Henry V

Activities

Tennis ball insults

In 'Henry V', the Dauphin of France insults King Henry by sending him a box of rennis balls. This suggested that Henry was more interested in games than ruling his country and led to war being declared between England and France.

Shakespeare was the master of creative insults and came up with some very inventive names for people! This game combines the tennis ball insult from 'Henry V' and some of Shakespeare's most imaginative insults.

How to play

Sit in a circle (or opposite your partner if you are playing in a pair). Use the chart below to generate your own Shakespearean style insult. Roll the tennis ball to another player as you shout your insult at them.

To make your insult, choose one word from each column:

Swaggering	Cream-faced	Drone
Simpering	Frosty-spirited	Shoulder-clapper
Threadbare	Nimble-footed	Mad wig
Slovenly	Lily-livered	pantaloon
Shallow	Iron-witted	Bull's Pizzle
Revolted	Smooth-faced	Juggler
Giddy	Hard-hearted	Rogue
Malicious	Long-tongued	Fancy-monger
Abominable	Foul-spoken	Shrimp
Twangling	Stretched-mouthed	Tickle-brain
Viperous	Wasp-stung	Boil
Venomous	Hare-brained	Promise-breaker
Decayed	Outward-stained	Puke-stocking
Dizzy	Mad-headed	Clot pole
Mouldy	Three Inch	Mustard

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