

Frida Kahlo's life

1.- Fill in the gaps in Frida Kahlo's biography with the simple past of the verbs in brackets.

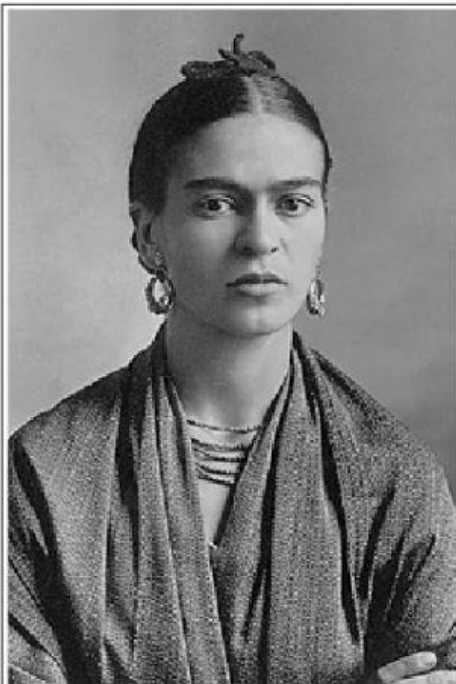
Frida Kahlo 1 _____ (be) a Mexican painter. She
2 _____ (be) born near Mexico City in 1907. She
3 _____ (have) three sisters.

She 4 _____ (suffer) from polio when she
5 _____ (be) a child and she 6 _____ (not can)
go to school for some time. Her father 7 _____
(teach) her photography.

They 8 _____ (admit) her to the National
Preparatory School, where there 9 _____ (be) only
35 girls out of 2,000 students. She 10 _____ (want)
to become a doctor.



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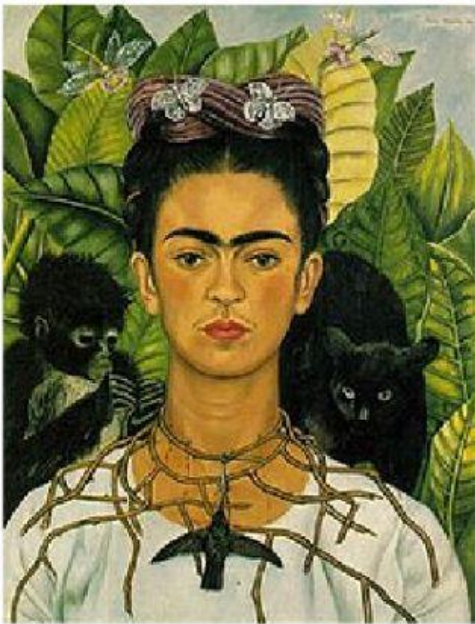


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One day, in 1925, she 11 _____ (have) a
terrible accident on a bus which 12 _____
(break) her pelvis, leg, foot, and 13 _____
(cause) her several other injuries.

She 14 _____ (spend) one month in hospital,
two months at home, then almost three months in
bed after they 15 _____ (discover) that three
vertebrae 16 _____ (be) displaced.

The accident 17 _____ (end) Kahlo's dreams
of becoming a physician and 18 _____
(cause) her pain and serious health problems for
the rest of her life. She 19 _____ (be) only
eighteen years old.

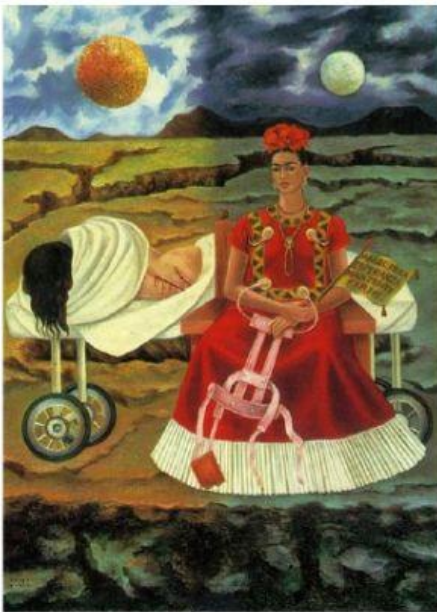


Self-Portrait with Thorn Necklace and Hummingbird, by Frida Kahlo - Lloyd, Brigitte Gastel. "Portrait of the Artists"; artroots.com, fair use, <https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?curid=3518151>

She 20 _____ (marry) another artist, Diego Rivera, and two years later they 21 _____ (move) to San Francisco. They also 22 _____ (live) in Detroit, but she 23 _____ (feel) homesick, so they 24 _____ (return) to Mexico.

After they 25 _____ (get) divorced she 26 _____ (start) painting self-portraits. Later, she 27 _____ (re-marry) Diego Rivera and 28 _____ (sell) her first paintings. After an exhibition in Paris, the Louvre museum 29 _____ (buy) one of her paintings.

She 30 _____ (die) in 1954, at the age of 47.



Tree of Hope, Árbol de la Esperanza, by Frida Kahlo, C0550: www.fridakahlofans.com



The Wounded Deer, by Frida Kahlo - <http://totallyhistory.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/the-wounded-deer-1946.jpg>

2.- Complete the questions about Frida Kahlo's biography with the simple past of the verbs in brackets. Then answer the questions, writing complete sentences.

a) When _____ Frida Kahlo _____? (be born)

b) How many sisters _____? (have)

c) Where _____ after she recovered from polio? (study)

d) What _____ to Frida in 1925? (happen)

e) How long _____ in hospital? (stay)

f) How old _____ at the time? (be)

g) When _____ ? (die)

3.- Draw lines to match these quotes by Frida Kahlo with their meaning:

"Feet, what do I need them for if I have wings to fly?"



⊙ I will be happy when I die.

"I paint flowers so they will not die."



⊙ We are stronger than we think.

"I drank to drown my sorrows, but the damned things learned how to swim."



⊙ Beautiful paintings preserve beauty for ever.

"Don't lock yourself up with your own suffering, or it may devour you from the inside."



Human beings can do what they want, but they are not doing what they should.

"We can endure much more than we think we can."



⊙ What appears in my paintings is my real life, which is terrible.

"I hope the exit is joyful and I hope never to return."



An artist can use his / her imagination to escape from a hard reality.

"I don't paint dreams or nightmares, I paint my own reality."



⊙ Alcohol didn't make take away my unhappiness.

"Mankind owns its destiny, and its destiny is the earth. We are destroying it until we have no destiny."



You have to share your life with other people, even if you are not happy.