

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? ✗

_____?
_____.

2 Columbus and Magellan / explorers? ✓

_____?
_____.

3 Virginia Woolf / writer? ✓

_____?
_____.

4 the Bee Gees / from the USA? ✗

_____?
_____.

5 John McEnroe / footballer? ✗

_____?
_____.

6 Matisse / composer? ✗

_____?
_____.

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? ✗

_____?
_____.

10 Nelson Mandela / born / Britain? ✗

_____?
_____.

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.

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|------------------|-----------------|
| 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 _____.