

Starter: Vocabulary

Can you guess the wow words
from the descriptions?



1. Something that encourages others to do their best or try something.
2. When something is surprising.
3. This can be seen when someone does not give up.

Clues

One of the words begins with I.

One of the words includes the word ending 'tion'.

One of the words uses a prefix.

Scroll to the end for the answers.

LO. I am
learning to write
a biography.

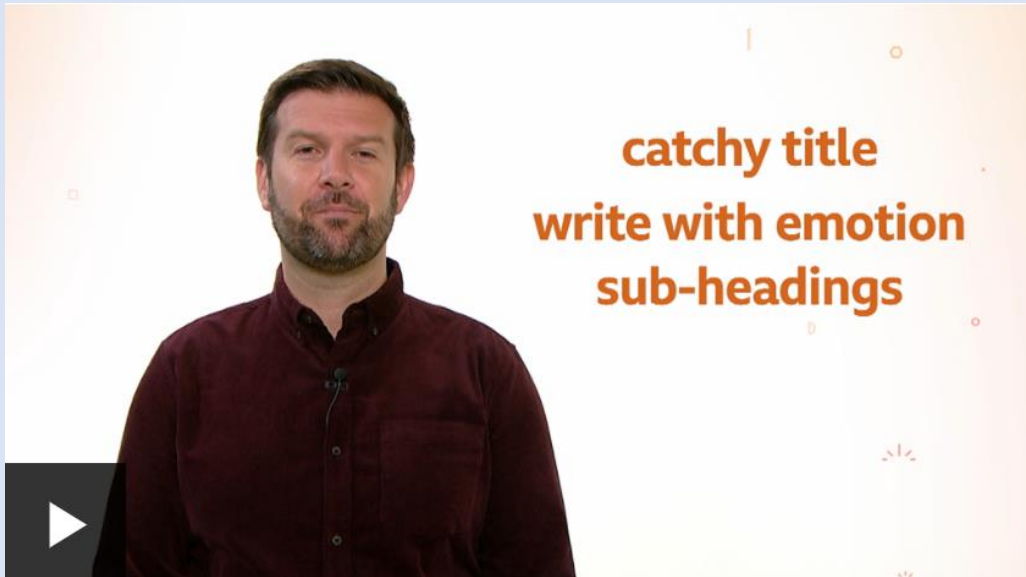


This week, you will be writing a
biography for Captain Sir Tom Moore.

Biographies are a type of non-fiction text about someone's life.


They are based on facts!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zs8strd>




Watch this video to find out a bit more about biographies.

Features of a Biography



Purpose:
to give an account of someone's life.

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| Tense: <ul style="list-style-type: none">written in the past tenseClosing statements may use present/future tense | Structure: <p>Opens with an attention grabbing introduction that summarises the main events of the person's life and makes the audience want to read on.</p> <p>Key events are written in chronological order.</p> <p>Early life, family, home and influences help the audience to understand the person.</p> <p>Use relevant images and captions for interest.</p> <p>Concludes with what they are doing now, or how they are/will be remembered.</p> | | | |
| Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">information about their personalityspecific facts about achievements, influences and significant people | Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">their feelings about different points and events in their lifequotes from the person themselves, or other key people | Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">third person pronouns, such as: he, she, they, himself, herself, it, their, them | Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">adverbials, such as: accordingly consequently therefore hence | Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">ellipses, repetition, and time conjunctions to link sentences and paragraphs, such as: then, after that, this, firstly, whenever |

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Read this example of a biography...

J.K. Rowling Fact File

Biography

J.K. Rowling is the best-selling living author in the UK and her books are popular all over the world. Rowling has named Jane Austen and C.S. Lewis as a few of her favourite writers.

She was born Joanne Rowling on 31st July 1965, in Gloucestershire. Joanne enjoyed writing fantasy stories from an early age, reading them to her younger sister. Having graduated from university, she moved to London to work as a researcher for Amnesty International, an organisation which works to protect human rights around the world. Rowling also lived and worked in Manchester.

