

4. READ THE STORY ABOUT BIRDY AND COMPLETE WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE PAST.

BIRDY'S MUSICAL JOURNEY!

Jasmine van den Bogaerde's birthday is 15th May, 1996. For 17 years, she ¹ _____ (live) with her parents and brothers and sisters in the countryside in England. When she was a child, everyone ² _____ (can) see that she had musical talent. She ³ _____ (can) play the piano when she ⁴ _____ (be) seven. Her mother, also a pianist, ⁵ _____ (teach) her. But, as Jasmine (or 'Birdy') says, 'I ⁶ _____ (not be) a very good student. I ⁷ _____ (not want) to practise!' When she was 12, she ⁸ _____ (get) first prize in a musical contest. In 2011, she ⁹ _____ (make) her first CD. A year later, she ¹⁰ _____ (play) and ¹¹ _____ (sing) at the London Paralympics Opening Ceremony. After she ¹² _____ (finish) her exams, Birdy ¹³ _____ (leave) school because she ¹⁴ _____ (want) to start her music career.

5. COMPLETE THE DIALOGUE WITH THE PAST SIMPLE OF THE VERBS

be (x3) buy come do (x2) not go practise start take teach not like want

- A ¹ _____ you learn to play a musical instrument when you ² _____ at primary school?
- B Yes, I ³ _____. I first ⁴ _____ to play the piano, but I ⁵ _____ it. So my parents ⁶ _____ me a guitar and I ⁷ _____ myself to play. And five years later, I ⁸ _____ a band! I remember our first big concert. We ⁹ _____ a lot first. The night before the concert we ¹⁰ _____ to bed at all. But it ¹¹ _____ a big success. Lots of people ¹² _____, including people from a local newspaper. They ¹³ _____ photos of us. We ¹⁴ _____ famous!

6. COMPLETE THE QUESTIONS WITH THESE WORDS.

Why Where Which When How many Who
What (x2) Whose How long

- Where was Queen's first concert?
In London.
- _____ was it?
In 1972.
- _____ was in the band?
Freddie Mercury, Roger Taylor, John Deacon, and Brian May.
- _____ real name was Farrokh Bulsara?
Freddie Mercury's.
- _____ member of the band was most famous?
Freddie Mercury, the lead singer.
- _____ top ten hits did they have?
Twenty-four.
- _____ did they stay together?
Twenty years, from 1971 to 1991.
- _____ was their biggest hit?
Bohemian Rhapsody.
- _____ happened in 1991?
Freddie Mercury died.
- _____ is their music still popular?
Because Queen wrote good rock songs.

7. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE PAST CONTINUOUS

I was eating dinner, so I didn't answer the phone. (eat)

- I took this photo when my wife _____ in the yard. (work)
- He met his wife when he _____ in Japan. (live)
- They _____ for us when we arrived. (not wait)
- _____ she _____ a coat when she went out? (wear)
- The sun _____ when I left for work. (shine)
- What _____ you _____ at 7:30 last night? (do)
- I _____ when you gave the instructions. (not listen)
- We _____ TV when you called. (not watch)

8. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE PAST CONTINUOUS.

- You were laughing (laugh) when I took the photo.
- It _____ (snow) when our plane landed.
- We _____ (not drive) fast when the accident happened.
- What _____ (he / do) when his boss arrived?
- Why _____ (you / cry) at the party?
- I _____ (sit) on the bus when I saw my boss.
- They _____ (live) in Brazil when their first child was born.
- He didn't call you because his cell phone _____ (not work).