ENGLISH A2 · UNIT 2 · LIFE STORIES · WRITING Name: _____ Date: _____

Writing: A short biography

Focus: a short biography in the past simple; ordering events with In 2005, ... Two years later, ... Now ...

Writing tip: order the events with time words: **In 2005**, ... **Two years later**, ... **Then** ... **Now** ...

1 Complete the text with in, later, for, from or now.

Example: Maria was born in Tbilisi _____ 1980. → in

1. She left school _____ 1998 and got a job in a shop.
2. Two years _____, in 2000, she went to university in Berlin.
3. She worked in a bank _____ ten years, _____ 2005 to 2015.
4. She is _____ a manager at a big company in Berlin.

2 Write a short biography of yourself, a family member or a colleague (60-80 words).

MODEL

My father was born in Gyumri in 1960. In 1978 he left school and got a job in a factory. Two years later, he met my mother at a wedding. They got married in 1983 and had two children. In 1995 we moved to Yerevan. He worked as a driver for twenty years and retired in 2020. Now he works in his garden.

- Where and when was the person born? Where did he or she grow up?
- School and first job: when did they leave school and start work?
- Two important events with years: In 2005, ... Two years later, ...
- One sentence about now: Now he / she ...

Self-check: capital letters and full stops · subject + verb word order · this unit's grammar · this unit's words · the right length

ANSWER KEY

1 1 in, 2 later, 3 for / from, 4 now