

### Week 1

The Tempest is a play by English playwright **William Shakespeare**. It was first performed in 1611. The play is about Prospero, a magician who was the Duke of Milan. He was then **betrayed** by his brother, Antonio, and the King of Naples. He now lives on an island with his daughter Miranda. When Prospero's enemies are shipwrecked on the island by a tempest, Prospero sees his chance for **revenge**.

### Week 2

The play starts dramatically with a ship being tossed around by waves in a **tempest**. On board the ship is the King of Naples, Alonso, who is returning home from his daughter's wedding. Alonso is accompanied by his son, Ferdinand, his brother, Sebastian and his advisor, Gonzalo. Prospero's brother Antonio, the Duke of Milan, is also on the ship. The boat sinks off the coast of an island.

### Week 3

The main characters in The Tempest are Prospero, Miranda, Caliban and Ariel. Prospero is a magician and the **rightful** Duke of Milan who has been **usurped** and **banished** to an island with his daughter, Miranda. Miranda, who is a teenager, has lived on the island since she was three years old with only her father and Caliban for company.

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### Week 4

Caliban is described as a "strange creature" who lived on the island before Prospero and Miranda arrived, with his mother Sycorax. He was treated well by Prospero until he attacked Miranda. After that, Prospero **enslaved** Caliban. Ariel is a **sprite** who is Prospero's servant and carries out tasks for him.

### Week 5

The Tempest is considered a **tragicomedy** because it is a story that includes both tragic and comedic elements:  
**Tragic elements:**  
The play is about revenge, ill treatment of others and betrayal.  
**Comedic elements:**  
Stephano, a drunken butler, and Trinculo, a jester, provide a comedic element.

### Key words:

**Tempest:** a type of violent storm  
**Rightful:** The legitimate right  
**Usurped:** To illegally take a position of power  
**Banished:** to send someone away from a place  
**Enslaved:** To make someone a slave  
**Sprite:** a small pixie, or elf type character  
**Tragicomedy:** a genre of a play or novel containing elements of both comedy and tragedy.



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Questions	Answers
Who wrote The Tempest?	William Shakespeare
What year was it written in?	1611
Who is the main character?	Prospero
Why was he betrayed?	He was betrayed by his brother, Antonio, and the King of Naples.
When does he seek revenge?	His enemies are shipwrecked in the island.

### Week 2

Questions	Answers
What is a Tempest?	A type of violent storm
Who is the King of Naples?	Alonso
Where has he been?	To his daughter's wedding
Who else is on the ship?	Ferdinand, Sebastian, Gonzalo and Antonio.
What happens to the ship?	It sinks off the coast of an island.

### Week 3

Questions	Answers
Who are the main characters of The Tempest?	are Prospero, Miranda, Caliban and Ariel
Who is Prospero?	He is a magician and the rightful Duke of Milan
Why is Prospero on the island?	He was usurped from his position and banished from Milan.
Who is Miranda?	She is Prospero's daughter
How old was Miranda when she move to the island?	Three



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How is Caliban described?	A strange creature
Who is Caliban's mother?	Sycorax
Why does Prospero begin to treat Caliban differently?	He attacked Miranda
What did Prospero do to Caliban?	Enslaved him
Who is Ariel?	Prospero's servant and sprite

### Week 5

Questions	Answers
What is the definition of a tragicomedy?	A genre of a play or novel containing elements of both comedy and tragedy.
What are the tragic elements?	Revenge, ill treatment of others and betrayal
What is an example of ill treatment of others?	Caliban being enslaved.
What is an example of revenge?	Prospero causing the tempest and shipwrecking his enemies
What is the comedic element?	Stefano and Trinculo.

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