

Shakespearean Insults

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So you think you know a foul word or two? Along with writing some of most famous quotes in literature, Shakespeare's insults, put-downs and cussing were second to none, and with his insults, Shakespeare was most certainly a master of his trade! Read our selection of the top 50 Shakespeare insults below, ordered alphabetically by quote, with play and act & scene listed too. From "A most notable coward" to "Villian, I have done thy mother" Shakespeare had an insult for any occasion. Read on below for the most creative, foul-mouthed Shakespeare insults!

Top 50 Shakespeare Insults:

1. "A most notable coward, an infinite and endless liar, an hourly promise breaker, the owner of no one good quality." - *All's Well That Ends Well* (Act 3, Scene 6)
2. "Away, you starvelling, you elf-skin, you dried neat's-tongue, bull's-pizzle, you stock-fish!" - *Henry IV Part I* (Act 2, Scene 4)
3. "Away, you three-inch fool!" - *The Taming of the Shrew* (Act 3, Scene 3)
4. "Come, come, you froward and unable worms!" - *The Taming Of The Shrew* (Act 5, Scene 2)
5. "Go, prick thy face, and over-red thy fear, Thou lily-liver'd boy." - *Macbeth* (Act 5, Scene 3)
Read more quotes from *Macbeth*
6. "His wit's as thick as a Tewkesbury mustard." - *Henry IV Part 2* (Act 2, Scene 4)
7. "I am pigeon-liver'd and lack gall." - *Hamlet* (Act 2, Scene 2) Read more *Hamlet* quotes, or our in-depth analysis of 'To be or not to be'
8. "I am sick when I do look on thee." - *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Act 2, Scene 1)
9. "I must tell you friendly in your ear, sell when you can, you are not for all markets." - *As You Like It* (Act 3 Scene 5)
10. "If thou wilt needs marry, marry a fool; for wise men know well enough what monsters you make of them." - *Hamlet* (Act 3, Scene 1)
11. "I'll beat thee, but I would infect my hands." - *Timon of Athens* (Act 4, Scene 3)
12. "I scorn you, scurvy companion." - *Henry IV Part II* (Act 2, Scene 4)
13. "Methink'st thou art a general offence and every man should beat thee." - *All's Well That Ends Well* (Act 2, Scene 3)
14. "More of your conversation would infect my brain." - *Coriolanus* (Act 2, Scene 1)
15. "My wife's a hobby horse!" - *The Winter's Tale* (Act 2, Scene 1)
16. "Peace, ye fat guts!" - *Henry IV Part 1* (Act 2, Scene 2)
17. "Poisonous bunch-backed toad!" - *Richard III* (Act 1, Scene 3)

18. "The rankest compound of villainous smell that ever offended nostril" - The Merry Wives of Windsor (Act 3, Scene 5)
19. "The tartness of his face sours ripe grapes." - The Comedy of Errors (Act 5, Scene 4)
20. "There's no more faith in thee than in a stewed prune." - Henry IV Part 1 (Act 3, Scene 3)
21. "Thine forward voice, now, is to speak well of thine friend; thine backward voice is to utter foul speeches and to detract." - The Tempest (Act 2, Scene 2)
22. "That trunk of humours, that bolting-hutch of beastliness, that swollen parcel of dropsies, that huge bombard of sack, that stuffed cloak-bag of guts, that roasted Manningtree ox with pudding in his belly, that reverend vice, that grey Iniquity, that father ruffian, that vanity in years?" - Henry IV Part 1 (Act 2, Scene 4)
23. "Thine face is not worth sunburning." - Henry V (Act 5, Scene 2)
24. "This woman's an easy glove, my lord, she goes off and on at pleasure." - All's Well That Ends Well (Act 5, Scene 3)
25. "Thou art a boil, a plague sore" - King Lear (Act 2, Scene 2)
26. "Was the Duke a flesh-monger, a fool and a coward?" - Measure For Measure (Act 5, Scene 1)
27. "Thou art as fat as butter." - Henry IV Part 1 (Act 2, Scene 4)
28. "Here is the babe, as loathsome as a toad." - Titus Andronicus (Act 4, Scene 3)
29. "Like the toad; ugly and venomous." - As You Like It (Act 2, Scene 1)
30. "Thou art unfit for any place but hell." - Richard III (Act 1 Scene 2)
31. "Thou cream faced loon" - Macbeth (Act 5, Scene 3)
32. "Thou clay-brained guts, thou knotty-pated fool, thou whoreson obscene greasy tallow-catch!" - Henry IV Part 1 (Act 2, Scene 4)
33. "Thou damned and luxurious mountain goat." - Henry V (Act 4, Scene 4)
34. "Thou elvish-mark'd, abortive, rooting hog!" - Richard III (Act 1, Scene 3)
35. "Thou leathern-jerkin, crystal-button, knot-pated, agatering, puke-stocking, caddis-garter, smooth-tongue, Spanish pouch!" - Henry IV Part 1 (Act 2, Scene 4)
36. "Thou lump of foul deformity" - Richard III (Act 1, Scene 2)
37. "That poisonous bunch-back'd toad!" - Richard III (Act 1, Scene 3)
38. "Thou sodden-witted lord! Thou hast no more brain than I have in mine elbows" - Troilus and Cressida (Act 2, Scene 1)

39. "Thou subtle, perjur'd, false, disloyal man!" - The Two Gentlemen of Verona (Act 4, Scene 2)
40. "Thou whoreson zed , thou unnecessary letter!" - King Lear (Act 2, Scene 2)
41. "Thy sin's not accidental, but a trade." - Measure For Measure (Act 3, Scene 1)
42. "Thy tongue outvenoms all the worms of Nile." - Cymbeline (Act 3, Scene 4)
43. "Would thou wert clean enough to spit upon" - Timon of Athens (Act 4, Scene 3)
44. "Would thou wouldst burst!" - Timon of Athens (Act 4, Scene 3)
45. "You poor, base, rascally, cheating lack-linen mate!" - Henry IV Part II (Act 2, Scene 4)
46. "You are as a candle, the better burnt out." - Henry IV Part 2 (Act 1, Scene 2)
47. "You scullion! You rampallian! You fustilarian! I'll tickle your catastrophe!" - Henry IV Part 2 (Act 2, Scene 1)
48. "You starvelling, you eel-skin, you dried neat's-tongue, you bull's-pizzle, you stock-fish—O for breath to utter what is like thee!-you tailor's-yard, you sheath, you bow-case, you vile standing tuck!" - Henry IV Part 1 (Act 2, Scene 4)
49. "Your brain is as dry as the remainder biscuit after voyage." - As You Like It (Act 2, Scene 7)
50. "Virginity breeds mites, much like a cheese." - All's Well That Ends Well (Act 1, Scene 1)
51. "Villain, I have done thy mother" - Titus Andronicus (Act 4, Scene 2)