Shakespeare and the English Language

Interactive sessions for ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

ALL SESSIONS INCLUDE FREE ADMISSION TO SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE
WELCOME TO THE
Shakespeare Birthplace Trust

We’re the world’s leading charity in promoting the works, life and times of William Shakespeare. As well as the five Shakespeare Family Homes, we look after the world’s largest Shakespeare-related library, museum and archives open to the public. We offer stimulating and informative Shakespeare sessions to learners from all around the world.

Interactive sessions for ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Our outstanding Learning Team of world-class lecturers and teachers run a huge range of programmes for UK and international groups of all ages and abilities.

Specially developed by our enthusiastic and knowledgeable experts, we offer fun and interactive sessions for EFL learners in unique historical surroundings.

Using theatre models, illustrations, museum objects and replicas as well as vocabulary and activity sheets, our interactive sessions offer your students plenty of opportunity to use their new vocabulary and knowledge in a fun and informal environment.

Grouped into Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced the sessions are designed for the students’ language proficiency and are delivered by teachers experienced in teaching English as a foreign language. See Page 10 for booking, prices and availability.

We look forward to inspiring and providing enriching experiences of Shakespeare, English language and literature to you and your students.
Shakespeare
WORKOUT

Led by drama practitioners, this 30 minute workshop uses music and dance to create the perfect welcome to Stratford-upon-Avon. Students with limited English will be given an opportunity to use their language skills by taking part in Shakespearian activities in this session.

Suitable for:
Beginners of English (CEFR A2) with 2 or more years of learning.

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Shakespeare
IN 30 MINUTES

Introduce your students to the life, times and enduring stories of Shakespeare in this short, fun and interactive EFL talk. With vocabulary sheets to assist with the more specialised terminology, students will be equipped to interact with our costumed guides whilst exploring Shakespeare’s Birthplace.

Suitable for:
Beginners of English (CEFR A2) with 2 or more years of learning.

KEY SKILLS:
Investigate Shakespeare’s life and times
Improve listening and speaking skills
Expand and acquire specialist vocabulary
Develop the range, accuracy and fluency of expression

“A very enjoyable visit! The talk was very well adjusted to the language level of our students.”
Do you know SHAKESPEARE?

Using pictures, illustrations and artefacts from Shakespeare’s life, students will collect facts in order to build a picture of the playwright, his life and times. Who was he? What do we actually know about him?

The group will then be encouraged to differentiate between facts and assumptions about historical events and life in Renaissance England. Activity and vocabulary sheets enable students to record their ideas, use varied language and help with the more specialised terminology.

Suitable for:
Beginners with at least 2 years of English (CEFR level A2), and Intermediate learners of English (CEFR levels B1/B2; approximately 3-4 years of English).

Please advise when booking what levels your students are.

KEY SKILLS:
Discuss historical evidence
Distinguish between facts and assumptions
Speculate about the past
Improve listening, speaking and storytelling skills
Expand and acquire specialist vocabulary
Improve the range, accuracy and fluency of expression

Shakespeare’s THEATRE

The aim of this interactive session is to introduce students to the theatre in Shakespeare’s lifetime. Using models of an Elizabethan playhouse, replica museum items and vocabulary sheets, participants will learn to discuss the differences between Shakespeare’s theatre and those of today.

Students will step into the shoes of actors, groundlings, theatre managers and playwrights in order to understand the cultural economy Shakespeare was working in.

Suitable for:
Intermediate learners of English (CEFR levels B1/B2; approximately 3-4 years of English) and Advanced learners of English (CEFR level C1, approximately 5 years of English).

No previous knowledge of Shakespeare or Elizabethan theatre necessary.

KEY SKILLS:
Improve listening and speaking skills
Expand and acquire specialist vocabulary
Improve the range, accuracy and fluency of expression
Discover the world of Elizabethan theatre
Place Shakespeare’s plays in the context of original staging conditions

All sessions include free admission to Shakespeare’s Birthplace
Shakespeare's Influence on Modern English

Let us surprise you with how many people speak Shakespeare today without realising it!
In this interactive talk we trace the history of English and, with the help of audio clips, hear what it sounded like in his time. We explore some of the words and expressions he invented which we still use today.

Suitable for:
Advanced learners of English (CEFR level C1, approximately 5 years of English).
Some knowledge of his work is helpful but not obligatory.

““It really brings students closer to the person and the writer!””

KEY SKILLS:
Improve listening and speaking skills
Expand and acquire specialist vocabulary
Improve the range, accuracy and fluency of expression
Identify Shakespeare’s influence on language development
Differentiate between Modern English and older forms of the English language

Blood, Guts AND GORE

How to make Shakespeare appealing to teenagers? Working with theatre props and vocabulary sheets, this session concentrates on the gruesome side of Shakespeare and the darker aspects of his world.
Execution, poisoning, disease and murder!

Suitable for:
Intermediate learners of English (CEFR levels B1/B2, approximately 3-4 years of English) and Advanced learners of English (CEFR level C1, approximately 5 years of English).
No previous knowledge of Shakespeare is necessary.

“The talk was perfectly pitched, the enthusiasm infectious, this has enriched our students beyond expectations.”

KEY SKILLS:
Improve listening, speaking and storytelling skills
Expand and acquire specialist vocabulary
Improve the range, accuracy and fluency of expression
Learn about Shakespeare’s world
Discover the connection between the plays and the period

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If you wish to combine an EFL workshop with group visits to any of the other Shakespeare Family Homes in Stratford-upon-Avon, please contact our Groups team for details.

**SESSION PRICES**

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Minimum of 15 and Maximum of 30 for all Group sizes.
Please allow time to explore Shakespeare’s Birthplace afterwards.

**EXPLORING STRATFORD**

1. Shakespeare’s Birthplace CV37 6QW
2. Shakespeare’s New Place CV37 6EP
3. Hall’s Croft CV37 6BG
4. Anne Hathaway’s Cottage CV37 9HH
5. Mary Arden’s Farm CV37 9UN

For Bookings and Information

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