

Romeo and Juliet

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A Before Reading

- 1 Romeo and Juliet is a very famous love story. Maybe you have read it before, or seen a play or film about the story ... What do you know about the story?
 - (a) Who are Romeo and Juliet?
 - (b) Who are the two main families in the story?
 - (c) Are they friends or enemies?
 - (d) What country is the story set in?

- 2 Fill in the table below with some new words from the story. Use the clues beneath the table to help you.

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- 1 Great sadness – page 41
- 2 A place or large stone structure where a dead person is buried – page 7
- 3 The organ in a woman’s body where a baby grows before it is born – page 72
- 4 To force someone to live in a different country as a punishment – page 48
- 5 A serious promise – page 15
- 6 A feeling of great happiness – page 41
- 7 A word describing someone who makes other people unhappy or upset – page 14
- 8 A ceremony that takes place after someone dies – page 69
- 9 Something that can kill you or make you very sick if you eat, drink or breathe it – page 34
- 10 A deep hole in the ground where a body is buried – page 45
- 11 Very bad, unpleasant or cruel – page 67

B While Reading

3 Read the first half of the book. Put the following events into the order in which they happen.

	Romeo meets Juliet at a party
	Tybalt is killed by Romeo
	Romeo is sent away from Verona forever
1	Romeo is sad because he loves someone who does not love him
	Romeo and Juliet are married
	Mercutio is killed by Tybalt
	Paris asks Juliet's father if he can marry her

4 Many people die in this story. It is a famous, tragic love story. Fill in the table below with the information about who dies, how they die and who kills them.

Act/scene	Who dies?	How do they die?	Who or what kills them?

- 5 Below are pictures of the seven main characters from the story. Below them are some thoughts. Match a thought up with each character. Give reasons for your choice. There is only one thought for each character.



- (a) 'I love her and will marry her soon. Her father has promised me.'
 (b) 'If I cannot be with the one I love, I will end my life before marrying someone else!'
 (c) 'He has insulted our family. I will kill him to uphold our honour.'
 (d) 'How can I live so far away from the one I love? It will surely kill me.'
 (e) 'Foolish girl. Why will she not do as I wish?'
 (f) 'Two deaths in one night! The Gods have surely forsaken me.'
 (g) 'There is too much hate in these two families. The Lord will surely punish them.'

C After Reading

- 6 Get some friends or fellow students together. Choose your characters and act out the final scenes from the play.
- 7 Imagine Juliet wakes up before Romeo takes his poison. People are coming towards the tomb. They will be surprised to see Juliet alive and Romeo will be killed if he is captured. Write a very different ending to the story.