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The Play's Trap

Short Answer Key

1. Hamlet is trying to prove that Claudius really did kill his father.
2. Claudius reacts with shock and leaves the room, proving that he feels guilty.
3. Hamlet hesitates because he wants to find the perfect moment to take revenge.
4. The audience knows Claudius is guilty, so they watch eagerly to see how he will react.
5. The Mousetrap shows that Hamlet is smart and careful, using strategy instead of acting impulsively.

