



LeBron James

A Are these sentences **true (T)** or **false (F)**? Correct the false ones.

- 1 LeBron was born on New Year's Eve.
- 2 He only played basketball at school.
- 3 He was picked in the 2003 NBA draft.
- 4 He started his pro career in Cleveland Cavaliers.
- 5 He hasn't got a lucrative contract with Nike.
- 6 In his first season in Miami, he scored 26.7 points per game.
- 7 In January 2013, he made an NBA history.
- 8 Kobe Bryant reached 20,000 points at the age of 27.
- 9 James currently plays for Miami Heat.
- 10 LeBron has two sons, LeBron Jr. and Bryce Maximus.

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B Match the words to the definitions. There are some words that you do not need.

freshman draft regular forward prodigy
 average professional announce rookie endorsement

- 1 _____ a young person who is very talented
- 2 _____ a member of a team in his first year
- 3 _____ a long time advertising contract
- 4 _____ to say that something important will happen
- 5 _____ first year high school student

C Match.

- 1 made ☐ season
- 2 free ☐ valuable
- 3 receive ☐ history
- 4 most ☐ agent
- 5 regular ☐ honour





Mark Zuckerberg

A Are these sentences **true (true)** or **false (F)**? Correct the false ones.

- 1 Mark is the only founder of Facebook.
- 2 He was born in the city of New York in 1984.
- 3 He graduated from Harvard University in 2002.
- 4 Mark created his first program at the age of 12.
- 5 Mark was especially good at team sports.
- 6 By the end of 2004, Facebook had a million users.
- 7 Mark has turned down a few offers to sell it.
- 8 In 2005, Facebook reached 5 million users.
- 9 The headquarters of Facebook are in California.
- 10 Mark got married after a short period of dating.

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B Match the words to the definitions. There are some words that you do not need.

tutor sophomore graduating software course
league access project dorm upload

- 1 _____ a second year college student
- 2 _____ a building where students live
- 3 _____ put photos and videos online
- 4 _____ a private teacher
- 5 _____ completing a university degree

C Match.

- 1 dental ☐ selection
- 2 ivy ☐ access
- 3 networking ☐ league
- 4 course ☐ site
- 5 grant ☐ office



Guidelines for Teachers

Worksheet	Two Famous Americans
Year	8
Topic	Biographies
Key language	listening comprehension, biographies (basketball star/entrepreneur), collocations
Aims	Finding out facts about LeBron James, a famous NBA basketball star, and Mark Zuckerberg, the CEO of Facebook. Comparing the lives of two famous Americans.
Duration	45 minutes
Procedure	<p>Lead-in: Before giving them the worksheet, T asks Ss to guess who the two Americans are. They can ask about gender, profession, age, etc. If they don't guess correctly, T tells them one or two unknown or lesser known facts about LeBron James and Mark Zuckerberg (e.g. They were born in the same year. The former was born in Ohio. The latter lives in California.)</p> <p>Main part: After listening about LeBron James and Mark Zuckerberg twice, Ss do Task A (T/F sentences), Task B (match the words to the definitions) and Task C (match the collocations).</p> <p>Closure: Ss compare LeBron James and Mark Zuckerberg by talking about the similarities and differences between the two of them.</p>
References	www.biographies.com
Correlation	None.
Homework	Ss will write a short biography of either LeBron James or Mark Zuckerberg using the facts they remember from the lesson.
Answer key	<p>LeBron James</p> <p>A 1 F, 2 F, 3 T, 4 T, 5 F, 6 T, 7 T, 8 F, 9 F, 10 T</p> <p>B 1 prodigy, 2 rookie, 3 endorsement, 4 announce, 5 freshman</p> <p>C 1 made history, 2 free agent, 3 receive honour, 4 most valuable, 5 regular season</p> <p>Mark Zuckerberg</p> <p>A 1 F, 2 F, 3 F, 4 T, 5 F, 6 T, 7 T, 8 T, 9 T, 10 F</p> <p>B 1 sophomore, 2 dorm, 3 upload, 4 tutor, 5 graduating</p> <p>C 1 dental office, 2 course selection, 3 networking site, 4 ivy league, 5 grant access</p> <p>Latest facts:</p> <p>On 27 January 2016 LeBron James became the youngest player (at the age of 31) who scored 26,000 points in his NBA career.</p> <p>Mark Zuckerberg became father to daughter Max on 1 December 2015.</p>