It was in 1990, when she was on a delayed train journey from Manchester to London that the idea for a series of books came into her head. Sadly, during the writing of the first Harry Potter book, her mother died. Rowling decided to introduce more detail about the loss of the main character's parents as she knew how it felt. Joanne used her own life as inspiration for many other ideas in the book, for example, her parents met at Kings Cross Station which is where Harry Potter catches the train to school.

Name:
Joanne Rowling

Born:
31st July 1965

Place of birth:
Gloucestershire, UK

Occupation:
Writer, Author



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After living and working as an English teacher in Portugal, Rowling moved to Edinburgh with her daughter. Those early days of living in Scotland weren't easy for Joanne as she had no job. She gave her spare time to finishing her book. When the story was finally complete, it was sent to 12 different publishing houses, all of which turned it down. In 1997, the book was finally published by Bloomsbury under the name J.K. Rowling. As Joanne didn't have a middle name, she used her grandmother's name, 'Kathleen' in her initials. Shortly after, the book won its first award and proved to be very popular. She later released the next book, 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets', followed by 'Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban'. The next book in the series, 'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire', broke sales records in both the UK and America.

Rowling was also named Author of the Year at the 2000 British Book Awards and 'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire' broke sales records in both the UK and America. Rowling was also named Author of the Year at the 2000 British Book Awards and awarded an OBE for writing such popular children's books.

The final book in the series, 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows', was released in 2007 and became the fastest-selling book in history. Since the last Harry Potter book, Rowling has written other books linked to the original Harry Potter series. She has also written stories for adults and continues to write more new material.

Today, original copies of 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' sell for around £20,000 and the series has been translated into 65 languages. The books were also made into very successful films.

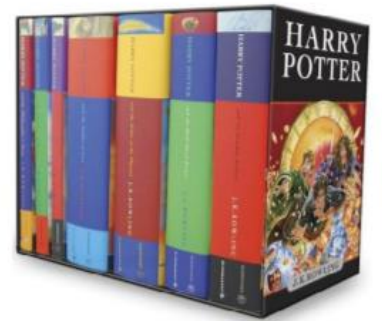


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Now let's find out a bit more about who you will be writing about.

Watch this video to find out more about Captain Sir Tom Moore.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INggil7v0tE>

Whilst you are watching, make a note of these key facts:

- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Career (what jobs did he have?)
- Legacy (why will he be remembered?)

Here are two examples of biography introductions...

J.K. Rowling is the best-selling living author in the UK and her books are popular all over the world. Rowling has described writers such as Jane Austen and C.S. Lewis as her sources of inspiration.

So, how do you become the best sprinter of all time?

Usain St. Leo Bolt once said, 'When I was young, I didn't really think about anything other than sports.' Whilst at secondary school, Usain focused on sprinting, which led him to win his first High School Championships medal. Since then he has set new world records, overcome injuries, won many medals, become a hero in his home country of Jamaica and he hasn't even finished yet!

Now have a go at writing an introduction for your biography. Remember to keep it brief and try to engage your reader by using interesting word choices.

An introduction...

Opens with an **attention grabbing** introduction that summarises the main events of the person's life and makes the audience want to read on.

Now proof-read your introduction.



Have you:

- got capital letters and full stops in the right place?
- read your sentences aloud to check that they all make sense?
- dotted any words you didn't know how to spell and used a dictionary to check them?
- used a few interesting and engaging word choices?

*You will publish your biography as you go.
Publish your fact file and introduction today.*

Biography

Captain Sir Tom Moore

Fact File

Date of birth: _____

Place of birth: _____

Career: _____

Legacy: _____



*There is a publishing sheet
on the website you can edit
or print, or you could
create your own biography
publishing sheet.*

*On the website, there is also a
page with some pictures you
could print if you are making
your own publishing sheet.*

Starter: ANSWERS



1. *Inspiration*
2. *Unexpected*
3. *Determination*