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# LIFE STORY – Past Tense

Question: *What do you already know about Steve Jobs?*



- Complete the paragraph on the right with the words on the left.

## Steve Jobs 1955 – 2011

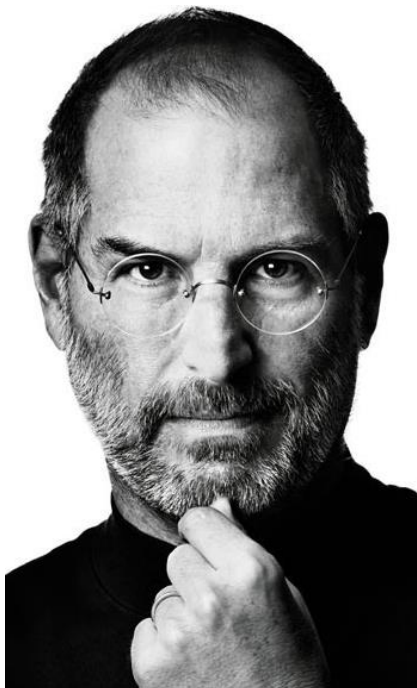


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Do you have an iPad, iPhone, iPod, or a Mac computer? If you don't, you probably know someone who has one (or wants one)! Steve Jobs made the company – Apple – that created these things that are now such an important part of the lives of so many people. He (1)\_\_\_\_\_ on February 24, 1955 in San Francisco, California. When he was a boy, he had a special (2)\_\_\_\_\_: he liked to take apart televisions and radios – and then put them back together again. He was a very good student in school, and even skipped a grade (he finished grade four and went into grade six). In 1972, when he was 17, he (3)\_\_\_\_\_ from high school. He then began his studies in (4)\_\_\_\_\_, but dropped out after six months. Two years later, he (5)\_\_\_\_\_ to India where he stayed for seven months and learned about Buddhism. After he returned to the U.S., he found a (6)\_\_\_\_\_ as a video game designer. However, in 1976 (when he was only 21) he created his own company – Apple Computer – with his (7)\_\_\_\_\_ Steve Wozniak. Steve Jobs later (8)\_\_\_\_\_ in 1991 and had three (9)\_\_\_\_\_. Unfortunately, his doctors discovered that he had cancer in 2003 and in 2011 he (10)\_\_\_\_\_ at the age of 56.

(about 200 words)

- C** children *n.*
- college *n.*
- D** died *v.*
- F** friend *n.*
- G** got married *v.*
- graduated *v.*
- H** hobby *n.*
- J** job *n.*
- T** travelled *v.*
- W** was born *v.*

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## Vocabulary Practice

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

- |                 |          |  |
|-----------------|----------|--|
| 1. Buddhism     | <u>D</u> | A. to leave school before graduating or finishing              |
| 2. cancer       | _____    | B. to make something new                                       |
| 3. create       | _____    | C. a game that can be played on a TV or computer               |
| 4. drop out     | _____    | D. a religion of eastern and central Asia                      |
| 5. graduate     | _____    | E. to finish high school, college, or university with a degree |
| 6. skip a grade | _____    | F. to make smaller pieces from one large piece                 |
| 7. take apart   | _____    | G. a serious disease that makes people very sick               |
| 8. video game   | _____    | H. to pass over (not do) a grade in school                     |

## How Much Do You Understand?

- Write a number next to each sentence according to the order they happened.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ He travelled to India.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ He got married and had three kids.
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ He started a company called Apple Computer.
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ He finished grade 4 and then began grade 6.
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ Doctors found that he had cancer.
- F. 1 He was born in 1955.

## Discuss

- Ask and answer the following questions with your classmates.

1. What hobbies did you have when you were a child?
2. Were you a good student when you were a child?
3. What cities or countries have you travelled to?
4. How many children do you have (or want to have)?

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### Grammar-in-Context

- Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.

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1.

- (A) made  
(B) make  
(C) makes  
(D) is making

5.

- (A) is  
(B) was  
(C) were  
(D) are

9.

- (A) find  
(B) finds  
(C) found  
(D) will find

2.

- (A) born  
(B) will be born  
(C) was born  
(D) were born

6.

- (A) will go  
(B) go  
(C) going  
(D) went

10.

- (A) his  
(B) he  
(C) him  
(D) he's

3.

- (A) has  
(B) have  
(C) will have  
(D) had

7.

- (A) and  
(B) but  
(C) so  
(D) because

11.

- (A) child's  
(B) children  
(C) children's  
(D) child

4.

