

1. GRAMMAR past simple "be"

a. Rewrite the sentences in the past.

1 I'm at work now.

I was at work yesterday.

2 They aren't at home today.

They weren't at home yesterday.

3 He's at a restaurant tonight.

He was at a restaurant last night.

4 We aren't at school today.

We weren't at school yesterday.

5 Are you at work now?

Were you at work last night?

6 She's at the airport this morning.

She was at the airport yesterday evening.

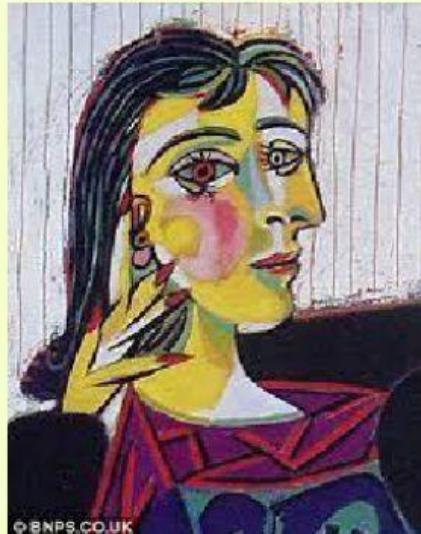
7 Is he late today?

Was he late yesterday?

8 I'm not in a hurry this morning.

I wasn't in a hurry yesterday morning.

b. Write questions and answers.



1 Picasso / a painter (✓)

Was Picasso a painter ?

Yes, he was .

2 the Beatles / from the United States (✗)

Were the Beatles from the United States ?

No, they weren't .

3 Amy Winehouse / American (✗)

Was Amy Winehouse American ?

No, she wasn't .

4 Charles Dickens and Jane Austen / writers (✓)

Were Charles Dickens and Jane Austen writers ?

Yes, they were .

5 Carmen Miranda / Brazilian (✓)

Was Carmen Miranda Brazilian ?

Yes, she was .

c. Complete the conversations with was/ wasn't or were/ weren't.

- 1 A Were you at work last week?
B Yes, I was .
- 2 A Where you last night?
B I at a party.
- 3 A your friend at school yesterday?
B No, she .
- 4 A your parents on holiday last week?
B No, they .
- 5 A When your brother in Moscow?
B He there last year.
- 6 A you at the museum yesterday?
B No, we .

3. READING

a. Read the article. Which person is different?

Famous ex-teachers



Everybody knows that before she was a famous author, J.K. Rowling was an English teacher at a language institute in Portugal.

But here are four more ex-teachers. Maybe you know them...



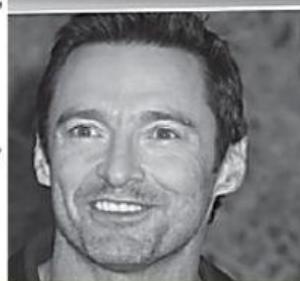
The American author, Stephen King, is famous for his horror stories and the films made from his books. *Carrie*, *The Shining*, and *The Shawshank Redemption* were all novels by Stephen King. But, after university, his first job was as an English teacher at Hampden Academy, a public high school in Maine, USA.



British guitarist, Brian May, was in one of the greatest rock bands ever: Queen. But before the band was famous, he was a maths teacher in South London. He says he was happy with his job but the students were sometimes difficult.



American actor, Sylvester Stallone, famous for the *Rocky* and *Rambo* films, was at drama school in Switzerland in the 1960s. He needed some money, so he worked as a PE teacher when he was a drama student.



Finally, Australian actor, Hugh Jackman, wasn't a teacher, but before he went to drama school, he was a teaching assistant at Uppingham School in England. He was there for a year. Today he is famous as Wolverine in the *X-Men* films and as Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables*.

b. Read the article again and answer the questions.

Which famous person was...?

- 1 a teacher in a foreign country
- 2 a student and a teacher at the same time
- 3 in England for a year
- 4 good at music and at numbers
- 5 a teacher in his / her country before he / she was a writer.