



SHAKESPEARE!  
BOREDOM BUSTER FOR 1:1 OR IN-ROOM ENTERTAINMENT  
ACTIVITY DIRECTORS' QUICK GUIDE

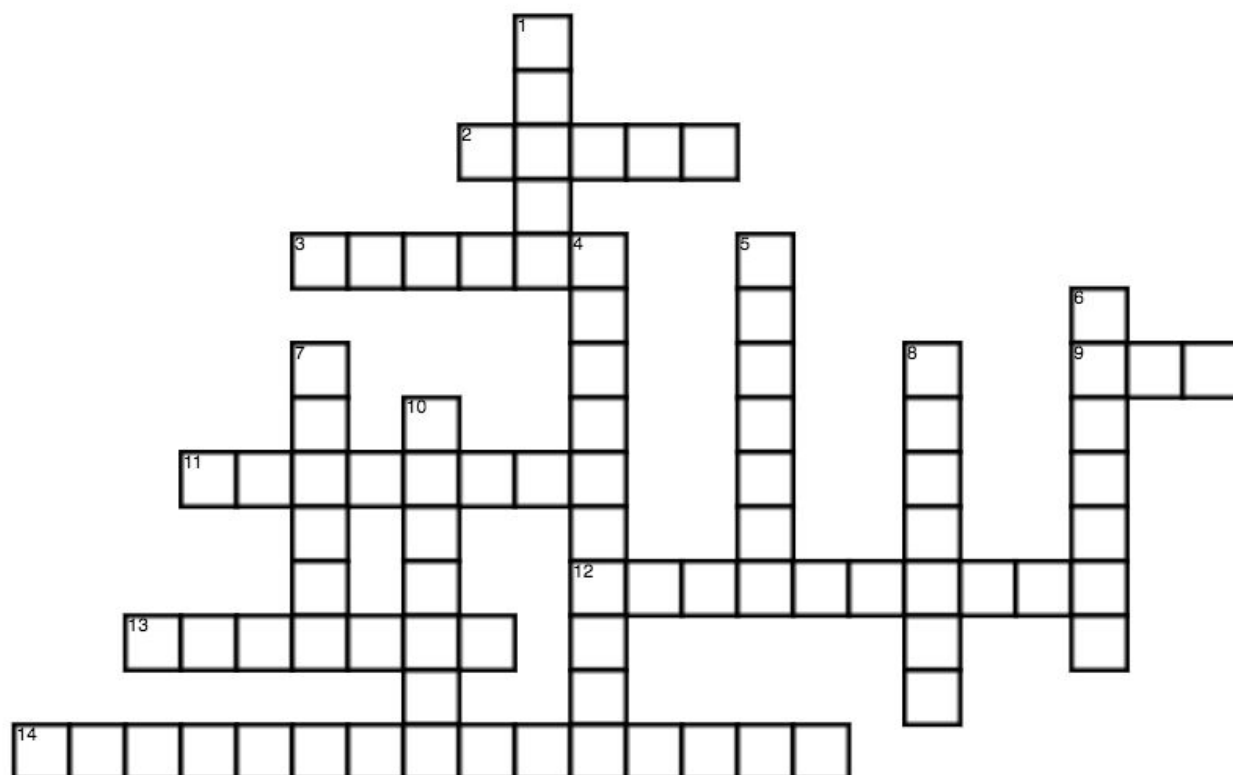


## SHAKESPEARE!

“When I read Shakespeare I am struck with wonder that such trivial people should muse and thunder in such lovely language.”

—D.H. Lawrence

## “Shakespeare” Crossword – Answers pg. 21



### Across

2. A male member of the Montague family.
3. Who was Romeo's love interest?
9. The first name of Shakespeare's wife.
11. Romeo's family name.
12. Shakespeare's profession.
13. "But I will wear my heart upon my sleeve..." Is a famous quote from which Shakespeare play?
14. The name of a king that died in the battle of Bosworth Field is also the name...?

### Down

1. The name of his famous theatre in London.
4. The last play that Shakespeare wrote alone.
5. The end of Romeo and Juliet.
6. Which of Shakespeare's plays do the Three Witches appear?
7. A modern day floating city in Italy.
8. His first name.
10. Juliet's family name.

