

Much Ado About *****

Examining the sexual language of the play in some detail.



pestle

nothing

ladies
chamber

little
room

Words that describe
male parts

Words that describe
female parts

case

hammer

Words that appear
in Much Ado

Words that don't
appear in Much Ado

horn

bugle

Rude Words!

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A sorting activity around the rude words in Much Ado. Devised by the English department at Emmanuel School in Nottingham. We've not put all the modern words in. There are spaces for you and your pupils to complete the activity. One of the first tasks often set in sex education is for pupils to come up with all the words they know so the task won't be onerous.

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makes challenging curriculum accessible.

improves social relations in the classroom.

provides scaffolding for exploratory talk.

Good for all pupils!

Vital for EAL pupils!

If you can persuade students to do something simple and playful together they will later jointly attempt something more difficult and challenging.

It's empowering to talk an idea through before you write about it!

If you don't get the chance to talk something through with others, you won't be able to write about it later confidently!

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Much Ado About ********* or Rude Words in Shakespeare

Introduction

Words work hard and carry a lot of meanings. The words stay around for us to use, but the meanings change over the years. Much Ado About Nothing contains hundreds of words that carry disappeared meanings. This activity turns you into word detectives.

Instructions

Sometimes in sex education lessons you are asked to think of all the words you know to describe sexual parts and activities. You have a set of cards with some of these words including the ones in Much Ado. First add any words you know and write them on the blank cards. Then sort them on your sorting sheets.

Words that describe
male parts

Words that describe
female parts

Words that appear
in Much Ado

Words that don't
appear in Much Ado

Words that are
similes

Words that are
metaphors

Words that still
have this meaning

Words that no
longer have this
meaning

Much Ado About ***** Words

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| bugle | horn | pestle | hammer | key | yard |
| something | arrow | sword | quiver | nothing | queynte |
| lock | pudding | little room | ladies chamber | bush | rose garden |
| case | invisible baldrick | | | | |
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