

UNIT 5: 'MOMENTS IN TIME'

Verb **be**: past simple affirmative and negative

1 Choose the correct words.

- 1 The first modern Olympic Games was / **were** in Athens, Greece.
- 2 Elizabeth Blackwell **was** / **were** the first woman to become a doctor.
- 3 The first men to walk on the moon **wasn't** / **weren't** Russian.
- 4 Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay **was** / **were** the first men to climb Mount Everest.
- 5 Roald Amundsen **was** / **were** the first person to reach the South Pole in Antarctica.
- 6 Tim Peake **weren't** / **wasn't** the first British astronaut to go into space.

Verb **be**: past simple questions and answers

2 Match the questions 1–9 to the answers a–i.

- 1 Was the weather good on holiday? **d**
- 2 What was your birthday party like? **—**
- 3 Were your friends at the rugby match? **—**
- 4 Was there a school trip last month? **—**
- 5 When were you born? **—**
- 6 Was Aylén at school yesterday? **—**
- 7 Were you at football practice yesterday? **—**
- 8 Were there a lot of people at the concert? **—**
- 9 Where was Lucas this afternoon? **—**

a No, they weren't.
b He was at home.
c No, I wasn't.
~~d Yes, it was.~~
e No, there wasn't.
f It was fantastic.
g In 2002.
h Yes, there were.
i Yes, she was.



there was / there were

3 Reorder the words to make sentences and questions.

1 my / message / on / there / a / phone / wasn't

There wasn't a message on my phone.

2 the / a / classroom / there / whiteboard /
was / in

3 town / in / were / today / many / there /
people / ?

4 school / weren't / trip / there / on / students /
the / many

5 first / a / your / was / at / school / there /
computer / ?

6 the / there / hotel / was / a / pool /
swimming / at

Verb be: past simple questions

2 Rewrite the questions in the past simple.

1 Is the weather good on holiday?

Was the weather good on holiday?

2 What is your birthday party like?

3 Are your friends at the rugby match?

4 How long is the film?

5 Is your sister at the jazz concert?

6 Where are Gonzalo and Melina?

