

# People's Backgrounds



#### Before You Read

Work in pairs and match the names of people in column A with relevant information in column B.

## B A a. wrote The Old Man and the Sea. 1. Nguyen Huu Canh b. was the creator of Mickey Mouse. 2. Louis Pasteur c. discovered Da Lat. 3. Yuri Gagarin d. was the founding father of Sai Gon. 4. Ernest Hemingway e. was the first black president of South Africa. 5. Charles Dickens f. was the first man in space. 6. Walt Disney 7. Nelson Mandela g. developed the vaccine for preventing rabies. 8. Alexandre Yersin h. wrote David Copperfield.

## **Reading Text**

#### Read the text and do the tasks that follow.

#### WHO IS WHO?

Louis Pasteur is a world-famous French chemist. He invented the process pasteurization and developed vaccines for several diseases including rabies. By the time of his death in 1895. he had become a national hero and had been honored in many ways. He was given a state funeral at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. There are Pasteur institutes in some cities in Viet Nam where people can come to receive different kinds of vaccinations.

Ton That Tung was a pioneer in liver surgery. He was also the father of a new technique named after him for operating on the liver. "Ton That Tung method" enables a liver operation to be completed in four to eight minutes instead of three to six hours as before.



Nelson Mandela, an antiapartheid activist, helped form the Youth League of the African National Congress (ANC), which led peaceful mass protests against apartheid.



He also addressed the Conference of the Pan-African Freedom Movement of East and Central Africa. and this was warmly received by senior political leaders in several countries. In 1964, he was arrested and sentenced to life imprisonment but was released in 1990. Three years later he shared the Nobel Peace Prize with F.W. de Klerk. Their combined efforts ended apartheid and brought about a peaceful transition to nonracial democracy in South Africa. In 1994. Mandela became the first black president of South Africa. Five years later, he retired from the presidency at the age of 81.



#### a) Work in pairs to complete the table below.

People	Achievements	
Louis Pasteur	<ul> <li>Inventing the process of pasteurization</li> <li>(1)</li> <li>(2)</li> </ul>	
(3)	<ul> <li>Being a pioneer in liver surgery in Viet Nam</li> <li>Creating a new technique for operating on the liver</li> </ul>	
Nelson Mandela	<ul> <li>Forming The Youth League of ANC to fight against apartheid</li> <li>(4)</li> <li>(5)</li> <li>Becoming the first black president of South Africa</li> </ul>	

#### b) Answer the following questions.

- 1. What did Louis Pasteur do to save people's lives?
- 2. Dr. Ton That Tung brought about a great change in liver operation. What is this change?
- 3. How long was Nelson Mandela imprisoned?
- 4. Why were Nelson Mandela and F. W. de Klerk awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?
- c) Work in groups to discuss the contribution of a hero/heroine or a famous person in Viet Nam.



## a) Look at the pictures. Ask and answer the following questions in groups.

- 1. What cities do you think are shown in the pictures?
- 2. Who discovered the city in picture a?
- 3. Who founded the Pasteur Institute in Nha Trang?



b) Listen to part A of the talk about Alexandre Yersin. The following statements can be true (T) or false (F). Check  $(\checkmark)$  the appropriate boxes. Then correct the false statements.

b

	Т	F
Alexandre Yersin was born in France.		
2. He graduated from a medical school in Paris.		
3. His home is in Da Lat.		
4. He built the Pasteur Institute in Da Lat.		
5. He discovered Da Lat in the 18th century.		

c) What happened to Yersin in the following years?

1888: joir	ned Dr. Louis Pasteur's team
1891:	
1863:	
1882:	

#### d) Listen to part B of the talk and circle the correct answers.

- 1. What animal did he raise to use in his research?
  - A. Rats.

C. Cats.

B. Rabbits.

D. Horses.

- 2. What tree did he introduce to Viet Nam?
  - A. The coffee tree.

C. The mango tree.

B. The rubber tree.

D. The tea tree.

- 3. In what kind of plantations can quinine be found?
  - A. Tea plantations.

C. Cinchona plantations.

B. Coffee plantations.

D. None are correct.

- 4. What did people in Nha Trang think about him?
  - A. He was friendly.

C. He was polite.

B. He was humane.

D. He was selfish.

- 5. How old was he when he died?
  - A. 68.

C. 78.

B. 58.

D. 80.

e) In groups, talk about Yersin's contributions to Viet Nam.



## SPEAKING

## Talking about People's Backgrounds

a) Make questions about Louis Pasteur.

