

The Language of SHAKESPEARE I

Other oft used

Words



ADIEU=FAREWELL

AYE=YES

ANON=SOON

COUNSEL=ADVICE

ERE=BEFORE

FAIN=GLADLY

HARK=LISTEN!

HENCE=AWAY

HIE=GO!

HITHER=HERE

MARK=PAY ATTENTION

MARRY=INDEED

NOUGHT=NOTHING

OFT=OFTEN

PERCHANCE=MAYBE

PRITHEE=PLEASE

SAUCY=SASSY

SIRRAH=MALE

2ND PERSON SINGULAR VERB ADDS *-EST*,
(*YOU GIVE IS THOU GIVEST*)

3RD PERSON SINGULAR VERB ADDS *-ETH*
(*SHE GIVES IS SHE GIVETH*)

Contractions: words with letters omitted, replaced by an apostrophe. Typical Shakespearean contractions:

DAR'ST (DARE)

E'EN (EVEN)

E'ER (EVER)

'ERE (BEFORE)

NE'ER (NEVER)

O' (OF)

O'ER (OVER)

SHAM'ST (SHAME)

'TIS (IT IS)

T' (TO)

'T WAS (IT WAS)

'T WERE (IT WERE)

'T (IT)

WHE'ER (WHENEVER)

WI' (WITH)

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Thou Used when **YOU** is the **SUBJECT** of the sentence

You are a good friend =
THOU art a good friend

Thee Used when **YOU** is the **OBJECT** of the sentence

I will give you =
I wilt give **THEE**

Thy Used for the **POSSESSIVE** form of you. Use before a word that starts with a **CONSONANT**.

Your father =
THY father

Thine Used for the **POSSESSIVE** form of you. Use before a word that starts with a **VOWEL**.

Your apple =
THINE apple

Ye Plural form of **YOU**, used for addressing a group.

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Words
ARE = ART
Thou art a fiend.

WAST = WERE
Thou wast a fiend.

HAVE = HAST
Thou hast a pleasant face.

HAVE = HATH
He hath a pleasant face.

HAD = HADST
She hadst little to say.

DO = DOST
Why dost you frown?

DOES = DOTH
He doth frown.

DID = DIDST
Why didst thou frown?

CAN = CANST
Canst thou come?

SHALL = SHALT
Thou shalt come.

SHOULD = SHOULDST
Thou shouldst come.

WILL = WILT
Wilt thou come?

WHY = WHEREFORE
Wherefore didst thou come?

FROM
WHERE = WHENCE
Whence did thou come?