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# Answers



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**Pupils' own responses, such as: The author chose the word renowned to show that Shakespeare's plays are famous and recognised in many countries.**



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**Accept any sensible answer, such as: This is an information text that is designed to provide the reader with facts about the life of Queen Elizabeth I.**