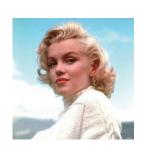
That's Interesting!



A worksheet for adults to practise reading, writing, spelling and numbers

Events from the past



Marilyn Monroe

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the death of the famous actress Marilyn Monroe. She was found dead in her apartment in Los Angeles on August 5, 1962 at the age of just 36. It was believed that she died from a drugs overdose.

Marilyn Monroe Image source: Wikimedia Commons

She began her career as a model but became famous as a singer and an actor when she starred in many hit films in the 1950's in which she mainly played comedy roles. She is regarded to this day as one of the most beautiful women of her time.

Born in 1926, her real name was Norma Jean Baker. She had a troubled life. As a child she spent many years moving between foster homes due to her mother's poor health. Marilyn was married three times; her first marriage was at the age of just 16. None of her marriages were to last very long and all ended in divorce.

In 1962, at a concert in Madison Square Garden in New York, in front of a huge audience, she famously sang "Happy Birthday Mister President" to President John F Kennedy. The magnificent gold beaded dress she wore on the night became famous. In 2016 a museum in New York paid 4.8 million dollars for the dress where, today, it can still be seen on display. In 1973 the singer Elton John wrote a song about Marilyn called "Candle in the wind". In 1997 he sang the same song, with different words, as a tribute to Princess Diana after she died.



Elvis Presley

Known as the King of Rock and Roll, Elvis Presley passed away suddenly 45 years ago in August 1977, at the age of just 42. It was believed that he died from a heart attack.

Elvis Presley Image source: Wikimedia Commons

Born in the state of Mississippi in USA, he recorded his first song in 1954. From then up until the 1970's, he became hugely popular as he recorded hit song after hit song and starred in many films.

He took a break from music from 1961 to 1964, when he did his army service with the US army, which at the time was compulsory for all young men in America. In 1962 he married his wife Priscilla and they had a daughter, Lisa Marie. The couple later divorced.

Elvis had his own style of singing and he sang a wide variety of songs from pop, country, rock and roll to gospel and blues. He was famous for his jiving and hip swaying dancing on stage which at times was not liked by the older people who believed that he was a bad example for the youth of America.

Although he never held a concert outside of America, he became popular all over the world and to this day is still the biggest selling solo singer of all time. He is still known as "The King".



Mother Teresa Image source: Wikimedia Commons

Mother Teresa

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the death of Mother Teresa, better known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta. A woman who devoted her life to looking after the children on the streets of the Indian city of Calcutta.

Born in Serbia in eastern Europe, at the age of 18 she joined an Irish order of nuns and spent a year in Dublin training to be a teacher. Soon after, she was sent to India and began teaching there. However, she was so shocked by how poor the people were and by the huge numbers of children who were living on the streets that she left her teaching job to look after the poor of Calcutta.

Later she set up her own order of nursing sisters where she was joined by women and men as well as many volunteers who raised money to provide education, homes and hospitals for the poor in Calcutta. In her own words she wanted to help "the unwanted, the unloved and the uncared for". She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, this award is given to people who have made a difference to the lives of others.

She died in September 1997 at the age of 87. In 2016, Pope Francis announced that Mother Teresa was to become a saint and is now known as Saint Teresa of Calcutta.



Princess Diana Image source: Wikimedia Commons

Princess Diana

25 years ago, on 31 August 1997, Diana, Princess of Wales died following a road traffic accident in Paris. She was just 36. She had been recently divorced from Prince Charles and was mother to two sons, William and Harry. Charles is now the new king of England.

Her beauty and style and her work with very many charities made her the most photographed woman in the world. She was followed by press photographers and journalists wherever she went. In fact, on the night of the accident in Paris, it is believed that the car she was travelling in was going at speed to avoid being followed by photographers.



When to use Capital letters

- 1. At the **beginning of every sentence**. Example: The sun was shining.
- 2. When using "I". Example: John and I went to school together.
- First letter of days of week, months and public holidays.
 Examples: Monday, September, Christmas, St. Patrick's Day.
- 4. At the start of names and surnames. Examples: Mary Black, Sam O'Brien.
- For names of places, towns, street names, countries, rivers, mountains, buildings.

Examples: Parnell Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow, River Shannon, Croke Park, The Grand Hotel.

6. For letters used in abbreviations or shortened words.

Examples: RTE NALA PRSI GAA

- 7. For the title of a person. Examples: Mr. Mrs. Dr.
- 8. For titles of books, films and newspapers.

Examples: "Harry Potter", "Star Wars", "The Sunday Independent".

- 9. For brand names. Examples: Barry's Tea, Tayto, Kit Kat. Jacobs Fig Rolls.
- **10.** For names of businesses, shops. Examples: Penney's, Aldi, Dunne's Stores





Rewrite the following putting in the capital letters where needed.

mary and i are friends. we met when we lived in ennis in co. clare. we were working in the aib bank. we shared a flat in parnell street with ann and tom. every saturday night we went to the savoy cinema to see a film. i remember we went to see titanic. mary and i meet every monday. we go shopping to aldi, dunnes stores and tesco. afterwards we go for coffee to a café called the happy apple. we also go to penneys. last week i saw my neighbour, mrs smith, there. she was in hospital last October because she broke her leg when she fell outside the gaa field in limerick.



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Insurance €520 Heating Oil €1,200 Electricity €1,500 Telephone €1,040 Bin collection €360

She has decided that she will set aside a **set amount** of money for these bills **every month** in 2023.

How much will she need to put aside for bills every month? _____

2. Paul earns €15 per hour.

Last week his take home pay was €348.50, after he had paid tax, PRSI and USC of €26.50.

a. What was his pay before tax, PRSI and USC? _____

b. How many hours did Paul work last week? _____

3. I need to buy firelogs

- In shop A, I can buy fire logs at €1.10 each.
- In shop B, I can buy 5 fire logs for €5.
- In shop C, I can buy 1 fire log for €2.40 but If I buy 1, I get a second one free.

I need to buy 10 fire logs; how much will I pay for 10 fire logs if I buy them in

Shop A _____

Shop B _____

Shop C _____



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Q3 shop A € 11 B € 10 C €12

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