Time for a Performance!

The Primary Shakespeare Company are putting on a performance of Romeo and Juliet tonight. The times below show the actors how long each event will last for in Act 1, Scene 2 and 3…

Act 3, Scene 2

6.41pm – 6.56pm

Juliet is alone in her room waiting for the nurse, excited for the night of her wedding.

6.57pm – 7.11pm

Juliet is on her balcony thinking of Romeo and asking that when he does die, he is made into little stars so that all the world will be in love with night time.

7.12pm – 7.23pm

The nurse enters shouting, he is dead! Juliet thinks the nurse is talking about Romeo. Juliet finds out that it is in fact Tybalt who is dead and that Romeo has been banished from Verona. She is distraught.

7.24pm – 7.27pm

Juliet gives her ring to the nurse to give to Romeo

7.28pm – 7.31pm curtain comes down

Act 3, Scene 3

7.32pm – 7.36pm

Romeo goes to Friar Lawrence’s cell and Friar Lawrence tells him that he’s been banished from Verona. Romeo feels that banishment is as bad as death.

7.37pm – 7.46pm

The friar tells Romeo to accept his punishment. The friar promises that he’ll find a way to reunite Romeo and Juliet.

7.47pm – 7.51pm

The nurse gives Romeo, Juliet’s ring and departs.

7.50pm -7.52pm

Romeo also leaves.

1. Which event took the longest time?
2. Which event took the shortest time?
3. Which event(s) lasted 4 minutes?
4. Which event(s) lasted 2 minutes?
5. Which two events overlap?
6. How long does scene 2 take to act out?
7. How long does scene 3 take to act out?
8. Ask 3 of your own questions about the performance times…