## Louis Pasteur (1822 – 1895)

- Was born in France
- Became a world-famous French chemist and biologist
- Developed vaccines for several diseases
- Received a doctorate in 1847
- Founded an institution for the treatment of rabies in1888
- Was given a state funeral at the Cathedral of Notre Dame



- Examples
  - What did Louis Pasteur invent?
  - What was he famous for?
- b) Ask and answer about your favorite person's background. Use the following suggested questions.
  - Where was she/ he born?
  - What school did she/ he go to?
  - What degree did she/ he get?
  - What is her/ his job?
  - What could she/ he do in her/ his job?
  - Do you admire her/ him? Why?



#### Writing a Summary of a Biography

A summary is a brief statement of the main points of a passage. Writing a summary will help you understand the text better.

#### Elizabeth Blackwell

Elizabeth Blackwell was born in England in 1821 and emigrated to New York City when she was 10 years old. One day she decided that she wanted to become a doctor. That was nearly impossible for a woman in the middle of the nineteenth century. After sending many applications to medical schools, she was finally accepted by a doctor in Philadelphia. So determined was she to achieve her ambition that she taught at schools and gave music lessons to earn money for her tuition.

In 1849, after graduation from medical school, she decided to further her education in Paris. She wanted to be a surgeon but a serious eye infection forced her to abandon the idea. Upon returning to the United States, she found it difficult to start her own practice because she was a woman. By 1857, Elizabeth and her sister, also a doctor, along with another female doctor, managed to open a new hospital for women and children, the first of its kind in the United States. Besides being the first female physician in the United States who established her own hospital, she was also the founder of the first medical school for women.

- a) Read paragraph 1 and answer the following questions.
  - 1. Where and when was Elizabeth Blackwell born?
  - 2. At what age did she emigrate to New York City?
  - 3. What did she want to become?
  - 4. Was it easy or difficult for her to realize her dream in the 19th century?
- b) Look at the sample summary made from the answers to the questions in part a). In groups, discuss and make questions on the main ideas of paragraph 2. Then write a summary of it.

#### Sample Summary of Paragraph 1

Elizabeth Blackwell was born in England in 1821 and emigrated to New York City at the age of ten. She wanted to become a doctor but it was difficult for her to realize her dream in the 19th century.



## LANGUAGE FOCUS

## **Word Study**

## Compound Adjectives

Noun + Adjective → Compound Adjective

a) Match the nouns in column A with the adjectives in column B to form compound adjectives. Write them in column C. Number 3 has been done for you.

Α	В	C
1. man	a. famous	1.
2. duty	b. made	2
3. world	c. free	3. world-famous
4. frost	d. friendly	4
5. environment	e. free	5

b) Complete the following sentences	with the compound adjectives in part a					
1structures sho	uld respect nature.					
2. A(n) fridge us	. A(n) fridge uses a lot of energy.					
3. Shakespeare is a(n)	playwright.					
4. You can find a(n)	shop at the airport.					
5. It's time for manufacturers to think of product						
Grammar						
Wh-Qu	estions					
Question Word	To Ask about					
Who What Where When Which Why Whose How	people people, animals, facts, events places time choices reasons possession manner, quality					
- Who is your school libra - What happened last night - What did she buy at a st - Where did she buy some - When did she buy some - When did she buy some  a) Write Wh-questions for the under  1. Ha Long Bay is one of the management  2. This street is 10 km long.  3. He hurriedly answered the ph	ht? tore yesterday? e food yesterday? e food? erlined words or phrases. ost beautiful sights in Viet Nam.					

4.	They canceled their trip because of bad weather.		
5.	His new car is red.	ig '	
	rite Wh-questions for the following answer	ers. The first one has been done	
	r you.		
1.	A: Would you give me a toothbrush, p	olease?	
	B: What color would you like?		
	A: Yellow.		
2.	A:	? (your sister)	
	B: Twenty.		
3.	A:	? (your school)	
	B: Ten minutes' walk.		
4.	A:	? (answer the phone)	
	B: Hurriedly.		
5.	A:	? (your boss)	
	B: Very friendly.		
	hat would you say in the following situa one for you.	ations? The first one has been	
1.	You are talking to a girl at a party. As	k her about her study.	
	What school do you go to?		
2.	You want to know when you hand in friend.	n your assignment. Ask your	
3.	Your friend is having a party. You'd like to know who he has invited Ask him.		
4.	You've forgotten when the English co	urse finishes. Ask your friend.	
5.	Your mother went shopping. You want to know the amount of bee she bought. Ask her.		