

### Act 2 Scene 6

The nurse meets Romeo and he tells her that Friar Lawrence has agreed to marry him and Juliet. The nurse returns to Juliet with the message, telling her where and when to meet Romeo.

**Friar:** I hope that heaven smiles upon your marriage, Romeo, and that you never have a reason to be sorry for it.

**Romeo:** Amen to that! Just being with Juliet for a moment would make up for any sorrows that might come.

**Friar:** Be warned, Romeo, there is always a price to be paid for happiness. Look! Here comes Juliet.

**Romeo:** Ah! Juliet.

**Juliet:** I love you so much!

**Friar:** Come with me and we will do this quickly. You shall be married now.

### Act 3 Scene 1

The day is hot, and on the streets of Verona the youths are ready for trouble.

**Benvolio:** Let's go home, Mercutio. It's a hot day and the Capulets are around. I know if we bump into them there will be a fight.

**Mercutio:** Don't be such a wimp, Benvolio. You are as keen as anyone for a good fight.

**Benvolio:** Here come the Capulets.

**Mercutio:** Do you think I care?

**Tybalt:** A word with one of you.

**Mercutio:** Just one? Why not try two?

**Tybalt:** Mercutio, you spend a lot of time with Romeo...

**Mercutio:** Just what are you trying to say? Say it to my sword!

*(Mercutio pulls out his sword and puts it to Tybalt's throat.)*

**Benvolio:** Be careful what you say and do – people are watching!

**Mercutio:** Let them watch! I'll not budge for any man's pleasure.

**Tybalt:** Well, peace be with you sir. Here comes the person I want to speak to. Romeo, you are a villain.

**Romeo:** Tybalt, we share too much now for me to be offended by your greeting. I am not a villain so leave now. It's obvious you don't know me at all.

**Tybalt:** Forget it! I am here to pay you back for the way you insulted me.

**Romeo:** I've done nothing to insult you, in fact we have good reason now to be friends. So, please, leave this alone.

**Mercutio:** What are you letting him get away with insulting you, Romeo?  
*(Mercutio draws his sword.)* Tybalt, you scum! Dare you turn your back?

**Tybalt:** Are you looking for a fight?

**Mercutio:** What do you think, moron?

*(Tybalt draws his sword.)*

**Tybalt:** Come on then!

*(Tybalt and Mercutio fight.)*

**Romeo:** Mercutio, please stop this. Tybalt, shame on you, stop this outrage. The Prince has clearly forbidden fighting in the streets.

*(Tybalt stabs Mercutio as Romeo tries to stop them. As Mercutio falls, Tybalt and the Capulets leave.)*

**Mercutio:** I am hurt! A plague on both your houses! I am dying.

**Benvolio:** Mercutio! How bad is it?

**Mercutio:** It's but a scratch, but it's enough. Ask me tomorrow and you will find me in the grave. Romeo, why did you get in my way? I was hurt under your arm.

**Romeo:** I thought it was for the best.

**Mercutio:** Help me into a house, Benvolio, or I shall die here. A plague on both your houses! You have made me into worms' meat.

**Romeo:** My friend is dying because of me. Juliet, you have made me too weak.

**Benvolio:** Romeo, Romeo! Brave Mercutio is dead.

**Romeo:** What a black day this is. It's not going to end here with this death.

**Benvolio:** Look – it's Tybalt! He's back again.

**Romeo:** Alive? Victorious? While Mercutio lies dead? Tybalt – either you or I will be dead in a minute.

**Tybalt:** You stupid boy – you'll be joining your friend now.

*(Romeo and Tybalt fight. Tybalt is killed.)*

**Benvolio:** Romeo – get out of here. The Prince will demand you killed if you are caught.

**Romeo:** Fate has been so unkind to me.

## The Deaths of Mercutio and Tybalt

Imagine you are Benvolio. Prince Escalus speaks to you after both Tybalt and Mercutio have been killed. He asks you to write down a report as to what happened. Use the layout and the prompts below to help you.

**To:** Prince Escalus

**From:** Benvolio

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> June 1651

**Subject:** The Killings of Mercutio and Tybalt

### Background

- Explain the feud between the Montagues and the Capulets.
- Why was Tybalt looking for Romeo?

### The Argument

- Why did you want Mercutio to leave the streets?
- Why would he not go?
- When Tybalt arrived, what did he want?
- Why was Mercutio offended?
- Did Mercutio threaten Tybalt?
- Why didn't Tybalt fight with Mercutio?
- What did Romeo say to try and stop the fight?
- Why did Romeo want to stop the fight? Would Tybalt listen?
- How did Mercutio die?

### The Death of Tybalt

- Why did Romeo chase after Tybalt?
- How did he kill him?
- Why did Benvolio tell Romeo to get out of Verona?

### Conclusions

- Who does Benvolio believe is most to blame?
- What does Benvolio suggest should be done about it?

