

Stories from Shakespeare

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About the author

William Shakespeare is the most famous writer in the English language. He was born in 1564 and died in 1616 in Stratford-Upon-Avon, England. In his late twenties, he went to London, where he began to write comedies, tragedies and historical plays and achieved great fame. His plays appealed to all social classes thanks to his vivid characterisations and his masterly use of the English language. Apart from being a playwright, he was also an actor and a brilliant poet.

For more information, see the Introduction.

The Merchant of Venice

Antonio, a merchant of Venice, borrows money from Shylock, a Jewish moneylender, to help his friend Bassanio woo the rich Portia from Belmont. Shylock says he will charge no interest on the money, but will take a pound of Antonio's flesh if the money is not repaid in time. Antonio's ships are lost at sea. He cannot repay the loan and must die paying the forfeit – the pound of flesh – instead. Portia thinks of a plan to save Antonio. She dresses as a lawyer and secretly follows Bassanio to Venice. Portia arrives disguised as a judge and asks Shylock to show mercy. He refuses and she confirms that he wants his rights to be respected. Portia points out, however, that he must not shed blood when he takes the pound of flesh, as this is not in the contract. Portia plays her final card. Shylock, she says, is guilty of plotting to kill a Venetian and his lands and money are therefore forfeited. Shylock is defeated and humiliated.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Hermia refuses to marry Demetrius, the man Egeus, her father, has chosen for her, because she is in love with Lysander. The two lovers decide to go to the woods

outside Athens where the law cannot be enforced. They let Helena know, as she loves Demetrius, hoping that he will love her in return. But Demetrius goes after the lovers and she follows him. In the woods there is a band of fairies ruled by Oberon and Titania. As they have an argument, Oberon orders his servant, Puck, to put some magic juice into Titania's eyes so that she falls in love with the first person or thing she sees on waking. While Puck is fetching the juice, Oberon overhears Helena's pleading and decides to help her. When Puck returns, Oberon orders him to use the juice in Demetrius's eyes. Puck makes a mistake. He puts the juice into Lysander's eyes and when he wakes he sees Helena and falls in love with her. In another part of the wood, an Athenian workman called Bottom is rehearsing a play with other workmen. Puck gives him a donkey's head and makes him be the first person Titania sees. Finally, order is restored and all the mortals believe that it was all a midsummer night's dream and the 'correct' couples get married.

Hamlet

The King of Denmark is dead and his brother, Claudius, has succeeded him and married the widowed Queen, Gertrude. Hamlet, the dead King's son, mourns for his father and hates his uncle for marrying his mother so hastily. But then the ghost of his father appears to Hamlet and tells him to avenge his murder by Claudius. Sure now of his uncle's guilt, Hamlet goes to see his mother and kills Polonius, the king's advisor and Ophelia's father, believing him to be Claudius. Claudius sends Hamlet to England to get him out of the way. Hamlet finds out about there is a plot to kill him and escapes, returning to Denmark in time to see the funeral of Ophelia, who has drowned on hearing the news of her father's death at her former lover's hands. Laertes, Ophelia's brother, wants to avenge his father's and his sister's death and challenges Hamlet to a duel. As he has conspired with Claudius, Laertes' sword is poisoned and there is a poisoned drink for Hamlet. But the Queen accidentally drinks the poisoned wine and Hamlet stabs Laertes with his own sword, after suffering a mortal wound himself.

Julius Caesar

Cassius envies Julius Caesar's success and popularity and persuades Brutus, a friend of Caesar's, that he must be killed for the good of Rome. Brutus in turn persuades the conspirators to spare Mark Anthony, as he poses no danger. Caesar's wife, Calpurnia, tries to stop Caesar going to the Senate on the day planned for his

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assassination as she has had a premonition, but he goes and is killed, Brutus striking the last blow. Mark Anthony cleverly persuades the conspirators to let him speak at Caesar's funeral and, in his speech, reminds the crowd of all Caesar's good qualities and actions. Cassius and Brutus have to flee the city when a civil war starts. Mark Anthony finally triumphs, Cassius and Brutus commit suicide and Caesar's murder is avenged.

