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# ALL LEVELS

BEFORE GOING TO  
THE THEATRE

(in addition to reviewing plot and characters)

## 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**

If a joke or funny story has you in stitches, it makes you laugh a lot.

**IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE**

in the twinkling of an eye

**LIE LOW**

to try not to be noticed

**LOVE IS BLIND**

loving someone makes you unable to see their faults.

**MAKE YOUR HAND STAND ON END**

to make someone very frightened

**MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING**

is used when someone is overreacting and makes a big deal of fuss over something unimportant.

**NIGHT OWL**

a person who prefers to be awake and active at night

**SEND SOMEONE PACKING**

make someone leave in an abrupt or peremptory way.

**THE GAME IS UP**

someone's secret plans or activities have been revealed and therefore must stop because they cannot succeed

**UP IN ARMS**

angry or upset

**VANISH INTO THIN AIR**

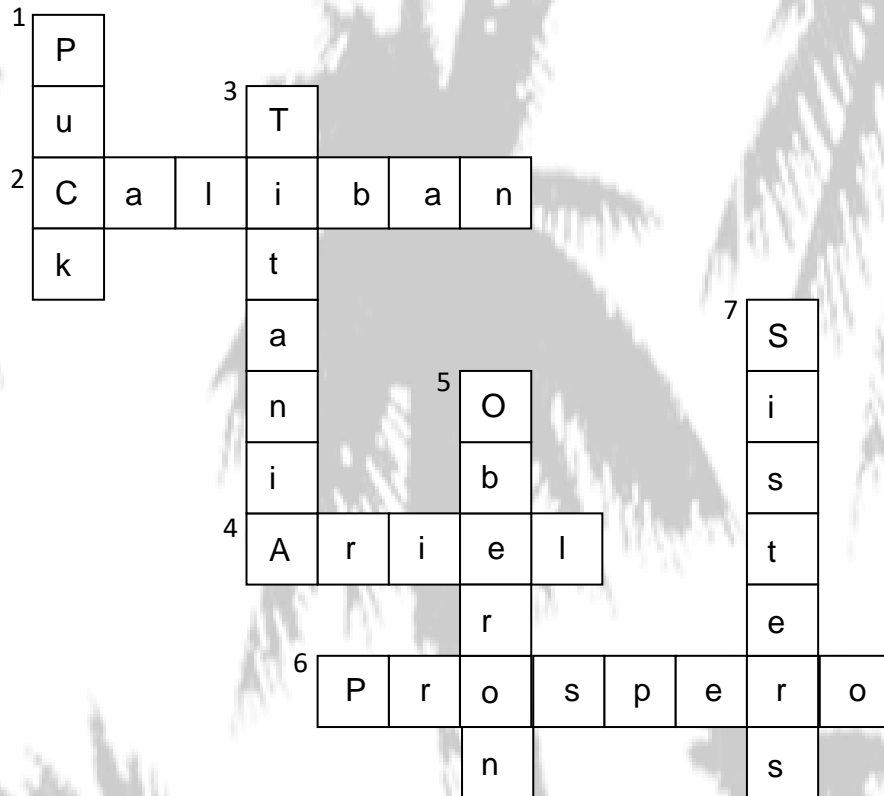
to disappear suddenly and completely

**WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE**

to make your feelings and emotions obvious rather than hiding them

## 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

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2. In what year was it written?

1 de noviembre de 1611 (1610)

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3. Where is the play set?

A remote island and Prospero's home is near the shore.

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

James I

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

Walked or rode

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**Now, find** basic information about the main characters:

6. Where is Prospero originally from?

Of Milan.

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7. Who is Prospero's brother?

Antonio

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8. Who is Prospero's daughter?

Miranda

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