Purpose

To give a written account of the key events that make up a person's life.

Additional language features

Making statements

One of the interesting things about... was...

One of the most important facts about ... was that...

Another unusual thing about ... was ...

Achievement statements

Her greatest achievement was... He will be remembered most of all for...

Their one regret was that...

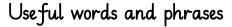


Features of biographies

- Biographies tell the story of a person's life.
- They include when the person was born/died.
- Each paragraph focuses on a different part of the person's life or key things that have happened.
- The writer uses the pronouns 'he' or 'she'.
- They are written in the past tense.
- They include a variety of sentence types: short, compound and complex.

Important things to include:

- Information about their:
 - childhood
 - family
 - job
 - any good things they did or any other important achievements
 - old age and death
- Write about major events (not what they had for lunch).



Time connectives

As a child, During his/her early life, In 1878, at the age of..., he Shortly after this, Soon afterwards, Many years later,

Other sentence starters As it happened, Surprisingly, In fact, What is clear is that ...

Expressing a viewpoint I believe that ... In many ways, In my opinion, In my view,