

1 GRAMMAR past simple of be

a Circle the correct word.

- 1 This watch was / were a present.
- 2 Was / Were those headphones expensive?
- 3 I wasn't / weren't hungry this morning.
- 4 We was / were at Laura's party last night.
- 5 The teacher wasn't / weren't here yesterday.
- 6 Was / Were you late for work this morning?
- 7 It was / were really cold last night.
- 8 Matt and Alice wasn't / weren't at the meeting last week.

b Complete the sentences with was, were, wasn't, or weren't.



A Who's that woman?

B It's Louise Élisabeth Vigée Le Brun.

A Why ¹ was she famous?

B She ² was a painter. This self-portrait is in the National Gallery in London.

A ³ wasn't she English?

B No, she ⁴ wasn't. She ⁵ was French. She ⁶ was born in Paris.

A And ⁷ were her paintings popular in her lifetime?

B Yes, they ⁸ were very popular.

: Write questions and answers.



1 Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor / actors? ✓

Were Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor actors?

Yes, they were.

2 Alexander Graham Bell / artist? ✗ (inventor)

Was Alexander Graham Bell an artist?

No, he wasn't. He was an inventor.

3 Charlotte Bronte / novelist? ✓

Was Charlotte Bronte a novelist?

Yes, she was.

4 Frida Kahlo / pianist? ✗ (artist)

Was Frida Kahlo a pianist?

No, she wasn't. She was an artist.

5 J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis / musicians? ✗ (writers)

Were J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis musicians?

No, they weren't. They were writers.

6 David Bowie / singer? ✓

Was David Bowie a singer?

Yes, he was.

7 Vivaldi and Bach / composers? ✓

Were Vivaldi and Bach composers?

Yes, they were.

8 Dante Alighieri / politician? ✗ (poet)

Was Dante Alighieri a politician?

No, he wasn't. He was a poet.

