Frida Kahlo's life

1.- Fill in the gaps in Frida Kahlo's biography with the simple past of the verbs in brackets.

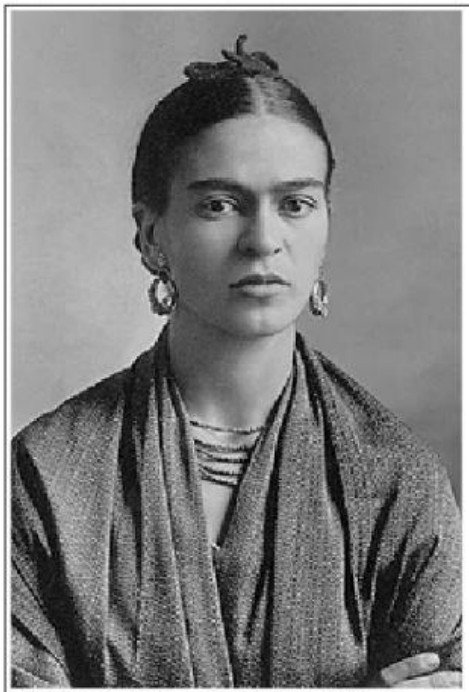
Frida Kahlo 1_____ (be) a Mexican painter. She 2_____ (be) born near Mexico City in 1907. She 3_____ (have) three sisters.

She 4_____ (suffer) from polio when she 5_____ (be) a child and she 6_____ (not can) go to school for some time. Her father 7_____ (teach) her photography.

They 8_____ (admit) her to the National Preparatory School, where there 9_____ (be) only 35 girls out of 2,000 students. She 10_____ (want) to become a doctor.



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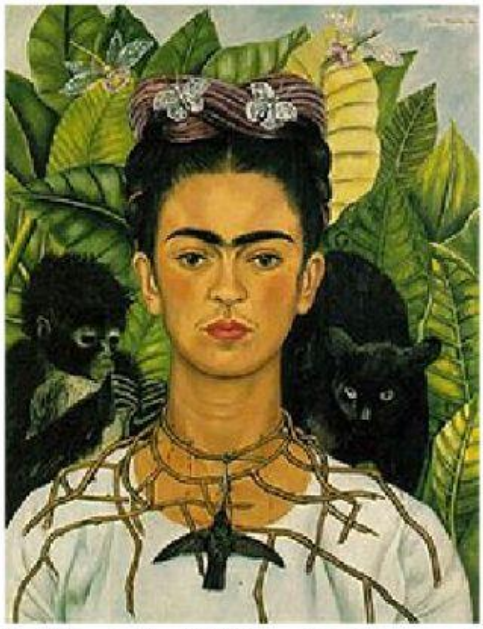
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One day, in 1925, she 11_____ (have) a terrible accident on a bus which 12_____ (break) her pelvis, leg, foot, and 13_____ (cause) her several other injuries.

She 14_____ (spend) one month in hospital, two months at home, then almost three months in bed after they 15_____ (discover) that three vertebrae 16_____ (be) displaced.

The accident 17_____ (end) Kahlo's dreams of becoming a physician and 18_____ (cause) her pain and serious health problems for the rest of her life. She 19_____ (be) only eighteen years old.

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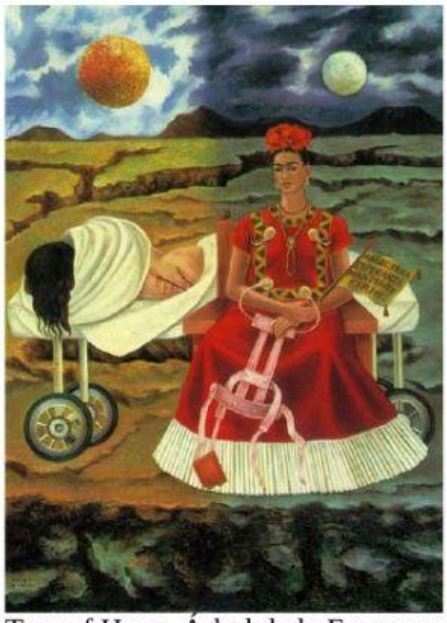


