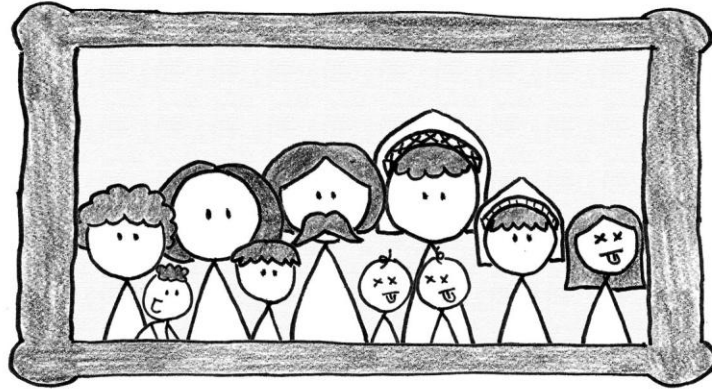
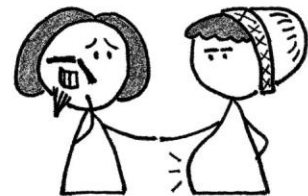


The Shakespeare Family



William Shakespeare was the eldest child of John Shakespeare and Mary who survived childhood. John, who was a glove maker in Stratford-upon-Avon and Mary, daughter of a wealthy farmer from Wilmcote, a village some miles outside of town, had eight children in total, but only five of them grew into adults: William, Gilbert, Joan, Richard and Edmund. William's older sisters Joan and Margaret died as babies, his younger sister Anne before her eighth birthday.



William married Anne Hathaway, a young woman from Shottery, another village just outside of Stratford. They had three children, Susanna and the twins Judith and Hamnet. Hamnet died when he was only 11, and nobody knows what he died of. Susanna married the local doctor, John Hall, and they had a daughter Elizabeth, who married twice but had no children. Judith married the vintner Thomas Quiney. They had three sons, Shakespeare, Richard and Thomas, but they all died young. So, as far as we know, there are no direct descendants of the Shakespeare family left, as the direct line ended with Shakespeare's grandchildren.

