I wanted to be successful, not famous.
George Harrison, British musician

10B Before they were famous...and after

1 GRAMMAR past simple: *be*

a Rewrite the sentences in the past.

1 I'm at work now.
I was at work yesterday.

2 They aren't at home today.
They weren't at home yesterday.

3 He's at a restaurant tonight.
_____ last night.

4 We aren't at school today.
_____ yesterday.

5 Are you at work now?
_____ last night?

6 She's at the airport this morning.
_____ yesterday evening.

7 Is he late today?
_____ yesterday?

8 I'm not in a hurry this morning.
_____ yesterday morning.

b Write questions and answers.

1 Picasso / a painter (✓)
Was Picasso a painter ?
Yes, he was .

2 the Beatles / from the United States (✗)
Were the Beatles from the United States ?
No, they weren't .

3 Amy Winehouse / American (✗)
_____ ?
_____ .

4 Charles Dickens and Jane Austen / writers (✓)
_____ ?
_____ .

5 Carmen Miranda / Brazilian (✓)
_____ ?
_____ .

6 Monet and Matisse / musicians (✗)
_____ ?
_____ .

7 Russell Crowe / a teacher (✗)
_____ ?
_____ .

8 Steve Jobs and Thomas Edison / American (✓)
_____ ?
_____ .

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

1 A *Were* you at work last week?
B Yes, I *was* .
2 A Where _____ you last night?
B I _____ at a party.
3 A _____ your friend at school yesterday?
B No, she _____ .
4 A _____ your parents on holiday last week?
B No, they _____ .
5 A When _____ your brother in Moscow?
B He _____ there last year.
6 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



1 *She was on the train* .



2 They _____ .



3 _____ .



4 _____ .



5 _____ .



6 _____ .

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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 Miserables*.

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'nuːn/
last night /lɑːst naɪt/
last Friday /lɑːst 'fraɪdeɪ/

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