

## Who said that? – Hamlet Quote Review

For each of the quotes below, identify the speaker in the space provided. Be sure you understand the character's meaning and what provoked the character to make the statement.

1. Hamlet "Here, thou incestuous,  
murd'rous, damned Dane,  
Drink off this potion!"
2. Gertrude "Thou turn'st mine eyes into  
my very soul,  
And there I see such black  
and grained spots  
As will not leave their tinct."
3. Ghost "Swear."
4. Polonius "Therefore, since brevity  
is the soul of wit,  
And tediousness the limbs  
and outward flourishes,  
I will be brief."
5. Claudius "What if this cursed hand  
Were thicker than itself with brother's blood,  
Is there not rain enough in the sweet heavens  
To wash it white as snow?"
6. Hamlet "How now? A rat? Dead for a ducat, / dead!"
7. Osric "The King, sir, hath laid that, in a dozen passes / between yourself and him, he shall  
not exceed / you three hits..."
8. Ghost "Cut off even in the blossoms of my sin, / Unhous'led, disappointed, unaneled,  
No reck'ning made..."
9. Ophelia "Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind."
10. Gertrude "The lady doth protest too much, methinks."
11. Guildenstern "My lord, we were sent for."
12. Hamlet "The play's the thing / Wherein I'll catch the conscience of the King."
13. Polonius "Though this be madness, yet there is / method in 't."
14. Hamlet "...for there is nothing / either good or bad but thinking makes it so."

15. Hamlet "Denmark's a prison."
16. Laertes "Why, as a woodcock to mine own springe, Osric. I am justly killed with mine own treachery."
17. Rosencrantz "Take you me for a sponge, my lord?"
18. Horatio "'Twere good she were spoken with; for she may strew Dangerous conjectures in ill-breeding minds."
19. Gertrude "No, no! The drink, the drink! O my dear Hamlet!"
20. Horatio "Now cracks a noble heart. Good night, sweet prince, And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest!"
21. Polonius "This is the very ecstasy of love,  
Whose violent property fordoes itself  
And leads the will to desperate undertakings  
As oft as any passion under heaven..."
22. Polonius "Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice..."
23. Polonius "I did enact Julius Caesar; I was killed i' the Capitol; Brutus killed me."
24. Laertes "I'll touch my point With this contagion, that, if I gall him slightly, It may be death."
25. Gravedigger 2 "If this had not been a gentlewoman, she should have been buried out o' Christian burial."
26. Laertes "Thy mother's poisoned. I can no more. The King, the King's to blame."
27. Marcellus "Thus twice before, and jump at this dead hour, With martial stalk hath he gone by our watch."
28. Hamlet "O that this too too solid flesh would melt, Thaw, and resolve itself into a dew!"
29. Hamlet "To die – to sleep, To sleep, perchance to dream; ay, there's the rub!"
30. Fortinbras "Take up the bodies. Such a sight as this Becomes the field, but here shows much amiss."