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## Where were you born?

1 Complete the conversation. Use the sentences in the box.



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| <input type="checkbox"/> I was sixteen.                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> No, it wasn't. I loved it!              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, I wasn't. I was born in Europe. | <input type="checkbox"/> No, I'm from Belgium.                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> We came here for my father's job.              | <input type="checkbox"/> We moved here in 2009.                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I was born in Brussels.                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, they were. We were all born there. |

**Jason:** Were you born here in the U.S., Marie?

**Marie:** No, I wasn't. I was born in Europe.

**Jason:** Oh, were you born in France?

**Marie:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jason:** Really? What city were you born in?

**Marie:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jason:** Were your parents born in Brussels, too?

**Marie:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jason:** And why did you come to the U.S.?

**Marie:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jason:** So when did you move here?

**Marie:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jason:** Really? How old were you then?

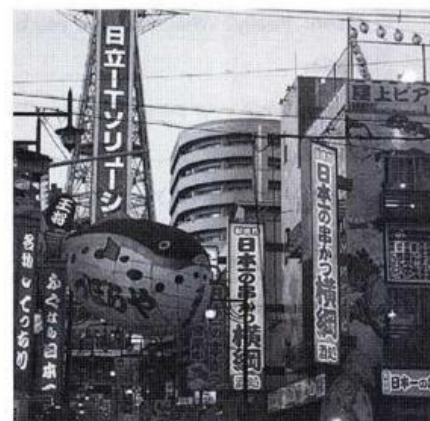
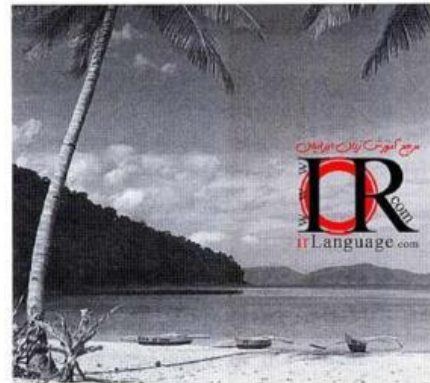
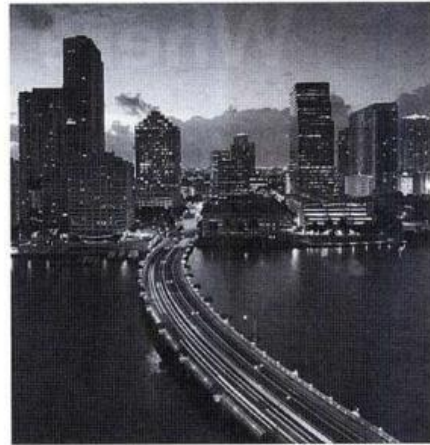
**Marie:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jason:** Was it scary?

**Marie:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Complete these conversations with **was**, **wasn't**, **were**, or **weren't**.

1. **Sandra:** Were you born in the U.S., Ivan?  
**Ivan:** Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_. My brother and I \_\_\_\_\_ born here in Miami.  
**Sandra:** I \_\_\_\_\_ born here, too. What about your parents? \_\_\_\_\_ they born here?  
**Ivan:** Well, my father \_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_ born in Cuba, but my mother \_\_\_\_\_ born in the U.S. – in Detroit.  
**Sandra:** Detroit? Really? My parents \_\_\_\_\_ born in Detroit, too!
2. **Kristin:** I called you on Saturday, but you \_\_\_\_\_ home.  
**Jennifer:** No, I \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ at the beach all weekend.  
**Kristin:** That's nice. How \_\_\_\_\_ the weather there?  
**Jennifer:** It \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful.  
**Kristin:** \_\_\_\_\_ your parents there?  
**Jennifer:** No, they \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ with my sister. It \_\_\_\_\_ great!
3. **Mindy:** \_\_\_\_\_ you in college last year, Alan?  
**Alan:** No, I \_\_\_\_\_. I graduated from college two years ago.  
**Mindy:** So where \_\_\_\_\_ you last year?  
**Alan:** I \_\_\_\_\_ in Japan.  
**Mindy:** Oh! \_\_\_\_\_ you in Tokyo?  
**Alan:** No, I \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ in Osaka. I had a job there.  
**Mindy:** What \_\_\_\_\_ the job?  
**Alan:** I \_\_\_\_\_ an English teacher.



