

The Fool is much more than an element of comic relief. Yet despite his biting (harsh – bitter) commentary, the Fool is a beloved character, his humor and insight endearing him to audiences and readers alike. With a tongue as sharp as his wit, he exposes their follies, their vanities (arrogance – narcissism), and their insecurities (lack of confidence). The Fool is typically a witty and insightful character who uses wordplay and puns to reveal the truth about the other characters and their situations. In Shakespearean plays, the Fool is a character who serves as comic relief, but also provides sharp commentary on the action of the play.