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**1 Answer the questions. Choose words from the box.**

London      The Hectics      Zanzibar      Brian May      Bomi Bulsara

- 1 Where was Freddie Mercury born? .....
- 2 What was the name of the first band that Freddie played in? .....
- 3 Who was Freddie's father? .....
- 4 Where did Freddie's family move to escape the revolution? .....
- 5 Who was the guitar player who would become important in Freddie's life? .....

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**2 Tick  the five sentences that are true about Freddie Mercury.**

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| a In 2018, workers at Heathrow airport dressed up as Freddie. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b Freddie died in November 2019.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c Freddie had worked at Heathrow airport.                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d His father worked for the British government.               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e Freddie was born in India.                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f Freddie went to school in India.                            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g He was shy about his teeth.                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h He formed his first band at the age of 14.                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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**3 Match the two parts of the sentences. Draw lines between them.**

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| 1 Fashion designers came to London,      | a to be Smile's lead singer.                     |
| 2 Teenagers owned transistor radios,     | b and putting them under his pillow.             |
| 3 Freddie was making new friends,        | c and Freddie changed his name, too.             |
| 4 He was writing songs at home           | d bringing new ideas with them.                  |
| 5 Brian and Roger asked Freddie          | e so they could listen to their favourite songs. |
| 6 Smile had changed their name to Queen, | f but he wanted to follow his dream.             |

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**4 Complete the sentences. Write the words in brackets in the correct order.**

- 1 Freddie (**had / in / arrived**) ..... London at a very exciting time.
- 2 His family (**left / had / Zanzibar**) ..... to escape from a revolution.
- 3 British people in the 1960s (**not / had / had**) ..... much fun.
- 4 Many rock stars (**art / had / studied**) ..... before they became musicians.
- 5 Hendrix (**in / arrived / had**) ..... London in September 1966.

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**5 Complete the text. Choose the correct answer (a–h) below. There are three extra answers.**

The new music, fashion, dance and art had a strong influence on Freddie. He grew his hair long  
<sup>1</sup> ..... in the latest fashion. He <sup>2</sup> ..... his own ideas about his future, which were very different from his  
 parents' ideas. They <sup>3</sup> ..... a job like an accountant or a lawyer, but Freddie did not share their dreams.  
 He <sup>4</sup> ..... a rock star! But first he wanted to go to art college because many famous rock stars had  
 studied art before they became musicians. From 1964 to 1966, he went to a college in Isleworth, and  
 then in September 1966 he started a course at Ealing School of Art, <sup>5</sup> ..... Freddie was making lots of  
 new friends, but he wanted to follow his dream of being a musician, and he knew that he had to meet  
 more people in the world of music.

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| <b>a</b> training to be a fashion designer. | <b>e</b> was developing      |
| <b>b</b> had been there                     | <b>f</b> wanted him to have  |
| <b>c</b> and started wearing clothes        | <b>g</b> did not want to     |
| <b>d</b> was training                       | <b>h</b> was going to become |

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**6 Read the questions about Chapter Three. Choose the correct answer (a, b, c or d).**

- 1 Chapter Three is called "Friends and lovers". What could be a different title?
  - a** Finding Love
  - b** A Dress From Biba
  - c** Brian May
  - d** Glam-Rock Stars
  
- 2 How long did it take for Freddie to ask Mary to go out with him?
  - a** Six days
  - b** One day
  - c** Five weeks
  - d** Five months

3 Where did they go on their first date?

- a A rock concert
- b The cinema
- c A restaurant
- d The park

4 Why did Freddie pretend not to be gay?

- a He liked keeping secrets.
- b He was dating another woman.
- c He was breaking the law by being gay.
- d He didn't want his sister to know.

5 Why did Freddie love glam rock?

- a Because he could dress as he liked.
- b Because he loved the songs.
- c Because he liked David Bowie.
- d Because it was new and exciting.

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7 Complete the sentences. Choose names from the box.

Freddie	Mary	Brian	Barbara	Roger
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- 1 ..... had studied fashion at Brighton College of Art.
- 2 ..... noticed that ..... talked about ..... a lot, so he introduced them.
- 3 ..... and ..... were still selling clothes in Kensington Market.
- 4 ..... asked ..... to go out with him on his 24th birthday.

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8 Complete the text. Choose the correct answer (a, b, c or d).

Freddie was sure that, one day, Queen <sup>1</sup> ..... be a big success. However, he was also worried

- a would
- b will
- c did
- d had

because he did not have a real job, and his only money came from <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ clothes in

- a sell
- b selling
- c sold
- d sells

Kensington Market. He <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that Queen had to make a deal with a record company as

- a knew
- b knows
- c known
- d knowing

quickly as possible. But this was not easy, because many other bands and singers were <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

- a tries
- b tried
- c trying
- d try

to do the same thing.

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**9 What did Queen have to do to become famous? Tick  the four sentences that are true.**

- a They had to rehearse a lot.
- b They had to dress in strange clothes.
- c They had to pay Norman and Barry Sheffield a lot of money.
- d They had to travel around the world.
- e They had to record many songs.
- f They had to work at night.
- g They had to wear make-up.

