

Midsummer Mayhem

Speaking and Listening assignment for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

In groups of 4-5, stage a Jerry Springer style show where a group of characters from the play publicise their problems with each other. Your choices of show are:

- **"My daughter won't obey me"** - Egeus and Hermia try to resolve their differences. Lysander and/or Demetrius could also be brought on stage.
 - **"My Queen is being unfaithful!"** - Oberon reveals his disapproval of Titania's adoption of the Indian boy and her supposed love for Theseus.
 - **"I can't cope with my husband's jealousy"** - Similar to the above except that Titania is complaining here about Oberon's possessive nature and the way he accuses her of loving Theseus.
 - **"My boyfriend loves my best friend"** - Hermia reveals how Lysander is now madly in love with Helena. (Helena and/or Demetrius)
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- ◆ Think carefully about how your argument will develop and which characters need to be involved.
 - ◆ Make sure every member of your group has a full part to play so that everyone has the chance to get a good speaking and listening mark.