PASSPORT to SHAKESPEARE



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SHAKESPEARE WEEK

Join our national celebration

Passport to Shakespeare



You have been given this passport because your school took part in Shakespeare Week. Shakespeare Week involved lots of schools and organisations doing things to celebrate William Shakespeare.

It was launched by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust the charity in Stratford-upon-Avon which looks after five houses that Shakespeare and people from his family lived in. The people at the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust love William Shakespeare and that's why they launched Shakespeare Week.

Enjoy completing your passport to Shakespeare and hopefully you will get to know and love Shakespeare too. Your passport has lots of Shakespeare-related challenges for you to try. It also has special offers for you and your family.

When you have completed all the challenges in this passport ask your teacher to complete and return the section on page 15, saying who you are and where you live, so Shakespeare can congratulate you.

Good luck!



SHAKESPEARIAN TRAVELLER

Please tell us about yourself and remember to include a photo.

CIRCA: 2014

Stick a picture of yourself here

Name:

Age:

School:

Favourite subject at school:

Hobbies:

Name: William Shakespeare

Age: 10



Address: Henley Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, England

Favourite subject at school: Reading

Hobbies: Making up words

CIRCA: 1574

Challenge 1

Tick when complete: ☐

Challenge 1
Inventing words

William Shakespeare loved making up new words. Sometimes he put two old words together to make new words such as: ladybird, long-legged and tongue-tied. Use your imagination to make up some new words.

Try these first – here are some we have started for you:

Cold -

Tall -

Purple -

Now give these a go – try making up both parts of the new word yourself:

_____ - _____

_____ - _____

_____ - _____

Which new word is your favourite?

What does it mean?

Did you know?

Shakespeare was interested in words because he lived at a time when language was changing and lots of new words were becoming part of everyday speech. Language is still changing as new words become popular. Words like 'blog', 'tweet' and 'bling' are all new words that did not exist 20 years ago.



Challenge 2

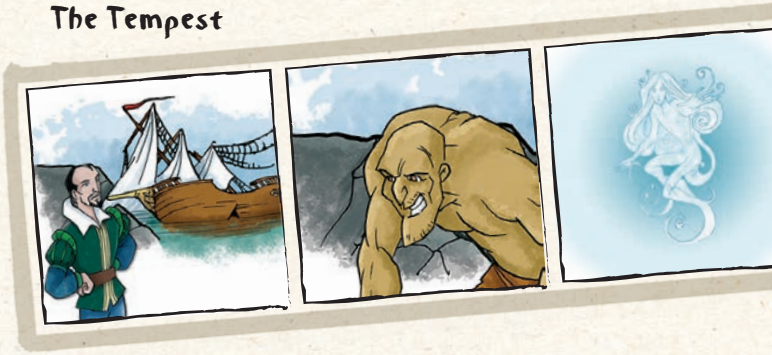
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Challenge 2

Telling stories

William loved to tell stories. Lots of his plays are based on stories he heard or read when he was a boy. Try telling your favourite story in words or pictures or both. Perhaps you would like to re-tell one of Shakespeare's stories? Try sharing your story with a friend or family member. You could even ask your teacher if you can share your story with your class.

The Tempest



Top tip

The 'What on Earth? Wallbook of Shakespeare' is a great guide to the stories that Shakespeare wrote. Find it on **www.whatonearthbooks.com/shakespeare**

Challenge 3

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Challenge 3
Learning lines

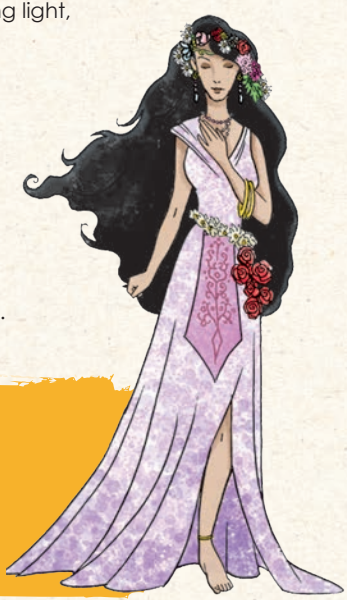
William wrote many plays and all his actors had to learn their lines by heart. Actors still do this today. Do you think you could memorise some Shakespearian lines? Try learning one of these speeches from Shakespeare's play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. These lines are spoken by the King and Queen of the fairies, Oberon and Titania.

Oberon

Through the house give gathering light,
By the dead and drowsy fire:
Every elf and fairy sprite
Hop as light as bird from briar;
And this ditty, after me,
Sing, and dance it trippingly.

Titania

First, rehearse your song by rote
To each word a warbling note:
Hand in hand, with fairy grace,
Will we sing, and bless this place.



Top tip

Briar = a prickly bush
Ditty = a short song or poem
Rote = to learn by heart
Warbling = the sound a bird makes when it sings

Challenge 4
Being inspired

Challenge 4

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Like a lot of playwrights, William Shakespeare found his inspiration in the things he heard as he was going about his daily life. He had a good sense of humour too – often writing little jokes into his plays about the people and places he knew.

For example, in his play *Twelfth Night* he writes about some Dutch explorers who got lost trying to find the Arctic. Shakespeare makes a little joke about the icicles that grew on their beards: "**You are now sailed into the north of my ladies opinion, where you will hang like an icicle on a Dutchman's beard**".

If you wrote a play, who or what would be the inspiration for your story?

Tell us why:



Top tip

Shakespeare noticed everything which went on around him and lots of the things he saw or heard about on the streets of London made their way into his plays. You could try keeping a journal about the things you see around you. You never know what you might be able to do with all your observations!

