Name: **Grade:**

Talking about past events (Past Simple)

1 Complete the dialogue with was / wasn't and were / weren't.

Dan There [1]___ a new show on TV yesterday.
Kim Really? What [2]___ it?
Dan It [3]___ a new reality show.
Kim [4]___ it the one on an island?
Dan No, it [5]___ that one. It [6]___ called *Stars*.
Kim Oh, yes? [7]___ there any interesting participants on it?
Dan No, there [8]___, and the presenters [9]___ terrible. They [10]___ funny at all.
Kim Oh, dear! It's lucky I [11]___ at home then! I [12]___ at the cinema!

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4	8	12

2 Complete the dialogue with the words in the box. Then ask and answer with a partner.

Were there Who were ~~Was there~~
What was How was What were

Was there anything good on TV yesterday? What?

1 ___ the best TV programme you watched last week? What was it about?
2 ___ your favourite TV programmes when you were a child? Why?
3 ___ the characters on these programmes?
4 ___ TV different in the past?
5 ___ other forms of entertainment before TV?

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3 Complete the sentences with the past form of the verbs in brackets.

1 He ___ part in a reality show. (take)
2 They ___ the end of the programme. (not see)
3 She ___ a million tenge on a TV show. (win)
4 We ___ the new series on Perviy Kanal. (not like)
5 I ___ a film of my friends on holiday. (make)

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4 Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

love broadcast compose sing not speak
become appear finish win

Singer 2017

In most reality shows, the participants are ordinary people, but the contestants in *Singer 2017* **were** famous even before they [1]___ on the programme. The Chinese Hunan TV [2]___ the first episode of the show on 10 January 2017. There were participants from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Chengdu, Guangzhou and other Chinese cities, but the singer who [3]___ the first round was Dimash Kudaibergen from Aktobe, Kazakhstan. With his amazing voice, he quickly [4]___ the viewers' favourite. Dimash [5]___ songs in Russian, Mandarin, English, Italian, French and, of course, Kazakh. Everybody [6]___ his performance of the folk song *Daididau* in episode 7, even though most people in the audience [7]___ the Kazakh language. Dimash isn't just a singer – he can play the dombra and he also writes music. He [8]___ the song for episode 10 himself. Although Dimash [9]___ second in the competition, many people think he was the real star of the show.

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