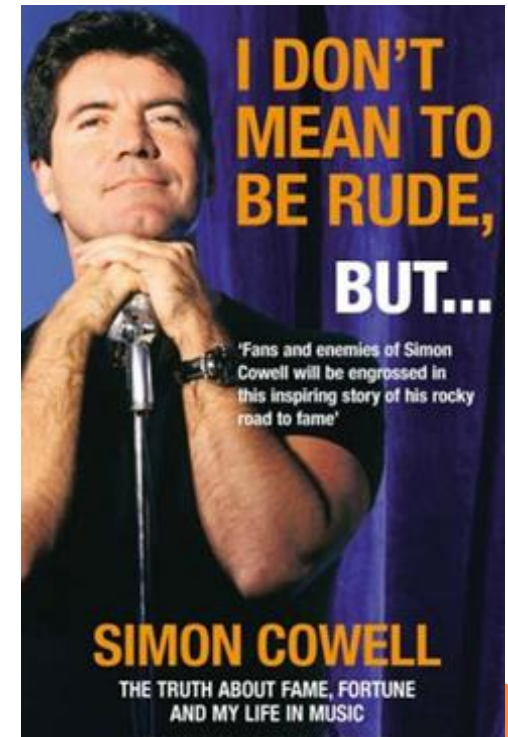
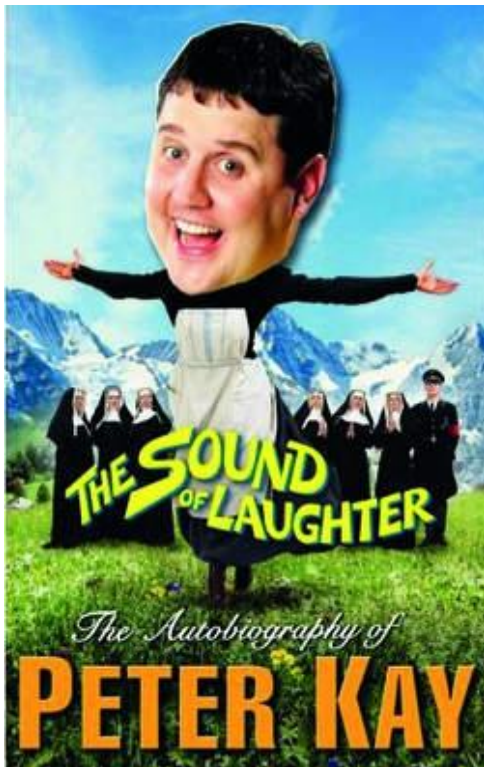


# BIOGRAPHY AND AUTOBIOGRAPHY



# WALT

- WALT: To continue looking at biographies and autobiographies.



# Origin of the terms 'biography' and 'autobiography'

- Both terms come from Greek words.
- 'Auto' meaning 'self'.
- 'Bio' meaning 'life'.
- 'Graphy' meaning 'I write'.



# Autobiography

- Written in the first person, for example ‘I went to the shops’.
- The author is the subject of the writing. For example Anne Frank wrote a diary about her life.
- Written in chronological order.
- Recounts key incidents or events.
- Life story of an individual written by that person.



# Biography

- Written in the third person, for example ‘During the Second World War, Anne hid for two years in an attic’.
- Life story of an individual written by another person. There have been many accounts of the life of Anne Frank written by different authors.
- The writer must carry out lots of research on the person they are writing about.
- Helps the reader to understand why the person is interesting.



# Is this a biography or autobiography?

The first time I was rude to someone I was four years old. Unfortunately, my mum was the victim. It was December 1963, less than a month after President Kennedy had been assassinated in America.

Is this written in the first or third person?



# Is this a biography or autobiography?

- During his childhood, Justin Bieber was interested in hockey, soccer, and chess; he often kept his musical aspirations to himself. As he grew up, Bieber taught himself to play the piano, drums, guitar, and trumpet.
- Which person is this written in: first or third?



# Is this a biography or autobiography?

- Radcliffe made his acting debut at age ten in BBC One's television movie David Copperfield (1999), followed by his film debut in 2001's The Tailor of Panama. Cast as Harry at the age of eleven, Radcliffe has starred in eight *Harry Potter* films since 2001, with the final installment released in July 2011.
- Is this written in the first or third person?





# Is this a biography or autobiography?

It's been eleven years since I performed stand up at the open-mic night in Manchester. I've just watched it back on video and it was odd because, as soon as I saw myself, my nerves came flooding back.

Is this written in the first or third person?



# Biography and Autobiography titles

- **These are often a clever play on words.**
- **My Take by Gary Barlow**
- **Humble Pie by Gordon Ramsay**
- **Bit of a Blur by Alex James**
- **Queen and I by Brian May**
- **Angelina Jolie: Angel in Disguise by  
Angelina Jolie**
- **Hard Drive: Bill Gates and the Making of  
Microsoft by Bill Gates**
- **Facing the Music by Jane Torvill and  
Christopher Dean**



Let us now try to imagine  
that we are someone else.

Change a biography to an  
autobiography!

