

# TALKING ABOUT TALKING

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by **Prof. David Crystal & Mrs. Hilary Crystal**

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## TALKING SHAKESPEAREAN

World-renowned linguist Prof. David Crystal presents a lighthearted presentation on Shakespeare. He and his wife, Hilary Crystal, recreate a Shakespearean atmosphere by enacting parts of the plays in original pronunciation, inviting the audience on a journey through the world of the great author.

Hilary Crystal is a speech therapist by training, and since the mid-1980s has worked with David Crystal as his business partner. She has published several books with David, including *Words on Words* (Penguin), and has just begun writing children's fiction.

David Crystal works from his home in Holyhead, North Wales, as a writer, editor, lecturer, and broadcaster. David Crystal is known chiefly for his research work in English language studies, in such fields as intonation and stylistics, and in the application of linguistics to religious, educational and clinical contexts, notably in the development of a range of linguistic profiling techniques for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes. These days he divides his time between work on language and work on internet applications.

David Crystal's authored works are mainly in the field of language, including several Penguin books, but he is perhaps best known for his two encyclopaedias for Cambridge University Press - *The Cambridge Encyclopaedia of Language* and *The Cambridge Encyclopaedia of the English Language*. Recent books include *A Little Book of Language* and *Begat: the King James Bible and the English Language* (both 2010) and a linguistic autobiography, *Just a Phrase I'm Going Through* (2009).

David Crystal has been a consultant, contributor, or presenter on several radio and television programmes and series. David Crystal is currently patron of the International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language (IATEFL) and the Association for Language Learning (ALL), president of the UK National Literacy Association, and an honorary vice-president of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists, the Institute of Linguists, and the Society for Editors and Proofreaders. He has also been a member of the Board of the British Council and of the English-Speaking Union. He received an OBE (Order of the British Empire) for services to the English language in 1995, and was made a Fellow of the British Academy (FBA) in 2000. He now lives in Holyhead, where he is the director of the Ucheldre Centre, a multi-purpose arts and exhibition centre.



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