

Our past

8.1 When we were seven

Grammar verb *be* past simple

1 Circle the correct options.

- 1 It was / were cold.
- 2 You was / were late.
- 3 Andreas wasn't / weren't at work.
- 4 We was / were at home.
- 5 The managers was / were in a meeting.
- 6 Liam and Ava wasn't / weren't in class.

2 Complete the conversations with the correct past simple form of *be*.

- 1 A Was the concert good?
B Yes, it was.
- 2 A Where were you yesterday?
B I was at the beach with my friends.
- 3 A Were you and your partner at the party?
B Yes, we were.
- 4 A Was your sister at home yesterday?
B No, she wasn't.
- 5 A When were you and your family in Chile?
B We were there in April.
- 6 A Were your parents teachers?
B No, they were not.

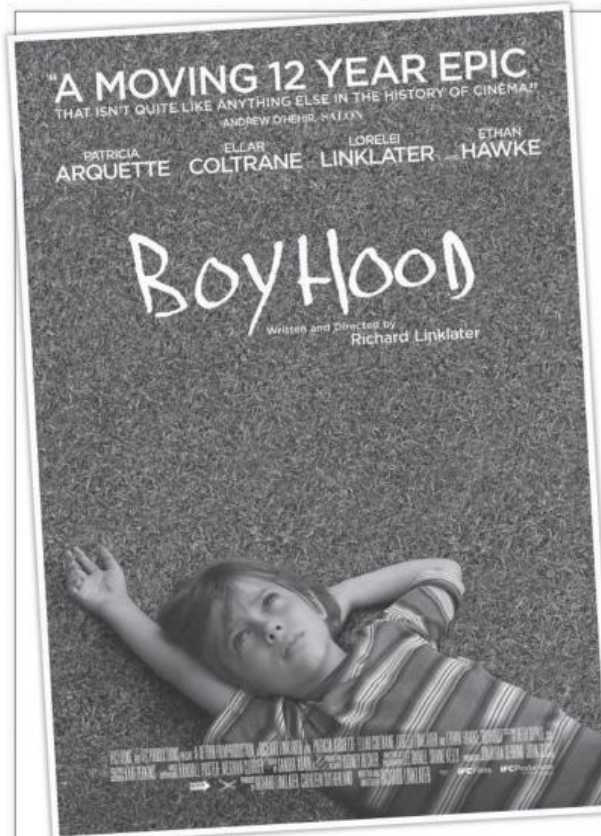
PRONUNCIATION *was* and *were*

3a 8.1 Listen and mark the stress. The numbers in (brackets) are the number of stressed words.

- 1 I was a good student. (2)
- 2 My parents were rich. (3)
- 3 Were you clever? (1)
- 4 Yes, I was. (1)
- 5 Was she nice? (1)
- 6 No, she wasn't. (1)

b 8.1 Listen again and repeat.

4 Complete the text with the correct past simple form of *be*.



Boyhood ¹ was a 2014 film about the life of a boy called Mason. The film ² was unusual because filming ³ was very long – from 2002 to 2013. The actors ⁴ were the same for all that time; the same boy – Ellar Coltrane – ⁵ was Mason from the age of seven to the age of eighteen. But Coltrane and the other actors ⁶ were in the film studios every day for twelve years. They ⁷ were there for about a week every year making the film. *Boyhood* ⁸ was the best film of 2014, but many people say they like it.

