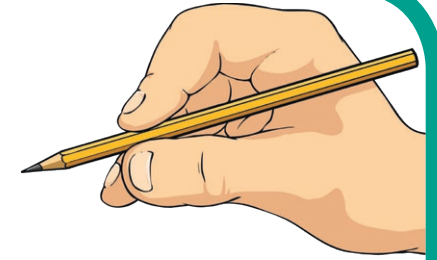


# Features of a Biography



## Purpose:

to give an account of someone's life.

### Tense:

- written in the past tense
- Closing statements may use present/future tense

### Structure:

Opens with an **attention grabbing** introduction that summarises the main events of the person's life and makes the audience want to read on.

Key events are written in **chronological order**.

Early life, family, home and influences help the audience to understand the person.

Use relevant images and captions for interest.

**Concludes** with what they are doing now, or how they are/will be remembered.

### Include:

- information about their personality
- specific facts about achievements, influences and significant people

### Include:

- their feelings about different points and events in their life
- quotes from the person themselves, or other key people

### Include:

- third person pronouns, such as:  
he, she, they,  
himself, herself,  
it, their, them

### Include:

- adverbials, such as:  
accordingly  
consequently  
therefore  
hence

### Include:

- ellipses, repetition, and time conjunctions to link sentences and paragraphs, such as:  
then, after that,  
this, firstly,  
whenever