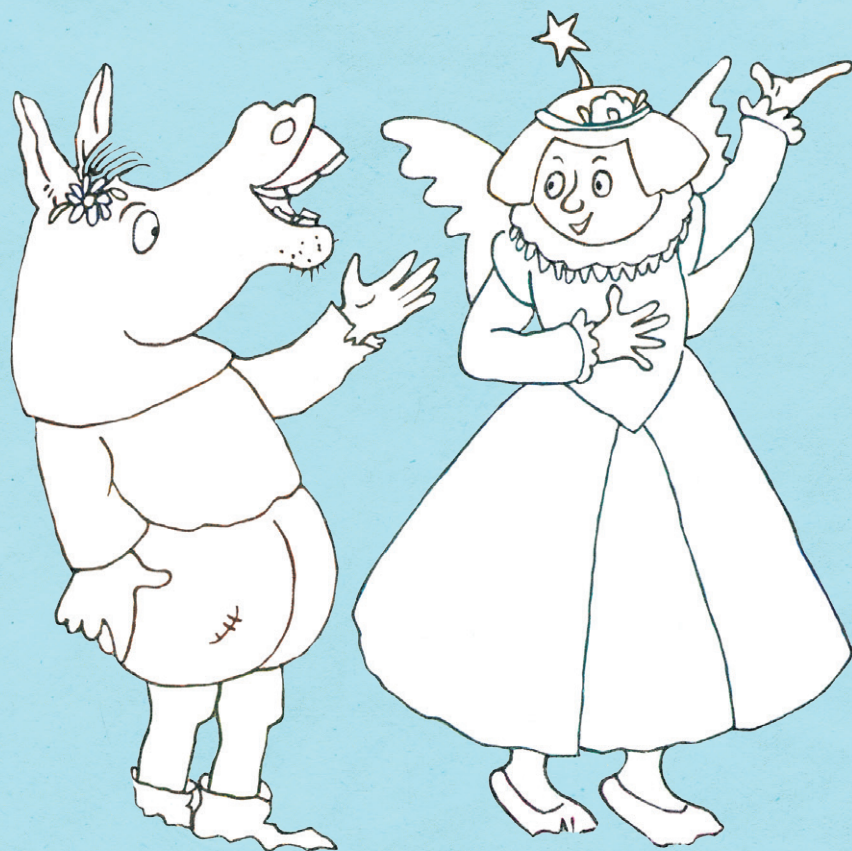


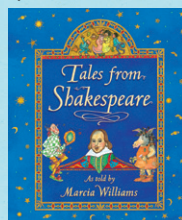
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This is what I did to earn my Shakespeare Literacy Challenge:

Is it all Greek to you?

If you don't understand something, you might say, "it's Greek to me". This is an idiom: an expression which says something in an interesting way. Shakespeare invented lots of idioms.

Enjoy creating funny pictures to go with these Shakespearian idioms! Shakespeare's words are in bold. Once you have illustrated the idiom, write down what the saying actually means underneath. The first one has been done for you.

It was so funny you would have **laughed yourself into stitches**!

Meaning: She laughed very hard because it was so funny.

Twelfth Night



He's eaten me **out of house and home**.

Meaning:

Henry IV, Part II

I was **tongue-tied**.

Meaning:

A Midsummer Night's Dream

IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME!



Shakespeare's Forgotten Words

Take a look at the words below. They are all nouns. The text in brackets tells you how to say the word. These are words that were used in Shakespeare's writing. They are not in common use today.

Try to find out what the words meant in Shakespeare's time. Draw arrows to match the words to their meanings. We've done the first one for you.

argosy [ah-guh-see]

rabbit

coney [koh-nee]

vinegar

eisel [ee-suhl]

large merchant ship

pelf [pelf]

villain, rascal

rampallian [ram-pal-ee-uhn]

week (seven nights)

sennight [sen-iyt]

treasure, booty

Use one of the words in a sentence and say it to a friend. Did they understand you?



Here are some pictures of things that were not around in Shakespeare's time. Write down the words that go with the pictures.



Can you think of two or three other modern words that Shakespeare wouldn't understand?