

My life is a simple thing that would interest nobody.
It is a known fact that I was born, and that is all that is necessary.

Albert Einstein, German scientist

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At the National Portrait Gallery



I. GRAMMAR

I. Complete the sentences with *was*, *were*, *wasn't*, or *weren't*

A Who's that?

B It's Jane Austen.

A Why ¹ was she famous?

B She ² _____ a writer.

A ³ _____ she Scottish?

B No, she ⁴ _____.

She ⁵ _____ English. She ⁶ _____ born
in a small village in the South of England.

A And ⁷ _____ she married?

B No, she ⁸ _____.

 **LIVEWORKSHEETS**

2. Write the questions and answers

1 Alexander Graham Bell / sportsman? ✗

Was Alexander Graham Bell a sportsman ?

No, he wasn't .

2 Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor / actors? ✓

Were Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor actors ?

Yes, they were .

3 Charles Dickens / novelist? ✓

_____ ?

_____ .

4 The Beatles / from the USA? ✗

_____ ?

_____ .

5 Lord Byron / politician? ✗

_____ ?

_____ .

6 Isaac Newton / composer? ✗

_____ ?

_____ .

7 Bono / born / Ireland? ✓

_____ ?

_____ .

8 Amy Winehouse / singer? ✓

_____ ?

_____ .

9 J R R Tolkien and C S Lewis / painters? ✗

_____ ?

_____ .

10 Michael Jackson / born / Britain? ✗

_____ ?

_____ .

3. Complete the dialogues with present or past forms of *be*

- 1 A What day is it today?
B Monday. Yesterday was Sunday.
- 2 A Hi, _____ your sister at home?
B No, she _____. She _____ here this morning, but now she _____ at work.
- 3 A I can't find my keys. Where _____ they?
B I don't know. They _____ on your desk this morning.
- 4 A Where _____ your new boyfriend from?
B He _____ born in England, but his parents _____ born in Singapore.
- 5 A Why _____ your boss angry yesterday?
B Because I _____ very late for work.

II. VOCABULARY

1. Make professions from these words. Use *a* or *an*

- 1 invent an inventor
- 2 write _____
- 3 police _____
- 4 compose _____
- 5 music _____
- 6 paint _____
- 7 business _____
- 8 act _____
- 9 science _____
- 10 sail _____

2. Choose the stressed syllables.

an <u>in</u> ventor
a <u>w</u> riter
a po <u>l</u> iceman/ po <u>l</u> icewoman
a co <u>m</u> poser
a mu <u>s</u> ician
a pa <u>i</u> nter
a bu <u>s</u> inessman/ bu <u>s</u> inesswoman
an ac <u>t</u> or/ ac <u>t</u> ress
a scie <u>n</u> tist
a sa <u>i</u> lor

3. Complete the sentences with *was/were* and a noun from 1

- 1 Francis Drake was a sailor.
- 2 Beethoven and Mozart were composers.
- 3 James Dean _____.
- 4 Galileo _____.
- 5 Freddie Mercury _____.
- 6 The Wright brothers _____.
- 7 Agatha Christie _____.
- 8 Howard Hughes _____.
- 9 Degas and Toulouse-Lautrec _____.