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READING COMPREHENSION AND VOCABULARY (RCV) WORKSHEET

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GRADE 6 _____

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Oliver Twist by Charles is a story about an orphan boy Oliver. When one-night Oliver asks for a second helping of gruel, for this he is sent as an apprentice to an under-taker. When he is unable to bear the mistreatment, he runs away from there and heads London. In the presence of Artful Dodger, he learns about the other boys with him as trained pickpockets. When boys take the handkerchief from Mr. Brownlow, Oliver runs away from there in confusion and is misunderstood to be the thief. However, when he learns about Oliver, he feels sorry for him.

As Oliver escapes, Nancy who is one of Fagin man's mistress takes Oliver from Mr. Brownlow. Oliver again is sent on a Bulgary mission and is shot on an arm and is made to stay at the Maylies family. Fagin plans to get the Oliver out. However, Rose Maylie talks to Mr. Brownlow to talk to Nancy in order to explain the plan made by the Monk and Fagin. The news of betrayal by Nancy reaches the Sikes and is beaten till death. In the end, Oliver reunites with Mr. Brownlow and is revealed that the monk is Oliver's half-brother.



Study the following Vocabulary Words.

1. **Beadle:** a kind of former police officer who dealt with the poor people of a town or country district.
2. **Corpse:** a dead body.
3. **Handkerchief:** A small piece of cloth for wiping the nose or eyes.
4. **Locket:** A small ornament case, worn on a chain around the neck.
5. **Jerk:** a very sudden, sharp movement.
6. **Seize:** To take hold of suddenly and violently.
7. **Stagger:** to walk or move unsteadily as if about to fall.
8. **Crime:** Something illegal or wrong.
9. **Fraud:** deceiving somebody illegally in order to make money or obtain possession.
10. **Workhouse:** a place provided by the government for the very poor, where they were fed and housed in exchange for work done.

CHARACTERS:

1. **Mr. Bumble:** the beadle.
2. **Mrs. Corney:** A widow in charge of the workhouse.
3. **Mr. Sowerberry:** An undertaker who becomes Oliver's first master.
4. **Mr. Brownlow:** An old gentleman who accuses Oliver of stealing his handkerchief.
5. **Fagin:** A Jewish man who oversees a bunch of pickpockets,
6. **Mrs. Bedwin:** Mr Brownlow's housekeeper, she takes care of Oliver when he falls ill.
7. **Charlotte:** The Sowerberry's servant, she likes Noah.
8. **Mrs. Mann:** in charge of the 'baby farm', she takes of Oliver's until he is eight years.
9. **Mrs. Maylie:** Elderly woman who owns the house that Sikes' group tried to rob.
10. **Nancy:** a young girl who is in Fagin's group.
11. **Jack Dawkins (Dodger):** he introduces Oliver to Fagin
12. **Mr. Giles:** Butler and steward of the house that sikes group attempt to rob.

Who Said It?



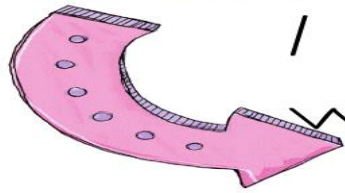
Sikes	Rose	Nancy
Monk	Mr. Brownlow	Fagin
Oliver	Mr. Bumble	Mrs. Mann

1. "You've had a long walk, Mr. Bumble, you must be thirsty".

2. "Will you come along with me, Oliver?" _____
3. "I'm very tired and hungry, I've been walking for a week"

4. "I'm afraid the boy may say something which will get us into trouble". _____
5. "My dear child, don't be afraid, I won't desert you. I believe that you are a good boy". _____
6. "I always said to you- do anything you want to him, but don't kill me'. _____
7. "You wouldn't speak like that if you knew how kindly I've nursed you these last few days". _____
8. "I know you've always told us the truth- but what are you talking about?" _____
9. "She's a strange girl. Why did she suddenly decide to go out tonight?" _____

COMPREHENSION



I understand
what I read.

1. Where did Oliver live for nine years of his life?

2. Why was Oliver punished when he asked for some more soup?

3. What did Nancy pretend to be so he can take Oliver back to Fagin?

4. Who is shot in the attempted burglary of the Maylie's house?

5. Why does Mr. Bumble propose to Mrs. Corney?

6. Where does Nancy meet Rose and Brownlow?

7. Which three characters are all related to Oliver?

8. Who adopts Oliver at the end of the story?

9. Why did Bill Sikes need Oliver to assist him in robbing the Maylie house?

10. How did Bill Sikes meet his demise?



Bassanio wants to marry a woman called **Portia** but he can't afford to pay for his clothes and travel to Belmont to see her, so he asks his friend **Antonio** if he can borrow some money.

Antonio has no money to lend his friend, so he asks **Shylock** for a loan instead. Shylock agrees to give him the money, but states

that if Antonio doesn't pay him back on time, he must give a 'pound of his own flesh'.

Portia's father set up a 'lottery' in his will, that means anyone who wants to marry his daughter has to pass a test first. Portia and **Nerissa** watch as several suitors try to win her love, through picking one of three caskets: gold, silver, or lead - but they all fail.

Shylock's daughter, **Jessica**, escapes from his house so that she can marry **Lorenzo** with help from **Lancelet Gobbo**. Lorenzo is a Christian and a friend of Bassanio's.

