



Julius Caesar

by: William Shakespeare



Friends, Romans, Countrymen! Lend me your names! _____

Act I Scene i: A street in Rome.

1. Near the end of *Scene i*, what do Flavius and Murellus plan to do?
2. What worries them about Caesar?
3. Why are Marullus and Flavius determined to destroy the celebration of Caesar's victory over Pompey?

A pun is a word that is used in an unconventional, often humorous way, so as to suggest multiple meanings. Though the use of puns is not generally considered a dramatic technique, Shakespeare does use such word play to define dramatic conflicts.

For example: The cobbler, at the beginning of the play says he is "a mender of bad soles." What is the pun?

Puns are often found in Tom Swifities, knock-knock jokes, and croakers. Read each example, and then write a pun using one of the three patterns.

Tom Swiftie: "My hair is falling out," Tom said baldly

Knock-knock joke: **Knock knock./Who's there?/Orange Juice./Orange Juice who?/
Orange juice silly for liking knock-knock jokes?**

Croaker: "I thought the total was incorrect," the teller recounted.

Your Pun: _____

Place an "X" in the blank if the sentence contains a pun.

- _____ 1. Those new police computers really help take a byte out of crime.
- _____ 2. Garry almost lost his head when someone tried to cut in line.
- _____ 3. I don't know why anyone would want to see the rock band Crab Apple and the Corps.
- _____ 4. My Dad speaks cross words only when he's doing the *New York Times* puzzle.
- _____ 5. Then a man looking very down in the mouth tried to make his way to the front of the line.
- _____ 6. Because our tiny kitten liked cold-cut meats, we named her Deli-cat.
- _____ 7. "Look," said Garry, "we broke our necks to get here on time."