

Romeo and Juliet

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The Family Feud

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- _____ Romeo's parents were worried about him because he was sad.
- _____ The servants began a brawl in the marketplace.
- _____ Romeo told Benvolio that Rosaline would not speak to him.
- _____ The Montagues and the Capulets had been feuding for many years.
- _____ Benvolio told Romeo that there were many other girls out there.

II. Choose the best answer.

1. Why were the Montagues and the Capulets feuding?
 - a. They liked each other.
 - b. They wanted to kill the Prince.
 - c. No one could remember why.
 - d. Benvolio had been killed.

2. Why did the servants start to brawl?
 - a. The Prince started the fight.
 - b. The servants were crazy.
 - c. Capulet had been shopping.
 - d. One of them made a face.

3. Why did the Prince want to see Montague and Capulet?
 - a. He was angry about the feud.
 - b. He was happy about Romeo.
 - c. Capulet had shot Montague.
 - d. Montague had new servants.

4. What happened to Romeo?
 - a. He was sad because of a girl.
 - b. He was sad because of his father.
 - c. He told Benvolio to kill his father.
 - d. Montague had told the Prince about him.

III. Write the correct word in each blank.

feud	nephew	revenge	marketplace	wave
master	hardly	peace	brawl	shine

1. A _____ is a long-standing fight between two groups of people.
2. The servants had _____ been in the market long before trouble began.
3. A _____ is a man who owns servants and has people working for him.
4. People often _____ things in the air to get your attention.
5. There is no _____ when the families are constantly fighting.
6. The men thought they needed to get _____ for every dispute.
7. A _____ is an area where you can buy or sell goods or services.
8. His only _____ was the son of his sister.
9. No one likes to be involved in a _____ because it can be dangerous.
10. The _____ of the metal showed it was new.

IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct phrase in each blank.

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| • Montague families in Verona | • servants fought each |
| • there was another | • a hundred years |
| • he would punish | • Romeo was a Montague |
| • he loved Rosaline | • he was in |

The Capulet and 1 _____ had been fighting each other for over 2 _____. Even the 3 _____ other. One day, 4 _____ fight, and the Prince told them that 5 _____ them if they fought again. 6 _____, but he was not at the fight that day because 7 _____ his room feeling sad. He was sad because 8 _____, but Rosaline did not love him.

At the Party

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- _____ Peter could not read, so he asked Romeo and Benvolio for help.
- _____ Paris asked to marry Juliet, but her father refused.
- _____ Romeo and his friends talked about dreams.
- _____ The Montagues went to the Capulets' party in disguise.
- _____ Juliet's mother and nurse discussed Paris's marriage proposal with her.

II. Choose the best answer.

1. Why did Capulet refuse Paris's proposal?
 - a. Juliet was dead.
 - b. He wanted Juliet to decide if she wanted to marry him.
 - c. Romeo also proposed.
 - d. He thought that Juliet's mother should tell her.

2. Why did Romeo and Benvolio go to a Capulet party?
 - a. Romeo's friends wanted him to cheer up.
 - b. They wanted him to get caught.
 - c. Romeo was a good dancer.
 - d. The Prince married Juliet.

3. How did Juliet feel about Paris's marriage proposal?
 - a. She was worried because she wanted to marry someone else.
 - b. She was angry about it.
 - c. She was uncertain about it.
 - d. She was excited because he was very wealthy.

4. What did Romeo and Mercutio talk about at the party?

a. Dread	b. Dreams
c. Benvolio	d. Juliet

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The Family Feud

Preview Questions

1. Have you read or seen the story of Romeo and Juliet before?
Did you like it?
2. Do you know two families who are always fighting?
3. Do you ever make a face at somebody?

In the beautiful city of Verona in Northern Italy, there were two families who did not like each other. In fact, they hated each other. The name of one of the families was Capulet, and the other family was called Montague. They had been fighting each other for over one hundred years, and quite a few people had been killed during that time. Sometimes other people, who did not belong to these two families, were hurt in the fights. Everybody wished that they would stop fighting.

The strange thing was that nobody could remember why they were fighting. The cause of the **feud** had been forgotten, but they continued to fight. Every time they fought, whoever lost the fight always wanted **revenge**. This always caused them to continue fighting. Would it ever end?

One morning, the sun shone happily from the blue sky onto the houses of Verona. The birds sat in the trees and sang, and the people of the city were beginning their daily work. The shopkeepers were opening their shops, and children were playing in the streets.

