

# 11B Madonna's life story

## Past simple Wh- questions

### Worksheet A

## Madonna - her life story



Madonna Louise Ciccone was born on  
1 ..... in  
Michigan, USA, and her mother died  
2 ..... Madonna  
studied acting at college and then she  
went to live in 3 .....  
in 1977. When she arrived there she only had  
\$35! Before she became a singer she worked  
as a dancer and a model. She made her first  
record in 4 .....  
and in 1983 she had her first hit with  
*Holiday*. She met 5 .....  
at a party in Los Angeles, and they got  
married in 1985. The marriage wasn't a happy  
one, and they got divorced in  
6 ..... Madonna also  
wanted to be a movie star, and she made *Evita*  
(the story of Eva Peron) in 1996. In 1998 she  
met 7 ..... , a British  
film director, at her friend Sting's house. On  
8 ..... they got  
married in Scotland. They divorced in 2008.  
Madonna has four children, Lourdes, Rocco,  
David Banda and Mercy James, and she now  
lives in New York in the USA.



Write questions in the Past simple for the gaps in the text above.

- 1 When ..... she born?
- 2 When ..... her mother ..... ?
- 3 Where ..... to live in 1977?
- 4 When ..... her first record?
- 5 Who ..... in Los Angeles?
- 6 When ..... divorced?
- 7 Who ..... in 1998?
- 8 When ..... married?

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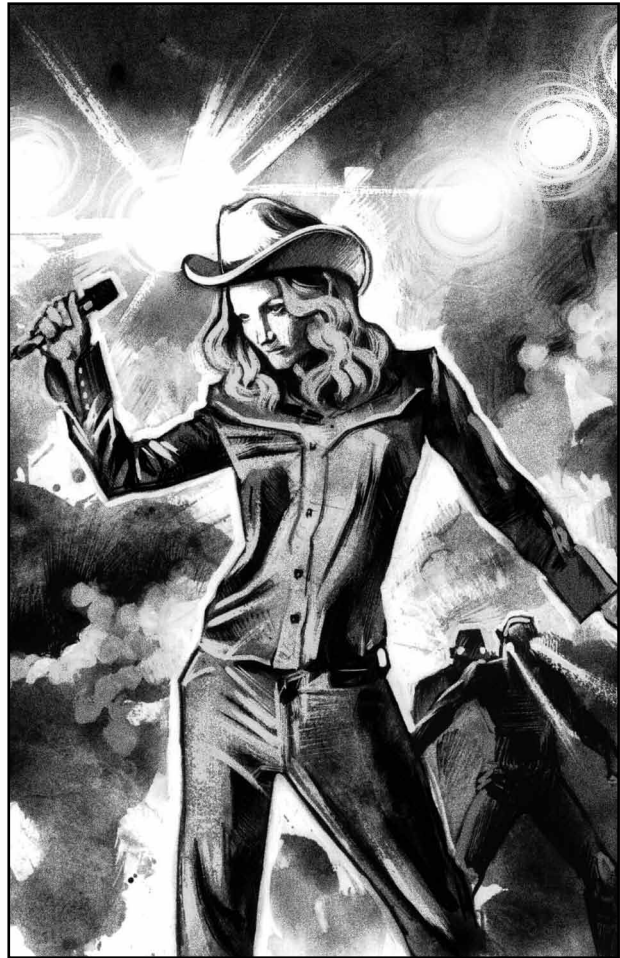
## Past simple *Wh*- questions

### Worksheet B

## Madonna - her life story



Madonna Louise Ciccone was born on 16th August 1958 in <sup>a</sup>....., and her mother died when she was six. Madonna studied <sup>b</sup>..... at college and then she went to live in New York in 1977. When she arrived there she only had <sup>c</sup>.....! Before she became a singer she worked as a dancer and a model. She made her first record in 1982, and in <sup>d</sup>..... she had her first hit with *Holiday*. She met actor Sean Penn at a party in Los Angeles, and they got married in <sup>e</sup>..... The marriage wasn't a happy one, and they got divorced in 1989. Madonna also wanted to be a movie star, and she made *Evita* (the story of Eva Peron) in <sup>f</sup>..... In 1998 she met Guy Richie, a British film director, at <sup>g</sup>..... On 22nd December 2000, they got married in <sup>h</sup>..... They divorced in 2008. Madonna has four children, Lourdes, Rocco, David Banda and Mercy James and she now lives in London.



Write questions in the Past simple for the gaps in the text above.

- a Where ..... she born?
- b What ..... she ..... at college?
- c How much money ..... when she arrived?
- d When ..... her first hit?
- e When ..... married?
- f When ..... *Evita*?
- g Where ..... Guy Richie?
- h Where ..... married?

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## Instructions

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

- Ask the class what they know about Madonna, and write their ideas on the board.
- Pre-teach the following vocabulary items: *to die*; *a hit (record)*; *a model*; *to get divorced*; *a party*.
- 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 the 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 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. Student A must ask the first question (i.e. Question 1 on his/her worksheet.) 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 and spelling.
- As a follow-up activity, students can see how much their partner remembers about the person by turning over the worksheets and asking their questions again.