

**Assignment: Biographies - Past Simple****1. Reading comprehension: Read Bob Marley's biography and choose True or False.**

**Robert Nesta "Bob" Marley** was born on February 6, 1945. He was a Jamaican reggae singer, songwriter, musician, and guitarist who achieved international fame and acclaim.



Bob Marley was a committed Rastafari, an Abrahamic religion which developed in Jamaica in the 1930s. The *Rastafari movement* was a key element in the development of reggae. In 1963, he started his music career with the group *The Wailers*. There, he forged a distinctive songwriting and vocal style that resonated with audiences worldwide. After The Wailers disbanded in 1974, Marley pursued a solo career that culminated in the release of the album *Exodus* in 1977. This album established his reputation with sales of more than 75 million records.

In July 1977, Marley was found to have a type of cancer under the nail of a toe. Marley didn't follow his doctors' advice to have his toe amputated because of his religious beliefs. The cancer spread throughout his body. He died on 11 May 1981 at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Miami at the age of 36. His final words to his son Ziggy were: "Money can't buy life."

1. Bob Marley was born in America.
2. Bob Marley didn't play any instrument.
3. His style of music was reggae.
4. The Rastafari Movement was important for the development of his music.
5. His first music band lasted more than ten years.
6. He continued with a solo career in 1974.
7. *Exodus* was released by The Wailers.
8. Bob Marley accepted his doctor's advice.
9. He died of cancer.
10. He died in Jamaica.

2. Put the events in chronological order. Drag and drop next to the numbers 1-5.

A type of cancer was discovered on his foot.

He formed The Wailers.

He released his album *Exodus*.

He was born in Jamaica.

The Rastafari Movement developed in Jamaica.

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### Use of English: Past Simple

3. This is the beginning of Marley's career. Put these verbs in the correct place in the text. Drag and drop.

released   played   found   lived   formed   was   met   admired   worked   went

In the late 1950s, Marley <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in Trench Town, one of the poorest neighbourhoods, and he <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ inspiration in the music around him. Trench Town had a number of successful local performers and <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ considered the Motown of Jamaica. Marley <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ various artists, including Ray Charles, Elvis Presley, Fats Domino, and the Drifters. He <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ hard on his singing abilities. In 1959, Bob <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Peter McIntosh (later Peter Tosh) who <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ an important role in Marley's career. A local record producer, Leslie Kong, liked Marley's voice and helped him record a few singles. He <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ his first single, "Judge Not", in 1962. In 1963, Marley, Livingston, and McIntosh <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the band *The Wailing Wailers*. Their first single, "Simmer Down," <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to the top of the Jamaican charts in January 1964. By this time, the group also included other musicians, such as Junior Braithwaite, Beverly Kelso, and Cherry Smith.

4. These are 10 interesting facts about Bob Marley. Put the verbs in the correct Past Simple form.

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ (be) nicknamed *White Bob*.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ (marry) Rita.
3. Rita and Bob \_\_\_\_\_ (adopt) a daughter and they had four more children.
4. Marley also \_\_\_\_\_ (have) eight more children with other women.
5. Rita \_\_\_\_\_ (not leave) Bob and \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) with him until his death.
6. Although he was famous, he \_\_\_\_\_ (not get) much money for his music. He was quite poor.
7. Bob \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football professionally.
8. In 1963, someone \_\_\_\_\_ (attempt) to assassinate Bob Marley, but he survived.
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not follow) his doctor's advice for religious reasons.

5. Order the words to make sentences. Write the sentences in the boxes.

1. played guitar Marley the Bob

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2. didn't money he have much

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3. his the music Movement Rastafari influenced

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4. was Exodus album a successful very

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5. children a lot had Bob Marley of

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