

ELEMENTARY UNIT 6

6.1 was/were

1 Complete the text with was/wasn't or were/weren't.

Jenny goes to the National University of Bogota in Colombia. She is an environmental scientist. She ¹ _____ (not) born in Colombia, she was born in Calgary, in Canada. Her favourite subject at school ² _____ art but she became interested in biology when she was on a painting trip to Colombia – there ³ _____ so many different animals that ⁴ _____ (not) in Canada. Her favourite animal was the spectacled bear. When Jenny learned that they ⁵ _____ in danger, she ⁶ _____ (not) so interested in painting them – she was more interested in saving them.

2 Write questions about the text in Exercise 1.

- 1 where / born?

- 2 where / painting trip?

- 3 what / favourite animal?

- 4 they / in danger?

- 5 she / interested in painting or saving them?

6.2 past simple

1 Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

My friend Maria ¹ _____ (move) away twenty years ago. She ² _____ (travel) from Poland to Ireland and ³ _____ (work) in a factory. She ⁴ _____ (marry) someone there and ⁵ _____ (start) a family. We ⁶ _____ (try) to keep in touch and ⁷ _____ (call) each other sometimes. But the days ⁸ _____ (pass) by and the letters ⁹ _____ (not arrive) and the calls ¹⁰ _____ (stop). When her parents ¹¹ _____ (die), she ¹² _____ (not visit) her hometown any more. Then last week I ¹³ _____ (receive) a text from her. She ¹⁴ _____ (invite) me to her wedding with her second husband.

2 Read the text in Exercise 1 again and write questions for the answers.

- 1 Where _____?
Maria lived in Poland.
- 2 Where _____?
She worked in a factory in Ireland.
- 3 When _____?
She moved away twenty years ago.
- 4 Did _____?
Yes, they called each other.
- 5 Did _____?
No, they didn't visit each other.

3 Read the conversation. Find and correct ten mistakes with the past simple.

- A: There aren't many people here for the football match today. Where are Janos and Andras?
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- B: They ~~go~~ to a restaurant last night and eaten something bad.
- A: And what about Jack? He doesn't look very healthy today.
- B: Yes, he decided to get fit so he didn't ~~catched~~ the bus today. He ~~ranned~~ here and hurted his leg.
- A: And where's Ahmed?
- B: Oh, he crashed his car this morning. He didn't saw a car in front of him and ~~drived~~ straight into it.
- A: And what happened to you? I ~~thinked~~ you were at the cinema last night.
- B: I'm just tired. I didn't ~~sleept~~ well last night and wake up very early this morning.

