



Put the verbs in brackets into the **Past Simple**.

### ALEXANDRA BURKE

Alexandra Burke \_\_\_\_\_ (be) born in London in 1988, and she \_\_\_\_\_ (start) singing when she \_\_\_\_\_ (be) only five. She first \_\_\_\_\_ (appear) on stage in Bahrain at the age of nine. She \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) with her mother, who \_\_\_\_\_ (be) also a professional singer. Alexandra \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) singing on stage and she \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to become a singer.

She \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) school when she \_\_\_\_\_ (be) sixteen and \_\_\_\_\_ (start) a professional career in music. She \_\_\_\_\_ (work) very hard, and she also \_\_\_\_\_ (perform) in some big concerts to raise money for charity.

She first \_\_\_\_\_ (enter) the TV talent competition **The X Factor** in 2005. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not win) because the judges \_\_\_\_\_ (think) that she \_\_\_\_\_ (be) too young to be a successful pop star. But they \_\_\_\_\_ (say) that she \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a great singer, so Alexandra \_\_\_\_\_ (enter) the competition again in 2008. This time she \_\_\_\_\_ (win)! Her first song, 'Hallelujah', \_\_\_\_\_ (be) number one in Britain for three weeks, and more than a million people \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) it. Once again, The X Factor \_\_\_\_\_ (find) a star, and, like Will Young and Leona Lewis, who \_\_\_\_\_ (be) also winners of this competition, Alexandra Burke \_\_\_\_\_ (become) famous!

# WINNER'S SONG!

