ROMEO AND JULIET
ACT 4
READING COMPREHENSION
YEAR 5 AND 6
ANSWER SHEET

1. Where is Juliet at the beginning of this act?

Her bedroom ☐   Lord Capulet's party ☐

Friar Laurence's cell ☒   Paris' house ☐

2. A. Juliet is sad at the beginning of this act

TRUE ☒   FALSE ☐

B. Justify your answer with evidence from the text

It says *'Tears stream down her cheeks as she pleads with the priest to help her to escape her marriage to Paris'.*

3. "Be not so long to speak; I long to die, if what thou speak'st speak not of remedy. "

What is Juliet saying here?

I am tired and want you to stop talking ☐

I want Paris to die ☐

I want to die unless you can help me ☒

I have hurt myself and need some medicine ☐

4. What did Friar Laurence say he would do to help Juliet?

Make a special potion ☒   Talk to her dad ☐

Talk to Paris ☐   Make a deal with the Prince ☐

5. *"Go home," he said, "be merry, give consent to marry Paris." He held up his hand to silence the protest that he knew would come.*
Why did Friar Laurence know that Juliet would argue when he said she needed to go home and agree to marry Paris?
Because he knew that she didn't want to marry Paris and she hadn't heard his plan to drink the special potion.

6. What would Friar Laurence's special potion do? Use a direct quote from the text to support your answer
It would send her into a deep sleep and 'appear to all that Juliet was dead'.

7. Join the beginning and end of each sentence together

Juliet was → an excellent actor.

Hidden away in her pocket she had → the potion.

Hidden away in her heart she had → this desperate plan.

8. **What did Lord Capulet do because he was so pleased that Juliet had changed her mind and agreed to marry Paris?**
He changed the day that they would get married- to the next day instead of Thursday!

9. *'And with that, she <u>drained</u> every last drop of the potion'.*
    A. **Underline the word that tells us just how desperate Juliet was for the potion to work**
    B. **Explain your answer**
Drained means she drank it all. This shows she was desperate as she didn't just drink it or sip at it she wanted to make sure it would work properly so she made sure there was none left.

10. **Write one reason why Lord Capulet was so happy that Juliet had agreed to marry Paris.**
    1. Something to celebrate after all these unfortunate deaths.

11. **A. Who was the first to go in and try to wake Juliet?**
    The Nurse

    B. **<u>What</u> did she shriek when she couldn't wake her?**
       (Use direct quote from the text)
    "Alas, alas! Help, help! my lady's dead!"

12. *"Friar Laurence was not far behind. He was careful to make sure his face wore a suitably shocked and grief-stricken expression"*
    Why was Friar Laurence careful to make sure he looked sad and shocked?
    Because he didn't want anyone to suspect him and his plan.

13. **What did Friar Laurence tell Lord and Lady Capulet they needed to do?**
    Put rosemary on her and take her to church

14. **How long did Friar Laurence have to get Romeo back to Verona?**
    A day and a half

15. **Do you think Friar Laurence was confident he would be able to get Romeo back in time? Justify your answer with reference to the text**
I think Friar Laurence thought he had just about enough time but I don't think he was confident. It says 'Time was tight. The clock had started ticking'. Friar Laurence knew that time was tight so he wouldn't have been really confident.