

# LESSON 1

## Reading



3. Recognize **Was** and **Were** in the text "Foundation of Bolivia".

### Foundation of Bolivia.

Between 1779 and 1781 there **were** indigenous uprisings. Those **were** led by Tomás Katari, Túpac Amaru II and Túpac Katari, who opposed the excessive collection of taxes, the abuse of the mita and the disregard of other rights, but these uprisings **were** controlled by the Spanish.

Despite that, social discontent continued to be present in Charcas. on May 25, 1809, the revolutionary struggles began in Chuquisaca. Those revolutionary struggles **were** more than fifteen years of fighting against the royalists.

When bolivian territory **was** already free, the constituent assembly found three options:

- First: to belong to Argentina.
- Second: to belong to Lower Peru.
- Third: to be an independent state.

The third option **was** the most voted. Then assembly members decided to found an independent country on August 6, 1825 in tribute to the battle of Junin and its first president **was** Simón José Antonio de la Santísima Trinidad Bolívar y Ponte Palacios y Blanco.



## ACTIVITY 2

4. Answer the following questions.

- Who were the indigenous that led the uprisings?

They were

- a) Tomás Katari, Túpac Amaru II and Túpac Katari
- b) Simón Bolívar and assembly members

- Who was the first president of Bolivia?

- a) Tomás Katari
- b) Simón Bolívar
- c) Tupac Katari