



Hamlet

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Watch the story again, read the transcript, than circle true or false for the sentences.

Many years ago in Denmark there was a prince called Hamlet. One day Hamlet's father, the king, dies suddenly and Hamlet is very sad. After this, Hamlet's mother, Gertrude, gets married again very quickly. She marries her husband's brother, Claudius, and Claudius is now the king!

'Aargh! How could you do this to me!'

One night Hamlet's friend, Horatio, tells him that there is a ghost in the castle. It is the ghost of Hamlet's father!

'Claudius killed me with poison! Hamlet, you must punish Claudius for me!'

Hamlet is confused. He doesn't know if he believes the ghost and he doesn't know what to do. Hamlet now acts very strangely. He is mean and angry, and he upsets his girlfriend, Ophelia.

'Go away! Leave me alone!'

'Oh, he is so mean!'

One day a group of actors come to the castle and Hamlet makes a plan. He asks the actors to change their play. The new play will show a king poisoned like Hamlet's father. 'With this play I will catch the king.'

When Claudius watches the play he looks very worried and runs away. Hamlet sees him and he knows the truth. Claudius is very worried about Hamlet now and makes a plan with Ophelia's brother, Laertes.

'You will fight him and we will put poison on the sword and in his drink too.'

Laertes and Hamlet fight. Laertes cuts Hamlet, but in the fight Hamlet takes Laertes' sword and cuts him with it too!

'Here, Hamlet, drink this.'

'No, thank you, Mother. I'm not thirsty.'

'No, don't!'

'It was him! He poisoned us all!'

Finally, Hamlet knows he must stop Claudius.

'Aargh! Have this and this!'

All the royal family are now poisoned and Hamlet tells his friend that there must be a new king. 'Goodbye, my prince.'

a. Hamlet's mother gets married to his father's brother, Claudius.	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>
b. Hamlet sees the ghost of his friend.	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>
c. The ghost says that Claudius killed him with a knife.	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>
d. Hamlet is confused and doesn't know what to do.	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>
e. When Claudius watches the play he is very happy.	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>
f. Hamlet knows that Claudius killed his father.	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>
g. Claudius and Laertes want to kill Hamlet.	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>
h. Hamlet and Laertes dance.	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>
i. Hamlet's mother sleeps from the poisoned drink.	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>
j. Finally, Hamlet knows he must stop Claudius.	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>

Correct the false sentences

Ex : Hamlet's father is killed by Horatio. False → *He is killed by Claudius.*