Vocabulary dates

5 Continue the series.

- 1 fourth, fifth, sixth
- 2 first, second, _____
- 3 ninth, tenth, _____
- 4 eighth, tenth, _____
- 5 fifth, tenth, _____
- 6 nineteenth, twentieth, _____
- 7 twenty-second, twenty-fifth, _____
- 8 tenth, twentieth, _____

6 Complete the months with the missing vowels (a, e, i, o, u).

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| 1 Janu_ry | 7 J_ly |
| 2 F_br_ry | 8 _g_st |
| 3 M_rch | 9 S_pt_mb_r |
| 4 _pr_l | 10 _ct_b_r |
| 5 M_y | 11 N_v_mb_r |
| 6 J_n_ | 12 D_c_mb_r |

7 Match years 1-8 to words a-h.

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|--------|--------------------------|
| 1 1912 | a two thousand and three |
| 2 1920 | b nineteen ninety |
| 3 1977 | c twenty seventeen |
| 4 1990 | d nineteen twelve |
| 5 2003 | e twenty thirty |
| 6 2009 | f nineteen seventy-seven |
| 7 2017 | g two thousand and nine |
| 8 2030 | h nineteen twenty |

8 Write the years in numbers.

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1 nineteen fourteen | <u>1914</u> |
| 2 twenty fifteen | _____ |
| 3 two thousand and eight | _____ |
| 4 nineteen ninety-six | _____ |
| 5 two thousand and two | _____ |
| 6 twenty twenty | _____ |

9 Write the years in words.

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|--------|-------|
| 1 1876 | _____ |
| 2 2040 | _____ |
| 3 1957 | _____ |
| 4 2004 | _____ |
| 5 1164 | _____ |
| 6 2018 | _____ |

10a Answer the questions using the dates in the box.

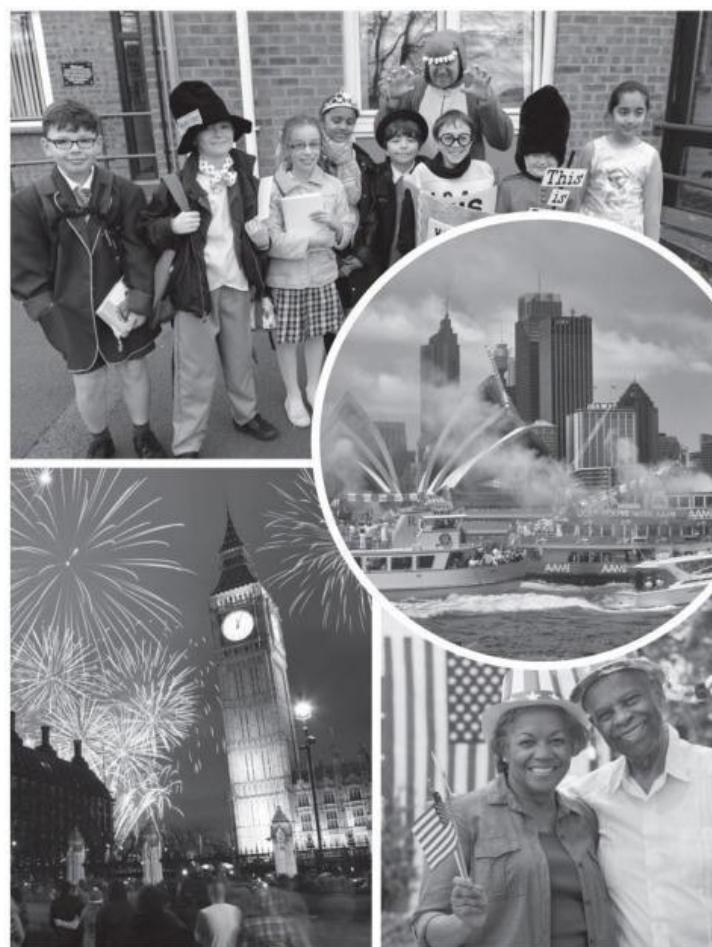
26th January 23rd April 1st May 4th July 18th July
31st December

When is ...

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Australia Day? | <u>26th January</u> |
| 2 New Year's Eve? | _____ |
| 3 International Workers Day? | _____ |
| 4 Independence Day (USA)? | _____ |
| 5 World Book Day? | _____ |
| 6 Nelson Mandela Day? | _____ |

b 8.2 Listen and check your answers.

c 8.2 Listen again and repeat.



I can ...

Very well Quite well More practice

use the verb *be* in the past.

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talk about my life then and now.

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