOVNGNAE _____

ALYUSIETKOI _____

Words Invented by Shakespeare

accommodation	dislocate	misplaced
aerial	dwindle	monumental
amazement	eventful	multitudinous
apostrophe	exposure	obscene
assassination	fitful	palmy
auspicious	frugal	perusal
baseless	generous	pious
bloody	gloomy	premeditated
bump	gnarled	radiance
castigate	hurry	reliance
changeful	impartial	road
clangor	inauspicious	sanctimonious
control (noun)	indistinguishable	seamy
countless	invulnerable	sportive
courtship	lapse	submerge
critic	laughable	suspicious
dexterously	lonely	critical
dishearten	majestic	

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