

DEAR JULIET

- 1 Shakespeare's romantic heroes, Romeo and Juliet, really existed. And 5,000 people write to Juliet every year asking for help with love problems!

Juliet Cappello (her real name) was born on 16 September 1284 in Verona, Italy. There were many legends and poems about her romance with Romeo, and in 1596,

- 5 William Shakespeare wrote his famous play about the couple.

Hundreds of thousands of tourists visit Juliet's house every year. Couples like to be photographed standing on the famous balcony where Juliet declared her love to Romeo. On 16 September, there is a festival in Verona to celebrate Juliet's birthday.

- 10 In 1937, a letter arrived at Juliet's tomb, addressed to "Juliet, Verona". It told a sad story of love. And people with romantic problems continue to write to Juliet from all around the world. The Juliet Club is a group of volunteers organised by the city to answer the 5,000 letters per year. Manuela, a volunteer, explains, "A lot of letters are from mixed-race couples whose parents oppose their love." And many writers are teenagers, like Juliet.

- 15 The volunteers try to offer advice. For Valentine's Day, the Club organises a "Dear Juliet" prize for the best love letter received. Alice, another volunteer, says, "The Italians and French write the most passionate letters. But the French seem to have the most complicated romantic lives."

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a play : une pièce de théâtre

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COMPREHENSION

1), Dites si les affirmations suivantes sont vraies (V) ou fausses (F). Justifiez en citant le texte. (5 points)

(Toute réponse non justifiée sera considérée comme nulle.)

AFFIRMATIONS	V/F	JUSTIFICATIONS
a- Juliet was Italian.		
b- Shakespeare met Juliet in 1596.		
e- Juliet declared her love to Romeo in a park.		
d- The Juliet Club helps couples with money problems.		
e- The Italians have simpler love lives than the French.		

2) Relevez dans le texte trois mots ou expressions qui correspondent aux définitions ci-dessous : (3 points)

a- A work written to be played by actors :

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b- A husband and a wife from different races :

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c- Something you win in a lottery or a game :

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3) Traduisez en français : « Hundreds of thousands of tourists visit Juliet's house every year. Couples like to be photographed standing on the famous balcony where Juliet declared her love to Romeo. » (lines 6-7). (2 points)

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COMPETENCE LINGUISTIQUE

4) Ecrivez ces nombres et ces dates en toutes lettres. (2 points)

- a. 1284 : (date)
- b. 1596 : (date)
- c. 5000 : (chiffre)
- d. 2002 : (date)

5) Posez les questions sur les éléments soulignés. Attention aux temps ! (2 points)

a. William Shakespeare wrote *Romeo and Juliet* in 1596.

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b. Hundreds of thousands of tourists visit Juliet's house every year.

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6) Complétez les phrases en mettant les verbes au temps qui convient. (2 points)

a - Next September, people (celebrate) Juliet's birthday.

b - A few years ago, Leonardo di Caprio (play) Romeo in an American movie.

EXPRESSION ECRITE (4 points)

7) Participez au concours « Dear Juliet » pour la Saint-Valentin et écrivez en anglais votre lettre d'amour dans laquelle vous direz à l'être aimé tout ce qui vous plaît en lui, ou en elle. (50 mots)

CORRIGE

COMPREHENSION

1) Dites si les affirmations suivantes sont vraies (V) ou fausses (F). Justifiez en citant le texte. Toute réponse non justifiée sera considérée comme nulle.
(1 pt par bonne réponse V/F + Justification)

V/F	JUSTIFICATIONS
a. V	"Juliet Capello was born on 16 September 1284 in Verona, Italy" (l. 3)
b. F	"in 1596, W. Shakespeare wrote his famous play" (l. 4-5)
c. F	"the famous balcony where Juliet declared her love to Romeo" (l. 7)
d. F	"5, 000 people write to Juliet every year asking for he/p with love problems" (l. 1-2) (ou) "romantic problems"
e. V	"the French seem to have the most complicated romantic lives" (l. 17/18)

2) Relevez dans le texte trois mots ou expressions qui correspondent aux définitions ci-dessous (1 pt par bonne réponse)

- a. A work written to be played by actors : **a play**
- b. A husband and a wife from different races : **a mixed-race couple**
- c. Something you win in a lottery or a game : **a prize**

3) Traduction (lines 6-7) – 1 point par phrase

Chaque année des centaines de milliers de touristes visitent la maison de Juliet(te). Des couples aiment être photographiés debout sur le célèbre balcon où Juliet(te) a déclaré son amour/sa flamme à Roméo.

COMPETENCE LINGUISTIQUE

4) Ecrivez ces nombres et ces dates en toutes lettres. (2 points)

- a. 1284 : twelve eighty-four
- b. 1596 : fifteen ninety-six
- c. 5,000: five thousand
- d. 2002: two thousand and two

5) Posez les questions sur les éléments soulignés. (2 points)

- a. When did he write *Romeo and Juliet* ?
- b. How many tourists visit Juliet's house every year ?

6) Complétez les phrases en mettant le verbe au temps qui convient (2 points)

- a. *will celebrate*
- b. *played*

EXPRESSION

- 7) 1 point si le nombre de mots est respecté
1 point pour la rédaction sous forme de lettre.
2 points pour la qualité de l'anglais (vocabulaire, syntaxe, originalité)