

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

→ Laugh very hard, possibly to the point of being pain.

IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE

→ In the twinkling, very quickly

LIE LOW

→ Keep out of sight; avoid election

LOVE IS BLIND

→ Loving someone makes you unable to see their faults

MAKE YOUR HAIR STAND ON END

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

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

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

NIGHT OWL

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

SEND SOMEONE PACKING

→ To send a person away firmly and without politeness.

THE GAME IS UP

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

UP IN ARMS

→ Means to be angry about something

VANISH INTO THIN AIR

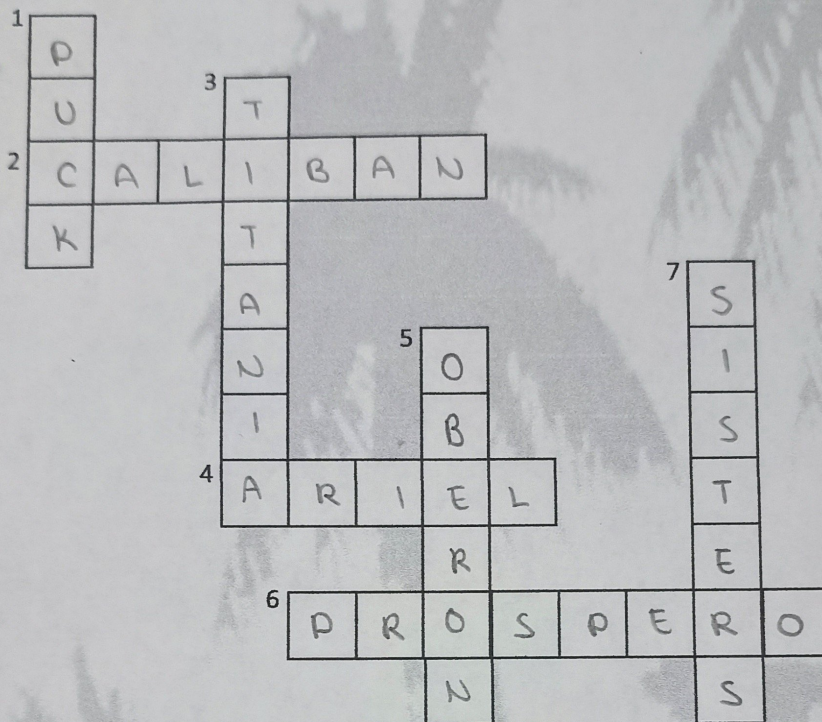
→ To disappear suddenly and completely

WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE

→ 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?

Milan

7. Who is Prospero's brother?

Antonio

8. Who is Prospero's daughter?

Miranda