

## 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

-laughing a lot

IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE

-something that happens very quickly

LIE LOW

-to avoid attention

LOVE IS BLIND

- That you don't see the flaws of a person you love

MAKE YOUR HAND STAND ON END

- To make someone scare

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

- When someone overreacts

NIGHT OWL

-A person who is awake at night

SEND SOMEONE PACKING

- Make someone to leave

THE GAME IS UP

- someone secret was discovered

UP IN ARMS

- to be very angry

VANISH INTO THIN AIR

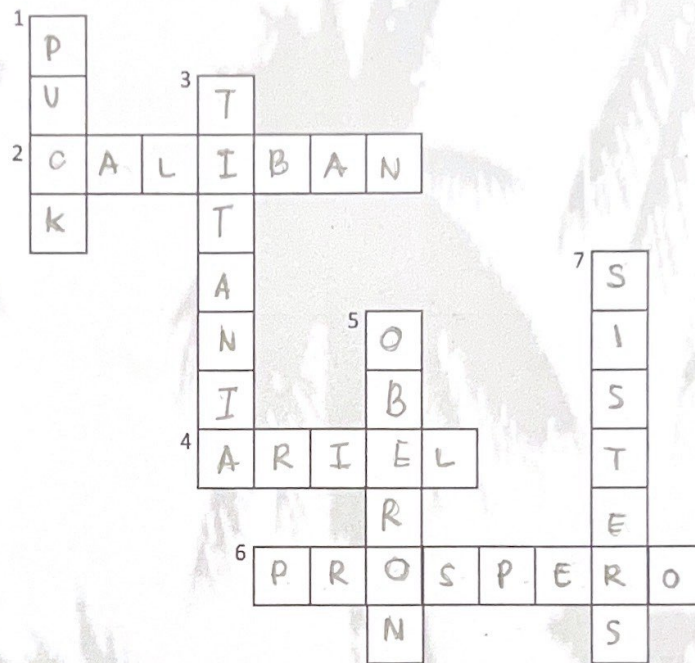
-To disappear suddenly

WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE

- To openly show your emotions

## Activity 2 – Shakespearean Magical Characters.

Do some research and solve this crossword



- 1- a clever, mischievous jester to the King of fairies (AMND)  
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- 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?

1611

3. Where is the play set?

Ocean, Island

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

Antonio, Prospero

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?

Naples

7. Who is Prospero's brother?

Antonio

8. Who is Prospero's daughter?

Miranda