

Task. Here is an extract of the obituary of the French singer Johnny Hallyday. Concentrate on the lexical items rather than grammatical structure and highlight the lexical nets in operation inside the text.

Johnny Hallyday, the 'French Elvis', dies at 74

Angelique Chrisafis and Kim Willsher in Paris Wednesday 6 December 2017

Born Jean-Philippe Smet in Paris to a French mother and Belgian father, he was abandoned as a baby by his parents and raised by an aunt among cabaret singers and performers. He first took to the stage as a teenager, borrowing the name Hallyday from an American relative. Being abandoned left a void he said he always struggled to fill. Despite his black-clad rocker image, he would say he was afraid of the dark. Part of Hallyday's appeal through the generations was his fragility. He survived an early suicide attempt, was candid about depression and needing cocaine to get out of bed and work, and bounced back from years of serious health problems. During five marriages, including marrying one woman twice, he was a staple of gossip magazines, but when journalists turned up at posh hotels to meet him, he would present himself as a self-effacing, ordinary bloke. Hallyday briefly lived in London as a child, when the relatives who raised him, artists and dancers, were working there. He said he often recorded in the city. "I was very good friends with Jimi Hendrix, I knew Mick Jagger, John Lennon. Rod Stewart is a friend. We'd all record in the different studios and meet for tea," he said.