"Reading Shakespeare's Language" Reading Tips

Directions: Create a list of reading tips based on what you read in the essay "Reading Shakespeare's Language." You will return to this list throughout the unit. For your reference, cite the page numbers of the text.

1. *Shakespeare uses many unfamiliar words. Have a dictionary close by and read slowly (page 1).*

2. *In Shakespeare's sentences, look first for the placement of the subject and verb. Shakespeare often uses "inversion" (page 2).*

3. *Shakespeare uses many puns and metaphors. Be on the lookout for multiple meanings (page 3).*

4.   *Focus on getting the gist of a character's language without getting bogged down in precise translation (page 5).*

5. *Read the stage directions, which contain implied action to better understand what is happening (page 5).*

6. *Consider sentences independently and "rearrange" out of order sentences to better understand them (page 2).*