

The Musketeers



BEFORE YOU WATCH

- 1 What do you know about the Four Musketeers? Discuss. Read the sentences and choose the correct option.
 - 1 They are *French / Spanish* characters in a book by Alexandre Dumas.
 - 2 Dumas' book is a historical adventure story set in *nineteenth / seventeenth-century* Paris.
 - 3 The Musketeers work for the royal court and their job is to *protect / capture* Queen Anne.

WHILE YOU WATCH

- 2  **11 SPEAKING** Watch the video without sound. What is happening? Guess the answers to the questions and compare your ideas with a partner.
 - 1 Why do they stop at this place?
 - 2 What does Queen Anne do?
 - 3 How do the Musketeers feel about the food?
 - 4 Why do they set off so suddenly?
- 3  **11** Watch the video with sound and check your ideas in Exercise 2.

- 4  **11** Complete the dialogues. Then watch the video again and check your answers.

- 1 M: There's been no sign of them for an hour now. We're safe for a while.
M: The Queen needs to ¹ _____.
- 2 Q: Can I help?
M: Rest while you can, Your Majesty.
Q: No, I'd like to be ² _____. Really.
M: In that case, can you gut a fish?
- 3 M: Delicious, Your Majesty.
Q: It's the first time I've ever cooked.
M: That's hard to ³ _____.
Q: Would you like ⁴ _____?
M: Thank you but I'm full.
- 4 M: I'm tired of ⁵ _____ away. Perhaps we should be the ones doing the chasing.
- 5 M: The Queen's ⁶ _____ is paramount. We can't risk it by making a stand.

- 5 Complete a summary of the scene using words from Exercise 4 in the correct form.

Queen Anne's ¹ _____ is at risk. The Musketeers must take her back to the royal palace in Paris. In this scene, they stop so that the Queen can ² _____. The Queen wants to be ³ _____ and so she cooks fish for the Musketeers. However, the food is disgusting and the men politely refuse to eat ⁴ _____ portion after they tasted it. Suddenly Athos hears horses in the distance and they prepare to leave. Athos and Porthos have a disagreement – Porthos doesn't want to ⁵ _____ away but Athos ⁶ _____ that the Queen's life is more important than fighting.

AFTER YOU WATCH

- 6 **SPEAKING** Discuss the questions.
 - 1 Would you like to watch more episodes of *The Musketeers*? Why?/Why not?
 - 2 What kind of TV series do you like watching?
 - 3 What is the best TV series you've ever watched?