## 'It is my birth-day'

- Antony and Cleopatra, Act 3 Scene 13

## Shakespeare quiz

- 1. Which of the following animals DOES NOT get mentioned in a Shakespeare play?
  - a. Porcupine (Comedy of Errors and Hamlet)
  - b. Chameleon (Hamlet, Henry VI p.3, Two Gentlemen of Verona)
  - c. Giraffe
  - d. Shark (Macbeth)
- 2. Which planet in the solar system has moons named after Shakespeare characters? Uranus with 25! (Ariel, Bianca, Caliban, Cordelia, Cressida, Cupid, Desdemona, Ferdinand, Francisco, Juliet, Mab, Margaret, Miranda, Oberon, Ophelia, Perdita, Portia, Prospero, Puck, Rosalind, Setebos, Stephano, Sycorax, Titania, and Trinculo. In fact, there are only three other moons Belinda and Umbriel who are named after characters created by poet Alexander Pope)
- **3.** Name the three female characters in the play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' whose names begin with 'H'. **Hermia, Helena, Hippolyta**
- 4. Which patron Saint does Shakespeare share his birth and death day with? St George or England – 23rd April
- 5. Which character has the most lines in all of Shakespeare's works? Technically it's **Henry V** if you count them as the same 'character' across all the plays they appear in, with Falstaff second. However, I accepted **Hamlet** as the question wording wasn't clear, and in a single play he DEFINITELY has the most!
- 6. Can you name Shakespeare's 3 children? Judith, Hamnet, Susanna
- 7. Which of these phrases was NOT coined by Shakespeare?
  - a. What the Dickens
  - b. All that glisters is not gold
  - c. It's all Greek to me
  - d. Raining cats and dogs



- 8. Which play opens with this line: 'If music be the food of love, play on'?

  Twelfth Night
- 9. Which play is the musical 'West Side Story' based on? Romeo and Juliet
- 10. Can you name 2 of the 5 plays with a character named 'Antonio'?, Merchant of Venice, Much Ado about Nothing, The Tempest, Twelfth Night, Two Gentlemen of Verona,

TIE BREAKER: How many times does the word 'time' appear in Shakespeare's plays? According to Open Source Shakespeare, an online concordance, the exact word 'time' appears exactly 1,100 times across all the works. Shakespeare words, another concordance, had 1,090 in the plays and 89 in the poems.