

# Romeo and Juliet

William Shakespeare

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# ROMEO and JULIET

## NAMES OF THE CHARACTERS

**Escales**, prince of Verona

**Paris**, a young nobleman

**Montague**, the head of the Montague family

**Capulet**, the head of the Capulet family

**Romeo**, son to Montague

**Mercutio**, Romeo's friend

**Benvolio**, Romeo's cousin

**Tybalt**, Lady Capulet's nephew

**Friar Laurence**, priest

**Balthasar**, servant to Romeo

**Sampson**, servant to Capulet

**Gregory**, servant to Capulet

**Peter**, servant to Juliet's nurse

**Abraham**, servant to Montague

**Lady Montague**, the wife of Montague

**Lady Capulet**, the wife of Capulet

**Juliet**, the daughter of Capulet

**Nurse**, Juliet's maid

**Scene**: Verona; Mantua



## Act 1, Scene 1

### *Life in Verona*

*(Gregory and Sampson, servants of the Capulet family carrying swords and shields enter.)*

**Sampson** : We cannot carry coals. This is not good.

**Gregory** : Yes, you are right. We cannot be colliers. This is not good.

**Sampson** : I mean if they make us angry we will pull out our swords.

**Gregory** : May be you should just pull yourself out of trouble, Sampson.

**Sampson** : I hit hard when I'm angry.

**Gregory** : But it's hard to make you angry.

**Sampson** : A dog from the Montague house will make me angry. If I see one of them on the street I will stand closer to the wall.

**Gregory** : I think that makes you the weak one, Sampson.

**Sampson** : That's true. Women get pushed up against walls because they are weak. I can push Montague's men and their maids to the wall. I can fight with the men and cut off women's heads.

**Gregory** : Cut off their heads?

**Sampson** : Yes, I can be very cruel. I'm a pretty piece of flesh and they must feel this.

**Gregory** : You are not a pretty piece of flesh because you are still poor. Nobody fears you.

*(Abraham and Balthasar enter.)*

**Gregory** : Get your weapon out. Those men are from the house of Montague .

**Sampson** : My naked weapon is out, fight, I will back you.

**Gregory** : How? I can only turn my back and run.

**Sampson** : No, you cannot turn your back and run.

**Gregory** : They are too many, I cannot fight them.



## Act 1, Scene 5

### *The Feast*

*(There are musicians waiting and servants enter with napkins.)*

**First Servant** : Where is the sauce pan?

**Second Servant** : Over there! Over there!

**First Servant** : Organise chairs and stools. Remove the cupboard, bring the plates.

**Second Servant** : OK, boy, ready.

*(Capulet enters with Juliet and other people of his house to meet the guests.)*

**Capulet** : Welcome ladies and gentlemen. It is a real pleasure to entertain you at my poor house. I have seen the day. Welcome, again. I could whisper a tale in a fair lady's ear. I could sing and dance all night. You are very welcome ladies and gentlemen. Come, musicians, play.



## Act 3, Scene 5

### *Light and Dark*

*(Romeo and Juliet enter; Juliet is above at the window.)*

**Juliet** : It was the nightingale, and not the lark.  
She sings on your pomegranate-tree.  
Believe me love, it was the nightingale.

**Romeo** : It was not the nightingale; it was the  
lark. Look, night is over; day is coming.  
I must go now and live, or stay and die.

**Juliet** : I cannot see daylight.

**Romeo** : Let me be captured and put to death.  
I'll say it's not daylight if it's what you  
want. Let me stay, my love. Let me stay  
and die here. I want to welcome death.

**Juliet** : Go away, Romeo. Don't stay. It is the  
lark that sings a song. It makes a sharp  
and unpleasing sound. Now, go, my  
love. More light, and light will grow.

