



Extra Training

Past Simple Task 5929

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!