LeBron James

Born on 30 December 1984 in Akron, Ohio, LeBron James showed an early talent for basketball and was a prodigy of the sport in high school. James was the first player picked by the Cleveland Cavaliers in the 2003 NBA draft. Yet, at school he first played rugby. As a freshman, James averaged 18 points per game. As a high school sophomore, he was chosen for the *USA Today* All-USA First Team. The following school year, James was named High School Basketball Player of the Year. With his record, it was no surprise that James was the first player picked in the 2003 NBA draft. The Cleveland Cavaliers signed the powerful young forward. James also signed several endorsement deals, including the one with Nike for \$90 million. During the 2003-04 season, James made history, becoming the first Cavalier to win the NBA Rookie of the Year Award. He also became the youngest NBA player (at only 20 years old) to receive this honour. James went through some changes in his personal life around this time. He became a father for the first time in October 2004, when he and girlfriend Savannah Brinson gave birth to a son, LeBron Jr. James made NBA history again in 2005, when he became the youngest player to score more than 50 points in one game. He was selected for the NBA All-Star game for the first time. He was also named the Most Valuable Player in the NBA All-Star Game in 2006. During this time, James became a father for the second time. His girlfriend gave birth to their son, Bryce Maximus, in June 2007. James had a great year by scoring an average of 30 points per game, the highest average in the NBA regular season. Shortly after becoming a free agent, LeBron announced that he would join the Miami Heat for the 2010-11 season. James finished second in the league during his first season with the Heat, scoring 26.7 points per game. The 2011-12 season also saw major success for James and the Miami Heat, which ended the season with an NBA Championship win. It was James's first NBA championship. During the 2012-13 season, James made NBA history yet again. On 16 January 2013, at the age of 28, he became the youngest NBA player to score 20,000 points, succeeding Kobe Bryant of the Lakers, who became the youngest player to reach 20 000 points at the age of 29. He is currently playing for Cleveland Cavaliers, his first professional team.

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Mark Zuckerberg

Mark Zuckerberg was born in 1984 near the city of New York. He developed an interest in computers when he was about 12. He used BASIC to create a messaging program he named *Zucknet*. His father used the program in his dental office, so that the receptionist could inform him of a new patient. Together with his friends, he also created computer games just for fun. His parents hired the private computer tutor David Newman to come to their house once a week and work with Mark. At Phillips Exeter Academy Mark showed a talent for fencing, becoming the captain of the school team. Yet Zuckerberg remained fascinated by computers, and continued to work on developing new programmes. While he was still in high school, he created an early version of the music software *Pandora*. Several companies, including AOL and Microsoft, expressed an interest in buying the software, and hiring the teenager before graduation. He refused the offers. After graduating from Exeter in 2002, Zuckerberg enrolled at Harvard University. In his sophomore year he built a programme called *CourseMatch*, which helped students choose their classes based on the course selections of other users. Three of his fellow students asked him to work on an idea for a social networking site they called *Harvard Connection*. Zuckerberg agreed to help with the project, but soon dropped out to work on his own social networking site with his friends Dustin, Chris and Eduardo. He and his friends created a site that allowed users to create their own profiles, upload photos, and communicate with other users. The group ran the site, first called *The Facebook*, out of a dorm room at Harvard until June 2004. After his sophomore year, Zuckerberg dropped out of college to devote himself to *Facebook* full time, moving the company to Palo Alto, California. By the end of 2004, Facebook had 1 million users. Accel invested \$12.7 million into the network, which at the time was open only to Ivy League students. Zuckerberg's company then granted access to other colleges, high school and international schools, pushing the site's membership to more than 5.5 million users by December 2005. Not wanting to sell out, Zuckerberg turned down offers from companies such as Yahoo! and MTV Networks. Instead, he focused on expanding the site and adding more features. Mark Zuckerberg got married in 2012 to his long-time girlfriend. Only the closest people were invited to attend.

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