

Look at the table. Complete the sentences with **was** or **were**.

1 *was*

- 1 Shakespeare ... an important English writer.
- 2 Christopher Columbus and Vasco da Gama ... famous explorers.
- 3 Neil Armstrong ... an American astronaut.
- 4 Rome and Athens ... capitals of the world in the past.
- 5 Stonehenge ... an important place in prehistoric Britain.
- 6 The population of Madrid ... 950,000 in 1900.

2 Rewrite the sentences with the information in brackets.

1 *Barack Obama's father wasn't from America. He was from Kenya.*

- 1 Barack Obama's father was from America. (Kenya)
- 2 Salvador Dalí and Pablo Picasso were actors. (artists)
- 3 The Second World War was from 1929 to 1935. (1939 to 1945)
- 4 Pío Baroja and Miguel de Cervantes were artists. (writers)

3 Complete the questions using **was or **were**.**

1 *was*

- 1 Who ... the first person in class today?
- 2 Which day of the week ... your last birthday on?
- 3 Where ... the last football World Cup?
- 4 Who ... your best friends in primary school?
- 5 When ... the last elections in your country?

gladiators?

No, there weren't.



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5 Look at the table. Write facts about Pompeii in AD 79. Use **there was/were.**

football stadium ✗	an amphitheatre ✓	houses ✓
an open-air museum ✗	markets ✓	car parks ✗
schools ✓	cinemas ✗	

There wasn't a football stadium in Pompeii in AD 79.

6 Complete the questions with **was or **were**. Then ask and answer them with a partner.**

- 1 ... there a football match on TV last night?
- 2 ... there any tests or exams last week?
- 3 ... there a lot of homework to do last weekend?

A: Was there a football match on TV last night?

B: No, there wasn't.

Your Turn

7 Work with a partner. Turn to page 105. Look at the picture for one minute, then write sentences. What can you remember?

There was a pizza place.