

Hamlet

William Shakespeare

Background information

- 1 England
- 2 didn't go
- 3 London
- 4 an actor
- 5 1599
- 6 wasn't
- 7 5
- 8 stood

True or False?

1 T 2 F 3 F 4 F 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 T 9 F 10 T 11 T 12 T 13 F 14 T 15 F

People in the Story

- 1 Laertes
- 2 Ophelia
- 3 Prince Fortinbras
- 4 Hamlet
- 5 Claudius
- 6 Gertrude
- 7 Horatio
- 8 Polonius

Multiple Choice

1 a 2 b 3 c 4 a 5 b 6 d 7 c 8 c 9 a 10 c 11 d 12 d

Hamlet meets his father's ghost

- 1 on the castle battlements
- 2 as a soldier, terrify
- 3 beckons
- 4 the truth, murder
- 5 fast, ear
- 6 power
- 7 foolish
- 8 have revenge for

Words from the Story

- 1 armour
- 2 fate
- 3 funeral
- 4 custom
- 5 tricks
- 6 accuses
- 7 marching
- 8 coward
- 9 plots
- 10 wounded

Vocabulary and grammar

- 1 King Hamlet thinks that Gertrude's conscience will accuse her foolish heart / will be enough punishment for her.
- 2 Hamlet tells his father all other memories will fade, but not his story.
- 3 Horatio, Marcellus and Hamlet swear never to reveal the ghost's visit to the battlements.
- 4 Claudius lives in dread of Hamlet (and will not be at peace until he is dead).
- 5 King Hamlet was wearing (his) armour / was dressed in (his) armour.
- 6 All Denmark mourned King Hamlet.
- 7 Hamlet swears not to kill his mother, but his words will wound her.
- 8 Hamlet is told to comfort Gertrude.

Vocabulary: Verbs and nouns

- 1 tell the truth
- 2 make a promise
- 3 send a gift
- 4 change your mind
- 5 follow a custom
- 6 overcome a problem
- 7 become king
- 8 bet a thousand pounds

Grammar: Passive verb forms

- 1 was written
- 2 had been poisoned
- 3 is/was first seen
- 4 are chosen
- 5 would have been killed
- 6 will be killed
- 7 are/were asked
- 8 is/was tricked

Grammar: The definite article 'the'

- 1 The
- 2 --
- 3 The
- 4 the
- 5 the
- 6 --
- 7 --
- 8 the

Word focus

- 1 tragedy
- 2 flattery
- 3 starve
- 4 disobedient
- 5 bet
- 6 warning
- 7 behaviour
- 8 speech

Complete the sentences with one of the words from the table.

- 1 starving
- 2 tragedy
- 3 speech
- 4 bet
- 5 disobey
- 6 flatter
- 7 behaviour
- 8 warn

Making questions

- 1 What had the guards seen?
- 2 What did the ghost tell Hamlet?
- 3 Why did the play make Claudius angry?
- 4 How did Hamlet feel towards/about his mother?
- 5 Why did Hamlet have to leave Denmark?
- 6 How did Ophelia die?
- 7 What did Claudius tell Laertes?
- 8 Who told everyone the whole story at the end?