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Shakespearean Language Activity

**Key:**

**Alas**: an exclamation of sorrow, pity, regret or worry

**Anon:** at another time; again

**Aye:** always; ever; also

**Doth:** do

**Dost:** used with “thou”

**Fie:** for shame!

**Fortnight**: two weeks (fourteen nights)

**Hast:** used with “thou”

**Hence**: from this place; away

**Hie:** hurry

**Hither:** toward

**I’Faith:** in faith

**Naught:** nothing

**Nay:** no

**Ne’er:** never

**O’er:** over

**Prithee:** please; I pray thee

**Thee; Thou**: you

**‘Tis**: it is

**‘Twixt**: between

**Whither:** to what place, result, or condition?

**Wield:** to handle

**Wilt:** will

**Withal:** by this

*On a separate sheet of paper, change the following 10 sentences from Shakespearean language to modern-day language:*

1. Hast thou not seen?
2. Ne’er hast mine eyes beheld such disarray?
3. ‘Tis ‘twixt thee and me.
4. Fie, you mangy cur!
5. Withal thus ring, I thee wed.
6. Hie to the church!
7. Thou dost make a fool out of me.
8. Nay, thou speakest falsehoods.
9. I’faith, my lord, I ne’er breathed a word of this to any soul.
10. I stayed for a fortnight.

*On a separate sheet of paper, put the modern-day phrase into Shakespearean language:*

1. Get away from me!
2. You did that for nothing!
3. Please, don’t let anything come between us.
4. I will love you forever
5. You do handle your sword well in battle.
6. No, I never said that!
7. Where do you want to meet?
8. We will be together again someday.
9. Shame on you!
10. Oh my!  I am very sad from this news.