**Act 1, Scene 5 – Tybalt spots Romeo at the Capulet ball (Part 2)**

**Activities:**

1. How does Tybalt feel about spotting Romeo at the ball? Find a quotation to support your point.
2. What is Capulet’s reaction to Tybalt’s news about seeing Romeo? Why does he react in this way?
3. *‘A villain that is hither come in spite, to scorn at our solemnity this night.’* Why does Tybalt think Romeo is at the party?
4. Look at Capulet’s last speech. What does the use of punctuation tell you about Capulet’s feelings towards Tybalt?
5. Complete single word analysis on the word ‘villain’. Why does Tybalt use this word several times to describe Romeo?
6. How would an audience in Shakespeare’s time react to Capulet’s decision to leave Romeo alone? See if you can link your ideas to social/historical context.

**TYBALT:** This, by his voice, should be a Montague. Fetch me my rapier, boy. What dares

the slave Come hither, cover'd with an antic face, To fleer and scorn at our solemnity?
Now, by the stock and honour of my kin, To strike him dead, I hold it not a sin.

**CAPULET:** Why, how now, kinsman! wherefore storm you so?

**TYBALT:** Uncle, this is a Montague, our foe, A villain that is hither come in spite,
To scorn at our solemnity this night.

**CAPULET:** Young Romeo is it?

**TYBALT:** 'Tis he, that villain Romeo.

**CAPULET:** Content thee, gentle coz, let him alone; He bears him like a portly gentleman;
And, to say truth, Verona brags of him, To be a virtuous and well-govern'd youth:
I would not for the wealth of all the town, Here in my house do him disparagement:
Therefore be patient, take no note of him: It is my will, the which if thou respect,
Show a fair presence and put off these frowns, And ill-beseeming semblance for a feast.

INCREASING CHALLENGE

**TYBALT:** It fits, when such a villain is a guest: I'll not endure him.

**CAPULET:** He shall be endured: What, goodman boy! I say, he shall: go to;
Am I the master here, or you? go to. You'll not endure him! God shall mend my soul!
You'll make a mutiny among my guests! You will set cock-a-hoop! you'll be the man!

**TYBALT:** Why, uncle, 'tis a shame.