

Bio-sketch

Introduction

A biographical sketch is a brief narrative that contains details about an individual's life, career, background, activities etc. It develops an understanding of the people, place, times, and events in which the individual lived. It tells the story in a style and tone that the reader/listener can relate to the person. It talks about the person's influence on the world. Thus, in this way, a biographical sketch includes, almost all the major details of an individual.

Points to remember:

1. A biographical sketch does not follow any format and is written in a paragraph.
2. All the basic information of an individual, such as, his full name, date and place of birth, his achievements etc. is included in it.
3. It is written in third-person.
4. Marks are awarded on the content and expression of the write-up. Therefore, special care should be taken to maintain the coherence, accuracy and fluency of the content.
5. Marks may be deducted for grammatical errors and mistakes in spellings and punctuation marks.
6. Although, marks are not deducted for sticking to the word limit, it is preferred that a biographical sketch be written within 80-100 words.

Young boy

Given below is the profile of Prashant Kumar. Write his biographical sketch within 80-100 words.

Age: 13 years

Height: 153 cm

Structure: thin

Family: three brothers, one sister, parents in Bihar, parents work as labourers

Work: works at a tea stall in Delhi from morning till evening; poorly paid; lives in the shop; scantily clad

Dreams: dreams to become literate one day

Nature: likes to questions, curious

Wishes: wants to go to school and read comics.

Answer:

Prashant Kumar is a 13 years old, thin boy. He works morning till evening in a tea stall in Delhi. He is 153 cm tall and comes from a large family. He has three brothers and a sister. His parents work as labourers in Bihar. He is a very poorly paid boy and thus, lives in the shop itself. His poverty shows in his clothes as he is quite scantily clad. He wants to go to school and be able to read comics. He dreams of becoming literate and has a curious and inquisitive nature.

Young Footballer of Your City

You are impressed by the young football player of your city. Write her biographical sketch in about 80-100 words using the notes given below:

Ms. Aditi Saxena

Age: 12 years

Profile: student of class VII, smart, confident, state level champion in junior group football

Father: businessman

Mother: teacher

Brother: engineer, encouraged and helped her play

Coach: Mr. Nitin Bakshi (retired national player)

Achievements: started playing at the age of 7, has won various prizes at school, Inter-school and district level.

Answer:

Aditi Saxena, a 12 year-old student of class VII, is a budding football player of the city. This confident and smart athlete started playing football at the age of seven. She has won many awards and prizes at her school football competitions and at inter-school and district level. She has even acquired a state level championship in the junior group. Her father is a businessman and mother is a teacher. Her engineer brother is the one who encouraged her to play football. She is coached by Mr. Nitin Bakshi, who himself has been a national football player

Vijender Singh

Use the notes given in the following box to write a biographical sketch in 80-100 words:'

VIJENDER SINGH
Born October 29, 1985 in Haryana
Spent early days in village; practiced boxing in Bhiwani boxing club
Picked up by Coach Jagdish Singh; won national championships
Participated in 2004 Athens Summer Olympics; 2006 Commonwealth Games; 2006 Asian Games
2008 Beijing Olympics: defeated Carlos Gongora to win first ever Olympic medal (bronze) in boxing for India
2009: awarded Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, India's highest sporting honour

(Source: CBSE, 2010)

Answer:

Vijendra Singh, the great Indian boxer, was born on October 29, 1985 in Haryana. His early days were spent in his village where he practiced boxing at the Bhiwani Boxing Club. His talent was recognized by his coach Jagdish Singh, under whose guidance he won many national championships. He participated in 2004 Athens Summer Olympics, commonwealth Games of 2006 and 2006 Asian Games. He became the first ever Indian boxer to win a bronze medal at Olympics by defeating Carlos Gongora, in the year 2008. In the year 2009, he was awarded with the highest sporting honour 'The Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award'.

School Gardener

Given below is a profile of Mr. Raj, a school gardener. Write a short biographical sketch of Mr. Raj. Clues are given below:

Age: 50 years

Height / weight: six feet, solid built

Family: large-six children, four boys, two girls

Education: high school

Likes: plant, nursery, manure, organic farming

Why he is popular: believes children are like young saplings

Answer:

Mr. Raj, a 50 years old man, works as a school gardener. This six feet tall man of solid built has a large family of six children, four boys and two girls. He is educated up to high school and has a great liking for plants, nursery, manure, organic farming, etc. He is very popular among children as he believes that children are like young saplings and treats them with love and care.

Marie Curie

Marie Curie is one of the most proficient physicists and chemical analyst, the world has ever seen. Given below are notes on her life. Write a biographical sketch of her.

BORN	– 7 November 1867 in Warsaw, Poland
NATURE	– quiet, dignified, unassuming
EDUCATION	– general education in local schools – scientific training from her father
ACHIEVEMENTS	– founded theory of radioactivity – honoured with two Noble Prizes in physics and chemistry – discovered two new elements: polonium, radium
DIED	– 4 July, 1934

Answer:

Marie Curie, one of the most proficient physicists and chemical analyst in the world, was born in Warsaw, Poland on Nov 7, 1867. Marie had a quiet, dignified and unassuming nature. She was educated at local schools and received scientific training from her father. Her greatest achievement remains the discovery of two new elements: polonium and radium. Moreover, she was the founder of the theory of radioactivity and was honoured with two Nobel Prizes, one in physics and other in chemistry. Marie died at the age of 67, on 4 July 1934.

