

HAMLET
READING COMPREHENSION
ACT 5
YEAR 5 AND 6

1. Where does Hamlet meet his best friend Horatio?

2. *“This same skull sire was Yorick’s skull, the King’s jester”*

A. Whose skull was it? Write one name

B. What is a ‘Jester’?

3. Hamlet used to play with Yorick when he was younger

TRUE

FALSE

Write down a quote to justify your answer

4. Who have the king, queen and courtiers come to bury?

5. What does Gertrude say she had wanted for Ophelia?

6. Why do Laertes and Hamlet start fighting?

7. “Finally the two of them are pulled apart and everyone goes back to the castle”

A. Write down one word that shows it took a long time to stop the fight between Laertes and Hamlet

B. Write another word instead of ‘Finally’ to convey the same meaning?

**8. What ‘command’ does Hamlet say he read in the letter that had been given to Rosencrantz and Guildenstern.
Use a direct quote from the text**

9. What did Hamlet do after he’d read the letter?

10. Write down a synonym for ‘betray’

11. Does Hamlet feel bad about re writing the letter so that Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are going to be killed.

YES

NO

Explain your answer with reference to the text

12. “My lord, his Majesty has laid a great wager on your head”

A. Who is “his Majesty”?

B. What does the servant mean by “laid a great wager on your head”?

13. Who drinks the poisoned drink?

14. ‘The two men grapple and the swords fall to the floor’

What does the word grapple mean? Tick one box

Have a close fight or struggle without weapons

Have a close fight or struggle with weapons

15. Who betrays Claudius?

16. What does Hamlet ask Horatio to do?

17. Who becomes King of Denmark at the end?

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ANSWERS

1. **Where does Hamlet meet his best friend Horatio?**

Near a graveyard

2. ***“This same skull sire was Yorick’s skull, the King’s jester”***

A. Whose skull was it? Write one name

Yorick

B. What is a ‘Jester’?

Someone who entertains/a joker

3. **Hamlet used to play with Yorick when he was younger**

TRUE

Write down a quote to justify your answer

“He hath bore me on his back a thousand times”

4. **Who have the king, queen and courtiers come to bury?**

Ophelia

5. **What does Gertrude say she had wanted for Ophelia?**

To marry Hamlet

6. **Why do Laertes and Hamlet start fighting?**

Because they both think they should be more upset than the other

7. ***“Finally the two of them are pulled apart and everyone goes back to the castle”***

C. Write down one word that shows it took a long time to stop the fight between Laertes and Hamlet

Finally

D. Write another word instead of ‘Finally’ to convey the same meaning?

Eventually

8. **What ‘command’ does Hamlet say he read in the letter that had been given to Rosencrantz and Guildenstern.**

Use a direct quote from the text

“my head should be struck off”

9. **What did Hamlet do after he’d read the letter?**

Wrote a new letter asking the King to kill Rosencrantz and Guildenstern

10. Write down a synonym for 'betray'

Many answers but could include: Disloyal/trick/con/deceive

11. Does Hamlet feel bad about re writing the letter so that Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are going to be killed.

YES

NO

Explain your answer with reference to the text

'Hamlet doesn't feel bad about it because he reckons they both betrayed him'

12. "My lord, his Majesty has laid a great wager on your head"

A. Who is "his Majesty"?

Claudius

B. What does the servant mean by "laid a great wager on your head"?

He's laid a bet that Hamlet will lose and die

C. Who drinks the poisoned drink?

Gertrude

13. 'The two men grapple and the swords fall to the floor'

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14. Who betrays Claudius?

Laertes

15. What does Hamlet ask Horatio to do?

Tell his story

16. Who becomes King of Denmark at the end?

Fortinbras

17 and 18.

Children will all answer differently -they just need to justify using knowledge/quotes/examples from the story. These questions are to get them to think about the characters/their decisions and motivations.