

## 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.

