

9.1 Looking back Famous f

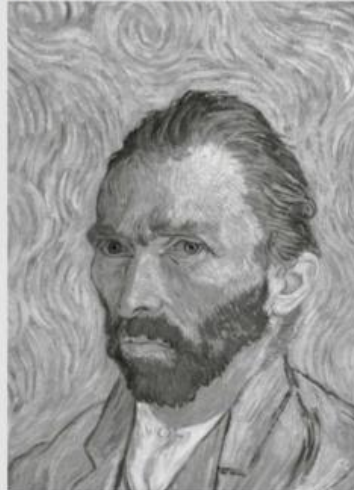
GRAMMAR

Past simple: *was/were*

A Complete the text with the words in the box.

was (x2) wasn't Were were (x3) weren't

Vincent van Gogh



Vincent van Gogh was born in the Netherlands in 1853. His parents ¹ _____ quite rich, but Vincent ² _____ rich when he died at the age of 37. He ³ _____ a great artist, but his paintings ⁴ _____ popular in his lifetime. ⁵ _____ they bad paintings? Certainly not, but it ⁶ _____ a long time before people ⁷ _____ interested in them. Later, they ⁸ _____ very expensive – and today, they cost millions!