

1 Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs below.

■ be born ■ die ■ fall in love ■ get divorced ■ get married
■ go to university ■ grow up ■ have a baby

Lord Byron is a great British poet. He ¹ on 22 January, 1788, and he ² in Aberdeenshire in Scotland. When he was seventeen, he ³ at Cambridge where he studied at Trinity College. Byron was a romantic and he ⁴ many times. Finally, in 1815, he ⁵ to Annabella Milbanke. The couple ⁶ called Ada together, but their marriage didn't last. They ⁷ the next year. After that, Byron spent his life travelling. He ⁸ on 19 April, 1824.

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2 Use a suffix to make these nouns into adjectives. Then complete the sentences.

■ music ■ nature ■ peace ■ politics ■ power ■ profession
■ success

- 1 Agatha Christie is the most British writer. Her novels have sold about four billion copies.
- 2 Mount Everest is one of the seven wonders of the world. It's in the Himalayas.
- 3 Genghis Khan was a very ruler. He controlled most of central Asia.
- 4 Iceland is one of the most countries in the world. It doesn't have an army.
- 5 Mozart was a genius. He could play the piano when he was four.
- 6 Amnesty International tries to help prisoners. It was founded in London in 1961.
- 7 Lionel Messi is a footballer. He plays for Barcelona.

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3 Complete the sentences with the correct collocation.

- 1 I'm tired. Let's take .
- 2 Eight athletes take in each race.
- 3 Revise before you take .
- 4 I'm going to take of that castle.
- 5 Our matches take every Saturday.
- 6 I take of my sister's children.
- 7 It's your go. You take in this game.

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4 Complete the extract from *Murder on the Orient Express* with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

Detective Hercule Poirot ¹ (get on) the Orient Express in Constantinople. A lot of people ² (be) on the train and Hercule ³ (not have) a compartment. Luckily, one of the passengers ⁴ (not arrive), so Poirot ⁵ (take) his. During the second night, Poirot ⁶ (wake up) because of a loud noise in the next compartment. Then Mr Ratchett, the man next door, ⁷ (speak) to the conductor. After that, Poirot ⁸ (not sleep) all night. He ⁹ (ask) the conductor for a bottle of mineral water and when the conductor ¹⁰ (leave), he ¹¹ (go) back to bed. Later, he ¹² (hear) someone at his door. When he ¹³ (open) the door, he ¹⁴ (not see) anybody except a woman in a red kimono in the distance. The next morning, Mr Ratchett ¹⁵ (be) dead.

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5 Read the answers to questions about Maurice Sendak's book *Where the Wild Things Are*. Write questions about the phrases in bold using the past simple.

1 ?

Maurice Sendak wrote the book in 1963.

2 ?

Max was **eight years old**.

3 ?

His mother sent him **to his bedroom**.

4 ?

Max went **to the island**.

5 ?

There were **five monsters**.

6 ?

The monsters made **Max** their king.

7 ?

Max went home **because he missed his mother**.

8 ?

He found **a hot dinner** in his room.

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