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Shakespeare Sonnet

Simple Searches

Instructions

This word search tomfoolery is a simple sonnet word search puzzle. At the bottom of each sonnet are nine words, all you need to do is to find the word in the sonnet above and simply circle the word in the sonnet. Don't forget to scribble all over the pages, for it is more fun that way.

Hint: some words may appear more than once in a sonnet, so you decide whether to circle the first word you find in the sonnet or to circle all the words you find; it is your pleasure and choice.

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Have Fun!

Sonnet # _____

When I consider every thing that grows
Holds in perfection but a little moment,
That this huge stage presenteth nought but shows
Whereon the stars in secret influence comment;
When I perceive that men as plants increase,
Cheered and checked even by the self-same sky,
Vaunt in their youthful sap, at height decrease,
And wear their brave state out of memory;
Then the conceit of this inconstant stay
Sets you most rich in youth before my sight,
Where wasteful Time debateth with decay
To change your day of youth to sullied night,
And all in war with Time for love of you,
As he takes from you, I engraft you new.

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consider	nought	wasteful
engraft	perceive	youth
inconstant	perfection	youthful

Sonnet # _____

Weary with toil, I haste me to my bed,

The dear repose for limbs with travel tir'd;

But then begins a journey in my head

To work my mind, when body's work's expired:

For then my thoughts--from far where I abide--

Intend a zealous pilgrimage to thee,

And keep my drooping eyelids open wide,

Looking on darkness which the blind do see:

Save that my soul's imaginary sight

Presents thy shadow to my sightless view,

Which, like a jewel hung in ghastly night,

Makes black night beauteous, and her old face new.

Lo! thus, by day my limbs, by night my mind,

For thee, and for myself, no quiet find.

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darkness	myself	repose
expired	pilgrimage	thoughts
journey	Presents	Weary

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Word Scrambles

Instructions

These scrambled tomfooleries are simple sonnet word scrambles and searches. At the bottom of each sonnet are nine scrambled words. All you need to do is unscramble each word then find and circle each word in the sonnet.

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Have Fun!

Sonnet # _____

When forty winters shall besiege thy brow,
And dig deep trenches in thy beauty's field,
Thy youth's proud livery so gazed on now,
Will be a tatter'd weed of small worth held:
Then being asked, where all thy beauty lies,
Where all the treasure of thy lusty days;
To say, within thine own deep sunken eyes,
Were an all-eating shame, and thriftless praise.
How much more praise deserv'd thy beauty's use,
If thou couldst answer 'This fair child of mine
Shall sum my count, and make my old excuse,'
Proving his beauty by succession thine!
This were to be new made when thou art old,
And see thy blood warm when thou feel'st it cold.

ybetau	coldust	ctoun
yfort	yslut	sewrint
pingrov	southy'	uarerest

Sonnet # _____

Unthrifty loveliness, why dost thou spend
Upon thy self thy beauty's legacy?
Nature's bequest gives nothing, but doth lend,
And being frank she lends to those are free:
Then, beauteous niggard, why dost thou abuse
The bounteous largess given thee to give?
Profitless usurer, why dost thou use
So great a sum of sums, yet canst not live?
For having traffic with thy self alone,
Thou of thy self thy sweet self dost deceive:
Then how when nature calls thee to be gone,
What acceptable audit canst thou leave?
Thy unused beauty must be tombed with thee,
Which, used, lives th' executor to be.

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fitplosers	uendsu	abutey
stequeb	abestyu'	clagey
uretan	nutfhirty	sovellines

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Number Fumble Scrambles

Instructions

In these number fumble tomfooleries the vowels of each word have been replaced with numbers. All you need to do is figure out which number equals which vowel, then write out the words between the printed sonnet lines, for example:

> Wh8n f6rt7 w0nt8rs sh5ll b8s08g8 th7 br6w
> When forty winters shall besiege thy brow

Don't forget to scribble all over the pages, for it is more fun that way.

