



COMPREHENSION

2 READ the extract and do the following activities.

- 1 Decide which of the following expressions is an example of 'life in death'.
 - A 'Why art thou yet so fair?' (line 2)
 - B '... the lean abhorred monster keeps / Thee here in dark to be his paramour?' (lines 4–5)
 - C 'lips, ... seal with a righteous kiss / A dateless bargain to engrossing Death.' (lines 13–15)
 - D 'Thus with a kiss I die.' (line 17)
- 2 Complete the following sentences to summarise what happens.
 - A Romeo descends into the
 - B He wonders how Juliet can look so in death.
 - C He fancies that Death has in with her.
 - D Before his poison, he asks his eyes to their last look.
 - E Then he begs his arms to their last and his lips to hers.
 - F He the poison and by her side.
- 3 In line 25 Juliet says 'happy dagger' meaning that
 - she loves her future.
 - she welcomes death because it will reunite her with Romeo, her husband.
 - she is afraid of death.
 - she is about to kill herself to share Romeo's destiny.

3 READ lines 19–26 and answer the following questions.

- 1 What does Juliet find in her true love's hands?
- 2 How does she first try to kill herself?
- 3 What does she discover?
- 4 What does she do when she hears some noise?

ANALYSIS

4 TICK as appropriate. What are the dominant themes of Romeo's soliloquy?

- Young love.
- Love and death.
- Suicide.
- Family feud.

5 COMPLETE these statements about how Romeo describes death.

- 1 Death is a rival because it (line 3)
- 2 Death is terrible because it is linked to and to the of the body. (line 9)
- 3 Death is desirable because it will him to his beloved. (lines 16–17)

6 TICK as appropriate. Which of the following sentences is correct?

- The imagery of fear enhances the love-death motif.
- The imagery connected to murderous actions enhances the love-death motif.
- The imagery of remorse enhances the love-death motif.
- The imagery of darkness enhances the love-death motif.

7 FOCUS on Juliet.

- 1 Is she afraid of death?
- 2 Does she consider any other possible alternative to death?
- 3 Why does she immediately seek death?