

# Unit 7

## Listening script

- A** Was William Shakespeare the greatest writer in the world? Well, lots of people think he was. He wrote *Hamlet*, *Othello*, and many more well-known stories.
- B** But what do we know about Shakespeare's life? He lived about 400 years ago, so we haven't got a lot of information. But we know he was born in 1564, in a small town in England called Stratford-upon-Avon.
- A** He grew up in Stratford-upon-Avon and he went to school there. But he didn't go to university. He married when he was eighteen years old.
- B** Later, Shakespeare left Stratford-upon-Avon and moved to London. He wanted to be an actor, and all the most important theatres were in London.
- A** Shakespeare became an actor, and later he became a writer, too. He wrote *Romeo and Juliet* when he was twenty-eight. It is one of his most successful plays and is still popular today.
- B** When Shakespeare was older, he came back to Stratford-upon-Avon. He bought a big house with a beautiful garden and he lived there with his family. Sadly, he died when he was only fifty-two.