

## Act 1 Scene 1

*A desolate place near Forres in Scotland*

*There is a howling wind. In the distance there is the sound of thunder and lightning. The two Narrators enter, huddled against the wind. They stop when they see the witches.*

*The thunder and lightning get closer*

**First Witch:** When shall we three meet again?  
In thunder, lightning, or in rain?

**Second Witch:** When the hurly-burly's done,  
When the battle's lost and won.

**Third Witch:** That will be ere the set of sun.

**First Witch:** Where the place?

**Second Witch:** Upon the heath.

**Third Witch:** There to meet with Macbeth.

**All:** Fair is foul, and foul is fair,  
Hover through the fog and filthy air.

*They leave*

**Narrator 1:** It's OK. They've gone.

**Narrator 2:** What on earth were those?

**Narrator 1:** Witches. Three witches. They were meeting to talk about Macbeth.

**Narrator 2:** Macbeth? Who is Macbeth?

**Narrator 1:** A great Thane of Scotland.

**Narrator 2:** What's a Thane?

**Narrator 1:** A Lord. Macbeth is Thane of Glamis. He's brave, fearless and loyal. At the moment he is fighting for his king, King Duncan. There's been a rebellion. Some other Scottish thanes have turned traitors. Macbeth and Banquo are the Commanders of the King's army. It is their job to deal with the traitors.

**Narrator 2:** (*As they leave*) But why would those witches want to speak to him?