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English 12: British Literature

**"Macbeth" Vocab- Act II**

1. Foul- highly offensive; arousing aversion or disgust

*Fair is* ***foul****, and* ***foul*** *is fair:*
*Hover through the fog and filthy air.*

1. [report](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/report)- to give an account or representation of in words

*What bloody man is that? He can* ***report****,*
*As seemeth by his plight, of the revolt*
*The newest state.*

1. [brave](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/brave)- possessing or displaying courage

*This is the sergeant*
*Who like a good and hardy soldier fought*
*'Gainst my captivity. Hail,* ***brave*** *friend!*

1. [rebel](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/rebel)- a person who takes part in an armed insurrection

*Worthy to be a* ***rebel****, for to that*
*The multiplying villanies of nature*
*Do swarm upon him.*

1. [supply](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/supply)-give something useful or necessary to

*The merciless Macdonwald...*
*From the western isles*
*Of kerns and gallowglasses is* ***supplied****;*

1. [wound](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/wound)- an injury to living tissue

*Except they meant to bathe in reeking* ***wounds****,*
*Or memorise another Golgotha,*
*I cannot tell.*

1. [hail](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/hail)-praise vociferously

*All* ***hail****, Macbeth!* ***hail*** *to thee, thane of Glamis!*

1. [partner](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/partner)-an associate in an activity or endeavor of common interest

*My noble* ***partner***
*You greet with present grace and great prediction*
*Of noble having and of royal hope,*
*That he seems rapt withal: to me you speak not.*

1. [prophetic](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/prophetic)- foretelling events as if by supernatural intervention

*Say from whence*
*You owe this strange intelligence? or why*
*Upon this blasted heath you stop our way*
*With such* ***prophetic*** *greeting?*

1. [earnest](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/earnest)-something of value given to bind a contract

*And, for an* ***earnest*** *of a greater honour,*
*He bade me, from him, call thee thane of Cawdor.*

1. [vantage](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/vantage)- place or situation affording some benefit

*Whether he was combined*
*With those of Norway, or did line the rebel*
*With hidden help and* ***vantage****, or that with both*
*He labour'd in his country's wreck, I know not*

1. [unaccompanied](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/unaccompanied)- without anybody else or anything else

*We will establish our estate upon*
*Our eldest, Malcolm, whom we name hereafter*
*The Prince of Cumberland; which honour must*
*Not* ***unaccompanied*** *invest him only,*
*But signs of nobleness, like stars, shall shine*
*On all deservers*

1. [peerless](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/peerless)- eminent beyond or above comparison

*Let's after him,*
*Whose care is gone before to bid us welcome:*
*It is a* ***peerless*** *kinsman.*

1. [weird](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/weird)- suggesting the operation of supernatural influences, fate, fortune

*Whiles I stood rapt in*
*the wonder of it, came missivesfrom the king, who*
*all-hailed me 'Thane of Cawdor;' by which title,*
*before, these* ***weird*** *sisters saluted me, and referred*
*me to the coming on of time, with 'Hail, king that*
*shalt be!'*

That's not to say the three witches aren't also strange, but that's not how 'weird' is being used here.

1. [ignorant](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/ignorant)-unaware because of a lack of relevant information

*This have I thought good to deliver*
*thee, my dearest partner of greatness, that thou*
*mightst not lose the dues of rejoicing, by being*
*ignorant of what greatness is promised thee.*

1. [dire](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/dire)- causing fear or dread or terror

*Come, you spirits*
*That tend on mortal thoughts, unsex me here,*
*And fill me from the crown to the toe top-full*
*Of* ***direst*** *cruelty!*

1. [gall](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/gall)- a digestive juice secreted by the liver

*Come to my woman's breasts,*
*And take my milk for* ***gall****, you murdering ministers,*
*Wherever in your sightless substances*
*You wait on nature's mischief!*

In a more general sense, gall here is being used to mean 'poisonous acid.'

1. [haunt](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/haunt)- be a regular or frequent visitor to a certain place

*This guest of summer,*
*The temple-* ***haunting*** *martlet, does approve,*
*By his loved mansionry, that the heaven's breath*
*Smells wooingly here.*

The martlet (a kind of bird) isn't haunting like a ghost -- that comes a little later!

1. [frieze](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/frieze)- an ornament consisting of a horizontal sculptured band

*No jutty,* ***frieze****,*
*Buttress, nor coign of vantage, but this bird*
*Hath made his pendent bed and procreant cradle.*

1. [deed](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/deed)- something that people do or cause to happen

*First, as I am his kinsman and his subject,*
*Strong both against the* ***deed****.*