

Shakespeare – Romeo and Juliet – exercises

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... to take place | a. to really want something |
| 2..... to step in | b. to happen |
| 3..... to be keen for something | c. wearing different clothes so that people don't know who you are |
| 4..... lifeless | d. a minister of the church who performs ceremonies, like marriage |
| 5..... in disguise | e. to get involved |
| 6..... poison | f. a space under the ground or inside a stone building to bury a dead person |
| 7..... a priest | g. dead |
| 8..... a tomb | h. a substance that causes illness or death |

1. Check your understanding: reordering Write a number (1–7) to put these events from the story in order.

- Romeo and Juliet secretly get married.
- Juliet wakes up, sees Romeo dead and kills herself.
- Romeo thinks Juliet is really dead. He takes poison.
- Romeo and Juliet meet and fall in love.
- Juliet takes a drug to make people think she's dead.
- The Montagues and the Capulets hate each other.
- The two families make peace

2. Check your understanding: multiple choice Circle the best answer to these questions.

1. The Montagues and the Capulets hate each other so much that they ...

- a. don't speak to each other.
- b. fight whenever they meet.
- c. play horrible tricks on each other.

2. The Capulets organise a party to ...

- a. introduce their daughter to a possible husband.
- b. introduce Juliet to the Montagues.
- c. celebrate Juliet's fourteenth birthday.

3. Romeo and his friends ...

- a. watch the party from a safe distance.
- b. plan to cause trouble at the party.
- c. go to the party in disguise.

4. When Romeo and Juliet meet ...

- a. they fall in love immediately.
- b. they don't like each other at first.

c. Juliet doesn't feel the same way as Romeo.

5. Romeo and Juliet go to a priest called Friar Lawrence to ...

- a. get advice.
- b. ask him to persuade their families to make peace.
- c. get married.

6. Romeo kills Tybalt because ...

- a. Tybalt wants to stop him seeing Juliet.
- b. Tybalt is planning to kill Romeo.
- c. Tybalt kills Romeo's best friend.

7. Juliet's parents are angry because ...

- a. she won't marry Count Paris.
- b. they think she is too friendly with the Montague family.
- c. they find out about the secret wedding.

8. Friar Lawrence says he will help Juliet by ...

- a. helping her to escape with Romeo.
- b. giving her a drug to make people think she's dead.
- c. talking to her parents.

9. The plan goes wrong because ...

- a. Romeo doesn't get Friar Lawrence's message.
- b. the drug is too strong.
- c. Juliet's family don't believe that she is dead.

10. Romeo drinks poison because ...

- a. he thinks Juliet doesn't love him.
- b. he knows he has brought shame on his family.
- c. he thinks Juliet is dead.

11. When Juliet wakes up ...

- a. she realises she's trapped in the tomb.
- b. she commits suicide.
- c. she shouts for help.

12. In the end, the Montagues and the Capulets ...

- a. are united by their loss and make peace.
- b. continue fighting until they are all dead.
- c. think the tragedy is Friar Lawrence's fault