

READING

Read about David Bowie's life and career and then, put the events below in order from first to last (1-8).

- He died in his home.
- He reached the pinnacle of his fame and popularity.
- He sustained an injury which gave him a distinguishing physical feature.
- He stopped using his most famous stage persona.
- He met the woman who was to be his second wife.
- His first marriage came to an end.
- The release of a new album coincided with his birthday.
- He experienced his greatest personal struggles.

Complete the glossary with the highlighted words in the obituary extract.

Glossary

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| a | _____ verb [I]: become weaker or less important | f | _____ adjective: changing often, not following a regular pattern |
| b | _____ adjective: not hidden or secret | g | _____ noun [C]: a feeling of liking something very much or a tendency to do something a lot |
| c | _____ adjective: interesting or unusual because of its variety | h | _____ adjective: neither clearly male nor clearly female |
| d | _____ verb [T]: to last for a particular period of time, especially a long period | i | _____ verb [T]: to get rid of thoughts or feelings |
| e | _____ noun [C]: the part of your personality that you deliberately show most people | j | _____ noun [C]: honors given to someone for their work |

GRAMMAR

Complete the sentences with the verbs in parentheses in an appropriate form, to express the future as seen from the past. Which events took place and which didn't?

- a Bowie _____ (release) *Blackstar* on his 69th birthday.
- b He _____ (record) one final album, but he ran out of time.
- c His marriage to Iman _____ (provide) stability to his life for many years.
- d He was working on a book which Penguin _____ - (publish) in the near future.

Underline the correct alternatives about events that did not take place.

- a I was going **to get / to getting** married, but I realized he was the wrong person for me.
- b I had been hoping **of seeing / to see** the concert, but I got the flu and had to give away my ticket.
- c I was just about **studying / to study** in Mexico when my visa fell through and I had to call it off.
- d I had been thinking **of going / to go** into medicine, but I changed my mind and trained as a lawyer instead.
- e I was on the point of **winning / to win** the race, but I tripped over and came last.
- f I was planning **to buy / of buying** a car, but I didn't get my driver's license.
- g I was on the verge **to give up / of giving up** waiting when the bus finally came.
- h I was due **to move / for moving**, but the landlord of the new apartment increased the rent, so I decided against it.