

Lesson 10: The life of Dylan Thomas Answer key

Task 2 – Key/ Possible answers

Year	Key life events	Other information
Autumn 1933	Went to London	He contacted other poets and
		writers, was determined to make a
		name for himself.
April 1936	Met Caitlin in a London pub	He immediately fell in love and
		proposed to her.
July 1937	Got married	They married in Penzance,
		Cornwall.
January 1939	His first child was born	He was named Llewelyn.
Before the war	Worked for Strand Films in London	They made propaganda films.
During the war	Worked for the BBC and the British	That was for a short period of time.
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1946	Published <i>Deaths and Entrances</i>	This was his third book.
Spring 1947	Returns home to Swansea	It was not a very happy return.
1947	Writes Return Journey	It was written after the Blitz*.
1949	Moves to Laugharne	They had visited the village before.

^{*}The Blitz was the German bombing of London during WWII.

Task 4 - Key

Play the section (02.01 – 04.19) again.

- a. Dylan soon (1) realised that work was going to be tough during the war.
- b. He (2) was lucky to secure a job with Strand Films, in London.
- c. Dylan (3) kept himself as busy as ever. Apart from his work at Strand Films, he also (4) worked for a short time at the BBC and this organisation, the British Council.
- d. Even against the devastation of war, Dylan (5) was able to find new inspiration.
- e. The impact that the war **(6) had** on Dylan's poetry was to be huge; it really **(7) fuelled** his creative fires.

Task 5

For more information on adverbials of time, check:

http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/english-grammar/adverbials/adverbials-time