

Examples

I saw a ghost last Friday *see*
 I finished work, walked to the beach, and found a nice place to swim. *finish, walk, find*
 When I was young, I watched lots of television every day after school. *watch, be*
 He had a small cottage in the woods. *have*



1 Look at Sam and Iris schedule and tick the correct answers:

WEEKEND SCHEDULE			
SATURDAY	AM	Watch a tv	go to the gym
	PM	go to a party	read a book
SUNDAY	AM	do the laundry	play soccer
	PM	study for exam	stay at home
		SAM	IRIS

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- Did Iris go to the gym on Sunday?
 - Yes, She went to the gym on Sunday
 - No, he didn't. She went on Saturday
 - No, she didn't. She went to the movies.
- Did Sam watch TV on Sunday?
 - No, he didn't. He studied on Saturday.
 - Yes, he watched TV on Saturday.
 - Yes, she went to the library on Saturday.
- When did Iris play soccer?
 - She played soccer on Sunday morning.
 - She didn't play soccer on Saturday night.
 - She played soccer on Saturday night.



2 Create your own schedule.

Saturday	MO	watch a TV
	AF	lunch
	ni	play a videogames
Sunday	MO	go to the park
	AF	riding a bicycle
	ni	play a videogames

3 Read the following text and answer the questions:

Yesterday Debbie had a job interview. She went downtown to the company. The interview was for an accounting job. Debbie graduated university 3 months ago.

Her interview was at 10:00 am. She woke up at 7:00 am and left her house before 8:00 am. She waited for the bus, but it was late. She was very worried because she did not want to be late for the interview. She tried to phone the company to warn them, but her phone battery was dead. When the bus arrived, it was almost 9:00 am. Then the bus was slow because there were many other cars. The bus finally arrived at Debbie's stop at 9:45 am.

Debbie ran from the bus stop to the office building. When she entered she saw a sign that said the company was on the 24th floor. The elevator ride took almost 5 minutes because many people stopped at different floors.

When Debbie arrived at reception, it was 9:58. She was in time!

"I am here to see Mrs. Lewis" said Debbie.

The receptionist checked her book and replied:

"She is not here today. What is your name please?"

"My name is Debbie Gregson."

"Sorry Debbie, but your appointment is tomorrow."

Debbie checked her agenda. It was true. She was there on the wrong day!



a. What time did Debbie wake up?

Debbie woke up at 7:00 AM

b. When did the bus arrive at the stop?

before 8:00

c. Was Debbie late? (Yes/No)

No, she was not late

d. Did Debbie go on the correct day? (Yes/No)

No, Debbie did not go on the correct day

4 Write the correct form of the verb in simple past.

a. Jane watched a film. (to watch)

b. He carried a box. (to carry)

c. They helped their father. (to help)

d. John and Amy swapped things. (to swap)

e. I talked to Andrew. (to talk)

f. Susan danced with Peter. (to dance)

g. The boys tried basketball. (to try)

h. We planned a trip. (to plan)

i. She washed her hair. (to wash)

j. The car stopped at the traffic lights. (to stop)

5 Write the negative form from the previous sentences.

a Jane didn't watch a film

f Susan didn't dance with Peter

b He didn't carry a box

g The boys didn't try basketball

c They didn't help their father

h We didn't plan a trip

d John and Amy didn't swap things

i She didn't wash her hair

e I didn't talk to Andrew

j The car didn't stop at the traffic

lights

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

William Shakespeare was a poet and a playwright and is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language. He was born in Stratford-upon-Avon, in central England, in 1564 and he died in 1616. His surviving work consists of 38 plays, 154 sonnets and some other poems. He is best known for his plays, which have been translated into every major language and are performed more than those of any other playwright in the world. When William Shakespeare was 18 years old he married Anne Hathaway, and they had three children. Shakespeare went to London to work as an actor and a writer. In 1599 the Globe Theatre was built in London and it was in this theatre, situated on the banks of the River Thames, that some of Shakespeare's plays were first performed. In 1613 the theatre was destroyed by a fire. However, a modern reconstruction of the theatre was built near the original site in 1997 so even today you can go to the Globe Theatre to see one of Shakespeare's plays.

Shakespeare's work is still very popular today. But why do we like these old plays? Perhaps it is because they all contain fantastic stories. His characters suffer bloody battles, deaths by poison, huge family fights, problems between brothers and sisters, problems between parents and children ... The plays are also full of parties, weddings and funerals. They are quite simply action-packed.

