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#### Exercise 1 – FUN QUIZ

How much do you know about Shakespeare's plays? Choose the correct answer a, b or c.

- 1. Which of Shakespeare's plays is about young love?
  - a. The Two Gentlemen of Verona
  - b. The Merchant of Venice
  - c. Romeo and Juliet
- 2. Which of Shakespeare's plays is about love and marriage?
  - a. The Merry Wives of Windsor
  - b. Taming of the Shrew
  - c. Antony and Cleopatra
- 3. Which of Shakespeare's plays is about jealous love?
  - a. Othello
  - b. The Tempest
  - c. Macbeth

#### Exercise 2 – COMPREHENSION CHECK

Read carefully the text. Then choose the correct answer a, b or c.

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Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? Thou art more lovely and more temperate: Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May, And summer's lease hath all too short a date;

Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines, And often in his gold complexion dimm'd; And every fair from fair sometime declines, By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;

But they eternal summer shall not fade, Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st; Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade, When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st:

So long as men can breathe or eyes can see, So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.



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- 1. What did Shakespeare compare the lover to?
  - a the month of May
  - b a summer's day
  - c the sun
- 2. Why did Shakespeare say that the lover is "more temperate"?
  - a because the lover has a bad temper
  - b because the lover has a good temper
  - c because the lover is gentle and moderate
- 3. What did Shakespeare mean by "thy eternal summer shall not fade" ?
  - a the lover will not grow old and will remain fair
  - b love will change with the seasons
  - c true love never changes
- 4. What did Shakespeare say about the sun?
  - a it was beautiful and golden
  - b it was part of the heavens
  - c it could be too hot or covered by clouds
- 5. How is the lover's beauty preserved even after death?
  - a by the poet's immortal lines that people will read
  - b by an artist's portrait
  - c by a musician's song

#### Exercise 3 – CLASS DISCUSSION

**1** Which of the qualities below are an essential part of love? Choose them and discuss them with the class.

- truth patience respect understanding empathy kindness loyalty
- 2 How would you compare sonnets to today's messages of love?
- 3 What did Sonnet 18 teach you about love?



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