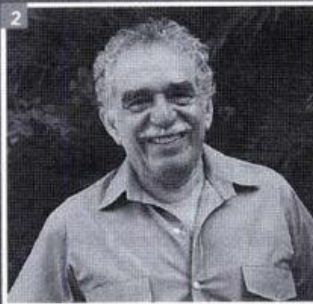
### 3 Write four sentences about each person.

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1 Marie Curie, scientist  
(1867–1934)

- born in Poland
- won Nobel Prizes in 1903 and 1911



2 Gabriel García Márquez,  
author (1927–2014)

- born in Colombia
- wrote *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, 1967



3 Maya Angelou, author  
(1928–2014)

- born in the U.S.
- wrote *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, 1969



4 Pat Morita, actor  
(1932–2005)

- born in the U.S.
- was in the movie *The Karate Kid*, 1984



5 Grace Kelly, actress  
(1929–1982)

- born in the U.S.
- married Prince Rainier III of Monaco, 1956



6 Salvador Dalí, artist  
(1904–1989)

- born in Spain
- painted *The Persistence of Memory*, 1931

1. Marie Curie was a scientist. She was born in 1867 in Poland.  
She won Nobel Prizes in 1903 and 1911. She died in 1934.
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_



**4** Complete these questions. Use the words in the box.

☐ How   ☐ How old   ☒ What   ☐ When   ☐ Where   ☐ Who   ☐ Why

1. A: \_\_\_\_\_ What \_\_\_\_\_ was your favorite subject in high school?  
B: It was art.
2. A: \_\_\_\_\_ was your favorite teacher?  
B: My art teacher, Mrs. Heintz.
3. A: \_\_\_\_\_ did you graduate from high school?  
B: In 2006.
4. A: \_\_\_\_\_ did you go to college?  
B: I went to Duke University.
5. A: \_\_\_\_\_ did you study physics?  
B: Because I wanted to become an astronaut!
6. A: \_\_\_\_\_ were your professors in college?  
B: They were great.
7. A: \_\_\_\_\_ were you when you graduated?  
B: I was 22 years old.

**5** Write whether each sentence is *true* or *false*. Correct the false sentences.



1. Students usually go to middle school before elementary school. www.irLanguage.com  
False. Students usually go to middle school after elementary school. /  
Students usually go to elementary school before middle school.
2. Students often study in the library.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Students never eat lunch in the cafeteria.  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Physical education classes are almost always in an auditorium.  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Students usually study history and science in high school.  
\_\_\_\_\_

**6** Unscramble the questions about your elementary school days. Then answer with your own information.



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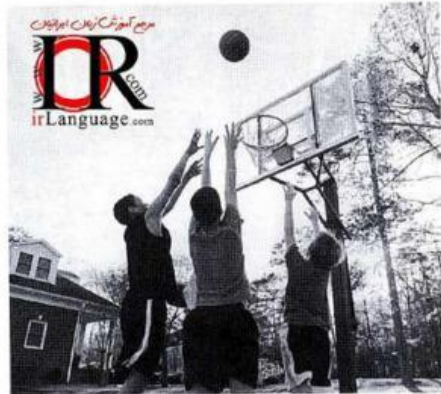
1. was your of school how first day  
A: How was your first day of school?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_
2. your was teacher who favorite  
A: \_\_\_\_\_  
B: \_\_\_\_\_
3. favorite was your what class  
A: \_\_\_\_\_  
B: \_\_\_\_\_
4. your who best were friends  
A: \_\_\_\_\_  
B: \_\_\_\_\_
5. spend did your where you free time  
A: \_\_\_\_\_  
B: \_\_\_\_\_
6. leave did when you elementary school  
A: \_\_\_\_\_  
B: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 7 Childhood memories

A Complete the questions with *did*, *was*, or *were*. Then answer the questions. Use short answers.

1. A: Were you born here?  
B: Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't.
2. A: \_\_\_\_\_ you grow up in a big city?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_
3. A: \_\_\_\_\_ you play sports?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_
4. A: \_\_\_\_\_ your home near your school?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_
5. A: \_\_\_\_\_ you ride a bus to school?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_
6. A: \_\_\_\_\_ you a good student?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_
7. A: \_\_\_\_\_ your teachers nice?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_
8. A: \_\_\_\_\_ you have a lot of friends?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_
9. A: \_\_\_\_\_ your grandparents live near you?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_
10. A: \_\_\_\_\_ both your parents work?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_



B Write sentences about your childhood.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_