The original texts

The plots of Shakespeare's plays were not invented by the playwright; they were adapted by him from stories which were well known in Shakespeare's time.

Background and themes

The Merchant of Venice

Forgiveness vs. revenge: What does it feel like when we hurt somebody who has hurt us?

Love and loyalty vs. hatred: What things would you do for somebody you love?

Mercy: Should we claim what we think is right at all costs or have mercy on those who makes mistakes or owe us something?

Discrimination: Is Shylock discriminated against because he is a Jew?

Money: How important are money and possessions?

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Revenge: Is it right to take justice in our own hands?

Delay: What are the consequences of delaying action? Can we harm others because of our incapacity to make decisions at the right time? Can we end up making rash decisions as a result?

Free will vs. destiny/chance: Do you control your life or is it controlled by destiny and ghosts?

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Marriage: Should parents have the right to choose their children's partners?

Love: Is love blind?

Dreams: Can dreams seem real?

Appearance vs. reality: Do you feel more powerful when you are dressed as somebody else or you pretend to be mad?

Julius Caesar

Order vs. disorder: What happens when you change the order of things in a country?

Loyalty: Are fears of political excesses a justification for treason and murder?

Discussion activities

Before reading

- Research:** Ask students to bring a map of Europe in order to place Stratford-Upon-Avon and London.
- Artwork:** In pairs, have students find information about London in Shakespeare's times and make a brochure.
- Guess:** Explain to students what a comedy and tragedy mean and have them complete a table with the stories they are about to read by having a look at the photographs.

| | Comedy | Tragedy |
|--|--------|---------|
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The Merchant of Venice

Before reading

- Guess:** In pairs, have students read the title: *Where is Venice? What does a merchant do?*

While reading

- Role play:** Get students to imagine that princes from Africa and France must visit a psychologist, as they are undergoing a confidence crisis after they have chosen the wrong box and dramatise both sessions.
- Discuss: Talk about mercy**
Have students discuss the following:
Portia says mercy is a wonderful thing. Do you agree with her? Should Shylock show mercy to Antonio?
- Discuss: Talk about cross-dressing**
Have students discuss the following:
How many women does Shakespeare dress like men in The Merchant of Venice? Why? Where are they when they are dressed like men?
- Discuss and write:**
Get students to discuss the following:
Did you like the end? Did it look real? Why/why not?
Have students write an ending that could take place in real life.

After reading

- Write: A Valentine card**
Have students suppose they are Bassanio. They write a Valentine card to Portia.
- Write: A prenup**
Explain to students what a prenup is. As a whole class, brainstorm Portia and Bassanio's prenup and write it on a poster.

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Before reading

- 11 **Guess:** Have students brainstorm the ideas that come to their mind when they read the title of the story

While reading

- 12 **Discuss: Talk about marriage for love**
Have students discuss the following:
Egeus wants Hermia to marry Demetrius. Do women and men in your country have to follow their parents' orders? What would you do in Hermia's case?
- 13 **Predict:** *The woods are the fairies' living place. Fairies love magic and jokes. What can happen to Hermia, Lysander, Demetrius and Helena when they are in the woods?*
- 14 **Guess:** *Why does Shakespeare make Bottom, Demetrius, Lysander, Hermia and Helena fall asleep, wake up and remember nothing? Do you like this ending?*

After reading

- 15 **Write: Hermia's diary**
Divide students into three groups and have them write what Hermia is really thinking of (a) before she enters the woods (b) while she is in the woods and (c) after she leaves the woods. Once they have finished, ask them to read their entries aloud.
- 16 **Group work and artwork:**
Have students draw Hermia and Lysander's and Helena and Demetrius's wedding albums showing all the events that take place in the woods and at their wedding.

