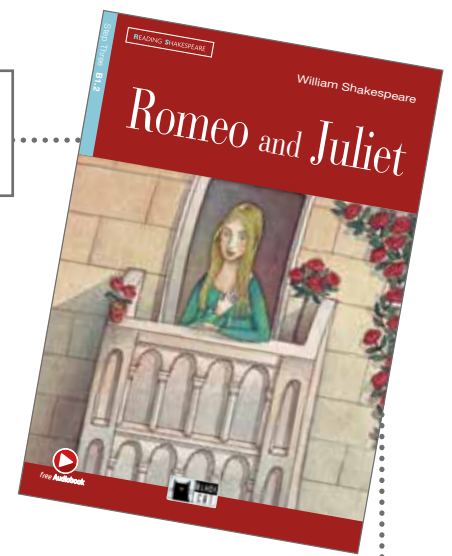


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READING ACTIVITY 1/6



ROMEO AND JULIET

INTRODUCTION

Romeo and Juliet, is one of the best-known love stories of all time. It was written by William Shakespeare, (1564-1616), the famous English playwright and poet, who wrote it as a play for the theatre. The story is set long ago in the beautiful Italian city of Verona, where two young people fall in love. Unfortunately, their respective families hate each other, but this does not stop the young lovers. Several events and certain misunderstandings lead to tragedy.

PREDICTION • WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Choose an answer, a or b.

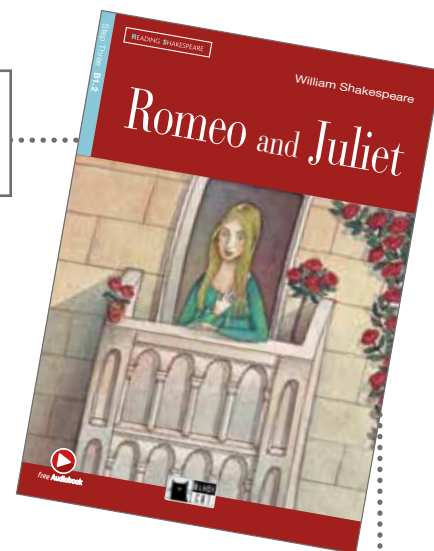
1. How old are the two young lovers, Romeo and Juliet?
 - a. They are young adults.
 - b. They are teenagers.
2. Are their families rich or poor?
 - a. Their families are both rich.
 - b. Their families are both poor.
3. Where do the two young lovers meet?
 - a. They meet at school.
 - b. They meet at a party.
4. Do Romeo and Juliet get married?
 - a. Yes, they do.
 - b. No, they don't.

Mark your answers and when you finish reading the story, check them to see if you predicted correctly.



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Part 1 – Read the extract and then do the activity below.

Romeo was on his way back from the forest to the city.

‘Good morning, cousin,’ said Benvolio.

‘It’s a sad morning,’ replied Romeo.

‘Why? why are your days sad and long?’

‘I am...’

‘In love?’

‘Out...’

‘Out of love?’

Out of my lady’s favour. I love her but she does not love me. Love is a terrible thing, Benvolio. I love and I hate. Love comes from nothing. It is heavy and light, serious and foolish,¹ hot and cold, sick and healthy. Are you laughing at me?’

‘No, I am sad because you are sad.’

‘Love is madness. Goodbye, cousin.’

‘Tell me, who do you love?’

‘I love a woman.’

‘I know that. But who?’

‘I love sweet Rosaline. She is beautiful, intelligent and good. But she doesn’t love me.’

‘Forget her. There are many other girls.’

‘No, I can never forget her.’

(from *Romeo and Juliet*, Part One, The Montagues and the Capulets)

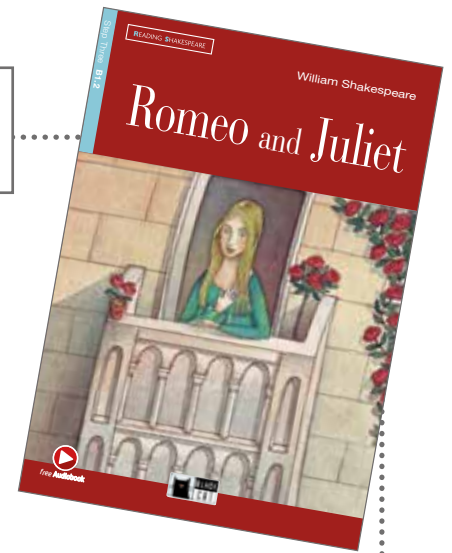
1 foolish : stupid



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1. Are the following sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- Romeo met Benvolio in the forest near the city. T F
- Benvolio was Romeo's cousin. T F
- Romeo was sad because Rosaline didn't love him. T F
- Benvolio said that love was madness. T F
- Benvolio told Romeo to forget Rosaline. T F
- Romeo agreed with Benvolio and decided to forget her. T F

QUICK QUIZ!

