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Talking about past events (Past Simple)

1 Complete the dialogue with was / wasn't and were / weren't.

Dan There ¹___ a new show on TV yesterday.
 Kim Really? What ²___ it?
 Dan It ³___ a new reality show.
 Kim ⁴___ it the one on an island?
 Dan No, it ⁵___ that one. It ⁶___ called *Stars*.
 Kim Oh, yes? ⁷___ there any interesting participants on it?
 Dan No, there ⁸___, and the presenters ⁹___ terrible. They ¹⁰___ funny at all.
 Kim Oh, dear! It's lucky I ¹¹___ at home then! I ¹²___ at the cinema!

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2 Complete the dialogue with the words in the box. Then ask and answer with a partner.

Were there Who were ~~Was there~~
 What was How was What were

Was there anything good on TV yesterday? What?

- ___ the best TV programme you watched last week? What was it about?
- ___ your favourite TV programmes when you were a child? Why?
- ___ the characters on these programmes?
- ___ TV different in the past?
- ___ other forms of entertainment before TV?

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3 Complete the sentences with the past form of the verbs in brackets.

- He ___ part in a reality show. (take)
- They ___ the end of the programme. (not see)
- She ___ a million tenge on a TV show. (win)
- We ___ the new series on Perviy Kanal. (not like)
- I ___ a film of my friends on holiday. (make)

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4 Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

love broadcast compose sing not speak
 become appear finish win

Singer 2017

In most reality shows, the participants are ordinary people, but the contestants in *Singer 2017* **were** famous even before they ¹___ on the programme. The Chinese Hunan TV ²___ the first episode of the show on 10 January 2017. There were participants from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Chengdu, Guangzhou and other Chinese cities, but the singer who ³___ the first round was Dimash Kudaibergen from Aktobe, Kazakhstan. With his amazing voice, he quickly ⁴___ the viewers' favourite. Dimash ⁵___ songs in Russian, Mandarin, English, Italian, French and, of course, Kazakh. Everybody ⁶___ his performance of the folk song *Daididau* in episode 7, even though most people in the audience ⁷___ the Kazakh language. Dimash isn't just a singer – he can play the dombra and he also writes music. He ⁸___ the song for episode 10 himself. Although Dimash ⁹___ second in the competition, many people think he was the real star of the show.



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