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Hamlet • Worksheet

- 1. Who does Hamlet say the following lines to? Write the characters' names after each sentence.
- A. "I'll avenge you!"
- B. "If you see me acting as if I'm crazy, it's just part of my plan."
- C. "You women are all the same. You paint your faces, you lie and you betray us."
- D. "How do you like the play?"
- E. "You've offended my father by marrying my uncle."
- F. "I'm sorry I killed you, but it can't be helped."
- 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.

Α.	"If Claudius looks guilty, I'll know he did it."	duel
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.	grief
Ε.	"This is for my father."	proof

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

•••••	Β.	"To my son!"	she cried,	and gulped	down a r	nouthful c	of the deadly	drink.	
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- C. "I was dozing in the orchard when I felt something dripping into my ear."
- D. He rushed at , stabbing him with the poisoned sword.
- E. "They found her floating like a mermaid in the lake."

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Writing activity: Imagine you are a news reporter interviewing Horatio after the tragic deaths at the King's castle in Elsinore. What questions would you ask, and how might Horatio answer?



REPORTER: We're here at the scene of the tragedy with Prince Hamlet's close friend Horatio. Horatio, I understand you witnessed the events at first hand. Can you tell us what happened?

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