

**6** Complete the questions about Oprah.

1 Where did her father work?

*In a coal mine.*

2 What \_\_\_\_\_ her mother do?

*She cleaned houses.*

3 Who \_\_\_\_\_ Oprah \_\_\_\_\_ with?

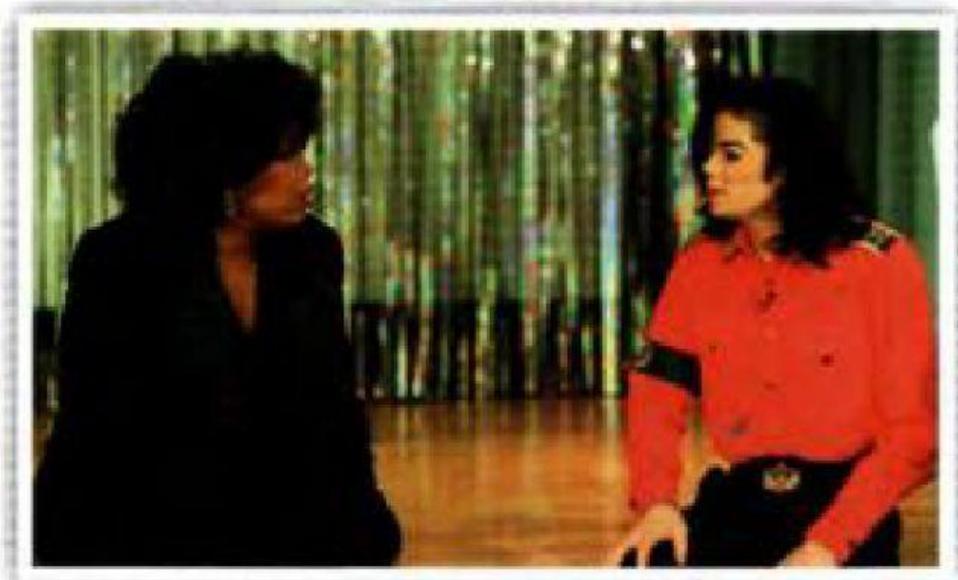
*Her grandmother.*

4 What \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_?

*Drama.*

5 When \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ Michael Jackson?

*In 1993.*



6 How much \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ last year?

*\$260 million.*

7 When \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ the girls' school?

*In 2007.*

8 \_\_\_\_\_ her parents \_\_\_\_\_ much money?

*No, they didn't.*

**T 6.5** Listen and check.

## PRACTICE

### Talking about you

- Complete the questions with *did*, *was*, or *were*.
  - Where were your parents born?
  - Where \_\_\_\_\_ you live when you \_\_\_\_\_ a child?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ you live in a house or a flat?
  - When \_\_\_\_\_ you start school?
  - Who \_\_\_\_\_ your first teacher?
  - Who \_\_\_\_\_ your best friend?
  - When \_\_\_\_\_ you learn to read and write?
  - When \_\_\_\_\_ you get your first mobile phone?
- Work in groups of two or three. Ask and answer the questions in exercise 1.
- Tell the class some of the information you learned.

Enrico's mother was born in ...  
 His father ...  
 He lived in ...

### Pronunciation

- T 6.6** Listen to three different pronunciations of *-ed*.

/t/ worked  
 /d/ lived  
 /ɪd/ started

- T 6.7** Listen and write the Past Simple verbs in the chart. Then practise saying them.

/t/	/d/	/ɪd/

## BEN'S UPS AND DOWNS

### Irregular verbs

- Write the Past Simple of these verbs. (There is a list of irregular verbs on p158.) Test your partner.

be	<u>was/were</u>	leave	_____
begin	_____	lose	_____
can	_____	make	_____
catch	_____	meet	_____
come	_____	send	_____
get	_____	take	_____
give	_____	win	_____
go	_____	write	_____
have	_____		

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- Read about Ben Way. What were his ups and downs?



## Ben Way

He made his first million at 17. He was one of the first dotcom millionaires. Then he lost it all ... And now he's a millionaire again! How did he do it?

- Read and complete the PROFILE of Ben with the verbs in the Past Simple. Compare your answers with a partner.

### Listening

- T 6.8** Listen to an interview with Ben. What else do you learn about him?
- Make the questions. Ask and answer them with a partner.

- What/Ben's parents do?
- Where/he go to school?
- Why/he have problems at school?
- What/his dad give him in 1989?
- Who/he help with their computers?
- Why/he leave school at 16?
- When/he win 'Young Entrepreneur of the Year'?
- Why/he lose his money?

What did Ben's parents do?

His father was a ...

PROFILE

# Ben Way

dotcom millionaire



**Year Ben's Life**

- 1980** He <sup>1</sup> was (be) born on 28, September 1980.  
He <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to school in a small Devon village. He was dyslexic, he <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (can not) read and write.
- 1989** When he was nine, his father <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (give) him a computer. He <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (take) his computer everywhere with him.
- 1991** At 11, he <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (write) his first software program.
- 1995** When he was 15, he <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) his own computer company.
- 1996** He <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) school at 16.
- 1997** At 17, he <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (make) his first £1 million.
- 1999** At 19, he <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) £18.5 million.
- 2000** At 20, he <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (win) 'Young Entrepreneur of the Year.'
- 2001** When he was 21, he <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) everything.
- 2002 - NOW** BUT THEN – at 22, he started a new company called 'Rainmakers' and he became a millionaire all over again!

## PRACTICE

### Regular and irregular verbs

- 1** Complete the sentences with the verbs in the Past Simple.
- 1 My granddad was (be) born in 1932. He \_\_\_\_\_ (die) in 2009.
  - 2 My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) in London in 1983. They \_\_\_\_\_ (get) married in 1985.
  - 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) late for the lesson. It \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) at 2 o'clock.
  - 4 I \_\_\_\_\_ (catch) the bus to school today. It \_\_\_\_\_ (take) just 40 minutes.
  - 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a very busy morning. I \_\_\_\_\_ (send) 30 emails before 10 o'clock.
  - 6 Our football team \_\_\_\_\_ (win) the match 3–0. Your team \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) again.
  - 7 My brother \_\_\_\_\_ (earn) a lot of money in his last job, but he \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) because he \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) it.
  - 8 I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) Chinese for four years, but when I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Shanghai, I \_\_\_\_\_ (can not) understand a word.

**T 6.9** Listen and check.

### Talking about you

- 2** Make true sentences about you using a positive or negative.

- 1 watch TV yesterday
- 2 get up early this morning
- 3 have coffee and toast for breakfast
- 4 come to school by car yesterday
- 5 play computer games on Friday evening
- 6 send a text just before this lesson
- 7 meet some friends last night
- 8 go shopping yesterday

*I watched/didn't watch TV yesterday.*

Compare answers with a partner.

- 3** Work with your partner. Ask and answer questions with *When did you last ... ?* and the time expressions. Ask another question to get more information.

- have a holiday
- watch a DVD
- go to the cinema
- talk on your mobile
- send an email
- catch a bus
- give a present
- have dinner in a restaurant

yesterday ...	morning	afternoon	evening
last ...	night	week	weekend
	Monday	month	year
	X last-afternoon	X last-evening	

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- 4** Tell the class some things you learned about your partner.

*Nina had a holiday last August and she went to Italy.*

▶▶ **WRITING** **T 6.10** A biography p109