

READING COMPREHENSION

→ Read the short biographies below to know more about three famous people and their careers.

(a) FRED MERCURY

- **was** a British rock singer and songwriter to the band **named** Queen.
- **was born** on September 5, 1946.
- **performed** in many different countries, including Brazil.
- **recorded** two solo albums.
- **died** at the age of 45 on November 24, 1991.

(b) WRIGHT BROTHERS

- **studied** and **worked** on bikes, kites and gliders at the beginning of their career.
- **were** two American aviation pioneers who **created** the world's first airplane.
- had their first **controlled, sustained** flight on December 17, 1903.

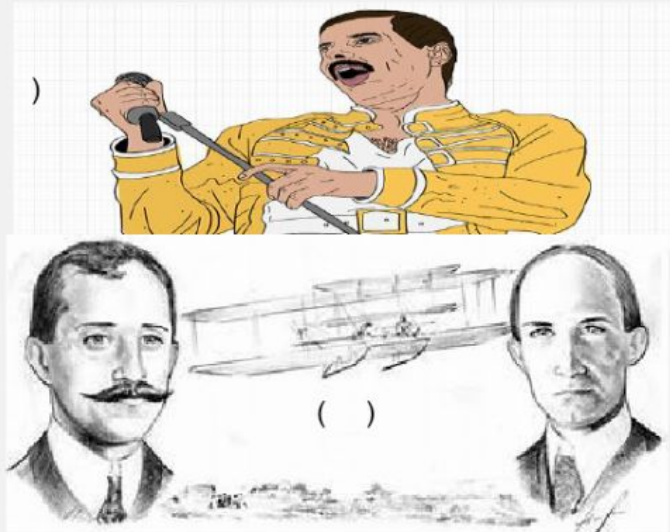
(c) WALT DISNEY

- **produced** motion picture films and television shows.
- **was** the founder of theme parks Disneyland and Walt Disney World.
- **released** the first movie starring Mickey Mouse at the Colony Theater in New York on November 18, 1928.
- won 22 Oscar awards.

1 - Match each name to the correct picture:



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2 - Match each name to the correct sentences according to the biographies:

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| () He was an Oscar winner. | () Americans believe they built the first airplane. |
| () He was a singer. | () He was the founder of an amusement park. |
| () They were engineers. | () He sang along with the band Queen. |

3 - Drag the dates to the correct facts:

on November 24, 1991 , on December 17, 1903, on September 5, 1946, on November 18, 1928.

- a) A movie starred by Mickey Mouse was exhibited _____.
- b) The first controlled airplane's flight was _____.
- c) The Queen's singer was born _____.
- d) The British rock singer died _____.

4 - When people talk about someone's life, usually the facts are in the _____.
() past () present () future

SIMPLE PAST RULES

5 - Look up in the text the **Simple Past verbs** in bold and write them in the correct blank:

In affirmative sentences:

a) There are two forms of **verb be** in the past: _____ and _____.

b) Four regular verbs ending with **d**: _____; **ed**: _____;
ied: _____; **doubled consonant + ed**: _____.

6 - Match the questions to the correct answer.

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| (a) Was Fred Mercury born on September 5, 1928? | () Yes, he did. |
| (b) Were the Wright brothers Americans? | () No, he didn't. |
| (c) Did Walt Disney produce horror movies? | () No, he wasn't. |
| (d) Did Fred Mercury record solo albums? | () Yes, they were. |

7 - Unscramble the words to make correct sentences.

a) rock band / was / Queen / a famous.

_____.

b) didn't credit / Santos Dumond / as the airplane's inventor / Americans.

_____.

c) Walt Disney / cartoons? / Did / draw.

_____.

8 - Watch a short biography about Walt Disney and complete the sentences with the correct Simple Past verb:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Wv_8HV8NxU

a) When Walt _____ (be) 18, he got a job as a commercial illustrator.

b) Walt Disney's first cartoon Oswald The Lucky Rabbit _____ (was) highly popular.

c) Walt Disney _____ (develop) the character Mickey Mouse in 1928.

d) _____ Walt Disney _____ (voice) Mickey Mouse? Yes, he _____.

e) Unfortunately, Walt Disney _____ (see) the Disney park project completed. He _____ (die) of lung cancer in December 1966.