

Twelfth Night (a Shakespeare story): Part 5

Viola turned and saw Malvolio running towards her, his elbows sticking out and his knobby knees pumping up and down. This was a surprise enough, but Viola was completely astonished when Malvolio offered her a ring. "You brought my lady this!" he panted. "Now she wants you to take it back."

"I didn't give her a ring!" said Viola.

Malvolio peevishly stamped his foot and threw the ring to the ground. "Let it lie there, then!" he snapped. "I have better things to do than argue with the likes of you!" He turned on his heel and marched angrily away.

Viola stooped and picking up the ring, saw on it a design of two hands holding a heart. "But this is a love token!" she thought. "Young women don't send love tokens to other young women!" The truth fell on her like an avalanche. "Oh, no!" she cried. "Olivia thinks I'm a man – and she's fallen in love with me!"

1. Write down three things that have happened so far in the story.
2. Read the text.
3. Read the text and look at the punctuation marks – highlight all the exclamation marks. Pick one sentence and explain why an exclamation mark was used at the end of that sentence.
4. Read the text again and put a star next to the paragraph that tells you about Malvolio feeling angry.
5. Draw a picture of the ring.
6. Draw a picture to summarise Malvolio's actions in the third paragraph.
7. Write a **one-word** summary to summarise each paragraph.
8. Why was Malvolio panting?
9. The author describes Malvolio as stamping his foot – what does this make you think? How was Malvolio feeling in this moment?
10. What do you think Viola will do next? Explain how you made your prediction using some evidence from the text.