

**ROMEO AND JULIET
READING COMPREHENSION
ACT 1
YEAR 3 AND 4
ANSWER SHEET**

1. Where is the story set?

London Verona Venice India

2. What are the name of the two 'great families'?

The Montagues

The Capulets

3. 'Each family was rich, each family was powerful and each family had lived in that city for centuries.'

Underline the two adjectives that describe 'each family'

4. Were the two families friends?

YES NO

5. This story is a happy one

TRUE FALSE

6. What were the two families fighting about?

The Capulets had stolen money from the Montagues

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Nobody could remember anymore

Lady Montague had lied.

7. 'Spitting had led to slaps and punches, till swords were drawn and lives were lost'

Explain what 'and lives were lost' means?

People had died because of all the fighting

8. *'Young blood ran crimson in the street, stained the footsteps of churches and blossomed on the paving stones of the markets.'*

Which word is a synonym for 'crimson'

(Remember, a synonym is a word that has a similar meaning to another word)

Blue

Yellow

Red

Green

9. What is the weather like that morning? Write one word.

sunny

10. What was happening in the market square? Write two things, using examples from the text.

Traders were selling fruit.

People were buying food for lunch

11. *'And then, one by one, the traders stopped shouting. Silence fell and, as one, all turned.'*

A. What does 'Silence fell' mean?

It all went quiet in the market square

It got louder in the market square

The traders started shouting

A band started playing music

B. Why do you think the traders stopped shouting?

Because something terrible was about to happen and they were all scared.