

Exercises

- 1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *was/were*. Use the negative when you see (-) in parentheses.

- 1 _____ he a famous actor?
- 2 I _____ a good student at school.
- 3 A: _____ the bus late yesterday?
B: No, it _____. (-)
- 4 There _____ many people at the concert. (-)
- 5 _____ the tickets expensive?
- 6 Clive and Sarah _____ born in the sixties.
- 7 We _____ at the gym this morning. (-)
- 8 _____ you at home yesterday evening?

- 2 Write the simple past form of the verbs.

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| 1 live _____ | 6 play _____ |
| 2 work _____ | 7 want _____ |
| 3 travel _____ | 8 like _____ |
| 4 finish _____ | 9 stop _____ |
| 5 start _____ | 10 watch _____ |

- 3 Complete the text with the simple past form of the verbs in parentheses.

Gabrielle-Emilie Le Tonnelier de Breteuil
 1 _____ (be) a famous scientist. She
 2 _____ (be) born in Paris, France, in 1706.
 She 3 _____ (get) married when she was 19
 and 4 _____ (have) three children. But at
 the age of 27, she 5 _____ (start) to study
 mathematics and physics. She was famous in the
 world of science and she sometimes
 6 _____ (work) with the famous French
 philosopher Voltaire. She 7 _____ (write)
 a translation of a famous book by the British
 scientist Isaac Newton, and people still use it
 today. She 8 _____ (die) at the age of 42.

- 4 Write the simple past form of the verbs. Write R after the verb if it is regular, and I if it is irregular.

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| 1 go | _____ | _____ |
| 2 grow | _____ | _____ |
| 3 make | _____ | _____ |
| 4 do | _____ | _____ |
| 5 find | _____ | _____ |
| 6 talk | _____ | _____ |
| 7 buy | _____ | _____ |
| 8 see | _____ | _____ |
| 9 paint | _____ | _____ |
| 10 write | _____ | _____ |
| 11 read | _____ | _____ |
| 12 move | _____ | _____ |
| 13 have | _____ | _____ |
| 14 meet | _____ | _____ |
| 15 listen | _____ | _____ |

- 5 Write simple past sentences using these ideas.

- 1 we / not go / on vacation / last year
- 2 Magda / not like / the movie
- 3 they / live / in the US / for ten years
- 4 Mike / make / a big mistake
- 5 she / not buy / a ticket
- 6 I / speak / to Bogdan / this morning

- 6 Write simple past questions using these ideas.

- 1 you / live / in a house or an apartment?
- 2 What / they / do last night?
- 3 Where / Anton / study?
- 4 you / watch / the soccer game last night?
- 5 the food / taste good?
- 6 How / they / build their houses?

- 7 Complete the conversation with the simple past form of the verbs in parentheses.

- A: What 1 _____ (you / do) over the weekend?
 B: I 2 _____ (visit) my parents on their farm.
 A: I 3 _____ (not know) your parents have a farm!
 B: Really? I 4 _____ (grow) up on that farm!
 A: Wow! 5 _____ (you / like) living there?
 B: Yes, it 6 _____ (be) great! We 7 _____ (play) outside all day with the animals.
 A: 8 _____ (you / have) many animals?
 B: Yes, we 9 _____ (do). But we 10 _____ (not have) many friends because our farm 11 _____ (not be) near any other houses.