1. Look at the photo of Michael Jackson. What do you know about him? Write things before reading the text.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

2. Read the biography and complete with these words

AFTER THAT	AT THE AGE OF	FIVE YEARS AFTER THAT	1977	ON 25 JUNE 2009	WHEN HE WAS 26

Michael Jackson was born on 29th August 1958 in Gary, Indiana, USA. He was the seventh of nine children. His musical career began in 1956, when his family started a band called The Jackson 5. (a) _____ five, young Michael was the lead singer.

The band recorded 14 albums. The first four songs were all number one hits. In (b) _____, Michael Jackson made his first film. (c) _____, in 1984, (d) _____, he left the band and started to sing solo.

(e) _____, he continued to make successful albums and music videos.

Other famous musicians, stars of hip – hop, rock and pop music, followed his brilliant singing and dancing styles. Michael Jackson changed his appearance many times, so photographers and journalists were always interested in him. (f) _____, he died suddenly in his Los Angeles home.

Read again and answer:

1. When was he born? _____

2. How old was he when his career began? _____

3. When did he make his first film? _____

4. What was his most successful album? _____

5. Give one reason why people were interested in him? _____

6. How old was he when he died? _____

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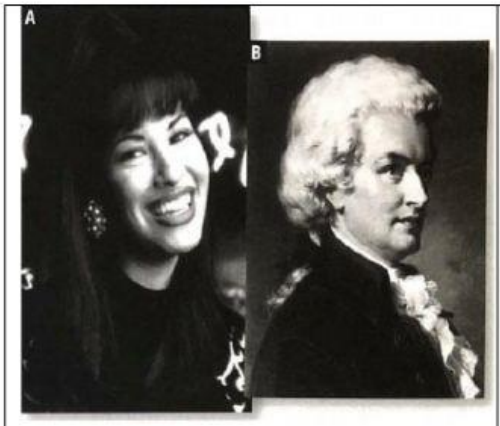
Look at the biographical notes and match the notes to pictures.



1 April 16 1971 – March 31 1995
Lake Jackson, Texas, USA
Mexican-American singer
First album aged 12
Female Vocalist of the Year 1987
Died when shot by the president of her fan club

2 January 27 1756 – December 5 1791
Salzburg, Austria
Started composing aged 5
Wrote first symphony at 9
First work published in Paris in 1764 (4 sonatas)
Famous operas: The Marriage of Figaro (1786),
Don Giovanni (1787), The Magic Flute (1791)
Became ill and died while composing his Requiem

Choose one of the musicians in 5 and write a short biography with the information in the notes. Use the words and expressions of time in 2. Add any more information you know or can find out

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