Two young men were walking toward the marketplace. They were servants of the Capulet family.

“Look at my new sword, Gregory,” said one of the servants. “Isn’t it nice and shiny?”

“It certainly is,” agreed Gregory. He watched as his friend, Samson, waved the sword around. “Be careful with it. You don’t want to hurt anybody,” cautioned Gregory.

Samson, however, was very pleased with his new sword. He continued to wave it around in the air, pretending to be in a sword fight. He thought that perhaps he would like to fight somebody with his new sword.

“Just imagine what I could do to one of those Montagues with this sword,” he laughed. “I could cut them to pieces!”

He put the sword away and the two young servants continued walking down the street, joking and laughing. Then, on the other side of the street, they saw two servants of the Montague family.

“Watch this,” said Samson, and he made a face at the Montague servants.

“Are you making a face at me?” asked Abraham, the taller of the two Montague servants.

“Yes, I am,” answered Samson proudly. “I can do that because my master is better than yours. What are you going to do about it?”

It wasn’t long before all the men had their swords in their hands. Soon, they were all fighting.

They had hardly begun, however, when Benvolio, Montague’s **nephew**, ran in and tried to stop them.

“Put your swords away, you fools!” he cried.

But, he was not the only person who saw the fight. Tybalt,

Capulet's nephew, ran in and wanted to fight Benvolio.

“Don't be a fool!” shouted Benvolio. “I am trying to stop them from fighting! We should live in peace.”

“Peace?” cried Tybalt. “I hate that word! I hate it almost as much as I hate all the Montagues. Fight, you coward!” he challenged.

He attacked Benvolio with his sword. Other people ran in and tried to stop the fight, but they only made it bigger. Everyone was angry with the Capulets and the Montagues.

Capulet and Montague were both at the market with their wives doing some shopping. When they heard the loud noise, they all went to see what was happening. The two old men wanted to fight, too, but their wives held them back. They would not allow their husbands to fight.

Then the Prince arrived. He ordered everyone to stop fighting and go away.

“You are two old men,” he said to Capulet and Montague, “but you are still behaving like little children. You are both enemies of peace. This is the third time this month that there has been a brawl between your families. If it happens again, I will punish both of you. I may even hang you! Capulet, you come with me now. Montague, you come and see me this afternoon.”

There was one member of the Montague family who had not been at the fight. His name was Romeo. Montague and his wife were both worried about their son. They hardly saw him, and when they did, he looked very sad. They had asked him why he was so sad, but he would not tell them. They asked their friends to ask him, but Romeo would not

tell them either. Why was their rich, handsome, and clever son so sad? They could not understand it.

Then Benvolio told them that he had seen Romeo very early that morning, even before the sun had come up. Romeo was walking near some trees on the edge of the city, but when he saw Benvolio, he ran into the trees, and Benvolio did not follow him.

“I don’t understand it,” said Montague. “Other people have seen him there too at that time of the day. Some of them have seen him crying. Then, when the sun comes up, he goes home and shuts himself in his room. He closes the doors and windows and stays in the dark all day. What is the matter with him?”

Romeo was sad because he was in love. Being in love does not always make people sad. In fact, it often makes them very happy. Romeo was sad because the girl he loved did not love him. She was a beautiful girl, and Romeo was very much in love, but she told him that she would never love him. This is what made Romeo so sad and why he shut himself in his room all day. It seemed that he had forgotten how to smile. Sometimes, he wished that he were dead because he was so sad, but he would not talk to anybody about it.

Finally, however, he told his cousin Benvolio, who was also his best friend.

“What can I do, Benvolio? What should I do? I love Rosaline, but she will not even look at me. She will not speak to me. Love makes you very sad!”

“Don’t be sad, Romeo,” Benvolio advised him. “You must forget her. Don’t think about her any more.”

“How can I do that?” asked Romeo hopelessly.

“There are many other beautiful girls to look at. You should look at them. Then you will soon forget about Rosaline,” Benvolio suggested.

“That is useless advice, Benvolio! No girl is as beautiful as Rosaline. Even when they are almost as beautiful, they only make me think of her. The only way to forget her is to die. Then everything will be forgotten!”

Review Questions

1. Why were the Capulet and the Montague families always fighting?
2. Why were Romeo's parents worried about him?
3. Why was Romeo sad?