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**10 Answer the questions.**

1 Why did the band go to Hawaii before going to Japan?

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2 Why were the band angry with Norman Sheffield?

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3 What was the name of Queen's fourth album?

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4 In what ways was “Bohemian Rhapsody” different from other songs?

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5 How long did it take to record “Bohemian Rhapsody”?

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**11 Circle the correct words.**

- 1 Queen’s relationship with Trident **had become** / **will become** very bad.
- 2 Trident **loses** / **had lost** a lot of money from Queen’s tours in the USA.
- 3 Queen **leave** / **left** Trident and **get** / **got** a new manager.
- 4 In the summer of 1976, Queen started **working** / **worked** on their new album.
- 5 There **are** / **were** rumours that Freddie might be gay.

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**12 Complete the text. Write one word in each gap.**

One day, after arriving at the Hilton Hotel in Munich, Freddie decided to have a bath before going to the recording studios. Suddenly, while he <sup>1</sup> ..... in the bath, he had an idea for a new song and <sup>2</sup> ..... someone to bring him a guitar. Although he was not very good at the guitar, he wrote the song in just a <sup>3</sup> ..... minutes. He went quickly to the recording studios, where Roger and John <sup>4</sup> ..... waiting. He told them excitedly about the new song, then played it for them. He called it “Crazy Little Thing Called Love”. It was released as a single and became a huge hit all <sup>5</sup> ..... the world. It was Queen’s first number one <sup>6</sup> ..... the USA; was top of the charts in Canada, Mexico, the Netherlands and Australia; and reached number two in the UK.

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**13 Complete the sentences with the correct options (a, b or c).**

- 1 The song “Another One Bites the Dust” was different because it was .....
  - a more disco than rock.
  - b very fast.
  - c only music, no words.

- 2 Queen had to play in stadiums in South America .....
  - a to keep safe.
  - b because they had a lot of fans.
  - c to have a better sound.
  
- 3 Gay men were worried about AIDS because .....
  - a it was very hard to get.
  - b it started in the USA.
  - c many gay men had died.
  
- 4 The other members of the band did not like Paul because he .....
  - a stole money.
  - b was a bad influence on Freddie.
  - c was rude.
  
- 5 Freddie now looked different, he .....
  - a had short hair and a moustache.
  - b wore strange T-shirts.
  - c was very thin.
  
- 6 Compared to Michael Jackson, Queen sold .....
  - a more records.
  - b the same number of records.
  - c fewer records.

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**14 Complete the sentences. Choose the correct words from the box.**

could            because            so            and            but            although

- 1 Freddie and Mary were not lovers any more, ..... they were still very good friends.
- 2 Freddie was rich and famous, and he ..... have everything he wanted.
- 3 He bought the house immediately, ..... he wanted to make some changes.
- 4 Queen were still at the top, ..... it seemed that anything was possible for them.
- 5 They still had many fans in Japan, ..... the tour there went well.
- 6 Queen were also having problems ..... they were not happy with Elektra.

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**15** Read about the video for “I Want to Break Free” in Chapter Eight. Write T (*true*) or F (*false*).

- 1 The four members of the band were dressed as women. ....
- 2 He was cleaning the house. ....
- 3 Freddie was wearing lots of make-up. ....
- 4 Freddie was wearing a long dress. ....
- 5 Roger was dressed like an old lady. ....
- 6 Brian and John were reading newspapers. ....
- 7 The video was a success in the UK. ....
- 8 The video was a success in South America. ....

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**16** Put the events from Chapter Nine in the correct order (1–8).

- a Freddie invited Jim to Munich.
- b Jim walked to the stage with Freddie.
- c Freddie gave Jim some clothes to wear.
- d Freddie told Jim that he was a singer.
- e Jim went to Munich several times to see Freddie.
- f Freddie introduced Jim to Mary.
- g They went to the garden of Garden Lodge.
- h Jim realized that Freddie was a rock star.

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**17** Answer the questions.

1 Why was the Live Aid concert a positive thing for Queen?

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2 Why did Freddie like the song “The Great Pretender”?

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3 Where did Freddie meet the opera singer Montserrat Caballé?

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4 When did Freddie find out that he had AIDS?

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5 Which was Freddie’s last video?

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6 Why was the video in black and white?

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**18 Correct the sentences.**

1 After the Live Aid concert, Queen never played again.

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2 They had shown children that they were one of the greatest rock bands in the world.

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3 During the next few years, they did not record any more songs.

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4 Queen went on tour in Japan to promote the album *A Kind of Magic*.

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5 They played two concerts at Wembley Stadium, where no tickets were sold.

