

The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet, Act IV, by William Shakespeare
Vocabulary Builder

Word List

pensive enjoined wayward
 dismal loathsome

A. DIRECTIONS: Match each word in Column A with the correct definition in Column B.

Column A

- ___ 1. pensive
- ___ 2. dismal
- ___ 3. loathsome
- ___ 4. wayward
- ___ 5. enjoined

Column B

- A. headstrong
- B. ordered
- C. deeply thoughtful
- D. disgusting
- E. causing gloom or misery

B. DIRECTIONS: In each of the following items, think about the meaning of the italicized word and then answer the question.

1. Would most of the people at a lively party be likely to be in a *pensive* mood? Why or why not?

2. If a good friend's behavior was *wayward*, would you be pleased or concerned? Explain.

3. "That place is *dismal*," he remarked. Would you want to go there? Why or why not?

4. If you were *enjoined* to do something, would the action be ordered or recommended?

5. If a swampland you were visiting had a *loathsome* smell, would you be tempted to return?

C. DIRECTIONS: On the line, write the letter of the choice that is the best synonym for each numbered word.

- ___ 1. dismal
- A. profound
 - B. soothing
 - C. gloomy
 - D. rarefied

- ___ 2. wayward
- A. eccentric
 - B. roomy
 - C. itinerant
 - D. headstrong