

Julius Caesar

Words and Phrases to Know

*Below are common words and phrases found throughout Shakespeare's works. Many of these words and phrases were common in the 17th Century, but may have new meanings today. Use the list below to help you understand these words and phrases as you read **Julius Caesar**.*

1. adieu: goodbye
2. an: if
3. anon: at once
4. attend: listen to
5. betimes: at once
6. bootless: useless
7. break with: discuss; break the news to
8. cobbler: a shoemaker
9. coronets: small crowns or wreaths of vines or flowers
10. counsel: advice
11. crossed: opposed
12. decree: order
13. discourses: speaks
14. dispatch: to send away or to kill
15. doth: does
16. falling sickness: epilepsy
17. falls purpose: is false
18. fashion: to make; to design
19. foe: enemy
20. gentle: noble, prominent; also calm and reserved
21. good-den or do-den: Good Evening
22. hart: a male deer
23. heavy: sad
24. hie: go
25. high-sighted: ambitious
26. hither: here
27. humour: a mood or feeling; "ill humour" may be a bad feeling about something or in a bad mood
28. mark: pay attention to
29. marry: of course; indeed
30. methinks: I think
31. moe: more
32. naught: nothing
33. nay: no
34. praetor: a judge of the court
35. pray: beg
36. quick mettle: mentally sharp; witty
37. rated: reprimanded
38. resolve: plan
39. rheumy: damp
40. sick offence: harmful illness or something that is said that comes across rudely
41. sirrah: fellow
42. soft: hush
43. sounded: proclaimed
44. stay: wait
45. swooned: fainted
46. taper: candle
47. thee: you
48. thither: there
49. thou art: you are
50. thy: your
51. tidings: news
52. vile contagion: something said or done that has the ability to make one physically ill
53. will: desire
54. withal: with
55. woe: grief
56. wot: know
57. would: wish