Here is a selection of Shakespeare's plays. Maybe you've seen some of them.

The Merchant of Venice

This play is about the idea that people usually get what they deserve in the end, good or bad. Antonio, a businessman, borrows money from Shylock, a money lender. If he doesn't pay back this money in time, Shylock will cut off a piece of his body. Antonio loses all his business and must pay this terrible price ... but is saved by love.

Hamlet

This play is about revenge and also about how difficult it is to take action sometimes, even when it is important. Hamlet's father is murdered by another man, who then marries Hamlet's mother. Everybody wants to see Hamlet dead. Hamlet must take revenge, but will he be able to? The famous quotation 'To be or not to be, that is the question' comes from this play.

As You Like It

This play is a comedy about romantic love. There is a battle between two evil brothers and two good brothers. People hide in a beautiful forest. They fall in love, women disguise themselves as men, and there are many jokes, songs and games.

Henry V

This is a history play about a famous English king, and a famous battle, Agincourt. We watch the preparations for the battle, the fighting and the results. There are questions in this play: why do men fight? What are wars? Are they glorious or terrible?



Vocabulary 1

interview : entrevista

accounting : contabilidad

work : el trabajo

worried : preocupado

said : dijo

appointment : nombramiento

wrong : equivocado

took : tomó

replied : respondió

Vocabulary 2

Playwright : dramaturgo

know : conocer

which : que

However : sin embargo

between : entre

weddings : bodas



1 Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a-e next to the numbers 1-5.

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| 1..... a quotation | a. a story for actors to perform |
| 2..... a play | b. a person who writes plays |
| 3..... a playwright | c. a type of poem with 14 lines |
| 4..... a sonnet | d. a place where you can watch actors perform |
| 5..... a theatre | e. words and phrases that come from a text and people often repeat |

2 Check your understanding: multiple choice

1. When was William Shakespeare born?

- a. 1498
- b. 1564
- c. 1895

2. Where was William Shakespeare born?

- a. Stratford-upon-Avon
- b. Cambridge
- c. Oxford

3. How many plays did Shakespeare write?

- a. 8
- b. 38
- c. 108

4. How many sonnets did Shakespeare write?

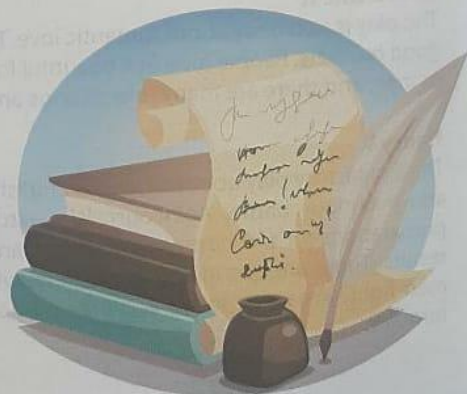
- a. 14
- b. 38
- c. 154

5. What's the name of the 'Shakespeare theatre' in London?

- a. The World Theatre
- b. The Old Shakespeare Theatre
- c. The Globe Theatre

6. 'To be or not to be, that is the question' is from which play?

- a. As You Like It
- b. Henry V
- c. Hamlet



3 Fill the gaps with a verb from the box.

cut pay went hide lose get had fight

- a. William Shakespeare and Anne Hathaway had three children.
- b. Shakespeare went to London to work as an actor and a writer.
- c. The Merchant of Venice is about the idea that people usually get what deserve in the end.
- d. If Antonio doesn't pay back this money in time something terrible will happen. Shylock will cut off a piece of his body.
- e. Antonio loses all his business.
- f. In *As You Like It*, people hid in a beautiful forest.
- g. Henry V asks a question: why do men fight?

4 Write the past simple form of the verbs.

- a. have had
- a. go went
- a. get got
- a. pay paid

- a. cut cut
- a. lose lost
- a. hide hid
- a. fight fought

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DISCUSSION

What do you think about Shakespeare? Have you seen any of his plays?
 Have you seen any movies based on Shakespeare's plays?
 Which play would like to see the most and why?

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1 What do you think about Shakespeare? Have you seen any of his plays?

A I think Shakespeare was a genius of a playwright and someone who brought a lot to it

A I have not see any of his plays

2 Have you seen any movies based on Shakespeare's plays?

A Yes, the Lion King is based on Shakespeare's Hamlet

3 Which play would like to see the most and why?

A Henry V

I would like to see this play because it deals with a historical drama that I think would be interesting