

## Урок 20

### Video “Stratford-upon-Avon”

- See the video
  - **heritage** – наследие
  - **erect** (v.) – воздвигать, строить
  - **diversity** – многообразие
  - **pleasure** – удовольствие
  - **terraced house** – один из ряда домов, построенных вплотную друг к другу
- playwright** – драматург  
**mention** – упоминать  
**bury** – хоронить  
**chancel** – алтарная часть храма, алтарь
- **Complete the text (вставленные слова записать и прислать на проверку)**  
**Stratford-upon-Avon**

This is a ticket for the first trip with the students of Kaplan school. I hope you can see that the trip was to Stratford-upon-Avon and Warwick. Today's video will be only about Stratford-upon-Avon. Have you already \_\_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_\_ about this town? Of course, it is the home town of the famous English writer William Shakespeare. And you will see him... his **heritage**, to be \_\_\_2\_\_\_\_\_. Our travelling starts right now. Now we are at Stratford's Bancroft Gardens. It is the place where the monument of Shakespeare was **erected** in 1888. This is the work of Lord Ronald Gower. The monument shows Shakespeare seated on a pedestal, \_\_\_\_\_3\_\_\_\_\_, at ground level, by statues of Hamlet, Lady Macbeth, Prince Hal, and Falstaff. These characters represent the **diversity** of Shakespeare's talent: Philosophy, Tragedy, History, and Comedy.

The town where Shakespeare was \_\_\_\_\_4\_\_\_\_\_ is called Stratford-upon-Avon. As you can see, the name is connected to the river Avon. Like Cambridge \_\_\_\_\_5\_\_\_\_\_ from the name of the river Cam.

Also, I've found two other towns which have the name with 'Avon'. They are Welford-on-Avon and Bidford-on-Avon. The river is also known as the Warwickshire Avon or Shakespeare's Avon.

I suppose it would be interesting to walk along the center of Stratford. The town is small enough, that's why there are no wide streets and high buildings there. \_\_\_\_\_6\_\_\_\_\_ of them you can get **pleasure** walking along these pretty **terraced houses** and visiting small shops. But don't \_\_\_\_\_7\_\_\_\_\_ the house that you see in the picture. It is the most famous house in the town. It's the house where the world's most famous **playwright** was born and grew up. He ate meals, slept, and \_\_\_\_\_8\_\_\_\_\_ in these rooms. Shakespeare also spent the first five years of married life in this house with his wife, Anne Hathaway. Shakespeare's birthplace has been welcoming visitors for over 250 years. You can also visit it for about £15. Unfortunately, our trip didn't include visiting the house. I still had some time to take photographs around it. I'm sure you've noticed a lot of pieces of paper on the \_\_\_\_\_9\_\_\_\_\_. I'll show you some of them. They are some poems and compositions written by children. They wrote them for the Stratford-upon-Avon Poetry Festival. It is a great idea to keep some of them \_\_\_\_\_10\_\_\_\_\_ Shakespeare's house. Now you can stop the video and read some of the poems or compositions. Since we are talking about Shakespeare, we should also **mention** theatre.

The Royal Shakespeare Company (*RSC*) is a major British theatre company, based in Stratford-upon-Avon. The company employs 700 \_\_\_\_\_ **11** \_\_\_\_\_ and produces around 20 productions a year and plays regularly in London and on tour across the UK and internationally.

We hadn't got a chance to enter the theatre but we had a possibility to watch something interesting too.

I think it is a good example of what people do in \_\_\_\_\_ **12** \_\_\_\_\_ in England. In addition, I can say that my neighbor saw a group of old women playing darts in a pub. Ok, the next stop of our Stratford tour was Holy Trinity Church where Shakespeare is **buried**.

There has been a church on this site since at least 713 when a Saxon \_\_\_\_\_ **13** \_\_\_\_\_ was built here. The present building dates from 1210.

I should note that we had to pay £2 to enter **Chancel**. Chancel is a part of the church where William Shakespeare and his wife Anne are buried along with the members of their family. Well, this stop was the last one for us in our excursion along Stratford-upon-Avon. It means that it's time for a quiz. Are you ready?

- **answer the questions: (ответы написать и прислать на проверку)**

1. By what other names is the river Avon known? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why were there a lot of pieces of paper on the fence of Shakespeare's house? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What can English women do in retirement, according to the video? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What can you see in Holy Trinity Church? \_\_\_\_\_

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