**Tips:** Remember this is a **formal** document so you must not use slang or abbreviations. Keep it as factual as possible until the conclusion then you can give your opinion.

Planning sheet







## Check Your Knowledge.

- Put the following sentences in the order that they happened.

- \_\_\_ Romeo goes with Mercutio to the Capulets' party.
- \_\_\_ Romeo asks Friar Lawrence to marry him and Juliet.
- \_\_\_ Tybalt and the Capulets cause the third civil brawl.
- \_\_\_ Romeo falls in love with Juliet.
- \_\_\_ Tybalt says he will take revenge on Romeo for being at the party.
- \_\_\_ Romeo kills Tybalt.
- \_\_\_ Tybalt kills Mercutio

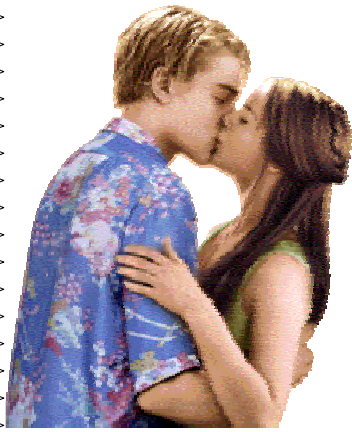
- Highlight the words that describe Tybalt in one colour, the words that describe Mercutio in another and the words that describe Benvolio in another.

Key Tybalt =                      Mercutio=                      Benvolio=

Aggressive	Peaceful	Witty (funny)	Revengeful
Hot tempered	Proud	Risk taker	Violent

- Find the adjectives written above in the word search below.





### Act 3 Scene 5

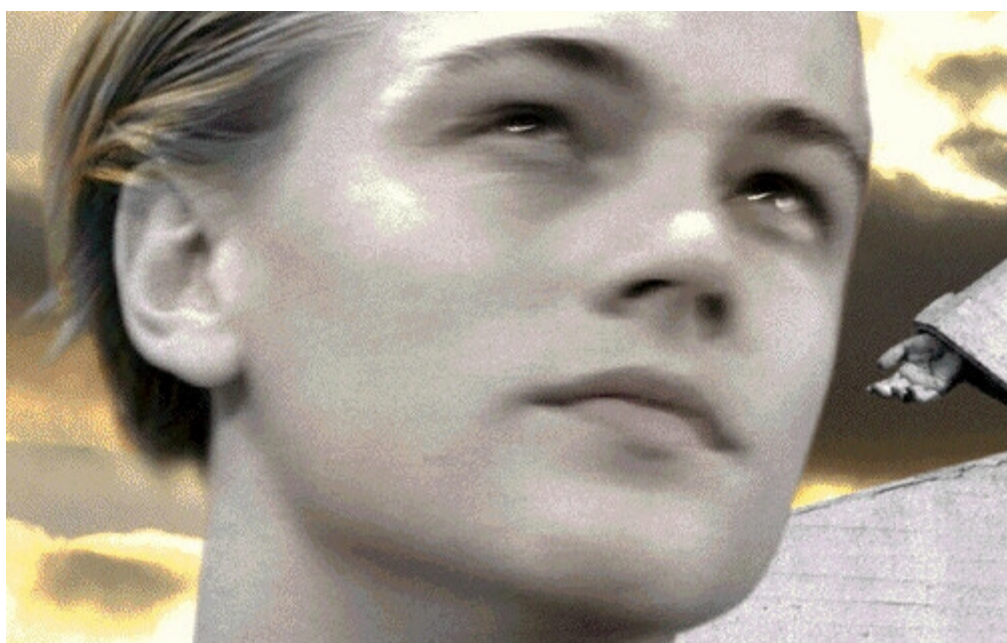
Romeo goes to the Capulet house to spend the night with Juliet before he has to leave Verona. Juliet doesn't know that her father has told Paris he will ask his daughter if she will marry Paris. As Romeo leaves Juliet in the morning she has a vision that the next time she sees him, he will be dead.

- Nurse:** Juliet! Your mother is coming!
- Juliet:** Romeo, you must go now.
- Romeo:** Goodbye, my love. I promise I will write to you as soon as I can.
- Juliet:** Do you think we will see each other again?
- Romeo:** Of course we will. These bad times will make the good times better.
- Juliet:** Oh, God! I have a horrible feeling the next time I see you, you will be lying in a tomb. You seem so pale.
- Romeo:** So do you. Goodbye, my love, goodbye.  
*(Romeo leaves)*
- Juliet:** Please come back soon.  
*(Lady Capulet enters)*
- Lady C:** How are you feeling, Juliet?
- Juliet:** Not well.
- Lady C:** I know you miss your cousin – but please put your grief aside.  
I know the death of Romeo will make you feel better.
- Juliet:** It's true – Romeo does cause my sadness.
- Lady C:** Not for much longer. He has been banished to Mantua. I know someone there who will make sure we have our revenge. He will poison Romeo.
- Juliet:** I will never be happy until I see him again.
- Lady C:** Well, don't think about it too much. I bring good news.
- Juliet:** Good news?
- Lady C:** Yes. On Thursday you are to marry Paris.
- Juliet:** Marry Paris? I'd rather be married to Romeo than him.
- Lady C:** You tell your father this. Here he comes now.  
*(Lord Capulet enters)*
- Lord C:** Hello, my daughter. You look so sad, but I have good news.



