

Who were they?

My life is a simple thing that would interest nobody. It is a known fact that I was born, and that is all that is necessary.

Albert Einstein, German scientist

1 GRAMMAR was / were

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

A Who's that?



B It's William Shakespeare.

A Why ¹_____ he famous?

B He ²_____ a writer.

A ³_____ he Scottish?

B No, he ⁴_____. He ⁵_____ English. He ⁶_____ born in Stratford-upon-Avon.

A And ⁷_____ he married?

B Yes, he ⁸_____. His wife's name ⁹_____ Anne.

A And ¹⁰_____ they happy?

B I don't know.

b Write questions and answers.

1 Mozart / from / Germany? **X**

_____?

2 Columbus and Magellan / explorers? **✓**

_____?

3 Virginia Woolf / writer? **✓**

_____?

4 the Bee Gees / from the USA? **X**

_____?

5 John McEnroe / footballer? **X**

_____?

6 Matisse / composer? **X**

_____?

CHOOSE THE CORRECT PAST TIME EXPRESSION

(PRESTAR ATENCIÓN A LA FECHA ...)

It's a Thursday evening in September and I'm in my 8th year of school.

1 On Wednesday, I was late for school.

Yesterday, I was late for school.

2 On Wednesday in the afternoon, I was at my friend's house.

_____ , I was at my friend's house.

3 On Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., I was at the cinema.

_____ , I was at the cinema.

4 On Wednesday from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Thursday morning, my dad was at work.

_____ , my dad was at work.

5 Today, in the morning, I was in an English lesson.

_____ , I was in an English lesson.

6 On Saturday and Sunday, I was at my grandparents' house.

_____ , I was at my grandparents' house.

7 On Friday, I was at a party.

_____ , I was at a party.

7 Picasso / born / Spain? **✓**

_____?

8 Greta Garbo / actress? **✓**

_____?

9 Tolstoy and Cervantes / painters? **X**

_____?

10 Nelson Mandela / born / Britain? **X**

_____?

c Complete with present or past forms of *be*.

1 Today _____ Monday, so yesterday _____ Sunday.

2 A Hi. _____ your sister at home?

B No, she _____. She _____ here this morning,
but now she _____ at work.

3 My books _____ here on my desk this
morning. Where _____ they now?

4 James _____ born in England, but his
parents _____ born in Singapore.

5 My boss _____ angry today because
I _____ very late for work yesterday,
and this morning too.

JOBs AND OCCUPATIONS

a Make nouns from these words.

1 invent _____ 6 paint _____

2 write _____ 7 lead _____

3 politics _____ 8 act _____

4 compose _____ 9 science _____

5 music _____ 10 sail _____

b Complete the sentences with *was / were* and a noun
from a.

1 Galileo _____.

2 The Wright brothers _____.

3 Rembrandt _____.

4 Gustav Mahler _____.

5 Jimi Hendrix _____.

6 The Brontë sisters _____.

7 Gandhi _____.

8 Nelson _____.

9 Gregory Peck and Clark Gable _____.