

## Call My Bluff

This is a game for the whole class. Divide into teams of 4 or 5. Each team must choose a word from Shakespeare that they have found out the meaning of, but which they think the rest of the class might not know. Each team must then give 3 definitions of their word but ONLY ONE of them is the right definition. The class must try and choose the real definition.

Game Four

Here are some examples to get you started.

## Scroyle

- a. A scroyle was a type of scroll, designed to be small enough to put in a purse. Scroyles were often printed with morals or popular sayings e.g. *It is writ upon my scroyle*.
- b. A scroyle was a type of stocking often worn by aristocratic lords. Because of their unusually fine weave, scroyles were expensive and only owned by those with money to spend e.g. *His legs are dressed in finest scroyles*.
- c. A scroyle was a scoundrel or ruffian. Often used in the plural to insult a whole group of people e.g. These English scroyles are keen to fight.

## (The real answer is c.)

## Wanny

- a. Wanny meant to whinge and grizzle (usually unnecessarily). It is probably a conflagration of the words whine and whinny the noises humans and horses make respectively e.g. *Must thou wanny so*?
- b. Wanny meant wan i.e. pallid and pale. Often used to describe the pale cheeks of a young lady or the pale complexion of the sick e.g. *How her wanny cheeks are faded*.
- c. ~A wanny, was a small cheap fish commonly made into pies by the poor. It lived plentifully in rivers but was rather small and bony by all accounts! E.g. *Be thankful for your wanny pie.*

(The real answer is b.)



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