

YEAR 10

MACBETH

VOCABULARY



## WEEK 1

Words used in analysing language choices and the play.

### Definition test.

#### 1. simile

something *like* or *as* something else

A

#### 2. metaphor

something *is* something else

#### 3. symbol

object representing an idea

#### 4. dialogue

when characters talk to each other

#### 5. climax

highest point of tension

#### 6. soliloquy

character speaking to themselves

B

#### 7. tragedy

play about the downfall of a great character

#### 8. motif

repeated image linked to a theme

#### 9. playwright

author of the play

#### 10. context

the historical background to the play

#### 11. personification

giving human characteristics

C

#### 12. apostrophe

talking to an absent person or thing (eg dagger, night, evil etc.)

#### 13. revelation

a moment when things are revealed and the truth is realised

#### 14. Jacobean

during the period of King James I

#### 15. hamartia

the fatal flaw in a tragic character

## WEEK 2

Words used to write about the ideas of the novel.

### Spelling test.

#### 1. regret

wishing you hadn't done something

A

#### 2. violence

extreme physical force

#### 3. revenge

getting your own back

#### 4. murder

illegal killing

#### 5. ambition

a desire to get power

#### 6. Divine Right

monarch's power from God

B

#### 7. deceit

lying and misleading

#### 8. treachery

betraying someone's trust, being a traitor

#### 9. assassination

murdering an important person

#### 10. corruption

dishonesty; becoming dishonest and evil

#### 11. malevolence

extreme evil, wishing others pain

C

#### 12. depravity

lack of morals, evil

#### 13. hegemony

leadership and control

#### 14. degeneracy

process of declining and deteriorating into something less good

#### 15. disenchantment

disappointment, disillusionment—finding out that it wasn't as good as you thought it would be

## WEEK 3

Words used to write about  
Macbeth's character.  
**Spelling test.**

### 1. wicked

evil

**A**

### 2. cruel

knowingly causing pain to others

### 3. guilty

having done wrong

### 4. ambitious

wanting more power and fame

### 5. secretive

hiding things

### 6. murderous

using murder, capable of murder

**B**

### 7. treasonous

betraying king and country

### 8. isolated

alone, friendless

### 9. impetuous

tending to do things without considering

### 10. corruptible

able to be made evil by others

### 11. duplicitous

deceitful, two-faced, untrustworthy

**C**

### 12. jaded

bored and worn out by having too much of something

### 13. obdurate

unmoved by pity, no tender feelings

### 14. despotic

acting like a despot—a tyrant, a cruel leader

### 15. regicidal

literally "king-killing"

## WEEK 4

Words used to write about Lady  
Macbeth's character.  
**Spelling test.**

### 1. purposeful

having a strong sense of purpose

**A**

### 2. sly

sneaky, cunning

### 3. ruthless

will do anything to succeed

### 4. scheming

sneaky, having evil and crafty plans

### 5. secretive

hiding things

### 6. manipulative

skilful at making other do things

**B**

### 7. dominant

powerful

### 8. obsessive

controlled by a single idea

### 9. persuasive

able to convince others

### 10. conniving

making evil secret plans with others

### 11. coercive

able to intimidate others to do what you want them to

**C**

### 12. blasé

unconcerned, unimpressed

### 13. overwrought

extremely agitated

### 14. emasculating

able to take away others' (a man's) strength

### 15. remorseful

filled with corrosive guilt