Hint: The number vowel combination that works for this first sonnet may be different for every other sonnet.

Have Fun!

Sonnet # _____

W0s 5t th3 pr14d f4ll s05l 1f h5s gr30t v3rs3

B14nd f1r th3 pr5z3 1f 0ll t11 pr3c514s 214

Th0t d5d m2 r5p3 th14ghts 5n m2 br05n 5nh30rs3

M0k5ng th35r t1mb th3 w1mb wh3r35n th32 gr3w

W0s 5t h5s sp5r5t b2 sp5r5ts t04ght t1 wr5t3

0b1v3 0 m1rt0l p5tch th0t str4ck m3 d30d

N1 n35th3r h3 n1r h5s c1mp33rs b2 n5ght

G5v5ng h5m 05d m2 v3rs3 0st1n5sh3d

H3 n1r th0t 0ff0bl3 f0m5l50r gh1st

Wh5ch n5ghtl2 g4lls h5m w5th 5nt3ll5g3nc3

0s v5ct1rs 1f m2 s5l3nc3 c0nn1t b10st

5 w0s n1t s5ck 1f 0n2 f30r fr1m th3nc3

B4t wh3n 214r c14nt3n0nc3 f5ll3d 4p h5s l5n3

Th3n l0ck3d 5 m0tt3r th0t 3nf33bl3d m5n3

Sonnet # _____

1h wh2r2f4r2 w3th 3nf2ct34n sh45ld h2 l3v2

1nd w3th h3s pr2s2nc2 gr1c2 3mp32t6

Th1t s3n b6 h3m 1dv1nt1g2 sh45ld 1ch32v2

1nd l1c2 3ts2lf w3th h3s s4c32t6

Wh6 sh45ld f1ls2 p13nt3ng 3m3t1t2 h3s ch22k

1nd st22l d21d s22m3ng 4f h3s l3v3ng h52

Wh6 sh45ld p44r b215t6 3nd3r2ctl6 s22k

R4s2s 4f sh1d4w s3nc2 h3s r4s2 3s tr52

Wh6 sh45ld h2 l3v2 n4w N1t5r2 b1nkr5pt 3s

B2gg1r2d 4f bl44d t4 bl5sh thr45gh l3v2l6 v23ns

F4r sh2 h1th n4 2xch2q52r n4w b5t h3s

1nd pr45d 4f m1n6 l3v2s 5p4n h3s g13ns

4 h3m sh2 st4r2s t4 sh4w wh1t w21lth sh2 h1d

3n d16s l4ng s3nc2 b2f4r2 th2s2 l1st s4 b1d

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Da Vinci Code Scrambles

Instructions

We have all heard that Da Vinci created his own cryptograms. I thought you might enjoy some simple Da Vinci coded sonnets. For these simple Da Vinci codes, the very first line of one sonnet in this section reads:

Morf tseriaf serutaerc ew erised esaercni
From fairest creatures we desire increase

Hint: Mirror mirror on the wall, you really are not much help at all. I see the words but first is first and last is still last.

Oh My!

