

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

- A Who's that?
B It's Jane Austen.
A Why ¹ was she famous?
B She ² _____ a writer.
A ³ _____ she Scottish?
B No, she ⁴ _____.
She ⁵ _____ English. She ⁶ _____ born
in a small village in the South of England.
A And ⁷ _____ she married?
B No, she ⁸ _____.

b Write questions and answers.

- 1 Alexander Graham Bell / sportsman? ✗
Was Alexander Graham Bell a sportsman ?
No, he wasn't .
- 2 Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor / actors? ✓
Were Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor actors ?
Yes, they were .
- 3 Charles Dickens / novelist? ✓
_____ ?
_____ .
- 4 The Beatles / from the USA? ✗
_____ ?
_____ .
- 5 Lord Byron / politician? ✗
_____ ?
_____ .
- 6 Isaac Newton / composer? ✗
_____ ?
_____ .
- 7 Bono / born / Ireland? ✓
_____ ?
_____ .
- 8 Amy Winehouse / singer? ✓
_____ ?
_____ .
- 9 J R R Tolkien and C S Lewis / painters? ✗
_____ ?
_____ .
- 10 Michael Jackson / born / Britain? ✗
_____ ?
_____ .

c Complete the dialogues with present or past forms of *be*.

- 1 A What day is it today?
B Monday. Yesterday was Sunday.
- 2 A Hi. _____ your sister at home?
B No, she _____. She _____
here this morning, but now she _____
at work.
- 3 A I can't find my keys. Where _____ they?
B I don't know. They _____ on your desk
this morning.
- 4 A Where _____ your new boyfriend from?
B He _____ born in England, but his
parents _____ born in Singapore.
- 5 A Why _____ your boss angry yesterday?
B Because I _____ very late for work.

2 VOCABULARY word formation

a Make professions from these words. Use *a* or *an*.

- 1 invent an inventor
- 2 write _____
- 3 police _____
- 4 compose _____
- 5 music _____
- 6 paint _____
- 7 business _____
- 8 act _____
- 9 science _____
- 10 sail _____