

Does your biography include...

an introduction that summarises the main events of a person's life?	
information about the key events in the person's life in chronological paragraphs?	
specific facts about achievements, influences and significant people?	
their feelings about different points and events in their lives?	
quotes from the person themselves or other key people in their life?	
a conclusion about how they are/will be remembered?	

Passive Verb Examples

The programme was changed by the producers.
 The company was run by Sue and her husband for over 20 years.
 The entire neighbourhood was destroyed by the fire.
 Money was generously donated to help him complete his dream.
 His pictures were viewed by the world.

Modal Verb Examples

He realised he should probably change professions.

They knew that their project just might make a difference.

She understood that if she didn't succeed, she would lose her job.

Going over her research, scientists discovered that she may be right about the future.

His heart told him he could do it if he put his mind to it.

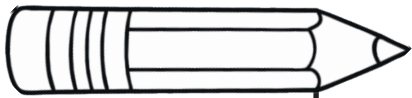


Word Bank

hard-working	lived	grew up	knew
well known	enjoyed	decided	wanted
felt	determined	child	adolescent
adult	successful	became	thought
parents	inspirational	motivational	celebrity
renowned	struggled	achieve	competition
physical	profession	develop	privilege

Fronted Adverbials

- Once,
- **During...**,
- After,
- **As an adult,**
- Next,
- **Since,**
- Then,
- **As a child,**
- When...,
- **Eventually,**
- When she/he was...,
- **Soon,**
- Finally,
- **In (year),**
- Once they were...,



Key Features

introduction

key events

specific facts

personal feelings

quotes

An Excerpt from Twinkl's Biography on Tom Daley

Introduction

British diver Tom Daley has represented his country in many competitions worldwide, including four Olympic Games. He specialises in platform diving - both as a solo athlete and in synchronised events. In the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, he won his fourth Olympic medal: a gold for a 10m synchronised dive with his dive partner Matty Lee. His determination and willingness to train incredibly hard make him an excellent role model. As Tom says, "Oh, you have to want it more than anything. It has to be the biggest thing in your life – otherwise why would you do it?"

Family and Early Life

On 21st May 1994, Thomas Robert Daley was born in the port town of Plymouth to Rob and Debbie Daley. His father trained as an electrician while his mother was a housewife. Tom is their eldest child: his two brothers, William and Ben, are three and five years younger than him. As a child, Tom attended local community schools and (despite his education being interrupted by competitions) achieved great exam results at his secondary school.

Sporting Beginnings

Having learnt to swim at the age of four, Tom then began diving lessons at his local pool aged seven. Although diving was his main passion, he was also keen on other sports including judo. He was soon spotted by diving coach, Andy Banks, who became his trainer when Tom was eight years old. From that age onwards, Tom was part of an increasingly intensive training programme – including regular lessons and training camps in other cities. He has admitted that he found being away from home very difficult as a young child. When Tom was placed in a competitive squad and began travelling to diving events, his father decided he would give up his job and accompany Tom on the road. Had he not been there, Tom might not have become so successful.

First Signs of a Star

Only one month after his tenth birthday, Tom became the youngest-ever winner of the under-18 platform competition in the National Junior Championships. However, despite the fact he had met the tough qualification standard for the 2006 Commonwealth Games, Tom couldn't be selected for the England team at that time since he wasn't old enough.