

Reading

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Ada Lovelace

(1815–1852)



As a young child, Ada Lovelace was very good at Maths and Languages (English and French). She didn't go to university, but she studied Maths with a professor from the University of London. In the 1840s, she designed a language for the world's first computer. In 1835, Ada married William King. They had two sons and a daughter.

- 1 Ada Lovelace went to the University of London. ☐
- 2 She became a computer programmer. ☐
- 3 She didn't have any children. ☐

Shusaku Arakawa

(1936–2010)



Shusaku Arakawa was an abstract painter. He also designed houses and apartment buildings.

Shusaku was born in Japan in 1936. He moved to the USA in 1961 and he married Madeline Gins, another artist. In 1998, Shusaku won a competition for designing buildings.

He died in the USA in 2010.

- 4 Shusaku Arakawa was an artist. ☐
- 5 He didn't design buildings. ☐
- 6 He married a journalist. ☐
- 7 He didn't win any prizes. ☐
- 8 He didn't die in Japan. ☐

Read and chose.

Gertrude Jekyll Gardener (1843–1932)



Gertrude Jekyll was a famous gardener.

Women didn't usually go to university in the 1800s, but in 1861, Jekyll went to the South Kensington School of Art in London. After studying Art, she visited lots of different countries. She painted and she learned about flowers, trees and gardens.

In the 1880s, Jekyll became a garden designer. She designed about 400 gardens in the UK, Europe and the USA. Jekyll didn't marry and she didn't have any children. She died in 1932, at the age of 89.

- 1 Jekyll **was** / **wasn't** born in 1843.
- 2 She **studied** / **didn't study** gardening at university.
- 3 She **went** / **didn't go** to different countries.
- 4 She **designed** / **didn't design** gardens in the USA.
- 5 She **had** / **didn't have** a husband.
- 6 She **had** / **didn't have any** sons or daughters.