

Agatha Christie



Hercule Poirot

A) Write complete sentences with the following information. Use the simple past tense.

- Date of Birth : 15 September 1890
- Place of birth : Devon (England)
- Date of Death : 12 January 1976
- Place of death : England
- Circumstance of death : (die) of old age
- Job : British crime writer
- Family : (marry) Archibald Christie on 1914 (have) one daughter, Rosalind

B) Use the simple past tense and fill in the gaps with the following verbs:

Be (2X) – admit – like – travel – discover – write (3X) – work (2X) – remarry – go – love – create – take – publish

In 1920, she her first book, "The Mysterious Affair of Styles". It an immediate success : people and the hero that she invented : the Belgian detective Hercule Poirot.

☺ her husband was fighting during World War I, Agatha in a hospital as a nurse. ☺, she in the hospital pharmacy (that's where she learnt all the information about poisons and medicines that she used later in her books). Agatha that poisons were her favourite means of murder.

☺ her divorce, Agatha in 1930 with an archeologist. She a lot with him, particularly to Egypt, Syria and Irak. They several months a year in the desert ☺ Agatha didn't stop writing. She her typewriter with her and books with exotic titles like "Death on the Nile" or "Murder on the Orient Express". People really her books and especially her heroes: Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot.

☺, Agatha very famous all around the world. She 78 crime novels, 150 short stories
☺ 19 plays.

C) Add a link word each time you see the following symbol ☺ : And – then – to conclude – after – but – when

Elvis Presley



A) Write complete sentences with the following information. Use the simple past tense.

- Date of Birth : 8th January, 1935
- Place of birth : Mississippi
- Date of Death : 1977
- Circumstance of death : (die) of a heart attack on 16 August 1977 in his house in Graceland
- Job : American singer

B) Use the simple past tense and fill in the gaps with the following verbs:

Be (4X) – go (X4) – make (X3) – live – love – hear – sing – buy – become (X2) – return

Elvis Presley in a very poor family, ☺ he music so he to church every Sunday and in the choir. When he 13, his mother him a guitar.

☺, in 1954, he to a recording Studio called Sun Records. He wanted to make a record for his mother's birthday. The secretary at the studio Elvis singing and she told her boss, Sam Phillips. Phillips Elvis' manager and Elvis his first single – "That's All Right Mama". People called him "The King of Rock and Roll Music" ☺ he very popular all over the world. In 1955 Elvis appeared on TV in New York.

After that, in 1956, he to Hollywood and his first film 'Love me tender'. In the next two years, he many songs.

☺, in 1958 he joined the American army and to Germany to be a soldier. When he to the United States in the 60s, pop music different. British groups like The Beatles ☺ The Rolling Stones were the new stars.

☺, Elvis a millionaire, but he a very lonely man. In his last years he became fat and very sad.

C) Add a link word each time you see the following symbol ☺ : And – then – to conclude – finally – because – but

Pablo Picasso



Les trois musiciens, 1921

A) Write complete sentences with the following information.

Use the simple past tense.

- Date of Birth : Oct. 25, 1881
- Place of birth : Spain
- Date of Death : April 8, 1973
- Place of Death : France
- Job : Spanish painter and sculptor

B) Use the simple past tense and fill in the gaps with the following verbs:

Be (5X) – start – think – paint (X4) – live – explore – invent – become – say

Pablo Picasso one of the greatest and most influential artists of the 20th century and he the creator (with Georges Braque) of Cubism.

Some people that the artist Pablo Picasso to draw ☺ he learned how to speak. Maybe this story is not real, but it suggests that art was very important for Picasso.

He much of his life in France. He and new techniques with art. He with his fingers, the seat of a bicycle, etc. His studio a sort of jungle : a jungle of paint cans, brushes, chalk, pottery, colored pencils and crayons, etc. To Picasso, this jungle a form of inspiration and this certainly explains why people that his paintings are a sort of jungle, a bizarre assemblage of shapes and colours! He happy picture in warm colours (for example, pink) and sad pictures in cool colours (for example, blue). He sometimes real things and real people ☺ he often people from his imagination.

☺, Pablo Picasso a strange man but he famous ☺ his paintings were original ☺ quite funny.

C) Add a link word each time you see the following symbol ☺ :

And – but – to conclude – because – before

Michael Jackson



A) Write complete sentences with the following information.

Use the simple past tense.

- Date of Birth : 1958
- Place of birth : Chicago
- Date of Death : 2009
- circumstance of death :
Maybe, it (be) an overdose of painkillers but the cause of death (be – not) confirmed.
- Job : American Musician and singer
- Famous ? (be) the king of Pop Music
- Family:
(get) married twice, first in 1994 with Lisa Marie Presley (Elvis Presley's daughter) and in 1996 with a nurse. (have) three children

B) Use the simple past tense and fill in the gaps with the following verbs:

Be (2X) – earn – start (X2) – have – win – become – create – donate – write (2X) – criticized – suffer – send – conclude

He a solo career in 1971. His 1982 album called "Thriller" was the best-selling album of all times. He played famous dance moves such as the robot and the moonwalk. He hundreds of awards all around the world : 13 Grammy Awards ☺ 26 American music awards (which is more than any other singer), he the first to win the International Artist Award, for his global performances and humanitarian concerns, etc. ☺ he the most awarded artist in the history of music. He millions of dollars and them to charities.

