

## Working with Biographies - *Michael Jackson*



Before you Listen.

1. What do you know about Michael Jackson? \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Think  
We both \_\_\_\_\_ what we were looking for Listen  
With a \_\_\_\_\_ to call my own Behind  
I'll never be \_\_\_\_\_ Need  
And you my friend \_\_\_\_\_ see Had  
You've got a friend in me. Something  
  
Friend

Ben, you're always \_\_\_\_\_ here and there Found  
You feel you're not \_\_\_\_\_ anywhere Would  
If you ever look \_\_\_\_\_ See  
And don't like what you \_\_\_\_\_ Find  
There's \_\_\_\_\_ you should know Running  
You've got a place to go Alone  
(You've got a place to go) I used to say "I" and "me" Will  
Now it's "us", now it's "we" People  
I used to say "I" and "me" Wanted  
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