

Shakespeare

Greed, Wrath and Lust

Task 1

Watch the first two parts of the interview (00.00–03.08), about 'The Tempest' and the character Caliban. Are the sentences true or false?

1. The story of 'The Tempest' takes place on an island.
2. The play is about revenge and forgiveness.
3. Miranda is Prospero's daughter.
4. Caliban is Prospero's son.
5. The other characters in the play describe Caliban in lots of different ways.
6. Caliban is a character with magical powers.
7. Caliban would like to kill Miranda.
8. Caliban's mother died when he was very young.

Task 2

Watch the final part of the interview (from 03.09), about James's two young sons. Choose the correct options.

1. James's older son is ... years old.
 - a) 7
 - b) 10
 - c) 12
2. He saw his first Shakespeare play when he was
 - a) 5
 - b) 5½
 - c) 6

3. He's now seen about ... Shakespeare plays.
 - a) 8
 - b) 18
 - c) 80
4. He memorised Hamlet's 'To be or not to be' speech
 - a) as part of a school project
 - b) as part of an acting competition
 - c) just because he wanted to
5. James's younger son is ... years old.
 - a) 5
 - b) 6
 - c) 7
6. He prefers ... to watching plays in a theatre.
 - a) doing and playing
 - b) watching TV
 - c) making things

Task 3

We use the **past simple** to talk about a finished time in the past: 'I **went** to the theatre a lot when I was at university.'

We use the **present perfect** (have/has + past participle) to talk about a time which started in the past and continues now: 'I **have been** to the theatre six times this year.' 'I **have never been** to the theatre in my life.'

Choose the correct tense to complete James's sentences about his son.

1. He ... 'All's Well That Ends Well' when he was about five and a half.
 - a) saw

- b) has seen
2. He ... frightened of Shakespeare's language.
a) was never
b) has never been
3. He ... eight or so different Shakespeare plays.
a) saw
b) has seen
4. He ... Shakespeare.
a) always understood
b) has always understood
5. He ... 'To be or not to be' one afternoon just because he wanted to.
a) learned
b) has learned

Task 4

Can you remember the sentences from the previous task? Type in the correct words.

1. He _____ (1 word) 'All's Well That Ends Well' when he _____ (1 word) about five and a half.
2. He _____ (3 words) frightened of Shakespeare's language.
3. He _____ (2 words) eight or so different Shakespeare plays.
4. He _____ (3 words) Shakespeare.
5. He _____ (1 word) 'To be or not to be' one afternoon just because he _____ (1 word) to.

Answers

Task 1

1. True
2. True
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. False
7. False
8. True

Task 2

1. b) 10
2. b) 5½
3. a) 8
4. c) just because he wanted to
5. c) 7
6. a) doing and playing

Task 3

1. a) saw
2. b) has never been
3. b) has seen
4. b) has always understood
5. a) learned

Task 4

1. He saw (1 word) 'All's Well That Ends Well' when he was (1 word) about five and a half.
2. He has never been (3 words) frightened of Shakespeare's language.
3. He has seen (2 words) eight or so different Shakespeare plays.
4. He has always understood (3 words) Shakespeare.
5. He learned (1 word) 'To be or not to be' one afternoon just because he wanted (1 word) to.