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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) \_\_\_\_\_