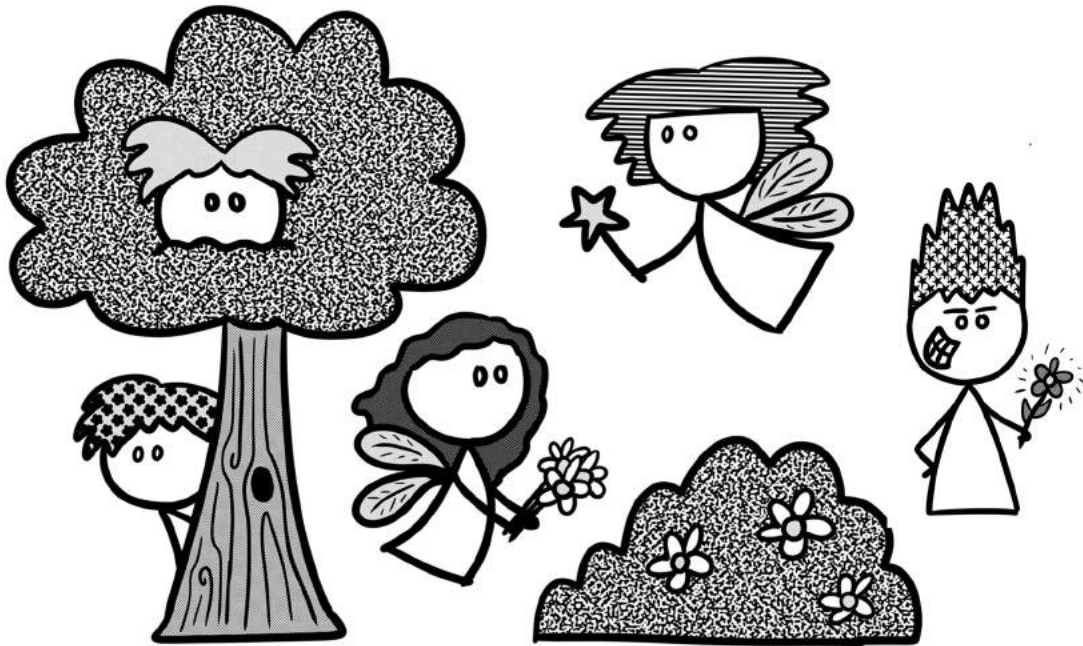


# A Midsummer Night's Dream

## Quiz



This play is full of couples - and some of them are not very happy. However, in the end, with a bit of help from the fairies, everything is sorted out.

If you are thinking of pretty creatures with wings and magic wands, think again. Shakespeare's fairies argue and fight as much, if not more, than human beings - and they are not above playing some nasty tricks. But as Puck says when he apologises to the audience at the end, it is probably best not to take all this too seriously. Perhaps it was all a dream...

*If these shadows have offended,  
Think but this and all is mended:  
That you have but slumbered here  
While these visions did appear.*

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1. When the play begins, how long is it before Theseus and Hippolyta are to be married?
  - a) Four weeks
  - b) Four hours
  - c) Four days
  - d) Four years
2. Hermia's father wants her to marry Demetrius, but who does she want to marry instead?
  - a) Lysander
  - b) Oberon
  - c) Theseus
  - d) Egeus
3. Helena is Hermia's best friend but she is a bit jealous of her – why is that?
  - a) Hermia is said to be more beautiful than Helena
  - b) Helena loves Demetrius, the man Hermia is supposed to marry
  - c) Helena is annoyed because Hermia is not such a good friend since she fell in love with Demetrius
  - d) Helena wants to marry Lysander herself
4. In the next scene we meet a group of workmen who plan to stage a play as part of Theseus and Hippolyta's wedding celebrations. Shakespeare has a lot of fun with these characters, starting with their names. Which one of these is not a member of the group?
  - a) Puck
  - b) Bottom
  - c) Starveling
  - d) Snout

**Bonus question:** Can you explain what these names mean?

5. The play will be about two tragic lovers. What are the names of the unhappy couple?
  - a) Romeo and Juliet
  - b) Antony and Cleopatra
  - c) Pyramus and Thisbe
  - d) Troilus and Cressida

**Bonus question:** There is a link between Shakespeare and the other three couples listed in the answers. Do you know what it is?

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6. Off to the woods, where we find that Oberon is very angry with Titania. Why?
  - a) She wants to become human and marry a human man
  - b) She wants to take over his kingdom
  - c) She cast a wicked spell on him
  - d) She will not give Oberon her adoptive son to be his slave
  
7. Oberon sends Puck to find a flower. What is it called?
  - a) Love in idleness
  - b) Love in a mist
  - c) Heart's ease
  - d) Ragged robin
  
8. Oberon makes a potion that will make Titania fall in love with the first person she sees when she wakes up. Who does this turn out to be?
  - a) Bottom
  - b) Puck
  - c) Demetrius
  - d) Lysander
  
9. Which of these four couples do not get married in Act Five?
  - a) Theseus and Hippolyta
  - b) Demetrius and Helena
  - c) Oberon and Titania
  - d) Lysander and Hermia
  
10. The workmen perform their play. Which fearsome creature does Snug play?
  - a) A lion
  - b) A tiger
  - c) A bear
  - d) An elephant

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## Quiz - Answers

1. (c) – Four days
2. (a) – Lysander
3. (b) – Helena loves Demetrius, the man Hermia is supposed to marry
4. (a) – Puck
5. (c) – Pyramus and Thisbe
6. (d) – She will not give Oberon her adoptive son to be his slave (Act 2, Scene 1, Lines 20-27)
7. (a) – Love in idleness
8. (a) – Bottom (and to make matters worse, Bottom has had a spell cast on him, and now he has a donkey's head)
9. (c) – Oberon and Titania
10. (a) – A lion