Amitabh Bachchan

Based on the following notes, write a biographical sketch of Mr. Amitabh Bachchan in about 100 words.

- Born on 11 October 1942
- Son of Shri Harivansh Rai Bachchan
- First gained popularity in the early 1970s
- The “angry young man” of Hindi Cinema
- Most influential Indian film actor
- A career spanning more than four decades
- Won four National Film Awards
- Film producer and television anchor

Answer:

Amitabh Bachchan, the greatest Indian actor ever, was born in the year 1942 on 11th October. He is the son of the famous Indian poet, Harivansh Rai Bachchan. Amitabh gained immense popularity in the Indian cinema during the early 1970's and came to be known as the “angry young man” of Hindi cinema. Till date, he is known to be the most influential actor of Hindi cinema. In a career span of more than four decades, he has won four National Film Awards and marked his presence as a film producer and television anchor as well. He also showed inclination towards politics and remained a member of parliament from 1984 to 1987.

Robert Frost

With the help of the given clues, write a biographical sketch of the famous poet Robert Frost.

- Birth: San Francisco, California
- Lawrence High School in 1892, also attended Dartmouth University and Harvard University
- Married: Dec19, 1895 to Elinor
- Educator, American poet; 1st poem "My Butterfly: an Elegy," published in 1894
- Other famous poems: The Road Not Taken, A brook in the city, A late walk, A minor bird, A soldier, etc.

- Highly regarded for his realistic depictions of rural life and his command of American colloquial speech
- A four-time Pulitzer Prize winner in poetry
- Died on Jan 29, 1963, Boston.

Answer:

Robert Frost, the famous American poet and educator, was born in San Francisco, California. He attended the Lawrence High School in 1892 and also received education at Dartmouth University and Harvard University. His first poem- “My Butterfly: an Elegy” got published in the year 1894. A year later, he married Elinor on December 19, 1895. Some of his famous works include poems like ‘The Road Not Taken’, ‘A brook in the city’, ‘A late walk’, ‘A minor bird’, ‘A soldier’ etc. Robert is known for his highly realistic depictions of rural life and his command over American colloquial speech. He is a four time Pulitzer Prize winner in poetry. He died on Jan 29, 1963, at Boston.

Barack Obama

Write a short biographical sketch of Barack Obama. You may take clues from the following notes:

- Date and place of birth: 4 Aug 1961, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA
- Birth name: Barack Hussein Obama II
- Father/ Mother: white American mother, Ann Dunham, and black Kenyan father, Barack Obama Sr.
- Married to Michelle Robinson; has two daughters with her
- Education: Columbia University and Harvard Law School
- Achievements: elected to the U.S. Senate as a Democrat in 2004

won the elections for President in 2008—first African-American ever elected

sworn as the 44th President of the United States in January 2009

Answer:

The US president, Barack Hussein Obama II was born on 4 August 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA to an American mother, Ann Dunham and a black Kenyan father, Barack Obama Sr. He is married to Michelle Robinson and is blessed with two lovely daughters. Obama was educated at Columbia University and the Harvard Law School. In the year 2004, he was elected to the US Senate as a Democrat. He won elections for the President in 2008 and became the first African-American President, ever. He swore as the 44th President of the United States in January 2009.

School Peon

A brief profile of Mr. Malkhan, the school peon is given below. With the help of these clues, write a brief biographical sketch of Mr. Malkhan in 80-100 words.

- Age: 50 years
- Height/ weight: 165 cm; thinly built
- Family: large, 4 boys, 2 girls
- Economically not very wealthy; needs are very much limited
- Education: high school
- Likings: gardening
- Prominence: friendly, happy to be with children

Answer:

Mr Malkhan is a 50 year-old, school peon. He is 165 cm tall and has a thinly built structure. Though he is not a very wealthy man and his needs are also very limited, he has a large family of four boys and two girls. He is educated up to high school and likes gardening a lot. He is a very friendly man who loves to be around children.

Painter

Read the following information about Prashant Murthy and write his biographical sketch.

- Name: Prashant Murthy
- Age: 34
- Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Fine Arts from Delhi College of Fine Arts
- Masters of Fine Arts from Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi
- Exhibitions:
 - Nitanjali Art Gallery, 2002
 - India Habitat Centre, 2003-04
- Awards: Golden Artist Award 2005, Tagore Award 2007
- Major influence: M.F. Hussain

Answer:

Prashant Murthy is a 34 year-old painter. He graduated in Fine Arts from Delhi College of Fine Arts. He also holds a postgraduate degree in the same from Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi. His works have made to a number of exhibitions like Nitanjali Art Gallery in the year 2002 and at India Habitat Centre in 2003-04. He has been awarded with Golden Artist Award in the year 2005 and Tagore Award in 2007. His major influence has been the famous painter, M.F. Hussain.