

William Shakespeare

Who Was William Shakespeare?

- He was born in Stratford-upon-Avon, in England.
- He was born on 23rd April, 1564.
- He was 52 years old when he died.
- He is famous for being a writer.

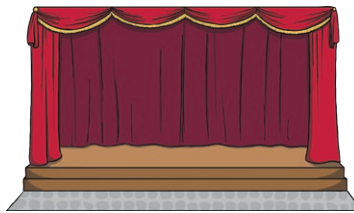


Facts about William Shakespeare

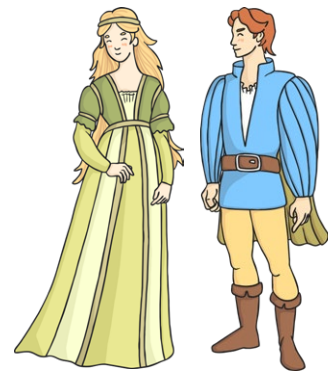
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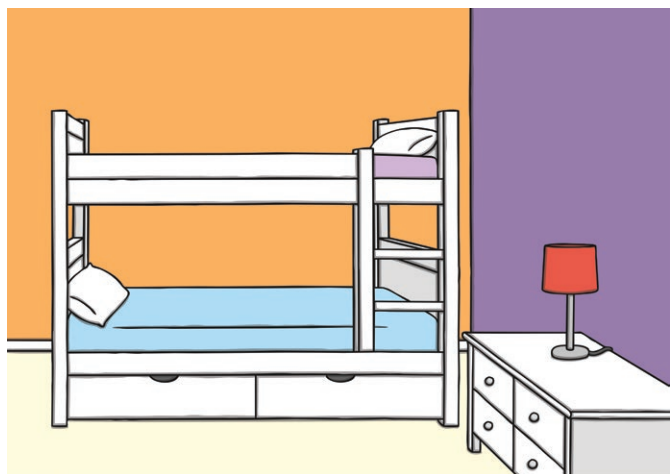


One of his most famous plays was called 'Romeo and Juliet'.



Did You Know?

William Shakespeare made up a lot of new words we still use today like **bedroom** and **gloomy**!



Questions

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London

Stratford-upon-Avon

Hull

2. How old was he when he died? Tick one.

40

52

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3. What is he famous for? Tick one.

being a writer

being a bus driver

being a vet

4. Where did William move to? Tick one.

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Scotland

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table

bedroom

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He was born on 23rd April, 1564.

He had five brothers and sisters.

He died at the age of 52 years old.

He was a famous writer.



Did You Know?

William married a woman called Anne Hathaway. They had a daughter called Susannah and twins called Hamnet and Judith.

Life in London

William moved to London and became a playwright. That means he wrote stories, called plays. These were acted out on the stage for people to watch.

New Words

William Shakespeare made up many new words, which we still use today. Here are a few of them:

blushing

bedroom

green-eyed

gloomy

hobnob

hurried

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23rd April

23rd June

12th May

3. What was William Shakespeare's wife called?

4. Draw a line to complete these sentences.

He was a Anne Hathaway.

He had five brothers and sisters.

William married famous writer.

5. Complete the sentence.

William Shakespeare made up lots of new _____.

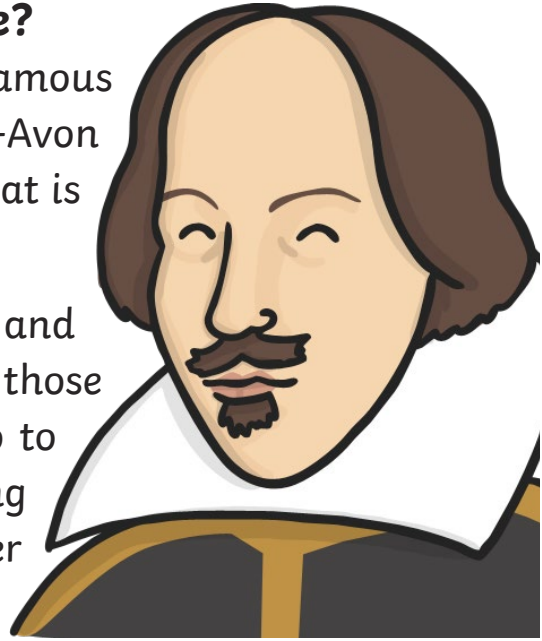
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Who Was William Shakespeare?

William Shakespeare was a famous playwright born in Stratford-upon-Avon in England, on 23rd April, 1564. That is nearly 500 years ago!

He had five brothers and sisters and went to school at the age of 7. In those days, only boys were allowed to go to school. Children had to write using a type of pen made from a feather (called a quill). They had to dip it in ink to write with it.



Personal Life

William married a woman named Anne Hathaway when he was 18 years old. They had a daughter called Susannah and later had twins called Hamnet and Judith.

William left Stratford when he was 21 years old and moved to London. His family stayed in Stratford.

Interesting Facts

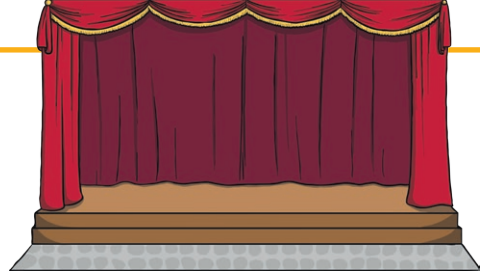
- William Shakespeare became a playwright.
- He wrote 38 plays.
- One of his most famous plays, 'Romeo and Juliet', has even been rewritten as a cartoon film called 'Gnomeo and Juliet'!
- William Shakespeare made up many new words we still use today.
- William Shakespeare died on his birthday in 1616, aged 52 years old.

Did You Know?

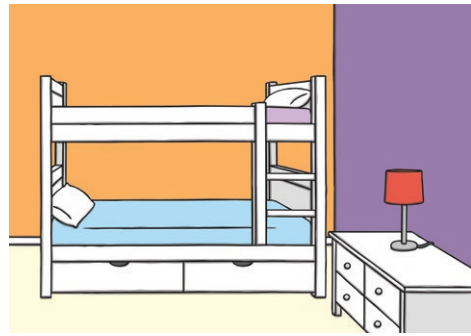
A playwright would write stories (called plays) which could be acted out on a stage in a theatre. People paid to go and watch the plays.

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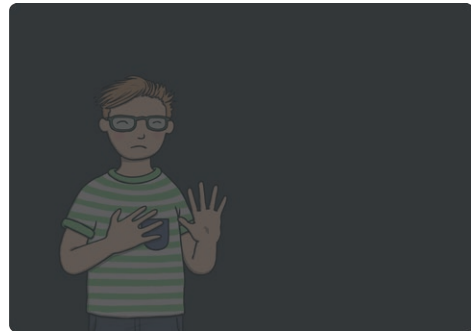
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bedroom



green-eyed



gloomy



hobnob

a friendly, informal chat



hurried

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Susannah

Anne

Judith

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Accept any 3 from; blushing, bedroom, scuffle, gloomy, hobnob, green-eyed.

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Children's own answers.