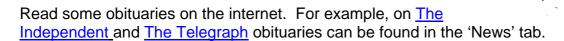
An **obituary** is a public account of the life of a person who has done something significant or important, and who has died recently.

## Reading



As you read, answer the following questions:

- 1. What information is given about the person?
- 2. How is the obituary structured?
- 3. What tenses are used?
- 4. How would you describe the tone of the obituary?

## **Key features**

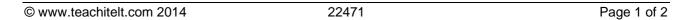
- 1. Obituaries tend to include:
  - ✓ a photo of the person
  - ✓ the name and title of the person
  - ✓ their dates of birth and death
  - ✓ the person's background: their family, and where they were born and lived
  - ✓ the person's profession and how they rose to prominence
  - ✓ more recent events in their personal history
  - ✓ brief details of how they died\*
  - ✓ reflection on the significance of their life and possible legacy.
  - \*Note that unless the death is newsworthy in itself e.g. they were murdered most obituaries do not explain in any great detail how the person died.
- 2. Information in obituaries usually follows the order above (i.e. largely chronological).
- 3. Obituaries are written in the **past tenses** (as the subject is dead!).
- **4.** The language is usually quite formal and the tone is respectful.

## **Key words and phrases**

Obituaries often contain expressions like these:

Sadly	It is with great sadness	much-loved father/mother of
passed away	He/She will be remembered as	He/She devoted himself to
His/her friends paid tribute to	Tragically	He/She has been described as

Please remember that, apart from the typical expressions above, you need to use your **own words**: do not cut and paste from websites.



## Writing frame

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Family still alive:					
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Cause of death:			ai de la companya de		
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Early life:					
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Key achievements:					
How will they be reme	mbered?				
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