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**19 Read the answers. Complete the questions.**

1 Why ..... ?  
Because he was living with somebody he loved.

2 Why ..... the party?  
Because he wanted the media to think that Mary was still his girlfriend.

3 When ..... ?  
They went to Japan for a holiday at the end of September 1986.

4 Why ..... always great?  
Because Freddie could form a great relationship with his audience.

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**20 Complete the text. Choose the correct words from the box (a, b, c or d).**

1 a for	2 a into	3 a at	4 a has	5 a to	6 a of
b by	b under	b in	b had	b than	b as
c in	c out of	c over	c were	c as	c how
d on	d over	d on	d did	d for	d about

After Freddie’s death, Queen released a single of “Bohemian Rhapsody” and “These Are the Days of our Lives”. It went immediately to the top of the UK charts and stayed there <sup>1</sup> ..... five weeks. During this time, Queen also had ten albums in the UK album charts. People all <sup>2</sup> ..... the world had read about Freddie’s death <sup>3</sup> ..... the newspapers. Hundreds of people <sup>4</sup> ..... died of AIDS before Freddie, but very few were as famous <sup>5</sup> ..... he was. So now more people began to learn <sup>6</sup> ..... AIDS and understand this terrible illness better.

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**21 Unscramble the sentences.**

1 careful, / been / If / he / Freddie / AIDS. / had / have / not / would / more / got

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2 family/ he / UK, / would / have / famous. / become / moved / his / had / not / If / not/ to / the / he

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3 Freddie / shy / had / not / asked / have / Mary / sooner. / out / he / If / been, /would

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4 owned / they / TV, / watched / Top of the Pops / would / home. / at / have / a / If / they / had

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5 poor, / would / bought / house. / huge / been / have / a / not / had / not / Freddie / If / had / he / not

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**22 Write T (true) or F (false).**

- 1 Freddie always wanted to be a musician. ....
- 2 Freddie was born in the UK. ....
- 3 Freddie was always friends with Mary Austin. ....
- 4 Freddie was in a relationship with Jim Hutton. ....
- 5 Queen played at Live Aid, a concert to help people in Ethiopia. ....
- 6 Freddie never had an AIDS test. ....

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**23 Circle the correct words.**

- 1 They went on a tour to Japan and Australia, and they were a success in **both** / **all of the** countries.
- 2 Although they went out **several** / **most** times, their relationship was never serious.
- 3 Jim went to Germany **several** / **a little** times to see Freddie.
- 4 **Both** / **Many** “Sheer Heart Attack” and “Killer Queen” were top of the charts.
- 5 **All the** / **Nobody** women wanted a pink dress from Biba.
- 6 **Most** / **Both** people in the UK know who Queen is.

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**24 Put the words in the correct column.**

pretend      prize      release      musician      popular      designer  
 promote      talented      flamboyant      stadium      support      royal

Nouns	Verbs	Adjectives

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**25 Read the definitions. Choose the correct words from the box.**

rumour    pillow    concert    audience    make-up    lawyer    star    assistant

- 1 All the people who are watching a play, film or concert. ....
- 2 Special colours that you put on your face to make you look different or more beautiful. ....
- 3 When people play music or sing in a place and a lot of other people listen to them. ....
- 4 Someone whose job is to help another person with their work. ....
- 5 A very famous singer, musician or actor. ....
- 6 Something that a lot of people talk about but that may not be true. ....
- 7 A person who helps people with the law. ....
- 8 A soft thing that you put your head on when you are in bed. ....

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**26 Complete the sentences. Write the correct form of the adjectives in brackets.**

- 1 Freddie Mercury was one of ..... (**great**) rock stars of all time.
- 2 Boutiques in London sold clothes in ..... (**late**) fashions.
- 3 ..... (**popular**) shopping areas in London were the King's Road, Kensington and Carnaby Street.
- 4 Music was ..... (**important**) thing for teenagers in the sixties.
- 5 ..... (**good**) way to promote a new song was for DJs to play it on the radio.
- 6 Freddie won first prize in a competition for ..... (**beautiful**) baby.

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**27 Answer the question. Choose the best answer (a, b, c or d).**

Do we know if Freddie loved Mary all his life?

- a Yes, she was his first girlfriend.
- b Yes, they lived together for many years.
- c Yes, they were married.
- d Yes, they always supported each other.

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**28 Circle the correct words.**

- 1 The people watching the show at the airport were very **surprised** / **surprising**.
- 2 Freddie's life was very **interested** / **interesting**.
- 3 In Zanzibar, families were **frightened** / **frightening** for their children.
- 4 Freddie was very **interested** / **interesting** in Western pop music.
- 5 Freddie's parents were **worried** / **worrying** that he was writing music

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**29 Write T (true) or F (false).**

- 1 A revolution is a big change in government. ....
- 2 Western means in or from Asia. ....
- 3 International means from different countries. ....
- 4 A drummer plays the guitar. ....
- 5 An interview has questions. ....

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**30 Rewrite the sentences. Choose the correct phrases from the box to replace the bold words.**

sat down                      dressed up                      went on                      took off

- 1 Freddie went into the shop with Roger. This **continued** for five or six months. ....
- 2 Freddie **was disguised** as a housewife for the video. ....
- 3 When Freddie **removed** his wig and women's clothes, people became quiet. ....
- 4 Freddie **had a seat** at the piano at Live Aid. ....

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