

# Romeo and Juliet

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## While reading

### Introduction and page viii

1 Complete the sentences with the following words:

exciting beautiful important famous  
funny popular

- a *Romeo and Juliet* is one of the most ..... love stories of all times.
- b It has parts which are very sad but also others which are very .....
- c The play takes place in the ..... city of Verona and in the city of Mantua.
- d It is the story of two ..... families in Verona, the Capulets and the Montagues.
- e The language that Shakespeare used to write the play is very .....
- f The play has to do with love but it also has ..... fights.

### Act 1

2 Are these right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Benvolio wants to stop the fight and Tybalt doesn't.
- b Prince Escalus says that this is the fourth time that there has been a fight in the streets of Verona.
- c Lord Montague doesn't know where Romeo is.
- d Juliet isn't twelve yet.
- e Lady Capulet became Juliet's mother when she was thirty.
- f Peter, Lord Capulet's servant, doesn't know Romeo.
- g Romeo goes to Lord Capulet's party because he wants to see Juliet.

3 You are Romeo. Write a letter to Rosaline telling her how much you love her. Start with:

*Dear Rosaline,  
I fell in love with you ...*

4 Lord Capulet invites you to his party! Put the words in order.

*a mask with you.  
This evening,  
There's going to be dancing  
for all my friends.  
and singing.  
We'll have great fun.  
I'm holding a party at home  
Please, do bring*

### Act 2

5 Who says this?

- a 'Mercutio laughs at things he doesn't understand.'  
(.....)
- b 'I hate my name because it's your enemy.'  
(.....)
- c 'The dark night will hide me from their eyes.'  
(.....)
- d 'When people run too fast they fall over.'  
(.....)
- e 'Oh no, really sir. I don't want any money.'  
(.....)
- f 'These strong feelings of love don't bring happiness.'  
(.....)

6 Write. On page 17, Tybalt sends a letter to Romeo's house inviting him to fight against him. Let's imagine that Romeo's father has received the letter. You are Romeo's father. Answer the letter.

7 Write. Today, Romeo would send Juliet an e-mail saying when and how they are getting married. You are Romeo. Write the e-mail.

### Act 3 Scenes 1–2

8 You are Mercutio. Write your thoughts when you hear Romeo saying to Tybalt 'I love you better than you can imagine.'

9 Write. Benvolio lies to the Prince when he explains to him who started the fight. You are Benvolio. Write a note to the Prince but this time tell the truth.

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**10 Work with another student.** Write the conversation between Lord and Lady Montague after the Prince tells them that Romeo has to leave Verona. Then act it out in class.

**Act 3 Scenes 3–5**

**11 Who says what?**

- a 'Banishment is more terrible than death.'  
(.....)
- b 'The usual punishment for your crime is death.'  
(.....)
- c 'My name is hateful to me. I'm going to kill myself.'  
(.....)
- d 'She's shut up in her room tonight, full of her great sadness.'  
(.....)
- e 'Tybalt has just died so we can't have a big party.'  
(.....)
- f 'If I want to live, I have to leave now.'  
(.....)
- g 'I'm sure you'll be happy in the second marriage. It's better than your first.'  
(.....)

**12 Complete the sentences**

- a Juliet's m...r thinks that her d...er is still crying because of Tybalt's d...th but Juliet is crying because Romeo will have to l...e Verona.
- b Lady Capulet tells Juliet that her father is p...ing a very h...y day for her.
- c Early on T...y morning, the n...e Paris will marry her at St P...s Church.
- d Juliet gets very a...y with her father. She says she's not ready for m...ge.
- e Lord Capulet tells Juliet that he will never f...e her if she doesn't m...y Paris.
- f When Juliet's p...s leave, Juliet asks the N...e to help her.
- g The Nurse t...s Juliet to marry Paris b...e Romeo can't return to V...a.

**13 Match and write the ideas in the correct order.**

First, ...	<i>Mercutio thought that Romeo was afraid of Tybalt.</i>
Then ...	<i>Mercutio got out his sword and told Tybalt to get his out too.</i>
Next, ...	<i>Romeo also came and talked to Tybalt very nicely.</i>
So, ...	<i>Tybalt arrived looking for Romeo.</i>
In the end ...	<i>Mercutio and Benvolio were walking in the streets.</i>

**Act 4**

**14 Put the sentences in the right order, 1–7.**

- a Friar Laurence tells Juliet to go to bed alone.
- b He explains to her that a cold feeling will run through her body.
- c She has to drink the medicine from the bottle.
- d Everybody will think that she is dead.
- e They will carry her body to the vault.
- f The Nurse can't stay with her.
- g Her family will dress her in her best clothes.

