# Shakespeare’s Insults



* With a partner, make up Shakespearean style insults to hurl at each other. Choose one word from each column to make up the insults to say to your partner. Example: *You beslubbering, flap-mouthed harpy!*
* Think about different types of insults you could make about your partner, such as being lazy, ugly, common, stupid, greedy, etc. You could start with mild insults then become increasingly offensive. If you can, try to make one insult lead on to the next. Make up about 5 insults each.
* Before performing to the class in your pair, practice how you are going to deliver each insult. Consider varying the following aspects: gestures, facial expressions and body language; proximity to partner; volume levels; use of voice

**Column 1** **Column 2** **Column 3**

bawdy bat-fowling baggage

beslubbering beef-witted barnacle

bootless beetle-headed bladder

churlish boil-brained boar-pig

cockered clapper-clawed bugbear

clouted clay-brained bum-bailey

craven common-kissing canker-blossom

droning doghearted codpiece

errant dread-bolted death-token

fobbing elf-skinned flap-dragon

froward fat-kidneyed flax-wench

frothy fen-sucked flirt-gill

gleeking flap-mouthed foot-licker

jarring guts-griping harpy

loggerheaded half-faced hedge-pig

lumpish hasty-witted horn-beast

mammering hedge-born hugger-mugger

mangled hell-hated joithead

mewling idle-headed lewdster

paunchy ill-breeding lout

pribbling ill-nurtured maggot-pie

puking knotty-pated malt-worm

puny milk-livered mammet

qualling motley-minded measle

rank onion-eyed minnow