Hamlet

Before reading

- 17 **Discuss: Talk about ghosts**
Do you believe in ghosts? Why/why not?

While reading

- 18 **Write: A character's thoughts**
Have students write Hamlet's thoughts after his father died and his mother married Claudius.
- 19 **Discuss: Talk about madness**
Have students discuss the following:
Is Hamlet really mad or does he pretend to be mad? What can you do when people believe you are mad?
- 20 **Write: An obituary**
Explain to students what an obituary is and have them write Ophelia's obituary as if they were Hamlet.
- 21 **Write: An article**
Have students write an article about Ophelia's and Polonius's deaths from Laertes's point of view with the headline: WHY I HATE PRINCE HAMLET.
- 22 **Role play:** Have students mimic Hamlet's, Laertes's, Horatio's, Claudius's and Gertrude's part at the end of the play (on pages 37 and 38). Use a narrator to tell the characters what to do.

After reading

- 23 **Role play:** Imagine one of your students is Gertrude. Sit Gertrude on the hot seat and have the rest of the class ask her questions about her role in the whole story.
- 24 **Write:**
Divide students into four groups and have them write Ophelia's, Gertrude's, Laertes's and Hamlet's last words.

Julius Caesar

Before reading

- 25 **Role play:** Have students imagine that a friend of theirs is the president at the students' council and has great power but still wants more. What will they do? What will they tell their friend?

While reading

- 26 **Discuss: Talk about power**
Have students discuss the following:
Cassius and Brutus want to kill Julius Caesar because he has too much power. Is having a lot of power good or bad? Why? What would you do in Cassius and Brutus's place?
- 27 **Predict:** Read 'That night there was a great storm ...' (page 40) and think what may happen next.
- 28 **Read carefully and discuss:**
Have students re-read 'We only need to kill Caesar (...) It's for Rome – not because we want to murder everybody.' (page 42) *Who is the head? Who is the arm? Do you agree with Brutus?*
- 29 **Role play:** Have students role play the murder of Julius Caesar (page 43). The parts in the role play are Caesar, Brutus, Cassius, Mark Anthony, Metullus and another man who stops Mark Anthony.
- 30 **Discuss: Talk about nationalism**
Brutus says over and over again that he had to kill Caesar because he loved Rome more (page 46). *Should one kill other people for one's country? Why/Why not?*
- 31 **Guess and discuss:** *Are large black birds a bad sign? What other things are a bad sign in your country?*

After reading

- 32 **Pair work:**
Have students tell each other a dream they had and have the other give his/her interpretation of that dream.
- 33 **Check:** Have students check the answers in the comedy/tragedy table (activity 3).
- 34 **Discuss: Talk about tragic heroes**
Have students discuss the following:
Why aren't the stories of 'Hamlet' and 'Julius Caesar' called 'The Tragedy of Ophelia' and 'The Tragedy of Brutus'? Whose tragedy is it in each story?

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Before reading

1 Match the stories with what you think they are going to be about.

*The Merchant of Venice**A Midsummer Night's Dream**Hamlet**Julius Caesar*

Love Jokes Money

Ghosts Fights Murders

Tests Magic Power

While reading

The Merchant of Venice

2 How do these people know each other?

- a Antonio and Bassanio
- b Bassanio and Portia
- c Bassanio and Shylock
- d Antonio and Shylock

3 Complete these sentences. Use a word from the box in each case.

| | | | | |
|---------|--------|---------|------|----------|
| clothes | face | flesh | gold | husbands |
| judge | letter | money | news | problems |
| ships | way | servant | | |

- a A man from Venice arrived with a for Antonio.
- b Portia looked at Bassanio's
- c 'I'm sure there's very bad in this letter,' she thought.
- d 'Tell me your, ' she said to Bassanio.
- e 'All Antonio's are lost,' he said.
- f 'Now he has no so he cannot pay Shylock.'
- g 'He must give Shylock a pound of '
- h 'I can give you enough to pay Shylock twenty times,' said Portia.
- i Portia thought of a clever to save Antonio.
- j A good friend of hers was a famous
- k She asked her friend to lend her his
- l Nerissa pretended to be the judge's
- m Then the two women followed their to Venice.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

4 Match each person from the first part of the story (a–h) with one of the descriptions (1–8).

- a Egeus ...
- b Demetrius ...

c Lysander ...

d Helena ...

e Oberon ...

f Titania ...

g Puck ...

h Bottom ...

