

## 9.1 Looking back

Famous figures

### GRAMMAR

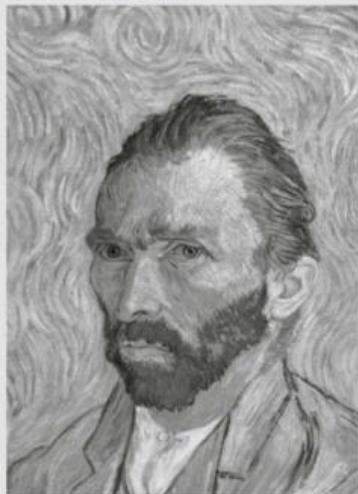
#### Past simple: *was/were*



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