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EXAM

The 27 Club consists of popular musicians, actors and artists who died at the age of 27. In this assignment you will show us everything you have studied and you will learn at the same time about some of the greatest singers of all time.

Read the text about Kurt Cobain, one of the members of the 27 Club, and answer the questions.

My favourite singer is definitely Kurt Cobain. He was a great singer and guitarist and he was a member of the band Nirvana. He was born on February 20, 1967. He didn't live in Argentina like me. He lived in The USA. His father was an automotive mechanic and his mother was a waitress. He had two sisters, Kimberly and Brianne, and one brother called Chad.

Kurt started playing the piano and singing at the age of 4. Kurt loved music and his favourite bands were AC/DC, Black Sabbath, Aerosmith and Queen. Nirvana won one BRIT Award in 1993, an American Music Award in 1995, and a Grammy Award in 1996.

The singer married musician Courtney Love on Waikiki Beach in Hawaii in 1992. Later that year, they had one daughter called Francis Bean Cobain.

Cobain died tragically on April 5, 1995, at the age of 27 as he committed suicide at his Lake Washington Boulevard home.

1. When was Kurt Cobain born?
2. What did Kurt Cobain do for a living?
3. Where did he live?
4. Did Cobain's father drive a taxi?
5. How many brothers and sisters did Cobain have?
6. How old was Cobain when he started playing the piano?
7. What were Cobain's favourite bands?
8. Who did Cobain marry in 1995?
9. When did Cobain die?
10. How did Cobain die?

Imagine you are a reporter and you get to interview the late Kurt Cobain for the Rolling Stones magazine. Complete the following conversation by asking him about his childhood. Focus on the underlined words.

_____?

I went to a school in <u>Aberdeen, Washington</u>.

_____?

I <u>walked to school</u> because it was near my house.

_____?

In my free time, <u>I painted</u>.

_____?

I always painted my favourite characters from films and cartoons, such as the Creature from the Black Lagoon and Donald Duck.

_____?

I started writing music when I was 4.

_____?

No, I didn't. I didn't like sports.

_____?

Because I wanted to play music and I couldn't do it at school.

_____?

I lived with my mother and three siblings.

_____?

No, I didn't. I never went to University.

_____?

I wrote 102 songs.

Complete the following paragraph about Kurt Cobain's wife Courtney Love:

Courtney Love _____ (be) an American singer, songwriter and actress. She _____ (be born) on July 9, 1964, in San Francisco, California. Her parents_____(divorce) when she was only 5 years old. She _____(live) with her mother. She _____(go) to a reform school in her early teens for shoplifting and_____(become) a stripper at the age of 16, according to an article in *Stella* magazine.

Courtney Love also _____(act) in some films such as *Sid and Nancy* and *Straight to Hell.* In 1991 she _____(meet) Kurt Cobain from the band Nirvana at the Satyricon club in Portland. They later _____(marry) in 1992.

Love then _____(form) the band Hole in 1989. After Cobain_____(die), Love continued to perform and release albums—including *Celebrity Skin* and *Nobody's Daughter*—with Hole.

She _____ (be) now 55 years old and she _____ (be) still a very famous artist. She _____ (live) in New York with her daughter Francis Bean.

Listening

Another singer that I love and who also died at the age of 27 is Amy Winehouse.

Listen to the audio and decide if the following statements are T (true) or F (false). Correct the false ones.

1. Amy's debut was 15 years ago. _____
2. She began writing music when she was a little kid. _____
3. Amy's second album, Back to Black, was not successful. _____
4. She had a drug and alcohol addiction. _____

Write a paragraph about another member of the 27 Club, Jim Morrison:

- Name: James
- Surnames: Douglas Morrison
- Born on: 08/12/1943.
- Nationality: American.
- Profession: Singer, songwriter and poet.
- Nickname: Jim
- Family: mother (Clara Virginia), father (George Stephen Morrison), younger sister (Anne Robin), younger brother (Andrew Lee Morrison)
- Liked: Rock music
- Favourite singers: Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra
- Death: 03/07/1971