

William Shakespeare's

# The Tempest

Level 2





# The Storm



*The sailors try to keep the boat from sinking.*

- Preview:**
1. Read the name of the story.
  2. Look at the picture.
  3. Read the sentence under the picture.
  4. Read the first three paragraphs of the story.
  5. Then answer the following question.

You learned from your preview that

- ☐ a. the sea is quiet.
- ☐ b. it's a sunny day.
- ☐ c. the king is on the boat.
- ☐ d. the storm is quiet.

*Turn to the Comprehension Check on page 10 for the right answer.*

**Now read the story.**

Read on to find out what happens to the boat.

# Two Promises

"I gather all the wood I can find," said Ferdinand. "Nothing pleases Prospero. But when I think of his daughter, I could never be more happy."

Miranda came to visit Ferdinand. "My father is reading his books, so he will not be back for a long time." She put her hand on the wood he was carrying. "Sit down. I will get the wood."

"I would never sit when you are working," said Ferdinand.

They could not see that Prospero had come to listen to them. "Their true love grows," he said.

"You look tired," said Miranda to Ferdinand.

"I can't be tired when you are near me," said Ferdinand. "Tell me your name."

"Miranda," she said.

"You have the best of every woman in you," said Ferdinand.

"Do you love me?" asked Miranda.

"I do love you," Ferdinand whispered.

Miranda began to cry because she was so happy. Soon Miranda and Ferdinand promised to marry each other. Prospero was so happy, he began to plan a

surprise for them. Prospero was not thinking about Caliban.

Caliban was showing the island to his new friends. Trinculo was making fun of him.

"Trinculo, the monster belongs to me," said Stephano. "Be good to him or I will hang you from a tree."

The men did not see Ariel fly over their heads.

"As I said before, Prospero took away my island," Caliban said.

"You lie," said Ariel.

None of them could see Ariel. Stephano and Caliban began to think they had heard Trinculo's voice.

"What I said is true!" cried Caliban.

"Let the monster talk," said Stephano.

"I said nothing," said Trinculo.

Caliban began again. "Take the island from Prospero."

"How would I do that?" asked Stephano.

"You can hit him on the head as he sleeps," Caliban whispered.

"You lie," said Ariel.

"Trinculo, let the monster talk!" shouted Stephano.

"I said nothing!" cried Trinculo.

"Did you not say he lied?" Stephano asked.

"You lie," said Ariel.

"Do I? Take that!" Stephano shouted in a wild voice, as he hit Trinculo. "Go over there, Trinculo!"

"Hit Prospero over the head as he sleeps, or cut his neck," said Caliban. "But you must take his books first. His spirits are wild. They will not listen if he does not have his books. After he is dead, you can take Miranda. I have met just two women, and Miranda is prettier than Sycorax, my mother."

"I will do it. Do you like our plan, Trinculo?" asked Stephano.

Trinculo was sitting far away from them. "Fine," he said.

"I must tell Prospero," Ariel said, as he began to play music over their heads.

"Where is that music coming from?" asked Trinculo and Stephano. "Who is there? Show yourself!"

"Don't let it frighten you," said Caliban. "The island is full of noises and music. Sometimes voices put me to sleep, and I dream of heaven. In the morning I cry to dream again."



# A Masque for Miranda & Ferdinand

## COMPREHENSION CHECK

Choose the best answer.

### Preview Answer:

c. Miranda and Ferdinand could marry.

1. Prospero pretended not to like Ferdinand so Prospero could see if
  - ☐ a. Miranda was a good woman.
  - ☐ b. Miranda really liked Ferdinand.
  - ☐ c. Ferdinand was a spirit.
  - ☐ d. Ferdinand was a good man.
2. Ferdinand said he would do all he could to make his love
  - ☐ a. grow for Caliban.
  - ☐ b. grow for Ariel.
  - ☐ c. become hate.
  - ☐ d. stay as good as it is right now.
3. Prospero must use Ariel to
  - ☐ a. give a masque.
  - ☐ b. marry Miranda.
  - ☐ c. build a new cell.
  - ☐ d. trick Ferdinand.
4. Who asked, "Do you love me, Prospero?"
  - ☐ a. Miranda
  - ☐ b. Ariel
  - ☐ c. Ferdinand
  - ☐ d. Caliban
5. Who came to join the masque?
  - ☐ a. Caliban
  - ☐ b. Sebastian
  - ☐ c. Ariel and the other spirits
  - ☐ d. No one
6. Where does Ferdinand want to live forever?
  - ☐ a. In Italy
  - ☐ b. On the island
  - ☐ c. On a boat
  - ☐ d. In a cell
7. Who suddenly remembered Caliban's plan?
  - ☐ a. Miranda
  - ☐ b. Ariel
  - ☐ c. Prospero
  - ☐ d. Ferdinand
8. Caliban's plan is to kill
  - ☐ a. Miranda.
  - ☐ b. Ariel.
  - ☐ c. Prospero.
  - ☐ d. Ferdinand.
9. Another name for this story could be
  - ☐ a. "Two Will Marry."
  - ☐ b. "Ariel and Miranda Marry."
  - ☐ c. "At the Cell."
  - ☐ d. "Prospero Surprises Ariel."
10. This story is mainly about
  - ☐ a. Ariel loving Prospero.
  - ☐ b. Miranda and Ferdinand marrying.
  - ☐ c. Caliban.
  - ☐ d. Ariel flying.

Check your answers with the key on page 67.

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