

READING

Read about David Bowie's life and career and then put the events below in order from first to last (1-8).

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| ☐ He died in his home. | ☐ He met the woman who was to be his second wife. |
| ☐ He reached the pinnacle of his fame and popularity. | ☐ His first marriage came to an end. |
| ☐ He sustained an injury which gave him a distinguishing physical feature. | ☐ The release of a new album coincided with his birthday. |
| ☐ He stopped using his most famous stage persona. | ☐ He experienced his greatest personal struggles. |

Complete the glossary with the highlighted words in the obituary extract.

Glossary	
a _____ verb [I]: become weaker or less important	f _____ adjective: changing often, not following a regular pattern
b _____ adjective: not hidden or secret	g _____ noun [C]: a feeling of liking something very much or a tendency to do something a lot
c _____ adjective: interesting or unusual because of its variety	h _____ adjective: neither clearly male nor clearly female
d _____ verb [T]: to last for a particular period of time, especially a long period	i _____ verb [T]: to get rid of thoughts or feelings
e _____ noun [C]: the part of your personality that you deliberately show most people	j _____ noun [C]: honors given to someone for their work

GRAMMAR

Complete the sentences with the verbs in parentheses in an appropriate form, to express the future as seen from the past. Which events took place and which didn't?

- a Bowie _____ (release) Blackstar on his 69th birthday.
- b He _____ (record) one final album, but he ran out of time.
- c His marriage to Iman _____ (provide) stability to his life for many years.
- d He was working on a book which Penguin _____ - (publish) in the near future.

Underline the correct alternatives about events that did not take place.

- a I was going **to get** / **to getting** married, but I realized he was the wrong person for me.
- b I had been hoping **of seeing** / **to see** the concert, but I got the flu and had to give away my ticket.
- c I was just about **studying** / **to study** in Mexico when my visa fell through and I had to call it off.
- d I had been thinking **of going** / **to go** into medicine, but I changed my mind and trained as a lawyer instead.
- e I was on the point of **winning** / **to win** the race, but I tripped over and came last.
- f I was planning **to buy** / **of buying** a car, but I didn't get my driver's license.
- g I was on the verge **to give up** / **of giving up** waiting when the bus finally came.
- h I was due **to move** / **for moving**, but the landlord of the new apartment increased the rent, so I decided against it.