

WS 3: Writing an interior monologue (sample solution)

*"Prove true, imagination, O prove true,
That I, dear brother, be now tane for you"
[...]*

*"He named Sebastian. I my brother know
Yet living in my glass [...]" (CSS, III, iv, l. 326-331)*



Task:

Read the end of Act 3 Scene 4 (l. 324-end). Write an interior monologue from the perspective of Viola. Consider how she feels about the latest news on her brother Sebastian and give voice to her thoughts and feelings. The following info box might help you.

How to write an interior monologue

In an interior monologue a character provides insight into his/her/their inner thoughts and feelings. Thus, the reader/audience gets an idea about what the character personally is feeling/going through/thinking etc.

In an interior monologue a character can ...

- ... pick **conflicts** or **problems** as a central theme.
- ... talk about personal **fears, wishes, hopes, dreams**.
- ... make **plans** for their **future**.
- ... think about **past events**.
- ... elaborate on their **feelings**.

When writing an interior monologue you should remember to ...

- ... use **first-person perspective**.
- ... use appropriate **punctuation marks**.
- ... focus on **thoughts** and **feelings** which the character experiences at present (i.e. at this particular moment of the play).
- ... take the character's **behaviour** and **mindset** into account.

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Here you can collect some first ideas or bullet points. You can also use a separate piece of paper as for the interior monologue later on.

- Viola is shocked but also happy that her brother Sebastian is still alive-

- Viola had to go through hard times believing that her brother Sebastian is dead.

- Viola is angry about the fact that Sebastian didn't write her a letter in which he tells her that he is still alive.

- Viola wants to see her brother as soon as possible because she missed him a lot.

- Viola is worried about Sebastian's reaction to see her again because they didn't see each other for a long time.



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