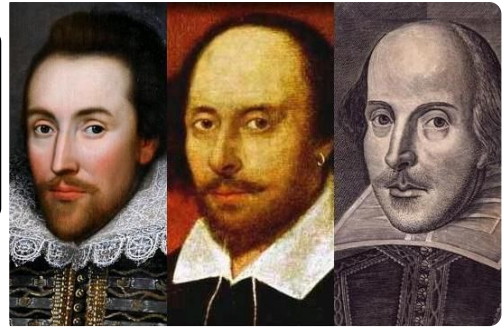
 **William Shakespeare**  
 Who was Shakespeare? Watch this story and find out!  
 Do the preparation task before you watch the video.  
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<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/short-stories/william-shakespeare>

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① Direct meaning - surface level: Tick what you think is right.

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a. Shakespeare was born in ...

- 1654
- 1564
- 1516
- 1927

b. His parents' first names were ...

- James & Mary
- John & Anna
- Frank & Nancy
- John & Mary

c. His father was a ...

- shoe-maker
- farmer
- glove-maker
- teacher

d. William had ... siblings.

- two
- three
- four
- seven

e. He probably studied ...

- history & Latin
- history & English
- Latin & English
- music & Greek

 **Words**  
 Latin = Latein  
 Greek = Griechisch

② Direct meaning - detail: Tick true or false and correct the false sentences.

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	Correction	T	F
a. William started school when he was 14 or 15 years old.			
b. He was married to a woman called Anne Hathaway.			
c. They had two twin daughters called Judith and Susanna.			
d. In London William worked as a writer of plays.			
e. The <b>plague</b> killed millions of people and theatres had to be closed.			

③ Inferred meaning: Answer the questions.

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a. The story says that during the plague theatres were closed and that Shakespeare started to write **poems** instead of plays during that time. Can you think of a reason?

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b. Which of these sentences describes how the people expressed their feelings during a play?

- At The Globe some people stood in front of the stage and others had seats.
- The audience shouted, clapped, booed and laughed while they watched plays.
- Musicians created special **noises** to make the plays more exciting.
- They even had a **cannon** to make big bangs!

c. What do you think was the reason that only men and boys acted in Shakespeare's time?

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d. Why are Shakespeare's plays and poems still popular today although they are more than 400 years old now? Think of a reason.

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 **Vocabulary**

plague = Pest | disease = Seuche, Krankheit | poem = Gedicht | noise = Geräusch  
cannon = Kanone | comedy = a story with a happy ending | tragedy = a story with a sad ending  
expression = Ausdruck | poetry = the art of writing poems