

## English II Revision – As You Like It

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Read the Extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

Extract 1.

ORLANDO

Ay, better than him I am before knows me. I know you are my eldest brother; and, in the gentle condition of blood, you should so know me. The courtesy of nations allows you my better, in that you are the first-born; but the same tradition takes not away my blood, were there twenty brothers betwixt us: I have as much of my father in me as you; albeit, I confess, your coming before me is nearer to his reverence.

- i. Where are Oliver and Orlando?
- ii. What are the two brothers discussing?
- iii. Explain: a. Ay, better than him I am before knows me. B. your coming before me is nearer to his reverence.
- iv. State what happens after the extract.
- v. What is stated in his father's will as far as Orlando is concerned?

Extract 2.

First Lord

I cannot hear of any that did see her.

The ladies, her attendants of her chamber,

Saw her abed, and in the morning early

They found the bed untreasured of their mistress.

Second Lord

My lord, the roynish clown, at whom so oft

Your grace was wont to laugh, is also missing.

Hisperia, the princess' gentlewoman,

Confesses that she secretly o'erheard

Your daughter and her cousin much commend

The parts and graces of the wrestler

That did but lately foil the sinewy Charles;

And she believes, wherever they are gone,

That youth is surely in their company.

- i. Where does the scene take place?
- ii. Who are present in the scene? What are they discussing?
- iii. Explain: "roynish clown". Who is the clown referred to in the extract?
- iv. What does Hisperia confesses about the vanished cousins? Why does she think that the "victorious wrestler" could be in the company of the cousins?

Extract 3.

Find out thy brother, wheresoe'er he is;

Seek him with candle; bring him dead or living

Within this twelvemonth, or turn thou no more

To seek a living in our territory.

Thy lands and all things that thou dost call thine  
Worth seizure do we seize into our hands,  
Till thou canst quit thee by thy brothers mouth  
Of what we think against thee.

- i. Who is the speaker of the above extract? Whom does he suspect in the extract?
- ii. What evidence is suggested in the extract against Oliver's brother?
- iii. Explain: "Seek him with candle".
- iv. What penalty would be imposed on Oliver if he does not find his brother?
- v. What is Oliver's reaction to the accusation against him?

Extract 4.

ROSALIND

I have promised to make all this matter even.  
Keep you your word, O duke, to give your daughter;  
You yours, Orlando, to receive his daughter:  
Keep your word, Phebe, that you'll marry me,  
Or else refusing me, to wed this shepherd:  
Keep your word, Silvius, that you'll marry her.  
If she refuse me: and from hence I go,  
To make these doubts all even.

- i. What promise is Rosalind talking about?
- ii. Who is the shepherd referred to in the extract?
- iii. Give the meaning of "To make these doubts all even".
- iv. Who is the shepherd boy mentioned by the Duke? How could he have

some “lively touches of his daughter’s favour”?

v. Explain briefly how the shepherd boy solved the problems in the play.