

## Digital timelines—Intermediate

### Let's discuss

#### A Read the text and answer the questions.

- Ask students to read the text and discuss the questions in pairs. Elicit some answers and discuss as a class.

### Let's analyse

#### B Look at an example of a digital timeline. Answer the questions in groups.

- Ask students to look at the timeline and discuss the questions in small groups. Elicit some answers and discuss as a class.

### What are digital timelines?

#### Extra information

**Digital timelines** are one of the most useful and effective tools for showing a series of events online.

Timelines are often used to talk about a person's biography. Although they are used to talk about a famous person's life and events, they can also be used to talk about your own life, or an event like a holiday or a course.

In fact, any series of events, whether they happen in one day or over a period of many years, can be easily visualized using a timeline.

When using digital timelines you can add text, images, videos, audio recordings and links to make timelines more interactive, interesting and visually appealing.

As well as being very creative, digital timelines are a fantastic way to share and publish your information with others.

Timelines are also a great way to enable language learners to write short bits of information without overwhelming them with the demands of long sentences or paragraphs.

### Key

- 1 *The boy band, One Direction.*
  - 2 *There are five members in the band: Harry Styles, Niall Horan, Louis Tomlinson, Zayn Malik and Liam Payne.*
  - 3 *Major events are listed on the timeline, such as when the group was formed and album release dates.*
- Go online and show students recommended websites for making digital timelines.
  - Try making a group digital timeline using suggestions from the class. Ask students what they would like to include on the timeline and make the changes on screen.

### Let's do it!

- This can be completed in class or as homework.
- Ask students to reflect on the major events in their life and what they have achieved so far.
- Once you have all the links to the digital timelines, use one lesson to view them all as a class. Students can vote on their favourites and choose the best three.

### Key

- 1 *Timelines are one of the most useful and effective tools for showing a series of events.*
- 2 *You can write a timeline for a famous person or for yourself.*