

William Shakespeare

worksheet 1

Circle the best answer:

1. How many plays did Shakespeare write?
at least 28 / at least 38 / at least 48
2. How many languages have Shakespeare's plays been translated into?
over 20 / over 50 / over 100
3. How many languages has *Hamlet* been produced in?
50 / 75 / 100
4. When was the first film production of a Shakespeare play made?
1900 / 1925 / 1950
5. How many film and TV versions of Shakespeare's plays have ever been produced?
210 / 310 / 410
6. How much were playwrights paid for a play in Shakespeare's time?
about £6 / about £12 / about £18
7. What did Shakespeare use to write his plays?
a feather / a pencil / a highlighter
8. How did the Globe Theatre announce a new play in Shakespeare's time?
advert in the newspaper / hanging out flags / Facebook and Twitter
9. What was built in London in 1997?
a Shakespeare museum / a statue of Shakespeare / a replica of the Globe Theatre
10. The stories told in most of Shakespeare's plays are not original.
true / false

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answers

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1. at least 38
2. over 100
3. 75
4. 1900 – a French version of *Hamlet*
5. 410 – making Shakespeare the most filmed author ever in any language
6. about £6
7. a feather
8. hanging out flags – not a lot of people could read, so they hung different coloured flags to let people know when a play was going to be performed and what kind of play it was going to be
9. a replica of the Globe Theatre – the first one burned down in 1613 when a special effects cannon set fire to the roof, and the second one was pulled down in 1644–1645 after it was closed
10. true – Shakespeare's primary source materials were English and Latin histories, plays and poems

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