

# Who was Michael Jackson?

Michael Joseph Jackson was an American musician, singer, songwriter, music producer, and actor, born August 29, 1958, in Gary, Indiana, United States. Eighth of ten children in a working-class African-American family, Michael at just 4 years old already showed enormous talent in music, dance and singing. Very soon, he would form the Jackson Five group together with his brothers, signing a contract in 1968 with Motown Records, one of the most important record companies at the time. With the group, Michael would become a sensation, selling more than 8 million copies that led him to launch his solo career. He was considered one of the musicians who revolutionized the music industry, Jackson published several of the most influential and important albums in music, including *Of The Wall* (1979), *Thriller* (1982), *Bad* (1987) and *Dangerous* (1991), among others. Nicknamed "The King of Pop," Jackson has sold more than 750 million records worldwide, won 13 Grammy Awards, 23 American Music Awards, and earned more than half a billion dollars.

Read the paragraph and complete using *was* or *were* according to the verb to be.

1. Michael Jackson \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a chef.
2. He \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ born in August.
3. Jackson \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a musician and singer.
4. His brothers \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ also musician.
5. Michael \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the eighth of ten children.
6. He \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ singing in a group called the Jackson five.
7. He \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ considered one of the musicians who evolved the music industry.
8. Jackson \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a famous athlete from Colombia.
9. Michael \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ born in Brazil.

