

# WILLIAM

# Shakespeare



"TO be or not to be"

Very little (1) \_\_\_\_\_ about William Shakespeare's childhood.

He was born in London (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 1564. William's father was a successful leather merchant. He was the third of six children, he had two older sisters and three (3) \_\_\_\_\_ brothers. He went to the local grammar school (4) \_\_\_\_\_

he learned about poetry, history, Greek, and Latin. When William (5) \_\_\_\_\_ eighteen he married Anne Hathaway. Anne was eight years older than William. They (6) \_\_\_\_\_ had a family including a daughter named Susanna and twins named Hamnet and Judith.

(7) \_\_\_\_\_ William and Anne had the twins, there are no records of the next several years of his life. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ often refer to these years as the "lost years." There are lots of theories and stories about what William (9) \_\_\_\_\_ during this time. He and his family eventually (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in London where William was working at the theatre. William was part of an acting company (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Lord Chamberlain's Men. An acting company in England at this time worked together to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ plays.

Shakespeare wrote plays for the Lord Chamberlain's Men. He worked as an actor (13) \_\_\_\_\_. His plays became very popular in London. (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of Shakespeare's early plays include **The Taming of the Shrew, Richard III, Romeo and Juliet, and A Midsummer Night's Dream.** (15) \_\_\_\_\_ early plays were put on at a theater called the "Theatre". Many of Shakespeare's greatest plays (16) \_\_\_\_\_ in the last half of his career. These included **Hamlet, Othello, King Lear, and Macbeth.** His success in the theatre made Shakespeare a (17) \_\_\_\_\_ man. He purchased a large home in Stratford for his family.

Shakespeare also became famous (18) \_\_\_\_\_ his poetry. His most famous poem of the time was **Venus and Adonis.** Shakespeare is considered to be one of the (19) \_\_\_\_\_ writer of the English language. He is also one of the most influential. Through his works, he is credited with (20) \_\_\_\_\_ nearly 3,000 words to the English language. In addition, his works are (21) \_\_\_\_\_ most often quoted after the Bible.

## Choose the correct answer

1) a- knows

b- is known

c- are known

2) a- at

b- in

c- on

3) a- younger

b- youngest

c- young

4) a- which

b- whom

c- where

5) a- turned

b- got

c- entered

6) a- next

b- before

c- soon

7) a- After

b- Before

c- By the time

