

Complete the biography with the past simple form of the verbs.

Wangari Maathai was born in Kenya in 1940. She

(1) started (start) primary school when she (2) _____ (be)

eight. She (3) _____ (come) top in her class when she (4) _____

(complete) her primary studies. She then

(5) _____ (go) to

one of the only high schools for girls in Kenya. After high school she (6) _____ (study) biology at university in the USA and then (7) _____ (do)

a master's degree. In 1977 she (8) _____ (begin) the Green Belt Movement. It organises

women in rural Kenya to plant trees. In 2004 she

(9) _____ (win) the Nobel Peace Prize. Wangari

(10) _____ (die) in 2011.



Correct the sentences about Wangari Maathai.

1 Wangari Maathai was American.

She wasn't American. She was Kenyan.

2 There were a lot of high schools for girls in Kenya.

3 She studied history at university.

4 She started the Green Tree Movement.

5 Wangari won the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Write questions in the past simple.

1 What / the name of your first school?

What was the name of your first school?

2 How old / you / when you started there?

3 you / like your first school?

4 When / you / start secondary school?

5 Who / your first new friend at secondary school?