

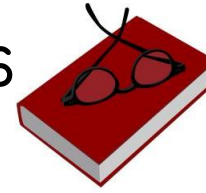
Purpose

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



English writing genres

Biography UKS2



Useful words and phrases

Adverbials of time

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

Other sentence starters

As it happened,
Surprisingly,
In fact
What is clear is that

Expressing a viewpoint

I believe that
In many ways
What seems clear is that
In my view

Additional language features

Making statements

One of the most remarkable facts about ... was that
Another unusual thing about ... was

Legacy statements

Her greatest achievement was
He will be remembered most of all for
His one regret was that
Her enduring legacy is that
His lasting impact was

Speculating

Had it not been for..., many people believe that she would have

Features of biographies

- The writer presents his or her opinion of the person and comments on the events in the person's life.
- It begins with an engaging opening line and introductory summary.
- The text is divided into paragraphs that focus on different aspects of the person's life or key events that have happened.
- Includes plenty of important and relevant facts about the person and their life.
- Sometimes the writer can include a quote from the person if it is important to their life story.
- Writer uses the third person pronouns 'he', 'she' or 'they'.
- Includes a variety of sentence types: short, compound and complex.

Things to include:

- When they were born/died and what the world was like at this time.
- Information about their family.
- The major events of their life in chronological order.
- Any good things or deeds they did or any other important achievements.