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Read UK: Shakespeare – exercises

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a-e next to the numbers 1-5.

1	a quotation	a.	a story for actors to perform
2	a play	b.	a person who writes plays
3	a playwright	C.	a type of poem with 14 lines
4	a sonnet	d.	a place where you can watch actors perform
5	a theatre	e.	words and phrases that come from a text and people often repeat

1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best answer to these questions.

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

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2. Check your grammar: gap fill

Fill the gaps with a verb from the box.

cut	рау	went	hide	loses	get	had	fight			
	William Shakespeare and Anne Hathaway three children.									
	Shakespeare to London to work as an actor and a writer.									
	<i>The Merchant of Venice</i> is about the idea that people usually what they deserve in the end.									
	If Antonio doesn't		back thi	s money in ti	me something	terrible will ha	ppen.			
	Shylock will		off a piece of	his body.						
	Antonio	all h	is business.							
	In As You Like It, people in a beautiful forest.									
	Henry V asks a qu	estion: why d	o men	?)					
. Che	eck your gramn	nar: gap fill								
	ne past simple form	0 1								
. have	9			5. cut						
. go				6. lose						
get				7. hide						
. 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?

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