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### Romeo and Juliet - Vocabulary for Act II

**Directions:** The following vocabulary words can be found in Act II of *Romeo and Juliet*. The section below provides a brief definition of the word. Examine each of the underlined words in the following passages from Act II. For each word, use the appropriate meaning and develop a brief interpretation of the passage within the context of the play.

<b>Conjure</b> (v.)	<b>To charge, entreat, charm, bewitch; to call upon or command a spirit using a spell.</b> Mercutio (Act II, i) calling for Romeo who has slipped away: The ape is dead, and I must <u>conjure</u> him. I <u>conjure</u> thee by Rosaline's bright eyes, By her high forehead, and her scarlet lip,... Interpretation:
<b>Envious</b> (v.)	<b>Full of jealousy for another's possessions.</b> Romeo (Act II, ii) comparing Juliet to the sun: Arise fair sun and kill the <u>envious</u> moon, Who is already sick, and pale with grief... Interpretation:
<b>Peril</b> (n.)	<b>Exposure to injury, risk, danger.</b> Romeo (Act II, ii) responding to Juliet's fears of being caught: Alack there lies more <u>peril</u> in thine eye Than twenty of their swords... Interpretation:
<b>Perverse</b> (adj.)	<b>Determined not to do what is expected, contrary.</b> Juliet (Act II, ii) talking to Romeo: Or if thou thinkest I am too quickly won, I'll frown and be <u>perverse</u> ... Interpretation:
<b>Procure</b> (v.)	<b>To obtain or get through effort.</b> Juliet (Act II, ii) talking to Romeo: If thy bent of love be honourable, Thy purpose marriage, end me word to-morrow, By one that I'll <u>procure</u> to come to thee... Interpretation:

<b>Chide</b> (v.)	<b>To scold; to find fault.</b> Romeo (Act II, iii) asking Friar Lawrence not to scold him for loving: Thou <u>chid'st</u> me for loving Rosaline... I pray thee <u>chide</u> my not... Interpretation:
<b>Distemper</b> (v.)	<b>To put out of temper, to disturb, to sicken.</b> Friar Lawrence (Act II, iii) commenting to Romeo that something must cause him to be up early: Young son, it argues a <u>distempered</u> head So soon to bid good morrow to thy bed... Interpretation:
<b>Intercession</b> (n.)	<b>The act of pleading or asking something for another person.</b> Romeo (Act II, iii) telling Friar Lawrence where he's been: I bear no hatred, blessed man; for lo, My <u>intercession</u> likewise steads my foe. Interpretation:
<b>Perjury</b> (n.)	<b>The act of swearing falsely, a lie.</b> Juliet (Act II, iii) speaking to Romeo: Dost thou love me? I know thou wilt say ay, And I will take thy word; yet if thou swear'st Thou mayst prove false; at lovers' <u>perjuries</u> They say love laughs. Interpretation:
<b>Herald</b> (n. or v.)	<b>Noun- Messenger.</b> <b>Verb- To announce.</b> Juliet (Act II, v) complaining of the Nurse's slowness in returning with Romeo's wedding plans: O she is lame, love's <u>heralds</u> should be thoughts, Which ten times faster glide than the sun's beams... Interpretation: