The comical, often nonsensical, word game, Mad Libs, just might be the perfect fit for Shakespeare's language, which often times too, seems nonsensical to us modern readers. To familiarize yourself with Shakespeare's words, you will create a Mad Libs story in which you use words common to Shakespeare's works. Below is a list of 80 Troublesome Words that frequently appear in Shakespeare's writing. You will use the words from that list to create your story. Follow the instructions below to get started:

- Using the Mad Libs story below, you will fill in the story with a word that falls into the category or part of speech that is indicated. Notice that each space is numbered, so number a sheet of notebook paper and list your words. You must use a word from the 80 Troublesome Words list when one exists. If there isn’t a Shakespearean word that applies, put in your own. For example, if you are asked for a type of place, there isn’t one in the list of 80 Troublesome words, so you will put one in of your own. You cannot repeat any of the Shakespeare words unless the story specifies to.

- Include the definition of the Shakespeare words that you use in the story. Turn in before your make up days expire.
A vacation is when you take a trip to some **1** place with your **2** family. Usually you go to some place that is near a/an **3** or up on a/an **4**.

A good vacation place is one where you can ride **5** or play **6** or go hunting for **7**. I like to spend my time **8** or **9**.

When parents go on a vacation, they spend their time eating three **10** a day, and fathers play golf, and mothers sit around **11**. Last summer, my little brother fell in a/an **12** and got poison **13** all over his **14**. My family is going to go to (the) **15**, and I will practice **16**. Parents need vacations more than kids because parents are always very **17** and because they have to work **18** hours every day all year making enough **19** to pay for the vacation.
80 Troublesome Words

N  addition - title
Adj.  affined - bound by duty
N  alarum - call to arms with trumpets
V  anatomize - to analyze in detail
N  ancient - ensign
Adv.  anon - until later
Adj.  arrant - absolute
V  aroint - begone
V  assail - to make amorous siege to
V  attend - to await
Adv.  aye - yes
V  baffle - to hang up (a person) by the heels as a mark of disgrace
N  baggage - strumpet, prostitute
V  balk - to disregard
N  barm - the froth on ale
Adv.  belike - maybe
N  blank - a target
Adj.  bolted - refined
N  brach - bitch hound
N  brake - bushes
Adj.  brave - fine, handsome
N  bum - backside, buttocks
N  caitiff - a wretched humble person
N  catch - song
N  character - handwriting
N chuck - term of endearment, chick
N clout - a piece of white cloth
V cog - to deceive
N coil - trouble
N cousin - any close relative
V descant - improvize
V dispatch - to hurry
N e'en - evening
Adj. enough
Interjection fare - thee-well-goodbye
N fie - a curse
Adj. fustian - wretched
V got - begot
Interjection grammarcy - thank you
N halter - noose
Adj. heavy - sorrowful
Adj. honest - chaste, pure
N housewife - hussy, prostitute
V impeach - dishonor
V list - listen
Adv. mayhap - maybe
N mess - meal, food
V mew - confine
N minister - servant
N moiety - portion
N morrow - day
Adv. nay - no
Adv. ne'er - never
N office - service or favor
Adv. oft - often
Adv. passing - surprisingly, exceedingly
Adv. perchance - maybe
Adv. perforce - of necessity
N politician - schemer
N post - messenger
N power - army
Adv. prithee - i pray thee (please)
N quest - a jury
N recreant - coward
V resolve - to answer; reply to
Adv. soundly - plainly
N stale - harlot
N subscription - loyalty, allegiance
V tax - to criticize; to accuse
N troth - belief
V teem - to give birth
N tucket - trumpet flourish
N verge - edge, circumference
Adv. verily - truly
V want - lack
N welkin - sky
Interjection well - a-day-alas
Adv. wherefore - why
Adv. yea - yes
Adv. zounds - by his (Christ's) wounds