3. 2 READING

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VOCABULARY *PLUS*

MULTI-WORD VERBS

6 A Underline the multi-word verbs in stories 1–4 below. Then match each verb with meanings a)–f).

1 Alas, Mr. Right never turned up.

2 Gave up chocolate, took up running.

3 Loved Sonia. Settled down with Elena.

4 Set up company. Money ran out.

a) start (a hobby or habit)

b) be completely used up

c) arrive

d) start (a business)

e) start living a quiet life—get married and have children

f) stop (a hobby or habit)

Maya Angelou

Celebrated African–American writer and actress Maya Angelou was born in St Louis, Missouri (USA), in 1928 and **grew up** in St Louis and in Stamp, Arkansas. She **was brought up** first by her grandmother and then her mother. As a child, she suffered violence and racism and, at one point, even decided to stop speaking for five years.

Because of her love for the arts, she won a scholarship to study dance and drama in San Francisco, but, at fourteen, she **dropped out** and was the first African–American woman to become a cable car conductor. After going back and finishing high school, she gave birth to a son, then **took on** a number of different jobs, mainly as a waitress and a cook, to support her family.

Her great passion, however, was the arts. She studied modern dance and, in the 1950s, performed regularly in clubs around San Francisco, singing and dancing to calypso music, as well as touring around Europe.

In the 1950s, she traveled extensively, living abroad in Cairo and Ghana, and **picked up** several languages along the way. In the 1960s, after she'd become increasingly active politically, she was devastated when two of her heroes and associates, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr., were assassinated. It was then that she published her first memoir, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings.

She **went on** to write seven other memoirs as well as poetry, drama and even cookbooks. As the years **went by**, Maya remained active as an inspiring lecturer and she received many awards and recognition from world leaders. Millions of women **looked up to** her as a role model. To many people, her name **stands for** great courage and a huge appetite for life and expression.

Maya Angelou **passed away** on May 28th, 2014.

B Read the text and answer the questions.

1 Did she have an easy life?

2 What jobs did she have in her life?

3 What were her major interests?

4 Why is she a role model?

C Read the article again and match meanings 1–10 with the multi-word verbs in bold. Write the multi-word verbs in the infinitive.

1 spend your childhood *grow up*

2 learn by experience not study

3 respect

4 die

5 continue to do something

6 pass (about time)

7 agree to do some work

8 represent

9 stop doing (a course)

10 be raised

1-	6-
2-	7-
3-	8-
4-	9-
5-	10

LIVEWORKSHEETS