

PRACTICE QUESTIONS**Act 1 Scene 5**

1. Imagine you are one of the guests at the masked ball and you have witnessed all the events in the scene.

Write an account of your thoughts and feelings about what you have seen and heard. You could begin: I was looking forward to the ball. After the Prince's decree that there should be no more fighting between Capulets and Montagues I was hoping for a pleasant evening of dancing and socialising. When I arrived

Before you begin to write you should think about what the guest might think about.

- The atmosphere at the beginning of the party;
- Tybalt's reaction to Romeo;
- Capulet's response to Tybalt;
- Romeo and Juliet's first meeting.

2. **How does Shakespeare show the audience the different moods in this scene?**

Before you begin to write you should think about:

- The opening of the scene;
- Capulet's change in behaviour;
- Tybalt's reaction to seeing Romeo;
- Romeo and Juliet's first meeting.

Act 3 Scene 5

1. **Imagine you are going to direct this scene for a class performance. Explain how you want the actors to show the different moods of the characters.**

Before you begin to write you should decide what advice to give the pupils about:

- Lady Capulet's first conversation with Juliet;
- Capulet's arrival and reaction to Juliet's refusal to marry Paris;
- Juliet's behaviour towards her parents;
- The Nurse's attempt to interrupt Capulet;
- Juliet's behaviour after her father has left the room.

2. **Imagine you are the Nurse. Write down your thoughts and feelings as you go to tell Lady Capulet that Juliet has gone to church to confess her sins. You could begin:** I hope Juliet is not too upset at my apparent change of mind. Her father was extremely angry when

Before you begin to write you should decide what the Nurse thinks and feels about:

- Lady Capulet's decision to marry Juliet to Paris;
- Lady Capulet's behaviour towards her daughter;
- Capulet's language and violence towards Juliet;
- Juliet's reaction to the Nurse's interruption;
- Juliet's apparent acceptance of the Nurse's advice.