

Drama - Acting Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's Dream

Iambic pentameter in Shakespeare's language

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Puck's Announcement

Captain of our fairy band,
Helena is here at hand,
And the youth, mistook by me,
Pleading for a lover's fee.
Shall we their fond pageant see?
Lord, what fools these mortals be!



Task 1

iambic pentameter

Attempt to find the iambic pentameter in the remaining monologue by underlining where you think it falls.



Task 2

Perform the monologue

Act out the whole monologue focussing on keeping the iambic pentameter rhythm going throughout the speech.

Can you memorise it using my tips?

