Complete the sentences with *was*, *were*, *wasn't*, or *weren't*.

A Who's that woman?

B It's Louise Élisabeth Vigée Le Brun.

A Why ¹<u>was</u> she famous?

B She ² _____ a painter. This self-portrait is in the National Gallery in London.

A ³ _____ she English?

B No, she ⁴ _____. She ⁵ _____ French. She ⁶ _____ born in Paris.

A And ⁷ _____ her paintings popular in her lifetime?

B Yes, they ⁸ _____ very popular.

Complete the conversations with present or past forms of be. Use contractions where possible.

1 A What day *is*_____ it today?
  B Monday. Yesterday *was*_____ Sunday.

2 A Hi. _____ your sister at home?
  B No, she _____. She _____ here this morning, but now she _____ at work.

3 A I can't find my keys. Where _____ they?
  B I don't know. They _____ on your desk this morning.

4 A Where _____ your new boyfriend from?
  B He _____ born in England, but his parents _____ born in Singapore.

5 A Why _____ your boss angry yesterday?
  B Because I _____ very late for work.

Answer the questions about you.

1 Where were you born?
  I was born in _____.

2 Where were you last August?
  I was _____.

2 Were you at a party at the weekend?
  _____.

3 Were you tired yesterday morning?
  _____.

4 Where were you this time yesterday?
  _____.

5 Were you at home last night?
  _____.

6 Were you late for school / work today?
  _____.

Write questions and answers.

1 Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor / actors? ✔
   Were Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor actors?
   Yes, they were.

2 Alexander Graham Bell / artist? ✘ (inventor)
   Was Alexander Graham Bell an artist?
   No, he wasn't. He was an inventor.

3 Charlotte Bronte / novelist? ✔
   _____?
   _____.

4 Frida Kahlo / pianist? ✘ (artist)
   _____?
   _____.

5 J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis / musicians? ✘ (writers)
   _____?
   _____.

6 David Bowie / singer? ✔
   _____?
   _____.

7 Vivaldi and Bach / composers? ✔
   _____?
   _____.

8 Dante Alighieri / politician? ✘ (poet)
   _____?
   _____.

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