

**ROMEO AND JULIET NCT PAPER**

You should know the two scenes **very well** so that you understand the question and will be able to find relevant quotations **speedily**.

Remember it is a play you are writing about! Refer to 'watching', 'seeing' and 'hearing' rather than 'reading about' and comment on the audience's reaction, not the reader's response.

Read the question **carefully**, don't just write down everything you have learned about the scenes.

You should show detailed knowledge of the language of the play and how it is working. For example:

In this scene Capulet's references to Juliet as "young baggage", "disobedient wretch" and "whining mammet" show how unsympathetic and angry he is at her refusal to marry Paris. He thinks of all sorts of words to insult her, including calling his own daughter a prostitute. He then goes on to say that, "you be mine", suggesting he considers Juliet to be his property rather than another human being.

Don't use slang: you should write in a formal style and register. If you were the examiner which sentence would you prefer to read?

Tybalt is a fiery character and is bound to seek revenge against Romeo for appearing at a Capulet ball.

Tybalt always gets in massive strops and is always going to bash Romeo in for gatecrashing the big party.

You are being tested on your understanding of the scenes and their relevance to the rest of the play. The only way you can show your understanding is to use quotations and analyse them. For example:

The audience begin to see how powerful Capulet is, because although he heartily greets his guests, "You are welcome, gentlemen!" he changes his tone completely when angrily answering Tybalt, "He shall be endured." His use of the word "boy" shows the contempt with which he views his nephew at this point, he just expects to be obeyed.

**Don't** give your own running commentary on the scene. The examiner is not interested in reading such comments as, "Juliet is really flirty in this scene and I think she should not speak to Romeo but still to her own family and if I was her I'd have said, "Go away horrible boy."."