Much Ado About Nothing
William Shakespeare

Background Information
1 Stratford-upon-Avon
2 He was a businessman
3 18
4 3
5 He was an actor
6 The Lord Chamberlain's Men
7 the Globe and the court
8 Elizabeth I
9 200,000
10 four or five
11 rich people
12 two o'clock
13 before 1613
14 1616
15 On the South Bank of the River Thames

About the Play
1 end
2 comedy
3 Sicily
4 Spain
5 is not
6 two
7 remembered
8 comedy
9 slower
10 two

People in the Story
1 Claudio
2 Hero
3 Don John
True or False?

1  T
2  T
3  F
4  T
5  F
6  T
7  F
8  T
9  F
10 T
11 F
12 F
13 T
14 F
15 T
16 T

Vocabulary: Anagrams

1  sigh
2  lantern
3  parrot
4  revenge
5  thorn
6  wicked
7  calf
8  poison
9 rough
10 worthy

**Vocabulary: Odd one out**
1 worthy
2 dawn
3 target
4 muzzle
5 horns
6 wits

**Words from the Story**
1 scorned
2 villain
3 witty
4 fancied
5 bachelor
6 merry
7 masks
8 revenge
9 tricked
10 unfaithful
11 fainted
12 mourned

**Useful Phrases**
1 to be on your side
2 to make the most of it
3 to do your best
4 to be up to you
5 to make up your mind
6 your ears are burning
7 to be short of something
8 that settles it
9 Shame on you
10 to keep an eye on you
Match the phrases below with the meaning above

A  7
B  2
C  8
D  6
E  1
F  9
G  3
H  4
I  10
J  5

Grammar: Verbs
1 to make a sincere statement that you are telling the truth
2 to say that someone is responsible for an accident, problem or bad situation
3 to say that someone has done something wrong
4 to hear what people are saying in a conversation that you are not involved in
5 to feel sorry about something that you have said or done
6 to say or do something offensive
7 to make someone look stupid by laughing at them

Now complete the gaps. Use each word above once.

1 swore
2 overheard
3 accused
4 regretted
5 insulted
6 blamed
7 mocked

Grammar: Used to
1 Benedick didn’t use to want to get married.
2 Beatrice didn’t use to believe in marriage.
3 Beatrice used to mock Benedick.
4 Benedick didn’t use to wear perfume.
5 Benedick used to have a beard.
6 Benedick used to worry about wearing horns.
Grammar: The Third Conditional

1. If Claudio hadn’t believed Don John, he would have married Hero.
2. If the Watch hadn’t overheard Borachio, Don John’s plan would have worked.
3. If Leonato had listened to Dogberry the first time, Hero wouldn’t have been shamed.
4. If Claudio hadn’t discovered Don John’s trick, he wouldn’t have married Hero in the end.
5. Benedick wouldn’t have challenged Claudio if Beatrice hadn’t asked him to.
6. If Borachio hadn’t told Conrad about the trick, the Watch wouldn’t have heard him.

Making Questions

1. What did Beatrice call Benedick?
2. Who fought against Don Pedro in the war OR Who did Don John fight against in the war?
3. Where was Borachio when he overheard Don Pedro and Claudio?
4. Who was Beatrice secretly in love with OR Who was secretly in love with Benedick?
5. How long had Borachio known Margaret?
6. What did Don John tell Claudio?
7. Where did the Watch overhear Borachio and Conrad?
8. What did Claudio decide to do?
9. What did Hero do when she heard Claudio’s words?
10. What did Beatrice ask Benedick to do?
11. What did Conrad call Dogberry?
12. Who did Claudio promise to marry OR Who promised to marry Leonarto’s niece?
13. Who was Leonato’s niece really?
14. How did the story end?