Agatha Christie



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.

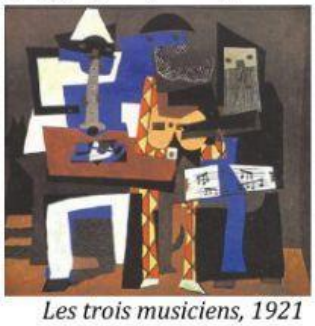
☺, in 1954, he ..... to a recording Studio called Sun Records. He wanted to make a record for his mother's birthday. The secretary at the studio ..... Elvis singing and she told her boss, Sam Phillips. Phillips .....Elvis' manager and Elvis ..... his first single – *That's All Right Mama*. People called 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 painting are a sort of jungle, a bizarre assemblage of shapes and colours!

He ..... happy picture in warm colours (for exemple, 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*").

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

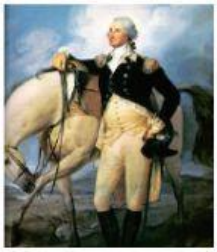
In 1997 she met Dodi Fayed. For the first time in many years she seemed to be very happy.

☺, 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