- Lady C:** She says she will not marry Paris.
- Lord C:** Not marry Paris? But she should be happy to marry him. And proud. Well, I'll tell you this, you ungrateful madam, you will marry Paris if I have to drag you to the church by the hair myself.
- Juliet:** Father, please! Let me explain.
- Lord C:** You will be at that church on Thursday or you never speak to me again. Wife, I thought we were lucky to have this daughter. Now I know we are cursed.  
*(Lord Capulet leaves)*
- Juliet:** Mum, please speak to him. Stop the marriage or I might as well be dead.
- Lady C:** Don't speak to me. You will do as your father says or leave this house for good.  
*(Lady Capulet leaves)*
- Juliet:** Nurse, what will I do?
- Nurse:** Marry Paris. He's rich and a good man. Besides, Romeo can never return.
- Juliet:** All right. Thank you for your advice. Tell my father I have gone to Friar Lawrence to ask forgiveness for be ungrateful.
- Nurse:** Good girl. You're doing the right thing.  
*(Nurse leaves)*
- Juliet:** O this cruel world! I will go and see Friar Lawrence. If he can't help me, I can always kill myself.





### Act 4 Scene 1

Juliet goes to see Friar Lawrence. Paris is already there. Paris reminds her that they are to be married on Thursday then he leaves. Juliet tells Friar Lawrence how miserable she is and asks him for his help. He tells her his plan to allow her to be together with Romeo again.

**Friar L:** Married on Thursday, you say? That's very quick.

**Paris:** I know but her father wants it that way.

**Friar L:** But you haven't asked her yet. I don't think this is a good idea.

**Paris:** She's been very upset by Tybalt's death. A wedding will make her happy again.

**Friar L:** I wish I didn't know the reason why you shouldn't get married.

*(Juliet enters)*

**Paris:** Juliet, my lady and my soon to be wife!

**Juliet:** What will be, will be.

**Paris:** Have you come to say confession?

**Juliet:** Yes.

**Paris:** Well, don't forget to tell him you love me.

**Juliet:** I will tell him I love him.

**Paris:** You poor thing. You look exhausted from crying.

**Friar L:** Please, Paris, Juliet and I need time alone.

**Paris:** Of course. Until Thursday, Juliet.

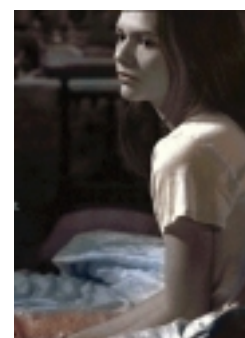
*(Paris leaves)*

**Juliet:** Oh please help me, Father. I would rather die than marry Paris.

**Friar L:** I have a plan to help you. You will tell your father you will marry Paris. Here, take this poison. Tomorrow night, take it before you sleep. It will slow down your heart and turn you cold. When Paris comes to wake you he will believe you are dead. Your body will be brought here and laid to rest in the tomb. I will send a message to Romeo in Mantua and he will come to find you. Then you can be together.

**Juliet:** Thank you, father. Pray that I have the strength.

**Friar L:** God be with you child.



## Sending a Telegram

Imagine Friar Lawrence sent Romeo a telegram instead of a letter. A telegram is much shorter than a letter and gives only the necessary information. You have to pay 10p for every word. This letter has 173 words. This letter would cost £17.30

- *Read the letter and then highlight the most important information.*
- *When you have done that, write out your new letter.*

Dear Romeo,  
Juliet has been to visit me in my cell. She has told me that she must marry Paris. You remember Paris? He is a fine young fellow, but even so, he cannot marry Juliet. So, I have come up with a plan – Juliet is going to drink a liquid tomorrow night, when she is in her room alone. This liquid will make her fall asleep and seem like she is dead. It will only last 42 hours but it will stop her from marrying Paris. She will be placed in the Capulet vault, because everyone will think that she is dead. We have to be there when she wakes up, so that you can take her with you to Mantua. Come here to my cell late at night. Make sure no-one sees you. We will go to the vault and wait until she wakes, then you can be together, until I manage to persuade your two families and the Prince to let you back into Verona.  
Until then  
Friar Laurence.

- *Add up the cost of the telegram*

The person with the shortest telegram which contains all the important information wins!