

# WRITING A BIOGRAPHY - EXERCISES

## 1. Number the sentences in the correct order. Pay attention to the words in bold.

...He wrote *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* in 1876 but he didn't **receive an award** for it.

...He **grew up** in Missouri in the USA, with four brothers and two sisters.

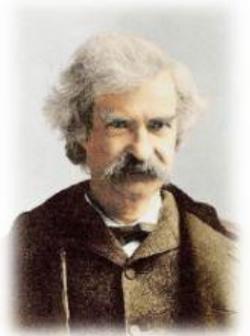
...He **died** in 1910

...Mark Twain left school at 15 to start work. He didn't **go to university**

...Mark Twain **was born** in 1835

...He **got a job** as a local newspaper. It was his first job

...He **got married** to Olivia Langdom when he was 34 years old.



## 2. Drag the words and phrases below to the correct sentences.

graduated from

got divorced

received an award

joined

got a job

grew up



1. Ringo Starr ..... the Beatles and began playing drums for the band in 1962
2. At the Oscar ceremony in 2006, Penélope Cruz .....
3. Demi Moore, the beautiful actress, ..... from Bruce Wills in 2000
4. President Barack Obama ..... Columbia University in New York City
5. Charlie Chaplin lived in the USA for many years, but he :..... in England.
6. Brad Pitt..... as a limousine driver in 1986

### LOS CONECTORES DE SECUENCIA

Cuando contamos una serie de hechos usamos estas palabras para mostrar el orden en que ocurrieron:

**First** (primero, en primer lugar)

**Next** (a continuación)

**After that** (luego, después [de eso])

**Finally** (finalmente, para terminar)

**First** indica lo primero que pasó y **finally** lo último.

*My grandfather came to England sixty years ago. **First**, he worked in a restaurant. **Next**, he studied science at university. **Then**, he became a chemist and opened a chemist's. **After that**, he met my grandmother and they got married. He worked for many years, but **finally**, he sold his shop and he and my grandmother went to live near the sea.*

3. Complete the text by choosing the correct connector of sequence



Musician David Bowie was born in London, England on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1947. His musical career began when he was 15 years old. \_\_\_\_\_, he joined a number of unsuccessful bands. \_\_\_\_\_, he started his own band. \_\_\_\_\_ Bowie wrote the song *Space Oddity* and it became a huge hit in the UK. \_\_\_\_\_, he came out with many more popular albums, for example *The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust*, and started new trends in music. \_\_\_\_\_ Bowie released his last album, *Black Star*, on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 – only two days before he died.

Choose the correct connector of sequence



Walt Disney was born in Chicago in 1901. His career as a cartoonist started in 1919. \_\_\_\_\_, he moved to Kansas City to become an artist. \_\_\_\_\_, he got a job at the Kansas City Film Ad Company. \_\_\_\_\_, he started his own animation business. The business did well, so Disney bought a studio. \_\_\_\_\_, the business had financial problems. \_\_\_\_\_, Disney decided to close the business and move to Hollywood. In Hollywood, he started the Disney Brothers' Studio with his brother. It was a huge success. Walt Disney died in 1966, but his wonderful creations still live on.