

Read this text



FREDDIE MERCURY

Part 1

He was born on September 5th, 1946 in Stone Town, Zanzibar. His real name was Farrokh Bulsara, but he changed it to Freddie early in his life, because Freddie was an easier name to use.



He grew up in India, near Bombay. Later on, in 1964, he moved to London and went to London University, where he studied Graphic Art and Design. After his graduation, he started his musical career in small rock bands in London. He learned the piano and the guitar, even he didn't think he was good at them.

Part 2

In 1970, when he was in High School, he met Brian May and Roger Taylor. They formed the band Queen. He had been writing music for years, and became the lead singer in this band. With the other members of the band, they composed many chart-topping hits like "We are the Champions", "We will rock you", or "Bohemian Rhapsody". He was famous for his flamboyant stage persona, and his impressive four-octave vocal range.



Part 3

He had a long-lasting relationship with Mary Austin, which started in 1970. She was the woman who stood by his side for his entire life, even after they broke up.

Later on, he had an affair with a man, which led to his break up with Austin. He was now openly bisexual.

He had a chaotic personal life. As a consequence, he quit the band to launch a solo career which was not as successful as Queen's.

Part 4

In 1987, he was diagnosed with AIDS, but he only revealed this fact to his close family and friends. His stage appearances became rare, due to his growing illness. He made his last public appearance in 1990, the day when the band received a Brit Award in celebration of their outstanding career. Shortly after, on November 23rd 1991, his doctor finally announced to the press that he had been suffering from AIDS for the last 4 years.

He died the day after, on November 24th, 1991.

a. What type of document is it ?

It is

☐ an email

☐ an ad

☐ a biography

b. What is it about ?

It is about...

☐ the chemical properties of Mercury

☐ the life of a famous singer

☐ recent discoveries about the planet Mercury

c. There are four parts in this text.

Find the best title for each part.

List of titles :

Sad days ♦ Early life ♦ Career ♦ Personal life

Part 1 :	Part 3:
Part 2:	Part 4:

d. Classify the proper nouns from the text.

What information do they give ? Look at the example, and complete the chart.

(tu peux répondre en FR ou en GB)

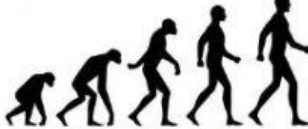
Nom propre	Personne ou groupe	Lieu	Titre	Information déduite à partir de ce mot ?
Freddie Mercury	✓			He was the lead singer of the band Queen.
Stone Town, Zanzibar				
Farrokh Busara				
Freddie				
London University				
London				

Brian May, Roger Taylor				
Queen				
We will rock you, Bohemian Rhapsody				
Mary Austin				

e. Ce vocabulaire, tiré du texte, parle des différents moments de la vie d'un homme.
Ecris chacun des mots sous l'image qui lui correspond.

💡 Retrouve l'expression dans le texte, si tu as du mal à trouver son sens.

He had a relationship with ... ♦ He was born ♦ He met Brian May ♦ He was diagnosed with ♦ He studied ♦ He received an award ♦ he had an affair with ♦ he died ♦ his real name was ♦ he broke up with his girlfriend ♦ he launched (his solo career) ♦ he grew up in India ♦ he became the lead singer ♦ he moved to London ♦ he started his career ♦ he learned the guitar

	 <i>grandir</i>		 <i>déménager</i>
	 <i>rencontrer</i>	 <i>Il est devenu..</i>	

Il a eu une liaison 		Il a débuté sa carrière 	
	 Lancer (une carrière, un produit)		

f. Think ! 

AIDS : Trouve ce mot dans le texte, et observe les phrases autour.

- ♦ Le **contexte** pour employer ce mot est
- ☐ familial
 - ☐ artistique
 - ☐ médical

♦ Quels mots t'ont aidé pour trouver ce contexte ?

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♦ Que peux-tu en déduire sur le sens de **AIDS** ?
(sans nécessairement **traduire** le mot, à quoi fait-il apparemment référence ?)

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FOR THE CHAMPIONS (optionnel)

Quelle traduction proposes-tu pour le mot **AIDS** ?

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g. Freddie Mercury et les pronoms relatifs :

◆ Complète des phrases du texte avec le pronom relatif WHO/WHICH/WHEN/WHERE.

En cas de doute, retrouve la phrase en question dans le texte.

She was the woman stood by his side for his entire life.

He went to London University, he studied Graphic Arts and Design.

He had a long-lasting relationship with Mary Austin, started in 1970.

He made his last public appearance in 1970, the daythe band received a Brit Award.

◆ Observe les phrases que tu viens de compléter.

A quoi sert chaque pronom relatif ?

WHO sert à remplacer ...	☐ une personne	☐ un lieu	☐ une chose	☐ un moment.
WHICH sert à remplacer...	☐ une personne	☐ un lieu	☐ une chose	☐ un moment.
WHERE sert à remplacer...	☐ une personne	☐ un lieu	☐ une chose	☐ un moment.
WHEN sert à remplacer...	☐ une personne	☐ un lieu	☐ une chose	☐ un moment.

◆ Complète les phrases suivantes sur la vie de Freddie Mercury en utilisant les pronoms Who, Which, When, Where.

London is the place he lived.

Bryan May is the guitarist created the band with him.

1987 is the year he was diagnosed with AIDS.

He won the Brit Award, is a prestigious prize, for his career.

Mary Austin is the woman helped him when he was sick.

Zanzibar is the place he was born.

AIDS is a disease killed a lot of people in the 80s.

h. It is your turn !

Utilise tout ce que tu viens d'apprendre (vocabulaire, pronoms relatifs, ..) pour parler écrire la biographie de Steve Jobs, en t'aidant des informations de la Help Box.

HELP BOX

STEVE JOBS



24/02/1955 ,San Francisco, CA



in Mountain View



05/10/2011, Palo Alto, CA



Steve Wozniak in High School(1970)



Mountain View (age : 2)



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