**15 Write down and then act out the conversation that Lord Capulet and Lady Capulet have after finding out that Juliet is 'dead'.**

**16** An obituary is a notice of the death of a person in a newspaper. In pairs, write down Juliet's obituary.

**Act 5**

**17 Write.** You're the doctor. Write a letter to a friend telling him/her about the strange visit that you received from a young man who wanted to buy poison.

**18 In Act 5, who gives these things to whom?**

- a news about Juliet
- b gold
- c poison
- d a letter for Romeo
- e a letter for Lord Montague

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## Introduction

### 1 Complete with the right words from the box:

actions act actors characters scenes play

Shakespeare wrote *Romeo and Juliet* for 1 ..... on a theatre stage. You can read the 2 ..... in a group with other people. You can speak the words and bring the 3 ..... to life. But you can have more fun if you 4 ..... the play. There are wonderful love 5 ..... The characters can show their feelings by their words and by their 6 .....

## Act 1

### 2 Who said the following? To whom?

- a I'm only trying to keep the peace.
- b Enemies of peace throw your swords to the ground!
- c People have often seen him there early in the morning, looking very sad.
- d Oh, tell me how I *can* forget her about her.
- e My daughter is very young – not yet fourteen.
- f I've already told her to come.
- g I've never thought about marriage.
- h My feet feel tied to the ground.
- i I have an ugly face but this mask will hide it.

## Act 2

### 3 Right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a To Romeo, Juliet's window is the west and she's the moon.
- b Juliet doesn't want Romeo to be a Montague.
- c Romeo hates his family because it's Juliet's enemy.
- d Juliet says that her love for Romeo is as deep and as endless as the sea.
- e Friar Laurence makes medicine and poison out of plants.
- f Romeo wants to get married to Juliet on Friday.

## Act 3 Scenes 1–2

### 4 Match the sentences 1–5 and the replies a–e.

- 1 Romeo: 'Be brave, man. It can't be a very deep cut.'
- 2 Benvolio: 'Let's go somewhere private, or discuss things calmly. Everybody is looking at us.'
- 3 Nurse: 'Are you defending your cousin's murderer?'
- 4 'What do you want with me?'
- 5 Juliet: 'Where are my father and mother?'
  - a Mercurio: 'No, it isn't very deep, or very wide.'
  - b Juliet: 'Do you want me to say bad things about my husband?'

- c Mercurio: 'Fine. They can look. I'm not leaving.'
- d Mercutio: 'To fight you. Take your sword out before I kill you.'
- e Nurse: 'Crying by Tybalt's body.'

## Act 3 Scenes 3–5

### 5 What happened first? Put the sentences in order.

- a Romeo goes to the Friar's house.
- b She gives Romeo Juliet's ring.
- c Lord Capulet decides that the wedding day will be on Thursday.
- d Romeo leaves for Mantua early in the morning.
- e The Nurse arrives at the Friar's house too.
- f Paris wants to marry Juliet as soon as possible.
- g Romeo and Juliet spend their wedding night together.
- h Lady Capulet goes to Juliet's room to tell her about her wedding.
- i Lord Capulet tells his daughter that if she doesn't marry Paris she can't stay in his house.
- j Juliet isn't happy about her parents' plans for her.

## Act 4

### 6 Read these questions about Act 4 and choose YES or NO.

- a Is the Friar happy about Paris's plan to marry Juliet? YES NO
- b Does Paris think Juliet is sad about Tybalt's death? YES NO
- c Does the Friar think Juliet is brave? YES NO
- d Will the Friar's medicine kill Juliet? YES NO
- e Will Paris think Juliet is dead in her bed? YES NO
- f Will the Friar tell Romeo when to return to Verona? YES NO

## Act 5

### 7 Why? Complete these sentences.

- a Romeo breaks into the vault because ...
- b Romeo kills himself because ...
- c The Friar leaves the vault because ...
- d Juliet kisses Romeo's mouth because ...
- e Juliet picks up Romeo's knife because ...
- f People run towards the vault because ...