

CELEBRATE SHAKESPEARE

IN 2016

FASCINATING FACTS

- 1 HE HAD 7 BROTHERS AND SISTERS
- 2 HE SURVIVED THE PLAGUE
- 3 HE LEFT SCHOOL AGED JUST 15
- 4 HE GOT MARRIED AGED JUST 18
- 5 HE WROTE 37 PLAYS AND 154 SONNETS
- 6 HE WAS RATHER RICH AND OWNED LOTS OF PROPERTY
- 7 HE WAS AN ACTOR AS WELL AS A WRITER
- 8 HE INVENTED NEARLY 3000 WORDS

LANGUAGE

- IN STITCHES
- BREAK THE ICE
- THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER
- VANISH INTO THIN AIR
- NIGHT OWL
- IN A PICKLE
- FOUL PLAY
- HEART OF GOLD

O Romeo, Romeo!
Wherefore art thou Romeo?
Juliet

What fools these mortals be!
Puck

Double, double toil and trouble.
The Witches

To be, or not to be – that is the question.
Hamlet

Good morrow, readers!

My name is William Shakespeare and on 23rd April 2016 it will be 400 years since I died. But don't be sad – join the **Macmillan Readers** and celebrate my amazing work instead!

PLAYS

From the tragedy of *Romeo and Juliet* to the magical comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Shakespeare's plays have inspired thousands of films, stories, songs and artworks. They have also been turned into **Macmillan Readers** so you can enjoy them too!



QUIZ

These are just some of the expressions invented by Shakespeare that are still in use today.

Can you guess what they mean and match them to their correct definition?

- Jealousy
- Laughing a lot
- Behaviour that is not fair or honest
- Someone who likes going out or staying up late at night
- In a difficult situation
- Disappear suddenly or mysteriously
- Do something that makes people feel less shy or nervous
- Kindness