

Task 2

- You are going to read an article about what archaeologists have found out about William Shakespeare's grave with the help of laser scanning technology. Some words are missing from the text.
- Your task is to write the missing words on the dotted lines (8-15) after the text.
- Use only one word in each gap.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.

SHAKESPEARE'S SKULL 'MISSING' FROM HIS GRAVE



More than 250 years after Shakespeare's death, a story began to circulate that his skull had (6) _____ stolen from his grave in Holy Trinity Church in Stratford-upon-Avon by trophy hunters. For more than a century the tale (8) _____ widely dismissed as a myth, but now, on the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, archaeologists believe they have found evidence (9) _____ support the claims.

Using ground-penetrating radar to scan the grave reputed to (10) _____ Shakespeare's, they have discovered that the skull is apparently absent from the rest of the skeleton. They also established that a skull in a church in Beoley, 20 miles away, (11) _____ according to local legend belonged to the playwright, was in fact that (12) _____ a 77-year-old woman. This means, they said, that Shakespeare's skull could still be at large somewhere.

Shakespeare's grave is not marked with his name, but is covered (13) _____ a stone inscribed with a curse to ward off anyone planning to move the remains. With the developments of radar and geophysical techniques, the archaeologists realised they could answer many questions about what's beneath those stones (14) _____ having to dig them up. The scan showed evidence of a "mysterious and significant repair" to the head end of the grave, giving credence to a story published in Argosy magazine in 1879. According to this, a group of trophy hunters (15) _____ lifted the stone, dug up the grave and stolen Shakespeare's skull. The technology shows half of the grave has not been disturbed. It means Shakespeare's remains are there.

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