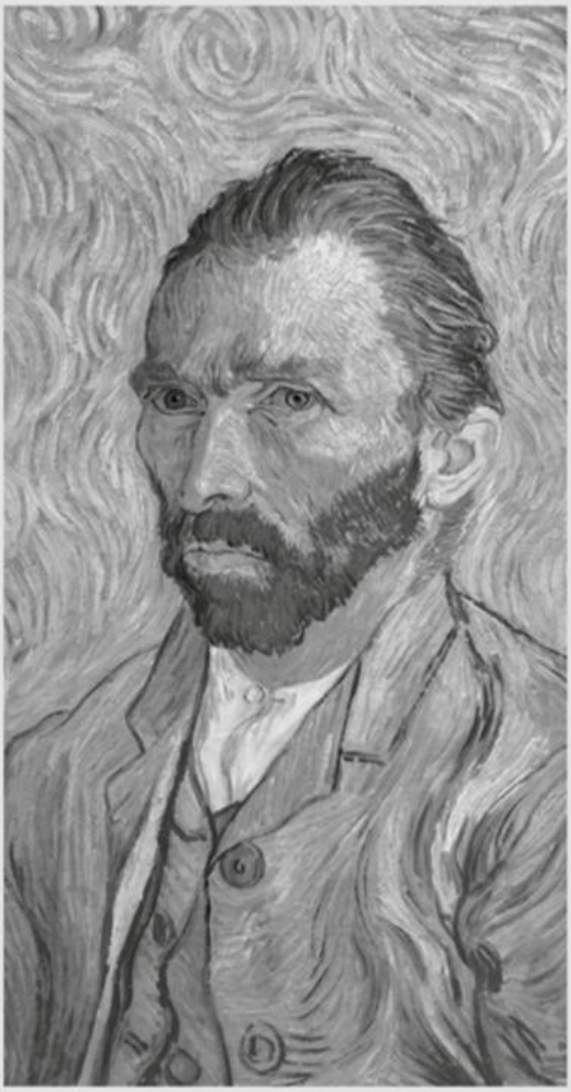
GRAMMAR

Simple past: *was/were*

A Complete the text with the words in the box.

was (x2) wasn't Were were (x3) weren't

Vincent van Gogh



Vincent van Gogh was born in the Netherlands in 1853. His parents [1]_____ fairly rich, but Vincent [2]_____ rich when he died at the age of 37. He [3]_____ a great artist, but his paintings [4]_____ popular in his lifetime. [5]_____ they bad paintings? Certainly not, but it [6]_____ a long time before people [7]_____ interested in them. Later, they [8]_____ very expensive – and today, they cost millions!

B Read the text and write questions for the underlined answers in the text.

Frida Kahlo

[1]Frida Kahlo was born in Mexico City on July 6, 1907. [2]She was a great artist. [3]At first, her paintings weren't popular – maybe [4]they were too modern! [5]Later, they were very popular. They are in art museums all over the world and they cost millions of dollars. [6]Many of her paintings were pictures of herself. Were they the first selfies?

1 **A:** Was Frida Kahlo born in Mexico City?
B: Yes, she was.

2 **A:** _____
B: Yes, she was.

3 **A:** _____
B: No, they weren't.

4 **A:** _____
B: Yes, they were.

5 **A:** _____
B: Yes, they were.

6 **A:** _____
B: Yes, they were.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

VOCABULARY
Dates and years

A **Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.**

1 Let's go to the New York Film Festival on March *thirtieth* / *thirty*.
2 The Empire State Building in New York is from the *one thousand nine* / *nineteen* thirties.
3 Art Deco was popular in New York in the *twenties* / *twentieth* century.
4 Today, in the *twenty-one* / *twenty-first* century, more than 8,600,000 people live in New York City.
5 The Tower Building (1889) was the *first* / *one* skyscraper in New York.

