

Polonius's Plans for Hamlet Jigsaw Tool

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Directions: Read the text in the left column and work in your small groups to answer the questions in the right column. Share out with the class and take notes on this tool.

Act 3.1, Lines 190–203	Questions
<p>POLONIUS</p> <p>It shall do well. But yet I do believe 190</p> <p>The origin and commencement of his grief</p> <p>Sprung from neglected love.—How now, Ophelia?</p> <p>You need not tell us what Lord Hamlet said;</p> <p>We heard it all.—My lord, do as you please,</p> <p>But, if you hold it fit, after the play 195</p> <p>Let his queen-mother all alone entreat him;</p> <p>To show his grief. Let her be round with him</p> <p>And I'll be placed, so please you, in the ear</p> <p>Of all their conference. If she find him not,</p> <p>To England send him, or confine him where 200</p> <p>Your wisdom best shall think.</p> <p>KING</p> <p>It shall be so.</p> <p>Madness in great ones must not unwatched go.</p> <p>Vocabulary</p> <p>origin (n.) – the point or place where something begins or is created; the source or cause of something</p> <p>commencement (n.) – beginning, start</p> <p>entreat (v.) – to ask in a serious, emotional way</p> <p>confine (v.) – to shut or keep in</p>	<p>What does Polonius believe is the cause of Hamlet's "grief" (line 191)?</p> <p>In lines 192–194, how does Polonius respond to Ophelia?</p> <p>In lines 195–201, what alternative plan does Polonius propose?</p>