

A Comic Adaptation from *Classical Comics*

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These notes and activities are designed to help you practise and improve your English as you read the comic excerpt from William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* ([www.grammarmancomic.com/romeoandjuliet.html](http://www.grammarmancomic.com/romeoandjuliet.html)). The full comic is available from [www.classicalcomics.com](http://www.classicalcomics.com) – along with a range of other comics.

This excerpt of the story is the famous balcony scene between Romeo and Juliet. The text has been adapted and simplified from William Shakespeare's original script. It is suitable for pre-intermediate students and higher.

Try reading the comic aloud with a friend to practice your pronunciation. You should try to use intonation and stress to make the dialogue sound natural, and the story more dramatic.



## Before You Read

How much do you know about Romeo and Juliet?

You can use the internet to help you find the answers in this quiz.

### 1. Which Italian city is the story set in?

- a) Verona    b) Bologna
- c) Napoli    d) Parma

### 2. What is Romeo's family name? Juliet's?

- a) Giordano    b) Capulet
- c) Esposito    d) Montague

### 3. What kind of story is it?

- a) mystery    b) comedy    c) science fiction    d) romantic tragedy

### 4. Which actor played Romeo in a 1996 movie?

- a) Johnny Depp    b) Brad Pitt    c) Leonardo DiCaprio    d) Tobey Maguire

### 5. Which Disney movie uses some ideas from Romeo and Juliet?

- a) High School Musical    b) The Princess Diaries
- c) The Princess and the Frog    d) Hannah Montana

### 6. Name three other plays by William Shakespeare.



## Ordering the Events

Read the comic and put these events in the correct order:

Juliet's nurse calls her.

Romeo tells Juliet to contact him by nine o' clock.

Juliet calls Romeo's name.

Romeo leaves and Juliet goes to bed.

Romeo enters the garden below Juliet's window.

Juliet tells Romeo that she loves him.

Juliet says goodnight and Romeo climbs back down.

Juliet hears Romeo and he climbs up to her balcony.



1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Romeo leaves and Juliet goes to bed

## Matching

Match the halves from columns A and B to make sentences.



### A

The Nurse

Friar Laurence will

Juliet worries that her

Romeo thinks that he

Romeo and Juliet have

Romeo leaves before

Romeo goes to

Juliet agrees to

### B

marry Romeo and Juliet.

must be dreaming.

morning.

see Friar Laurence.

send a messenger.

interrupts the lovers.

fallen in love.

family will kill Romeo.

## Vocabulary

Fill the gaps in these lines using the words below.

Her \_\_\_\_\_ are like \_\_\_\_\_ .

We shall be \_\_\_\_\_ forever.

I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_ than to \_\_\_\_\_ without your love.

I wish you could stay here \_\_\_\_\_.

My \_\_\_\_\_ for you is \_\_\_\_\_.

This is too good to be \_\_\_\_\_.



together

die

stars

true

eyes

love

forever

live

endless

Read the comic to check your answers

# **Answer Key**

## **Before you read**

1. Verona
2. Romeo Montague and Juliet Capulet
3. romantic tragedy
4. Leonardo DiCaprio
5. High School Musical
6. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shakespeare\\_plays](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shakespeare_plays)

## **Ordering the Events**

1. Romeo enters the garden below Juliet's window.
2. Juliet calls Romeo's name.
3. Juliet hears Romeo and he climbs up to her balcony.
4. Juliet tells Romeo that she loves him.
5. Juliet's nurse calls her.
6. Juliet says goodnight and Romeo climbs back down.
7. Romeo tells Juliet to contact him by nine o' clock.
8. Romeo leaves and Juliet goes to bed.

## **Matching**

The Nurse interrupts the lovers.  
Friar Laurence will marry Romeo and Juliet.  
Juliet worries that her family will kill Romeo.  
Romeo thinks that he must be dreaming.  
Romeo and Juliet have fallen in love.  
Romeo leaves before morning.  
Romeo goes to see Friar Laurence.  
Juliet agrees to send a messenger.

## **Vocabulary**

Her eyes are like stars.  
We shall be together forever.  
I'd rather die than to live without your love.  
I wish you could stay here forever.  
My love for you is endless.  
This is too good to be true.