

## Shakespeare

### Before you watch

Answer the questions.

- 1 Do you know who William Shakespeare was?
- 2 Do you know the names of any of his plays?

### Comprehension check

1  Watch the video. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 How many plays did William Shakespeare write?  
a 28                                      b 30                                      c 38
- 2 Where was William Shakespeare born?  
a Stratford-upon-Avon    b London                              c Oxford
- 3 What was the Globe?  
a a theater                                      b a house                              c a museum

2  Watch again. Circle the things you see.

a bedroom   a bridge   a car   a flower  
a garden   gloves   a horse   a house  
a map   a musician   a river   a statue  
a theater   a tree   tourists

3  Watch again. Are the sentences true or false?

- 1 William Shakespeare was a poet, a playwright, and a musician. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Shakespeare's father made gloves. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Shakespeare had two children. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Shakespeare's house was a long way from his parents' house. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Shakespeare's plays were very popular in London. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 The Globe you can visit today is not the same one that Shakespeare worked in. \_\_\_\_\_

4  Watch again. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Shakespeare wrote 154 plays / sonnets.
- 2 Shakespeare's family were wealthy / poor.
- 3 Shakespeare got married when he was 18 / 20.
- 4 In the late 1580s, Shakespeare was famous in London / Stratford.
- 5 The Globe was one of the best / biggest theaters in London.
- 6 The Royal Shakespeare Company's home is in Stratford-upon-Avon / London.

5  Watch again. Complete the summary with the words below.

children   glove   London   married   parents  
popular   rich   Stratford   theater   Tourists   writer

William Shakespeare is the most famous <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in English. He was a very successful poet and playwright. He was born in Stratford-upon-Avon, and his family were quite <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. His father was a <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ maker. When he was 18, Shakespeare <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Anne Hathaway. They had three <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, and lived near his <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in Stratford. Shakespeare's plays became <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in London, and eventually Shakespeare had his own <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, the Globe, which was one of the best in <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Today, everyone can visit a reconstruction of the Globe and see Shakespeare's plays. <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ can also visit the Royal Shakespeare Company in <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and learn all about one of the most famous writers in history.

## Language check

### be: Simple past

Shakespeare **was** a poet.

Shakespeare **wasn't** in Stratford all the time.

Shakespeare's plays and sonnets **were** very popular.

Were Shakespeare's parents poor? No, they **weren't**.

### 6 Complete the sentences. Use the correct affirmative or negative simple past form of *be*.

- Shakespeare \_\_\_\_\_ born in Stratford.
- His family \_\_\_\_\_ poor.
- Shakespeare's house \_\_\_\_\_ far from his parents' house.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ in Stratford all his life.
- His plays \_\_\_\_\_ very popular in London.
- Many of his plays \_\_\_\_\_ first shown at the Globe.

### 7 Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use the correct affirmative or negative simple past form of *be*.

- I \_\_\_\_\_ born in Europe.
- My best friend at elementary school \_\_\_\_\_ older than me.
- My parents \_\_\_\_\_ born in the same country.
- My classmates \_\_\_\_\_ very friendly last year.
- My room \_\_\_\_\_ always clean when I was young.
- My elementary school teachers \_\_\_\_\_ always helpful.

## Extension



Look at the photos and answer the questions.

#### Photo A

- Who are the people in the photo?
- Where are they?
- What are they doing?

#### Photo B

- Who are the people in the photo?
- Where are they?
- What are they doing?
- Which do you prefer doing, the activity in Photo A or Photo B? Why?