*Hamlet* List 1

1. Portentous = ominous, threatening, ill-omened

2. Mote = a speck, particle, fleck

3. Obsequious = complimentary, fawning, servile

4. Retrograde = directed or moving backward

5. Jocund = cheerful, lighthearted

6. Post = to go

7. Cap-a-pie (cap a PEE) = from head to foot

8. Truncheon = a stick, staff or baton for beating or a symbol of authority

9. Requite = to return affection or a favor, service or wrongdoing

10. Cautel = skillful deceit

11. Credent = believing

12. Chariest = careful, even suspiciously so

13. Prodigal = wastefully extravagant, lavish

14. Calumnious = untrue statement to damage reputation

15. Husbandry = resource management and conservation

16. Wassail = ale or wine drunk in celebrations for Christmas Eve and the Twelfth Night, January 5th

17. Bray = loud, harsh cry of a donkey or mule

18. Traduce = insult or lie to damage a reputation

19. Sepulcher = a small room or monument for burial

20. Pernicious = a mostly gradual and subtle harmful effect

21. Encumber = to restrict or burden

22. Drabbing = visiting prostitutes

23. Drift = a general intention

24. Vouchsafe = to give graciously or condescendingly, reveal

25. Strumpet = slut

26. Fay = fairy or faith

27. Appurtenance = an accessory for a particular activity or lifestyle

28. Hecuba = King Priam’s wife, who grieved appropriately for her husband’s death

29. Pate = head

30. Blench = flinch