SIMPLE PAST: VERB TO BE

1) READ THE ARTICLE. MARK THE STATEMENTS T (true) OR F (false). CORRECT THE FALSE ONES.

a) JOHN LENNON WAS A FAMOUS ACTOR.

b) YOKO ONO WAS JOHN LENNON'S WIFE.

c) MARK CHAPMAN WAS ENGLISH.

d) THERE WERE A FEW FANS IN FRONT OF JOHN LENNON'S APARTMENT.

e) THERE WERE TWO SHOTS FROM THE GUN.

f) THE POLICE WAS IN THE PLACE IN FIVE MINUTES.

There was a man at the door

On 8 December 1980, ex-Beatle John Lennon and his wife Yoko Ono were in New York. In the afternoon, they were on their way to a recording studio to work on a new song. There was an American called Mark Chapman in the street. In his hand, there was a piece of paper and a pen. 'Mr Lennon,' he said. 'Can I have your autograph?' John Lennon signed his name and Chapman went away.

In the evening, John and Yoko were in front of their apartment building. There was a man at the door. It was Mark Chapman. This time, there wasn't a pen in his hand, but a gun. 'Mr Lennon!' he said. Suddenly, there were five shots and John Lennon was dead. He was only 40 years old.

Three minutes later, the police were at the apartment building. Mark Chapman was still there. His only words were: 'I shot John Lennon.'

2) COMPLETE THE QUESTIONS USING WAS or WERE. THEN ANSWER THEM.

a) _____ JOHN LENNON AND YOKO ONO IN LONDON?

b) _____ THEY ON THEIR WAY TO THE CINEMA?

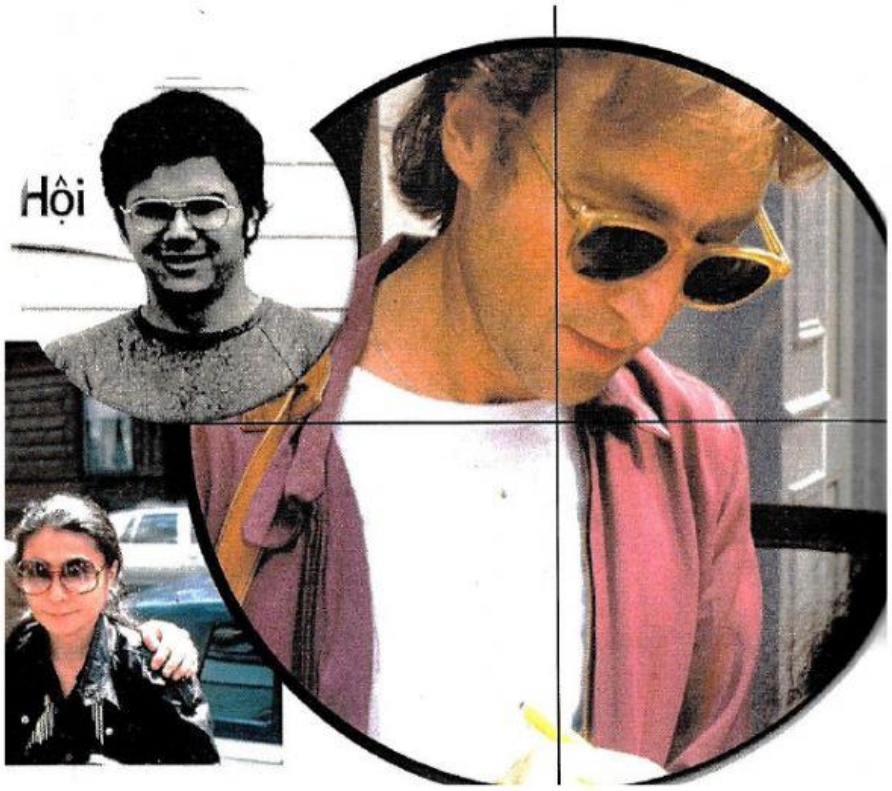
c) _____ MARK CHAPMAN IN THE STREET?

d) _____ JOHN LENNON AND YOKO ONO IN FRONT OF THE CINEMA THAT EVENING?

e) _____MARK CHAPMAN AT THE DOOR OF THEIR APARTMENT?

f) _____THERE A PEN IN HIS HAND?

g) _____ JOHN LENNON 50 YEARS OLD?



3) LISTENING. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

a) WHERE WERE THE BEATLES FROM?

b) HOW MANY MEN WERE THERE IN THE GROUP?

c) WHAT WERE THEIR NAMES?

4) LISTEN AGAIN AND MARK THE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE.

a) JOHN LENNON WAS MUM'S FAVOURITE SINGER.

b) YOU NEVER HEAR THE BEATLES SONGS ON THE RADIO NOW.

c) MISS YOU WAS A FAMOUS BEATLES SONG.

d) THE BEATLES WERE STILL TOGETHER IN 1969.

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