

William Shakespeare
Romeo & Juliet
Act 2, Scene 2

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JULIET

'Tis but thy name that is my enemy;
Thou art thyself, though not a Montague.
What's Montague? it is nor hand, nor foot,
Nor arm, nor face, nor any other part
Belonging to a man. O, be some other name!
What's in a name? that which we call a rose
By any other name would smell as sweet;
So Romeo would, were he not Romeo call'd,
Retain that dear perfection which he owes
Without that title. Romeo, doff thy name,
And for that name which is no part of thee
Take all myself.

ROMEO

I take thee at thy word:
Call me but love, and I'll be new baptized;
Henceforth I never will be Romeo.

JULIET

What man art thou that thus bescreen'd in night
So stumblest on my counsel?

ROMEO

By a name
I know not how to tell thee who I am:
My name, dear saint, is hateful to myself,
Because it is an enemy to thee;
Had I it written, I would tear the word.

JULIET

My ears have not yet drunk a hundred words
Of that tongue's utterance, yet I know the sound:
Art thou not Romeo and a Montague?

ROMEO

Neither, fair saint, if either thee dislike.

- "Tis but thy name that is my enemy."
 - What does Juliet mean by this? (3)
- "What's Montague? it is nor hand, nor foot,
Nor arm, nor face, nor any other part
Belonging to a man. O, be some other name!
What's in a name? that which we call a rose
By any other name would smell as sweet."
 - Explain her reasoning in your own words. (5)
- "Romeo, doff thy name,
And for that name which is no part of thee
Take all myself."
 - Rewrite her words in modern English. (3)
- "I take thee at thy word:
Call me but love, and I'll be new baptized;
Henceforth I never will be Romeo."
 - What does he mean? (3)
 - Why would he be "new baptized"? (3)

5. "What man art thou that thus bescreen'd in night
So stumblest on my counsel?"
 - Why does she ask this? (3)

6. "My name, dear saint, is hateful to myself."
 - Why does Romeo refer to Juliet as "dear saint"? (4)

7. What does Romeo mean when he says, "Had I it written, I would tear the word"? (2)

8. "My ears have not yet drunk a hundred words
Of that tongue's utterance, yet I know the sound."
 - Comment on Juliet's use of the word "drunk". (2)

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