

Much Ado About Nothing: as you watch the film

As you watch the film, take note of what happens in each section and answer the questions below:

ARRIVAL

Cross out the incorrect words.

1. Before the story really starts, we are told that there is a 'kind of merry war' between senior **Benedick / Leonato** and **Hero / Beatrice**.
2. The leader of the army is **Don John / Pedro**.
3. Beatrice says she would rather '**hear a dog bark / crow caw**' than hear a man swear he loves her.
4. Claudio wants Hero to be his wife, but **Don Pedro / Benedick** thinks marriage is a mistake. However, **Don Pedro / Benedick** encourages him to win her, promising to help.
5. To celebrate, they have a **masked ball / music concert** that evening after supper.

PARTY

Fill in the correct word.

Don Pedro, Benedick, Beatrice, Claudio, Hero, Don John.
You may use each more than once or not at all.

1. Beatrice tells he is the prince's jester.
2. Don John pretends he thinks Claudio is and tells him that is asking Hero to marry him instead of
3. Benedick tells Don Pedro is looking for him, but he storms off.
4. Benedick tells what said to him and complains that he felt as if he were a target and arrows were being shot at him.
5. says he'd rather go to the world's end than spend any time with and calls her 'My Lady Tongue'.
6. brings to the prince as he asked her to.
7. asks whether he is sick and then invites him to name the day of the marriage.
8. says 'silence is the perfectest herald of joy'.
9. asks to marry him, but she says he is 'too costly' to wear every day.
10. says would make an 'excellent wife for

PLOT

Outline what happens.

1. Don Pedro asks Leonato, Hero and Claudio to help him. Outline his plan:
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2. While Benedick is considering how love has changed Claudio, he overhears Don Pedro, Claudio and Leonato discussing:
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3. They say they can't tell Benedick this because:
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4. On her way back from calling Benedick to dinner, Beatrice overhears Hero tell Ursula that:
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5. They say they can't tell Beatrice this news because:
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6. Unbeknownst to each, Benedick and Beatrice both react to the news by deciding:
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BETRAYAL

Fill in the correct word.

Don Pedro, Benedick, Beatrice, Claudio, Hero, Don John.
You may use each more than once or not at all.

1. All his friends are teasing for being in love.
2. wants to talk to Leonato andsays he is probably asking whether he can marry
3. tells he has important news that can also hear as it concerns
4. claims that is being unfaithful to and invites them to witness it for themselves.
5. However, knew that his friend Borachio was really wooing Margaret, but calling her to upset

WEDDING

Summarise in your own words.

At the wedding everything goes wrong.

1. Claudio says:
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2. Hero insists that:
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3. Leonato says:
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4. Benedick says:
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5. The priest suggests:
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6. Beatrice asks Benedick to:
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DISCOVERY

Summarise in your own words.

Although the night watchmen have overheard the plot and caught Borachio and Conrade, no one listens to them.

1. Why do you think they are ignored?
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2. Why do you think Shakespeare wrote it so that they would be ignored – what is the effect on the audience?
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Circle the correct word.

1. Leonato resolves the problem of getting Hero married by inviting Claudio, as a punishment, to marry **his niece / second daughter / Beatrice**, after he has made a public show of his remorse by reading out an epitaph in which he **admits her innocence / praises her beauty / confesses his love for her**.
2. For Benedick the problem of fighting his best friend in a duel is resolved because **Claudio admits he was wrong / everyone accepts Claudio is innocent, having been tricked by Don John / Beatrice says she's changed her mind**.
3. Hero explains her re-appearance by saying **Claudio's love has raised her / the defiled Hero is dead and the living Hero is a virgin / the priest made her do it**.
4. Beatrice and Benedick suddenly find it hard to admit they love each other any 'more than reason', so their friends resolve the stand-off by **admitting it was all a trick / producing evidence in the form of love poems written by each / suggesting they all dance instead**.
5. When they are about to dance, news comes that Don John has been caught, so **Don Pedro goes off to deal with him / the party is interrupted as he confesses and is sentenced / Benedick says not to stop the dancing, he'll sort him out the next day**.