

# 11 People from the past

## Vocabulary

### Life events

1 Complete the text with these words.

died      lived      was born

Writer Jane Austen <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a short, but interesting life. She <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in Hampshire, U.K., on December 16, 1775 and she <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on July 18, 1817. She was only 41 years old. Some of her books, like *Emma* and *Pride and Prejudice*, are also movies.



2 Circle the correct options to complete the text.

Austen was a writer <sup>1</sup>ago / <sup>2</sup>for / <sup>3</sup>from many years. She wrote her most famous books <sup>2</sup>ago / <sup>3</sup>for / <sup>1</sup>from 1811 to 1815. She was born over 200 years <sup>3</sup>ago / <sup>1</sup>for / <sup>2</sup>from, but her books are still popular today.

## Reading

1 Skim the movie review on page 75. What does the reviewer think about the movie? Circle the correct answer.

- a The reviewer loves it.
- b The reviewer thinks it's OK.
- c The reviewer hates it.

3 Complete the sentences.

- 1 Tejano is a mix of \_\_\_\_\_ and American music.
- 2 Selena was born in \_\_\_\_\_ in 1971.
- 3 Selena recorded her first \_\_\_\_\_ in 1989.
- 4 Chris Perez was a \_\_\_\_\_ in the band.
- 5 Jennifer Lopez doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ in the movie.

2 Read the review. Circle the event (a or b) that happens first.

- 1 a Selena joined her family band.
- 2 b Selena was born.
- 3 a Selena died.
- 4 b Selena married Chris Perez.

Look at the Learning to Learn box. Then do the task.

#### LEARNING TO LEARN: READING

##### Facts and opinions

A fact is true for everyone. An opinion is something you think or believe—it is not a fact. Some texts have both. When you read, try to see which statements are facts and which are opinions.

Look at these sentences from the movie review. Circle F (fact) or O (opinion).

- 1 "I don't usually review old movies." F O
- 2 "Selena made her first album in 1989." F O
- 3 "Selena died on March 31, 1995." F O
- 4 "I think she was excellent as Selena." F O
- 5 "I feel that Jennifer Lopez's acting is very good." F O
- 6 "The singing voice you hear is Selena's." F O

# Movie review: *Selena*



Today, I'm doing something different. I don't usually review old movies, but everyone says this movie was amazing. So this week's movie is *Selena*. The 1997 film tells the story of Selena Quintanilla, a famous Tejano singer. (Tejano is a mix of American and Mexican music.)

Selena was born in Texas on April 16, 1971. She was in a band with her family from the 1980s to the early 1990s. The movie shows the band on the road and in concerts in Texas and Mexico. The band was very popular, but Selena was the star. She made her first album in 1989.



Selena was in love with Chris Perez, the band's guitarist. By 1992, they were husband and wife. Selena's father was not happy about this. The ending of the movie was very sad. Selena died on March 31, 1995. She was only 23 years old.



Selena Quintanilla singing on stage



Jennifer Lopez acting in the movie *Selena*

The movie stars Jennifer Lopez as Selena. I think she was excellent. It was one of her first movie roles. I feel that Jennifer Lopez's acting is very good. You believe she is Selena. Lopez is also a great singer, but she doesn't sing in the movie. The singing voice you hear is Selena's.

## Grammar

### Simple past *be*

#### 1 Circle the correct option to complete each sentence.

- 1 He *was* / *were* famous as a child.
- 2 Her grandparents *was* / *were* from Russia.
- 3 You *wasn't* / *weren't* in class yesterday.
- 4 My brother *wasn't* / *weren't* angry with me.
- 5 She *was* / *were* born in 2001.
- 6 They *wasn't* / *weren't* friends in school.

#### 3 Complete the text with the simple past of *be*.

My grandmother <sup>1</sup> was (be) an artist. She <sup>2</sup>                    (be) an album-cover designer from 1960 to 1968. Her designs <sup>3</sup>                    (be / not) like other album covers from that time. They <sup>4</sup>                    (be) always black and white and there usually <sup>5</sup>                    (be / not) any people on them. Her covers <sup>6</sup>                    (be / not) very famous, but I really love her interesting designs.

