

16.05 Latin and Greek in modern character names



Shakespeare and other authors writing in the English language sometimes use Latin or Greek word roots in naming their characters. They do this to indicate a back-story or personality traits.

Can you match up these fictional characters to the Latin or Greek root word or words below that inspired their name? The first one has been done to show you how.

Malvolio

Shakespeare, *Twelfth Night*

malus - bad

Captain Nemo

Jules Verne,
*Twenty Thousand Leagues
Under the Seas*

nemo - nobody

Titania

Shakespeare,
A Midsummer Night's Dream

Titanus - belonging to Titans

Dolores Umbridge

JK Rowling, *Harry Potter* series

dolor - pain

umbra - shadow, ghost

Lord Voldemort

JK Rowling, *Harry Potter* series

mortuus - dead

Desdemona

Shakespeare, *Othello*

dysdaimon - unlucky

Draco Malfoy

JK Rowling, *Harry Potter* series

draco - dragon

malus - bad

Remus Lupin

JK Rowling, *Harry Potter* series

lupus - wolf

lupus

wolf

nemo

nobody

umbra

shadow, ghost

Titanus

belonging to the Titans
(mythical race of gods)

dysdaimon

unlucky

malus

bad

draco

dragon

dolor

pain

mortuus

dead