

- 2** Complete the text with affirmative and negative forms of *there was* and *there were*.

The first marathon

2,500 years ago <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a war between Greece and Persia and <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of battles. <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a big battle in a place called Marathon, which the Greeks won\*. This was important news, but <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ any internet and <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ any telephones. So a man called Pheidippides ran\* to Athens with news of the battle. He ran about forty-one kilometres.

<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ any good roads, so it was a difficult journey. When he arrived in Athens, he died.

\*won = past of win, ran = past of run.

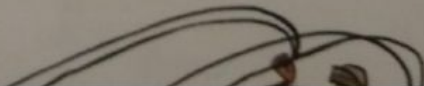


- 3** Complete the sentences with affirmative and negative forms of *there was* and *there were*.

Use *many*, *any* or *a / an*.

2,500 years ago ...

- 1 ... rich footballers.
- 2 ... chariot races.
- 3 ... country called Persia.
- 4 ... sport called skateboarding.
- 5 ... messengers.
- 6 ... iPads.



- 4** Write eight sentences about your country 100 years ago. Use the words in the box.

there was / wasn't many  
there were / weren't a lot of   some / any   a / an

There weren't many cars.

**was, were**

- 6** Complete the examples from the *Olympics timeline* text on page 64. Then complete the rule.

- 1 Hiroshi Hoketsu ..... a competitor.
- 2 It ..... in the Olympics until 1988.
- 3 Golf and rugby ..... events for the first time.
- 4 Women ..... competitors until 1900.

- 8** Complete the sentences with *was* and *were* and your own ideas.

I ..... born in ...   *I was born in Prague.*

1 When I ..... younger, my favourite sport

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2 The number one song last week .....

3 My great-grandparents' names .....

4 My favourite films last year .....

5 My favourite day last week .....

6 When I ..... younger, my hobbies .....

7 My last meal .....