

Exercise



Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form of the past simple.

1

In the past, when TV and smartphones (not / be) _____ as popular as they are now, people usually (gather) together, (go) _____ for a walk, and (chat) _____ with each other after dinner instead of using their phones.



2

I remember that my mom (teach) _____ me how to solve math problems when I was in Grade 5.



3

In the past, when people wanted to travel to a new city, they (use) _____ paper maps because GPS did not exist.



4

On August 5, 1914, people (put) _____ the first traffic light on the street to help drivers in Cleveland, Ohio.



5

Because Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak (not have) _____ enough money to start their company, they (sell) _____ some of their things to get money.



6

While Al Capone (be) _____ in prison in the 1930s, he (start) _____ to become very ill. He (die) _____ from a heart problem in Miami in 1947.

