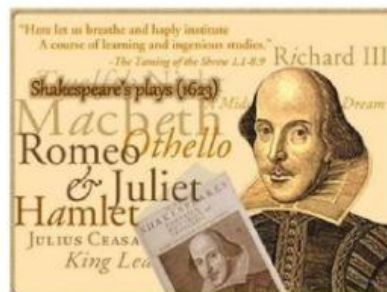


	ENGLISH LANGUAGE	YEAR 6
	LITERACY CHALLENGE: Romeo & Juliet by William Shakespeare	
Name:	Date:	

- a) **Romeo and Juliet** is one of Shakespeare's masterpieces. Before we start working on this play, we will revise Shakespeare's biography. Fill in the text below with the missing words. If you need help, you can check for some information at this link.



<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/sites/kids/files/attachment/short-stories-shakespeare-william-shakespeare-transcript.pdf>

William Shakespeare was _____₁ in 1564 in Stratford-upon-Avon, in England. He had two older sisters, two younger sisters and three younger brothers.

William left school when he was 14 or 15. Three years later, he _____₂ Anne Hathaway. They had a daughter called Susanna and _____₃ named Judith and Hamnet. Sometime before 1590, he left Stratford and went to London.

Shakespeare worked in London as an _____₄ and then started writing _____₅ too. In 1593, the plague, a terrible _____₆, killed thousands of people and theatres were closed. During this time, William started to write poems instead of plays. His short poems are called _____₇.

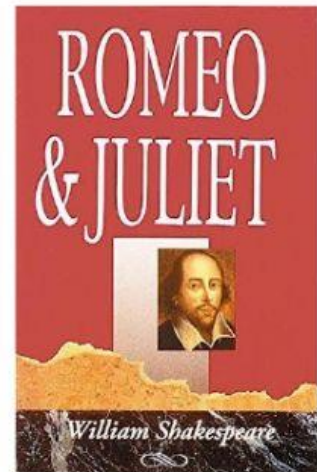
Shakespeare helped build a new theatre called The Globe. It opened in 1599. It was round and had space for 3,000 people.

Shakespeare wrote comedies with _____₈ endings, like A Midsummer Night's Dream. He wrote _____₉, which had sad endings, like Romeo and Juliet. His _____₁₀ plays are about kings and queens, like Henry V. Shakespeare wrote 38 plays, maybe more. He loved language and invented new words and expressions that we still use today.

Shakespeare _____₁₁ when he was 52 on 23 April 1616. His plays and _____₁₂ were very popular 400 years ago and they are still popular today.

- b) Click on this link to watch the video about the story of **Romeo and Juliet**. Fill in the blanks in the text below with the missing words.

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/short-stories/romeo-and-juliet>



Many years ago in _____₁, Italy, there were two families.

'We are the Capulets.'

'We are the Montagues.'

These families are always _____₂. The Montagues have a son, Romeo. The Capulets have a daughter, Juliet.

One night the _____₃ have a party and Romeo goes. He meets Juliet and they _____₄ in love. Juliet's _____₅, Tybalt, sees Romeo and is very angry.

'He's a _____₆! Get him!'

'Oh Romeo, why are you a Montague?'

Romeo and Juliet talk and decide to get married.

They know that their families will be very angry, so they go to Friar Lawrence and are _____₇ in secret.

The next day, Tybalt sees Romeo. He is still angry with Romeo and wants to fight him.

Romeo does not want to fight but his best friend, Mercutio, does.

'If you won't fight him, I will!'

Mercutio fights Tybalt. Tybalt _____₈ Mercutio! Romeo is so _____₉ he fights Tybalt and kills him too!

The Prince of Verona is very angry and sends Romeo away. Juliet goes to Friar Lawrence for help.

'Here is a special drink. You will sleep for two days. Your family will think you are dead but you will _____₁₀ up. Then you and Romeo can be free together.'

Friar Lawrence sends Romeo a letter to tell him the plan. However, Romeo does not get the _____₁₁. He hears that Juliet is _____₁₂!

Romeo is so upset he buys some _____₁₃ and goes to see Juliet.

'Now I will stay with you forever.'

Too late, Juliet wakes up! She sees what happened.

'Oh no! You didn't leave any poison for me but here is your knife.'

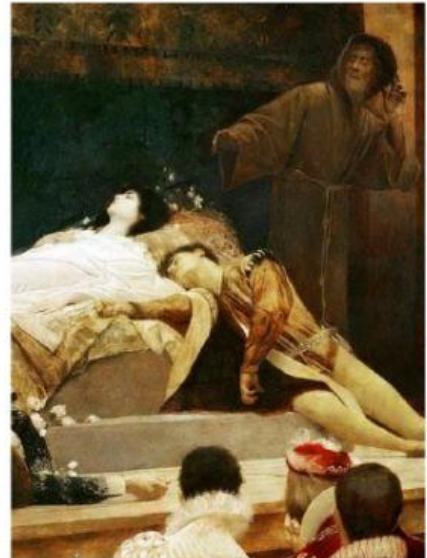
Romeo and Juliet are both dead. Friar Lawrence tells the Capulets and Montagues what happened. They are so sad they _____₁₄ not to fight any more.

c) Write the name of the character who ...

1. _____ have a son, Romeo.
2. _____ have a daughter, Juliet.
3. _____ is Juliet's cousin.
4. _____ marries Romeo and Juliet in secret.
5. _____ fights Tybalt.
6. _____ fights Tybalt and kills him.
7. _____ drinks a special potion and sleeps for two days.
8. _____ buys some poison.
9. _____ are both dead.
10. _____ are very sad and agree not to fight any more.

d) Decide if these statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. The Montagues like the Capulets. _____
2. The action takes place in Italy. _____
3. Tybalt does not like Romeo. _____
4. Tybalt and Mercutio are good friends. _____
5. Romeo kills Tybalt. _____
6. Romeo and Juliet are married in secret. _____
7. Friar Lawrence helps Juliet. _____
8. The prince of Verona sends Tybalt away. _____
9. Juliet takes some poison and kills herself. _____
10. Romeo and Juliet live happily forever. _____



e) Complete the summary of the play with the words from the box.

thinks – makes – telling – sad – drink – love – kills – potion – fight – sends – dead

The Capulets and the Montagues are always fighting. Romeo Montague and Juliet Capulet fall in _____₁. Tybalt, Juliet's cousin, kills Mercutio, Romeo's friend. Romeo _____₂ Tybalt so the prince of Verona _____₃ him away. Juliet _____₄ a plan with Friar Lawrence to _____₅ a special _____₆ and pretend to _____₇. Romeo does not get Friar Lawrence's letter _____₈ him the plan and _____₉ Juliet is dead. Romeo is so _____₁₀ that kills himself, then Juliet sees

Romeo dead and she kills herself, too. Both families are so sad that they decide not to
_____ anymore.