

To construct a Shakespearean insult, combine one word from each of the three columns below, and preface it with "Thou" or "Thou art a":

Column 1

Artless

Bawdy

Beslubbering

Bootless

Churlish

Cocker'd

Clouted

Craven

Currish

Dankish

Haggard

Simpering

Errant

Fawning

Goatish

Threadbare

Jarring

Column 2

Base-court

Bat-fowling

Beef-witted

Beetle-headed

Boil

Clapper-clawed

Clay-brained

Malt-worm

full-gorged

dismal-dreaming

hasty-witted

Doghearted

Fobbing

Earth-vexing

Fat-kidneyed

Fen-sucked

Folly-fallen

Column 3

Apple-john

Baggage

Barnacle

Bladder

boar-pig

Bugbear

Pantaloon

Canker-blossom

Clack-dish

Clotpole

Coxcomb

Popinjay

Death-token

Horn-beast

Flirt-gill

Foot-licker

Giglet

Shakespeare insult glossary

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Artless (Unskillful)	Base-court (lower court of a mansion)	Apple-john (withered apple)
Bawdy (unchaste)	Bat-fowling (catches birds with nets)	Baggage (witch\hag)
Beslubbering (smearing)	beef-witted (no more wit than an ox)	Barnacle (a goose)
Bootless (useless)	beetle-headed (stupid)	Bladder (boil, pustule)
Churlish (rude)	Boil (swell with heat)	Boar-pig (young pig)
Cocker'd (spoiled, pampered)	Clapper-clawed (mauled, thrashed)	Bugbear (a specter)
Clouted (patched)	Clay-brained (stupid)	Pantaloon (old fool)
Craven (coward)	Malt-worm (ale drinker)	Canker-blossom (a blossom eaten by a worm)
Currish (contemptuous term for a dog)	Full-gorged (fed to fullness)	Clack-dish (a wooden dish carried by beggars)
Dankish (dark, damp)	Dismal-dreaming (full of bad dreams)	Clotpole (blockhead)
Haggard (wild, wanton)	Hasty-witted (inconsiderate)	Coxcomb (a fool)
Simpering (silly smiling)	Doghearted (unfeeling, inhuman)	Popinjay (parrot)
Errant (wandering)	Fobbing (cheating)	Death-token (spots indicating the impending death of a plague victim)
Fawning (cringing)	Earth-vexing (Troubling a man's life)	Horn-beast (deer)
Goatish (lecherous)	Fat-kidneyed (gross)	Flirt-gill (a woman of loose behavior)
Threadbare (worn out)	Fen-sucked (drawn out of bogs)	Foot-licker (meanest servant)
Jarring (harsh sounding)	Folly-fallen (grown foolish)	Giglet (a wanton woman)
Mangled (cut into pieces)	Fool-born (foolish from birth)	Hedge-pig (Hedge-hog)
Unpolished (rude)	All-changing (deceiving)	Flap-dragon (a flaming glass of liquor)
Juggling (manipulative)	Hard-hearted (lacking feeling; cold)	Shrimp (an unimportant man)
Venomous (malicious)	toad-spotted (Polluted by venom)	Gorbellied (having a large paunch)
Wretched (despicable, mean)	Loggerheaded (dull; stupid)	Hilding (base, menial)
Notable (remarkable, eminent)	Lily livered (cowardly)	Mountebank (flamboyant charlatan)
Testy (irritated, impatient)	Egregious (offensive)	Fastilarian (scounderal)