



Karen is reading the biography of William Shakespeare.

## William Shakespeare

Did you know Shakespeare, the famous playwright, also played in dramas?

William Shakespeare is one of the greatest English playwrights in history. He was born in 1564 in England to prosperous parents. He was the third of eight children in a big family. When he was 18 years old, he married his wife Anne Hathaway.



From around 1589 to 1613, Shakespeare moved from his birthplace to London and began his successful career as an actor, a playwright and a businessman. The renowned Globe Theatre was built in London in 1599 by a playing company called the Lord Chamberlain's Men, which was part-owned by Shakespeare. From then on, most of his plays were performed **there**. Before he retired, he had written different kinds of plays, including histories, comedies and tragedies. One of his most well-known plays is *Romeo and Juliet*.

Shakespeare died on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1616. Nowadays, his **magnificent** plays are still very popular. They are translated into various languages and are performed in many theatres.

Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.

1. Which is **TRUE** about Shakespeare?  
(Choose more than one answer.)

- A. He was an actor.  
 B. He had no siblings.  
 C. He was born in London.  
 D. He wrote sad stories.

2. In line 12, the word '**there**' refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. in London  
 B. in England  
 C. in the Globe Theatre  
 D. in the Lord Chamberlain's Men



Q2

Read the previous sentence.

3. In line 14, the word '**magnificent**' means '\_\_\_\_\_'.  
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- A. popular  
 B. brilliant  
 C. shocking  
 D. amusing



Q3

What do people think about Shakespeare's plays?

Put the sentences in order. Write 1-3 in the boxes.



4. (a) Shakespeare acted in the Globe Theatre.   
 (b) Shakespeare's plays were translated into Chinese.   
 (c) Shakespeare got married.