

1 What do you know about Freddie Mercury? Tick the facts that you think are true.

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| 1 He had eight extra teeth. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 He escaped a revolution. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 He went to boarding school in India. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 His real name was Farrokh Bulsara. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 He worked at an airport. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 He played the piano in his first band. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 He was from a country in Africa. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 He died of a terrible illness. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2 Answer the questions.

1 Have you ever listened to Queen's music? Do you like it?

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2 Do you know the song "Bohemian Rhapsody"? What do you think it is about?

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3 Are Queen popular today? Why/Why not?

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3 Complete the table. Put the sentences (a-p) in the correct column.

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| a Freddie met Mary. | i He was born in Zanzibar. |
| b Queen performed at Live Aid. | j Freddie went to school in India. |
| c Queen did tours all over the world. | k Freddie and Mary lived together. |
| d He had one sister. | l Freddie met Jim Hutton. |
| e He sold clothes in Kensington market. | m His first band was called The Hectics. |
| f Freddie bought a big house. | n Freddie got AIDS. |
| g Queen made a lot of money. | o Queen made a video dressed as women. |
| h Jim and Freddie were very close. | p He changed his name to Freddie Mercury. |

His childhood	As a young man	Becoming famous	His later years

4 Answer the questions.

1 When did Freddie become interested in Western music?

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2 Who were the four members of Queen?

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3 What was the name of their first album?

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4 What was the problem with the song "Bohemian Rhapsody"?

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5 Who wrote the songs for Queen?

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6 How did Live Aid help Queen?

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7 What happened to Queen after Freddie died?

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5 Match the important people in Freddie's life with the facts. Draw lines between them.

a He went to Germany several times to see Freddie.

b Lead guitar player for Queen.

c Bass guitar player for Queen.

d Lived with Freddie for six years.

e Drummer for Queen.



Brian May



Roger Taylor



John Deacon



Mary Austin



Jim Hutton

f Wrote "We Will Rock You".

g Found a house for Freddie called Garden Lodge.

h He wrote "Radio Ga Ga".

i He was a hairdresser.

j He wrote "Another One Bites the Dust".

6 Complete the crossword.

Across

- 2** A soft thing that you put your head on when you are in bed.
- 4** To plan something and make it happen.
- 6** Money or a nice thing that you give to someone who wins a competition.
- 7** A ... person can do something very well.

Down

- 1** Someone who plays music for a job.
- 2** To make people think that something is true when it is not.
- 3** When people play music or sing in a place and a lot of other people listen to them.
- 5** The people watching the answer to 3 down!

7 You are Freddie Mercury. You are at the end of your life. Write a letter to Mary reflecting on the lessons you have learned.

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Dear Mary,

I've had a full and eventful life with too many up and downs to count!

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*Love,
Freddie*

8 Listen to some of Queen's music. Write a review of one of their songs for a music magazine.

A large rectangular area with horizontal dotted lines for writing a review.

9 Now you know more about Freddie Mercury, go back to Exercise 1 and check your answers.