**Romeo** : The more light there is, the more trouble we'll have.

*(Nurse enters.)*

**Nurse** : Madam!

**Juliet** : Nurse!

**Nurse** : Your mother is coming to your room.  
The day is sad.

*(Nurse exits.)*

**Juliet** : Let the day in, window. And let life out.

**Romeo** : Farewell! Farewell, my love!

**Juliet** : My love, my lord, my husband, my friend... I must hear from you every day. Oh, have you gone?



**Romeo** : Here is my poison.

*(Romeo drinks the poison and dies.)*

*(Friar Laurence and Balthasar enter with a torch and spade.)*

**Friar Laurence** : Quick! Who is there?

**Balthasar** : Holy sir, there is my master. Romeo!

**Friar Laurence** : Fear comes upon me. Romeo! He is pale.

**Balthasar** : My lord is dead. And there is Paris who is in blood.

**Friar Laurence** : What a heavy day!

*(Juliet wakes)*

**Juliet** : I remember everything. Where is my Romeo?

**Friar Laurence** : Come with me, good lady.

*(Juliet runs towards Romeo.)*

**Juliet** : What happened to my lord? Poison! He has killed himself. Timeless death. The end of my love.





# ROMEO and JULIET

## Activities

### Act 1, Scenes 1-2

Read scenes 1, 2 and circle the correct answer for each question.

**1. Which characters complain about their jobs?**

- a) Abraham and Sampson
- b) Sampson and Gregory

**2. Who starts the fight?**

- a) Sampson
- b) Benvolio

**3. Who hates peace?**

- a) Benvolio
- b) Tybalt

**4. What does Capulet want?**

- a) a club
- b) his sword

**5. Who warns Capulet and Montague?**

- a) Abraham
- b) The Prince



## Characters

**A. What do you know about these characters? Fill in the gaps with the words in the box.**

Balthasar

Nurse

Montague

Capulet

Mercutio

Prince

Juliet

Benvolio

Abraham

Lady Capulet

Friar Laurence

Paris

1. .... is Juliet's mother.
2. .... is a religious man.
3. .... is a nobleman.
4. Juliet's father is .....
5. Romeo's father is .....
6. .... takes care of Juliet.
7. .... is a servant.
8. .... is Romeo's cousin.
9. .... gives Romeo the bad news.
10. .... is Romeo's friend.
11. .... makes peace.
12. .... in love with Romeo.

**B. How do you feel about these characters in the story? Circle the best answer for each character.**

1. **Juliet**

- a. She's innocent.
- b. She's a devil.

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| 2. <b>Romeo</b>          | a. He's loving.<br>b. He's terrible.           |
| 3. <b>Capulet</b>        | a. He has rage.<br>b. He's wise.               |
| 4. <b>Friar Laurence</b> | a. He's wise.<br>b. He is bad.                 |
| 5. <b>Montague</b>       | a. He's evil.<br>b. He has rage.               |
| 6. <b>Mercutio</b>       | a. He's friendly.<br>b. He is dishonest.       |
| 7. <b>Prince</b>         | a. He is sensible.<br>b. He is full of hatred. |
| 8. <b>Tybalt</b>         | a. He's a great fighter.<br>b. He's loving.    |

**C. Are these sentences True (T) or False (F)?**

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| 1. Juliet is in love with Paris.             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Romeo is a Montague.                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Capulet has a son.                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Romeo's love for Juliet is eternal.       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Tybalt kills Paris.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Paris dies in the fight.                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Juliet dies in the story.                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Mercutio is a friend of Romeo.            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Lady Capulet wants Juliet to marry Romeo. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Capulet and Montague are enemies.        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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## Word search

Find the ten words from the story and write the words.

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I	F	E	A	S	T	X	A	A	R
G	Y	M	U	T	O	R	C	H	R
H	K	Y	L	M	P	O	C	X	O
T	W	P	O	I	S	O	N	A	W
A	N	C	I	E	N	T	D	F	Q
C	O	N	F	E	S	S	B	H	M
A	C	G	N	U	O	V	X	X	X
P	E	A	C	E	M	K	I	B	G

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....
6. ....
7. ....
8. ....
9. ....
10. ....

## Glossary

<b>admit</b>	allow someone to enter a place * He <i>admitted</i> the children to the theatre without tickets.
<b>ache</b>	suffer from a pain * My whole body is <i>aching</i> .
<b>ancestor</b>	a person related to you who lived a long time ago * He has written a book about his <i>ancestors</i> .
<b>ancient</b>	from a long time ago * I am interested in <i>ancient</i> languages and cultures.
<b>arrangement</b>	a plan * We need to make an <i>arrangement</i> for the weekend.
<b>attendant</b>	an assistant or a servant of an important person * He has many <i>attendants</i> .
<b>beam</b>	a line of light shining from an object * Sun <i>beams</i> make me feel happy.
<b>beast</b>	a large, wild animal * Kids are scared of <i>beasts</i> .