“Romeo and Juliet” Act 2

*Prologue:*

List the information the Chorus gives in this sonnet.

*Scene 1*:

1. What is Mercutio’s plan to get Romeo to come out of the orchard?
2. What does Mercutio say about “blind love”?

Scene 2

1. When Juliet appears on her balcony, what does Romeo compare her to?
2. How does Juliet “speak, yet . . . [say] nothing”?
3. When Juliet leans her cheek on her hand, what does Romeo say?
4. Unaware of his presence, what does Juliet ask Romeo to say?
5. In a sentence or two, explain what Juliet says about names.
6. Juliet asks how Romeo got into her place. The orchard walls are high, and Romeo’s life would be in danger if her relatives were to find him there. What is Romeo’s response to these questions?
7. Why is Juliet embarrassed?
8. What does Juliet tell Romeo not to swear by? Why?
9. Juliet is going to send someone to Romeo on the following day for what purpose?

*Scene 3*:

1. What has friar Laurence been out gathering in his basket?
2. Explain lines 21-22: “Virtue itself turns vice, being misapplied,/And vice sometime by action dignified”?
3. When Friar Laurence sees Romeo, what comments does Friar Laurence make about seeing Romeo so early in the morning?
4. What can be inferred about their relationship based on these comments?
5. What does Friar Laurence mean when he says to Romeo, “Young men’s love then lies not truly in their hearts, but in their eyes?
6. Friar Laurence agrees to perform the marriage ceremony for Romeo and Juliet for what reason?

*Scene 4*:

1. What did Tybalt send to the Montague home?
2. Explain Mercutio’s lines to Romeo Now art thou sociable, now art thou Romeo, now

Art thou what thou art,…”

1. What is the nurse saying to Romeo in lines 157 – 163?
2. How is Juliet to arrange to meet Romeo?

*Scene 5*:

1. The nurse is supposed to be gone only a half hour, but she is actually gone for how long?
2. Juliet is very impatient to hear news from Romeo (lines 1-17). What images does she use in her soliloquy to express this?
3. How is the nurse behaving that is frustrating to Juliet? Why does the nurse do this?
4. Why does the Nurse agree to help Juliet marry Romeo?

*Scene 6:*

1. What does Friar Laurence mean when he says, “Therefore, love moderately; long love doth so”?
2. How does Act 2 end?

Act 2 Review

1. What information does the Chorus give in the beginning of Act 2?
2. Summarize what happens in Scene 1 in one sentence.
3. What inconsistent object does Juliet not want Romeo to swear by in the balcony scene?
4. How does Romeo find out that Juliet loves him?
5. Why does Friar Lawrence agree to marry Romeo and Juliet?
6. What is Mercutio’s opinion of Tybalt, as a fighter and a gentlemen?
7. To whom is Mercutio related?
8. By the end of Act II, who knows about Romeo’s and Juliet’s love for each other?

Explain the following quotes:

1. Why, is not this better now than groaning for

Love? Now art thou sociable, now art thou Romeo, now

Art thou what thou art,…”

1. What’s in a name? That which we call a rose/ By any other name would smell as sweet
2. Virtue itself turns vice, being misapplied/and vice sometimes by action dignified.

Label the following examples of figurative language and sound devices:

1. Solely singular for singleness
2. Arise fair sun and kill the envious moon
3. Love goes toward loves as schoolboys from their books
4. Juliet is the sun
5. It’s twenty years til morning