

# 7 - HAMLET'S LANGUAGE

What is your analysis of Hamlet's first soliloquy?

## WHAT YOU NEED

- Some pieces of paper, or a notebook and something to write with.
- A computer with internet connection, ready to visit [this page](#).
- A copy of Act 1 Scene 2 from Hamlet, to read either on the page or onscreen.

## ACTIVITY

- Visit the language analysis page on the RSC Learning Zone [here](#). Watch the beginning of the film 'Exploring a soliloquy', in which Paapa Essiedu introduces and performs a section of Hamlet's first soliloquy, from our 2016 production (from 0.00-1.30).
- Find Hamlet's soliloquy in Act 1 Scene 2 which starts 'O, that this too, too sullied flesh would melt.' Read the whole speech aloud. In some editions you might find that it says 'solid' rather than 'sullied'.
- On the same page of the Learning Zone, now follow the advice and watch the whole speech performed by Jonathan Slinger in our 2013 production. Ask yourself the 'Questions to consider'
- Continue on the same page to fill in the grid and make your analysis of the speech. You can print out your analysis once you have completed the grid.

## EXTENSION

- If you have time, continue on the language analysis page on the RSC Learning Zone [here](#).
- Click on 'What else can I do to explore Hamlet's language?' and follow the advice.