

# The King of Rock and Roll



## Read the text and put the verbs into Past Simple

Elvis Presley came from a very poor family. He was born on 8 January 1935 in Mississippi.

Elvis loved music. He went to church every Sunday and sang in the choir. When he was 13, his mother bought him a guitar. Elvis wanted a bicycle, but it was too expensive. In the same year Elvis and his family left Mississippi. They moved to Memphis, Tennessee.

One day in 1954 he went to a recording studio called Sun Records. He wanted to make a record for his mother's birthday. The secretary at the studio, Marion Keisker, heard Elvis and she told her boss, Sam Phillips.

Elvis was Sam Phillips's dream — 'a white boy with a black voice'.

Phillips became Elvis's manager and Elvis made his first single — That's All Right, Mama. When disc jockeys played it on their radio stations, American teenagers went wild.

Many American parents didn't like Elvis. He was too sexy.

In 1955, Elvis appeared on TV in New York. The following year he went to Hollywood and made his first film Love Me Tender. In the next two years he had many hit records - Blue Suede Shoes, Heartbreak Hotel, All Shook Up, Jailhouse Rock, Teddy Bear.

In 1958, Elvis joined the American army and went to Germany. When he returned to the United States in the early 60s, pop wasn't the same. British groups like the Beatles and the Rolling Stones were the new stars.

Elvis was a millionaire, but he was a very lonely man. In his last years he became fat and depressed. He died of a heart attack on 16 August 1977 in his mansion at Graceland, Memphis.

But for his millions of fans, Elvis is still the King. Share Lyons has got more than 250 albums by Elvis and videos of all his films. 'Man, he was great,' says Shane. 'Elvis could really sing. Not like these kids today with all their electronic machines. He was the King, man, the King of Rock and Roll.'

## Read the story and put the places in the correct order.

Mississippi    Sun Records recording studio   

Memphis    Hollywood   

Germany    Graceland   

New York   

## Answer the questions.

1. Where was Elvis born? a) New York b) Memphis c) Mississippi
2. What did he do every Sunday? a) played with friends b) played the guitar c) sang in the choir
3. Why did he go to a recording studio one day? a) he wanted to make a present b) he wanted to sing c) he wanted to be famous

4. Why was Elvis Sam Philip's dream? a) he was a black boy b) he was a black boy with white voice c) he was a white boy with a black voice
5. When did he appear on TV? a) IN 1936 b) 1955 c) 1947
6. Why did he go to Germany? A) he wanted to travel b) he had concerts there c) he joined the army
7. When did he die? A) in 1975 b) in 1977 c) in 1978

**Put sentences into the correct order.**

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