

**ROMEO AND JULIET
READING COMPREHENSION
ACT 4
YEAR 3 AND 4
ANSWER SHEET**

1. Where is Juliet at the beginning of this act?

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| Her bedroom | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lord Capulet's party | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Friar Laurence's cell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Paris' house | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. "Tears stream down her cheeks as she pleads with the priest to help her to escape her marriage to Paris".

A. Underline the two words that show Juliet is crying

B. What does 'plead' mean. Tick one box

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| to shout | <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>to beg</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | to cry | <input type="checkbox"/> | to pretend | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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3. "I long to die, if what thou speak'st speak not of remedy. "

What is Juliet saying here?

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| I am tired and want you to stop talking | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I want Paris to die | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>I want to die unless you can help me</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| I have hurt myself and need some medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> |

4. What did Friar Laurence suddenly think could help Juliet?

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| Praying | <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>His herbs</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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5. What would Juliet rather do than marry Paris?

She'd rather jump from the top of a tower

6. What would Friar Laurence's special potion do?

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| Make Juliet so sick she wouldn't be able to marry Paris | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Make Juliet forget she had ever met Romeo | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Make Juliet fall in love with Paris | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Make Juliet sleep so deeply it would seem as if she was dead</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

7. Put these in order of how Friar Laurence was hoping things would happen

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| Friar Laurence would write a letter to Romeo telling him of the plan | 4 |
| Juliet would drink the sleeping potion | 2 |
| Juliet would go home and tell her parents she would marry Paris | 1 |
| Juliet's parents would think she had died | 3 |

8. Tick two boxes that show how Juliet made her parents believe she wanted to marry Paris after all

She smiled

She sang a love song

She danced into the house

She had stopped crying

9. When did Lord Capulet change the wedding to?

The next day!

10. Why do you think Juliet 'forced her smile to be even brighter' when her father said the wedding would take place the next day?

Because she wanted to convince him that she was happy to marry Paris. She had to force herself to look happy so that he wouldn't suspect anything.

11. 'That evening, with her mother and the Nurse departed for the night, she sat alone on her bed, the small bottle in her hand. Suddenly she was seized with doubt. "What if this mixture do not work at all? Shall I be married then tomorrow morning?" She shuddered at the thought, and slowly uncorked the bottle. "Romeo, I drink to thee!"

Why do you think Juliet was 'suddenly seized with doubt'?

Because she was all alone and she was worried that if the potion didn't work she'd have to marry Paris in the morning.