

Read the text about William Shakespeare, then do these exercises to check your understanding.

1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Read the questions and circle the correct answer.

1. When was William Shakespeare born?
1498 / 1564 / 1895
2. Where was Shakespeare born?
Stratford upon Avon / Cambridge / Oxford
3. How many plays did Shakespeare write?
8 / 38 / 108
4. How many sonnets did Shakespeare write?
154 / 14 / 38
5. What's the name of the 'Shakespeare theatre' in London?
The World Theatre / The Old Shakespeare Theatre / The Globe Theatre
6. 'To be or not to be, that is the question' is from which play?
As You Like It / Henry V / Hamlet

2. Check your grammar: gap fill – verbs

Fill the gaps with a verb from the box.

cut	pay	went	hide	loses	get	had	fight
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1. William Shakespeare and Anne Hathaway _____ three children.
2. Shakespeare _____ to London to work as an actor and a writer.
3. This play is about the idea that people usually _____ what they deserve in the end.
4. If Antonio doesn't _____ back this money in time something terrible will happen.
5. Shylock will _____ off a piece of his body.
6. Antonio _____ all his business.
7. People _____ in a beautiful forest.
8. Why do men _____?

3. Check your grammar: gap fill – past simple verbs

Write the past simple form of the verbs on the line.

1. have

5. cut

2. go

6. lose

3. get

7. hide

4. pay

8. fight

Discussion

What do you think about Shakespeare?

Have you seen any of his plays?

Have you seen any movies based on Shakespeare's plays?

Which play would like to see the most and why?