## Sudoku – Answers pg. 22

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## Word Jumble – Shakespeare Plays

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*Answers: Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet, Twelfth Night Macbeth, Othello*



## Reflections

What is your favourite Shakespeare play?

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Who is your favourite Shakespeare character?

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Which Shakespeare play is the most important?

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Do you think Shakespeare plays are an important part of art history?

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Share a Shakespeare play that inspires you, and why it inspires you.

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## Trivia!

1. What university did William Shakespeare attend?
  - a. None
  - b. Cambridge
  - c. Glasgow
  - d. Oxford
  
2. What is Shakespeare's shortest play?
  - a. Macbeth
  - b. Timon of Athens
  - c. Comedy of Errors
  - d. A Midsummer Night's Dream
  
3. What was the name of Shakespeare's wife?
  - a. Rosaline
  - b. Anne
  - c. Helena
  - d. Mary
  
4. What actor first performed the roles of Hamlet, Othello, King Lear, and Richard III?
  - a. Cuthbert Burbage
  - b. Edward Alleyn
  - c. Richard Burbage
  - d. James Burbage

5. Which role is Shakespeare said to have played in the original production of Hamlet?
- a. Gravedigger
  - b. Hamlet
  - c. Ghost
  - d. Laertes
6. Who dies first, Romeo or Juliet?
- a. Romeo
  - b. They die at the same time
  - c. Juliet
  - d. They both live
7. In what play did Shakespeare coin the term “the beast with two backs?”
- a. Richard III
  - b. Hamlet
  - c. Romeo and Juliet
  - d. Othello





8. What did Shakespeare leave to his wife in his will?
  - a. An Empty Grave
  - b. His Second Best Bed
  - c. His Manuscripts
  - d. Nothing
  
9. Which character in Julius Caesar says, "Cowards die many times before their deaths?"
  - a. Antony
  - b. Caesar
  - c. Cassius
  - d. Brutus
  
10. What are Oberon and Titania feuding over in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*?
  - a. Gold
  - b. An Amulet
  - c. A Book
  - d. A Child

**Answers:** 1. A / 2. C / 3. B / 4. C / 5. C / 6. A / 7. D / 8. B / 9. B / 10. D

## William Shakespeare—The Man



We all know William Shakespeare as a renowned English poet, playwright, and actor. Yet few know him personally. Born in Stratford-upon-Avon in 1564, his birthday is usually celebrated on 23 April. Oddly, 23 April is also considered to be the day he died in 1616 at age 52. He indeed wrote a lot during the Elizabethan and Jacobean ages of British theatre. These times are sometimes called the English Renaissance or the Early Modern Period. Shakespeare's plays are an enduring

legacy, but he wrote much more. Some of his poems are also popular to this day.

His parents, John Shakespeare and Mary Arden, married and had eight children together. John and Mary lost their first two children, both daughters, when they were infants. So, William, their third child, became the eldest survivor. John worked as a glove-maker, but he was also an important figure in Stratford because he held several civic positions. Although there are no specific records, the family's elevated status suggests that the children, including William, attended the local grammar school.

William Shakespeare lived with his family on Henley Street until he was 18. When he turned 18, he married Anne Hathaway, who was 26. Their age difference created one scandal, but it paled in comparison as Anne was pregnant as she walked down the aisle. They had three children. Susanna, their first daughter, was born six months after the wedding ceremony. Soon the twins, Hamnet and Judith, were born, but Hamnet died when he was 11 years old.

Shakespeare jump-started his career in London, but there is some mystery surrounding when he arrived there. We know the twins were baptized in 1585,

and by 1592 he has established his reputation in London. However, the years in between are referred to as “The Lost Years” by scholars.

While in London, Shakespeare published his first printed works. Two long poems, ‘Venus and Adonis’ (1593) and ‘The Rape of Lucrece’ (1594), were his first publications. He was one of the founding members of a company of actors, The Lord Chamberlain’s Men. Shakespeare was the regular dramatist, producing an average of 2 plays a year for almost 20 years.

