

Hi everyone,

So, today for English please look at last Friday's lesson: Friday 26th June - it is a lesson based on a famous classic play by William Shakespeare, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Plays are meant to be performed by actors and watched by an audience, rather than just read out loud. My own children and I really enjoyed watching the CBBC performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* - if you would like to watch the whole thing put on in a way that is easy to understand and fun to watch I highly recommend this version. I will put the link at the end!

Here is the link for today's work:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z43gp4j>

There are two video clips to watch and then three activities.

Watch *Strictly Come Dancing* dancer Kevin Clifton read an extract from the retelling of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and listen carefully to what happens.

Think about the following:

- What does one of the most ancient laws in Athens say?
- Who is Egeus?
- What does Egeus want Hermia to do?
- What does Theseus suggest?
- What do you think will happen?

Now watch Kevin read another extract from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and think about the following:

- Does Demetrius like Helena?
- What does Oberon think about Helena and Demetrius?
- What does Oberon tell Puck to do?
- Does Puck do the right thing?

Activity 1: Read or watch Extract 1 again. Which events did you think were important? If you were going to tell somebody else about this extract, what would you tell them?

List 'The top eight things' that you think they would definitely need to know so that they will understand what is happening in this extract.

Top tip: You might want to skim and scan the extract and make some notes to summarise the key points, then decide which to include in your top eight.

Activity 2: Read or watch Extract 2 again. Oberon tells Puck to put the magic juice into the eyes of Demetrius. However, Puck makes a mistake and puts the juice in Lysander's eyes. This has terrible consequences as now Lysander loves Helena instead of Hermia.

Who do you blame for this? Is it Oberon's fault or Puck's fault? You may think that both characters are to blame as one told the other to do it? Write a short paragraph in response to the following question:

'Who do you blame?'

You might want to record your evidence in a table, so you can refer to specific points when you answer the question.

Activity 3: Read or watch Extract 2 again. We know that Puck has made a terrible mistake by putting the magic juice in Lysander's eyes instead of Demetrius's. However, Puck thinks that he has followed Oberon's instructions so he may be feeling happy with himself. Write a short diary entry for Puck. Think about the following:

- What attitude do you think Puck will have?
- Will he be feeling proud of himself and happy to have caused some fun and mischief?
- Will he be glad he has done his job, but feel guilty that he is playing with somebody's feelings?

Or have you got another idea about how Puck will be feeling?

Top tip: Remember to include a greeting and to finish your diary entry. Write in the first person ('I', 'me', 'my') and use the past tense.

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If you are interested in watching the whole play staged in a fun way, here is a link to the CBBC version, I hope you enjoy it! 😊

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b078jltg/cbeebies-presents-a-midsummer-nights-dream>