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WORK GROUP (Past tense)

READING EXERCISE

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1. *be*) **was** born on January 27, 1756, in Salzburg, Austria. Mozart (2. *be*) a musical prodigy. He (3. *be*) exceptionally talented in music. He (4. *begin*) playing the piano when he (5. *be*) only three years old. Soon after, he could play the piano like a professional. At the age of four, Mozart (6. *learn*) to play the harpsichord and violin. At five, he (7. *write*) his own music. Mozart (8. *give*) his first public performance at the age of six for the Empress of Austria. Recognizing his child's talent, Mozart's father (9. *take*) his son on concert tours throughout Europe. Mozart (10. *play*) for the rich and for royalty. As a teenager, he (11. *write*) and completed his first opera. He (12. *continue*) to write great music as an adult, but (13. *not/become*) famous. Mozart (14. *get married*) when he (15. *be*) 26 years old. He (16. *not/make*) much money from his compositions, so he (17. *teach*) to support his family. Sadly, his wife (18. *become*) sick from not eating properly. Soon, Mozart also (19. *got*) sick. Before he (20. *die*), Mozart (21. *give*) one of his student's instructions on how to complete his last work, the *Requiem Mass*. Mozart (22. *die*) on December 5, 1791, in Vienna, Austria.



Read Mozart's biography again. Use the cues to write questions about Mozart.

1. (Where / he born) _____
2. (have / a special talent as a child) *Did he have a special talent as a child?*
3. (How old / he when he began playing the piano) _____
4. (What / he learn at the age of four) _____
5. (What / he write at the age of five) _____
6. (What / he do when he was six) _____
7. (Where / his father take him) _____
8. (Who / he play for) _____
9. (When / he get married) _____
10. (he make / a lot of money) _____