Good morning!

Please take out a piece of notebook paper.

Write your name and the rest of the heading in MLA style.

Title your paper ***Shakespearean Grammar***

**The following two sentences are typical wedding vows. Please read them and copy them into your notes.**

"I, Martin take thee, Jane, as my lawful wife."  
  
"I, Jane, take thee, Martin, as my lawful husband."

In those sentences, what does the word ***thee*** mean?

Rewrite each sentence and replace ***thee*** with its modern equivalent.

**Singular Pronouns**

**Copy the 1- 8 into your notes. Then, rewrite each sentence using the modern equivalent**

1. **Thou - Subject: "Thou art my brother."**

Modern equivalent = You are my brother.

1. **Thee - Object: "Come, let me clutch thee."**

Modern equivalent = Come over here so I can hug you.

1. **Thy - Possessive Adjective: "What is thy name?"**

Modern equivalent = What is your name?

1. **Thine - Possessive Noun: "To thine own self be true."**

Modern equivalent = To my own self be true.

**Plural Pronoun**

1. **Ye - Subject: "Ye shall know me."**

Modern equivalent = You shall know me.

**Verb Inflection**

**Elizabethan language, though considered Early Modern English, still retained some verb inflections. Usually they simply add an -est or –st to a word. These were used often with the 2nd person familiar pronouns:**

1. **"Thou liest, malignant thing."**

Modern equivalent = You lying, terrible thing.

1. **"What didst thou see?"**

Modern equivalent = What did you see?

1. **"Why canst thou not see the difference?"**

Modern equivalent = Why can’t you see the difference

**Silent Conversation**

**Now, take out your Silent Conversation from yesterday. Work with your partner to rewrite each line of your conversation so that it is using *Shakespearean Grammar*.**

**Troublesome Words**

Take a look at the list of 80 troublesome words. Some of these words were common in the Shakespeare’s time but are no longer used. Some words are still used but their meaning has changed. Copy down some that are interesting to you.

**addition** - title

**affined** - bound by duty

**alarum** - call to arms with trumpets

**anatomize** - to analyze in detail

**ancient** - ensign

**anon** - until later

**arrant** - absolute

**aroint** - begone

**assail** - to make amorous siege to

**attend** - to await

**aye** - yes

**baffle** - to hang up (a person) by the heels as a mark of disgrace

**baggage** - strumpet, prostitute

**balk** - to disregard

**barm** - the froth on ale

**belike** - maybe

**blank** - a target

**bolted** - refined

**brach** - bitch hound

**brake** - bushes

**brave** - fine, handsome

**bum** - backside, buttocks

**caitiff** - a wretched humble person

**catch** - song

**character** - handwriting

**chuck** - term of endearment, chick

**clout** - a piece of white cloth

**cog** - to deceive

**coil** - trouble

**cousin** - any close relative

**descant** - improvize

**dispatch** - to hurry

**e'en** - evening

**enow** - enough

**fare-thee-well** - goodbye

**fie** - a curse

**fustian** - wretched

**got** - begot

**grammarcy** - thank you

**halter** - noose

**heavy** - sorrowful

**honest** - chaste, pure

**housewife** - hussy, prostitute

**impeach** - dishonor

**list** - listen

**mayhap** - maybe

**mess** - meal, food

**mew** - confine

**minister** - servant

**moiety** - portion

**morrow** - day

**nay** - no

**ne'er** - never

**office** - service or favor

**oft** - often

**passing** - surprisingly, exceedingly

**perchance** - maybe

**perforce** - of necessity

**politician** - schemer

**post** - messenger

**power** - army

**prithee** - i pray thee (please)

**quest** - a jury

**recreant** - coward

**resolve** - to answer; reply to

**soundly** - plainly

**stale** - harlot

**subscription** - loyalty, allegiance

**tax** - to criticize; to accuse

**troth** - belief

**teem** - to give birth

**tucket** - trumpet flourish

**verge** - edge, circumference

**verily** - truly

**want** - lack

**welkin** - sky

**well** - a-day-alas

**wherefore** - why

**yea** - yes

**zounds** - by his (Christ's) wounds

**Odd Words**

**Don't bother trying to memorize these words. They were used rarely and most are archaic and obsolete. But they just sound terrific and are so descriptive. You might try to work them into everyday conversations to impress your friends.**

