

Hamlet off the Street - Characters

Main Characters

Name	Description
Hamlet	Prince of Denmark – son to the late King Hamlet and nephew to Claudius.
Claudius	King of Denmark – elected to the throne after the death of his brother. Husband of Gertrude, his brother's widow.
Gertrude	Queen of Denmark, mother to Hamlet. King Hamlet's widow, now wife to Claudius.
Ghost	Image of Hamlet's father, the late king (Old Hamlet)
Polonius	Claudius's chief counsellor, father to Ophelia and Laertes
Laertes	Polonius's son, recently returned to Elsinore from Paris
Ophelia	Daughter of Polonius and sister of Laertes. In love with Hamlet
Horatio	Hamlet's best friend from childhood

The characters in bold have the most lines. Age range is flexible, but Claudius, Gertrude, Polonius, and the Ghost are (or were) parents, so should be older than their children.

Minor Characters

Name	Description
Clowns at Ophelia's funeral	Sexton gravedigger and a bailiff

Non-speaking Parts

Name	Description
Priest at Ophelia's funeral	May be protestant or catholic

Dancers (non-speaking)

A company of actors who perform an interpretive dance within the play: These are

Name	Description
Player 1	Leader of the troupe. Plays the murdered king.
Player 2	Plays the Queen
Player 3	Plays Lucianus
Player 4	Acts as background