

Twelfth Night (a Shakespeare story): Part 9

Sebastian was alive and well, but totally bewildered. On his way to meet the sailor who had saved him, he happened to pass a fine house out of which rushed a beautiful red-haired young woman. “I knew you would come back, Cesario.”

“But, my lady,” Sebastian said.

“Call me Olivia, my dearest!” said Olivia.

Sebastian looked into Olivia’s eyes. He was about to tell her that she had made a terrible mistake and that his name was not Cesario, but then his heart began to beat faster as love worked its magic on him. At this moment, Viola and the sailor discovered them. Sebastian recognised his sister and ran to her with a joyous shout. Sebastian lifted Viola high into the air, while Olivia and the sailor looked on open-mouthed.

1. Put these events in the order that they happened (1-5):

Sebastian lifted Viola in to the air. ___
Olivia and the sailor were in shock. ___
Olivia thought Sebastian was Cesario. ___
Sebastian shouted out. ___
Sebastian was looking for the sailor. ___

2. Who did Olivia think Sebastian was?
3. Draw a picture of Sebastian when he first saw his sister. Think carefully about how to draw his face and capture the way he was moving.
4. Write a **one-word** summary to summarise each paragraph.
5. Write three questions about Sebastian or the sailor.
6. How are Olivia and the sailor feeling when they are standing open-mouthed? Why would have they felt like this in that moment?
7. “But, my lady,” Sebastian said.
“Call me Olivia, my dearest!” said Olivia.
Change the verb ‘said’ to a verb that gives the reader more information about how Sebastian and Olivia would have been speaking. Think about their emotions and remember to re-read the whole text before deciding on the verbs. Explain next to each sentence why you chose a certain verb.

Dive Deeper 1

Make a list of possible verbs that you could use in reporting clauses (they are the part of a sentence with speech, that explain who was speaking and how they said what they did).

Dive Deeper 2

Write a dialogue between the four characters. What would Olivia or the sailor say after they observe Sebastian and Cesario (Viola) hugging? Would Viola tell them the truth?