

Activity 1 - Start getting used to the slang...

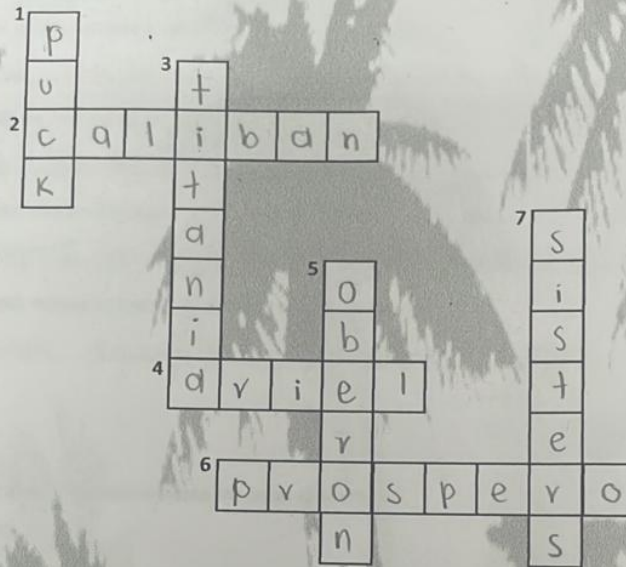
(Optional: make it a game: join a team and try to guess the meaning, then do the research in class and find who the winning team is!)

In the left column you can see a collection of phrases and sayings found in Shakespeare's writings and still in use today. Do some research and find out and write each meaning in the right column.

IN STITCHES	Me parto de risa (laughing uncontrollably)
IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE	En un abrir y cerrar de ojos (extremely quickly)
LIE LOW	Manterense oculto o tranquilo (stay hidden a low profile)
LOVE IS BLIND	El amor es ciego (when people are in love)
MAKE YOUR HAND STAND ON END	Dejar a alguien muy sorprendido (scared someone)
MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING	Mucho ruido y pocas nueces
NIGHT OWL	Quedarse despierto hasta tarde
SEND SOMEONE PACKING	Dedítele a alguien que se vaya
THE GAME IS UP	Se acabó el juego
UP IN ARMS	Levantarse en armas
VANISH INTO THIN AIR	Desaparecer como aire de magia
WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE	Llevar el corazón en la mano

Activity 2 – Shakespearean Magical Characters.

Do some research and solve this crossword



- 1- a clever, mischievous jester to the King of fairies (AMND)
- 2- A half human, son of a witch, who inhabited an island before humans arrived on it due to a shipwreck. (TT)
- 3- the Queen of fairies (AMND)
- 4- spirit bound to serve a magician who rescued him from the tree in which he was imprisoned by a witch (TT)
- 5- the King of fairies (AMND)
- 6- A duke who has learned sorcery from books, and uses it while on an island to protect his daughter and control the other characters (TT)
- 7- (the weird _____) are three prophets who hail a the general, and predict his ascent to kingship (M)

AMND- A Midsummer Night's Dream

TT- The Tempest

M- Macbeth

ACTIVITY 3

Do some research and answer these questions prior to the play

1. Who wrote The Tempest?

William Shakespeare

2. In what year was it written?

Most likely between 1610 and 1611.

3. Where is the play set?

An unnamed magical island

4. Who was on the throne of England at the time?

James I of England (reigned 1603-1625)

5. What modes of transport did they use at the time?

horses, sailing ships, carriages, walking

Now, find basic information about the main characters:

6. Where is Prospero originally from?

Milan, Italy. He was

7. Who is Prospero's brother?

Antonio

8. Who is Prospero's daughter?

Miranda