



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 ¹ _____ (start) writing his first plays. There ² _____ (be) no female actors in those days. Boys ³ _____ (play) all female parts.



B

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



C

Shakespeare ⁶ _____ (be) born in Stratford-upon-Avon on 23rd April, 1564.



D

He ⁷ _____ (come back) to Stratford in 1612. He ⁸ _____ (die) of a fever on his birthday in 1616.

E

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



F

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

G

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