In the 1980s, his skin colour to change ☺ he a disease called Vitiligo. It a shock for everyone.

In 1988, Jackson his first and only autobiography, [Moonwalk](#) and sold 200,000 copies. In his autobiography, Jackson about his childhood, his father's strict discipline and the abuse he had his skin problems, his vegetarian diet, etc.

☺, Jackson the [Heal the World Foundation](#) in 1992. The foundation millions of dollars around the globe to help children threatened by war, poverty, and disease.

☺ Jackson was often by the press for many scandals ☺ the justice always that Jackson did nothing wrong..

C) Add a link word each time you see the following symbol ☺ :

And – then – so – to conclude – but – because

Walt Disney



A) Write complete sentences with the following information. Use the simple past tense.

- Date of Birth : December 5th 1901
- Place of birth : Chicago
- Date of Death : December 1966
- Job : a famous American cartoonist

C) Add a link word each time you see the following symbol ☺ :

And – then – to conclude – finally – because – after that – but

B) Use the simple past tense and fill in the gaps with the following verbs:

Be (2X) – love – accept – want – discover – work – become (X2) – do not – decide – produce – create – make – win (X2) – open

From the beginning, he to be an artist : he wanted to draw political caricatures and comic strips ☺ he could not find an employer who to give money for his drawing. So, he as a paper delivery boy.

☺, he worked in a train station. He the technology and science that he in the train station. ☺, he got his first job as an artist but he get a lot of money, so Disney to go to Hollywood. It a good decision for his career ☺ his silent films instantly famous.

In 1923, he the Alice Comedies series. He the talking character, Mickey Mouse, in 1928. Mickey, Minnie, Pluto ☺ Donald quickly international superstars. In 1932, Disney a special Academy Award for the creation of "Mickey Mouse".

☺, Walt Disney also films such as Mary Poppins, Snow White, the Seven Dwarfs (1937) and Bambi (1942).

☺, he a millionaire and he more than 100 prizes for his films : 59 awards and 22 Oscars. In 1955, Disney a large amusement park, Disneyland, in California.

Marilyn Monroe



A) Write complete sentences with the following information. Use the simple past tense.

- Date of Birth : 1926
- Place of birth : Los Angeles
- Date of Death : 1962
- Job : very famous American actress
- Circumstance of death :
maybe (commit) suicide at the age of 36
but it is not certain. Some people (think)
that she (be) killed by the CIA.

C) Add a link word each time you see the following symbol ☺ :

And – then – to conclude – finally – after that – but

B) Use the simple past tense and fill in the gaps with the following verbs:

Be (X10) – get – have (X4) – live – marry (X3) – play (2X) – divorce

Norma Jean Baker born in a poor family. She an only child ☺ there no father at home. When she still very young, her mother placed in a mental hospital. ☺, Norma Jean with various families (twelve different families in eight years!).

At the age of sixteen, she a factory worker and a job in a parachute factory. But her ambition to become an actress. Her idol at the time Jean Harlow. She some minor roles in different films, but she no success.

☺, in 1953, she in 3 very successful films : Niagara, Gentlemen Prefer Blondes and How to marry a Millionaire. It the beginning of Marilyn superstar.

In 1954 she Joe Di Maggio, a baseball star but she him 9 months later. ☺, in 1956 she the writer Arthur Miller. She many love affairs, with Yves Montand and John Kennedy among others, ☺ her life not happy : she was dependent on alcohol and medication.

☺, Marilyn Monroe beautiful and very popular (she many awards : for example, she won a Golden Globe for Best Actress in the comedy "Some like it hot"), but she a lot of personal problems.

Ayrton Senna



A) Write complete sentences with the following information. Use the simple past tense.

- Date of Birth : March 21, 1960
- Place of birth : Brazil
- Date of Death : May 1st, 1994
- Circumstance of death :
(be) tragically killed in a high-speed crash at the St Morino Grand Prix in Italy on at the age of 34
- Job : a Brazilian racing driver

B) Use the simple past tense and fill in the gaps with the following verbs:

Be (5X) – do not – w in (X2) – have – last – say – live (X2) – enjoy – start (X2) – create – give – want – meet

Ayrton da Silva Senna the fastest man in auto racing. He the World Championship in 1988, 1990 ☺ 1991, and he more than thirty-five Grand Prix races.

He an older sister and a younger brother. His parents in a large house north of São Paulo, ☺ Senna in Monaco, in Europe.

He to drive cars at the age of 4 but he his Formula One career in 1984, at the age of 24.

