

# Useful words and phrases for Romeo and Juliet essays

romantic *tragic* passion sonnet **rhyming couplets** blank verse metaphor simile possibility  
anguish questioning illustrates suggests humour light-hearted prophetic imagery poetic lyrical  
anger subservient submissive mourning bereaved unsympathetic **audience** sympathise therefore portrays  
convinces highlights in contrast states **reinforces** reminds similar different in comparison surprises *possession*  
marriage threatening *jovial* sinister powerful dominates cold unfeeling employer employee women  
*role* head of the household controlling *violent* aggressive *reflects* shows depth of emotion compelling describes  
double meaning irony ironic **misunderstanding** busy rhetorical questions persuades defensive silent quiet sullen  
blinded in a fit of passion welcoming unforgiving revenge vengeful fiery future captive