

Helpful Vocabulary

Aye=Yes, Nay=No

Alack!=Darn it

Anon=Later

As You Will=Whatever

By Your Leave=excuse me

Excellent Well=Cool!

Fie-A curse (Fie on thee!)

Forsooth=No way, really?

Hark=Listen

Hither=here

Huzzah!-a cheer

Indeed=Really

Pray Tell=Please tell me

Privy=Bathroom

Wondrous Well=Very Good

Yonder=Over there

Helpful Reminders:

*Avoid using modern contractions.

*Speak slowly and pronounce each word.

*Renaissance language is not so much about accent as it is about word choice.

*Ornament your speech with Renaissance phrasings and figures of speech.

*Verbs ending in "s" should instead end in "th" or "st."

*It is better to try and get it wrong than not to try.

Good Contractions

'tis=it is

'twill=it will

shan't=shall not

'ere=before

'twas=it was

'twere=it will

e'en=even

ne'er=never

'twould=it would

is't=is it?

e'er=ever

o'er=over

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Greetings:

Good Morrow

Good Day

Good Eve

How Now

Hail Good Sir/Madame

Master

Mistress

My Lord

My Lady

Well Met

What Ho

Cousin!

Partings:

Fare thee well

Until we meet again

Until next we meet

Safe home

Good journey

Fair winds

God save you

I shall see thee anon

Adieu

Anon

Addressing Nobility

King or Queen –Your Majesty, Sire

Duke, Duchess, etc –Your Excellency

Thou, Thee, Thy, Thine

*Thou –Used as the subject of the sentence and is usually the first noun in the sentence.

*Thee –Used as the object of the sentence (object is the word affected by the verb).

*Thy –Possessive form of Thee/Thou. Precedes words beginning with a consonant.

*Thine –Possessive form of Thee/Thou. Precedes words beginning with a vowel.



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