

Shakespeare's Phrases

William Shakespeare coined many popular phrases that we still use today

Even though William Shakespeare wrote over 400 years ago, we continue to use words and phrases found in his sonnets and plays today. You could be quoting Shakespeare without knowing it! Read on to learn more phrases that we attribute to Shakespeare's plays.

For each phrase, provide the best Bulgarian equivalent that you can think of:

We have seen better days We are in poor condition, worn out

Too much of a good thing Even good things can hurt in excess

Neither rhyme nor reason Without common sense or logic

I have not slept one wink I did not sleep at all

The clothes make the man People are judged by the way they dress

In my heart of hearts In my most inner, true thoughts and feelings

Own flesh and blood Part of my family

He hath eaten me out of house and home He ate so much there was nothing left

A dish fit for the Gods A high-quality meal

It's Greek to me It's unintelligible, I cannot understand

Sterner stuff Strong; capable of overcoming trials

The be-all and the end-all Of the utmost importance; the ultimate aim

Jealousy is the green-eyed monster Envy is so strong it makes one sick

What's done is done I cannot change what has happened in the past

Something wicked this way comes A person so evil, he or she is not human

Foregone conclusion An inevitable result

Wear my heart upon my sleeve To expose my feelings, be vulnerable

All that glitters isn't gold Things are not as good as they appear to be

A blinking idiot A fool

A tower of strength A person you can rely on for support

Star-crossed lovers	Lovers doomed by outside forces
Wild-goose chase	A hopeless search for something unattainable
Break the ice	To reduce the awkward, initial social tension
Brave new world	Used ironically to refer to a new, hopeful period
Melted into thin air	To disappear suddenly, leaving no traces