



# Who Was Shakespeare?

Fill in the gaps with the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple. Then put the sentences in order.

**A**

In about 1590, he <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (start) writing his first plays. There <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) no female actors in those days. Boys <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (play) all female parts.



**B**

He <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the local Stratford Grammar School. Lessons began at six o'clock in the morning in the summer. They <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) to use daylight!



**C**

Shakespeare <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) born in Stratford-upon-Avon on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1564.



**D**

He <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (come back) to Stratford in 1612. He <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (die) of a fever on his birthday in 1616.

**E**

At the age of 19, William <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (marry) Anne Hathaway, the daughter of a rich farmer near Stratford. Three years later he <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to London.



**F**

When William Shakespeare <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) only 14 years old he <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) to leave school because his family was very poor. He <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in his father's shop. His father was a glove-maker.

**G**

They <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (perform) his most famous play, *Hamlet*, in about 1601 at the Globe Theatre. Shakespeare <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (continue) to write about two plays a year.