

A Word from the Bard

Shakespeare is credited with adding some 1500 - 2000 words to the English language. This list includes words which first appeared in print in Shakespeare's writing. Some are believed to have been created by Shakespeare himself. Others were in use before he published them for the first time, or are words that he adapted from words already in use or from other languages.

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| mountaineer | fortune-teller | bandit | watch-dog |
| schoolboy | football | worm hole | horn-book |
| shooting star | moonbeam | dew-drop | glow |
| dawn | alligator | lady-bird | luggage |
| eyeball | love-letter | puppy-dog | farmhouse |
| bedroom | birthplace | fairy land | worthless |
| long-legged | pale-faced | hot-blooded | flea-bitten |
| green-eyed | upstairs | downstairs | skim milk |
| obscene | hot blooded | epileptic | wormhole |
| household | laughing stock | naked truth | relationship |
| advertising | assassination | bedazzled | dishearten |
| enmesh | eventful | eyesore | lackluster |
| outbreak | quarrelsome | radiance | reclusive |
| seamy-side | stealthy | submerge | time-honored |
| undervalued | unmitigated | unreal | well-read |
| whirligig | denote | gossip | rant |