

Romeo and Juliet

Read this extract from *Act 1 Scene 5* of *Romeo and Juliet* and then answer the question that follows.

At this point in the play *Romeo and Juliet* are having their first conversation.

	ROMEO
	[To JULIET] If I profane with my unworhiest hand This holy shrine, the gentle fine is this: My lips, two blushing pilgrims, ready stand To smooth that rough touch with a tender kiss.
5	JULIET Good pilgrim, you do wrong your hand too much, Which mannerly devotion shows in this; For saints have hands that pilgrims' hands do touch, And palm to palm is holy palmers' kiss.
	ROMEO Have not saints lips, and holy palmers too?
10	JULIET Ay, pilgrim, lips that they must use in prayer.
	ROMEO O, then, dear saint, let lips do what hands do; They pray, grant thou, lest faith turn to despair.
	JULIET Saints do not move, though grant for prayers' sake.
15	ROMEO Then move not, while my prayer's effect I take. Thus from my lips, by yours, my sin is purged.
	JULIET Then have my lips the sin that they have took.
	ROMEO Sin from thy lips? O trespass sweetly urged! Give me my sin again.
	JULIET You kiss by the book..

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Starting with this extract, explain how far you think Shakespeare presents *Romeo and Juliet* as a couple in love.

Write about:

- how Shakespeare presents *Romeo and Juliet*'s relationship in this extract.
- how Shakespeare presents *Romeo and Juliet*'s relationship as a whole.

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