**a-birding** - hunt small birds

**Absey book** - a child's ABC book

**Abruption** - interruption

**Aconitum** - poisonous plant

**a-ducking** - swimming

**ambuscado** - ambush

**annothanize** - anatomize

**applejohn** - wrinkled apple

**backbitten** - infested with lice

**banditto** - outlaw

**barber-monger** - constant patron of barber shop

**bawcock** - fine fellow

**beldam** - old hag

**bemoiled** - soiled

**beslubber** - to smear

**bodkin** - dagger

**boiled-brains** - hotheaded youths

**brabbler** - quarreler

**bugbear** - goblin

**canker-blossom** - worm in the bud

**carbuncle** - ruby

**cataplasm** - plaster of medicinal herbs

**chop-fallen** - dejected

**chuff** - boorish fellow

**clapper-claw** - to thrash or maul

**clodpole** - dunce

**contumely** - disdain

**copulative** - persons about to be married

**corky** - withered with age

**cot-quean** - man who meddles in women's

business

**coxcomb** - crested cap of a professional fool

**cubiculo** - bedroom

**dewlap** - loose skin at the throat

**dirt-rotten** - putrefied

**disannul - cancel**

**dotard** - old fool

**englut** - to gulp down

**exceptless** - making no exceptions

**exsufflicate** - windy or overblown

**facinerious** - very wicked

**fadge** - work out

**fancy-monger** - a lovesick man

**fardel** - burden

**fettle** - to prepare

**flax-wench** - girl hired to dress flax

**Flibbertigibbet** - demon

**flirt-gill** - loose woman

**flurted** - cast aside

**foppery** - foolishness

**frampold** - disagreeable

**fusty** - stale, trite

**fut** - exclamation of impatience

**garboil** - tumult or disturbance

**geck** - fool

**gibbet** - gallows

**giglot** - wanton

**haggish** - like a hag

**hobby-horse** - buffoon

**honorificabilitudinitatibus** - being loaded with

honors

**hugger-mugger** - secrecy

**irregulous** - lawless

**jolthead** - blockhead

**kickshaw** - sidedish

**kicky-wicky** - term of endearment

**kill-courtesy** - rude person

**ladder-tackle** - rope ladder

**legerity** - quickness

**lewdster** - a lecher

**logger-headed** - stupid

**lubberly** - crude

**malapert** - rude

**malkin** - slut

**maltworm** - heavy drinker

**mickle** - great

**minikin** - dainty

**minx** - saucy wench

**mome** - blockhead

**noddle** - slang term for head

**noddy** - simpleton

**nuthook** - sheriff's deputy

**onion-eyed** - tending to weep

**oppugnancy** - utter chaos

**ouph** - elf

**paraquito** - small parrot

**periwig-pated** - bewigged

**pestiferous** - noxious

**pickthank** - an informer

**pignut** - peanut

**pismire** - ant

**poop** - infect with venereal disease

**prig** - thief

**puttock** - small hawk

**puzzel** - slut

**questris** - seeker

**rampallion** - ruffian

**reechy** - grimy

**relume** - relight

**rudesby** - rude fellow

**'Sdeath** - by God's death

**'Sfoot** - by God's foot

**sheep-biter** - sneaky fellow

**shog** - to get going

**skains-mate** - criminal

**skimble-skamble** - nonsensical

**slubber** - to do hastily and carelessly

**slug-a-bed** - sleepyhead

**smatch** - taste

**smilet** - little smile

**sneaping** - nipping

**stigmatical** - deformed

**swoopstake** - indiscriminately

**thought-sick -** distressed

**thrasonical** - boastful

**thwack** - drive away

**tittle-tattle** - gossip

**twire** - to peep

**ungrown** - immature

**unhaired** - beardless

**vendible** - marketable

**welkin** - sky

**whirligig** - a top

**wittol** - cuckold

**ycleped** - named

**zounds** - by God's wounds

**zwaggered** - bullied