

**LET'S PRACTICE!**

1. Read the text again. Highlight sentences that talk about the past.
2. Pay attention to sentences in Exercise 1. **Complete the rule!**

**PAST EVENTS:**

**PAST SIMPLE**  
**FUNCTION:**  
 We use \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about things that happened in the past.  
 When do we use it?  
 1. To talk about completed or finished actions in the past.  
 Example: \_\_\_\_\_.  
 2. To describe states or feelings from a specific time in the past.  
 Example: \_\_\_\_\_.

**FORM:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ is the past simple of **am** and **is**.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ is the past simple of **are**.

PERSON	VERB TO BE : POSITIVE	VERB TO BE: NEGATIVE
I, She, He, It		
You, We, They		

**QUESTIONS:**

	I, She, He, It	funny?
	You, We, They	boring?

**SHORT ANSWER:**

Yes, I/He/She/It	No, I/He/She/It
Yes, You/We/They	No, You/We/They

3. Complete the sentences with **was** or **were**.
  - a. In 1837, there \_\_\_\_\_ musical instruments, but no TVs.
  - b. There \_\_\_\_\_ any whiteboards at school in the 1830s.
  - c. There \_\_\_\_\_ any cars in 1800.
  - d. Albert Einstein \_\_\_\_\_ born in 1879. He \_\_\_\_\_ a famous physicist.
  - e. Michael Jackson \_\_\_\_\_ an actor, he \_\_\_\_\_ successful singer. The King of Pop!
4. Rewrite these sentences in the past simple.
  - a. There isn't a supermarket in the village.  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The film isn't very interesting.  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Old computers aren't very quick.  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - d. It isn't sunny on Monday.  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - e. My parents aren't happy with my school grades.  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Alice and Beth are looking at an old photo of their city. Complete the conversation with **was**, **were**, **wasn't** or **weren't**.

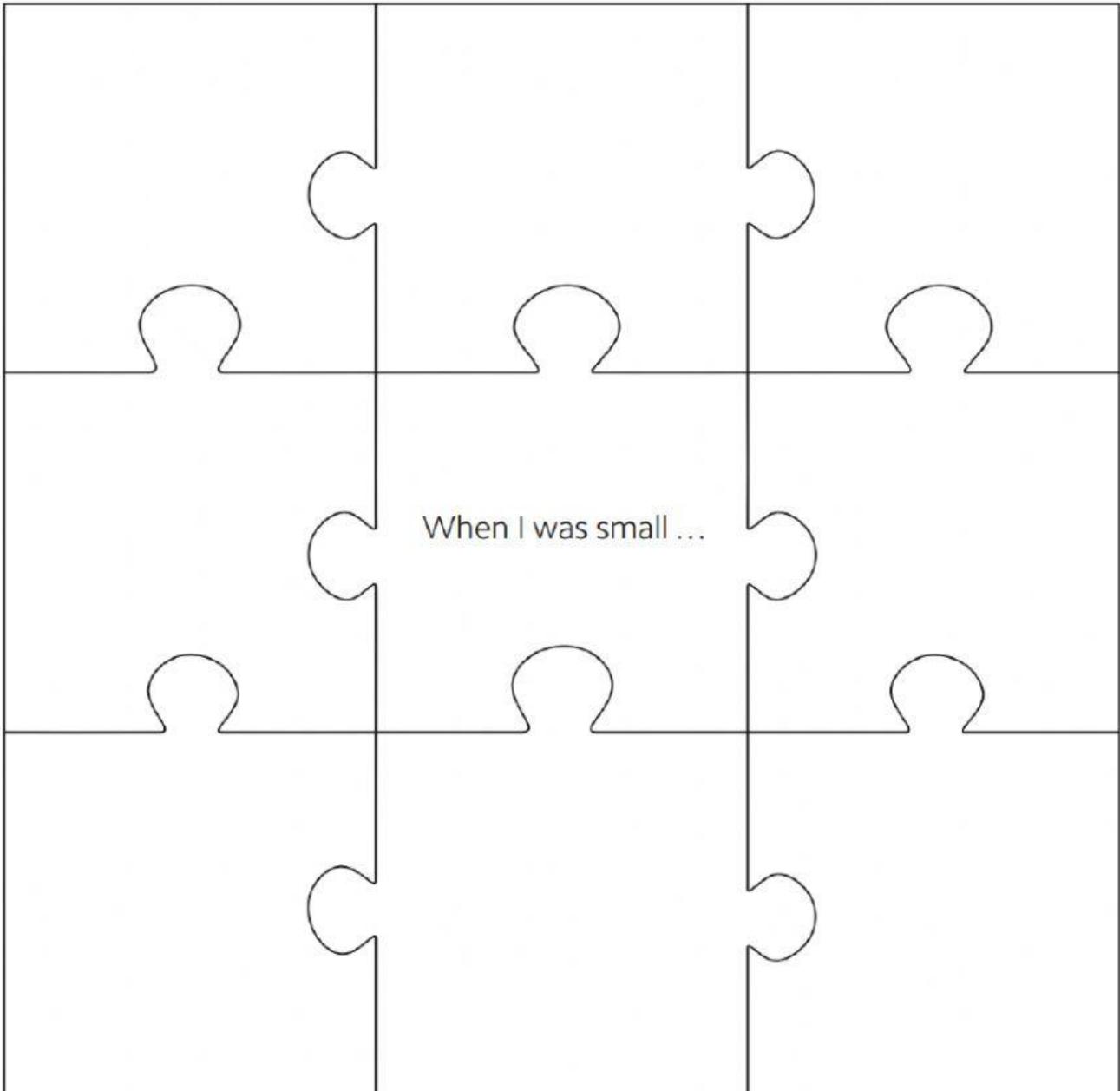


- A: Wow! The city <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ very different in the 1940s.  
 B: Yes. What <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ those things? They look like buses.  
 A: They <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ called trams, I think.  
 B: There <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ any cars in the city centre.  
 A: You're right. There <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.  
 B: And all the people are wearing hats in this photo. Look!  
 A: Yes, hats <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ very popular.

**LET'S PLAY!**

6. Think about when you were small, about four or five years old. Choose a box and write:

- your favourite colour
- your first word
- where you were born
- some friends' names
- a special place
- your favourite TV show
- some favourite foods
- your favourite things



7. Now look at your partner's sheet and guess what each word is.

**EXAMPLE:**

Grandma's house was your special place.      Yes, very good.

Your favourite food was bananas.      That's right!