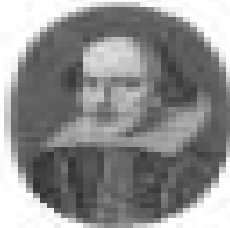


PAST SIMPLE

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 in 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 (die) _____ Stratford every year. William Shakespeare (die) _____ on 23 April, 1616. They (bury) _____ him in the church in Stratford.