

As You Like It – Activities 3

Orlando takes part in a wrestling match against the Duke's wrestler Charles and wins, despite the odds being against him.

Rosalind (the Duke's niece) watches the match and falls in love with Orlando, afterwards she gives him a chain to wear and he reciprocates her love.

The Duke banishes Rosalind and she and Celia (the Duke's daughter) disguise themselves as men and go to the forest of Arden, seeking Rosalind's father who the Duke had banished years ago (women could not travel alone in those days so the disguise was needed).



Orlando also goes to the forest and passes his time by writing love poems for Rosalind which he hangs on trees.

Rosalind meets Orlando whilst disguised as a man (Ganymede) and offers to help Orlando woo Rosalind, encouraging him to practice the words he will say to Rosalind.

She finds her father who is happy delighted to be reunited with her and reveals herself as Rosalind to Orlando. Her father grants his approval of their relationship and they marry.

Duke Frederick banished his older brother, Duke Senior, so that he could take over his kingdom and rule. He kept Rosalind to be company for his own daughter Celia. If Duke Senior and Rosalind were able to exchange messages during this time what would they say?



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When the Duke then decides to banish Rosalind too as she reminds the people of her father, she asks Celia to go with her to find her father. What do you think the conversation between them would go like? You can write it as a script for a play, as a page in a novel or as a series of texts or WhatsApp messages.....

How might they disguise themselves – what items will they need to wear or things to change about themselves so they aren't recognised?
Feel free to list or to draw them

If they are setting out into the forest and not sure how long they will be gone for or what they will do for food and shelter, what items should they plan to take with them?

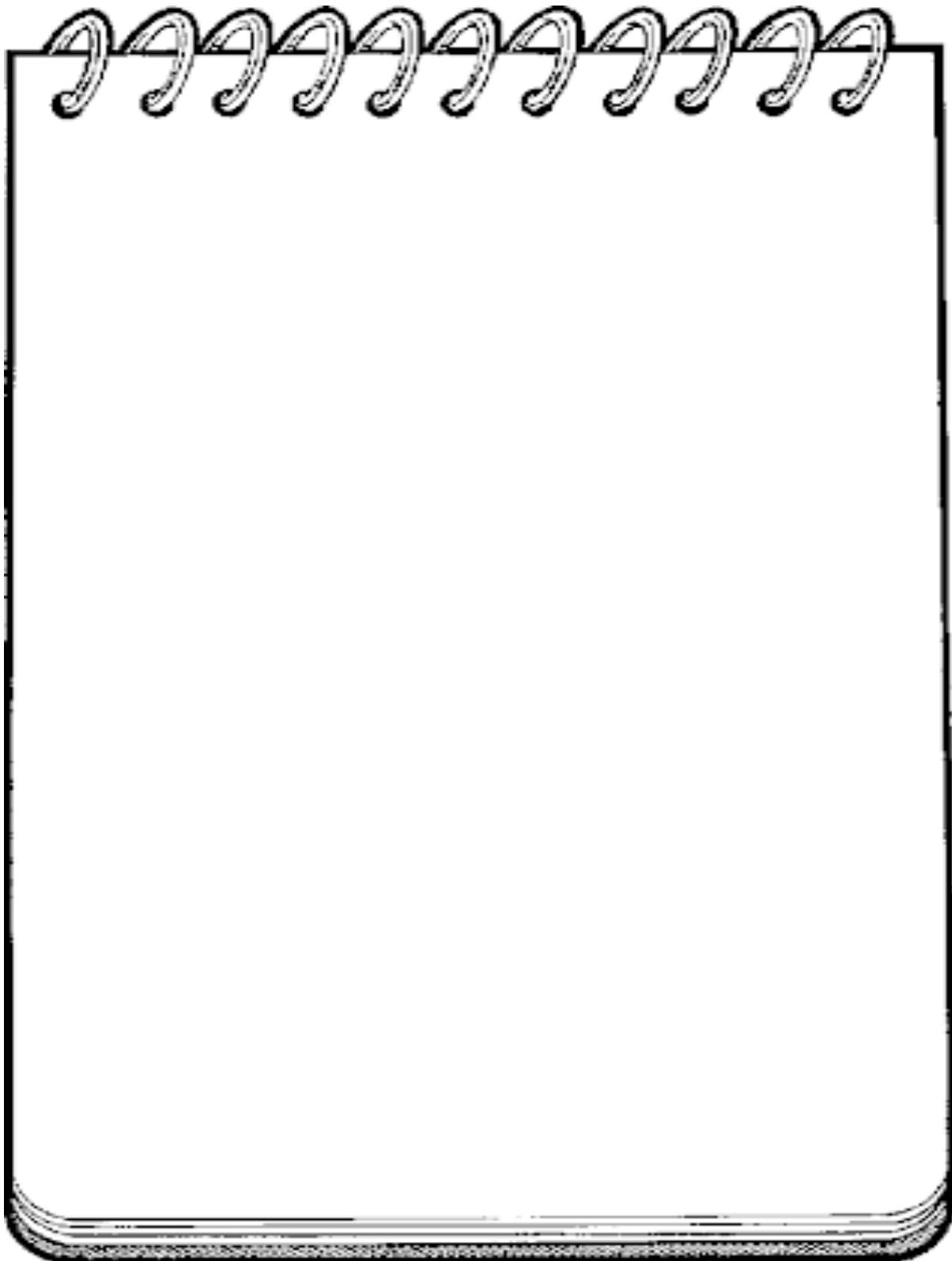
Orlando is hanging love poetry on trees throughout the forest. The first one is below. Try reading it aloud and hear the sounds and the rhythm of the words. Then try translating each line into modern words.

Why should this a desert be?
For it is unpeopled? No:
Tongues I'll hang on every tree,
That shall civil sayings show:
Some, how brief the life of man
Runs his erring pilgrimage,
That the stretching of a span
Buckles in his sum of age;
Some, of violated vows
'Twixt the souls of friend and friend:
But upon the fairest boughs,
Or at every sentence end,
Will I Rosalinda write,
Teaching all that read to know
The quintessence of every sprite
Heaven would in little show.
Therefore Heaven Nature charged
That one body should be filled
With all graces wide-enlarged:
Nature presently distilled
Helen's cheek, but not her heart,
Cleopatra's majesty,
Atalanta's better part,
Sad Lucretia's modesty.
Thus Rosalind of many parts
By heavenly synod was devised,
Of many faces, eyes and hearts,
To have the touches dearest prized.
Heaven would that she these gifts should have,
And I to live and die her slave.

Why not give it a go to write your own poem, it can be a poem written to anyone, real or imagined. It can be rhymed or not, it can be on any topic you like if you don't want to write a love poem.

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners and a blue border, intended for writing a poem.

Imagine for a moment that Rosalind has enlisted the help of a Private Investigator to help her find her father. He finds him living a simple life in a little hut in the woods, with only one person for company. What might the Investigator's report look like?



When they are reunited and she tells her father of her love for Orlando there are lots of emotions. How many emotions and feelings can you find in the wordsearch below? There are 44 hidden in there.

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