

Shakespeare

His Father's Ghost

Task 1

Watch the start of the interview with Tonderai, from 00.00 to 01.32. Choose the correct options.

1. He was born in
 - a. Angola
 - b. South Africa
 - c. Zimbabwe

2. He lived there until he was ... years old.
 - a. 10
 - b. 12
 - c. 20

3. He got to know a lot of Shakespearean expressions
 - a. in everyday life
 - b. at school
 - c. at the theatre

4. As a child he loved
 - a. 'Hamlet'
 - b. 'Romeo and Juliet'
 - c. 'Anthony and Cleopatra'

Task 2

Watch the rest of the interview, from 01.33 to the end, about the story of 'Hamlet'. Put the events which Tonderai describes in chronological order.

- A. The king, Hamlet's father, is killed by his brother, Hamlet's uncle.
- B. Hamlet tries to find out what has happened and put things right.

- C. Hamlet sees the ghost of his father.
- D. Hamlet's uncle marries Hamlet's mother.
- E. Hamlet returns home.
- F. Hamlet's uncle becomes the king.

Task 3

We use **'would' + infinitive** to talk about habits and repeated actions in the past. Talking about his childhood in Zimbabwe, Tonderai remembers:

*We always heard Shakespearean lines or words spoken without realising that they were Shakespearean. 'All that glitters is not gold' is something that **we would say**. 'Constant as the northern star' is something that **we would say**. 'To be or not to be' is something that **we would say**.*

This meaning of 'would' is similar to 'used to'. Now complete the sentences with the correct words.

would / would / have / write / would / would
would / would / eat / say / go / take

1. When my father was in the army, he _____ to my mother every day.
2. I used to get up at six a.m. every day except on Sundays, when I _____ a lie-in.
3. Most people in medieval Europe _____ to church at least twice a day.
4. When I was a child, very few people _____ chicken. It was too expensive.

5. My parents _____ never _____ their holidays abroad. They always stayed in Scotland.
6. If you asked my grandmother what was for dinner, she _____ always _____, 'Wait and see!'

Task 4

Can you remember the sentences from the previous task? Type in the correct words. Each gap has two or three words.

1. When my father was in the army, he _____ to my mother every day.
2. I used to get up at six a.m. every day except on Sundays, when I _____ a lie-in.
3. Most people in medieval Europe _____ to church at least twice a day.
4. When I was a child, very few people _____ chicken. It was too expensive.
5. My parents _____ their holidays abroad. They always stayed in Scotland.
6. If you asked my grandmother what was for dinner, she _____, 'Wait and see!'

Answers

Task 1

1. c) Zimbabwe
2. b) 12
3. a) in everyday life
4. b) 'Romeo and Juliet'

Task 2

1. A. The king, Hamlet's father, is killed by his brother, Hamlet's uncle.
2. F. Hamlet's uncle becomes the king.
3. D. Hamlet's uncle marries Hamlet's mother.
4. E. Hamlet returns home.
5. C. Hamlet sees the ghost of his father.
6. B. Hamlet tries to find out what has happened and put things right.

Task 3

1. When my father was in the army, he would write to my mother every day.
2. I used to get up at six a.m. every day except on Sundays, when I would have a lie-in.
3. Most people in medieval Europe would go to church at least twice a day.
4. When I was a child, very few people would eat chicken. It was too expensive.
5. My parents would never take their holidays abroad. They always stayed in Scotland.
6. If you asked my grandmother what was for dinner, she would always say, 'Wait and see!'

Task 4

1. When my father was in the army, he would write to my mother every day.
2. I used to get up at six a.m. every day except on Sundays, when I would have a lie-in.
3. Most people in medieval Europe would go to church at least twice a day.
4. When I was a child, very few people would eat chicken. It was too expensive.
5. My parents would never take their holidays abroad. They always stayed in Scotland.
6. If you asked my grandmother what was for dinner, she would always say, 'Wait and see!'