

Hamlet • Worksheet answers

1. Who does Hamlet say the following lines to? Write the characters' names after each sentence.

- A. "I'll avenge you!" *.his father's ghost..*
- B. "If you see me acting as if I'm crazy, it's just part of my plan." *..Horatio.....*
- C. "You women are all the same. You paint your faces, you lie and you betray us." *..Ophelia.....*
- D. "How do you like the play?" *King Claudius..*
- E. "You've offended my father – by marrying my uncle." *the Queen....*
- F. "I'm sorry I killed you, but it can't be helped." *Polonius.....*

2. Cross out the word in each group which *doesn't* mean the same, or almost the same, as the other three.

- A. miserable - gloomy - ~~guilty~~ - sad
- B. swear - ~~stumble~~ - vow - promise
- C. lunatic - crazy - ~~tangled~~ - mad
- D. ~~rat~~ - rant - rave - rage
- E. pierced - ~~gulped~~ - stabbed - grazed



3. Circle the two words that have changed places in the sentences below.

- A. As the figure struck midnight the ghostly clock appeared once more.
- B. Horatio saw a strange eye in his friend's look.
- C. When he'd finished muttering, he stalked away, yelling to himself.
- D. What if the devil wasn't his father, but a ghost in disguise?

4. Choose the word on the right that best matches the sense of the phrase on the left.

- A. "If Claudius looks guilty, I'll know he did it." → **proof**
- C. Tears streaming down her face → **determination**
- c. "I will kill him, if it's the last thing I do." → **revenge**
- D. Hamlet and Laertes began to fight. → **duel**
- E. "This is for my father." → **grief**

5. Which character's death is described in each sentence? Fill in their name, then number the sentences in story order, from 1-5.

- A. He plunged his sword through the curtain... and into *Polonius.....*
- B. "To my son!" she cried, and gulped down a mouthful of the deadly drink. *the Queen.....*
- C. "I was dozing in the orchard when I felt something dripping into my ear." *Hamlet's father.....*
- D. He rushed at *the King.....*, stabbing him with the poisoned sword.
- E. "They found her floating like a mermaid in the lake." *Ophelia.....*