

# Hamlet

## William Shakespeare

### A Before Reading

#### 1 Students' own answers.

Other plays by Shakespeare:

**Tragedies:** Antony and Cleopatra, Coriolanus, Julius Caesar, King Lear, Macbeth, Othello, Romeo and Juliet, Timon of Athens, Titus Andronicus

**Histories:** Henry IV Part I, Henry IV Part II, Henry V, Henry VI Part I, Henry VI Part II, Henry VI Part III, Henry VIII, King John, Richard II, Richard III

**Comedies:** All's Well That Ends Well, As You Like It, The Comedy of Errors, Cymbeline, Love's Labours Lost, Measure for Measure, The Merry Wives of Windsor, The Merchant of Venice, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Much Ado About Nothing, Pericles, Prince of Tyre, The Taming of the Shrew, The Tempest, Troilus and Cressida, Twelfth Night, Two Gentlemen of Verona, The Winter's Tale

#### 2 Correct answers:

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A ceremony when a person dies: a funeral

To hurt someone who has hurt you: to get revenge

To show that you feel sad about someone's death: to mourn

A woman whose husband has died: a widow

To make someone believe something that is not true: to trick someone

To promise to do something: to swear (swore, sworn)

To make people aware of something or to uncover something: to reveal

Something that harms or kills a person if they drink it: poison

To think that someone is responsible for something bad: to blame someone

To die in water: to drown

#### 3 a Correct answers:

- a Hamlet and Laertes fight at a funeral. 4
- b Hamlet is unhappy about his mother's marriage. 3
- c Everyone watches a play about a king who is a murderer. 1
- d Hamlet kills a man. 2
- e Hamlet speaks to the ghost of his father. 5

#### b Students' own answers. (Correct order: b, e, c, d, a.)

## B While Reading

4 Recommended answers: (although other answers accepted if justified convincingly)



|                             |                           |   |   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| loyal<br>supportive<br>calm | pretty<br>sad<br>innocent | dishonest<br>greedy for power<br>frightened | confused<br>doesn't trust people<br>angry |
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5 Correct answers:

| Who dies?                    | How do they die?   | Who kills them?                                   |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| King Hamlet                  | Poisoned   | His brother, Claudius                             |
| Polonius                     | Stabbed with a sword   | Hamlet  |
| Ophelia                      | Drowned  | Nobody – it was an accident                       |
| Rosencrantz and Guildenstern | By order of Claudius' letter, which Hamlet has changed to show their names | The king of England                               |
| Gertrude                     | Poisoned   | Claudius  |
| Laertes                      | Wounded with a poisoned sword  | Hamlet, but it was Laertes who poisoned the sword |
| Claudius                     | Poisoned   | Hamlet  |
| Hamlet                       | Wounded with a poisoned sword  | Laertes   |

6 Students' own answers.

## C After Reading

7 Students' own answers.

8 Students' own answers.

9 Students' own answers.