



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

Laughing very hard.

very quickly.

avoid detection or attention.

loving someone makes you unable to see their faults.

someone is overreacting.
a person who is habitually active at night.

make someone leave in an abrupt way.

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

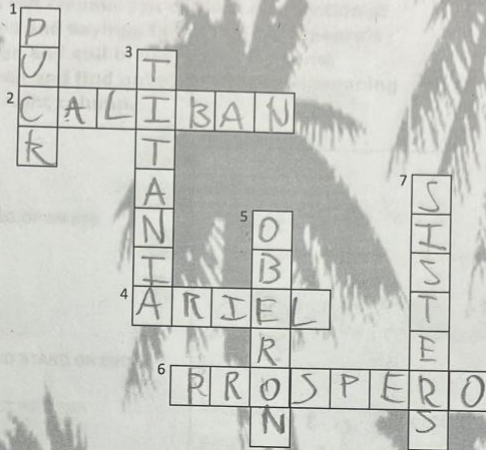
Protesting vigorously.

disappear suddenly.

Show your feelings or emotions rather 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 1 - Start
(Optional; make
research in class)

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?

about 1611

3. Where is the play set?

Palace of Whitehall

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

James I

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

Wagons, but they're only available for royal people

Now, find basic information about the main characters:

6. Where is Prospero originally from?

Napoli

7. Who is Prospero's brother?

Antonio

8. Who is Prospero's daughter?

Miranda