

LITERATURE – 4B

START THINKING ...

1 Work in small groups. Discuss the questions.

- Do you enjoy romantic books and films? Why or why not?
- Have you ever been to a wedding? Talk about it.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING (c. 1598) William Shakespeare

CLAUDIO Which lady must I marry?

LEONATO This one here.

CLAUDIO Sweet, let me see your face.

5 LEONATO No, you will not see her until you hold her hand before the friar and **promise** to marry her.

CLAUDIO Give me your hand before this holy friar. I will be your husband if you like me.

(takes off her mask)

10 CLAUDIO Another Hero!

HERO That is true. The real Hero was dead while the lies live. And as **surely** as I live, I am **innocent**.

FRIAR I'll explain everything after the wedding ceremony.

15 *(Benedick enters and interrupts the ceremony.)*

BENEDICK Dear, friar. Which of these masked ladies is Beatrice?

BEATRICE *(takes off her mask)* That is my name. What do you want?

20 BENEDICK Don't you love me?

BEATRICE No, only **moderately**.

BENEDICK Then your uncle and the Prince and Claudio have been **deceived** because they said you loved me.

25 BEATRICE Do you love me?

BENEDICK Only moderately.

BEATRICE Well, then my cousin, Margaret and Ursula have tricked me. They said you loved me.

BENEDICK They said you were sick with love for me.

30 BEATRICE I was told you were dying of love for me.

BENEDICK That's not true. Then do you love me?

BEATRICE No truly, only as a friend.



LEONATO Beatrice, I'm sure you love this man.

35 CLAUDIO I'm sure Benedick loves her. Here's a sonnet he has written to Beatrice.

HERO And here's a poem that Beatrice has written. I took it from her pocket. It's a poem about her love for Benedick.

40 BENEDICK It's a **miracle**! Our hands against our hearts! Come, Beatrice. I will marry you!

BEATRICE I won't say no, but it's only because I was told you were seriously ill.

BENEDICK Peace! I'll stop you talking!

*After the wedding of Claudio and Hero, the Friar marries Benedick and Beatrice. For the first time Benedick **appears** to be happy and they all dance to celebrate the joyful occasion.*

Glossary

pretended behaved as if something was true when it wasn't

tricked did something to make someone look stupid

masks covers for the face

promise to say that you will certainly do something or that something will certainly happen

surely used to express that you are certain or almost certain about something

innocent If someone is innocent, they have not committed a crime

moderately average in size or amount and not too much

deceived made someone believe something that is not true

miracle something that is very surprising or difficult to believe

appears seems

Claudio was tricked into believing that his fiancée, Hero, was unfaithful to him. When he confronted her on their wedding day she ran away and **pretended** to be dead. Claudio's friend Benedick was also **tricked** into believing that Beatrice was in love with him, but their relationship ended after they had an argument. Claudio, his friend Leonato and the friar are in the chapel. Four ladies enter wearing **masks**.

2 **4B.1** Read the text and listen.

3 Read the text again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Claudio believed that Hero had died.
- 2 Beatrice says she loves Benedick as soon as she sees him.
- 3 Ursula is Benedick's cousin.
- 4 Beatrice and Benedick like writing poetry.
- 5 Beatrice won't marry Benedick because he's ill.
- 6 The scene has a happy ending.

4 **READ BETWEEN THE LINES** Match the statements with the quotes from the text.

- 1 Claudio agrees to marry.
- 2 Hero was innocent.
- 3 Benedick heard that Beatrice had very strong feelings for him.
- a 'dead while the lies live'
- b 'you were sick with love for me'
- c 'give me your hand'

5 **VOCABULARY** Complete the sentences with the correct words from the glossary.

- 1 He still hasn't arrived. He _____ to be late again.
- 2 She shouted that she was _____ when she was put into the police car.
- 3 I won't forget, I _____.
- 4 I thought I was going to get the job, but I was _____.
- 5 _____ you can understand why he said that?
- 6 It was a _____ that she survived the car crash.

6 **ROLE PLAY** Work in pairs. Imagine that Beatrice refuses to marry Benedick. Student A is Beatrice, Student B is Benedick. Read the beginning of the conversation and then continue it using the ideas in the list.

love someone else | friends and family | mask
not trust | trick

BEATRICE I'm sorry, Benedick, but no, I won't marry you.

BENEDICK But Beatrice, why? Remember the poem you wrote. You told me you loved me, and not just moderately!

BEATRICE Ah, the poem. Benedick, the poem said that I loved you, it is true. But ...

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7 **LISTENING** **4B.2** Listen to the summary of the play. Write A (Beatrice) or B (Benedick).

- 1 is very clever.
- 2 is independent.
- 3 has been tricked.
- 4 refuses to do something.
- 5 is dramatic.

8 **4B.2** Listen again. Complete the sentences.

- 1 Beatrice lives in her _____ house.
- 2 Beatrice doesn't want to marry Don Pedro because she isn't _____ him.
- 3 Benedick is a _____.
- 4 It is difficult to understand Benedick's true feelings because he's dramatic and _____.

WRITING Plot9 **WRITING** Write a love story that begins:

All of Rose's friends told her that Harry liked her ...

- Setting: where (in a castle, on a beach) and when (last year, a few months ago, in 1822) does the story take place?
- Characters: what do they look like (tall, blue eyes, dark hair)? What kind of people are they (creative, musical, sympathetic, funny)?
- Plot: what happens in the story?
- Structure:
 - Beginning: introduce setting, characters and problem or difficult choice.
 - Middle: describe the main action.
 - Ending: solve the problem or choice and tell the reader what happens to each character.

THINK SHAKESPEARE'S ENGLISH

Shakespeare invented about 1,700 new words and expressions and many of them are still in use today.

10 Match the quotations with their meanings. Then discuss the quotations in pairs.

- 1 A heart of gold (*Henry V*)
- 2 Vanish into thin air (*Othello*)
- 3 Truth will out (*The Merchant of Venice*)
- a disappear
- b we'll know what happened
- c extremely kind and helpful