Stars of sound 5

G Grammar

was / were: affirmative and negative

1 54 Read the text. Find a rock band and a metal band.

Black Sabbath was the first famous metal band. The singer was Ozzy Osbourne. At the time, rock bands like the Rolling Stones were popular. But metal was different – it was fast and very loud. At first, heavy metal wasn't popular, but by the 1980s, metal bands were famous all over the world.

2 Complete the chart.

Affirmative	Negative
I **was** in a band.	I **wasn't** in a band.
You **were** a good singer.	You **weren't** a good singer.
He / She / It ¹ was popular.	He / She / It ² _____ popular.
We **were** fans of Michael Jackson.	We **weren't** fans of Michael Jackson.
You **were** good singers.	You **weren't** good singers.
They ³ _____ famous.	They **weren't** famous.

3 Choose the correct words.

1 Marilyn Monroe (was)/ were American.

2 She were / **was** born in 1926.

3 She **wasn't** / weren't a writer. She **was** / were an actor and a singer.

4 Her eyes **weren't** / wasn't brown. They was / **were** blue.

4 Complete the text with *was / were* (✓) or *wasn't / weren't* (✗).

Robyn Rihanna Fenty ¹ was (✓) born in Barbados in 1988. As a young girl, her life ² _____ (✗) easy. Her parents ³ _____ (✗) happy and Robyn ⁴ _____ (✗) well. As a teenager, things ⁵ _____ (✓) different for Robyn. At 15, she ⁶ _____ (✓) the winner of her school's talent competition. At 16, she ⁷ _____ (✓) in a music studio in New York. And at 17, her first song ⁸ _____ (✓) in the Top 10 in over fifteen countries. She ⁹ _____ (✗) Robyn anymore. She ¹⁰ _____ (✓) Rihanna!

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

1 Amy Winehouse _wasn't_ an actor. She was a musician.

2 That was an awesome meal. I _____ really hungry.

3 We _____ at school last week. We were on vacation.

4 I _____ at your party yesterday because I was really tired.

5 Freddie Mercury wasn't born in England. The famous singer _____ born in Tanzania, in Africa.

6 Yesterday, the weather _____ good. It was cold and rainy.

7 Justin Timberlake and Britney Spears were TV presenters before they _____ singers.

Your turn

6 Write two true and two false sentences about you. Use *was, were, wasn't,* or *weren't*. Can your partner guess which sentences are false?

My birthday was in June.

False! It wasn't in June. It was in July.

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

The music business

1 Match sentences a–h with pictures 1–8.

a This was our first concert. __5__

b I'm the keyboard player. _____

c Look at all our fans! _____

d I'm a songwriter. I write songs on my laptop. _____

e Sofia is the drummer. _____

f You can also read the lyrics to the song. _____

g This is our first video. You can watch it online. _____

h Sam is the guitarist. _____