1. GRAMMAR past simple "be"

a. Rewrite the sentences in the past.

1 I'm at work now.
I was at work yesterday.

2 They aren't at home today.
They weren't at home yesterday.

3 He's at a restaurant tonight.
_____ last night.

4 We aren't at school today.
_____ yesterday.

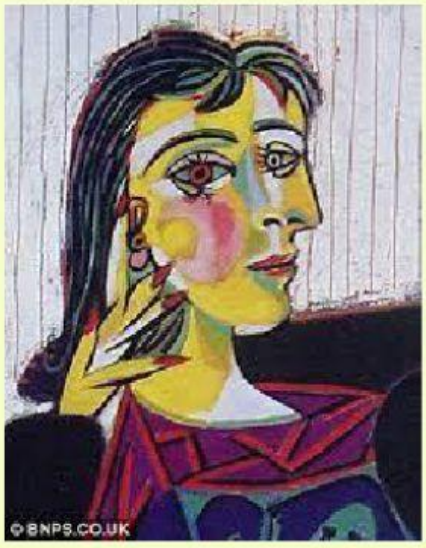
5 Are you at work now?
_____ last night?

6 She's at the airport this morning.
_____ yesterday evening.

7 Is he late today?
_____ yesterday?

8 I'm not in a hurry this morning.
_____ yesterday morning.

b. Write questions and answers.



1 Picasso / a painter (✓)
Was Picasso a painter ?
Yes, he was .

2 the Beatles / from the United States (✗)
Were the Beatles from the United States ?
No, they weren't .

3 Amy Winehouse / American (✗)
_____ ?
_____ .

4 Charles Dickens and Jane Austen / writers (✓)
_____ ?
_____ .

5 Carmen Miranda / Brazilian (✓)
_____ ?
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c. Complete the conversations with was/ wasn't or were/ weren't.

1 A *Were* you at work last week?
B Yes, I *was* .
2 A Where _____ you last night?
B I _____ at a party.
3 A _____ your friend at school yesterday?
B No, she _____ .
4 A _____ your parents on holiday last week?
B No, they _____ .
5 A When _____ your brother in Moscow?
B He _____ there last year.
6 A _____ you at the museum yesterday?
B No, we _____ .

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3. READING

a. Read the article. Which person is different?

Famous ex-teachers

Everybody knows that before she was a famous author, J.K. Rowling was an English teacher at a language institute in Portugal.

But here are four more ex-teachers. Maybe you know them...

The American author, Stephen King, is famous for his horror stories and the films made from his books. *Carrie*, *The Shining*, and *The Shawshank Redemption* were all novels by Stephen King. But, after university, his first job was as an English teacher at Hampden Academy, a public high school in Maine, USA.

British guitarist, Brian May, was in one of the greatest rock bands ever: Queen. But before the band was famous, he was a maths teacher in South London. He says he was happy with his job but the students were sometimes difficult.

American actor, Sylvester Stallone, famous for the *Rocky* and *Rambo* films, was at drama school in Switzerland in the 1960s. He needed some money, so he worked as a PE teacher when he was a drama student.

Finally, Australian actor, Hugh Jackman, wasn't a teacher, but before he went to drama school, he was a teaching assistant at Uppingham School in England. He was there for a year. Today he is famous as Wolverine in the *X-Men* films and as Jean Valjean in *Les Miserables*.

b. Read the article again and answer the questions.

Which famous person was…?

1 a teacher in a foreign country
2 a student and a teacher at the same time
3 in England for a year
4 good at music and at numbers
5 a teacher in his / her country before he / she was a writer.

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