

# 7 – THE CAPULETS

## How is Juliet treated at home?

### 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 page](#).
- A copy of Act 1 Scene 3 of Romeo and Juliet, to read on the page or on your screen.

### ACTIVITY

- Take a piece of paper and write down everything you know about Juliet. It doesn't matter if you have to guess about some things.
- Explore the Capulet family relationships on [this page](#) of the Shakespeare Learning Zone. Make any additions or corrections to the things you wrote down about Juliet from what you've discovered.
- Look at Juliet's first scene in the play, Act 1 Scene 3. Let your eyes skim the lines and write down any words that stand out or that you find interesting, it doesn't matter if you don't know what they mean.
- Write a page of Juliet's diary. It can be about any day in her life before the play starts. As you write, try to use some of the words from your list and imagine Juliet's feelings and opinions of the people she lives with.
- Ask yourself: Who do you think Juliet is closer to, her mother or her nurse and why? Would her family relationships be different if she had a brother or sister?

### EXTENSION

- Plan the wedding! Lord and Lady Capulet want Juliet to marry Paris. Design the invitation you think they would send out and write the guest list. You can even design a table plan. Will you invite any Montagues? How can you make sure they don't gate crash the wedding or try to ruin it?
- Juliet and Paris haven't even met yet! Write a short script for this first date. Where could it take place? How many of Juliet's family would be there? Juliet would definitely have a chaperone (someone to accompany her so she is not alone with Paris). Decide who this will be and make sure they are in the scene.