

2 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of *be*.

Q: 1 (...) you interested in history when you **2** (...) younger?

A: No, I **3** (...). I thought it **4** (...) boring!

Q: 5 (...) there a sports centre in your town 20 years ago?

A: Yes, there **6** (...), but there **7** (...) any skate parks.

4 Complete the sentences with *could* or *couldn't* and the ideas in the box.

become rich and famous buy meat do exercise
vote watch chariot races

- 1** In Ancient Rome, there were gyms, so people ...
- 2** The politicians were all men, and women ...
- 3** There was a big stadium, where people ...
- 4** Fighting was important and successful gladiators ...
- 5** Most people were poor, so they ...