

Meet the Characters

After checking out the synopsis of *The Winter's Tale*, let's find out a little more about the characters and how they connect to each other.

ACTIVITY

Using either drawings or photographs cut from magazines, or even small figures, create some characters and make connections between them that show their relationships. Create the two 'lands' of Sicilia and Bohemia and position the figures in relation to each other. For example, Mamillius might stand close to Hermione, his mother. You could try connecting the characters by drawing a line between them to link family members. Other types of line might identify who is in love or who has the power. For example, a blue line for family, a red line for love and a green line for jealousy or distrust.

CHARACTERS IN SICILIA

HERMIONE

I am Queen of Sicilia

I am pregnant with my daughter, Perdita.

My husband thinks I am having an affair with his best friend, Polixenes

My son is called Mamillius

LEONTES

I am King of Sicilia

My wife is Hermione and I think she is lying to me

My best friend is Polixenes

MAMILLIUS

I am the young Prince of Sicilia

I die after my mother is imprisoned

PAULINA

I am Antigonus' wife

I believe Hermione is good and honourable

I reveal the lifelike statue of Hermione at the end

ANTIGONUS

I am Paulina's husband

I am sent to abandon Perdita on the coast of Bohemia

I am pursued by a bear!

CAMILLO

I am Leontes' courtier

I refuse to poison Polixenes

I flee Sicilia with Polixenes and become his courtier

CHARACTERS IN BOHEMIA

PERDITA

I am the daughter of Leontes and Hermione
I was abandoned on the shores of Bohemia
I am sixteen years old and live with the Shepherd
I love Florizel

SHEPHERD

I find Perdita as a baby and adopt her
My son is called Clown

POLIXENES

I am King of Bohemia
I am Leontes' best friend
Leontes thinks I am having an affair with his wife

CLOWN

I am Shepherd's son
My father and I find Perdita as a baby
Autolycus steals my purse

FLORIZEL

I am the Prince of Bohemia
I am Polixenes' son
I fall in love with Perdita

AUTOLYCUS

I am a dealer from Bohemia and I steal the Clown's purse
I help Perdita and Florizel to escape