- (A) liked to  
(B) liked  
(C) like to  
(D) like

8.

- (A) how  
(B) why  
(C) where  
(D) what

12.

- (A) died  
(B) dies  
(C) die  
(D) will die

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## Writing Practice – Spelling and Capitals

- Try to find the one spelling or capital mistake in each line of the paragraph below.

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5 of so many people. He was born on february 24, 1955 in  
6 San Francisco, California. when he was a boy, he had a  
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## Listening and Writing Practice

- Listen to your teacher and complete the paragraph.

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## Writing Practice (1)

- Don't look at the paragraph. **In your own words**, write what you can remember about the life of Steve Jobs. Use the back of this paper if you need more space.

Steve Jobs was born in San Francisco, California.

He was born in 1955.

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## William Shakespeare



### Writing Practice (2)

- Write a short paragraph (50 to 100 words) about William Shakespeare, the greatest writer in the English language. Use the notes provided – and your own ideas – to describe him.



Shakespeare

<b>Name</b>	● William Shakespeare
<b>Born</b>	● Year: 1564      ● Place: England
<b>Education</b>	● 'King's New School' in Stratford
<b>Married</b>	● married Anne Hathaway (when he was 18)
<b>Children</b>	● three (one son, two daughters)
<b>Job</b>	● actor, writer (wrote 38 plays and hundreds of poems), owned a theater
<b>Places lived</b>	● in London / bought a home in Stratford in 1597
<b>Died</b>	● Year: 1616      ● Place: England

William Shakespeare was a great writer. He was born in England in 1564.

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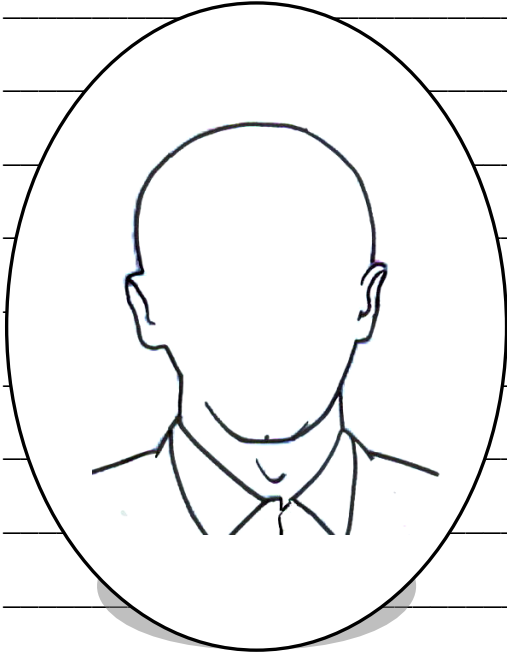
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## Writing Practice (3)

- **Draw** a picture of yourself, a classmate, friend, family member, or other person.
- **Write** a short paragraph (about 100 words) about the life of that person. Remember to use the past tense.



**Grammar Focus** Past Simple Tense

**Level** Intermediate

**Time** Approximately 120 – 180 minutes

## ANSWER KEY

### ● Complete the Paragraph

1. was born
2. hobby
3. graduated
4. college
5. travelled
6. job
7. friend
8. got married
9. children
10. died

### ● Vocabulary Practice

- |      |      |
|------|------|
| 1. D | 5. E |
| 2. G | 6. H |
| 3. B | 7. F |
| 4. A | 8. C |

### ● How Much Do You Understand?

- A. 3
- B. 5
- C. 4
- D. 2
- E. 6
- F. 1

### ● Grammar-in-Context

- |      |      |       |
|------|------|-------|
| 1. A | 5. B | 9. C  |
| 2. C | 6. D | 10. A |
| 3. D | 7. B | 11. B |
| 4. A | 8. C | 12. A |

### ● Spelling and Capitals

1. Do
2. probably
3. Apple
4. lives
5. February
6. When
7. televisions
8. again
9. school
10. when
11. He
12. Two
13. India
14. learned
15. found
16. in 1976
17. company
18. married
19. Unfortunately
20. he

### ● Homework Idea

Write a short paragraph about a person (see attached worksheet). In the next class, get into a small group and read aloud your paragraph.

*Do you have any comments or suggestions? Did you find any errors in this lesson plan? Contact me via my website, I'd love to hear from you!*

## EXPLORE *on-line* sources:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steve\\_jobs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steve_jobs)

<http://www.biography.com/people/steve-jobs-9354805?page=3>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jqSK8Qv4ZY>

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