

Shakespeare**Task 3 – Information gap reading****Student A**

William Shakespeare was a poet and a playwright, and is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language. He was born in 1) _____, in central England, in 1564 and he died in 2) _____. His surviving work consists of 38 plays, 154 sonnets (a special type of poem with 14 lines), and some other poems. He is best known for his 3) _____ which have been translated into every major language and are performed more than those of any other playwright in the world.

When William Shakespeare was 18 years old he married 4) _____, and they had three children. Shakespeare went to 5) _____ to work as an actor and a writer. In 1599 the Globe Theatre was built in London and it was in this theatre, situated on the banks of the River Thames, that some of Shakespeare's plays were first performed. In 6) _____ the theatre was destroyed by a fire. However, a modern reconstruction of the theatre was built near the original site in 1997 so even today you can go to the Globe Theatre to see one of Shakespeare's plays.

(Text adapted from Wikipedia - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Shakespeare)

Prepare your questions here (the first one is done for you):

- 1) Where was Shakespeare born?
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)
- 6)

Student B

William Shakespeare was a poet and a playwright, and is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language. He was born in Stratford-upon-Avon, in central England, in 1) _____ and he died in 1616. His surviving work consists of 2) _____ plays, 154 sonnets (a special type of poem with 14 lines), and some other poems. He is best known for his plays which have been translated into every major language and are performed more than those of any other playwright in the world.

When William Shakespeare was 3) _____ years old he married Anne Hathaway, and they had 4) _____ children. Shakespeare went to London to work as an actor and a writer. In 5) _____ the Globe Theatre was built in London and it was in this theatre, situated on the banks of the River Thames, that some of Shakespeare's plays were first performed. In 1613 the theatre was destroyed by a 6) _____. However, a modern reconstruction of the theatre was built near the original site in 1997 so even today you can go to the Globe Theatre to see one of Shakespeare's plays.

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