

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

To be in stitches means to laugh very hard possibly to the point of begin in pain.

IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE

If something happens in the twinkling of an eye, it happens very quickly.

LIE LOW

Is described as keeping silent and avoiding attracting attention.

LOVE IS BLIND

Is one of the most common comments people make about what people who are in love do, and how they behave.

MAKE YOUR HAIR STAND ON END

Is used to describe something that is so frightening or shocking that it causes a person's hair to stand on end.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

A lot of fuss about nothing or a big fuss about nothing.

NIGHT OWL

Can be credited with the first written use of in the relation to people who prefer to be active at night.

SEND SOMEONE PACKING

Falstaff will tell the girl to scam, vanouse, get lost.

THE GAME IS UP

Is a means of expressing that all was lost.

UP IN ARMS

Is to be equipped with weapons and armor.

VANISH INTO THIN AIR

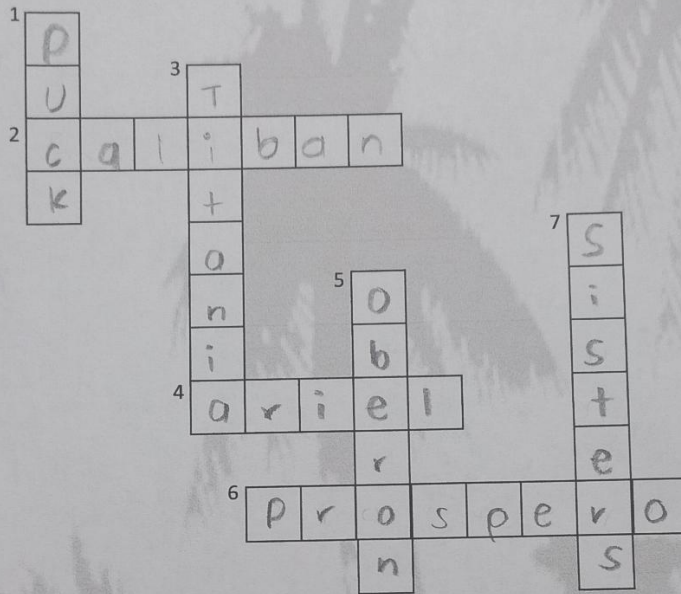
It refers to something that has completely disappeared so completely that it has become part the air.

WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE

When someone behaves in a way that makes their feelings very obvious.

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?

Around the year 1610 and 1611

3. Where is the play set?

On the island where he was shipwrecked, he
Prospero

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

King Jacobo I

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

Boat

Now, find basic information about the main characters:

6. Where is Prospero originally from?

From Milan

7. Who is Prospero's brother?

Antonio

8. Who is Prospero's daughter?

Miranda