

Past Simple – Regular and Irregular Verbs

Exercise 1. Read the text about Elvis Presley. Complete the text with the verbs from the box. Use the PAST SIMPLE of the verbs.

BE	NOT BE	NOT BE	COME	DIE	GO	NOT HAVE	HAVE	LEAVE
MAKE	MARRY	MEET	SING	SPEND	STUDY	TEACH	WEAR	WIN

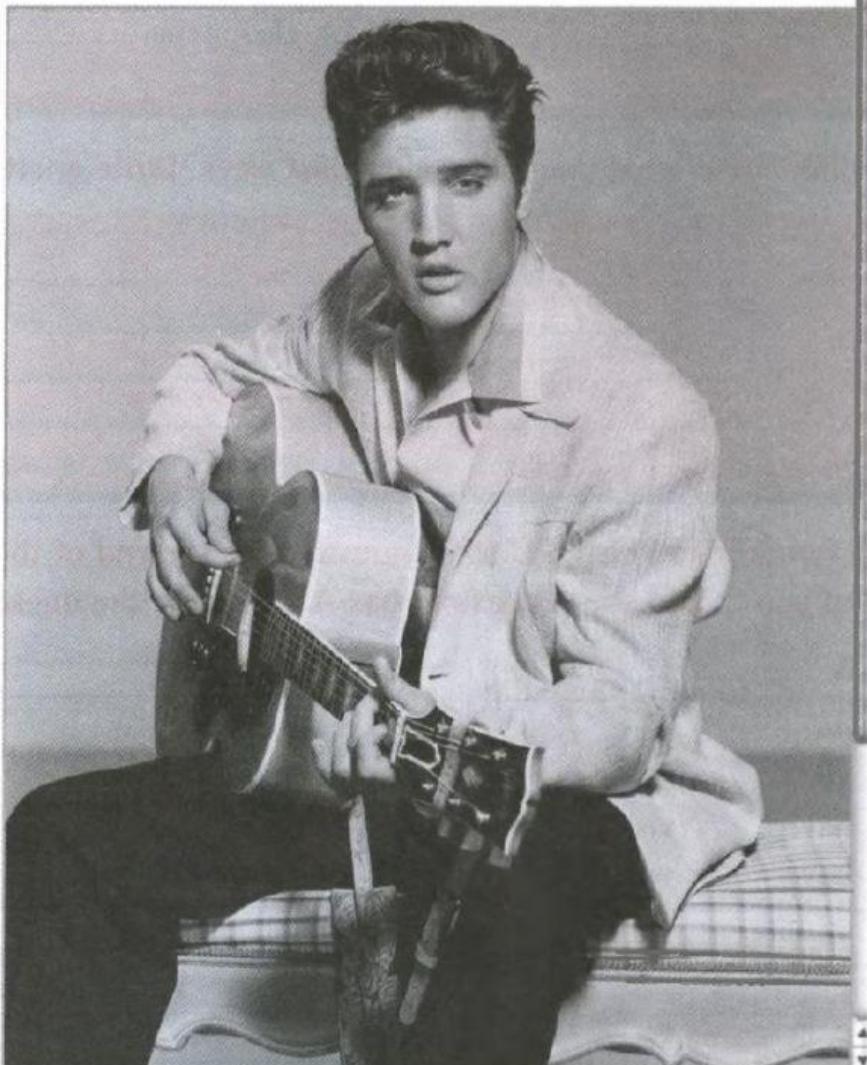
Elvis – The King of Rock and Roll



Elvis Presley was born in 1935 in Mississippi, USA. He lived with his parents, Gladys and Vernon. Elvis (1) from a large family – lots of aunts, uncles and cousins – but he (2) any brothers or sisters. He loved singing, and in 1945 he (3) a school singing competition. He also (4) himself to play the guitar.

When Elvis (5) 13 years old, he and his family moved to Memphis, Tennessee because they wanted a better life. He (6) school in 1953 and worked as a truck driver. In the evenings, he (7) at night school because he wanted to be an electrician. In the same year, he made his first record, but it (8) for sale in the shops – it was a present for his mother. In 1954 he made his first public record and it was a success. People loved his music. They also loved the clothes he (9) and the way he moved when he (10) During his life, he also (11) 33 movies.

Elvis (12) into the US army for two years and (13) most of his time in Germany. It was in Germany that he (14) Priscilla Beaulieu, and they (15) in 1967. They (16) a daughter, Lisa Marie. The last years of Elvis's life (17) happy – he divorced Priscilla and he had an eating problem. He (18) in 1977 at the age of 42, but he still has many millions of fans all over the world.



Exercise 2. Select the correct past tense.

1. Last night the game _____ 10 minutes late.

beginned

begin

began

2. The dog _____ his finger.

bit

bite

bited

3. The teacher _____ a note to Nina's parents.

wrote

writed

written

4. They _____ what the student said in class yesterday.

understand

understood

understanded

5. He _____ the ball at me.

throwed

threw

throw

6. The strong wind _____ off her hat.

blew

blown

blowed

7. Maria _____ her phone last week.

broked

breaked

broke

8. I _____ David was sick, but he was on vacation.

thought

thinkded

think

9. We _____ our new home quickly.

built

builded

builited

10. Bob _____ Helen the secret.

tell

telled

told