



Salvador Dali



1) Read the test. Choose the correct answers below.

Salvador Dali was a very famous Surrealist painter. Dali didn't paint pictures of real life. He painted pictures of his ideas and dreams. Dali was born in Figueres, Spain in 1904. From an early age, he showed great artistic talent. He began drawing classes when he was ten and had the first public exhibition of his paintings when he was just fifteen.

In 1922, Dali went to the Academia de San Fernando in Madrid to study art. While he was at the academy, Dali painted in the Cubist style. He grew his hair long and began to wear unusual clothes. Three years later he was tired of his teachers and they asked him to leave the academy. Dali wanted to learn new things, so he went to Paris and met Pablo Picasso. Dali started to paint pictures which showed impossible things – a style called 'Surrealism'.

When Dali was twenty-five, he met a Russian woman – Gala. She became his model, his inspiration and his agent. In 1934 they got married. They didn't have any children. In 1940, Dali and his wife moved to the USA. Dali's art was very popular there and he made a lot of money. They lived there happily for eight years before returning to Figueres.

In 1960, Dali built a museum for his own paintings. He continued to paint, and he also made films and designed furniture. Because of the illness which made his hands shake, Dali had to retire in 1980. Gala died two years later and Dali took her death as a terrible blow. His own heart stopped in 1989.

Dali's ideas changed art, design and advertising forever.

1. Dali painted pictures of

- a) all the people that he knew
- b) real life
- c) his ideas and dreams



2. He started drawing lessons when he was

- a) ten
- b) fifteen
- c) eighteen

3. When he was a student he

- a) painted in the Surrealist style
- b) he met Pablo Picasso
- c) grew his hair long

4. He left the academy because

- a) he was tired of his teachers
- b) he decided to become an actor
- c) he wanted to go to Paris

5. Dali married a

- a) Spanish woman
- b) Russian woman
- c) French woman



6. Dali

- a) spent most of the 1940s in Spain
- b) lived in the USA from 1948
- c) returned to Spain in 1948

7. Salvador Dali

- a) stopped painting and made films
- b) wore strange clothes
- c) bought a museum for his paintings

2) Complete the sentences about Salvador Dali with the past simple tense form of the verbs in the box.

get / build / show / go / become / wear / begin / grow / leave

1. When Dali was a boy he _____ great artistic talent.
2. He _____ his drawing classes at the age of ten.
3. While Dali was at the academy he _____ his hair long and _____ unusual clothes.
4. When he was eighteen he _____ the academy and _____ to Paris.
5. Dali _____ married in 1934.
6. Gala _____ his model, his inspiration.
7. Salvador Dali _____ a museum for his works of art.

3) Make the calculations: How many years ago?

1. Dali was born. _____
2. Dali began his drawing classes. _____
3. He had his first exhibition. _____
4. He went to Paris and met Picasso. _____
5. Dali returned to Spain from the USA. _____
6. He built a museum for his painting. _____
7. Dali retired. _____
8. Salvador Dali passed away. _____

