

Benjamin Franklin

Listen to the text. Complete the missing dates in the timeline of Benjamin Franklin's life



1706 Born in Boston, USA, the eighth of ten children.

1 _____ Leaves school after only two years because his parents cannot afford to pay.

1718 Starts working for his brother James, a printer.

1728 Starts his own printing company in Philadelphia.

2 _____ Becomes owner of a newspaper, the *Pennsylvania Gazette*.

1731 Founds America's first lending library.

3 _____ Begins to publish the first in a series of almanacs, yearly books containing interesting facts, stories and puzzles. Their success makes Franklin rich.

1748 Retires from printing to spend more time on science and experiments.

1750 Publishes important work on electricity.

4 _____ Carries out his famous experiment with a kite in a storm.

1776 Becomes the first American Ambassador to France, and works to improve the relationship between the two countries.

1785 Retires from politics.

5 _____ Dies at the age of 84. Funeral is attended by 20,000 people.

**Listen again and complete the collocations with
the verbs below**

attend build carry out found publish
retire start write

- 1 _____ your own business
- 2 _____ an article for a newspaper
- 3 _____ a book
- 4 _____ a hospital
- 5 _____ a scientific experiment
- 6 _____ strong relations between two countries
- 7 _____ from a job
- 8 _____ a funeral