

★ Quicklook at "Romeo and Juliet" Character cards

This kind of activity has now been developed for introducing all kinds of characters and things such as metals, insects, foods etc. You will find it necessary to print the sets of cards in different colours so that everyone meets a different character. The idea of putting the card away while doing the introductions is designed to encourage students to internalise the information and produce it in their own words rather than just reading out the card. They can also draw on previous knowledge to embellish their information. We have produced sets in other first languages (so that the activity can run in more than one language in the same classroom) and in simpler texts although it is important to remember that sometimes by simplifying text you can remove clues and make it more difficult.

Everyone in the class takes or is given a character card. Everyone should read the information on the card two or three times. You do not have to remember the card word for word, but have a good idea about the information on it.

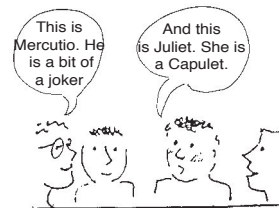
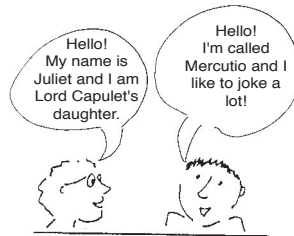
Put the card in your pocket or out of sight and then find someone else in the room with the same coloured card as you. Pretend to be the character and introduce yourself to your new partner:

eg. "Hello! My name is Juliet and I am Lord Capulet's daughter.....".

Your partner should do the same to you. Remember! if either of you get stuck, you can take out your card and look at it. But only if you are stuck. Listen carefully to each other.

Now go to find another two people with the same colour card as you. Now you are four, you have to introduce your partner to the others and they have to introduce each other to you.

eg: "Hello! Can I introduce you to my partner His name is Mercutio..."



Lord Capulet

Lord Capulet is an elderly man, very rich. He adores Juliet, his only daughter, and wants the best for her. He is stubborn and not very good at listening to other people's opinions. He is kind and generous, but expects obedience from his family. He has a quick temper and tends to shout when angry.



Nurse

The Nurse has looked after Juliet since she was a baby and loves her very much. She is plump and good natured, but not very clever. She enjoys a joke, especially rude ones and loves to gossip. She talks a lot, often about Juliet when she was a baby. She wants Juliet to be happy. She can



Friar Lawrence

Friar Lawrence is a wise and holy man. He is a priest and people come to him for help. He is especially fond of Romeo and has taught him a lot. He is upset about the feud between the Montagues and the Capulets and wishes there could be peace between the two families.



Romeo

Romeo is a romantic young man, the only son of Lord and Lady Montague. He is the sort of person who rushes into things. He is quieter and more gentle than his friend Mercutio, but he also enjoys a joke. Romeo is kind hearted and generous to all his friends and servants. He is a brave



Tybalt

Tybalt is Juliet's cousin. He is a quarrelsome, hot-tempered young man. He is a trouble maker who loves violence and fighting. He is very quick to take offence



Mercutio

Mercutio is a cousin of the Prince of Verona, and is Romeo's best friend. He is young and lively, and he is always talking and joking. He likes to tease people and play jokes on them. He is loyal and honourable. He is a brave and

There is also a Connect Four game (characters and quotes) included in the full activity