

10B Before they were famous...and after

1 GRAMMAR past simple: be

a Rewrite the sentences in the past.

- I'm at work now.
I was at work yesterday.
- They aren't at home today.
They weren't at home yesterday.
- He's at a restaurant tonight.
_____ last night.
- We aren't at school today.
_____ yesterday.
- Are you at work now?
_____ last night?
- She's at the airport this morning.
_____ yesterday evening.
- Is he late today?
_____ yesterday?
- I'm not in a hurry this morning.
_____ yesterday morning.

b Write questions and answers.

- Picasso / a painter (✓)
Was Picasso a painter ?
Yes, he was .
- the Beatles / from the United States (✗)
Were the Beatles from the United States ?
No, they weren't .
- Amy Winehouse / American (✗)
_____ ?
_____ .
- Charles Dickens and Jane Austen / writers (✓)
_____ ?
_____ .
- Carmen Miranda / Brazilian (✓)
_____ ?
_____ .
- Monet and Matisse / musicians (✗)
_____ ?
_____ .
- Russell Crowe / a teacher (✗)
_____ ?
_____ .
- Steve Jobs and Thomas Edison / American (✓)
_____ ?
_____ .

c Complete the conversations with was / wasn't or were / weren't.

- A Were you at work last week?
B Yes, I was .
- A Where _____ you last night?
B I _____ at a party.
- A _____ your friend at school yesterday?
B No, she _____ .
- A _____ your parents on holiday last week?
B No, they _____ .
- A When _____ your brother in Moscow?
B He _____ there last year.
- A _____ you at the museum yesterday?
B No, we _____ .

2 VOCABULARY in, at, on

Where were these people yesterday? Write sentences with *in*, *at*, or *on* and a word from the list.

bed home park street train work



- She was on the train .
- They _____ .



- _____ .
- _____ .



- _____ .
- _____ .

3 READING

a Read the article. Which person is different? Why?

Famous ex-teachers



Everybody knows that before she was a famous author, J.K. Rowling was an English teacher at a language institute in Portugal.

But here are four more ex-teachers. Maybe you know them...



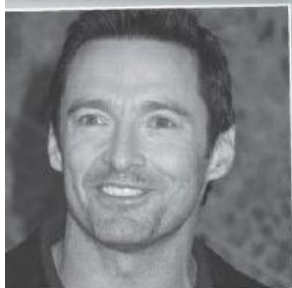
The American author, Stephen King, is famous for his horror stories and the films made from his books. *Carrie*, *The Shining*, and *The Shawshank Redemption* were all novels by Stephen King. But, after university, his first job was as an English teacher at Hampden Academy, a public high school in Maine, USA.



British guitarist, Brian May, was in one of the greatest rock bands ever: Queen. But before the band was famous, he was a maths teacher in South London. He says he was happy with his job but the students were sometimes difficult.



American actor, Sylvester Stallone, famous for the *Rocky* and *Rambo* films, was at drama school in Switzerland in the 1960s. He needed some money, so he worked as a PE teacher when he was a drama student.



Finally, Australian actor, Hugh Jackman, wasn't a teacher, but before he went to drama school, he was a teaching assistant at Uppingham School in England. He was there for a year. Today he is famous as Wolverine in the *X-Men* films and as Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables*.

b Read the article again and answer the questions.

Which famous person was...?

- 1 a teacher in a foreign country
- 2 a student and a teacher at the same time
- 3 in England for a year
- 4 good at music and at numbers
- 5 a teacher in his / her country before he / she was a writer.

c Look at the highlighted words. What do you think they mean? Check with your dictionary.

4 PRONUNCIATION was and were; sentence rhythm

iChecker Listen and repeat. Copy the rhythm.

- 1 **Where** were you last night?
- 2 **Were** you at home?
- 3 I was **alone**.
- 4 I **wasn't** with my friends.
- 5 **Were** your children at school?
- 6 My **wife** was at work.

5 LISTENING

iChecker Listen to the conversations. Complete the sentences with the places from the list. There are two places that you don't need.

at the beach at work in a car in a restaurant
in the kitchen in the park on a train

- 1 The man was in the kitchen.
- 2 The man was _____.
- 3 The woman was _____.
- 4 The man was _____.
- 5 The woman was _____.

WORDS AND PHRASES TO LEARN

Learn these words and phrases.

young boy /jʌŋ bɔɪ/
dark eyes /dɑːk aɪz/
smile (n) /smaɪl/
success /sək'ses/
proud /praʊd/
dream (v and n) /driːm/
yesterday /'jestədeɪ/
yesterday afternoon /'jestədeɪ ɑːftə'nʌn/
last night /lɑːst naɪt/
last Friday /lɑːst 'fraɪdeɪ/