

Biographies

Dr René Favaloro

1. Read the text and fill in the blanks with the verbs in parentheses in the past simple.

Dr René Favaloro 1)(be) an eminent heart surgeon who 2)(be born) on 12 July 1923 in La Plata, Argentina.

After finishing secondary school, he 3).....(begin) his studies at the Medical Sciences Faculty of the Universidad Nacional de la Plata. He 4).....(be) a hardworking student. In his first year of university he 5).....(attend) classes of the senior years and also 6).....(watch) surgeries. He 7).....(learn) a lot from respected professors such as José María Mainetti and Federico E. B. Christmann.

In 1950 he 8).....(go) to Jacinto Arauz, a town in the province of La Pampa, Argentina, because the only doctor there 9).....(be) seriously ill. He 10).....(stay) there for several years working as a rural doctor.

Together with his brother Juan José, also a doctor, he 11)(create) a medical centre and 12).....(help) people to improve their general health condition and education.

Years later he 13).....(travel) to Cleveland, USA. He 14)(begin) working as a resident at the Cleveland Clinic and then 15)(join) the surgery team gaining a lot of experience. In his free time he 16)(study)

and 17).....(research) into coronary arteries and their relation with the cardiac muscle. In 1967 he 18)(put) his ideas into practice performing the first bypass in medical history. This technique 19)(be) probably his biggest contribution to medicine.

He 20).....(return) to Argentina in 1971. In 1975 he 21).....(found) the Favaloro Foundation and in 1980 he 22)(create) a research laboratory, which was the beginning of the Universidad Favaloro. He 23).....(focus) on educating people about preventing diseases and helping the sick.

Tragically, Dr René Favaloro 24)(take) his life on 29 July, 2000. He will always be remembered as one of the most generous and honest people known to human kind.

2. Answer these Yes/No questions about René Favaloro with short answers.

a) Was he a well known psychiatrist? _____ , _____

b) Was he a good student? _____ , _____

c) Did he study in La Pampa? _____ , _____

d) Did he work as a rural doctor? _____ , _____



3) Make questions for the following answers about his life.

a) When _____?

He was born on 12 July 1923.

b) Where _____?

He started his studies in the Universidad Nacional de La Plata.

c) Why _____?

He moved to Jacinto Juarez because the doctor working there was seriously ill.

d) Which _____?

His biggest contribution to medicine was the first bypass.

e) When _____?

He died on 29 July, 2000.