

Working with Biographies - *Michael Jackson*



Before you Listen.

1. What do you know about Michael Jackson? _____

Now listen to the Biography and answer the following questions. (Give long answers)

2. How was his family economic situation? _____
3. Why did he feel influenced by music? _____
4. How old was Michael when he joined his brothers' band? _____
5. What did he do when couldn't attend school? _____
6. What did his parents do? _____

7. When did he start singing lead vocals? _____
8. When did he meet Quincy Jones? _____
9. What was his first Album with Jones? _____
10. What happened in 1982? _____

11. How many times did he get married? _____
12. How many children did he have? _____
13. What was polemical about his 3rd child? _____
14. How did he die? _____
15. How old was Michael when he died? _____



Listening Part 2: Fill in the blanks.

Listen to the first paragraph several times and fill in the spaces with the correct words.

He is the king of pop. He was born on _____ 29, 1958 in Gary, Indiana, _____. His father's _____ was Joseph Jackson and mother's name was Katherine Jackson. He was _____ in an African-American _____ class family, he was eighth of the ten _____ of his parents. His _____ as a steel mill worker and mother was a sincere Jehovah _____. The Jacksons were fairly _____ and _____ in a small house with just two _____ for them. From a very _____ age he was a music lover. His three _____ formed a band called the Jackson Brothers. Michael and _____ brother Marlon _____ the band in 1964. At just _____ years old Michael _____ to _____ lead vocals along with his older brother Jermaine. After they _____ the name of the _____ to the Jackson 5 and _____ playing all around _____.

Now, watch and listen to Michael's beautiful voice in the song "Ben" and *Drag and Drop* the words to complete the spaces.

Ben by Michael Jackson

Ben, the two of us _____ look no more
We both _____ what we were looking for
With a _____ to call my own
I'll never be _____
And you my friend _____ see
You've got a friend in me.

Ben, you're always _____ here and there
You feel you're not _____ anywhere
If you ever look _____
And don't like what you _____
There's _____ you should know
You've got a place to go
(You've got a place to go) I used to say "I" and "me"
Now it's "us", now it's "we"
I used to say "I" and "me"
Now it's "us", now it's "we"

Ben, most _____ would turn you away
I don't _____ to a word they say
They don't _____ you as I do
I wish they _____ try to
I'm sure they'd _____ again
If they _____ a friend like Ben
(A friend)
Like Ben
(Like Ben)
Like Ben

Think
Listen
Behind
Need
Had
Something
Friend
Found
Would
See
Find
Running
Alone
Will
People
Wanted