

## GREY OWL

In 1935 a Canadian Indian arrived in England. He wore Indian clothes. His hair was long, like an Indian's, and he had an Indian's strong face. He said: "I am a Canadian Indian, and my name is Grey Owl. I want to tell you about Indian life in Canada".

The people listened to his talks. Grey Owl was a very good speaker. He knew everything about Indian life, and everyone enjoyed his talks. They learned a lot about Canada. "Canada is a great and beautiful country", Grey Owl said. "It is a rich land of trees and rivers. The air is clean and cold".

He talked about the emptiness of northern Canada. He told stories about animals and birds. And, of course, he talked about his people, the Indians. All his talks were true.

Then, in 1938, Grey Owl died. People found and read his books and papers. At first they did not understand. Then...

Grey Owl's true name was Archie Belaney. He was not an Indian. He was an Englishman! his mother took him to Canada in 1910. Soon after that he began to live among the Indians. People will soon forget Archie Belaney. But they will never forget Grey Owl.

### 1. Look at this text and answer these questions

- a) When did a Canadian Indian arrive in England?
- b) What was he like?
- c) What did people listen to?
- d) What did he talk about?
- e) Who was this man ?

### 2. Write questions for these answers

- a) \_\_\_\_\_? My name is Grey Owl.
- b) \_\_\_\_\_? I am Canadian.
- c) \_\_\_\_\_? His mother took him to Canada in 1910.
- d) \_\_\_\_\_? Everybody enjoyed his talks because he was a good speaker.
- e) \_\_\_\_\_? He died in 1938.

### 3. Make a list of the regular and irregular verbs you can find in the text

regular verbs:

irregular verbs:

**Use six of these verbs to answer this question: What did you do yesterday?**

## EXERCISES

### 1. Complete these sentences with the verb " to be ". Some sentences are in the present and some are past.

1. Last year she \_\_\_\_\_ 22, so she \_\_\_\_\_ 23 now.
2. Today the weather \_\_\_\_\_ nice, but yesterday it \_\_\_\_\_ cold.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ hungry. Can I have something to eat?
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ hungry last night, so Y had something to eat.
5. Where \_\_\_\_\_ you at 11 o'clock last Monday morning?
6. Don't buy those shoes. They \_\_\_\_\_ too expensive.
7. Why \_\_\_\_\_ you so angry yesterday?
8. We must go now. It \_\_\_\_\_ too late.
9. This time last year I \_\_\_\_\_ in Paris.
10. We \_\_\_\_\_ tired when we arrived home, so we went to bed.
11. Charlie Chaplin died in 1978. He \_\_\_\_\_ a famous film star.
12. Where \_\_\_\_\_ the children? I don't know. They \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden ten minutes ago.

### 2. Fill in the blanks with one of these verbs: " clean, die, enjoy, finish, happen, live, open, play, rain, smoke, start, stay, want, watch".

1. Yesterday evening I \_\_\_\_\_ television.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ my teeth three times yesterday.
3. Bernard \_\_\_\_\_ 20 cigarretes yesterday evening.
4. The concert last night \_\_\_\_\_ at 7 and \_\_\_\_\_ at 8.
5. The accident \_\_\_\_\_ last Sunday afternoon.

#### **The following sentences are negative**

6. When I was a child, I \_\_\_\_\_ to be a doctor.
7. Mozart \_\_\_\_\_ in this century.
8. We \_\_\_\_\_ our holiday last year because we \_\_\_\_\_ at a good hotel.
9. Today the weather isn't good, but yesterday it \_\_\_\_\_.
10. It was cold in the room, so I \_\_\_\_\_ the window.

#### **The following sentences are interrogative**

11. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ tennis yesterday?
12. When \_\_\_\_\_ William Shakespeare \_\_\_\_\_?

**3. IRREGULAR VERBS: Write the past of these verbs.**

get	leave	buy	put	eat	see	know
tell	pay	go	stand	lose	make	hear
take	think	give	find	do	speak	wear

**4. REGULAR VERBS: Write the past tense of the following verbs.**

marry	hate	smoke	die	start
wash	open	depend	watch	play
paint	construct	live	cry	look
work	rob	inspect	like	stop