

Past Simple

Fill in the blanks with the past form of the verbs in brackets.

Winston Churchill

British statesman, prime minister and author. He _____ (be) born in Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire, UK in 1874. He _____ (train) at Sandhurst Military Academy. During the second Boer War _____ (be) a London newspaper correspondent.

After World War 1 he _____ (be) secretary of state for war and air (1919 - 1921), and - as a 'Constitutionalist' supporter of the Conservatives - Chancellor of the Exchequer (1924). In 1929 he _____ (return) to the Conservative party. During the World War 2 he _____ (return) to the Admiralty; then he _____

(form) a coalition government and _____ (lead) Britain through the war against Germany, Italy and Japan with steely resolution. In 1951 he _____ (be) prime minister again. In his last years, people _____ (know) him as 'the greatest living Englishman'.

He _____ (achieve) a world reputation not only as a great strategist and inspiring leader, but as the last of the classic orators. In 1953 he _____ (become) a knight and _____ (win) the Nobel Prize for Literature the same year. He _____ (get married) with Clementine Ogilvy Hozier in 1908. He _____ (die) on 24 January 1965.

