



WORKSHEET

Unit 3 Shakespeare

New
Headway
Intermediate FOURTH EDITION

BEFORE WATCHING

1 Work with a partner. Try to match items 1–4 with pictures a–d.

- 1 William Shakespeare's birthplace
- 2 The Globe Theatre
- 3 William Shakespeare
- 4 The Royal Shakespeare Company

2 Discuss the questions with a partner.

- 1 What do you know about William Shakespeare?
- 2 What would you like to know?
- 3 Do you know any famous quotations from Shakespeare plays?



WHILE WATCHING

- 3 ► Watch the video and check your answers to *Before watching*. Did you find out what you wanted to know?
- 4 ► Watch *Who was William Shakespeare?* Are the sentences true (✓) or false (✗)? Correct the false sentences.
 - 1 Shakespeare's work has had a great influence on the English language. ✓
 - 2 What we know about Shakespeare is mainly from the time he lived in London. ✗
 - 3 The Royal Shakespeare Company has some of the best Shakespearian actors in Britain. ✗
 - 4 Anne and Mariesa learnt a lot about Shakespeare's life at school. ✗
 - 5 Danny says that Shakespeare moved to London when he was quite old. ✗
 - 6 Mike says that Shakespeare ran the Globe Theatre when he lived in London. ✗
- 5 ► Watch *Shakespeare and the theatre*. Complete the information.

Shakespeare's biography	The Globe Theatre in Shakespeare's time
1 Born: <u>23 April 1563</u>	8 Theatre size: <u>about 3000</u>
2 Died aged <u>52</u>	9 Type of people in audience: <u>everybody</u>
3 Got married aged <u>18</u>	10 Cost of tickets: <u>cheap</u>
4 Number of children: <u>3</u>	11 Number of female performers: <u>no</u>
5 Number of plays written: <u>37</u>	12 Time of performances: <u>daytime</u>
Shakespeare's family	
6 Father's profession: <u>writer</u>	
7 Number of brothers and sisters: <u>7</u>	

- 6 ► Watch *Shakespeare in the modern world*. Underline the correct options.
 - 1 In the new Royal Shakespeare theatre, the audience participates in / feels almost part of the plays.
 - 2 The Twitter version of *Romeo and Juliet* lasted over a month / almost a week.
 - 3 The Twitter play was / wasn't popular with people who didn't know Shakespeare's plays.
 - 4 Shakespeare was a genius because of the amount of language he used / creative way he used words.
 - 5 When people read or watch his plays they learn a lot about themselves / others.
 - 6 Foreign students often find it easy to understand Shakespeare's plays because some of the words are similar to their own language / they are used to learning new words.

AFTER WATCHING

Work with a partner. Discuss the questions.

- 1 Do you know the story of any Shakespeare plays? Explain the story to your partner.
- 2 Have you ever performed in a play? Which play? What was the story? What role did you play?

RESEARCH

Find information about a famous writer from your country and write a short biography. Write three comprehension questions based on the information in the biography. Bring the biography and questions to class. In pairs, take turns to read each other's biographies and answer the questions. Check the answers with your partner.