

Taming of the Shrew Act IV quiz

1. Describe Curtis' reaction to Petruchio's behavior.

2. Write out the method of training a falcon in step-by-step fashion.

3. Describe Tranio. What do we discover about his personality when he convinces the pedant to impersonate Vincentio? Do you think you would have fallen for Tranio's ploy? Why or why not?

4. Why do you think Petruchio has Kate's new clothes destroyed in front of her? What is Kate's reaction? How is Kate changing?

5. Explain the test Petruchio gives to Kate on the road to Padua. Do you think she passed? Why or why not? Give examples from this scene to support your answer.

Note-Taking Chart/Act IV

Passage	Your "translation" into modern English
<p>GRUMIO Nathaniel's coat, sir, was not fully made, And Gabriel's pumps were all unpinked i' th' heel. There was no link to color Peter's hat, And Walter's dagger was not come from sheathing. There were none fine but Adam, Rafe, and Gregory. The rest were ragged, old, and beggarly. Yet, as they are, here are they come to meet you.</p>	
<p>PETRUCHIO I tell thee, Kate, 'twas burnt and dried away. And I expressly am forbid to touch it, For it engenders cholera, planteth anger; And better 'twere that both of us did fast, Since of ourselves, ourselves are choleric, Than feed it with such over-roasted flesh. Be patient, tomorrow 't shall be mended, And, for this night, we'll fast for company.</p>	
<p>PETRUCHIO That is, to watch her, as we watch these kites That bate and beat and will not be obedient. She ate no meat today, nor none shall eat. Last night she slept not, nor tonight she shall not. As with the meat, some undeservèd fault I'll find about the making of the bed, And here I'll fling the pillow, there the bolster, This way the coverlet, another way the sheets. Ay, and amid this hurly I intend That all is done in reverend care of her. And, in conclusion, she shall watch all night, And if she chance to nod I'll rail and brawl, And with the clamor keep her still awake. This is a way to kill a wife with kindness, And thus I'll curb her mad and headstrong humor. He that knows better how to tame a shrew, Now let him speak; 'tis charity to show.</p>	