

'COMEDY, TRAGEDY, HISTORY' STUDENT'S WORKSHEET

Fill in the blanks

Look at the lyrics to the song 'Comedy, Tragedy, History' and fill in the blanks from the words in the box.

pearl	Lear	tower	oyster	destiny	dancing	cello	Ethiophe's Diamond
suicide	Winter's	jewel	Bard	history	Tamed	military	
Caesar	fool	charmed	berserk	mind's	destroyed	street	

That boy Akala's a _____ Fella
 All you little boys are a Comedy of errors
 You bellow but you fellows get played like
 The _____, I'm doing my ting
 You're jealous like Othello.
 Who you? What ya gonna do?
 Little boys get _____ like the Shrew
 You're midsummer dreamin'
 Your tunes ain't appealing
 I'm Capulet, you're Montague, I ain't feelin'
 I am the Julius _____ here, me
 The Merchant Of Venice couldn't sell your CD
 As for me, All's Well That Ends Well
 Your boy's like Macbeth, it's not going swell
 Measure for Measure, I am the best here
 You're Merry Wives of Windsor not King _____
 I don't know about Timon
 I know he was in Athens
 Back like Hamlet you pay for your actions
 That boy Akala, I do it As You Like It
 You're Much Ado About Nothing
 All you do is bite it
 I'm too tight, I don't need 12 nights
 All you little Tempests, _____ on the mic
 Of course I am the one with the force
 You're _____ like Henry IV
 I'm fire, things look dire
 Better run like Pericles, Prince Of Tyre
 Off the scale, cold as A _____ Tale
 Titus Andronicus was bound to fail
 So will you if Akala gets at ya
 That's _____ like Anthony and Cleopatra
 Cymbeline a modern day Bridget Jones
 Love's labour's lost, a woman on her own
 She needed Two Gentlemen Of Verona
 This is Illa State and I am the owner!
 Wise is the man that knows he's a _____
 Tempt not a desperate man with a _____
 Why take from Peter to go pay Paul?
 Some rise by sin and by virtue fall
 What have you made if you gain the whole world
 But sell your own soul for the price of a _____?
 The world is my _____ and I am starving
 I want much more than a penny or a farthing
 I told no joke, I hope you're not laughing

Poet or pauper which do you class him?
 Speak eloquent, though I am resident to the gritty inner city
 That's surely irrelevant
 Call it urban, call it _____
 A rose by any other name, smells just as sweet
 Spit so hard, but I'm smart as the _____
 Come through with a Union Jack for the yard
 Akala, Akala, where for art thou?
 I'm the rap Shakespeare The secret's out now
 Chance never did crown me, this is _____
 You still talk but it still perplexes me
 Devour cowards, thousands per hour
 Don't you know the king's name is a _____
 You should never speak it
 It is not a secret
 I teach theses, like ancient Greece's
 Or Egyptology, never no apology
 In my _____ eye, I see things properly
 Stoppin' me, nah you could never possibly
 I bare a _____ life, most probably
 For certain I speak daggers in a phrase
 I'll put an end to your _____ days
 No matter what you say, it will never work
 Wrens can't make prey
 Where eagles won't perch
 I'm the worst with the words
 'Cos I curse all my verbs
 I'm the first with a verse to rehearse with a nurse
 Hearse for the first jerk who turn _____
 Off with his head, 'cos it must not work
 Testing Akala? That is true madness
 And there's no method in it just sadness
 I speak with daggers and the hammers
 Of a passion when I'm rappin' I attack 'em
 In a _____ fashion
 Pattern of my rappin' chattin' couldn't ever map it
 And I run more rings round things than Saturn
 Sick, never slackin' like a pig with a baton
 Verses split big kids' wigs when I'm rappin'
 That boy Akala, the rap Shakespeare
 Didn't want to listen when I said last year
 Rich as a gem in an _____ ear
 Tell 'em all again
 For them who never hear

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Synonyms

Find synonyms in the lyrics to ‘Comedy, Tragedy, History’ for the following words:

- a) eat –
- b) humor –
- c) tempting –
- d) retailer –
- e) ruined –
- f) idiot –
- g) malnourished –
- h) beggar –
- i) citadel –
- j) branch –
- e.g. terrible = dire

Write your own Shakespeare-inspired rap

Internal rhyming

Come up with three examples of internal rhyming of your own.

Metaphors

a) ‘Wrens can’t make prey where eagles won’t perch’

b) ‘A rose by any other name, smell just as sweet’

c) ‘The king’s name is a tower’

d) ‘I speak daggers’

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