Section A: Shakespeare

Romeo and Juliet

Read the following extract from the start of Act 4 Scene 5 of *Romeo and Juliet* and then answer the question that follows.

At this point in the play the Capulet household discover that Juliet is apparently dead.

LADY CAPULET
Accursed, unhappy, wretched, hateful day!
Most miserable hour that e'er time saw
In lasting labor of his pilgrimage!
But one, poor one, one poor and loving child,
But one thing to rejoice and solace in,
And cruel death hath catched it from my sight!
NURSE
O woe, O woeful, woeful, woeful day!
Most lamentable day, most woeful day
That ever, ever I did yet behold!
O day, O day, O day, O hateful day!
Never was seen so black a day as this!
O woeful day, O woeful day!
PARIS
Beguiled, divorcèd, wrongèd, spited, slain!
Most detestable death, by thee beguiled,
By cruel, cruel thee quite overthrown!
O love! O life! Not life, but love in death!
CAPULET
Despised, distressèd, hated, martyred, killed!
Uncomfortable time, why cam'st thou now
To murder, murder our solemnity?
O child! O child! My soul and not my child!
Dead art thou! Alack, my child is dead,
And with my child my joys are burièd.

Starting with this extract, explore how Shakespeare presents feelings of grief in Romeo and Juliet.

Write about:
• how Shakespeare presents feeling of grief in this extract.
• how Shakespeare presents feelings of grief in the play as a whole.

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