

DAY 3 - Worksheet and TEXT

Verse - Shared and Short Lines

WORD OF THE DAY

Stichomythia: dialogue in which two characters speak alternate lines of verse, used as a stylistic device in ancient Greek drama

TEXT SAMPLES

ROMEO & JULIET

III.v

LORD CAPULET

Hang thee, young baggage! disobedient wretch!
I tell thee what: get thee to church o' Thursday,
Or never after look me in the face:
Speak not, reply not, do not answer me;
My fingers itch. Wife, we scarce thought us blest
That God had lent us but this only child;
But now I see this one is one too much,
And that we have a curse in having her:
Out on her, hilding!

NURSE

God in heaven bless her!
You are to blame, my lord, to rate her so.

III.iii

FRIAR LAWRENCE

Go before, Nurse, comment me to thy lady,
And bid her hasten all the house to bed,
Which heavy sorrow makes them apt unto.

Romeo is coming.

NURSE

O Lord, I could have stayed her all the night
To hear good counsel. O, what learning is!

IV.iii

JULIET

Farewell! God knows when we shall meet again.
I have a faint cold fear thrills through my veins
That almost freezes up the heat of life:
I'll call them back again to comfort me.
Nurse! - What should she do here?
My dismal scene I needs must act alone.
Come, vial.
What if this mixture do not work at all?

I.v

ROMEO

If I profane with my unworhiest hand
This holy shrine, the gentle sin is this:
My lips, two blushing pilgrims, ready stand
To smooth that rough touch with a tender kiss.

JULIET

Good pilgrim, you do wrong your hands too much,
Which mannerly devotion shows in this;
For saints have hands that pilgrims' hands do touch,
And palm to palm is holy palmers' kiss.

ROMEO

Have not saints lips, and holy palmers too?

JULIET

Ay, pilgrim, lips that they must use in prayer.

ROMEO

O, then, dear saint, let lips do what hands do;
They pray, grant thou, lest faith turn to despair.

JULIET

Saints do not move, though grant for prayers' sake.

ROMEO

Then move not, while my prayer's effect I take.
Thus from my lips, by yours, my sin is purged.

JULIET

Then have my lips the sin that they have took.

ROMEO

Sin from thy lips? O trespass sweetly urged!
Give me my sin again.

JULIET

You kiss by the book.

SECRET READER TIP

First rule of Shakespeare: if it can be taken as dirty, it probably is - Elizabethan England was bawdy and Shakespeare was the bawdiest

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