

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:

H	A	F	M	B	U	J	A	U	S
U	S	T	O	T	R	I	C	K	U
D	F	F	U	N	E	R	A	L	D
R	P	N	R	A	V	L	S	I	B
O	O	R	N	R	E	V	E	A	L
W	I	D	O	W	N	I	N	D	A
N	S	N	B	E	G	N	I	G	M
E	O	I	S	W	E	A	R	R	E
A	N	M	O	R	N	D	C	T	O

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:

- Hamlet and Laertes fight at a funeral. 4
- Hamlet is unhappy about his mother's marriage. 3
- Everyone watches a play about a king who is a murderer. 1
- Hamlet kills a man. 2
- 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 supportive calm	pretty sad innocent	dishonest greedy for power frightened	confused doesn't trust people angry

5 Correct answers:

Who dies?	How do they die?	Who kills them?
<i>King Hamlet</i>	<i>Poisoned</i>	<i>His brother, Claudius</i>
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.