#### 2 Put the words in order to make sentences.

1 *were* / *last year* / *in* / *the same class* / *we*

2 *at the movie theater* / *last night* / *I* / *was*

3 *flute* / *wasn't* / *bag* / *her* / *in* / *Grace's*

4 *weren't* / *yesterday* / *my parents* / *at home*

## Pronunciation

### Understanding *was* and *were*

#### 1 Listen and circle the word you hear.

1 <i>was</i>	<i>were</i>	3 <i>was</i>	<i>were</i>
2 <i>was</i>	<i>were</i>	4 <i>was</i>	<i>were</i>

# Vocabulary

## Past time expressions

1 Circle the correct option to complete each sentence.

- 1 I didn't sleep much last *night* / *year*. I'm very tired today.
- 2 Martha Graham was a famous dancer from the 20th *year* / *century*.
- 3 We were at an amazing art show *last* / *yesterday* week.
- 4 Artist Katsushika Hokusai died in the *year* / *century* 1849.
- 5 Diego Rivera was a famous painter from *last night* / *the last century*.

# Listening

1  11.2 Listen to a conversation about the musician Ali Farka Touré. Check (✓) the things the people talk about.

- a  where he was born
- b  his family
- c  his favorite singer
- d  his music
- e  his first album

2 Read the sentences. Are they true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Last year was the year before this year. T F
- 2 Last week was the week before this week. T F
- 3 An event from last night was two days ago. T F
- 4 The year 1992 was in the 19th century. T F
- 5 The year 1850 was in the last century. T F
- 6 The year 2010 is in this century. T F

# Grammar

## Questions with *was* / *were*

1 Complete the questions with *was* or *were*.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ the Olympics in Turin in 2006?
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Vancouver the Olympic city in 2014?
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ the Olympics in Sochi in 2018?
- 4 When \_\_\_\_\_ Pyeongchang the host city?
- 5 Where \_\_\_\_\_ the Olympics in 2010?
- 6 What \_\_\_\_\_ the Olympic country in 2014?
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ there any Olympic Games in 2007?

2 Look at the timeline. Match the questions (1–7) in Exercise 1 with the answers (a–g) below.

- a No, it wasn't. \_\_\_\_\_ 2
- b Russia. \_\_\_\_\_
- c In 2018. \_\_\_\_\_
- d Yes, they were. \_\_\_\_\_
- e In Vancouver. \_\_\_\_\_
- f No, they weren't. \_\_\_\_\_
- g No, there weren't. \_\_\_\_\_

### Winter Olympic Cities



### 3 Circle the correct options to complete the conversation.

A: Do you know much about Ibn Battuta? He's really interesting. I'm doing a report on him.  
B: I'm not sure. <sup>1</sup>Was / Were he an explorer?  
A: Yes, but he was also a writer.  
B: Where <sup>2</sup>was / were he from?  
A: Morocco. His travels were really amazing—from Morocco to Arabia, Africa, and all over Asia.  
B: Wow! <sup>3</sup>Was / Were that just one trip?  
A: No, he took three different journeys.  
B: <sup>4</sup>Was / Were the trips exciting?  
A: Of course!

## Pronunciation

### Responding to good and bad news

#### 1 11.3 Listen to people responding to news. Is the news good or bad? Circle the correct answers.

1	good news	bad news
2	good news	bad news
3	good news	bad news
4	good news	bad news

## Writing

#### 1 Match the information from a profile of Ellen Ochoa (a–h) with the sections (1–3). More than one answer may be possible.

1 The introduction	_____
2 Important life events	_____
3 Why she's special	_____

a	first Hispanic woman to go to space
b	born in Los Angeles in 1958
c	was an astronaut
d	was director at Johnson Space Center
e	always interested in space
f	was in space for nine days
g	first trip to space was in 1993
h	is now a very popular speaker