



# CELEBRITIES



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## 1 Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases to the definitions:

- 1. a performer
  - 2. successful
  - 3. an album
  - 4. best-selling
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- a. a music CD or record
  - b. a person who entertains people, for example somebody who sings, dances, or plays music
  - c. most popular (many people buy it)
  - d. popular and/or rich

Name one famous performer, one successful person and one best-selling book or album.

FAMOUS PERFORMER: .....

SUCCESSFUL PERSON: .....

BEST SELLING BOOK OR ALBUM: .....



## 2 The King of Pop

Look at the picture. Who was this person? What do you know about him? Read the text.



Michael Jackson was a famous American singer and performer. According to Guinness World Records, he is the most successful performer of all time.

He was born in Gary, Indiana, a city near Chicago. He was one of eight children in an African American family. They **lived** in a small 3-room house. As a child, he was a member of the pop group The Jackson Five with his brothers. They **performed** songs, **danced**, and **traveled** in the United States. They **practiced** very hard with their father.

In 1971, Jackson **started** his career as a solo artist. In the 1980s, he was very popular. People all over the world **listened** to his music and **watched** his music videos. They **called** him the 'King of Pop'. His album Thriller (1982) is the best-selling album of all time.

Michael Jackson **continued** to make music in the 1990s, but his personal life and behavior also **attracted** a lot of attention.

On June 25, 2009, he **died** of a heart attack. He was 50 years old.

## 3 Simple past - regular verbs

The words in **bold** in the text are the past forms of regular verbs. Answer the questions:

1. How do we form the past of a regular verb like *perform*, *watch*, and *listen*?
2. How do we form the past of a regular verb like *live*, *continue*, and *die*?
3. Find more examples of rule 1 and 2 in the text.

There are three ways to pronounce the -ed ending of regular verbs. Listen to your teacher and repeat.

/d/	/t/	/id/
lived	practiced	started
listened	watched	attracted

Now listen and read the words below. Which category do they belong to?

wanted      offered      liked      hated      repeated      stopped      corrected  
 loved      worked      played      asked



## 4

**Before they were famous**

Complete the facts about the celebrities before they were famous. Use the verbs below in the past.



**dress      live      open      play      serve      train      want      work**

1. Johnny Depp \_\_\_\_\_ as a salesman on the telephone.
2. Brad Pitt \_\_\_\_\_ as a chicken for a Mexican restaurant.
3. Tom Cruise \_\_\_\_\_ to become a priest.
4. Usain Bolt \_\_\_\_\_ cricket.
5. Barack Obama \_\_\_\_\_ in Indonesia.
6. Chuck Norris \_\_\_\_\_ a karate school.
7. The singer Rihanna \_\_\_\_\_ as an army cadet in Barbados.
8. Jennifer Aniston \_\_\_\_\_ food in a restaurant.

## 5

**Simple past - Negative and question forms**

In pairs read the dialogue and answer the questions on the next page:

- A:      **Did** Michael Jackson **live** in New York as a child?
- B:      No, he **didn't live** in New York. He **lived** in Gary, Indiana.
- A:      **Did** he **perform** with the Jackson Five?
- B:      Yes, he **did**.
- A:      When **did** he **start** his solo career?
- B:      He **started** in 1971.
- A:      **Did** people **call** him the King of Rock?
- B:      No, they **didn't**. They **called** him the King of Pop.
- A:      When **did** he **die**?
- B:      He **died** in 2009.



1. How do we form questions with the simple past?
2. What is the negative past form?
3. How do we form short answers with the past form?

**6 Simple past (regular verbs)**

Study the past forms of the verb 'work'.

affirmative forms	negative forms	questions
I worked	I didn't work	Did I work?
You worked	You didn't work	Did you work?
He/she/it worked	He/she/it didn't work	Did he/she/it work?
We worked	We didn't work	Did we work?
You worked	You didn't work	Did you work?
They worked	They didn't work	Did they work?

**Short answers**  
 Yes, I did. / Yes, you did. / Yes, he did ...  
 No, I didn't. / No, you didn't. / No, he didn't ...





**7 Practice**

Form questions like in the example.

Michael Jackson / live / in New York? Did Michael Jackson live in New York?

1. Johnny Depp / work / as a computer programmer?

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2. Brad Pitt / dress / as a chicken for an Italian restaurant?

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3. Tom Cruise / want / to be a dancer?

.....

4. Usain Bolt / play / cricket?

.....

5. Where / Barack Obama / live?

.....

6. Chuck Norris / open / a judo school?

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7. Rihanna / train / as an army cadet?

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8. Jennifer Aniston / serve / food in a restaurant?

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In pairs, ask and answer the questions like in the dialogue.





## 7. Practice

Students can form the questions individually and check in pairs. Have students ask and answer the questions about the celebrities. Encourage short and long answers, e.g. 1 - "No, he didn't. He worked as a salesman on the telephone."

1. Did Johnny Depp work as a computer programmer?
2. Did Brad Pitt dress as a chicken for an Italian restaurant?
3. Did Tom Cruise want to be a dancer?
4. Did Usain Bolt play cricket?
5. Where did Barack Obama live?
6. Did Chuck Norris open a judo school?
7. Did Rihanna train as an army cadet?
8. Did Jennifer Aniston serve food in a restaurant?