1 Egeus wants Hermia to marry him.

2 He is Hermia's father.

3 He is Oberon's servant.

4 He is the king of the fairies.

5 He is the most stupid of the workmen.

6 Hermia loves him.

7 She is Hermia's friend.

8 She is the queen of the fairies.

5 Puck has forgotten Oberon's orders.

Complete the words that are missing in the following sentences.

This pretty **f_o_e_** is called '**_az_** Love.' It has a **_ag_** juice inside. When a man or woman is asleep, you can **_r_p** this juice in their **_y_s_**. After a time, they **w_e** up. They **_a_l** in love with the first person or animal they can **_e**. Take this juice and go through the **w_o_**. Look for a **_o_g** man from **A_h_n_**. A **l_e_y** lady is in love with him but he doesn't **l_e** her. Put some juice in his eyes when he's **_s_e_p** but **_at_** him when he wakes up.

6 Complete Bottom's side of the story

I was in the w..... practising a p..... to show at the w..... of the D..... of Athens when I started having a headache. When I came back to the other w....., they were a..... and r.. away. I started to s..... and w..... up a lady who fell d..... in love with me. It was a very strange day!

Hamlet

7 Put in order what happens in the first part of the story.

- a Claudius married Hamlet's mother.
- b Claudius murdered Hamlet's father.
- c Claudius sent Rosencrantz and Guildenstern to Hamlet.
- d Hamlet asked the actors to act a story like the death of his father.
- e Hamlet pretended to be mad.

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- f Hamlet saw the ghost of his father on the walls of the castle.
- g Hamlet was very sad about his father's death.
- h Hamlet's father went to sleep.
- i Horatio saw the ghost of Hamlet's father on the walls of the castle.
- j Rosencrantz and Guildenstern tried find out what the problem was with Hamlet.
- k Some actors came to the castle to act in a play.

8 Complete these sentences about the play. Use words from the box.

brother ears father friends garden
 husband lights poison queen relative
 room women

- a Claudius and Gertrude were at the play with their
- b In the play, there was a king and a
- c The queen seemed to be very much in love with her
- d She said 'Only who kill their husbands marry a second time.'
- e The king fell asleep in the
- f A of the king's entered.
- g He had some
- h He poured it into the king's
- i The play showed clearly how Claudius killed his
- j 'Put the on!' he cried.
- k 'Go away, everybody. Leave the'
- l Hamlet said to Horatio, 'Now I'm sure that he killed my

9 Look up the word epitaph in your dictionary. Write Claudius's epitaph starting with: *Here rests Claudius. He poisoned ...*

10 You are Horatio. Tell Hamlet's story in no more than 15 words.

Julius Caesar

11 What's the plan to murder Julius Caesar? Put the sentences in order.

- a Decius tells Caesar that people are waiting for him.
- b Brutus and Cassius and their friends wait for Caesar.

- c While Caesar talks to Metullus, Brutus and Cassius and their friends get closer to Caesar.
- d Metullus asks Caesar to bring his brother back from Rome.
- e At the same time, a man in the group stops Mark Antony and begins to talk to him.
- f Caesar goes with Decius to the great building to discuss important matters.
- g Before Metullus finishes talking to Caesar, men begin pushing their knives into him.
- h Brutus joins the others and pushes his knife into Caesar.

12 Put the words in order in every sentence of Mark Antony's speech.

Yesterday greatest the man in the Caesar was world. Now at him look. He for his lies and nobody sorry there feels death. We angry should very Brutus be and with Cassius. But you know as, men they're excellent. So I want to say bad about anything don't them.

