Hamlet
William Shakespeare

Background information
1 England
2 didn’t go
3 London
4 an actor
5 1599
6 wasn’t
7 5
8 stood

True or False?
1 T 2 F 3 F 4 F 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 T 9 F 10 T 11 T 12 T 13 F 14 T 15 F

People in the Story
1 Laertes
2 Ophelia
3 Prince Fortinbras
4 Hamlet
5 Claudius
6 Gertrude
7 Horatio
8 Polonius

Multiple Choice
1 a 2 b 3 c 4 a 5 b 6 d 7 c 8 c 9 a 10 c 11 d 12 d

Hamlet meets his father’s ghost
1 on the castle battlements
2 as a soldier, terrify
3 beckons
4 the truth, murder
5 fast, ear
6 power
7 foolish
8 have revenge for

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**Words from the Story**
1. armour
2. fate
3. funeral
4. custom
5. tricks
6. accuses
7. marching
8. coward
9. plots
10. wounded

**Vocabulary and grammar**
1. King Hamlet thinks that Gertrude's conscience will accuse her foolish heart / will be enough punishment for her.
2. Hamlet tells his father all other memories will fade, but not his story.
3. Horatio, Marcellus and Hamlet swear never to reveal the ghost's visit to the battlements.
4. Claudius lives in dread of Hamlet (and will not be at peace until he is dead).
5. King Hamlet was wearing (his) armour / was dressed in (his) armour.
6. All Denmark mourned King Hamlet.
7. Hamlet swears not to kill his mother, but his words will wound her.
8. Hamlet is told to comfort Gertrude.

**Vocabulary: Verbs and nouns**
1. tell the truth
2. make a promise
3. send a gift
4. change your mind
5. follow a custom
6. overcome a problem
7. become king
8. bet a thousand pounds

**Grammar: Passive verb forms**
1. was written
2. had been poisoned
3. is/was first seen
4. are chosen
5. would have been killed
6. will be killed
7. are/were asked
8. is/was tricked
Grammar: The definite article ‘the’

1. The
2. --
3. The
4. the
5. the
6. --
7. --
8. the

Word focus

1. tragedy
2. flattery
3. starve
4. disobedient
5. bet
6. warning
7. behaviour
8. speech

Complete the sentences with one of the words from the table.

1. starving
2. tragedy
3. speech
4. bet
5. disobey
6. flatter
7. behaviour
8. warn

Making questions

1. What had the guards seen?
2. What did the ghost tell Hamlet?
3. Why did the play make Claudius angry?
4. How did Hamlet feel towards/about his mother?
5. Why did Hamlet have to leave Denmark?
6. How did Ophelia die?
7. What did Claudius tell Laertes?
8. Who told everyone the whole story at the end?