Sonnet # _____

A snamow ecaf htiw serutan nwo dnah detniap

Tsah uoht eht retsam ssertsim fo ym noissap

A snawom eltneg traeh tub ton detniauqca

Htiw gnitfihs egnahc sa si eslaf snewom noihsaf

Na eye erom thgirb naht srieht ssel eslaf ni gnillor

Gnidlig eht tcejbo nopuerehw ti htezag

A nam ni euh all seuh ni sih gnillortnoc

Hcihw slaets snem seye dna snewom sluos thezama

Dna rof a nawom trew uoht tsrif detaerc

Llit Erutan sa ehs thguorw eeht llef a gnitod

Dna yb noitidda em fo eeht detaefed

Yb gnidda eno gniht ot ym esoprup gnihton

Tub ecnis ehs dekcirp eeht tuo rof snewom erusaelp

Enim eb yht evol dna yht sevol esu rieth erusaert

Sonnet # _____

Fi uoht evivrus ym llew detnetnoc yad

Nehw taht lruhc Htaed ym senob htiw tsud llahs revoc

Dna tlahs yb enutrof ecno erom yevurser

Eseht roop edur senil fo yht desaeced revol

Erapmoc meht htiw eht gnirtteb fo eht emit

Dna hguoht yeht eb deppirtstuo yb yreve nep

Evreser meht rof ym evol ton rof rieth emyhr

Dedeecxe yb eht thgieh fo rieppah nem

O neht efashcuov em tub siht gnivol thguoht

 Dah ym sdneirf Esum nworg htiw siht gniworg ega

A reraed htrib naht siht sih evol dah thguorb

Ot hcram ni sknar fo retteb egapiuqe

Tub ecnis eh deid dna sreop retteb evorp

Srieht rof rieth elyts ll I daer sih rof sih evol

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Cryptograms

Instructions

We have all heard of secret codes, and letter by letter replacements. Almost all of these cryptograms are simple cyphers so use a sharp pencil to enter your decoding between the printed sonnet lines. To get you started the very first line of the first sonnet is:

> xu iwn hdja rwtrz iwtt iwpi x rdbt hd ctpg
> If   thy soul check thee that I come so near

Don't forget to scribble all over the pages, for it is more fun.

Hint: No need to be punctual. However, knowing your alphabet is in order is what counts.

Sonnet # _____

zngz eua ckxk utik atqotj hklxoktjy sk tuc

gtj lux zngz yuxxuc cnoin o znkt joj lkkr

tkkjy sayz o atjkx se zxgtymxkyyout huc

Atrkyy se tkxbky ckxk hxgyy ux ngsskx j yzkkr

lux ol eua ckxk he se atqotjtkyy yngqkt

gy o he euaxy eua bk vgyy j g nkrr ul zosk

gtj o g zexgtz ngbk tu rkoyaxk zgqkt

zu ckomn nuc utik o yallkx j ot euax ixosk

u zngz uax tomnz ul cuk somnz ngbk xkskshkx j

se jkkvkyz yktyk nuc ngxj zxak yuxxuc nozy

gtj yuut zu eua gy eua zu sk znkt zktjkx j

znk nashrk ygrbk cnoin cuatjkj huyusy lozy

haz zngz euax zxkyvgyy tuc hkiusky g lkk

sotk xgtyusy euaxy gtj euaxy sayz xgtyus sk

Sonnet # _____

qc pszi mw ew e jiziv psrkmrk wxmpp

jsv xlex almgl psrkiv ryvwixl xli hmwiewi

jiihmrk sr xlex almgl hsxl tviwivzi xli mpp

xli yrgivxemr wmgopc ettixmxi xs tpiewi

qc viewsr xli tlcwmgmer xs qc pszi

erkvc xlex lmw tviwgvmtxmsrw evi rsx oitx

lexl pijx qi erh m hiwtivexi rsa ettvszi

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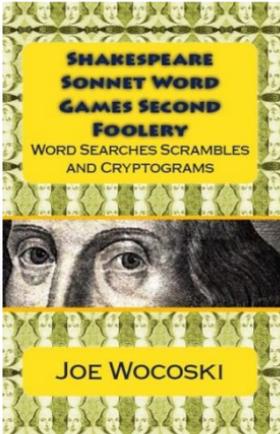
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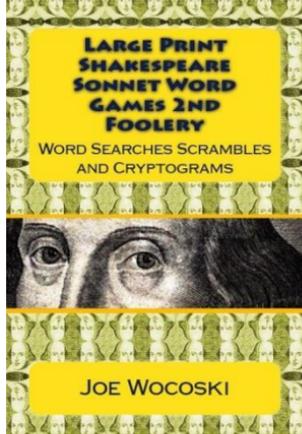jsv m lezi wasvr xlii jemv erh xlsyklx xlii fvmklx

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