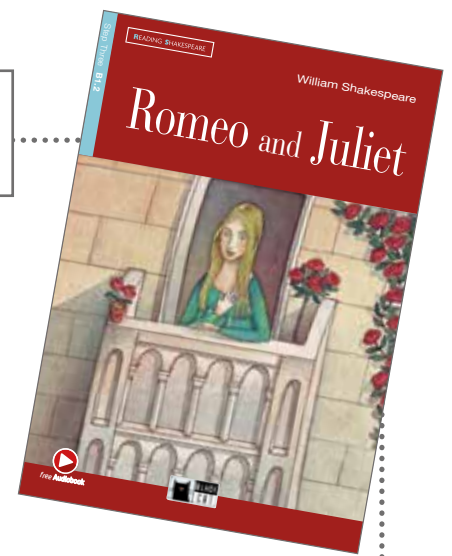
2. Complete the sentences with the correct question word: WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHY.

- does Romeo love?
- is the story set?
- is Romeo very sad?
- does Benvolio tell Romeo?



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READING ACTIVITY 4/6



Part 2 – Read the extract and then do the activity below.

Juliet has already met Romeo at the party, and now she is home, on the balcony, alone.

Juliet began to speak to the night. She did not know that Romeo was listening.

‘Ah, Romeo,’ she sighed.²

‘Speak again, angel,’ he whispered.³

‘O Romeo, Romeo! Why is your name Romeo?’

Let’s change our names. Then we can love.

Forget that you are a Montague.

Or, if you love me, I will not be a Capulet.

Montague and Capulet are only names.

A rose can have any name. It always smells sweet.’

Romeo called out.⁴ ‘I will change my name for you.’

‘Who’s there?’ asked Juliet. ‘Who is listening in the middle of the night?’

‘I will not tell you my name because it is your enemy.’

‘I know your voice. Are you Romeo? But how did you get over the garden wall?’

‘Love gave me wings. No walls can shut out love.’

‘If my family find you, they will murder you.’

‘The night hides me. I am safe. Love has sent me here to you.’

Romeo and Juliet talked together. Romeo knew Juliet’s secret—she loved him.

They decided to get married secretly.

‘Will you be true?’ asked Juliet.

‘Yes, my darling,’ replied Romeo. ‘I promise by the moon.’

‘But the moon changes. Will your love change?’

‘Never. I will always love you. Do you love me?’

‘I told the night that I loved you and you heard me. I wish I had been silent.’

(from Part Two, *The Garden of the Capulets*)

1 **sigh** : breathe heavily

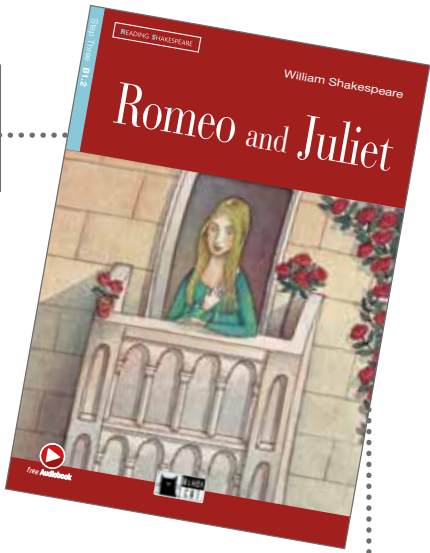
2 **whisper** : say very quietly

3 **call out** : speak loudly



READING ACTIVITY

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ODD ONE OUT!

3A. Circle the word that doesn't belong to the group.

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| 1. sweet | delicious | tasty | sour |
| 2. shout | whisper | cry | scream |
| 3. lock | shut | close | open |
| 4. moon | sea | earth | sun |
| 5. real | true | wrong | correct |
| 6. plant | grass | tree | rose |

3B. Now complete the sentences below with the correct odd word.

- It's your birthday present! it quickly!
- 'That's the answer,' said the teacher angrily.
- Don't drink the milk! It's !
- The baby is sleeping, please
- He gave her a red on Valentine's Day.
- The ship was sailing on the stormy

QUICK QUIZ!

4. Complete the table with the correct form of the verb.

VERB	PAST TENSE	PAST PARTICIPLE
1. begin
2. tell
3. hear
4. shut
5. reply

