



# THE WINTER'S TALE

## ACT 1

**Use your comic to answer the following questions from ACT 1**

**1. Where does the story start? Tick one box**

Hever Castle	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leonte's Castle	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckingham Palace	<input type="checkbox"/>	A swimming pool	<input type="checkbox"/>

**2. What is in "full swing"?**

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**3. Write down three things that are happening at the party.**

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**4. How long has Polixenes' been staying with Leontes?**

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**5. Where does Polixenes say he needs to go?**

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**6. Why? Use a direct quote from the comic**

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**7. What-or who- is Leonte's 'secret weapon'?**

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**8. What word is used to describe Hermione's smile.  
Write down the word used in the comic**

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**9. Write down the phrase that tells us-the reader- that Hermione  
successful in persuading Polixenes to stay?**

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**10. Do you think Hermione will regret being successful?  
Explain your answer with reference to the text.**

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**11. What simile is used to describe the change in Leontes'  
feelings?**

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**12. What emotion is Leonte's feeling? Write down one word**

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**13. Why does Leonte's mood suddenly change?**

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**14. What does the author mean "it's as if his mind has slipped into a parallel universe?"**

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**15. Leontes asks Mamillius if he "is a calf"?  
What does Mamillius think?**

**Tick one box**

His dad has gone mad

His dad is playing a game

His dad is sad

His dad is happy

**16. Is Leontes enjoying himself?**

YES

NO

**Explain your answer**

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**17. Does Camillo think that Hermione is in love with Polixenes?**

YES

NO

**Use a direct quote from the text to justify your answer**

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**18. What does Leontes give to Camillo? Tick one box**

A book

A pencil

A bottle of poison

A present

**19. What “horrible choice” does Camillo have to make?**

a. \_\_\_\_\_

OR

b. \_\_\_\_\_

**20. When Camillo tells Polixenes he’s been asked to murder him, Polixenes replies**

*“My then my best blood turn to jelly”?*

**What does he mean by this?**

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**21. "Leontes is blinded by rage".**

**Does this mean he can no longer see?**

YES  NO

**Explain your answer**

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**22. Where are Camillo and Polixenes at the end of Act 1?**

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**23. "A suspicion. Like a drop of blood in a glass of milk..."**

**What does the author mean by this? Use evidence from the text to justify your answer**

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**24. Order these events of Act 1.**

Hermione persuades Leontes to stay

Polixenes tells Leontes he needs to return home

Camillo helps Polixenes to escape back to Bohemia

Leontes flies into a jealous rage and accuses Hermione of being in love with Polixenes

**25. What is the catalyst for change in everyone having a good time to everyone suddenly being scared and worried?**

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**26. Why do you think Act 1 is subtitled “Too hot, too hot!”**

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### ANSWERS

**1. Where does the story start? Tick one box**

Leonte's Castle

**2. What is in "full swing"?**

A party

**3. Write down three things that are happening at the party.**

Musicians are playing

Guests are feasting/eating

People are singing

**4. How long has Polixenes' been staying with Leontes?**

9 months

**5. Where does Polixenes say he needs to go?**

Home to Bohemia

**6. Why? Use a direct quote from the comic**

"My affairs do even drag me homeward"

**7. What-or who- is Leonte's 'secret weapon'?**

Hermione

**8. What word is used to describe Hermione's smile.**

**Use the word from the text.**

"dazzling"

**9. Write down the phrase that tells us-the reader- that Hermione is successful in persuading Polixenes to stay**

"He'll stay my lord"

**10. Do you think Hermione will regret being successful? Explain your answer with reference to the text.**

YES- children should then reference Leontes change in behaviour/feelings throughout the rest of Act 1

**11. What simile is used to describe the change in Leontes' feelings?**

"Like a drop of blood in a glass of milk"

**12. What emotion is Leontes feeling? Tick one**

Jealousy

**13. Why does Leonte's mood suddenly change?**

He thinks that Hermione and Polixenes are in love

**14. What does the author mean "it's as if his mind has slipped into a parallel universe"**

The author is painting a picture of someone who is physically present, but whose mind is operating on an entirely different frequency. I

The feeling that the familiar world has quietly replaced itself with a different world—a place where the rules, memories, and emotions don't quite sync with everyone else.

**15. . Leontes asks Mamillius if he "is a calf"?**

**What does Mamillius think?**

His dad is playing a game

**16. Is Leontes enjoying himself?**

NO

**Explain your answer**

He is consumed by jealousy and paranoia- he thinks that Hermione and Polixenes are in love/he thinks that Polixenes is Mamillius' father

**17. Does Camillo think that Hermione is in love with Polixenes**

**NO- " The only person to love Leontes as much as Hermione is Polixenes. Neither would do anything to hurt him"**

**18. What does Leontes give to Camillo? Tick one box**

A bottle of poison

**19. What "horrible choice" does Camillo have to make?**

A. To kill Polixenes of

OR

B. Be killed himself

**20. When Camillo tells Polixenes he's been asked to murder him, Polixenes replies "my then my best blood turns to jelly" What does he mean by this?**

It means he is scared

**21. "Leontes is blinded by rage". Does this mean he can no longer see?**

NO

Leontes can physically see but he can't see the truth/what is real- it is a metaphoric description

**22. Where are Camillo and Polixenes at the end of Act 1?**

Running away/trying to escape/sail away

**23. "A suspicion. Like a drop of blood in a glass of milk..."**

**What does the author mean by this? Use evidence from the text to justify your answer**

The author is using the imagery of red blood against the white milk in two ways:

One the contrast in colour. Two the idea that a single idea is now spoiling everything

**24.. Number these events of Act 1 in order.**

Hermione persuades Leontes to stay	2
Polixenes tells Leontes he needs to return home	1
Camillo helps Polixenes to escape back to Bohemia	4
Leontes flies into a jealous rage and accuses Hermione of being in love with Polixenes	3

**25. What is the catalyst for change in everyone having a good time to everyone suddenly being scared and worried?**

Leontes misplaced jealousy of Hermione and Polixenes

**26. Why do you think Act 1 is subtitled Too Hot, Too hot!**

A number of reasons could include:

Leontes says it when he suddenly thinks that Polixenes and Hermione are in love

By the end of Act 1 everyone is in danger- heat of being in danger

People often describe feeling hot when they lose their temper/are angry