Challenge 5

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Challenge 5

Following famous footsteps

You can find out lots more about Shakespeare by visiting the town that he in grew up in, Stratford-upon-Avon. William Shakespeare was born here in 1564. Come along to Stratford and you can see the places where Shakespeare and his family lived.

Where will you head first?

1. Shakespeare's Birthplace
Shakespeare grew up here and probably lived here with his wife, Anne.

2. Mary Arden's Farm
This is the house where Shakespeare's mother, Mary, spent her childhood.

3. Anne Hathaway's Cottage and Gardens
Shakespeare's wife, Anne, lived here when she was a girl.



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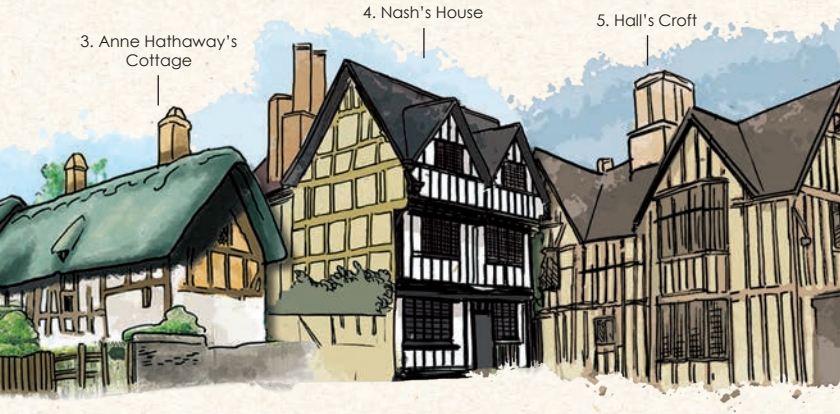
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4. New Place and Nash's House
The site of the big house Shakespeare lived in when he was famous, and the house next door where his granddaughter lived.

5. Hall's Croft
Shakespeare's daughter, Susanna, lived in this house.

Which house would you most like to live in?



Challenge 6

Tick when complete: ☐

Challenge 6

Investigating your town

William Shakespeare was born in Stratford-upon-Avon. When he grew up he became very famous, making the town that he lived in very famous too.

Is there a place near you that people visit because someone famous once lived there? Or because an important event took place there? It could be a whole town, a village, a house, a castle or even an ancient ruin. Try to find out about the famous person who lived there or the event that took place there.



I visited/found out about

Where _____ **lived.**

They are famous for

The most interesting fact about them is

OR

I visited/found out about

Where _____ **happened.**

This event was important because

I was most interested to find out that

Top Tip

Love history? Why not pick up *Horrible Histories*® Magazine! For more information go to **www.hhmag.co.uk** You can also find out lots about history in your local museum or library and visit in your imagination places you cannot go to in person.

Challenge 7

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Challenge 7

Seeing a play

Scholars think that Shakespeare wrote at least 37 plays and lots of poems. These plays are performed all over the world in lots of different ways – films, ballets, musicals and operas. Shakespeare's plays are so popular that people guess that every minute of every day someone in the world is watching a play by Shakespeare!

Join them by watching and reviewing a play written by William Shakespeare.

Judge's Notes

The play I watched was:

Star rating:

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

(Score the play you saw by colouring in the stars)

It was about:



Top tip

Plays by Shakespeare are easy to find. You can borrow a DVD of a play from your local library. You can also see plays in person at lots of theatres or watch with your school online with Digital Theatre, Into Film or the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Challenge 8

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Challenge 8

Take part in a play

Acting in a play by William Shakespeare is great fun. You could act the part of a hero like Hamlet, a villain like Richard III, a fairy like Mustardseed or even a donkey like Bottom! Even if you don't enjoy acting you can get involved in a performance of a play: you could design the costumes or the stage set, help with the lighting, or create the makeup for all the actors.



Your challenge is to take part in a performance of one of Shakespeare's plays in any way you like.

Which play did you take part in?

Which role did you take?

What did you enjoy the most?

Top tip

You may have a local drama club that puts on plays by Shakespeare or you could ask your teacher if your class could take part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival.

Challenge 9

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Challenge 9

Design a postcard competition

Now you have completed all of these fabulous Shakespeare Week activities, why not design a postcard with a Shakespeare theme to tell someone how wonderful Shakespeare is?

You can enter your postcard design into a competition where the winning design will be printed and sold in a number of Paperchase stores throughout the UK. The designer of the winning postcard will also win a bag of pens, pencils and other stationery goodies.

How to Enter

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CONGRATULATIONS!



If you have completed all the challenges in this passport please ask your teacher to complete this slip and post it back to us so we can send you our congratulations.

Pupil's name:

Teacher's name:

School:

Address:

Please return to: Vicky Pearson, Shakespeare Week, The Shakespeare Centre, Henley Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6QW.

Now stand you on the top of happy hours.

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust

is the world's leading charity in promoting the enjoyment and understanding of Shakespeare's works, life and times. They care for five historic houses in Stratford-upon-Avon, all associated with William Shakespeare and his family, and are a leading centre of learning and hold internationally renowned Shakespeare collections. They are an independent charity and receive no regular funding. They rely on support from their visitors, friends and donors. The Trust is proud to be co-ordinating Shakespeare Week.

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Arts Award

If you and your friends enjoy being creative then you might like to try for an Arts Award. Talk to your teacher about the Discover and Explore Arts Awards. They can find out more here **www.artsaward.org.uk**



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