

ROMEO AND JULIET

Do you bite your thumb at us?

Montagues and Capulets trading insults on the street is an everyday occurrence in this play. Get to grips with how to insult someone in true Shakespearean style using our insult generator, then stage your own Montague and Capulet war of words.

Insult generator

Use our insult generator below to invent some juicy insults. Start by saying **Thou art a...** and take a word from each column.

For example, '*Thou art a frothy, fly-bitten, pignut!*'

Bawdy	beef-witted	baggage
Beslobbering	beetle-headed	barnacle
Craven	clapper-clawed	bum-bailey
Dankish	common-kissing	canker-blossom
Errant	dizzy-eyed	clotpole
Frothy	fat-kidneyed	flax-wench
Gorbellied	fly-bitten	haggard
Loggerheaded	full-gorged	hedge-pig
Mewling	hell-hated	maggot-pie
Pribbling	knotty-pated	moldwarp
Puking	milk-livered	pignut
Ruttish	onion-eyed	strumpet
Venomed	pox-marked	whey-face
Weedy	swag-bellied	wagtail

Challenge! Think about what the different intentions of the characters might be – i.e. what are they trying to do to their opponent? Shame them? Embarrass them? Shock them? Outrage them?

War of words

Now you are ready to stage your Montague and Capulet stand-off. How you do this is up to you – you could find a member of your family to play the other person, line up gangs of lego people or soft toys, draw a cartoon with speech bubbles or make a series of memes.

Use this dialogue, inspired by **Act 1, Scene 1 of Romeo and Juliet**:

Capulet: *Bites his or her thumb in the Montague's face.*

Montague: 'Do you bite your thumb at us?'

Capulet: - 'I do bite my thumb.'

Montague – Then you are a Insert insult here

Capulet: And you are a Insert insult here

Now you are an insult master and can insult people like a true Shakespearean!