Bassanio arrives in Belmont, with his friend **Gratiano**, and correctly chooses the lead casket, winning Portia's hand in marriage. Portia is delighted.

Antonio's ships are lost at sea, meaning he has no way to repay Shylock and will have to face him in court. He writes to Bassanio, who leaves Belmont with Portia's money to try and help his friend.

Portia follows Bassanio to the court, in disguise as a male lawyer. She asks Shylock to be merciful, but he is determined to take a pound of Antonio's flesh and have his revenge.

In front of the Venetian court, Portia examines the original contract between Shylock and Antonio. She tells the court Shylock can only

take a pound of flesh if he spills no blood and Shylock admits this isn't possible.

Shylock is punished by the court for attempting to kill a Venetian citizen. All his wealth is seized, and he is forced to convert to Christianity.

Bassanio returns to Belmont, where Portia reveals that she was the lawyer in disguise. They are reunited, along with two other couples. Antonio receives the positive news that three of his ships made it safely back to Venice.

Characters:

1. **Antonio:** a merchant of Venice, very rich.
2. **Portia:** a young lady
3. **Nerissa:** Portia's maid
4. **Stephano:** Portia's servant.
5. **Bassanio:** Antonio's friend
6. **Lorenzo:** Bassanio and Antonio's friend.
7. **Shylock:** a rich money lender
8. **Tubal:** Shylock's friend
9. **Jessica:** Shylock's daughter
10. **Lancelot:** Shylock's servant; later he becomes Bassanio's



Answer the following questions.

1. What reason does Antonio give for being sad in the opening scene of the play?_____

2. The caskets that Portia's suitors must pick from are made of what materials?

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4. How does Shylock react to losing Launcelot as a servant?

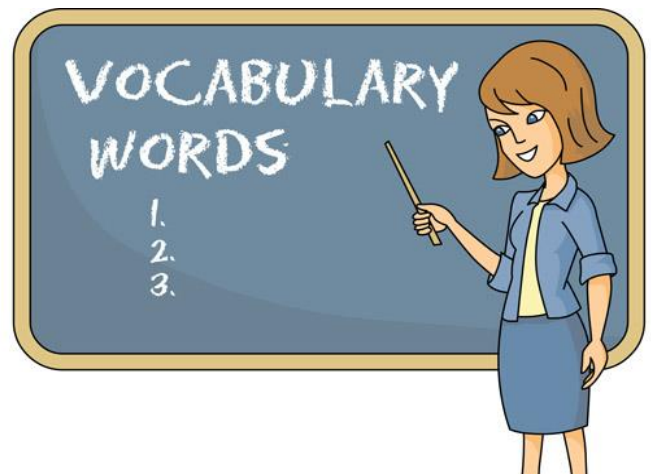
5. Who loses the opportunity to marry Portia by choosing the silver casket?

6. Why does Bassanio seek to marry Portia in the first place?

7. What is inside the gold casket which the prince of Morocco opens?

8. Who does the play's title refer to?

Study the following words



1. **Merchant:** A person whose job is travel around the world, buying and selling things.
2. **Deceive:** to deliberately make someone believe something that is not true.
3. **Flesh:** a soft part of the body under your skin.
4. **Relief:** a good feeling you have when pain or worry stops.
5. **Sob:** to cry loudly, making short sounds.

6. **Interest:** extra money that you pay back if you borrow money.
7. **Bond:** a legal agreement
8. **Spit:** to send liquid or food out from your mouth.
9. **Suitor:** a man who wants to marry a particular woman.
10. **Lead:** a soft grey metal that is very heavy

Read the following speeches carefully. Who said them?

Choose your answer from the box.

WHO
SAID
IT?

Lorenzo	Solarino	Shylock	the prince of Morocco
Antonio	Nerissa		

1. "Well, advice is only any good if it's taken, madam"

2. "Shylock, there is something I must explain. Normally I never lend or borrow money with interest". _____

3. "My lady, I have come a long way across the seas, because so many travelers have spoken of your great beauty and goodness".

4. "Bassanio is inviting Shylock to a masked party tonight, and we are sure the old man will accept" _____
5. "Not even a single ship has arrived home safely, so Antonio doesn't have enough money to repay the bond".

6. "I have told you what I intend, and I have sworn by all that I hold to see Antonio punished, exactly as it is in my bond."

Answer key

Oliver Twist

Who said it?

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|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Mrs. Mann | 2. Mr. Bumble | 3. Oliver | 4. Fagin |
| 5. Mr. Brownlow | 6. Monk | 7. Nancy | 8. Rose |
| 9. Sikes | | | |

Comprehension

- 1. In a workhouse**
- 2. Mr. Bumble and the warehouse board wanted to ensure that the boys never dared to ask for more.**
- 3. Oliver's sister**
- 4. Oliver**
- 5. He wanted her money**
- 6. London bridge**
- 7. Rose, Maylie, Monk, Agnes**
- 8. Mr. Brownlow**
- 9. He was small; he could fit through the window.**
- 10. He accidentally hanged himself**

The Merchant of Venice

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| 1. He gives no reason | 2. Gold, Silver, Lead |
| 3. He has a dark complexion | 4. Bassanio will be a harder master |
| 5. The Prince of Aragon | |
| 6. He needs her money | 7. Portia's portrait |

Who said this?

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|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Nerissa | 2. Antonio | 3. The prince of Morocco |
| 4. Lorenzo | 5. Solarino | 6. Shylock |