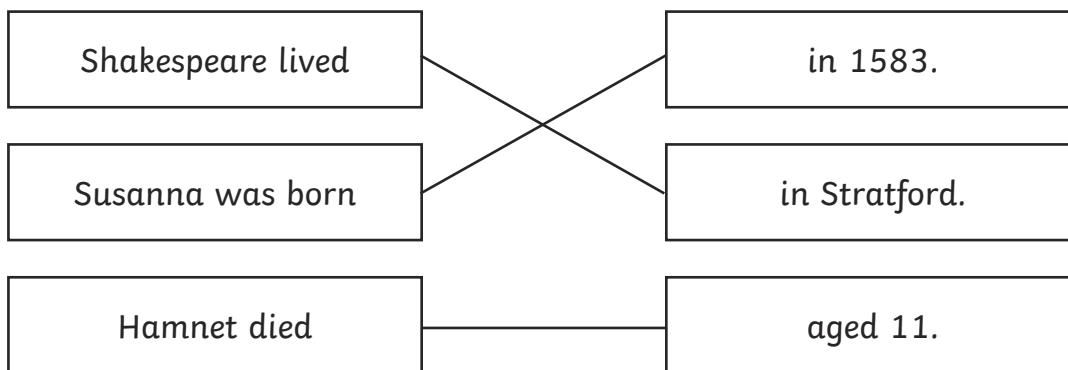


Answers

1. What was the name of William Shakespeare's wife? Tick one.

Judith ☐ Anne ☒ Mary ☐ Susanna ☐

2. Match the sentences.



3. What themes did Shakespeare write about? Tick two.

making money ☐ jealousy ☒ shopping ☐ love ☒

4. Summarise what the paragraph in the green box is about.

The paragraph in the green box is about the type of plays which Shakespeare wrote and how a famous play has been made into a film and a cartoon.

5. Tick the answer that is a name of one of Shakespeare's plays.

Beauty and the Beast ☐ Romeo and Juliet ☒ Peppa Pig ☐ The Haunted House ☐

6. Choose one of the words which Shakespeare made up and use a dictionary to find out what it means.

Answers will vary.

7. What is unusual about the day that Shakespeare died? Tick one.

It was the same day Hamnet died. ☐ It was the day he left London. ☐

It was the day before a play was performed. ☐ It was the same day as his birthday. ☒

8. True or False? Around the 23rd April, Shakespeare's birthday is celebrated in Stratford.

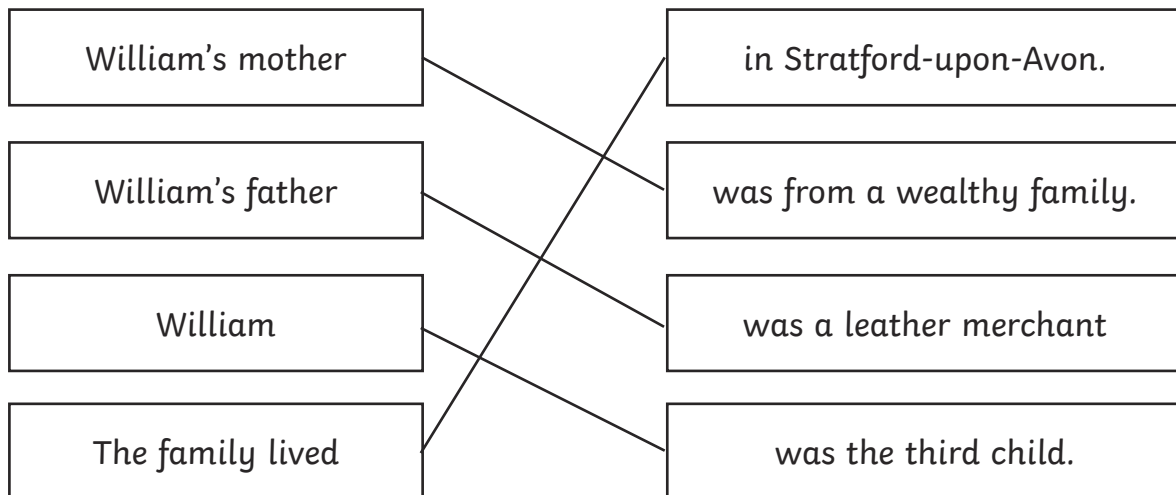
True ☒ False ☐

Answers

1. When was William Shakespeare born? Tick one.

23rd April, 1566 ☐ 24th April, 1564 ☐ 23rd April, 1564 ☒ 20th April, 1582 ☐

2. Match the sentences.



3. What were the names of Shakespeare's daughters? Tick two.

Susanna ☒ Judith ☒ Anne ☐ Mary ☐

4. What word closely matches the meaning of 'tragically'? Tick one.

Unhappy ☐ Devastatingly ☒ Sad ☐ Gloomy ☐

5. Summarise the main points in the paragraphs in the blue box.

a) **Shakespeare made enough money to buy a large house in Stratford.**

b) **Shakespeare did not go home very often as it took so long to get there from London.**

6. Identify two tragedies that Shakespeare wrote. Tick two.

All's Well That Ends Well ☐ A Midsummer Night's Dream ☐
 Romeo and Juliet ☒ Hamlet ☒

7. Why do you think Shakespeare wrote plays about themes people could relate to?

Answers will vary.

8. Choose one of the words that Shakespeare created and use a dictionary to find out its meaning.

Answers will vary.

9. True or False? Which of these sentences are false? Make them true.

False

Shakespeare died aged 52 years old. ☐

Shakespeare died the day before his birthday. ☒

Shakespeare possibly died from a fever. ☐

Shakespeare died in 1616. ☐

Shakespeare died on his birthday.

10. Which fact has interested you the most and why?

Answers will vary.

Answers

1. How have historians worked out when Shakespeare's birthday is likely to have been?

Historians have worked out when Shakespeare's birthday is likely to have been because in those days, people were usually baptised three days after their birth. Shakespeare was baptised on the 26th April, making his birthday the 23rd April, 1564.

2. Look at the second paragraph. Identify two facts we are told about Shakespeare and his family.

Accept any two. Shakespeare was the third child/his father was a leather merchant/his mother was from a wealthy family.

3. What word tells us that the cause of Hamnet's death is unclear?

The word which tells us the cause of Hamnet's death was unclear, is 'supposedly'.

4. True or false? Read these sentences and rewrite any false sentences so that they are true.

False

Around 1585, Shakespeare moved to London. ☐

Anne and the children stayed in Stratford. ☐

Shakespeare became a historian in the capital. ☒

Shakespeare made money as a playwright. ☐

Shakespeare became an actor and a playwright in the capital.

5. Explain who The King's Men were.

The King's Men were an acting company which used to be called the Chamberlain's Men until King James I was crowned king of England. Shakespeare part owned the company.

6. Look at the paragraph beginning "By now..." to the paragraph ending "...theatres were closed". What impressions about Shakespeare, the family man, do you get from these two paragraphs?

Answers will vary.

7. What other word could the author have used instead of 'heartrending'?

The author could have used these words instead of 'heartrending': Distressing, disturbing, tragic, upsetting.

8. Use the table to sort the names of some of Shakespeare's plays.

Tragedies	Comedies
Romeo and Juliet King Lear Hamlet	Much Ado About Nothing The Taming of the Shrew A Midsummer Night's Dream

9. Why do you think Shakespeare wrote plays about themes that people could relate to?

Answers will vary.

10. What opinion do you have about Shakespeare? Explain your thoughts.

Answers will vary.