

UNIT 10

Writing Task: Write a biography

Worksheet 1: PRE-WRITING

Exercise 1

Complete the table with the Past Simple and past participle for each verb.

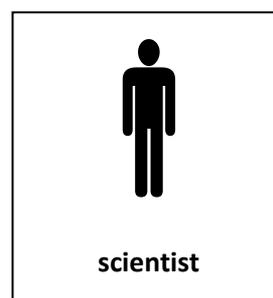
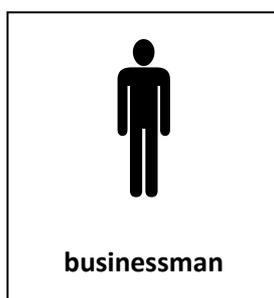
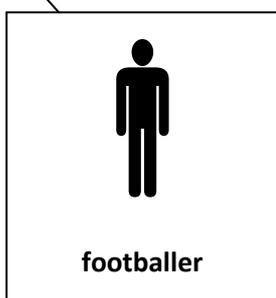
| verb | Past Simple | past participle |
|--------|-------------|-----------------|
| write | | |
| invent | | |
| move | | |
| leave | | |
| win | | |
| die | | |
| live | | |
| travel | | |
| teach | | |

| verb | Past Simple | past participle |
|----------|-------------|-----------------|
| play | | |
| make | | |
| discover | | |
| start | | |
| return | | |
| work | | |
| found | | |
| lead | | |
| study | | |

Exercise 2:

Which verbs could you use to write about these people's lives? Write the Past Simple. Add more verbs and nouns.

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Exercise 3:

Look at the timeline of a famous writer's life, below. Complete the paragraph on the right. Write verbs in the boxes and time expressions on the lines.

while after that at the age of until
since years after between for

| Year | Event |
|------|---|
| 1954 | born |
| 1960 | writes his first story |
| 1979 | starts teaching |
| 1982 | writes his first full-length book |
| 1989 | gives up teaching to write full-time |
| 1995 | moves to the UK, staying for five years |
| 2001 | writes his most famous book |
| 2002 | wins a writing prize |

He was in 1954 and he his first story _____ six. He teaching in 1979 and three years _____ he his first full-length book, _____ teaching. He didn't teaching _____ 1989 and _____ then he has been full-time. Six _____ giving up teaching, he to the UK. He there _____ five years, _____ 1995 and 2000. His greatest achievement was when he a prize in 2002.

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Worksheet 2: PRACTICE

Exercise 1

Re-write these sentences as one sentence.

- Jack is a famous footballer. He is from Scotland. He has played over 100 international matches.
Jack, a from....., has
- Ahmed is a famous poet. He is from Saudi Arabia. He has written three books of poetry.
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.....
- Henry Johnson was born in England. He left England to go to Australia in 1952. He became a famous swimmer.
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.....
- Maria is a very famous cook in her home country, England. She wrote her first book when she was twenty-five. The book has sold over one million copies.
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Exercise 2

Complete the sentences about Obaid. Use the facts from the box and the time expressions.

| | | | |
|-------|-------------|---------------|-------|
| while | after that | at the age of | until |
| since | years after | between | for |

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| born in Sharjah, the UAE | 1945 |
| works on a fishing boat with his father | 1957 – 1967 |
| gets his own boat | 1968 |
| studies computers at an evening class, moves to Dubai | 1995 |
| starts a business | 2001 |
| runs his business, lives in Dubai | now |

Obaid.....
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Exercise 3

Here is information about three men from the same family. Which sentences are about which person?

| | Saud (born 1962) | Saif (born 1939, died 2010) | Essa (born 1993) |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| studying | 1981-1985 | never | 2008 → |
| living in Jeddah | 1965 → | 1965 – 2010 | 1993 → |
| working | 1987 → | 1955 to 1999 | never |

- He's been studying for a few years.
- He studied for a few years.
- He didn't go to school or college.
- He lived in Jeddah from 1965 onwards.
- He has lived in Jeddah since he was born.
- He has lived in Jeddah since 1965.
- He worked hard.
- He hasn't started work yet.
- He has always worked hard.

