Glossary

Act 1, Scene 1

**moiety** **1**a half; either of two equal, or more or less equal, parts. **2** an indefinite share or part.

**braz'd** **1**made of, or coated with, brass or a brasslike substance. **2** made hard like brass.

**proper** fine; good; handsome.

**wide-skirted** vast; extensive.

**felicitate** made happy.

**propinquity**nearness of relationship; kinship.

**make from** to stay away from; avoid.

**recreant**failing to keep faith; disloyal; traitorous; apostate.

**unpriz'd precious** to be unimportant to one person, but appreciated or valued highly by another.

**long-engrafted**firmly established.

Act 1, Scene 2

**more composition** the act of composing, or putting together a whole by combining parts.

**speed** to have good fortune; prosper; succeed.

**character**style of printing or handwriting.

**pawn**anything given as security, as for a debt, performance of an action, and so on; pledge; guaranty.

**goatish** lustful; lecherous.

Act 1, Scene 3

**idle** frivolous; silly.

**straight**immediately.

Act 1 Scene 4

**defuse 1**complicate. **2**to render harmless.

**curious** highly detailed, as in workmanship; elaborate.

**roundest** outspoken; plain and blunt; straightforward.

**bandy** to give and take; specifically, to exchange (words) in an angry or argumentative manner.

**coxcomb**a cap topped with a notched strip of red cloth like a cock's comb, formerly worn by jesters.

**besort** to be suitable to.

**cadent** falling.

Act 2, Scene 1

**briefness**sudden action; a short duration or length.

**bend 1**to turn or direct. **2**to cause to have a fixed purpose; determine; aim.

**faith'd** approved; endorsed.

**ill affected** unfaithful.

Act 2, Scene 2

**inical**finicky.

**cullionly** low, contemptible.

**carbonado**to cut gashes in; slash; hack.

**flesh** to begin; activate.

**jakes** an outdoor toilet; privy.

**silly-ducking** submissive.

Act 2, Scene 3

**pricks** any of various pointed objects, as a thorn, goad, and so on.

**bans** curses.

Act 2, Scene 4

**nether-stocks** tights or stockings.

**meiny** attendants, collectively; retinue or household.

**fetches** tricks; dodges.

**remotion 1**the act of removing. **2** inaccessibility.

**offices**the function or characteristic action of a particular thing.