

Text 1.

William Shakespeare

On April 23, 1564 William Shakespeare was born in Stratford - upon - Avon. His mother was the daughter of a farmer. His father was a glove - maker. William attended a grammar school in Stratford and had quite a good education. There he learned to love reading.

While he was a teenager, he married a woman some years older than himself. He had three children: the eldest is the daughter and then twins – a son and another girl. In 1587 William went to work in London leaving his family at home. Some people say that the reason was his love of poetry and theatre.

In London Shakespeare began to write plays and become an important member of a well - known acting company. Most of his plays were performed in the new Globe Theatre built on the bank of the river Thames. In 1613 he stopped writing and went to live in Stratford when he died in 1616. His plays are well - known and still acted not only in England but in the whole world.

I. Complete the sentences according to the text

1. Shakespeare was born...

- a) on April 22 b) on April 23 c) on August 23

2. Shakespeare's father was...

- a) a glove - maker b) a clock - maker c) a shoe - maker

3. At school William learned to love...

- a) dancing b) reading c) singing

4. Shakespeare went to work in...

- a) New York b) Cardiff c) London

II Write down if the sentences are true to the text or false

1. Shakespeare had twin daughters.
2. In 1587 Shakespeare went to work in London.
3. The Globe Theatre was built on the bank of the river Clyde.
4. Shakespeare's plays are staged only in Britain

Text 2.

A Sad Story

Three men came to New York for their holidays. Their names were Tom, Pete and Andy. They came to a hotel and asked for a room. The friends got a room on the forty - fifth floor.

They went sightseeing, visited the picture gallery and looked into some shops. In the evening they came back to the hotel from the cinema.

The servant in the hotel told them: “ I’m sorry, gentlemen, the lift doesn’t work. If you don’t want to go up to your room, you can sleep here, in the hall. I’ll bring you the bed linen. ”

“ No, no”, said the men, “ we shan’t sleep in the hall. We shall go up to our room. ” Then Tom said to his friends:” It’s not easy to go up to the forty - fifth floor. I know what we shall do. I shall tell you a lot of jokes. Andy will sing us songs and Pete will tell us an interesting story”.

The three friends went up to their room. They listened to Tom’s jokes, then Andy sang songs. When they came to the thirty - fifth floor, Tom said to Pete: “ Now we shall listen to your long and interesting story. ”

“ Yes”, answered Pete, “but my story is short and very sad. I have no key with me. It is on the table in the hall. ”

I Choose the sentences which were used in the text

1. A)The friends got a room on the thirty - fifth floor.

B) The friends got a room on the forty - fifth floor.

2 A) They looked into some shops.

B) They looked into some supermarkets.

3. A) We shall go up to our room.

B) We shall sleep in the hall.

4. A) Andy told interesting stories.

B) Andy sang songs.

II. Write down if the sentences are true to the text or false

1. Three men came to a restaurant.
2. Three men visited a picture gallery.
3. They came back from the cinema in the afternoon.
4. Pete will sing songs.

Text 3

Read the magazine article and match the headings (a-d) below with the paragraphs (1-4).

1. Sit on the chair and put one leg out in front of you. Point your toes and 'write' each letter of the alphabet in the air with your big toe. Then repeat the exercise with the other foot. This is great for people who like skiing, snowboarding or ice skating.

2. Put a tape measure on a wall outside your house and see how high you can reach with one hand. Then jump off one foot and see how high you can get. Then jump off both feet. Try to jump higher each day. This is useful basketball practice, by the way!

3. You don't need a partner for this. Dancing is an aerobic exercise – this means it brings a lot of new oxygen to your muscles. This is really important because it makes your heart strong and keeps you healthy. Dance 2 or 3 times a week – at home or a discotheque!

4. Do you think helping at home is useless and boring? You're wrong. Housework can make your muscles and bones strong. Cleaning floors or windows are also great exercise for your elbows and knees. And 30 minutes of digging the garden can burn 200 calories.

- a. Dance to the music!
- b. Jump for Joy!
- c. Tidy Your Room.
- d. Easy as ABC!