

LESSON 5 - WHERE WERE YOU BORN?

1. Choose the correct words.

Norma Jeane Mortenson was / were the name of former actress Marilyn Monroe. She was / were born on June 1st, 1926 in Los Angeles, California. She was / were an american actress who became famous in the 1950s. Her life as a child wasn't / weren't easy because she lived in foster homes and orphanages until she got married at 16. Her eyes were / was blue and she was / were in many movies like 'Gentlemen Prefer Blondes' (1953).



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

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



3. Complete the text with was, were, wasn't, weren't.

- Amy Winehouse _____ an actress, she _____ a british singer.
- Thank you for the meal. It _____ delicious.
- The year 2020 _____ a good year. The Covid -19 virus killed a lot people.
- We _____ at school last month, we _____ on vacation.
- Freddie Mercury _____ born in England, he _____ born in Tanzania, in Africa.
- Yesterday it _____ cold and rainy.
- Justin Timberlake and Britney Spears _____ presenters before they _____ singers.

4. Change the sentences to the past.

1. Julia is late for class today. _____
2. I'm at home tonight. _____
3. I'm happy about her new job. _____
4. Ann is in her office. _____
5. We are young and free. _____
6. They are friends in college. _____

5. Complete the sentences with wasn't / weren't.

1. Philip is here today, but he wasn't here yesterday.
2. We are at the bar tonight, but _____.
3. Sarah is busy today, but _____.
4. Tom is in Paris this week, but _____.
5. My parents are upset today, but _____.
6. I am tired today, but _____.



6. Read the text and answer the questions with complete sentences.

Frida Kahlo was (be) a Mexican painter. She _____ (be) born in Mexico City in 1907. She _____ (paint) many self-portraits and paintings of Mexican folklore.

Frida _____ (go) to the prestigious Escuela Preparatoria in Mexico City in 1922. At that time, there _____ (not be) many girls at this school. In 1925, at the age of eighteen, Frida _____ (have) a terrible traffic accident. She _____ (not can) walk for a long time, so she _____ (start) painting.

In 1929 she _____ (marry) the painter Diego Rivera. The next year they _____ (move) to New York, but Frida _____ (not be) happy there. They _____ (return) to Mexico in 1935.

Frida _____ (win) a national art prize in 1946, and she _____ (become) famous in Mexico. She _____ (die) in 1954, when she _____ (be) only 47 years old.