Shakespeare remained with The Lord Chamberlain’s Men for the rest of his career. Over time it became merely The King’s Men under King James I, after 1603. This was the time when Shakespeare wrote so many of his famous tragedies, like King Lear and Macbeth, and the great romances, like The Winter’s Tale and The Tempest.

Altogether Shakespeare wrote 38 plays, two narrative poems, 154 sonnets, and many other poems. There are no known original manuscripts of his plays in existence today. Because of some of the company actors, we have about half of these plays at all. These actors collected and preserved the plays for publication after Shakespeare died. This collection is known as First Folio. The term “Folio” refers to the paper size, which is about 8 ½” x 12 ½”. The First Folio contains 36 of Shakespeare’s plays, but no poetry.

Shakespeare’s success in London theatres made him wealthy, so in 1597 he purchased New Place, the largest house in his home borough of Stratford-upon-Avon. Shakespeare only ever intermittently lodged in London. He divided his time between London and Stratford, which was a 2 or 3-day commute. When his father died in 1601, William Shakespeare inherited the family home on Henley Street. Part of that house was leased out to tenants. He invested in more property in Stratford, including 107 acres in 1602.

Shakespeare died in his home borough Stratford-upon-Avon on 23 April 1616 at 52. He is buried in the sanctuary at the parish church, Holy Trinity.

## Art Prompt



# Shakespeare

**Want to draw outside the lines? Turn this page over and create a scene from Romeo and Juliet!**

## Matching Game! Shakespeare Characters with Plays

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Duncan

· Hamlet

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Claudius

· Julius Caesar

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Caliban

· Macbeth

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Oberon

· Twelfth Night

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Marcus Brutus

· The Tempest

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Cordelia

· A Midsummer Night's Dream

7. \_\_\_\_\_ Orlando

· Romeo and Juliet

8. \_\_\_\_\_ Viola

· As You Like It

9. \_\_\_\_\_ Friar Lawrence

· King Lear

*Answers: 1. C / 2. A / 3. E / 4. F / 5. B / 6. I / 7. H / 8. D / 9. G*

## Shakespeare Facts

1. Shakespeare was born April 26, 1564.
2. Shakespeare is most likely to have received a classical Latin education at King's New School Stratford.
3. Shakespeare worked as an actor, writer and co-owner of a drama company called the 'Lord Chamberlain's Men'- Later known as the 'King's Men.'
4. The first publishing of Shakespeare's works is the 'First Folio' published in 1623.
5. Shakespeare is often referred to as Elizabethan playwright, but most of his plays were written in the Jacobean period.
6. In 1599, the company built their own theatre, The Globe on the south banks of the River Thames.
7. Many of Shakespeare's plays were based on historical accounts, dramatized by Shakespeare. He also dramatized stories from classical writers such as Plutarch and Holinshed.
8. Shakespeare lived through an outbreak of the bubonic plague in London (1524-94) and 1609. The plague also came to Stratford, when Shakespeare was just 3 months old
9. There are those who question whether William Shakespeare was actually the author of the plays, attributed to him. Other contenders include the 'Oxford school' – suggesting Edward de Vere, 17th Earl of Oxford was a better contender.
10. Shakespeare has given many memorable phrases to the English language, such as "wild goose chase", "foregone conclusion" "in a pickle"
11. Macbeth was often unpopular for its reference to witches, which created fear in the middle ages. There remains a long theatre superstition of saying aloud the name 'Macbeth.'
12. Shakespeare was the most quoted author in Samuel Johnson's early "Dictionary of the English Language"



## Categories

Name an item that fits in each category and starts with the corresponding letter!

	<b>P</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Y</b>
Name a Shakespeare Character.				
Name a Shakespeare Play.				
Name a Shakespeare achievement.				
Name a theatre where a Shakespeare play has been held.				
Name a Shakespeare play that has been turned into a movie.				

