

**ROMEO AND JULIET
READING COMPREHENSION
ACT 2
YEAR 5 AND 6
ANSWER SHEET**

Part 1: Page 1

1. Who stood on the steps of his mansion?

Lord Capulet

2. What is a mansion?

A large, impressive house	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A small flat	<input type="checkbox"/>
A swimming pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	A cottage	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Who was still hiding in the orchard

Romeo

4. 'Unobserved, he had climbed the garden wall, and concealed himself in the orchard'.

Using evidence from the text what tells us that Romeo was desperate to see Juliet again.

Romeo 'climbed' a garden wall. This must have been quite difficult to do and dangerous, particularly as he wasn't even supposed to be at the Capulet Mansion.

'Romeo crouched beneath the trees waiting, trying to keep as quiet as possible'.

Underline the TWO words that show Romeo is hiding

5. What does Romeo think Juliet shines 'brighter than'?

'the moon and stars'

6. "But soft, what light through yonder window breaks?" he whispered.

Why does Romeo whisper this?

Because he doesn't want to be caught by anyone but he's also in awe of Juliet and almost can't believe that he may see her again. He is comparing her to the light again, as he did when he first saw her at the ball.

7. 'Juliet was both happier and unhappier than she had ever been. She had never felt like this before – as if her heart were about to explode. And yet, at the same time, if only he were not a Montague....'

Why is Juliet both 'happier and unhappier than she'd ever been before'?

She's happy because she's met Romeo and fallen in love with him. However, she's unhappy because she now knows he's a Montague and the Montagues are her family's enemies.

8. "O Romeo, Romeo! Wherefore art thou Romeo?" she sighed. "**Deny thy father and refuse thy name!**"

What is Juliet asking Romeo to do?

- Tell your dad that you love me
- Forget about your dad and change your name
- To leave her alone and go away

Part 2: Page 2

9. **Who did Romeo go and ask for help in marrying Juliet?**

Friar Laurence

10. Read the paragraph beginning....

'The sun had not quite risen and the dew was still on the leaves...'

Why was Friar Laurence picking herbs so early in the morning?

Because 'Herbs picked at this time made the most powerful of medicines'

11. Read the paragraph beginning...

'He turned and look upon the speaker with affection...'

Why is Friar Laurence so fond of Romeo?

Justify your answer with evidence from the text

Because Friar Laurence saw him as a son of his own. He had known Romeo since he was a baby and seen and helped him grow up '

Any of the evidence from below

'He had baptised the baby, taught the child and, in recent years had spent many a long hour listening to the troubles of the heartsick Romeo. Romeo was a close to a son as the friar, childless himself, would ever have.'

12. **Why does Friar Laurence change his mind and think the news that Romeo is in love with Juliet as perhaps the best news?**

It will be fun to have a party

It will end the war between the two families



It will make Friar Laurence famous



It is always nice to hear that people are in love



13. What significant event happened at the end of this act? Use a direct quote from the text to support your answer

Romeo and Juliet got married!

'They knelt before him, and were married.'