VINCENT VAN GOGH



1) Read the text and fill in the gaps with irregular verbs in brackets in the Past Simple tense.

Vincent Willem Van Gogh was born in Netherlands in 1853. He 1_____ (be) a Dutch post-impressionist painter who 2_____ (become) one of the most famous and influential figures in the history of Western Art.

He 3_____ (have) a difficult life because he 4_____ (suffer) from a mental illness. He never 5_____ (get) married. He didn't begin to draw and paint seriously until he 6_____ (be) 27, and he 7_____ (die) just ten years later.

In a decade Vincent 8_____ (create) 2,100 artworks including around 860 oil paintings most of which date from the last 2 years of his life. At first Van Gogh 9_____ (draw) poor people and 10_____ (use) only dark colours. Later he 11_____ (go) to the south of France. He 12_____ (love) the sunlight there and his style of painting 13_____ (become) colourful and exciting. Unfortunately Van Gogh 14_____ (not be) commercially successful, he only 15_____ (sell) one painting before he died. He 16_____ (be) often depressed and his mental illness turned for the worst. First, he 17_____ (cut) off part of his ear, and then in 1890, he 18_____ (shoot) himself.

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2) Write the correct number

a) Van Gogh was born in _____

b) He began to paint at the age of _____

c) he only sold _____ painting before he died.

d) Van Gogh created _____ art works

e) He created _____oil paintings

f) He painted most of his pictures during the last _____ years of his life

g) He died at the age of _____

h) Van Gogh shot himself in _____

3) Write True (T) , False (F) or Not Stated (NS).

1. Van Gogh is a famous Danish painter. _____

2. He began to paint in his childhood. _____

3. Van Gogh used only dark colours at first. _____

4. He went to France to study art there. _____

5. Half of his art works were sold while the artist was alive._____

6. Van Gogh suffered from mental illness. _____

7. He committed a suicide at the age of 47.

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