

Compose your own Shakespearian insults!

William Shakespeare often wrote about people who didn't like each other.
This gave him a good excuse to think up lots of creative insults.

'Like the toad: ugly and venomous'
- *As You Like It*

'A freckled whelp hag-born - not
honour'd with a human shape'
- *The Tempest*

Thou art
a grizzled
raw-boned
miscreant

Why not try and draw a
cartoon sketch of your
colourful character too?



Begin with Thou art a

Choose 1 word from each of the 3 columns below:

e.g. Thou art a roynish pinch-spotted scullion

bawdy
brazen
churlish
distempered
fitful
gnarling
greasy
grizzled
haughty
hideous
jaded
knavish
lewd
peevish
pernicious
prating
purpled
queasy
rank
reeky
roynish
saucy
sottish
unmuzzled
vacant
waggish
wanton
wenching
yeasty

bunch-backed
clay-brained
dog-hearted
empty-hearted
evil-eyed
eye-off ending
fat-kidneyed
heavy-headed
horn-mad
ill-breeding
ill-composed
ill-nurtured
iron-willed
lean-witted
lily-livered
mad bread
motley-minded
muddy-mettled
onion-eyed
pale-hearted
paper-faced
pinch-spotted
raw-boned
rump-fed
shag-eared
shrill-gorged
sour-faced
weak-hinged
white-livered

canker-blossom
clotpole
cutpurse
dogfish
egg-shell
gull-catcher
hedge-pig
hempseed
jack-a-nape
malkin
malignancy
malt-worm
manikin
minimum
miscreant
moldwarp
nut-hook
pantaloon
rabbit-sucker
rampallion
remnant
rudesby
ruffian
scantling
scullion
snipe
waterfly
whipster
younker