

# Merchant of Venice

## CHAPTER 1 (A)

Portia said these things at the trial of Antonio. Put the beginning of each sentence with the right ending.

- 1 Mercy rewards not only the man who receives it, ...  
(a) must be given to the State.
- 2 If we do not insist that this man obeys the law now, other people ...  
(b) may take a 'pound of flesh'.
- 3 The words of this agreement say clearly that Shylock ...  
(c) may follow his bad example.
- 4 But if he spills a single drop of blood, then all his money ...  
(d) must be given to that citizen.
- 5 If anyone plans to kill a citizen of Venice, half his property ...  
(e) but also the man who gives it.

## CHAPTER 1 (B)

Choose the right words to say what the story is about.

Portia took the ring from her (1) **pocket/bag**, and told Antonio to give it to Bassanio. Bassanio looked at it, and was (2) **surprised/angry** to see that it was the one he had (3) **lost/given away**. Portia then showed her (4) **husband/brother** the letter from Dr Bellario, and so he (5) **remembered/discovered** that the clever (6) **lawyer/doctor** was really his (7) **wife/sister**. He realized that her (8) **courage/beauty** and cleverness had saved the (9) **money/life** of his dear friend, Antonio. He was (10) **very sad/delighted**.

## CHAPTER 2 (A)

# Macbeth

Put the letters of these words in the right order. (The first one is 'determined'.)

When Lady Macbeth read her husband's letter, she was (1) **meetirnded** that he should rule (2) **daSclont**. But Macbeth would have to act without (3) **cryme** for others. He would have to make (4) **meshlif** King, but she was (5) **darifa** that he was too kind to do it. She (6) **zleeraid** that she would have to (7) **regu** him to take action. She (8) **ceddied** that Duncan must be (9) **edruderdm** while he was staying at their (10) **tacles** that night. Macbeth was so (11) **dlevo** and (12) **dermaid** that no one would think he had done it.

## CHAPTER 2 (B)

Who did these things? Choose from: **Malcolm**, **Macduff**, **Macbeth**, **Lady Macbeth**, and **Donalbain**. You must use some names more than once.

- 1 \_\_\_\_ went straight to the King's room and killed his two servants.
- 2 \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ decided to run away, one to England and one to Ireland.
- 3 \_\_\_\_ paid men to kill Banquo and Fleance when they were out riding.
- 4 \_\_\_\_ left his home suddenly and went to England to join Malcolm.
- 5 \_\_\_\_ gathered an army in England to defeat Macbeth, so he could be King.
- 6 \_\_\_\_ walked about the castle in her sleep, talking wildly about the murder.
- 7 \_\_\_\_ told his men to carry branches as they marched through Birnam Wood.
- 8 \_\_\_\_ killed King Macbeth, cut off his head, and presented it to Malcolm.