

Have you seen the film? The 1996 film version of *Romeo and Juliet* was a huge success and people love the story just as much today as when the play was first published in 1597!

In the Italian city of Verona, two families hate each other. Romeo is from the Montague family and Juliet is a Capulet, but they fall in love at first sight. This is their tragic love story.

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises to check your understanding.

### Preparation

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.

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| ..... | 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.

**Discussion**

Are Romeo and Juliet's deaths just a tragic accident? If not, who is responsible?

Do you think the story of Romeo and Juliet is relevant to life today?

**Vocabulary Box**

Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.