7 VOCABULARY AND LISTENING • Life events

I can listen for specific biographical information.

A. Listen and complete the text.

Robert Wadlow: The Gentle Giant

The story of the tallest man who ever lived

When was he born?
In February [1] ..... in Alton, Illinois, in the USA.

Where did he grow up and go to school?
In Alton.

Did he have any brothers and sisters?
Yes, he did. He was the oldest of five children. He had [2] ..... and [3] ..... They were all a [4] ..... height.

At what age did he leave school?
He left school when he was [5] .....

Did he go to university?
Yes, he did, but he left and he didn't get a qualification.

How did he become famous?
He appeared in a circus.

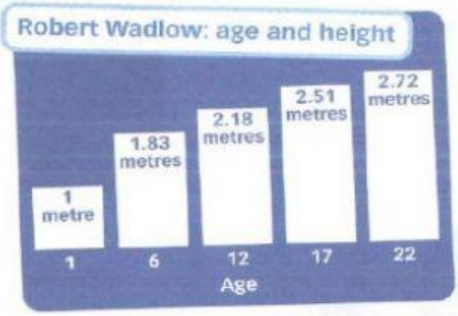
What did people call him?
People called him the Giant of Illinois or the Gentle Giant because he [6] ..... very quietly.

Where did he get a job?
He got a job with the shoe company that made his special shoes.

Did he get married and have children?
No, he didn't.

Did he travel much?
Yes, he did. He visited [7] ..... different towns in the USA when he travelled for the shoe company.

When did he die?
He died at the age of [8] ..... because of a problem with one of his [9] .....







B. Write the past simple form of the verbs. Listen and check.

grow up – grew up

go to school - _____

leave school - _____

go to university - _____

get a qualification - _____

get a job - _____

get married - _____

have children - _____

travel - _____

die - _____

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C. Listen to the text again and choose the correct answer.



1. Robert was taller than his father by the age of_____.

six	eight

2. At school, they made a special _____ for him.

desk	chair

3. Robert left university because _____.

he didn't enjoy it	it was difficult for him

4. Robert _____ growing when growing when he was 18.

stopped	never stopped

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