## Word Search

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THE WINTERS TALE  
JULIUS CAESAR  
HENRY V  
CYMBELINE  
KING JOHN

TIMON OF ATHENS  
ROMEO AND JULIET  
HAMLET  
OTHELLO  
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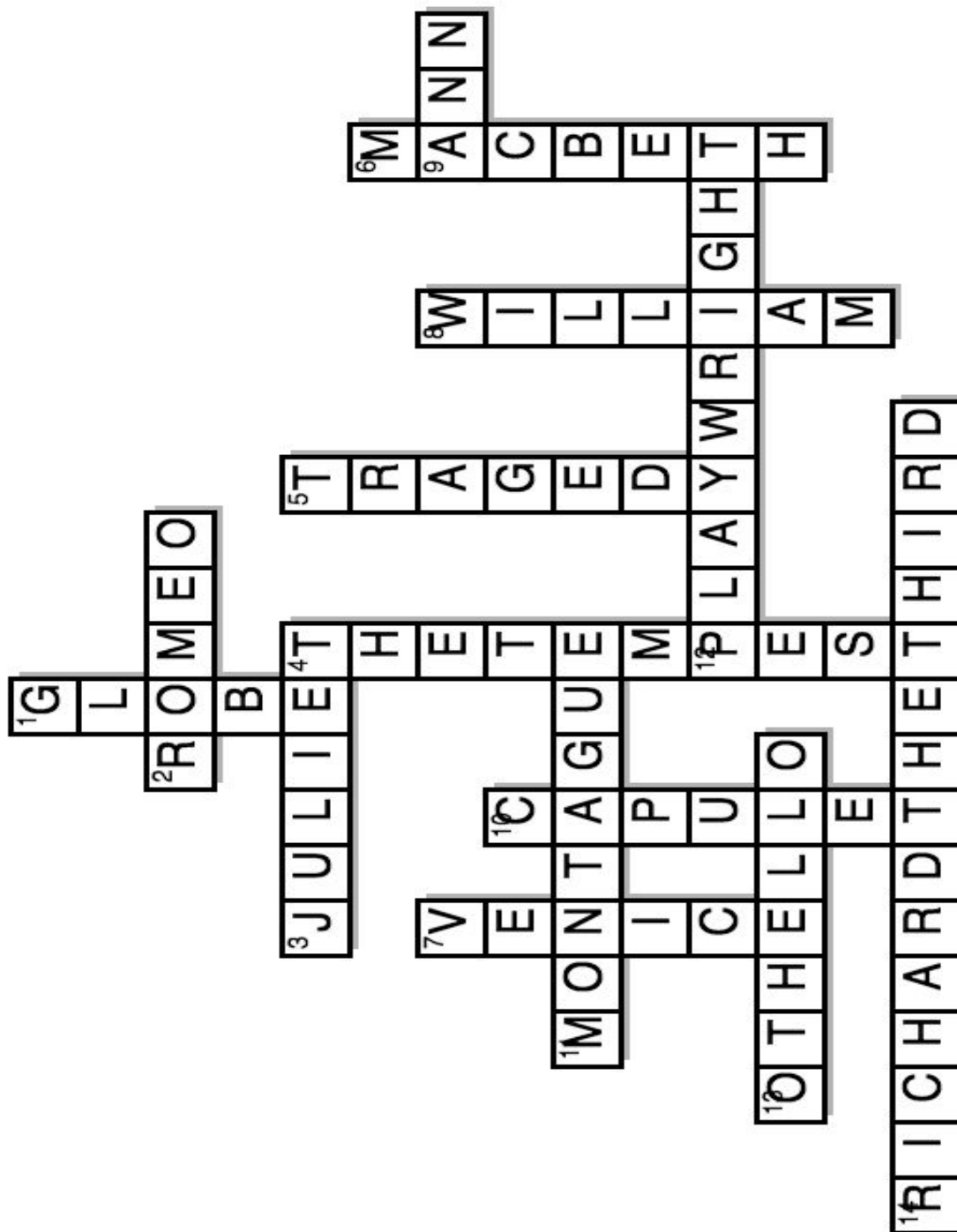
RICHARD II  
KING LEAR  
SIR THOMAS  
AS YOU LIKE IT  
RICHARD III



## ANSWER KEY

## Crossword Answers

Shakespeare





## Sudoku Answers

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