

## a midsummer night's dream

# VOCABULARY 2

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### 1. **adamant**

*noun*

1 : a stone (as a diamond) formerly believed to be of impenetrable hardness

2 : an unbreakable or extremely hard substance

*adjective*

unshakable or immovable especially in opposition : UNYIELDING

synonym see INFLEXIBLE

### 2. **amend**

*verb*

1 : to put right; especially : to make emendations in (as a text)

2 a : to change or modify for the better : IMPROVE

b : to alter especially in phraseology; especially : to alter formally by modification, deletion, or addition

3 : to reform oneself

synonym see CORRECT

### 3. **amorous**

*adjective*

1 : strongly moved by love and especially sexual love

2 : being in love : ENAMORED – usually used with of

3 a : indicative of love

b : of or relating to love

### 4. **anoint**

*verb*

1 : to smear or rub with oil or an oily substance

2 a : to apply oil to as a sacred rite especially for consecration

b : to choose by or as if by divine election; also : to designate as if by a ritual anointment

### 5. **beguile**

*verb*

1 : to lead by deception

2 : HOODWINK

3 : to while away especially by some agreeable occupation; also : to DIVERT

4 : to engage the interest of by or as if by guile

5 : to deceive by wiles

synonym see DECEIVE

### 6. **bristle**

*noun*

a short stiff coarse hair or filament

*verb*

1 : to furnish with bristles

2 : to make bristly : RUFFLE

3 a : to rise and stand stiffly erect

b : to raise the bristles (as in anger)

4 : to take on an aggressive attitude or appearance (as in response to a slight)

5 a : to be full of or covered with especially something suggestive of bristles

b : to be full of something specified

7. **clamorous**

*adjective*

1 : marked by confused din or outcry : TUMULTUOUS

2 : noisily insistent

synonym see VOCIFEROUS

8. **dale**

*noun*

VALLEY, VALE

9. **dank**

*adjective*

unpleasantly moist or wet

synonym see WET

10. **disdainful**

*adjective*

full of or expressing disdain

synonym see PROUD

11. **dissension**

*noun*

DISAGREEMENT; especially : partisan and contentious quarreling

synonym see DISCORD

12. **dote**

*verb*

1 : to exhibit mental decline of or like that of old age : be in one's dotage

2 : to be lavish or excessive in one's attention, fondness, or affection — used especially with on

13. **dulcet**

*adjective*

1 : sweet to the taste

2 : pleasing to the ear

3 : generally pleasing or agreeable

14. **embark**

*verb*

1 : to go on board a vehicle for transportation

2 : to make a start <embarked on a new career>

3 : to cause to go on board (as a boat or airplane)

4 : to engage, enlist, or invest in an enterprise

15. **entice**

*verb*

to attract artfully or adroitly or by arousing hope or desire : TEMPT

synonym see LURE

16. **heresy**

*noun*

1 a : adherence to a religious opinion contrary to church dogma

b : denial of a revealed truth by a baptized member of the Roman Catholic Church

c : an opinion or doctrine contrary to church dogma

2 a : dissent or deviation from a dominant theory, opinion, or practice

b : an opinion, doctrine, or practice contrary to the truth or to generally accepted beliefs or standards

**17. impeach**

*verb*

1 a : to bring an accusation against

b : to charge with a crime or misdemeanor; specifically : to charge (a public official) before a competent tribunal with misconduct in office

2 : to cast doubt on; especially : to challenge the credibility or validity of

3 : to remove from office especially for misconduct

**18. mirth**

*noun*

gladness or gaiety as shown by or accompanied with laughter

**19. pensioner**

*noun*

1 : a person who receives or lives on a pension

2 a : GENTLEMAN-AT-ARMS

b : RETAINER

c : MERCENARY, HIRELING

**20. prologue**

*noun*

1 : the preface or introduction to a literary work

2 a : a speech often in verse addressed to the audience by an actor at the beginning of a play

b : the actor speaking such a prologue

3 : an introductory or preceding event or development

**21. promontory**

*noun*

1 a : a high point of land or rock projecting into a body of water

b : a prominent mass of land overlooking or projecting into a lowland

2 : a bodily prominence

**22. prosperity**

*noun*

the condition of being successful or thriving; especially : economic well-being

**23. quake**

*verb*

1 : to shake or vibrate usually from shock or instability

2 : to tremble or shudder usually from cold or fear

*noun*

an instance of shaking or trembling (as of the earth or moon); especially : EARTHQUAKE

