

**BIO-SKETCH**

A bio-sketch means biographical sketches in which a person's physical appearance, age, habits, qualities, etc., are mentioned. A bio-sketch can be constructed with the help of clues. A biographical sketch is always written by someone else other than the person on whom it is written. Most bio-sketches are interpretive; they not only present the facts but also tell what those facts mean.

- Title should be given to the Bio-sketch

**SAMPLE**

Use the notes in the following box to write a bio-sketch of about 80 words.

**VIJENDRA SINGH**

- Born October 29, 1985 in Haryana
- Spent early days in village - practised boxing in Bhiwani Boxing Club
- Picked up by coach Jagdish Singh - won national championships
- Participated in 2004 Athens Summer Olympics, 2006 Commonwealth Games, 2006 Asian Games
- 2008 Beijing Olympics, defeated Carlos Gongora of Equador to win first ever Olympic medal (bronze) for Indian boxer.
- 2009 awarded Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award - India's highest sporting honour

**VIJENDRA SINGH**

Vijendra Singh, one of the greatest boxers of India was born on October 29, 1985, in Haryana. He spent his early life in a village. He practiced boxing in Bhiwani Boxing Club. Coach Jagdish Singh became his trainer and under his training he won many national championships. He participated enthusiastically in 2004 Olympics at Athens, 2006 Commonwealth and 2006 Asian Games. In 2008 Beijing Olympics, he became the first Indian boxer to win a bronze medal. In 2009, he was awarded the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, the highest Indian sporting honour. He is a true inspiration for all boxers.

**PRACTICE QUESTIONS**

1. With the help of the given clues, complete the bio-sketch of A.R. Rahman in 80 words

**A.R.Rahman**

- Born as Dileep Kumar-Jan 6,1966,Chennai,TamilNadu;changed name to A R Rahman
- Music director and singer
- Trained under Master Dhanraj
- Graduate in Western classical music from Trinity College of Music
- 1992-Music career; film career began
- Fourteen Filmfare Awards, four National film Awards, two Grammy, two Academy Awards and Padma Bhushan in 2010

- National icon

**2. Write a bio-sketch of Helen Keller on the basis of the following notes given in the box. (80 words)**

**Helen Keller**

- Born in 1880; healthy child till nineteen months
- Suffered high fever; became deaf and blind
- Began to feel people's hands to find out what they were doing; recognized people by feeling their faces or clothes; learnt the manual alphabet and made signs with her hands to talk to her family
- Determination; strong will

**3. With the help of the given clues, complete the bio-sketch of Max Mueller in not more than 80 words.**

**Max Mueller**

Max Mueller-born in Germany December 6, 1823- learnt Classical languages- Greek, Latin, Arabic, Persian and Sanskrit-became British citizen-admired Indian culture and literature-translated many Sanskrit texts

Max Mueller was born in \_\_\_\_\_. He displayed \_\_\_\_\_ and learnt Greek and Latin, as well as Arabic, Persian and Sanskrit. He was a great \_\_\_\_\_ literature and was responsible for the \_\_\_\_\_ texts.