



Hamlet

Hamlet is the most popular of Shakespeare's plays for readers and theatre audiences. It's a "revenge tragedy." This popular type of play centred on a heroic figure—in this case, Hamlet, prince of Denmark—and his quest for vengeance against his father's murderer—here, Hamlet's uncle Claudius, now the king of Denmark in his dead brother's place.

THE PLOT. Are these statements TRUE or FALSE?

1. Hamlet's father is Claudius' brother. _____
2. Only Hamlet knows about the ghost. _____
3. Hamlet's mother thinks her son is mad after her husband's death. _____
4. Ophelia's father kills Hamlet. _____
5. Claudius wants to kill Hamlet. _____
6. Horatio helps Hamlet. _____
7. Hamlet's father's ghost appears twice. _____.
8. Laertes thinks Hamlet is responsible of Ophelia's death. _____
9. Hamlet's mother drinks a poisoned cup. _____
10. Hamlet is sent to England by his uncle. _____

THE CHARACTERS. Write the family relationship of these characters.

NAME	WHO IS WHO?
Horatio	He is _____.
Ophelia	She is _____.
Laertes	He is _____.

NEW WORDS. Write five new words you have learnt after reading the play.

Five empty ovals for writing new words.

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Choose two new lexical items and write meaningful sentences with them.

QUESTIONS

Why does Hamlet ask Horatio not to kill himself at the end?

Why do you think Hamlet says *“To be or no to be, that is the question”*?



WRITING. Write an alternative end on your own. You can finish with ...” *and they lived happily ever after*” or *“and they had a very miserable life”*.