

**Romeo and Juliet Act III Benvolio's Account** (III, I, 147-171)

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**Directions: Match** the original Shakespeare segments with their modern versions.

Then, **copy the modern version** next to the Shakespeare so that you can see them side-by-side.

<b>Matches with...</b>	<b>Original Shakespeare</b>	<b>Copied Modern Version</b> (Find the answer on this side of the paper only.)	<b>Choose from this list:</b> <b>Modern Versions</b>
	<b>Prince:</b> Benvolio, who began this bloody fray?		A. He said all this calmly and quietly, but he couldn't calm Tybalt down. Tybalt wouldn't hear him...
	<b>Benvolio:</b> Tybalt, here slain, who Romeo's hand did slay.		B. ...and with the skill of a soldier, he defended against Tybalt's attack with one hand while lunging forward with his rapier in the other. Tybalt skillfully responded.
	Romeo, that spoke him fair, bid him bethink how nice the quarrel was, and urged withal your high displeasure.		C. Tybalt started it. And then Romeo killed him.
	All this uttered with gentle breath, calm look, knees humbly bowed, could not take truce with the unruly spleen of Tybalt, deaf to peace,...		D. ...But instead he thrust his rapier at bold Mercutio's chest. Mercutio was just as angry as Tybalt.
	...but that he tilts with piercing steel at bold Mercutio's breast, who, all as hot, turns deadly point to point...		E. Benvolio, who started this bloody fight?
	...and, with martial scorn, with one hand beats cold death aside, and with the other sends it back to Tybalt, whose dexterity retorts it.		F. Romeo talked nicely to Tybalt and said there was nothing to fight about. He warned Tybalt that you wouldn't like what was happening.

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	<p>Romeo, he cries aloud  “Hold friends! Friends part!” and swifter than  his tongue  his agile arm beats down their fatal points  and twixt them rushes,...</p>		<p>A. And then Tybalt ran away, but then came right back. Only then did Romeo want to fight him to avenge Mercutio’s death. They started fighting fiercely...</p>
	<p>...underneath whose arm  an envious thrust from Tybalt hit the life  of stout Mercutio.</p>		<p>B. ...and before I could take out my sword to separate them, bold Tybalt was killed.</p>
	<p>And then Tybalt fled,  but by and by comes back Romeo,  who had but newly entertained revenge,  and to’t they go like lightning:...</p>		<p>C. Romeo yelled, “Stop! Break it up!” and before he finished saying this, he rushed in between them to try to knock down their weapons...</p>
	<p>...for ere I  could draw to part them, was stout Tybalt  slain,</p>		<p>D. And as he fell, Romeo turned and ran away. This is the truth or else may I drop dead.</p>
	<p>And as he fell did Romeo turn and fly.  This is the truth, or let Benvolio die.</p>		<p>E. ...and it was underneath Romeo’s arm that Tybalt thrust his rapier, and his rapier stabbed bold Mercutio.</p>