

## Cousins and Brothers

Test - August 2023

### Jackie Collins

1937–2015



Jackie Collins was an English writer. She sold over 500 million books.

She was born in London, but lived in California. She went to an expensive girls' school, but left when she was only 15. When she was very young she was an actress, but she was not very good, so she went to Los Angeles to stay with her older sister (the famous actress Joan Collins).

She wrote her first book in 1968 and it became a bestseller. In 2011 she had a fortune of £60 million and was the UK's fifth richest writer. One of her books, *Hollywood Wives*, was number one in the *New York Times*; it sold 15 million books. It was also a famous TV series.

From 2000–2010 Jackie wrote eight bestsellers! Jackie was very successful, but a lot of people said her books were bad! Jackie always said the biggest critics of her books were the people who never read them.

She was 77 years old when she died in Beverly Hills, California.

### Glossary

**critic** a writer who writes or says what they think about a book, film or piece of music

Answer the questions about Jackie Collins.

1 When and where was she born?

2 How old was she when she left school?

3 Was she a good actress?

4 Who was her sister?

5 Which of her books was a TV series?

6 How old was she when she died?

Complete the text with the missing verbs in the right form. (Present simple, present continuous, past simple)

Rob and Jenny usually \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Italy for vacations but last year, they  
\_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Paris. Every year, they \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) their car, but  
last year, they \_\_\_\_\_ (rent) a caravan. They usually \_\_\_\_\_ (swim),  
\_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in a hotel, and \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) in restaurants. Jenny  
\_\_\_\_\_ (like) Japanese food and Rob \_\_\_\_\_ (prefer) Italian food he  
\_\_\_\_\_ (not like) Japanese food. She usually \_\_\_\_\_ (read) books and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (walk) on the Beach when they go to Italy. But last year they  
\_\_\_\_\_ (not go) to Italy because their car \_\_\_\_\_ (be) broken.  
Now, they \_\_\_\_\_ (look) at the pictures and \_\_\_\_\_ (remember)  
their vacations in Paris.

Make the following sentences negative:

- 1) Tizi goes to school every day.
- 2) Valen and Benja have a sister.
- 3) Delfi and Tizi are cousins.
- 4) We are doing an exam now.
- 5) I had chicken for lunch yesterday.
- 6) I studied a lot for the exam.

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