



## Shakespeare's invented words

William Shakespeare coined (invented) hundreds of new words: only some of these are listed here, but you will recognize many of them as most are still used today. Circle those you have heard before, or where you think you know their meaning.

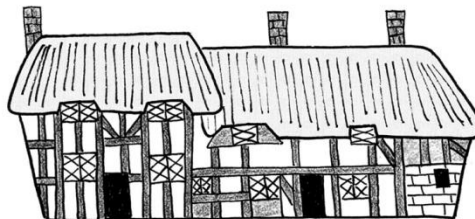
### Some Words coined by Shakespeare

alligator  
amazement  
apostrophe  
assassination  
bandit  
bed-room  
birth-place  
bloodstained  
cold-blooded  
cold-hearted  
cruel-hearted  
downstairs



eyeball  
farmhouse  
freezing  
full-grown  
gloomy  
to gossip  
half-blooded  
ill-tempered  
ladybird  
noiseless  
outbreak  
over-cool

puking  
puppy-dog  
to rant  
shooting star  
silliness  
to sneak  
tongue-tied  
uncomfortable  
unreal  
upstairs  
watchdog  
well-behaved



# Language

## Activity 1

Shakespeare liked joining words together, to make what we call **compound words**. Make a list of all the compound words you can find here - these may or may not have a hyphen.

Make a list of any other compound words you know in English.

Invent some new compound words of your own!

## Activity 2

What do you think **cold-blooded**, **cold-hearted** and **cruel-hearted** mean?

Do they mean the same thing or do they have different meanings?

Can you make a sentence for each one?

## Activity 3

Use a dictionary to find the meanings of **amazement**, **puking**, and **tongue-tied**, and of any other of Shakespeare's new words that you do not know or recognize.

