

# A Midsummer Night's Dream

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

## A Before Reading

- 1 William Shakespeare was a playwright. He was English and lived in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries. Student's own answers for the rest.
- 2 Hamlet, Macbeth, Othello, Romeo and Juliet, The Merchant of Venice, The Taming of the Shrew, Twelfth Night.

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**B While Reading**

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Chapter	Who did they love?	How and why did their feelings change?
Demetrius	Helena Hermia	He loved Helena until he met Hermia and fell in love her; then after the potion was put in his eye he fell in love with Helena again.
Helena	Demetrius	
Oberon	Titania	Originally he must have loved Titania when they were married, then he stopped loving her when he became jealous and angry because she wouldn't give him the boy; he loved her again when she gave him the boy and he broke the spell that had caused her to love Bottom.
Titania	Oberon Bottom	Originally she must have loved Oberon when they were first married, then she stopped loving him when he became jealous and angry about the boy; she loved him again when he broke the spell that had made her love Bottom.
Hermia	Lysander	
Lysander	Hermia Helena	He loved Hermia first, then loved Helena when a potion was put in his eye, then loved Hermia again when the spell was broken.

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foolish	Being stupid and doing things likely to have a bad result
cunning	Being clever and tricky
cruel	Enjoying causing pain to other people or animals
proud	Feeling pleasure about something you own or have done
jealous	Feeling angry or bitter about someone who has something you want
mischievous	Making trouble and doing naughty things without hurting anyone
selfish	Only caring about yourself and no-one else
confused	Unable to understand something or think clearly about it

- 5 Oberon: **cunning** to have thought of the plan to make Titania fall in love with him again, **mischievous** to make her fall in love with a stranger, **jealous** of Titania's boy, **selfish** to think only of his wants (i.e. the boy).

Titania: **proud**, as she would not let Oberon have her boy.

Demetrius: **cruel** in the way he treated Helena after once loving her, selfish to only think of his feelings and not hers, **jealous** of Lysander, **confused** after he woke up from their strange night.

Lysander: **cruel** in the way he treated Hermia after the potion, **jealous** of Demetrius when they both loved Helena, **confused** after he woke up from their strange night.

Hermia: **confused** after she woke up from their strange night.

Helena: **jealous** of Hermia because Demetrius loved her, **foolish** in the way she kept following Demetrius even when he was being so cruel to her, **confused** after she woke up from their strange night.

### C After Reading

- 6 Student's own answers.  
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