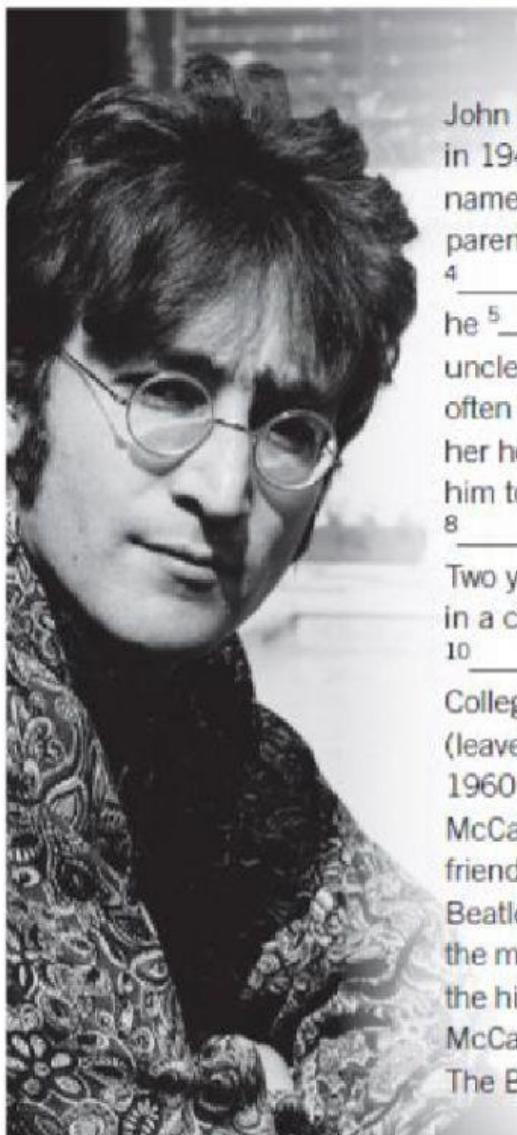


a Write *R* (regular) or *I* (irregular) after each verb.
Use the list on page 176 to help you.

1 arrive	11 have
2 become	12 like
3 buy	13 plan
4 come	14 play
5 cook	15 spend
6 decide	16 tell
7 enjoy	17 try
8 find	18 win
9 finish	19 work
10 go	20 write

a Complete the text with the past simple forms of the verbs in brackets.



John Lennon ¹ was born (be born) in 1940 in Liverpool, England. His middle name ² was (be) Winston. John's parents ³ separated (separate) when he ⁴ was (be) only five years old and he ⁵ lived (live) with his aunt and uncle, Mimi and George Smith. However, he often ⁶ visited (visit) his mother at her house and she ⁷ taught (teach) him to play the banjo. In 1956, she ⁸ bought (buy) him his first guitar. Two years later she ⁹ died (die) in a car accident. In 1958, John ¹⁰ went (go) to the Liverpool College of Art, but he ¹¹ left (leave) before the end of the course. In 1960 he ¹² met (meet) Paul McCartney and together with two other friends they ¹³ started (start) The Beatles. They ¹⁴ became (become) the most famous and successful band in the history of popular music. Lennon and McCartney ¹⁵ wrote (write) most of The Beatles' songs.

a Complete the sentences with the past simple forms of the verbs in the box.

go eat give read bring buy
think make have ~~east~~ get come

- 1 My uncle bought a new car last week. It cost \$50,000!
- 2 We _____ to an Italian restaurant last night and _____ a fantastic pizza!
- 3 She _____ to my house for dinner on Saturday and _____ her new boyfriend with her.
- 4 I _____ that new book about Leonardo Da Vinci at the weekend. I _____ it was really interesting.
- 5 Last night she _____ us a lovely chicken soup. Sorry, there isn't any for you today because we _____ it all.
- 6 I _____ some lovely chocolates for my birthday. My friend Alison _____ them to me.

b Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Andrew meet / met / met Laura when they were / was / been at university together.
- 2 The taxi stop / stoped / stop in front of the station and she give / gaved / gave the driver \$20.
- 3 He were / was / am born in 1942 and died / die / dyed in 2010.
- 4 When they find / finded / found the handbag in the park, they tak / took / taken it to the police station.
- 5 Last year, my brother go / was / went to Las Vegas on holiday. It's a really expensive place to visit. He spend / spended / spended over £1,000 in three days!
- 6 My mother mak / maid / made a big birthday cake for my brother yesterday and we eat / ate / ated three pieces each!
- 7 My sister play / playd / plaied / played the piano very well when she was eight and my parents buy / bayed / buied her a guitar when she was fifteen.
- 8 Elizabeth work / workt / worked / walked hard at university and then get / gotted / got a fantastic job in London.

Correct one spelling mistake in each sentence.

- 1 He plaied volleyball when he was young.

- 2 I buyed a new bed yesterday and it cost £450.

- 3 I really liket the concert on Saturday.

- 4 She eated a piece of cake with her coffee.

- 5 They gotten an email about the new course.

- 6 We decide to stay at home last weekend.
