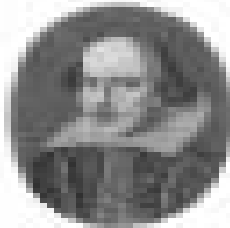


## PAST SIMPLE

Read the story about William Shakespeare. Fill in the blanks with the past simple of the verb in brackets.



William Shakespeare (was) \_\_\_\_\_ born in England in 1564. He (grow) \_\_\_\_\_ in Stratford. He (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to school there. His father (make) \_\_\_\_\_ shoes and his mother (sing) \_\_\_\_\_ at home. He (marry) \_\_\_\_\_ when he (be) \_\_\_\_\_ eighteen. He (marry) \_\_\_\_\_ Anne Hathaway and they (have) \_\_\_\_\_ three children, Susanna, Hamnet and Judith. Soon he (leave) \_\_\_\_\_ Stratford, without his wife and children, and (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to live in London. When he (be) \_\_\_\_\_ in London, he (start) \_\_\_\_\_ to write plays and poetry. He (become) \_\_\_\_\_ very famous and (make) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money. He (live) \_\_\_\_\_ in his big house in London and Stratford. Shakespeare (write) \_\_\_\_\_ thirty-two plays. Most of these plays (be) \_\_\_\_\_ famous even at his day. He (write) \_\_\_\_\_ comedies, tragedies and histories. Many people (love) \_\_\_\_\_ his plays and (want) \_\_\_\_\_ to see them again and again. Other people (report) \_\_\_\_\_ making his poetry (be) \_\_\_\_\_ some very beautiful love poetry. He (live) \_\_\_\_\_ in London for about thirty years, but he (rise) \_\_\_\_\_ Stratford every year. William Shakespeare (die) \_\_\_\_\_ on 23 April, 1616. They (bury) \_\_\_\_\_ him in the church in Stratford.