Creative people

- **Grammar:** Past Simple affirmative; regular and irregular verbs
- **Vocabulary:** life events (start school, get married, etc.)
- **Real life:** months and dates

Vincent van Gogh – Dutch artist 1853–1890

Coco Chanel – French fashion designer 1883–1971

Bob Marley – Jamaican singer and musician 1945–1981

Charlie Chaplin – British actor and director 1889–1977

1. Match the sentences with the people in the pictures

a) In 1886 he left Holland and went to live in France with his brother, Theo

b) She was from a poor French family and when she was young she worked in a hat shop.

c) He made his first reggae album *Catch a Fire* in 1972

d) She became a very rich and successful businesswoman.

e) He met his wife Rita at a concert, and then she became a singer in his band The Wailers

f) He made over 100 films and had four wives and twelve children.

g) He sold pictures in an art gallery in Holland before he became an artist.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2. Read about JK Rowling's life. Put the events in order.

The Writer and the Wizard

J.K. Rowling was born in England in 1965. She loved reading, and wrote her first story, 'Rabbit', when she was only six years old. She studied French at university, then worked as a secretary in London. She had the idea for Harry Potter when she was on a train. 'Harry just walked into my head,' she said later. She started writing the first Harry Potter book the next day.

In 1992 she went to live in Portugal for three years. She wrote Harry Potter in the morning, and worked as an English teacher in the afternoon and evening. She got married to a Portuguese TV journalist and had a daughter called Jessica.

Then she returned to Britain and lived in Edinburgh, in Scotland. She was unemployed at that time, and wrote in cafés because they were warmer than her small flat. After five years she finished the first book, 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'. The book sold millions of copies all over the world, and Joanne Kathleen Rowling became very famous. She is now very rich, but she still writes her books in cafés!

A- Exercise. Read about J.K. Rowling's life, put these events in order.

- ☐ She finished her first Harry Potter book
- ☐ She got married and had a daughter
- ☐ She studied French at university
- ☐ She became very famous
- ☐ She moved to Scotland
- ☐ She started writing her first Harry Potter book
- ☐ She wrote her first story, Rabbit
- ☐ She worked in Portugal as an English teacher
- ☐ She was unemployed

B- Complete the sentences about J.K. Rowling. Use the verbs in parentheses.

a) As a child she _____ (like) reading. She _____ (write) her first story when she _____ (be) six.
b) After university she _____ (work) as a secretary.
c) She _____ (have) the idea for Harry Potter on a train journey, and _____ (start) writing the book the next day.
d) In Portugal she _____ (work) as a teacher in the afternoon and evening and _____ (write) Harry Potter in the morning
e) She _____ (finish) the Harry Potter book in a café.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

3. Listening. Listen to the TV Program Our History and match the audience members to the people they ask about.

1. Robert _____	a. Valentina Tereshkova
2. Lisa _____	b. Henry VIII
3. Rachel _____	c. Marie Curie
4. Leon _____	d. Pelé

2. Listen again. Tick (✓) the facts you hear.

1. King Henry VIII of England died in 1547. _____

2. Henry VIII had six wives. _____

3. The footballer Pelé played for Santos 638 times. _____

4. Pelé played international football for Brazil 92 times. _____

5. Marie Curie won the Nobel Prize in 1930. _____

6. Marie Curie died in 1934. _____

7. Valentina Tereshkova went to space in 1963. _____

8. Valentina Tereshkova's husband was also an astronaut. _____

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