

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 _____.

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.

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| an <u>in</u> ventor |
| a <u>w</u> riter |
| a <u>p</u> oliceman/ <u>p</u> olicewoman |
| a <u>c</u> omposer |
| a <u>m</u> usician |
| a <u>p</u> ainter |
| a <u>b</u> usinessman/ <u>b</u> usinesswoman |
| an <u>a</u> ctor/ <u>a</u> ctress |
| a <u>s</u> cientist |
| a <u>s</u> ailor |

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 _____.