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- ▶▶1 Complete the text with the correct forms of the verb to be in the past simple. Then answer the questions.



Ayrton Senna da Silva _____ a famous Brazilian race car driver. He _____ born in São Paulo. He won three Formula One World Championships. They _____ in 1988, 1990 and 1991. He _____ born on March 21, 1960. He died in Bologna, Italy, on May 1, 1994.

Based on <www.biographyonline.net/sport/motor/ayrton-senna.html>. Accessed on January 16, 2020.

- a How old was Ayrton Senna when he died?

- b Where was he born?

- ▶▶2 Rewrite the sentences in the past simple. Include the information in parentheses, as in the example.

- a I am not at school. (yesterday)

I was not at school yesterday.

- b Mrs. Johnson is very tired. (last weekend)

- c The weather isn't good. (in the morning)

- d My parents aren't home. (two hours ago)

- e Susan is at the shopping mall. (yesterday)

- f The children are on vacation. (last month)

▶▶3 Ask questions using the words given. Then answer these questions according to the words in parentheses. Follow the example.

a Anna/at the supermarket/yesterday afternoon

Was Anna at the supermarket yesterday afternoon?

Yes, she was. (Yes)

b my grandma/happy/last Sunday

_____ (No)

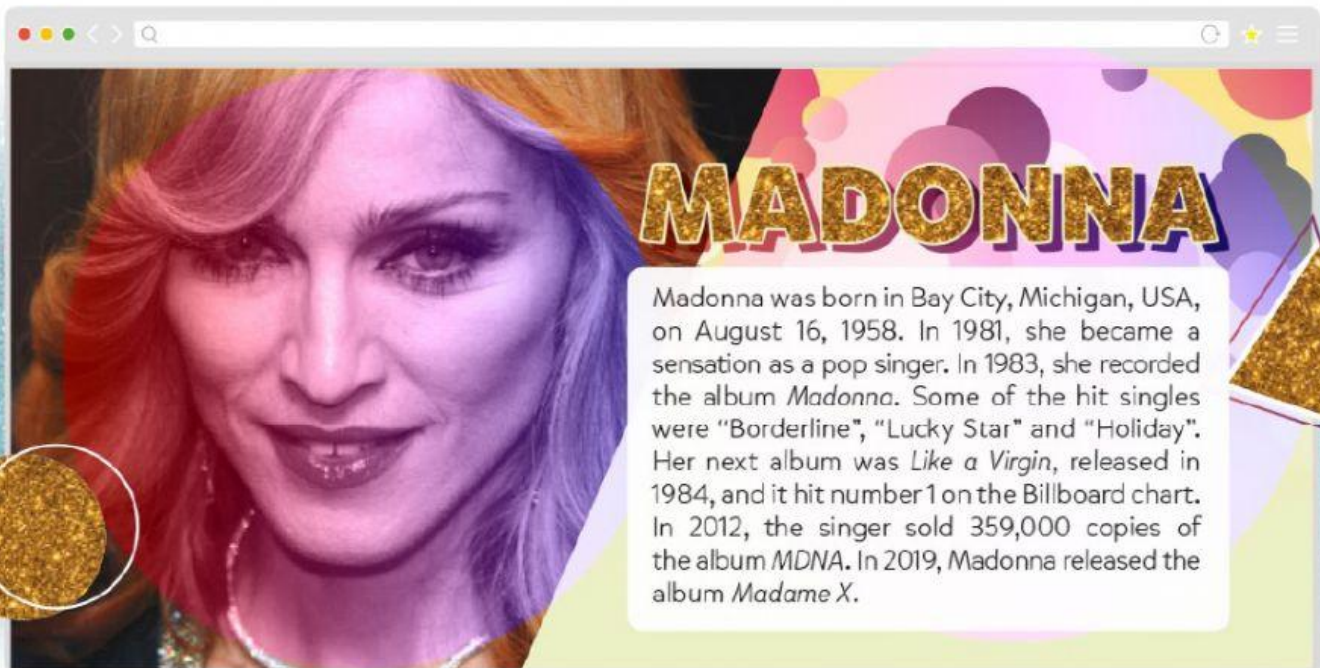
c my mother and my father/born/in 1970

_____ (Yes)

d you/at the park/very early this morning

_____ (No)

▶▶4 Read an extract of Madonna's biography. Then answer the questions.



MADONNA

Madonna was born in Bay City, Michigan, USA, on August 16, 1958. In 1981, she became a sensation as a pop singer. In 1983, she recorded the album *Madonna*. Some of the hit singles were "Borderline", "Lucky Star" and "Holiday". Her next album was *Like a Virgin*, released in 1984, and it hit number 1 on the Billboard chart. In 2012, the singer sold 359,000 copies of the album *MDNA*. In 2019, Madonna released the album *Madame X*.

Based on <www.biography.com/musician/madonna>. Accessed on January 17, 2020.

a When was Madonna born?

b Which were some of Madonna's hit singles in 1983?

c What was the name of Madonna's number 1 album on the Billboard chart in 1984?

d What's the name of Madonna's album released in 2012?
