Video: Report Units 1–3

Shakespeare

Before You Watch

Answer the questions.

1. Do you know who William Shakespeare was?
2. Do you know where he was from?
3. Do you know any of the plays that he wrote?

Comprehension Check

1. Watch the Report. Choose the correct answers.

1. Where was Shakespeare born?
   a. Cambridge. (b.) Stratford-upon-Avon. c. Oxford.
2. Who did he marry?
   a. Anne Hathaway. b. Anna Henry. c. Alice Hastings.
3. What is the name of the theater he helped to build in London?
   a. The Lord Chamberlain. b. The Globe. c. The Playhouse.

2. Watch the Report again. Check (✓) the statements you hear.

1. He wrote an amazing 38 plays and 154 sonnets, or short poems. ☑
2. The family were quite wealthy, and we think the young Shakespeare used to sleep in this room. ☐
3. Shakespeare didn't like living in Stratford-upon-Avon and so he moved to London. ☐
4. Shakespeare's work soon became very popular. ☐
5. He died at his house in New Place three years later. ☐
6. Thousands of tourists visit Shakespeare's house in Stratford-upon-Avon every year. ☐

3. Watch the Report again. Correct the words in bold to make true statements.

1. Shakespeare was a poet, a playwright, and ~~a singer~~ an actor .
2. His father was a ~~shoe~~ _____ maker.
3. Shakespeare married and had ~~five~~ _____ children.
4. At the theater, ~~old~~ _____ people used to sit in the balconies.
5. Shakespeare came back to live in Stratford-upon-Avon in ~~1630~~ _____ .

4. Watch the Report again. Match the statements (1–6) with the dates (a–f).

1. Shakespeare was born in Stratford-upon-Avon. — b. 1564
2. Shakespeare moved to London. — e. late 1580s or early 1590s
3. Shakespeare's company started building the Globe Theater. — a. 1997
4. Shakespeare retired. — c. 1613
5. Shakespeare died in Stratford-upon-Avon. — f. 1616
6. A recreation of the Globe Theater opened in London. — d. 1599

PHOTOCOPIABLE © Oxford University Press 2015

Language Check

5. Look at the chart. Then watch the Language Check.

Gerund
We don't know exactly when Shakespeare **started writing** plays …
used to / didn't use to
He **used to make** gloves in this room.
… people **didn't use to move** home as often as they do now.

6. Complete the statements with the gerund of the verbs in parentheses.

1. We stopped going to the theater because it was too expensive. (go)
2. Last summer, I suggested _____ Shakespeare's house in Stratford-upon-Avon. (visit)
3. My parents don't enjoy _____ poetry. (read)
4. Shakespeare's theater company started _____ at the Globe 400 years ago. (perform)
5. Some people dislike _____ plays at the theater and prefer going to the movies. (watch)
6. I enjoy _____ Shakespeare's plays because some of them are very funny. (study)

7. Complete the statements with the correct words.

1. In the 1500s, people used to / **use to** go to the theater a lot.
2. Shakespeare didn't **used to** / **use to** make gloves.
3. He **use to** / **used to** write poetry, and plays for the theater.
4. In the past, people didn't **use to** / **used to** live in tall apartment buildings.
5. Today, you can visit Shakespeare's house and see it as it **use to** / **used to** be.
6. Shakespeare **use to** / **used to** live in Stratford-upon-Avon before he moved to London.

About You!

8. Answer the questions about you.

1. Would you prefer to see a play at the theater or go to the movies? Why? _____
2. What poets or playwrights are famous in your country? _____
3. Do you like acting and drama? Why / Why not? _____

PHOTOCOPIABLE © Oxford University Press 2015