

The Mini Page

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Next Week:
Monarch migration

In Other Words



Mini Fact:

This illustration is from the final scene of "All's Well That Ends Well," a comedy by Shakespeare.

George Sigmund Facius, printmaker, Folger Shakespeare Library

If you have ever been *in a pickle*, *tonguetied*, had *too much of a good thing*, refused to *budge an inch*, or heard your folks say, "*You've eaten me out of house and home*," then you've been living with the words of William Shakespeare.



Alberto Sangalli, Songs and Sonnets by William Shakespeare, Manuscript, 1926 (Detail)

He was able to put words together so beautifully that today, almost 460 years after his birth, we are still quoting Shakespeare.

'All the world's a stage'

Shakespeare invented hundreds of words, used them in brand-new ways and wrote lines that opened up new ways of seeing. Words from his plays and poems still ring true today.

His plays include "Romeo and Juliet," "Hamlet" and "Julius Caesar." He is also famous for a special kind of poetry called a **sonnet** (SAHN-ut).

'The play's the thing'

People in Shakespeare's time loved to play with words. They also loved **proverbs**, or sayings. Shakespeare shared these loves. He invented hundreds of sayings.

Some of the language may have already been in use at the time, but his works are the only record we have of it.

Let's explore some of Shakespeare's words that we still use today.

Pomp and circumstance

probably heard a song called "Pomp and Circumstance." This phrase comes from Act 3 of Shakespeare's play "Othello," but the characters aren't talking about high school. "Pomp and circumstance" in this case refers to the ceremony and excitement of warfare.

• Family members will sometimes call each other their "own flesh and blood."

Shakespeare used this phrase in several of his plays, including "Hamlet" and "Merchant of Venice."

Eaten me out of house and home

in boarders, or people who rent a room, is talking about Sir John Falstaff, who "hath put all my substance into that fat belly of his."

• You might say "For goodness' sake!" when you drop a ball or trip on a branch. But Shakespeare meant it differently. In "Henry the Eighth," it means "for the sake of goodness and decency."

• If you've ever been to a high school or college graduation ceremony, you

Your own flesh and blood

• This funny saying is from the play "Henry the Fourth." A woman who takes

For goodness' sake

'Be that as it may'

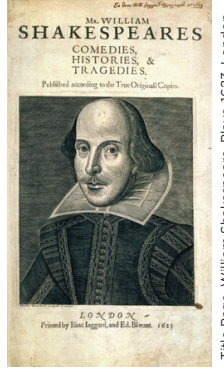
Although Shakespeare's words are familiar to us today, we don't have any manuscripts of his work in his own handwriting. In 1623, two of his actor friends published the "First Folio." A **folio** (FO-lee-o) is a special kind of book.

There are only 232 known copies of the First Folio still in existence. Unfortunately, no two are exactly alike. Printers of the time put the folios together in different orders.

Sometimes they decided to correct what they thought were errors; punctuation was put in differently, and the spellings of some words changed. Actors and directors may have changed things in the plays too.

By looking at all the versions, scholars have put together what they believe are the most accurate scripts.

The First Folio contains 36 of Shakespeare's plays. If we didn't have this book, we would have lost about half of his plays, including "Macbeth" and "Twelfth Night."



Title Page, William Shakespeare, Plays, 1623, London, Courtesy Folger Shakespeare Library

Resources



On the Web:

- folger.edu/shakespeare-kids

At the library:

- "A Stage Full of Shakespeare Stories" by Angela McAllister
- "Flibbertigibetty Words: Young Shakespeare Chases Inspiration" by Donna Guthrie

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Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of Shakespeare are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



- BOOK, CAESAR, FOLIO, HAMLET, JULIET, LANGUAGE, OTHELLO, PHRASE, PLAY, PROVERB, QUOTE, RECORD, ROMEO, SAYING, SHAKESPEARE, SONNET, WARFARE, WILLIAM, WORDS.

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J U S J P R O V E R B E O B A
S A Y I N G J V Q U O T E N L

Cook's Corner

Italian Chicken With Baby Carrots

You'll need:

- 1 cup chopped yellow onion
- 4 bone-in, skinless chicken breast halves (about 7 ounces each)
- Salt and black pepper

- 2 teaspoons salt-free Italian seasoning
- 2 cups baby carrots
- 1 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth



What to do:

1. Arrange onion in bottom of a slow cooker. Season both sides of chicken with salt and pepper and place on top of onion.
2. Rub Italian seasoning into top of chicken. Arrange carrots alongside chicken and pour broth over all.
3. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours, until chicken is cooked through. Serves 4.

Adapted from "The Robin Takes 5 Cookbook for Busy Families" with permission from Andrews McMeel Publishing (andrewsmcmeel.com).

* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.



1. it turns the light on (6) _____
2. make clean and shiny (6) _____
3. "Youth" singer Shawn (6) _____
4. shocked (9) _____
5. what a dog wags (4) _____
6. bad news at the dentist (6) _____
7. crime solver (9) _____

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Answers: switch, polish, Mendes, surprised, tail, cavity, detective.

Mini Jokes



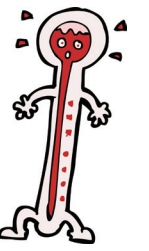
Sylvester: What was the bald man's dilemma?

Stanley: "Toupee or not toupee, that is the question!"

Eco Note



The official thermometer at California's Death Valley measured an air temperature of 130 degrees Fahrenheit on Aug. 16, which meteorologists say could be the hottest ever recorded on the planet. While a reading of 134 degrees was taken in Death Valley in 1913, recent studies suggest it was incorrect because of observer error.



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For later:

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