

Commonly Used Words in Shakespeare's Plays

ay: yes

art: are

beseech: beg

dost/doth: do

fair: beautiful

farewell: goodbye

fie: used to express disapproval, disgust, or outrage

hast/hath: have

heavy: sorrowful

hither: to or toward this place

ho: an exclamatory word meaning hey!

mad: crazy, wild

mark: to notice

marry: indeed

meat: food

moved: an emotional response that can have a positive or negative connotation

quoth: said

sirrah: servant (used for someone of lower class)

soft: wait (a command)

thee: you (informal, object) "Come, let me clutch thee."

thou: you (informal, subject) "Thou art my brother."

thine: your (informal, before a word that starts with a vowel)

thy: your (informal, before a word that starts with a consonant)

vex: annoy, irritate

whence: from where

wilt: will