Student A

Donald Trump was born in (1) 19 _____ in New York City. He became president of the family real estate business (the Trump Organisation) and built some of the most grandiose buildings of the 1980s, including the Trump Tower in (3) ______________________ (1982) and various casinos in Atlantic City. He now owns many companies, casinos and expensive hotels, including (5) ______________________. He also owns 60% of the Empire State Building. In (7) 19 _____ he published his first book. The book was called 'The Art of the Deal'. In the recession of the late 1980s (9) ______________________, but in the 1990s he recovered and became even richer.

QUESTIONS

(1) When/born ________________________ ?
(3) Where is ________________________ ?
(5) What/own ________________________ ?
(7) When/publish ______________________ ?
(9) What happened ______________________ ?

Student B

Donald Trump was born in 1946 in (2) ______________________. He became president of the family real estate business (the Trump Organisation) and built some of the most grandiose buildings of the 1980s, including the Trump Tower in New York City (1982) and various casinos in (4) ______________________. He now owns many companies, casinos and expensive hotels, including Trump Plaza, Trump Castle, Trump Parc and Trump Palace. He also owns (6) ______________________ of the Empire State Building. In 1987 he published his first book. The book was called (8) ______________________. In the recession of the late 1980s he almost went bankrupt, but in the 1990s (10) ______________________.

QUESTIONS

(2) Where/born ________________________ ?
(4) Where/build ________________________ ?
(6) How much/own ______________________ ?
(8) What/publish ______________________ ?
(10) What happened ______________________ ?
ACTIVITY
Groupwork, pairwork: speaking, reading, writing

AIM
To exchange information about Donald Trump.

GRAMMAR AND FUNCTIONS
Questions
Past simple and present simple

VOCABULARY
capital, company, program, employees, profits, personal fortune, computer, leader, industry

PREPARATION
Make one copy of the worksheet for each pair of students and cut it in two as indicated.

TIME
15 to 25 minutes

PROCEDURE
1 Write Donald Trump in the centre of the board.
2 Ask the students what they know about him. Write their contributions on the board.
3 Divide the class into two groups: A and B.
4 Give out the worksheets - the Student A section to the A group and the Student B section to the B group.
5 Tell them they have a text about Donald Trump but that it is not complete. They must read the text and work together to write questions based on the gaps. Allow a couple of minutes for reading and then circulate checking they have understood the instructions and helping with grammar. Allow up to ten minutes.
6 Put the students in pairs, one from the A group and one from the B group in each pair.
7 Establish that each partner has a different text, but ask them not to show the texts to each other.
8 Explain the task. The students should ask each other the questions they have prepared and complete the texts.
9 Once they understand the task, start the activity. Circulate and monitor.
10 When they have finished, allow them to look at each other’s texts to check they have no mistakes.

ANSWERS

Student A
1 When was he born?
3 Where is (the) Trump Tower?
5 What does he own?
7 When did he publish his first book?
9 What happened in the late 1980s?

Student B
2 Where was he born?
4 Where did he build the casinos?
6 How much did the Empire State Building does he own?
8 What was the book called?
10 What happened in the 1990s?