

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

IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE

LIE LOW

LOVE IS BLIND

MAKE YOUR HAND STAND ON END

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

NIGHT OWL

SEND SOMEONE PACKING

THE GAME IS UP

UP IN ARMS

VANISH INTO THIN AIR

WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE

Meaning: Laughing uncontrollably or very hard.

Meaning: Very quickly; in a very short time.

Meaning: To keep out of sight; stay hidden, especially to avoid trouble.

Meaning: When you love someone, you cannot see their faults.

Meaning: To terrify; to be extremely frightened or horrified.

Meaning: A great deal of fuss or trouble over something with little importance.

A person who stays up late at night or is active at night.

To dismiss someone abruptly; to send someone away in a rude

The deception or scheme has been exposed; the end of a plan

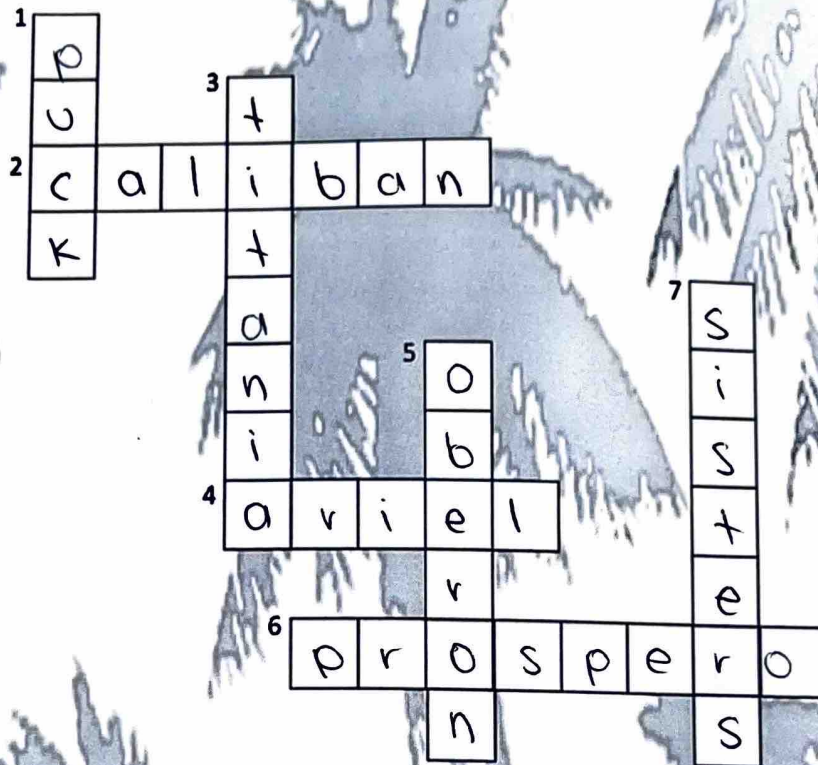
Angry and complaining about something; ready to protest strongly.

To disappear completely and mysteriously.

To openly and freely express 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)
- 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 1610-1611

3. Where is the play set?

On a remote island possibly in the Mediterranean Sea

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

King James 1

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

Primarily horse-drawn carriages and ships for long-distance travel.

Now, find basic information about the main characters:

6. Where is Prospero originally from?

Milan, Italy

7. Who is Prospero's brother?

Antonio

8. Who is Prospero's daughter?

Miranda