

That have a father *killed*, a mother stained,
Excitements of my reason and my blood,
 And *let* all sleep? while, to my shame, I see
 The imminent death of twenty thousand men,
 That, for a fantasy and trick of fame, 30
 Go to their graves *like* bed; fight for a plot
Whereon the numbers cannot try the cause;
 Which is not tomb enough, and continent,
 To hide the slain? O, from this time forth
 My thoughts *be* bloody, or be nothing worth!

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—SHAKESPEARE; *Hamlet*, Act iv. Sc. 4

1. Parse the sixteen words in italics:

How is a simple adverb of manner, without comparison, modifying *do inform*.

To sleep is a verb of the irregular weak conjugation, intransitive, and in the present tense of the Infinitive mood; used as an adjective in the predicative relation to the nouns *good* and *market*.

No is a simple adverb of negation, modifying the adjective *more*.

More is a quantitative adjective, in the comparative degree, and in the predicative relation to the pronoun *he* understood; the ellipsis being supplied thus;—He is no more than a beast.

Unused is a qualitative adjective, in the positive degree, and in the predicative relation to the pronoun *us*.

It is a neuter demonstrative pronoun, of the third person, in the singular number, and in the nominative case, forming the subject of *be*.

Quartered is the perfect participle of the verb to quarter, qualifying the pronoun *which* to which it is joined attributively.

Coward, a noun, common, masculine gender, of the third person and singular number, and of the objective case, in apposition with the noun *parts*.

Sith is a causal subordinative conjunction, connecting "this thing's to do" with the following sentence.

Witness is a verb, transitive, in the active voice, of the weak conjugation and in the Imperative mood, second

person plural, to agree with its subject *you* understood.

Killed is the perfect participle of the verb "to kill," qualifying the noun *father*, to which it joined attributively.

Excitements, a noun, abstract, in the neuter gender, plural number, third person and objective case, being in apposition with "father killed, a mother stained."

Let is a verb, transitive, in the active voice, of the irregular weak conjugation, and in the Indicative mood, present tense, third person, singular number, agreeing with its subject *that* understood.

Like is a simple adverb of manner, modifying the verb *go*.

Whereon is a conjunctive adverb, modifying the verb "can try," and connecting the sentence "fight for a plot" with the one following.

Be is a verb, intransitive, irregular strong conjugation, in the Subjunctive mood, present tense, third person, plural number, agreeing with its subject *thoughts*.

2. Write short explanatory notes on *market*, (l. 3,) *argument*, (l. 23,) and *continent*, (l. 34.)

Market, "That for which he sells his time"—*Johnson*. "The business in which he employs his time."

Argument, subject, matter in dispute.

Continent is used here in its primitive sense—that which holds or contains.

3. What examples, in the passage, of the gerundial infinitive?

The term gerundial infinitive, is by some grammarians applied to the infinitive, denoting purpose; in the latter sense we find the infinitives *to fust*, *to do* (to do't), and *to hide*.

4. Paraphrase l. 19, ll. 29-33, bringing out the meaning fully.

(a) "Scoff at the unforeseen result."

(b) "While, to my confusion, I foresee the impending death of twenty thousand men, who for the delusive artifice that promises future fame, proceed as