Shakespeare’s invented words

William Shakespeare coined (invented) hundreds of new words: only some of these are listed here, but you will recognize many of them as most are still used today. Circle those you have heard before, or where you think you know their meaning.

Some Words coined by Shakespeare

alligator
bandit
bed-room
birth-place
downstairs
eyeball
farmhouse
puppy-dog
unreal
upstairs

Shakespeare liked joining words together, to make what we call **compound words**. Make a list of all the compound words you can find here.

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Do you know any other compound words in English?

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Can you write a short story that uses the words alligator, eyeball and bed-room?