Quizlet Shakespearean Insults

- 1. **bawdy:** filthy, obscene, abominable
- 2. **brazen:** everlasting, imperishable, impenetrable; made of brass, very strong, powerful
- 3. bunch-backed: hunch-backed
- **canker-blossom:** grub that destroys the blossom [of love]
- 5. **catpurse:** someone who steels and picks money from people on
- 6. **churlish:** rude, blunt, ungracious; violent, rough, harsh; stiff, hard, unyielding; stingy
- 7. clay-brained: mud-brained
- 8. clodpole: blockhead, thickhead, dolt
- 9. **crutch:** something that is necessary but impedes one from doing
- 10. distempered: insane, deranged, lunatic; disordered, disturbed, diseased
- 11. dog-hearted: cruel, callous, malevolent
- 12. dogfish: baboon
- 13. **egg-shell:** something worthless
- 14. **empty-headed:** unburdened, idle, unoccupied brain; not very intelligent
- 15. **evil-eyed:** affliction, misfortune, hardship
- 16. **eye-offending:** which hurts the eyes
- 17. **fat-kidneyed:** an insult meaning gross and lubberly
- 18. **fitful:** full of fits, marked by paroxysms (a sudden outburst of emotion or action)
- 19. gnarling: snarling, growling
- 20. **greasy:** vulgar
- 21. **grizzled:** grey, sprinkled with grey hairs
- 22. gull-catcher: fool-trapper, trickster
- 23. haughty: high-minded, aspiring, lofty
- 24. heavy-headed: dull; stupid
- 25. **hedge-pig:** hedgehog
- hempseed: malapropism for 'homicide'
- 27. hideous: terrifying, frightful, horrifying
- 28. horn-mad: furious, enraged, raving mad
- 29. ill-breading: mischief-making, discontented
- 30. ill-composed: made up of wicked elements
- 31. **ill-nurtured:** ill-bred, badly brought up
- 32. iron-witted: dull-witted, obtuse, dense
- 33. jack-a-nape: upstart, buffoon, monkey
- 34. **jaded:** low-bred, ignoble, contemptible
- 35. knavish: rascally, mischievous, roguish
- 36. lean-witted: having but little sense or shrewdness
- 37. lewd: ignorant, foolish, ill-mannered; wicked, vile, evil
- 38. lily-livered: cowardly; timid; easily frightened
- 39. **mad-bred:** produced by madness

- 40. malignancy: evil influence, inauspicious character
- 41. **malkin:** wench, drab, slut
- 42. malt-worm: a drunkard
- 43. **manikin:** little man, puppet
- 44. **minimus:** tiniest of creatures, insignificant being
- 45. **miscreant:** villain, wretch, rascal
- 46. **moldwarp:** mole [animal]
- 47. motley-minded: muddle-headed, foolish-minded
- 48. muddy-mettled: sluggish, dull-spirited
- 49. nut-hook: constable, beadle, officer
- 50. **onion-eyed:** having the eyes filled with tears
- 51. **pale-hearted:** dispirited; cowardly; craven
- 52. **pantaloon:** constable, beadle, officer
- 53. **paper-faced:** having a face as white as paper
- 54. **peevish:** silly, foolish; or: headstrong, impulsive
- 55. **pernicious:** destructive, dangerous, ruinous
- 56. **pinch-spotted:** discoloured with pinch-marks
- 57. **prating:** prattling, chattering, blathering
- 58. **purpled:** reddened with blood, bloodstained
- 59. queasy: easily upset, delicate, fastidious 60. rabbit-sucker: sucking rabbit, baby rabbit
- 61. rampallion: ruffian, villain, scoundrel
- 62. rank: foul-smelling, stinking; bloated, swollen, puffed-up
- 63. raw-boned: having little flesh, especially on a large-boned frame; gaunt, having a lean and bony physique
- 64. reeky: foul-smelling, smoky
- 65. remnant: a small leftover portion after the main part no longer
- 66. roynish: vulgar, scurvy, coarse
- 67. rudesby: ruffian, piece of insolence, unmannerly fellow
- 68. **ruffian:** violent, brutal, villainous
- 69. rug-headed: shaggy-headed, shock-headed
- 70. rump-fed: well-fed, pampered; overfed
- saucy: insolent, impudent, presumptuous, defiant
- 72. **scantling:** guideline, index, standard of measurement
- 73. **scullion:** menial, lackey, domestic servant
- 74. **shag-eared:** shaggy hair hanging over the ears
- 75. shrill-gorged: shrill-sounding, with high-pitched voice
- 76. **snipe:** dupe, gull, fool
- 77. **sottish:** stupid, foolish, ludicrous
- 78. sour-faced: having a bad-tempered or unpleasant expression
- 79. **unmuzzled:** to free from restraint, as speech or expression
- 80. vacant: lacking, devoid, deficient
- 81. waggish: playful, mischievous, impish

82. wanton: naughty, wicked, mischievous; cruelly irresponsible, badly behaved

83. waterfly: a source of petty annoyance; an insignificant but troublesome person or tiling.

84. **weak-hinged:** ill-balanced; ill-founded.

85. wenching: someone who hangs around with women

86. **whipster:** wretch, degenerate, good-for-nothing

87. **white-livered:** lily-livered, cowardly, feeble-spirited

88. **whoreson:** wretched, vile

89. **yeasty:** frothy, superficial, trivial

90. **younker:** greenhorn, juvenile, prodigal child