

## Reading

### 1. Read and tick or cross.

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.

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.

- 1 Ada Lovelace was born in 1852. ☐
- 2 She wasn't good at French. ☐
- 3 She went to the University of London. ☐
- 4 She became a computer programmer. ☐
- 5 She didn't have any children. ☐
- 6 Shusaku Arakawa was an artist. ☐
- 7 He designed museums. ☐
- 8 He married a journalist. ☐
- 9 He didn't win any prizes. ☐
- 10 He didn't die in Japan. ☐

### 2. Read and complete.

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Gertrude Jekyll (1843–1932)

Gertrude Jekyll was a famous gardener. She (1)

born in 1843. She (2)  6 brothers and sisters.

Women didn't usually (3)  to university in the 1800s, but in

1861, Jekyll (4)  to the South Kensington School of Art in London. She

(5)  a lot of artists. After studying, she visited lots of different

countries. She (6)  pictures of different places. She also (7)

about flowers, trees and gardens.

In the 1880s, Jekyll (8)  a gardener designer. She (9)

about

400 gardens in the UK, Europe and the USA.

Jekyll (10)  any children. She died in 1932, at the age of 89.