

Twelfth Night (a Shakespeare story): Part 4

When Viola entered the garden, Olivia pretended to be interested in the blossoms on a rose bush and gave Orsino's new messenger no more than a glance.

"Orsino doesn't really love me!" Olivia declared. "He's just in love with the idea of being in love. Go and tell him I cannot make myself love him because he wants me to!" She looked up from the roses, and as she did so, she saw quite the most beautiful young man she had ever met.

One moment, Olivia wanted to laugh out loud, and the next, she wanted to burst into tears. She was so confused, that she did not notice Malvolio approaching. He seemed to drop out of the sky and land in front of her.

"I hope that young man did not offend you, my lady?" Malvolio said.

"Yes, yes he did. He brought me this gift from the Duke. Return the ring to Cesario and tell him I don't want it."

1. Read the text.
2. Read the text and look at the punctuation marks - highlight all the inverted commas (also known as speech marks).
3. Read the text again and put a star next to the paragraph that discusses Olivia's different emotions.
4. Draw a picture of Olivia's face in this moment.
5. Write a **one-word** summary to summarise each paragraph.
6. Why did Olivia not notice that Malvolio was approaching?
7. Why doesn't Olivia want to marry Orsino?
8. How do you know that Olivia was giving Cesario an order in a bossy way?
9. The author describes Malvolio as dropping out of the sky – what does this make you think about his character/movements?
10. What do you think Orsino will say/do when Cesario returns the ring? Explain how you made your prediction using some evidence from the text.