You have been selected to take a closer look at *The Language of Shakespeare* used in his plays and sonnets. Topics to think about when researching Shakespeare’s language are:

- Investigate iambic pentameter and explain in your presentation what it is.
- Shakespeare often changed word order to create rhythm and rhyme, emphasise certain words and phrases or to create word patterns. Explain how he did this using examples.

- Shakespeare introduced many words into the English language. Research some of these words and phrases which we still use today.

**Concluding Question** (Think about this question and use the knowledge gained from your research to compose an answer)

Read this short passage. Change Shakespeare’s words into how we would write the dialogue today. Do you think the passage loses any impact when it is modernised? Give reasons for your answer.