

## Acts I – V

### Understanding Shakespeare's Language

**Objective:** Understanding Elizabethan English

#### Activity

Rewrite the following script in Shakespeare's dialect so that it would make sense to characters in the play. Remember to adjust the scene and the items in the dialogue to fit Shakespeare's time period.

*Scene: A ride at a popular theme park. After standing in line beneath the hot, sun for more than an hour, Mark and Ginger watch the person in front of them (Calvin) allow two friends to cut in line.*

**Friend 1:** Hey Calvin! Thanks for saving us a place, dude.

**Calvin:** Yeah, no problem.

**Ginger (to Mark):** Please tell me they didn't just do what I think they did.

**Mark (to Calvin):** Hey, hey—I don't think so! You guys can go right to the end!

**Friend 2:** Oh come on, man; he was just saving our place. We were already in line.

**Mark:** In line? We've been standing here like cattle for an hour and this is the first time I've seen you!

**Ginger:** Please, you guys, just go to the end of the line. You know you're wrong.

**Calvin:** Relax, buddy, relax. It's only these two, OK?

**Mark [irate]:** What do you mean, relax? Get lost! Tell your buddies to go!

**Friend 1 (to Calvin):** Hey, it's OK. We'll go.

**Calvin:** No, you stay here; we're almost to the ride. Just turn around and ignore him.

**Mark [screaming]:** You're still here! Go to the end! Now you get to wait like everyone else here!

**Friend 1:** I'm leaving, guys. Are you coming? [**Friend 1 and Friend 2 walk away**]

**Calvin:** God. Thanks a lot, buddy. [**joins friends**]