Self-Portrait with Thorn Necklace and Hummingbird, by Frida Kahlo - Lloyd, Brigitte Gastel. "Portrait of the Artists"; artroots.com, fair use, https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?curid=3518151

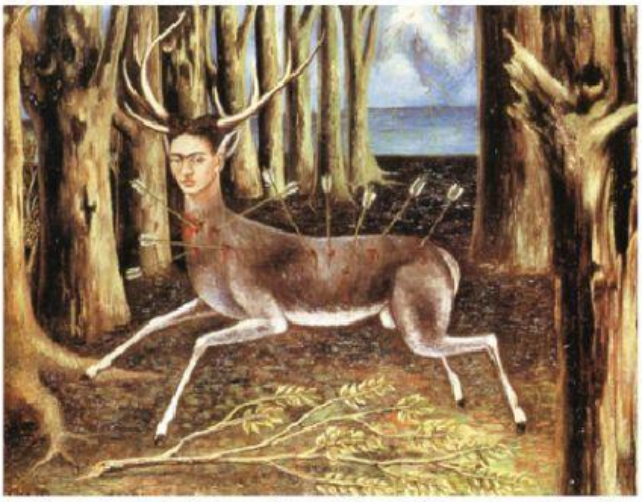
She 20_____ (marry) another artist, Diego Rivera, and two years later they 21_____ (move) to San Francisco. They also 22_____ (live) in Detroit, but she 23_____ (feel) homesick, so they 24_____ (return) to Mexico.

After they 25_____ (get) divorced she 26_____ (start) painting self-portraits. Later, she 27_____ (re-marry) Diego Rivera and 28_____ (sell) her first paintings. After an exhibition in Paris, the Louvre museum 29_____ (buy) one of her paintings.

She 30_____ (die) in 1954, at the age of 47.



Tree of Hope, Árbol de la Esperanza, by Frida Kahlo, C0550: www.fridakahlofans.com



The Wounded Deer, by Frida Kahlo - http://totallyhistory.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/the-wounded-deer-1946.jpg

2.- Complete the questions about Frida Kahlo's biography with the simple past of the verbs in brackets. Then answer the questions, writing complete sentences.

a) When _____ Friday Kahlo _____? (be born)

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b) How many sisters _____ _____ _____ ? (have)

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c) Where _____ _____ _____ after she recovered from polio? (study)

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d) What _____ to Frida in 1925? (happen)

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e) How long _____ _____ _____ in hospital? (stay)

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f) How old _____ _____ at the time? (be)

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g) When _____ _____ _____ ? (die)

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3.- Draw lines to match these quotes by Frida Kahlo with their meaning:

"Feet, what do I need them for if I have wings to fly?"	◎	◎	I will be happy when I die.
"I paint flowers so they will not die."	◎	◎	We are stronger than we think.
"I drank to drown my sorrows, but the damned things learned how to swim."	◎	◎	Beautiful paintings preserve beauty for ever.
"Don't lock yourself up with your own suffering, or it may devour you from the inside."	◎	◎	Human beings can do what they want, but they are not doing what they should.
"We can endure much more than we think we can."	◎	◎	What appears in my paintings is my real life, which is terrible.
"I hope the exit is joyful and I hope never to return."	◎	◎	An artist can use his / her imagination to escape from a hard reality.
"I don't paint dreams or nightmares, I paint my own reality."	◎	◎	Alcohol didn't make take away my unhappiness.
"Mankind owns its destiny, and its destiny is the earth. We are destroying it until we have no destiny."	◎	◎	You have to share your life with other people, even if you are not happy.

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