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## The travel report

### Before you watch

#### 1 Match the pictures to the descriptions of Stratford below.

- 1 There are good views from the top of the bus. ....
- 2 There is a wide river in the town. ....
- 3 There is an old cottage with a garden. ....
- 4 There is a statue of a famous person. ....
- 5 There is a very old house. ....
- 6 People perform plays here. ....



### While you watch

#### 2 True or False? Tick (✓) the box.

- 1 Stratford is a large city.
- 2 Megan found Stratford interesting.
- 3 Shakespeare's father was a builder.
- 4 Shakespeare spent only two years in Stratford.
- 5 You can go into Shakespeare's last home.
- 6 Holy Trinity Church is 800 years old.
- 7 Only Shakespeare's grave is in the church.
- 8 Many writers visited Shakespeare's birthplace.
- 9 The Royal Shakespeare Theatre is in London.
- 10 John Harvard founded a university.

True False

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### After you watch

#### 1 Match A to B to make sentences.

##### A

- 1 Stratford-upon-Avon .....
- 2 Shakespeare's birthplace .....
- 3 Shakespeare's house was .....
- 4 Shakespeare married .....
- 5 Shakespeare has been famous .....

##### B

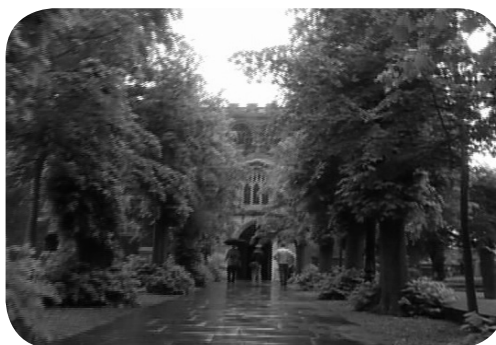
- a is almost 500 years old.
- b Anne Hathaway.
- c is the home town of Shakespeare.
- d for a long time.
- e big.

#### 2 Write the correct Past Simple form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 Megan ..... (not visit) Liverpool last month.
- 2 She ..... (ride) on the top of a bus.
- 3 She ..... (see) many very old houses.
- 4 ..... Megan ..... (find) the history fascinating?
- 5 She ..... (go) to see Shakespeare's grave.

#### 3 Fill in the blanks with the correct form of *there was* or *there were*.

- 1 In Stratford, ..... many people enjoying the sights.
- 2 In Anne's cottage, ..... an iPod.
- 3 At Shakespeare's birthplace, ..... signatures on the window.
- 4 On Megan's visit to Stratford, ..... a lot to do.
- 5 At Shakespeare's birthplace, ..... only one room for his father's business.



■ Extra

1 Read the text.

**Shakespeare at the movies**

Although he died nearly 400 years ago, Shakespeare has provided material for hundreds of films and television programmes in the last 100 years.

*Romeo and Juliet* is one of Shakespeare’s most popular plays. In fact, the famous musical *West Side Story* was based on this play. In the film, which won 10 Oscars, Romeo and Juliet became Tony and Maria in rival street gangs in New York City.

In 1997, Leonardo di Caprio and Clare Danes starred as the hero and heroine in the tenth film based on Shakespeare’s play *Romeo and Juliet*. This version was unusual – it was a musical directed by the Australian director Baz Luhrmann.

Another popular film, based on a fictional account of Shakespeare’s life, was *Shakespeare in Love*. In 1999, Gwyneth Paltrow won the best actress Oscar for her performance in this film.

Altogether, according to *Guinness World Records*, there are more than 420 films or TV programmes based on Shakespeare’s work. So 400 years after his death, he still has a big influence on what we see.



2 Answer the questions.

1 Which musical adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet* won ten Oscars?

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2 Where did it take place and what were Romeo and Juliet called?

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3 Who played Romeo in Baz Luhrmann’s film?

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4 Is *Shakespeare in Love* a true story?

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5 How many films or TV programmes are based on Shakespeare’s plays?

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3 Write a paragraph about a film based on a Shakespeare play or about your favourite historical film.

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