

character name	description
Prince Escalus	the ruling Prince of Verona
Count Paris	a kinsman of Escalus who wishes to marry Juliet
Mercutio	another kinsman of Escalus, a friend of Romeo
Capulet	the patriarch of the house of Capulet
Lady Capulet	the matriarch of the house of Capulet
Juliet Capulet	the 13-year-old daughter of Capulet, the play's female protagonist
Tybalt	a cousin of Juliet, the nephew of Lady Capulet
The Nurse	Juliet's personal attendant and confidante
Rosaline	Lord Capulet's niece, Romeo's love in the beginning of the story
Peter, Sampson, and Gregory	servants of the Capulet household
Montague	the patriarch of the house of Montague
Lady Montague	the matriarch of the house of Montague
Romeo Montague	the play's male protagonist
Benvolio	Romeo's cousin and best friend
Friar Laurence	a Franciscan friar and Romeo's confidant
Friar John	sent to deliver Friar Laurence's letter to Romeo
Apothecary	reluctantly sells Romeo poison
Abram and Balthasar	servants of the Montague household