*Romeo & Juliet* Vocabulary

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Set I

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| Solemnity | N | Serious or solemn observance or ceremonial proceeding |
| Profane | Adj | Unholy, defiled, or impure |
| Trifling | Adj | Small, unimportant |
| Languish | V | To become less intense, to wane or abate |
| Pernicious | Adj | Having a bad effort, damaging or detrimental |
| Portentous | Adj | Ominous, threatening evil |
| Prodigious | Adj | Marvelous, miraculous, wondrous |
| Valiant | Adj | Brave, courageous, bold |
| Assail | V | To attack with violent blows, to assault verbally |
| Posterity | N | Succeeding or future generations |

Set II

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| Jest | V | To joke, prank |
| Impetuous | Adj | Capable of sudden action, emotion or violence, brash, impulsive |
| Judicious | Adj | Possessing sound judgment, cautious, shrewd |
| Garish | Adj | Marred by excessive ornamentation; gaudy |
| Chide | V | To scold, rebuke, reprimand |
| Kindred | Adj | Same kind |
| Rancor | N | Feelings of ill will, hatred, enmity, animosity |
| Repose | N | Time when one can relax |
| Agile | Adj | Well-balanced and quick on one’s feet, nimble |
| Discord | N | Lack of harmony |

Set III

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| Beguile | V | To deceive or cheat |
| Inundate | V | To overwhelm with something |
| Shroud | N | Cloth used to wrap a body for burial |
| Resolve | N | Firmness of purpose, determination |
| Caitiff | N | Mean, evil person |
| Pestilence | N | Epidemic or plague |
| Inauspicious | Adj | Not promising |
| Aloof | Adj | Showing no interest, withdrawn, uninvolved |
| Peruse | V | To examine  |
| Inexorable | Adj | Impossible to persuade, to change or halt |