**24. quern**

*noun*

a primitive hand mill for grinding grain

**25. rheumatic**

*adjective*

of, relating to, characteristic of, or affected with rheumatism

*noun*

one affected with rheumatism

**26. scorn**

*noun*

- 1 : open dislike and disrespect or derision often mixed with indignation
- 2 : an expression of contempt or derision
- 3 : an object of extreme disdain, contempt, or derision : something contemptible

*verb*

- 1 : to treat with scorn : reject or dismiss as contemptible or unworthy
- 2 : to show disdain or derision : SCOFF

synonym see DESPISE

**27. sentinel**

*noun*

sentry (i.e.: GUARD, WATCH; especially : a soldier standing guard at a point of passage)

*verb*

- 1 : to watch over as a sentinel
- 2 : to furnish with a sentinel
- 3 : to post as sentinel

**28. spangled**

*adjective*

- 1 : to set or sprinkled with or as if with spangles
- 2 : to glittered as if covered with spangles : SPARKLED

**29. surfeit**

*noun*

- 1 : an overabundant supply : EXCESS
- 2 : an intemperate or immoderate indulgence in something (as food or drink)
- 3 : disgust caused by excess

*verb*

- 1 : to feed, supply, or give to surfeit
- 2 : to indulge to satiety in a gratification (as indulgence of the appetite or senses)

**30. swagger**

*verb*

- 1 : to conduct oneself in an arrogant or superciliously pompous manner; especially : to walk with an air of overbearing self-confidence
- 2 : BOAST, BRAG
- 3 : to force by argument or threat : BULLY

*noun*

- 1 a : an act or instance of swaggering
  - b : arrogant or conceitedly self-assured behavior
  - c : ostentatious display or bravado
- 2 : a self-confident outlook : COCKINESS

*adjective*

marked by elegance or showiness : POSH

**31. tarry**

*verb*

- 1 a : to delay or be tardy in acting or doing
  - b : to linger in expectation : WAIT
- 2 : to abide or stay in or at a place

*noun*

STAY, SOJOURN

*adjective*

of, resembling, or covered with tar

### 32. **trifle**

*noun*

1 : something of little value, substance, or importance

2 : a dessert of many varieties typically including plain or sponge cake, sherry, rum, or brandy, jam or jelly, fruit, custard, and whipped cream

*verb*

1 a : to talk in a jesting or mocking manner or with intent to delude or mislead

b : to treat someone or something as unimportant

2 : to handle something idly

transitive senses : to spend or waste in trifling or on trifles

synonyms TRIFLE, TOY, DALLY, FLIRT, COQUET

### 33. **undistinguishable**

*adjective*

not capable of being distinguished or differentiated

synonyms see INDISTINGUISHABLE

### 34. **valor**

*noun*

strength of mind or spirit that enables a person to encounter danger with firmness : personal bravery

### 35. **wanton**

*adjective*

1 a : hard to control : UNDISCIPLINED, UNRULY

b : playfully mean or cruel : MISCHIEVOUS

2 a : LEWD, BAWDY

b : causing sexual excitement : LUSTFUL, SENSUAL

3 a : MERCILESS, INHUMANE

b : having no just foundation or provocation : MALICIOUS

4 a : luxuriantly rank

b : unduly lavish : EXTRAVAGANT

*noun*

1 : a pampered person or animal : PET; especially : a spoiled child

2 : a frolicsome child or animal

3 a : one given to self-indulgent flirtation or trifling

b : a lewd or lascivious person

*verb*

1 : to be wanton or act wantonly

2 : to pass or waste wantonly or in wantonness