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? ✗
_____?
_____.

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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 _____

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