



Read the story and complete with the correct simple past form  
the verbs in parenthesis

### MARCO POLO

Marco Polo \_\_\_\_\_(be) an explorer from Venice, Italy.

He was born in and at the age of 17, he \_\_\_\_\_(go) to  
China with his father. They \_\_\_\_\_(meet) the first  
Chinese emperor Kublai Khan and they \_\_\_\_\_(spend)  
20 years in China.

Marco Polo traveled around the country, and after a few  
years, he \_\_\_\_\_(speak) Chinese really well. He  
\_\_\_\_\_ (become) a rich man, and when he  
\_\_\_\_\_ (leave) China in 1295, he \_\_\_\_\_(take) a lot  
of beautiful jewels back to Europe. In 1300, he \_\_\_\_\_(get)  
married and he \_\_\_\_\_(have) three children.