13 What part of what he says do you like best? Why?

14 You are Cassius and Brutus. Complete the table with ideas for or against the murder of Julius Caesar

| For | Against |
|-----|---------|
| | |

After reading

- 15 Check. Were your answers in the before reading activity (activity 1) right?
- 16 Who in the stories would you like to be and why?
- 17 Ophelia meets Titania. The queen of the fairies gives her advice about love. What does she say Ophelia should do about Hamlet?

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1 Match. Who ...?

- a is a prince?
- b gets killed by mistake?
- c dies in a river?
- d is a murderer?
- e needs money?
- f is a queen?
- g has bad dreams

Hamlet Ophelia Titania Polonius Claudius
Bassanio Calpurnia

The Merchant of Venice

2 Who said this? To whom?

- 1 'I haven't got any money now.'
- 2 'You don't like my way of making money.'
- 3 'I want to forget what you've done to me in the past.'
- 4 'Don't be afraid.'
- 5 'I've been stupid too.'
- 6 'I'm too nervous to wait.'
- 7 'When you stop wearing it, that will be the end of our love.'
- 8 'I'd like to talk to you.'
- 9 'Yes! I want what is mine by law!'
- 10 'I'll happily lose my wife to save you.'
- 11 'If you take my money, you also take my life.'
- 12 'He only wanted this ring.'

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3 Who did these things?

- 1 came to the court of the duke of Athens.
- 2 couldn't change the laws of Athens.
- 3 met in the wood outside Athens.
- 4 wanted a boy as his servant.
- 5 flew quickly to anywhere in the world.
- 6 followed Hermia.
- 7 wanted to help Helena.
- 8 saw some workmen from Athens.
- 9 couldn't understand why the other workmen were afraid.
- 10 wanted to make Bottom happy.
- 11 told the fairies to do stupid things.
- 12 thought Demetrius killed Lysander.
- 13 fought for Helena.

Hamlet

4 These sentences from the story are wrong. Can you correct them?

- 1 Claudius was the true king after the death of Hamlet's father.

- 2 The soldiers saw the ghost of Hamlet's father once.
- 3 The ghost wanted to speak to everyone.
- 4 After Hamlet met the ghost, he became mad.
- 5 Hamlet asked the actors to act his father's death.
- 6 Ophelia was Hamlet's friend before his father's death.
- 7 Claudius didn't watch the whole play because he fell asleep.
- 8 Gertrude knew Laertes was behind the curtain.
- 9 When the ghost came into the room, Hamlet and Gertrude saw it.
- 10 Claudius couldn't kill Hamlet in Denmark because he didn't want to hurt Gertrude.
- 11 Hamlet changed the name of 'Rosencrantz and Guildenstern' in the letter to 'Hamlet.'
- 12 Laertes wanted to be Hamlet's friend.

Julius Caesar

5 Match 1–12 and a–l and finish these sentences from the story.

- 1 Two important Romans, Brutus and Cassius, ...
- 2 Wild animals ...
- 3 Many men ...
- 4 Brutus ...
- 5 Cassius ...
- 6 Calpurnia ...
- 7 Julius Caesar ...
- 8 Mark Antony ...
- 9 A servant ...
- 10 The people ...
- 11 Cassius and Brutus's soldiers ...
- 12 Mark Antony and Octavius ...
 - a began to fall back.
 - b ran through the streets of the city of Rome.
 - c was very frightened.
 - d thought they only needed to kill Caesar.
 - e were all very excited and angry after Mark Antony's speech.
 - f was sent by Mark Antony to know why Caesar was killed.
 - g looked down at Brutus's dead body.
 - h were planning Caesar's death.
 - i were worried about Caesar.
 - j went every day to the great building to discuss important matters.
 - k was afraid of Mark Antony.
 - l didn't notice what was happening to Caesar.

