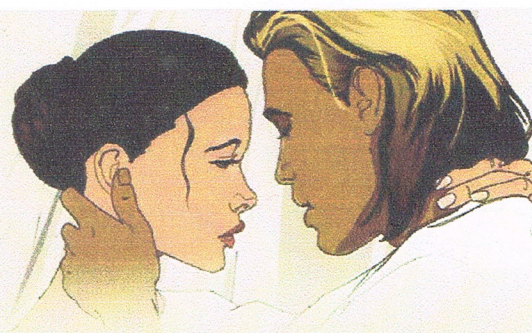




READING – A Shakespearean tragedy

5 Read Shakespeare's lines from *Romeo and Juliet* in more modern English.

Romeo and Juliet



- 1 Tybalt Peace? I hate the word peace like I hate hell, all Montagues, and you.
- 2 Romeo Did my heart ever love before now? Because I never saw true beauty before tonight.
Juliet The only man I love is the son of the only man I hate!
- 3 Juliet Oh, Romeo, Romeo, why are you a Montague? Forget your father and give up your name. ... What's a Montague anyway? ... A rose would smell just as sweet if it was called any other name.
- 4 Romeo I have fallen in love with the beautiful daughter of rich Capulet.
Friar Laurence This marriage may be lucky enough to turn the hatred between your families into pure love.
- 5 Romeo Now, Tybalt, ... Mercutio's soul is above our heads. Either you, or I, or both of us have to join him.
Tybalt You, wretched boy, are going with him now.
- 6 Nurse I'll find Romeo to comfort you.
Juliet Oh, find him! ... And tell him to come and say his last goodbye.
- 7 Juliet Oh, do you think we'll ever meet again?
Romeo I have no doubt. All these troubles will give us stories to tell in our future life together.
- 8 Friar Laurence Take this small bottle and drink the liquid. No pulse or breath will show you are alive for forty-two hours.
Juliet Give it to me! Love will give me strength.
- 9 Juliet Romeo, Romeo, Romeo! Here's a drink. I drink to you.
Nurse Oh hateful day! There has never been so black a day as today. Oh painful day!
- 10 Romeo Eyes, look for the last time! Arms, make your last embrace! ... Here's to my love! Oh, honest pharmacist! Your drugs work quickly. So I die with a kiss.
- 11 Juliet What's this here? A cup, closed in my true love's hand? Poison, I see ... I will kiss your lips. Some poison is still on your lips. Your lips are warm. Oh happy dagger! Let me die!
- 12 Prince There never was a more tragic story than the story of Juliet and her Romeo.