

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 laugh very hard

IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE

really fast

LIE LOW

dead

LOVE IS BLIND

Loving someone makes you unable to see their faults.

MAKE YOUR HAND STAND ON END

It describe something that is really scary.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Someone is overating and makes a big deal of fuss over something unimportant.

NIGHT OWL

A person who likes to be attractive at night
nightbird, night walk.

SEND SOMEONE PACKING

Getting rid of someone, often in a not polite way

THE GAME IS UP

all was last

UP IN ARMS

to be equipped with weapons and armour

VANISH INTO THIN AIR

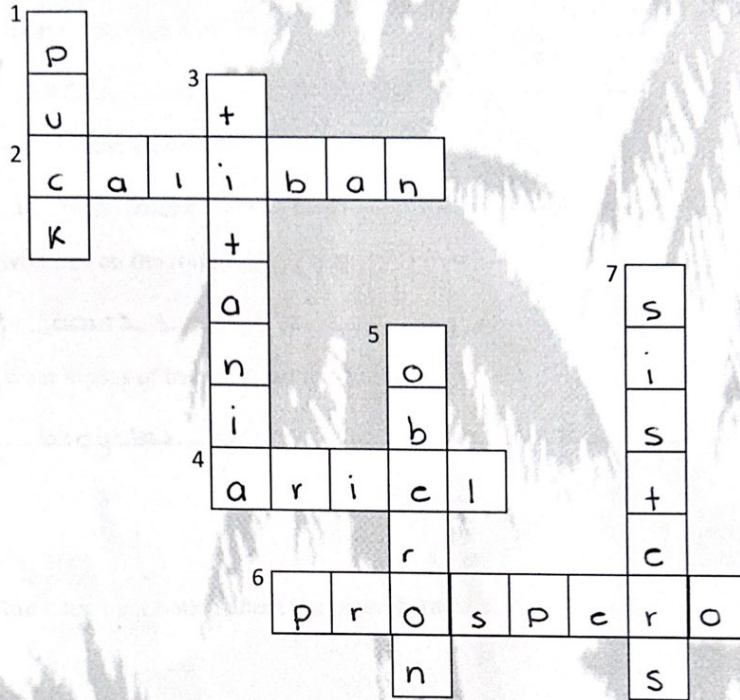
to disappear without a trace

WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE

make your emotions know, or to not hide how you feel.

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?

1611

3. Where is the play set?

In the Mediterranean

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

James I.

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

bicycles, trains and carriages

Now, find basic information about the main characters:

6. Where is Prospero originally from?

Duke of Milan

7. Who is Prospero's brother?

Antonio

8. Who is Prospero's daughter?

Miranda