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Book key

- 1 a Italy
b Open answers
- 2 a duke, merchant, servant lead sword donkey
b poison power mad
- 3 a Shylock's 'little joke' is to repay money with flesh.
Open answers
b Open answers
c *The Merchant of Venice* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; the others have sad endings
d Most people did not travel to foreign countries at that time.
e It was rebuilt to look the same as in Shakespeare's time. His plays are now acted there again.
- 4 a 6 b 4 c 9 d 7 e 8 f 1 g 3 h 5 i 2
- 5 a Antonio, Bassanio, Shylock
b Portia, Nerissa
c Shylock
d Bassanio
e Portia, Nerissa
f Shylock
g Antonio
h Nerissa
- 6 a Because his ships are lost at sea.
b Blood
c He promised Portia that he would always wear it.
d His ships are safe in Venice
- 7–10 Open answers
- 11 a The Duke of Athens, Hermia
b Helena, Hermia
c Oberon, Titania
d Oberon, Puck
e Demetrius, Helena
f Titania, Bottom
g Puck, himself
h Helena, Hermia
i Oberon, Puck
j Oberon, Titania
- 12 a Hermia's father wants her to marry Demetrius.
b Oberon wants to take the little boy from Titania.
c Oberon puts the flower juice onto Titania's eyes.
d correct
e correct
f Puck isn't sorry about his mistakes. He thinks they are funny.
- 13 a She is there to meet Lysander.
b He is following Hermia.
c She is following Demetrius.

- d They are practising a play.
e He is there to dance with the fairies.
f Oberon has called him there.

14–18 Open answers

- 19 a and he was very sad after his death.
b Hamlet wasn't afraid.
c Hamlet changed.
d but she couldn't understand the change in him.
e and killed Polonius.
f but he couldn't kill him in Denmark.
g she fell into the river.
h everybody watched them.
i and pushed the sword into his heart.
- 20 a Ophelia b Gertrude c Laertes d Claudius
e Horatio f Polonius
- 21–24 Open answers
- 25 a more b dangerous c dream d last
e Mark Antony f angry g burn h sword
- 26 a Mark Antony.
b He won't rest until Brutus and Cassius and their friends are dead.
c Mark Antony.
d They have more soldiers than Brutus and Cassius.

27–38 Open answers

Discussion activities key

- 1 Tentative answers: Stratford-upon-Avon and London are in England. Stratford-upon-Avon is in northwest England and London in south-east England.

2 Open answer

3

| | Comedy | Tragedy |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|
| The Merchant of Venice | X | |
| A Midsummer Night's Dream | X | |
| Hamlet | | X |
| Julius Caesar | | X |

- 4 Tentative answers: Venice is in the northeast Italy. The city is built on small islands joined by bridges. A merchant is a person who buys in large amounts and sell in small amounts to make money.

5–6 Open answers

- 7 Two: Portia and Nerissa. They dress like men when they go to Venice.

8–10 Open answers

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11 Tentative answers: Midsummer: longest days, hot weather, holidays, etc. Night: dark, trouble, mystery, party, etc. Dream: sleep, wish, etc.

12–13 Open answers.

14 Tentative answer: Shakespeare makes Bottom, Demetrius, Lysander, Hermia and Helena fall asleep, wake up and remember nothing to make the end easy and to solve puck's jokes. Open answer.

15–22 Open answers

23 Tentative answer: The student playing Gertrude may show that she had a greater part in the crime than one may think.

24–27 Open answers

28 Caesar is 'the head' and Mark Antony 'the arm'.

29–34 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

1 Open answers.

2 Suggested answers:

- a Antonio and Bassanio are friends. Bassanio asked Bassanio to lend him money.
- b Bassanio loves Portia and needs money to marry her.
- c Shylock is a money-lender and the money Antonio borrows from Shylock is for Bassanio.
- d Antonio and Shylock are enemies. Shylock lends money to Antonio.

