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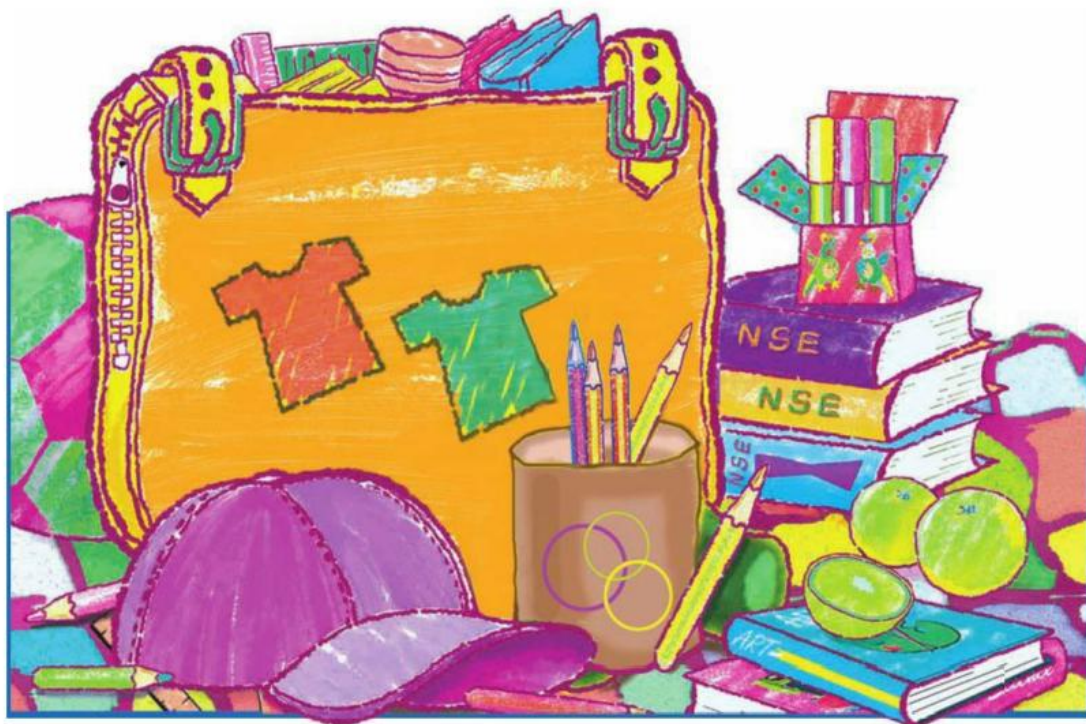
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Life history

Module task: Writing about people in the past

Unit 1 He left school and began work at the age of twelve.

Listening and vocabulary

1 Match the festivals with the months.

- 1 January
- 2 February
- 3 March
- 4 April
- 5 May
- 6 June

- a) Teachers' Day
- b) Women's Day
- c) Christmas
- d) National Day
- e) Children's Day
- f) New Year's Day
- g) May Day
- h) Spring Festival

- 7 July
- 8 August
- 9 September
- 10 October
- 11 November
- 12 December

Now talk about when the festivals are.

Spring Festival is in January or February.

2 Listen and choose the correct answer.

- 1 Betty's grandfather's life **was** / **wasn't** different from Betty's.
- 2 Betty's grandfather was born in April **1935** / **1955**.
- 3 Betty's grandfather went to **America** / **England** in **October** / **November** 1941.

3 Listen and read.

Betty: What are you reading?

Tony: *Tom Sawyer*, by the famous American writer, Mark Twain. I'm writing about him for my English class.

Betty: I read *Tom Sawyer*. Very good! Hey, we can find out about him on the Internet.

Tony: Yes! ... OK. Look at this! His real name was Samuel Clemens and he was born in 1835 in Missouri. He left school and began work at the age of twelve.

Betty: What did he do?

Tony: He wrote for a newspaper. Later he got work on a boat.

Betty: Did he stay in Missouri?

Tony: No, he went to New York, and other cities.



Betty: When did he begin his stories?

Tony: I don't know the exact date. But he took the name Mark Twain and became very famous in the 1860s. He went to Europe as well. But he didn't come to China.

Betty: Yes, I knew that. Enjoy the book.

Tony: Yes, it's good.

Everyday English

-  Look at this!
-  Enjoy the book.

Now complete the table about Mark Twain.

Time	Facts
In 1835	
At the age of twelve	
In the 1860s	

4 Find the past form of the verbs in the conversation.

be become begin do get go know
leave read take write

Learning to learn
Some verbs have an irregular past simple, e.g., “go — went”. Remember to make notes of them.

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words from the box.

age become Europe newspaper real writer

- 1 He began work at the _____ of twelve.
- 2 His _____ name was Samuel Clemens.
- 3 He wrote for a(n) _____.
- 4 He _____ very famous.
- 5 He went to _____, but he didn't come to China.
- 6 He is a great _____.

Pronunciation and speaking

6 Listen and repeat. 

/ɑ:/	March	Mark	market	/u:/	food	school	too
/eɪ/	day	May	stay	/ʊ/	book	good	
/i:/	read	teacher					

7 Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions about Mark Twain.

— Did Mark Twain stay in Missouri?
— No, he didn't.

- 1 Was Mark Twain his real name?
- 2 Did Betty read *Tom Sawyer*?
- 3 Did Mark Twain leave school at sixteen?
- 4 Did Mark Twain become a newspaper writer?
- 5 Did Mark Twain come to China?