

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

Laugh very hard

In the twinkling very quickly

Keep out of sight, avoid attention

Loving someone makes you unable to see their faults

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

→ Use when someone is over reacting and makes a big deal of fuss over something

→ A person who prefers to be awake and active at night

→ To send a person away firmly and without politeness

→ The plan or trick has failed or has been found up

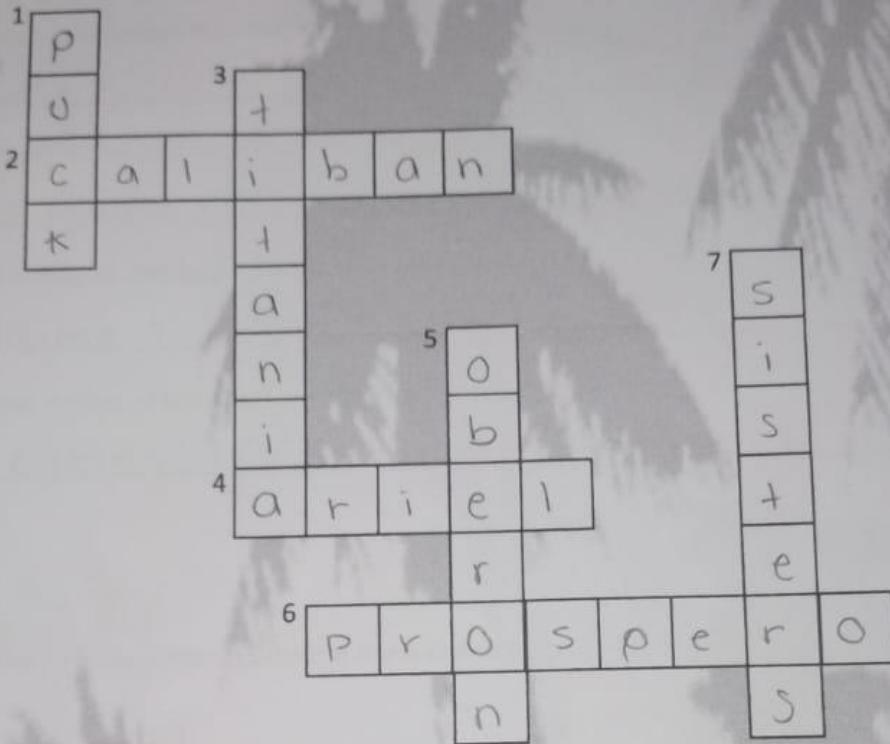
→ Means to be angry about something

→ To disappear suddenly and completely

→ Openly show your feelings or emotions other than keeping them hidden.

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?

On a remote island and Prospero's home

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

Jaime 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?

Milon

7. Who is Prospero's brother?

Antonio

8. Who is Prospero's daughter?

Miranda