



BIOGRAPHY: MAY WILLIS

Hi student! Nesta atividade, você terá a oportunidade de conhecer a incrível história de vida de uma senhora britânica que completou 110 anos de idade no dia 18 de março de 2020, em pleno **lockdown** (confinamento). Um exemplo de vida, uma trajetória inspiradora...

Além de ler a biografia abaixo, você também poderá treinar a sua compreensão oral e escrita acessando o vídeo aqui disponibilizado.

Read the biography:

May Willis



Winifred May Willis (born 18 March 1910) is a British [supercentenarian](#) whose age is currently unvalidated by the [Gerontology Research Group](#).

Biography

Willis was born on 18 March 1910 in Peckham, London, England. Her mother lived to the age of 98 and her father lived to the age of 86. Willis remembers the First World War, in which her father served in the Royal Navy.

Willis married her husband, Fred, in 1933, and they had one daughter, Vera. They were married for 57 years and spent much of their marriage living in Orpington, Kent, England. Willis had a passion for gardening and playing bridge. She and her husband also loved dogs, and over the years they had three German shepherds and several rescue dogs.

In 1971, Willis and her husband moved to a bungalow in Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, England. After husband's death, she moved in to a nearby apartment, where she still lives independently. On her 110th birthday in March 2020, she stated that she never smoked or drank alcohol and has "enjoyed every minute" of her life.

May Willis	
	
May Willis on her 110th birthday	
Birth:	18 March 1910 Peckham, London, England, UK
Age:	110 years, 29 days
Country:	 UK
Unvalidated	

https://gerontology.wikia.org/wiki/May_Willis





COMPREHENSION

A) According to the text, mark T (True) or F (False):

1. () May Willis has enjoyed every minute of her life.
2. () After her husband's death she moved in to a big house where she still lives independently.
3. () May Willis and Fred had one daughter called Vera.
4. () May and her husband didn't like dogs.
5. () She never smoked or drank alcohol.

B) Match the questions with the correct answers:

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| 1) When was she born? | () She stayed married for 57 years. |
| 2) Where was she born? | () May's father served in the Royal Navy during the First World War. |
| 3) How old is May Willis now? | () She was born in Peckham, London. |
| 4) How many years she stay married? | () She is 110 years old now. |
| 5) Who did serve in the First World War? | () She was born on 18 March, 1910. |
| 6) What are May's passions? | () Gardening and playing bridge. |



Let's remember!

What: o quê, qual
When: quando
Where: onde
Who: quem
How: como
How old: qual a idade
How many: quantos, quantas





Ampliando conhecimentos...

Em um vídeo postado pela BBC, a centenária, May Willis, conta um pouco sobre a sua história e relata que desfrutou de cada momento de sua vida e que a morte não a preocupa. Ao final, diz que gostaria de ser lembrada como uma pessoa alegre, feliz e gentil. Vale a pena conferir e assistir ao vídeo!

Access the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=92THNnSFySA>



C) Responda em português:

Em sua opinião, qual é o segredo de uma vida longa?

