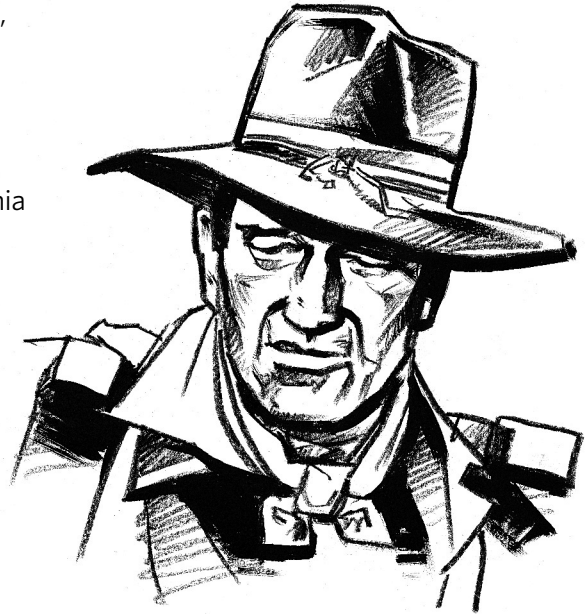


## Past simple: question form

## Worksheet A

**John Wayne: an all-American hero**

John Wayne was born on <sup>1</sup> ..... in Iowa, USA. His real name was Marion Robert Morrison. When he was a child, his family moved to <sup>2</sup> ..... because his father was ill and at that time Marion usually <sup>3</sup> ..... to school. He went to the University of Southern California and in the summer he worked <sup>4</sup> ..... Here Marion met John Ford, a famous film director, and they became good friends. In 1930 the director offered Marion a role in his new movie *The Big Trail* because <sup>5</sup> ..... Marion decided to change his name to John Wayne when he made *The Big Trail* and over the next eight years he appeared in <sup>6</sup> ..... films. Then, in 1939, he made *Stagecoach*, which became an instant success. *Stagecoach* won <sup>7</sup> ..... Oscars and, suddenly, John Wayne was a star. In his career he appeared in nearly 200 films and he won <sup>8</sup> ..... in 1970 for his role in the classic western *True Grit*. He made his last film in <sup>9</sup> 19 ..... and died of cancer in 1979. He was married three times and had <sup>10</sup> ..... children.

**Write questions for the gaps in the text above.**

- 1 When was ..... ?
- 2 Where did his family ..... when he was ..... ?
- 3 How ..... usually go ..... ?
- 4 Where ..... ?
- 5 Why ..... ?
- 6 ..... ?
- 7 ..... ?
- 8 ..... ?
- 9 ..... ?
- 10 ..... ?

## Past simple: question form

## Worksheet B

**John Wayne: an all-American hero**

John Wayne was born on May 26th 1907 in  
<sup>a</sup> ..... His real name was Marion Robert  
 Morrison. When he was a child, his family moved to  
 California because <sup>b</sup> ..... and at that  
 time Marion usually rode a horse to school. He went  
 to the University of <sup>c</sup> ..... and in the  
 summer he worked at the Fox Film Studios.  
 Here Marion met <sup>d</sup> ....., a famous  
 film director, and they became good friends.  
 In <sup>e</sup> 19 ..... the director offered  
 Marion a role in his new movie *The Big Trail* because  
 he was 'tall, strong and ugly'. Marion decided to  
<sup>f</sup> ..... when he made *The Big Trail*  
 and over the next eight years he appeared in  
 56 films. Then, in <sup>g</sup> 19 ....., he  
 made *Stagecoach*, which became an instant success.  
*Stagecoach* won two Oscars and, suddenly,  
 John Wayne was a star. In his career he appeared in  
<sup>h</sup> ..... films and he won the Oscar for best actor in 1970 for his role in the classic western  
*True Grit*. He made his last film in 1976 and died of cancer in <sup>i</sup> 19 ..... He was married  
<sup>j</sup> ..... times and had seven children.

**Write questions for the gaps in the text above.**

- a Where was ..... ?
- b Why did his family ..... ?
- c Which university did ..... ?
- d Which famous ..... ?
- e When ..... ?
- f ..... ?
- g ..... ?
- h ..... ?
- i ..... ?
- j ..... ?

## Instructions and Answer key

**You will need:** one copy of Worksheet A or Worksheet B per student

- Ask the class what they know about John Wayne and write their ideas on the board. Pre-teach the following items of vocabulary: *ugly, film studio, western, appear in a film, director, role in a film, success.*
- Divide the class into two groups, A and B. Give a copy of *Worksheet A* to each student in group A and a copy of *Worksheet B* to each student in group B. Allow students time to read their worksheets and ask any questions about vocabulary.
- Students work in pairs or groups with people who have the same worksheet and write down the questions (in the Past simple) they will need to ask in order to complete their version of the text.
- Rearrange the class so that each student with *Worksheet A* is working with a student with *Worksheet B*. Students are not allowed to look at each other's worksheets. Students take it in turns to ask the questions they have prepared. They should write the answers in the spaces on their worksheet.
- When they have finished, they can look at each other's worksheets and check their answers.
- As a follow-up activity, you could ask students to see how much their partner remembers.

### ANSWER KEY

#### Worksheet A

- 1 When was John Wayne born? (on May 26th 1907)
- 2 Where did his family move to when he was a child? (California)
- 3 How did he usually go to school? (He usually rode a horse.)
- 4 Where did he work (in the summer)? (at the Fox Film Studios)
- 5 Why did John Ford / the director offer him a role in *The Big Trail*? (Because he was 'tall, strong and ugly')
- 6 How many films did he appear in (over the next eight years)? (56)
- 7 How many Oscars did *Stagecoach* win? (two)
- 8 What did he win (in 1970) for his role in *True Grit*? (the Oscar for best actor)
- 9 When did he make his last film? (in 1976)
- 10 How many children did he have? (seven)

#### Worksheet B

- a Where was John Wayne born? (in Iowa, USA)
- b Why did his family move to California (when he was a child)? (because his father was ill)
- c Which university did he go to? (University of Southern California)
- d Which famous film director did he meet? (John Ford)
- e When did the director offer him a role in *The Big Trail*? (in 1930)
- f What did he decide to do before he made *The Big Trail*? (change his name to John Wayne)
- g When did he make *Stagecoach*? (in 1939)
- h How many films did he appear in? (nearly 200)
- i When did he die? (in 1979)
- j How many times was he married? (three)