

A. Listen and complete the text.

Robert Wadlow: The Gentle Giant

The story of the tallest man who ever lived

When was he born?

In February ¹..... in Alton, Illinois, in the USA.

Where did he **grow up** and **go to school**?

In Alton.

Did he have any brothers and sisters?

Yes, he did. He was the oldest of five children. He had ²..... and ³..... They were all a ⁴..... height.

At what age did he **leave school**?

He left school when he was ⁵.....

Did he **go to university**?

Yes, he did, but he left and he didn't **get a qualification**.

How did he become famous?

He appeared in a circus.

What did people call him?

People called him the Giant of Illinois or the Gentle Giant because he ⁶..... very quietly.

Where did he **get a job**?

He got a job with the shoe company that made his special shoes.

Did he **get married** and **have children**?

No, he didn't.

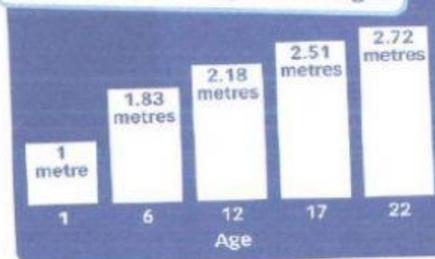
Did he **travel** much?

Yes, he did. He visited ⁷..... different towns in the USA when he travelled for the shoe company.

When did he **die**?

He died at the age of ⁸..... because of a problem with one of his ⁹.....

Robert Wadlow: age and height



B. Write the past simple form of the verbs. Listen and check.

grow up – grew up

go to school - _____

leave school - _____

go to university - _____

get a qualification - _____

get a job - _____

get married - _____

have children - _____

travel - _____

die - _____

C. Listen to the text again and choose the correct answer.



1. Robert was taller than his father by the age of _____.

six

eight

2. At school, they made a special _____ for him.

desk

chair

3. Robert left university because _____.

he didn't enjoy it

it was difficult for him

4. Robert _____ growing when growing when he was 18.

stopped

never stopped