



HAMLET

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

STAGE 2
A2
YOUNG ADULT READERS

ACTIVITIES

Make questions. Use the prompts and answers to help you.

1Q Laertes: | hasn't | Why | did? | Hamlet | what | he | paid for

1A Claudius: Because the Queen loves her son and the people of Denmark love him too.

2Q Claudius: do | news | bring? | What | you

2A Man: Letters from Hamlet. One for you and one for the queen.

3Q Claudius: the | brought | Who | letters?

3A Man: Some sailors, but I didn't speak to them.

4Q Laertes: you | me | help | kill | Will | Hamlet?

4A Claudius: I will, but his mother and the people must believe his death is an accident.

5Q Claudius: you | it? | do | How | will

5A Laertes: I'll put poison on the end of my sword.

1Q Laertes: Why hasn't Hamlet paid for what he did? 2Q Claudius: What news do you bring? 3Q Claudius: Who brought the letters? 4Q Laertes: Will you help me kill Hamlet? 5Q Claudius: How will you do it?

ANSWERS:



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TEST YOURSELF

Where are they?

- 1 Laertes
- 2 Fortinbras
- 3 Claudius and Gertrude
- 4 Rosencrantz and Guildenstern
- 5 Hamlet

- A Elsinore Castle, Denmark
- B Sent to England by Claudius
- C Norway
- D France
- E Arrived at Elsinore from Wittenberg, Germany



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Key (KET) – Reading

Read the sentences. Choose the best word (A), (B) or (C) for each space.

- 1 Claudius: Can you tell me Hamlet is so strange?
A because **B** why **C** that
- 2 Rosencrantz: He didn't say he's worried about.
A what **B** that **C** us
- 3 He didn't want to talk it.
A about **B** them **C** to
- 4 Queen: Did you plan to do together?
A journey **B** any **C** anything
- 5 Rosencrantz: Yes. He has asked actors to do a play tonight in the castle.
A any **B** some **C** much



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FOCUS ON...

Shakespeare is Special

To mark the 400 years since Shakespeare's death, it is interesting to get to know the daily life and hobbies of the greatest English poet.

People who lived in the 16th Century liked ale (an alcoholic beverage that is made from malt and is darker and more bitter than beer), but not pale ale as we know it! At that time, beer was more drinkable than water, as it was too contaminated.

In many plays, Shakespeare makes references to alcohol and some of his most famous characters are known to drink it. One reason could be that his father was an official ale taster in Stratford, a job that consists in tasting ale and monitoring the ingredients used by professional brewers.

Not only beer, but also wine is mentioned a lot in his plays, especially those imported from other countries like France and Spain.



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