

READING COMPREHENSION

→ Read the short biographies below to know more about three famous people and their careers.

(a) FRED MERCURY

- **was** a British rock singer and songwriter to the band **named** Queen.
- **was born** on September 5, 1946.
- **performed** in many different countries, including Brazil.
- **recorded** two solo albums.
- **died** at the age of 45 on November 24, 1991.

(b) WRIGHT BROTHERS

- **studied** and **worked** on bikes, kites and gliders at the beginning of their career.
- **were** two American aviation pioneers who **created** the world's first airplane.
- had their first **controlled, sustained** flight on December 17, 1903.

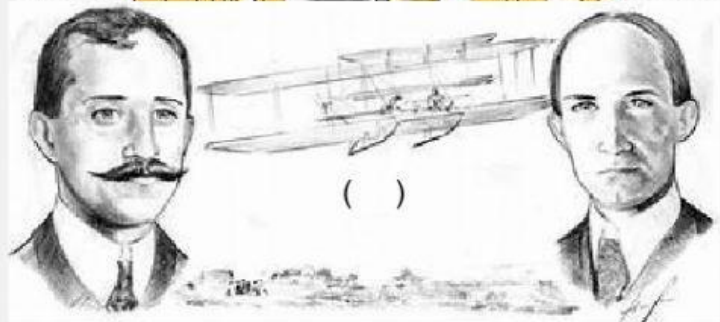
(c) WALT DISNEY

- **produced** motion picture films and television shows.
- **was** the founder of theme parks Disneyland and Walt Disney World.
- **released** the first movie starring Mickey Mouse at the Colony Theater in New York on November 18, 1928.
- won 22 Oscar awards.

1 - Match each name to the correct picture:



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2 - Match each name to the correct sentences according to the biographies:

- () He was an Oscar winner.
- () He was a singer.
- () They were engineers.

- () Americans believe they built the first airplane.
- () He was the founder of an amusement park.
- () He sang along with the band Queen.

3 - Drag the dates to the correct facts:

on November 24, 1991 , on December 17, 1903, on September 5, 1946, on November 18, 1928.

- a) A movie starred by Mickey Mouse was exhibited _____.
- b) The first controlled airplane's flight was _____.
- c) The Queen's singer was born _____.
- d) The British rock singer died _____.

4 - When people talk about someone's life, usually the facts are in the _____ .

() past

() present

() future

SIMPLE PAST RULES

5 - Look up in the text the **Simple Past verbs** in bold and write them in the correct blank:

In affirmative sentences:

a) There are two forms of **verb be** in the past: _____ and _____ .

b) Four regular verbs ending with **d**: _____; **ed**: _____;
ied: _____; **doubled consonant + ed**: _____ .

6 - Match the questions to the correct answer.

(a) Was Fred Mercury born on September 5, 1928?

() Yes, he did.

(b) Were the Wright brothers Americans?

() No, he didn't.

(c) Did Walt Disney produce horror movies?

() No, he wasn't.

(d) Did Fred Mercury record solo albums?

() Yes, they were.

7 - Unscramble the words to make correct sentences.

a) rock band / was / Queen / a famous.

_____ .

b) didn't credit / Santos Dumond / as the airplane's inventor / Americans.

_____ .

c) Walt Disney / cartoons? / Did / draw.

_____ .

8 - Watch a short biography about Walt Disney and complete the sentences with the correct Simple Past verb:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Wv_8HV8NxU

a) When Walt _____ (be) 18, he got a job as a commercial illustrator.

b) Walt Disney's first cartoon Oswald The Lucky Rabbit _____ (was) highly popular.

c) Walt Disney _____ (develop) the character Mickey Mouse in 1928.

d) _____ Walt Disney _____ (voice) Mickey Mouse? Yes, he _____ .

e) Unfortunately, Walt Disney _____ (see) the Disney park project completed. He _____ (die) of lung cancer in December 1966.