

The Study and Production of Texts

Lesson 3

Homework for today

Read the following pages and check unfamiliar vocabulary.

P. 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

p. 26, ex. 1

p. 27, exs. 2 and 3

Check answers in the dispensa

Revise Words of the Week

Next week – Mock Writing Test

- Text type: Obituary
 - Name, subheading and timeline provided
 - Length: 300 words
 - Time allowed: 1 hour, 15 minutes
 - Brainstorm ideas and vocabulary and plan the content BEFORE writing
- (planning = 25 minutes, writing = 50 minutes)

You must include the following:

Describe three key events in the person's life

Outline biographical details

Write final synopsis (see p. 17, lines 36-7)

My expectations

Paragraphs

Appropriate order of information

Appropriate use of name/surname

Correct use of tenses in the past

Use of present perfect (e.g. *has just died*)

Use of future (e.g. *will be remembered for ...*)

My expectations

Style – formal, no contracted forms or slang,
3rd person

Lexis – belonging to semantic field pertinent to
subject

Dates – variety (e.g. *It was in ... that ...*)

Competent grammar and syntax

Steve Irwin



- 1962: Stephen Robert Irwin, born Feb 22nd (Victoria, Aus).
- 1971: Catches and wrestles crocodile for the first time.
- 1973: Parents (wildlife experts and conservationists) open the Queensland Reptile and Fauna Park.
- 1991: Takes over family business and renames it Australia Zoo. Meets Terri Raines when she visits park.
- 1992: Weds Terri Raines June 4th. Film crocodiles while on honeymoon. Footage develops into 'The Crocodile Hunter' tv series.
- 1998: Daughter Bindi Sue born July 24th.
- 2003: Son Robert born Dec 1st.
- 2004: Strongly criticised by media and public for feeding crocodile while holding his 1-month-old son in his arms.
- 2006: Dies Sept 4th from stingray attack while filming 'Ocean's Deadliest' at Great Barrier Reef.

Dates

In 2004, ...

2004 was the year in which ...

It was in 2004 that ...

2004 was a/an (+ adjective) year because ...

From 2004 to 2008, ...

Up until 2004, ...

From an early age, ...

Homework for lesson 4

- Revise pp. 12-25
- Do exercises pp. 28-30
- Go to link at task 4 on page 24 and read obituary about Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- Go to the websites of the following newspapers: The Guardian, The Telegraph, The Independent, The New York Times and read a few obituaries
- Revise past tenses