



**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.