

Childhood

Be born; simple past review; time expressions

Read. Where was Ling born? Where does she live now?

- Ramon** *That's a great baseball shirt, Ling. Are you from Seattle?*
Ling *Um, kind of. I lived there, but I wasn't born there.*
Ramon *Oh, yeah? Where were you born?*
Ling *In Sao Paulo, actually.*
Ramon *Sao Paulo? Brazil?*
Ling *Yeah. My parents were born in Hong Kong, but they moved to Sao Paulo just before I was born.*
Ramon *Wow. How long did you live there?*
Ling *Until I was six. Then we moved to the U.S*
Ramon *To Seattle?*
Ling *Yeah. We lived there for ten years, and we came here to San Francisco about three years ago.*
Ramon *Huh. So did you grow up bilingual?*
Ling *Well, we always spoke Chinese at home. I couldn't speak English until I went to school. And actually, I can still speak a little Portuguese.*



Complete the two sentences with your own information.

I was born in _____. I grew up in _____.

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1. Ling's parents **born** / **were born** in Hong Kong.
2. Ling lived in Sao Paulo **for** / **until** six years.
3. Ling moved to Seattle **when** / **until** she was six.
4. Ling's family moved to San Francisco three years **long** / **ago**.



Common errors

Don't put **always**, **hardly ever**, or **never** before the subject.

*I **always** watch the news.*
(NOT *Always I watch the news.*)

Complete the conversations with verbs given.

1. **A** Where _____ you mother _____ (be born)? _____ your father _____ (be born) there, too?
B My parents _____ (be born) in Vancouver in 1945.
2. **A** Where _____ you _____ (live) when you were young? _____ you _____ (grow up) in a big city?
B Actually, I _____ (grow up) in Seattle. We _____ (stay) there until I started high school.
3. **A** Who _____ (be) your best friend in school? How long _____ (be) you friends?
B Well, my best friend _____ (be) Jane. We _____ (be) friends for a long time.
4. **A** _____ you and your best friend ever _____ (argue)? What _____ you _____ (fight) about?
B We _____ (not / fight) a lot. But one time we _____ (not / talk) for three weeks.
5. **A** Who took care of you when you _____ (be) little? _____ your mother _____ (have) a job?
B My mother _____ (work), so no one _____ (be) home when I _____ (get) home from school. I _____ (go) to a neighbor's house. But I _____ (not / be) there long.
6. **A** _____ you ever _____ (get) in trouble? What _____ you _____ (do)?
B Oh, I _____ (get) in big trouble one time when I was seven. My mom _____ (be) mad at me for days! Then I _____ (make) her a card saying, "Sorry".

Listen and repeat the questions below. Notice the ways of saying **did you**.

Where **did you** go on vacation? What **did you** do? **Did you** have fun?

Complete these questions to ask about someone's childhood vacations.

1. Did you _____?
2. Where did you _____?
3. How long did you _____?
4. Who did you _____?
5. Did you _____?
6. What did you _____?