

WORDS FROM CHARACTERS OF LITERATURE

Babbit	An American business man, vastly pleased with himself; of
	Lewis' novel Babbit
Brobdingnagian	From Swift's Gulliver's Travels, synonym for gigantic
Bumble	Mr. Bumble was the pompous Orphanage official in Oliver
	Twist, anyone like him.
Cinderella	Like the fairy tale girl who goes from rags to riches.
DonJuan	An unsavoury lover, the original character killed men and
	seduced women, any fellow who is interesting to know.
Falstaffian	Shakespeare's bawdy, good humoured fat man in his
	historical plays, resemblance to this character.
Frankenstein	Name of the scientist in Mary Shelley's book by the same
	name, who created the monster; now the monster that
	destroys its creator.
Friday	Robinson Crusoe's original, a helper who is dependable
	(man Friday)
Galahad	Noble of all knights, both good looking and gallant
Jekyll&Hyde	One who alternates between good and evil; from
	Stevenson's story, Hyde ends with Jekyll trapped in the
	murderous Hyde personality
Lilliputian	Opposite of Brobdingnagians; anything miniature or tiny
Lothario	Well known lover, character in the play 'The Fair Penitent'
Malapropism	Mrs Malaprop from Sheridan's play 'theRivals' gained
	immortality by her verbal mistakes, a hilarious misuse of words
Pickwickian	Dicken's character of Tickwick Papers": Pickwickian
Fickwickian	words are used in an esoteric special way (not in
	accordance with their usual meaning)
Pooh-bah	In Gilbert and Sullivan's opera The Mikado' was the Lord',
1 don ban	any politician who holds several offices is a pooh-bah
Quixotic	Don Quixote was the lovable impractical old man in
Quixotic	Cervante's novel with the same title. Quixotic schemes are
	unrealistic
Robot	Czech playwright karel Capek's play titled R. U. R
	(Rossum's universal Robots); a robot is anyone who works
	without thought
Scrooge	The penny-pinching miser of Christmas Carol (Dicken's);
	now any grasping, covetous person without kindness
Simon Legree	Stowe's character in 'Uncle Tom's Cabin', the character
	was a slaver; anyone who works others mercilessly
Uncle Tom	In uncle Tom's Cabin, Uncle Tom was saintly old black. Today
	a black who is seen as quick to co-operate with whites
Uriah Heep	From Dicklen's David Copper field, a term to describe
	someone hypocritical.
Walter Mitty	Thurber's lovable character from 'The secret life of Walter
	Mitty; the embodiment of fantasies.