

1. Read about Bob Marley's life:



Robert Nesta Marley was born on the 6th of February 1945, in Jamaica. His father was a white man in his 50s and his mother was a black woman who was 18 years old. Because of this, Bob Marley had a difficult time with other children when he was growing up. Bob Marley was ten years old when his father died.

His family moved to a poor area of Kingston, Jamaica after his father died. As a child, Bob made friends with some musicians, and they began playing music together.

After Bob grew up, his music became quite popular in Jamaica in the 1960s. In 1973, Bob Marley and his band, The Wailers, released their first album overseas. It was called 'Catch a Fire.' Then a year later, they released another album called, 'Burnin'. This album had many hit songs like '[Get Up, Stand Up](#)' and '[I Shot the Sheriff](#)'. This album made Marley famous all around the world. Marley wrote many songs about life, fixing problems in the world without war, and love.

In 1977, Bob Marley was playing soccer with friends and he cut his toe. The cut was not serious, but it didn't get better. When Bob went to see a doctor, they told him that he had cancer. His doctors wanted to cut the toe off to stop the cancer but Bob Marley refused because it was against his religion. Because of his African religion, Bob believed many things that explained his behaviour: his popular hairstyle, his smoking of marijuana, and his decision to not allow his doctors to fix his toe. The cancer went to his stomach, brain, and almost everywhere else in his body.

Bob Marley died on the 11th of May, 1981 in Miami, Florida. He was 36. His final words to his son Ziggy were 'Money can't buy life'.

2. Answer the questions about the text above:

1. Why did Bob Marley have problems when he was a child?
2. Why do you think his family moved to a poor area after his father died?
3. How did Bob start playing music?
4. Which album was Marley's first overseas hit?
5. Could the doctors have stopped Marley's cancer?
6. Why didn't Marley want the doctors to cut off his toe?
7. Why did Marley have strange hair and smoke marijuana?

3. Now, read about Bob Marley's son, Ziggy:



Ziggy was born on October 17, 1968, in Kingston, Jamaica. The oldest son of reggae great Bob Marley, Ziggy Marley has continued the Marley name in reggae music.

Ziggy **learned** music from his father and **began** performing when he was very young with his brothers and sisters. He **has played** in a band with his brothers and sisters and together, they **have made** many popular albums. Also, he **has traveled** overseas to perform live at

concerts because his music is popular in many different countries.



His music **has won** many music awards, like the Grammys.

4. Look at the **blue** and **orange** verbs above. What grammar tenses are they in? Why?