

Year 4 English: Mastering Biographies with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the key features and structure of a biographical text.

Read the front of each flashcard to test your knowledge about biographies. Flip the card to check your answer with Ellie the Elephant's expert help!

What is a biography?

A biography is a true account of a person's life written by someone else.

What does 'chronological order' mean?

Events are written in the order they happened, starting from birth to the present or end of life.

Which person perspective is used in a biography?

The third-person perspective (using pronouns like he, she, they, or the person's name).

What is the 'subject' of a biography?

The subject is the real person whose life story is being told.

Why are dates important in a biography?

Dates help the reader understand when specific events took place in the subject's life.

What is an anecdote?

A short, interesting, or funny story about a real incident or person used to bring the biography to life.

What is the difference between a fact and an opinion?

A fact is something that can be proven true, while an opinion is what someone thinks or feels.

What is usually included in the introduction of a biography?

A summary of who the person is and why they are famous or important.

What are 'achievements' in a biography?

These are the important successes, awards, or big goals the person reached during their life.

Why do biographers use sub-headings?

To help organise the text into clear sections, such as 'Early Life', 'School Days', or 'Career'.

True or False: A biography should include made-up events to make it more exciting.

False. Biographies must be based on facts and real events.

What is the difference between an autobiography and a biography?

An autobiography is written by the person themselves; a biography is written by someone else.