B **Write the numbers in words.**

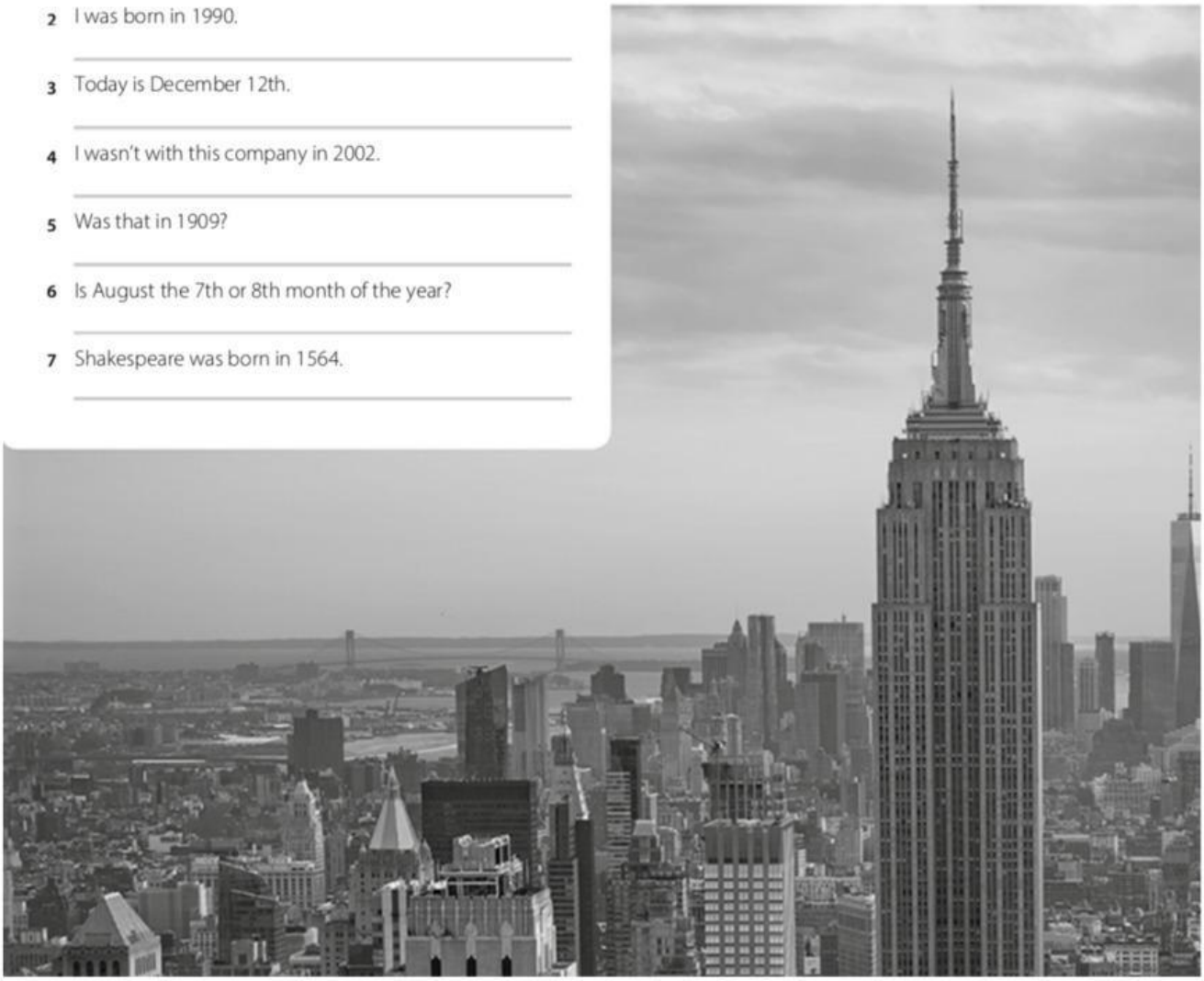
1 He was a writer in the 16th century.
_____
2 I was born in 1990.
_____
3 Today is December 12th.
_____
4 I wasn't with this company in 2002.
_____
5 Was that in 1909?
_____
6 Is August the 7th or 8th month of the year?
_____
7 Shakespeare was born in 1564.
_____

PRONUNCIATION
was he / was she

9.1 **A** **Read the questions. Then listen and check (✓) if what you hear is the same as the written question. Rewrite the questions that are different.**

1 Was he the US president? _____
2 Was she a painter? _____
3 Where was he born? _____
4 Was he tired? _____
5 Why was she famous? _____
6 What year was she born? _____
7 Was he OK in the lesson? _____
8 Who was she with? _____

9.1 **B** **Listen again and repeat the questions. Copy the linked words.**



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