

2 ★★ Complete the text with the past forms of the verbs in brackets.

William Sidis ⁰ was (be) born in New York in 1898. He ¹ (can) speak more than ten languages and when he ² (be) eleven, he ³ (be) already a student at Harvard University. He ⁴ (be) a professor when he ⁵ (be) twenty. He ⁶ (be) amazing but, unfortunately, he ⁷ (not/be) a happy child.

3 ★★ Complete the conversation between Elaine and her grandma with the correct past forms of the verb *be* or *can*.

E: Hi, Grandma. What are those photos?
G: They're my old photos from when I ⁰ was a teenager like you.
E: Wow. Is that your motorbike?
G: No, it ¹ wasn't my brother's.
E: ² Can you drive?
G: Not then. Driving lessons ³ were expensive and my parents ⁴ had to pay for them.
E: Oh, I like this one. Where ⁵ were you?
G: We ⁶ were in Wales on a school trip. The weather ⁷ was very good – there ⁸ were lots of rain – but we ⁹ were very happy in the mountains. Every day ¹⁰ was the same – breakfast at 8 a.m., a 20-km walk and back to the hostel in the evening. We ¹¹ were so tired, we ¹² couldn't move in the evenings. There ¹³ were any discos or parties – we ¹⁴ were in bed before 9 p.m.!
E: ¹⁵ Were you with grandfather then?
G: No, I ¹⁶ wasn't. He ¹⁷ went to the same school as me. Just a minute, ah, here's one of your grandfather and me. We ¹⁸ were twenty-one or twenty-two then ...

4 ★★ Use the cues in brackets to make full questions and answers.

Conversation 1: Marcus and Sam

M: Hi, Sam. ^a Where were you yesterday (where/you/ yesterday)?
S: Hi. Sorry. ^a I was tired (I/tired). ^b I didn't call you because ^c my phone was in my bag at school. (my phone/in)

Conversation 2: Jenny and Beverley

J: ^a I was really horrible (David/really horrible) to me yesterday.
B: Really? Why?
J: ^b I lost the game (We/with) Ellen and Mark at the Sports Centre for a game of tennis. You know I can't play any ball sports. ^c I didn't hit the ball! ^d He was not happy (David/not/happy) with me! He hates losing.

Conversation 3: Mr Smith and Kate

S: ^a I was late (Why/you late) to school this morning?
K: ^b My dad didn't find his car keys.
S: ^c Where were they?
K: ^d They were on the bathroom cupboard!