

11 – THE DILEMMA

Does Juliet trust the Friar?

WHAT YOU NEED

- Some pieces of note paper, or a notebook and something to write with.
- A computer with internet connection, ready to visit [this clip](#). (You will need this ready to play 32:48 – 35:00)
- A mobile or tablet with a recording device.

ACTIVITY

- Remind yourself about the discussions in the Live Lesson and watch the section of the clip above.
- Take two pieces of paper and put them on opposite sides of the room. On one piece, write a list of all the reasons why you SHOULD follow the Friar's plan to take the potion and fake your own death. On the other piece, write a list of reasons why you SHOULD NOT. Walk between the two pieces of paper as you add to your ideas, then try walking between them and reading out each reason. Which piece of paper has the strongest pull? Can you stand between them, but nearer the piece where your choice is leaning? What does this tell you about how Juliet might be thinking?
- When you have finished your pros and cons lists, write a letter to the Nurse to explain the choices you are faced with, what you've decided to do and why.
- Ask yourself: Why does Juliet go to the Friar for help? Why would she trust him? If she doesn't, why would she take the potion anyway?

EXTENSION

- Create a video for Juliet's Dilemma. Imagine you are Juliet, alone in her room after having visited the Friar. Record yourself reading out your pros and cons list. After each point, tell the camera how it makes you feel.
- If you're feeling very creative, make your own vial of potion to use as a prop. Props are usually empty so they can be used safely, so make sure there is nothing inside. You could adapt a small bottle and decorate it. Decide how you want your vial to look - beautiful and attractive? Plain and medicinal? Scary?