

The Iron Lady

Student's sheet

A

Ask your partner questions to find the missing information in your text. Then answer your partner's questions. You start.

Margaret Hilda Thatcher is famous because ????? from 1979 to 1990. She was born on ????? in Grantham, England and her name before she was married was ??????. She was a member of the Conservative party. After she became Prime Minister, a ????? gave her a good nickname. She has had the nickname of "The Iron Lady" since then.

She first worked as ????? and then after that as a lawyer. She became a Member of Parliament (MP) in 1959. The British Prime Minister Edward Heath gave her the job of ????? in 1970. Margaret Thatcher won the election for leader of the Conservative Party in 1975. She was the first woman to lead an important political party in the United Kingdom.

At first she was very popular but then people began to dislike ??????. However she became more popular because of the Falklands War which took place in 1982. She was Prime Minister ????? times and was elected for the third time in 1987. Other members of her party did not share her opinions on taxes and on the European Community and she had to resign as Prime Minister in ??????. She then became Lady Thatcher and can now sit in the House of Lords.

Recently ????? acted as Margaret Thatcher in a film. It had the title "The Iron Lady".

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B

Ask your partner questions to find the missing information in your text. Then answer your partner's questions. Your partner starts.

Margaret Hilda Thatcher is famous because she was Prime Minister of Great Britain from ??????. She was born on October 13th 1925 in ????? and her name before she was married was Margaret Roberts. She was a member of the ????? party. After she became Prime Minister, a Soviet journalist gave her a good nickname. She has had the nickname of ????? since then.

She first worked as a chemist and then after that as a lawyer. She became a Member of Parliament (MP) in ??????. The British Prime Minister Edward Heath gave her the job of Secretary of State for Education and Science in 1970. Margaret Thatcher won the election for leader of the Conservative Party in ??????. She was the first woman to lead an important political party in the United Kingdom.

At first she was very popular but then people began to dislike her politics. However she became more popular because of ????? which took place in 1982. She was Prime Minister three times and was elected for the third time in ??????. Other members of her party did not share her opinions on taxes and on the European Community and she had to resign as Prime Minister in November 1990. She then became Lady Thatcher and can now ?????.

Recently Meryl Streep acted as Margaret Thatcher in a film. It had the title ?????.

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Teacher's notes

### Preparation:

The aim of this activity is to get students to ask questions about a life story. Copy the sheet once for each pair of students and then cut each sheet in half.

### In class:

Brainstorm some questions which can be asked to find out about someone's life story. Make sure students know how to ask different types of Wh-questions. Ask if they know who Margaret Thatcher is. Make sure that students know how to do the exercise and don't ask "What is number ...?" If necessary, do one or two questions with the whole group.

### Answers:

Margaret Hilda Thatcher is famous because she was Prime Minister of Great Britain from 1979 to 1990. She was born on October 13<sup>th</sup> 1925 in Grantham, England and her name before she was married was Margaret Roberts. She was a member of the Conservative party. After she became Prime Minister, a Soviet journalist gave her a good nickname. She has had the nickname of "The Iron Lady" since then. She first worked as a chemist and then after that as a lawyer. She became a Member of Parliament (MP) in 1959. The British Prime Minister Edward Heath gave her the job of Secretary of State for Education and Science in 1970. Margaret Thatcher won the election for leader of the Conservative Party in 1975. She was the first woman to lead an important political party in the United Kingdom. At first she was very popular but then people began to dislike her politics. However she became more popular because of the Falklands War which took place in 1982. She was Prime Minister three times and was elected for the third time in 1987. Other members of her party did not share her opinions on taxes and on the European Community and she had to resign as Prime Minister in November 1990. She then became Lady Thatcher and can now sit in the House of Lords. Recently Meryl Streep acted as Margaret Thatcher in a film. It had the title "The Iron Lady".

### Questions Student A:

1. Why is Margaret Thatcher famous?
2. When was she born?
3. What was her name before she was married?
4. Who gave her a good nickname?
5. What was her first job?
6. What job did Edward Heath give her?
7. What did people begin to dislike?
8. How often was she Prime Minister?
9. When did she have to resign?
10. Who acted as Margaret Thatcher in a film?

### Questions Student B:

1. When was Margaret Thatcher Prime Minister?
2. Where was she born?
3. What party was she a member of?
4. What was her nickname?
5. When did she become a Member of Parliament?
6. When did she become leader of the Conservative Party?
7. Why did she become more popular?
8. When was she elected for the third time?
9. What can she do now she is Lady Thatcher?
10. What was the name of the film?

### Extension activity:

Write a similar text about another famous person.