Senna like to talk about his private life. His marriage in the early 1980s only a year. He

"To be married to a Formula One driver is an impossible lifestyle for a wife. But I will get married again."

☺, he to marry Adriane Yamin but she only 15 ☺ they in 1985, and her mother was very strict.

His passion to fly model planes. He also jet-skiing on water and flying with his father.

☺, Senna a millionaire but he also a very generous man : he millions of his personal fortune to help poor children and he an organisation to help Brazilian children (today, this organization is called "*Instituto Ayrton Senna*").

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And – then – to conclude – but – when

Bruce Lee



A) Write complete sentences with the following information. Use the simple past tense.

- Date of Birth : November 27th 1940
- Place of birth : San Francisco
- Date of Death : July 20th 1973
- Place of death : Hong Kong
- Circumstance of death :
(die) of a Cerebral Edema at the age of 32
- Job : famous Chinese American actor and martial arts teacher

C) Add a link word each time you see the following symbol ☺ :

And – then – because – so – when – after that – before

B) Use the simple past tense and fill in the gaps with the following verbs:

Be (8X) – discover – decide – lose – devote – give – become (X2) – want – play – love – fight – open – have – tell – say – do not

Bruce Lee born during the Chinese Year of the Dragon. ☺ he a young boy he often got into street fights, but he many combats ☺ he very small. So he to learn karate.

☺, a remarkable thing happened. Karate him the discipline to see his life in a positive way. ☺, he his energy to fighting in the streets. After he Karate, he devoted his energy to make extraordinary karate moves. He to become a karate expert.

Bruce Lee famous all around the world because he very good in the martial arts. He an actor ☺ he directed and in approximately 24 karate movies.

☺, he a school of karate in 1959. He teaching and always his students to work hard, but to love the work they were doing. This is the message that the "King of Karate" gave to the world.

The exact details of Lee's death were controversial, people that he maybe killed for money or because he a lot of enemies (he often in the street when he furious and his enemies like him because he a martial arts champion, ☺ it easy for him to win the fights).

Lady Diana Spencer



A) Write complete sentences with the following information.

Use the simple past tense.

- Date of Birth : July 1st ,1961
- Place of birth : England
- Date of Death : August 31, 1997
- Place of Death : Paris, France
- Circumstance of death : (die) in a tragic car accident
- Job : English Princess
- family : (marry) Prince William on July 29,1981
(divorce) in 1996

B) Use the simple past tense and fill in the gaps with the following verbs:

Be (5X) – meet – divorce – become – understand – suffer – win – have (X2) – go – work – appear – love (X2) – do – support

Diana 's happy years ended ☺ she six years old because her parents Then, Lady Diana to a boarding school. She very good at sport, particularly swimming and she the school dancing competition, ☺ she failed all her "O level " exams. After school, she in London , first as a nanny , then as a cook, ☺ finally as an assistant in a Kindergarten for young children.
She Prince Charles in November 1977 when she 16 years old. ☺ her marriage, she very popular and she in the newspaper every day. In 1982, they their first child : Prince William. ☺, in 1984, they a second child : Prince Harry. But their marriage wasn 't very happy because Prince Charles another women. Diana a lot of work to help and comfort people in unfortunate situations such as homeless people. She the suffering of other people because she herself. She many charities and other causes.
In 1997 she met Dodi Fayed. For the first time in many years she seemed to be very happy.
☺, she a very generous woman ☺ people lady Diana. Millions of people from all over the word watched her funeral on TV. It very sad.

C) Add a link word each time you see the following symbol ☺ :

And – then – to conclude – but – when – so – after

George Washington



A) Write complete sentences with the following information.

Use the simple past tense.

- Date of Birth : February 22, 1732
- Date of Death : December 14, 1799 at the age of 67.
- Circumstance of death :
- Job : (be) the first president of the United States of America
- Family : On January 6th 1759, he (marry) Martha Dandridge Custis

B) Use the simple past tense and fill in the gaps with the following verbs:

Be (8X) – have – ask – defeat – create – admire – refuse – appear – rebel – do not – want

☺, he a general and the commander of the American forces who Britain in the American War of Independence (1775–1783).
☺, he elected the first President of the United States in 1789. He re-elected in 1792. His role very important for the foundation of the United States ☺ the foundation of a national identity (before his actions to unite the country, the people living in America came from different part of Europe and they often because they to obey to a different culture). For example, Washington a national university and he the government to choose a capital city for the USA (before that, there no capital city and no real national identity in the USA) : ☺, it's called Washington D.C. Washington's surname the "Father of his Country" and his face on one-dollar-bills.
His wife rich and they a gigantic plantation with more than 100 slaves working for them (Washington to abolish slavery ☺ he could not admit it to the public opinion because he want to divide the country, so he had to make sacrifices to unite his country).
☺ a lot of Americans him ☺ he courageous and intelligent.

C) Add a link word each time you see the following symbol ☺ :

And – then – to conclude – but – first – because – today