

UNIT 14 — Life Events and Plans

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1 Read about Yao Ming's life.

Yao Ming's Life Story



Yao Ming was born on September 12, 1980. He grew up in a small apartment in Shanghai, China, with his parents. They were both basketball players, too—and tall! Their son is 2.26 meters (7 feet 5 inches). Yao doesn't have any brothers or sisters. When he was about nine, he went to the Youth Sports School in Shanghai. In China, he played for the Shanghai Sharks.

In 2002, Yao moved to the United States to play professional basketball. He played for the Houston Rockets. When Yao first moved to Houston, he lived with his mother. Yao's mother cooked Chinese food for him, did the laundry, and cleaned their four-bedroom house. Yao Ming retired from basketball in 2011.

Now look at the answers and write questions.

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| 1. A: _____ ? | B: On September 12, 1980. |
| 2. A: _____ ? | B: In Shanghai, China. |
| 3. A: _____ ? | B: At the Youth Sports School. |
| 4. A: _____ ? | B: In 2002. |
| 5. A: _____ ? | B: In 2011. |

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3 Get to know a famous person's life story. Choose a famous person. Answer the questions. Use the Internet, books, and other sources for information.

1. Person's name:

2. When was he / she born?

3. Where was he / she born?

4. Where did he / she grow up?

5. What school did he / she go to?

6. What did he / she study?

7. Did he / she graduate? When?

8. What does he / she do now?
