



Activities: Key Stage 3

First interview with Benjamin Mansfield playing Benedick

- 1) Find the Week 1 audio interview with Benjamin Mansfield who is playing Benedick. Benjamin describes Benedick (time code 6m 02s to 6m 30s) as a character who is rather like a puppy at the start of the play but by the end he has changed.
- 2) Work with a group of fellow students. Discuss Benjamin's ideas about Benedick's character. Find examples from the early part of the play which might have made Benjamin think of Benedick being like a puppy.
- 3) Next discuss what has changed about Benedick by the end of the play. Decide what kind of animal you might compare Benedick with at the end of the play.
- 4) One student should take the role of Benedick and the other members of the group should ask him questions about what he now thinks of his behaviour at the start of the play. Some of the questions should be from his fellow soldiers who have noticed how much he has changed.