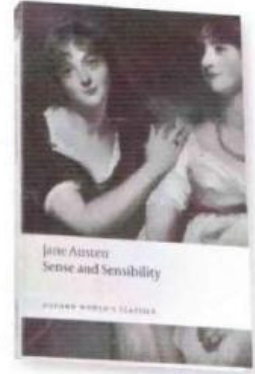


1 GRAMMAR past simple of be: was / were



a Complete the sentences with was, were, wasn't, or weren't.

- A Who's that?
 B It's Jane Austen.
 A Why ¹ was she famous?
 B She ² wasn't a writer.
 A ³ wasn't she Scottish?
 B No, she ⁴ wasn't.
 She ⁵ was English. She ⁶ wasn't born
 in a small village in the South of England.
 A And ⁷ wasn't she married?
 B No, she ⁸ wasn't.

b Write questions and answers.

- 1 Alexander Graham Bell / sportsman? ✗
Was Alexander Graham Bell a sportsman?
No, he wasn't.
 2 Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor / actors? ✓
Were Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor actors?
Yes, they were.
 3 Charles Dickens / novelist? ✓
 _____?
 _____.
 4 The Beatles / from the USA? ✗
 _____?
 _____.
 5 Lord Byron / politician? ✗
 _____?
 _____.
 6 Isaac Newton / composer? ✗
 _____?
 _____.

7 Bono / born / Ireland? ✓

_____?
 _____.

8 Amy Winehouse / singer? ✓

_____?
 _____.

9 J R R Tolkien and C S Lewis / painters? ✗

_____?
 _____.

10 Michael Jackson / born / Britain? ✗

_____?
 _____.

c Complete the dialogues with present or past forms of be.

- 1 A What day is it today?
 B Monday. Yesterday was Sunday.
 2 A Hi. _____ your sister at home?
 B No, she _____. She _____
 here this morning, but now she _____
 at work.
 3 A I can't find my keys. Where _____ they?
 B I don't know. They _____ on your desk
 this morning.
 4 A Where _____ your new boyfriend from?
 B He _____ born in England, but his
 parents _____ born in Singapore.
 5 A Why _____ your boss angry yesterday?
 B Because I _____ very late for work.

2 VOCABULARY word formation

a Make professions from these words. Use *a* or *an*.

- 1 invent an inventor
- 2 write _____
- 3 police _____
- 4 compose _____
- 5 music _____
- 6 paint _____
- 7 business _____
- 8 act _____
- 9 science _____
- 10 sail _____

b Underline the stressed syllables, e.g. *an inventor*.

c Practise saying the words in a.

d Complete the sentences with *was* / *were* and a noun from a.

- 1 Francis Drake was a sailor.
- 2 Beethoven and Mozart were composers.
- 3 James Dean _____.
- 4 Galileo _____.
- 5 Freddie Mercury _____.
- 6 The Wright brothers _____.
- 7 Agatha Christie _____.
- 8 Howard Hughes _____.
- 9 Degas and Toulouse-Lautrec _____.

3 PRONUNCIATION sentence stress

iChecker Listen and repeat the conversation.






- A Who was Benjamin Britten?
 B He was a composer.
 A Was he American?
 B No, he wasn't. He was English.
 A When was he born?
 B He was born in 1913.
 A Were his parents English?
 B Yes, they were.



4 LISTENING

a **iChecker** Listen to a radio programme about the greatest Britons of all time. Number the people in the order they come on the list.

The Greatest Britons of All Time

		
Diana, Princess of Wales	Charles Darwin	William Shakespeare
		
Isambard Kingdom Brunel	Winston Churchill	

b **iChecker** Listen again. Write T (true) or F (false).

- 1 We don't know when Shakespeare was born. T
- 2 Charles Darwin was born on 20th February, 1809. —
- 3 He was 63 when he died. —
- 4 Diana was born on 1st July, 1961. —
- 5 She wasn't married when she died. —
- 6 Isambard Kingdom Brunel was a writer. —
- 7 He was 53 when he died. —
- 8 The greatest Briton of all time was a painter. —

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

- the (16th) century /ðə 'sentʃəri/
 divorced /di'vɔ:st/
 between (1816 and 1820) /bi'twi:n/
 be against (something) /bi ə'geɪnst/
 be in love (with someone) /bi ɪn 'lʌv/