



Al Capone

Al Capone was born in Brooklyn, New York, on January 17, 1899. His parents were immigrants from Italy. His father worked as a barber and his mother was a seamstress. Al had 8 brothers and sisters. Around the age of fourteen, he punched a teacher at school and was expelled. After leaving school, Capone became a member of various New York gangs and he joined Johnny Torrio's gang. In December 1918, when Capone was 19, he married Mae Coughlin and they never divorced. Together they had a son, Albert Francis. In 1920, Capone moved to Chicago and started to work for the crime boss Johnny Torrio. His gang earned money from selling liquor. In late 1925, Torrio resigned and Al Capone became the crime boss in Chicago. Capone became very rich as a crime boss; he sold illegal liquor, offered "protection" services, and ran gambling houses. Capone went to prison in May 1932 for tax evasion. He stayed 8 years in prison including at the famous island prison of Alcatraz. He died on January 25, 1947 from a heart attack in Miami Beach, Florida.

1. Read the text.
2. Cut the picture. Put them into the right order.
3. Write a sentence under each picture.



Al Capone (middle), New York, 1916



Johnny Torrio



Mae and Albert Francis



Al Capone and his mother

