

**REVISION QUIZ**

**Act Five, Scene 1 - The most lamentable comedy, and most cruel death of  
Pyramus and Thisbe**

Re-read pages 86-93 of A Midsummer Night's Dream (The Global Shakespeare Series edition) and then answer the following questions.

1. Pick out five aspects of the play of Pyramus and Thisbe that make it amusing.
2. List five things that Bottom (Pyramus) does which makes his acting funny.
3. What does Quince (as the Prologue) do that makes his first speech amusing?
4. What is the effect of his mistake?
5. What is amusing about Prologue's second speech? There are two elements you should be able to identify.
6. What two things speak in the play that you would not normally expect to have a voice?
7. Which characters play these parts?
8. One of these objects does something else which makes the play farcical, what is it?
9. Pyramus gets the senses muddled up when he is referring to Thisbe. Write down his mistakes.
10. Both Pyramus and Thisbe refer to other tragic lovers; write down who they refer to and to whom they mean to refer to.
11. Who plays the part of the Lion?
12. What is amusing about the Lion's speech?
13. What happens when the Moonshine starts to recite his lines?
14. What is the effect of the short lines of Pyramus's speech on page 91, lines 272-283?
15. Why does Pyramus's death appear ridiculous?
16. What is unusual about Thisbe's description of her lover?
17. Why does the end of the play amuse the audience when it should be tragic?
18. Several times whilst the play is being performed the audience discuss what they are watching. What is particularly amusing about Demetrius's comments on line 156 and Theseus's on lines 306-307?
19. What does the audience think of the play? Comment on some of the characters' reactions to what they are seeing.
20. Overall, why is the play unsuitable for celebrating a wedding?