

# William Shakespeare

## Can you find the 30 missing words?



Shakespeare

William Shakespeare was \_\_\_\_\_ on or about 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1564 in the house preserved as his birthplace in Henley Street, Stratford-upon-Avon. The record of his \_\_\_\_\_ in the register is on 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Contrary to \_\_\_\_\_ given in some of the older biographies, Shakespeare came from good middle-class \_\_\_\_\_ on both sides. His mother, Mary Arden, was one of the eight \_\_\_\_\_ of a substantial farmer of Wilmcote, where the Arden farmstead may still be seen, his father, John Shakespeare was a prosperous and respected tradesman, who took an active part in \_\_\_\_\_ affairs.

William was the eldest son and third child of the marriage and \_\_\_\_\_ took on several responsibilities, including helping his father.

One day while doing an \_\_\_\_\_ for his father with his young brother Edmund, he stopped in the local \_\_\_\_\_ to buy something. His brother \_\_\_\_\_ in the mud and was helped to his feet by a young woman \_\_\_\_\_ name was Anne Hathaway. She was a country girl who lived a few miles from Stratford in a little village \_\_\_\_\_ Shottery. William and Anne soon fell in love and \_\_\_\_\_ married in 1582.

They started their married \_\_\_\_\_ in the family home in Henley Street, but unfortunately Anne \_\_\_\_\_ it difficult to get on with her mother-in-law Mary. Mary had always thought that her son could have chosen a more \_\_\_\_\_ wife.

After one year of marriage their daughter Susanna was born in May 1583 and not long after that William found a teaching job which \_\_\_\_\_ him to rent a little cottage for himself and Anne. They moved in \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas 1584 and in February 1585 Anne gave birth to twins, Hamnet and Judith. Hamnet was a weak baby and child and \_\_\_\_\_ at the age of eleven.

William had always been \_\_\_\_\_ by travelling actors and more than once had been on the point of following them to London to \_\_\_\_\_ his fortune. He, in fact, left when the twins were five and Susanna seven. He left his brother in \_\_\_\_\_ of looking after his family and regularly sent money to them. He came back to visit, but \_\_\_\_\_ most of his life living and working in London.

Having already \_\_\_\_\_ money in property in London, in 1597 (one year after Hamnet's death) he \_\_\_\_\_ New Place, one of the largest houses in Stratford. In 1610 he settled permanently there. By the standards of his day the poet was obviously \_\_\_\_\_.

Shakespeare died at the \_\_\_\_\_ of fifty-two on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1616 and Anne in 1623. Their daughter Susanna married John Hall, a doctor and New Place was \_\_\_\_\_ to their daughter Elizabeth, who married twice, but \_\_\_\_\_ had any children. So Shakespeare's \_\_\_\_\_ line came to an end with her death in 1670.

Choose from these words:

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| age         | purchased | left       | spent     | direct  | make      |
| wealthy     | slipped   | called     | therefore | life    | errand    |
| impressions | around    | municipal  | were      | never   | birth     |
| educated    | baptism   | found      | market    | enabled | parentage |
| died        | whose     | fascinated | daughters | charge  | invested  |