

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

**1. Tick TRUE or FALSE for each statement**

**A. It was a cold day**

TRUE  FALSE

**B. Benvolio felt like there was going to be trouble**

TRUE  FALSE

**C. Benvolio begged Mercutio to leave and go home**

TRUE  FALSE

**2. ‘Mercutio laughed at his cautious friend’.**

**Tick the statement that best explains why Mercutio laughed at Benvolio when he suggested they leave.**

He thought Benvolio was joking  He was having too much fun   
He wanted to start trouble  He wanted to buy some lunch

**3. Complete the sentence, using the exact words from the text**

**‘There stood Tybalt, his heart full of *hate*, his face full of the *anger*’.**

**4. Who had Tybalt been thinking about since Lord Capulet’s party?**

Juliet  Romeo  Paris  Mercutio

**5. Why did Tybalt consider Mercutio to be the ‘next best thing’ if he couldn’t fight Romeo? Tick one box**

Tybalt thought Mercutio was an idiot

**Mercutio was Romeo’s best friend**

Tybalt and Mercutio used to be friends

**6. Who were considered to be the two most skillful swordsmen in Verona?**

1. Mercutio
2. Tybalt

**7. Why did Benvolio want them to go to a private place? Tick one box**

He was worried someone might get killed.

**He was worried about the Prince’s threat of a death sentence.**

He was worried he would get hurt.

He was worried they would hurt someone else.

**8. ‘A greater prize had just arrived’  
Who was this?**

Romeo

**9. Why does Romeo tell Tybalt that he loves him?**

Romeo is trying to trick Tybalt  Romeo is trying to distract Tybalt

**Tybalt is now family**  Romeo doesn’t tell Tybalt this

**10. How could he, thought Mercutio? How could his dear friend let this pass? Well, if Romeo wasn’t going to avenge this insult he would! “Tybalt, you rat-catcher, will you walk?”**

What does Mercutio mean by “will you walk?”

Will you come and fight

Will you come for a walk

**11. Whose fault do you think it was that Mercutio died? Give two reasons for your answer**

Tybalt's fault because he ignored Romeo who was trying not to fight and then lost his temper. *or*

Mercutio's own fault because Benvolio tried to get him to leave but he said he was having too much fun and then when Romeo refused to fight Tybalt he took it upon himself to fight him *or*

Romeo because it was him who Tybalt wanted to fight and he refused and then he got in the way and Mercutio was distracted.

**12. Who killed Tybalt?**

Benvolio

**Romeo**

Mercutio

Prince Escalus

**13. 'But Benvolio knew what was coming: there was no time for Romeo to pause'.**

***Why was there 'no time for Romeo to pause'? Use evidence from the text to justify your answer.***

Because Benvolio knew the Prince would come and that he had warned that anyone caught fighting in the streets again would face death. 'Stand not amazed. The Prince will doom thee death if thou art taken'

**14. What was the 'one crumb of comfort' from what the Prince said would be Romeo's punishment?**

That he wasn't to be executed but just wasn't allowed to stay living in Verona.

**15. Put these in order**

Romeo arrived and tried to keep the peace 2

Tybalt arrived and challenged Mercutio to a fight 1

Romeo killed Tybalt 4

Tybalt killed Mercutio 3

The Prince banished Romeo from Verona 5