

# ★ ALL STARS ★

# LIFE EVENTS AND VERB TENSES

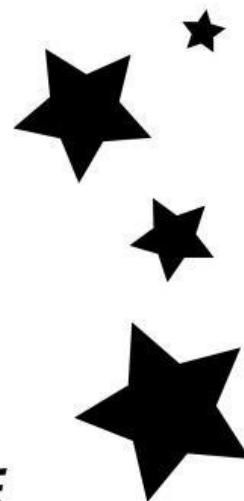


Look at the expressions below. Decide if they are usually used with:

- Past Simple (PS)
- Present Perfect (PP)
- Both

- **BE BORN** \_\_\_\_\_
- **GO TO PRIMARY SCHOOL** \_\_\_\_\_
- **GO TO SECONDARY SCHOOL** \_\_\_\_\_
- **GO TO UNIVERSITY** \_\_\_\_\_
- **LEAVE SCHOOL** \_\_\_\_\_
- **GET A JOB** \_\_\_\_\_

- **GET MARRIED** \_\_\_\_\_
- **HAVE CHILDREN** \_\_\_\_\_
- **SEPARATE** \_\_\_\_\_
- **GET DIVORCED** \_\_\_\_\_
- **RETIRE** \_\_\_\_\_
- **FALL IN LOVE** \_\_\_\_\_
- **DIE** \_\_\_\_\_



## PRESENT PERFECT VS PAST SIMPLE : READING PRACTICE

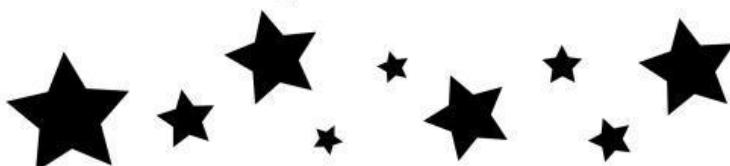
Read the texts and complete with the verb in the tenses you consider correct.



Miley Cyrus -----  
(become) one of the most famous pop stars in the world. She ----- (be born) in the United States and she ----- (go) to primary school there. Since then, she ----- (release) many successful albums and ----- (change) her musical style several times. She ----- (act) in films and has performed on many international stages. She ----- (fall) in love many times and ----- (speak) openly about her personal life. Over the years, she ----- (win) important awards and ----- (continue) to build a long career.



Cardi B ----- (be born) in New York and she ----- (leave) school at a young age. Later, she ----- (work) hard and ----- (build) a successful music career. She ----- (release) hit songs and ----- (win) Grammy Awards. She ----- (get married) and ----- (have children), and she ----- (talk) about family life in interviews. In recent years, she ----- (become) one of the most influential female rappers in the world.



Amy Winehouse ----- (be born) in London in 1983. She ----- (go) to secondary school and later ----- (leave) school to study music. She ----- (get) a job as a professional singer and ----- (release) very successful albums. She ----- (fall) in love, ----- (get married), and later ----- (separate) from her husband. She ----- (struggle) with health problems. She ----- (die) in 2011, and she ----- (be) remembered as one of the most talented singers of her generation.

## TRUE / FALSE (CONTENT + TENSE AWARENESS)

Read the texts again and decide if the sentences are True (T) or False (F).

1. Miley Cyrus has changed her musical style several times. \_\_\_\_
2. Cardi B went to secondary school in the United States. \_\_\_\_
3. Amy Winehouse has released very successful albums in recent years. \_\_\_\_
4. Miley Cyrus was born in the United States. \_\_\_\_
5. Cardi B has become one of the most influential female rappers in the world. \_\_\_\_
6. Amy Winehouse died in 2011. \_\_\_\_

Find examples in the texts and write them in the correct column.

PAST SIMPLE	PRESENT PERFECT
1)	1)
2)	2)
3)	3)

### SPEAK YOUR MIND!

What type of actions are said with present perfect?

What type of actions are said with past simple

Why do we use present perfect to talk about Miley Cyrus and Cardi B?

Why do we use past simple to talk about Amy Winehouse?

### CHOOSE THE BEST OPTION

Circle the correct answer.

- We use the present perfect when:
  - a) The person is no longer alive
  - b) The time is finished
  - c) The person is alive and the experience is part of their life
- We use the past simple when:
  - a) The person is still alive
  - b) The event happened in a finished time
  - c) We don't know when it happened

- Which sentence is correct for an alive artist?
  - a) She won five Grammy Awards in her life.
  - b) She has won five Grammy Awards.
- Which sentence is correct for Amy Winehouse?
  - a) She has released very successful albums.
  - b) She released very successful albums.

### READ AND THINK!

- *Miley Cyrus has won many important awards.*
- *Cardi B was born in New York.*
- *Amy Winehouse left school at a young age.*
- *Cardi B has become one of the most famous rappers in the world.*
- *Amy Winehouse died in 2011.*

- What is the main difference between past simple and present perfect in these texts?
- Why is time (finished or unfinished) important when choosing a tense?
- Which tense do you find easier? Why?