

# Biography of MICHAEL JACKSON



I.- Complete the story with verbs in simple past.

American superstar Michael Jackson was (be) born in Gary, Indiana, on August 29, 1958. He entertained (entertain) audiences nearly his entire life. In 1964 Michael began (begin) to perform with his brothers Jackie, Tito, Jermaine and Marlon.

A musical prodigy, Michael's singing and dancing talents was (be) amazingly mature, and he soon became (become) the dominant voice and focus of The Jackson 5. They sang (sing) songs like "I Want You Back," "ABC," and "Never Can Say Goodbye."

Solo success for Michael was (be) inevitable, and by the 1980s, he became (become) infinitely more popular than his brotherly group. He sold (sell) millions of records, culminating in the biggest-selling album of all time, "Thriller" in 1982. A TV natural, he played (play) some roles in films, such as playing the Scarecrow in The Wiz (1978), but He had (have) much better luck with elaborate music videos.

He married (marry) Lisa Marie Presley, Elvis Presley's daughter and the got (get) a divorce a few months later. He had (have) three children with his second wife

Michael died (die) on June 25, 2009, at age 50, just as he was (be) coming out of a four-year reclusive period and rehearsing for a sold-out London concert "comeback" in July, seems uncommonly cruel and tragic. Michael Jackson's passion and artistry as a singer, dancer, writer and businessman are unparalleled.

II.- Answer the questions about the reading. Look above for the underline words in RED  
Please check your spellings and do not paraphrase.

- 1.- Who was Michael Jackson? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.- Where was he born? \_\_\_\_\_
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- 4.- What was the biggest selling album of all times? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.- Who did he marry? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.- How many children did he have? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7.- When did he die? \_\_\_\_\_

III.- true or false.

- 1.- He was the dominant voice of "The Jackson 5"

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- 2.- He married Elvis Presley

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- 3.- He was born on May 29, 1968

T F

- 4.- He played the Scarecrow in The Wiz in 1978.

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- 5.- He died at age 60

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III.- Match the facts about Michael Jackson. Pick 1, 2 or 3

- 1.- His brothers ( ) Lisa Marie Presley
- 2.- His biggest selling album ( ) Jackie, Tito, Jermaine and Marlon.
- 3.- His first wife ( ) Thriller