**Act 1, Scene 5 – Romeo and Juliet realise they should be enemies (Part 3)**

**Activities:**

1. What does the exclamation mark suggest about Romeo’s feelings towards Juliet being a Capulet?
2. What is Juliet’s relationship with the nurse like?
3. What is the role of the nurse in this scene?
4. *‘My only love sprung from my only hate.’*

* What is the effect of repeating ‘only’?
* Why use the verb ‘sprung’?
* What does this suggest?

1. *‘If he be married… my grave is like to be my wedding bed.’* What is ironic about this quotation?
2. How does this scene foreshadow events that occur later in the play? Find quotations to support your points and analyse language.

**ROMEO:** Is she a Capulet? O dear account! my life is my foe's debt.

**BENVOLIO:** Away, begone; the sport is at the best.

**ROMEO:** Ay, so I fear; the more is my unrest.

**CAPULET:**

Nay, gentlemen, prepare not to be gone;  
We have a trifling foolish banquet towards.  
Is it e'en so? why, then, I thank you all  
I thank you, honest gentlemen; good night.  
More torches here! Come on then, let's to bed.  
Ah, sirrah, by my fay, it waxes late:  
I'll to my rest.

INCREASING CHALLENGE

*Exeunt all but JULIET and Nurse*

**JULIET:** Come hither, nurse. What is yond gentleman?

**NURSE:** The son and heir of old Tiberio.

**JULIET:** What's he that now is going out of door?

**NURSE:** Marry, that, I think, be young Petrucio.

**JULIET:** What's he that follows there, that would not dance?

**NURSE:** I know not.

**JULIET:** Go ask his name: if he be married. My grave is like to be my wedding bed.

**NURSE:** His name is Romeo, and a Montague; The only son of your great enemy.

**JULIET:** My only love sprung from my only hate! Too early seen unknown, and known too late!  
Prodigious birth of love it is to me, That I must love a loathed enemy.