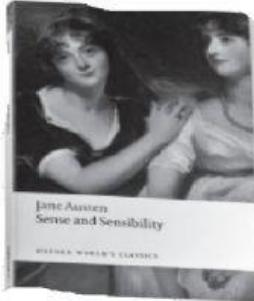


My life is a simple thing that would interest nobody.
It is a known fact that I was born, and that is all that is necessary.
Albert Einstein, German scientist

7A At the National Portrait Gallery



I. GRAMMAR

1. 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 .

LIVELIVEWORKSHEETS

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. Is your sister at home?
B No, she isn't. She was here this morning, but now she isn't at work.
- 3 A I can't find my keys. Where are they?
B I don't know. They were on your desk this morning.
- 4 A Where is your new boyfriend from?
B He was born in England, but his parents were born in Singapore.
- 5 A Why was your boss angry yesterday?
B Because I was very late for work.

II. VOCABULARY

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

1 invent	<u>an inventor</u>
2 write	<u></u>
3 police	<u></u>
4 compose	<u></u>
5 music	<u></u>
6 paint	<u></u>
7 business	<u></u>
8 act	<u></u>
9 science	<u></u>
10 sail	<u></u>

2. Choose the stressed syllables.

an <u>inventor</u>
a writer
a policeman/ policewoman
a composer
a musician
a painter
a businessman/ businesswoman
an actor/ actress
a scientist
a sailor

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 _____.