



# School-Home Connection

Your child is reading “William Shakespeare & the Globe” written and illustrated by Alik. This biography tells the story of the famous English playwright. William Shakespeare. The biography also includes background information about Shakespeare’s birthplace and early years, his move to London during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, and the beginnings of his career as a poet and playwright. The author also provides information about the first English theatres and then concentrates on the story of the Globe theater, an elaborate wooden playhouse where Shakespeare’s most famous plays were performed. The selection ends with a description of how Shakespeare helped the English language grow by creating around two thousand words and expressions.

## Made-Up Words and Expressions

At the end of the biography, there is a list of words and expressions invented by Shakespeare. Invite your child to come up with a list of four or five invented words and expressions to take the place of familiar things and actions. Help him or her write definitions for these words, and then use the words when conversing around the house.

### Vocabulary

## Vocabulary and Theater

The following words are new vocabulary your child has learned while reading “William Shakespeare & the Globe”:

congested	patron	dismantle
adornment	critical	shareholder
lavish		

Ask your child to tell you what each word means in the story. For example, “A patron is a benefactor. Shakespeare’s patron gave him money to support himself.” Use the words to talk more about what your child has learned about Shakespeare’s life and career.



### TIME TO READ

Encourage your child to read for at least 30 minutes outside of class each day.

## Family Theater: What’s Your Preference?

You and other family members can talk about entertainment preferences. Discuss the answers to such questions as: What kind of plays and movies do you prefer? Do you have any favorite characters? How does it feel to watch a live performance, and how is it different from watching television? What makes your favorite comedies funny? What makes your favorite dramas hold your attention from start to finish? Would you like to act in a play? If possible, have a family entertainment night, and attend a local play together.

