

Verb be: past simple affirmative and negative

1 Choose the correct words.

- 1 The first modern Olympic Games **was** / **were** in Athens, Greece.
- 2 Elizabeth Blackwell **was** / **were** the first woman to become a doctor.
- 3 The first men to walk on the moon **wasn't** / **weren't** Russian.
- 4 Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay **was** / **were** the first men to climb Mount Everest.
- 5 Roald Amundsen **was** / **were** the first person to reach the South Pole in Antarctica.
- 6 Tim Peake **weren't** / **wasn't** the first British astronaut to go into space.

Verb be: past simple questions and answers

2 Match the questions 1–9 to the answers a–i.

- 1 Was the weather good on holiday? d
- 2 What was your birthday party like? —
- 3 Were your friends at the rugby match? —
- 4 Was there a school trip last month? —
- 5 When were you born? —
- 6 Was Aylén at school yesterday? —
- 7 Were you at football practice yesterday? —
- 8 Were there a lot of people at the concert? —
- 9 Where was Lucas this afternoon? —

- a No, they weren't.
- b He was at home.
- c No, I wasn't.
- d Yes, it was.
- e No, there wasn't.
- f It was fantastic.
- g In 2002.
- h Yes, there were.
- i Yes, she was.

there was / there were

3 Reorder the words to make sentences and questions.

- 1 my / message / on / there / a / phone / wasn't
There wasn't a message on my phone.
- 2 the / a / classroom / there / whiteboard / was / in
—
- 3 town / in / were / today / many / there / people / ?
—
- 4 school / weren't / trip / there / on / students / the / many
—

- 5 first / a / your / was / at / school / there / computer / ?
—

- 6 the / there / hotel / was / a / pool / swimming / at
—

Put it together

4 Tick (✓) the sentences that are true for you.

- 1 I was born in Argentina.
- 2 There was a good film on TV last night.
- 3 It was fun at school yesterday.
- 4 There were a lot of tourists in town at the weekend.
- 5 My friends and I were noisy in class this morning.
- 6 There was a school trip to Brazil last year.