

## POETRY: INSULTS



### 1. Read aloud the example Insult, pretending you are Caliban insulting Prospero.

Thou **artless, beetle-headed, boar-pig**  
Thou **errant, dizzy eyed, foot-licker**  
Thou **infectious, fly bitten, measles.**

I curse you  
I wish misfortune upon you  
I hope you lead a life of misery  
Oh, how I curse you

Thou **bootless, beef-witted bladder**  
Thou **mewling, half-faced, hedge pig**  
Thou **rank, hasty-witted, malt worm**

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### 2. Read it again, this time with real expression and disdain (this means disgust)

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I am writing my insult as :

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To:

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1. Use the Shakespeare Insult Kit on the next page to create insults to your enemy.
2. Combine one word from each of the three columns from the Shakespeare Insult Kit to create an insult
3. Start each line of your first and third verse with 'Thou'
4. Start each line of your second and fourth verse with 'I'
5. Download the writing frame to help with your structure if you want to
6. REMEMBER YOUR PURPOSE IS TO REALLY INSULT!



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### SHAKESPEARE INSULT KIT (FROM THE BRITISH MUSEUM)

#### Column 1

**artless**

beslubbering  
**bootless**  
 churlish  
 cockered  
 clouted  
 craven  
 currish  
 dankish  
 dissembling  
 droning  
**errant**  
 fawning  
 fobbing  
 froward  
 frothy  
 gleeking  
 goatish  
 gorbellied  
 impertinent  
**infectious**  
 jarring  
 loggerheaded  
 lumpish  
 mammering  
 mangled  
**mewling**  
 ill-breeding  
 pribbling  
 puking  
 puny  
 qualling  
**rank**  
 reeky  
 roguish  
  
 spleeny  
 spongy  
 surly  
 tottering  
 unmuzzled  
 vain

#### Column 2

base-court  
 bat-fowling  
**beef-witted**  
**beetle-headed**  
 boil-brained  
 clapper-clawed  
 clay-brained  
 common-kissing  
 crook-pated  
 dismal-dreaming  
**dizzy-eyed**  
 doghearted  
 dread-bolted  
 earth-vexing  
 elf-skinned  
 fat-kidneyed  
 fen-sucked  
 flap-mouthed  
**fly-bitten**  
 folly-fallen  
 fool-born  
 full-gorged  
 guts-griping  
**half-faced**  
**hasty-witted**  
 hedge-born  
 hell-hated  
 idle-headed  
  
 ill-nurtured  
 knotty-pated  
 milk-livered  
 motley-minded  
 onion-eyed  
 plume-plucked  
 pottle-deep  
 pox-marked  
 rough-hewn  
 rude-growing  
 rump-fed  
 shard-borne  
 sheep-biting  
 spur-galled

#### Column 3

apple-john  
 baggage  
 barnacle  
**bladder**  
**boar-pig**  
 bugbear  
 bum-bailey  
 canker-blossom  
 clack-dish  
 clotpole  
 coxcomb  
 codpiece  
 death-token  
 dewberry  
 flap-dragon  
 flax-wench  
 flirt-gill  
**foot-licker**  
 fustilarian  
 giglet  
 gudgeon  
 haggard  
 harpy  
**hedge-pig**  
 horn-beast  
 hugger-mugger  
 joithead  
 paunchy  
 lout  
 maggot-pie  
**malt-worm**  
 mammet  
**measle**  
 minnow  
 miscreant  
 moldwarp  
 mumble-news  
 pigeon-egg  
 pignut  
 puttock  
 pumpkin  
 ratsbane  
 scut