

# English

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Objective: To plan a biography.

## Success Criteria

1. I can decide how many paragraphs I will have.
2. I can plan a topic for each paragraph.
3. I know the correct structure for a paragraph.

## Starter:

*A fluffy cat suddenly dived under the sofa.*

What is the verb in the sentence?

What is the adjective?

What is the adverb?

What are the **two** nouns?

What is the determiner?

What is the article?

What is the preposition

# Structure of a biography

- Last week you did some research about a famous inspirational person. Hopefully you found out lots of these things...
- They were born in...
- They were born on the date... in the year...
- Their full name is...
- They are famous for...
- They are inspirational because...
- Their family is...
- Their children are...
- Their parents are...
- They lived in...
- They went to school/college/university in...
- Their famous books are...
- Their famous awards are...
- Some quotes from them...
- Some interesting facts...
- Their favourite foods are...
- When they were little they wanted to...
- The shows/films they have been in are...

# Structure of a biography

- Today you are going to arrange your notes into a clear plan.
- You may find that you need to do some extra research.

Start by writing down the main areas of your research notes.  
Here is an example:

- their childhood
  - their family
  - their education (schools)
- the thing they are famous for
  - books they have written
- charity work they have done
  - their hobbies and interests

# Structure of a biography

- *If you have found that you don't have many areas, do some more research now into some other areas, such as their family, their interests, their childhood or charity work they have done.*
- Now you need to order your topics in a clear plan...
- Because you are telling the story of someone's life, you need to write in chronological order. This means in time order.
- You also need to make sure that all your notes and information about the same area are all in the same paragraph.
- You need to make sure that you have a clear introduction and a clear concluding paragraph.

**I have done an example plan on the next slide.**

Biography title	Michelle Obama: More than just a First Lady
<u>Paragraph 1:</u> <u>Introduction</u> <b>5 Ws</b>	<u>Who:</u> Michelle LaVaughn Obama <u>What she is famous for:</u> First Lady when Barack Obama was US President <u>When:</u> First Lady 2009-2017 <u>Where:</u> Born in Chicago <u>Why she is famous today:</u> campaigned for lots of good causes and charities
<u>Paragraph 2:</u> <b>Childhood, parents and school, university</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grew up - Chicago</li><li>• Parents - Fraser and Marian Robinson</li><li>• Princeton University - lawyer</li><li>• </li></ul>
<u>Paragraph 3:</u> <b>Her hobbies and interests</b>	
<u>Paragraph 4:</u> <b>Her husband and becoming First Lady</b>	
<u>Paragraph 5:</u> <b>Her charity work and campaigns.</b>	
<u>Paragraph 6: Conclusion</u> <b>Why she is inspirational.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• QUOTE: "Don't be afraid. Be focused. Be determined. Be hopeful."</li></ul>

# Your tasks

Create a plan like my example on the previous slide.

I suggest you follow the same order for paragraphs, just change it to suit your person.

*For example, if your person is Edmund Hillary, your 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph could be his first expeditions and your 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph could be his famous expedition of Mount Everest. The other paragraphs can stay the same as my example.*

<u>1 star</u>	<u>2 star</u>	<u>3 star</u>
Plan 3-4 paragraphs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction</li><li>• Key events in their life x 2</li><li>• Conclusion</li></ul>	Plan 5-6 paragraphs, similar to my plan example.	Plan 6-7 paragraphs, similar to my plan example. Add extra boxes in your plan with higher level vocabulary and conjunctions that you are going to use.