- 3
- a letter
 - b face
 - c news
 - d problems
 - e ships
 - f money
 - g flesh
 - h gold
 - i way
 - j judge
 - k clothes
 - l servant
 - m husbands

4 a 2 b 1 c 6 d 7 e 4 f 8 g 3 h 5

5 This pretty **flower** is called 'Lazy Love.' It has a **magic** juice inside. When a man or woman is asleep, you can **drop** this juice in their **eyes**. After a time, they **wake** up. They **fall** in love with the first person or animal they can **see**. Take this juice and go through the

wood. Look for a **young** man from **Athens**. A **lovely** lady is in love with him but he doesn't **love** her. Put some juice in his eyes when he's **asleep** but **watch** him when he wakes up.

6 I was in the **woods** practicing a **play** to show at the **wedding** of the **Duke** of Athens when I started having a headache. When I came back to the other **workmen**, they were **afraid** and **ran** away. I started to **sing** and **woke** up a lady who fell **deeply** in love with me. It was a very strange day!

7 a 4 b 2 c 8 d 11 e 7 f 6 g 3 h 1
i 5 j 9 k 10

- 8
- a friends
 - b queen
 - c husband
 - d women
 - e garden
 - f relative
 - g poison
 - h ears
 - i brother
 - j lights
 - k room
 - l father

9–10 Open answers

11 a 1 b 3 c 5 d 4 e 6 f 2 g 7 h 8

12 Yesterday Caesar was the greatest man in the world. Now look at him. He lies there and nobody feels sorry for his death. We should be very angry with Brutus and Cassius. But as you know, they're excellent men. So I don't want to say anything bad about them.

13 Tentative answers: For: Caesar has got too much power, Caesar acts like a king in front of the people of Rome, Caesar can be dangerous, Caesar is not good for Rome, etc. Against: the people of Rome want him to be king, Mark Antony is clever and loves Caesar, the people of Rome will get angry, Caesar does not want to be king, Caesar is a great man, etc.

14 Open answer

15 The Merchant of Venice: love, tests and money
A Midsummer Night's Dream: love, jokes, fights and magic.

Hamlet: ghosts, tests, fights, murders and power.
Julius Caesar: ghosts, fights, dreams, murders and power.

16–17 Open answers

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Progress Test key

- 1 a Hamlet
b Polonius
c Ophelia
d Claudius
e Bassanio
f Titania
g Calpurnia
- 2 1 Antonio to Bassanio.
2 Shylock to Antonio.
3 Shylock to Antonio
4 Antonio to Bassanio.
5 The French prince to Portia.
6 Bassanio to Portia.
7 Portia to Bassanio.
8 Antonio to Shylock.
9 Shylock to Portia.
10 Bassanio to Antonio.
11 Shylock to the court.
12 Bassanio to Portia.
- 3 1 Egeus.
2 The duke.
3 Hermia and Lysander.
4 Oberon.
5 Puck.
6 Demetrius.
7 Oberon.
8 Puck.
9 Bottom.
10 Titania.
11 Bottom
12 Hermia.
13 Lysander and Demetrius.
- 4 1 Hamlet was the true king after the death of Hamlet's father.
2 The soldiers saw the ghost of Hamlet's father two or three times.
3 The ghost wanted to speak to Hamlet alone.
4 After Hamlet met the ghost, he pretended to be mad.
5 Hamlet asked the actors to act a story like his father's death.
6 Ophelia was Hamlet's girlfriend before his father's death.
7 Claudius didn't watch the whole play because it showed how he killed his brother.
8 Gertrude knew Polonius was behind the curtain.
9 When the ghost came into the room, Hamlet alone could see it.
10 Claudius couldn't kill Hamlet in Denmark because people loved Hamlet very much.
11 Hamlet changed the name of 'Hamlet' in the letter to 'Rosencrantz and Guildenstern.'
12 Hamlet wanted to be Laertes's friend.
- 5 1 i 2 b 3 h 4 d 5 k 6 c 7 j 8 l
9 f 10 e 11 a 12 g

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